

SUMMARY.

Presbyteries.	CONTRIBUTIONS.													Total.													
	Congregations.	Ministers.	Elders.	Deacons.	Increase in Membership.	Decrease in Membership.	Communicants.	Baptisms.	Sabbath School Attendance.	Young People's Society Attendance.	Syrian Mission.	Chinese Mission.	Home Mission.		Southern Mission.	Indian Mission.	Jewish Mission.	Theological Seminary.	Sustentation.	Church Erection.	National Reform.	Testimony Hearing.	Aged Ministers Fund.	Widows and Orphans Fund.	Salary Paid by Congregation.	Miscellaneous.	
N. Brunswick & N. Scotia	3	3	8	1	5	138	2	88	121	\$ 153	\$ 11	\$ 121	\$ 4	\$ 4	\$ 3	\$ 4	\$ 4	\$ 5	\$ 9	\$ 2	\$ 4	\$ 9	\$ 4	\$ 331	\$ 1,033	\$ 1,602
Iowa.....	9	9	37	31	76	897	34	823	191	1,471	1,471	321	605	261	171	107	69	81	129	262	107	47	45	4	384	2,768	11,258
Lakes.....	8	6	34	27	38	618	16	640	186	347	347	192	122	122	34	72	28	73	577	46	46	57	26	20	4,188	1,330	7,433
Kansas.....	17	17	78	57	142	1,535	28	1,535	386	962	962	135	297	297	135	45	76	95	317	113	116	52	47	5,707	3,309	11,787	
Pittsburgh.....	27	27	107	71	152	2,225	64	2,225	633	2,684	2,684	385	1,234	672	979	200	162	269	3,408	742	384	127	164	17,576	16,111	45,817	
Illinois.....	9	7	43	28	97	871	16	1,205	243	478	81	140	79	79	68	78	45	56	252	150	82	32	32	2,625	1,847	6,025	
Ohio.....	7	4	25	11	25	361	5	276	90	293	52	80	80	72	26	16	30	32	58	58	54	13	12	1,675	1,153	3,844	
Colorado.....	4	5	12	12	23	243	17	398	68	295	73	52	70	70	25	17	34	38	151	49	47	9	21	1,804	1,736	5,692	
Vermont.....	3	2	10	6	6	131	3	215	60	208	53	46	66	51	20	32	19	214	37	37	22	12	11	1,009	408	2,208	
Philadelphia.....	4	9	20	14	35	681	16	549	177	1,095	1,750	132	109	136	131	84	54	77	492	41	492	41	32	27	6,077	7,029	15,625
Rochester.....	6	6	18	11	28	371	11	287	72	486	90	133	95	60	31	47	45	292	81	81	111	28	31	2,975	1,281	5,776	
New York.....	15	17	61	55	129	1,801	58	1,079	567	6,905	326	4,22	475	228	136	196	870	2,888	483	188	146	98	15,759	16,478	45,628		
Syrian Mission.....	3	4	33	218	22	421	255
Totals.....	115	119	451	326	737	9,990	346	11,665	2,705	\$15,367	\$1,931	\$3,281	\$2,439	\$2,020	1,037	\$793	\$1,085	\$9,845	\$2,457	\$1,242	\$480	\$512	\$85,128	\$54,742	\$162,950		

*Changed by ordination of W. T. K. Thompson. (See 4th recommendation (p. 113 of last year's Minutes.)

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MINUTES

OF THE

Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church

U. S. A.

SESSION LXX.

MANSFIELD, OHIO, May 31st, 1899.

The Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America met, pursuant to adjournment, in the Reformed Presbyterian Church, Mansfield, Ohio, on May 31st, 1899, at 2 o'clock P. M. The Moderator, Rev. W. P. Johnston, called the Synod to order, and constituted the Court with prayer.

The Roll was called by Presbyteries and is as follows :

ROLL OF SYNOD.

Congregations.

Ministers.

Elders.

N. B. AND N. S. PRESBYTERY.

Barnesville, }
St. John, }
Cornwallis,

W. T. K. Thompson.
Thomas McFall.

VERMONT PRESBYTERY.

Barnet,

D. C. Faris.

ROCHESTER PRESBYTERY.

Almonte,
Lisbon.
Lochiel,
Sterling,
Syracuse,
York,

E. M. Coleman.*
Wm. McFarland,
Charles Clyde,
J. M. Faris,
G. M. Robb,
J. B. Gilmore,

William Robson.
W. F. Brodie.
Hugh Dugan.
Charles Dougall.
Henry Hogg.

*Not present at the constitution of the Court.

<i>Congregations.</i>	<i>Ministers.</i>	<i>Elders.</i>
NEW YORK PRESBYTERY.		
Boston First,	Samuel McNaugher, J. C. Calderwood.	
Boston Second,	J. M. Foster.	
Bovina,	T. M. Slater,	Thomas D. Russell.
Brooklyn,	W. M. George,	J. W. Pritchard.
Colderham,	Thomas Patton.	
Kortright,		G. G. McLaury.
Newburgh First,	J. W. F. Carlisle *	
New York Second,	R. M. Sommerville,	William McCullough.
New York Third,	F. M. Foster,	William Browne.
New York Fourth,	T. M. Carlisle *	
Walton,	R. C. Reed *	W. C. Doig.*
	T. A. Rusk.*	
	S. R. Wallace.*	
PHILADELPHIA PRESBYTERY.		
Baltimore,	T. H. Walker.	
Philadelphia First,	T. P. Stevenson.	
Philadelphia Second,	J. C. McFeeters,	Thos. H. Walker.
Philadelphia Third,		Joseph Henry.
	N. R. Johnston.	
	Fergus Slater.	
OHIO PRESBYTERY.		
Jonathan's Creek,	J. C. Slater,†	John George.
Londonderry,	P. H. Wylie.	
Mansfield,		William Gregg.
Muskingum and } Tomica, }		James Stitt.
New Concord,	A. A. Samson,†	J. C. Robb.
Utica,	J. S. Thompson,	W. A. Hervey.*
PITTSBURGH PRESBYTERY.		
Allegheny,	W. J. Coleman,	John T. Morton.
Bear Run and Ma- } honing, }		Andrew Pollock.
Beaver Falls First,	W. M. Glasgow,	R. J. Bole.
Central Allegheny,	J. W. Sproull,	R. A. Black.
College Hill,	R. H. Martin.†	James McCartney.
Geneva,	H. G. Foster,	John Taggart.
Little Beaver,	J. R. Wylie,	R. G. Young.
McKeesport and } Monongahela, }	B. M. Sharp,	William Finney.
Mercer and } Adamsville, }	W. J. McKnight.	

*Not present at the constitution of the Court.

†Ordained since last Synod.

Congregations. *Ministers.* *Elders.*

PITTSBURGH PRESBYTERY—(CONTINUED).

Miller's Run,	S. G. Conner,*	J. H. McBurney.
New Alexandria,	R. J. Gault,	S. C. Patterson.
New Castle,	J. S. Martin,	T. J. Blackwood.
North Union,	F. M. Wilson.†	
Oil Creek,	S. J. Crowe.	
Parnassus,	J. S. Duncan,	M. R. Mahaffey.
Pine Creek,	A. Kilpatrick,	R. Kyle.
Union,	A. Kilpatrick,	J. A. Forsythe.
Pittsburgh,	D. McAllister,	J. S. Tibby.
Pittsburgh, East End,	D. C. Martin,	J. S. Dodds.
Slippery Rock,	J. R. Latimer,	J. J. Kennedy.
Wilkinsburgh,	R. C. Wylie,	William Esler.
	J. F. Crozier.	
	C. A. Dodds †	
	J. C. K. Faris.	
	H. H. George.	
	R. J. George.	
	W. P. Johnston.	
	J. L. McCartney.	
	A. J. McFarland, Sr.	
	R. J. McIsaac.	
	D. B. Willson.	

LAKES PRESBYTERY.

Belle Centre,		Thomas Nelson.
Bellefontaine,		John E. Foster.
Cedarville,	W. J. Sanderson,†	John D. George.
Cedar Lake,	C. McLeod Smith,	James Speer.
Cincinnati,	J. C. Smith.	
Fair Grove,		R. J. Jamison.
Southfield,	J. McCracken,	A. M. Cannon.*
United Miami,	R. Hargrave,	W. B. Keys.
	T. C. Sproull.	

ILLINOIS PRESBYTERY.

Bethel,	D. S. Faris,	C. H. Stormont.
Bloomington,	R. M. Blackwood,	James Moore.
Church Hill,	E. G. Elsey.	
Oakdale,	J. C. B. French,	David Duguid.
Old Bethel,	E. A. Crooks,†	Thomas Orr.
Princeton,	J. G. Reed,	S. R. Davis.

IOWA PRESBYTERY.

Hopkinton,		R. L. Wallace.
Lake Reno,	Louis Meyer,	David Campbell.
Morning Sun,	C. D. Trumbull,	S. E. McElhinney.

*Not present at the constitution of the Court.

†Ordained since last Synod.

Congregations. *Ministers.* *Elders.*

IOWA PRESBYTERY—(CONTINUED).

Rehoboth,	J. A. Black,	L. M. Samson.
Sharon,	T. P. Robb,	A. F. Reid.
Vernon,	Isaiah Faris,	E. I. Dewey.
Washington,	W. C. Allen,	David Love.
	G. R. McBurney.	
	J. Milligan Wylie.	

KANSAS PRESBYTERY.

Beulah,		John M. Allen.
Clarinda,	J. W. Dill,	D. B. McCalla.
Eskridge,	J. R. W. Stevenson.	
Kansas City,	A. J. McFarland, Jr.,	J. W. Wylie.
Long Branch,		J. H. Walkinshaw.*
Olathe,	G. A. Edgar,	T. G. Graham.
Quinter,		D. D. Bailey.
Sterling,	T. J. Allen.	
Superior,		Wm. J. Elliott.
Topeka,		J. R. Magee.
Winchester,	D. H. Coulter,	W. I. McCrea.
	J. Boggs Dodds.	
	Elmer McBurney.	
	R. A. Paden.*	
	W. C. Paden.	
	J. Ralston Wylie.*	

COLORADO PRESBYTERY.

Denver,	T. H. Acheson.
Seattle,	P. J. McDonald.
	James Patton.

Ministers not Present: Robert Stewart, J. C. Taylor, S. G. Shaw, J. R. Thompson, A. I. Robb, G. P. Raitt, R. C. Montgomery, A. W. Johnston, E. F. Sherman, W. M. Hunter, R. C. Allen, J. R. Baird, R. J. Dodds, H. Easson, John Gilbraith, George Kennedy, J. J. McClurkin, J. L. Pinkerton, D. J. Shaw, J. S. Stewart, R. B. Cannon, M. A. Gault, Solomon Kingston, W. S. Fulton, J. M. Littlejohn, W. W. Carithers, J. M. Armour, T. A. McElwain, P. P. Boyd.

Congregations not represented: Craftsbury, Ryegate, Cambridge, Newburgh Second, Rehoboth (Pa.), Brookland and Manchester, Clarksburgh, White Lake, Middletown, Salem, North Salem, Selma, Chicago First, Hickory Grove, Hebron, Holmwood, North Cedar, Tabor, Wahoo, Evans, La Junta, West Hebron, St. Louis.

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*Not present at the constitution of the Court.

Congregations disorganized: College Springs, Staunton, Youngstown.

J. A. Black was elected Moderator.

F. M. Foster was re-elected Clerk.

W. M. Glasgow was elected Assistant Clerk.

A. J. McFarland, Jr., and G. M. Robb were appointed Synodical Reporters.

Clerk of Kansas Presbytery reported the death of Rev. J. A. Thompson. A Committee to prepare a Minute on his death was ordered: Committee to be nominated by Committee on Nominations.

Committee on Order of Business reported. Report was received. It was amended by dividing "Committee on Missions" into "Committee on Foreign Missions" and "Committee on Home Missions." Report was adopted, and is as follows:

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

Wednesday, May 31st, 2 P. M.—Constitution of Court. Reports of Committees on: Order of Business. Devotional Exercises. Unfinished Business.

Wednesday, May 31st, 7:30 P. M.—Sermon by the retiring Moderator.

Thursday, June 1st, 9 A. M.—Reports of Committees on: Secret Societies. Temperance. Sabbath. Psalmody.

Thursday, June 1st, 2 P. M.—Reports of Boards: Synod's Board of Trustees. Sup'ts of Theological Seminary. Sustentation and Church Erection. Foreign Missions.

Friday, June 2d, 9 A. M.—Reports on: Evangelistic Work. Missionary Conference. Synod's Treasurer, Reports of Presbyteries. Central Board of Missions.

Friday, June 2d, 2 P. M.—Reports on: National Reform. Testimony Bearing. Corporators of Geneva College. Trustees of Geneva College.

Saturday, June 3d, 9 A. M.—Reports of Committees on: Systematic Beneficence. Sabbath Schools. Signs of the Times.

Monday, June 5th, 9 A. M.—Reports of Committees on: Finance. Discipline.

Monday, June 5th, 2 P. M.—Reports of Committees on: Theological Seminary and Education. Foreign Missions. Home Missions.

Tuesday, June 6th, 9 A. M.—Reports of Committees on: Records of Presbyteries. Supplies. Traveling Fund.

Tuesday, June 6th, 2 P. M.—Reports of Committees on: Foreign Correspondence. Presbyterial and Statistical Reports.

D. S. Faris, G. R. McBurney, S. M. Stevenson, R. W. Gilchrist, J. W. Pritchard, Committee.

Committee on Devotional Exercises reported. Report was accepted, adopted, and is as follows :

Devotional Exercises.

Report of Committee on Devotional Exercises :

Your Committee on Devotional Exercises would respectfully report. We recommend that the first half hour after roll call of each forenoon session be set apart for devotional exercises.

Thursday, June 1st.—Subject : Prayer for Divine direction and blessing, during the meetings of this Synod.

To preside, Rev. W. P. Johnston, D. D.

Friday, June 2d.—Prayer for a baptism of the Holy Spirit upon the church at large, and especially upon the congregations of our people. That we may enjoy "times of refreshing from the presence of the Lord."

To preside, Elder David Love.

Saturday, June 3d —Prayer for "Home Missions, Freedmen's, Indian, Chinese and Jewish, and other mission work that is being fostered in various stations by our church."

To preside, Elder James McCartney.

Monday, June 5th.—Prayer for Foreign Missions and Missionaries, and especially for the success of Missions in our chosen foreign fields, and for those of our Missionaries whose failing health has compelled them to return for recuperation.

To preside, Dr. T. J. Blackwood.

Tuesday, June 6th.—Prayer for special blessing on the cause of National Reform and Testimony bearing. That the gospel of Christ's kingship may be promulgated in this, and other nations.

To preside, Elder W. I. McCrea.

Wednesday, June 7th.—Prayer for the spirit and practice of liberalities in our church, that its morals and financial obligations may be met, and its work carried forward.

To preside, Elder James S. Tibby.

Respectfully submitted, D. C. Martin, J. W. Dill, of the Committee.

Committee on Unfinished Business was read, and was taken up item by item for adoption.

Item No. 1.—Committee reported progress and the Committee was continued.

Item No. 2.—Clerk's Report on Printed Minutes.

Report was accepted, adopted, and is as follows :

The Printed Minutes are correct except on page 67, in St. Johnsbury rent account, read April 30th, 1898. On page 72, under Central Allegheny, third line, read April 23d, 1898. On page 77, under Receipt ; fourteenth line from bottom, read, \$5.25. On page 78, on eighth line, read \$150.00. On page 87, third line from bottom, read \$589 40. On page 104, strike out words repeated, line seventeen, "back to Lakes Presbytery." On page

119, thirteenth line from bottom, read, "Synod engaged in worship."

Item No. 3.—Clerk to issue 1,000 copies of Minutes of 1898. Clerk reported. Report was accepted, adopted, and is as follows:

Minutes.

The Clerk would respectfully report: That according to Synod's direction, he issued One Thousand copies (over-count 11; whole number 1,011 copies) of the Minutes of Synod, Session LXIX, at a total cost of Two Hundred Ninety-three Dollars and Sixty Cents (\$293.60).

The bill was cashed by Mr. Walter T. Miller, Treasurer of Literary Fund.

The minutes were sold, as per order of Synod, at 30 cents a copy, postage included, and Minutes of 1896-97 at 15 cents per copy, as Synod directed.

Copies sold	710	
" lost in mails	10	
" to Stated Clerk.....	4	
" on hand.....	287	

Total	1,011	
710 copies at 30 cents each.....	\$213 00	
Postage	26 00	

Balance		\$187 00
Minutes of '96, 7 copies at 15 cents each..	\$1 05	
Minutes of '97, 19 copies at 15 cents each..	2 85	

		\$4 90
Postage on 26 copies	1 04	

Balance		\$3 86

Whole income from sale of Minutes	\$190 86	
To Treasurer Walter T. Miller:		
July 28th, 1898	\$100 00	
August 4th, 1898.....	50 00	
February 3d, 1899	30 00	
May 17th, 1899	10 86	

Total	\$190 86	
Expenditures	\$293 60	
Receipts	190 86	

Deficit	\$102 74	

Respectfully submitted,

F. M. FOSTER, Clerk.

Item No. 4.—International Convention of the Reformed Presbyterian Churches. Committee reported progress, and Committee was continued.

Item No. 5.—Laid on table for the present.

Item No. 6.—Committee reported progress. Report was accepted, adopted, and is as follows:

Old Records.

The Committee to secure and publish the Minutes of Synod previous to 1833, would respectfully report: That the original Minutes were secured from 1809 to 1833, and permanently copied into a substantial book for preservation. To these also were added the Minutes from 1798 to 1809. The actual expenses of the Committee were met from the Literary Fund. The Committee did not feel justified in publishing the Minutes on account of the probable cost until the matter was referred to Synod.

W. M. GLASGOW.

Committee on Publication of said records was enlarged by adding the names of J. S. Martin and David M'Allister; and Committee was instructed to have said records published, if a sufficient number of copies to cover expenses be subscribed for.

Item No. 7.—Attended to.

Item No. 8.—Board of Foreign Missions made report. Report was accepted, adopted, and is as follows:

Education of Chinese Converts.

The paper from Rev. N. R. Johnston, referred to the Board of Foreign Missions, is a plea for the education of Chinese converts in this country with a view to sending them as missionaries to China. Probably there is not a Missionary Board in the United States or Canada that has not already decided, or at least expressed itself, adversely on this question. On the surface the proposal looks well, but experience shows it to be based on false reasoning and likely to issue in evil results. Education, in this day of intellectual activity, is not to be undervalued, but it is not the only, nor the prime, qualification for missionary service. A Chinese, carefully trained in Geneva College and the Theological Seminary at Allegheny, might be found by the missionaries to whose help he was sent, utterly unfitted for the work. The wiser plan is to leave the missionaries free to select their own helpers on the ground.

If any young man in the Oakland Mission or any other school connected with the church expresses a desire to be a missionary and shows his sincerity by seeking to reach his countrymen in

America with the truth, let him go to Tack Hing, helped on the way if he requires assistance, on the understanding that if our missionaries find him qualified they will give him the preference in a choice of teachers. But further than that the church should not commit itself.

For the Board,

R. M. SOMMERVILLE,
Cor. Secy.

Item No. 9.—Committee reported progress. Committee was continued.

Item No. 10.—Laid on table for the present.

Item No. 11.—Committee reported. Report was recommended, and Committee was instructed to formulate further action.

Report of Committee on Unfinished Business was laid on the table for the present.

It was moved and passed that the Sessions of Synod be as follows: 9 to 12 A. M.; 2 to 5 P. M..

Presbyteries were granted leave to sit during the meeting of Synod.

Synod adjourned.

Prayer by T. P. Stevenson.

EVENING SESSION.

Same place, Wednesday evening, 7:30.—Synod convened according to order and the retiring Moderator, Rev. W. P. Johnston, preached a sermon based on Micah 5, 7: "And the remnant of Jacob shall be in the midst of many people as a dew from the Lord, as the showers upon the grass, that tarrieth not for man, nor waiteth for the sons of men."

MORNING SESSION.

Same place, Thursday morning, 9 o'clock, June 1, 1899. Synod came to order and was constituted with prayer by the Moderator. The roll was called. S. R. Wallace, J. C. Calderwood, W. A. Hervey, T. A. Rusk, Isaiah Faris, T. M. Carlisle were not present. Isaiah Faris was absent through indisposition.

Minutes of the afternoon session were read and approved.

The Moderator announced the following committees:

Committees.

Discipline.—T. P. Stevenson, D. H. Coulter, B. M. Sharp, Ministers. L. M. Samson, W. A. Hervey, Elders.

Finance.—J. S. Martin, J. S. Thompson, W. C. Allen, Ministers. Wm. Browne, T. H. Walker, Elders.

Nominations.—A. Kilpatrick, J. C. B. French, J. W. Dill, Ministers. S. E. McElbinney, Robert J. Bole, Elders.

Foreign Missions.—D. McAllister, T. P. Robb, R. Hargrave, Ministers. Wm. I. McCrea, R. L. Wallace, Elders.

Home Missions.—J. C. McFeeters, J. M. Foster, Jas. Patton, Ministers. T. G. Graham, A. F. Reed, Elders.

Foreign Correspondence.—R. J. George, Thomas McFall, Wm. M. McFarland, Ministers. W. F. Brodie, J. C. Calderwood, Elders.

Sustentation and Church Erection.—J. Renwick Wylie, J. B. Gilmore, W. C. Paden, Ministers. Alex. M. Cannon, John M. Allen, Elders.

Theological Seminary and Education.—R. C. Wylie, Isaiah Faris, S. J. Crowe, Ministers. J. H. McBurney, W. C. Doig, Elders.

Supplies.—R. C. Reed, D. C. Martin, J. M. Wylie, Ministers. J. C. Robb, S. R. Davis, Elders.

Traveling Fund.—J. C. Smith, J. G. Reed, S. G. Conner, Ministers. James S. Tibby, R. A. Black, Elders.

Committees on Records of Presbyteries.

N. B. and N. S. Presbytery.—T. M. Slater, D. C. Faris, W. J. Sanderson, Ministers; James Speer, D. B. McCalla, Elders.

Vermont.—A. A. Samson, G. R. McBurney, E. A. Crooks, Ministers; David Love, Crawford H. Stormont, Elders.

Rochester.—J. C. Slater, C. McLeod Smith, W. T. K. Thompson, Ministers; Joseph Henry, David McClurkin, Elders.

New York.—J. M. Faris, Fergus Slater, G. M. Robb, Ministers; Wm. Robson, Henry Hogg, Elders.

Philadelphia.—Louis Meyer, A. J. McFarland, R. H. Martin, Ministers; David Campbell, Thomas D. Russell, Elders.

Pittsburgh.—W. C. Allen, J. R. W. Stevenson, J. Ralston Wylie, Ministers; Thomas Nelson, Elman I. Dewey, Elders.

Ohio.—R. J. Gault, D. C. Faris, J. R. Latimer, Ministers; Wm. Esler, J. S. Dodds, Elders.

Lakes.—J. Boggs Dodds, Charles Clyde, Elmer McBurney, Ministers; D. D. Bailey, Charles Dougall, Elders.

Illinois.—S. McNaugher, J. F. Crozier, J. C. K. Faris, Ministers; J. A. Forsythe, James McCartney, Elders.

Iowa.—J. S. Duncan, T. C. Sproull, Thomas Patton, Ministers; Hugh Dugan, John Taggart, Elders.

Kansas.—W. M. George, F. M. Wilson, W. J. McKnight, Ministers; Wm. McCullough, T. J. Blackwood, Elders.

Colorado.—R. M. Blackwood, T. J. Allen, J. B. Gilmore, Ministers; S. C. Patterson, J. W. Wylie, Elders.

Papers were called for.

Paper No. 1.—Treasurer's Report Mersine Hospital Fund.

Paper No. 2.—Treasurer's Report Literary Fund.

Paper No. 3.—Treasurer's Report Suadia Building Fund.

Paper No. 4.—Treasurer's Report Suadia Building Fund No. 2.

Paper No. 5.—Treasurer's Report Syrian Hospital Fund.

Paper No. 6.—Treasurer's Report Temporary Investment Fund.

Paper No. 7.—Treasurer's Report Mission to China Building Fund.

Paper No. 8.—Treasurer's Report Foreign Mission Fund.

Paper No. 9.—Treasurer's Report Church Erection Fund.

Paper No. 10.—Treasurer's Report Fund for Missions in China.

All of the above papers, from Treasurer Walter T. Miller, were received and were referred to Committee on Finance.

Paper No. 11.—Letter from the Synod of Ireland. Letter was read and was referred to Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

Paper No. 12.—Report of the Western Section of the Alliance of the Reformed Churches. Paper was laid on the table for the present. Clerk was instructed to draw order on Treasurer of Library Fund for \$60, amount due to Alliance from Reformed Presbyterian Church.

Paper No. 13.—Memorial from Kansas Presbytery on Greek Church Baptism.

Memorial was received, and was referred to Committee of Discipline.

Paper No. 14.—Memorial from Ohio Presbytery on Greek Church Baptism.

Memorial was received and was referred to Committee of Discipline.

Paper No. 15.—Communication from the Reformed Presbyterian Woman's Association.

Paper was received and was referred to Committee of Finance.

Rev. Dr. D. J. Meese, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, Mansfield, Ohio, received the courtesies of the floor.

The following cablegram was received from the Reformed Presbyterian Synod of Ireland: "Moderator Reformed Presbyterian Synod, Mansfield, Ohio. Greeting! Wish you strength, peace, joy in the Lord. Ezekiel Teaz, Moderator."

The officers of the court were directed to make suitable reply.

Clerk of Pittsburgh Presbytery reported the action of said Presbytery as to contemplated ordination of Licentiate C. A. Dodds as missionary. The time for his ordination was set for Friday evening at 7:30.

Committee on Secret Societies reported. Report was received, amended, adopted and is as follows:

Secret Societies.

By secret societies we mean those voluntary, man-made associations that demand, as a condition of membership, an oath or promise, that the secrets of the order shall not be revealed to the

uninitiated; and this oath or pledge to be given before the so-called secrets of the order are made known to the person taking the obligation.

It is patent to all that in the face of the flood of light that has been thrown into the lodge room; in the face of the testimony of those who have withdrawn from the lodge, and who have declared its folly and wickedness; and in the face of the command of our risen Lord to have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, the number of such associations increase, and their members multiply, until now this secret empire contains between 7,000,000 and 8,000,000 American citizens, boasted freemen, who yet have willingly become the slaves of a despotic empire.

Against such a growing system the agitation must be maintained. It is by testimony against evil that the evil is to be removed out of the way of human progress. And for our encouragement it is written that the walls of Jericho did not fall at the first blast of the trumpets, or at the first encircling of its walls. It is by continued testimony against this evil that deems itself so firmly entrenched behind the walls of State legislation, the church's indifference, and the hoary customs of society, and its own secrecy that this evil will be overthrown. This system is accursed of God; and that curse will rest on him who would appropriate any part of its stuff, or seek to rebuild any of its razed walls. Organized secrecy has ever been one of the great props of Satan's kingdom. The secrets of Baal worship; the mystic rites of Egypt, Greece and Rome, Jesuitism, Mormonism, and Masonry, with the whole brood of minor orders, has ever been one great stay to Satan's throne. "Satan has his seat there." Secrecy, in religion, in politics, in business, and in social life, has shut out from the minds of many the light of life and righteousness. By the power of organized secrecy have the pulpit and the press been muzzled.

While we recognize the fact that all secret orders may not be alike guilty, yet each one is wrong in principle, and dangerous in practice. At the mouths of their own members, and by their published manuals, these associations that meet behind doubly guarded doors, are immoral, basely selfish, despotic, unjust, blasphemous and anti-Christian. They are in direct opposition to the example and command of Him who said: "In secret have I said nothing," and "Let your light so shine before men." They are the rivals of the Church, the body, and bride of Christ. And some professed ministers of Christ, in their zeal for the lodge, paint the Church of Christ black that the lodge may seem white.

Against this evil of secretism the church can be faithful to Christ and herself by saying: "We will neither offer nor accept any compromise." Even the minor orders are not to be tolerated. If the church opens her doors to minor orders, she soon will be overflowed by the major. "Watch the beginnings," is the safer way.

In opposing this evil we must bear in mind that it receives into itself all that is "in the world, lust of the flesh, the

lust of the eye and the pride of life." It has its source in pride and unbelief, and its life blood is selfishness. The only remedy for this disease is the Word of God. And especially that truth which declares the one only way of salvation, and those divine associations that God gave for the welfare of our race. The corrective for this evil is the family, the State and the Church, which are for all, and where benefits are to be enjoyed by all in the clear light of day. If these divine institutions fail to secure human happiness, no man-made institution, conceived in selfishness, and developed in darkness, will secure even for the few, these blessings God meant for the many.

Nor should we lose hope. Secret associations may not be able to reform themselves, but they can destroy themselves. So rapid is the increase, society is already so honeycombed by secrecy, that when once the gathered pile is kindled by the breath of the Lord, this whole system will be enveloped with the smoke of its own destruction. And viewing its ruins, the family, the State and the Church, from which the reproach of Egypt has been rolled away, will again pronounce the curse of God against anyone that would rebuild this city of darkness.

We recommend :

1. That this Synod calls on each and every member of this church to give force to her emphatic testimony against every form of oath-bound or promise-bound secrecy, by taking a public stand against this evil.

2. Synod testifies against those churches that knowingly permit their members, while in allegiance to this unchristian system, to sit undisturbed at the Lord's table, or allow their ministers to officiate in the Christless rites of the lodge-room.

3. In the name of Him who is Governor among the nations, we protest against the National and State Governments giving corporate existence to any secret organization. The State wrongs itself and its citizens in permitting any association to be formed, from which the officers of the State are excluded.

4. We protest against civil and municipal officers appropriating funds levied on the citizens to the entertainment of any secret lodge; and also against inviting any secret society to officiate at the beginning or completing of any building erected by public funds.

5. That we commend the faithful efforts of the National Christian Association to the sympathy, the help and the prayers of our members.

A. KILPATRICK,	} Committee.
P. P. BOYD,	
FERGUS SLATER,	
J. C. PHILLIPS,	
J. H. HUNTER,	

Committee on Temperance reported. Report was received and was laid on the table for the present.

Rev. Dr. F. A. Gould received the courtesies of the floor.

Synod engaged in worship for half an hour.

Synod took recess until 2 p. m.

Prayer by T. P. Robb.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Same place, 2 P. M.

Synod came to order and was opened with prayer by J. M. Foster.

The roll was called. Isaiah Faris, T. M. Carlisle, S. R. Wallace did not answer. Isaiah Faris was absent through indisposition, and T. M. Carlisle soon appeared.

Minutes of the evening session and the morning session were read and approved.

Synod expressed thanks to Y. M. C. Association for courtesies extended.

J. F. Crozier laid on Synod's table money left by will of James Herbison, of Bear Run and Mahoning Congregation. Synod expressed thanks to Mr. Crozier and referred the matter to the Committee on Finance.

William Gregg, elder from the session of Mansfield congregation, was, on motion, given a seat as a member of Synod.

Paper No. 16.—Memorial concerning Metrical Version of Psalms. Paper was referred to Committee on Joint Revision of Psalms.

Report of Committee on Temperance was taken from the table. Report was amended.

Report was recommitted.

Committee on Psalmody reported. Report was received and was laid on the table for the present.

Certificate of John T. Morton, as representative of Synod's Board of Trustees on the floor of Synod, was received.

Paper No. 16.—Report of Synod's Board of Trustees. Report was received and was referred to Committee of Finance, and so much of it as referred to Third New York was referred to Committee of Discipline.

Paper No. 17.—A Communication from John R. Cannon. Communication was read and referred to Committee of Finance.

Paper No. 18.—Report of Superintendents of Theological Seminary. Report was received and was referred to Committee on Theological Seminary and Education.

Paper No. 19.—Report of Board of Church Erection. Report was received and was referred to Committee on Church Erection and Sustentation.

Paper No. 20.—Report of Board of Sustentation. Report was received and was referred to Committee on Church Erection and Sustentation.

Time was extended to hear report of Board of Foreign Missions.

Paper No. 21.—Report of Board of Foreign Missions. Report was received and was referred to Committee on Foreign Missions.

The officers of Synod reported that the Moderator had sent a cablegram to the Moderator of the Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, Ireland, directing to Psalm 122, verses 7 and 8. The bill for the cablegram, \$6.21, was referred to Committee on Finance.

Rev. R. H. Edmonds, of the Congregational Church, Mansfield, Ohio, received the courtesies of the floor.

Synod adjourned.

Prayer by J. Boggs Dodds.

MORNING SESSION.

Same place, Friday morning, 9 o'clock, June 2, 1899.

Synod came to order and was constituted with prayer by N. R. Johnston.

Roll was called. Fergus Slater and John D. George did not answer, but soon appeared.

Synod engaged in worship for half an hour.

Minutes of afternoon session were read and approved.

Papers were called for:

Paper No. 22.—Complaint from Long Branch Congregation. Papers were received and were referred to Committee of Discipline.

Method for raising money for Ecumenical Missionary Conference, April, 1900, and suggestions of Committee of Arrangements as to plan, were referred to Committee of Finance.

One hundred dollars, proceeds from sale of Elliota church property, were laid on Synod's table. It was moved and passed that said \$100 be paid into treasury of Church erection.

Paper No. 23.—Report of Synod's Treasurer. Report was received and was referred to Committee of Finance.

Bill for printing "Order of Business" was referred to Committee of Finance.

Paper No. 24.—Report of Central Board. Report was received and was referred to Committee of Home Missions and Finance.

Paper No. 25.—Paper of R. F. Boyd. Paper was received and was referred to Committee of Discipline.

Reports of Presbyteries.

N. B. and N. S., Kansas, Pittsburgh, Illinois, Ohio, Colorado, Vermont, Rochester and Lakes Presbyteries reported. Reports were received and were referred to Committee of Supplies and the Committee of Finance. Iowa Presbytery reported. Report was received and was referred to Committee of Supplies.

New York Presbytery reported. Report was received and was referred to Committee of Supplies, to Committee of Finance and Committee of Discipline.

Philadelphia Presbytery reported. Report was received and was referred to Committees of Finance, Supplies and Home Missions.

J. G. Reed received leave of absence for the remaining sessions of Synod.

Committee on Nominations made partial report :

On death of Rev. J. A. Thompson: Ministers D. H. Coulter, J. W. Dill and Elmer McBurney; Elders, J. H. Walkinshaw and J. R. Magee.

Rev. L. D. Bigland received the courtesies of the floor.

Committee on the Sabbath reported. Report was received and was taken up item by item for adoption. Items Nos. 1, 2, and 3 were adopted. The action on item No. 3 was reconsidered. While a motion to amend item No. 3 was under consideration, Synod took recess until 2 P. M.

Prayer by R. L. Wallace.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Same place, 2 P. M.

Synod came to order and was opened with prayer by Elmer McBurney.

Roll was called. D. H. Coulter, H. G. Foster, John George, D. McAllister, did not answer, but nearly all soon appeared.

Minutes of the morning session were read and approved.

A cablegram from the Reformed Presbyterian Synod of Ireland conveyed the following: "Synod contemplates renewing Covenants nineteen hundred one." Cablegram was referred to Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

Board of Corporators of Geneva College reported. Report was received and was referred to Committee on Theological Seminary and Education, and to Committee of Finance.

Board of Trustees of Geneva College reported. Report was received and was referred to the Committee on Theological Seminary and Education and to the Committee of Finance.

Rev. John Pierson, D.D., Agent of the American Bible Society, received the courtesies of the floor and presented the cause of the Society. The thanks of the Synod were expressed to Dr. Pierson and a special committee to consider the matter of better assisting the American Bible Society was ordered.

Rev. E. Persons, D.D., of Delaware, Ohio, and Rev. C. Conkling, of Mansfield, received the courtesies of the floor.

Report of Committee on Unfinished Business was taken from the table.

Item No. 5 was referred to a special committee.

Item No. 10.—Committee reported. Report was received. The financial item was referred to Committee on Traveling Fund. Report was adopted, and is as follows :

Committee on Railroads.

The Committee on Railroads would respectfully report :

Application was made to the New England, Eastern, Central, Western and Trans-Missouri Passenger Associations, through J. W. Pritchard, for reduced rates. All three associations have granted the usual reduction of rates on the certificate plan.

I herewith lay on Synod's table a bill for \$11.00 paid to the Central Passenger Association for the expenses of the railroad agent who will *visc* the certificates presented at this meeting of Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

C. D. Trumbull, Committee.

The Clerk was directed to furnish Minutes to such railroads as apply.

Item No. 12 was referred to Committee on Home Missions.

Item No. 13.—Not attended to ; and for reasons assigned.

Item No. 14.—Committee reported. Report was recommit-
ted.

Item No. 15.—Attended to.

Item No. 16.—Attended to.

Item No. 17.—Not attended to.

Report of Committee on Unfinished Business was laid on the table for the present.

Committee on Nominations made partial report. Committee to consider the administration of the Benevolent Funds : Ministers, J. McCracken, D. S. Faris, R. M. Sommerville ; Elders, R. L. Wallace, T. G. Graham, John T. Morton and T. H. Walker.

Committee on Plan for the Better Assistance of the American Bible Society ; Ministers, J. C. Smith, Charles Clyde, J. C. McFeeters ; Elders, William Esler and A. F. Reid.

Committee on National Reform reported. Report was received and was taken up item by item for adoption. Items 1, 2, 3, and 4 were adopted.

Report was laid on the table for the present.

Synod adjourned.

Prayer by D. B. Willson.

MORNING SESSION.

Same place, Saturday morning, 9 o'clock, June 3rd, 1899.

Synod came to order and was constituted with prayer by the Moderator.

Roll was called.

C. A. Dodds, missionary, appeared and took his seat as a member of the court.

Synod engaged in worship for half an hour.

Minutes of the afternoon session were read and approved.

Editors of papers giving proceedings of Synod, were requested not to publish the proceedings of Saturday in their editions issued on the Lord's Day, or send out to Synodical subscribers said issue.

A financial paper from the Treasurer of the Aged People's Home was referred to Committee on Finance.

A. J. McFarland, Sr., and C. D. Trumbull were granted leave of absence until Monday 12 M., noon; and C. A. Dodds, for the remaining sessions of Synod.

