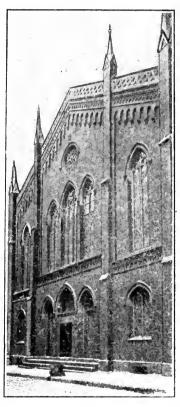


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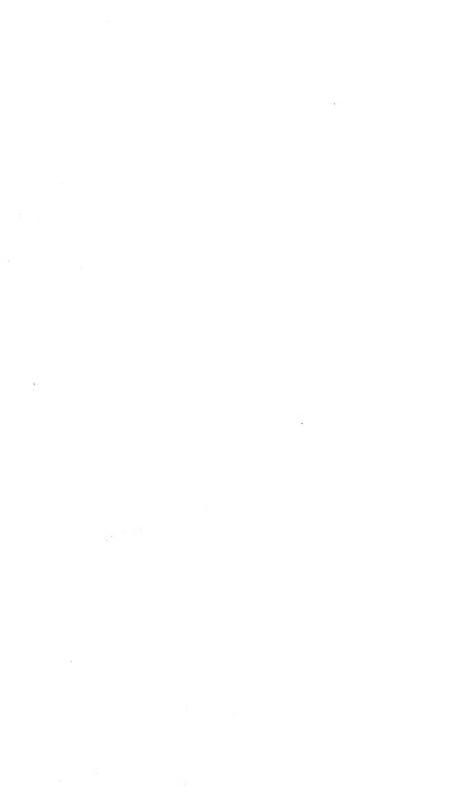
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Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America

LXXXII.

Pittsburg, Pa., May 30, 1911, 8 P. M.

The Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America met pursuant to adjournment in the Eighth Street Reformed Presbyterian Church, Pittsburg, Pa., and after devotional exercises its sessions were opened with a sermon by the Moderator's alternate, M. M. Pearce, from 1 Samuel 10:26, "A Band of Men Whose Hearts God Had Touched."

In the absence of the Moderator, James S. Stewart, the former Moderator T. H. Acheson, constituted the court with prayer. After announcements Synod adjourned to meet tomorrow morning at nine o'clock. Prayer by D. B. Wilson.

MORNING SESSION.

Same place, Wednesday, 9 a. m., Synod convened at the appointed hour and was constituted with prayer by the former Moderator, T. H. Acheson. The roll was completed, and is as follows:

ROLL.

COLORADO.

!	Denver J. C. French. Greeley La Junta E. A. Crooks. Los Angeles P. J. McDonald. Regina Santa Ana G. N. Greer Seattle T. M. Slater W. C, Allen	J. S. Bell James G. Love
	ILLINOIS.	
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	Chicago *T. C. McKnight. Hopkinton Lake Reno *F. E. Allen Morning Sun C. D. Trumbull Rehoboth G. A. Edgar Sharon E. L. McKnight Vernon xH. G. Patterson Washington S. E. Greer J. A. Black xRobert Clarke J. S. McGaw W. M. Robb	D. H. C. Johnston. J. K. E sey W. J. Marshall S. O. Carson R. J. Allen S. P. Wylie
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	Beulah J. T. Mitchell. Billings H. G. Foster. Cache Creek Clarinda H. G. McConaughy. Denison D. H. Elliott. Eskridge W. A. Aikin Hebron J. R. W. Stevenson. Kansas City J. Milligan Wylie. Long Branch Olathe Quinter J. G. McElhinney Stering xJ. Boggs Dodds. Superior J. M. Johnston Tabor O. F. Thompson.	Yel'ow Fish Wylie Scholes J. H. Braum A. Copeland xW. J. Adams John Armstrong W. S. Mitchell xNathaniel Patton J. A. McKee J. Z. Sterrett J. W. Carson W. W. Mitchell

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Ministers Absent—J. M. Armour, I. A. B'ackwood, R. A. Boyd, W. W. Carithers, D. H. Coulter, J. W. Dill, D. B. Elsey, J. D. Edgar, E. G. Elsey, Samuel Edgar, S. Turner Foster, E. J. Fuersohn, R. J. Gault, W. M. George, Julius Kempf. George Kennedy. J. M. Little-

Gault, W. M. George, Julius Kempf, George Kennedy, J. M. Littlejohn, Walter McCarroll, J. L. McCartney, A. J. McFarland, Jr., R. J. McIsaac, H. B. McMillan, Louis Meyer, E. C. Mitchell, W. C. Paden, J. L. Pinkerton, A. I. Robb, J. K. Robb, W. G. Robb, T. A. Rusk, Elmer Russell, J. S. Stewart, R. D. Taggart, J. R. Thompson, J. T. Wilson, R. E. Wilson—36.

Congregations not Represented—Bovina, Cedarville, Content, Evans, Hickory Grove, Holmwood, Londonderry, McKeesport and Monongahela, Second Newburg, Reygate, Stafford, St. John, Wahoo **--13**.

xNot present at first roll call.

^{*}Ordained since last meeting of Synod.
!Organized since last meeting of Synod.

- S. G. Shaw was elected Moderator, J. S. Thompson was reelected Clerk and C. M. Smith was re-elected Assistant Clerk.
- D. H. Elliott, S. E. Greer, M. M. Pearce, D. C. Mathews and Robert Park were made the official reporters of the Synod.

The Clerk of the Pittsburg Presbytery announced the death of the Rev. R. J. George, D. D., which occurred at his home in Allegheny on the 11th of February, 1911. The nominating of a committee to prepare a suitable minute on the death of Dr. George was referred to the committee on Nominations.

The committee on the Order of Business reported. The hours of meeting were fixed at 9 A. M. to 12:30 P. M. and 2 P. M. to 4 P. M. The time for the evening conferences was fixed at 7:45. The report was adopted and is as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ORDER OF BUSINESS

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

Tuesday, 8:00 P. M.—Sermon by the Moderator's alternate, Constitution of the Court.

Wednesday, 9:00 A. M.—Election of Officers, Report of Committee on Order of Business, Committee on Devotional Exercises, Committee on Unfinished Business; report of Board of Church Erection, and Board of Sustentation.

2:00 P. M.—Report of Central Board of Missions, Board of Foreign Missions, Board of Jewish Missions, and Superintendents of the Theological Seminary.

7:45 P. M .- Conference on Our Covenant.

Thursday, 9 A. M.—Report of Executive Committee on National Reform, of Synod's Financial agent for National Reform, of Board of Control, and of Committee on Witness Bearing.

2:00 P. M.—Report of Committee on Temperance, of Committee on Evange istic Work, Reports of Presbyteries.

4:00 P. M.—Reception at Home for Aged.

7:45 P. M.—Conference on Witness Bearing.

Friday, 9:00 A. M.—Report of Synod's Board of Trustees, of Board of Corporators of Geneva College, of Board of Trustees of Geneva College, of Mission Conference.

2:00 P. M.—Report of Stated Clerk, of Committee on Sabbath, of Committee on Sabbath Schools, of Committee on Young People's Societies.

7:45 P. M .- Conference on Foreign Missions.

Saturday, 9:00 A. M.—Report of Committee on State of Religion, of Committee on Psalmody, of Committee on National Reform.

Monday, 9:00 A. M.—Report of Committee on Discipline, of Committee on Records of Presbyteries, of Committee on Secret Societies, of Committee on Signs of the Times, of Committee on Systematic Beneficence.

2:00 P. M.—Report of Committee on Traveling Fund, of Committee on Foreign Missions, of Committee on Home Missions, of Committee on Theological Seminary and Geneva College.

7:45 P. M.—Conference on National Reform.

Tuesday, 9:00 A. M.—Report of Committee on Church Erection, of Committee on Finance, of Committee on Supplies, of Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

Respectfully Submitted,

A. A. WYLIE, D. H. ELLIOTT,

D. B. ELSEY,

J. H. CURRY,

W. J. SMITH.

Committee.

The Committee on eDvotional Exercises reported. The first half hour of the morning session was fixed as the time for devotional exercises. The ereport was adopted and is as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON DEVOTIONAL EXERCISES.

May 31—Prayer that we may have the love of the Lord Jesus Christ and the desire to obey His law that will secure for us the guidance of the Spirit of truth. John 14, 15-17, 26. Leader the Moderator.

June 1.—Thanksgiving for God's blessings in the past year, as manifested in our opportunities for fellowship with Him, in an increased desire for the complete evangelization of our own land, in the prosperity of the Foreign Mission work of the Church, and in a growing interest in the socia' Kingdom of God. Psalm 65:11. Leader, P. J. McDonald.

June 2—Prayer that in all things the Lord Jesus Christ may have the preeminence. Col. 1:18-20. Leader, J. H. Sloane.

June 3—Prayer that the educational work of the Church may be blessed, that God will raise up young men and women who will answer the call of the Church for more laborers. Luke 10:2; Isa. 6:8. Leader, T. P. Stevenson.

June 5-Prayer for the mission work of the Church, that the social upheava's and the changing civilizations in the lands occupied by our missions may bring in the fulness of the kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ. Isa, 62:1-4. Leader, Samuel Carmichael.

June 6-Prayer for God's blessing upon the Church and her work during the coming year. Psalm 67. Leader, J. S. Bell.

June 7—Praise unto the God of our Salvation. Rev. 5:9

Leader, J. S. Thompson.

Respectfully submitted,

R. W. PIPER, JOHN COLEMAN, J. W. YOUNG,

R. J. CATHCART.

It was ordered that 500 copies of these reports be printed for the use of the members of Synod.

Presbyteries were granted the privilege of holding meetings during the meeting of Synod.

The Committee on Unfinished Business reported. The report was accepted and taken up item by item for adoption.

Item 1. Attended to.

Item 2. Attended to.

Item 3. Made the special order of the day for Saturday morning.

Item 4. Attended to.

Item 5. The Committee reported. The report was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Item 6. Laid on the table until the appearance of the Treasurer of the Foreign Mission Board on the floor of Synod.

Item 7. Attended to.

Item 8. Attended to.

Item 9. Laid on the table for the present.

Item 10. The Clerk reported, indicating the corrections needed to the printed Minutes for 1910. The report was adopted and is as follows:

REPORT OF CLERK ON PRINTING MINUTES OF 1910.

In accordance with your instructions 1000 copies of the Minutes of 1910 were printed and placed in the hands of J. S. Tibby for sale and distribution. The following corrections should be made to the printed Minutes:

Page 9—To list of absent ministers add the name of J. D. Edgar. Page 99—Item 14. For "\$50.00" read "\$40.00."

Page 121—Line 2. Read "\$4350.00" instead of "\$3950.00."

Page 121—Line 13. Read "\$300.00" instead of "\$700.00."

Page 138-Eighteenth line from bottom of page. For "congregations" read "congregation."

Page 158—For "Committee to hear Complaint of J. F. Crozier" read "Commission."

Page 159—Following the report of the Committee on Tenure of Office of members of Boards insert "B. M. Sharp and F. M. Wilson resigned from the Central Board of Missions. "J. C. Slater was elected a member of this Board."

The attention of the Synod is called to a discrepancy between the number of ministers as contained in the roll of Synod and as reported by the Stated Cerk and in the statistical tables. The roll of Synod, including the corrected list of absentees, contains 140 names while the Stated Clerk reports 136. This discrepancy seems to arise from the carelessness of Clerks of Presbyteries in not including in their statistical tables the names of all the unsettled ministers. For instance Iowa Presbytery omits the names of two of her unsettled ministers from the statistical tables.

Respectfully submitted,

J. S. THOMPSON, Clerk.

Item 11. Attended to The report is as follows:

PRINTING AND SALE OF MINUTES OF 1910.

The Treasurer of the Literary Fund would report that there were one thousand copies of 1910 Minutes of Synod printed by the Beaver Publishing Co., Beaver, Pa.

864 copies sold at 35 cents each\$302.40

22 copies free

4 copies defective and replaced

10 copies 'ost in the mail

900

Printing Minu	tes	 	\$210.20
Postage and E	xpressage	 	32.39
Envelopes		 	2.70 - 245.29
Balance		 	\$ 57.11

JAMES S. TIBBY Treasurer.

Item 12. Laid on the table for the present.

Item 13. Laid on the table for the present.

Item 14. Laid on the table for the present.

Item 15. The Judicial Commission reported, submitting the minutes of Commission. The report was accepted and the minutes were ordered incorporated in the Minutes of Synod. They are as follows:

REPORT CHAIRMAN OF COMMISSION TO HEAR APPEAL AND COMPLAINT OF J. F. CROZIER.

The Judicial Commission appointed by last Synod (Min. Synod 1910, pp. 138, 158) to which was referred the appeal and complaint of J. F. Crozier against Pittsburgh Presbytery would respectfully report that we met and attended to the business assigned us and herewith submit the Minutes of the Commission.

D. C. MATHEWS, Chairman.

MINUTES OF JUDICIAL COMMISSION.

The Commission consisting of D. C. Mathews, J. T. Mitchell, James McCune, ministers, and J. B. Dodds and J. P. Baird, elders, appointed by Synod to hear and act on the appeal and complaint of J. F. Crozier against Pittsburgh Presbytery, met at the cal of the Moderator, D. C. Mathews, in the parlor of the Westminster Hotel, Winona Lake, Indiana Wednesday, June 1st, 1910,

at 7:30 P. M. and was constituted with prayer by the Moderator. All members were present. James McCune was elected Clerk. Mr. Crozier was present as were also A. Kilpatrick and J. M. Coleman. representatives of Pittsburgh Presbytery to defend their action.

Mr. Crozier voluntarily waived his right to prosecute his complaint and appeal except the first part that charged the Presbytery Said part was read; also certified extracts from Minutes of Pittsburgh Presbytery bearing on the case; also copy of charges preferred by J. F. Crozier in Pittsburgh Presbytery against certain members of the Geneva Session. Mr. Crozier was then heard at considerab e length in prosecution of his complaint and appeal. A. Kilpatrick then addressed the court in defense of the action of the Presbytery followed by J. M. Coleman. Mr. Crozier then replied. Both parties having been given a full hearing and having been interrogated by the court, withdrew.

The following was adopted unanimously by the court:

"While recognizing the sincerity of Mr. Crozier's purpose and his commendable zeal for the purity and good order of the church as animating his action in pressing this case, yet-

- We do not sustain his appeal and complaint with reference to any of the charges preferred.
- We approve the action of Presbytery in dismissing charge of "sowing discord among brethren" as inadmissable.
- We do not endorse the action of Presbytery in classing the charge of "wilfully absenting themselves from the ordinances" as "not censurable;" yet, all circumstances considered, we believe a libel unwarranted.

We depricate the use of certain expressions in the Declina-

ture reflecting on the character of the appellant."

The Clerk was instructed to furnish Mr. Crozier with a copy of this action and also the Clerk of Pittsburgh Presbytery. The Minutes of the Commission were read and adopted. The Commission then adjourned with prayer by J. T. Mitchell.

D. C. MATHEWS, Moderator. JAMES M'CUNE, Clerk.

I. F. Crozier protested against the action of the Court, for reasons to be presented later.

A Committee consisting of W. J. Coleman, T. P. Stevenson and D. B. Wilson was appointed to report during this meeting of Synod as to the law of the Church relative to the power of Synod to review the findings of a Commission of the Synod,

Item 16. The delegate reported. The report was accepted and is as follows:

REPORT OF DELEGATE TO INTER-CHURCH TEMPERANCE FEDERATION.

Your delegate appointed to act in connection with the above named Federation would respectfully report, that he attended the annual meeting of the Federation at Washington, D. C., December 9 to 11. As instructed by the Synod at its last meeting your delegate at a business meeting of the Association made a statement as to our political position and its relation to the work of the Association, and was assured that we could consistently cooperate with the Federation. A delegate from Indianapolis in connection with our remarks said that denominational relation to the Federation meant cooperation among denominations wherein they agreed and denominational autonomy wherein we differ.

A public program was carried out. Your delegate had the privilege of presenting an address on "The Relation of Temperance to Other Reforms," in the course of which he took occasion to present at some length the principles of National Reformation. The address was published in the National Advocate and the Christian Statesman.

Some of the resolutions adopted by the Federation that would be of interest to us were: For a temperance leaflet to be used during the Week of Player: a memoria to the International S. S. Lesson Committee, asking that the World's Temperance Sabbath be changed from the last Sabbath in November to the last Sabbath in October; a resolution favoring a readjustment of our revenue system so as not to rely upon money exacted from the liquor traffic: opposition to the sale of liquor on government ships, buildings, and premises; opposition to the repeal or modification of Anti-canteen legislation; a resolution favoring the protection of the Indian wards of the nation; and one favoring such comity between the Federal Government and the several states as will afford to the latter full police power for the protection of the health, peace, and morals of the people, and to this end favoring some adequate inter-state liquor shipment bill.

A movement is in progress looking to a merging of the Inter-Church Temperance Federation with the Temperance Department of the Federal Council of Churches. These two bodies have already agreed to act jointly until the meeting of the Federal Council in December 1912. No changes have been made in the basis of agreement on which the various denominations continue in the work of temperance; and we also understand that cooperation with the Temperance Committee of the Federal Council of Churches does not make the cooperating denominations members of the Federal Council of Churches. It appears that there are different denominations in the Temperance Federation which are not in the Federal Council, while on the other hand there are many denominations in the Federal Council which are not in the Temperance Federation.

T. H. ACHESON.

Item 17. Laid on the table for the present.

Item 18. The Committee reported. The report was adopted and the Committee was continued. The report is as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BIBLE READING FOLDER.

Your committee to prepare a Bible-reading folder during the past year would respectfully report: A folder has been issued for each quarter of the year. The expense has been met out of the Literary Fund, but the treasury has been more than re-imbursed, for while the cost of printing the folders has been \$42, the sale of folders has brought in \$69.65.

These folders are prepared on a very simple plan, that of consecutive reading in the Word of God, except that the readings for Saturday morning and evening are the Sabbath School Lesson and Young People's Topic for the following day. The selection for the morning are from the Old Testament and for the evening from the New, the former covering during the past year from Numbers fifth chapter to the end of First Chronicles, the latter including from John seventh chapter to the end of the New Testament and from the beginning again to nearly the end of Mark. Care is taken as to length of reading and as to the paragraphing in the Bible; and a suitable heading is given to each section. The selections for the morning are slightly longer than those for the evening.

While this plan is so simple as to seem almost unnecessary, your committee feels that to make it more complicated will lessen the number of readers, will exclude very young readers, and will defeat the purpose in view; which is to secure the regular reading of a considerable portion of the Bible every morning and evening. This is a Bible reading movement, not a specia' Bible-study class. Such a movement as this would be facilitated much by the formation of of Bible-reading circles in each congregation, to meet about once every three months to report as to the reading done, and for conference and prayer. We feel that such a Bible-reading plan will hardly be successfully carried out without some organized cooperation among the congregations.

Your committee is not tenacious in the belief that the present plan is the very best for us to follow, nor is it desirous to be continued in charge of the work. We would not be opposed to any modification of this plan that would add to its versatility but would not hinder its practicability; and we are more than desirous to see it entrusted to other hands.

Respectfully submitted,

T. H. ACHESON, JOHN YATES, W. R. PORTER.

Item 19. Laid on the table for the present.

Item 20. The report was accepted and the item of finance was referred to the Committee on Finance.

The Report of the Committee on Unfinished Business was laid on the table that the Synod might engage in devotional exercises. The Moderator led the devotions.

R. A. M. Steele was chosen precentor for the Synod. Synod took recess until 2 P. M. Prayer by F. M. Foster.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Same place, 2 P. M. Synod reconvened and was led in prayer by H. H. George. The roll was called, and the following did not answer to their names: G. N. Greer, J. A. Black, Robert Clark, B. M. Sharp, James Moore, David McFarland,

- J. A. McKee and W. W. Mitchell, most of whom soon appeared. The minutes of the session of yesterday evening, and of this morning were read and approved.
- J. A. Black, M. D. was granted optional attendance for the remaining sessions of the synod.

Announcement was made of the very serious illness of R. J. Gault. The Clerk was instructed to send him a telegram of sympathy on behalf of the Synod.

The report of Unfinished Business was taken from the table. Item 21. Attended to.

Item 22. The Committee reported. The report was accepted and adopted and is as follows:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE TO PREPARE A NEW EDITION OF THE BOOK OF PSALMS.

In presenting this, our last report the Committee on Selection of Psalms expresses its regret that we were not able to complete our work in time to have the new edition of the Book of Psalms printed and ready for this meeting of Synod. We made a steady effort, meeting a most every week from the middle of August to the middle of February, with five half day sessions at each meeting, but the work grew on us so that we could not cover the ground at an earlier date. The more we studied the text the more we saw to correct, and we do not now present our work as free from many faults, but as the best that we were able to do. We have sought help from every version within our reach and have earnestly and humbly tried to prepare a version more plain, smooth and agreeable to the text than any heretofore.

After this work was done, our clerk, A. A. Wylie, copied all the book with special attention to punctuation, in which we did our best to he p him, and, embodying all corrections, prepared it for the printer. He with others in the committee has read proof on the work up to the end of Psalm 116, so that the book will soon be ready for binding. The necessity for sending the proofs around to different readers has helped to delay the printers. We owe much to Dr. S. A. S. Metheny who has helped in proof reading and has made many good suggestions.

Those beside the chairman who have taken an active part in this work have been J. S. Thompson, A. A. Wylie, T. H. Acheson and W. J. McKnight. We were also assisted during part of the time, by the Rev. S. B. Houston of the Associate Presbyterian Church. We have constantly sought the blessing of the Lord upon the effort to provide in the best form that which he has given to be sung in his praise. Believing the Psalms to be the word of God, we have reverently tried to adhere closely to the text, even if at some sacrifice of smoothness and grace. Upon the result we invoke God's blessing and your considerate judgment.

We recommend that the expenses incurred by the members of this committee be paid out of the Literary Fund.

W. J. COLEMAN A. A. WYLIE, J. S. THOMPSON, T. H. ACHESON, W. J. M'KNIGHT.

The Committee was continued, to consist of W. J. Coleman, A. A. Wylie, T. H. Acheson, W. J. McKnight and J. S. Thompson.

Item 23. Laid on the table for the present.

Item 24. Laid on the table for the present.

Item 25. Laid on the table for the present.

Item 26. Laid on the table for the present.

Item 27. Laid on the table to be taken up in connection with the report of the Board of Superintendents of the Theological Seminary and the report of the Committee on Theological Seminary and Geneva College.

Item 28. Laid on the table for the present.

The report of the Committee on Unfinished business was laid on the table.

The Board of Church Erection reported. The report was accepted and referred to the Committee on Sustentation and Church Erection, and the Committee on Finance.

The report of, the Domestic Mission Board was made the order of the day for tomorrow morning.

The Board of Foreign Missions reported. The report was accepted and referred to the Committee on Foreign Missions and the Committee on Finance.

The Courtesies of the floor were extended to the Rev. J. T. McCrory, D. D., of the Third United Presbyterian Church, Pittsburg.

The Jewish Mission Board reported. The report was accepted and referred to the Committee on Home Missions and the Committee on Finance.

The Board of Superintendents of the Theological Seminary reported. The report was accepted and referred to the Committee

on Theological Seminary and Geneva College, and the Committee on Finance.

Synod adjourned to meet tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock. Prayer by D. S. Faris.

MORNING SESSION.

Same place, Thursday, June 1, 9 A. M. Synod convened at the appointed hour and was constituted with prayer by the Moderator. The roll was called. The following did not answer to their names: J. A. Black, William Blair, Robert Clarke, J. F. Crozier, E. M.Elsey, J. K. Elsey, W. Henry George, S. McNaugher, R. H. Martin, H. G. Patterson, J. H. Pritchard, T. C. Sproull, J. Z. Sterrett, D. P. White and F. M. Wilson, most of whom soon appeared. The Synod engaged in one-half hour of devotions led by P. J. McDonald. The minutes of the session of yesterday afternoon were read and approved.

It was resolved that hereafter the second calling of the roll be omitted.

The courtesies of the floor were extended to the Rev. J. B. Wilson, Ph. D., of the Grant Street Reformed Presbyterian Church, to the Rev. J. S. T. Milligan, D. D., of the United Presbyterian Church, Pittsburg, and to the Rev. J. R. J. Milligan, D. D., of the United Presbyterian Church, of Cleveland, O.

It was resolved that the Synod express it as its judgment that the evening Conferences should close not later than 9 o'clock.

The Moderator announced the following committees:

COMMITTEES.

Nominations—A. A. Samson, M. M. Pearce, J. G. Reed, J. G. Love, W. J. Marshall.

Traveling Fund—P. J. McDonald and Financial Agents of the Presbyteries.

Discipline—D. C. Faris, A. Kilpatrick, R. Hargrave, J. S. Bell, James Milligan.

Supplies—H. G. Foster, E. L. McKnight, R. W. Piper, W. J. Beattie, A. Copeland.

Finance—J. C. French, G. R. Steele, A. A. Johnston, Jesse Wilson, S. O. Carson.

National Reform—J. Boggs Dodds, G. A. Edgar, S. Mc-Naugher, T. R. Sarderson, D. H. C. Johnson. Theological Seminary and Geneva College—S. J. Johnston, Thomas Patton, John Coleman, A. C. Coulter, D. O. Torrens.

Sustentation and Church Erection—H. G. Patterson, R. C. Reed, J. G. McElhinney, William Martin, James R. Bell.

Foreign Correspondence—R. C. Montgomery, J. M. Johnston, W. J. Sanderson, James Clark, S. Carmichael.

Foreign Missions—T. M. Slater, J. M. Foster, J. R. W. Stevenson, J. K. Elsey, S. A. Sterrett.

Home Missions—E. A. Crooks, S. F. Kingston, D. O. Jack, J. W. Rose, J. R. Dill.

Place of Meeting-J. H. Pritchard, W. T. K. Thompson, W. A. Aiken, J. Z. Sterrett, T. J. Kynette.

ON PRESBYTERIAL RECORDS.

Colorado-W. S. Fulton, S. E. Greer, W. J. Crawford.

1 linois—H. G. McConaughy, F. E. Allen, Nathaniel Patton.

Iowa-G. N. Greer, James McCune, John C. Calderwood.

Kansas—W. J. McBurney, S. G. Connor, William Hannah.

New Brunswick and Nova Scotia—J. T. Mitchell, T. A. McElwain, C. M. Finley.

New York—Isaiah Faris, O. F. Thompson, Robert J. Miller.

Ohio-E. M. Elsey, J. Ralston Wylie, James Shields.

Philadelphia-J. M. Faris, P. P. Boyd, J. H. McBurney.

Pittsburg—William McFarland, T. C. McKnight, William Robson.

Rochester—R. A. Blair, R. C. Allen, James Graham.

Papers were called for.

- No. 1. Memorial from Colorado Presbytery. Referred to the Committee on Discipline.
- No. 2. Memorial from R. M. Sommerville. Referred to the Committee on Discipline.
- No. 3. Memorial from Seattle session. Referred to Committee on Discipline.
- No. 4. Memorial from the Session of the Third New York Congregation. Referred to a special Committee, to be nominated by the Committee on Nominations, and to report at this meeting of Synod.
- No. 5. Memorial from the Session of the Allegheny Congregation. Referred to the Committee on National Reform.
- No. 6. Reports of S. A. S. Metheny, Treasurer of the Foreign Mission Board, the Board of Jewish Missions and the Board of Church Erection. Referred to the Committee on Finance.

- No. 7. Report of Board of Managers of Aged People's Home. Referred to the Committee on Finance.
- No. 8. Complaint of A. G. Walkinshaw against the Colorado Presbytery. Referred to the Committee on Discipline.

The Central Board of Missions reported. The report was accepted and referred to the Committee on Home Missions.

The Board of Sustentation reported. The report was accepted and referred to the Committee on Sustentation and Church Erection.

The Executive Committee of the National Reform Association reported. The report was accepted and referred to the Committee on National Reform together with certain resolutions offered by J. M. Foster.

The hearing of the report of the Committee on National Reform was made the first order of the day for Saturday morning.

A resolution offered by John Coleman relative to the work of the Theological Seminary was referred to the Committee on Theological Seminary and Geneva College.

An invitation was presented to the Synod to attend the dedication of the new Gymnasium at Geneva College on Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock. The invitation was laid on the table for the present.

Synod's Financial Agent for National Reform reported. The report was referred to the Committee on Finance.

The Board of Control reported. The report was referred to the Committee on Finance and the Committee on Nominations.

The Standing Committee on Witness Bearing reported. The report was accepted and taken up item by item for adoption.

Item 1. Adopted.

Item 2. Referred to a special Committee to report during this meeting of Synod.

Item 3. Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Item 4. Adopted.

Item 5. Adopted.

Item 6. Adopted.

The report was laid on the table to be taken up in connection with the report of the Special Committee to which was referred Item 2 of the report.

The courtesies of the floor were extended to the Rev. A. Theadore Smith, of the United Presbyterian Church, McKeesport.

Synod took recess until 2 P. M. Prayer by R. J. Dodds.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Same place, 2 P. M. Synod reconvened at the appointed hour and was opened with prayer by M. M. Pearce. The roll was called and the following did not answer to their names: F. E. Allen, W. J. Beatty, J. A. Black, Thomas Boggs, S. O. Carson, Robert Clarke, D. N. Crowe, J. F. Crozier, G. A. Edgar, E. M. Elsey, J. H. Finley, J. C. French, W. Henry George, James Graham, G. N. Greer, S. E. Greer, P. J. McDonald, J. H. McGee, E. L. McKnight, T. C. McKnight, R. H. Martin, Thomas Patton, W. M. Robb, George R. Steele, S. P. Wylie and Yellow Fish, most of whom soon appeared. The minutes of the morning session were read and approved.

The courtesies of the floor were extended to the Rev. T. D. Edgar, of the United Presbyterian Church, Wilkinsburg, Pa.

F. M. Wilson was granted optional attendance on the remaining sessions of the Synod on account of sickness.

The Permanent Committee on Evangelistic Work reported. The report was accepted and taken up item by item for adoption.

Item 1. Adopted.

Item 2. Adopted.

Item 3. Adopted.

Item 4. Adopted.

Item 5. Adopted.

The report was adopted as a whole, and is as follows:

REPORT OF PERMANENT COMMITTEE ON EVANGELISTIC WORK.

The most urgent need of the present day is a great spiritual awakening. Referring to this need Dr. Chapman says: "It is simply appalling." And he adds, "Of this we may be assured if we but

open our eyes to take note of the progress of sin and indifference, the decrease in many places of church attendance, and the lack of interest shown in certain parts of our country in those things that contribute to the advancement of the kingdom of God." Dr. Goodell 'edins his book on "Pastoral and Personal Evangelism" with those words: "The stati-tics of Conferences and Synods for the last ten years have not been pleasant reading for those who long to see the advance of the visible Church of God. The percent of increase in Protestantism in the last decade has been the plant of any decade in a hundred years."

This condition of spiritual deadness, and the consequent need of a great spiritual awakening, is by no means confined to our own land. Speaking of the spiritual condition in Germany, Dr. Goodeli guotes the following from "A Revival Call to the Churches." I have it on the authority of two German pastors, that only four per cent of the population of the great towns of Geography ever go to or enter a place of wording. In regard to the spiritual candition in England he quotes from the same source: "A spirit s abroad amongst us which threatens the basis of social order. It is a spirit of lawlessness, a hunger at the hearts of menalaw of anarchy. It pervades our literature, degrades our politics, disturbs our streets, defiles our homes." From another source he quotes on the same subject: "We are faced by a practical paganism which finds its nourishment in the unparallelled increase of wealth, and which under a thin veneer of Christian phrasiology is debasing our civilization."

If these quotations properly represent the condition that exists in Protestantism it surely is true as Dr. Chapman says, "the need for a great spiritual awakening is simply appalling." And when we say that there is need for a great spiritual awakening we are simply saying what is on the lips of multitudes of people, for the need is widely recognized. Nor has there been lacking effort to meet it. Hundreds of evangelists are engaged in this work, some of them famous from ocean to ocean, others unknown outside narrow boundaries. Personal Worker's Leagues have been formed in many places, many of whose members show great zeal and activity. But with all this a survey of the field shows little indication that the conditions are improving. No deep spiritual influence seems to be pervading the life of the people.

Does this mean that the gospel has lost its saving and sanctifying power? Certainly not. Does it mean that the methods followed have been faulty? Probably. The evangelism which this Committee has sought to promote, it is believed, is of a scriptural character. It is hoped it will produce permanent results. It is evangelism that exalts the word of God, and seeks to increase the study of it; that finds the secret of its strength in prayer, and seeks to increase the spirit of prayer and supplication; that seeks to carry its influences into the homes in the revival of home religion; that calls to the separated life and holier living, that seeks to awaken intelligent and earnest Christian activity.

It is such evangelism as this, it is believed, that will produce permanent results. And the Covenanter Church is well equipped to lead in this type of evangelism. She has always honored and magnified the word of God; her people have been a praying people; few of her homes have ever been without the family altar; she has called her people to holy living and the separate life; she

has emphasized the divine principle of stewardship both as relates to possessions and talents. She ought to be in the vanguard of evangelistic churches.

The year has seen some growth in the work. There has been a growing realization in our congregations of the obligation to become positive evangelizing agencies. Most of our congregations are doing something in this respect. But as yet our efforts are far from being adequate to the demands or equal to the opportunity and the ability. Some are seeking to do this work through the Sabbath school, making increased efforts to lead the pupils to Christ, and seeking to conserve the results of their work by "Decision Day" or other similar methods. Others have depended on the ordinary services of the Church, at least one of which each Sabbath is given an especially evangelistic tone. Others hold an additional service each month to which special efforts are made to bring the unsaved. Others have sought to culminate the efforts of the year in the series of special services at which special efforts have been made to gather the fruits of the year's sowing and culti-Each of these methods has its own advantages, but it is the conviction of the Committee that in the combination of these the best results will be obtained. But after all it is not so much a matter of method as of spirit. The important thing is that the evangelistic spirit shall permeate all the congregations and quicken every heart; that our pastors shall be awake to their responsibility for the lost in their community, and shall lead their people in some method of reaching with the gospel these perishing ones; that there shall be much praying over the subject, and that the people shall place themselves in the hands of the Master that he may use them as he will promote this great end of His kingdom. these things are done there is little doubt but that each congregation will grow into the method that will be best adapted to meet the conditions with which it is surrounded.

We recommend:

1. That pastors present to their congregations at as early a date in the synodical year as possible the duty of the congregation and of the individual to the unsaved in the community.

2. That each congregation plan some definite evangelistic

work for the year in its own community.

3. That wherever practicable the efforts of the year shall culminate in a series of special services in which the evangelical truths of the gospel shall be pressed home on the hearts of the hearers, in which Christ shall be held before them as the only Savior, and in which it shall be sought to make permanent the results of the year's sowing and culture.

4. That the committee continue to seek to promote the evangelistic spirit among our people, to give aid to congregations and pastors in promoting such work in their communities, and in securing suitable assistance where special services are undertaken.

5. That the work of this Committee be sustained by the prayers of the whole Church, and that \$500.00 be appropriated from the Domestic Mission Treasury for the promotion of this work.

Respectfully submitted,

J. S. THOMPSON, R. H. MARTIN,

J. RENWICK WYLIE,

J. E. DODDS.

The report of Presbyteries was called for, and are as follows:

REPORT OF COLORADO PRESBYTERY.

Colorado Presbytery would respectfully report:

We have held one regular and one pro-re-nata meeting during the year. We have nine congregations and two mission stations under our care. Oakland congregation was disorganized August 16, 1910, and Regina congregation was organized May 20, 1911, making the number of our congregations the same as last year.

We have eleven ministers on our roll. J. M. Armour and J. T. Wilson are superannuated. H. B. McMillan is working under the direction of the Weld Co. S. S. Association. I. A. Blackwood, who has been in Southern California the greater part of the year in search of health, resigned the pastorate of Evans congregation April 25, 1911. He expects to remain in California for some time. He asks to be placed on Synod's list of supplies for the year, and assigned to Colorado Presbytery. Elmer Russell was received on certificate from Kansas Presbytery, April 25, 1911, and his name placed on our roll. He expects to labor in Canon City for the year. J. M. Wylie was certified to Kansas Presbytery March 27, 1911.

The salary of Dr. Kate McBurney has been paid in full. J. M. Armour is recommended to the Board of Control for aid.

The work in Oakland has been carried on during the year under the direction of Mrs. W. C. Allen. Our vacancies are Greeley, Evans, Content and Regina. The work in Portland began under the direction of licentiate Frank D. Fraser, is being carried on with a good degree of encouragement, and a Commission has been appointed to organize a congregation in this city. The time of W. C. Allen is at the disposal of Synod.

We ask for the time of two and a half laborers for the year. Our statistical report has been forwarded to the Stated Clerk, J. C. French is chairman of the Committee on Supplies.

Respectfully submitted,
J. C. FRENCH, Clerk.

REPORT OF ILLINOIS PRESBYTERY.

Illinois Presbytery would respectfully report that since the last meeting of Synod we have held two regular and one called meeting of Presbytery. We have eight congregations, under our care, one less than in our last report, Staunton having become disorganized through the removal of one of its two elders. Before disorganization the congregation made a judicious distribution of its funds and property, amounting to about \$6,000. It has been taken under the care of Presbytery as a Mission Station. Five of our congregations have settled pastors, one less than last year, the Rev. M. M. Pearce having on March 15, 1911, been released from the pastoral charge of St. Louis congregation and certified to Pittsburg Presbytery. His presence and council are much missed in our meetings. There are six ministerial members of Presbytery. On account of advanced age, Rev. D. S. Faris is not actively engaged in ministerial work. Rev. G. W. Benn having be-

come a pastor in the Presbyterian Church was dropped from the roll.

We have one student of Theology, James Boyd Tweed, who has completed his second year at the Seminary, and was licensed to preach the Gospel on May 10, 1911. He is recommended to Synod's Committee of Supplies for preaching during the vacation months, and together with Rev. D. S. Faris and Miss Anna George, is recommended to the Board of Control for participation in the appropriate funds.

Two of our congregations, Princeton and Bethel, have during the year mad_e unsuccessful calls. These congregations together with that of St. Louis are very desirous of speedily securing pastors and present needy and promising fields of labor. The Rev. W. M. Robb has labored for six months with great acceptance as Stated Supply of Bethel congregation. Our congregations have been helped by the earnest work of the Field Secretary of the Foreign Board, the Rev. R. A. Blair.

Our congregations generally observed the customary days of Thanksgiving and Fasting. Our statistical report was forwarded in due time. Our quota of Synod's traveling fund is paid in full. We ask for the full time of two laborers. D. C. Matthews is chairman of the Committee of supplies.

D. C. MATHEWS, Clerk.

REPORT OF IOWA PRESBYTERY,

Iowa Presbytery would respectfully report that we have held two special, one pro renata and one regular meeting during the past year and the interim Commission has been called together on several occasions.

The number of our congregations remains unchanged, but we have added to our ministerial roll the names of E. L. McKnight who was received from Kansas Presbytery and installed at Sharon, Jan. 31, 1911; H. G. Patterson, who was received from Ohio Presbytery and installed in Vernon Congregation on Feb. 27, 1911; T. C. McKnight, who was received as a licentiate and ordained and installed in the Chicago Congregation May 26, 1911; and F. E. Allen, a licentiate who was ordained and installed at Lake Reno Congregation, April 28, 1911.

J. S. McGaw resigned the pastorate of Sharon Congregation Sept. 6, 1910, to take up the work of National Field Secretary of the National Reform Association.

Robert Clarke continues to labor as Financial Agent of Geneva College; R. E. Wilson remains at his post in the Foreign Mission field, and J. A. Black is unemployed.

We have one licentiate, M. S. McMillan, whose time, with that of W. M. Robb is at the disposal of Synod. The Misses Martha and Juliet Cannon are applicants for aid from the Board of Control. S. Turner Foster is chairman of our Committee on Supplies. We request the appointment of W. C. Al en to labor in Iowa Presbytery till the end of the year.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE A. EDGAR, Clerk.

REPORT OF KANSAS PRESBYTERY.

Kansas Presbytery would respectfully report:

In the past year we have held one regular and one special

meeting and seven meetings of our Interim Commission.

With the organization of a new congregation at Stafford, Kansas, we now have nineteen congregations and one mission station.

With the recent reception of Rev. R. A. Boyd into the fellowship of our ministry we now have twenty-four ministers on our rol'.

Elmer Russell has been certified to Colorado Presbytery.

E. L. McKnight has been certified to Iowa Presbytery.

T. C. McKnight licentiate has been certified to Colorado Presbytery.

Samuel Morrow, licentiate, has been certified to Rochester Presbytery.

James McCune has been certified to New Brunswick and Nova Scotia Presbytery.

In the pastoral relationship the following changes have taken place: $% \frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) =\frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) +\frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)$

Elmer Russe'l was released from the Kansas City Congregation Dec. 6, 1910.

E. L. McKnight was released from the Olathe congregation Dec. 15, 1910.

- J. M. Johnston was released from the Long Branch congregation March 28, 1911.
- H. G. McConaughy was ordained and installed pastor of Clarinda Congregation July 20, 1910.
- J. M. Wylie was installed pastor of the Kansas City congregation April 1, 1911.
- J. M. Johnston was installed pastor of the Superior Congregation April 22, 1911.

Of the twenty-four ministers whose names appear on our roll, thirteen are pastors, two are foreign missionaries, one is a home missionary, one has retired, six are supplying in vacant congregations and one is teaching.

The full time of W. T. K. Thompson is at the disposal of Synod.

The frist six months of the time of J. Ralston Wylie is at the disposal of Synod.

J. W. Dill is to be assigned to Kansas Presbytery.

Isaiah Faris is to be assigned to Kansas Presbytery.

Kansas Presbytery asks for the full time of two laborers.

Our sta istical report was forwarded to J. S. Tibby in due time. Our quota to the travelling fund is full.

A call is pending from the Mercer congregation on W. T. K. Thompson,

- J. M. Johnson is chairman of the Committee on Supplies.
- D. H. Coulter is recommended to the Board of Control.

W. A. AlKIN, Clerk.

REPORT OF NEW BRUNSWICK AND NOVA SCOTIA PRESBYTERY.

The New Brunswick and Nova Scotia Presbytery would respectfully report that we have three congregations each of which has a

settled pastor, James McCune having been received on certificate from Kansas Presbytery and installed pastor of the Barnesvil e congregation July 7th, 1910. Mrs. Margaret Lawson is recommended to the Board of Control for a share in the funds at its disposal. We Respectfully submitted ask for no supplies.

JAMES M'CUNE Clerk.

REPORT OF NEW YORK PRESBYTERY.

New York Presbytery would respectfully report: During the year we have held one regular meeting. On October 20, 1910, A. A. Johnson was ordained and installed pastor of Walton congregation. By the death of Elder John Babcock, on March 31, 1911, Craftsbury congregation became disorganized. The matter of the church property at Craftsbury is referred to Synod's Board of Trustees with due recognition of the claims of the Board of Church Erection. Presbytery has authorized the union of Ryegate congregation with Barnet.

We have 16 congregations under our care, of which 3 are without pastors. These vacant congregations are Brooklyn, Montclair and Ryegate. D. C. Faris is stated supply at Ryegate.

We enroll 18 ministers of whom 13 are pastors, 3 are in the foreign field, one is laboring in Arizona, and one is engaged in secular employment. We have two licentiates, Frederick F. Reade and John M. Rutherford. The full time of Mr. Rutherford and the vacation months of Mr. Reade are at the disposal of Synod.

We recommend the following to the Board of Control: Mrs. Rosamond Johnston and Miss Elizabeth Williams for participation in the Fund for Widows and Orphans, Fred F, Reade for participation in Students Aid Fund, Wm. M. George for participation in Aged Ministers Fund.

We require three-fourths of the time of one laborer. John W. F. Carlisle is chairman of Committee on Supplies.

Our statistical report was forwarded in due time.

Our Travelling Fund is full.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN H. PRITCHARD, Clerk.

REPORT OF OHIO PRESBYTERY.

During the year one regular meeting was held.

There are fourteen congregations and two mission stations under our care. These have a membership of 772. The Detroit congregation was organized June 29, 1910. Six congregations are vacant. D. O. Jack was released from Cincinnati and W. J. Sanderson from Cedarville at the meeting of Presbytery, at Fairgrove, September 14, 1910. A call of the Southfield congregation on W. P. Johnson has been sustained and transferred to Pittsburg Cedar Lake has asked the moderation of a call. Presbytery.

Six of our ordained ministers are without charges. Louis Meyer does not wish appointments from the Committee of Supplies, his full time being taken up in religious work on behalf of the Jews. E. C. Mitchell is one of our missionaries in China. R. A. Blair is at present lecturing in the interest of missions under the Foreign Board. W. J. Sanderson is principal of Knox Academy, Selma. C. M. Smith is stated supply at Detroit. The full time of D. O. Jack is at the disposal of Synod.

Mrs. Susan Love and Mrs. Walter Wilson are recommended for aid from the Widow's and Orphan's Fund.

Our quota to the traveling fund is full.

 $S.\ R.\ Wallace$ is chairman of the Committee of Supplies and $W.\ J.\ McBurney$ is Presbyterial treasurer.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN COLEMAN, Clerk.

REPORT OF PITTSBURG PRESBYTERY.

The Pittsburg Presbytery would respectfully report:

Since the last regular meeting of Synod we have held two regular and three called meetings. There are twenty-six congregations under our care, twenty of which have settled pastors, three of whom have double charges. We have forty-three ministers on our roll.

The following changes have taken place during the year. We record with sorrow the death of Dr. R. J. George on February 11, 1911. David Raymond Taggart was ordained at Beaver Falls, Pa. on September 6, 1910 at the request of the Board of Foreign Missions, and is a missionary in China. John Yates was received from Rochester Presbytery and installed pastor of Central Allegheny Congregation June 16, 1910. Robert Park was received as a licentiate from Rochester Presbytery and ordained and installed pastor of Parnassus Congregation November 11, 1910. M. M. Pearce was received from Illinois Presbytery and installed pastor of East End Congregation April 28, 1911. J. M. Coleman was released from the Mercer Congregation September 6, 1910. J. Renwick Wylie was released from the pastorate of Little Beaver Congregation May 8, 1911. Licentiate A. A. Johnston was at his own request transferred to New York Presbytery.

George Slater Coleman received licensure to preach the Gospel at the meeting of Presbytery at New Galilee May 9, 1911 and will spend the summer months in the Indian Mission.

Our licentiates are Paul Coleman, George S. Coleman, F. D. Fraser and W. M. Milroy.

The full time of the following is at the disposal of Synod: R. J. Dodds, A. J. McFarland, F. D. Fraser, Paul Coleman, R. C. Allen, T. J. Allen, T. C. Sproull, J. F. Crozier, B. M. Sharp, J. Renwick Wylie and the third of the time of T. A. McElwain.

Presbytery asks for the time of three laborers.

S. J. Johnston is Chairman of the Committee of Supplies.

Our quota to Synod's Traveling Fund is full.

Our statistical report was duely forwarded to the Stated Clerk.

The following were recommended to the Board of Control:
Mrs. Charles Clyde, Mrs. Nancy Reid, J. C. K. Faris and T. A.
McElwain.

Respectfully submitted,
J. C. SLATER, Clerk.

REPORT OF PHILADELPHIA PRESBYTERY.

The Philadelphia Presbytery would respectfully report:

During the past year Presbytery has held three meetings—two regular and one pro renata. At the pro renata meeting April 28,

1911, R. C. Montgomery was released from the pastorate of the Third Church of Philadelphia. No other changes have taken place since our last report. The full time of R. C. Montgomery is at the disposal of Synod. E. J. Feuersohn is in charge of Jewish Mission. We ask for half time of one laborer from October 1, 1911, to June 1, 1912. J. C. McFeeters is chairman of the Committee of Supplies.

Respectfully submitted, R. C. MONTGOMERY, Clerk.

REPORT OF ROCHESTER PRESBYTERY

Rochester Presbytery would respectfully report:

During the year two regular meetings were held. Licentiate Robert Park was transferred to Pittsburg Presbytery by a Commission which met in Syracuse, October 12, 1910. On the same date, Licentiate Samuel M. Morrow was received from Kansas Presbytery, ordained to the gospel ministry and installed pastor of Syracuse congregation.

There are five congregations under our care, all of them having pastors. We have one mission station; one minister, William McFarland, whose full time is at the disposal of Synod.

Walter C. MacClurkin is chairman of the Committee on supplies.

Our quota to Synod's traveling fund is full,

Our statistical report was forwarded to the Stated Clerk of Synod at the proper time.

Respectfully submitted, WALTER C. MAC CLURKIN, Clerk.

The eCommittee on State of Religion reported. The report was accepted and adopted, and is as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON THE STATE OF RELIGION.

"For as he (a man) thinketh, in his heart, so is he." What a man is, is his religion, whatever he may profess. His religion is the best or the worst thing about him. Our religion should be of the whole man. No other Church has set such a high ideal as that expressed in our Covenants. Have we reached our ideal? Are we satisfied with present attainments? Are we willing to relinquish any of the crown rights of our Redeemer? In such a day as this, when our country—the world needs the truth, and the whole truth as never before, there can be but one answer. We must keep up the standard.

But the world sees not our covenant on creed, it sees us. The world takes little note of what we say in our pulpits, and Church Councils; it is too busy watching how we act.

Paul's advice is good, "Take heed unto Thyself and unto the Doctrine." Is the saying not true of many in the Church, "What you are, speaks so loud that I cannot hear what you say." If we make a business of our religion, our religion will take care of our business.

The principal things which have guided the inquiries of your committee, in preparing a report are:

- 1. The regularity of the membership in their observance of the ordinances and the improvements of the means of Grace.
- 2. Their maintenance of a constant Christian life and testimony before the world.
 - 3. The preservation of peace and unity in her Communion.
- 4. An aggressive and progressive program for the advancement of Christ's Kingdom in the earth.

Your committee sent letters to every congregation whose correspondent we could find, making inquiry on the basis of last year's questions and report. We received thirty-nine replies, a few more than one-third of our congregations. Are we to conclude the remaining two-thirds can report no change? or are they asleep? or have they the name only that they live? It is scarcely fair for the church to set a committee, a task whose successful work depends so largely upon the responses of all the congregations, and then compel that committee to make a report that shows the spiritual condition of the whole Church. Your Committee therefore can only report on such information as came in answer to our inquiries, and conclude with an observation or two in relation to the Church as a whole.

Summing up the reports of the thirty-nine congregations, we make the following observations:

Practically all report good attendance upon the public ordinances.

The most of them report good interest in the prayer meetings, one or two of them a very marked interest with nearly doubled attendance. None speaking of decline in interest.

Where family visiting has been conducted the reports show for the most part, the faithful keeping up of Family Religion; such as family worship, blessings at meals, private duties of closet, reading of the word, etc. One or two say that "Family worship is not observed as well as we would like. In many cases the early and late hours of the husband and father interfere."

Seven or eight report an increase of interest, attendance and better equipment for Sabbath School work.

Give make special mention of increase of interest and deepening of the spiritual life of their young people.

Seven or eight make special mention of enlarged interest in giving liberally to missions. The "every member" canvas particularly bears fruit.

Ten or a dozen report satisfying gains in liberality.

Quite a number mention gains in Evangelistic interest and work.

One speaks of a reviving interest and fidelity in the Church's distinctive principles.

. Thirteen congregations out of thirty-nine report no appreciable change.

But such reports are not to be necessarily interpreted as a stand still in religious life and activity. It may mean that there has not been in the past year any manifestations of increase in religious activity, but the level maintained may be high or it may be low. Where it is low it is usually marked by absence of pastoral oversight or unpleasant and distracting divisions in the con-

Englished the many cases the reports show the maintenance of a high level of spiritual activity.

Only two congregations turn in discouraging reports of loss in spiritual life and activity. Both of these have been without pastoral oversight. One of them is a congregation where there seems to be little field for work, old and scattered membership and very few in number.

Realizing that our subject was of greater importance than making a few inquiries and preparing a routine report before Synod your Committee entered upon a plan to interest the whole Church in a fuller consideration of the most vital question of our Church life, and securing the co-operation of our weekly paper, wrote personal letters to a number of ministers, asking each to write an article bearing upon some phase of the subject in its relation to Church life. The most of these requests have been complied with. The articles have been interesting, instructive and helpful, and cannot but result in good. We take this occasion to thank those who have so kindly co-operated with us, and trust this may be the beginning of a larger use of our Church papers to stir up the spiritual interest and enthusiasm of all our congregations into a more united and devoted cultivation of the Spiritual life.

Turning away from our immediate information through reports from congregations your committee feels that it is due the Church to take into consideration other signs which are important as showing the Spiritual condition of the church as a whole.

- 1. It is to be deplored as an evidence that the religious life is not in the most healthy condition, that differences have arisen in the Church, which if continued, and agitated grow into divisions which disturb the Church's peace and wreck her influence. For the sake of Zion's Peace, whose very dust is precious, shall we not take warning of the past, cease strife and unite our efforts for the great work of Christ's Kingdom in such a time as this?
- 2. We may be greatly cheered by the evidences of increased life and activity in the field of witness bearing. Two field workers have been giving all their time to this work and judging from their efforts they are being well received into fields of widening influence. It does us good to witness for unpopular truths in the fear of Christ. God will own his word.
- 3. The Church has also through the agency of the National Reform Association been pressing the claims of Christ upon a more extensive scale than ever. The World's Conference in Philadelphia, at which reports were heard and discussed which showed the progress of pressing the claims of the King of Kings, upon all Governments and Institutions of men; as well as the activity of the year in Reform work show that the leadership of this great movement for which our own Church is mainly responsible is alive to the issues of Our Redeemer's Kingdom.
- .4 The activity of the Church also in other lines of work, such as Evangelism, Church extension, temperance, and the different missions in the home field, show a spiritual interest and activity which prove that our religion is far from dead. But more than these is the ever growing interest and activity manifested in the Missions of our Church in other lands. The good accounts of the earnest labors of the workers in the field, the encouraging fruits of their sacrificial labors, and the earnest

intercessions of the Church, the vigorous and faithful services performed by our Missionary boards and field workers are evidences of a regenerated Church which is convinced that she has a Mission to the whole world and is carrying out her mission with a breadth of purpose and scope of vision, such as no other church seems to comprehend, and which bear evidence that her high profession is not an idle claim.

Respectfully submitted,

H. G. PATTERSON, P. J. McDONALD, S. E. GREER.

The courtesies of the floor were extended to the Rev. J. H. Kendal of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, General Synod, and to the Rev. S. B. Houston of the Associate Presbyterian Church.

The Committee on Systematic Beneficence reported. The report was accepted and laid on the table for the present.

Synod adjourned to meet tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock. Prayer by J. T. Mitchell.

MORNING SESSION.

Same place, Friday, June 2, 9 A. M. The Synod convened at the appointed hour and was constituted with prayer by J. S. Thompson. The roll was called, and the following did not answer to their names: W. J. Adams, Robert Allen, T. J. Allen, W. C. Allen, J. W. F. Carlisle, Wm. G. Carson, Robert Clarke, D. N. Crowe, S. J. Crowe, J. F. Crozier, J. W. F. Duguid, E. M. Elsey, D. S. Faris, W. Henry George, J. H. McGee, D. C. Martin, Robert Miller, R. C. Montgomery, O. C. Orr, H. G. Patterson, W. J. Sanderson, J. Z. Sterrett, John J. M. Thompson, and J. Renwick Wylie, most of whom soon appeared.

Synod engaged in one-half hour of devotions, led by J. H. Sloane.

The Minutes of the session of yesterday afternoon were read and approved.

Synod's Board of Trustees reported. The report was accepted and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Papers were called for.

No. 10. Memorial from Kansas Presbytery. Referred to Committee on Discipline.

No. 11. The Complaint of R. M. Moore and others against the Kansas Presbytery. Referred to the Committee on Discipline.

A letter from the Reformed Presbyterian Synod of Ireland was read and referred to the Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

The report of J. S. Tibby, Treasurer of the Literary Fund was read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

The Board of Corporators of Geneva College reported. The report was accepted and referred to the Committee on Theological Seminary and Geneva College.

The Board of Trustees of Geneva College reported. The report was accepted and referred to the Committee on Theological Seminary and Geneva College, with instructions to make special inquiry into the matter of the curriculum of the college, and the management of its finances.

A bill for \$5.00 for printing the Order of Business and the Program of Devotional Exercises was read and ordered paid from the Literary Fund.

A bill for 40 cents for sending a telegram to R. J. Gault under the instructions of the Synod was presented by the Clerk and was ordered paid from the Literary Fund.

The report of the Committee on Systematic Beneficence was taken from the table, and was taken up item by item for adoption.

Item 1. Stricken out.

Item 2. Amended and adopted.

Item 3. This item was laid on the table to entertain a substitute proposed by R. A. Blair. The item, together with the substitute was referred to a special Committee to report during this meeting of Synod.

Item 4. Referred to the same Committee.

Item 5. Adopted.

Item 6. Adopted.

The body of the report was recommitted. The regular Committee on Systematic Beneficence and the Special Committee ap-

pointed to consider items 3 and 4 of the report were instructed to hold a joint meeting.

The name of M. M. Pearce was added to the Permanent Committee on Evangelistic Work.

Synod took recess until 2 P. M. Prayer by J. W. Rose.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Same place, 2 P. M. Synod reconvened and was led in prayer by S. F. Kingston. The roll was called. The minutes of the morning session were read and approved.

Papers were called for.

No. 12. Complaint of T. G. Graham against Kansas Presbytery. The paper was referred to the Committee on Discipline.

No. 13. Complaint of certain members of the Santa Ana Congregation against the Colorado Presbytery. The paper was referred to the Committee on Discipline.

The Committee on Nominations was instructed to present names of members to fill the places on the Witness Bearing Committee of those members whose terms of office expires this year.

The Committee on National Reform reported, presenting a majority report signed by four members of the Committee. A minority report was also presented, signed by one member of the Committee. The majority report was accepted and taken up item by item for adoption.

Pending the discussion of a motion to strike out certain parts of the report the hour of adjournment arrived. Synod adjourney to meet tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock. Prayer by D. C. Mathews.

MORNING SESSION.

Same place, Saturday, June 3, 9 A. M. Synod convened at the appointed hour and was constituted with prayer by J. C. K. Faris. The roll was called, and the following did not answer to their names: R. A. Blair, Wm. Blair, R. A. Bole, P. P. Boyd,

Robert Clarke, D. N. Crowe, J. F. Crozier, E. M. Elsey, W. Henry George, D. O. Jack, J. R. Latimer, R. J. McCracken, J. H. McGee, D. C. Martin, R. H. Martin, Robert Miller, J. H. Pritchard, John J. M. Thompson, and Jesse W. Wilson, most of whom soon appeared.

Synod engaged in one-half hour of devotional exercises, led by T. P. Stevenson.

The minutes of the session of yesterday afternoon were read and approved. It was ordered that the names of those not answering to their names at roll call yesterday afternoon be not recorded.

S. M. Morrow was granted leave of absence from the remaining sessions of the Synod on acount of a death in his congregation, he to be permitted to participate in the Traveling Fund.

An item of finance connected with the work of the Committee on Catechism and Manual of Doctrine was presented and referred to the Committee on Finance.

The special order of the day, Item 3 of the report of the Committee of Unfinished Business was laid on the table until the next meeting of Synod.

All speeches during the remaining discussion of the report of the Committee on National Reform were limited to five minutes unless by permission of the Court.

The motion to strike out a certain part of the report of the Committee on National Reform, under discussion at the time of adjournment yesterday evening, was amended to read, To strike out a certain part of the report, and to insert in its place a substitute offered by D. B. Wilson.

T. P. Stevenson and J. M. Coleman were granted an extension of time in discussing this motion. The item as amended was adopted.

Item 2. Adopted.

Item 3. Adopted.

Item 4. Adopted.

Item 5. Amended and adopted.

Item 6. Pending the discussion of this item the report was laid on the table to give place to other business that must be at-

tended to before the adjournment of the Court today.

The Mission Conference reported. The report was laid on the table except the items of finance which were referred to the Committee on Finance.

The Synod adjourned to meet on Monday at 9 o'clock. Prayer by W. C. McClurkin.

MORNING SESSION.

Same place, Monday, June 5, 9 A. M. Synod met at the appointed hour and was constituted with prayer by W. J. Coleman. The roll was called and the following did not answer to their names: R. E. Allen, W. C. Allen, John Armstrong, J. A. Black, R. A. Blair, Wm. Blair, T. C. Cannon, J. W. F. Carlisle, J.W. Carson, Robert Clarke, J. M. Coleman, S. G. Conner, A. Copeland, E. A. Crooks, D. N. Crowe, J. F. Crozier, J. Boggs Dodds, E. M. Elsey, J. C. K. Faris, C. M. Finley, W. Henry George, D. O. Jack, D. H. C. Johnston, J. M. Johnston, W. P. Johnston, J. R. Latimer, T. A. McElwain, J. H. McGee, D. C. Martin, R. H. Martin, J. S. Martin, Robert Miller, W. W. Mitchell, R. C. Montgomery, J. G. Reed, J. H. Sloane, James Shields, T. M. Slater, G. R. Steele, John J. M. Thompson and J. Renwick Wylie, most of whom soon appeared.

Synod engaged in one-half hour devotions, led by Samuel Carmichael.

The minutes of the session of Saturday morning were read and approved.

The courtesies of the floor were extended to the Rev. W. I. Wishart of the United Presbyterian Church, of Allegheny, Pa.

The report of the Committee on Unfinished Business was taken from the table.

Item 17 was taken up. The report was accepted and taken up item by item for adoption.

Section I.

Item 1. Adopted.

Item 2. Adopted.

Item 3. Adopted.

Item 4. Adopted.

Item 5. Adopted.

Item 6. Adopted.

Section II.

Item 1. Amended and adopted.

Item 2. Adopted.

Item 3. Adopted.

Item 4. Adopted.

Item 5. Adopted.

The report was adopted as a whole and is as follows:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE TO CLASSIFY CONGREGATIONS AND MINISTERS ON SUPPLY.

Your committee appointed to classify congregations and ministers, asking for supplies, and also to re-classify all the congregations with respect to the minimum salary would respectfully report:

- I. In classifications of congregations and ministers on supply.
- 1. That the Committee on Supplies of each Presbytery unite with the Session of each vacant congregation as a special committee to confer in procuring satisfactory available candidates for a call with a view to an early settlement.
- 2. That Presbyteries avoid as far as possible the appointment of a stated supply to any congregation seeking a pastor, and in no case to appoint such a supply for more than six months.
- 3. That the Synod's committee of supplies shall be appointed for the full synodical year; that this committee shall keep a full list of the supplies, furnish such lists from time to time to the Presbyteries, and make a full report of it's work to Synod.
- 4. That Presbyteries shall report promptly all supplies to Synod's Committee of Supplies.
- 5. That ministers not sufficiently provided for under these rules be referred to the Board of Control.
- 6. That Synod take steps to make more adequate provision for superannuated ministers and others who may be dependent upon the Board of Control.

We would recommend the following rules for the classification of Congregations, and minimum salary for each.

- 1. All the congregations shall be divided into three classes.
- A. All congregations in cities over 50,000 population.
- B. All congregations in cities under 50,000 and over 2,000.
- $C. \quad \mbox{All country congregations}$ and in towns and villages under 2,000 population.
- 2. That the minimum salary of congregations of class A shall be \$1,400; class B, \$1,300 and class C \$900.
- 3. Any congregation resting under peculiar condi ions which make the expense of living out of proportion to other congregations

of the same class may seek adjustment from its presbytery and the

Mission Conference.

4. We recommend that where congregations receiving aid have settled pastors, Synod's Treasurer be directed upon the order of the Central Board of Missions to remit the appropriation in equal monthly installments, directly to the pastors of such congregations and send notification of the same to the Treasurer of the Presbytery.

In all other cases receiving aid we recommend that remittances shall be made according to the work done through Presbytery's Treasurer as per the report of the Clerk of Presbytery.

5. The item referring to minimum salary shall not go into effect for one year.

Respectfully submitted,

P. J. McDONALD, GEO. A. EDGAR, THOS. McFALL, R. HARGRAVE, F. M. FOSTER, J. B. GILMORE, D. C. MATHEWS, A. KULPATRICK.

Item 6. Attended to to the satisfaction of the Board.

Item 9. Attended to. No action was taken towards establishing a mission among the Mountain Whites because no funds were received by the Board for this purpose in response to their appeal to the Church.

Item 12. Attended to.

Item 14. The Committee reported. Pending the discussion of the report of the Committee the whole matter was indefinitely prostponed.

Item 19. Attended to.

Item 24. The Committee reported. The report was accepted and adopted, and is as follows

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MUSIC FOR THE NEW PSALTER.

The Committee on the Selection of Music for the Revised Psalter reports that a meeting was held in Philadelphia the latter part of December, 1910. In this meeting the Committee was favored with the presence and invaluable assistance of Professor Clarke, Doctor of Music of the University of Pennsylvania. A large part of the work already done was revised, and selections were made for the new versions which had not formerly been in our hands. It is not necessary for the Committee to make any new recommendations, but attention is called to those adopted last year. A bill of expense amounting to \$41.70, was incurred on account of the meeting in

Philadelphia which we recommend be paid out of the Literary Fund.

Respectfully submitted,

R. C. WYLIE
W. J. COLEMAN
S. A. S. METHENY
ROBT. A. M. STEELE

Item 25. Attended to. The report is as follows:

REPORT ON PRINTING THE PSALTER

Having been appointed to receive suggestions of corrections to or changes in the work of the Committee of selection of tunes for the Psalter; authorized to secure competent assistance in editing the music and oppointed to superintend the preparation of the music plates; we would respectfully report:

1. All suggestions received were referred to the Music Committee at their last meeting and were given careful consideration.

- 2. We have associated with us, as editor, Hugh A. Clarke, Mus. Doc., Professor of Music in the University of Pennsylvania, a man of scholarly attainment, devout in character and a master in music.
- 3. The plates for the Psalter are being prepared with all the haste compatible with accuracy. Those for Psalm 119 are now in hand.

S. A. S. METHENY.

Item 27. The Committee reported. The report was accepted and adopted and is as follows:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CATECHISM AND MANUAL OF DOCTRINE.

Your Committee appointed to prepare a Reformed Presbyterian Catechism, Manual of Doctrine and History of the Church, wou d report that we have prepared these documents and published them in whole or in part to the Church with requests for criticism and suggestion. This request elicited very slight comment. Your Committee now desire to place them at you disposal or ask for further instructions in bringing them before the Church.

We report an expense of \$4.00 incurred for the services of a stenographer, which we recommend be paid out of the Literary

Fund.

In behalf of the Committee,

GEO. A. EDGAR. Chairman.

The Committee was instructed to print the Catechism and Manual of Doctrine for distribution to the ministers and elders of the Church.

The report of the Committee on Unfinished Business was laid on the table.

The report of the Committee on National Reform was taken from the table. The consideration of Item 4 of the report, which was under consideration when the report went to the table on Saturday morning, was resumed. Pending the consideration of this item the hour for recess arrived. Synod took recess until 2 P. M. Prayer by J. A. McKee.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Same place, June 5, 2 P. M. Synod reconvened at the appointed hour and was opened with prayer by S. J. Crowe. The roll was called and the following did not answer to their names: Robert Allen, W. C. Allen, Thomas Boggs, Wm. G. Carson, Robert Clarke, A. C. Coulter, D. N. Crowe, J. F. Crozier, D. H. Elliott, E. M. Elsey, J. C. K. Faris, W. O. Ferguson, W. Henry George, J. B. Gilmore, S. E. Greer, S. J. Johnston, W. J. McBurney, P. J. McDonald, T. A. McElwain, A. J. McFarland, J. H. McGee, R. H. Martin, R. C. Montgomery, Thomas Patton, H. G. Patterson, J. H. Pritchard, James Shields, G. R. Steele and D. O. Torrens, most of whom soon appeared. The minutes of the morning session were read and approved.

The Committee on Discipline reported. The report was accepted and taken up item by item for adoption.

Item 1. Adopted.

Item 2. This item was recommitted.

Item 3. Amended and adopted.

Item 4. Adopted, and the case involved was referred to a Judicial Commission to consist of seven members. The nomination of this Commission was referred to the Committee on Nominations.

Item 5. Adopted.

Item 6. Adopted, and the case involved was referred to a Judicial Commission to consist of fifteen members. The nomination of this Commission was referred to the Committee on Nominations.

Item 7. Adopted, and the case involved was referred to the Judicial Commission already provided for under item 4.

The report was laid on the table for the present.

W. M. Robb was chosen the Moderator's alternate to preach the opening sermon at the next meeting of Synod. The report of the Committee on Unfinished Business was taken from the table.

Item 29 was taken up. The report of the Superintendent of the Bureau of Information was read and adopted, and is as follows:

REPORT OF BUREAU OF INFORMATION

Dear Father and Brethren:

During the past year I have endeavored through correspondence to keep in touch with the members of our church known to be living outside the bounds of our congregations. I have also supplied information for those inquiring for locations within the fel'owship of our people. It has been my privilege to visit a few places in which I knew Covenanters were living, with a view to ascertaining the possibilities for establishing mission work.

In Vancouver, B. C., I found a number of Covenanters who are still interested in the church, among whom if we could place a missionary we would doubtless soon build up a good work. The opportunities for mission work in this place are very favorable, and the success attending the experiment made in Portland, Oregon, justifies the hope that we have before us a new era of advancement. In Winnipeg, Manitoba, I visited another group of our people who are very desirous that work shall be established among them. The prospects for mission work here are equally hopful, and the brethren in Winnipeg have promised a generous contribution toward such an undertaking. The recent organization of congregations in Content, Alberta, and in Regina, Sask., are clear demonstrations of the needfulness and hopefulness of aggressive home mission work in the newer parts of our country.

Other locations of interest to Covenanters, and in which some of our people are located are Lieb, Texas; Robeston, Texas; Scttsdale, Arizona; Hemet, California; Lincoln, Nebraska. A number of our people are locating in the Horse Heaven Country of Washington, and I am in touch with a number of young men who are expecting to enter the Peace River Country of Alberta within the next few months, following the rush of home-seekers to another new district.

We close with the following requests:

- 1. That pastors, Sessions and parents impress upon our youth the value of our church privileges, the duty of supporting the ordinances under which they have been brought up, and of the binding obligation to our Covenant vows.
- 2. That all lawful influence be used to induce those leaving their present church relation to locate within the bounds of our present congregations, or where we may have hopes of a congregation.
- 3. That information be given the church of all who enter new fields, so that if the way be open they may be followed with pastoral care.
 - 4. That to the management of this Bureau of Information be

added the services of P. J.McDonald of Los Angeles, and F. D. Frazer, of Portland.

Respectfully submitted, T.M.SLATER.

The report of the Committee on Unfinished Business was laid on the table.

The report of the Committee on National Reform was taken from the table, and the Synod resumed the consideration of item 4.

The item under consideration was laid on the table to entertain a substitute offered by T. H. Acheson. Pending the discussion of the substitute it was referred to a Special Committee consisting of T. P. Stevenson, W. J. McKnight and D. B. Wilson to report tomorrow morning.

The report of the Committee on National Reform was laid on the table.

The time of the session was extended to hear a partial report of the Committee on Theological Seminary and Geneva College.

Pending the discussion of this report the item under consideration was referred to the Trustees of Geneva College together with the Professors in the Institutions concerned.

The Committee on Nominations submitted a partial report, which was adopted.

In order that the Synod might accept the invitation to attend the dedication of the new Gymnasium at Geneva College it was resolved that no session of Synod be held tomorrow afternoon, but that an evening session be held beginning at 7:30 o'clock.

The consideration of the report of the Committee on Theological Seminary and Geneva College was made the order of the day for Wednesday morning.

J. Renwick Wylie was granted leave of absence after tomorrow morning session on account of a funeral at which he was called to officiate.

Synod adjourned to meet tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock. Prayer by F. E. Allen.

MORNING SESSION

Same place, Tuesday, June 6, 9 A. M. Synod convened at the appointed hour and was constituted with prayer by J. M. Foster. The roll was called and the following did not answer to their names: W. J. Beatty, Wm. G. Carson, D. N. Crowe, J. F. Crozier, J. Boggs Dodds, D. H. Elliott, E. M. Elsey, H. G. Foster, J. C. French, W. S. Fulton, H. H. George, W. Henry George, James Graham A. A. Johnston, W. P. Johnston, Wm. McFarland, J. H. McGee, R. H. Martin, H. G. Patterson, M. M. Pearce, Wm. Robson, J. C. Slater, J. Z. Sterrett and H. A. Young, most of whom soon appeared. The Synod engaged in one-half hour of devotions, led by J. S. Bell. The minutes of the session of vesterday afternoon were read and approved.

The Moderator announced the following Staanding Committees to report at next Synod.

STANDING COMMITTEES

Secret Societies-D. C. Mathews, M. A. Gault, Robert Park,

W. J. Adams, William Blair.
State of Religion—F. M. Willson, J. M. Coleman, C. A. Dodds,

J. A. McKee, J. W.Braum.
Young Peoples's Societies—John Yates, J. W. F. Carl'sle, R. H. Martin, O.C. Orr, James Torrens.

Psalmody-R. J. Dodds, T. C. Sproull, S. M. Morrow, J. H.

Sloane, John Armstrong. Sabbath Schools-J. B. Gilmore, D. H. Elliott, W. O. Ferguson,

Sabbati Schools—3. B. Gimere, B. H. Zhros, W. C. Person, W. S. Mitchell.

Signs of the Times—G. M. Robb, W. C. McClurkin, J. R. Latimer, James Park, J. H. Finley

Systematic Beneficence—J. M. Wylie, B. M. Sharp, R. J. G. McKnight, J. W. Carson, W. W. Mitchell.

Devotional Exercises—W. J. McKnight, A. A. Wylie, W. M.

Robb, Robert Allen, J. S. Wylie.
Order of Business—T. H. Acheson, J. S. Martin, Robert Clarke,

Thomas Boggs, T. C. Cannon.

Unfinished Business—The Clerks of Synod.

The Sabbath—E. M. Elsey, J. Renwick Wylie, G. R. McBurney, James Moore, S. P. Wylie.