The following resolutions were adopted:

In our Chinese mission in Oakland, Cal., and probably in other places where mission work is done for the strangers in our midst, there is a great and growing need of educated Chinese-speaking native helpers and lay evangelists;

Therefore, Resolved that this Synod will be glad to encourage the liberal friends of missions to devise plans and contribute of their substance for the education of such Chinese young men as may be worthy of such benevolent effort.

The following resolution was moved by T. P. Stevenson:

Resolved, That this Synod perceives no reason for renewing, or for continuing in force, the special request addressed to Dr. McAllister by the Synod of 1897.

The *ayes* and *nays* were called for:

Ayes: Acheson; Allen, T. J.; Allen, W. C.; Bailey; Black, J. A.; Black, R. A.; Blackwood, R. M.; Blackwood, T. J.; Bole; Browne; Calderwood; Carlisle, J. W. F.; Carlisle, T. M.; Coleman, E. M.; Coulter; Crookes; Crowe; Dill; Dodds, J. Boggs; Dodds, J. S.; Doig; Duguid; Duncan; Edgar; Elliott; Elsey; Esler; French; George, H. H.; Glasgow; Graham; Gregg; Henry; Hervey; Jamison; Johnston, W. P.; Kilpatrick; Love; Magee; Mahaffey; Martin, D. C.; Martin, J. S.; Martin, R. H.; Meyer; McBurney, Elmer; McCartney, J. L.; McCartney, James; McCullough; McFarland, A. J., Jr.; McNaugher; McIsaac; Paden, W. C.; Patton, Thomas; Reed, R. C.; Reid, A. F.; Rusk; Samson, A. A.; Samson, L. M.; Smith, C. M.; Smith, J. C.; Sproull, J. W.; Sproull, T. C.; Sommerville; Speer; Stevenson, J. R. W.; Stevenson, T. P.; Stormont; Tibby; Walker, Thos. H.; Walkinshaw; Wallace, R. L.; Wallace, S. R.; Wilson, F. M.; Wylie, J. Milligan; Wylie, J. Renwick; Wylie, John W.; Wylie, P. H.; Wylie, R. C.; Young;—79.

Nays: Allen, J. M.; Brodie; Clyde; Coleman, W. J.; Conner; Crozier; Davis; Dewey; Dugan; Faris, D. C.; Faris, D. S.; Faris, Isaiah; Faris, J. C. K.; Faris, J. M.; Finney; Forsythe; Foster, J. M.; Foster, F. M.; Foster, H. G.; Gault; George, R. J.; George, W. M.; Gilmore; Hargrave; Hogg; Kennedy; Keys; Kyle; Latimer; Moore; Morton; McBurney, G. R.; McBurney, J. H.; McCalla; McCracken; McCrea; McElhinney; McFall;

McFarland, Wm.; McFeeters; McKnight; McLaury; Nelson; Orr; Paden, R. A.; Patterson; Pollock; Pritchard; Robb, G. M.; Robb, J. C.; Robb, T. P.; Robson; Russell; Sharp; Slater, J. C.; Slater, T. M.; Stitt; Taggart; Thompson, J. S.; Thompson, W. T. K.; Walker, T. H.; Wylie, J. Ralston;—62.

Absent: C. A. Dodds; McDonald; A. J. McFarland, Sr.; Reed, J. G.; Trumbull;—5.

Not Voting: Cannon; Campbell; Dougal; J. E. Foster; John George; J. D. George; N. R. Johnston; McAllister; James Patton; Sanderson; Ferguson Slater; D. B. Willson;—12.

The resolution was adopted.

Time for adjournment was extended.

Incorrect railroad certificates were referred to Committee on Traveling Fund.

Report of Committee on the Sabbath was taken from the table.

Discussion on amendment to item No. 3 was resumed.

Item 3 was amended and adopted.

Report was laid on the table for the present.

Synod adjourned until Monday 9 a. m.

Prayer by R. M. Sommerville.

MORNING SESSION.

Same place, Monday morning, 9 o'clock, June 5, 1899. Synod came to order and was constituted with prayer by the Moderator.

Roll was called.

Synod engaged in worship for half an hour.

Minutes of the Saturday session were read and approved.

The Moderator announced the following standing committees:

Standing Committees.

Order of Business.—J. W. Dill, G. M. Robb, Charles Clyde, Ministers; W. B. Keys, Thomas Orr, Elders.

Unfinished Business.—F. M. Foster, W. M. Glasgow.

Devotional Exercises.—J. W. F. Carlisle, H. G. Foster, T. M. Slater, Ministers; A. F. Reed, D. B. McCalla, Elders.

Evangelistic Work.—T. H. Acheson, J. Milligan Wylie, J. R. W. Stevenson, Ministers; J. H. McBurney, J. S. Dodds, Elders.

National Reform.—H. H. George, T. P. Robb, J. S. Duncan, Ministers; T. J. Blackwood, J. C. Calderwood, Elders.

Sabbath.—D. H. Coulter, S. J. Crowe, R. J. McIsaac, Ministers; Henry Hogg, R. J. Bole, Elders.

Sabbath Schools and Young People's Societies.—J. W. Sproull, James Patton, E. G. Elsey, Ministers; L. M. Samson, W. C. Doig, Elders.

Secret Societies.—W. J. Coleman, J. McCracken, W. C. Paden, Ministers; J. C. Robb, S. E. McElhinney, Elders.

Systematic Beneficence.—R. M. Sommerville, D. B. Willson, Geo. A. Edgar, Ministers; T. H. Walker, R. Kyle, Elders.

Signs of the Times.—C. D. Trumbull, D. C. Martin, R. M. Blackwood, Ministers; S. C. Patterson, Crawford H. Stormont Elders.

Psalmody.—R. C. Wylie, J. M. Foster, D. C. Faris, Ministers; J. R. McGee, Charles Dougall, Elders.

Temperance.—T. C. Sproull, Samuel McNaugher, P. J. McDonald, Ministers; J. J. Kennedy, W. A. Hervey, Elders.

Paper No. 26.—Letter from the Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, Scotland. Letter was read and was referred to Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

Mission Conference reported. Report was received and was referred to Committee on Finance and to the Committee on Home Missions.

Synod's Financial Agent for National Reform reported. Report was received and was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Missionary J. Boggs Dodds presented an informal report of the Syrian Commission. Report was received and was referred to Committee of Discipline.

Resolutions relating to membership in, and attendance upon, the Mission Conference, were referred to Committee on Home Missions.

Committee on Signs of the Times reported. Report was received, adopted, and is as follows :

Signs of the Times.

The Committee on the Signs of the Times would respectfully report the following

Causes of Thanksgiving :

We have great reason for thanks to God for his wondrous bounty to our land. * The increase of the field has been so great that not only have the millions of our own people been fed, but multitudes in other lands. Surely God has not left himself without witness among us, of his abundant goodness.

The rewards of industry have been large. The depression of recent years has been followed by unusual activity, and the income of the laborer has been increased. God has been giving material prosperity, calling to renewed acknowledgments of his favor.

Especially, do we see in the last year the gracious ordering of the exalted Mediator,—

In His breaking the arm of the oppressor. The European power which in the Sixteenth Century was at the height of her strength, wielded in behalf of the Apostate Church of Rome, has been broken on account of her sins, and at the close of the Nineteenth Century holds no territory in this New World, and in the Old World but little beyond the Peninsula. Thus is overcome one of the ten horns that have made war with the Lamb.

In His opening up the pathway for the missionaries under the dominant influence of Protestant Powers. They stand guard on

the coast of Eastern Asia. They hold in check the Mohammedan Empire. They control Africa along the Nile and the way on South to the Cape. Under this shield the missionaries now labor in nearly every land, and the doors are open for the circulation of the Bible, the preaching of the Gospel, and the education of youth.

In His providing so many, willing to labor in the field. His own word is the field is the world, and when on earth, He bade His disciples to pray the Lord of the harvest that He would send forth laborers into His harvest. To-day with the open field, the laborers are at hand, and He it is who has provided them.

Sensible of the goodness of the Lord, and that we may offer to Him united Thanksgiving, Synod appoints the usual day of National Thanksgiving in November, as a day of Thanksgiving, to be observed by the congregations under its care.

Your Committee also reports the following:

Causes of Fasting.

We lament the continued failure of our beloved land to make the needed Constitutional acknowledgment of God, His Christ, and His law. While the Chief Executive, though a member of the Christian Church, has not in his calls to thanksgiving owned Christ.

We lament the love of war, the growth of acts of violence, the continued license of the liquor traffic.

We lament the growth of impiety, as seen in the giving up by so many professing Christians of a portion of the Sabbath to pleasure; in the patronage given by them to the papers published on that day, to their own injury and the corruption of the home, and in many of the modes of entertainment and amusement prevalent even in church circles, such as balls (often in the name of charity), card and theatre parties—all of the world whose fashion passes away.

We lament the low condition of the church's treasury in these days of abounding opportunities, and also our lack of devotion and faith in giving to the cause of God.

Synod, therefore, appoints the Thursday of the Week of Prayer in January, as a day of Fasting, Humiliation and Prayer, to be observed by the congregations under its care.

Respectfully submitted,

D. B. WILLSON,	} <i>Committee.</i>
GEO. P. RAITT,	
T. M. SLATER,	
JOHN HUNTER,	
WM. REED,	

Committee on Sustentation and Church Erection reported. Report was received, adopted, and is as follows:

Church Erection and Sustentation.

Your committee respectfully report :

There have been placed in our hands the reports of the Boards of Church Erection, and of Sustentation. These reports have been reviewed by us.

Report of Board of Church Erection, we recommend,

First. That this report be approved.

Second. That Synod reaffirm its former action forbidding parties to canvass our congregations for aid in erecting a church without first securing permission from the Board of Church Erection.

Third. That Synod present the claims of this Board for liberal financial contributions to the thoughtful attention of all our people.

Fourth. That Messrs. Walter T. Miller and Robert McAfee whose term of office has expired be elected as their own successors. members of this Board.

Report of Board of Sustentation, we recommend the adoption of the following :

First. That the report of this Board be approved.

Second. In view of the fact, That the Lord of the Vineyard is sending forth laborers into His Vineyard, so that congregations that contain but few members and are financially weak are enabled to secure pastors, but these are not able to give such financial support to their pastors that will enable them to apply their whole time to the work of the ministry, we recommend that pastors and other officers of the Church use their full influence to secure liberal support to this interest of the Church.

Third. That the Church is grateful to God for the timely donation of funds by one whose name is withheld, sufficient to meet so large a per cent. of the deficit of the salaries of pastors receiving aid from this fund.

Fourth. That as soon as practicable the Board mature its plan governing the distribution of funds, so that only in very extraordinary cases shall congregations that fail to make regular application, or fail to raise the full quota of money required by the Board for the support of their pastor, receive aid from this Board.

Respectfully submitted,

J. R. WYLIE,
W. C. PADEN,
J. B. GILMORE,
JOHN M. ALLEN,
A. M. CANNON.

Sustentation.

The Board of Sustentation would respectfully report that twelve congregations have applied for aid from Sustentation Fund. These are Almonte, Barnet, Bovina, Cedarville, Crafts-bury, Lisbon, Lochiel, Slippery Rock, Sterling, Kan., Syracuse, Vernon and West Hebron. It would not have been possible to have given much assistance to these congregations, had the fund been entirely dependent upon congregational collections, for these amount to only \$671.27, or a little over 11 per cent. of the \$6,000 appropriated by Synod, but a very generous friend whose name is not known to us recently gave the Board \$1,500, which with other sources of income enables us to give 65 per cent. of the amount required to bring the salaries of these twelve congregations up to the minimum.

The Board of Sustentation in this report desires to call attention to the good arguments which have been presented to the Synod in favor of this plan of ministerial relief for the past twenty-three years of the Board's history. Instead of being the Board that receives perhaps the smallest proportion of what is appropriated, it should be considered of the first importance in considering the condition of the home church. It is a method that works according to a regular plan. It gives aid to each according to his needs.

This plan of Sustentation encourages weak congregations to secure pastors, a relationship which we cannot but consider most desirable for both minister and people and for the church at large. We request the same appropriation as before of \$6,000 for this Fund and trust that the congregations of the Church will look upon this plan of making up the deficit of poorly paid pastors with increasing favor.

The whole amount at the disposal of the Board is \$2,542.22.

The following table shows the distribution of the Fund recommended for this year, being a dividend of 65 per cent. of the deficit in salaries of congregations receiving aid.

	NUM- BER OF MEM- BERS.	SALARIES PAID	RATE PER MEMBER.	DEFICIT IN SALARY.	65 PER CENT. DIVIDEND.
Almonte	60	\$530 00	\$8 83	\$470 00	\$306 00
Barnet	48	480 00	10 00	320 00	208 00
Bovina	82	650 00	8 05	150 00	98 00
Cedarville	52	200 00	11 50	66 00	43 00
Craftsbury	<i>a</i>	550 00	.....	250 00	162 00
Lisbon	58	550 00	10 30	250 00	162 00
Lochiel	33	450 00	12 12	350 00	228 00
Slippery Rock	64	500 00	9 38	300 00	195 00
Sterling, Kansas	85	500 00	5 88	300 00	195 00
Syracuse	67	500 00	7 46	700 00	455 00
Vernon	60	506 00	8 04	294 00	191 00
West Hebron	36	350 00	9 72	450 00	292 00
				\$3,900 00	\$2,535 00

a. Application informal. *b.* Not up to required rate, but passed this year.

W. J. COLEMAN, *Cor. Sec'y.*

J. W. SPROULL, *Chairman.*

Church Erection.

The Board of Church Erection would respectfully report :

During the fiscal year, your Board has held several meetings, and has sought to conserve interests committed to their care.

One or two congregations have, during the year, completed houses of worship. Other congregations contemplate the erection of churches in the near future.

Your Board has had correspondence with representatives of Houlton Mission Station, Maine, in the hope that work might be again revived in that field. The prospects, however, do not warrant your Board in taking steps toward the rebuilding of the church.

Following the direction of Synod, your Board directed the Treasurer to pay the interest on the Seattle Hollenback note, but some doubt was expressed as to the wisdom of Synod's direction.

On application of Denver congregation, your Board appropriated seventy-five dollars (\$75) to pay interest on Church mortgage.

An application for \$500 from Blanchard congregation, and duly indorsed by Kansas Presbytery, was received. This congregation has built three churches since 1880. Their new building is 56 x 40, with annex 12 x 18. The auditorium is seated with circular pews.

After careful consideration, the Board appropriated \$500 to Blanchard congregation.

Congregations receiving money from the Church are thankful. Dr. H. P. McClurkin, in behalf of Topeka congregation, expressed to the Board, and through the Board to the Church, the cordial thanks of Topeka congregation for aid given. Their lots and building have cost about \$4,500. The congregation is now out of debt, and their church is finished, seating excepted.

The report of the Treasurer of the Board shows the following:

RECEIPTS.

From all sources.....	\$1,299.03
Balance per last Report.....	1,963.10
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Total receipts.....	\$3,262.13

DISBURSEMENTS.

To Seattle for int. on Note.....	\$ 80.
To Denver for int. on Church mortgage.....	75.
To Long Branch.....	500.
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Total expenditures.....	\$655.
Balance on hand.....	\$2,607.13.

It will be observed that congregational collections—\$579.15, have been a little smaller than heretofore. It is hoped that they will increase, and that the Church's interest in Church Erection will be multiplied.

Several years ago, Synod passed a resolution to the effect that congregations should not be canvassed for money to build churches, by brethren at home or abroad, without first securing the consent of the Board of Church Erection, and a certificate of approval. This direction has not been strictly complied with. Failure to do so injures the collections for Church Erection, and works injustice to those whose agents do not travel and solicit.

Your Board ask for an appropriation of \$4,000 for the coming year.

The time for which Treasurer Walter T. Miller and Elder Robert McAfee were elected has expired, and their places should be filled.

Respectfully submitted,

F. M. FOSTER, Secretary.

The following resolution and action against the seating of polygamist, Brigham H. Roberts in the House of Representative was adopted, to be signed, on behalf of Synod, by the officers of the Court :

Resolution and Action.

To the United States House of Representatives of the Fifty-Sixth Congress :

The undersigned earnestly petition your honorable body to refuse a seat to that open and avowed polygamist, Brigham H. Roberts, of Utah, on the ground that his life is in flagrant violation of the law of God and of the land in reference to the marriage relation ; that his election was a virtual violation of the covenants made between the Mormon leaders and general government when Utah was admitted as a State ; that it would encourage the continuance of polygamous practices in Utah and their defiant revolt against the government and American institutions ; that it would offend the moral sensibilities of the people of the United States and be a stigma on the nation itself in the eyes of the civilized world. The above was indorsed by a unanimous vote of the Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America, June 5, 1899, convened at Mansfield, O., and the undersigned were authorized so to attest.

A resolution with reference to Church property in Cincinnati, O., was referred to Board of Church Erection.

Invitations for the next meeting of Synod were received from New York, United Miami, Mansfield and Cedarville. Their consideration was postponed for the present.

Resolution with reference to laborers was referred to Committee on Home Mission.

Resolutions with reference to Chinese restriction laws were adopted and are as follows :

Resolutions.

Whereas, the Chinese Restriction laws of our country are not only unjust in principle and oppressive in their execution, but also detrimental to the cause of missions in China as well as to the evangelization of the Chinese in the United States;

And, *Whereas*, it is the duty of the Church to teach civil rulers their duty to strangers in our land;

Therefore, *Resolved*, First, that the officers of our two Boards of Missions be appointed a Committee to prepare a memorial to the next Congress of the United States in behalf of the Chinese in our country and asking said Congress to repeal all Chinese Restriction laws that do injustice to that people.

Resolved, Second, That said Committee be authorized to send at least two of their own number as a delegation to Washington early in the sessions of Congress to urge the petition before the Committee that may have charge of the memorial.

Committee of Discipline reported. Report was received and was taken up item by item for adoption.

Item No. 1 was adopted.

Item No. 2.

While item No. 2 was under consideration report was laid on the table for the present.

Committee on Nomination made partial report. Report was accepted, adopted and is as follows: Judicial Committee on Case from Kansas Presbytery:

Iowa Presbytery: C. D. Trumbull, Chairman of Committee, with Elders, R. L. Wallace, L. M. Samson.

Illinois: D. S. Faris, S. R. Davis.

Ohio: A. A. Samson, J. C. Robb.

Colorado: T. H. Acheson.

N. B. and N. S.: Thomas McFall.

Lakes: R. Hargrave and A. Cannon.

Vermont: D. C. Faris.

Rochester: J. M. Faris, W. F. Broddie.

New York: Thomas Patton, W. C. Doig, J. C. Calderwood.

Philadelphia: F. Slater and Joseph Henry.

Pittsburgh: W. J. Coleman, J. A. Forsythe, S. C. Patterson.

A. KILPATRICK, Ch.

Synod took recess until 2 p. m.

Prayer by J. W. Sproull.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Same place, Monday, 2 p. m., June 5, 1899. Synod came to order and was opened with prayer by T. Holmes Walker.

Roll was called, Elmer McBurney and J. H. McBurney did not answer, but they soon appeared.

Minutes were read, corrected and approved.

Committee on better assistance of the Bible Society reported. Report was received, adopted, and is as follows :

Bible Society.

Your Committee on Bible Society would respectfully report. The dissemination of the Word of God among the nations of the world is fundamental in the work of the Church, at home and abroad. We commend the American Bible Society to all our people as worthy of liberal support. Money is needed to print Bibles in hundreds of languages. There are many languages in our newly acquired possessions in which not a line of God's word has yet been printed. Agencies for the circulation of the printed copies of the Bible are needed. We recommend that all our people co-operate with auxiliary Bible Societies in their neighborhoods where they exist, that new auxiliaries be founded where there are none, and that contributions be made through these agencies by donations and "life memberships," and that efforts be made to put Bibles into every house.

J. C. SMITH,
J. C. McFEETERS,
C. CLYDE,
WM. ESLER.

Rev. Wm. Bullintine of the Associate Church, Mansfield, O. received the courtesies of the floor.

J. S. Dodds received leave of absence for the remaining sessions of Synod.

All speeches were limited to three minutes.

Report of Committee on the Sabbath was taken from the table. Report was amended, adopted, and is as follows :

The Sabbath.

The Sabbath, as a day of restful thoughts and spiritual uplift, enshrines most precious promises (Isa. 58: 13, 14). It is a blessed hilltop from which one day in seven, we may get a view of the land of Beulah.

The demand for the cessation of secular labor, at regular intervals, is not an arbitrary or tyrannical arrangement, but one of a most benevolent, thoughtful and loving character—a provision essential to man's highest and fullest development as a physical, moral and spiritual being. It is a prime factor in both social and national progress. To the individual, the family, the church and the nation, it is an unfailling spring of blessings unnumbered; and so it becomes a safeguard of all that we hold most precious. It is the bulwark, the outer line of defense of all our cherished institutions.

This divine institution, which, to us, is the commemoration of a work of love, is endangered :

1. Foreign immigration.

Several hundred thousand foreigners are landed upon our shores every year. They are largely accustomed to a "Continental Sunday" and have no sympathy for our religious institutions and customs. They segregate in our cities and disregard our Sabbath laws. There are in Chicago 100,000 more foreigners than Americans.

2. From enormous trusts and consolidation of capital in corporations. The rapid growth of trusts in this country is without a precedent. They largely bid defiance to Sabbath laws and carry on their works regardless of the Lord's day. It is estimated that more than 3,000,000 men are employed in these works, seven days in the week. The quiet of the Sabbath has nothing for them.

3. From the growing indifference of Christians and their sinful conduct in patronizing newspapers issued on the Sabbath, and those who advertise in them. Everything in connection with it secularizes the Sabbath. The crowd of men and boys about the office, the noisy rush of express wagons and express trains in the city, the repetition of this in scores of towns, within one hundred miles of our great cities, the noisy crying of boys in the streets and at the church doors, the reading of highly sensational stories, the perusal of advertisements, all this so antagonizes good morals and the public ordinances, that we must pronounce it one of the most effective engines for destroying the sacredness of the day.

4. From the general and accelerated drift of the multitude in pleasure seeking on the Lord's Day. Excursions on the Sabbath are becoming increasingly popular, even among church goers. Under the bait of cheap fares, public carriers are putting a premium on Sabbath desecration.

The bicycle, perhaps, most of all, is drawing our young people away from the church. A clergyman in Oakland, Cal., states that seven thousand wheels passed over the San Leandro bridge, out of Oakland, one Sabbath morning. This is duplicated, perhaps not equalled, in all our great cities. We may well inquire what is to become of our country and our churches, with a generation of young people growing up with such secular ideas of the Sabbath.

5. From the laxity of discipline on the part of church courts. A few denominations—very few—refuse fellowship to those who perform unnecessary labor on the Sabbath. Adherence to the command: "In it thou shalt do no work" is shutting out many of our people from public works. The man who will not work on the Sabbath has no chance in these. Shall *our* discipline be maintained?

6. From the saloon as the crowning agency in secularizing the Sabbath.

The astonishing and alarming thing about all this is that these destructive agencies have nearly all come in during the last fifty

years. Such a drift! Is it not without a precedent? What shall be the drift for the coming fifty years? The very thought of it is alarming.

But all is not lost. We are not without hope of a reaction setting in. The toilers will most certainly revolt.

(a) The Bakers' National Union has been protesting.

(b) The Barbers' Unions in many cities have been seeking redress.

(c) The retail clerks, in many of our towns and cities, have been making efforts for relief from Sabbath labor.

(d) The American Actors' Society has sent out circulars to the clergymen, asking for their help to secure the closing of the theaters on the Sabbath. The President says "Its Sabbath theater is a curse to the actors and degrading to manhood and womanhood."

(e) The Maryland Sabbath Association has successfully resisted the distribution of ice in Baltimore on the Sabbath, and this protects a thousand men from unnecessary labor on that day.

(f) A dozen bills, introduced into the New York Legislature for nullifying the Sabbath laws were killed in Committee.

These, with many other similar movements, are hopeful.

Standing at the close of a century of remarkable progress and at the dawn of one so full of hope as well of danger in many lines, we may well be concerned for our cherished institution—the Sabbath. What shall be the story of the coming century? Let us hope that the coming question will be not, "How shall we preserve the Sabbath of to-day?" but "How shall we restore it as in days of yore?" We recommend the following:

Resolved, That,

First. Recognizing the newspaper published on the first day of the week as the deadly foe of the Christian Sabbath, we caution our people against patronizing it in any way.

Second. We commend the fidelity of our people in hitherto standing aloof from Sabbath breaking corporations and in refusing to perform unnecessary labor on the Lord's day.

Third. That Synod reiterate its condemnation of all Sabbath breaking travel, and specially protest against the efforts of street car and railway lines to increase such travel by providing special attractions on the Lord's day at suburban and other resorts, and urge all under its care to guard most scrupulously against complicity in any way with such violations of the Lord's day.

Fourth. We express our deep regret that during the war with Spain, and up to the present time, there has been, as a rule, little regard for the Sabbath by either officers or soldiers—that the President and Secretary of War have not used their official influence in more carefully guarding the sacredness of the day in the army and navy.

Fifth. That, in view of the increasing rush of business, which is crowding out this divine institution, we will be all the

more aggressive in our efforts to perpetuate to our children this precious inheritance from our fathers.

Sixth. We recommend that wherever there are opportunities in the public press, either secular or religious, our ministers and all who wield the pen of a ready writer, use said press for the advocacy of the whole truth as to Sabbath observance.

J. L. McCARTNEY,
J. R. THOMPSON,
W. S. McANLIS,
S. S. SMITH,

Committee.

Report of Committee on Unfinished Business was taken from the table.

Item No. 5.—Committee reported. Report was received, adopted, and is as follows :

Benevolent Funds.

Report of the Committee, on the plan for the distribution of the income of the benevolent funds of the Reformed Presbyterian Church. Your committee has given such consideration to this important subject, as time and the pressure of business has permitted.

What is needed in the distribution of the income of the Benevolent Funds of the Church, is careful deliberation, responsibility, and impartiality. The present systems, or lack of system, fails in all these respects. We are persuaded that the intrusting of this whole business to a competent board, responsible to this Synod; to a board having authority to make full investigation of the claim of each applicant, and to grant or refuse such application; will solve this problem; will deal fairly and impartially with every worthy claimant; will give satisfaction to the whole church, and remove obstructions from the channels of the church's liberality.

We, therefore, recommend that Synod adopt the following plan :

Synod directs and orders :

1. There shall be established a Board of Control, which shall have charge of the distribution of the income of the Benevolent funds of the Reformed Presbyterian Church; namely, of the Fund for Aged Ministers; of the fund for widows and orphans of Deceased Ministers; and of the fund for aid of Theological Students.

2. This Board shall consist of eight members, Ministers and Ruling Elders in the active service of the Church, and shall be organized by the election of the following persons. Rev. C. D. Trumbull and Elder S. E. McElhenny for one year; Rev. T. P. Robb and Elder R. P. McClement, for two years; Rev. J. A.

Black and Elder L. M. Samson for three years; Elders W. Doherty and A. F. Reid for four years; and at each subsequent meeting of Synod, two members shall be elected for four years.

The Board shall choose its own officers.

3. All applications for a share in either fund, together with all accompanying recommendations and papers, shall be presented to the board for its consideration and approval, at least three months before the annual meeting of the Synod.

4. The board shall inquire into the circumstances of each case, to ascertain first, whether the application can be entertained under the conditions of the trust, and, if so, what amount of aid shall be given, and shall embody in their minutes a brief of the reasons for their action.

5. The board shall formulate appropriate rules for the administration of each fund, and shall submit the same for the approval of Synod, at its next ensuing meeting.

6. The orders of the board signed by its Chairman and Secretary and drawn on the Treasurer of the Synod for the respective amounts appropriated by it, shall be the Treasurer's warrant for paying the same.

7. All collections, donations and bequests, or other moneys appropriated by the Synod to this fund shall be sent as heretofore to the Treasurer of the Synod.

J. McCracken,
R. M. Sommerville,
R. L. Wallace,
T. G. Graham,
John T. Morton,
D. S. Faris,
Thomas H. Walker.

Item No. 11.—Committee on Joint Revision of the Psalms reported. Report was received, adopted and is as follows:

Joint Revision of the Psalms.

The Committee on the joint revision of the Psalms would respectfully report the following resolutions:

1. That the Synod reaffirms its profound impression of the importance of a metrical version of the Psalms which all Christians and especially all Psalm singers may use in common, its unabated interest in the effort to secure such a version and its hope that in the future a version may be prepared that like the one approved by the Church of Scotland in the past will by its superior excellence take the place of all others.

2. That this Synod deeply regrets the apparent failure of the effort made in recent years to secure such a version, an effort in which committees of five Presbyterian Churches took part,

and in particular the failure of the sub-committee, to which, as recorded in our 1897 report, the beginning of this work was entrusted, to take any action in the matter, as we find recorded in our report of 1898.

3. That owing to the great difficulty, if not the impossibility under present circumstances of reviving the work of joint revision and the apparent necessity of waiting until some time has elapsed before renewing the effort, your committee on joint revision of the Psalms be discharged.

4. With regard to the memorial of N. R. Johnston and others referred to us by the Synod and marked paper number 16, which urges the preparation by this church of a new version of the Psalms, the Synod decide that our Church is not ready to enter on the preparation of another version.

W. J. COLEMAN,
DAVID McALLISTER,
T. P. STEVENSON,
D. B. WILLSON.

Item No. 14.—Committee reported, a second time. Report was received, adopted and is as follows:

Premillennialism and National Reform.

The third item of last year's report on National Reform, referred to a special committee, reads as follows: "That we express our disapprobation of the erroneous doctrines of Premillenarianism as being unfavorable to National Reform work."

Assuming that the term "Premillennarianism" is used with special reference to the coming of Christ before the Millennium and His personal reign on earth for a thousand years, we hesitate to characterize the teaching of men who hold this opinion as "erroneous doctrine" and unfavorable to reform work. The second advent of Christ is an article common to the creed of all believers, but whether He will appear before or after the Millennium cannot affect questions of reform. Millenarianism, as the writings of D. N. Lord and other distinguished advocates of that system clearly show, is certainly inconsistent with the teachings of Scripture as to the nature and growth of the Messianic Kingdom, and the practical influence of the whole system is evil. To persuade men that there is no hope of the world being converted by truth and love through the power of the Holy Spirit, and that the triumph of Christianity must ultimately depend on force is to take away the most potential motive to Christian endeavor and persistent effort in the interest of true reform. That is the tendency of Millenarianism. It is the tendency too of Plymouth Brethrenism with its peculiar tenets as to the Second Advent, its open denial of the moral law as a rule of life, and its repudiation of civil government.

But, on the other hand, it must be borne in mind that there are men in all Christian denominations to-day who are premillennialists, and yet reject the name and the views of millennarians. They are leaders in missionary movements, and earnest in the support of all measures for the amelioration of society. Their Saviour is already crowned, and His second coming is to mark the dawn of an age or dispensation when, in fulfillment of prophecy and covenant promise, the Spirit shall be poured out in larger measure upon the world. At Pentecost the Holy Spirit fell only on the disciples as He does now only upon believers, that He may operate upon the unsaved through them. At the Second Advent the Spirit will be poured out on all flesh, as was shadowed forth at the scene in Cesarea, when He fell not only on disciples, but on all who heard the word, leading them to speak and magnify the Lord. Men holding these views are in full sympathy with all reforms and are laboring heart and soul for the permeating of society with Christian principles. Some of them have stood on the platform at National Reform Conventions to plead for the rights of Christ as the enthroned Redeemer, and insisting on obedience to moral law as the only safeguard of the nation. The name of an eminent Episcopalian minister, who was in his life time an avowed premillennialist, appeared in the list of vice-presidents of the National Reform Association in the early history of the movement. In reply to an invitation to attend and address the convention at Pittsburgh in 1874, which he had to decline owing to the state of his health and absolute occupations at home, he wrote the Secretary: "I sincerely wish the triumph of the purpose and the plan which you so earnestly and intelligently support." The records of the Association contain the names of others equally devoted to this cause and equally desirous of its success. It is even conceivable that a man may fear that the American body politic will not become the Kingdom of God under the dispensation or age preceding the millennium, and yet labor for the removal of all particles indicating impurities in its life blood, with the same earnestness with which he uses means to drive disease out of his own body and thus avert death as long as possible.

The conclusion of your committee is that, while every creed involving a denial that Christ already might and will accomplish the conversion of the world through the preaching of the Gospel and the power of the Holy Spirit is to be condemned as unscriptural, the fact remains, that some who hold the advent of Christ before the Millennium as the "blessed hope" of the Church are among the most devoted friends of missionary and reform work.

R. M. SOMMERVILLE, .
T. H. ACHESON,
J. A. BLACK.

Of the Committee.

Report of Committee on Unfinished Business was adopted as a whole and is as follows :

Unfinished Business.

Committee on Unfinished Business would respectfully report the following items :

Item No. 1.—Committee on Religious Literature in School Books, J. M. Foster, Ch.; Minister, '98, pp. 9 and 123.

Item No. 2.—Printed Minutes, Clerk.

Item No. 3.—Clerk to issue 1,000 copies, Minutes '98.

Item No. 4.—International Convention of Reformed Presbyterian Churches, T. P. Stevenson, Ch., pp. 9 and 124.

Item No. 5.—Draft of Plan for Administration of Benevolent Funds. Appendix Minutes '98, p. 11 and 142.

Item No. 6.—W. M. Glasgow, to secure and to publish the Minutes of the Reformed Presbyterian Church previous to 1833; Minutes, p. 21.

Item No. 7.—R. M. Sommerville to issue such editions of the Psalms as shall be called for; p. 26.

Item No. 8.—Letter from Rev. N. R. Johnston, referred to Board of Foreign Mission, Rev. R. M. Sommerville, Cor. Sec.; p. 8.

Item No. 9.—Walter T. Miller to print edition of Testimony, p. 60.

Item No. 10.—C. D. Trumbull, Committee on Railroads, p. 93.

Item No. 11.—Committee on Joint Revision of the Psalms, W. J. Coleman, Ch., p. 123.

Item No. 12.—Election of Missionary to Oakland, Chinese Work, p. 136.

Item No. 13.—Moderator and Clerk to Memorialize the President concerning a National Fast, W. P. Johnston, p. 137.

Item No. 14.—Special Committee to report on Item No. 3, of Report of Committee on National Reform, p. 30. R. M. Sommerville, Ch., p. 52.

Item No. 15.—Clerk to give order for \$2.10 on Treasurer of Literary Fund to Committee on Joint Revision of the Psalms, p. 124.

Item No. 16.—Clerk to draw an order on Treasurer of Literary Fund for \$60. Synod's share of annual expenses of the Presbyterian Alliance, p. 60.

Item No. 17.—Synod's Board of Trustees to give quit claim deed for certain property to John R. Cannon.

F. M. FOSTER, }
J. A. BLACK, } *Committee.*

Committee on Sabbath Schools and Young People's Societies reported. Report was received, adopted, and is as follows:

Sabbath Schools and Young People's Societies.

The Committee on Sabbath Schools and Young People's Societies would respectfully report:

Sabbath Schools.

Our efforts to gather facts for this report were only partially successful. Of one hundred and fifteen blanks sent out only sixty-seven were returned. This neglect, or failure, is to be regretted, as it renders it impossible for the Church to secure accurate information. But the information gained is valuable, and while not giving complete statistics enables us to reach certain generalizations that may be accepted as fairly representative of the Sabbath School work of the Church. It is not believed that any other Church is furnished with more capable workers, or has better or more successful schools than we have. Yet we have not reached that degree of perfection where no more improvement is possible. The information that we have gathered indicates that in four respects at least there is need for improvement.

1. The extent of our work falls far below the limit of our abilities and opportunities.
2. The Standards of the Church are not taught with sufficient faithfulness.
3. We are failing to bring our mission scholars into full fellowship in the Church.
4. We need more carefully trained teachers, more systematic work, and more fully equipped schools.

We recommend:

1. That pastors and superintendents be more prompt and careful in furnishing the facts sought for these reports.
2. That pastors and sessions be more earnest in seeking to awaken the people to a sense of their responsibilities, and be more zealous in leading the activities of the Church, until this branch of our work shall be enlarged to the full measure of our abilities and opportunities.
3. That sessions be urged to see that a larger place be given to the study of the standards of the Church, both in congregational and mission schools, and that Synod appoint a Committee to prepare a catechism on the standards of the Church, for use in the Sabbath Schools, and report the same at next Synod.
4. That we endeavor to render more close the connection between the Sabbath School and the regular services of the Church, that mission scholars be taught the value of worship in the public administration of the ordinances, and as far as possible be induced to attend these.

5. That Synod renews its recommendations to the schools of the Home Department and the Graded System, and recommends the Teachers and Normal Department.

Young People's Societies.

The advent of the Young People's Society is a comparatively recent event. A few years ago there were none in the church, now they are found in a majority of our congregations. The statistical report of last year would seem to indicate that there were then societies in sixty-six of our congregations. Synod has frequently recommended the formation of societies under the control and direction of the sessions of the various congregations, and where the conditions are such as to render practicable the carrying out of these recommendations, congregations that have not yet organized societies will do well to consider the advantages to be derived from them.

So far as relates to our own church itself, the Young People's Society is capable of serving, and ought to be made to serve three ends at least.

1. The deepening of the spiritual life of the young people. This it does through the devotional meetings. A prominent feature of the society is the prayer meeting. Here the incense of prayer and praise ascends to God, and here the Word is studied and the heart touched by its vivifying power. Jesus taught his disciples in the first years of their discipleship to pray, and here the young disciple is taught to pray. Jesus said to the disciples: Search the Scriptures; they testify of me; in them ye think ye have eternal life, and here he still teaches us to search the Word, whose entrance giveth light, and by whose power we are sanctified. As Covenanters we have an advantage not enjoyed in all churches, which gives a peculiar value to our devotional meetings, in that we have a simpler, more scriptural and more spiritual worship than is found in many other churches. These societies, under the wise and judicious guidance of sessions, have already proved themselves an efficient means for deepening the spiritual life of the youth. To this purpose they must be held true, and everything possible ought to be done to increase their power to quicken and deepen the spiritual life of the Church.

2. The training of the young people for the service of the church. These societies ought to be a training school for the church. The youth need to be impressed with the thought that the business of their lives is to serve Christ, in the service of the Church. They must be taught that the life, and all that it possesses, belongs to Christ, and he is to be served with all. The church also needs trained workers. An important part of this training will be obtained in the devotional meeting of the society, where the youth are taught to pray, where they learn the Word of God, where the promised Spirit may be expected, and from

these meetings they ought to go forth better fitted to pray with others, to touch their lives with the living power of the truth manifested in their own lives, and thus help to lead them to Christ.

The reports that we have received indicate that among the young people of the Church there is a good degree of activity, almost every society reporting some special line of work carried on by them in addition to the devotional meetings. It is well known that for several years the young people of one of our congregations have paid the salary of the missionary to Cyprus. Several others maintain each a bed in the hospital at Latakia. Others are engaged in home mission work, or furthering reform interests, or diffusing good literature through the press or other ways. Thus the youth are being brought into closer touch with the work of the Church.

One of the most interesting facts learned from these reports is the number of tithe payers among the youth of the Church. Of twenty-three societies that answer this question only one reported no tithe payers, several report a large majority of the members giving on this system, while one reported that every member is a tithe payer. Almost 40 per cent. of the membership of these societies practice this method of giving. This is a most encouraging report, indicating the readiness of the youth to accept the teaching of Synod on this subject, and is full of hope for the future.

3. To draw the young people of the Church into closer touch with one another, and deepen their attachment to the truth as it is in Jesus. In union there is strength. If our Church is to be strong, we must be drawn into as close touch with one another as possible. It is the truth that makes free. If we are to be free ourselves, and help to make others free, we must be deeply attached to, and firmly hold the truth. To this end Synod last year recommended that Presbyteries seek to form Presbyterial unions, under Presbyterial oversight, and embracing all the various local societies, and the young people not in local societies. This recommendation has met with favor from many of the young people themselves, and several Presbyteries have already taken action looking towards the carrying out of this recommendation. It is certainly desirable that our young people shall be brought into closer touch with one another, and that their attachment to the truth that we hold in trust for the regeneration of the world shall be deepened, and it is sincerely believed that a Presbyterial Union can accomplish more in this respect than can be done by merely local societies.

We recommend:

1. That as far as practical sessions that have not already organized their young people consider the advisability of taking steps to do so.

2. That local societies, while seeking to keep in touch with all the work of the Church, be encouraged to concentrate their efforts on some particular lines of work as opportunity may afford, as

home mission Sabbath School work, circulating reform literature, circulating petitions on behalf of reform legislation or any similar work that may open up to them.

3. Synod expresses its gratification at the large acceptance by the youth of the Church of the tithe system of giving, and earnestly recommends it to all the youth.

J. S. THOMPSON,
J. S. MARTIN,
R. J. McISAAC, } *Of the Committee.*

Synod adjourned.

Prayer by S. J. Crowe.

MORNING SESSION.

Same place, Tuesday morning, 9 o'clock, June 6th, 1899.

Synod came to order and was constituted with prayer by A. J. McFarland, Sr.

Roll was called. Dugall, Finney, Gault, Hervey did not answer; but nearly all soon appeared.

Synod engaged in worship for half an hour.

R. J. Bole received leave of absence for the remaining sessions of Synod.

A matter referring to money from a Chinese brother, Oakland, Cal., was referred to Committee on Finance.

Committee of Traveling Fund reported. Report was accepted, adopted, and is as follows:

The Committee on Traveling Fund would most respectfully report:

The quotas from Presbyteries amounted to \$2,841.30. The total expenses of delegates is \$2,424.96. The expense of Railroad agent is \$11.00. Total excess of quotas over expenses \$405.34.

The following is the tabulated statement:

PRESBYTERIES.	Quota.	Expense.	Deficit.	Surplus.	Due to Presbyteries.	Due from Presbyteries.	Rebate.
N. B. & N. S.	\$41 40	\$91 85	\$50 45	.....	\$56 39	.....	\$5 94
Iowa	251 10	267 25	16 15	.....	51 05	.....	34 90
Lakes	178 20	69 39	.....	\$108 81	.....	\$83 33	25 48
Kansas	429 30	538 58	109 28	.....	170 66	.....	61 38
Pittsburgh..	651 60	336 70	.....	314 90	.....	221 72	93 18
Illinois	223 50	161 30	.....	62 20	.....	30 25	31 95
Ohio.	103 80	24 20	.....	79 60	.....	64 75	14 85
Colorado....	65 40	141 35	75 95	.....	85 30	.....	9 35
Vermont ...	40 20	27 11	.....	13 09	.....	7 34	5 75
Philadelphia	205 20	182 31	.....	22 89	6 45	.....	29 34
Rochester...	111 30	207 21	95 91	.....	111 87	.....	15 96
New York...	540 30	377 71	.....	162 59	.....	85 33	77 26
	\$2,841 30	\$2,424 96	\$347 74	\$764 08	\$481 72	\$492 72	\$405 34

Your Committee would recommend that hereafter the Committee on Traveling Fund be composed of one financial agent from each Presbytery with Synod's railroad clerk as chairman.

Respectfully submitted,

J. C. SMITH,
S. G. CONNER,
ROBERT A. BLACK,
JAMES S. TIBBY.

Committee on Nominations made partial report. The Committee on Nominations would name as the Committee to prepare a catechism on the Distinctive principles of the Reformed Presbyterian Church: J. C. McFeeters, Chairman; R. J. George, C. D. Trumbull, D. McAllister, J. A. Black, W. M. Glasgow, A. C. Coulter, John Hunter, David McKeer.

A. KILPATRICK, *Ch.*

T. J. Blackwood received leave of absence for the remaining session of Synod.

Committee on Systematic Beneficence reported. Report was received. Report was recommitted.

Committee on Theological Seminary and Education reported. Report was received, adopted, and is as follows.

Theological Seminary and Education.

We record with gratitude to God the continuation of the divine blessing upon these institutions. The attendance of students in both College and Seminary gives assurance that the Lord will continue to raise up and equip laborers as their services are needed. We note with satisfaction the steps taken by the Board of Superintendents of the Seminary to provide instruction for the students in elocution.

The report of the Board of Trustees of Geneva College calls special attention to the fact that this institution has completed fifty years of its history. It is ground of rejoicing that for half a century the Lord has been using this College to further the cause of Christian education.

We recommend:

1. That the Board of Superintendents of the Seminary make provision for the coming year for giving instruction to the students in music and elocution and that all the students be urged to avail themselves of the opportunities thus provided.

2. That the Revs. R. M. Sommerville and J. W. Sproull, and Elder John Hunter, whose terms as members of the Board of Superintendents of the Seminary have expired, be elected their own successors.

3. That our people be urged to give to the College all that encouragement which it so well merits in the matter of patronage and financial support.

4. That the College share equally with the Seminary in the collection for the Library Fund.

5. That the Rev. C. D. Trumbull, whose term as a member of the Board of Corporators of Geneva College has expired, be elected his own successor. Respectfully submitted,

R. C. WYLIE,	}	<i>Of the Committee.</i>
S. J. CROWE,	}	
ISAAH FARIS,	}	
J. H. MCBURNEY,	}	
W. C. DOIG,	}	

Report of the Board of Superintendents of the Theological Seminary.

The session began on Tuesday, September 20, 1898, and closed on Wednesday, May 3, 1899. The number of students in attendance was twenty, viz. :

Fourth year: R. H. Martin, J. K. Robb, W. J. Sanderson, F. M. Wilson.

Third year: G. F. W. Benn, C. A. Dodds, J. M. Johnson, S. J. Johnson, Walter McCarroll, J. S. McGaw, R. J. G. McKnight, M. M. Pearce, J. H. Pritchard, A. A. Samson, J. C. Slater.

Second year: Irving Aikin Blackwood, J. T. Mitchell, Alpheus Waldo Stevenson.

First year: Robert Clarke, Norman Logan Euwer.

The students were prompt in attendance with the exception of Mr. Stevenson who was detained till December 8, owing to illness.

Mr. Walter McCarroll, of the third year class, was chosen by the Synod in Ireland for the Colonial Mission at Geelong, Australia, and left the Seminary after two months stay, having come September 26.

The general health of the students was good. There were events, however, in the family circles of Messrs. Benn, J. M. and S. J. Johnson and McGaw calling them away for a season, sickness ending in one case in recovery and in two cases in death. Diplomas were given to the fourth year students by a committee of the Board, which met in Seminary Hall on the 22d of December and by the Board at its meeting on May 3d to the students of the third year, with the exception of Mr. J. M. Johnson, who was prevented by sickness from attending the full term of 1887-8 or being present at the examination. Certificates to the Presbytery were given to Mr. Johnson and the students of the second year.

Six dollars were appropriated out of the current funds of the Seminary to each of the students who had taken lessons in elocution.

The reports of the professors and an account of the closing exercises were published for the information of the Church. The terms of Rev. R. M. Sommerville and J. W. Sproull and Elder John Hunter have expired. Their successors should be elected.

T. P. STEVENSON, *Chairman.*

J. W. SPROULL, *Secretary.*

Report of the Board of Corporators of Geneva College.

The Board of Corporators of Geneva College in transmitting to Synod the annual report of its Board of Trustees would ask the special attention of the Court to the request that the College be restored to a place among the regular schemes of the Church for which an annual appropriation is made.

When by the very strenuous efforts on the part of the Church, new buildings had been erected, and a new endowment of one hundred thousand dollars had been secured it was reasonable and right that for a time the people should be relieved of the yearly collection. But the first buildings are no longer new and repairs are constantly needed. The new buildings have some indebtedness and are not yet fully equipped. The advance of the College to a higher standard of scholarship, creates a demand for new appliances.

The present income is not sufficient to meet the demands and the Board of Trustees is crippled in its work for lack of funds.

It is also desirable that the institution be kept before the minds of our people by the call for an annual contribution to its aid. We, therefore, endorse the request of the Board of Trustees and ask that it receive the favorable consideration of Synod. The report of the Board of Trustees will be submitted by its Secretary and contains a brief review of fifty years of completed history of the College, and a full presentation of the work of the year. The term for which C. D. Trumbull was elected has expired and his successor should be chosen by Synod.

The President of the College and Rev. A. Kilpatrick are appointed to represent the Board on the floor of Synod.

T. P. STEVENSON, *President.*

R. J. GEORGE, *Secretary.*

Report of Board of Trustees of Geneva College.

To the Board of Corporators of Geneva College:

Gentlemen: The Board of Trustees of Geneva College respectfully report:

The annual commencement of College occurring on May 25, 1899, was the fiftieth anniversary since the establishment of the College. A review of the results of these years' labors affords gratification in what has been accomplished, and gives promise of greater achievements for the future.

More than three hundred and fifty students have graduated. Many more have received instruction. Some have nearly finished the college course of study; others have not remained so long. Many of these students have entered the learned professions, and have reflected honor on their Alma Mater. Some have been and are successful business men, while others have been employed in the more private walks of life. A large number of her students have entered the Ministry, and have proclaimed "the unsearchable riches of Christ." More than one-third of the present ministry of the Covenanter Church received their education here.

During all this time Geneva College has aimed at the highest type of Christian education. She has had a distinct mission. She has stood for the universal enthronement of our Lord. Her students have been taught that "Christ is King of Kings." This basal truth has ever been diligently pressed in the discussions of the many moral questions that have occupied the attention of the public. For Christ and for Country has ever been the watchword. The hearts and consciences of many of her students have been won to the support of the truth, and, with tireless energy, they have maintained these principles in their varied callings of life.

It is not now within the power of man to estimate the moral influence that has gone forth from our College. An influence, the power of which will ever increase, as yearly, recruits equipped with the truth, go forth to join the ranks of those now in the field. And as these will educate others who in turn will extend their influence to the coming generation.

It is matter for devout gratitude to God, and for hearty congratulation to the church, that in the jubilee of the College, she possesses beautiful grounds; buildings well adapted to the desired ends; a liberal endowment; a competent faculty, and that she is patronized by a goodly number of diligent students; so that she occupies an influential position among the people that surround her, and in the church that founded her.

The past year has been one of even prosperity. While the number of students enrolled has not quite equalled that of some former years, yet the catalogue will show a goodly attendance. The faculty report no serious interruption in the work of the institution. Also that the students, for the most part, have been diligent and conscientious in their studies.

The new schedule of studies, adopted two years ago, still affords satisfaction. The Lengthened Scientific Course has led a number to aim at saving time in College by making up work. An occasional scholar is able to do this. It is the purpose in the future that the students in the first preparatory year spend six hours each day under the supervision of the instructor. The work done is of that nature that students who possess average ability and who make diligent application are able to take rank in our best Colleges.

The work of the various religious organizations has been carried on as in the past. Many are earnest in religious work. Liberal collections have been raised for Foreign purposes; part of which has been forwarded to the Board of our own church, and as heretofore, part has been sent to Rev. John G. Paton. There are but few students that are not members of some branch of the Christian Church. The religious environment of the student is the best, and will advance rather than retard the spiritual life of those who come here for an education.

The Gymnasium has been well attended by students who reside on College Hill, and the Faculty of the College report that beneficial effects on the health of the students are plainly discernible. Prof. J. H. Thompson has been retained in charge of this department.

Fourteen students finished the Collegiate course of study, six of these were classical, and eight scientific, graduates. Six graduated in

music. President Johnston has endeavored to secure the best possible instructors in the various branches of music. The number that study music and the progress made in study bear testimony to the excellence of this department.

We report an increasing interest in the Library. Each year, the Librarian informs us, the circulation of books and periodicals increases; due in part to the requirements of the professors of the different departments for special reading in these departments. One hundred and fifty new volumes have been purchased, and donations of books have been received from Mrs. Wiggins, of Philadelphia; Rev. D. C. Martin, East End, Pittsburgh, and from our Missionary, the Rev. James Stewart. The Board asks for our full share of the annual collection for the Library.

The financial income of the College is not quite so large as during some former years. The debt of the College, however, has not been increased, and had it not been that there still remained a debt on the College building, which Synod ordered paid in yearly installments from current funds, the last of which installment was paid this year, we would have been able to meet all expenses. In view of the constant need for funds to meet the requirements of the College, and in order that the attention of our people may be called to their own College, and that pastors may have yearly opportunities from their pulpits to present the claims of the College to their people, the Board requests through you that Synod recommend a yearly collection from all our people of one thousand dollars. Owing to the failure on the part of a few to meet their subscriptions, there still remains a small debt on the new Science Hall. We are in urgent need of suitable apparatus for this building. The land purchased a few years ago for the College is not as yet entirely paid for. Dr. Johnston's unwearied efforts to collect funds have met with a good degree of success; but as there is still a deficit we ask that liberal minded men come to the rescue with funds.

The Faculty remains substantially as last year. Prof. Wm. McCracken has asked for leave of absence for another year that he may complete investigations along special lines and receive the appropriate degree. This request has been granted. He is engaged in study in the University of Chicago.

Respectfully submitted,

A. KILPATRICK,

President of Board.

J. R. WYLIE,
Secretary of Board.

Invitations for the next meeting of Synod were considered. It was moved and passed that when Synod adjourn, it adjourn to meet in Cedarville (O.) Reformed Presbyterian Church on the fifth Wednesday of May, 1900, at 7:30 o'clock, p. m. The Mission Conference is to meet same place, 9 o'clock same day.

R. J. McIsaac was made the Moderator's alternate to preach the Synodical sermon.

The sermon preached by the retiring moderator, Rev. W. P. Johnston, was requested for publication in the Church papers.

Stated Clerk, the Committee on Presbyterial Reports and Statistics, reported. Report was received, adopted, and is as follows:

Presbyterial Reports and Statistics.

The Presbyterial reports this year are quite full and exceptionally correct. The clerks have been very successful in getting

congregational returns. The statistics of but six congregations are taken from last year's table. There are only four mistakes in addition. There are, however, several matters to which attention should be called in order to prevent their recurrence, such as the use of old blanks, the addition of new columns for special objects, failures to include mission stations in the first column and unsettled ministers in the second; neglect to give exact date, sending congregations' blanks received too late to the stated clerk instead of returning them to clerks of session and sending the Presbyterial reports to some other than the stated clerk.

The following is a summary of the statistics for the Synodical year 1898-1899: Congregations, 113; Mission stations, 11; Ministers, 124; Licentiates, 21; Students of Theology, 3; Communicants, 9,875; Increase, 628; Decrease, 696; Sabbath School Attendance, 10,387; Young People's Society Attendance, 2,436; Total Contributions, \$164,485.

Congregations.—Two were disorganized, viz., Youngstown, Pittsburgh Presbytery, May, 1898, and College Springs, Kansas Presbytery, April 13, 1899. Eighty have pastors, six of the remainder are under the care of the Central Board, three under the care of the Foreign Mission Board, four have stated supplies, full time, and appointments to two of stated supplies for some months have been made.

Mission Stations.—One Rochester, Rochester Presbytery, was formed in August, 1898, and one Brush Creek, Lakes Presbytery, was disbanded June, 1899; two are under the Central Board, one, the mission among the Jews in Philadelphia, is under the care of the Philadelphia Presbytery, and one, the mission among the Jews in Cincinnati, is under the care of Lakes Presbytery; five are supplied by pastors and one for part of the time by a licentiate.

Ministers.—There were six ordinations and installations and one ordination, viz., Ezra Allen Cook, August 11, 1898, pastor Old Bethel Congregation, Illinois Presbytery; Renwick Harper Martin, February 1, College Hill Congregation, and Findley McClurkin Wilson, February 23, North Union Congregation, Pittsburgh Presbytery; Wm. John Sanderson, February 7, Cedarville Congregation, Lakes Presbytery; Arthur Argyle Samson, May 24, New Concord Congregation, and John Cargill Slater, May 25, Jonathan's Creek Congregation, Ohio Presbytery, and Calvin Augustine Dodd as a missionary to Syria, June 2, 1899, Pittsburgh Presbytery. There was a decrease of two. Rev. George Benaugh was certified to the Church in Ireland by the Ohio Presbytery, and Rev. James Alexander Thompson died at his home in College Springs, on the 18th of March. The net increase is five.

There are seventy-eight pastors, an increase of three; two have double charges. There were three dissolutions of the pastor's relation, viz., Rev. James Patton, October 14, Evans Congregation, Colorado Presbytery; Rev. J. Ralston Wylie, April 13, Long Branch Congregation, Kansas Presbytery, and Rev. J. F. Crozier,

May 9, Bear Run and Mahoning and Rehoboth Congregations, Pittsburgh Presbytery.

Of the forty-six unsettled ministers six are laboring under the direction of the Central Board, seven are foreign missionaries, two are professors in the Theological Seminary, two in Geneva College, two are stated supplies, three are engaged in reform work, three are in other employment and ten, on account of age or infirmity, are not able to engage actively in the work of the ministry.

Licentiates and Students.—Three students, all of the second year, were licensed, viz., Irving Aikin Blackwood, May 9, by Pittsburgh Presbytery; John McClean Johnson, May 10, by Iowa Presbytery, and Alpheus Waldo Stevenson, May 29, by Philadelphia Presbytery. They have a year yet to attend the Seminary in order to complete the course, five of the licentiates are natives under the care of the Syrian mission, one is a professor in Geneva College, one has charge of the mission among the Jews in Philadelphia, one has gone abroad, where he expects to remain a year, two have been appointed by Presbyteries to labor part of their time in congregations in mission stations, one of the students is a professor in Geneva College.

Communicants.—New Brunswick and Nova Scotia, Iowa, Lakes and New York Presbyteries and the Syrian Commission and forty-five congregations and mission stations report a net increase. Kansas, Pittsburgh, Colorado, Illinois, Ohio, Vermont, Philadelphia and Rochester Presbyteries and fifty-six congregations and stations, a net decrease. In six there is no change, while from eleven there are no returns. The total net decrease is sixty-eight.

Sabbath School and Young People's Societies.—The reported attendance in the former is 1,278 less than last year, and in the latter 269 less.

Contributions.—There is reported an increase in contributions to the Foreign Mission of \$2,450, Chinese Mission of \$1,669, of Home Mission, \$674, Southern Mission of \$37, Jewish Mission of \$377, Theological Seminary of \$119, Church Erection of \$4,140, of Salaries \$5,465, and in the total, of \$1,535, and a decrease in contributions to Sustentation of \$107, National Reform of \$484, Testimony Bearing of \$162, Aged Ministers' Fund of \$24, Widows' and Orphans' of \$75, and Miscellaneous of \$11,487. Six of the congregation have manses.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. SPROULL, *Stated Clerk.*

PHILADELPHIA PRESBYTERY.

Philadelphia Presbytery would respectfully report. During the year two regular and two special meetings have been held. In connection with our regular meetings a public conference is held when some subject of interest pertaining to the doctrine or work of the Church is discussed. We believe these conferences to be productive of good.

A very interesting and profitable Missionary Institute was arranged by a Committee of Presbytery and representatives of the different congregations and held in the Second Church, Philadelphia, May 23, 1899, afternoon and evening. Very encouraging audiences greeted the speakers at both sessions. A. W. Stevenson and Prof. T. H. P. Sailer on Foreign Mission work at the afternoon session, and Drs. A. Gilchrist and J. O. Campbell of the United Presbyterian Church spoke on Home Mission work at the evening session. All of the addresses were exceptionally fine, and Presbytery hopes for something practical in the mission work of our Church to be the result. Our congregations as reported last year number four: Conococheague still remaining a mission station. Our ordained ministers number nine. We have three licentiates, G. W. F. Benn, Moses Greenburg and A. W. Stevenson, the latter being licensed on May 29th. We have one student of theology, Robert Clark, who has completed one year's study in the Seminary. Mr. Greenburg is employed in mission work among the Jews in Philadelphia, and is ably assisted in his most difficult work by Mrs. Greenburg. They are doing nobly and should have the encouragement and support of the church.

The time of the following persons is at the disposal of Synod for appointments: The full time of W. M. Hunter, E. F. Sherman, F. Slater, G. W. F. Benn, and the vacation months of A. W. Stevenson. The Thanksgiving and Fast appointed by Synod were observed as usual. Our quota to traveling fund is reported full. Our Statistical Report was duly forwarded to the Stated Clerk of Synod.

R. C. MONTGOMERY, *Clerk.*

NEW YORK PRESBYTERY.

New York Presbytery would respectfully report:

Since the last meeting of Synod we have held two regular meetings and one adjourned meeting. We have fifteen congregations and sixteen ministers, one less than last year. Our vacancies are Kortright and White Lake. We have one licentiate, John H. Pritchard. Our unsettled ministers are Rusk and Raitt. We have one, Rev. A. I. Robb, a missionary in China. The full time of Rusk and Riatt is at the disposal of Synod, also that of John H. Pritchard after June. We ask the time of one laborer for the year. Mr. J. W. F. Carlisle is Chairman of our Committee on Supplies. Licentiate W. J. Sanderson having accepted a call from Cedarville, O., was transferred to Lakes Presbytery. Rev. S. R. Wallace having accepted a call from North Cedar, Kansas, was transferred to Kansas Presbytery. The congregations of our Presbytery, having pastors, each supplied Kortright with preaching one Sabbath during the winter. We recommend Mrs. Mary A. Yates and family to receive a share in the Fund for Widows and Children of Deceased Ministers.

Our Statistical Report was forwarded in due time, to the Stated Clerk of Synod. Our Traveling Fund is full, with the exception of Second Newburgh Congregation. We ask redress from Synod in view of the failure of this congregation to meet in full its obligation along the line of failure indicated.

Respectfully submitted,

SAMUEL McNAUGHER, *Clerk.*

N. B. AND N. S. PRESBYTERY.

The Presbytery of N. B. and N. S. would respectfully report that we have not held a regular meeting during the year, there being nothing of importance to call us together. Our work in the congregations is carried on in the usual manner. We cannot say that we do not need more laborers, but from our circumstances we cannot ask any other laborers to the field.

We recommend the Rev. Robert Stewart, Wilmot, N. S., for the usual amount from the Aged Ministers' Fund. We also recommend Mrs. Margaret Lawson, Barnesville, N. B., for her share in the fund for Widows of Deceased Ministers.

Our statistical report was duly forwarded.

Respectfully submitted,

H. E. MORTON, *Clerk.*

Per T. McFall.

VERMONT PRESBYTERY.

The Presbytery of Vermont would respectfully report :

That since the last meeting of Synod we have held one regular meeting.

The days of Fasting and Thanksgiving were observed in all our congregations.

The Presbytery noted the fact that the Ryegate Congregation has held its organization for one hundred years, having been organized in October, 1798. We commended this congregation to the Central Board for aid, to the extent of \$100.

We ask for no supplies.

The Presbytery appointed D. C. Faris Stated Supply at Ryegate for the coming year.

The application of the Barnet Congregation, for aid from the Sustentation Fund, was approved.

D. C. Faris was appointed to attend the Mission Conference; and also as Agent for the Traveling Fund, which was raised in full.

Our Statistics were duly forwarded to the Stated Clerk of Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

D. C. FARIS, *Clerk.*

ROCHESTER PRESBYTERY.

Rochester Presbytery would respectfully report :

Since the last meeting of Synod we have held two regular meetings and one called meeting. All our congregations, six in number, have still regularly settled pastors as reported last year. During the year the Lord's work has progressed regularly in all these congregations, and while in some an unusual number have been removed by death, yet we feel that the Lord has been with us for good.

In August last in connection with the fall meeting of the Presbytery at York, N. Y., there was held the second annual convention of the young people of the Presbytery, which was well attended and productive of good results to both the young people and Presbytery. At this Convention the young people presented a request to be organized into a union according to the recommendation of Synod. At the last meeting of Presbytery, Rochester, N. Y., May 30, 1899, Presbytery adopted a basis of union with the Covenant of 1871 as a bond.

In February last Presbytery at the request of the Covenanters residing in Rochester sent a laborer to that field for a term of six months, Licentiate James McCune, who is still laboring in that field.

We recommend Mrs. Lydia French for aid from the Widows' and Orphans' Fund.

Our Traveling Fund is full, and our Statistical Report has been forwarded to the Stated Clerk.

We ask for no supplies.

Respectfully submitted,

J. B. GILMORE, *Clerk.*

PITTSBURGH PRESBYTERY.

Since the last meeting of Synod, Pittsburgh Presbytery has held two regular and two called meetings, all of which were spirited and harmonious. The following changes have occurred in the Presbytery within the last year : Youngstown Congregation was disorganized June 20, 1898.

J. F. Crozier was on May 10, 1899, released from the pastoral charge of Bear Run and Mahoning and Rehoboth Congregations. R. H. Martin was ordained and installed pastor of College Hill Congregation, February 1, 1899.

F. M. Wilson was on Feb. 23, 1899, ordained and installed pastor of North Union Congregation. Licentiate J. C. Slater having received a call from Jonathan's Creek Congregation, was on May 10, 1899, transferred to Ohio Presbytery.

I. A. Blackwood, a third year student of theology under our care, was on the same day and date licensed to preach the Gospel.

There are thirty-six congregations in the Presbytery, one less than last year, and twenty-eight ministers, one more than last year.

The vacant congregations are Bear Run and Mahoning and Rehoboth, Brookland and Manchester, Clarksburgh, Salem and Middletown, although the last named has a stated supply, until next meeting of Presbytery. So, also have our two mission stations—Centreville and Youngstown.

Nineteen of our ministers are stated pastors, one of the number having a double charge, three acting as stated supplies part of their time, and one of them giving three-fourths of his time to Sabbath reform work. We have nineteen not in the pastorate—two Seminary professors, two College professors, one in the employ of the National Reform Association and another in that of Synod in the work of testimony bearing. Four are missionaries, three in the foreign and one in the home field. Seven, through infirmity, are incapacitated for work. One is disabled, and the full time of the remaining one is at the disposal of Synod. Our licentiates are J. M. Coleman, William McKinney, D. O. Jack, James McCune, M. M. Pearce, C. A. Dodds, R. J. G. McKnight, Jas. S. McGaw, J. K. Robb and I. A. Blackwood. Our students of theology are I. A. Blackwood, J. T. Mitchell and N. L. Euwer.

The full time of the following laborers is at the disposal of Synod: R. C. Allen, Jas. McCune, M. M. Pearce, D. O. Jack, R. J. G. McKnight, Jas. S. McGaw and J. K. Robb; also the vacation months of I. A. Blackwood. We ask the full time of one laborer for one year.

We also recommend East End Congregation to Synod for \$400, to help pay interest on church mortgage.

The following are recommended to Synod for their share in the Fund for Widows and Children of Deceased Ministers: Mrs. Nancy Reid, Mrs. Laura Speer, Mrs. D. G. Thompson and Mrs. Jas. Love; also the following for their share in the Fund for Aged Ministers: J. R. Baird, J. C. K. Faris, J. J. McClurkin. J. L. McCartney is also an applicant for aid from this Fund. Presbytery having received from the Board of Foreign Missions a request for the ordination of Licentiate C. A. Dodds, who has been appointed to the Mission in Syria, has made arrangements for his ordination and respectfully requests Synod to concur in his ordination in Mansfield, Ohio.

Our quota to the Traveling Fund is reported full.

Our Statistical Report was duly forwarded to Stated Clerk of Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

J. S. MARTIN, *Clerk.*

LAKES PRESBYTERY.

Lakes Presbytery would respectfully report :

During the Synodical year one regular meeting has been held, which was well attended on the part of both ministers and elders. Presbytery has under its care eight congregations and seven ministers—six of whom are pastors—and six hundred and fifteen

(615) communicants. All the congregations are supplied with regular preaching.

The mission station of Brush Creek has been abandoned. On this account there is a net decrease of three (3) communicants for the Presbytery, although in the organized congregations there is a net increase of twenty-one (21). At last Synod our Presbytery reported a gain in contributions of \$1,305.00. We again report a gain of \$512.00. A special effort has been made to reduce the Foreign Mission indebtedness.

Rev. T. C. Sproull has been continued as Stated Supply of Fair Grove Congregation for one-half time. The other half time is at the disposal of Synod.

Licentiate Walter McCarroll, having accepted an appointment of the Synod of Ireland to the charge of the Mission Church at Geelong, Australia, is now under the care of that Synod. W. J. Sanderson, having accepted a call to Cedarville Congregation, was ordained and installed pastor of that congregation, February 7, 1899, by a commission of Lakes Presbytery.

We have carefully looked into the Jewish Mission work under our care at Cincinnati. Miss Patterson reports an average of twenty (20) in the kindergarten, and the same average in the sewing class, two-thirds of these are Jews. There are also a mother's meeting and girl's class. The historical parts of the Old and New Testaments and Pilgrim's Progress have been carefully studied and the Scriptures memorized. The girls take part in prayer. We think the work should be continued, and ask the sum of \$500.00 at least.

The Presbytery appointed a Superintendent of Young People's Work, his duties for the first year being to correspond with the sessions and societies with a view to promote the purpose of Synod in obtaining unity of action among the young people.

As far as known the day of humiliation and prayer for the nation was observed by our congregations.

Presbytery's Statistical Report was duly forwarded to the Stated Clerk of Synod.

C. McLEOD SMITH, *Clerk.*

OHIO PRESBYTERY

The Ohio Presbytery would respectfully report :

We have held one regular meeting, one called meeting and two adjourned meetings during the year. The number of congregations remains unchanged, seven and one mission station. We now have four pastors in the Presbytery, A. A. Samson having been ordained and installed pastor of New Concord on May 24, and J. C. Slater, pastor of Jonathan's Creek, on May 25. George Benaugh, who was in Ireland at the time of our last report, received and accepted a call to a pastorate there, and was certified to the Western Presbytery. Dr. Cannon continues to grow more feeble in health. R. H. Martin and F. M. Wilson, at

the time of our last report licentiates under our care, received calls from College Hill and North Union Congregations respectively, which they accepted, and were transferred to the Pittsburgh Presbytery. R. B. Cannon is recommended for a share in the distribution of the Aged Ministers' Fund. Presbytery asks for the entire time of one laborer. So far as known to us the days of Fasting and Thanksgiving have been observed by the congregations under our care. Our Statistical Report was forwarded in due time.

Respectfully submitted,

J. S. THOMPSON, *Clerk.*

ILLINOIS PRESBYTERY.

Illinois Presbytery would respectfully report :

We have held one regular meeting during the year. We have nine congregations, the same as reported last year. We have six settled pastors, an increase of one since last year. Licentiate E. A. Crooks was received from Kansas Presbytery and ordained and installed pastor of Old Bethel Congregation, August 11, 1898. S. Kingston is Stated Supply at Selma.

St. Louis Congregation has made a call on Licentiate M. M. Pierce.

Staunton Congregation has been given the privilege of supplying itself for six months.

Staunton and St. Louis are the only vacancies in the Presbytery. No supplies are asked for.

Rev. M. A. Gault is engaged in editorial and reform work.

Mrs. W. F. George is recommended for her proportion in the distribution of the fund for the Support of Widows and Orphans of Ministers.

Our Statistical Report was forwarded in time.

Rev. D. S. Faris was elected his own successor on the Board of Corporators of Geneva College.

Respectfully submitted,

E. A. CROOKS, *Clerk.*

IOWA PRESBYTERY.

Iowa Presbytery would respectfully report :

We have held two regular meetings during the year. We have nine congregations and eight ministers under our care. Six congregations have settled pastors. First Chicago Congregation is under the care of the Central Board of Missions. Rev. J. Milligan Wylie has resigned the charge of First Chicago Congregation as missionary pastor, his resignation to take effect June 30.

Hopkinton and Hickory Grove are still without pastors. Hopkinton is self sustaining and we hope will soon secure a pastor.

Arrangements have been made to supply Hickory Grove Congregation for the year. Presbytery asks the full time of one man to supply Hopkinton Congregation. A call from New Concord, Ohio, on Licentiate A. A. Samson has been accepted by him and he has been transferred to Ohio Presbytery. Calls from Superior and Beulah Congregations, Kansas Presbytery, on S. J. Johnson, licentiate, have been received for presentation. Mr. Johnson has asked time to consider the calls.

Our Statistical Report was duly forwarded to the Stated Clerk of Synod.

John M. Johnson having completed two years of the course in the Theological Seminary, was licensed to preach May 10, 1899. He has secured passage for Ireland, expecting to spend the coming year among the brethren there.

The entire time of G. R. McBurney is at the disposal of Synod; also the time of J. Milligan Wylie, from the first of July.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. CAVAN, *Clerk.*

KANSAS PRESBYTERY.

Kansas Presbytery would respectfully report :

We have held two regular meetings since our last report. We have under our care sixteen congregations and one mission station—Cache Creek Mission among the Indians.

Of these, eight have settled pastors; two, Wahoo and Topeka, are under the Central Board; six receive supplies through Presbytery, Superior, Beulah, Quinter, Holmwood, North Cedar and Long Branch. The first four just mentioned through the help of Presbytery and Synod's Board maintain preaching for about one-third time. The Congregation of Sterling, Kansas, has been recommended to the Board of Sustentation for aid to the amount of \$500.

Calls are pending in the Congregations of North Cedar, Beulah and Superior.

We have now on our roll sixteen (16) ministers; eight have regular pastorates; W. W. Carithers is laboring in the Indian Mission; Elmer McBurney is laboring as a missionary in China; Rev. J. Boggs Dodds is laboring as a missionary at Suadia, Syria; J. M. Littlejohn is laboring in the Medical College of Osteopathy at Kirksville, Mo.

Two former licentiates under our care, having accepted calls, have been dismissed; Mr. E. A. Crook to Illinois Presbytery, and Mr. A. M. Thompson was given a letter of standing, introducing him to the Reformed Presbyterian Church of Ireland.

One of our ministers within the year has been called from service to reward, Rev. J. A. Thompson, of College Springs, Ia. Mr. Thompson, after a service in the work of the ministry of nearly forty-two years, fell asleep at College Springs, March 18, 1899.

There is at the disposal of Synod the one-half time of Rev. R. A. Paden.

The following persons are recommended for aid to the fund for Widows and Orphans of Deceased Ministers :

Mrs. W. W. McMillan, for.....	\$250
Mrs. J. H. Wylie, for.....	250
Mrs. Belle T. Dodds, for.....	200

Questions of needed reform have received attention at our meetings of Presbytery and in the regular work of the pastors. At our last meeting one evening was given to Foreign and Domestic Missions and another evening to the subject of National Reform. The thirtieth anniversary of the organization of the Winchester Congregation was celebrated at the fall meeting of Presbytery at Winchester in September, 1898, with an appropriate and helpful program by pastor, people and Presbytery.

Our Statistical Report has been forwarded. We ask for the full time of one laborer.

Upon information received from College Springs Congregation the Congregation was dissolved by Presbytery.

The pastoral relation existing between J. Ralston Wylie and Long Branch Congregation was dissolved April 13, 1899.

A Memorial concerning Greek Baptism has been laid on Synod's table.

Kansas City Congregation was recommended by Kansas Presbytery to the enjoyment of the same arrangement as before.

WM. C. PADEN, *Clerk of Kas. Pres.*

COLORADO PRESBYTERY.

Colorado Presbytery would respectfully report :

We have held one regular meeting during the year. We have four ministers, four congregations, two of which have settled pastors, and 241 communicants. There has been, during the year, an increase of twenty and a decrease of sixteen. There were \$3,758 contributed to the various benevolent objects. E. H. Buck, licentiate, has been laboring during the year at La Junta. J. M. Wylie was certified to Iowa Presbytery. James Patton was released from the pastorate of Evans Congregation October 14, 1898. J. M. Armour is recommended for \$400 from the Aged Ministers' Fund. We ask for three-fourths time of one laborer.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES PATTON, *Clerk.*

Committee on Supplies reported. Report was received, adopted, and is as follows :

Supplies.

The Committee on Supplies would report that we have prepared the following schedule of appointments :

Allen: Pittsburgh, June, July, August, September, October; Iowa, December, January, February; Rochester, November, March; Illinois, April, May.

Benn: Kansas, June; Colorado, July; Iowa, August; Illinois, September; Pittsburgh, October, November, December; New York, January, February, March, April; Rochester, May.

Blackwood: Iowa, June, July; Kansas, August; New York, May.

Hunter: Philadelphia, June, July, August, September, October, November; Pittsburgh, December, January, February; Ohio, March, April May.

Jack: Ohio, June, July, August; Kansas, September, October; Illinois, November, December; Iowa, January, February; Lakes, March, April, May.

McGaw: Kansas, June, July; Colorado, August, September; Iowa, October, November; Illinois, December, January; Lakes, February, March; Ohio, April, May.