The Committee on Nominations was instructed to nominate a member of this Court to represent the appellant in the case of A. G. Waklinshaw against the Colorado Presbytery, referred by the Synod to a Judicial Commission, and also to nominate members to fill the vacancies on the Judicial Commissions already appointed, occasioned by the inability of some of those named on these Commissions to serve.

The Committee on Devotional Exercises presented a supplementary report which was accepted and adopted, and ordered incorporataed in the report of the Committee already accepted and adopted.

The report of the Committee on Discipline was taken from the table. The committee reported back item 2 which had been recommitted. The item as reported back was adopted.

The report of the Committee on Discipline was adopted as a whole, and is as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON DISCIPLINE.

Your Committee would respectfully report that there have been referred to us papers number 1, 2, 3, 8, 10, 11, 12 and 13.

Paper number (1) is a question asked by the Colorado Presbytery: Is it in accordance with the law of the Church for one Presbytery to appoint a minister of another Presbytery on a commission to organize a congregation? For answer we would refer the Presbytery to the Minutes of 1910, page 141, showing that in extraordinary cases it might be done and we would further say that in cases of both ministers and elders it has been done and approved by this Court.

Paper number (2) is a petition to New York Presbytery from R. M. Sommerville in which he asks an explanation of Section VII. Chapter 28 of the Reformed Presbyterian Testimony: "Though the marriage covenant is not to be disolved by every argument, etc., yet either adultery or such wilful desertion as admits of no civil remedy is a sufficient cause for its dissolution." Please define the meaning of the clause "such wi'ful desertion as admits of no civil remedy." We would reply that the statement in the Confession of Faith, Chapter 24, Section VI, is "such wilful desertion as can in no way be remedied by the Church or civil magistrate is cause sufficient to dissolve the bond of marriage."

These quotations from both the Testimony and Confession of

Faith imply that there are two kinds of desertion.

First: Cases for which authorities of the Church and State can and should find a remedy. In such cases no divorce should be asked for or granted.

Second: Cases in which neither the authorities of the Church nor of the State can find a remedy. But in no case should the innocent party sue for a divorce until the Church and State have exhausted all their powers.

There is but one way in which the State can apply a remedy. It may compel the party guilty of desertion to support the other party to the marriage covenant.

The innocent party has no right to seek a divorce until the State has failed to do this. But in no case should the innocent party seek a divorce until he or she has first sought to have the State enforce the marriage vow.

Paper number (3) is a petition of the session of the Seattle congregation for the organization of a new Presbytery consisting of

the congrgations and mission stations on the Pacific Coast. We recommend that such a presbytery be organized and that it be called the Presbytery of the Pacific Coast, that the boundary between it and the Colorado Presbytery be the Colorado River, the Wahsatch mountains and the Rocky mountains to the borders of the British possessions, thence east along that border to the western border of Ontario taking in all the British possessions west of Ontario; all the country in the United States and Canada lying to the west to be under the jurisdiction of this Presbytry; that the ministers and elders present here included in these bounds be directed to meet in this place before the final adjournment of this Court and to organize said Presbytery and that P. J. McDonald act as moderator and constitute the court.

Paper number (8) is the appeal and complaint of A. G. Walkinshaw and reply of Colorado Presbytery. The case is regular and

ready for action.

Paper number (10) is a Memorial from Kansas Presbytery asking for an interpretation of Chapter 3, Section II, paragraph 22, in connection with what has been said of Section XVIII of our Book of Discipline as to whether direct examination, cross examination or both is meant by the clause, viz., "then the members of the Court." Your Committee thinks it refers to both direct and cross examination.

Papers number (11 and 12) relate to the same matter. Number (11) is a comp aint of R. M. Moore and others against the action of Kansas Presbytery in the case of J. C. Duguid and T. G. Graham. Number (12) is the complaint and appeal of T. G. Graham against the Kansas Presbytery. Both papers are regular and ready for action.

Paper number (13) is a petition from members of the Santa Ana congregation. It is regular and ready for action and your Committee suggests that it be taken up in connection with paper number (12).

Respectfully submitted, D. C. FARIS A. KILPATRICK R. HARGRAVE

J. S. BELL JAMES MILLIGAN

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, that a committee be appointed to prepare a form of overture on the subect of divorce to be presented to Synod at its next meeting, and which if adopted by the Church shall be an addition to our Testimony.

The nomination of this Committee was referred to the Committee on Nominations.

A collection was taken to be divided between the janitor and the stenographer in such proportion as shall seem equitable.

R. C. Reed, T. M. Slater, S. A. Sterrett, R. J. G. McKnight, R. C. Montgomery and John Coleman were excused from serving on the Judicial Commissions to which they had been appointed, and the Committee on Nominations was instructed to nominate substitutes to fill these vacancies.

The report of the Committee on National Reform was taken from the table. The Special Committee appointed yesterday, and to which was referred the substitutes to item 4 of the report of the Committee, offered by T. H. Acheson, reported. The report of the Special Committee was adopted.

Item 5 of the report of the Committee on National Reform was adopted. The report was adopted as a whole, and is as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL REFORM.

Your Committee would respectfully report: Three papers have been placed in our hands: First, the report of the Convenanter members of the Executive Committee of the National Reform Association. Second: A Memorial from the session of the Alegheny congregation. Third: A paper containing two resolutions embodying an explanatory statement.

Gratitude to God for manifest blessings upon its work during the year is the regnant note in the heart of every loyal member of the National Reform Association. The World's Christian Citizenship Conference held in Philadelphia in the Month of November last was the great event of the year. This Conference and the work in preparation for it and consequent upon it has taken the time and claimed the attention in large measure for the year of the entire force of workers. It is proposed to hold a second World Christian Citizenship Conference as soon as arrangements can be made therefor. We deem worthy of special commendation the preparations being made for this second World's Conference. As a natural result of this increased activity new friends have been enrolled in its work and hundreds of new subscribers are coming to the support of the Association financially. The financial con-dition of the work is especially encouraging. The increased activity in every line of the Association's work and the entrance upon the work of additional laborers is noted by your Committee with approval. It is with special appreciation that we note that in all these conferences, conventions and institutes the Kingship of Christ and the Christian Amendment, the two subjects so dear to the hearts of Covenanters, have received their due share of attention.

Owing to the enlarging of the work as is manifest from their report it appears to your Committee that their request for \$10,000 from our people is not an excessive amount.

Having carefully noted the other papers and having in view the differences of opinion as to the relations that should exist between our Church and the National Reform Association we are guided in our report by paragraph four in our Covenant which reads as follows: "Considering it a principal duty of our profession to cultivate a holy brotherhood we will strive to maintain Christian Friendship with pious men of every name and feel and act as one will all in every land who pursue this grand end. And as a means of securing this great result we will by dissemination and application of the principles of truth herein professed and by cultivating and exercising Christian charity, labor to remove stumbling blocks and to gather into one the scattered and divided friends of

truth and righteousness." We, therefore believe that by our solemn Covenant obligations, we as a Church are bound to seek the coperation of the friends of truth and righteousness in obtaining these grand ends, viz.: the dominance of the Scriptural principles of Civil Government..

While Synod does not regard the National Reform Associa-

tion as an agent of the Church to which certain of her own duties and prerogatives have been delegated, but holds to the principle that the Church must perform all her own work through her own ecclesiastical agencies, yet because of the high purpose of the National Reform Association in seeking through all its history of more than forty years, to maintain and to promote the Christian principles of Civil Government and to incorporate them in our National and State Constitutions.

Therefore, be it resolved that this relation of cooperation which has existed for more than forty years be continued under the following regulations:

- 1. That the Reformed Presbyterian members of the Executive Committee of the National Reform Association are requested to present to Synod year by year a report of the work done by the Association during the preceeding year, together with a statement of the amount of money received and as heretofore, an itemized statement of the expenditures during the year and an outline of the work proposed, together with an estimate of the expense for the ensuing year.
- 2. That the report of the association shall be referred to Synod's Committee on National Reform for their consideration and to recommend an amount which in their judgment, our people should be asked to contribute.
- 3. Annually on the First Sabbath of November the officers of each congregation shall receive in their usual way such contributions from the congregations as may be offered for the National Reform Work and forward the same to Synod's financial agent for National Reform together with the names of the donors, as far as practicable, as their individual gifts to the cause of National Reform.
- 4. The following shall appear at the foot of the page which contains Synod's appropriations: "The sum of is the amount which Synod names as a guide to our people in their contributions. See page . The day for this collection is November First Sabbath."

We recommend:

That Synod approves of the continuance of J. S. Martin and J. S. McGaw in the employ of the National Reform Association during the year.

Respectfully submitted,

J. BOGGS DODDS SAMUEL M'NAUGHER GEO. A. EDGAR T. R. SANDERSON D. H. C. JOHNSTON.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF NATIONAL REFORM ASSOCIATION

Gratitude to God for His manifst blessings upon its work during the past year is the regnant note in the heart of every loyal member of the National Reform Association. The great event of the year, of course, was the World's Christian Citizenship Conference held in Philadelphia in the month of November last. This Conference and the work in preparation for it and consequent upon it have taken the time and claimed the attention in large measure With the nature. for the year of the entire force of workers. character and results, in general, of this Conference the members of Synod are more or less familiar. Suffice it to say here that the Conference has served to bring the cause of National Reform to the attention of the people of our country and the world indeed, in a way—a most favorable way—in which it has never before been brought. The representative character of the thousands in attendance from our own and other lands; the deep and abiding interest many of these took in the proceedings as manifested not only by their faithful attendance upon practically all the sessions of the Conference but also by their purchase of the published report of the same in full and the numerous articles since penned by them and sermous preached by not a few of them in its praise; the extensive notices given of the conference and its work in the press, both secular and religious, before, at the time and after the Conference was in session; the issuing and circulating of more than a thousand copies of the volume containing in full the addresses delivered, reports given and action taken by the Conference, not the least important of which was to request the National Reform Association to arrange for a Second World's Christian Citizenship Conference. the thousands of letters of inquiry concerning the nature and character of our work occasioned by the action of the Conference and the publicity given it; the hundreds, even thousands of converts won to the cause, as evidenced by their financial contributions toward its support; the cooperation proffered by so many Christian people, especially foreign missionaries, in arranging for the next Conference; the steps already taken in this arrangement; having one representative abroad and another soon to go in its interests; the hundreds of new regular readers of the Christian Statesman secured from the attendants; the hundreds of thousands of pages of National Reform literature distributed among these attendants at the Conference and since ordered by themthese and other things occasioned by and resulting from this Conference attest its great value to the cause the Association seeks This Conference indeed has lifted our whole world to promote. work onto a new and higher plane.

In preparation for the next World's Conference it has been planned to hold a series of State Conventions throughout the country, two of which have already been held, one in the Capital city of Pennsylvania and the other in that of Kansas. Both were eminently successful under the leadership of the National Field Secretary. Others are soon to be held in Michigan, Illinois, Indiana and Ohio. It is hoped thus to reach every State and Territory in the Union within the next two years. It is the purpose to effect a State Association wherever a Convention is held. Pennsylvania and Kansas each have such an Association. So also has

Indiana, it having been effected within the past year. A Butler County Association has also been effected within a few months and preparations are being made for the effecting of other county and district Associations in the near future. Conventions have been held in Lawrence, Beaver and Butler Counties (two in the last named) within the year. The Annual Institute and Conference was held with the usual success at Winona Lake last summer and all arrangements have been perfected for another the coming summer. In all these conferences, conventions and institutes, the Kingship of Christ and the Christian Amendment, the two subjects so dear to the hearts of Covenanters, have received their due share of attention. Under the various statements of topics there has never been failure to present them in some of the addresses delivered.

It would be but duplicating the forecast of last year's report to give an account of the Chautauqua work for the past year. Suffice it to say that it was much more extensive than that of the previous year and that even it does not begin to reach that already arranged for the coming season. From Pennsylvania on the East to Kansas on the West Chautauqua Bible Conference addresses in behalf of our cause are to be given this summer. There has also been an extension of our work in universities, colleges institutes, brotherhoods. teacher's before men's classes, Sabbath School associations, young people's sicieties, ministerial associations, in churches, etc. It would require more words than are alloted to a Synodical report to enumerate the times and places where addresses have been delivered and sermons preached by the employs of the Association within the past year. As against the 224 sermons and addresses reported last year there have been more than 700 in the year just closed. And not only have there been $\rm mor_{\bf e}$ in number but they have reached at least 500 per cent more people than those of the year previous. In addition to the 700 and more sermons and addresses delivered by the employees of the Association, a total of at least 500 sermons and addresses have been reported to us as having been delivered by others than the Association's employees within the year. This is an increase of more than 400 per cent over the number reported a year ago. In this same connection it may be stated that there have been sent out during the past year something over 17,500 circular letters of 150 different kinds and more than 3000 separately dictated letters and a little over 9,000,000 pages of literature of all kinds as against the 5,000 circular letters and 1,500 separately dictated letters and 4,000,000 pages or thereabouts of literature Nor does this include the thousands of newsthe year before. paper columns of matter sent the daily newspapers through the International Bureau of Publicity in the 583 geographical newspaper centers in our own and other countries. Besides the volume of the proceedings of the World's Christian Citizenship Conference, and the numerous documents in preparation for that Conference, there have been printed ten new documents within the past year and five more are now on the press.

As is well known to the Synod, the Association has within the past year secured the services for his full time of the Rev. J. S. McGaw, who is a host in himself, as National Field Secretary. We have never known Mr. McGaw to fail. Wherever he goes he makes good and creates a demand for return engagements. The

Association has also elected another for his full time, Dr. W. J. Wilson, pastor of a large Methodist Episcopal congregation in Michigan. Dr. Wilson has signified his intention to accept and is now awaiting release by the Bishop of his Conference to begin work. He has already shown his efficiency for the position to which he has been chosen by the work he has done in preparation for the Michigan State Convention. At the last meeting of the Sub-Executive Committee action was taken looking toward the choice of another for a large portion if not indeed for the whole of his time. Our newly elected President, Dr. Henry Collins Minton, the successor of the late lamented Dr. S. F. Scovel, has demonstrated in a score and more of ways the great value to the Association of his accession to our force of officers. Mr. Clement H. Congdon of the International Bureau of Publicity who is in the employ of the Association is also most efficient in his line of work for us. We cannot take time and have not the space to note the work done by Drs. Wylie, T. P. Stevenson, H. H. George, T. H. Acheson and others, chiefly in the use of the pen.

We are glad to be able to report that notwithstanding our increase in employees, amount of literature issued and circulated, conventions, conferences and institutes held, and consequent increased expenditure, we close the year with a balance of over \$3,400 in the treasury as against half that amount a year ago. It should however be noted that the plans already made for the carrying forward of the work will necessitate the expenditure of this entire balance within the next two months.

It may be said in closing that in the Providence of God the time seems ripe for the successful advancing of the work of the Association. The constant coming closer together of the world and the present day stirring of the public conscience of the American people afford a hitherto unparallelled oportunity of reaping some at least of the fruits of the arduous labors of the many who have toiled in past years, some of whom have gone to their reward. This together with the use of present-day methods in the furtherance of the work is bringing results for which we have great reason to thank God and take courage.

We request,

- 1. That the appropriation for this cause be increased to \$10,000.
- 2. That Synod commend the work of our ministers who are laboring under the auspices of the National Reform Association and approve their continuing in this relation during another year.

Signed,

COVENANT MEMBERS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

The Committee on Supplies reported. The report was accepted and adopted, and is as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SUPPLIES

Your Committee would respectfully report:

The names of twenty-five applicants, for full time or part, have been placed in the hand of your Committee.

The following distribution is suggested:

Allen, R. C., June, New York; July, Rochester; August, September, Illinois; October to May inclusive, Pittsburg.

Allen, T. J., June, July, Ohio; August, Ill.; Sept. to May inclusive, Pittsburg.

Allen, W. C., June to January inclusive, Iowa; Feb., March, Kansas; April, May, Ill.

Blackwood, I. A., Col., Pres. all year.

Coleman, Paul, July to January inclusive, Col.; Feb., March, Kansas; April, Ill.; May, Ohio.

Coulter, D. H., Kansas all year.

Coleman, Geo., Kansas Pres. 'till opening of Seminary; May, Philadelphia.

Crozier, J. F., Pittsburg Presbytery all year.

Dill, J. W., Kansas Presbytery all year.

Dodds, R. J., Pittsburg all year.

Frazer, F. D., Colorado all year.

Faris, Isaiah, Kansas all year.

Jack, D. O., June, July, Kansas Pres.; August, Sept., Col.; Oct., Nov., Dec., Illinois; January to May inclusive, Ohio.

McFarland, A. J., June to Dec. inclusive, Pittsburg; January, February, Kansas; March, April, May, Pittsburg.

Thompson, J. S., Colorado all year.

McFarland, Wm., June, December inclusive, Pittsburg; January, February, March, Illinois; April, May, Kansas.

McMillen, M. S., June, July, Ohio; August, September, October, Illinois; November, December, Iowa; January, February, March, Kansas; April, Philadelphia; May, Pittsburg.

Montgomery, R. C., June, July, Aug., Philadelphia; Sept., New York; Oct., Nov., Dec., Pittsburg; Jan., Feb., Ohio; March, April, Illinois.; May, Kansas.

McIlwaine, T. A., Oct., Pittsburg; Feb., Ohio.; March, Illinois; April, Iowa.

McBurney, G. R., June, July, Pittsburg; Aug., Sept., Ohio; Oct., Nov., Illinois; Dec., Iowa; Feb., Kansas.

Paden, W. C., Kansas Pres, June, July, Aug.

Robb, W. M., June, July, New York; Aug., Sept., Pittsburg; Oct., Philadelphia; Nov., Dec., Ohio; Jan., Feb., March, Illinois; April, May, Kansas.

Rutherford, John, June, Ohio; July, Illinois; Aug., Iowa. March, April, Col., May, Kansas.

Thompson, W. T. K., June, Pittsburg; July, Aug., Ohio; Sept., Oct., Illinois; Nov., Dec., Kansas; Jan., Iowa; Feb., March, Col.; April, Ohio; May, Pittsburg.

Sharp, B. M., June, New York; July, Rochester; Aug., Sept., Pittsburg; Oct., Col.; Nov., Dec., Kansas; Jan., Feb., Iowa; March, April, Illinois; May, Ohio.

Sproull, T. C., June, Rochester; July, Aug., Pittsburg; Sept., Oct., Ohio; Nov., Illinois; Dec., Jan., Pittsburg; Feb., Philadelphia;

Tweed, James Boyd, June, July, Illinois; Aug., Sept., Kansas; May, Illinois.

Wylie, J. Ralston, June, Pittsburg; July. Ohio; Aug., Illinois; Sept., Kansas; Oct., Colorado; Nov., Dec., Kansas.

Wylie, J. Renwick, Aug., Sept., Pittsburg; Oct., Ohio; Nov., Philadelphia; Dec., Jan., Illinois; Feb., Iowa; March, April, Kansas; May, Colorado.

Respectfully submitted,

H. G. FOSTER
E. L. McKNIGHT
R. W. PIPER
A. COPELAND

The Committee on Foreign Missions reported. The report was accepted and taken up item by item for adoption.

Item 1. Adopted.

Item 2. Adopted.

Item 3. Adopted.

Item 4. Adopted.

Item 5. Adopted.

Item 6. Amended by recommending that W. M. Robb be also employed by the Foreign Mission Board to press upon the Church the claims of the Foreign Mission work. Adopted.

Item 7. Adopted.

Item 8 was added to the report of the Committee.

R. M. Sommerville and S. A. S. Metheny, M. D. were heard on behalf of the work of the Foreign Mission Board.

The report of the Committee was adopted as a whole, and is as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN MISSIONS

The report of the Foreign Mission Board has been put into our hands, and gives evidence that this department of our church's work is being administered with fathfulness and a good measure of success. The condition in our missions in the Levant and China testifies that the Lord is working with us.

The death of Ishak Shemmaa, a native Christian helper who has for 29 years been identified with our work in Northern Syria as "Bible-man, visitor and preacher," as well as the prolonged absence from the work of so many of our missionaries on account of sickness either in themselves or their families, is a cause of deep regret. But the abounding hopefulness and faith of those on the field, the ability of the church to send forth five additional laborers during the past year, the liberality with which our people are supporting the work, and the ever-increasing place which Missions hold in the interest and prayers of the church,

assure us that this is a victorious cause, and that the Master did not misplace his trust when, on leaving the world, he left with those who bear his name, the responsibility of carrying out his plans concerning the world.

Your Committee is in fullest sympathy with the Board in its efforts to deal with our Foreign Mission problems. We recognize the difficult and self-sacrificing labors of our missionaries on the Field, and assure them of our continued support both in money. recruits and in prayers. We believe that the Covenanter Church should accept as its allotted share of the world the two millions now living within the districts occupied by our Missions, and that for their evangelization we should feel a distinctive missionary responsibility. If we have the means for the evangelization of this number on the basis of one missionary to every 25,000 souls, we believe it our present duty to do so, and that the Church should recognize the inadequacy of our present equipment of one missionary to every 80,000 souls. We would second the policy of the Board to increase, at the earliest possible date, our missionary forces from 25 to 80; and of increasing our missionary offerings from five cents per member per week, to twenty cents per member per week. The fact pointed out by Rev. R. A. Blair that at a time when the membership of our church was only 6,000, we supplied 350 soldiers for the Civil War, satisfies us that the number of men and women asked as recruits for this greater cause, is not too heavy a draft upon our present membership. And the further fact that at least two of our congregations. with no special effort, are at this time giving for Missions at the rate of twenty cents per member per week, while supporting all other schemes, assures us that the money resources of the church have not yet been fully tested.

The many reasons which may be urged on behalf of such an aggressive policy—the hopelessness of the heathen who are dying without Christ, the rapid passing of opportunities both for them and for us, the open door to their hearts when the Gospel is presented, the increasing rate at which heathenism is growing; the failing strength of our over-worked missionaries; as well as the compassionate desire of the Savior concerning these "other sheep"—these and many other reasons should spur the Church to reach the ideal of Missionary service set before us by our Board; knowing that we have taken care of our share of the world only when we have employed to the full all of our available resources, and have worked to the limit of our power.

We recommend:

- 1. That pastors, Sessions, and all leaders of public thought keep constantly before the minds of our people the magnitude and importance of the Missionary Enterprise, and seek to cultivate in our church a further sense of a distinctive responsibility for the evangelization of the two millions within the sphere of our influence in the foreign field.
- 2. That we heartily second the policy of our Board to put into the field at the earliest possible date one missionary to every 25,000 souls, and that our members be urged to consecrate both their money and their children to this most important cause.
- 3. That we encourage "special giving" to the cause of Missions only where the parties so disposed have first discharged all other

obligations to the regularly appointed scemes of the church. And it is the judgment of your Committee that contributors to special objects, such as leper missions, etc., first consult with the Board as to the direction their contributions shall take.

- 4. That the formation of Mission Study classes be encouraged in our congregations, as a means of educating our youth as to the extent and urgency of the world's needs; and that our Foreign Mission Board to suggest the text book to be employed for the coming year.
- 5. That a Permanent Commission of Synod be appointed, consisting of the Ministerial missionaries and the available elders in China, with A. I. Robb as Moderator, to have charge of the affairs of our church in China.
- 6. That we commend the diligence and success with which Rev. R. A. Blair has labored as Field Secretary in behalf of Foreign Missions, and that we approve of h s appointment for another year, and we recommend that Rev. W. M. Robb be also employed by the Board to press upon the Church the claims of the Foreign Mission work of the Church. (The motion adopting this item was reconsidered, and the whole matter was left in the hands of the Foreign Mission Board.)
- 7. That T. P. Stevenson, R. H. Sommerville, Walter T. Miller, and Henry O'Niel be elected their own successors as members of the Foreign Mission Board.
- 8. That the Foreign Mission Board be instructed to arrange for a Conference on Foreign Missions on some evening during the next meeting of Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

T. M. SLATER

J. M. FOSTER

J. R. W. STEVENSON

J. K. ELSEY

S. A. STERRETT

REPORT OF FOREIGN MISSION BOARD

Nothing is more likely to impress one in reading the history of the early Church than the manifest inseparable connection between successful evangelism and the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. On one occasion, after a season of prayer, the place where the disciples were assembled was shaken and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost and spake the word of God with boldness, and on another occasion, while an apostle was actually engaged in preaching the Gospel, the Spirit fell on them which heard the word, as "on us," the evangelist explains afterward. "at the beginning." In both cases the result was conversion and edification. Those two distinctive instances explain the way in which He will continue to operate to the end of the age, at once as an abiding condition of the heart in answer to united prayer for light and guidance, and as a special inspiration or impulse for temporary service while men are in the act of proclaiming the words of life. This spiritual force which wrought such marvelous things in these beginnings of Christianity, has continued to manifest itself at all subsequent periods or epochs in the historic progress of the Christian religion in similar revelations of the Spirit's presence and power. Hence the thinking of this missionary era is centering more and

more in the conviction that without this promised power nothing can be accomplished for the glory of God in the evangelization of the world. While not overlooking the value of improvements in evangelistic machinery in these modern days, the men and women actually at work are crying out under the pressure of a great need, for an increase of spirituality, greater vitality in their teachings, and more positive influence in society. That means a fuller volume of intercessory prayer, and consequently a revival in our social meetings for prayer.

The enthroned Redeemer has been very gracious to our representatives in all the foreign fields, and they have not been slow to recognize the providence of the Meditator in His kindly dealings with them and their work. Each one has something to record to His praise:

Speaking for Northern Syria, Dr. Stewart says: "We thank God for continued peace in this part of the Turkish Empire, and for health and strength and abundant opportunities to witness for Christ and scatter the good seed." As the representative of Asia Minor, Rev. R. E. Wilson writes: "We praise God for the measure of success that has attended our efforts." And again: "The leaven is at work. * * * In spite of the unfavorable conditions, commercial and political, foreigners are coming to Turkey. That result at least has been obtained. * * * And, while we may be assured for the present of government opposition to our work, the foreign influence is certain to be felt." And then he expresses the hope that "the Christian lands which are bringing their commerce into the country will bring with it a demonstration of pure Christianity in business, politics and life," and that "the seed sown in the years past may yet, with His rich blessing, spring up into a harvest of regenerated and purified lives." bespeak," he continues, "the co-operation of the Church in intercession for this cause; that the servants of the gospel may be earnest and persevering in their labors, and that God will overrule all, that there may be no backward step, but that all may work together for the glory of His Kingdom." On behalf of the work in Cyprus, Rev. W. McCarroll says: "We have not seen the fifty converts that we were praying for, yet a proportion of that number has confessed Christ as Lord and Saviour, enough to show that the Spirit is working and that we have not been utterly abandoned to our own resources." A few selections must be made from the annual statements of the workers in China: Dr. A. I. Robb writes: "There are evidences unmistakable that the Holy Spirit is working in our work as a Mission, and we cherish the hope of a great harvest in the near future," while Rev. J. K. Robb closes his report with these words, "We may well say, 'Who is sufficient for these things?' But with His promise to establish the work of our hands upon us,' and with the faithfulness of our Lord to us in the past to strengthen our faith, we can face future problems and future labor with perfect confidence, 'remembering the years of the right hand of the Most High.'" Not less impressive is the message that Miss Jennie Dean sends us: cannot but see the hand of God in blessing on the work among our Chinese sisters, and we lift our hearts in grateful praise to the Father above for His great goodness, and look for greater things from His hand in the future." A word from Dr. Kate McBurney will close these extracts: "We have seen no sudden transformation, but the no less interesting and, no doubt, more substantial change that is a steady growth and gives evidence of the power of the Spirit in the hearts of those who were so recently in dense darkness. We ourselves have many lessons to learn in faith and patience, and often we can learn these along with our Chinese sisters to our mutual advantage."

The Field Reports, full of interesting and vivid details, will be published in "Olive Trees," along with this Report of the Board, and the members of the Church are urged to study them and pass them on to others, that all may be thoroughly furnished in regard to the present condition and claims of the Foreign Missions.

We shall, however, cull from them and group the facts that are leading in importance, and should have a prominent place in our minds.

DEPARTMENT OF PREACHING AND SCHOOL WORK

Syria.—There are 269 names on the communicant roll in Northern Syria. There were 272 reported twelve months ago, and there were 25 added this year, "including 9 that properly belonged to last year," but there was a decrease of 28 owing to dismission, showing a net loss of 3. In Latakia, the center of operations, and at five out-stations, there was public worship on Sabbath with an average attendance of 350 to 400, and there were also four flourishing Sabbath schools, and in the middle of the week four prayer meetings in Arabic and one in English. The extreme severity of the winter weather and the resultant difficulty of traveling prevented the usual amount of evangelistic touring, and for the same reason there were only two communions held.

In Latakia there was in charge of Dr. Stewart a boy's school of 42 boarders and 60 day pupils, said to be in good condition. And under the supervision of Miss Maggie B. Edgar, with Miss Louise Crockett as assistant, there was a girl's school of 35 boarders and 42 day pupils, which is described as "in a peaceful and prosperous condition." At Suadia, in the northern part of this field, where there are 38 church members, there were two schools, with an enrollment of 75 pupils. But the work is in a very unsatisfactory state for the want of proper oversight, which is at ance essential to efficiency, and cannot be secured without a resident missionary. At Tartous, in the southern part of the field on the Mediterranean and over one hundred miles from Suadia, there were two schools with 120 pupils, and at present no rivalry on the part of the Greeks. At Gunaimia, a beautiful Aremian village, nestling among the Syrian hills, where there are from 70 to 80 communicants, who should have a missionary pastor, a good center for evangelistic effort, there were two schools. these, there was a little school at Bahamra and seven mountain With regard to these schools, with about 150 in attendance. last-named schools, Dr. Stewart writes that "the policy of the government is not fully developed. At present it refuses to authorize them, while claiming the right to close them unless they are authized, and yet fails to close them. The requests for such schools are rapidly multiplying, and we are glad of it, for they furnish the best possible means of sowing the good seed." In the absence of tabulated statistics we are unable to give the number of teachers and other native laborers in this field, but as far as can be gathered from the report, there must have been over 524 young people and ch.ldren under daily instruction.

Among the workers who have fallen, special mention is made of Ishok Shemmaa, who was identified with our work in Northern Syria for twenty-nine years as "Bible man, visitor, or preacher," and of whom Dr. Stewart writes, "The saying of Paul, This one thing I do,' might well be applied to his life, for he seem-

ed to have no other interest in life than to make known the gospel

of the grace of God."

Asia Minor-The annual statement of the work in Asia Minor is a very full and carefully prepared paper from the pen of Rev. R. E. Wilson, Chairman of Tarsus Mission. It reports 87 communicants in good standing, 32 in Mersina, 41 in Tarsus, and 14 in Adana, a net increase of 12. The Lord's Supper was administered in the three cities with an encouraging accession on each occasion, and there was preaching every Sabbath by one of the American ministers or a native evangelist. It is interesting to mark the way in which the evangelists do their work in this field. In Tarsus Mr. Luttoof "conducts the regular Sabbath and midweek services." And during the week he "spends about three hours each morning," except Tuesday, "in visiting the market, where he has a number of meeting places in stores whose proprietors are Greek, Armenian, or Protestant." After that he "goes to the reading room or spends the time among the people in their own homes." Adana, besides the preaching of the gospel on the Sabbath, Mr. Hanna finds his chief opportunity in house-to-house visitation. "Each evening is spent in the house of a neighbor or friend where others gather, and they read and talk of religious subjects."

The evangelistic character of the school work in this, as in the other fields, challenges attention. In Mersina there was a girl's school of 37 boarders and 18 day pupils in charge of Miss Sterrett, who reports that six of the girls united with the Church at the communion in January, "and a seventh would have done so had permission from her mother been received in time." In the boy's school of 38 boarders and 16 pupils, under the direction of Miss French, there has been the same "careful systematic training in the word of God" as in former years. In the school at Tarsus there were 96 pupils, representing seven sects, 50 of them "At the opening of the school," writes Mr. Wilson, fellahin. "there was an attempt on the part of a Moslem Society to prevent the fellahin attending school. It was largely through the loyalty of the fellahin themselves that the attempt was unsuccessful, and we are gratified to report the large proportion of fellah pupils." Mr. Wilson relates one incident of most encouraging character: "In the Sabbath school there is a special class for the women, * * * in which care has been taken to present the gospel truths in a simple way that all would be able to understand. * * * And the fruits of such training already appears, when one woman from this class, 80 years of age, passed an acceptable examination and was admitted to the Church at our recent communion."

According to the tabulated statistics of this Mission, there were 2 evangelists, 3 Bible readers, and 9 teachers employed, and 233 children and young people under Christian instruction during the year.

Cyprus.—On the island of Cyprus there are 27 communicants a net increase of 3. Communions were held at Larnaca and Nicosia, and at the Sabbath services there were preaching and teaching in three languages. Request is made for prayer that two Moslem boys, who have privately declared their belief in Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour and their desire to serve Him, may be led to enroll themselves among His followers and confess His name boldly before the world.

The school established for the training of native workers for the evangelization of their own people reports 60 pupils, and of these, 10 are in the boarding department. Arrangements are being made, with the approval of the Board, to purchase a desirable piece of property across the street from the home of the senior missionary and the David Torrens Memorial Church, on which to crect a building with suitable appliances for educational work, the home churches to contribute the cost of the field and the expense of the building to be met from the estate bequeathed to the Mission by the late A. G. Peponiades. Mr. McCarrol and his associates are greatly encouraged, and much prayer will be offered for the success of the enterprise.

China .- The present membership of the congregation organized at Tak Hing, October, 1909, is 145, counting the American women who gave in certificates from the home churches. There was an addition of 29, showing, after the subtraction of a small loss of 6, a net gain of 23. Rev. J. K. Robb, who is in pastoral charge, speaks in the highest terms of the elders, commending them for their fidelity and wisdom and their "valuable assistance in the examination of candidates for baptism." None were received except "in accordance with the expressed judgment of the elders themselvs. * * * Candidates were required to wait till a future time because of matters better understood by the elders than by the Moderator." And thus, in his judgement, the "purity of God's House is being jealously guarded, and is not to be sacrificed to secure a larger membership." He also commends the d∈acons for their ability as financial officers, and the members for their readiness to do personal work for the spread of the truth and the salvation of others, in ways that would be worthy of imi-"The experience of the past year," writes Mr. tation at home. Robb, "has done much toward convincing us that the organization of a congregation was not only a step for which the native Christians were ready, but was the thing needed to promote the best interests of the work as a whole." The attendance at the three Sabbath schools for girls, women and men averaged about 100, and there was a good attendance at the midweek prayer meeting.

If the Church is to have an intelligent idea of the work at the outstations in China, it will be necessary for the people to read Dr. Robb's account of his trip to the country after closing the first term of the theological class, to give the students some practical work. To reproduce the graphic story of successes and failures would occupy too much space, and to quote a few sentences here and there would serve no good purpose. After four days at Ma Hui and three days at Tung On he tells of a visit to the Ko Leung district, "new territory," he writes, "where I was assured no white man had ever been but where there are a few of our members. * * * Our opportunities were excellent, crowds listening for hours on the street till I was weary with speaking and shivering with cold. The students all took part in this work, and were fearless and outspoken. Many of the gentry of the district visited us

at our lodgings and were courteous and kind." At the close of the Chinese New Year he went alone to Che Tsai, where there was such pitiless persecution two years ago, but which seems to have entirely passed away. In the places visited he did not find the work of the evangelists altogether satisfactory. It showed the need of immediate foreign supervision.

The boy's school at Tak Hing is under the management of Rev. Julius A. Kempf, who reports an enrollment of 35 pupils, 8 more than the previous year. "Fifteen of these," he says, "are Christians, and during the year four boys made public profession of faith in Christ and were baptized."

The story of the girl's school, as told by Miss Dean, who is at present in charge, is exceedingly interesting. Beginning with 15 pupils, February 27, 1910, the attendance continued to grow month after month till in February, 1911, it had reached a total enrollment of 37, with 35 regular pupils. Miss Dean is a trained teacher, and the way in which she overcame the difficulty of being left to open the school in October without a native helper, proved her resourcefulness and foreshadows direct and visible results of a high order. In her own language, "Four of the older girls were pressed into teaching the primary classes, and, under foreign supervision, have done very creditable work. This really makes a normal department in connection with the boarding school, and it is our hope that ere long we will have some trained teachers to meet the ever increasing demand." "We are glad to say," Miss Dean adds, "that six of the girls were received into the Church last year, and that many give evidence of growth in Christian character. This, after all, is the end to which all our efforts are directed-the bringing of souls into the Kingdom, and creating such an atmosphere as will inspire and prepare for future service for the King."

According to Dr. Kate McBurney, who also has responsible charge of the women's school, there was an enrollment of $22\,$ pupils, while 11 others were present occasionally though unable to give regular attendance, and 6 were received into the fellowship of the Church. She emphasizes the value of this educational work as opening a wide door of opportunity for evangelism, and records instances of the good results that flow from visiting in the heathen homes of these women at their own request. Besides the visits that were made on Sabbath afternoons at the close of chapel services, the doctor writes that "127 calls have been made in homes where a desire or willingness to hear the doctrine was manifest; 29 of these were daily visits in the home of a 'shut in,' who later died in the faith. As soon as she heard that Jesus would forgive sins, she looked up earnestly and asked if He would forgive her Answered in the affirmative, she settled back on her pillow and said with quiet assurance, 'I believe.' Foreigners and Chinese alike seemed to feel the uplift of a visit to this sufferer."