McBurney: Iowa, June, July, August; Colorado, September, October, November; Kansas, December, January, February; Pittsburgh, March, April, May.

McCune: New York, September, October, November; Pittsburgh, December, January, February; Ohio, March, April; Kansas, May.

McKnight: Iowa, June, July; Kansas, August, September; Illinois, October, November; Ohio, December, January, February; Pittsburgh, March; New York, April; Philadelphia, May.

Pearce: New York, June, July, August; Philadelphia, September, October; Iowa, November, December; Ohio, January, February, March; Pittsburgh, April, May.

Paden: Kansas, June, July, August; Iowa, September, October, November.

Pritchard: New Brunswick and Nova Scotia, July, August, September; Ohio, October, November, December; Rochester, January; Illinois, February, May; Kansas, April; Iowa, March.

Robb: Pittsburgh, June, July, August; Ohio, September, October, November; Kansas, December, April, May; Colorado, January, February; Iowa, March.

Raitt: New York, December, January, February, March; April, May; Rochester, June, July; Pittsburgh, August, September; Ohio, October, November.

Rusk: New York, June—May and intervening months.

Slater: Philadelphia, December—May and intervening months; Lakes, June, July, August; Pittsburg, September, October, November.

Sherman: Philadelphia, November—May and intervening months; New York, September, October; Vermont, June, July, August.

Sproull: Iowa, September, October; Kansas, November, December; Illinois, January, February.

Stevenson: New York, June 4th, July, August; Philadelphia, June 2nd and 3rd; Kansas, May.

J. M. Wylie: Iowa, July 1st and 2nd; Ohio, July 3rd and 4th; New York, August; Rochester, September; Pittsburgh, October;

Lakes, November; Iowa, December, January, February; Kansas, March, April, May.

Johnston: Iowa, June, July, August.

J. R. Wylie: Kansas, June—May and intervening months.

Buck: Colorado, June—May and intervening months.

We recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

1. That the Central Board of Missions be appointed the Interim Committee on Supplies.

2. In view of the fact that less than 30 per cent. of the time of supplies is asked for, Synod hereby instruct the Interim Committee on Supplies to give no appointments to anyone under salary for full time.

Signed,

R. C. REED,
D. C. MARTIN,
J. M. WYLIE,
S. R. DAVIS,
I. C. ROBB.

Judicial Committee reported. Report was received, adopted and is as follows:

Judicial Committee.

The Judicial Committee appointed by you to consider the complaint of J. Ralston Wylie and others against Kansas Presbytery would respectfully report:

That the case was taken up and issued in the regular form, all the twenty-two members of the committee being present. The time consumed in the hearing was between four and five hours, the decision after the removal of the parties being reached with but little discussion and without a dissenting voice. The counts in the complaint were voted upon separately, and items one, two, three and four were not sustained. With regard to the fifth item the following action was taken, that "while the steps employed by the Presbytery in dissolving the pastoral relationship were not in detail and technically in harmony with our rules of procedure, we regard its course as substantially correct, and do not sustain the complaint."

We recommend therefore that the complaint of J. Ralston Wylie and others against Kansas Presbytery be not sustained.

C. D. TRUMBULL, *Chairman.*

J. Ralston Wylie entered his protest and dissent against the action of Synod in adopting the report of the Judicial Committee, as follows:

Protest and Dissent.

Reasons for protest and dissent from the action of Synod in the case of the complaint of members of Long Branch Congregation against the action of Kansas Presbytery. We dissent from and protest against said action for the following reasons:

First.—It justifies partiality in the action of church courts. We believe with the signers of the complaint, that there was partiality in the action of Kansas Presbytery.

Second.—It justifies action of church courts based on private secret influences. We believe with the signers of the complaint, that there were such influences in this case.

Third.—It justifies persons in complaining against church courts with reference to matters which they refuse to bring before said courts, as shown by the admission of all parties connected with this case.

Fourth.—It approves of a libel without specifications or when the crime charged is made the specification. This is shown in the libel sent to Long Branch session by Kansas Presbytery.

Fifth.—It justifies arbitrary and partial proceedings, the binding of persons contrary to and beyond their consent, when their consent is necessary to the bond, and the binding of one party to a bond when the others are let go free, as shown in action of Kansas Presbytery through its committee in this case.

Sixth.—It places the majority of a congregation under the control of the minority, as shown by the array of names in this case; 55 to 33.

Seventh.—It destroys the usefulness, and puts in jeopardy the life of Long Branch Congregation. Such action as this is one cause of the withholding of the Spirit and the diminishing of the strength of our church.

J. R. WYLIE.

JOHN H. WALKINSHAW.

The Judicial Committee were appointed to answer Mr. Wylie's protest and dissent.

Thanks were returned to New York brethren for invitation to Ecumenical conference. Synod took recess until 2 o'clock.

Prayer by R. J. Gault.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Same place, 2 o'clock, June 6, 1899.

Synod came to order and was opened with prayer by R. J. Gault.

Calling of the roll was omitted.

Committee on Records of Presbyteries reported:

Committees on the records of Iowa, Lakes, Illinois, Kansas, Vermont, Rochester and New York Presbyteries reported that they had examined said records and found in them nothing contrary to the law and order of the church.

The records of New Brunswick and Nova Scotia Presbytery were not present.

Records of Colorado Presbytery are correct except that on p. 73 no mention is made of a judicial act dissolving the pastoral relation between Rev. James Patton and Evans Congregation.

R. M. BLACKWOOD,
S. C. PATTERSON,
J. B. GILMORE,
T. J. ALLEN,
J. R. WYLIE.

Records of Philadelphia Presbytery are correct except that the minutes of the special meeting of March 1, 1898, on page 111, have not been signed by the Moderator; the minutes of pp. 106 and 116 are signed by the Clerk instead of the Clerk *pro tem*.

L. MEYER,
A. J. MCFARLAND, SR.,
R. H. MARTIN,
D. CAMPBELL,
T. D. RUSSELL.

Records of Ohio Presbytery are correct except that the minutes on page 176 have not been signed by the Moderator. This is because the Moderator has withdrawn to the Church in Ireland.

R. J. GAULT,
D. C. FARIS,
J. R. LATIMER,
WM. ESLER.

Records of Pittsburgh Presbytery are correct except that on pages 189 and 190 the records of a commission do not show that they have ever been approved by the commission.

W. C. ALLEN,
J. R. W. STEVENSON,
J. RALSTON WYLIE,
T. NELSON,
I. J. DEWEY.

Report of Committee on Temperance was taken from the table.

Report was adopted and is as follows:

Temperance.

In reporting on any department of the church's work, it is cheering to be able to record progress. This we are able to do. If we look at the Church—the entire Christian Church—it is manifest how much she has advanced in the past half century. The progress made by our own Church was very succinctly stated in the report of last year. It is cheering to look out over the other Protestant churches, and note how the line has advanced, with them, as well as with ourselves.

The standard of personal sobriety is high in all the churches.

The testimony against the drink habit is clear and scriptural in all the churches; and when church courts speak upon the question of the liquor traffic, there is a very clear and correct position taken.

The religious press is exerting a mighty influence on the side of temperance, and is outspoken in its rebuke of the evil in whatever form it presents itself.

The noble band of Christian women, organized in the W. C. T. U. is not a whit less efficient in the past year than heretofore, but is awake to every opportunity, and active in each emergency—always on the side of God and sobriety.

We must notice the evidences of progress in another direction.

And in the successes gained for the time by the liquor traffic, we claim the right to note progress in the cause of Temperance.

The successes of the slave power proved in the end to be only stages of progress in the cause of freedom. So it is in the present struggle. We note with profound gratitude the enforcement of order of Secretary Long prohibiting the sale of intoxicants to the sailors and marines in the navy.

While we rejoice that the demand of the temperance sentiment of the country crystallized in the law which absolutely prohibited the sale of liquors in the army canteen, we do most emphatically condemn the course followed by the Secretary of War, acting in accordance with the decision of Attorney General, in setting aside the law, and thereby continuing in the army, this deplorable evil; and we express our disappointment and regret that the President fails to exercise the authority vested in him, whereby he could and ought to order the enforcement of the law. And yet we note this as progress. It means a prolonging of the shame of the nation, and the wrong done to her armed defenders, but it means the approach of a crisis.

The first shipment made to the newly attained possessions of the United States in the Pacific was a large consignment of beer.

Our breadstuffs, our meats, our manufactured goods, our books, our Bibles, our missionaries all were side-tracked, and the beer train was given right of way. We send, first bullets and then beer—these to civilize the heathen of these islands.

The Industrial Exposition, to be opened shortly in Philadelphia, asks license to sell; and the officers of the University of Pennsylvania, after stating that they have always heretofore protested against opening a drinking place near to the institution, satisfy themselves in this case by asking that in this case the license shall expire with the closing of the exposition.

These and many other important facts impress us with the feeling that we are approaching a serious hour in the conflict. But we know that the cause is right, and the law of God demands prohibition, and we are assured that it will ultimately prevail.

We recommend the following :

1. That Synod respectfully but most earnestly protest against the action of the Secretary of War and the Attorney General in the course pursued by them in which the law prohibiting the sale of liquors in the army canteen, was rendered inoperative.

2. We reiterate the third item of the report of last year, and emphasize its importance. It is as follows: That we especially protest against the opening of saloons near schools and colleges as a crime against the youth, and condemn the conduct of those teachers and professors who advocate and defend a system that would degrade and destroy the noble youth of the church and nation; and we counsel parents to send their children to no school where the professors do not wage an uncompromising warfare against the saloon.

3. We recommend that the fourth Sabbath of November be observed as Temperance Day.

4. The present position of the church on the tobacco question is a very advanced position, if one compare it with her attitude on the same question twenty-five years ago. Sessions are not allowed to ordain to the office of elder or deacon any who use it until they promise to refrain; Presbyteries are directed to refuse license or ordination to the ministry to any applicant who uses tobacco, and who will not cease its use. It is time that an advance step is taken. We recommend first that sessions be now enjoined, when examining applicants for full privileges in the Church, to carefully inquire concerning the tobacco habit, and insist that the young shall keep themselves pure.

Resolved, That the officers of this Synod be authorized to address the President of the United States in the name of the Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, to most respectfully and earnestly urge and implore him as the commander of the armies of the United States and as responsible to the nation and accountable to God for the moral and physical well being of the sons of the nation enrolled in her armies to interpose his authority and prohibit the sale of intoxicating drinks in the army canteens.

Second. The Synod believes that the time is not distant when our position against the use, manufacture or sale of tobacco will take definite form, and become incorporated in our testimony.

Respectfully submitted,

T. P. ROBB,
J. G. REED,
M. A. GAULT,
JAMES D. LATHAM,
WM. ANDERSON.

Report of Committee on Psalmody was taken from the table, and was taken up item by item for adoption :

Items one, two and four were adopted.

Item three was stricken out.

Report was laid on the table for the present.

Committee on Evangelistic Work reported. Report was received, adopted, and is as follows :

Evangelistic Work.

Your Committee on Evangelistic Work would report as follows :

First. We find that there is urgent need for greater evangelistic effort. "The harvest truly is great, but the laborers are few." Not but what there are plenty idle in the market place—plenty who might be laborers and ought to be, plenty who know the glad tidings of salvation, plenty who are ready to preach, but "How shall they preach except they be sent?" The "laborers," those actually laboring, are few. Twenty-nine licensed ministers applied through Synod to the Church for work last year, while the Church through the Presbyteries was offering employment for less than one-fifth that number, and then gave the Presbyteries only one-fourth the amount needed to meet their obligations to that fifth. And all this while the fields are white to the harvest, and many a sheaf within fields in reach of our Church, which otherwise might have been saved, is being lost through neglect. Yes, we find urgent need for greater evangelistic effort. The Church needs it; the ministry needs it; the unevangelized need it; the country needs it; it is the crying need of the hour and of the world.

Second. We find the Reformed Presbyterian Church eminently fitted to do evangelistic work. We find her with an organization conforming more nearly than that of any other to the church organized by the apostles under the direction of the Head of the Church Himself. We find her with a Declaration and Testimony more comprehensive and more scriptural than any other, and yet maintained by more consistent practice. We find her in possession of the divine oracles intact, and with no disposition to join the self-styled "Higher Critics" in their mad attempt at Biblical dissection. We find her with an educated and consecrated ministry, and with excellent facilities for training all who consecrate themselves to her service. We find her unhampered by the modern professional evangelist under the burden of which nearly all other denominations are groaning to-day. We find her ministry very generally ready to appropriate to themselves the admonition of Paul to Timothy, "Do the work of an evangelist." We find her well-fitted for evangelistic work as to the location of her forces. With one or more positions in almost every important city of our country, ready to grapple courageously with the problem of city evangelization, with many positions in the country furnishing excellent basis of operation for country evangelization, with one of the most commanding of all the positions yet held by any among the colored people, from which she faces unflinchingly the problem of negro evangelization, with a stronger and more effective position than any which even the National Government holds among the red men, with positions

in the land of the unspeakable Turk, and even in the land of Sinim, from which she is ready to penetrate the strongholds of heathenism with the word that is quick and powerful, and heathen darkness with the light "which lighteth every man that cometh into the world."

We therefore recommend:

First. That prayer be made to God unceasingly by pastors and sessions and members all, that God may clothe them with the power needed to operate all this machinery of the Church for the evangelization of the world.

Second. That we show our faith by our works, by making diligent use of all means at our command, such as the Sabbath School, the Young People's Society, and every available member of the Church, in persistent effort to bring all the unevangelized within reach of these different positions held by the Church into contact with gospel truth, directing our efforts especially to the young as the most susceptible.

Third. That arrangement be made to hold a conference of pastors and elders on this subject of evangelistic work during the sessions of the Synod of 1900, at which, if possible, plans for more aggressive work in this line shall be devised, discussed and adopted.

A. J. MCFARLAND, JR.,
R. J. GAULT,
ROBT. MCCRORY,
A. M. ARMSTRONG.

Committee.

Report of Committee on National Reform was taken from the table. Report was adopted as a whole and is as follows:

National Reform.

The year has been one of unusual activity and interest in our national life. The stirring events through which the nation has passed; the new international problems which have arisen demanding the highest wisdom and the broadest statesmanship for their solution; the intricate and difficult questions affecting the social and political life of the nation, such as the race problem in the South, and the industrial problem everywhere; the combinations of the forces of evil represented by the friends of the liquor traffic and the enemies of the Holy Sabbath; the alarming growth of secret oath-bound organizations menacing the dearest interests of the family, the State and the Church; and the manifest ripening of events for the great decisive struggle between good and evil have forced to the front questions concerning the kingdom of God. The reports on the Sabbath, Temperance and Secret Orders present different phases of the conflict; this report has to do chiefly with the work as carried forward under the auspices of the National Reform Association, the only voluntary society to which our Synod makes a large annual appropriation.

I.—OFFICERS.

The general officers of the National Reform Association are Rev. S. F. Scovel, D. D., President; Rev. W. J. Smiley, Secretary; Rev. Dr. R. C. Wylie, Corresponding Secretary, and Rev. Dr. McAllister, Treasurer.

The affairs of the association are managed by an executive committee consisting at present of forty-seven members, of whom seventeen are United Presbyterians, four Presbyterians, fourteen Reformed Presbyterians, one Reformed Presbyterian, General Synod, one Congregational, one Reformed, one Independent.

The following members of the committee are from one church, viz., the members from our church are: D. McAllister, T. P. Stevenson, H. H. George, R. C. Wylie, J. W. Sproull, D. C. Martin, J. S. Martin, W. M. Glasgow, Thos E. Greacen, Wm. Blair, A. B. Copeland, Jno. A. Dodds, D. Chestnut and R. M. Downie.

The officers of the Executive Committee are: Professor John McNaugher, President; Rev. S. B. Smiley, Secretary. There is also a sub-committee which directs the business in the interim of the meetings of the Executive Committee. At present it consists of Professor John McNaugher, Chairman; Rev. R. C. Wylie, Secretary; D. S. Littell, D. McAllister, W. J. Robinson, D. C. Martin and D. Chestnut.

The Executive Committee meets quarterly and the sub-committee monthly.

II.—LABORERS.

The laborers employed for the past year were: Dr. H. H. George and Professor J. R. Dill, of our church; Rev. W. H. McMaster and S. H. Graham, of the United Presbyterian Church, for the whole time; and Revs. R. M. Blackwood, J. S. Martin, of our church, part time. Mr. Graham was especially authorized to secure a permanent roll of paying members at the rate of at least \$1 a year.

The other laborers have been employed in holding meetings and conventions and in circulating literature.

III.—CONVENTIONS.

Conventions were held at Washington, Los Angeles, Cal., Denver, Colo., and Boston, Mass. These conventions are all reported as having been of unusual interest. Of the California convention, which was in wholly new territory, Dr. George says: "The preparatory steps met no opposition worth naming, an occasional agnostic or other senseless enemy of Christianity would utter a faint growl, but the convention was held in the Y. M. C. A. hall, with a large audience at the first session and increasing at every successive session till the hall, seating from 800 to 1,000, was well filled with the best people of the city. The convention passed a series of ringing resolutions endorsing in the fullest terms the approved form of the Christian amendment to the Constitution of the United States, and by a rising vote extended thanks to the N. A. R. Secretary and invited his return."

The Boston convention was held under the auspices of the New England Auxiliary Association, of which Rev. J. M. Foster is President. Of it Mr. Foster says: "Our National Reform convention was excellent. The American Citizen gave two pages for a report the next week and one page additional the following week. These reports were sent to several hundred ministers. The Journal, the Globe and the Herald gave at least a column each to the convention." Secretary Dill's work is in the line of Reform Institutes, extending over several successive days and embracing various reform topics, including the Christian amendment. Mr. Dill says: "My labors have been intense and almost incessant summer and winter. No time for vacation. My average number of meetings for the year ranges from 150 to 175. The total amount received from all sources during the Synodical year was \$732.14. In observing the most rigid economy my expenses for board and travel were about \$200, leaving a balance for support of family of about \$532.14."

Secretary Dill's work has been very highly commended.

The Corresponding Secretary furnishes the following additional items:

"Rev. W. H. McMaster reports a good deal of work done in the South and a wide open door. Dr. T. P. Stevenson during the past year addressed the Pennsylvania State Teachers' Association at Bellefonte, the Summer School for Teachers at Huntingdon, the Conference of Teachers and Officers at Sunbury, and the Lawrence County Teachers' Association at New Castle. He has given a course of lectures at Wooster University, Indiana University, at Franklin and Marshall College, Pennsylvania. He has published a document on 'The Right and Duty of Teachers to Inculcate Christian Citizenship.' A school of methods to prepare workers for efficient services was held on College Hill last July. The success of the school justified the efforts of its promoters, and a similar school is contemplated next summer."

IV.—LITERATURE.

A new edition of the National Reform Manual, by Dr. McAllister, was issued this year and is being widely circulated. A copy was sent to nearly every Protestant theological seminary in the United States. Dr. R. C. Wylie prepared an elaborate report on the Bible in the schools, which was issued in tract form. It contains a fund of valuable information on constitutional provisions in the States and legal decisions affecting the use of the Bible in the schools. Dr. Wylie says: "The whole investigation shows that there is a vain effort to mingle the Christian and the secular theories of education so as to pacify all classes with the result of satisfying no class thoroughly."

Mention should also be made of a large work done by Rev. J. M. Foster in preparing articles for the press. He says: "I have published twelve articles in the Morning Star. The American Citizen has printed I do not know how many for me on

Christ the King, the Bible and the Nations; the Bible in the Schools, etc. The Scottish American has printed all that I have sent on National Reform. The Boston Globe has printed several sermons on National Reform and Political Dissent."

Rev. R. C. Allen has published at his own expense a treatise on The Fundamental Principles of Civil Government, and Rev. J. F. Crozier a treatise on Peace and Arbitration, both of which have been favorably received and commented on by National Reform leaders. All in all the year has been one of great activity and encouraging results.

The Committee recommends:

1. That Synod reiterate its former declarations of devotion to the cause of National Reformation and Christian Civil Government.

2. That the National Reform Association be commended to the continued support of our people on the same conditions as heretofore.

3. That congregations be permitted to include the membership fees paid to the National Reform Association by their people in making up their quotas to this fund.

4. That the naming of the amount to be appropriated to this cause for the year and appointing a day for the collection be referred to the Committee on Finance.

R. J. GEORGE,
R. C. REED,
THOMAS PATON,
SAMUEL McNAUGHER, SR.,

Committee.

Committee on Testimony Bearing reported. Report was received, adopted, and is as follows:

Testimony Bearing.

The most remarkable thing we have to report from the record of the year past is that the door seems to be wide open to those who are willing to go out and present the whole testimony of the Covenanter Church in regard to the duty of the nation and of every Christian citizen to confess and hold loyally to the Lord Jesus Christ as King of nations. People in general could not be said to demand this truth, they are seldom ready to act on it, but they are willing to hear it. Whether this readiness to hear is due to an increasing spirit of tolerance, or to an indifference to all truth, or whether it is due to a profound dissatisfaction with the results of our political system as now carried on, or to all these causes combined, the fact remains that there is now before us an open door.

Dr. McFarland, who has followed up his work this year as in the years past, reports a growing willingness to listen patiently to his message. As each of the three ministers appointed by last Synod declined successively to accept the appointment to devote

their whole time to this work, your committee employed four ministers for a month each, the Rev. G. M. Robb, of Rochester Presbytery; Rev. E. F. Sherman, of Philadelphia Presbytery; Rev. T. P. Robb, of Iowa Presbytery, and W. J. Coleman, of Pittsburgh Presbytery. These all concur in this one report that people in general are willing to listen to the whole truth on this subject. While some of these have on occasions spoken only a part of the message or have spoken on related topics, they report that the addresses that awoke the most interest and secured the most friends for their cause were those that presented our political testimony in its fulness.

One conclusion we draw from these facts is that there is no use in stopping with a part of the testimony when ample opportunity can be secured to tell it all. Another is that there is a field white to the harvest in the neighborhood of most of our congregations as is demonstrated by the visits of our lecturers and that our ministers with the help of their elders and members can, without traveling very far, find great and what should be considered precious opportunities to do valiant work for their country and their King. We draw this conclusion also that the Head of the Church having called, fitted and trained her to be a witness for his royal rights means by this door set open before her to teach our Church that the time has come, the appointed time, for her to awake and put on her strength, to arise and shine.

The total receipts for the past year were \$1,528.86.

The balance in the hands of the treasurer May 1, was \$580.04.

We submit the following recommendations :

1. That the appropriation for this cause be at least as large as in years past—\$4,000—and that all our people be exhorted to contribute liberally for the support of this work.
2. That Dr. A. J. McFarland be reappointed to continue in this work.
3. That the committee be empowered to employ such additional laborers for a limited time as the funds in hand will permit.
4. That the circulation of the literature provided on the subject of loyalty to the King of nations be encouraged.
5. That our ministers and members who can speak be stirred up to go out and present the truth concerning the royal rights of our Lord Jesus to those who are willing to hear but have not yet heard this gospel of the kingdom.
6. That all our members be encouraged to pray for the political conversion of this people and of their government to Christ and seek the blessing of the Father on the rod of his strength sent out of Zion.

W. J. COLEMAN,
OLIVER WYLIE,
B. M. SHARP,
R. J. GAULT,
JNO. T. MORTON.

Report of Committee on Systematic Beneficence was taken from the table.

Items 1, 2, 3 and 4 were adopted.

Report was adopted as a whole, and is as follows :

Systematic Beneficence.

The Committee on Systematic Beneficence respectfully offers the following report :

This Committee has endeavored to keep the importance of systematic beneficence and the duty of liberal giving before the Church during the entire year. For this purpose the "Christian Nation" and the "Olive Trees" have kindly given space in their columns, and more than fifty brief communications have been published.

We herewith recount some of the subjects touched upon during the year, to indicate the line of our efforts, also the need of the Church. We have constantly aimed to illuminate every point with the Scriptures.

I. Faith and the Church's Finances.

1. There must be faith in God. "Believe in God." The Church belongs to God, and He will take care of her. No wealthy father ever provided for his daughter so cheerfully as the Lord provides for His Church. He furnishes the grace; He likewise provides the gold. We should most confidently expect Him to do this. We should pray to Him to do it, and look for the fulfillment of our prayers. If the Church has abundance, it is by His power; and if she suffers poverty it is by His will. And perhaps her lack of material funds at times is because of her trust in material means.

2. The Lord's promises should be believed. Many great and precious promises have been attached to the duty of giving material support to the Church. Though the Lord sustains her, and His care is both constant and efficient, yet He does this work through His people. "This honor is to all His saints." The privilege of providing money to sustain the Church, her ordinances and her missions, is offered to all, and thrust upon none. They who accept the privilege with a cheerful and liberal spirit shall have their reward. According to the promise, they shall prosper both in their spiritual and temporal callings. The windows of Heaven shall be open and the blessings shall come upon them in showers. The fulfillment of these promises should be expected. But we might ask, Who really acts upon the promises?

3. The threatenings of the Lord ought to produce fear and trembling. God regards illiberality as a great sin. Withholding what ought to be given, or giving with a grudge, is a grievous offence against the Lord, which will meet with His righteous wrath. Against it He has pronounced judgments, both temporal and spiritual. The "true riches" are withheld from the soul, and it languishes in a miserable state of poverty. However, the

stroke falls more visibly upon the earthly estate. Prosperity declines, business suffers, crops fail, expenses increase, savings grow less. God's great goodness may retard or lessen the punishment; yet it is so full of terrors that all should fear and tremble at the thought of disobedience. God's face is set against the churl.

II. Reasons for Greater Liberality.

1. The church is not at present sufficiently sustained. Many laborers are receiving an incompetent support. Others, waiting to be sent, are detained at home for lack of means. The forces employed in our missions are nowhere as strong as the work requires. Proper encouragement is lacking to induce our young people to prepare themselves for the great work of the Gospel.

2. Greater liberality is needed because the work of the Church should be ever-increasing. This is the law of life, and the law of the Kingdom. The stone cut out of the mountain without hands must increase until it fill the whole earth. The river of life must become broader and deeper till it expands into a sea. Our Church work must grow; and the expenses must be according to the work; and the liberality should keep pace with the expenses. A debt on the missions is a calamity and a dishonor. Greater liberality is required.

3. The work at present appeals loudly for help. The world is one vast mission-field. Even the lands where the evangelical churches are strongest are only checkered sections on the great map. Within their borders many are perishing, while dense populations in heathen countries are being engulfed in death without having heard of a Saviour. Also the gates of the nations are everywhere open for the messengers of Christ. The broad harvest is white and ready for the reapers. In our own land multitudes are willing and eager to learn the covenant truth we hold as a heritage for all people. To meet this imperial call of the world's great King and Saviour, which is as "the noise of many waters and as the voice of mighty thunders," and "waxes louder and louder," the people must arise and distinguish themselves, with the grace of liberality far above all they have hitherto exhibited.

III. The Methods Employed for Raising Church Funds.

1. We may first mention the lack of method. They who are unmethodical in this service appear to be greatly in the majority. Many give as they feel inclined; others as they *feel* able; others as they *feel* when they see the subscription list. This manner of giving is much like unto icicles on fruit trees, and must disappear before the breath of the "south wind" to give place to flowers and fruit.

2. The tithe system is encouragingly coming into use. It makes a strong appeal to those who pause sufficiently to exercise heart and conscience in the duty of giving. We believe this spirit of inquiry is taking hold upon the people. And were we as a Synod to adopt measures for their systematic education in this department of Christian service, doubtless the large majority

would be quickly led to give the tenth, the treasuries of our Boards would soon be overflowing, and the Church would feel an impetus of holy life and energy that would carry her far beyond her present bounds.

3. Thorough consecration should be urged as the goal of duty and blessedness in this service of giving. Giving as we feel able, or are inclined, is infantile, the instinctive actions of a babe without knowledge. The duty of giving the tithe is clearly Scriptural. Over and above this the free-will offering affords opportunity and encouragement for the largest measure of liberality.

We submit to Synod the following recommendations :

1. That Synod recognizes gratefully the efforts of the members of the Church to meet the increasing demands upon their liberality for the work of the Gospel.

2. That the Boards report to Synod the amount of money that can be wisely used in every work of the Church under their care, and that the call for funds be based upon this report.

3. That ministers teach, preach, practice and pray with all confidence that the time has come for the Church greatly to enlarge her work on every side ; knowing also that the Lord holds the needed funds somewhere in human hands, and has power over all hearts.

4. That Synod's standing Committee on Systematic Beneficence, in whatever way they may deem most practical and effective, keep permanently before the Church the doctrine of Christian stewardship, the duty of wisely and diligently using all we possess for the glory of the Lord.

J. C. McFEETERS,
S. J. CROWE,
W. W. CARITHERS,
A. ALEXANDER,
WILSON DOUGHERTY.

Committee on Finance reported. Report was received, and was taken up item by item for adoption.

Items 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12 were adopted.

Item 13 was amended and adopted.

Items 14, 15, 16, 17 and 18 were adopted.

Item 19, referred to the Board of Control of Benevolent Funds.

Items 20, 21 and 22 were adopted.

Report of Committee of Finance was laid on the table for the present.

Report of Committee on Psalmody was taken from the table.

Item 3 was changed.

Report was adopted as a whole, and is as follows :

Psalmody.

Your Committee have limited their attention to a single practical aspect of the subject of Psalmody.

Among evangelical Christians generally the distinction between an inspired psalm, hymn, or song, and an uninspired one is so clear as to need no discussion. But the distinction as to the proper use of these perfectly distinct productions is not so clear. If this latter distinction can in some measure be accurately drawn it may prove to be of practical advantage.

Starting with the conceded distinction between psalms, hymns and spiritual songs which constitute the Psalter of the inspired Word of God, and psalms, hymns and spiritual songs which, whatever their excellence in other respects, can have no claim to that divine honor, it may fairly be inferred that productions so distinct in their nature can and should be used in such a way as to guard against any possible confounding or obscuring of that distinction.

Obviously this distinction in the nature of things is obscured when the two classes of productions are gathered indiscriminately, either by promiscuous intermingling or in separate sections, in the same manual of praise. The Bible Psalter, in any language, in a faithful rendering in either prose or meter, is a part of God's inspired Word. Selections from this Psalter, whether so few and brief as to serve on a slip of paper for a single service, or constituting any considerable portion of the whole, are marked off by the sharpest possible distinction from all that is uninspired. The same is true of this Psalter when it may contain, with or without music, the prose in whole or in part for chanting, and a single metrical version or the largest possible variety of metres of each Psalm. To introduce any uninspired hymn into this Bible Manual of Praise as a whole, or into any selection larger or smaller made from it, can be nothing else than the unequal yoking of the inspired and the uninspired, the divine and the human. Sound Christian sentiment now condemns very generally the binding of apocryphal books of either Old or New Testament times together with the Canonical books of the Word of God, even as an appendix. And not for a moment would their promiscuous intermingling with the books of inspiration be tolerated. Must not this same sound Christian sentiment forbid the similar confounding of the inspired and the uninspired in the Church's manual of praise?

Christian sentiment very generally recognizes the distinction between the reading of God's Word as an act of worship or devotion, private, domestic, or public, and all other reading. There is little danger of confounding the reading of the Bible at the family altar, for example, or even at the opening of one of our public schools, with any other exercise of reading. An exclusive place is almost unanimously acknowledged for the Bible, or selections from it, for such a purpose. In volumes of selections for rhetorical or elocutionary purposes passages from the Bible may properly enough be grouped with uninspired productions. But to give the writing of any uninspired author a place in a volume of selections intended for the opening service of our common schools would be regarded, even by such Christians as have but a

dim idea of the meaning of an act of worship, as a kind of sacrilegious mingling of the human with the divine.

A literary or critical reading of the Bible is one thing; but a reading of the Bible as an act of devotion or worship is another and very different thing. So even a devotional reading of an un-inspired book is one thing. But a devotional reading of the Bible as a private, family, social or public act of worship is another and very different thing. There is not, as a rule, among Christian people, any confusion of thought as to these essentially different exercises.

Nor need there be any confusion in the matter of praise. For the principle involved remains precisely the same when we pass to the exercise of singing. There may be a singing of inspired Psalms which is not praise in the strict sense of an act of worship, just as there may be a reading of the Bible which is not worship. But as reading, to be an act of worship must be the reading of the Bible, so singing, to be an act of praise or worship, must be the singing of inspired Psalms. Let it be admitted that an un-inspired hymn may be most highly commended for its sound doctrinal teaching and its devotional spirit; that it may be sung with great spiritual profit and with a glow of emotion which the simple reading of it may be unable to enkindle; and that there may be occasions in the home, or in larger or smaller social gatherings, when its use in song may be perfectly proper. It nevertheless remains true that no such human composition can find its appropriate place in the Church's inspired Manual of Praise, nor its fitting use in either reading or singing as an act of divine worship. In their nature, and therefore in their use, all un-inspired songs are separated by an impassable gulf from the songs which belong to the divinely inspired and authorized Manual of Praise.

As based upon this brief discussion your Committee offer the following recommendations:

1. That our ministers and people be urged to keep before themselves and others as clear a conception as possible of both reading and singing as acts of worship.
2. That in holding to the true idea of singing as an act of worship careful discrimination be made, such as will prevent any confusion in the minds of our own people, old or young, or any others, as to appropriate occasions for the use of un-inspired songs.
3. Following out the preceding distinction, we would urge all our members, and particularly our young people, to guard against any participation in the singing of un-inspired songs as an entertainment in such circumstances as may lead those present who are accustomed to use these songs in the service of praise to understand that the singing in question is an act of worship.
4. That when circumstances may call for the use of an inspired Psalm as found in any collection of un-inspired songs, our

ministers and people who may lead the devotional exercises should clearly indicate that the song employed is a Bible Psalm.

Respectfully submitted,

DAVID McALLISTER,
W. McLEOD GEORGE,

Of the Committee.

Report of the Committee of Discipline was taken from the table.

Item 2 was adopted.

J. Boggs Dodds and others entered their dissent as follows :

Dissent.

We dissent from and protest against this decision on Greek Baptism, because—

1. The Greek Church is not a Christian institution.

2. The decision is not founded on principles in accord with our Testimony or the Bible.

3. The decision will not further the cause of Christ in the mission field.

Most respectfully submitted,

Wm. Gregg, J. C. Robb, E. I. Dewey, J. R. Wylie, Chas. Clyde, J. Boggs Dodds, D. C. Faris, J. C. K. Faris, C. H. Stormont.

Report was then laid on the table for the present.

Rule was suspended, and Synod took recess until 7 o'clock.

Prayer by W. J. McKnight.

EVENING SESSION.

Same place—7 o'clock.

Synod came to order and was opened with prayer by Thomas McFall.

Calling of the roll was omitted.

Minutes of the afternoon session were read and approved.

Committee on the death of Rev. J. A. Thompson reported. Report was received, adopted and is as follows :

Rev. J. A. Thompson.

Rev. J. A. Thompson was born near Athens, O., December 17, 1827, and died at his home in College Springs, Ia., March 18, 1899, at the age of seventy-one years and three months.

Mr. Thompson graduated from Muskingum College in 1852, and was licensed by Pittsburgh Presbytery July 22, 1857. He was ordained and installed pastor of the congregation of Brownsville, O., August 31, 1859.

Demitting this charge after some five years of labor, he was successively pastor of the congregations of Londonderry, O.,

Wahoo, Neb., and Hickory Grove, Ia. In the fall of 1891 he removed with his family to College Springs, Ia., where for several years he served as President of the Board of Amity College, and labored earnestly to promote the interests of this institution.

A portion of his time was devoted to preaching as a supply in vacant congregations. His ministry covered a period of a little more than forty-one years.

Mr. Thompson was an earnest, plain and practical preacher of the Gospel. He was a loving pastor, a faithful Presbyterian, a genial Christian brother, and a zealous advocate of great moral reforms, always cherishing an ardent love for the Church and her distinctive principles. He manifested special love for the Lord Jesus Christ and His honor in all the relations of life. He gave good evidence that for him to live was Christ and to die was gain.

Mr. Thompson was married to Miss Sarah M. McBride, October 16, 1855. To them were born five sons and five daughters. His widow and nine children survive him. The bereaved ones are tenderly commended to the loving care of our covenant God.

D. H. COULTER,
J. W. DILL,
ELMER MCBURNEY,
J. R. MAGEE.
JNO. H. WALKINSHAW.

Consideration of report of Committee on Finance was resumed.

As amended and adopted, it is as follows :

Finance.

Your Committee on Finance would report that the following matters have been referred to us:

1. The report of Synod's Board of Trustees.
2. The report of John T. Morton, Treasurer of Synod's Board of Trustees.
3. The report of Walter T. Miller, Treasurer of the following funds: Foreign Mission, Temporary Investment Foreign Mission, Suadia Building, Nos. 1 and 2, Syrian Hospital; Mersine Hospital, Chinese Foreign Mission, Chinese Foreign Mission Building, Literary, and Church Erection.
4. Report and Request of Reformed Presbyterian Women's Association.
5. Report of Mission Conference.
6. Report of Central Board of Missions.
7. Report of Foreign Mission Board.
8. Reports of Presbyteries.
9. Report of Board of Church Erection.
10. Report of Board of Sustentation.
11. Report of Board of Trustees and Board of Corporators of Geneva College on behalf of College.

12. Our proportion of expenses of Ecumenical Council of Missions.

13. Report of D. McAllister, Synod's Financial Agent for National Reform.

14. A certain claim from Chung Git, of the Chinese Mission.

The reports of Walter T. Miller, Treasurer, and of John T. Morton, Treasurer, came to us audited, and we have audited and found correct the account of D. McAllister, Synod's Financial Agent for National Reform.

Inasmuch as there are no undesignated funds at the disposal of Synod, we are unable to comply with the request of the managers of the Home for the Aged, but we have recommended them to the Church for a collection.

We recommend :

1. That Synod approves of all the recommendations of the Mission Conference in appropriating aid for weak Congregations and Mission Stations.

2. That the proceeds of the Walnut City Church lot, \$23.90, be appropriated to the Current Account Fund of the Board of Church Erection.

3. That the bequest of Mrs. Rebecca Smith of \$53.00 to the Southern Mission, and of an equal sum to the Indian Mission, be appropriated to the Current Account funds, respectively, of these Missions.

4. That the proceeds of the sale of the Rebecca Law property, \$240.00, paid, as prearranged, to Synod's Board of Trustees, be appropriated to the Current Account Fund of the Southern Mission.

5. That the bequest of James Herbison, of Bear Run and Mahoning Congregation, of \$183.60 to the Syrian Mission be appropriated to the Current Expense Account of the same; that his bequest of \$122.40 to the Southern Mission be appropriated to the Southern Mission Current Expense Account; that his bequest of \$122.40 to the Theological Seminary be appropriated to the Seminary Endowment Fund; that his bequest of \$122.40 to the Aged Ministers' Fund be appropriated to the Current Expense Account of the same; and that the Treasurer of Synod be directed to pay to the Treasurer of the Pittsburgh Presbytery the \$61.20 bequeathed by Mr. Herbison to the Home Mission work of that Presbytery.

6. That the John Wright bequest of \$195.80 to the Syrian Mission be appropriated to the Current Expense Account of the same, and that the equal sum bequeathed by him to the Theological Seminary be appropriated to the Seminary Endowment Fund.

7. That the bequest of William Acheson of \$397.85 "to be used by the Synod of the R. P. Church for the support of Home Missionary preaching of the Gospel" be appropriated to the Current Expense Account of Domestic Mission Fund.

8. That the James Dickson bequest of \$199.80 to the Theological Seminary be appropriated to the Endowment Fund of the same; also that the equal sum bequeathed by him to the Syrian

Mission be appropriated to the Syrian Mission Current Expense Account.

9. That the Robert Sterrett bequest of \$288.84 to the Foreign Mission be appropriated to the Current Expense Account of the same, and that his additional bequest of \$385.09 to the Freedmen Mission be appropriated to the Current Expense Account of the Southern Mission.

10. That the Miss Marian Mallock bequest of \$569.36 to the Foreign Mission be appropriated to the Current Expense Account of the same; that her bequest of \$284.68 to the Southern Mission be appropriated to the Southern Mission Current Expense Account; that her bequest to the Chinese Mission of \$284.68 be appropriated to the Mission in China, Current Expense Account; that her bequest of \$284.68 to the Sustentation Fund be appropriated to the Current Expense Account of the same.

11. That with respect to the Martha and Mary McConnell Estate, Synod adopt the following resolution: "That Synod's Board of Trustees be fully empowered to make, execute and deliver quit-claim deed or any other form of conveyance, or legal papers, in reference to the estate, as upon due consideration of the facts and upon advice of their attorney as in their judgment may be deemed best."

12. That the Clerk of Synod be instructed to cast the unanimous ballot of Synod for A. C. Coulter, D. Chestnut and A. B. Copeland as their own successors as members of Synod's Board of Trustees.

13. That the request of East End Congregation for \$400.00 to help pay interest on Church mortgage be granted, to be paid out of Church Erection Fund.

14. That Synod direct each of the Presbyteries under its care to appoint a financial agent to secure if possible the full amount appropriated by the Synod to the cause of Domestic Missions.

15. That Presbyteries receive appropriations only as needed for work done.

16. In regard to Greensburg Church property: Inasmuch as the statements submitted to us make it evident that no one has a clear title to this property, and inasmuch as it appears to your Committee that the Reformed Presbyterian Church can perfect a title to the same more easily than any other party or parties:

Therefore, in the interests of all parties concerned, and in compliance with the request of Synod's Board of Trustees, we recommend, That Synod rescind its action of one year ago.

17. That \$6.21, expenses for cablegram to Reformed Presbyterian Synod of Ireland; \$1.75 for printing order of business for Synod of 1899, and \$60.00 our share of expenses of Alliance of Reformed Churches, be all paid out of the Literary Fund.

18. That the following collections be ordered:

Aged Ministers' Fund, July 1, Sabbath, 1899.....	\$1,500
Widows and Orphans, August 1, Sabbath, 1899.....	1,500
Domestic Missions, September 1. Sabbath, 1899.....	6,000
Home for the Aged, September 3, Sabbath, 1899.....	1,000
(For interest.)	
Mission in China, October 1, Sabbath, 1899.....	5,000
Indian Mission, October 3, Sabbath, 1899.....	3,000
Southern Mission, November 1, Sabbath, 1899.....	5,000
Jewish Mission, November 3, Sabbath, 1899.....	2,000
Foreign Mission (Syrian) December 1, Sabbath, 1899...	15,000
National Reform, January 1, Sabbath, 1900.....	5,000
Ecumenical Council of Missions, January 3, Sabbath, 1900—	—
Testimony Bearing, February 1, Sabbath, 1900.....	4,000
Theological Seminary, February 3, Sabbath, 1900.....	1,500
Church Erection, March 1, Sabbath, 1900.....	5,000
Sustentation Fund, April 1, Sabbath, 1900.....	6,000
Geneva College, May 1, Sabbath, 1900.....	1,000

19. That the Treasurer of the Fund for Widows and Children of Deceased Ministers be authorized, at the discretion of Synod's Board of Trustees, to pay to the following parties their shares from said fund:

Mrs. Belle T. Dodds.
 Mrs. Lydia French.
 Mrs. Margaret Lawson.
 Mrs. W. F. George.
 Mrs. Susan Love.
 Mrs. W. W. McMillan.
 Mrs. Isabel Milroy.
 Mrs. Nancy Reid.
 Mrs. Laura Speer.
 Mrs. D. G. Thompson.
 Mrs. J. H. Wylie.
 Mrs. Mary A. Yates and family.

Also that the Treasurer of the Aged Ministers' Fund be authorized, at the discretion of Synod's Board of Trustees, to pay to the following persons their share from the Aged Ministers' Fund:

J. M. Armour.
 R. B. Cannon.
 J. J. McClurkin.
 J. R. Baird.
 J. C. K. Faris.
 Robt. Stewart.
 J. L. McCartney.

20. That the report of John T. Morton, Treasurer, and the synopsis of the report of Walter T. Miller, and the report of Synod's Financial Agent for National Reform be published in

the minutes of Synod. We also recommend that Synod's Treasurer be directed to accompany his report for another year with a brief synopsis of the same for publication instead of the whole report, as in former years.

21. That the Clerk of Synod be instructed to publish 1,000 copies of the minutes of Synod, and draw upon the Literary Fund for the money to meet the expenses; that the minutes be sold at 30 cents a copy, postage included, and the minutes of 1898 at 15 cents per copy, postage included.

22. In regard to the claim of Chung Git, we recommend: That no action be taken.

Respectfully submitted,

J. S. MARTIN,
J. S. THOMPSON,
W. C. ALLEN,
THOMAS H. WALKER,
WM. BROWNE.

To the Moderator and Members of Synod, of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America, to meet in the Reformed Presbyterian Church, Mansfield, O., May 31, 1899.

DEAR BRETHREN:—Herewith find my seventh annual report as Treasurer of "The Trustees of the Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America," for the year commencing May 1, 1898, and ending April 29, 1899, which has been audited by a Committee of said Board of Trustees, whose certificate is hereto attached.

During the year the funds have earned \$16,114.06, which would be equal to a fraction over 5½ per cent. on the amount of Endowment Funds, but there is unpaid of this amount \$2,532.00.

The Board has declared a dividend on Endowments of \$291,244.63 (as shown on balance sheet), of 5 1-10 per cent. from the cash revenue received and credited to Interest Account during the year, amounting to \$14,853.47.

The David Gregg Real Estate Endowment has netted \$4,055.37 this year, which has been distributed as instructed by donor.

The following Bequests and Donations have been received during the year:

Miss Marion Malloch Bequest, of Leicester, Livingston Co., N. Y., per Wm. B. Wooster, Executor. Will is dated June 28, 1882. She died in July, 1897. Will says, "I give and bequeath to the Trustees of the Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America (O. S.) the sum of \$1,500.00 in trust, to be used by said Board of Trustees. or to be invested by them at their discretion, and the income from such investment to be used for the following purposes, to wit:

\$600 00 of said sum to be used and devoted to the Foreign Mission under the control of said Trustees.
\$300 00 of said sum to be used and devoted to the Southern Mission under the control of said Trustees.
\$300 00 of said sum to be used and devoted to the Chinese Mission under the control of said Trustees.
\$300 00 of said sum to be used and devoted to the Sustentation Fund under the control of said Trustees."

There is transfer tax of \$75.00 and other expenses \$1.60 to be deducted, leaving amounts as follows:

Foreign Mission	\$600 00	
Transfer tax, \$30.00, and other expense, \$.64.....	30 64	
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Southern Mission.....	300 00	
Transfer tax, \$15.00, and other expense, \$.32.....	15 32	
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Chinese Mission.....	300 00	
Transfer tax, \$15.00, and other expense, \$.32.....	15 32	
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Sustentation Fund.....	300 00	
Transfer tax, \$15.00 and other expense, \$.32.....	15 32	
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		\$ 1,423 40

William Acheson Bequest, New York, N. Y., per John C. Acheson, Trustee:

Additional	\$ 400 00
Less expenses.....	2 15
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	\$ 397 85

From copy of will, "To the Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church in North America, to be used by said Synod for the support of Home Missionary preaching of the Gospel."

Rebecca Smith Bequest, (Jane M. Dougherty, Ex'r), per Mr. T. N. Faris, Treas. of Bloomington Cong., Indiana.....	\$ 106 00
For Southern Mission.....	\$ 53 00
For Indian Mission.....	53 00

John Wright Estate Bequest, in addition to former amounts which have been reported to, and acted on by Synod.

Awarded by Orphans' Court, Philadelphia Co., April 22, 1893....	\$ 355 78
Less charges.....	67
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	\$ 355 11
With interest to date at 2 per cent.....	36 50
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	\$ 391 61

Will says, "Half to Syria Mission and half to Theological Seminary." Synod formerly appropriated items of this bequest as follows:

Half to Walter T. Miller, Treas., for Syria Mission and the other half to Theological Seminary Endowment.

James Dickson Bequest, per R. M. Buck, Admr., Wyman, Ia....	\$ 400 00
Less exchange	40
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	\$ 399 60

From copy of will, "I give and bequeath to the Ref. Pres. Church the sum of \$400.00 to be divided equally between the Theological Seminary and the Syrian Mission."

Robert Sterrett Bequest, per Wm. Alex. Brown, Ex'r. He was an elder in the Second R. P. Church, Philadelphia.

\$300.00 for Foreign Mission, \$400.00 for Freedmen's Mission.

The estate only netted the following amounts:

Foreign Mission, \$288.65, and interest, \$.19.....	\$ 288 84
Freedmen's Mission, \$384.84, interest, \$.25.....	385 09
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	\$ 673 93

Mrs. Rebecca Law Donation. Gift of one-half of net proceeds of her property in New Concord, O., \$240.00, for Missionary Purposes. Her preference was "Southern Mission."

Memorial Bequest of Miss Mattie S. T. Williams, per Renwick D. Dean, Wexford, Pa., \$50.00. One-half to Domestic Mission, and one-half to Southern Mission. This is for Endowment Account.

Thomas Christison Donation, of Vernon, Wis., per Rev. Isaiah Faris, \$100.00. A gift to Endowment of Sustentation Fund, he to receive 5 per cent. interest per annum during his natural life, and at his death, the principal to go to the Endowment of Sustentation Fund.

Walter T. Miller Donation, (Cotton Exchange Bld'g., New York, N. Y.,) to Geneva College Endowment Fund.

At the meeting of Synod held in Rochester, N. Y., June, 1886, he mode a gift to Endowment Funds of Geneva College, of 1,000 acres of land in Alabama, valued at \$5,000.00. He has now sold the land and has remitted to me the first payment, viz.: \$1,000.00.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN T. MORTON, Treas.

Pittsburgh, Pa., April 29, 1899.

GENERAL ENDOWMENT ACCOUNT.

1898.			
May 1.	Balance	\$294,545	78
1899.			
April 29.	Received during the year:		
	Geneva College.....	\$350	00
	Theological Seminary.....	243	00
		<u>593</u>	00
1899.			
May 1.	Balance		\$295,138 78
			<u>\$295,138 78</u> \$295,138 78

GENEVA COLLEGE ENDOWMENT.

1898.			
May 1.	Balance		\$111,190 78
1899.			
April 29.	Cash, Note of John Crows.....	\$ 50	00
	Note of Margaret J. Crowe	100	00
		<u>150</u>	00
	Prof. Geo. Kennedy, Balance of his subscription.....		200 00
1899.			
May 1.	Balance	\$111,540	78
			<u>\$111,540 78</u> \$111,540 78

THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY ENDOWMENT.

1898.			
May 1.	Balance		\$ 59,971 13
1898.			
June 27.	Cash, Rev. W. W. Carithers, principal and interest of his two Student Notes		243 00
1899.			
May 1.	Balance	\$ 60,214	13
			<u>\$ 60,214 13</u> \$ 60,214 13

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STUDENTS' FUND ENDOWMENT.

1899.
May 1. Balance \$ 15,658 76

FOREIGN MISSION ENDOWMENT.

1899.
May 1. Balance \$ 42,986 17

DOMESTIC MISSION ENDOWMENT.

1899.
May 1. Balance \$ 31,076 04

SOUTHERN MISSION ENDOWMENT.

May 1, '98. Balance \$ 4,230 13
July 20, '98. Mrs. Rebecca Law Endowment Acct. 301 15
May 1, '99. Balance\$ 4,531 28

\$ 4,531 28 \$ 4,531 28

CHINESE MISSION ENDOWMENT.

May 1, '99. Balance \$ 100 00

AGED MINISTERS ENDOWMENT.

May 1, '99. Balance \$ 12,740 56

FUND FOR WIDOWS AND CHILDREN OF DECEASED MINISTERS ENDOWMENT.

May 1, '99. Balance \$ 5,691 06

CHURCH EXTENSION ENDOWMENT.

May 1, '99. Balance \$ 3,400 00

JAMES R. MCKEE MEMORIAL ENDOWMENT.

(For Widows and Children of Deceased Ministers.)

May 1, '99. Balance \$ 2,000 00

JAMES R. MCKEE MEMORIAL ENDOWMENT.

(For Foreign Mission.)

May 1, '99. Balance \$ 1,000 00

IOWA PRESBYTERY ENDOWMENT.

May 1, '99. Balance \$ 700 00

WILKINSBURG CONGREGATION ENDOWMENT.

May 1, '99. Balance \$ 500 00

MRS. AGNES MCINROY ENDOWMENT.

May 1, '99. Balance..... \$ 3,000 00

MRS. REBECCA LAW ENDOWMENT.

May 1, '98. Balance \$ 301 15
July 20, '98. Southern Mission Endowment Ac-
count, (Per order Synod, 1898)...\$ 301 15

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DAVID GREGG BEQUEST ENDOWMENT.

May 1, '99.	Balance	\$200,000,00
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MORTGAGE ACCOUNT.

May 1, '98.	Balance	\$ 14,975 82
April 29, '99.	Cash, paid for loans during year..	39,900 00
April 29, '99.	General Endowment Acct. \$	593 00
	Cash, received on loans during year.....	45,936 46
		<u>\$ 46,529 46</u>
May 1, '99.	Balance	8,346 36
		<u>\$ 54,875 82</u> <u>\$ 54,875 82</u>

DAVID GREGG ENDOWMENT BEQUEST CURRENT ACCOUNT.

May 1, '98.	Balance	\$ 4 00
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Expenditures.

June 14, '98.	Cash, paid County taxes for 1898...	259 00
Sept. 9, '98.	Cash, paid Insurance.....	57 50
Sept. 9, '98.	Cash, paid Insurance.....	55 00
Oct. 13, '98.	Cash paid Insurance.....	55 00
Oct. 20, '98.	Cash paid Insurance.....	57 50
Mch. 20, '99.	Cash, paid City taxes for 1899, Mar. and Sept. instalment.....	2,154 13
April 15, '99.	Interest Acct., for attending to property, collecting rents, &c., per order of Board.....	352 50
April 15, '99.	D. Gregg Real Estate End'mt. Acct., 15 shares at \$270.35 4-5 per share ..	4,055 37
April 13, '99.	Cash, Rents of Nos. 414-416 Wood St., Pittsburgh, Pa., to April 1, 1899	<u>\$ 7,050 00</u>
		<u>\$ 7,050 00</u> <u>\$ 7,050 00</u>

D. GREGG REAL ESTATE ENDOWMENT ACCOUNT.

May 1, '98.	Balance	\$200,000 00
April 15, '99.	Foreign Mission, 5 shares. \$	1,351 79
	Domestic Mission, 3 shares	811 07
	Sustentation Fund, 1 share .	270 36
	Church Erection, 1 share..	270 36
	Theo. Seminary, 1 share..	270 36
	Southern Mission, 1 share.	270 36
	Chinese Mission, 1 share..	270 35
	Ministerial Widows and Orphans' Fund, 1 share	270 36
	Central R. P. Church, Allegheny, 1 share....	270 36
		<u>\$ 4,055,37</u>
April 15, '99.	D. Gregg Endowment Bequest Cur- rent Acct. (Net revenue from property for year).....	<u>\$ 4,055 37</u>
May 1, '99.	Balance	200,000 00
		<u>\$204,055 37</u> <u>\$204,055 37</u>

ROBT. AIKIN PROPERTY ACCOUNT.

May 1, '98.	Balance	\$ 600 90	
April 29, '99.	Interest	36 05	
May 1, '99.	Balance		\$ 636 95
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		\$ 636 95	\$ 636 95

ST. JOHNSBURY, VT., R. P. CHURCH PROPERTY ACCOUNT.

May 1, '98.	Balance	\$ 5,990 11	
April 29, '99.	Cash, paid for repairs, water rent, &c.	78 21	
April 29, '99.	Interest	\$362 16	
	Less interest on Rent Acct..	138 35	
		<hr/>	223 81
May 1, '99.	Balance		\$ 6,292 13
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		\$ 6,292 13	\$ 6,292 13

ST. JOHNSBURY, VT., R. P. CHURCH PROPERTY RENT ACCOUNT.

May 1, '98.	Balance		\$ 2,072 68
April 29, '99.	Cash, rents received during year..		432 00
April 29, '99.	Cash	\$ 35	
May 1, '99.	Balance	2,504 33	
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		\$ 2,504 68	\$ 2,504 68

EAST END REF. PRES. CONGREGATION, PITTSBURGH, PA.

May 16, '98.	Cash, per Walter T. Miller, Treas. of Board of Church Election, R. P. Church, to be credited on ac- count of E. E. R. P. Cong. indebt- edness, when certain conditions are complied with.....		\$ 1,000 00
April 26, '99.	Mortgage Account.....	\$ 1,000 00	

WALNUT CITY, IOWA, PRESBYTERY CHURCH LOT.

Mch. 30, '99.	Cash, per D. C. Nichol.....	\$25 00	
	Less expenses.....	1 10	
		<hr/>	\$ 23 90
May 1, '99.	Balance	\$ 23 90	

REAL ESTATE ACCOUNT—(NO. 4 CATHARINE ST., PITTSBURGH, PA.)

Dec. 13, '98.	Sundries—Mortgage	\$2,000 00	
	Interest	120 00	
		<hr/>	\$ 2,120 00
Dec. 13, '98.	Cash, paid Attorney fees, delin- quent taxes, &c.....	176 74	
Jan. 16, '99.	Cash, paid Insurance.....	22 00	
Mch. 20, '99.	Cash paid City taxes, 1899.....	25 12	
April 22, '99.	Cash, paid Water rent.....	5 50	
April 29, '99.	Interest Account.....	15 78	
April 29, '99.	Cash, rent.....		\$ 68 40
May 1, '99.	Balance		2,296 74
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		\$ 2,365 14	\$ 2,365 14

HOME FOR WIDOWS, ORPHANS AND AGED PEOPLE, R. P. CHURCH.

May 1, '98.	Balance	\$ 3,500 00	
Sept. 3, '98.	Bond and Mortgage, Miss Sarah N. Arbuthnot, 6 months interest.	105 00	
Mch. 4, '99	Bond and Mortgage, Miss Sarah N. Arbuthnot, 6 months interest.	105 00	
Sept. 12, '98.	Cash, per Mrs. Anna M. Sproull, Treas., 6 months interest.....		\$ 105 00
Mch. 4, '99.	Cash, per Mrs. Anna M. Sproull, Treas., 6 months interest.....		105 00
May 1, '99.	Balance		3,500 00
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		\$ 3,710 00	\$ 3,710 00

BOND AND MORTGAGE, MISS SARAH N. ARBUTHNOT.

May 1, '98.	Balance		\$ 3,500 00
Sept. 3, '98.	Home for Widows, Orphans &c., Acct. 6 months interest to Sept. 3, 1898		105 00
Mch. 4, '99.	Home for Widows, Orphans &c., Acct. 6 months interest to March 3, 1899		105 00
Sept. 3, '98.	Cash remitted.....	\$ 105 00	
Mch. 2, '99.	Cash remitted.....	105 00	
May 1, '99.	Balance	3,500 00	
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		\$ 3,710 00	\$ 3,710 00

MRS. REBECCA BROWN DONATION NO. 2.—PHILADELPHIA, PA.

May 1, '98.	Balance		\$ 1,840 00
May 1, '99.	Balance	\$ 1,840 00	

LIFE INSURANCE POLICY.

May 1, '98.	Balance	\$ 1,840 00	
May 1, '99.	Balance		\$ 1,840 00

REAL ESTATE DONATION.

May 1, '98.	Balance.....	\$ 432 20	
April 29, '99.	Cash, paid City, County and Sprinkling taxes, water rent and insurance.....	76 08	
May 1, '99.	Balance.....		\$ 508 28
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		\$ 508 28	\$ 508 28

CASH DONATION.

May 1, '98.	Balance.....		\$ 2,474 73
May 1, '99.	Balance.....	\$ 2,474 73	

DONATION IN MEMORY OF MRS. ISABELLA STEWART MARTIN.

(For Chinese Foreign Mission.)

May 1, '98.	Balance....		\$ 74 77
April 29, '99.	Cash, per Rev. D. S. Faris.....		65 45
May 1, '99.	Balance.....	\$ 140 22	
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		\$140 22	\$140 22

THOMAS CHRISTISON DONATION, VERNON, WIS.

Mch. 30, '99.	Cash, per Rev. Isaiah Faris, Vernon, Wis., "A gift to Endowment of Sustentation Fund. He to receive five per cent. interest per annum during his natural life and, at his death, the principal to go to Endowment of Sustentation Fund."..	\$ 100 00
May 1, '99.	Balance.....	\$ 100 00

WALTER T. MILLER DONATION, NEW YORK, N. Y.

(To Geneva College Endowment Fund.)

April 4, '99.	Cash.....	\$ 1,000 00
May 1, '99.	Balance.....	\$ 1,000 00

MRS. REBECCA LAW DONATION, NEW CONCORD, O.

(For Missionary Purposes.)

April 26, '99.	Cash, per Mrs Anna M. Sproull, Treas. of Ref. Pres. Woman's Association.....	\$ 240 00
May 1, '99.	Balance....	\$ 240 00

MRS. REBECCA BROWN BEQUEST, PHILADELPHIA, PA.

May 1, '98.	Balance.....	\$ 132 45
July 20, '99.	Walter T. Miller, Treas. Acct., for Foreign Mission Current Acct. (Per order Synod, 1898).....	\$ 132 45

MISS ELIZABETH STEWART BEQUEST, KISKIMINETAS TWP., ARMSTRONG CO., PA.

May 1, '98.	Balance.....	\$ 1,425 00
July 20, '98.	Walter T. Miller, Tr. Acct., for Syrian Mission (Cr.) Acct., net	\$ 475 00
	Walter T. Miller, Tr. Acct., for Chinese (Foreign) Miss. (Cr.) Acct., net.....	237 50
	Indian Mission (Cr.) Acct., net....	237 50
	Selma Freedmen's Mission, (Cr.) Acct., net (Per order of Synod, 1898).....	475 00
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		\$1,425 00 \$1,425 00

MRS. MARY LINGO BEQUEST, PARKSTON, HUTCHINSON CO., S. D.

May 1, '98.	Balance.....	\$ 149 50
May 1, '99.	Balance.....	\$ 149 50

JAMES FRASER BEQUEST, NEW YORK, N. Y.

May 1, '98.	Balance.....	\$ 2,178 08
April 29, '99.	Cash, rents received.....	1,333 20

April 29, '99.	Cash, paid for Repairs.....	\$ 184 35	
	“ “ “ City taxes, 1898....	249 01	
	“ “ “ Water rent.....	20 00	
	“ “ “ Telegram.....	56	
	“ “ “ Insurance..	7 50	
	“ “ “ Attorney fees.....	350 00	
	Cash.....	713 86	
May 1, '99.	Balance.....	1,986 00	
			<u>\$ 3,511 28</u> <u>\$ 3,511 28</u>

JOHN WRIGHT ESTATE BEQUEST, PHILADELPHIA, PA.

“Will says, one-half to Syrian Mission and one-half to Theological Seminary.”

Dec. 10, '98.	Cash, per Phila. Trust, Safe Deposit & Insurance Co., Exec'rs Awarded by Orphans' Court, Phila. Co., 4-22-'93.....	\$355 78	
	Less one-third cost of copy of adjudication ...	67	
		<u>\$355 11</u>	
	Interest to date at 2 per cent.....	36 50	
			<u>\$ 391 61</u>
May 1, '99.	Balance	\$ 391 61	

MISS MARION MALLOCH BEQUEST, LEICESTER, LIVINGSTON CO., N. Y.

Sept. 8, '98.	Cash, per Wm. B. Wooster, Executor	\$1,500 00	
	Less tax.....	75 00	
		<u>\$1,425 00</u>	
	Paid for Notary fees, &c.	1 60	
			<u>\$ 1,423 40</u>
May 1, '99.	Balance	\$ 1,423 40	

(Will is dated June 28, 1882. She died July, 1897). Will says: I give and bequeath to the Trustees of the Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America (O. S.), the sum of \$1,500 in trust, to be used by said Board of Trustees, or to be invested by them at their discretion and the income from such investment to be used for the following purposes, to wit:

Foreign Mission.....	\$600 00	
Southern Mission.....	300 00	
Chinese Mission.....	300 00	
Sustentation Fund.....	300 00	
Leaving Bequests, viz.:		
Foreign Mission.....	\$ 600 00	
Less tax, \$30.00, Expense, \$.64.....	30 64	
	<u>\$ 569 36</u>	
Southern Mission.....	\$ 300 00	
Less tax \$15.00, Expense, \$.32.....	15 32	
	<u>\$ 284 68</u>	
Chinese Mission	\$ 300 00	
Less tax \$15.00, Expense, \$.32.....	15 32	
	<u>\$ 284 68</u>	

Sustentation Fund.....	\$	300 00	
Less tax, \$15.00, Expense, \$.32.....		15 32	
		<hr/>	\$ 284 68
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			\$ 1,423 40

REBECCA SMITH BEQUEST.—(JANE A. DOUGHERTY, EX.)

(A Former Member of Bloomington, Ind., Congregation.)

Aug. 2, '98. Cash, per T. N. Faris, Treas., Bloomington Cong. For Southern Mission....	\$53 00	
For Indian Mission.....	53 00	
	<hr/>	\$ 106 00
May 1, '99. Balance	\$ 106 00	

WILLIAM ACHESON BEQUEST, NEW YORK.—(AN ADDITIONAL BEQUEST.)

“To the Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church in North America, to be used by said Synod for the support of Home Missionary preaching of the Gospel.”

Sept. 21, '98. Cash, per John C. Acheson, Trustee		\$ 400 00
April 29, '99. Cash, paid Notary Public for two affidavits, revenue stamps, Pro- thonotary's certificate and tele- gram	\$ 2 15	
May 1, '99. Balance	397 85	
	<hr/>	\$ 400 00
		\$ 400 00

JAMES DICKSON BEQUEST.

“I give and bequeath to the Reformed Presbyterian Church, the sum of \$400.00 to be divided equally between the Theological Seminary and Syrian Mission.”

Mch. 13, '99. Cash, per Mr. R. M. Buck, Adm'r., Wyman, Ia.....	\$400 00	
Less exchange.....	40	
	<hr/>	\$ 399 60
May 1, '99. Balance	\$ 399 60	

MEMORIAL BEQUEST OF MISS MATTIE S. T. WILLIAMS.

Mch. 27, '99. Cash, per Mr. Renwick G. Dean, Wexford, Pa., (one-half to Do- mestic Mission, one-half to Southern Mission).....		\$ 50 00
May 1, '99. Balance	\$ 50 00	

BEQUEST OF JOHN COULTER AND ELIZA JANE COULTER, HIS WIFE.

April 29, '99. Cash, paid for Notary fees, and cer- tified copy of act of incorpora- tion of Trustees of Synod, &c..	\$ 2 50	
May 1, '99. Balance		\$ 2 50

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ROBERT STERRETT BEQUEST, PHILADELPHIA, PA.

April 13, '99.	Cash, per Mr. Wm. Alex. Brown, Executor.		
	Proceeds of \$300.00 for Foreign Mission.....	\$288 65	
	Interest.....	19	
		<hr/>	\$ 288 84
	Proceeds of \$400.00 for Freedmen's Mission.....	\$384 84	
	Interest	25	
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		<hr/>	\$ 673 93
May 1, '99.	Balance.....	\$673 93	

He was an elder in Second Reformed Presbyterian Church, Philadelphia. "Foreign Mission, \$300.00; Freedmen's Mission, \$200.00. Also bequest given to Mrs. Rebecca Crawford Martin, \$200.00, and contingently to the said Freedmen's Mission in the event of said Rebecca Crawford Martin pre-deceasing the said Robt. Sterrett, and the said Rebecca Crawford Martin did so pre-decease the said decedent."

IOWA PRESBYTERY INTEREST ACCOUNT.

April 29, '99.	Dividend		\$ 35 70
April 29, '99.	Cash remitted.....	\$ 35 70	

WILKINSBURG CONGREGATION INTEREST ACCOUNT.

April 29, '99.	Dividend		\$ 25 50
April 29, '99.	Cash remitted.....	\$ 25 50	

MRS. AGNES MCINROY INTEREST ACCOUNT.

April 15, '99.	Interest to May 1, 1899.....		\$ 120 00
April 17, '99.	Cash remitted.....	\$ 120 00	

JAMES R. MCKEE MEMORIALS INTEREST ACCOUNT.

April 29, '99.	Dividend		\$ 102 00
April 29, '99.	Dividend		51 00
April 29, '99.	Fund for Widows and Children of Deceased Ministers.....	\$ 102 00	
April 29, '99.	Walter T. Miller, Treas., Acct. for Foreign Missions.....	51 00	
		<hr/>	\$ 153 00 \$ 153 00

FOREIGN MISSION INTEREST ACCOUNT.

April 15, '99.	D. Gregg Real Estate Endowment Acct., five (5) shares.....		\$ 1,351 79
April 29, '99.	Dividend, 5 1-10 per cent. on En- dowment of \$42,986.17.....		2,192 29
April 15, '99.	Walter T. Miller, Treas., Acct.....	\$ 1,351 79	
April 29, '99.	Walter T. Miller, Treas., Acct.....	2,192 29	
		<hr/>	\$ 3,544 08 \$ 3,544 08

CHURCH EXTENSION OR ERECTION INTEREST ACCOUNT.

April 15, '99.	D. Gregg Real Estate Endowment one (1) share		\$ 270 36
April 29, '99.	Dividend, 5 1-10 per cent. on Endow- ment of \$3,400.00.....		173 40
April 15, '99.	Walter T. Miller, Treas., Acct.....	\$ 270 36	
April 29, '99.	Walter T. Miller, Treas., Acct.....	173 40	
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		\$ 443 76	\$ 443 76

CENTRAL REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, ALLEGHENY.

April 15, '99.	D. Gregg Real Estate Endowment Account, one (1) share.....		\$ 270 36
April 29, '99.	Cash remitted.....	\$ 270 36	

CASH DONATION INTEREST ACCOUNT.

April 29, '99.	Interest Account.....		\$ 125 00
April 29, '99.	Cash remitted.....	\$ 125 00	

WALTER T. MILLER, TREASURER ACCOUNT.

July 20, '98.	Miss Elizabeth Stewart Bequest..		\$ 712 50
July 20, '98.	Mrs. Rebecca Brown Bequest.....		132 45
April 15, '99.	Foreign Mission Interest Acct....		1,351 79
April 15, '99.	Church Erection Interest Acct....		270 36
April 29, '99.	Foreign Mission Interest Acct....		2,192 29
April 29, '99.	Church Extension Interest Acct....		173 40
April 29, '99.	James R. McKee, Memorials Inter- est Acct.....		51 00
July 20, '98.	Cash remitted.....	\$ 844 95	
April 17, '99.	Cash remitted.....	1,622 15	
April 29, '99.	Cash remitted.....	2,416 69	
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		\$ 4,833 79	\$ 4,833 79

W. P. M. S. PITTSBURGH PRESBYTERY.

May 1, '98.	Balance		\$ 200 00
Nov. 5, '98.	Interest Acct, 1 yrs. Int. to 11-5-'98.		10 00
Nov 5, '98.	Cash remitted Mrs. J. R. McKee, Treasurer	\$ 10 00	
May 1, '99.	Balance	200 00	
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		\$ 210 00	\$ 210 00

OFFICE FURNITURE ACCOUNT.

May 1, '98.	Balance	\$ 300 00	
April 29, '99.	Expense Acct., wear and tear, 1 yr.		\$ 50 00
May 1, '99.	Balance		250 00
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		\$ 300 00	\$ 300 00

EXPENSE ACCOUNT.

April 29, '99.	Cash, Rent of office, 1 yr. to 5-1-'99.	\$ 390 00
	Telephone rent, 1 yr. to 7-1-'99...	60 00
	Changing telephone to new office..	50
	P. O. stamps.....	41 96
	Revenue stamps.....	13 66
	Stationery, printing &c.....	23 33

	Cash Book.....	\$18 75	
	New Minute Book and covering old one, Sec'y Board of Trustees.....	9 00	
	Writing two copies of report of Sec'y Board of Trustees.....	2 75	
	New seal, Board of Trustees.....	3 00	
	Two copies, Minutes of Synod....	60	
	Printing 500 copies of charter.....	16 50	
	Printing, &c., church scheme cir- culars and cards ..	19 60	
	Assessment book and binding same	2 00	
	Subscription, Daily Financial News	10 00	
	Subscription, Christian Nation....	1 50	
	Insurance, office furniture.....	4 15	
	Car fare.....	4 00	
	Lettering office door.....	1 15	
	Office supplies.....	5 99	
	Repairing typewriter.....	3 25	
	Equitable Trust Co., Bond of Treasurer	50 00	
	John T. Morton, salary 12 mos., to May 1, 1899.....	2,100 00	
	Office Furniture Acct., (wear and tear).....	50 00	
April 29, '99.	Geneva College Current Acct.....		\$ 213 38
	Theological Seminary Acct		141 59
	Domestic Mission Acct.....		141 58
	Southern Mission Acct.....		141 58
	Chinese Home Mission Acct.....		70 79
	Interest		2,123 77
		<u>\$ 2,831 69</u>	<u>\$ 2,831 69</u>

INTEREST ACCOUNT.

April 15, '99.	D. Gregg Endowment Bequest Current Account.....		\$ 352 50
April 29, '99.	Cash, interest received during year		17,106 65
April 29, '99.	Mrs. Rebecca Cameron, Interest... W. P. M. S. of Pittsburg Presby- tery, Interest.....	\$ 125 00	
	Mrs. Agnes McInroy, Interest....	10 00	
	Sundries, Interest.....	120 00	
	Expense Account.....	148 32	
	Dividend, 5 1-10 per cent. on En- dowments of \$291,244.63.....	2,123 77	
May 1, '99.	Balance	14,853 47	
		78 59	
		<u>\$17,459 15</u>	<u>\$17,459 15</u>

CONTINGENT ACCOUNT.

May 1, '99.	Balance		\$ 852 91
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CASH ACCOUNT.

May 1, '98.	Balance	\$ 1,149 99	
April 29, '99.	Receipts	96,230 58	
April 29, '99.	Expenditures		\$92,430 19
May 1, '99.	Balance		4,950 38
		<u>\$97,380 57</u>	<u>\$97,380 57</u>

DOMESTIC MISSION CURRENT ACCOUNT.

Receipts.

April 29, '99.	Cash, Chicago Congregation	\$ 60 00	
	104 Congregations.	1,849 65	
			\$1,909 65
	12 Sabbath Schools	246 01	
	1 Sabbath School Class	1 10	
	10 L. M. S.	75 32	
	11 Y. P. S. C. E.	296 96	
	54 Individuals....	371 16	
	1 W. P. M. S.	28 25	
			\$ 2,928 45
	D. Gregg Real Estate Endowment Acct., three (3) shares.....		811 07
	Dividend, 5 1-10 per cent. on Endowment of \$31,076.04.....		1,584 88
May 1, '98.	Balance	\$ 179 26	

Expenditures.