The transfer of Rev. E. C. Mitchell to Do Sing, twelve or fifteen miles above Tak Hing on the West River marks an advance step in the Mission to China. In his statement, when published, will be found details of the transfer and information in regard to the Colportage of which he had charge, that need not be embodied in this Report. It is enough to say that he moved up in October, 1910, and the first service in the chapel was held November 13, 1910, and the room was full both morning and afternoon.

Since that time there has been preaching twice every Sabbath. Other meetings have been held for the instruction of the people, notably special services daily for a fortnight, and even now there are not wanting evidences that the seed sown is taking root.

MEDICAL DEPARTMENT

Equally interesting and encouraging is the medical work in the several fields. The truth that Dr. Balph and his assistant, Miss Elsey, have spoken to 72 patients in the hospital at Latakia and that the doctor has made known during numbers visits to outpatients as well t.o. large his office and tri-weekly clinics. must Nor has Dr. Peoples in Asia Minor treated 923 at clinics, 281 in their homes, including 21 Moslems, and 2 in the hospital without hope of good success from a spiritual standpoint. we are confident no one will veture to say that the gospel has been presented in China to 90 patients in the Tak Hing hospital. 2683 at dispensaries, and 2935 during 159 itinerary trips, not to speak of those met at 59 outcalls, without spiritual results, perhaps hidden at present in the large majority of instances, but sure to be seen at the revealing day to the abounding joy of our four busy physicians on the West River.

It is not easy to overestimate the importance of the practice of medicine as an evangelistic agency. Through its instrumentality many have been led to accept Christ as their Saviour, who, in all human probability, would never otherwise have heard His name. The success that is attending this department of our foreign Missions and the statistics furnished in the reports for the year should be the means of attracting to the fields many physicians and trained nurses.

EMPHATIC POINTS

We will close with a few general items that call for emphasis:

- 1. There are in our two foreign Missions 528 Church members, including the 13 American women in China, 77 added during the year, a net increase of 35, and about 852 under daily instruction in Christian schools.
- 2. There are two theological classes for the training of a native ministry; one at Tak Hing, China, with five students, whom Dr. Robb commends for "their willingness to do any work assigned to them"; the others, at Latakia, Syria, with one student, of whom Dr. Stewart writes that "he has made remarkable progress considering that he teaches half time and has to take care of the boys outside of school hours." There are others among the teachers who should be under this special instruction, but they cannot be spared from school work at present.
- 3. The missionaries are evidently striving to ift the converts to a higher standard of Christian giving and the Board urges them to diligence along this line, with a view to the ultimate self-support of native churches and schools.
- 4. There are 28 missionaries in the foreign fields, including Rev. W. M. Robb, on furlough, and Miss Mattie R. Wylie, who expects soon to return to Latakia and enter upon her duties as city visitor, with Rev. D. R. Taggart, Miss Rose Huston, and Miss Annie J. Robinson sent to China, and Miss A. Louise Crockett and

Mr. Charles A. Stewart sent to the Levant last autumn. If this number was doubled in 1911, 1912, and 1913, and an equal number commissioned in 1914, 1915 and 1916, the Covenanter Church would have 84 representatives abroad, one for every 25,000 of the millions for whose evangelization we have made ourselves responsible. The need is urgent. And the men and women called for should be intellectually gifted, possessed of the evangelistic spirit, and above all fully surrendered. Multitudes are perishing for the gospel that it is in our power to give them.

- 5. The Board renews the suggestion of 1910: Appropriations of \$20,000 for the Levant and \$20,000 for China, the standard that the Church should aim to reach.
- 6. The Board calls attention to the practice of "special giving," which has become so prevalent in some parts of the Church. Individuals in a fit of enthusiasm, kindled by something seen in a missionary letter, contribute money to be sent directly to the field for the support of a teacher or the education of a pupil or the helping of lepers or some other form of work that exists only in the imagination of the donor. Over these offerings the Board has no control, nor can they be used for any other than the specified purpose, with the result that there are "special giving" funds lying idle, while the Treasurer is in need of money to meet current expenses. How can this be remidied without doing violence to the benevolent instincts of the people?
- 7. The missionaries at Tak Hing were under the impression that the Commission appointed in 1908 was for the purpose of organizing a congregation, and that when that was accomplished, the Court was dissolved. The Board requests the appointment of a permanent Commission.
- 8. The time of T. P. Stevenson, R. M. Sommerville, Walter T. Miller and Henry O'Niell has expired, and their places should be filled.

Respectfully submitted.

In the name of the Board,

R. M. SOMMERVILLE, Cor. Secretary.

The minutes of the Syrian Commission were read and accepted. Synod noted the fact that the minutes do not show that the Commission approved its own minutes. The minutes were ordered engrossed in the minutes of Synod.

MINUTES OF THE SYRIAN COMMISSION

Latakia, Syria, April 12, 1911.

The Syrian Commission met, according to the Call of the Chairman, at Latakia, on the above date and was constituted with prayer by A. J. McFarland.

The roll was called; the following persons being present, Ministers: A. J. McFarland, R. E. Wilson, J. S. Stewart, Samuel Edgar. Elder, J. M. Balph.

A .J. McFarland was elected Chairman and J. M. Balph Clerk. The minutes of last meeting were read and approved, a program was arranged and adopted. Owing to the absence of the Chairman, Walter McCarroll, R. E. Wilson was appointed to preach the sermon. The Committee on the revision of the translation of the Testimony reported progress. It was decided at the last general meeting "To proceed at the next meeting of the Commission with the ordination of Calvin McCarroll to the office of ruling Eldre." This was prevented by his absence.

The members of the Commission resident in Latakia, having been previous y appointed a Committee to consult with the members of the Congregations of Latakia and Gendaria as to the advisability of uniting these two Congregations, were continued, and directed to take the necessary steps to bring about this union; and also to arrange for the union of the Eldaney Congregation with Latakia, and for the election of additional Elders in Latakia. The meeting was adjourned with prayer by J. S. Stewart to meet on Wednesday the 12th at 2 p. m.

Latakia, April 11, 2 p. m.

An interim meeting was held for the purpose of hearing papers read by members of the Mission. Devotional exercises were conducted by R. E. Wilson. A paper was then read by J. S. Stewart on "Concentration and Expansion"; this was followed by one on "The Conditions of Prevailing Prayer," by Samuel Edgar and one on "The Hindrances to Prevailing Prayer," by A. J. McFarland. A book review was read by Miss Edgar and one by Mrs. Balph. The meeting was closed with prayer by S. Edgar.

Latakia, April 12, 1911.

The Commission met according to adjournment and was constituted with prayer by R. E. Willson. Roll was called. Members present, Ministers: A. J. McFarland, R. E. Willson, J. S. Stewart and Samuel Edgar. Elder, J. M. Baeph. Minutes of last meeting were read.

A complaint of Gabriel Luttoof, and appeal from the decision of the Mersine Mission, was received, and it was resolved that the Chairman be instructed to call a meeting to consider the same, at such a time and place as may seem to be convenient. The Clerk was instructed to send a copy of the complaint and appeal to C. A. Dodds the prosecutor for the Mission, who is now in America.

On motion it was agreed that Khalil Awad who has been studying under J. S. Stewart during the past year, be taken under the care of the Commission as a student of Theology. The meeting was adjourned with prayer by Samuel Edgar.

Latakia, April 13, 1911, 2. p. m.

A Mission Conference was held on the above date. Devotional exercises were conducted by the Chairman. On motion a Committee was appointed to consider the matter of blanks for the reports of teachers and other employees of the Mission. A. J. McFarland and R. E. Willson were appointed a Committee to prepare a program for the next general meeting. It was also resolved; that as the "Board" requires an annual examination and report of progress of new missionaries in the study of the language, we adopt as a guide to their studies, "The Graded Course for Beginners in the Study of the Arabic Language," prepared and used by the Beyrout Mission. It was agreed that at the time of the next meeting of the Commission, a conference of all the missionaries

from the different centers be held. The paper read at a previous meeting by J. S. Stewart was requested for publication.

The meeting was adjourned with prayer by J. S. Stewart.

Latakia, April 14, 1911.

Commission met at 7:30 p.m. and was constituted with prayer by the Chairman, A. J. McFarland. The sermon was preached by R. E. Willson from Romans x:9. Mersine was appointed as the place of next meeting and the time as near the 1st of September 1912 as convenient. Notice to be given by the Chairman. Commission was adjourned with prayer by J. S. Stewart.

A. J. M'FARLAND, Chairman. J. M. BALPH, Clerk.

The Mission Conference made a supplementary report which was accepted and referred to the Committee on Finance.

The Committee on Nominations made a partial report, which was accepted and adopted.

R. C. Wylie was made Chairman of the Committee to perpare the overture on the question of divorce.

Synod took recess until 7:30 P. M. Prayer by O. C. Orr.

EVENING SESSION.

Same place, June 6, 7:30 P. M. Synod reconvened at the appointed hour and was opened with prayer by C. M. Smith. The calling of the roll was dispensed with. The minutes of the morning session were read and approved.

The rule of Synod in respect to the reception of papers was suspended, and a communication from the members of the Mission in China was received, and referred to the Committee on Discipline.

The Committee on Home Missions reported. The report was accepted and taken up item by item for adoption.

Item 1. Adopted.

Item 2. Adopted.

Item 3. Adopted.

Item 4. Adopted.

W. I. Coleman and I. S. Thompson addressed the Synod on behalf of the Domestic Mission work of the Church; B. M. Sharp spoke regarding the work of the Indian Mission; T. P. Stevenson spoke for the Tewish Mission: T. J. Kvnette spoke of the work of the Southern Mission.

The report of the Committee was adopted as a whole, and is as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON HOME MISSIONS

The Committee on Home Missions would respectfully report that two papers have been placed in our hands, the report of the Central Board of Missions, and the report of the Jewish Mission Board. We note with pleasure the sustained efficiency of the Home Mission Work as indicated by the reports. The laborers in these fields are giving the consecrated energies of their lives to the work of the Lord. Hardships are being cheerfully borne and difficulties heroically met. It is encouraging to note the manner in which the life of the community is being laid hold of by the laborers in these various centers. The effort is being made to apply the whole gospel to the whole life of the people among whom work is being carried on.

The Indian Mission has adjusted itself to the changed conditions of its field, including others than Indians in it's compass. The Jewish Mission is using every available means to commend the Gospel of Jesus, the Christ, to people who mistakenly oppose it. The enlarged work of the Southern Mission is in line with it's very wide field. Industrial education, sanctified by the pure gospel of our Lord, is especially demanded by the conditions of this The Temperance Contests so successfully carried on by two of the workers in this field, are worthy of special mention. The constant endeavor to save souls and to build op strong Christian Character of all the work reported to us is as it should be. The work in the Southern Mission field has been somewhat cramped for lack of a full teaching force.

The Domestic Mission Work is opening up with wonderful promise in the Northwest, giving hope of enlargement to the We recommend: Church.

- 1. Increased liberality to the Domestic and Home Mission Fund.
- 2. That earnest and continuous prayer be offered for the laborers in these fields, and the souls to whom the Gospel is being presented.
- 3. That W. J. Coleman, R. C. Wylie, Samuel McNaughter, and A. C. Coulter be elected their own successors on the Central Board, and that M. M. Pierce be elected to fill the unexpired term of Dr. R. J. George; that T. P. Stevenson, W. C. MacLeod be elected their own successors on the Board of Jewish Missions, and that Daniel Adams be elected to fill the unexpired term of William Steele.
- 4 That W. J. Coleman and J. S. Thompson be heard on behalf of the Domestic Mission work, that R. C. Montgomery be heard on behalf of the Jewish Mission, that B. M. Sharp be heard on behalf of the Indian Mission, and G. R. Steele for the Southern Mission.

E. A. CROOKS S. F. KINGSTON D. O. JACK

J. W. ROSE J. R. DILL

Committee.

THE FIFTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CENTRAL BOARD OF MISSIONS

In submitting the report of the Central Board we have to record the death of one of its members who was deeply interested in all the mission work of the church and who faithfully discharged his duties as a member of the Board until it became impossible for him to make the journey from his home in Allegheny to the place of meeting. The Board considers that it has sustained an irreparable loss in the death of Prof. R. J. George, D.D., and that every department of the church's work has lost a friend whose wise counsel was invaluable.

The Board has recorded upon its minutes an appreciation of his life and service to the church in this department of its work.

Miss Anna Coleman died at the Indian Mission on March 3, 1911, and according to her expressed wish was laid to rest in the Mission Cemetery beside those to whom she had devoted all the strength of her life.

The Board has embodied a recognition of the services which she has rendered to the church in resolutions which have been published and has also authorized the erection of a suitable memorial that will help to perpetuate the influence of this beautiful life among the people she loved so well.

Again, the Board desires to record the death of Miss Joanna Speer who was for a long time connected with the work of the Mission and died at the home of her sister in St. Louis, Mo., on April 30th, 1911.

DOMESTIC MISSION

The Board has held 11 regular and 2 special meetings during the year. The four quarterly installments of the Domestic Mission fund have been paid regularly in accordance with the reports of the Clerks of Presbyteries.

The receipts for the year have been \$15,214.46. The expenditures have been \$15,280.31. Balance overdrawn, \$2,761.43. We request for this fund an appropriation of \$12,000.00.

SOUTHERN MISSION

The schools at Knox and East Selma opened the first Monday of October and at Pleasant Grove and Valley Creek the first Monday of November. With the exception of one week in December the schools have had no holidays until the close of Knox and East Selma on May 22nd and Pleasant Grove and Valley Creek the last of April. All the teachers employed by the Board were present at the opening of the term to begin their work. Circumstances required the substitution of Miss Mable Gill for Mrs. Hattie Fuller at the outset and this arrangement was continued through the year. General good health has prevailed among pupils and teachers.

Miss Ella Frazier was, however, compelled to lay down her work for two months and a half on account of sickness and during that time her place was filled by Mrs. S. F. Kingston who discharged the duties in an acceptable manner.

Miss Adda Hamilton was employed in November to teach

singing and give piano lessons. In March the efforts of Miss Hamilton were confined to piano instruction and chorus work.

After the holidays Miss Fowler took up the work in the cooking department in addition to her other labors and gave instruction to 31 girls from the High School. The graduates will receive certificates of proficiency.

In the sewing department 222 pupils have been enrolled. This department shows an improvement over last year.

Twenty boys have received training in the blacksmith shop and 75 boys have been instructed by Prof. Bottoms in the carpenter shop.

By December grades three and four were so crowded that it became necessary to fit up a room in the basement of the church and Miss Lulu Lavender from that time was engaged to give instruction to 36 pupils for whom this provision had been made.

The Religious Training in Knox and Associate Schools has not been neglected. In fact more attention has been given to this work than in former years. Brown's Catechism has been committed by all grades below the fourth. The fourth and fifth grades have committed the Shorter Catechism. An average of 298 Bible verses have been committed by each pupil and these together with the Catechisms recited Thursday mornings in chapel.

A Y. M. C. A. and a Y. W. C. A. have been organized among the pupils of the upper grades. Fifteen temperance contests have been held in chapel and elsewhere in the community and have been the means of awakening many minds on the subject of temperance.

Every opportunity is taken by principal and teachers to lead the pupils into a religious life. The superintendent has preached on an average of once a Sabbath either at Valley Creek, Pleasant Grove, Selma or in some church in the neighborhood.

"The year has been a year of plentiful sowing," writes Mr. Sanderson, "and good fruits have been in evidence to rejoice our hearts."

585 pupils have been enrolled in Knox Academy and the average attendance has been 406—a very substantial rise in the percentage over last year.

This has been the best year in the history of East Selma. 146 pupils have been enrolled in the four grades. The average attendance in this school was 75.

Industrial work was begun this year. Miss Gill took charge of the class in sewing.

A mother's meeting is conducted in the school by Miss Sophia Kingston.

At the Wednesday afternoon prayer-meeting the Bible and the Catechism are studied.

Pleasant Grove has an enrollment of 95 and an average attendance of 68. Each pupil has committed 167 Catechism questions and 215 Bible verses.

Mr. Kynett has charge of the work in farming and he has made great improvements on the Pleasant Grove farm. He also conducts many farmers' institutes and holds one such meeting each month in the school house.

The work is still being carried on at Valley Creek although with little assistance from the Board. Miss Gussie Ware has taught there for six months this winter.

Twenty-three pupils have been enrolled with an average attendance of 20.

Mrs. S. F. Kingston conducts a Sabbath School there the year round with an attendance of from 30 to 35. The Superintendent preaches there one Sabbath each month.

All the teachers are engaged in teaching Sabbath School both in the morning and in the afternoon of Sabbath. In the afternoon schools there is an average attendance of 400 and 180 in the morning.

The total enrollment in the day schools this year is 849 which is 28 more than last year.

Prof. Anderson will not be a candidate for reelection.

On the whole the year has been prosperous and the work well done.

Receipts for the year \$10,651.55. Expenditures \$9,553.99. Balance \$2,811.18.

We request for this Mission an appropriation of \$5,000.

INDIAN MISSION

The work at the Indian Mission has been going forward as in former years. In the school the attendance has not been as large as in some years past but the Missionary in charge is convinced that the work among the fewer children is usually as effective in its total results as when the rooms are more crowded.

Some adjustment has been necessary in the teaching force during the year. Miss Mearns who had charge of the girls last year was called to her home in Seattle in July and Miss Clair Patterson, of the Northwood congregation, a graduate of Geneva College took care of the girls through the year.

Miss Allen and Miss Coleman took care of the boys and Mrs. Coulter had charge of the kitchen and dining room for the white workers. This left Miss Allen's place in the laundry vacant and Miss Snodgrass, a member of the congregation here took charge of the laundry and baking.

The Sabbath School work among the Apaches has been kept up through the year. Several points are visited each Sabbath. Two colored families living in the vicinity of the Mission have taken a great interest in Sabbath School work.

Sabbath School work is also being carried on in a wood camp and in a camp of men who are engaged in the construction of the dam that is to supply Lawton with water. This work will continue as long as the camps remain. The workers are well received. Attention is also given to the Indians in this vicinity and meetings are held among them by the workers who go regularly to the camps.

The congregation at the Mission reports a decrease for the year.

There were five deaths among the members during the year—one old women, one young woman, and two young men. Miss Anna Coleman also had her membership in this congregation and

filled the office of Deacon. One of the elders, Mr. W. S. Moore, returned to his farm in Olathe, Kansas, and his certificate was given to that congregation.

Only one communion fell properly within the time covered by the report of the Superintendent. The Spring communion was held on May 14, 1911, and the report of this event belongs to the report of next year.

In material things the year has not been a prosperous one for the lack of rains cut all crops short and made the crops that did grow of little worth. Almost all of the land belonging to the Mission that is under cultivation is in alfalfa and it does not suffer from drought as much as other crops. Much stock was marketed during the year and the expense of the Mission greatly reduced in this way. The prospect for the coming year is fully as bright.

The progress along spiritual lines has been greatly hindered by the prevalent vices of the Indian and those who exploit the Indian race. Drinking, gambling, the old form of Indian worship and impurity have made assault on the company and have secured some youth that belonged by right in the ranks of the Lord. A great deal of this evil may be traced directly to the presence of white men of the baser sort. The influence of the older members of the tribes who have never yielded the traditions and practices of heathendom is bad. But there is also the cheering side. Many of the members of the church have held to the profession of their faith without wavering. Severe trial has come to some of them. Two sons have been taken from David's family within a year and yet his faith in God's goodness remains unshaken.

The aid given the Mission by various Missionary Societies is remembered and gratefully recorded.

Generally speaking the health of the workers has been good although Mrs. Carithers has not yet regained her strength.

Mr. Carithers will be unable to be present at this meeting of Synod.

The Revs. J. G. McElhinney, B. M. Sharp, W. J. Coleman and J. M. Co'eman have visited the Mission since last meeting of Synod. All of these remained long enough to become more or less familiar with the working of the Mission and are qualified to speak of the progress of the work.

Elder Jas. S. Arthur has also been laboring in the Mission for some time.

Receipts for the year \$9,126.62. Expenditures \$8,648.41 Balance \$2.198.05.

We request for this Mission an appropriation of \$6,000.

The term of membership of W. J. Coleman, R. C. Wylie, Samuel McNaugher, and A. C. Coulter expires at this meeting and their successors should be chosen. The Board recommends that M. M. Pierce be chosen to fill the unexpired term of Dr. R. J. George.

J. S. THOMPSON, Chairman A. C. COULTER, Rec. Secretary R. J. G. M'KNIGHT, Cor. Secretary.

ANNUAL REPORT TO SYNOD. THE MISSION OF THE COVENANT TO ISRAEL

The Board of the Jewish Mission is thankful to be able to

report progress in the work. The Lord Jesus Christ, the Holy One of Israel, and his mighty Redeemer, has graciously sustained and advanced this work through another year. In this Mission during the year, a large number of the seed of Jacob have heard the call to repentance, and the offer of pardon; and some have evidently looked with troubled hearts upon Him, whom they have pierced, and have been in bitterness for Him.

The Lord has blest our Missionaries with health, enabling them to continue their work with constancy, devotion and thankfulness.

Rev. E. J. Feuersohn has great comfort and encouragement in the manner and spirit of those who attend the meetings, as also in a goodly number of secret enquirers, who came to learn of Christ. He has great joy in being able to say to all such, "O house of Jacob, Come yet, and let us walk in the light of the Lord." Mrs. Feuersohn is his devoted helper, meet for him in the Mission, as faithfully as in the home.

Miss Mary F. Bell, and her assistant, Miss Mary Cupples, continue dilligently, mingling Bible instruction with hand-stitching, In this good work among the girls, many of the daughters of Israel are absorbing Christian doctrines and virtues, which must radiate upon the family at home, bringing light and cheer to many of these dark abodes.

Mr. George A. Calderwood, an elder of the Second Church, is freely giving time and strength to work among the Jewish boys, searching for them in their homes, and finding some who gladly respond to his gospel invitations. He has a class in the Sabbath School.

Mr. Alexander MacLeod renders valuable service to the Mission by conducting a class in vocal music, training these voices for the worship of God in the singing of Psalms. This service, too, is a free will offering.

The spirit of harmony, co-operation, and mutual helpfulness, prevails to an extraordinary degree, among the workers, and in the Board. And such must be the case, if we would see the work prosper in the Lord.

The night school, Sabbath School, sewing school, Sabbath evening service, home visiting, private gospel instructions, continue with regularity, and unabated interest. Yet we have not been cheered by any making a public confession of faith in Jesus, and uniting with the Church.

The work is being carried forward in this Mission with the unalterable purpose of winning souls for Christ, the upbuilding of Christian character, and the crowning of Jesus Christ with Israel's salvation. Covenanters are invited to visit the Mission, and see the work and Missionaries. None should pass through Philadelphia without trying to see the Mission of the Covenant to Israel.

The standard of Christian faith and conduct taught these people in this Mission is we believe, according to their capacity, the same as that held by the Covenanter Church. In our judgement it is not eonugh, as some affirm, for Missions to simply make Christians. The highest type of Christianity should ever be the aim in missionating; and our faith in God should reverently expect

Him to bring the people up to the highest standard by His Holy Spirit.

Therefore, we urge the Church to be much in prayer for these Israelites, who are under gospel instruction in this Mission that they be truly converted by the Word, edified in the knowledge of Jesus, strengthened in the faith, delivered from the bondage of fear, separated from the world, and made able and willing by the Holy Spirit, to form a Covenanter Congregation, according to the will of God. We plead with Covenanters for prevailing intercession on behalf of Israel, and of all our Missions, that the coming year may be a year of incessant, persistant, and effectual labor by every Missionary in every field. And let us expects great results. God can send showers, pleuteous enough to water all fields, and produce bountiful harvests.

We ask for \$2,500.00 with which to carry forward this work another year.

The term for which Dr. T. P. Stevenson and Mr. W. C. Mac-Leod were elected has expired. Dr. Wiliam Steele has resigned as a member of the Board. We, therefore, ask Synod to e ect their successors.

Adopted by the Board Philadelphia, Pa., May 9, 1911.

J. C. M'FEETERS, President. WILLIAM G. CARSON, Secretary.

J. S. Thompson resigned as a member of the Domestic Mission Board, on account of being unable longer to attend its meetings. The resignation was accepted, and the Committee on Nominations was instructed to nominate a successor to fill the vacancy.

The courtesies of the floor were extended to the Rev. Prof. Scanlon, Secretary of the Permanent Committee on Temperance of the Presbyterian Church. Professor Scanlon was introduced to the Synod and briefly addressed it respecting the work in which he is engaged.

The following resolution was unanimously adopted:

Resolved: That the officers of this Synod be instructed to present the request of this Synod to "The Institute of Medical Research" of Philadelphia, Pa., and "The Foundation for Scientific Research," of Washington, D. C., that they include in their investigations an inquiry into the scientific and sociological aspects of Alcohol and other Narcotics.

The Morning Sun Congregation extended an invitation to the Synod to hold its next meeting at Morning Sun, Iowa. The Sharon Congregation joined in this invitation. The invitation was referred to the Committee on Place of Meeting.

The Committee on Sabbath Schools reported. The report was accepted and taken up item by item for adoption.

Item 1, together with so much of the body of the report as referred to the matter dealt with in this item, was stricken out.

Item 2. Adopted.

Item 3. Adopted.

Item 4. Adopted.

The report was adopted as a whole, and is as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SABBATH SCHOOLS

Your Committee on Sabbath Schools would respectfully report: The Sabbath School is perhaps the most important organization connected with the church; it is so linked with the congregation as to make it absolutely necessary to her life, and a successful carrying on of her work. Without a school of this kind she is lacking in that which constitutes an essential part of her equipment for service, and hence she cannot accomplish the full purpose of her organization. That congregation which does not, in this way provide for the training of her youth in Bible truth, will, sooner or later, become extinct, and must be written down as having failed in her mission.

It is the purpose of your Committee, in this report, to set forth in as few words as possible, the true purpose of the Sabbath School, and to show that unless this purpose is maintained the school will be a failure.

What then is the purpose of the Sabbath School? Why has this organization been effected in the church? Was it that our children and the children in those homes which have no church connection, might come together for an hour on Sabbath morning, that they might be kept from mischief and taught to remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy? No. Good as this purpose Good as this purpose might be, it is not for this purpose alone that the Sabbath School was organized. Was is for the cultivation of the social side of church life, that the members of the school might look forward with great anticipation to the close of the year for the distribution of presents and prizes? No not for this purpose was the organization effected. But rather:

TO TEACH THE WORD OF GOD. ,

The Bible is the text book in every department of the school, and is not to be set aside by any other, unless, it is for the better understanding of the Bible. We study our Testimony and our Confession of Faith, but these are based on the Word of God, and we study them that we may better understand the scriptures, themselves, but to introduce any other volume into the school, however good and elevating it may be, or how ever important the subject of which it treats, is to use the time that is set apart for the study of the Bible, for a wrong purpose.

In these days when Bible study is so much neglected, and

when special effort is being put forth by other organizations for the encouragement of Bible study, great care should be taken that the Bible be not displaced by any other book.

SECOND. The purpose of the Sabbath School is to teach the Word of God in its purity, both as it affects the individual and national life, in their relation to God.

And can this be done in any better way than by setting before the scholar the doctrines of salvation as expressed in the catechisms and by memorizing the songs of praise used in the worship of God. We believe it cannot. These questions of the catechism are for the individual, the memorizing of which will make one better acquainted with the Word of God than he could otherwise be. They set forth in a clear and concise form the fundamental doctrines of the religion of Christ and enable one to grasp and understand those doctrines in a way that he could not otherwise do. The vast majority of the Psalms have to do with men in their individual relation to God. And in memorizing them either in prose or metrical version a great store of Bible knowledge is treasured up, making one better acquainted with God Himself and enabling him to get the most out of life.

But the Bible deals with nations as well as with men and teaches just as clearly that they are responsible to God. Why is it then, in our study of the Bible we do not hear God speaking unto nations? In the lessons, as prepared by the International Committee, great care seems to have been taken to set forth the truths that have to do with the individual, but this committee does not seem to have been so careful to set forth the teachings of the Bible with respect to nations. Take for example the lessons studied the first quarter of this year. And many valuable lessons are drawn from the life of Elijah, but in few instances is the nation of Israel held up as a warning to other nations that forget God and his Law, and which are as truly idolarous, as Israel in the days of Ahab. And good as these lesson helps are, they fail, absolutely, in setting before the scholar that great truth found on almost every page of scripture, that, that nation is blessed only "Who's God is the Lord."

The same is true in regard to certain sins. We frequently have lessons setting before us the sin of the liquor traffic, but in few of these is the nation censured for her part in the sin. And that Sabbath School that is confined to the study of the Word through these helps, is not being taught the whole truth of God's Word.

THIRD. Another purpose of the Sabbath School should be to lay stress on the fundamental doctrines of salvation.

While the historical and geographical portions of the Word are valuable and not to be neglected, yet those doctrines which are essential to the spiritual welfare of the scholar should be kept prominent, and a special effort made to impress them on the mind. The scholar needs to know the heinousness of sin, the necessity of repentance, forgiveness, faith in Christ, etc., and these with kindred doctrines should be clearly taught, that the scholar may know what he or she must do to inherit eternal life.

There is danger that these important doctrines be over looked by the average teacher in the endeavor to hold the attention of the class by stories, etc., and if such be the case, the time and the attention which the teacher has put forth is lost, and the scholar, from the spiritual standpoint, is no better off than before. If these saving doctrines of the Word are clearly taught and if the blessing of God is asked on them, that they may be carried to the heart, they will convict of sin, and will lead to an acceptance of Christ. The Psalmist realized this to be true when he wrote:

God's law is perfect and converts, The soul in sin that lies; God's testimony is most sure, And makes the simple wise.

The statutes of the Lord are right
And do rejoice the heart,
The Lord's command is pure, and doth
Light to the eyes impart.

FOURTH. Another purpose of the School is to gather into the fold of God the careless and unconcerned.

The Sabbath School is the strong arm of the church. With it the church should reach out into the homes of the non-church going and Non-Sabbath School attending public, and endeavor by every legitimate means, to bring the members of these homes under the influence of the Word, and to teach them God's purpose in their lives.

The Sabbath School is a missionary organization. It is sent into the world to aid the church in gathering in the "travail of the Redeemer's soul." And where the school has been used for this purpose, it has been productive of great good.

While the Schools exists for the members of the church, that they may be indoctrinated in the principles of the church, it exists equally for the purpose of instructing those outside of the church, who have perhaps no other way of knowing or becoming acquainted with the principles of saving grace.

To this end the officers and the teachers of the school should see to it that every soul within its bounds should be invited to the school, and prayer to God should be offered on behalf of all such that they might accept the invitation, and become a part of the school and a sharer in its benefits and blessings. This may be done by dividing the districts into sections going from house to house inviting each soul in the Master's name to attend the school, and to become partners with them, as they are with God, in carrying on the work of the church. The school that will thus push out in His name, and under the influences of the Holy Spirit, will grow and become a power for good in its part of the world-vinyard.

Your committee believes these to be some of the purposes for which Sabbath Schools are organized in the churches, and we further believe that if these purposes are carried out, the school will be of great benefit to the church, and to the community in which it is located.

We therefore recommend:

- 1. That such helps be used in the School, as set forth the whole truth of the Word of $\operatorname{\sf God}.$
 - 8. That special effort be put forth by superintendents and

teachers to extend an invitation to all within their bounds to be-

come members of the school.

3. That Pastors and Sessions show a greater interest in those members of the school, which come from unchristian homes taking occasion to speak to all such, as opportunity may offer, concerning their soul's welfare.

JOHN C. FRENCH F L. M'KNIGHT Committee.

The following resolutions were introduce! by D. C. Mathews and unanimously adopted by the Synod:

ACTION ON THE USE OF NON-BIBICAL LESSONS IN THE SABBATH SCHOOL

The Synod of the Reformed Presyterian church in North America hereby enters its earnest protest against the action of the international Lesson Committee in introducing into its graded lesson system lessons taken from non-biblical sources, viz., for the Intermediate Grade first year, one lesson from the book of Maccabees, and thirteen lessons from the biographies of men like Roger Williams, William Penn, John Eliot, and Samuel J. Mills.

Resolved: That a copy of the above signed by the Moderator and Clerk of Synod be forwarded to the officers of the International Lesson Committee.

Resoved: That Sabbath schools in our church using the graded system be directed to substitute lessons from the Bible \ln place of those mentioned.

Synod adjourned to meet tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock. Prayer by W. J. Sanderson.

MORNING SESSION.

Same place, Wednesday, June 7, 1911, 9 A. M. Synod convened at the appointed hour and was constituted with prayer by J. M. Faris. The roll was called and the following did not answer to their names: W. J. Adams, W. A. Aikin, F. E. Allen, Robert Allen, R. C. Allen, T. J. Allen, W. C. Allen, John Armstrong, James R. Bell, R. A. Blair, Thomas Boggs, J. H. Braum, J. W. F. Carlisle, S. O. Carson, Wm. G. Carson, James M. Clark, Robert Clark, J. M. Coleman, W. J. Coleman, A. Copeland, A. C. Coulter, Wm. J. Crawford, S. J. Crowe, J. F. Crozier, J. Boggs Dodds, J. R. W. Duguid, D. H. Elliott, Isaiah Faris, H. G. Foster, J. C. French, W. Henry George, James Graham, D. O. Jack, J. M. Johnston, W. P. Johnston, G. R. McBurney, H. G. McConaughy, P. J. McDonald, T. A. McElwain, J. H. McGee,

R. H. Martin, J. S. Martin, J. S. Oliver, R. C. Reed, T. C. Sproull, G. R. Steele, J. Z. Sterrett, James Templeton, James Torrens, H. B. White and H. A. Young, most of whom soon appeared. Synod engaged in one-half hour of devotional exercises led by J. S. Thompson. The minutes of the session of yesterday evening were read and approved. The members of the Judicial Commissions appointed at this meeting of Synod were excused from roll call this morning.

The report of Committees on records of Presbyteries was called for. The following reported nothing contrary to the law and order of the Church: Colorado, Kansas, Iowa, Illinois, Ohio, New Brunswick and Nova Scotia, and Pittsburg.

The Committee to examine the records of the New York Presbytery reported, Nothing contrary to the law and order of the Church except that:

- 1. On page 169 the minutes of a Commission of Presbytery are signed by the Clerk alone.
- 2. On pages 168 and 169 it appears that a "congregation" was allowed to supply the pulpit and arrange for communion. It is our judgment that this should have been left to the Session, if not attended to by the Presbytery itself.

The Committee to examine the records of the Philadelphia Presbytery reported, Nothing contrary to the law and order of the Church except that on page 196 there is nothing to show that there were present both ministers and ruling elders.

The Committee to examine the records of Rochester Presbytery reported, Nothing contrary to the law and order of the Church except that on page 137 a motion which is found on page 134 is ordered stricken out, but not recorded on the margin, as required.

These reports were accepted and adopted.

The Committee on Theological Seminary and Geneva college reported. The report was accepted and taken up item by item for adoption.

Theological Seminary.

Item 1. Adopted.

Item 2. Adopted.

Item 3. Adopted.

Item 4. Adopted.

Item 5. Adopted.

Geneva College:

Item 1. Adopted.

Item 2. Adopted.

Item 3. Adopted.

Item 4. Laid on the table to entertain a substitute. The substitute was adopted.

R. H. Martin and W. Henry George addressed the Synod on behalf of the College.

J. F. Crozier asked that his earnest protest be entered upon the minutes against applause on the floor of Synod.

The report of the Committee on Theological Seminary and Geneva College was laid on the table for the present.

The report of the Committee on Unfinished Business was taken from the table.

Item 28 was taken up. The matter referred to in this item was referred to the Board of Superintendents of the Theological Seminary together with the Professors in the Seminary.

The report of the Committee on Unfinished Business was adopted as a whole, and is as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

The Committee on Unfinished Business would respectfully report that the following items require the attention of Synod.

Item 1. Report of Fraternal Delegate to the Christian Reformed Synod. Page 19—J. M. Coleman.

Item 2. Witness Bearing Committee to publish the report of the Committee on Psalmody in tract form. Page 25—W. J. Coleman.

Item 3. Special order of the day for Saturday morning of last Synod, laid on the table until this meeting. Page 34. (See also Minutes of 1909, page 115, item 3, and Page 116, Item 3).

Item 4. Committee on Preservation of Monument to Dr. J. R. Wilson. Pages 43 and 158—Thomas Patton.

Item 5. Instructions to Treasurer of Foreign Mission Board respecting Bond, depositing of money, etc. Page 58, Item 1.—S. A. S. Metheny.

Item 6. Walter T. Miller or his legal representative to turn over all money, books, etc., connected with the office of Treasurer to the new Treasurer. Pages 58 and 69.