April 29, '99.	Cash, Rev. P. J. McDonald, Sup'mt. to 5-1-'99.....	216 60
	Rev P. J. McDonald, Bal. Appro'n. Synod '97, to Seattle. \$ 16 74	
	Rev. P. J. McDonald, Acct. Appro'n by Synod, 1898, to Seattle, to May 1, '99. 250 00	266 74
	Rev. W. C. Allen, Sup'mt. to 10-15-'98	50 02
	Rev. A. J. McFarland, Jr., Sup'mt. to 4-22-'99.....	500 00
	Rev. B. M. Sharp, Sup'mt. to 4-18-'99	500 00
	Rev. H. P. McClurkin, Sup'mt. to 5 1 '99.....	499 96
	Rev. T. H. Acheson, Sup'mt. to 5-1-'99.....	508 26
	Rev. J. Milligan Wylie, Sal. to 4-26-'99.....	1,040 00
	Rev. W. C. Paden, preaching in Wahoo, Neb., to 5-1-'99	352 50
	Mr. James McCune, preaching, St. Louis.....	40 00
	Mr. M. M. Pearce, preaching, St. Louis	10 00
	Rev. W. M. Hunter, preaching, St. Louis.....	50 00
	Mr. M. M. Pearce, preaching, Mansfield.....	30 00
	Mr. D. O. Jack, preaching, Mansfield	150 00
	Rev. W. M. Hunter, preaching, Mansfield	40 00
	Mr. S. J. Johnston, preaching, Mansfield.....	10 00

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	Mr. G. F. W. Benn, preach- ing, Mansfield.....	\$ 40 00	
	Chicago Cong., allowed for preaching during Rev. J. M. Wylie's vacation.....	60 00	
	Topeka Church, remittances of S. S. of Hebron Cong., credited to this Acct., were intended for Topeka Church, 1-8-'98.....\$9 68 7-9-'98..... 9 41	19 09	
	W. E. McGrew, Tr., returned him of Amt. remitted from Geneva Cong., 11-9-'98...	64 50	
	New York Pres., Rev. S. G. Shaw, Tr., Amt. granted by Synod, 1898, in aid of Brooklyn Cong., last year	50 00	
	East End Cong., Mr. Wm. Blair, Tr., Approp'n. by Synod, 1898.....	600 00	
	N. B. & N. S. Pres., Rev. Thos. McFall, Tr., one- fourth Appro'n, Synod 1898	75 00	
	Vermont Pres., Rev. J. C. Taylor, Tr., one-fourth Appro'n., Synod, 1898....	25 00	
	New York Pres., Rev. S. G. Shaw, Tr., one-fourth Ap- pro'n., Synod 1898.....	100 00	
	Phila. Pres., Rev. J. C. Mc- Feeters, Tr., one-fourth Appro'n., Synod 1898....	125 00	
	Pgh. Pres., John T. Morton, Tr., one-fourth Appro'n., Synod 1898	200 00	
	Ohio Pres., Rev. J. S. Thomp- son, Tr., one-fourth Ap- pro'n., Synod 1898.....	37 50	
	Lakes Pres., Rev. R Har- grave, Tr., one-fourth Ap- pro'n., Synod 1898.....	50 00	
	Iowa Pres., Mr. Geo. Cun- ningham, Tr., one-fourth Appro'n., Synod 1898....	100 00	
	Kansas Pres., Mr. R. M. Atchison, Tr., one-fourth Appro'n., Synod 1898....	175 00	
	Colorado Pres., Mr. Robt. Allen, Tr., one-fourth Ap- pro'n., Synod 1898.....	25 00	
	Expense Account.....	141 58	
May 1, '99.	Balance overdrawn.....		1,006 61
		\$ 6,331 01	\$ 6,331 01

(The above payments of one-fourth of the appropriations by Synod 1898, are to be in full, per order Synod 1898.)

KNOX ACADEMY CURRENT ACCOUNT.

April 29, '99.	Cash, tuition, per Rev. R. J. Mc- Isaac	\$	169 67
April 29, '99.	Southern Mission Current Acct....	\$	169 67

PLEASANT GROVE MISSION PROPERTY RENT ACCOUNT.

April 29, '99.	Cash, rent per Mr. J. H. Pickens...	\$	30 00
April 29, '99.	Southern Mission Current Acct....	\$	30 00

TEACHERS' HOME, SELMA, ALA., RENT ACCOUNT.

April 29, '99.	Cash, rent 1 yr. to Oct. 1, 1899, per Rev. R. J. McIsaac.....	\$	100 00
April 29, '99.	Southern Mission Current Acct....	\$	100 00

SOUTHERN MISSION CURRENT ACCOUNT.

Receipts.

April 29, '99.	Cash, 98 Congregations...\$1,638 73		
	15 Sabbath Schools. 305 37		
	4 S. S. Classes.... 12 09		
	23 L. M. S..... 282 83		
	1 Mission Band... 2 50		
	4 Y. P. S. C. E.... 22 00		
	73 Individuals..... 510 01		
	1 W. P. M. S..... 46 75		
		\$	2,820 28
	Mary Gray Bequest.....		4 50
	Miss Elizabeth Stewart Bequest...		475 00
	D. Gregg Real Estate Endowment Acct., one (1) share.....		270 36
	Knox Academy Current Acct.....		169 67
	Pleasant Grove Mission Property Rent Acct.....		30 00
	Teachers' Home, Selma, Ala., Rent Acct... ..		100 00
	Dividend, 5 1-10 per cent. on En- dowment of \$4,230.13.....		215 73
May 1, '98.	Balance	\$	471 91

Expenditures.

April 29, '99.	Cash, Rev. Solomon Kingston, Sal. to 5-1-'99	400 00
	Mr. J. H. Pickens, Sal, to 5-1-'99	420 00
	Mr. J. C. Phillips, Sal to 5-1-'99	360 00
	Rev. R. J. McIsaacs, Sal. to 5-1-'99	1,000 00
	Miss Margaret McCartney, Sal. to 5-1-'99.....	320 00
	Miss Rachel E. Pollock, Sal. to 5-1-'99	320 00
	Miss Lillian Hobbie, Sal. to 5-1-'99	320 00
	Mrs. G. M. Sims, Sal, to 5-1-'99	320 00
	Miss M. Della Walker, Sal. to 5-1-'99	280 00
	Miss Sophia P. Kingston, Sal. to 5-1-'99.....	280 00

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	Miss Mary A. Dodds, Sal. to 6-1-'98	40 00	
	Mr. G. G. McLaury, Sal. to 6-1-'98	30 00	
	Miss Margaret McCartney, Trav. Expenses	40 90	
	Miss Lillian Hobbie, Trav. Expenses	53 80	
	Miss Rachel E. Pollock, Trav. Expenses	47 20	
	Miss M. Della Walker, Trav. Expenses	21 05	
	Miss Mary A. Dodds, Trav. Expenses	19 85	
	Insurance on Selma build- ings, &c.....	158 50	
	Expense Account.....	141 58	
May 1, '99.	Balance overdrawn.....		959 25
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		\$ 5,044 79	\$ 5,044 79

CHINESE HOME MISSION CURRENT ACCOUNT.

May 1, '98.	Balance		\$ 1,278 99
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Receipts.

April 29, '99.	Cash, 4 Congregations.....	\$22 07	
	3 L. M. S.....	32 51	
	5 Individuals.....	25 00	
	1 W. P. M. S.....	1 00	
			80 58
	D. Gregg Real Estate Endowment Acct., one (1) share.....		270 35
	Dividend, 5 1-10 per cent. on En- dowment of \$100.00.....		5 10

Expenditures.

April 29, '99.	Cash, Mr. T. J. Robinson, Sal. for Sept., '98.....	\$ 10 00	
	Miss Mary Hill, Sal. to 9-1-'98	60 00	
	Mrs. R. R. Johnston, Sal. to 5-1-'99	290 00	
	Miss Grace Johnston, Sal. to 5-1-'99	120 00	
	Mr. Lou Yen, Sal. to 5-1-'99.	65 00	
	Hall Rent to 6-1-'99.....	250 50	
	Gas bills and gas regulator.	42 85	
	Fuel	8 00	
	Books ordered by Mrs. Johnston	5 00	
	Mrs. R. R. Johnston, special remittance	15 00	
	Rev. N. R. Johnston, two communions	50 00	
	Rev. N. K. Johnston, recog- nition of his services in past year	150 00	
	Expense Account	70 79	
May 1, '99.	Balance	497 88	

\$ 1,635 02 \$ 1,635 02

INDIAN MISSION INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL.

May 1, '98.	Balance	\$ 133 60
May 27, '98.	Cash	6 00
May 1, '99.	Balance	\$ 139 60
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		\$ 139 60 \$ 139 60

INDIAN MISSION BUILDING ACCOUNT.

May 1, '98.	Balance	\$ 153 66
May 20, '98.	Sundries, Repairs during July and August, '97, per report of Rev. W. W. Carithers	\$ 156 55
May 1, '99.	Balance overdrawn	2 89
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		\$ 156 55 \$ 156 55

MRS. M. A. SLATER, AS A MEMORIAL TO HER SON, RENWICK G. SLATER.

(To Start a New Branch of Indian Mission.)

May 1, '98.	Balance	\$ 250 00
May 1, '99.	Balance	\$ 250 00

INDIAN MISSION CURRENT ACCOUNT.

May 1, '98.	Balance	\$ 1,831 20
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Receipts.

April 29, '99.	Cash, 92 Congregations....	\$707 10	
	6 Sabbath Schools..	32 41	
	5 S. S. Classes.....	19 52	
	13 L. M. S.....	185 25	
	1 Mission Band.....	2 58	
	4 Y. P. S. C. E.....	75 00	
	52 Individuals	175 22	
	1 W. P. M. S.....	9 00	1,206 08
	W. P. M. S. Pitts-		
	burgh Pres., bal-		
	ance of Rev. W. W.		
	Carithers' salary		
	to Feb. 1, 1899....	\$750 00	
	W. P. M. S. Pitts-		
	burgh Pres., on		
	Acct. Rev. W. W.		
	Carithers' salary		
	from 2-1-'99	250 00	1,000 00
	Special remittance for Rev.		
	W. W. Carithers.....		10 00
	Sundries, per report of Rev. W. W.		
	Carithers, (Rec'd. 5-20-'98).		422 77
	Ind. Miss. Cr. Acct., Receipts per		
	report of Rev. W. W. Carith-		
	ers, (Rec'd. 3-27-'99).....		1,055 04
	Miss Elizabeth Stewart Bequest..	\$	237 50

Expenditures.

April 29, '99.	Cash, Rev. W. W. Carithers, Sal.		
	to 5-1-'99	\$ 1,000 00	
	Rev. W. W. Carithers, Sal.		
	of Mr. Geo. C. Robb, to		
	5-1-'99	360 00	

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	Miss Alice Carithers, Sal to 5-1-'99	\$525 00	
	Miss Mary L. Staley, Sal. to 5-1-'99	450 00	
	Miss Fannie E. Thomas, Sal. to 5-1-'99	300 00	
	Miss Maggie J. Walkinshaw, Sal. to 5-1-'99.....	120 00	
	Miss Joanna Speer, Sal. to 5-1-'99	200 00	
	Miss Fannie E. Thomas, Trav. Expenses	23 95	
	Sewing machine	30 00	
	Bibles, ordered by Rev. W. W. Carithers	5 60	
	Affidavit to statement of In- dian Mission Accounts, and Prothonotary's certi- ficate to same.....	1 00	
	Insurance	114 00	
	Rev. W. W. Carithers, spec- ial remittance	10 00	
	Sundries, Goods bought, per report of Rev. W. W. Carithers, (Rec'd. 5-20-'98).....	1,112 81	
	Sundries, Expenses, per report of Rev. W. W. Carithers, (Rec'd. 3-27-'99).....	1,488 08	
May 1, '99.	Balance	222 15	
			<u>\$ 5,762 59 \$ 5,762 59</u>

JEWISH MISSIONS CURRENT ACCOUNT.

May 1, '98.	Balance		\$ 329 96
<i>Receipts.</i>			
April 29, '99.	Cash, 82 Congregations....	\$651 09	
	4 Sabbath Schools..	64 64	
	9 L. M. S.....	93 96	
	46 Individuals	298 47	
	1 Y. P. S. C. E.....	2 50	
	2 W. P. M. S.....	10 00	
			1,120 66
<i>Expenditures.</i>			
April 29, '99.	Cash, paid Philadelphia Jewish Mission	\$ 736 00	
April 29, '99.	Cash, paid Cincinnati Jewish Mis- sion	456 50	
May 1, '99.	Balance	258 12	
			<u>\$ 1,450 62 \$ 1,450 62</u>

MEMORIAL BUILDING RENT ACCOUNT.

May 1, '98.	Balance	\$ 3,019 32
<i>Receipts.</i>		
April 29, '99.	Cash, rent to June 1, 1899.....	800 00

Expenditures.

April 29, '99.	Cash, One-third, amount of Natural Gas bills to 6-1-'98..	\$ 59 40	
	Water rent for 1898.....	12 00	
	Wheel rack	2 25	
	Insurance	100 00	
	City taxes for 1899	173 66	
	Repairs	41 00	
	Allegheny Illuminating Co., bills	1 70	
May 1, '99.	Balance	3,429 31	
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		\$ 3,819 32	\$ 3,819 32

THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY CURRENT ACCOUNT.

May 1, '93.	Balance		\$ 1,562 55
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Receipts.

April 29, '99.	Cash, 60 Congregations...	\$468 61	
	25 Individuals.....	192 82	661 43
	D. Elder, Interest on note..		3 60
	D. Gregg Real Estate Endowment Acct., one (1) share		270 36
	Dividend, 5 1-10 per cent. on Endowment of \$59,971.13.....		3,058 53

Expenditures.

April 29, '99.	Cash, Rev. D. B. Willson, D. D., Sal. 1 yr. to June 1, 1899.	\$ 2,000 00	
	Rev. R. J. George, D. D., Sal. 1 yr. to June 1, 1899.....	2,000 00	
	Paid for instruction in elocution, per order of Board	39 00	
	Expense Account	141 59	
May 1, '99.	Balance	1,375 88	
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		\$ 5,556 47	\$ 5,556 47

THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY LIBRARY FUND.

May 1, '98.	Balance		\$ 1,289 70
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Receipts.

April 29, '98.	Cash, 51 Congregations....	\$240 62	
	1 Sabbath School...	1 46	
	11 Individuals	3 12	245 20

Expenditures.

April 29, '99.	Cash, Books, &c.....	\$ 33 15	
	Rev. W. M. Glasgow, appropriation by Synod 1898 to help meet expenses of publication of his Historical Catalogue of R. P. Theo. Seminary. To be returned from sale of the book	50 00	
	Insurance	20 00	

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		Geneva College Library Acct., (one-half of receipts during year)	\$ 122 60	
May	1, '99.	Balance	1,309 15	
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			\$ 1,534 90	\$ 1,534 90

STUDENTS' FUND CURRENT ACCOUNT.

May	1, '98.	Balance		\$ 2,540 91
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Receipts.

April 29, '99.	Cash, 55 Congregations....	\$338 86		
	1 Sabbath School..	5 43		
	20 Individuals	42 87		387 16
	Dividend, 5 1-10 per cent. on En- dowment of \$15,658.76.....			798 60

Expenditures.

Nov. 12, '98.	Cash, Paid Robert Clarke.....	\$ 150 00		
	I. A. Blackwood.....	150 00		
	Jas. T. Mitchell.....	150 00		
	John H. Pritchard....	90 00		
	M. M. Pearce	90 00		
	C. A. Dodds	90 00		
	G. F. W. Benn.....	90 00		
	Walter McCarroll	30 00		
Dec. 15, '98.	Cash, paid A. Waldo Stevenson..	150 00		
May 1, '99.	Balance	2,736 67		
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		\$ 3,726 67	\$ 3,726 67	

AGED MINISTERS FUND CURRENT ACCOUNT.

May	1, '98.	Balance		\$ 263 70
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Receipts.

April 29, '99.	Cash, 83 Congregations....	\$435 13		
	1 Sabbath School...	4 66		
	25 Individuals	39 71		479 50
	Dividend, 5 1-10 per cent. on En- dowment of \$12,740,56....			649 77

Expenditures.

Nov. 10, '98.	Cash, Paid Rev. J. M. Armour ...	\$ 160 00		
	Rev. Robt. Stewart...	110 00		
	Rev. R. B. Cannon....	225 00		
	Rev. J. J. McClurkin .	225 00		
	Rev. J. R. Baird	150 00		
	Rev. J. L. McCartney .	160 00		
	Rev. J. C. K. Faris ...	120 00		
May 1, '99.	Balance	242 97		
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		\$ 1,392 97	\$ 1,392 97	

FUND FOR WIDOWS AND CHILDREN OF DECEASED MINISTERS CURRENT

ACCOUNT.

May	1, '98.	Balance		\$ 6 99
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Receipts.

April 29, '99.	Cash, 80 Congregations....	\$429 08	
	1 Sabbath School....	3 13	
	24 Individuals	98 05	\$530 26
	D. Gregg Real Estate Endowment		
	Acct., one (1) share.....		270 36
	Dividend, 5 1-10 per cent. on En-		
	dowment of \$5,691.06.....		290 24
	Jas. R. McKee, Memorial Interest		
	Acct.		102 00

Expenditures.

Nov. 10, '98.	Cash, Paid Mrs. Mary A. Yates....	\$ 100 00	
	Mrs. Mary A. McMillan	100 00	
	Mrs. Elizbth. A. Wylie,	100 00	
	Mrs. Laura H. Speer..	100 00	
	Mrs. Adda F. Thomp-		
	son	100 00	
	Mrs. Nancy Reid.....	100 00	
	Mrs. Isabella Milroy...	100 00	
	Mrs. Susan Love.....	80 00	
	Mrs. Bella T. Dodds...	80 00	
	Mrs. Martha S. George.	80 00	
	Mrs. Marg't. Lawson..	80 00	
	Mrs. Lydia French....	80 00	
May 1, '99.	Balance	99 85	
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		\$ 1,199 85	\$ 1,199 85

SUSTENTATION FUND CURRENT ACCOUNT.

May 1, '98.	Balance	\$ 1,767 27
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Receipts.

April 29, '99.	Cash, 65 Congregations.	\$671 27	
	1 Sab'h School	4 39	
	24 Individ's	\$92 93	
	1 Indiv'l	1,500 00	
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		1,592 93	2,268 59
	D. Gregg Real Estate Endowment		
	Acct., one (1) share.....		270 36

Expenditures.

June 13, '98.	Cash, paid Rev. D. C. Faris, Barnet		
	Cong.....	\$ 192 00	
	Rev. T. A. McElwain,		
	West Hebron Cong....	270 00	
	Rev. T. M. Slater, Bov-		
	ina Cong.	90 00	
	Rev. Chas. Clyde, Loch-		
	iel Cong.	210 00	
	Rev. Wm. McFarland,		
	Lisbon Cong.	120 00	
	Rev. E. M. Coleman, Al-		
	monte Cong.	282 00	
	Rev. J. R. Latimer, Slip-		
	pery Rock Cong.	120 00	
	Rev. Isaiah Faris, Vernon		
	Cong.	180 00	

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		Rev T. J. Allen, Ster- ling, Kans., Cong.....	\$300 00	
May	1, '99.	Balance	2,542 22	
			\$ 4,306 22	\$ 4,306 22

TESTIMONY BEARING CURRENT ACCOUNT.

May	1, '98.	Balance		\$ 892 85
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Receipts.

April 29,	'99.	Cash, 75 Congregations.....	\$ 926 86	
		37 Individuals.....	252 45	
		1 W. P. M. S.....	41 00	
			1,220 31	
		Receipts per reports of Rev. A. J. McFarland	\$ 271 72	
		Receipts per report of Rev. W. J. Coleman	18 62	
		Receipts per report of Rev. G. M. Robb	6 51	
		Receipts per report of Rev. T. P. Robb	11 70	
			308 55	

Expenditures.

April 29,	'99.	Cash, paid Rev. A. J. McFarland, Lecturer, salary, one year, to June 1, 1899.....	\$1,200 00	
		Cash, paid Rev. W. J. Coleman...	100 00	
		Cash, paid Rev. G. M. Robb.....	100 00	
		Cash, paid Rev. T. P. Robb.....	100 00	
		Cash, paid Orders of Committee..	34 03	
		Expenses per reports of Rev. A. J. McFarland...	\$242 33	
		Expenses per report of Rev. W. J. Coleman....	48 98	
		Expenses per report of Rev. G. M. Robb.....	7 46	
		Expenses per report of Rev. T. P. Robb.....	8 87	
			307 64	
May	1, '99.	Balance	580 04	
			\$ 2,421 71	\$ 2,421 71

GENEVA COLLEGE BUILDING FUND.

May	1, '98.	Balance	\$ 284 89	
April 29,	'99.	Interest Acct., 1 year to 5-1-'99....	17 09	
April 29,		Geneva College Current Acct....		\$ 17 09
April 29,		Geneva College Current Acct., (Balance of Acct., per order Synod '95).....		284 89
			\$ 301 98	\$ 301 98

GENEVA COLLEGE LIBRARY ACCOUNT.

May 1,	'98.	Balance		\$ 707 69
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Receipts.

April 29,	'99.	Theological Seminary Library Fund (one-half receipts for Li- brary Fund during year).....		122 60
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Expenditures.

April 29, '99.	Cash, paid for books, book case, periodicals, &c.....	\$ 163 77	
May 1,	Balance	666 52	
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		\$ 830 29	\$ 830 9

GENEVA COLLEGE INTEREST ACCOUNT.

April 29, '99	Cash, received for interest on Geneva College notes, and subscription, during year.....		\$ 865 50
April 29, '99.	Geneva College Current Account..	\$ 865 50	

GENEVA COLLEGE CURRENT ACCOUNT.

May 1, '98.	Balance		\$ 800 57
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Receipts.

April 29, '99.	Cash, tuition.....	2,750 00
	Rent of Chapel.....	100 00
	Rev. H. W. Reed, for degree of A. M.....	10 00
	Geneva College Interest Account..	865 50
	Dividend, 5 1-10 per cent. on Endowment of \$111,190 78.....	5,670 73

Expenditures.

April 29, '99.	Cash, for prize of Board of Trustees	\$ 25 00
	Minute Book for Board of Corporators	1 40
	Rev. J. R. Wylie, traveling expenses attending meetings of Board.....	6 80
	Repairs, &c.	290 08
	Rev. W. P. Johnston, salary to 6-1-'99.....	1,500 00
	Prof. Geo. Kennedy, salary to 6-1-'99.....	1,200 00
	Prof. W. M. Milroy, salary to 6-1-'99.....	1,200 00
	Prof. A. McCracken, salary to 6-1-'99.....	1,200 00
	Prof. W. H. Wilson, salary to 6-1-'99.....	1,200 00
	Prof. J. M. Coleman, salary to 6-1-'99.....	1,200 00
	Prof. Harry Hunter, salary to 6-1-'99.....	800 00
	Miss Grace P. Moorhead, salary to 6-1-'99.....	630 00
	Miss May E. Farris, salary to 6-1-'99.....	400 00
	Prof. Jos. H. Thompson, salary to 6-1-'99.....	200 00
	Geneva College Needed Repairs, &c., Account.....	120 00

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April 29, '99.	Geneva College Building Fund....	\$ 17 09	
	Geneva College Building Fund....	284 89	
	Expense Account.....	212 38	
May 1,	Balance		290 84
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		\$10,487 64	\$10,487 64

GENEVA COLLEGE, NEEDED REPAIRS, ETC., ACCOUNT.

(At Expense of Fraser Bequest.)

May 1, '98.	Balance	\$2,000 00	
April 29, '99.	Interest Acct., 1 yr's. Int. to 5-1-'99	120 00	
April 29, '99.	Geneva College Current Account..		\$ 120 00
May 1,	Balance		2,000 00
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		\$ 2,120 00	\$ 2,120 00

SYNOD'S TRAVELING FUND.

May 28, '98.	Cash, Clarksburg Cong.....		\$ 7 20
May 28, '98.	Cash	\$ 7 20	

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LIABILITIES.

ENDOWMENT FUNDS.

	1898.	1899.
Geneva College Endowment.....	\$111,190 78	\$111,540 78
Theological Seminary Endowment.....	59,971 13	60,214 13
Students' Fund Endowment.....	15,658 76	15,658 76
Foreign Mission Endowment.....	42,986 17	42,986 17
Domestic Mission Endowment.....	31,076 04	31,076 04
Southern Mission Endowment.....	4,230 13	4,531 28
Chinese Mission Endowment.....	100 00	100 00
Aged Ministers' Endowment.....	12,740 56	12,740 56
Fund for Widows and Children of Deceased Ministers Endowment.....	5,691 06	5,691 06
Church Extension Endowment.....	3,400 00	3,400 00
James R. McKee, Memo. Endowment (Widows and Children, &c.).....	2,000 00	2,000 00
James R. McKee, Memo. Endowment (Foreign Mission)	1,000 00	1,000 00
Iowa Presbytery Endowment.....	700 00	700 00
Wilksburg Congregation Endowment.....	500 00	500 00
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	\$291,244 63	

(Dividend, 5 1-10 per cent. declared on this amount) Mrs. Agnes McInroy Endowment (Not governed by dividend, but by specified rate of interest).....	3,000 00
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Amount of General Endowment Account.....	\$295,138 78
D. Gregg Bequest Endowment (not governed by dividend, net revenue distributed as instruct- ed by Donor).....	200,000 00
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	\$495,138 78

SUNDRY ACCOUNTS.

St. Johnsbury, Vt., R. P. Church Property Rent Account	2,504 33
Bond and Mortgage, Miss Sarah N. Arbuthnot..	3,500 00
Walnut City, Iowa, Pres., Church Lot.....	23 90
Mrs. Rebecca Brown Donation No. 2.....	1,840 00
Cash Donation	2,474 73
Donation in Memory of Mrs. Isabella Stewart Martin	140 22
Thomas Christison Donation.....	100 00
Walter T. Miller Donation.....	1,000 00
Mrs. Rebecca Law Donation.....	240 00
John Wright Estate, Bequest.....	391 61
Mrs. Mary Lingo, Bequest.....	149 50
Miss Marion Malloch, Bequest.....	1,423 40
Rebecca Smith, Bequest.....	106 00
William Acheson, Bequest.....	397 85
James Fraser, Bequest.....	1,986 00
James Dickson, Bequest.....	399 60
Robert Sterrett, Bequest.....	673 93
Memorial Bequest of Miss Mattie S. T. Williams	50 00
W. P. M. S., Pittsburg Presbytery.....	200 00
Interest Account	78 59
Contingent Account	852 91
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Forward	\$513,671 35

CURRENT ACCOUNTS.

Chinese Home Mission Current Account.....	\$ 497 88
Indian Mission Current Account.....	222 15
Indian Mission Industrial School.....	139 60
Mrs. M. A. Slater (as a memo. to her son, Renwick G., &c.).....	250 00
Theological Seminary Current Account.....	1,375 88
Memorial Building Rent Account.....	3,429 31
Theological Seminary Library Fund.....	1,309 15
Students' Fund Current Account.....	2,736 67
Aged Ministers' Fund Current Account.....	242 97
Fund for Widows and Children of Deceased Ministers Current Account.....	99 85
Testimony Bearing Current Account.....	580 04
Geneva College Library Account.....	666 52
Jewish Mission Current Account.....	258 12
Sustentation Fund Current Account.....	2,542 22

ASSETS.

Domestic Mission Current Account.....	\$ 1,006 61	
Southern Mission Current Account.....	959 25	
Indian Mission Building Account.....	2 89	
Geneva College Current Account.....	290 84	
Geneva College—Needed Repairs, &c., Acct.....	2,000 00	
Life Insurance Policy.....	1,840 00	
Real Estate Donation.....	508 28	
Bequest of John Coulter and Eliza Jane Coulter, his wife	2 50	
David Gregg Real Estate Endowment Account.....	200,000 00	
Robert Aikin Property Account.....	636 95	
St. Johnsbury, Vt., R. P. Church Property Acct.....	6,292 13	
Home for Widows, Orphans and Aged People, R. P. C.....	3,500 00	
Real Estate, No. 4 Catharine St., Pittsburg, Pa.....	2,296 74	
Office Furniture Account.....	250 00	
Mortgage Account	8,346 36	
General Endowment Account.....	295,138 78	
Cash Account, In First Nat. Bank, Pittsburg, Pa.....	\$3,246 65	
On hand	1,703 73	
	<u>4,950 38</u>	
	\$528,021 71	\$528,021 71

The Mersine Hospital in account with Walter T. Miller, Treasurer, Reformed Presbyterian Church:

1899.	<i>Cr.</i>		
April 13.	By Cash Contributions from Sabbath Schools, Individuals and Societies for the general purposes of the Hospital.....	\$ 243 14	
	Cash Contributions from Individuals for the support of beds.....	60 00	
1896.	<i>Dr.</i>		
Dec 9.	To Cash paid Bullock & Claushan for Medical Supplies.....	\$ 146 93	
April 13.	To Balance carried down.....	156 21	
		<u>\$ 303 14</u>	<u>\$ 303 14</u>
1899.	<i>Cr.</i>		
April 13.	By Balance.....	\$ 156 21	

The Literary Fund of the Reformed Presbyterian Church in account with Walter T. Miller, Treasurer.

1898.		<i>Dr.</i>	
April 28.	To balance as per report to Synod.....	\$	543 78
June 11.	To Cash paid Dr. Sommerville Expenses of Committee Joint Revision Psalms.....		2 10
June 15.	To Cash paid Rev. J. W. Sproul, rent of box, Allegheny City.....		5 00
July 16.	To Cash paid J. W. Pratt & Son, printing 1,000 copies Ministers Synod 1898		293 60
Aug. 6.	To Cash paid W. M. Glasgow, expenses copying Synod's minutes.....		38 85
Sept. 19.	To Cash paid Myers Shinkle & Co., printing Synod blank questions..		3 50
Dec. 12.	To Cash paid Printing 1,000 copies Double Psalter.....		480 00
Oct. 26.	To Cash paid George Jenkin, Treas., apportionment of Current Expenses of Presbyterian Alliance, 1898-9..		60 00
1899.		<i>Cr.</i>	
April 13.	By Cash from Sales of Testimonies and Books of Discipline to date..	\$	9 90
	By Cash from Sales of Minutes of Synod, per Rev. F. M. Foster to date.....		180 00
	By Cash from sales of Psalters, per Rev. R. M. Sommerville to date.....		226 64
	By Cash from Sales of Selections of Psalms, per Rev. W. J. Coleman..		39 13
	By Balance carried down.....		971 16
		\$	1,426 83
		\$	1,426 83

Suadia Building Fund, Reformed Presbyterian Church, in account with Walter T. Miller, Treasurer:

1896.		<i>Dr.</i>	
May 14.	To Balance overdrawn as reported to Synod.....	\$	254 44

The Syrian Hospital, Latakia, in account with Walter T. Miller, Treasurer:

1898.		<i>Cr.</i>	
May 20.	By balance as reported to Synod.....	\$	360 66
1899.			
April 13.	By Contributions from Congregations..		49 50
	By Contributions from Sabbath Schools, Individuals and Societies for general purposes of the Hospital.....		121 25
	By Contributions from Individuals for support of beds.....		150 00
	By Contributions from Sabbath Schools and Missionary Societies for support of beds.....		350 00
	Contributions above to date and duly acknowledged to donors.....	\$	1,031 41

1898.	<i>Dr.</i>		
June 17.	To Cash remittances to date to Dr. J. M. Balph.....	\$ 871 05	
1899.			
April 13.	To Balance contra carried down.....	160 36	
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		\$ 1,031 41	\$ 1,031 41

1899.	<i>Cr.</i>		
April 13.	By Balance brought down.....	\$ 160 36	

The Temporary Investment Fund of the Foreign Mission of the Reformed Presbyterian Church in account with Walter T. Miller, Treas.:

1898.	<i>Cr.</i>		
Mch. 29.	By Balance as reported to Synod.....		\$13,417 14
1899.			
Mch. 30.	Interest on bal. of Gift of June 24, '95.....		33 00
Mch. 30.	Interest on fund at 2½ per cent. per annum, equated as balances have been on hand.....		117 00
1899.	<i>Dr.</i>		
Mch. 30.	To Cash transferred to current account Foreign Mission Fund, according to terms of Gift, June 24, 1895—two sums of \$50 each—and interest to date.....	\$ 133 00	
	Balance carried down.....	13,434 14	
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		\$13,567 14	\$13,567 14
1899.	<i>Cr.</i>		
Mch. 30.	By Balance.....		\$13,434 14

The Building Fund for the Mission in China of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, in account with Walter T. Miller, Treasurer:

1898.	<i>Cr.</i>		
May 20.	By Balance as reported to Synod		\$ 1,221 50
Aug. 2.	Cash from Children's Mission Band.		11 00
1899.			
Feb. 16.	Cash from Jas. Scott, Beaver Falls.		100 00
April 13.	Balance carried down.....		30 83
1899.	<i>Dr.</i>		
April 13.	To Cash remitted to date.....	\$ 1,363 33	
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		\$ 1,363 33	\$ 1,363 33

April 13.	<i>Dr.</i>		
To Balance brought down.....	\$ 30 83		

Suadia Building Fund, No. 2, Reformed Presbyterian Church, in account with Walter T. Miller, Treasurer:

1897.	<i>Dr.</i>		
May 12.	To Balance overdrawn as reported to Synod.....	\$ 177 41	

The Church Erection Fund, Reformed Presbyterian Church, in account with Walter T. Miller, Treasurer:

1898.	<i>Cr.</i>		
May 13.	By Balance as per report to Synod.....		\$ 1,963 10
Dec. 24.	By Cash from Topeka Congregation, payment to date discharging Loan, Nov. 3, 1897.....		200 00
1899.			
May. 5.	By Cash from Congregations duly acknowledged to each as received and in Christian Nation.....		579 15
May 5.	By Cash from Individuals, also acknowledged as above, both to date....		76 12
April 18.	By Synod Board of Trustees, Dividend from D. Gregg Estate Endowment.		270 36
May 4.	By Synod Board of Trustees, Dividend from Invested Funds.....		173 40
1899.	<i>Dr.</i>		
Feb. 13.	To Cash appropriated to Denver Cong'n.	\$ 75 00	
Mch. 11.	To Cash appropriated to Seattle Cong'n.	80 00	
April 28.	To Cash appropriated to Long Branch Cong'n.....	500 00	
May 5.	To Balance carried down.....	2,607 13	
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		\$ 3,262 13	\$ 3,262 13

1899.	<i>Cr.</i>		
May 5.	By Balance brought down.....		\$ 2,607 13

The Fund for the Mission in China of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, in account with Walter T. Miller, Treasurer:

1898.	<i>Cr.</i>		
May 20.	By Balance, as reported to Synod.....		\$ 2,628 69
1899.			
May 5.	Contributions acknowledged as received and in Christian Nations... From Congregations.....		1,441 10
	“ Sabbath Schools and Missionary Societies.....		360 62
	“ Individuals.....		1,311 89
1899.	<i>Dr.</i>		
May 5.	To Cash payments and remittances of salaries of Rev. A. I. Robb and Rev. E. McBurney, to date.....	\$ 2,426 99	
	To Cash remittances to date, Mission Expense.....	100 00	
	To Cash remittances to date, account Travelling Expenses Rev. E. McBurney	364 56	
	To Balance carried down.....	2,850 75	
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		\$ 5,742 30	\$ 5,742 30

1899.	<i>Cr.</i>		
May 5.	By Balance brought down.....	\$ 2,850 75	

Report of the Treasurer of Foreign Missions.

Synopsis of the Treasurer of the Foreign Mission Fund of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, from March 30, 1898, to March 30, 1899.

The Receipts have been—

From Congregations.....	\$ 9,915 44
Sabbath Schools and Missionary Societies.....	2,732 63
Individuals and Bequests.....	2,261 23
Synod Board of Trustees Dividend Investment Fund...	2,204 59
Synod Board of Trustees Extra Dividend Investment Fund.....	314 94
Synod Board of Trustees Dividend, J. R. McKee Memorial Fund.....	52 50
Synod Board of Trustees, Extra Dividend J. R. McKee Memorial Fund.....	7 50
Synod Board of Trustees, Dividend D. Gregg Estate...	427 63
Ministers Ref. Pres. Church, for Pastor's Missionary Salary.....	535 00
Students of Geneva College.....	104 33
Synod Board of Trustees, Bequest of Miss Elizabeth Stuart.....	475 00
Synod Board of Trustees, Bequest of Miss Rebecca Brown.....	132 45
Young People of Second Cong'n., N. Y., for Salary of Mission to Cyprus.....	500 00
Young Women of Ref. Pres. Church for their Missionary Salary.....	304 65
Elders of Ref. Pres. Church, for their Miss'y. Salary...	93 35
Friends in Ireland, for Suadia Schools.....	116 76
Miss E. O. Sterritt, return of part of remittance for Travelling Expenses.....	31 15
Salary of Missionary at Cyprus.....	500 00
Special Contributions.....	927 50
Special Contributions for reduction of debt of this account.....	2,569 25
Total Receipts.....	\$ 24,237 50

The Expenditures have been :

For Missionary Salaries.....	\$10,746 04
Mission Expenses, Latakia.....	5,329 23
Mission Expenses, Suadia.....	705 59
Mission Expenses, Tarsus.....	2,871 55
Mission Expenses, Cyprus.....	283 29
Travelling Expenses.....	1,411 47
Shipping Expenses, General.....	164 68
Shipping Expenses, Mersine.....	210 98
Medical Supplies, Latakia.....	181 37
Medical Supplies, Suadia.....	18 89
Medical Supplies, Tarsus.....	250 00
Medical Supplies, Cyprus.....	137 01
Small Items, Printing, Stationery, etc.....	20 25
Special Contributions Remitted.....	615 26
	\$23,045 61

The Excess of Receipts over Expenditures being.....	\$ 1,191 89
Which deducted from the overdraft March 30, 1898.....	10,260 14
Makes this account overdrawn at date.....	\$ 9,068 25

Summary Report of Synod's Financial Agent for National Reform for Year June 1, '98, to May 31, '99.

1898.

RECEIPTS.

June 1, Balance on hand.....		\$ 78 88
Collected by Dr. H. H. George.....	\$ 972 64	
Prof. J. R. Dill.....	729 94	
Rev. W. H. McMaster.....	366 11	
Dr. T. P. Stevenson.....	127 68	
Rev. J. S. Martin.....	75 45	
Rev. J. M. Foster.....	41 00	
Rev. R. M. Blackwood.....	39 00	
Rev. J. Lackey.....	34 11	
Rev. Wm. Weir.....	20 74	
Through R. S. Smith, Esq., for special edition of National Reform Manual.....	206 20	
Proceeds of sales of Manuals.....	43 40	
Amount sent directly to Treasurer from congregations, individuals, etc.....	1,294 19	
		<u>\$3,950 46</u>
		<u>\$4,029 34</u>

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid Dr. H. H. George, including balance in full of old account, \$506 77, due last year, and services and expenses this year, \$1,090 29.....	\$1,597 06	
Prof. J. R. Dill, services and expenses.....	729 94	
Rev. W. H. McMaster, services and expenses..	366 11	
Rev. Wm. Weir, including balance in full of old account, \$165 81.....	186 55	
Dr. T. P. Stevenson, expenses.....	153 68	
Rev. J. S. Martin, expenses.....	75 45	
Rev. J. M. Foster, expenses.....	41 00	
Rev. R. M. Blackwood, expenses.....	39 00	
D. McAllister, expenses.....	37 50	
Rev. J. Lackey, expenses.....	34 11	
Dr. R. C. Wylie, expenses.....	20 65	
11,000 copies of Reports of Summer School, including wrapping and mailing.....	185 00	
1,200 copies of N. R. Manual.....	206 20	
170 subscriptions, including a special contribution of \$10 00 for gratuitous distribution....	42 50	
Rent of office for the year.....	90 00	
Printing, vouchers, and petitions and circulars to defeat the "Fow Bill," with postage on same.....	55 75	
Postage and expressage on Manuals.....	11 33	
Expenses of Summer School.....	26 44	
Discount on note to Synod's Board of Trustees....	60 00	
		<u>\$3,942 77</u>
Balance on hand.....		86 57
		<u>\$4,029 34</u>

Clerk of Synod cast the unanimous ballot of Synod for A. C. Coulter, D. Chesnut, and A. B. Copeland as members of Synod's Board of Trustees for three years ending June 15, 1902.