Item 7. Foreign Mission Board to arrange for a Conference on Friday evening of Synod. Page 58, Item 9.—R. M. Sommerville.

Item 8. Foreign Mission Board to designate text books for Mission Study Classes. Page 58, Item 9.—R. M. Sommerville.

Item 9. Domestic Mission Board to establish Mission to Mountain Whites if funds are contributed. Page 76, Item 5.—R. J. G. McKnight.

Item 10. Clerk to print Minutes of 1910. Page 98, Item 4.—J. S. Thompson.

Item 11. Report of J. S. Tibby on Printing of Minutes of 1910.

Item 12. Balance in Memorial Building Acount to be trans-

ferred to Theological Seminary Current Account. Page 99, Item 10—J. S. Tibby.

Item 13. Treasurer to pay expenses of Presbyterian Alliance. Page 99, Item 14.—J. S. Tibby.

Item 14. Special Committee on Marriage of a Believer with an Unbeliever. Page 148.—D. H. Coulter. (See also Minutes 1909, Page 115, Item 2.)

Item 15. Commission to hear Appeal and Complaint of J. F. Crozier. Page 158—D. C. Mathews.

Item 16. Delegate to Inter-Church Temperance Federation. Page 145.—T. H. Acheson.

Item 17. Committee to classify Congregations and Ministers. Page 146.—P. J. McDonald.

Item 18. Committee to prepare Bible Reading Folders. Page 154. T. H. Acheson.

Item 19. Clerks of Boards and Permanent Committees to divide members into three divisions. Page 159, Item 2.

Item 20. Fraternal Delegate to the Synod of the Brethmen. Page 162. —W. J. McKnight.

Item 21. Committee on Witness Bearing to prepare program for a Conference on Thursday evening of Synod. Page 162.—W. J. Coleman.

Item 22. Covenanter Members of Ex. Com. of N. R. A. to prepare a program for a Conference on Monday evening of Synod. Page 162.—J. S. Martin.

Item 23. Committee to complete new edition of the Psalter. Page 165, Item 3.—W. J. Coleman.

Item 24. Committee to select music for the new Psalter. Page 165.—R. C. Wylie.

Item 25. Dr. Metheny to supervise the preparation of the Music Plates. Page 165, Item 2.

Item 26. Expenses of R. A. M. Steele for attending the meeting of the Music Committee to be paid out of the Literary Fund. Page 165, Item 3.—J. S. Tibby.

Item 27. Committee on Catechism and Manual of Doctrine. Page 165.—G. A. Edgar.

Item 28. Item 19 of Unfinished Business of last year, laid on the table till this meeting of Synod. Page 176.

Item 29. Report of Bureau of Information. Page 175.— T. M. Slater.

Respectfully submitted,

J. S. THOMPSON.

C. M. SMITH.

T. A. McElwain and D. O. Torrens were excused from further attendance on the sessions of the Synod.

Synod took recess until 2 P. M. Prayer by James G. Love.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Same place, June 8, 2 P. M. Synod reconvened at the appointed hour and was opened with prayer by A. J. McFarland. The roll was called and the following did not answer to their names: W. J. Adams, Robert Allen, R. C. Allen, W. C. Allen, Thomas Boggs, W. J. Beatty, Wm. Blair, J. H. Braum, J. W. F. Carlisle, James Clarke, J. M. Coleman, A. Copeland, A. C. Coulter, E. A. Crooks, S. J. Crowe, G. A. Edgar, E. M. Elsev, D. S. Faris, T. L. Faris, C. M. Finley, H. G. Foster, J. C. French, W. S. Fulton, James Graham, G. N. Greer, Wm. Hanna, D. O. Jack, S. F. Kingston, T. J. Kynette, James G. Love, W. J. McBurney, P. J. McDonald, J. H. McGee, S. McNaugher, J. S. Martin, Robert Miller, J. S. Oliver, J. G. Reed, W. M. Robb, James Shields, T. C. Sproull, G. R. Steele, J. Z. Sterrett. J. R. W. Stevenson, James Templeton, John J. M. Thompson, James Torrens, H. B. White, A. A. Wylie, and H. A. Young, most of whom soon appeared. The minutes of the morning sesscion were read and approved.

Yellow Fish and R. J. McCracken were excused from further attendance on the sessions of the Synod.

The following resolutions, offered by T. P. Stevenson were adopted:

Resolved that the Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church earnestly protests against the acceptance by the government of a silver service for the battleship Utah on which is engraved a picture of the Mormon temple, and a likeness of Brigham Young. Wherever this service would be used it would suggest to the representatives of other nations and governments that the people of the United States regard the Mormon religion with respect instead of abhorrence, and Brigham Young as a benefactor of the nation. We earnestly pray you that the nation may be spared the pain and shame of this disgrace.

Resolved that the officers of Synod send copies of this resolution, properly attested, to the President of the United States and the Secretary of the Navy.

The report of the Committee on Theological Seminary and Geneva College was taken from the table.

Robert Clark addressed the Synod on behalf of the College.

The report of the Committee on Theological Seminary and Geneva College was adopted, and is as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY AND GENEVA COLLEGE.

Committee on Theological Seminary and Geneva College would report:

Four papers have been referred to your Committee. The reports of the Board of Superintendents of the Theological seminary; of the Board of Corporators, and of the Board of Trustees of Geneva College. A resolution suggesting the establishment of a course of study in our seminary to be known as Reformed Presbyterian Apologetics, was also referred to your committee.

Speaking of the Seminary we learn from the report that seven

speaking of the Seminary we learn from the report that seven students have been enrolled this last year, all of the second and third year. With the exception of Dr. R. J. George, the health of the professors and students has been good. The work has been

of an high order.

We submit the following recommendation:

- 1. That the claims of the Christian ministry on the sons of the Church be brought to their attention by pastors and that earnest believing prayer be offered in behalf of the school of the prophets.
- 2. That we note with appreciation the long and efficient service rendered our church by the Rev. Prof. R. J. George, D. D., in the position which he occupied in the Seminary.
- 3. That we establish a course of study to be known as the Reformed Presbyterian Apologitics covering in detail those fields of Christian doctrine which involve the question of purity of worship, anti-secrecy national reformation and political dissent under the care of the Rev. Prof. R. C. Wylie, D. D.
- $4.\ \,$ That we approve of the re-adjustment of work made by the Board with the present professors.
- 5. That R. M. Sommerville, T. H. Acheson and J. R. Steel_{\theta} be chosen their $ow_{\rm I\! I}$ successors on this Board.

Speaking of Geneva College we are glad to note the good year enjoyed. Both professors and students have been faithful and evidently desirous of keeping Geneva in the fore ranks, as an efficient Christian College.

We recommend:

- 1. That the reports of the Boards of Trustees and corporators be published in the Minutes of ${\bf Synod}.$
- 2. That C. D. Trumbull be chosen his own successor on the Board of corporators.

As a committee we were instructed to inquire particularly as to the curriculum and the financial condition of the College.

Concerning the matter of requiring Greek for the A. B. degree we find that there is a difference of opinion among educational leaders at the present time. The Board of Trustees of Geneva have adopted the course which makes Greek elective. Its competitors have taken both sides.

3. In order that the Seminary may not be open to students having no Greek we recommend that three years of Greek be required in connection with the A. B. Degree, as the condition of entrance to the Seminary and that this requirement be announced in Geneva's annual catalogue.

In regard to the financial condition we find that there is some indebtedness. Concerning the expense of discharging the presidential functions we believe misunderstandings have arisen owing to the names given certain members of the faculty. The secretary is primarily the librarian and is not the personal secretary to the President. The assistant to the President is treasurer and financial agent.

As to the debt we find the current account over drawn \$13,-288.25 the Geneva College endowment note account \$11,935.23, and the new Gymnasium account at present \$2,583.76. In these three items there is a total of \$27,807.24. The second item of \$11,935.23 is a debt incurred to secure the payment of the Andrew Carnegie gift of \$15,000. This debt is secured by notes of subscribers and a note given by the College Board. The deficit in current account for a number of years has been from two to three thousand dollars. This last year it was \$589.53, dispite the fact that a number of needed improvements have been made.

We recommend:

4. That the proposition to increase the endowment of the College be approved and that the financial agents of the College be instructed to give special attention to the removal of the present indebtedness.

In closing, we wish to appeal to the Covenanter Church in behalf of Geneva College. Since it is our only institution of this kind and doing most efficient work, let the entire Church give it both moral and financial support.

S. J. JOHNSTON THOMAS PATTON JOHN COLEMAN A. C. COULTER D. O. TORRENCE

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF SUPERINTENDENTS OF THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

The Board of Superintendents of the Theological Seminary would respectfully report that it met in the closing exercises of the Theological Seminary in the Seminary Hall, Allegheny, Pa., on Tuesday, April 25th, 1911, at 9 A. M., and adjourned the same evening. The following members of the Board attended this meeting: T. P. Stevenson, T. H. Acheson, W. J. Coleman, W. R. Sterrett, J. R. Steele and J. D. McAnlis. The following members were absent: R. M. Sommerville, David Boyd, Walter T. Miller, Charles McElhinney and S. R. Wills.

The Professors presented their reports which were approved by the Board and have been published for the information of the Church. The death of the Rev. Prof. Robert James George, D. D., was reported and a committee was appointed to prepare a memorial which is as follows:

"The Board of Superintendents desires to place on record its appreciation of the character and work of the Rev. R. J. George, D. D., Professor of Church History, Homiletics and Systematic and Pastorial Theology. Ordained in the year 1870, he served in the ministry of the gospel for forty-one years. He was an eloquent preacher, a judicious expositor of Scripture, a faithful and

fearless witness against the sins and evils of his day, and a diligent affectionate and successful pastor. As a presbyter he was conscientious in his attendance on the courts of the Church and a devoted friend of all her institutions and enterprizes.

"He occupied temporarily the chair of Systematic Theology, after the death of Dr. J. R. W. Sloane, for the year 1886-7. He was chosen to the permanent professorship by the Synod of 1887, but declined to accept the position. He again occupied the same chair during the year 1891-2, and was regularly elected to the permanent position by the Synod of 1892 at Mansfield, Ohio, and performed the duties of his position until a short time before his decease in 1911.

"As professor he was faithful in the fulfillment of his duties, and zealous for the truth, as God gave him to see the truth. His experience and success as a pastor flad prepared him eminently for his work in the chair of Pastoral Theology and his ability as a preacher gave him special qualifications for his work as a professor of Homiletics. He was a man of faith, and his power in prayer indicated that he had learned at the feet of the Master. We earnestly commend his bereaved and sorrowing family to the tender care of the Great Shepherd of the sheep."

The studies of Dr. George's department were carried on by the other professors to the end of the term. The Seminary classes were examined orally, or in writing, upon all the studies of the year and these examinations were approved by the Board. Discourses showing a high degree of ability were given by all the students and these discourses were reviewed and approved by the Board. It was reported that all the students were present at the opening session and that no absences have occurred on account of sickness. It was discouraging to note that there was no first year class.

The following students, having completed the second year, were recommended to their respective Presbyteries for licensure: George Slater Coleman, Frederick Francis Reade and James Boyd Tweed. The following having completed the full Seminary Course, were given certificates of graduation: Frank Emmett Allen, Thomas Copeland McKnight, Matthew Steele McMillan and John Milton Rutherford.

The following recommendations are submitted to the Synod:

1. That the Board of Superintendents, meeting under the shadow of the death of Dr. R. J. George which has so seriously weakened the Faculty, and with the smallest number of students in attendance for many years, are moved to call upon the whole Church for earnest, persevering and believing prayer in behalf of this vital interest.

These circumstances enforce the command of the Saviour, "Pray ye the Lord of the harvest that he will send forth laborers into His harvest." We also request all pastors to preach on the claims of the Christian ministry on the sons of the Church, and ask Synod to press these suggestions on the attention of the Church.

- 2. That the salary of Dr. R. J. George be paid for the remainder of the year.
 - 3. That successors be chosen to R. M. Sommerville, T. H.

Acheson and J. R. Steele, whose terms as members of this Board have expired.

4. That in view of Prof. Wilson's restoration to health, for which we record our thankfulness to God, the departments of Hebrew and Greek Languages and Exegesis, Church Government, Hermeneutics and Biblical Introduction, which were formerly his charge, be committed to him again; and that Church History, Homiletics, and Systematic and Pastoral Theology be assigned to Prof. Wylie. This recommendation is made with the concurrence of the Professors themselves.

We request the same appropriations as in former years.

T. P. STEVENSON, Pres. W. J. COLEMAN, Sec.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF CORPORATORS OF GENEVA COLLEGE.

To the Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church:

The Board of Corporators of Geneva College respectfully report: The fiscal year, now drawing to its close, has been one of prosperity and good work on the part of faculty and students. For a full record of which we refer you to the report of the Board of Trustees, transferred to you and will be presented by the secretary of the Board, Rev. R. H. Martin.

Faithful work on the part of professors and students; the concord among members of faculty and between students and faculty; the College spirit manifested by all; and especially the religious influence exerted upon the students all call for gratitude to God.

The generous contribution of one man, with assistance from others, made possible extensive improvements in the college chapel; meeting a long felt need.

The completion of the College Gymnasium erected as a memoria' in the honor of the ex-president of the College, Rev. W. P. Johnston, D. D., LL. D., who labored so faithfully, successfully and long in behalf of the college has been one great achievement of the year. Your Board hopes that the entire Synod will visit the College on the afternoon appointed for the dedication of this building. Great credit should be given Rev. Robert Clark, Financial Agent, for his untiring effort in securing funds for the erection of this building, and also for his successful effort in raising funds for other equipments of the College.

Your Board asks Synod to approve the purpose of the Board of Trustees to secure an endowment adequate to the growing needs of the College. $W_{\rm e}$ also approve the request for the usual appropriation and collection to meet the current expenses of the College.

The time for which Rev. C. D. Trumbull was elected as the Synodic member of this Board has expired, and his successor should be chosen at this meeting of Synod.

We have elected the following members to serve as the Board of Trustees for the ensuing year:

Rev. Messers. W. J. Coleman, A. Kilpatrick, H. H. George, J. S. Martin, R. H. Martin, S. J. Johnston, R. C. Wylie, J. R. Wylie,

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and the Messers, J. H. McBurney, R. M. Downie, J. S. Tibby and R. M. Pearce.

Respectfully submitted,

T. P. STEVENSON, Pres.

J. R. WYLIE, Sec.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF GENEVA COLLEGE.

To the Board of Corporators of Geneva College:

The Board of Trustees would respectfully report:

Under the Divine blessing, the College Year, soon to cose, has been a most successful one. The attendance of students is as follows: Literary and Normal Students, 165; Summer School, 38; Music, 124; Oratory, 41; Art, 28; making a total of 396, exclusive of duplications, 333. We have had this year, the largest number of new students of any year under the present administration. We note also an increase in the number of students in the Collegiate Department for the last five years, the increase this year being 40 per cent over that of last year. This year's Freshman Class numbers 43; the Graduating Class, 25.

We note also the good order and fine spirit of the students. More and more the spirit of cooperation prevails between students and faculty. That the moral tone of our student body, we do not believe is equalled by that of any student body in the land. The class-room work of the students has been good. In Literary work also, they have maintained a high standard. More than three times as many books were taken from the College Library this year as were taken four years ago.

In the Prohibition League Contest among Colleges of Pennsylvania, Mr. Matthew Mitchell of Bellefountaine, Ohio, represented the College creditably. In the Inter-Collegiate Oratorica Contest, Mr. Thomas Graham, of our First Beaver Falls congregation, represented Geneva with credit to himself and the College.

A debating club has been organized which meets weekly. Geneva has won for herself a good name, in Inter-Collegiate Debate. This year she won the unanimous decision in a debate with Ohio Northern University. This makes the fifth successive debate in which she has come off victorious. Geneva's endeavoring to develop vocal talent among her students. A large chorus class meets weekly. A male Glee Club has been organized and has given several concerts, thus advertising the College in the community.

The religious welfare of the students has been carefully looked after. All students in the Literary Department are given instruction in the Bible weekly, in the class-room. The students conduct a weekly prayer meeting. Professor Wylie teaches a Sabbath School class of students. A Mission Study class was taught by Rev. J. C. Slater. A Mission Band has been organized this year with three members. Nearly all the resident students are members either of the Y. M. C. A. or Y. W. C. A., which hold meetings for Bible study and devotion each Sabbath afternoon. A good number of the students have engaged in Mission work, teaching in Mission Sabbath Schools. The claims of the Christian Ministry upon the young men were presented to the students during the year.

The faculty deserves commendation for the excellent work they have done throughout the year. President George has labored

faithfully and efficiently. He has the respect and confidence of the students and community and is becoming more and more valuable to the College. In addition to his teaching and administrative work, he has preached and made addresses on educational subjects in the community. He spent last summer traveling through the church to secure students. The members of the faculty all have full work, some of them teaching as many as five classes daily, besides doing work outside the class-room. Professor R. C. Colwell of the department of Mathematics who had leave of absence this year to pursue advance work, will be with us next year. Pearl Howe, who for many years has had charge of the department of Oratory, resigned her position one year ago. Miss Elizabeth Randall, who formerly held this position, was chosen in Miss Howe's place, and has filled the position with acceptance, throughout the Professor E. W. Van Guelpen, an experienced and capable teacher, was chosen as teacher of vocal music in the Fall, and has filled the position with great acceptance. Miss Helen E. McClintock who for two years has been teacher of French and German and assistant Dean of Women, has resigned her position that she may go abroad to study. The College is sorry to lose her, as she has filled her position with great credit to herself and acceptance to the College.

Oratory, which heretofore has never had a place in the College Curr'culum, has been introduced into the regular Collegiate Course, being required in the Sophomore and Junior years. The Curriculum has been gradually brought up until it meets the requirements of the Educational Foundations of the Country. While, on account of being a denominational school, we are excluded from some of these foundations, it is a satisfaction to know that from the standpoint of scholarship, we meet their requirements.

The year has been notable for improvements in the material equipment of the college. Furnishings for the buildings, such as chairs, tables, etc., to the amount of about \$1,350.00, have been secured by our field Representative, Mr. Clark, as donations. A greatly needed improvement is being made in the College Chapel. Electric lights are being installed, a raised floor is being put in and the Chapel seated with Opera chairs. The cost will be about \$1,350.00. This improvement is due to the generous contribution of George W. Boggs of the Third Philadelphia Congregation, who gave \$1,000.00 for this specific purpose. The remaining expense will be covered by an entertainment arranged by Mr. Clark, and given by the Musical and Oratorical Departments of the College. latter donate their services. This improvement will be completed for the commencement exercises. Considerable grading has been made on the College grounds with a view of adding to their usefulness and beauty. Over half of the expense of grading has been donated by the one doing the work.

The new Gymnasium has just been completed, it is a substantial and beautiful brick structure, fifty by seventy-five feet in size, with up-to-date equipment, and will cost between twenty and twenty-one thousand dollars. Of this amount several thousand dollars are still to be raised. It is erected in honor of Dr. W. P. Johnston, formerly president and now president emeritus of the College, and bears his name. It is a great addition to our college equipment and will be a lasting memorial to him who for many years so faithfully served the college. It is to be dedicated Tuesday After-

noon, June 6th. The Board of Trustees extends through you an invitation to the Synod to attend these exercises.

The Rev. Robert Clarke continues in his work as Field Representative of the college, with unflaging zeal and indomitable perseverance. Since he began his work he has turned into the treasury in cash about \$15,000, all of this amount except \$1,800 within the present year. He has also secured as donations various articles of furniture for the College amounting in value to \$1,350.00, an amount almost sufficient to cover his salary. He also has secured pledges of money to be paid in the near future of about \$4,500, not to mention several pledges of larger amounts which will come in later. We consider this a fine record. Mr. Clarke deserves our highest commendation for his work. The man who leads in the movement to provide for Geneva the financial resouces which will make and keep her in every respect a thoroughly efficient and up-to-date college, is deserving of double honor.

The current account is overdrawn to the amount of \$13,288.25, which is five hundred eighty-nine dollars and fifty-three cents more than one year ago. Had it not been for the extensive improvements made, which we have felt to be necessary, and for the erection of a new Gymnasium, this deficit, which has been increasing at the rate of two to three thousand dollars a year, would have been materially reduced this year. Practically all the funds secured by Mr. Clarke this year were for the Gymnasium. An encouraging item in the financial report is the large increase in receipts from tuition of students.

Much as the success of a College depends upon its material equipment, it depends more by far upon the efficiency of its corps of teachers. The personality, scholarship, and teaching ability of its professors do more than anything else to draw students and equip them for life's work. Looking back over the past history of Geneva, we can see how we have lost teachers, who have been towers of strength to the College, because when they increased in efficiency, we were unable to give them that increase in compensation which they deserved and were offered elsewhere. This inability has crippled the College in the past and cannot but cripple it in the future unless we put ourselves in position to increase the compensation of teachers who merit it. The way to meet this is by an increase in the endowment fund of from \$50,000 to \$100,000. This we regard as the most pressing need of the College at the present time.

In these days when such great progress is being made along educational lines, when the Colleges with which we have to compete are receiving large gifts of money and making constant progress, we believe that the Covenanter Church, the Alumni and other friends of Geneva College, will see to it that the College receives that financial support which will keep her fully abreast of other colleges. There are two sources from which we must draw our support both in finances and in students; the Covenanter Church and the local community. The local community has been showing increased interest in the College and giving it increased support. We ask the Church for an increased financial support and for an increase in the number of students from her homes. With the high standard of scholarship at Geneva, with the personel of our teaching force, the moral tone of our student body and the Covenanter atmosphere of our College, we do not believe that the young people

of our Church can afford to go elsewhere for their college education.

To the end that we may increase our student body, cancel the deficit in the current account and add to our endowment, Dr. W. P. Johnston has been chosen to labor in the interest of the college, giving his time as he is able to securing students and funds for the College, his work to be confined largely to our church. It is fitting that Dr. Johnston who knows the College so well and who is deeply interested in it, and who is held with such high esteem throughout the Church should be chosen to go throughout the Church in the interest of the College.

We ask the usual appropriation of \$3,000 from the church. President W. H. George, Rev. Robert Clarke and Rev. R. H. Martin have been appointed to represent the College on the floor of Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

R. C. WYLIE, Pres. R. H. MARTIN, Sec.

J. F. Crozier read his reasons of dissent from the action of the Synod on last Wednesday in accepting the report of the Judicial Commission appointed by last Synod to hear his complaint against the Pittsburg Presbytery. J. F. Crozier followed the reading of his reasons of dissent from the action of the Synod with his declinature of the authority of the Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, and took his appeal to the Head of the Church.

The Committee on Finance reported. The report was accepted, and taken up item by item for adoption.

Items I and 15 inclusive were adopted.

Thomas Patton was appointed special Treasurer to receive contributions for the erection of the monument to Dr. J. R. Wilson, and he together with J. R. Thompson, J. W. F. Carlisle and D. B. Wilson were appointed to have charge of the selection and the erection of the same.

The report of the Committee on Finance was adopted as a whole, and is as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

The Committee on Finance would respectfully report that the following papers and matters were referred to it:

- 1. The annual report of the Trustees of the Reformed Presbyterian Church. J. S. Tibby, Treasurer.
 - 2. Report of Aged People's Home: Annette G. Wallace Treas.
 - 3. Report of Foreign Mission Board: S. A. S. Metheny, Treas.
 - 4. Report of Church Erection, S. A. S. Metheny, Treas.

- 5. Report of Jewish Mission: S. A. S. Metheny, Treas.
- 6. Report of Board of Jewish Mission.
- 7. Report of Central Board of Missions: J. S. Tibby, Treas.
- 8. Report of Literary Fund: J. S. Tibby, Treas.
- 9. Report of Domestic Mission Conference.
- 10. Report of the Financia Agent for National Reform: J. S. Tibby, Treas.
- 11. Report of Board of Church Erection: S. A. S. Metheny, Treas.
 - 12. Request of Witness Bearing Committee for \$6,500.
- 13. Item of Expense in connection with Committee on Catechism and Manual of Doctrine.
 - 14. Request of Board of Control.
- 15. Request of Board of Theological Seminary for same amount as last year.
 - 16. Report of Committee on Music for the Revised Psalter.
 - 17. Report of Committee on Evangelistic work.
- 18. Report of Mrs. W. J. Ward, recording secretary of the Aged People's Home.
 - 20. Report of Committee on the J. R. Wilson monument.
- 21. Item of Expense of W_{\cdot} J. McKnight as delegate to the Brethren Synod.
 - 22. Report of Committee on Temperance.

We have found the reports of the Treasurers audited and approved. In view of the favorable condition of the treasuries with the exception of the Domestic Mission Fund, Geneva College and Temperance $w_{\rm e}$ express our gratitude to the Head of the Church for his continued favor evidenced in the receipts and earnings of the past year.

Your Committee makes the following recommendations:

- 1. That 500 copies of the Testimony be printed.
- 2. That the insurance on the plates for the Old Version and the 1889 Version of the Psalms in New York City be discontinued. Also that the expenses of the Committee on the meter of the New Psalter be paid out of the Literary Fund.
- 3. That the matter of securing non-interest bearing mortgages, which heretofore have been secured by and kept in the custody of the Board of Church Erection, be transferred to Synod's Board of Trustees.
- 4. That R. M. Sommerville and F. M. Foster be elected their own successors on the Board of Church Erection.
- 5. That the \$712.62 of the Mrs. J. J. McClurkin donation be transferred to the Literary Fund.
- 6. That the Clerk be instructed to cast the unanimous ballot of Synod for William Blair, John M. Allen and Oliver Wylie as their own successors on Synod's Board of Trustees for a term of three years ending June 15th, 1914. The Clerk cast the unanimous ballot of Synod as above directed.
- 7. That the railroad expenses of the Committee on Music to Philadelphia, amounting to \$41.70, be paid from the Literary Fund.

- 8. That \$500.00 be appropriated from the Domestic Mission Fund for the Permanent Committee on Evangel stic Work.
- 9. That in the matter of the purchase and erection of a monument to Dr. J. R. Wilson, we recommend, that \$300.00 be specified as the amount to be expended. That the friends of Dr. Wilson be given an opportunity to make a contribution for this purpose, and that the balance, if any, be paid out of the Literary Fund.
- 10. That O. L. Samson be made a member of the Board of Control, and that A. F. Ried be chosen his own successor on this Board. Also at the request of the Board of Control, we recommend that the Synod remove the limitations placed on grants to students of theology. Also that S. E. Greer be chosen to fill the vacancy on the Board of Control by the removal of J. S. McGaw from the vicinity in which this Board is located.
- 11. That the salary of the late Professor R. J. George be paid to the end of the year.
- 12. That the synopses and summaries of Treasurer J. S. Tibby and S. A. S. Metheny, and the report of Mrs. W. J. Ward, Secretary of the Reformed Presbyterian Woman's Association, together with the recapitulation of the various balance sheets be published in the Minutes.
- 13. That the Clerk of Synod be directed to publish 1000 copies of the Minutes of the Synod of 1911, that the price be 35 cents per copy, and that they be placed in the hands of J. S. Tibby for sale and distribution.
- 14. We recommend the untiring zeal and persistent efforts of Robert Clarke the financial agent of Geneva College, and commend him to the liberality of the Church. And that we as a Synod express our confidence in the ability of the Board of Trustees of Geneva College to manage the financial affairs of the Institution.
- 15. That the following appropriations with the dates for congregational collections be adopted:

June 3rd Sabbath, Students Aid\$ 1,500.00. July 1st Sabbath, Aged Ministers three-eights, Widows Orphans five-eights 4,000.00. 1,000.00. 4,000.00. August 3rd Sabbath, Jewish Mission 2,500.00. 5,000.0v. 6,000.00. October 1st Sabbath, Domestic Mission 12,000.00. November 4th Sabbath, Temperance 2,000.00. December 1st Sabbath, Syrian Mission 20,000.00. January 1st Sabbath, Mission in China 15,000.00. February 1st Sabbath, Witness Bearing 5,000.00. ,In case three laborers give full time 6,000.00.

The sum of \$10,000.00 is the amount which Synod names as a guide to our people in their contributions to National Reform. See page 44. The day for this collection is November 1st Sabbath.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN C. FRENCH, ARCH. A. JOHNSTON, JESSE W. WILSON, S. O. CARSON.

REPORT OF SYNOD'S BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

To the Moderator and Members of the Synod, Dear Brethren:

Thankful to the Head of the Church for His goodness to us during the year, we beg leave to submit our report, and in connection therewith to submit the report of the Treasurer for the year ending May first, 1911.

First: The persons elected at the last meeting of Synod to serve on the Board accepted their appointment viz: Messrs, Jas. A. McAteer, Jas. H. McBurney and Jas. S. Tibby.

Second: The following donations received some years ago. and by request of the donors, not reported to Synod, are now closed viz: Rev. and Mrs. J. J. McClurkin, New Alexandria, Pa., \$2,407.50 from the sale of Real Estate. \$733.43 was credited to Southern Mission and \$1,466.85 to Foreign Missions excepting the Mission in China. Mrs. J. J. McClurkin, New Alexandria, Pa., \$1,967.40 less expenses incurred and money returned to the donor amounting to \$1,254.78 which leaves a balance of \$712.62 to be divided as Synod directs. Rev. D. J. Shaw, New Alexandria, Pa., \$1,096.77 less Attorney fee of \$25.00 received from sale of lots in Kansas City, Mo. Balance credited to Foreign Missions as per wishes of the donor. Bequests were received as follows: Mrs. Sarah Greer, Medford, Mass., Theo. Seminary \$45.47, Southern Mission \$22.74, Syrian Mission \$298.60. Jas. Aiton, Rochester, N. Y., Theo. Seminary\$300.00, Mrs. Marg. Morrison, Almonte, Canada, Aged People's Home \$50.00. John Pollock, Decatur, Mich., Southern and Indian Missions, \$25.00 each. James Greer, Medford, Mass., Memorial Fund, from his Nieces for Theological Seminary \$402.81 and Southern Mission \$201.40. George and Mary A. Cunningham, Morning Sun, Iowa, Domestic, Southern, Indian Missions, \$200.00 each, Geneva College and National Reform \$100.00 each. W. J. C. Allen, Mercer, Pa., Indian Mission \$47.75 and Witness Bearing \$5.31. William J. Ferguson, Philadelphia, Pa., \$19,855.00 distributed as follows: Widows and Children, Dec. Ministers \$760.00; Aged Ministers \$380.00, Indian Mission \$1,425.00, Domestic Mission \$3,135.00, Jewish Mission \$760.00, Southern Mission \$1,-425.00, Syrian Mission \$4,560.00, National Reform \$2,280.00, Theo. Seminary \$1,140.00, Mission in China \$1,425.00, Witness Bearing \$1,425.00, Church Erection \$1,140.00. Total amount of Donations is \$5,471.67, of Bequests \$22,079.08, received direct by Synod's Treasurer.

The following Bequests for Foreign Missions were received by Dr. S. A. S. Metheny, Treas.: Syrian Mission, Agnes L. Deary, Utica, O., \$5.00; Mary J. Pierce, Ogdensburg, N. Y., \$190.00; John Pollock, Decatur, Mich., \$50.00; John Elliott, New Castle, Pa., \$46.45; Robt. H. Rodgers, Jamestown, Pa., \$50.50; Isabe'la Pierce

Wa ton, N. Y., \$950.00; Mrs. Eliz. Dinsmore, Philadelphia, Pa., \$3,944.31; George and Mary A. Cunningham, Morning Sun, Iowa, \$200.00. China Missions: George and Mary A. Cunningham, Morning Sun, Iowa, \$200.00; Mrs. S. McLain, Barnet, Vt., \$4.00; John Elliott, New Castle, Pa., \$46.45; E. Steele, Philadelphia, Pa., \$15.00. Total \$5,701.71 or a grand total of Bequests amounting to \$27,780.79.

Third: The aggregate amount of Bonds, Mortgages, Real Estate and other Assets held by your Board is \$624,154.58. Out of the earnings for the year closed, the Board declared a dividend on Endowments of \$422,445.63 at 5 1-2 per cent of \$23,-234.51.

Fourth: The amount of profits of the David Gregg Fund is \$9,446.51.

Fifth: The Books and Accounts of the Board were audited by Mr. W. G. Miller, Auditor and found correct as per certificates attached to the report of the Treasurer.

Sixth: The term for which Messers, John M. Allen, William Blair and Oliver Wylie were made members of the Board will expire June 15th, 1911. We ask that their successors be chosen by ballot as required by law.

Seventh: Messers. James S. Tibby and D. C. Martin as alternate were appointed to represent the Board on the floor of Synod.

Eighth: We would recommend that the Mrs. J. J. McClurkin Donation of \$712.62 be transferred to the Domestic Mission Current Account.

Respectfully submitted by order of the Board,

JAMES S. TIBBY Secretary.
Pittsburg, Pa., May 25th, 1911.

THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY ENDOWMENT FUND.

1910. May 1.	Balance	\$	$\substack{64,720\\4,918}$	
	Balance	\$	69,638	75
	STUDENTS' AID ENDOWMENT FUND).		
1910. May 1.	Balance	\$	16,276	88
1911. May 1.	Balance	\$	16,286	88
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1910. May 1.	Balance	\$	770 42	15 36
1911. May 1.	Balance		812	51

THE	FOLLOWING ENDOWMENTS REMAIN UNC	CHANGED:	
	Geneva College	\$198,270 00	,
	Foreign Mission	49,633 43	
	Domestic Mission	32,111 30	
	Sustentation	100 00	
	Southern Mission	5,481 28	
	Chinese Home Mission	400 00	
	Indian Mission	2,000 00	
	Aged Ministers	12,8,8 52	
	Jas. and Mary Carlisle for A. Min. Mission in China	500 0 0 237 50	
	Widows and Children Dec. Ministers	6.770.02	
	Church Erection	3,400 00	
	Rev. D. and Mrs. M. E. McKee	10,000 00	
	James R. McKee	3,000 00	
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	Mrs. E. S. E. McKee Ryegate and Barnet, Vt. Cong	3,000 00 850 0 0	
	Prooklyn N V	4,867 80	
	Brooklyn, N. Y. Iowa Presbytery	700 00	
	Wilkinsburg, Pa. Cong	500 00	
	American Bible Society	50 00	
	Mrs. Sarah J. Steele	1,000 00	
	David Gregg Fund not 20	1,000 00	
	regular dividend	157,015 73	3
	Total Endowments receiving 5 1-2	100 115 05	
	per cent	422,445 63	5
	GREGG ENDOWMENT BEQUEST MORTGAG	GE ACCOUNT	
1910. May 1.	Balance	\$155,250 00)
may 1.	Invested in Mortgages during year	9,000 00	
	invested in mortgages during year.		_
		\$164,250 00	
	Mortgages paid off	8,850 00)
1911.			
May 1.	Balance	\$155,400 00	- b
DAVID	GREGG ENDOWMENT BEQUEST INTERE	ST ACCOUNT	
1911.	GILEGG EMBON MEMI BEGGEST IN EIGH	or Account	
). Interest received during the		
11P-11 0	year	\$ 9,446 5	1
	Charged fund 5 per cent for	, , , , , , ,	
2	handling		
	Foreign Missions received 2,991 38		
	Domestic Missions received 2,331 88		
	Sustentation Fund 598 28		
	Church Erection 598 28		
	Theo. Seminary 598 28		
	C1111000 110111 11110101 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1		
	Widows and Children Dec.		
	Ministers 598 28		
	Central Allegheny, Pa., Congregation 598 28		
	51 egation 998 28	\$ 9.446 5	1
		, .,	

1010	REGULAR	MORT	GAGE	ACCOU	NT .		
1910. May 1.	Balance Invested in Mort	/ gages				\$391,678 19,250	
	Mortgage paid	• • • • • •				\$410,928 23,669	
1911. May 1.	Balance					\$387,259	04
	INT	EREST	A-CCO	UNT.			
1911. April 30.	Receipts from and Notes Net profits from			26,312 670			
		T				\$ 26,983	42
	Interest returne				00		
	Rev. R. Shield's terest			56	00		
	Dividends on s less than 5 Pitts. Presb. Ed	1-2 per	cent	605	88		
	interest			53	00		
	Pitts. Presb. Inve	st. Fun	d in-		0.5		
	terest 62 per cent of of 1911 Dividend on	ffice exp	penses 445-	$129 \\ 1,554$			
Geneva	63 at 5 1-2 College En-	per cel	it viz:				
downe Mrs. J. S	nt of \$: Steele En-	198,270	0.0	\$10,904	85		
	nt of	1,000	. 0.0	55	0.0		
dowmen	minary En- at Aid Fuad.	69,638	75	3,830	13		
Endow	ment Mission En-	16,286	88	895	78		
downer		49,633	43	2,729	84		
Sustentati	nt on Endow-	32,111	30	1,766	12		
	7.5	100		5			
Chinese H	Mission	5,481 400		$\begin{smallmatrix}301\\22\end{smallmatrix}$			
	ission	2.000		110			
Aged Min		12.878		708			
Jas. and	Mary Jane	,_,			-		
Carlisle		500		27			
Mission i	n China nd Children	237	50	13	06		
	n	6,770	0.2	372	35		
Church F	Crection	3,400	00	187	00		
	and Mrs. AcKee	10,000	0.0	550	0.0		
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J. R. McKee for	Wid-				
ows and Chil.		00 11	0 0 0		
J. R. McKee For.			5 00		
Mrs. E. S. E. Mc					
For. Miss	2,000	00 11	.0 00		
Mrs. E. S. E. M	cKee				
Widows and		00 8	55 00		
Ryegate and I		0.0	6 75		
net, Vt. Cong			6 75 7 73		
Brooklyn N. Y. (Iowa Presbytery			8 50		
Wilkinsburg,		00 2	0 00		
Cong		00 2	7 50		
American Bible					
ciety		00	2 75		
Miss M. Re	ebecca				
Euwer		15 4	2 36		
Balance of profi		• `			
Cont. Account	• •	1,29	3 89		
				\$ 26,983	42
	EXPENSE	ACCOUNT.			
1911.					
	of office	· _	8 00		
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			$\begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$		
	f Treasurer typewriter		2 00		
	s		8 50		
Printin			3 .00		
	of Auditor		2 75		
	Expenses		0 45		
Street	car fares		8 74		
			0 0 0		
				\$ 2,507	88
ABOVE EXI	PENSES DISTRI	BUTED AS	FOLLO	WS, VIZ.	
•				,	
	n Mission		88 09		
	College Mission		88 09 8 09		
			5 39		
	eminary ic Mission		00 63		
	Bearing		$\frac{70}{2}$ $\frac{03}{70}$		
	account		4 89		
Interes	account		1 00	\$ 2,507	88
				,	
1010	CASH A	CCOUNT.			
1910.				2,102	0.8
May 1. Balance					
Receipt	S	• • • • •		159,579	- 50
			-	161,682	94
Eynand	itures			150,850	
Expend	104100		_		
1911.					
	9			10,832	40
•					

1010	OFFICE FURNITURE ACCOUNT.		
1910. May 1.	Balance	484	68
1911. May 1.	Balance	484	68
1910. May 1.	CONTINGENT ACCOUNT. Balance	1,244	59
1910. June 24.	Geneva Co. Ltd. Note Bal	68	39
•	Balance	2,470	
REV. AN 191	ND MRS. J. J. McCLURKIN, REAL ESTATE I	ONATIO	ON.
October	• •		50
	Expenditures,	2,407	50
	Sundry items since 1905 207 22 2-3 to Foreign Missions 1,466 85 1-3 to Southern Missions 733 43 \$ \$	2,407	50
1910.	MRS. J. J. McCLURKIN, DONATION ACCOUN	T	
Oct. 27.	Cash received from her and sale of goods 1,967 40 Expenditures.		
	Money returned, Nursing, Medical, funeral and sup- plies		
1911. May 1.	Balance for Synod's disposal 712 62		
RE	V. D. J. SHAW DONATION ACCOUNT N. ALEX	K., PA.	
1910. June 24	. Vacant Lots so'd in Kansas City, Mo	$\begin{smallmatrix}1,096\\25\end{smallmatrix}$	77 00
		1,071	77
	Dr. S. A. S. Metheny, Treas., For. Miss	1,071	77
4040	CHAS. McILROY BEQUEST, SPARTA, ILL.		
1910. May 1.	Balance	2,920	55

2,411	85
508	70
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GEORGE 1911.	AND MARY A. CUNNINGHAM, IOWA.	BEQU:	EST,	MORN. SI	JN,
Feb. 18.	For Domestic Mission For Southern Mission For Indian Mission For Geneva College For National Reform	$\begin{array}{c} 200 \\ 200 \\ 200 \\ 100 \\ 100 \end{array}$	$\begin{smallmatrix}0&0\\0&0\\0&0\end{smallmatrix}$	800	0.0
	To above accounts as desired			800	-
1911.	W. J. C. ALLEN, BEQUEST,	MERCE	R, P	A.	
April 27.	For Indian Mission For Witness Bearing	47 5	75 31	£ 9	06
	To Indian Mission Account To Witness Bearing Account	47 5	75 31	99	VV
				53	06
1910.	WILLIAM J. FERGUSON, BEQU	EST, P	HIL.	, PA.	
Oct. 17.	John A Richmond, Executor			19,855	00
	To Widows and Children Current Account Aged Ministers Current Ac-	760	00		
	count	380	00		
	count	1,425	00		
	count	3,135	00		
	count	760	00		
	Southern Mission Current Account	1,425	00		
	count	4,560	00		
	National Reform Current Account	2,280	00		
	count	1,140	00		
	count	1,425	00		
	Witness Bearing Current Account	1,425	00		
	Church Erection Current Account	1,140	0.0	10.055	
	REV. CHAS. CLYDE HO	ME FU	 ND.	19,855	00
1910. May 1 B	Balance	1,070	84		
	Average interest credited	41			
				1,112	72

	Expenditures.				
	1910 taxes		63 00-	_ 62	63
1911. May 1.	Balance	•		1,050	08
	REW ALEXANDER BEQUEST.	SEVEN	TH	PAYMENT	·.
1911. April 30	Exc	2,500 2,000 1,000 500	00 00 00	6,000	
	BEQUESTS TO FOREIGN	MISSIC	NS		
for	1910. Agnes L. Deary, Utica, O., Syrian Mission			5	00
bur	1910. Mary J. Pierce, Ogdens- g, N. Y. for Syrian Mission			190	0 (
	1910. John Pollock, Decatur, h., for Syrian Mission			50	0 (
Sept. 5,	1910. John Elliott, New tle, Pa., for Syrian Mission			46	45
Nov. 1, 1	1910. Robt. H. Rodgers, James- n, Pa., for Syrian Mission	•		50	5 (
Feb. 3',	1911. Isabella Price, Walton,			950	
Feb. 7,	Y., for Syrian Mission 1911. Mrs. Eliz. Dinsmore, l., Pa., for Syrian Mission			3,944	
Feb. 18, han	1911. G. and M. A. Cunning- 1, Morn. Sun., Io., for Syrian sion			200	
Feb. 18, ham	1911. G. and M. A. Cunning- n, Morn. Sun, Io., for China sion			200	
Feb. 6, 1	1911. Mrs. S. McLain, Barnet,				0(
June 30,	for China Mission				
Sept. 5,	na Mission , 1910. John Elliott, New tle, Pa., for China Mission			15 46	
To Dr.	S. A. S. Metheny, Treas			\$5,701	71
	DOMESTIC MISSIC	ON.			
1910. May 1.	Balance overdrawn			\$ 2,695	58
	Receipts.				
	Congs., Indiv. and Societies Sustentation fund transferred William J. Ferguson, Bequest	5,170 $2,608$ $3,135$	54		

	G. and M. J. Cunningham, Bequest	200 401 1,794 1,766	98 84 12		15,214	
	Expenditures.			Ф	12,516	00
	Colorado Presbytery Illinois Presbytery Iowa Presbytery Kansas Presbytery N. B. and N. S. Presbytery New York Presbytery Ohio Presbytery Pittsburg Presbytery Rochester Presbytery Colorado Presbytery (special work) Balance E. Crafts. Vt. Church exp. Evangelistic Comm. Interest on overdraft Expense for handling funds	$\begin{array}{c} 2,951\\ 750\\ 349\\ 1,620\\ 1,161\\ 1,867\\ 2,172\\ 1,849\\ 934\\ 689\\ 493\\ 17\\ 222\\ 200 \end{array}$	00 00 50 50 50 00 90 62 65 84 20 43	\$	15,280	31
1911. May 1.	Balance overdrawn			\$	2,761	43
may 1.	SUSTENTATION FU	N.D		,	_,	
1910.		ND.		Ф	0.000	<i>-</i> 1
May 1.	Balance			\$	2,608	54
	Receipts.					
	1911 Dividena D. Gregg Fund 1911 Dividend Endowment \$100 00	598 5 2,000	50	\$	2 603	78
				Ş	5,212	32
	Expenditures.					
	Transferred to Domestic Miss. Account				2,608	54
1911. May 1.	Balance) N		\$	2,603	78
1910. May 1.	Balance	J.N.		\$	1,713	63
	Receipts. Congs., Indiv. and Societies	3,437	81			

	Receipts at Mission per W.					
	J. S	2,309	1.1			
	John Pollock, Bequest	2,505				
	W. J. Ferguson, Bequest	1,425				
	G. and M. A. Cunningham, Be-	1,120	0 0			
	quest	200	0.0			
	Mrs. S. Greer, Bequest, bal-	_ 0				
	ance	17	74			
is.	Chas. McIlroy, Bequest, 3rd.					
	pay	401	98			
	Andrew Alexander, Bequest,					
	7th. pay	1,000	0.0			
	Rev. and Mrs. J. J. McClurkin	733	43			
	James Greer, Memorial Fund	201				
	1911 Dividend of D. Gregg					
	Fund	598	28			
	1911 Dividend Endowment					
	\$5,481 28	301	47-	\$	10,651	55
				\$	12,365	18
	Expenditures					
	Traveling expenses of workers	206	22			
	Expenses at Mission per W.	200	22			
	J. S	1,455	7.8			
	Expense of handling funds	188				
	Insurance	156				
	Literature	2				
	Salaries	5,321				
	Real Estate purchased	2,224		\$	9,553	99
					- /	
1911.						
May 1.	Balance			\$	2,811	18
_	******					
4640	INDIAN MISSIO	N.				
1910.	D. *			(h	1 710	17.4
May 1.	Ba'ance			\$	1,719	84
	Receipts.					
	recorpes.					
	W. P. M. S. Pitts. Presbytery	1,000	0.0			
	Congs., Indiv. and Societies	3,496				
	John Pollock, Bequest	25	0.0			
	W. J. Ferguson, Bequest	1,425	0.0			
	G. and M. A. Cunningham Be-					
	quest	200				
	W. J. C. Allen, Bequest	47				
	Andrew Alexander, Bequest	500	0.0			
	1911 Dividend on Endowment					
	\$2,000 00	200				
	Local Receipts per W. W. C.	2,322	22-	- \$	9,126	62
					10.043	
	Ewnondit			\$	10,846	46
	Expenditures,					
	Expenses at Mission per W.					
	W. C	5,524	27			
	Trav. Expenses of Workers	179				
			7			

•	Insurance Expenses for handling funds Expenses porch Salaries	$\begin{array}{c} 188 \\ 10 \end{array}$	09	8,648	41
1911. May 1.	Balance		\$	2,198	05
1910.	GENEVA COLLEGE CURRE	NT ACC	OUNT.		
May 1.	Balance overdrawn		\$	12,698	72
	Receipts.				
	Congs., Indiv. and Societies Tuition and Local Receipts Interest on Notes	3,358 6,302 242 50 100 10,904	29 30 00 00 85	21,012	. 49
				8,313	77
	Expenditures.		Ψ	0,010	• •
	Salaries to May 1, 1911 Prizes Printing Taxes 1910 Ath. Field Advertisement Interest on Notes Interest on Overdrafts Expense for handling funds Traveling expenses Local Expenses Repairs Insurance Supplies for Library	13,430 55 173 28 140 811 1,020 188 365 4,198 168 841 179	00 75 79 91 28 04 09 56 27 52	21,602	02
1911. May 1.	Balance overdrawn		\$	13,288	25
G 1910.	ENEVA COLLEGE DORMITORY	NOTE	ACCOL	JNT.	
May 1. 1911.	Balance	967 967	• -		
	ENEVA COLLEGE ENDOWMEN			UNT	
1910. May 1.	Balance Paid on account of Notes	12,906 971	43	UNI.	
1911. May 1.	Balance	11,935	23		

1910.	GENEVA CO. LTD. AC	COUNT.			
1910. May 1.	Balance	998 1	9		
-	Closed by order of 1910 Synod	998 1	9		
1010	GENEVA COLLEGE GYMNASI	UM ACCO	UNT.		
1910. May 1.	Balance			607	5.0
	Receipts.			•••	
	Sale of old Gymnasium	155 0			
	Contributions	11,504 1	6—\$	11,659	16
	Expenditures.				
	Contractor on account Freight	8,000 0 47 8			
	Brick	2,588 7	8		
	Architect	$\begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$			
	Heating and Plumbing Con-				
	tract on account	$\begin{array}{ccc} 1,650 & 7 \\ 250 & 0 \end{array}$		14,850	43
1911.					_
May 1.	Balance overdrawn		\$	2,583	76
1010	TEMPERANCE ACCO	UNT.			
1910. May 1.	Balance overdrawn			353	24
na, i	Collections for year			837	40
				484	
	Supplies, Postage, Salary			732	11
1911.					
May 1.	Balance overdrawn			247	95
1910.	THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY	ACCOU	NT.		
May 1.	Balance overdrawn			728	59
	Receipts.				
	Congs., Indivi. and Societies	1,603 7	4		
	James Aiton, Bequest	300 0			
	W. J. Ferguson, Bequest Mrs. S. Greer, Bequest	1,140 0 40 4			
	James Greer Memorial Fund	402 8			
	1911 Dividend D. Gregg Funds	598 2			
	1911 Dividend Endowment \$69,638 75	3,830 1	3		
	1911 Dividend Endowment	.,.		7 022	91
	\$325 00 Ryegate Cong	17 8	8\$ 		
			\$	7,654 7	72

	Expenditures					
	Salaries June 1, 1910 to June 1, 1911	5,999 25 44 125	$\begin{array}{c} 27 \\ 16 \end{array}$	-\$	6,194	76
1911. May 1.	Balance			\$	1,459	96
7	THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY LI	BRARY	AC	COU	NT.	
1910. May 1.	Balance	849	49 50			
	Books and Magazines for year	849				
1911. May 1.	Balance	816	0.0			
1910.	MEMORIAL BUILDING RE	NT ACC	OUN	VT.		
	Balance Receipts.				4,918	06
	Park Institute, rent Park Institute, water tax	$\begin{array}{c} 800 \\ 25 \end{array}$			825	25
•				\$	5,743	31
	Expenditures.					ħ
	1911 taxes in part	333 29 292 96 4,918	82 81 00	\$	5,670	02
1911.						<u> </u>
	Balance			\$	73	29
	STUDENT'S AID ACC	COUNT.			•	
1910. May 1.	Balance Receipts.			\$	764	331
		755	88			
	Congs., Indiv. and Societies Rev. H. McCarroll 1st. Note in	100	0.0			
	full	50 895	0.0	— \$	1,701	66
	_			\$	2,465	97

	Expenditures,					
	James B. Tweed	200	0.0			
	T. C McKnight	120				
	F F. Reade	200				
	M. S. McMillan	120				
	J. M. Rutherford			—S	760	(H)
				———		
1911.	-					
day 1.	Balance			Ş	1,705	0 1
	AGED MINISTER'S ACC	COUNT				
1910. j					844	61
nay 1.	Balance				011	0.1
	•	0.0.1	1.7			
	Congs., Indiv. and Societies	994				
	W J. Ferguson, Bequest	380	0.0			
	1911 Dividend on Endow.	708	9.0			
	\$12,878 52	100	ک ت			
	E. S. E. McKee	9 =	50			
	1911 Dividend on Endow. Rev.	~ (00			
	D. and Mrs. M. McKee	137	5.0			
	1911 Dividend on Endow. Jas.	101	00			
	and Mary J Carlisle	27	5.0-	_s	2,274	9.9
	Expenditures.			\$	3,119	61
	R. J. Dodds	300				
	D. S. Faris	300				
	J. M. Armour	400				
	T. A. McElwain	200				
	D. H. Coulter	200		0	4 (16.0)	
	J C. K. Faris	200	0.0-		1,600	0.6
1911.						
Iay 1.	Balance			\$	1,519	60
MIDO	WS AND CHILDREN DEC. MI	NISTE	R'S	AC	COUNT	
1910.	Delene			8	1,258	0.0
Iay 1.	Balance			Ŷ.	1,200	99
	Receip.s.					
	Congs, Indiv. and Societies	397	0.7			
	W. J. Ferguson, Bequest	760				
	1911 Dividend Endow. \$6,770-	. 00				
	02	372	3.5			
	1911 Dividend D. Gregg Fund	598				
	1911 Dividend Mrs. E S. E.					
	McKee	27	5 ()			
	1917 Dividend Rev. D and Mrs.		-			
	M. McKee	137	50			
	19:1 Handend J. R. McKee		0.0=	\$	2,402	7.0
					3,661	6.9
				47	0,001	0.0

	Expenditures.					
	Mrs. S. Love N. Reid M. Lawson E. S. Taylor S I. Clyde R. R. Johnston A. C. Wilson Miss J. McDonald M. Cannon J H. Cannon A. B. George E. R. Wilson	$\begin{array}{c} 75 \\ 200 \\ 200 \\ 50 \\ 300 \\ 200 \\ 150 \\ 150 \\ 100 \\ 150 \\ 240 \end{array}$	00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00	\$	2,015	0.0
1911. May 1.	Balance			\$	1,646	69
4040	OAKLAND, CALIF., CHINE	SE MIS	SIO	N		
1910. May 1.	Balance				501	54
	Receipts.					
	Congs., Indiv. and Societies 1911 Dividend on Endow. \$400 1911 Dividend on D Gregg	$\begin{smallmatrix}5&0\\2&2\end{smallmatrix}$				
	Fund	598	28-	- \$	670	84
	Expenditures.			\$	1,172	38
	Rent	$\begin{smallmatrix}3&0&0\\2&9&0\end{smallmatrix}$		\$	590	00
1911. May 1.	Balance			\$	582	38
	WITNESS BEARING	FUND.				
1910. May 1.	Balance				1,286	56
	Receipts					
	Congs., Indiv. and Societies Receip's per W. J. McKnight.	$\begin{array}{c} 2,109 \\ 209 \end{array}$				
	W. J. Ferguson, Bequest	1,425	0.0			
	Chas. McIlroy, Bequest 3rd pay. W. J. C. Allen, Bequest	401	98 31-	\$	4,150	85
				\$	5,437	41
	Expenditures.					
	Printing Tracts Advertisement	91	32			

	Expenses Rev. W. J. McKnight Expenses handling funds		15 70-	\$	3,264	41
1911 May 1.	Balance	-		\$	3 2,173	0.0
	BALANCE SHEE	т.				
	Liabilities.					
Total An	nount of Endowments\$5	589,391	21			
	Sundry Accounts	•				
Continger Indian . Theo. Sen Theo. Sen Theo. Sen Student's Memorial Aged Mir Widows a Southern Chinese Sustentat Witness I Dr. S. A. Rev R. SEstate Jol Estate Michael Chas. Cly South Car Mortgage W. P. M. Education Investmen Current f Cash Don	ninary Current Account minary, Library Account Aid Bldg. Rent misters and Children Dec. Ministers. Mission Home Mission ion Fund Bearing S. Metheny, Treas. For. Miss. Shield, Donation fon Gibson as. McIlroy ss M. Rebecca Euwer rs. J. McClurkin de colina Cemetery Lot Account Special S, Pitts. Presbytery funds Pitts. Presbytery tunds, Pitts. Presbytery mind, Pitts. Presbytery mind, Pitts. Presbytery minds, Pitts. Presby	368 2,470 2,198 1,459 816 1,705 73 1,519 1,646 2,811 582 2,603 2,173 2,500 1,400 200 508 812 712 1,050 1,2808 2,000 304	$\begin{array}{c} 00 \\ 05 \end{array}$	\$\$	6,311	66
				\$	624,154	58
Regular M Real Esta Office Fun Cash Temperand Domestic Geneva Co Geneva Co Geneva Co	te	87,259 $50,329$ 484 $10,832$ 247 $2,761$ $13,288$ 967 $2,583$	00 04 07 68 40 95 43 25 00 76			
sundries .		1	00	-\$	624,154	58

AUDITORS' CERTIFICATE.

The undersigned, appointed by the Trustees of the Synod of the Ref. Pres. Church, of N. A., to audit the Accounts of James S. Tibby, Treas., would respectfully report that I have examined the Accounts, Mortgages and other Securities, Cash in Bank, and find same correct as per Report to 1911 Synod.

W. G. MILLER, Auditor

Pittsburg, Pa., May, 1911.

BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS OF THE REFORMED PRESBY-TERIAN CHURCH OF NORTH AMERICA

Statement of Funds on April 30, 1911.

Syrian Mission, General Fund \$ Syrian Hospital Fund	$11,931 \\ 2,586 \\ 4,790 \\ 192 \\ 4,276 \\ 393 \\ 13,101 \\ 46 \\ 1,671 \\ 2,789 \\ 4,225 \\ 6,279 \\ 1,048 \\ 64 \\ 6,127 \\ 844$	98 74 58 42 86 89 68 28 63 20 97 68		
Cash balance April 30, 1911			\$ 60,370	70
Cash Balances deposited as follows:				
Brown Brothers & Co. Philadelphia,\$	21,556	88		
Central National Bank, Philadelphia Bank of North America, Phila-	16,240	91		
delphia	21,302	6 ()		
Real Estate Trust Co., Philadelphia	978			
Philadelphia Saving Fund Society	_	75		
Cash in Treasurer's hands	289	82		
Total			\$ 60,370	70

NOTE:

There has been transferred from the Isabella Stewart Martin Memorial Fund \$1,775 13 to meet overdraft in the China General Fund, and \$1,463 45 to meet overdraft in the Building Fund, Hospital in China

SYRIAN MISSION G	ENERA	L FUN	ND, API	RIL	30,	1911.	
1910.							
May 1. Balance		• • • • •			\$	6,848	71
	Rece	ipts.					
Congregations Sabbath Schools and Missic Individuals Refunded Traveling Exper Bequests:	onary So	cieties	9,441 2,674 1,297 165	$\begin{array}{c} 61 \\ 27 \end{array}$			
Mary J. Pierce \$ William J. Ferguson	190	0.0					
Estate	4,560						
Isabella Price Estate	950						
Mrs. E. Dinsmore	3,944	31					
George and Mary	200	0.0					
Cunningham	200						
Sarah Greer Andrew Alexander,	298	6.6					
7th payment	2,500	0.0					
J. J. McClurkin	1,466						
Charles McIlroy, 3rd	_,						
payment	803	93\$	14,913	6.9			
Dividends:		0.0					
E S. McKee	50						
D. Gregg	2,991	38		٠			
J. R. McKee Endow- ment	5.5	0.0					
On Invested Funds .	2,729						
Barnett and Ryegate	4,120	01					
Congregation En-							
dowment	17	87-\$	5,844	0.9			
Interest to date			136	96			
Total Receipts						34,473	59
Total					\$	41,322	3.0
	D: 1				Ψ	11,044	00
	Disburse	ements.					
Latakia and Suedia Statio		2.2					
Salaries	6,300						
Mission Expense Traveling and Ship-	5,269	98					
ping Expense	1 254	41S	12,825	9.5			
pans Dapense	_,_ O x	Ψ	12,020				
Tarsus Station:							
Salaries	5,488	9.0					
Mission Expense	4,506						
Traveling and Ship-							
ping Expense	536	71\$	10,531	91			

Cyprus Station: 3,310 53 Mission Expense 1,669 42 Traveling and Shipping Expense 1,053 71—\$ 6,033 66			
Total Disbursements 29,390 82 Balance April 30, 1911 11,931 48			
Total	\$	41,322	30
SYRIAN HOSPITAL FUND, APRIL 30,	191	1.	
Balance May 1, 1910 Receipts	\$	2,586	8(
Contributions from Congrega, Sabbath Schools and Individuals: For General Purposes. \$231 55 For Support of Beds 210 00—\$441 55 Dividend, Mrs. E. S. E. McKee Fund for Support of Bed			
Total Receipts		551	69
Total	\$	3,138	49
Disbursements. Montgomery Ward & Co., supplies\$ 51 51			
Remittances to Dr. J. M Balph, Treas. 500 00			
Total Disbursements			
Total	\$	3,138	49
NEW STATION IN CHINA FUND, APRIL 30), 1	911.	
Balance May 1, 1910	\$	5,696	
Interest to date Total	\$	5,790	$\frac{92}{74}$
Disbursements.			
Remittance to Rev. J K. Robb, Treas. \$ 1,000 00 Balance April 30, 1911			
Total	\$	5,790	74
LATAKIA CHURCH BUILDING FUND, APRIL	30,	1911.	

TARSUS BUILDING FUND,				911.	
Balance May 1, 1910	. \$	4,151 124	89 53		
Balance April 30, 1911				\$	4,276 42
MERSINE HOSPITAL FUND		PRIL 3	0, 19)11.	
Balance May 1, 1910	\$	386	64		
Receipts.					
Missionary Society\$ 15 00 Interest to date 7 72		22	72		
Total				\$	409 36
Disbursemen	ts.				
Physicians Supp'y Co 15 50 Balance April 30, 1911 393 86					
Total				\$	409 - 36
REV D. J. SHAW FOREIGN MISSIC	N	FUND,	ΑP	RIL	30, 1911.
Receipts.					
Balance May 1, 1910 Proceeds of sale of property, Kansas City\$ 1,071 77 Interest to date 365 15	.\$	11,675	80		
Total Receipts		1,436	92		
Total				S	13,112 72
Disbursemen	ts				,
Gunamia Building 10 83 Balance April 30, 1911 13,101 89					
Total				\$	13,112 72
MARTHA CUNNINGHAM, MEMORIA	L	FUND,	AP	RIL	30, 1911.
Balance May 1, 1910				\$	46 08
DAVID OLIVER BROWN MEMORIA	L	FUND,	AP	RIL	30, 1911.
Ba'ance May 1, 1910	. \$	1,622	62		
Balance April 30, 1911				\$	1,671 28
ISABELLA STEWART MARTIN M	Ελ		FU	IND,	APRIL
Balance May 1, 1910	. \$	5,852 175	$\begin{array}{c} 65 \\ 56 \end{array}$		
Total				\$	6,028 21

Disbursements.			
Transferred to China General Fund to meet overdraft		,	
Transferred to Building Fund, Hospital			
in China, to meet overdraft 1,463 45 Balance April 30, 1911 2,789 63			
Total	\$	6,028	21
LANPHEAR MEMORIAL FUND, APRIL 30,	1	911.	
Balance May 1, 1910	\$	5,572	16
Receipts			
Mrs. Tillie Henn, Blanchard, Iowa, conditions and terms same as those covering contribution of June 8,			
1905 \$ 600 00 Interest to date \$2 84			
Total Receipts		682	84
Total	\$	6,255	00
Disbursements			
Transferred to China General Fund, on account of Salary and Expenses of Rev. J. A. Kempf			
Total	\$	6,255	0.0
SEMI-CENTENNIAL MEMORIAL FUND, APRIL	,	,	
Balance May 1, 1910 \$ 6,223 91 Interest to date 182 91		,	•
Total	\$	6,406	82
Disbursements.			
Sundry Expenses 126 85 Balance April 30, 1911 6,279 97			
Total	\$	6,406	82
REV. R. A. BLAIR, FIELD SECRETARY, ACCOUNTY 30, 1911.	VТ,	APRII	
Balance May 1, 1910, Undistributed	\$	885	78
Receipts.			
From Rev. R. A Blair\$ 1,560 82 All other sources			
Total Receipts		1,566	82
Total	\$	2,452	60

1	Disburse	emen	s.		
Expenses paid by Treas. \$ Transferred to China	194	02			
General Fund Transferred to China	110	50			
Special Fund Transferred to China Special Fund. (Boys'	100				
Dormitory)	1,000	0 0			
Total Disbursements Balance Undistributed			1,404		
April 30, 1911			1,048	0.8	
Total NOTE: Rev. R. A. Blair makes the fo'lowing report:					\$ 2,452 60
	1,869	62			
Less expenses during year	308	80			,
Amount sent to Treasurer\$	1,560	82			
MONEY IN HANDS OF TR			BELONGE 30, 1911	NG T	O REV. S. H.
Balance April 30, 1911				•	\$ 64 11
CHINA MISSION GE				L 30), 1911.
	Recei	pts.			
Congregations			((1	()	
Bequests: William J. Ferguson Estate\$	1,425		20	(, (,	
George and Mary Cun- ningham	200	0.0	1,625	0.0	
Dividend Endowment Transferred from Lan-			13	0.0	
phear Memorial Fund \$ Transferred from W. M.	2,029				
Robb Account Transferred from Treasurer's Discretionary	352	52			
urer's Discretionary Fund Transferred from R A.	71	32			
Blair Fund	110	50 _	2,564	14	
Total Receipts			15,308	69 🚕	

Transferred from I. S. Martin Memorial Fund to meet overdraft	75 13			
Total		\$	17,083	82
Disbursements.				
Overdraft May 1, 1910 \$ 1,17 Salaries \$ 11,633 77 Mission Expenses 1,819 31 Traveling and Shipping 2,455 86	74 88			
Total Expenses 15,90	8 94			
Total		\$	17,083	82
BUILDING FUND, MISSION IN CHINA, A	PRIĹ	30, 1	1911.	
Balance May 1, 1910\$ 3,01 Interest to date9	$\begin{array}{ccc} 0 & 71 \\ 0 & 32 \end{array}$			
Tota'		\$	3,101	03
Disbursements.				
Remittance to Rev. J. K. Robb, Treasurer		\$	3,101	03
BUILDING FUND, LARNACA, CYPRUS, A	PRII	30,	1911	
Balance May 1, 1910		\$ \$	14 14	$\begin{array}{c} 50 \\ 50 \end{array}$
DR. J. MAUDE GEORGE HOSPITAL ACCOUN	T, AI	PRIL	30, 19	11.
Balance May 1, 1910		\$	123	60
(by consent of donor)		\$	123	60
BUILDING FUND, HOSPITAL IN CHINA,	APRI	L 30,	1911.	
Overdraft May 1, 1910		\$	1,463	45
Fund to meet overdraft		\$	1,463	45
HOSPITAL IN CHINA, DISPENSARY ACCOUN	T, A	PRIL	30, 19	11.
Overdraft May 1, 1910			204	
Expense			204	
MISS M. B. EDGAR, CEMETERY FENCE A 30, 1911.	CCOI	JNT,	APRII	
Balance on hand May 1, 1910 Transferred to Latakia Special Fund		\$ \$	35 35	

TREASURER'S DISCRETIONARY ACCOUNT, APR	IL S	30, 19	11.
Balance on hand May 1, 1910 Transferred to China General Fund	\$ \$	$\begin{array}{c} 71 \\ 71 \end{array}$	_
REV W. M. ROBB ACCOUNT, APRIL 30,	191	1.	
Received from Rev. W M. Robb\$ 308 37 Received from all other sources 59 35			
Total Receipts	\$	367	72
Transferred to China Special Fund 15 20 Transferred to China General Fund 352 52			
Total Disbursements NOTE:	\$	367	72
Rev. W. M. Robb makes the following report:			
Total Contributions\$ 358 63 Less Expenses 50 26			
Amount sent to Treas. \$ 308 37			
GUNAMIA BUILDING FUND, APRIL 30, 1	911.		
Receipts.			
Transferred from Rev. D. J. Shaw Fund \$ 10 83 From all other sources			
Remittance to Dr. J. M. Ba'ph, Treas. SPECIAL CONTRIBUTION FUNDS, APRIL 30	\$ \$, 19:		
LATAKIA Receipts from all sources Remittances to Dr. J M. Balph, Treasurer\$ 632 76	\$	643	46
Mary A. Sterrett, "Miss Wylie Church Fund"	\$	643	46
SUEDIA Receipts from all sources	\$	64	
Remittances to Dr. J. M. Balph, Treasurer	\$	64	57
TARSUS Receipts from all sources	\$	263	50
Remittances to Dr. John Peoples, Treasurer	\$	263	50
CYPRUS Balance	\$	542	00
Receipts.			
Transferred from Cyprus Building Fund 14 50 All other sources 477 73			
Total Receipts	\$	492	23
Total	\$	1,034	23

Disbursements.		
Remittance to Rev. J. D. Edgar,	G.	1 094 99
Treasurer	\$	1,034 23
CHINA MISSION China Special.		
Balance May 1, 1910	\$	3,419 88
Remittances to Rev. J. K. Robb, Treasurer	\$	3,419 88
Boys' Dormitory.		
Receipts from all sources Remittances to Rev. J. K. Robb, Treasurer	\$ \$	1,317 03 1,317 03
China Famine Fund.	Ψ	1,011 00
Receipts from all sources	\$	177 57
Remittances to Rev. J K. Robb, Treasurer	\$	177 57
TREASURER'S EXPENSE ACCOUNT FOR YEAR EN	NDIN	IG APRIL
30, 1911		
Stenographer \$ 216 30 Typewriter 70 00 Office Furniture, Steel Files, Desk, etc. 86 74 Office Supplies and Stationery 15 65 Postage 33 50 Bond of Treasurer 50 00		
Total Distributed as follows: China Mission Expense \$ 188 90 Latakia Mission Expense 94 43 Tarsus Mission Expense 94 43 Cyprus Mission Expense 94 43	\$	472 19
Total S. A. S. ME	\$ ETH:	472 19 ENY.
BOARD OF CHURCH ERECTION OF THE REFORM TERIAN CHURCH OF NORTH AMERICA, APRIL		
Balance	\$	5,290 20
Receipts. Congregations 928 31		
Congregations \$928 31 Sabbath Schools and Missionary Societies \$12 48 Individuals 65 60 Bequests: William J. Ferguson Estate 1,140 00		
Dividends: Invested Funds\$ 187 00 D. Gregg 598 28 785 28		

\$ 1,847 28

Interest to date	105	80			
Total Receips	•			3,037	47
Total			\$	8,327	67
Disbursemen	ts.				
Billings, Oklahoma, Congregation Quinter, Kansas, Congregation	$\begin{array}{ccc} . & 700 \\ . & 1,500 \end{array}$	0.0			
Total Disbursements					
Total	S. A. 3	S. M	\$ ETH	8,327 ENY.	67
THE JEWISH MISSION BOARD OF TERIAN CHURCH OF NORTH AM					3Y -
Balance May 1, 1911			\$	174	90
Receipts.					
Congregations Sabbath Schools and Societies Individuals and Bequests Interest on Deposits	. 416	38		2,670	30
Total			\$	2,845	20
Disbursemen	its ·				
Salaries \$ 1,558 91 Mission Expenses 441 56	2,000) 47			
Balance on hand April 30, 1911	. 84	4 73			
Total	S. A.	S. M	\$ ETH	2,845 ENY.	20
Board of Foreign Missions of the soft the Reformed Presbyterian C	Synod hurch,				
Dear Sir:					
In accordance with your request and accounts of the Board of Foreig Presbyterian Church of North America 30, 1911, and	gn Missior a, from M	as of ay 1,	the , 191	Reform 0 to A	ned pril
WE CERTIFY that the statement are given herewith are properly preprint Yours very truly,	pared thei	refroi	n.		nich
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REPORT OF JAMES S. TIBBY, TR FUND	.BAOURE.	it OF	LILL	MARK	1

1910. May 1. Balance

1911. May 1.

Receipts.		
From Congregations \$	3 05	
Sale of R. P Testimonies and Disciplines	42 30	
Sale of Psalm Books and Psalters	167 21	
Sale of Psalm Selections	41 64	
Sale of Confessions of Faith Sale of 1910 Minutes of Synod	$\begin{array}{ccc} 36 & 00 \\ 302 & 40 \end{array}$	
Sale of O'd Minutes of Synod Sale of Daily Bible Reading	2 60	
Folders	69 65	
Sale of Miscellaneous Books	3 65	\$ 668 50
For an 14.		\$ 2,515 76
Expenditures. Printing 1910 Synod order of		
business	2 - 00	
Printing 1910 Appropriation Blanks	11 50	
Printing 1910 Minutes of Synod	210 20	
Printing 1910 Report on Psalmody	15 00	
Printing 1911 Psalms galley		
forms Printing Daily Bible Reading	134 50	
Folders	42 00	
Insurance on Plates N. Y. City	22 57	
Storge to June 1st, 1911		
Synod's Trunk	$\begin{smallmatrix}5&00\\12&00\end{smallmatrix}$	
Expenses Rev. J. M. Coleman		
to Christ. Reformed Synod, Muskegon, Mich., 6-14	16 60	
Our Apportionment, Alliance	40.00	
Ref. Churches Expenses Rev. T. H. Acheson	40 00	
to Indian., Ind , Expenses Rev. T H. Acheson	$22 \ 50$	
to Washington, D. C.,	13 85	
Comm. 1911 Version Psalms expenses	108 17	
Services Typewriter at 1910		
Synod	4 60	
Synod	4 50	
Loaned to Trav. Fund Comm. 1910 Synod	21 40	
Freight on books	1 36	
Wrapping Paper Envelopes for 1910 Minutes	$\begin{array}{cc}2&16\\2&70\end{array}$	
Postage on 1910 Minutes	32 39	775 60
Postage on books	50 68	 775 68
Balance		\$ 1,740 08

We have compared the above report with the Treasurer's books, which have been audited and found correct by the undersigned Committee.

J. H. McBURNEY, JOHN M ALLEN,

Comm.

The supply of Ref. Pres Testimonies, the long primer and minion editions of the 1889 version of the Psalms is exhausted. Some 200 copies of the 1889 Double Psalters remain unsold. We are paying insurance on the plates of the 1889 version of the Psalms. We await your instructions.

JAMES S. TIBBY, Treasurer.

REPORT OF FINANCIAL AGENT FOR NATIONAL REFORM. May First, 1910, to May First, 1911.