Resolution with reference to Topsham Church property was referred to Synod's Board of Trustees.

Judicial Committee made answer to protest and dissent of J. Ralston Wylie and others, as follows:

Answer to Dissent of J. Ralston Wylie and J. H.

Walkinshaw.

1. There was no proof before the Committee that partiality had been shown in the action of Kansas Presbytery in the case before us.

2. There was no proof presented to the Committee that any improper influences had been employed by members of Presbytery.

3. The relation of the third item of complaint to the action of Synod is so indefinite as to need no reply.

4. The objection to Presbytery's form of libel is merely technical, and in no way vitiates its character.

5. There is no proof that this indefinite and obscure item of complaint is correct.

6. The decision of Synod in this matter does not mean the placing of the majority of a congregation under a minority; for the responsibility for the dissolution of the pastoral relationship rests with the Presbytery, which based its action on the previous promise of the pastor that he would resign. Also the paper containing the fifty-five names was prepared after the relationship was dissolved.

7. This sweeping assertion rests upon individual opinion, and not upon evidence adduced. There is just as much assertion to be heard that sad consequences would have resulted had Presbytery's action not been taken. The action of Synod, rightly reached, as we believe it to be, should result in harmony and not discord among the brethren of the Long Branch congregation.

Signed on behalf of Judiciary Committee.

C. D. TRUMBULL,

Chairman.

Report of Committee of Discipline was taken up.

Report was amended, adopted, and is as follows:

Discipline.

Your Committee respectfully reports that the following matters have been referred to us:

1. The complaint of the Rev. J. Ralston Wylie and others, members of the congregation at Long Branch, Ia., against certain action of Kansas Presbytery. This paper is regular and

ready for the action of the Court. We recommend that a Judicial Committee of one minister and one elder of each Presbytery be appointed to issue this case at once and report to this Synod.

2. Memorials of Kansas and Ohio Presbyteries concerning the baptism of converts from the Greek Orthodox Church. Your Committee recommends that Synod reaffirm its action of last year and refer to the brief argument then presented in support of it. In accordance with the request of Kansas Presbytery, we recommend that the Rev. J. Boggs Dodds, missionary to Syria, be granted fifteen minutes to present his views on this subject to Synod.

3. A letter from R. F. Boyd in the matter of his complaint against the Rev. P. P. Boyd, which has been twice before this Synod. At our session of last year, after the adoption of a motion directing the parties to submit their differences again to arbitration, the whole matter was referred back to Lakes Presbytery. In the letter before us the writer declares his willingness to comply with this instruction, but complains that the Clerk of this Synod and the Clerk of Lakes Presbytery have declined to send to him the original papers in the case, and that without these he cannot proceed. He also requests that the arbitration be held at or near Oskaloosa, Ia., where one of the parties and all of the witnesses reside. Your Committee recommend that Synod inform Mr. Boyd that the Clerk of Lakes Presbytery is ready to send him certified copies, at his expense, of all papers he desires, and will send to the arbitrators, when appointed, the original papers. We recommend, furthermore, that the arbitration be held at or near Oskaloosa, Ia., as best suiting the convenience of the largest number of the parties concerned, and that Synod appoint three arbitrators to adjudicate the case.

4. The complaint of Synod's Board of Trustees against the Third Congregation, New York. The Board of Trustees took up the mortgage on the property of the First Church, New York, after the troubles of 1891. The mortgage bore interest at five per cent., and no contract or stipulation was made for a higher rate of interest. The First New York Congregation afterwards sold its property, paid off the mortgage, with interest, and, subsequently, incorporated with the Third New York Congregation, which thus became possessor of the remainder of the funds, amounting to about twenty thousand dollars. The Board has steadily claimed that, in equity, the New York Congregation ought to have paid interest at the rate of six per cent., because the funds which were used for this purpose would have yielded six per cent. in Allegheny County, Pa. Both the First and the Third New York Congregations have steadily replied that all was paid which it was agreed to pay, and that if six per cent. interest had been asked at the time the offer of the Board would have been declined and the money obtained elsewhere.

Your Committee recommends that Elder William Browne, a member of this Synod from the Third New York, be heard in a

brief statement of the case; and, further, that the matter be left entirely to the sense of right and honor of the Third Congregation of New York, asking them to bear in mind that the Board of Trustees was seeking only the interest of the several funds which it administers, and that every dollar which the Congregation may decide to pay on this account will go into the several treasuries to which the Board makes distribution, some of which are greatly in need. We further recommend that this be regarded as a final disposition of this case.

5. The complaint of New York Presbytery against the Second Congregation of Newburgh, in the matter of the Traveling Fund. Your Committee recommends that the Committee write a letter to the congregation in question, in the name of Synod, embodying the following considerations: The expense of travel is the yearly price we pay for our organic life as a Church, and for the opportunity of combined or organic action. Neither individual Christians nor particular congregations, acting by themselves, could sustain our institutions or carry forward our enterprises. The distribution of a small annual expense of this character among our congregations, in proportion to their membership, is in nowise inconsistent with the voluntary character of all our other collections. It finds a perfect parallel in the half-shekel yearly paid, per capita, by the Israelites for the support of the tabernacle and of the temple, and in the engagement in the covenant under Nehemiah, "We made ordinances for ourselves, to charge ourselves with the third part of a shekel yearly for the house of our God." We do not believe that any of our congregations, when these considerations are carefully weighed, will allow the ministers and other members of its Presbytery to bear individually, year after year, its equitable share of this common burden.

6. Two questions in the informal report of the Syrian Commission, viz.: (1) Can this Commission appoint a sub-commission to do such work as ordaining elders and licensing preachers of the Word? (2) Has a Committee of this Commission power to ordain elders or to license preachers? Your Committee recommends that both these questions be answered in the negative.

Respectfully submitted, and signed by all the members of the Committee, except that Rev. B. M. Sharp dissents from the second item.

T. P. STEVENSON,
D. H. COULTER,
B. M. SHARP,
L. M. SAMSON,
W. A. HERVEY.

Edgar, Magee, Trumbull and T. M. Slater were excused from the remaining sessions of the Synod.

Committee on Nominations made partial report. Committee on Nominations would nominate as arbitrators in the "Boyd

case" James Henderson, of Sharon; Owen Sampson, of Rehoboth, and J. T. Hensleigh, of Morning Sun. A. Kilpatrick, chairman.

Committee on Foreign Missions reported. Report was received, and was taken up item by item for adoption.

Representatives of the Foreign Mission Board were heard.

Report was adopted, and is as follows:

Foreign Missions.

The Committee on Foreign Missions have had referred to them the report of the Board of Foreign Missions and the report of the Syrian Commission.

The single fact of a net increase of sixty-one communicants in the foreign field for the past year, a gain of a little over twenty-six per cent., is sufficient to indicate to the Church at home the character of our foreign mission work. Had there been a corresponding net gain at home we would this last year have added to our membership roll, in round numbers, 2,600 names. When work in Cyprus, which has only recently got well under way, and work in China, which has not yet fairly begun, add their results to those of the two older fields, still more abundant fruits may be confidently expected.

Whatever may have been the judgment of any members of the home Church as to the multiplying of foreign fields, the one course of present duty on which all must heartily unite is the vigorous prosecution of the work in the four fields now occupied. There must be no backward step in any one of them. Nor will any department of home work suffer through generous and devoted support of all our work abroad. On the other hand, generosity and devotion to the foreign work will secure greater devotion and generosity to all the work at home. And the converse is equally true, for the work is one.

We recommend:

1. The publication of the report of the Foreign Board.
2. That our people be urged to make themselves thoroughly acquainted with the work and workers in all our foreign fields.
3. That to this end there should be in every Sabbath School room the pictures of our missionaries, and the map of the mission field, prepared by the Corresponding Secretary of the Foreign Board.
4. That Synod urge the welcoming into every home in the Church, and the careful reading, of letters from missionaries in all our foreign fields, as they appear from time to time in the various publications of the Church, and especially as given in the comprehensive and judicious chronicling of missionary news in the *Olive Trees*, by the Secretary of our Foreign Board.

5. That Synod call upon all our members and congregations to support this growing work with ever-increasing financial aid, and with more and more earnest and believing prayers, in expectation of the day, now drawing very near, when "all ends of the earth shall remember and turn unto the Lord, and all kindreds of the nations shall do homage to Him."

6. We recommend the election of Elder William Browne, of the Third New York Congregation, to fill the vacancy in the Foreign Board caused by the resignation of Elder James Dunlap.

Respectfully submitted,

DAVID McALLISTER,
T. P. ROBB,
R. HARGRAVE,
W. I. McCREA,
R. L. WALLACE,

Committee.

Report of Foreign Mission Board.

There are many obstacles in the way of missionary progress. As great rocks in the channel of a river, retarding the steady flow of the stream, they obstruct the free course of the Gospel. Among these may be named the natural enmity of the human heart, the jealous opposition of the world-power in one or other of its manifold forms, and the indifference of the professing Church, with its subtle evasions of duty and its tacit acquiescence in many things that are quite at variance with the idea of entire consecration. Evidently there is not in the Reformed Presbyterian Church the universal and hearty interest in its foreign missionary operations that marked the inception of the enterprise and the earlier years of its history. There is something wanting, whatever it may be, that was once a mighty agency for good in the foreign fields and brought showers of blessing upon the home congregations.

At the same time the Board, on reviewing the past year, can discern many indications of progress even in the face of obstacles and much, both at home and abroad, that is fitted to encourage in the administration of the work. The congregational collections have been larger than at any former period in the history of the Missions. Including the contributions of Sabbath Schools and missionary societies, they fall only about \$2,300 short of the full appropriation of Synod. A few churches and individuals have made liberal offerings towards the liquidation of the debt, the poor rivaling the rich in giving for this purpose, and both equally deserving of commendation. Consequently, the Treasurer was able, at the close of the fiscal year, to report nearly \$1,200 of receipts in excess of expenditures and a material reduction of the overdraft. Since that date some bequests have been received,

and others announced, that will still further reduce the overdraft of \$9,068. Men of education, energy and consecration are offering themselves for service on the field. The outlook for an early return to aggressive work among the Nusairiyeh in their mountain villages is improving through the direct and indirect efforts of the United States Minister at Constantinople. And, to crown all, there is reported this year a large net increase in the membership of the native congregations. Often in the course of correspondence a missionary letter will contain an incident so disheartening that there does not seem to be a ray of light, and yet it always closes with some such words as these: "But you must not think I am discouraged, for I am not." It is men and women of this stamp that represent us in the foreign fields, and they surely have a special claim on our prayerful support. In the natural world there is winter as well as summer, and the one season is as needful as the other. It may be that the past few years have been the winter of our missionary world, a time for the gathering up of energies and the concentration of power in order to new and more beautiful manifestations of activity and growth.

SYRIA.—So far as can be gathered from the annual statement of the Mission and more recent letters, there are at present 198 native members in Syria, a net increase of seven. In the absence of the two ordained ministers from this field there has been regular preaching in both centres by licentiates, with occasional sermons and the administration of the Lord's Supper by missionaries from other fields, while Dr. Balph, in addition to his medical work, has looked after the out-stations. Miss Maggie B. Edgar, who has had charge of the school in Latakia of 148 boys, 38 of them boarders, has labored with great diligence and fidelity, conducting, besides other duties, a special class for Bible study every day and lessons in the Scriptures and the Testimony of the Church Sabbath afternoons and evenings, thus seeking to reach the minds and hearts of her pupils with the truth. With similar efficiency has Miss Wylie conducted the school of 122 girls, 46 of them boarders. There are also four schools, with 108 pupils, in the southern part of the field, where Licentiate Jakob Juraidiny has general oversight of the work, and preaches every Sabbath in Tartoo.

In Suadia Miss Meta Cunningham has been laboring alone during the winter. She returned from a brief furlough in England just about the time that Rev. J. Boggs Dodds was leaving for this country, and at once took charge of the work. She has had to look after a school of 68 boys, 33 of them boarders, and a school of 36 girls, half of them boarders, besides holding clinics twice a week, with an average attendance of fifty, at which she always conducts religious exercises, and other duties. It is noteworthy that 38 of the 51 pupils in the boarding schools are Fellahs. The average attendance at public worship is 89, and Miss Cunningham writes: "We have much to encourage us in the willingness of the people to hear the Gospel. . . . We think we can see God's Spirit working in a wonderful way." The

April communion is described as "a time of great spiritual refreshment and one of the happiest communion seasons we have ever had in Suadia." In this connection she relates a very touching incident. One of the two received into the fellowship of the Church on this occasion is "a young man who was in the boarding school several years ago. He has endured much from his parents and from the whole Greek community. For the past six months he has attended regularly the ordinances. When he told his people that he was going to unite with the Church his father told him that he would cast him off and no longer count him as a son. He replied that he would be willing to be counted as a servant, but he could not deny his Saviour. I may mention here for those who sometimes get discouraged when they see no immediate fruit of their labors that he told me that the exhortations he had heard in school had never left his mind. He was only a year in the boarding school, and when he left the only books he had were a Bible and a history of the Church he had received as prizes, but he had read them both so diligently that he is well grounded in Scripture truth. Our hearts were greatly rejoiced over the humility and steadfastness of our young brother." To relate the whole story would take too much space, but it will be published in full along with this report, as well as such extracts from the official statement of the Mission as may be needed to give the churches a correct idea of the work and the success attending the labors of our representatives in Syria.

The medical department of this Mission seems to be doing efficient work. Dr. Balph reports 1,039 professional visits in Latakia, not counting those made to pupils in the boarding schools and numerous calls to the mountains. From 15 to 75 attend the clinics, and 92 have received treatment in the hospital. These figures indicate many opportunities of doing good to men that are not lost sight of. Miss Willia A. Dodds, who is much interested in her work as matron of the hospital, is careful to impress on all patients, whether Mohammedan, pagan or nominal Christian, the value of the soul, and points them to the true Physician for spiritual healing.

Rev. James S. Stewart, realizing the pressing need of help in this field, determined to cut short his vacation, and left New York on the 29th of April, expecting to be home the first week in June. He will be followed early in October by Licentiate C. A. Dodds, youngest son of Rev. Dr. R. J. Dodds, one of the pioneer missionaries of the Church to Syria. He was appointed on the 20th of March, and the Board expects that this increase in the working force will enable the Mission to give more direct preaching of the Gospel to the pagan Nusairiyeh in their native mountains.

ASIA MINOR.—In Tarsus Mission there are now 63 native members of the Church, a net increase of 22. Their attendance at public worship on the Sabbath and at social meetings for prayer is good, and marked by a growing interest in religious exercises. Two Sabbath Schools report an average attendance of

150. The Lord's Supper was administered twice in Mersina, twice in Tarsus and once in Guzne during the year. The native communicants are thus described by Rev. R. J. Dodds in the annual statement of the Mission: "Christian character is developing. We believe there are as true and exemplary Christians in the native Church as will be found anywhere. There are those whose veracity, whose honesty, whose purity, whose piety is irreproachable. There are those upon whom we believe the spirit of grace and supplication to have been poured out."

The responsibility for the two schools in Mersina has rested upon Miss Lizzie McNaughton, who, in the absence of Miss Sterrett, now on furlough in this country, has supervised a school of 70 boys, 45 of them boarders, and a school of 45 girls, 35 of them boarders. There is also a successful school of 45 pupils in Tarsus, and a class of three Fellah children in Adana, under the instruction of trusted native teachers. These schools are described as "a fountain of blessing to many poor children who are in them receiving the benefits that they will, we trust, carry through eternity."

The only information in the report of the Mission regarding its medical department is contained in three sentences: "Dr. Metheny returned from America apparently restored to health, but has not retained the health he gained during the vacation you so kindly granted him last summer. Though not strong, he has been hard at work. He has held three clinics a week, the attendance at which has averaged thirty."

Special attention is called to the heroic service that the women in these two Missions have rendered to the Church. When the Board was forced to call on them for double duty they cheerfully assumed the added responsibility and toil. And no one can say that the work has not been well and nobly done. Help should be sent to them at once. Surely these loyal representatives of the Church deserve the loyal support of the Church.

CYPRUS.—The Cyprus Mission, too, is yielding fruit. The Lord's Supper was administered for the first time June 26, 1898, when 25, exclusive of missionaries, sat down at His Table, and at the Communion in March of this year there was an accession of 17, making a congregation of 42 members. Many of the original communicants were Armenians, most of whom had been in the fellowship of Congregational churches in different parts of Turkey, and some of them have since removed to Egypt. In this way the names on the roll are probably reduced to thirty-two.

In the chapel at Larnaca there is preaching on Sabbath in Armenian, Arabic, English and Greek, and a well-attended Sabbath School in which these four languages are used. In his annual statement Mr. Easson writes: "When we could say that we had a congregation of our own, we put a box for the Lord's tenth on the inside of the chapel door. The people are poor and the collections are not very large, but it keeps the matter before them

and is an education. During eight months the offerings amounted to about nine dollars."

As stated in a previous report, Mr. Van Milligan, Director of the Ottoman Bank for Cyprus, opened in the summer of 1897 a service for Armenian refugees in Nicosia, the capital of the island, securing funds for that purpose from the Evangelical Alliance. In November the Mission, at his request, united with him, paying half the rent for the room and half the salary of the preacher to September, 1898. On being transferred soon afterwards to Constantinople, Mr. Van Milligan put into Mr. Eason's hands all the money he held for that work, which has been ever since in charge of Mr. Haroutune Sarkissian, for over thirty years a Congregational pastor in Asia Minor, now a member of the Covenanter Church at Larnaca. He preaches and conducts a Bible class every Sabbath and a prayer meeting every Thursday evening.

Under the direction of the Mission two experienced colporteurs, to whose salary the British and Foreign Bible Society contribute annually, are constantly employed in visiting the cities and villages on the island with the Word of God, "explaining its truths to the people and urging them to buy and read for themselves." A fuller account of their work will be printed with this report.

Our medical missionary, Dr. W. M. Moore, was ordained to the eldership March 16, 1899. The total attendance at his clinics of 2,078 gives only an imperfect idea of the extent of his work and influence. His 423 professional visits mean 423 testimonies for Christ.

CHINA.—It only remains to say a word or two in regard to the prospect in China. In the judgment of the missionaries and their friends, there is no town of the same size on the West River that has a finer location than Tack Hing, which has been selected as centre of operations. A lot, measuring nearly two acres and well situated, has been purchased at a comparatively low figure, and buildings will be erected there as soon as practicable. The magistrate and people are showing themselves friendly. Many visit the chapel to listen and in some instances to inquire in regard to Christianity. These are encouraging providences. The fact that Mr. McBurney has been compelled by the failing health of his wife to return to America must call forth sympathy for him and Mrs. McBurney, as well as for their associates in service, Mr. and Mrs. Robb, who are thus left alone. On the other hand, his declared purpose not to remain one hour longer than seems necessary inspires the hope that this interruption to the work will be only temporary. His resolve has the ring of missionary consecration.

The Board has not yet secured the services of a medical missionary for this field, but hopes to be able soon to report the selection of a physician well qualified for that position.

The following summary will show at a glance the present strength of the Foreign Missions :

- 4 fields.
- 5 central stations.
- 9 out-stations.
- 3 organized churches.
- 6 ordained ministers.
- 1 minister under appointment.
- 6 women missionaries, other than wives.
- 3 medical missionaries.
- 4 native assistants to physicians.
- 5 native licentiates.
- 8 native evangelists, colporteurs and Bible readers.
- 12 schools.
- 20 native teachers, 8 of them women.
- 645 pupils in the schools.
- 6 Sabbath Schools.
- 552 children under instruction on Sabbath.
- 293 native communicants.
- 61 net increase for the year.

The Board is glad to be able to present so favorable a report at the close of the century, and believes that the churches should regard it as the call of the Redeemer to mark the dawn of the twentieth century by renewed activity in His cause, a special offering for foreign missions, and more intensely earnest intercessory prayers for the conversion of the world.

Respectfully submitted, in the name of the Board,

R. M. SOMMERVILLE,
Corresponding Secretary.

Committee on Home Missions reported. Report was received, and taken up item by item for adoption.

Representatives of the Board were heard.

Item 1 was amended and adopted.

Item 2 was adopted.

Item 3 was referred to the Central Board; and the Board was authorized to appoint, if in their judgment such be best, a missionary to Oakland Chinese Mission and to call for a collection.

Items 4 and 5 were adopted.

Report was adopted as a whole, and is as follows :

Home Missions.

Report of the Committee on Home Missions :

The Committee would respectfully report—

That the following papers have been referred to us :

1. The report of the Central Board of Missions.
2. Report of the Conference on Missions.

3. An item of the report of Philadelphia Presbytery, relating to missionary institutes.

4. A resolution relating to the enlargement of home mission work.

These papers indicate that the work in the several missions have been carried forward during the year with much earnestness, and to a good degree of success, by the laborers; also that the financial support has been inadequate, the Domestic Mission Account showing a deficit of \$1,006.61 after the payment of only 25 per cent. of the amount appropriated to the Presbyteries; the other missions also showing a falling off of the funds.

The congregations under the care of the Central Board are Chicago, Denver, St. Louis, Mansfield, Topeka and Wahoo, nearly all of which are in large centres of population, where they may exert a great influence and do much for the propagation of the principles of a Covenanted Reformation.

The Southern Mission gives evidence that it is in a prosperous condition. We are glad to note that all its departments are in successful operation.

The Indian Mission has passed through great trials during the year, especially by reason of sickness and death among the converts and pupils, yet has it accomplished great results.

The Chinese Mission in Oakland, Cal., is under the supervision of Mrs. N. R. Johnston. She earnestly asks the Board to relieve her and appoint an ordained minister, to take charge of the work. We do not find that the Board has taken any action on this matter and call the attention of Synod to action.

The Jewish Missions in Philadelphia and Cincinnati are under the care of the presbyteries in which they are located. The Board has asked the Lakes Presbytery to consider the propriety of discontinuing the mission in Cincinnati because of the lack of funds. The presbytery hesitates to do this. The paper relating to the enlargement of the Home Mission work calls our attention to the fact that more means are needed for the employment of all the laborers of our church. Pastors ought to strive to awaken the spirit of liberality in all our congregations. The appointment of a missionary secretary has been superseded for the present at least by the action of the Board recommending Synod to instruct presbyteries to appoint committees to do this same work.

We recommend the following:

1. That the Jewish Mission of Cincinnati be continued, and share in the common fund for Jewish missions this year.

2. That Presbyteries be advised to hold missionary institutes or other meetings to awaken the people to realize the importance of missions and the duty of sustaining them.

3. That Rev. B. M. Sharp be elected a member of the Central Board of Missions.

4. That the report of the Central Board be published.

Respectfully submitted,

J. C. McFEETERS,
 J. M. FOSTER,
 JAMES PATTON,
 T. G. GRAHAM,
 A. F. REID,

Report of the Central Board of Missions.

In making our annual report, we call the attention of Synod at the outset to the condition of our treasury. Last year fifty per cent. of the amount appropriated to the Presbyteries was paid. The deficit in the Domestic Mission Fund as reported to Synod was \$179.26. This year but twenty-five per cent. of the appropriations to the Presbyteries was paid. The deficit in the same fund on May 1 was \$1,006.61. Last year the Southern Mission Fund was overdrawn \$471.91. This year the overdraft is \$959.25. The balance of \$1,831.20 reported in the Indian Mission Fund last year has been reduced to \$222.15. The Chinese Mission Fund had a balance last year of \$1,278.99. This year it has but \$497.88. The balance in the Jewish Mission Fund a year ago was \$329.95. This year it is \$258.12. Synod is asked to give this matter its most serious attention in order that the Board may know exactly upon what to depend in planning its work for the future. It should be borne in mind that the Board has no surplus fund on which to draw in emergencies.

DOMESTIC MISSION.

The congregations of Chicago, Denver, Mansfield, St. Louis, Topeka and Wahoo were placed under our care at your last meeting.

Chicago. The health of Mr. Wylie has continued good. He has been able to carry on his work without interruption. During the winter and also this spring he took a short vacation. Arrangements were made by him by which the work was carried on during his absence without additional expense.

An effort was made to enlarge the operations during the year. There are a number of members of the church at Evanston, about twenty miles distant from the hall in which our services are held. A society was organized there and a Sabbath School started. By a private arrangement made by Mr. Wylie, Rev. G. P. Raitt took charge of the work. It was soon found, however, that sufficient funds to meet the necessary expenses could not be raised and the project was abandoned.

The congregation though not as large as reported a year ago is in good condition. The ordinances are well attended and the members united and earnest in their efforts to do what they can to make it self-sustaining. The contributions show an increase of \$118. The Sabbath School has grown from sixty to ninety-eight, and in addition there are twenty in the Home Department. During the month of April a lady missionary was employed with good results.

Denver. The prospects for steady growth in this congregation are reasonably good. There has been a net increase of eight. The pastor, Mr. Acheson, is encouraged in his work. The members are not financially strong. The debt on the church building amounting to \$2,000 is felt to be a heavy burden. Total contributions \$1,075.

Mansfield. Licentiates Jack and Benn and Rev. W. M. Hunter supplied the pulpit of this congregation for short periods. Latterly, it has depended on Ohio Presbytery for appointments. The membership is thirty-five. They are not able to contribute much for the support of the gospel.

St. Louis. Licentiates McCune and Pearce and Rev. W. M. Hunter labored for a few months in this field by appointment of the Board. Of late the congregation has secured its own supplies. The members are hopeful that before long they will be able to arrange for the settlement of a pastor over them.

Topeka. Rev. H. P. McClurkin continues by our appointment and with acceptance to the members, in charge of this congregation. The prospects are encouraging. The burden of church debt has been removed.

Wahoo. Rev. W. C. Paden has been continued stated supply during the year. The congregation, which is in good working order, requests his re-appointment. There is a number of our members living at Brounlee, about three hundred miles distant, to which Mr. Paden occasionally ministers.

In accordance with the direction of Synod "That if collections and appropriations received during the Synodical year for the support of Domestic Missions should not be sufficient to meet the appropriations of Synod, then said appropriations shall be paid pro rata as last year as far as the funds on hand permit." There was paid to the Presbyteries twenty-five per cent. of the amounts appropriated.

Supplements expire as follows: \$500 to Kansas City, May 22nd, 1890; \$5 a Sabbath to Wahoo, at meeting of Synod; \$500 to Denver June 1st, 1890; \$500 to McKeesport, June 18th, 1890; \$500 to Topeka, July 1st, 1890; \$100 to Seattle, July 1st, 1900. The only remaining supplement is \$20 a week to Chicago.

Receipts:

From Congregations	\$1,909.65
From Dividend	1,584.88
From Bequest and Other Sources	1,829.87

\$5,324.40

Expenditures:

Balance overdrawn	\$179.26
Expenditures	6,151.75

6,331.01

Balance overdrawn	\$1,006.61
We ask for this Mission.....	\$6,000.00

SOUTHERN MISSION.

The school opened on Monday, Oct. 3rd, 1898, with an enrollment on the first day of 367. Before the close of the month it was above 400. To provide for so large a number the grades were arranged for seven rooms instead of six and Miss Kate Woods, an assistant teacher for several years, was employed to teach the second grade. The teachers now are as follows: Room No. 1, Mrs. Simms; No. 2, Miss Kate Woods; No. 3, Miss Hobbie; No. 4, Miss Pollock; No. 5, Miss S. P. Kingston; No. 6, Miss Walker; No. 7, Miss McCartney. Second Division, No. 1, Miss Lulu Hunt; Second Divisions No. 3 and 4, Miss Ellen O. Kingston. The employment of Miss Hunt and Miss Kingston was made necessary by the crowded condition of grades Nos. 1, 3 and 4. Since Nov. 1st the whole school building has been in use; nine rooms for school purposes and one for a work-shop. The enrollment for the year was 547; average attendance 447. The expenses have been larger than usual on account of the extra help employed, the severe winter, etc. Money has been quite scarce as the price of cotton was low, and besides the expenses of living were increased on account of the severity of the winter. Still enough has been collected to meet the incidental expenses of the school, to pay the three additional teachers and to leave a small balance in the treasury.

On account of the large attendance of scholars and the pressure of school work, there was not as much attention given to the industrial department as had been intended. Something, however, has been accomplished. The boys' work-shop was in operation for two hours each day. The desks to seat the rooms of Miss Hunt and Miss Kingston were made there and a good deal of other work was done. The girls of No. 6 were given instructions in sewing.

Valley Creek school is still in charge of Mr. Phillips, and Pleasant Grove of Mr. Pickens. The number of scholars in attendance was not as large as in former years. This was owing to the severity of the winter and the large amount of rain, preventing the farmers getting their crops in as early as usual. The

number of scholars at Pleasant Grove was thirty-four and at Valley Creek twenty-eight. Both were opened for five months. They will have a short session in July and August.

Owing to deaths, removals and discipline the congregation will report a decrease. There has not been any accession during the year. The congregation will be able to meet all its expenses. Mr. Kingston is still stated supply.

The Sabbath schools at Pine Grove, Pleasant Grove and Valley Camp are still carried on and are in good condition. The aggregate attendance in all the schools, including the congregation, is about 500.

Rev. A. J. McFarland and Elder R. J. Bole of Beaver Falls visited the mission. Dr. McFarland addressed audiences in our own, the Baptist and Methodist churches.

In closing his report, our superintendent, Rev. R. J. McIsaac, calls upon the church "to take measures to enlarge the work and strengthen it. Owing to the closing of the Congregational school, which was burned last year, there is an opportunity for extending it. There will be plenty of pupils for us to work among. The school year 1898-9 has been encouraging. The attendance has been large, the work of the teachers thorough and painstaking, and the progress of the pupils reasonably good."

Receipts:

From Congregations	\$1,638.73
From Dividend	215.73
From Bequests and Other Sources	2,231.08
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	\$4,085.54

Expenditures:

Balance overdrawn.....	\$471.91
Expenditures	4,572.88
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	5,044.79
Balance overdrawn.....	\$959.25
We ask for this Mission.....	\$5,000

INDIAN MISSION.

The year that has just come to a close has been very different from any preceding in the history of this mission. There have been more trials and greater opposition than ever before. There was an unusual amount of sickness. The gripe in a severe form first made its appearance and afterwards, before all of our sick had recovered, the roseola and the measles. Almost all of the children and some of the white people had the former and a number of the children also the latter. The school was suspended for a month as the children's eyes would not bear the studying and the teachers had their time day and night so occupied attending to the sick that they could not work in the school room.

The number of deaths has been large. Within the past eight months five of the church members and two of the baptized members have died. Mr. Carithers has assisted in the burial of no less than thirteen persons within the last three months.

The church is familiar with the details of the murder of one of our members, Antonio Martinez on January 26th, about three miles from his home. He was a Mexican and about fifty years of age. In 1892 he united with the church. He has acted as interpreter, for which he was well qualified. No certain clue as to the perpetrators of the crime or the motive that led to it has as yet been obtained. Respecting Martinez, Mr. Carithers writes: "He was a quiet, peaceable man in his life, and the universal testimony was that the murder could not have been committed because of a quarrel. The influence of the Spirit in applying the truth made a great change in his life; in the kindness with which he cared for his wife and family; in the comforts he gathered around his home, and in the readiness with which he would engage in religious exercises."

The work of field matron was inaugurated last July and Miss Alice Carithers was appointed to the position. Her duty is to visit the Indians in their homes, etc. Since October she has visited 379 families, spending sixty-one nights with the Indians.

The mission force at the present time consists of Rev. W. W. Carithers, superintendent; Miss Mary Staley and Miss Frances Thomas, teachers; Miss Joanna Speer, matron; Miss Maggie Walkinslaw, laundress; Mr. G. C. Robb, farmer.

Regular Sabbath services have been held during the year. Licentiate John Robb spent his summer vacation at the mission while Mr. Carithers was away. Service was also held at Lime Creek until February, when notice was given that the Indians did not wish any more preaching, and at their request the building in which service was held was removed from their land. The Indians there were never favorable to our work. About the time the work at Lime Creek stopped, a settlement of Apaches about six miles distant from this mission requested Bible instruction. Service is held there every Sabbath morning and excellent attention is given.

The Lord's Supper was dispensed but once this year. There was an addition of three members. Owing to the decrease by death there will be reported a net decrease of two. Arrangements have been made for the dispensation of the Lord's Supper after the meeting of Synod.

Except for the interruption occasioned by sickness, the work in the school has been carried on speedily. The number of scholars enrolled is sixty-one. Total days attendance, 11,193. Bible verses committed, 9,505; Catechism committed, 592; reviewed, 4,493; Brown's questions committed, 1,030. The whole

school read continuously from the first of 1st Peter to the close of the Bible, and from the beginning of Genesis through Nehemiah. The testimony and the shorter catechism to the Sixth Commandment were explained to the whole school. Time was spent each Sabbath reading and explaining the gospels of Matthew and John and the Book of Revelation. All the scholars were given lessons in vocal music. The penny collections amounted to \$35.

In a general way Mr. Carithers adds: "The people are making progress; some advancing faster than others. It is not strange that when the old life and its superstitions sweep in on them if they yield a little at some points. The difficulties we have been called on to meet during the year have in many instances been severe trials of our faith, but they are a call to the Church to arise and put on her strength, for though the enemy of souls exert himself to the utmost yet they that be with us are more than they that be with them.

"It is a joyous thought that some of those who were taken from us had accepted the Saviour, and their going home was a glad one. It is encouraging to think that the work in the mission here was the means in God's hand in bringing the truth to their attention."

Receipts:

Balance	\$1,831.20
From Congregations	707.10
From Bequests and Other Sources	3,224.29
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	\$5,762.59

Expenditures:

Expenditures	5,540.44
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Balance	\$222.15
We ask for this Mission	\$3,000

CHINESE MISSION.

In her report for the month of April Mrs. Johnston informed us of the death of Prof. James H. Wilson, for many years closely connected with the mission. "A good man," she adds, "has gone. He was a faithful and patient teacher and one who was anxious for the salvation of a people who know little of the value of the soul. The Christian Chinese revere his memory." Mr. Johnston conducted the funeral services assisted by Rev. David Morrow of the General Synod R. P. Church.

The force in the mission at the present time is Superintendent Mrs. Rosanna Johnston; Assistants Miss Grace Johnston and Lu Yen. Rev. N. R. Johnston has conducted service on the Sabbath as his health permitted. As an acknowledgment of unrequited services, the Board appropriated to him \$200 out of the Mission funds.

A change in the location of the mission has been made and, Mrs. Johnston writes, with advantage. It is now in a more desirable part of the city.

The number of scholars enrolled during the year was forty-seven. The number of Chinese church members is sixteen; of these nine reside in Oakland, three are in China and one in Canada.

Mrs. Johnston has proved herself to be well fitted for the position of superintendent. We regret that she cannot see her way clear to act longer in that capacity. At the close of her last report to the Board she makes the following statement: "Again at the close of this school year I now resign the position of superintendent of the Oakland Chinese Mission. In doing so I leave a work in which I am deeply interested but one that should be in the hands of an ordained minister with an efficient corps of teachers. The two years' labor has been to me a constant toiling in rowing against wind and tide. We will hold the school and try to keep it in good condition until other workers shall come with new energies and enthusiasm."

This matter is referred to Synod along with the condition of the treasury, amounting to a balance of \$497.88.

Receipts:

Balance	\$1,278.99
From Congregations	22.07
From Dividend	5.10
Bequests and Other Sources	328.86
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	\$1,635.02

Expenditures:

Expenditures	1,137.14
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Balance	\$497.88

JEWISH MISSION.

We have carried out the direction of Synod with reference to the missions in Cincinnati and Philadelphia, forwarding the moneys contributed to the treasurers as needed.

Owing to the fact that the money raised is insufficient to support both missions we called the attention of Lakes Presbytery to the propriety of discontinuing the Jewish work at Cincinnati and we again present this matter to Synod.

Receipts:

Balance	\$329.96
From Congregations	654.09
From Other Sources	466.57
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	\$1,450.62

Expenditures:

Expenditures	1,192.50
Balance	\$258.12

We recommend the election of Rev. B. M. Sharp as a member of the Board.

The officers have been appointed to represent the Board on the floor of Synod.

J. W. SPROULL, Chairman,
A. C. COULTER, Secretary,
W. J. COLEMAN, Cor. Sec.

Report of the Conference on Missions.

The Mission Conference met according to appointment of Synod in the Reformed Presbyterian Church on May 31st, 1899, at 9 A. M. Seven members of the Central Board of Missions were present and with one exception a representative from each one of the Presbyteries. Each Presbytery seeking aid for its weak congregation presented the requests which it had considered and approved.

The Conference reports to Synod the following recommendations:

1. That \$300 be appropriated to New Brunswick and Nova Scotia Presbytery—\$200 for Cornwallis congregation and \$100 for St. John and Barnesville congregation.

2. That \$100 be appropriated to Vermont Presbytery for Ryegate congregation.

3. That \$500 be appropriated to Philadelphia Presbytery—for Baltimore and Conococheague congregations.

4. That \$1,300 be appropriated to Pittsburg Presbytery—for East End, \$200; for Mercer and Adamsville, \$100; for North Union, \$150; for Oil Creek, \$100; for Middletown, \$60; for Centreville M. S., \$30; for Youngstown, \$100; for Clarksburg, \$60; for McKeesport and Monongahela, \$500.

5. That Ohio Presbytery receive \$850—for Mansfield, \$400; for Muskingum and Tomica, \$100; for New Concord, \$300; for Middle Wheeling, \$50.

6. That Lakes Presbytery be granted \$200 for Fair Grove Congregation, and \$300 in case of a settlement.

7. That Illinois Presbytery be granted \$400 for St. Louis Congregation.

8. That Chicago congregation remain under the care of the Board.

9. That Kansas Presbytery receive \$2,400—for Hebron, \$150; for Tabor, \$75; for Superior, \$400; for Beulah, \$100; for Holmwood, \$150; for Quinter, \$125; for Wahoo, \$300; for Topeka, \$500; for Kansas City, \$500; North Cedar, \$150.