1910. May 1.	Balance		\$	1,724	36
	Receipts.				
	Congregations, Individuals and Societies\$ Subscriptions to Christian Statesman William J. Ferguson, Bequest, Philadelphia, Pa Chas. Mcllroy, Bequest, Sparta, Illinois G. and Mary A. Cunningham, Morn. Sun, Io	5,910 06 947 35 2,280 00 401, 98 100 00 739 19 4,617 86 16 00	49	15,012	44
			ф	16,736	80
	Expenditures.				
	Office Supplies and Expenses Trav. Expenses Stamps Printing Salaries and Expenses of Officers World's C. C Conference Expenses Harrisburg, Pa., Convention Expenses Zelienople, Pa, Convention Expenses Special Advertising	$\begin{array}{c} 906 & 30 \\ 402 & 47 \\ 337 & 33 \\ 3,031 & 90 \\ 4,975 & 50 \\ 2,209 & 41 \\ 315 & 11 \\ 18 & 25 \\ 1,048 & 10 \\ \end{array}$		13,244	37
1911 May 1.	Balance		\$	3,492	43

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We have compared the above report with the Treasurer's books, which have been audited and found correct by the undersigned Auditing Committee.

W. A. C. BROWN, WM. ESLER.

Committee.

Pittsburg, Pa., May 30th, 1911.

FOURTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE R. P. WOMAN'S ASSOCIATION, HAVING IN CHARGE THE AGED PEOPLE'S HOME.

Summary

March 1.	Balance			\$	2,370	61
	Receip.s.					
	Wardrobe Room \$ Miss Mehaffey Account Mrs. Daugherty Account Members Contingent Congregational Collections. Elizabeth Gray Account Susan Patterson Account Anna Gemmill Mem. R Interest Mrs. Emma Gemmill Account Sallie Watson Account Admission Fees Current Expenses	29 8 115 7 564 2,000 202 100 331 228 1,350 1,200 3,302	$\begin{array}{c} 5 \ 0 \\ 2 \ 0 \\ 0 \ 0 \\ 6 \ 6 \\ 0 \ 0 \\ 0 \ 0 \\ 6 \ 6 \\ 8 \ 0 \\ 0 \ 0 \\ 0 \ 0 \\ \end{array}$			
	 Total			\$	11,981	41
	Expense.			·	,	
	Eda S. E. McKee Room Jane Lindsay Room Manager's Contingent Interest Salaries House Expense Mortgage Account Current Expense	1	$\begin{array}{c} 35 \\ 18 \\ 00 \end{array}$	٨	10.000	0.0
	Total			\$	10,292	96
1911. March 1.	Balance			\$	1,688	45

Respectfully submitted,

ANNETTE G. WALLACE.

Treasurer.

SPECIAL BALANCE SHEET

Showing the condition of the different funds, the balance on hand or overdrawn. $\begin{tabular}{ll} \begin{tabular}{ll} \beg$

	Overdrawi	n.	Balance	
Students Aid			1,705	
Aged Ministers' Fund		1	1.519	
Widows' and Orphans' Fund			1.646	
Theological Seminary			1,459	
Jewish Mission			844	
Southern Mission			2.811	
Indian Mission			2.193	
Domestic Mission	8 2.761 4	3	2,100	0.0
Chinese Home Mission			582	3.8
Syrian Mission			11,931	
Temperance	247 9	5	1 -,002	
Mission in China				
Witness Bearing			2,173	0.0
Geneva College	13.288 9	5	-,_,	
Church Erection			6.127	6.7
Sustentation			2,603	
Literary Fund			1.740	_
Aged Peoples' Home			1,688	
			1,000	
	0 40 00 5	3.0	00.000	

\$ 16,297 63 \$ 39,028 04

RECORDING SECRETARY'S REPORT

To the Moderator and Members of Synod:

Another year has passed in the history of the Aged People's Home, a year in which we have received abundant blessings from our Heavenly Father.

Twenty-four meetings have been held in connection with the work of the Home; five of the Association, five of the Board of Directors and fourteen of the Board of Managers.

The attendance at these meetings and the interest shown is proof that the work of the Home is dear to the hearts of those in charge.

The Corresponding Secretary has written one hundred, thirty-two letters, one hundred, twelve postals, sixty-one pulpit notices and distributed five hundred, eighty-five printed reports.

The committees have all been busy in the performance of their several duties.

During the year seven members have been received into the Home, Mrs. Letitia Dodds, our only surviving pioneer Missionary to the Foreign field, entered the Home June 22nd, 1910; Mrs. Emma Gemmill of Toledo. Ohio, September 22nd, 1910; Miss Elizabeth Reed of Beaver Falls, Penna., December 6th, 1910; Miss Margaret Mitchell of Allegheny, Penna, January 11th, 1911; and Miss Hephizibah Young of Darlington, Penna., January 24th, 1911.

One of our members was removed by death, Miss Sarah Gemmill, December 31st, 1910.

Our Matron, Miss Jamison, is still with us and is a great comfort and blessing to all the members of the Home and a source of inspiration to all the workers.

Twenty-three sermons have been preached in the Home by the following Ministers and Licentiates, McConoughy, R. J. Dodds, Walter McClurkin, T. J. Allen, W. McCarroll, J. M. Coleman, R. C.

Wylie, R. A. Blair, R. J. Gault, T. H. Acheson, C. M. Smith, W. J. Coleman, John Yates, Mr. McMillan, Mr. Allen, Mr. Thomas McKnight, and Mr. Rutherford, and prayer meeting every Wednesday evening. An interesting and helpful Thanksgiving service was held on Thanksgiving evening, conducted by W. J. Coleman

Donation and Reception Day was held on October 20th, 1910 Four hundred, seventy-nine dollars and many useful gifts were received.

We desire to express our gratitude to all those who on Donation and Reception Day and throughout the year have contributed to the Home, and to the physicians, ministers, and students in ministering to the physical and spiritual comfort of the family in the Home.

Three new Life Members have been added to the Association: Mary Ruth George, Mrs. Henry Martin and Elizabeth Armistead Martin. And one Life Director, Mrs. D. S. Gailey.

The congregational collections amounted to five hundred, sixty-four and 66-100 dollars.

We are pleased to report a decrease on our debt of three thousand dollars.

We again ask for an appropriation of one thousand dollars.

Respectfully submitted, MRS. W. J. WARD.

The report of the Mission Conference was taken from the table, and taken up item by item for adoption.

Item 1. Adopted.

Item 2. Adopted. J. S. Thompson was chosen Home Mission Secretary.

Item 3. Adopted. Item 4. Adopted.

The matter of fixing the salary of the Home Mission Secretary was referred to the Domestic Mission Board.

The report of the Mission Conference was adopted as a whole, and is as follows:

REPORT OF DOMESTIC MISSION CONFERENCE.

The Domestic Mission Conference composed of the Central Board of Missions and representatives of Presbyteries met in Eighth Street Reformed Presbyterian Church, May 29, 1911, at 7:30 P. M., and was opened with prayer by J S. Thompson. J. S. Thompson was reelected chairman and Walter C. McClurkin was chosen secretary. Appropriations amounting to \$16,760.00 were recommended for the following congregations:

Colorado Presbytery.

Cannon City\$	400	00
Content	400	-
Greeley	100	0 0
La Junta	250	0 0
Los Angeles	500	00

Portland	500	0.0
Regina		
Santa Ana	575	00
Kansas Presbytery		
Billings\$	150	00
Hebron	250	00
Kansas City	$\begin{smallmatrix}500\\120\end{smallmatrix}$	$\frac{00}{00}$
Stafford, for supplies	120	00
\$1,000.00	400	00
Tabor	200	00
Wahoo, for supplies an amount equal to what they raise	2.2.2	0.0
not to exceed	200	00
Iowa Presbytery		
Hickory Grove, for supplies \$6 per Sabbath, not to		
exceed	200	
Washington Vernon	$\frac{200}{300}$	
	300	00
Illinois Presbytery.		
Couterville, on condition the congregation raise an equal	400	0.0
amount	$\frac{400}{400}$	
	100	vv
Ohio Presbytery.		
Belle Center\$	300	00
Bellefontaine	$\begin{array}{c} 450 \\ 200 \end{array}$	$\frac{00}{00}$
Cedarville, for supplies Detroit, for stated supply	1,100	00
Fairgrove	400	00
Hetherton	350	00
Southfield, for supplies as much as they raise not to	400	0.0
exceed \$200, or in case of settlement	400	00
Pittsburg Presbytery.	200	00
Bear Run and Mahoning\$ Brookland	$\frac{200}{250}$	0.0
McKeesport, for supplies \$300; for stated supply \$500;		
in case of settlement	700	00
Mercer, in case of settlement	$\begin{array}{c} 300 \\ 125 \end{array}$	00
Middleton, for supplies, \$5 per Sabbath not to exceed North Union	100	0.0
Pine Creek	150	00
Slippery Rock	250	00
Youngstown	650	00
New York Presbytery,		
Brooklyn, for pastor\$	$\frac{100}{340}$	00
Cambridge	200	0.0
Second Boston	$\frac{1}{4}50$	Õΰ
West Hebron	500	00
White Lake	150	00
New Brunswick and Nova Scotia Presbytery.	450	0 ~
Barnesville\$	450	UU

Cornwallis	400 00
St. John on condition the congregation raise at least \$500 and if possible \$600	600.00
Rochester Presbytery.	
Lochiel\$	300 00
Libson	400 00
Syracuse	200 00

The following items are submitted:

- 1. The Conference expresses its hearty appreciation of Licentiate F. D. Fraser's commendable and self sacrificing efforts to establish a congregation in Portland, Oregon, thus extending the principles of our Church.
- 2. Owing to the encouraging outlook in Regina, Winnipeg, Vancouver and other points in the North and West, the Conference recommends that Synod appoint a Home Mission Secretary to look for openings in new fields, and report to the Central Board the possibilities of establishing permanent congregations in these fields.
- 3. The Conference recommends that the Central Board be authorized to enter new and peculiarly promising fields and to expend so much money, as in their judgment, may seem wise.
- 4. The Conference recommends that Synod notify the Clerks of Presbyteries to instruct the aid receiving congregations that their applications would not be considered unless the questions given in the application blanks be definitely answered.
- 5 The Conference recommends that the East End Congregation be granted such supplement as to bring their pastor's salary up to \$1,300, supplement not to exceed \$300; on condition, also, the congregation fill out the regular application blanks and forward to J. S. Tibby.

J. S. THOMPSON, Chairman. WALTER C. MACCLURKIN, Secretary

The following resolutions, proposed by W. J. Coleman and T. H. Acheson, were adopted:

The Mission Conference having before it reports from nearly all the congregations seeking aid from the Home Mission Fund, and having learned from these reports that in most cases but very few in each congregation pay the tenth to the Lord, appointed two of its members to bring the matter to the attention of Synod. We believe that the tenth is not the measure but the minimum of what we should give, and we believe also that not only those in congregations seeking aid, but that those in self-sustaining congregations should come up to the minimum requirement.

- 1. We recommend that the Committee on Systematic Beneficence begin early in the year and seek to find out how many in all the congregations of the Church are paying the tenth, and also inquire later in the year whether there has been any gain in this matter.
- 2 We recommend that the Committee seek out the best literature on this subject and announce where it may be secured;

also provide a pledge in the simplest form that congregations may use in ascertaining the number of those who have adopted this rule.

3. That the expense incurred in this work be paid from the Literary Fund.

The Special Committee to report on the power of Synod to review the reports of Judicial Commissions presented its report. The report was adopted, and is as follows:

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON RIGHT OF SYNOD TO REVIEW THE REPORTS OF JUDICIAL COMMISSIONS.

Your Committee appointed to report on the right of the Synod to review the findings of a judicial commission respectfully submit the following:

In order to guard the rights of those whose appeals and complaints may be referred for adjudication to judicial commissions and in order to preserve the jurisdiction of the Synod in such cases, we conclude that the reports of such commissions are subject to the review of the Synod with regard to the questions of law, but not with regard to questions of fact ascertained by the commission.

W. J COLEMAN T. P. STEVENSON D. B. WILLSON

The report of the Stated Clerk was read and adopted, and is as follows:

REPORT OF STATED CLERK.

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Statistics from May 1, 1910 to May 1, 1911.

There are reported this year ten Presbyteries, 115 congregations, 7 Mission Stations, 144 Ministers, one of whom is a Greek, 10 licentiates, one of whom is a Greek, 7 students of Theology, all of whom have been licensed, 464 Elders, 344 Deacons, 9,336 communicants, an increase of 596 and a decrease of 614. Eight thousand three hundred and eighty-seven in attendance at Sabbath School, and 1,914 in attendance at the Young People's societies. Total contributions of \$250,789, or \$26.86 per member, an increase of \$32,240. The treasurer of Foreign Missions reports receipts of \$32,874.10, or \$3.52 per member.

CONGREGATIONS—Eighty-five have pastors, 30 are without pastors. Detroit, Michigan, congregation was organized June 29, 1910; Regina, Canada, May 20, 1911; Stafford, Kansas, January 19, 1911. Oakland, California, was disorganized August 16, 1910; Staunton, Illinois, February, 1911; Craftsburry, March 31, 1911.

MINISTERS—There are 144 ministers. There was one ordination, 7 installations, 6 ordinations and installations, 10 dissolutions of the pastoral relation. Four pastors have double charges, E. L. McKnight was installed pastor of Sharon, Iowa, congregation January 31, 1911; H. G. Patterson, Vernon, Wis., Feb. 27, 1911; J. M. Wylie, Kansas City, Mo., April 7, 1911; J. M. Johnston, Superior, Neb., April 20, 1911; James McCune, Barnesville, N. B., July

7, 1910; John Yates, Central Allegheny, June 16, 1910; M. M. Pearce, East End, Pittsburg, April 28, 1911; D. R. Taggart was ordained for the Mission in China, September 7, 1910; Robert Park was ordained and installed pastor at Parnassus, Pa., November 11, 1910; S. M. Morrow at Syracuse, N. Y., October 12, 1910; A. A. Johnston at Walton, N. Y., October 20, 1910; H. G. McConaughy at C. arinda, Iowa, July 20, 1910; F. E. Allen at Lake Reno, Minn., April 28, 1911; T. C. McKnight, Chicago, Ill., May 26, 1911. The pastoral relation between D. O. Jack and Cincinnati, O., congregation was dissolved September 14, 1910; W. J. Sanderson and Cedarville, O., congregation September 14, 1910; J. M. Wylie and Greeley, Col., congregation March 27, 1911; I. A. Blackwood and Evans, Colorado, congregation March 27, 1911; M. M. Pearce and St. Louis, Ill., congregation March 15, 1911; Elmer Russell and Kansas City, Mo., congregation December 16, 1910; R. C. Montgomery and Third Philadelphia, Pa., congregation April 28, 1911; J. M. Coleman and Mercer, Pa., congregation September 6, 1910; J. R. Wylie and Little Beaver, Pa., congregation May 9, 1911.

Of the ministers without charges four are Stated Supplies; 11 are Foreign Missionaries, 2 in Reform work, 1 in Sabbath School work, 2 in Witness Bearing work, 2 in Jewish Mission work, 6 are engaged for part time in secular callings, 12 are unable to engage actively in the work of the ministry, 5 are engaged at Geneva College, 2 in the Theological Seminary.

COMMUNICANTS—The total number is 9,336. Rochester Presbytery reports a net increase of 4, Kansas 20, Philadelphia 3, N. B. and N. S. 1, New York 9, Colorado 34, Syrian Mission 12 China 23, Ilinois Presbytery reports a net decrease 5, Pittsburg 18, Ohio 67, Iowa 30. There is a net decrease of 53 in the church in America.

CONTRIBUTIONS—Increased contributions are reported for the Syrian Mission of \$9,480; Mission in China, \$5,238; Home Missions, \$2,720.00; Southern Missions, \$1,698.00: Indian Mission, 1,150; Jewish Mission, \$835; Theological Seminary, \$1,312; National Reform, \$4,151; Witness Bearing, \$1,886; Aged Ministers, \$650; Widows and Orphans of Deceased Ministers, \$733; Salaries, \$547. A decrease for Church Erection \$2,025. The increase is caused mainly by the W. J. Ferguson bequest of \$19,855 Leaving that out there is still an increase of total contributions of some \$12,000. The number of parsonages, 24. Certified copies of minutes for 1908 and 1909 have been received from the Clerk of Synod and placed in Synod's trunk. The Minu.es of Ohio Presbytery for 1868 to 1906 and Lakes Presbytery for 1868 to 1906 were received from Ohio Presbytery per W. J. Sanderson and placed in the trunk.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES S. TIBBY,

Stated Clerk.

The Committee on Young People's Societies reported. The report was accepted and taken up item by item for adoption.

Item 1. Adopted.

Item 2. Amended and adopted.

Item 3. Adopted.

Item 4. Adopted.

Item 5. Adopted.

Item 6. Adopted.

Item 7. Adopted.

Item 8. Adopted.

The deport was adopted as a whole, and is as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETIES.

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

Your Committee prepared and sent out lists of questions to nearly all of our congregations with the special purpose of ascertaining to what extent the recommendations of last year's committee had been carried out, and also to find out the degree of interest and spirituality manifested in the societies.

Notwithstanding the fact that the answering of these questions required only the filling in of blank spaces not more than half the number sent out were returned.

Out of the fifty-two answers received thirty-nine report organized societies, and thirteen no society.

In last year's report is was recommended that societies be urged to do evangelistic work, take up the study of missions, to work in the interests of reform, to study four sp cial subjects instead of the regular C. E. Topic at four regular meetings, and to give financial support to some aggressive line of work in the Master's Kingdom.

Nine societies report having done evangelistic work, six as having had a mission study class, sixteen as having aided in reform work, twenty-three as having used the special subjects recommended and twenty-three as having given financial support to some aggressive Christian work,

These reports indicate that while a few societies have carried out Synod's recommendation many have failed to do so

The Committee a so inquired in regard to the interest taken by sessions in Young People's work and in regard to those features which contributed most to the success of societies and the use made of the daily Bible readings prepared by the special committee.

These reports seem to show that all the fault of the failure of societies to carry out Synod's recommendation should not be placed on the Young People themselves, but much of it upon those in authority in the various congregations.

Some answers given to the question "What has contributed to the society," show that prayer, zeal and a social spirit on the part of the members all have an important part. These taken together with encouragement from sessions and some urging to carry out Synod's recommendations seem to us to promote the success of societies.

The general use made of the folders for Bible readings indicate that the Young People are responsive and willing to take up a

line of work when definitely assigned, for even in some congregations having no organized societies the young people have followed out this line of work

In order that this department of the Church's work may be more effective there needs to be a better understanding of the Young People's movement. The purpose of the Young People's society can be stated well in the words of another. "To lead the youth of the church to become intelligent and loyal disciples of Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior; to help them in the battle with the many temptations of life; to build up strong Christian Faith and symmetrical Christian character; to train young people in individual and associated christian work in order that they may be most useful in the Church, to place upon them a burden of responsibility for the extension and up building of the Kingdom of Christ throughout the world, and to influence them to place their lives where they can best serve their generation."

To promote these ends it is necessary that we have a better organization and more cooperation among the young people of the Church.

In the reports received from congregations having no societies the difficulties usually named as standing in the way of organization are such as seem to us not insurmountable if there were a deep interest in the work as should be inspired and maintained by the competent and consecrated leadership of pastor and session.

In view of these circumstances your Committee would recommend the following:

- 1. That the Rev. John Yates, Chairman of the Standing Committee on Young People's Societies, be made Secretary of Young People's Societies; and that the special offering taken last year, now in the care of J. S. Tibby, be placed at the disposal of the Committee for advancing the work of the Young People's Societies. That the Rev. R. A. Blair be associated with the Rev. John Yates in the work of Secretary of Young People's Societies.
- 2. That J. S. Tibby be instructed to have 1000 topic cards printed for the year 1912.
- 3. That our Societies be urged to do definite Evangelistic and Reform work.
- 4. That the Societies be urged to form Mission Study Classes, and to use as a text book the book recommended by the Board of Foreign Missions.
- 5. That the book entitled "The Story of the Covenanter Church," by Symington, be taken up for special study during the year. (This book may be obtained from J. S. Tibby.)
- 6. That the young people be urged to use the Daily Birle B adings prepared by the Special Committee.
- 7. That in the congregations where a Young People's organization cannot conveniently be maintained, the Young People be urged to carry out these recommendations individually.
 - 8. That Synod recognizes with gratitude the valuable services

of R. A. Blair in the Young People's Societies of the Reformed Presbyterian Church.

Respectfully submitted, W. O. FERGUSON J. M. JOHNSTON, J. G. McDLEINNEY, JAMES FARK,

The following resolutions, offered by E. A. Crooks, was adopted:

Resolved, that all pending matters affecting either constituent members or Congregation: of the Pacific Coast Presbytery be adjusted by said Presbytery.

The following resolution this adopted:

Resolved, that our relations with the Inter-Church Temperance Federation be continued, and that T. H. Acheson be appointed to represent us during the coming year.

The following resolution offered by W. J. Coleman was

Resolved, that Synod heartily commends the work of the American Bible Society as fundamental and indispensable in prosecuting missionary work both at home and abroad, and recommends to the Church the continuance and increase of the support of this time-honored efficient Gospel agency.

The Committee on Psalmody reported. The report was accepted and taken up item by item for adoption.

Item 1. Adopted.

Item 2. This item was laid on the table until next year.

Item 3. Adopted.

The report was adopted as a whole and is as follows:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PSALMODY.

Singing is a divinely appointed method of praise. The oft repeated instruction to sing praises, should secure for the struction of song a large place in every meeting for workhip. We have reason to thank God that He has chosen music, one of the most pleasant exercises as a part of His worship. He might in justice have perscribed some hard, disagreeable thing. Instead of a stern duty. He has made it a privilege. And when a congregation trained to unity of time and harmony of tune pour out their song from hearts overflowing with the realization of God's goodness, it is a delightful crivilege indeed. When the soul and all that is within us is stirred up to praise and magnify the Lord, then will the heart train the lips and purify the voice, and with each new inspiration of offer and efficiency and joy in the song service will be increased. Surely one whose heart is tuned to His service will be diligent to each of the condition of the song service will be diligent to each of the condition of the song service will be diligent to each of the condition of the song service will be diligent to each of the condition of the song service will be diligent to each of the condition of the song service will be diligent to each of the service will be disconting the service wi

The service of song is not only a privilege, it is a duty. It is appointed to "ALL people." If we love Him, we will keep His commandments. Our Glorious King has appointed when we meet together in His presence, we shall unite our voices in songs of praise to His name. This is a great honor to all. To those who have ears trained to the appreciation of the language of the soul, and lips taught to respond thereto, it is a blessed privilege. But whether we view it as a privilege, or only as a duty, we prove ourselves unworthy of the honor placed upon us, if we do not give our best in His service. Those consecrated to the service of our Lord Jesus Christ should find in the praise service the highest incentive to the development of the power of song. And no congregation that is touched with the spirit of His love will be content to enter into this part of His service unprepared.

In view of the great importance and typical character of this service, God has seen fit to give us the words that we are to use. They are found in the Psalter inscribed by the Holy Spirit. We have not been given by special revelation the meters or the tunes that are to be used. The responsibility for these must rest with the worshipers, and it is but reason that the best of consecrated talent at the command of the church in each particular land and time, should be inlisted in the preparation of the Psalter for the use in the service of song.

The human voice alone is authorized for the musical rendering of the Psalms. Hymns of human composition, and instruments of music not being authorized for the worship of God, are forbidden; and it is our duty to bear testimony against them. obedience is the position of power in protest. Our testimony against a given evil is of little avail, if we do not perform the corresponding duty. Neither the individual nor the church is in position to offer a worthy testimony against the use of hymns and instruments in worship, who has not brought to the service of song his best power and preparation. The Psalter as an exclusive book of praise needs no defence save it's own proper use And the human voice as the exclusive instrument of worship, needs no defence but its own proper training under the guidance of a consecrated life.

We recommend:

- 1. That the able and paistaking efforts of those who have labored in the preparation of the meters and music for our church psalter be heartily commended; that our congregations be urged to rise to their obligation and show their appreciation of God's appointed worship by beginning in earnest the study of music in its application to the worship of God in the tamily and in public meeting; and that we insist upon care and training for the musical exercises of the Praise Service, as being essential to a spiritual worship.
- 2. That Synod take some steps toward providing for the instruction of the students of our Theological Seminary in music. And that hereafter no one be considered eligible to graduation from that institution, who has not been thoroughly trained in the rudiments of vocal music, and their application to congregational singing. (Laid on the table until next year.)
 - 3. That we do not desist from our testimony against unau-

thorized worship, but rather strengthen it in the vantage ground of a duty well performed, an opportunity well used.

WILBUR J. McBURNEY JOHN YATES

Synod took recsss until 7:30 P. M. Prayer by James Park.

EVENING SESSION.

Same place, June 7, 7:30 P. M. Synod reconvened at the appointed hour and was opened with prayer by J. M. Johnston. The calling of the roll was dispensed with. The minutes of the afternoon session were read and approved.

The following resolution offered by J. M. Foster was adopted:

Whereas the World's Conference on Missions at its meeting in Edinburg, Scotland, refused to allow the missionaries to Roman Catholic countries to be represented on their program:

Therefore Resolved:

- 1. That we express our condemnation of the course pursued by the World's Conference on Missions in this matter, and protest against the continuance of this policy, because the Papal Church obscures and perverts the doctrines of grace to such degree as disqualifies her to be called an adequate teacher of the way of salvation.
- $2.\ \,$ That we reiterate our condemnation of the Papal System, as a corrupt and apostate form of Christianity.

The officers of the Synod were authorized to communicate this action, properly authenticated, to the "Continuation Committee, Edinburg, Scotland.

The Committee on Secret Societies reported. The report was accepted and adopted as a whole, and is as follows:

REPORT ON SECRET SOCIETIES.

To us as a church, the subject of Secret Societies is one of vital importance. We exclude all oath bound secret society people from membership in our church. Few churches today take such an advanced position. Some of those who did so some years ago have weakened and now permit such people to belong to their church. This backward step on the part of some churches only goes to sing e us out as a church and to impress on us the greater need for our testimony along this particular line

Before submitting some recommendations let us refresh our minds with a few reasons for our position.

As a church we exclude all secret society people because of the Lodge's way of receiving members. A man has to do wrong to become a member of a secret order. Here we refer particularly to the

oath. The oath is a divine ordinance and is only to be administered by a civil or an ecclesiastical officer. The Lodge's use of the oath, therefore, is a gross profanation of a sacred ordinance Besides this, the oath administered is wrong. He who takes it solemnly promises to concear what he hears within the Lodge. As yet he does not know what he shall hear. He may hear something morally wrong to conceal. What he is to keep to himself, whether good or bad makes no difference. He has no right to take such an oath and the organization has no right to exact it of him.

The church is not open to such an objection. The man who wishes to join does so with his eyes open. Before presenting himself for admission, he is asked to carefully study all the doctrines and practices of the church. The lodge is the only institution of which we have any knowledge where men enter with closed eyes, where they will take an oath to never reveal what they see and hear on the inside.

As a church we exclude all secret society people because of the Lodge's claim to charity. All secret societies pretend to be very charitable. This is the string upon which they harp most. They even claim to be doing more of this work than the church and some people partly believe it. Of course the Church ought to do more. That we will readily admit. If she did, there would be less apparent reason for the Lodge. But the so called charity of the Lodge is only more in appearance. We hear more about it. That makes the difference. The Lodge boastingly tells of all that she has done, while the church does not.

Just here let us call your attention to the Lodge's use of the word, "charity." What they do in caring for the sick, they call "charity." But is that the proper name to be applied? Those most like y to need charity are never allowed to join a secret order. If a lodgeman needed some attention, has he not already settled with his lodge for such attention? How can such action be called charity? A young man with whom we were acquainted became stranded on our western coast. He appealed to that secret order of which he was a member for help. Though suffering intensely, he was refused any attention until they had telegraphed over two thousand miles to ascertain his standing. If that is charity, friends, away with it. If that is brotherly kindness, how shall we describe the conduct of the Good Samaritan and of thousands of others today doing the same thing

As a church we exclude all secret society people because of the Lodge's interference with justice. Secret Societies play an important part at times in the administration of justice. By signs and grips and pass words, they enter our Courts and attempt to say what shall and what shall not be done. If the criminal belongs to the same secret order as the jury, to say the least he is shown some preference. Oftentimes he is released to the surprise of the entire community. If compelled to pass a sentence upon him, it is made as ight as possible and simply because a member of a certain secret order.

Just recently our attention was called to a striking illustration of this. Three American boys, Converse, Blatt and Brown, were arrested and jailed by the Mexican government for taking part in the Revolution. Some steps looking to their release had been taken by the Washington Government, but without success. The father of

the Converse boy went to Mexico, secured an audience with President Diaz and the boys were immediately released. The question as to their guilt was not brought up. Both men belong to the same secret organization. Commenting upon this incident the Path Finder says, "This release illustrates how sometimes the power of secret societies can be used to secure results which would be impossible even to governments."

As a church we exclude all secret society people because of the Lodge's rejection of Christ. All secret orders reject the example of Christ Speaking to the High Priest, Christ said, "I spake openly to the world; I ever taught in the synagogue, and in the temple, whither the Jews always resort; and in secret have I said nothing." No lodge member can say the same thing. When here on earth Christ said to all those who would be his discip'es, "Follow me." The man who joins any secret order refuses just at this point to follow Christ.

Yet that is not all. What to our mind is still worse many of these secret orders deny the name of Christ. Speaking of the Masonic Order, they refuse to pray in the name of Christ. We all know that from observation as well as an examination of their Manual. In addition to that they have actually blotted out the name of Christ from certain parts of the Bible. I Peter 2 and 5 reads, "Ye also as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ." In using this portion at the opening of the Mark Master degree, the clause "by Jesus Christ" is omitted. The same is true of II Thess. 3 and 6. "Now we command you, brethren, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye withdraw from every brother that walke h disorder'y." In using this portion at the opening of the Royal Arch degree, these words are omitted, "in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ." The same is true of the 12th verse in this same chapter. From it this expression is omitted, "by our Lord Jesus Christ." Friends, it would be difficult to conceive of anything more daring, and yet men who claim to be Christians belong to such an order.

As a church we exclude all secret society people because of the Lodge's opposition to the church. This is the fifth and last reason which we offer. The Lodge stands in the way of the church. It is one of her enemies. Its existence only hinders the more rapid advancement of the church. No man can be a good member of the church and the Lodge at the same time. The money, the time, the attention he gives the Lodge, is just so much taken away from the church. This only goes to illustrate what Christ meant when he said, "No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one and love the other, or e'se he will hold to the one and despise the other Ye can not serve God and Mammon."

In addition to this the purpose of the Lodge is different from that of the church. Any favor is first offered to a brother in the Lodge. The chief cornerstone of every secret organization is selfishness. All of its acts tend to produce and foster just such a spirit. Now how different is it with the church. It is the mission of the church to crush out the very spirit which the lodge cultivates. The chief cornerstone of the church is unselfishness as exemplified in the death of Christ. All men should separate from all oath bound secret organizations but especially those who claim to be Christians. "Have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but

rather reprove them. For it is a shame even to speak of those things which are done of them in secret."

In closing we recommend:

- That as parents, teachers, and church members and officers we impress upon those under us the disloyalty done to Christ in joining such orders.
- That we seek in every possible way to let in the light of God's Word upon this great system of darkness and iniquity.
- That sometime during the year at least one service be devoted exclusively to a full discussion of this subject, that we make a special effort to get out those of our neighbors and friends belonging to the Lodge, and that a full supply of Tracts bearing upon this subject be secured to hand out at the door at the close of the service.
- That where Adult Bible Classes have been formed to study the Principles of our Church, that a very prominent place be given to a careful study of the evils of the Secret Societies. Suitable Tracts either for distribution or study can be secured from out Committee on Witness Bearing.

S. J JOHNSTON, S. G. CONNOR, S. F. KINGSTON, J. B. DODDS,

Committee.

The Permanent Committee on Temperance reported. The report was accepted and adopted and is as follows:

REPORT OF PERMANENT COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE.

The Permanent Committee on Temperance would respectfully report:

The work done this year has been of the same nature as in past years. Our specialty is publicity in the form of posters and letter seals; and there is a constantly widening circle that values these silent messengers. We have aimed especially to circulate them where there was an election pending, for then men are thinking, and are more likely to notice such posters and seals. Great numbers of people are dumb concerning this iniquity, and are he'd by business or political influences from expressing their true convictions; but when their convictions become strong, and the fire is once kindled, their latent convictions will break forth into speech and action. So we wish to appeal to the men's minds and consciences on the basis of what is right, as over against the liquor argument which appeals to their selfishness on the basis of dollars and cents.

So long as the great amount of wealth which rolls into the Government's coffers is counted in millions, and the brewers openly and uncontradicted boast of the amount they contribute to the treasury of the United States; and, also, so much other money, of which they do not boast so openly, is actually distributed all along the line of state and municipal officers; they enjoy all the benefits of an immunity bath, and their prominent men are assured of 'oving cups and gold pieces from those that sit in the seats of the mighty.

We do not deem it necessary to go into any long argument against the use of liquor as a beverage $\;$ The reason for the existence

of the traffic plainly lies in two things, self gratification, and greed for gain. These two pillars are like those in the heathen temple against which the blind giant leaned; it may be that when they fall they will involve much in ruin, but out of the wreck will arise deliverance for God's people. Yet we need not spend either time or breath in shouting about victories won while these two pillars support the traffic in a staunch way, and the jolly crowd laughs as it watches the flood of intoxicating drinks rise higher and higher, and counts that every increase marks the strengthening of the two pillars on which it sits securely enthroned. Yet still we need not be discouraged, for whi e the Judgment of Almighty God waits, like the blind giant grinding at the mill, still He can hear, not only the shouts and jeers of the crowd, but also the undertone of the minor cadences of the helpless who are being swept along by the river of death, and to this noisy throng, so bravely intrenched that they think they can safely defy the judgments of God, remains only one thing They have seen the manifestation of God's power and might, and they exult over it and make it a subject of holiday mirth, and they think that even it may be brought into slavery to evil, and soon the pil'ars shall crumble, and their disaster shall be as the ruin in the house of Dagon

Men or nations build ruin into their existence when they are involved in any way with a traffic that rests on these two pillars of wrong; for men may call things by other names, or see them with distorted vision, but the God of Samson sees things today just as clearly as he did so many centuries ago.

We emphatically reaffirm all past deliverances which condemn all use of intoxicants as a beverage; all traffic in the same, and all forms of legality thrown around the saloon business.

We denounce as suicidal the government policy of deriving a revenue from the business.

In accordance with Synod's direction we have divided the Committee as follows:

W. W. Carithers and T. G. Graham, whose terms of office expire in 1911; J. S. McGaw and A. M. Mitchell, whose terms expire in 1912; and, M. M. Pearce, whose term expires in 1913.

W W. CARITHERS, J. S. M'GAW, M. M. PEARCE, T. G. GRAHAM, A. M. MITCHELL,

The members of the Permanent Committee on Temperance whose term of office expires this year were elected their own successors to serve for a term of three years.

The following resolution, introduced by John Yates, was adopted:

Resolved, that the Permanent Committee on Temperance be instructed to prepare a Temperance Day Program for each of the four Temperance days of the Sabbath School, to be used in connection with the Temperance lesson.

The Committee on the Signs of the Times reported. The report was accepted and adopted as a whole, and is as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON THE SIGNS OF THE TIMES.

A survey of the state and progress of the kingdom during the past year reveals much for which we may devoutly render thanks, for we recognize that whatever of good has been accomplished is the Lord's doing and marvellous in our eyes, and he should have all the praise.

CAUSES OF THANKSGIVING.

That God has not forgotten his covenant with the day and with the night, nor failed to send seed-time and harvest according to his promise. He has sent rains from heaven and fruitful seasons, filling our hearts with food and gladness. The pastures are clothed with flocks; the valleys also are covered over with corn; they shout for joy, they also sing. The Lord is good to all, and his tender mercies are over all his works. He opens his hand and satisfies the desire of every living thing. Oh that men would praise the Lord for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men.

As a church we have enjoyed the preserving care of the church's Head through another year. There has been no serious defection from our numbers, and while there has been difference of opinion, a brotherly spirit and an evident desire to attain the truth has been manifest. The public testimony of the church has been more widely proclaimed than for many years and has been received with surprising favor. The evangelistic spirit has been growing, and a deeper interest has been manifested in home mission work. The Mission fields have been fairly prosperous, and the health of the missionaries has been exceptionally good. There have been none of those trying breakdowns which have tested the faith of the church in past years. The response to the call for more laborers has been encouraging. The educational work of the church has been carried on with its usual efficiency.