10. That \$1,000 be granted to Colorado Presbytery—for Seattle \$400; for Denver, \$500; for La Junta, \$100.

11. It was resolved to recommend to Synod the appointment by every Presbytery of a financial agent to secure if possible the full amount appropriated by the Synod to the cause of Domestic Missions.

12. That Presbyteries receive appropriations only as needed to pay for work done.

J. M^J SPROULL, Chairman,
W. J. COLEMAN, Secretary.

Committee on Foreign Correspondence reported. Report was received, adopted, and is as follows :

Foreign Correspondence.

The Committee of Foreign Correspondence report that a letter and a cablegram from the Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church in Ireland and a letter from the Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church in Scotland were referred to us; that letters in reply have been prepared by the committee and are herewith respectfully submitted :

R. J. GEORGE,
THOS. MCFALL,
WM. MCFARLAND,
W. F. BRODIE,
J. C. CALDERWOOD.

LETTER FROM THE SYNOD OF IRELAND.

LONDONDERRY, June 3rd, 1898.

To the Synod of the R. P. Church, U. S. A. :

DEAR BRETHREN: We of the Church of the Covenant in Ireland salute you. "We do you to wit of the grace of God" bestowed on us and pray that grace, mercy, and peace, from God our Father and Jesus Christ our Lord, may possess your spirits.

The Synodical year which is past has not been for us a very eventful one. God has dealt mercifully with the already thinned ranks of our pastors and teachers. Death has not during the year claimed as his any of those who minister to our people in holy things.

Your abundant supply of preachers of the word makes many in this land turn hopefully to you for help. And one of our congregations has shown its appreciation of the labors of Mr. Thompson, a licentiate of your church, by addressing to him a very hearty call. This call he has accepted. Another of your number, Rev. Dr. Benaugh, has reached our shores, and is joining hands with us in our work. We also look to you for help in our Australian field.

We feel under a sense of obligation to you for the interest you manifest in our ministers. This you have shown in a very

tangible way by conferring on one of our prominent pastors, the Rev. John Lynd, of Belfast, the degree of Doctor of Divinity.

It seems hardly necessary to write unto you, for one of our brethren, Rev. Samuel Ferguson, of Faughan, is with you; all our state will he declare unto you, and comfort your hearts. And we trust he will, when, by you he is brought forward on his journey, declare all your state unto us.

It was with feelings of regret that we learned that war had broken out between the nation under whose flag you live and the nation which sent its fleet to our shores some hundreds of years ago for the purpose of exterminating the so-called heresies of your fathers and our fathers. The issue is, we know, in the hands of the God of armies, and in faith we wait to see the triumph of the cause of truth and righteousness. Had your nation consented to place its destinies in the hands of the Pope of Rome, as arbitrator, we could not have regarded such a decision as other than a great national humiliation. Our desires are to see your fatherland independently triumphant, and we look anxiously for reasons to indulge the hope that your nation and ours may be drawn more closely together as the years speed by. If Protestantism is to hold its ground in Europe and America it must betake itself to the old and tried expedient of covenanting; and were the great Anglo-Saxon and Saxon families to enter into an honest league for mutual defence, Protestantism need fear neither Pope, nor Sultan, nor Czar. But if, on the other hand, national jealousies prevent combination on righteous grounds every true Protestant must tremble for the cause of religious and civil freedom.

We have now another opportunity of showing the virtue and value to man and nations of our own and our fathers' Covenants: let us not be slow to make the best of it.

We commend you once more to Him who is able to keep you from falling, and pray that peace may be within your walls, and prosperity within your palaces, and that your sorrow may be turned into joy.

"The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the Communion of the Holy Ghost be with you."

We are, dear Brethren, yours, in Covenant Bonds,

JAMES A. S. STEWART, Moderator.
J. W. HOUSTON, Clerk.

LETTER TO THE SYNOD OF IRELAND.

MANSFIELD, OHIO

To the Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church in Ireland :

DEAR BRETHREN: Your letter of June 3rd, 1898, did not come before us until the present meeting of Synod. Its expressions of fraternal regard we most cordially reciprocate. We rejoice in all the evidences of prosperity which your letter reveals.

We have heard with exceeding interest the announcement sent to us by cablegram of your purpose to renew the covenants in 1901. We are glad that those who went forth from us to you have found acceptance with your people and that your need for ministers has in a measure been supplied from our full ranks. We feel that the bonds of affection between us are thereby strengthened and our prayer is that the lives and services of these ministers will prove a lasting blessing both in your home land and in your mission field in Australia.

The past year has been an eventful one in our country. The conflict between our nation and Spain has been decided by the God of battles in our favor. It is a matter of regret that there is so little inclination to ascribe our victories to Him or to improve the opportunity to glorify His name. It remains to be seen whether, after having delivered the islands of the sea from the oppression and cruelty of Spain, our nation will proceed to rescue them from the power of Romanism and the degradation of Sin. The fact is that the counsels of our government are so largely affected by Papal influence and by the insolent demands of the liquor power, that it is a very imperfect instrument for the elevation of the peoples which in the providence of God are entrusted to her guidance and control.

It gives us joy to believe that friendly relations have been established between Great Britain and the United States, and that these two great Protestant English-speaking nations will work together for the world's advancement. Until, however, they place their respective governments in true and avowed allegiance to Jesus Christ they cannot fulfil their high mission to the other nations of the world.

The Reformed Presbyterian Church in America has much to encourage her. Her educational work in the college and seminary is prosperous. Her Reform advocates find an open door. Her missionary enterprises among the Freedmen, the Indians, the Chinese on the Pacific coast, and among the Jews, and in the foreign fields, are growing and bearing fruit. A most interesting service in connection with this meeting of Synod was the ordination of Calvin Augustine Dodds to the ministry to be sent out as a missionary to Syria. The following summary of the work in Syria and Asia Minor, as submitted by our Board of Foreign Missions is encouraging: "There are four fields, five central stations, nine out-stations, three organized churches, six ordained missionaries, one minister under appointment, six women missionaries other than wives, three medical missionaries, four native assistants to physicians, five native licentiates, eight native evangelists, colporteurs and Bible readers, twelve schools, twenty native teachers, eight of them women, 645 pupils in the schools, six Sabbath schools, 552 children under instruction on Sabbath, 293 native communicants, sixty-one net increase for the year." Our new mission in the Chinese Empire is making steady progress. One of the missionaries, Rev. Elmer McBurney, was compelled to come home on account of the con-

tinued illness of his wife, but purposes to return at an early day. For a like reason Rev. J. Boggs Dodds is home for a season. These things we write unto you, brethren beloved in the Lord, and close with the words of the Psalmist, "The blessing of the Lord be upon you; we bless you in the name of the Lord."

Signed in behalf of Synod,

J. A. BLACK, Moderator.

F. M. FOSTER, Clerk.

LETTER FROM THE SYNOD OF SCOTLAND.

THURSO, SCOTLAND, May 23rd, 1899.

To the Reverend, the Moderator and Brethren of the R. P. Synod of the United States, America :

BRETHREN BELOVED: In Christ's name we salute you. Your brotherly interest and your kindly feeling shown to us a small and feeble church we value, and with affection we reciprocate your greetings.

We sorrow with you in the loss which as a church you suffered in the removal of two laborers from the vineyard. Dr. Kennedy we knew and we esteemed ere yet he left the ministry of our sister church in Ireland. He came to the grave in a full age, like as a shock of corn fully ripe. With Dr. Metheny it was different. We had hoped that for a lengthened period he might be spared to labor in the portion of the field assigned to him. The Lord ruled otherwise. What shall we say, what shall we answer? We lay our hand upon our mouth, we acquiesce in all the method of the Divine procedure.

" Not now, but in the years to come,
It may be in the better land;
We'll read the meaning of our tears,
And then, yes, then we'll understand :—"

But you had countervailing blessings from God's hand in the large increase to the ministry. Your prosperity delights us. We rejoice in the vitality of your church manifested in the readiness with which your sons dedicate themselves to the Gospel ministry. May grace abound to them. May a double portion of the Spirit rest upon them. Instead of the fathers may there be the children whom the Lord shall make noble princes in the land.

We joy in the noble work of humanity your countrymen had given them to do in delivering the Cubans from the tyranny and oppression of Spanish-Popish rule. We joy, too, that in token of the Lord's good pleasure a still larger charge has been entrusted to them in the custody of the Philippine Islands. In this we see another blow dealt to the deadly sway of Rome. These are earnest of the coming time; encouragements to labor and to

pray. The Lord by such events is opening doors for the entrance of the heralds of the Cross.

We have not anything to report as to increase in our numbers as a church. In much weakness we are striving to carry on the work and to keep the banner floating "For Christ's Crown and Covenant." But this we can report, viz.: We think we see the work for which our church exists taking shape and gathering force among earnest men outside of our communion. We begin to hear men speak in language hardly to be distinguished from that our fathers used of Christ's authority, and of His kingly office. We hear them speak of the duty of the Church to set this before it as its work, the subjugating of the world unto Christ, and that in all departments.

We sorrow to have to tell you of a new evil we have had introduced into our country in seven day journalism. But we rejoice to report that this has drawn the friends of truth and righteousness closer together; it has made them seek the fellowship of each other to fight a common foe, and they are now with determination resisting the attempt to rob us of our Sabbath. In this we have much reason for gratitude; much reason to thank God and take courage that while evil is active God's Spirit in His people is stirring up to zeal and earnestness. Not in the way we looked for, not in the way we thought our God is working to fulfill His word promised to King Jesus, witnessed for to the death by martyred fathers. The Lord hasten it in His time. May all blessings be poured out upon your church.

Brethren, may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your Spirit, Amen.

I am, Moderator and Brethren, in the name of the R. P. Synod of Scotland,

Yours in Covenant Bonds,

JAS. PATERSON.

LETTER TO THE SYNOD OF SCOTLAND.

MANSFIELD, O., June 5, 1899.

To the Moderator and Brethren of the Reformed Presbyterian Synod of Scotland:

DEAR BRETHREN IN CHRIST: We would most sincerely renew our deep interest in all that concerns the life and growth and usefulness of your church. You report no deaths among your pastors and teachers, and in this we see a good ground for thanksgiving. We have not been without such trials. The stroke has fallen upon one who had passed the limit of the Psalmist in the number of his years, and had secured for himself a good report. We refer to the Rev. J. A. Thompson, of College Springs, Ia., the father of the Rev. A. M. Thompson, so happily welcomed recently into the R. P. Church of Ireland.

Only three students were added to the number in the classes in the Theological Seminary, yet all have been preserved in life, and six lately licensed have been ordained and installed. One ordained minister is soon to be installed in another of our vacancies, and two licentiates have just accepted calls. This is surely a ground of thanksgiving to the Head of the Church who gives to her undershepherds; and it must and shall be refreshing and reviving to the hearts of many of the children of God.

On the evening of June 2nd, 1899, one licentiate, Mr. Calvin Augustine Dodds, a son of Rev. R. J. Dodds, D. D., our well remembered missionary to Syria, was ordained as a missionary to the same field by the Presbytery of Pittsburg with the earnest concurrence of the Synod. The very solemn services occupied the entire evening. It was a most instructive and profitable object-lesson to the large audience assembled to witness it, as well as a sacred opportunity for the recalling and renewal of most solemn vows.

We are deeply concerned for the peace of all this world, and desire the best results from the Conference now held in Holland, although our armies are even now engaged in the bloody conflicts of the Philippine Islands; and we trust that these sad scenes may soon be exchanged for quiet, so that the inhabitants may be approached as speedily as possible by the messenger of light, bearing the everlasting gospel, the leaves of the tree for the healing of the nations.

One of our brethren, Rev. Elmer McBurney, has been compelled to return from China on account of his wife's illness, yet he is purposing to return alone after the close of the Synod.

Another brother is with us from Syria, Rev. J. Boggs Dodds, and he is intending to return to Suadia if the health of his family will permit. Each and all of these will have the sympathy and prayers of many.

Another brother, Rev. J. S. Stewart, has returned with his family to his chosen field, nobly deciding to shorten his vacation for the sake of the higher interests of the mission.

Cheering reports have come from all our missions in Syria, Cyprus, in Selma, Alabama, Cache Cheek, Indian Territory, and in Tak Hing, China, of advancement and success. The chief hindrance abroad and at home is the lack of abundant means to support the laborers who are willing to be employed in some part of the work.

Our National Reform and Testimony Bearing efforts are made unceasingly that the truth may be made known, and the workers, not numerous enough, are often not a little surprised at the open doors discovered, as if opened by the unseen hand of the ruler among the nations.

Many of the youths of the church are exercising their gifts spiritually, preparing themselves by divine grace for efficient work as we trust in all the white fields of the Home and Foreign Missions of the Church.

We are heartily glad at the evident progress of the crusade in Great Britain against seven-day journalism, truly a most dangerous and insidious evil, and we only wish we could hope for the same successful efforts in our land at a very early day.

Finally, we would say in the language of God's blessed word, "May great grace be upon you all."

(Signed on behalf of Synod:)

J. A. BLACK, Moderator.
F. M. FOSTER, Clerk.

J. F. Crozier entered his dissent against action of Synod in matter of Greek Church Baptism as follows:

Dissent.

I dissent from the reaffirmation of last Synod's deliverance on Greek Church baptism because, with the light I now have, I feel persuaded that the position taken is not well grounded and cannot be maintained in consistency with Synod's position in regard to the baptism of the Roman Catholic Church.

J. F. CROZIER.

The thanks of the Synod were returned to Mr. James Reynolds and other members of the Mansfield R. P. congregation, to members of other churches, to the reporters and to the railroads.

Synod adjourned with prayer by David McAllister, the singing of the 133rd Psalm, and the Benediction by the Moderator.

J. A. BLACK, Moderator.
F. M. FOSTER, Clerk.

APPENDIX.

Report of Synod's Board of Trustees, from May 1st, 1898, to May 1st, 1899.

The trustees of the Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America respectfully beg leave to report concerning the financial interest under their supervision for the year ending May 1st, 1899.

As usual, at the first meeting of the Board after the adjournment of Synod, the legal organization of the corporation was maintained by the election of A. C. Coulter as President, Samuel McNaugher as Vice President, Daniel Chesnut as Secretary, and John T. Morton as Treasurer.

The subjects on which Synod was asked in our last annual report to consider and take specific action on, will first be reported, and subsequently we shall refer to matters of present interest and to such items as in our judgment shall require your deliberation and action thereon at the present session of the Synod.

First.—That agreeably to your instructions the Endowment gift of the late Mrs. Rebecca Law of Three hundred and one dollars and fifteen cents (\$301.15) has been placed to the credit of the Southern Mission Endowment Fund.

Second.—That pursuant to the action of Synod the bequest of Fourteen hundred and twenty-five dollars (\$1,425) from the executor of the Miss Elizabeth Stewart Estate was divided among the Missions designated by the decedent, and applied as by you directed to the Current Account of the several missions; that of the Chinese Mission going to Foreign Chinese Work.

Third.—That the Mrs. Rebecca Brown Bequest of One hundred and thirty-two dollars and forty-five cents (\$132.45) has been paid over to the Treasurer of the Foreign Mission Current funds in agreement with your direction in the matter.

Fourth.—The First and Third New York Congregation—In our last annual report to you on this subject thinking Synod's action would at least be respected by a settlement of the debt due by said congregation before this time, we then said to you, it was with regret that for the fifth time we had to come before you asking Synod to enforce its own decision and decree by which it directed the Third New York Congregation to pay to Synod's Board of Trustees for account of the First New York Congregation the interest justly due upon the loan made to the First New York Congregation at the time of the liberal defection, when for a brief period it was feared, without the assistance of the Board, they would entirely lose their valuable church property. Your action upon this item at the last meeting of Synod was first to assert that Synod had "repeatedly sustained the claim of Synod's Board." Then you proceeded to "re-affirm the justice of the claim," and then to us seemingly to allow the congregation a graceful way of retracing its steps in its repeated refusals to settle a just demand, you directed the representatives of said congregation to seek an amicable settlement with Synod's Board of Trustees—see the printed Minutes of former years and the Minutes of 1898, Page 140 and Page 58.

To this action on your part, waiting in vain considerable time for the congregation to take the initiative agreeably to your direction for them

to do so, the Board through its Treasurer by a written communication formerly called the attention of the congregation to your direction in the matter. Finally, during the present month, after almost a year's deliberation, we received an absolute refusal to carry out Synod's instructions in the matter; this refusal is in positive terms, affirmed to be final on their part and is duly signed officially by the Chairman and Secretary of the congregation. The letter is directed to our Treasurer, Mr. John T. Morton, a true copy of which is as follows, viz.:

"May 6th, 1899—To Mr. John T. Morton: Dear Sir—The following resolutions were adopted at a Congregational meeting held in the 3d R. P. Church on Tuesday evening, April 18th, 1899:

"Whereas Synod has again re-asserted its claim to an additional 1 per cent. interest on a mortgage held by it against the First New York Congregation, and

"Whereas this congregation believes its former decision the only correct and legal one, therefore be it resolved that the congregation re-assert its former decision, that it refuse to pay the said claim, seeing no legal or moral ground for the same.

"And be it further resolved that this action be considered final.

(Signed) "John Turbitt, Secretary.

"J. R. Bell, Chairman."

This is not the time for your Board to discuss the correctness or the justice of the claim, for this has already been settled by Synod in the affirmative, time and again, when the facts in the case were fully set forth by your Board on the one hand and the congregation on the other. The only question seems to us now to be what method shall the Supreme judicature of the Reformed Presbyterian Church in North America take to enforce its own mandate in reference thereto, and whether or not in its last analysis the decision of a congregation, or the decision of this Court shall be supreme, final and conclusive.

We may add that in the past history of this case, the enforcement of Synod's conclusion in the matter was brought before the New York Presbytery, but without avail as to a settlement of the claim by the congregation.

We have no recommendation to make in the matter, and therefore leave the question as to how Synod's decree in this case may be enforced to the judgment of your committee on discipline or to Synod itself.

Fifth.—That the three persons whose term of office as trustees expired at the last meeting of Synod, and who were by you elected to serve for three years ending June 15th, 1901, were duly notified of their election, and have accepted the positions tendered them.

Sixth.—Walnut City Church Lot—We report the sale of the lot of ground formerly used by the Walnut City Church—now disorganized, receiving for the same the sum of Twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) less expenses in making deed of one dollar and ten cents (\$1.10) leaving a net sum of Twenty-three dollars and ninety cents (\$23.90). We ask Synod to direct what disposition shall be made of this amount of cash which is at your disposal.

Seventh.—The Miss Mattie S. T. Williams Memorial Bequest—We report the receipt of Fifty dollars (\$50.00) as a Memorial Bequest of Mrs. Mattie S. T. Williams, received through Renwick Dean, Wexford, Pa. The instructions accompanying this bequest are that it be disposed of as follows, viz:

For Domestic Mission Endowment Account.....	\$25 00
For Southern Mission Endowment Account.....	25 00

Total Endowment.....	\$50 00
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This gift has been applied by us according to the directions received therewith.

Eighth.—The Thomas Christison Donation—We report having received through the Rev. Isaiah Faris a gift from Mr. Thomas Christison, of Vernon, Wisconsin, the sum of One hundred dollars (\$100.00) for the Sustentation Endowment Fund. The condition upon which this gift is received is, that the donor shall receive interest thereon at the rate of five per cent. during his natural life, and that at his decease the interest therefrom shall go to Current Account of Sustentation Fund.

Ninth.—The Mrs. Rebecca Smith Bequest—We report having received One hundred and six dollars (\$106.00) from the estate of Rebecca Smith, of which Jane M. Dougherty was executrix, reaching us through Mr. T. N. Faris, Treasurer of Bloomington, Ind., Congregation. This gift by direction of the testatrix goes to the following purposes, viz.:

For Southern Mission.....	\$53 00
For Indian Mission.....	53 00
	\$106 00

The bequest is in such form that it may be used either for the current expense of the Mission or be credited to the Endowment Account of the Missions named. We therefore ask Synod to direct us to which use this gift shall be placed.

Tenth.—Mrs. Rebecca Law Gift—It will be remembered that in our annual report of last year we referred to a gift of Three hundred and one dollars and fifteen cents (\$301.15) from Mrs. Rebecca Law, deceased, of New Concord, Ohio, which we received and disposed of according to your directions, as already reported on. Since that time and in accordance with an agreement made during the life time of Mrs. Law her real estate has been sold yielding as net proceeds the sum of Four Hundred and Eighty Dollars (\$480), one-half of which, Two hundred and forty dollars (\$240) has been paid to the Board by the Reformed Presbyterian Woman's Association who were given an equal amount of said property. Mrs. Law as her past gifts, and often expressed views on the subject, unmistakably testified was a staunch lover and friend of the Southern Mission, and for this and other reasons as also the fact that you adopted this same view in the disposal of her former gift, lead us therefore to recommend the same disposition of this Two hundred and forty dollars, viz: (\$240), that it be appropriated to the Southern Mission Endowment Fund.

Eleventh.—The John Wright Bequest—We report having received from the John Wright estate, an additional sum awarded by the Orphans' Court of Philadelphia, after adding interest upon the gift and deducting an expense of sixty-seven cents, the net sum of Three hundred and ninety-one dollars and sixty-one cents (\$391.61) which by will of the decedent is to be equally divided as follows, viz:

To Syrian Mission.....	\$195.80
To Theological Seminary.....	195.81
	\$391.61

When Synod fully considered this gift at the time when instructions were given relative to the amount previously received, you directed that the one-half for Syrian Mission should go to Walter T. Miller, Treasurer, for current use of said Mission, and that the remaining half go to the Theological Seminary Endowment Account. We recommend that the amount for the Theological Seminary shall go to the Theological Seminary Endowment Account, and ask that you give to us instructions as to what disposition shall be made of the total gift.

Twelfth.—The William Acheson Bequest—We report having received from the estate of William Acheson, New York City, per John C. Acheson, Trustee, the sum of Four hundred dollars (\$400.00) less expenses connected with said gift Two dollars and fifteen cents (\$2.15) making the net sum of Three hundred and ninety-seven dollars and eighty-five cents (\$397.85) which by direction of the decedent, using his own words,

is "to be used by the said Synod for the support of Home Missionary Preaching of the Gospel"—therefore we ask Synod to decide as to what special missionary Home work this shall be applied to, and also whether it shall be for Endowment or Current use of the same.

Thirteenth.—The James Dickson Bequest—We report the receipt from the James Dickson estate through R. M. Buck, administrator, Wyman, Iowa, of Four hundred dollars (\$400.00) less expenses connected therewith of forty cents (40 cents) making a net gift of Three hundred and ninety-nine dollars and sixty cents (\$399.60) which sum by will of the decedent is to be divided as follows, viz:

For the Theological Seminary.....	\$199 80
For the Syrian Mission.....	199 80
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Net proceeds of gift.....	\$399 60

We recommend that the amount for the Seminary be credited to the Theological Endowment Fund, and ask Synod to decide whether the amount for Syrian Mission shall be applied to Endowment or Current Account.

Fourteenth.—The Robert Sterrett Bequest—We report that by will of the late Robert Sterrett, an Elder in Second Philadelphia Congregation, there was given to two of the missions of the church the aggregate sum of Seven hundred dollars (\$700.00). In the settlement of the estate by the executor there was found to be due to us on account of the foregoing bequest, including interest which we have received, the sum of Six hundred and seventy-three dollars and ninety-three cents (\$673.93). According to will of the decedent, this sum is divided as follows, viz:

To Foreign Mission, \$300, net proceeds.....	\$288 84
To Freedmen Mission, \$400, net proceeds.....	385 09
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For distribution.....	\$673 93

As this gift may in conformity with the terms of the bequest be made either for Endowment or Current expenses of the missions named, we ask Synod to direct as to what disposition in respects referred to this gift shall be appropriated.

Fifteenth.—Walter T. Miller Donation, New York, N. Y.—It will be remembered that the honored Treasurer of Foreign Missions, Walter T. Miller, Esq., at a meeting of Synod held in Rochester, N. Y., in the year 1886, made gift to The Geneva College Endowment Fund of one thousand acres of land in the State of Alabama, valued at Five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00). We report that during the present year he has disposed of this property and has placed in the hands of the Board the first payment thereon of One thousand dollars (\$1,000.00). We report in reference thereto that in agreement with the terms upon which this gift was made we have credited this One thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) to Geneva College Endowment Account.

Sixteenth.—The Miss Marian Malloch Bequest—We report having received in agreement with the will of Miss Marian Malloch, of Leicester, Livingston County, N. Y., through William B. Wooster, executor, the sum of Fifteen hundred dollars (\$1,500.00) less the tax and other expenses thereon of Seventy-six dollars and fifty cents (\$76.50), making the net sum of Fourteen hundred and twenty-three dollars and forty cents (\$1,423.40), being for the following purposes, viz:

For Foreign Mission, \$600, net proceeds being.....	\$569 36
For Southern Mission, \$300, net proceeds being.....	284 68
For Chinese Home Mission, \$300, net proceeds being	284 68
For Sustentation Fund, \$300, net proceeds being....	284 68
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Making a net sum total for distribution...\$1,423 40

As the decedent's will is dated June 28th, 1882, years before we had a Foreign Chinese Mission, the gift to the Chinese, we have decided,

properly goes to the Chinese Home Mission Account, and unless otherwise directed, shall dispose of Two hundred and eighty-four dollars and sixty-eight cents (\$284.68) of the gift in this way. The will by which this gift comes to us reads: "I give and bequeath to the Trustees of the Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America (O. S.) the sum of Fifteen hundred dollars (\$1,500.00) in trust to be used by said Board of Trustees, or to be invested by them at their discretion, and the income from such investment to be used for the following purpose." And then follows a recital of the objects for which the money is given.

We therefore ask Synod to decide as to whether the several amounts shall go into the Endowment Account of the funds named thus bearing interest, or go to the Current Accounts of said Missions, etc.

Seventeenth.—The Martha and Mary McConnell Estate—It appears that the church has now, or will have, an interest in certain real estate situated in McKeesport, Pa., owned by Martha McConnell, deceased, and by her sister, Mary McConnell. We have not been able as yet to get all the facts desirable for us to know, nor to decide fully what is best to be done in the case, but from the contents of a letter that has come to our knowledge since this report was begun, it is believed that to realize on the property the Board may find it best for all interests concerned to make a Quit Claim Deed to Miss Mary McConnell for this estate, or possibly execute some other agreement or legal papers to best protect all interests involved in the disposal of this property.

We therefore ask Synod by resolution to fully empower this Board to make, execute and deliver a Quit Claim Deed or any other form of conveyance, or legal papers, in reference to the estate, as upon due consideration of the facts and upon advice of their Attorney as in their judgment may be deemed best.

Eighteenth.—The Greensburg Church Property—When your Board was informed of Synod's action in reference to the Greensburg Church property, it is believed that said action was taken under a misapprehension as to the true condition of affairs. Synod, or the Reformed Presbyterian Church, as the matter stands at present, has no title whatever to that property. Your Board by request of Pittsburg Presbytery, undertook, prior to your action, to establish or perfect a legal title to this property for the surviving members of the congregation who have an undoubted moral claim or title to it. One of said members, who is still a communicant in regular standing in our church, has taken so much interest in the matter that her son who is an Attorney in Westmoreland County, Pa., offered his service to the Board, free of charge, except for any actual outlay of money that he might find it necessary to make during the progress of the case in Court, &c.

Now as we understand this case, Synod thus far, is only the agent of the surviving members of that congregation, and we say it respectfully, has no right to do anything or to take any action in regard to the property that will not be in accord with the wishes of said surviving member or members. The Attorney who represents the members and Synod's Board was very indignant when he learned of the resolution to quit claim the property. As the Board's Attorney his opposition to said action does not count for anything, but as the Attorney for and representative of the people who at present have the claim and title to the property his opposition is of such importance in your Board's opinion that we could not see our way clear to disregard it. The Attorney's offer to give his services gratuitously, contemplated of course the fixing up of the title for the members of the congregation. If your action is not rescinded it will be necessary for you to make provision for the payment of services already rendered by the Attorney and for other expenses that have been incurred. The Board has no fund out of which this money can be taken and we will need instructions in reference to it.

We would respectfully recommend that you rescind your action taken at your last meeting in reference to this property.

Nineteenth.—The David Gregg Bequest—This bequest by one who for many years was a member of this Board was given to the church, the income therefrom to be used for various missions and church schemes.

The receipts for rent during the year were.....	\$7,050 00
The taxes, insurance and other expenses were....	2,994 63

Making a total net income of.....	\$4,055 37
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Agreeably to the instructions accompanying this bequest the net profits from this estate as set forth have been distributed among the following schemes of the church, viz.: Foreign Missions, Domestic Missions, Sustentation Fund, Church Erection, Theological Seminary, Southern Mission, Fund for Widows and Children of Deceased Ministers, for the Central Allegheny Congregation, and for Chinese Mission.

Twentieth.—The Invested Funds—The total amount of Endowment, Current Accounts, &c., now held by your Board as set forth in the Treasurer's report herewith transmitted for the present year aggregate the sum of five hundred and twenty-eight thousand and twenty-one dollars and seventy-one cents (\$528,021.71). The larger portion of this sum is invested in first mortgage loans upon real estate.

The income therefrom during the year now closed has enabled your Board to declare a dividend at the rate of five and one-tenth (5.1) per cent., at which rate we have given credit to the Endowment Accounts of Geneva College, Theological Seminary, Foreign Mission, Domestic Mission, Southern Mission and such other accounts as are justly entitled to participate in the net profits of the year.

Twenty-First.—Appropriations—The Board after careful consideration of the several schemes hereinafter named, and of their requirements for the coming year respectfully recommend the following appropriations, viz:

For the Theological Seminary.....	\$1,500 00
For the Students' Aid Fund.....	1,000 00
For the Aged Ministers' Fund.....	1,500 00
For the Library Fund; one-half for the Seminary and one-half for College.....	500 00
For the Widows and Orphans' Fund.....	1,500 00

Twenty-Second.—Books and Accounts Audited—In agreement with a long continued custom, the Board at a recent meeting appointed Messrs. William Blair and A. B. Copeland a committee to audit the Books and Accounts of the Board, who report that such work has been carefully attended to and the same has been found correct.

Twenty-Third.—Election of Trustees—The term for which Messrs. A. C. Coulter, Daniel Chesnut and A. B. Copeland were made members of this Board will expire this year. We therefore ask Synod at this meeting to elect their successors to serve for three years ending June 15, 1902, and that in agreement with the Act Incorporating the Board the election be by ballot.

Twenty-Fourth.—Delegate to Synod—Conformably to Synod's action, we report that John T. Morton, A. C. Coulter as alternate, has been elected a delegate to represent the Board at the present meeting of Synod.

Twenty-Fifth.—In conclusion and for your committees' convenience in considering the items in this report which among others may be suggested, we briefly refer to subjects requiring your attention.

1. Such action as may be considered best to enforce Synod's repeated directions to the First—Third New York Congregation. See item 4th.

ii. As to what disposition shall be made of the proceeds of the Walnut City Church lot. See item 6th.

iii. Instructions as to whether the Mrs. Rebecca Smith bequest shall go to Current or Endowment Account of the missions named. See item 9th.

iv. That action be taken by Synod in reference to the Mrs. Rebecca Law Bequest. See item 10th.

v. As to what disposition shall be made of the \$391.61 from the John Wright Bequest. See item 11th.

vi. We ask Synod's action in reference to the William Acheson Bequest. See item 12th.

vii. That Synod shall decide as to whether the \$399.60 from the James Dickson estate shall be credited to Current or Endowment Accounts. See item 13th.

viii. As to the Robert Sterrett Bequest. That Synod shall give directions as to whether the \$673.93 shall be given to the Endowment or Current Account of the Missions named. See item 14th.

ix. That Synod give specific directions as to the interpretation of the will of Miss Marion Malloch that the intention of the decedent be carried out. See item 16th.

x. That Synod shall give to the Board of Trustees full authority to act in the matter of making a deed or other legal papers agreeably to item 17th of this report.

xi. That Synod carefully consider the rights of all parties concerned in the Greensburg Church property and take action relative thereto. See item 18th.

xii. That appropriations be made by Synod for the Theological Seminary, the Students' Aid Fund, the Aged Ministers' Fund, the Library Fund and the Widows and Orphans' Fund. See item 21st.

xiii. That the trustees be elected by ballot to succeed Messrs. A. C. Coulter, Daniel Chesnut and A. B. Copeland. See item 23d.

Respectfully submitted by order of the Board.

DANIEL CHESNUT, *Secretary.*

PITTSBURGH, PA., May 31, 1899.

Colorado Pres.

Denver.....
Evans.....
La Junta.....
Seattle.....
Oak & Chase Miss.

Table with 15 columns of statistics for Colorado Pres. locations including Denver, Evans, La Junta, Seattle, and Oak & Chase Miss. Columns include counts for 12, 4, 58, 4, 95, 25, 40, 7, 4, 14, 104, 22, 6, 500, and 1,074.

Illinois Pres.

Bethel.....
Old Bethel.....
Oakdale.....
Church Hill.....
Princeton.....
Bloomington.....
Selma.....
St. Louis.....
Staunton.....

Table with 15 columns of statistics for Illinois Pres. locations including Bethel, Old Bethel, Oakdale, Church Hill, Princeton, Bloomington, Selma, St. Louis, and Staunton. Columns include counts for 10, 12, 20, 25, 241, 7, 147, 45, 234, 40, 56, 13, 16, 1,649, and 3,758.

N. Brunswick and Nova Scotia Pres.

St. John.....
Barnesville.....
Corwallis.....
Robert Stewart.....

Table with 15 columns of statistics for N. Brunswick and Nova Scotia Pres. locations including St. John, Barnesville, Corwallis, and Robert Stewart. Columns include counts for 3, 13, 2, 2, 3, 3, 3, 8, 8, 4, 1, 2, 2, 3, 3, 3, 1, 3, 3, 1, 3, 1, 558, 199, 822.

Iowa Pres.

First Chicago.....
Hickory Grove.....
Hopkinton.....
Lake Reno.....
Morning Sun.....
Rehoboth.....
Sharon.....
Verona.....
Washington.....

Table with 15 columns of statistics for Iowa Pres. locations including First Chicago, Hickory Grove, Hopkinton, Lake Reno, Morning Sun, Rehoboth, Sharon, Verona, and Washington. Columns include counts for 2, 3, 7, 12, 35, 3, 98, 46, 3, 82, 14, 4, 4, 3, 600, 1,701, 1,701.

No. of Cong's, 4

No. Ministers, 4

Table with 15 columns of statistics for No. of Cong's, 4 and No. Ministers, 4. Columns include counts for 35, 25, 58, 55, 839, 31, 910, 134, 1,255, 194, 613, 337, 297, 294, 68, 61, 342, 393, 92, 38, 38, 4,507, 3,091, 11,550.

SUMMARY.

Presbyteries.	CONTRIBUTIONS.														Total.												
	Congregations.	Ministers.	Elders.	Deacons.	Increase in Membership.	Decrease in Membership.	Communicants.	Baptisms.	Sabbath School Attendance.	Young People's Society Attendance.	Syrian Mission.	Chinese Mission.	Home Mission.	Southern Mission.		Indian Mission.	Jewish Mission.	Theological Seminary.	Sustentation.	Church Direction.	National Reform.	Testimony Bearing.	Aged Ministers' Fund.	Widows' and Orphans' Fund.	Salary Paid by Congregation.	Miscellaneous.	
N. Brunswick & N. Scotia	3	3	7	15	75	6	141	9	90	.....	\$ 133	\$ 10	\$ 15	\$ 8	\$ 5	\$ 9	\$ 4	\$ 4	\$ 4	\$ 2	\$ 4	\$ 5	\$ 5	\$ 3	\$ 3,107	\$ 258	\$ 1,571
Iowa.....	9	8	35	28	68	36	839	31	910	134	1,255	104	613	687	68	294	68	61	61	842	393	92	38	38	4,567	3,091	11,530
Lakes.....	8	7	33	28	59	36	615	24	618	262	907	107	90	93	34	88	59	55	55	218	33	65	34	23	4,617	1,575	7,947
Kansas.....	16	16	73	55	62	76	1,430	44	1,407	330	1,015	767	246	335	151	403	59	61	61	2,610	130	105	47	52	6,274	3,183	14,928
Pittsburgh.....	26	39	99	62	152	66	2,171	58	3,385	704	3,137	545	1,490	647	806	213	176	333	333	7,724	884	458	137	117	18,330	11,001	45,878
Pittsburgh.....	9	8	46	36	82	38	863	11	885	184	305	132	83	124	133	64	29	46	46	176	68	61	23	28	3,520	1,739	6,878
Illinois.....	7	5	21	11	6	26	330	10	220	81	335	41	53	70	133	11	24	34	34	559	43	38	14	8	2,079	661	4,093
Ohio.....	4	4	10	21	6	25	441	1	147	45	234	40	56	29	50	16	13	19	19	286	64	17	15	14	1,649	1,276	3,758
Colorado.....	3	2	10	6	6	5	130	1	220	50	191	68	35	55	35	21	32	18	12	22	20	13	11	11	894	832	1,779
Vermont.....	4	4	20	13	8	22	693	14	234	135	1,579	144	309	119	100	104	54	38	38	238	130	43	29	29	6,155	5,885	14,570
Philadelphia.....	6	6	20	13	8	17	360	10	264	116	859	92	301	82	51	117	29	79	91	69	86	42	30	30	3,185	1,149	5,968
Roadster.....	4	6	20	13	8	17	360	10	264	116	859	92	301	82	51	117	29	79	91	69	86	42	30	30	3,185	1,149	5,968
New York.....	15	17	62	58	178	117	1,758	57	1,654	465	7,747	1,030	609	567	228	128	386	870	1,736	435	91	45	84	84	18,270	13,495	45,077
Syrian Commission.....	3	.....	.....	.....	75	14	233	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Totals.....	113	124	436	337	638	636	9,875	283	10,367	2,436	\$7,817	\$2,600	\$3,355	\$2,467	\$1,963	\$1,414	\$912	\$1,578	\$3,985	\$1,973	\$1,080	\$450	\$437	\$70	\$36	\$43,255	\$164,485

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