In the wider work of the Kingdom we may note many encouraging signs. Evangelistic work has seemed to take a more practical turn, resulting not only in personal reformation but also in social renovation. While the temperance reform has not made the strides of previous years, there has been no great reversal, and the minor defeats have been, we trust, but the eddies in the stream of progress. Sabbath reform has made notable advance, particularly in the industrial world and in the matter of closing postoffices on that day. The World's Conference on the Christian Principles of Civil Government realized the hopes and expectations of its promoters ant steps have been taken toward insuring world peace, and the nations are alive as never before to the folly of maintaining such enormous armaments. The publication and dissemination of the Scriptures goes steadily forward. The financial equipment of the great Bible Societies has been large y increased. The three hundredth anniversary of the King James version has served to call public attention to the English Bible as never before, and the demand for this and other versions is steadily increasing.

These are but a few of the numberless reasons which call upon us for an expression of gratitude. Synod appoints the last Thursday

of November, 1911, to be observed as a day of Thanksgiving to God for the bounties of his providence and the gifts of his grace through the Lord Jesus Christ.

A general survey of conditions will also reveal much for which we should be ashamed and should humble ourselves before God that his righteous judgments may be averted.

CAUSES FOR FASTING.

If we turn our eyes within we find abundant reason for humiliation before him who knows the secret thoughts of our hearts. How much he must see there of worldliness, pride, envy, bitterness, covetousness, uncleanness and even idolatry, all of which are hateful in his sight and unfit us for the enjoyment of his favor and bessing. How much he must miss from our hearts of that which ought to be there! How little he finds of love! Love to God who first so loved us! Love for the blessed Saviour who gave himself for us! How little of brotherly love and kindness for fellow Christians and even for those in the same covenant bonds with ourselves! How little of that love of pity and compassion for the perishing which so characterized the Lord Jesus! How little of zeal and devotion for the honor of Christ and for the glory of his kingdom! How barren are our lives of the fruits of the Spirit! What unprofitable servants we are!

If we look about us we cannot but see much to distress a soul that loves the honor of the Lord, that reverences his laws and ordinances and that burns with a holy zeal for the purity of his house. The Lord is still dishonored by being denied his rightful place as the Governor among the nations, and how few there are to go forth with him without the gate bearing his reproach! The nations continue to say, We will not have this man reign over us, and exalt the idol of their own supremacy into the place which the Father has assigned the Son. It is not to be expected that a nation which thus ignores the person of the Lord will show great respect to his laws; hence we find national laws which directly contravene the devine The Sabbath mail service, iniquitous divorce laws, and the licensing of the liquor business serve to indicate that God is not in all their thoughts and that they do not hesitate to frame mischief by law. The nation which ignores God's law cannot expect that its own laws will command the utmost respect, and hence we find much of lawlessness in high and low places.

The sovereignty of God and the exclusive authority of his law is scarcely more recognized and acknowledged in the ecclesiastical than in the civi: sphere It is not for us to bring any railing accusation, but faithfulness to the Head of the church requires us to testify against all false systems of worship and against all corruptions of the true worship. What will please and attract men is too often the ruling principle rather than what will please God and secure his approval and blessing. It is little wonder that the drift is Romeward when the outward, sensuous and ritualistic are allowed to so largely prevail in Protestant churches. The growing power of the Papacy in our own land is to be greatly deplored. Strange that this system of darkness, oppression and bigotry should make headway in a land which boasts of its civilization and enlightenment and liberty. But God sends strong de usion that they should believe a lie, upon those who will not obey the truth.

It becomes us then to take our place among those who sigh and cry for all the abominations which are done in the land, that the nation may be brought to repentance and thus the judgment of God be averted, or, should the avengers of God's justice be let loose upon a sinful nation, that we may not be accounted partakers in her sins.

Synod appoints Thursday of the Week of Prayer as a day of fasting, humiliation, confession of sin, and supplication of God's forgiving grace through the meditation of the Lord Jesus Christ.

> D C. MATHEWS, J. G. REED. G. R. M'BURNEY, JOHN TAGGART, EDMUND DUNN.

> > Committee

The Judicial Commission appointed to hear the complaint and appeal of T. G. Graham against the Kansas Presbytery, and the complaint of R. M. Moore against the Kansas Presbytery reported, transmitting its minutes. The report was accepted and adopted, and the minutes were ordered to be engrossed in the minutes of the Synod. The report and minutes follow:

REPORT OF JUDICIAL COMMISSION TO HEAR THE COMPLAINT AND APPEAL AGAINST KANSAS PRESBYTERY.

The Commission to which was referred for adjudication the Complaint and Appeal of T G. Graham against Kansas Presbytery; and the Complaint of R. M. Moore et al. against the action of Kansas Presbytery in the case of J. C. Duguid and R. C. Redpath against T. G Graham, wou'd report that the Commission heard said complaint and appeal, and complaint. T. G. Graham's appeal against the Kansas Presbytery was sustained and the action of Kansas Presbytery was reversed. The Complaint was also sustained.

The minutes of the Commission are herewith transferred. Respectfully submitted,

F M. FOSTER, Mod. of Commission.

MINUTES OF JUDICIAL COMMISSION

Pittsburg, Pa., June 6, 1911

The Commission of Synod appointed to consider a "Complaint of R. M. Moore et al, against the action of Kansas Presbytery in the case of J. C. Duguid and R. C. Redpath vs. T. G. Graham," and the "Complaint and appeal of T. G. Graham vs. Kansas Presbytery" met in the Eighth Street R. P. Church on Tuesday afternoon, June 6, 1911, at 1:30. The Moderator F. M. Foster, led in prayer constituting the commission. John H. Pritchard was elected clerk. The

roll was called and the following answered to their names: F. M. Foster, E. A. Crooks, Wm. McFarland, D. C. Faris, C. A. Dodds, J. C. McFeeters, A Kilpatrick, J. H Pritchard, Wm. G. Carson, T. L. Faris, Dr. T. C. Cannon, J. S. Bell, Samuel Carmichael.

Shortly afterward James Milligan made his appearance.

The requisite papers and documents in the case were laid before The reasons the court. The sentence appealed from was read.

assigned for the appeal were read. The proceedings of the lower court were read. Mr. T. G. Graham was heard. A paper sustaining the complaint and signed by six of the complainants was read. J. Boggs Dodds, F. M. Wilson and G. R. McBurney, complainants, were heard. At this point the Commission took recess till 7 o'clock J. C. McFeeters leading in prayer.

Same place, 7 P. M.

The Commission came to order and was lead in prayer by Elder William Carson. J T. Mitchell and John A. McKee were heard in defense of the action of the Kansas Presbytery. In response to the defenders of the Presbytery, T. G. Graham and J. Boggs Dodds were heard To them, John A. McKee and J. T. Mitchell replied. After questioning, the parties were removed. The court adjourned to meet on Wednesday morning at 8 o'clock. E. A. Crooks led in prayer adjourning the court

Same place, June 7, 1911.

The court came to order and was constituted with prayer by the moderator. The minutes of the preceeding day were read and approved. The roll was called. E. A. Crooks, James Milligan and D. O. Torrence were absent. Mr Crooks soon appeared. The appeal of Mr. Graham from the deceision of the Presbytery was sustained and the decision of Presbytery reversed. The complaints were sustained.

The following action was taken: It is the judgment of your Commission that responsibility for the disgraceful conditions in Olathe congregation is not resting on one side, nor is sustaining the appeal to be so construed. Rather, all need admonition, and there should be earnest prayer among themselves to God to heal the breaches in the congregation.

The Commission was led in prayer on behalf of the Olathe congregation by J. C. McFeeters, A. Kilpatrick and Wm. G. Carson.

The Clerk was instructed to forward the action of the Commission to the congregation to be read from the pulpit The minutes were read and approved. The Commission adjourned, Wm. McFarland eading in prayer.

F. M. FOSTER, Moderator. JOHN PRITCHARD, Clerk

The Judicial Commission appointed to hear the Complaint and Appeal of A. G. Wilkinshaw against the Colorado Presbytery reported, transmitting the minutes of the Commission. The report of the Commission was accepted and adopted, and the minutes were ordered engrossed in the minutes of Synod. The report and minutes follow:

REPORT OF JUDICIAL COMMISSION TO HEAR THE COMPLAINT OF A. G. WAKLINSHAW AGAINST COLORADO PRESBYTERY.

The Commission to whom the papers from Colorado Presbytery were referred would respectfully report:

Two papers, No. 8 and 13 were placed in our hands.

Paper No. 8 is entitled "Appeal and complaint of A. G. Walkinshaw reply by Colorado Presbytery."

Paper No. 13 is entitled "Petition to Synod from members of Santa Ana congregation."

These papers were carefuly considered according to the nature of their contents with the results as indicated in our Minutes which are submitted herewith.

G. A. EDGAR. Chairman

MINUTES OF JUDICIAL COMMISSION.

Eighth Street Pittsburg R. P. Church,

June 6, 1911, 2 P. M.
The Commission consisting of G. A. Edgar, R. J. Dodds, J. G.
McElhinney, W. M. Robb, D. P. White, R. J. Miller and David Mc-Farland to consider papers referred by Colorado Presbytery met pursuant to appointment and was constituted with prayer by the Modera or.

All the members were present. W. M. Robb was chosen clerk. Two matters came before the Commission for action.

- 1. The complaint and appeal of A. G. Walkinshaw. The sentence appealed from, reasons of appellant, record of proceedings in lower court, and answers to reasons of complaint and appeal were read.
- D. C. Mathews, appointed to represent the complainant, appeared and was heard on his behalf W. C. Allen and J. M. Wylie appointed to defend the Colorado Presbytery likewise appeared and were heard. These parties were then removed from the floor of the Commission and after due consideration the court resolved that the complaint and appeal be not sustained.

The second paper labellel "Petition of the members of Santa -Ana congregation" was taken up. Upon investigation the court found this paper to consist virtually of three parts

A complaint against the action of Colorado Presbytery and two requests.

In relation to the first it was resolved that the complaint be not sustained except in the matter of elders J. C. Robb and Thos. McClement sitting as members of Colorado Presbytery which was an irregularity, but which we do not deem of sufficient weight to reverse the decision in the case.

In regard to the first request: "That Colorado Presbytery be directed not to appoint the Rev. P. J. McDonald on any commission or committee having jurisdiction over this congregation," this court recommends that the presbytery having jurisdiction exercise prudence in the appointment of those who shall act on committees or commissions officiating in Santa Ana congregation

As to the second request, viz: the dissolution of the pastoral relation existing between Rev. G. N. Greer and Santa Ana congregation the court respectfully refers the petitioners to the presbytery having jurisdiction in the case.

The court then took recess until 9 o'clock tomorrow morning. Prayer by R J. Dodds.

Wednesday, June 7, 9 A. M. Commission met and was lead in prayer by J. G. McElhiney. The minutes were read and adopted and the court was adjourned with prayer by W. M. Robb.

G. A EDGAR, Moderator. W. M. ROBB, Clerk.

The Special Committee to which was referred the memorial from the Session of the Third New York Congregation reported. R. J. Dodds offered a substitute for this report. While the motion to lay the report on the table to entertain the substitute was pending the whole matter was laid on the table until the next meeting of Synod.

The Committee on Nominations presented its final report. The report was accepted and adopted and is as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS

Com. to report on the death of R. J. George-W. J. McKnight, J. M. Coleman and D. C. Mathews

Com. to consider matters of reference in connection with the Report of the Committee on Systematic Beneficence-M. M. Pearce, R. A Bole, O. C. Orr. J. W. Wilson.

Com to consider the memorial from the Third New York Session-C. D. Trumbull, R. Hargrave, T. M. Slater, James Torrens, Robert Allen.

Com. on Divorce Overture-R. C Wylie, D. B. Wilson, John Yates, Mm. Martin, J S. Tibby

Commission to hear complaint against Colorado Presbytery-G. A. Edgar, R. J. Dodds, J. G. McElhinney, W. M. Robb, D. P. White, R. J. Mi'ler, and David McFarland

Commission to hear appeal and Complaint against Kansas Presbytery—F. M. Foster, E. A. Crooks, Wm. McFarland, D. C. Faris, C. A. Dodds, J. C. McFeeters, A. Kilpatrick, J. H. Pritchard, Wm. G. Carson, T. L. Faris, Dr. T. C. Cannon, J. S. Bell, Samuel Carmichael, S. O. Sterrett, D. O. Torrens.

To defend the appeal against Colorado Presbytery-D. C. Mathews.

To fill the vacancy on the Central Board occasioned by the resignation of J. S. Thompson—S. G. Conner.

To serve for three years on the Permanent Committee on Witness Bearing-W. J. Coleman, Robert Park, Oliver Wylie.

Respectfully submitted.

A. A. SAMSON M. M. PEARCE

R. A. BLAIR

O. C. ORR J. W WILSON

The Committee on Place of Meeting reported. The report was accepted and adopted, and is as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PLACE OF MEETING.

Your Committee on Place of Meeting would recommend that the invitation to meet in Morning Sun, Iowa, be accepted.

Respectfully submitted.

JOHN H. PRITCHARD W. T. K. THOMPSON W. A. AIKIN J. Z. STERRETT T. J. KYNETTE

The time of the next meeting of Synod was fixed for Wednesday, May 20th, 1912, at 10:30 A. M.

The time for the meeting of the Mission Conference was fixed for Tuesday, May 28, 1912, at 9 A. M.

The motion adopting item 6 of the report of the Committee on Foreign Missions was reconsidered. The whole matter was left in the hands of the Foreign Mission Board.

The Committee on Traveling Fund reported. The report was accepted and adopted, and is as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TRAVELING FUND.

Your Committee on Traveling Fund would respectfully report:

Ten Presbyteries report one hundred eighty-two delegates. To meet the deficit between expenses and quotas of Congregations requires a tax of \$7 20 per delegate.

Total of quotas\$

Total of deficit Balance from last yea					1,31	$\begin{array}{ccc} 0 & 40 \\ 6 & 36 \end{array}$	
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N. B. and N. S	2	95	45	33	90	14	40
Iowa	18	431	96	213	0.0	129	60
Kansas	3.0	1354	97	486	0.0	216	00
Pittsburg	59	120	77	614	70	424	80
Ohio	18	206	49	243	60	129	60
Colorado	10	790	93	173	70	72	00
Philadelphia	6	68	40	153	0.0	43	20
Rochester	10	180	99	83	10	72	00
New York	17	358	38	444	30	122	
Illinois	12	349	73	215	40	86	40
	182	\$3,958	07	\$2,660	70	\$1,310	40

We recommend that the Traveling Fund quota be $40\mathrm{c}$ per member. Two members dissent from this item.

P. J. McDONALD, Chairman and Financial Agents of Presbyteries.

The report of the Committee on Witness Bearing was taken from the table.

Item 2 of the report was called up. The motion referring this item to a Special Committee was reconsidered.

The item was adopted.

The report of the Committee was adopted as a whole, and is as follows:

REPORT OF THE WITNESS BEARING COMMITTEE.

It is quite evident to every observer of public affairs in our country that if it is growing better, it is certainly growing more and more dissatisfied with present conditions. The unrest of society is disconcerting to all those who have an interest in holding things as they are. While the mass of people do not realize the cause of their difficulties, they have no doubt of the need of some sort of reformation and they seek it in many directions. Insurgency is in the air and while those who have been using other men for their own plans and profit may not be displaced, they are at least obliged to make an effort to retain their power.

As yet the great body of men do not look to the Lord to deliver them from their troubles. They have many plans and many leaders and these may be good in themselves, but they do not show the way to real reformation. This whole people and even the most of professed Christians have yet to learn that for the nation there is but one name under heaven given among men whereby we must be saved. To lead them to see this great and fundamental truth the strongest testimony, the most pungent presentation of principle is needed to catch and fix public attention. Something clear, definite and convincing, something that shows the ungodliness of politics and a radical remedy is demanded by the necessities of our times

This is what our Witness Bearing Committee is trying to give to the people of this land. We have advertised our literature widely and have sent it to inquirers all over the country. Many of our own people keep up the habit of scattering our tracts far and wide Some other denominations have begun the same work of sending out free arguments and on kindred lines with our own. It is a question if as much good can be done with the same outlay of money in any other way as to excite a demand for information upon the subject of our principles and then to supply that demand.

Our lecturers have followed the same method as before and possibly with more radical efforts. They have each followed the plan of staying with their audiences until they have given them a somewhat ful and broad view of the message they carry, and it is no small tribute to the message and to the messengers that their audiences stay with them from start to finish. Mr. Mc-

Knight has kept a record of his work and computes that the audiences to which he has given his lectures sum up 16,000 persons with 100 in each meeting. He gave his full course of five lectures thirteen times and partially eight times, besides single sermons and lectures. He has spoken 160 times, in twelve denominations and in two colleges.

Mr. Coleman has given his course of four lectures in twenty-seven colleges and seminaries and has preached nearly every Sabbath of the year, besides giving lectures on socialism and cigarettes, speaking in all 204 times. According to the statements of teachers 419 young men studying for the ministry have heard these lectures. In most places arrangements were made to have the whole school present.

The work done and the field covered depends wholly upon the number of workers and the energy used in obtaining hearing There seems to be no other limit to the work.

The receipts for the year are \$4,150.85; the expenditures, \$3.264.41, and the balance on hand, \$2,173.

In accordance with the instructions of Synod as to the tenure of office of members of permanent committees, we have divided the Committee on Witness Bearing as follows: Members whose term expires in 1913, R. J. G. McKnight, and J. C. Slater; in 1912, J. S. Thompson, J. S. Tibby and J. H. McBurney; in 1911, W. J. Coleman, R. J. Gault and Oliver Wylie. The successors to members in the 1911 class are to be chosen by this Synod.

We submit the following recommendations:

- 1. That W. J McKnight and J. M. Coleman be re-elected to the positions they now hold on the same terms as before.
- 2. That the force of lecturers be increased by one and that W. M. Robb be chosen to this place, his salary to be fifteen hundred dollars a year and expenses.
- 3. That six thousand, five hundred dollars be appropriated to the support of the work of Witness Bearing. Referred to Committee on Finance.
- 4 That our ministers be urged to go out and present their principles in the communities surrounding them and that our elders be urged to aid them in securing opportunities for this work.
- 5. That the distribution of literature be commended and if possible be made more extensive than heretofore.
- 6. That as this work is peculiarly difficult and requires much faith and courage, prayer be made continually for the lecturers and others engaged in this work that with all boldness they may speak the word of the Lord

W. J. COLEMAN J. S. THOMPSON J. C. SLATER R. J. G. McKNIGHT JAMES S. TIBBY O. WYLIE J. H. McBURNEY The Special Committee to which was referred certain recommendations of the Committee on Systematic beneficence rereported. The report was accepted and adopted, and items 2 and 3 as reported by this Committee were ordered incorporated in the recommendations of the Committee on Systematic Beneficence.

Item 4, offered by R. A. Blair, was added to the report.

The report was adopted as a whole, and is as follows:

REPORT ON SYSTEMATIC BENEFICENCE.

Your Comittee would submit for your consideration, the following thoughts:

We would suggest that "Systematic Giving" is a better expression than the one so long used. The objections to the word "Beneficence" are several. Intelligent people outside of our church, ask what is meant by the term. Even very many of our own people confess that the term is not at all definite. But the chief objection is that this word fosters a feeling of self-satisfaction; a feeling that the one benefited is in someway under obligation to the benefactor. And, further, this word fosters the idea that the giver is doing something meritorious, where as the fact often is that what is given is tained with parsimony and constraint. The etymology of the word, "to do good" puts the giver in a false light. It makes man do good to his Creator. The word now used brings to the fore, men in various conditions, as the recipients of our offerings, whereas the attention of the giver should be directed to the Lord as the recipient of our gifts. Probably a better word would be "Systematic Debt Paying." We need to have developed within us the conviction that as a church, we are in debt so long as the tithe is withheld, as it is yet in a large measure. We need this idea of obligation impressed upon us. We need also to look upon giving as a privilege.

The Tithe is an institution of divine appointment by which the church is to be supplied with money for carrying on her work. It stands with the Sabbath as a permanent order. As the Day of Rest properly observed, is a confession of a man's dependence on God for every moment of time, so the Tithe promptly and cheerfully paid into the treasury of the Lord, is man's acknowlegement that God is proprietor of all the wealth of the world. As the Sabbath is a time for soul-culture, so the Tithe loya'ly given, is a means of developing the graces of fidelity and cheerfulness in giving. It will deepen the happy conviction of partnership with the Lord in carrying forward the work of His Kingdom The Tithe is as surely a sign of covenant relation between God and the soul, as is the Sabbath. We consider that Sabbath Keeping is a very fair index to spiritual life. We ought to give equal prominence, in such an estimate, to one's tithe paying habits. By the payment of the tithe, we accept God's proffered covenant for temporal blessings—blessings that surpass man's ability to receive.

We depricate any attempt to push one department of church work at the expense of other legitimate lines of work endorsed by

Synod. In many quarters, there is an effort being made to secure offerings every Sabbath for certain lines of work, without due proportion to other schemes. On account of this propensity, a sister denomination reports through her church papers that at least three Boards of that Church were left almost destitute of funds while certain other lines of work enjoyed a large increase in resources.

The ideal of monetary offerings is that the worshipers make their contributions to the Lord's work every Sabbath, and that these offerings be put into a common fund and apportioned by the Board of Deacons among the schemes of the church, on a per cent basis, calculated upon the various amounts recommended by Synod for the several schemes. We recognize that there would be objections to such but we propose this as the ideal toward which the people are to be led. This will not interfere with pastors preaching on the several schemes as they now stand in our annual budget. This is a very important thing to do

The ways and means by which money is to be secured for church work are so numerous that one finds it difficult to decide what plan is the best. Most likely, no one plan will work every place.

According to the information we have obtained, it appears that pastors' salaries are most generally raised by pledges made beforehand by the various supporters in the congregations. In some cases, however, the pastors' salary is paid out of Sabbath offerings especially lesignated thereto. This plan is the more ideal, but is best operated in a congregation in which the supporters are receiving a regular weekly wage In other places, where money returns come from the sales of crops and stock which occur at rare intervals during the year, the subscription plan is the better. But in any case, the use of envelopes by the individual supporters of the congregation, seems to secure greater liberality and to cultivate a conviction of individual responsibility among members. Upon inquiry, we find some contending that only wage earners should use the envelopes. We believe that there is an important educational value to the nonwage earner in using the envelope as most of these are children and young people who may thus acquire a ho'y habit by the time they become wage earners. When the father of ten children puts a quarter on the plate he thinks he has done well, whereas, if twenty cents were distributed among the members of the family so that each one could give, the father would be doing good mission work in his own family, although the deacon would have to wait, perhaps until some little blunderer picks up his penny from the floor A duplex envelope is highly recommended. By this means, current congregational expenses including pastor's salary, can be put into one pocket and offerings for all general church schemes can be enclosed in the other. A simple, plain envelope can be used as well if the offerer would only indicate on it how the money is to be divided. Better still, allow the deacons to divide it, as suggested above. These plain envelopes are much less expensive than the patented Duplex envelopes.

We believe that the current custom of giving on the basis of a quota, which simply means a flat per capita rate, is pernicious and should not be heard of. It is not Scriptural. The Tithe is God's rule for every one. This rule should not be supplanted by the man

devised quota. It is unfair. Of two congregations, one is composed largely of people of independent means, engaged in lucrative enterprises. The other company of believers is composed of people who are handicapped by poverty and misfortune. For the first congregation to report, "our quota to all the church schemes is full," and expect their less fortunate brothers to report the same, or to be penalized for their lack, is manifestly unfair.

Deacons throughout the church, should take to heart seriously, their responsibility for the development of the grace of liberality in their respective congregations. Pastors should give p ace to deacons in making appeals for money when needed. The deacon is more than "a handy man" whose business is to pass the hat. He or she should magnify the office and lead the people to see that the officer has authority from God to insist on right giving and on liberal giving.

We recommend:

- 1. That pastors, elders and deacons urge the tithe system upon our people.
- 2 That Synod recommend to our congregations the plan of securing a weekly offering both for the expenses of the local congregation and for the public work of the church.
- 3. That our members and congregations be reminded that quotas are not the limit of their obligation; but that the full payment of the tithe is an obligation upon all.
- 4. That Synod instruct the treasurer in getting out the list of appropriations to place in a foot note the statement that Synod recommends the receiving of a weekly offering for these schemes.

 Respectfully submitted.

J. BOGGS DODDS, JOHN C. SLATER, JAMES G LOVE, JAMES M'CUNE.

Committee.

The Committee on Sustentation and Church Erection reported. The report was accepted and adopted, and is as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SUSTENTATION AND CHURCH ERECTION.

Your committee would respectfully report, that two reports, viz., the report of the Board of Sustentation and the report of the Board of Church Erection have been placed in our hands.

The Sustentation Board has received \$2603 78 from bequests, endowments and from congregations. The Board of Sustentation recommends that this money be turned over to the Domestic Mission Treasury to reimburse it for the suppliment payed to Los Angeles, Topeka, Be'le Center, Bear Run and Mahoning, Second Boston. Lisbon and Cornwallis.

The Board of Church Erection reports that it has received only one call for aid during the fiscal year, that from Billings congregation for \$700, which was granted, and the work of repair on the House of Worship has been completed.

On account of new work opened up in the promising fields of the west, it would appear that there will be quite a number of re-

quests for aid during the coming year, so that the balance on hand at the present time will likely all be used in the near future.

The receipts were \$8327.67 for the year. Disbursements \$2200. The balance now is \$6127.67.

We recommend:

- 1. That the appropriation made be sanctioned by Synod.
- 2. That R. M. Sommerville and F. M. Foster be reelected as members of the Board
 - 3. That the Sustentation Board's appropriations be sustained. Respectfully submitted,

H. G. PATTERSON, J. G. M'ELHINNEY, R. C. REED, J. S. BELL, WM. MARTIN.

REPORT OF BOARD OF SUSTENTATION.

The Board of Sustentation would respectfully report:

The receipts for the past year have been \$2603.78, which amount is now in the treasury.

We recommend that this money be used to pay the suppliment appropriated by last Synod to pastors' salaries in the following congrega ions: Los Angeles \$600, Topeka \$200, Be le Center \$300, Bear Run and Mahoning \$200, Second Boston \$500, Lisbon \$400, and Cornwallis \$400 The Sustentation Fund has always been used to suppliment salaries for the year preceding the Synod disposing of the Fund As the suppliments to the congregations given above has been advanced out of the treasury of Domestic Mission we recommend that the balance in hand be turned over into the Domestic Mission Treasury.

J. S. THOMPSON, Chairman. R. J. G. M'KNIGHT, Secretary.

REPORT OF BOARD OF CHURCH ERECTION.

Board of Church Erection would respectfully report:

That your Board has sought to attend to the business entrusted to it, with care.

The newly elected members, R. J Bo'e, William Browne, Samuel Carmichaei and S. A. S. Metheny, met with the Board at first meeting after Synod, excepting S A S. Metheny, who was detained in Philadelphia.

First of all, your Board records sincere sorrow in the death of Elder Robert McAfee, long years a member of the Board, and for some time its Chairman. Mr. McAfee was much beloved. He was a wise counsellor, and was deeply interested in the building of churches. We miss him in our meetings; but we believe he has gone to be with Christ.

While no improvement in the health of former treasurer, Mr. Walter T. Miller, can be reported, yet he is remembered for his works' sake. May the Redeemer give him the peace of God which passeth understanding.

KANSAS CITY.

In report of your Board, last year, reference was made to conditional appropriations to Kansas City, West Hebron, and Quinter congregations. Kansas City congregation was to receive an appropriation of "\$1500 on condition that the money is to be paid when said \$1500 will put the congregation out of debt." Your board also added this word of counsel: "The undertaking is a serious one financially, and should receive careful and prayerful consideration by the congregation." This counsel was based on the plans and estimated costs submitted, according to the action of Synod to your Board. The estimated cost was \$10,000. The congregation has subscribed \$500. The value of old property estimated at \$3000.

Through change of pastors and financial conditions, little progress has been made in the undertaking during the past year.

J. M. Wy ie is pastor of this congregation.

WEST HEBRON.

This congregation expected to rebuild their church the season of 1910. Poor crops and low prices caused them to defer the work. An appropriation of \$500 was made to this congregation, to be paid when this amount would put them out of debt.

S. G. Shaw is pastor of this congregation

QUINTER

As reported last year, Quinter congregation began to rebuild their church. They carried their work forward to completion. They now have a church 34x46; with Sabbath School room 22x28. The floor is sloping and pews are circular. The congregation expended in cost \$5,901.00, and donated work was estimated at \$150.00. The congregation itself contributed \$2,182.40. The old building was sold for \$250.00. Your Board made an appropriation of \$1,500 to the Quinter congregation, to be paid when this amount would enable the congregation to go out of debt. Fulfiling the condition, the money was paid over, and Quinter congregation rejoices in a comfortable and commodious house of worship. The pastor writes, "Our people are so happy and thankful"

J. G McElhinney is pastor of this congregation.

BILLINGS.

Your Board received an application from Billings congregation, the only New One received during the fiscal year. The application was for \$700, and was recommended by the Kansas Presbytery.

The Billings congregation had a church, but it was seated with chairs, nor had the basement been dug out. The congregation desired much to seat the church with pews; to dig out and equip the basement for prayer meeting purposes, and other meetings; to put in furnace to heat the church; and to put in better light.

Money contributed by congregations, and conservative estimate of labor, footed up over \$700. Your Board granted the appropriation of \$700, and they carried the work to completion. The congregation regretted that because of poor crops, they were unable to do more financially; but they rejoice in the improvements; a basement 25x30; Mother's Room 10x12; stairway, furnace; new pews; and a gasoline lighting plant.

They appreciate the help the church gave them.

The pastor of this congregation is H. G. Foster, who said: "When we consider the discouraging year for the farmers, we feel the congregation has done well For them, and for myself as pastor, please allow me to express sincere grati.ude. It was a very much needed improvement, and should result in good"

From report of the Treasurer, S. A. S. Metheny, we take the

following summary:

Total receipts\$8,327.67

DISBURSEMENTS.

 Billings, Okla., congregation
 \$ 700.00

 Quinter, Kansas, congregation
 1,500.00

Total disbursements \$2,200.00

Balance on hand \$6,127.67

Inasmuch as non-interest-bearing mortgages are made to the Reformed Presbyterian Church, officially represented in Synod's Board of Trustees; and as said Board of Trustees is the proper custodian of said mortgages; your Board of Church Erection have deemed it wise to request Synod to have said Board of Trustees secure said mortgages from such congregations and for such amounts as shall be included in official notification from Secretary of Board of Church Erection.

According to Synod's action, and to fulfil Synod's requirements that active members of the board of Church Erection be divided into three classes, the term of the first class to expire in one year; of the second class in two years; and the third class in three years. Your board would say that the term of service in this Board has always been three years. By death and incoming n w members from time to time, the terms are modified somewhat, and are as follows:

R. M. Sommerv He and F. M. Fost r, terms expire 1911.

Henry O'Neill and S. A. S. Metheny, terms expire 1912.

R. J. Bole, William Browne, Samuel Carmichael, terms expire, 1913.

The time of R. M. Sommerville and F. M. Foster has expired, and their places should be filled.

The Board asks an appropriation of four thousand dollars for work the coming year.

F. M. Foster, secretary, was appointed to represent the Board on the floor of Synod.

Respectfully submitted

F. M. FOSTER, Secretary.

The Committee on Discipline presented a supplementary report, which was received and taken up for adoption. Pending the consideration of the recommendation of the Committee the recommendation was laid on the table to entertain a substitute.

The substitute was adopted. The report as thus amended was adopted, and is as follows:

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON DISCIPLINE.

The Committee on Discipline would report on the paper from the Mission in China that was referred to us: $: \hspace{1cm} : \hspace{1cm}$

This paper is a request for a deliverance on the case of a woman who has applied for church membership who is a second wife of a man whose first wife is still living, but is not living with her husband.

As we cannot at this distance understand fully the conditions that surround the family relationship in China, and as the missionaries in China are now organized into a Commission of Synod, we refer the case back to the Commission for adjudication with every confidence in the wisdom and rectitude with which it will be decided.

Respectfully submitted,

D. C. FARIS,
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The Committee on Foreign Correspondence reported, submitting a draft of a letter to the Reformed Presbyterian Synod of Iteland in answer to the fraternal letter received from this Synod. The report was accepted, and adopted, and the officers of the Synod were directed to sign the letter and forward the same to the Synod of Ireland.

The Committee on the death of the Rev. R. J. George, D. D. reported. J. C. McFeeters, G. M. Robb, S. J. Johnston and others spoke in appreciation of the life and work of Dr. George. J. C. McFeeters, at the request of the Moderator, led the Synod in prayer. The report was adopted, and is as follows:

MINUTE ON THE DEATH OF PROFESSOR R. J. GEORGE, D. D.

The time has come for us to record, with sorrowing heart, the decease of Doctor R. J. George. For two years the cords of death encompassed him, hour by hour narrowing the circle of his labors until at last on the eleventh of February, of the present year, his triumphant eye beheld the King. He was a pastor for more than twenty years, and from the pastorate was called to the chair of Theology Church History and Homiletics in the Seminary, in Allegheny, and there he died.

And what a life! The crowning glory of the Exposition in St Louis was the brilliant illumination of the buildings and grounds. A switch was turned; a thousand lights sprang into being. Another, and thousands more sent their rosy fingers out into the darkness.

People everywhere were ready to exclaim, "The night shineth as the day." The deep blue sky with its stars and suns and solar sys tems was forgotten. Men would sit in the centre of that splendid pageant and look and wonder and look again. The eye was satisfied: the heart was filled. Then an unseen hand touched the keys and it was night. For a moment the soul would yield to an overpowering sense of vacancy and gloom. But gradually the vision would readjust itself, and the polar star that guides the stormtossed sailors over swelling soas into havens of rest would reassert its calm supremacy and fill the heart with silent rapture. are brilliant men today, by the hundreds, on every sid, and thousands speak their praises. Yet their lives have no abiding value as touching the reclamation of the lost, or the amelioration of mankind, or the building of character, or the equipment of the soul for the rhapsodies of eternity. Their light falls upon the pathway with a steady glow during the brief period of heir alloted time. adorn the night with festal lamps. At length there comes the touch of the unseen hand, and people say, "How dark it is!" It is at such an hour that the serene majestic godly character reveals its power and claims its own. The influence of Doctor George is not ephemeral. His life can never lose its lustre. He is one of the f xea stars in the broad rich firmament of Covenanter history. He was a man who poured out his soul unto death for his fe low men. passion of his life was to seek and save the lost, and to bring believers to perfection in Jesus Christ. When he rose to preach or ofter prayer, his eyes, his voice, his whole physique his soul and all within him, seemed to say, "I love the Lord." He had an absorbing personal affection for the Only Begotten Son of God, and for all such as shall be His at His coming. No congregation was too small to draw upon his love. He laid upon his heart the care of all the churches. His life was rounded out in perfect peace. In the morning he fell asleep, and while he slept the Bridegroom came. thus, and then, as we all believe, he enterd in with the King to the marriage.

The great man is gone. His pilgrimage is ended. His work is done. And the light of his imperial life can never be extinguished, for "they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever."

Respectfully submitted,

W. J. McKNIGHT, J. M. COLEMAN, D. C. MARTIN.

It was ordered that a copy of this minute be sent to the family of the late Dr. George.

The following communication from a Commission of the General Conference of the Protestant Episcopal Church was read.

JAMES S. TIBBY, Esq., May 9, 1911.
Stated Clerk of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America,

411 Penn Building, Pittsburg, Pa.

Dear Sir—At the Genera' Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church held in Cincinnati in October, 1910, a Commiss on was appointed to bring about, if possible, a Conference for the consideration of questions touching Faith and Order and to ask all Christian Communions throughout the world which confess our Lord Jesus Christ as God and Saviour to unite with us in arranging for and conducting such a conference.

The nature and scope of the proposed Conference are indicated in the report and resolution unanimously adopted by both Houses of our General Convention. A printed copy of the Report and Resolution is enclosed herewith, which we ask you to receive as a part of our communication to the great Communion which you represent.

The Commission of the Protestant Episcopal Church respectfully invites the cooperation of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America in promoting and arranging for such a Conference. It is our earnest hope that the approaching Assembly of that Church may appoint a Commission with powers similar to our own and that such Commission may be authorized to act conjointly with our Commission with similar Commissions in other Communions.

The proposed Conference is primarily for the study and discussion, in the spirit of Christian Charity, of those things in which we differ, without power to legislate for participating Communions or adopt resolutions. It is our belief however that such a Conference, under God's guidance, will set forward the Unity of the Christian Church for which we all pray.

Hoping that the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America may be able to lend its great influence and cooperation, we are on behalf of the Commission of the Protestant Episcopal Church.

Yours very truly,

C. P. ANDERSON, President, ROBERT H. GARDINER, Secretary.

It was resolved that we accept the invitation, and R. M. Sommerville and F. M. Foster were appointed to represent this Synod in the proposed Conference.

A communication was received announcing the formation of the new Pacific Coast Presbytery, in accordance with instructions issued by this Synod.

The Clerk announced that the docket is now clear.

The minutes of the evening session were read and approved.

The Synod adjourned with prayer by T. H. Acheson, the singing of the 133 Psalm and the benediction by the Moderator, to meet in Morning Sun, Iowa, May 29, 1912, at 10:30 A. M.

SAMUEL, G. SHAW, Moderator. JOHN S. THOMPSON, Clerk,

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