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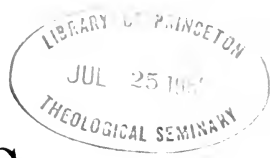
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Fourth Presbyterian Church  
South Boston - - Massachusetts  
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OF THE

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF THE  
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

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# Officers of the Synod

## MODERATOR

THE REV. CLARENCE A. YOUNG, Roxbury, Mass.

## STATED CLERK

THE REV. JAMES W. SMITH, 156 Fifth Avenue, New York, N. Y.

## PERMANENT CLERK

THE REV. CHARLES ALLEN FISHER, 30 Russell Street, Worcester, Mass.

## TEMPORARY CLERK

THE REV. ROBERT L. BARBOR, Woonsocket, Rhode Island.

## TREASURER

THE REV. THOMAS R. TURNER, 95 Quincy Street, Quincy, Mass.

## REPRESENTATIVE TO THE HOME MISSIONS COUNCIL

THE REV. A. McD. PATERSON, 60 High Street, Newburyport, Mass.

## STATED CLERKS OF THE PRESBYTERIES

BOSTON—The Rev. George W. Warren, 59 Monmouth Street, East Boston, Mass.

CONNECTICUT VALLEY—The Rev. John F. Johnstone, 130 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Conn.

NEWBURYPORT—The Rev. A. McD. Paterson, 60 High Street, Newburyport, Mass.

PROVIDENCE—The Rev. Robert L. Barbor, Woonsocket, Rhode Island.



# Permanent Committees

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## EXECUTIVE COMMISSION

The Rev. Clarence A. Young, Moderator, Chairman.  
The Rev. James W. Smith, Stated Clerk, Secretary.

### MEMBERS

MINISTERS—Alexander Alison, Lewis E. Shields, George W. Warren, Joseph E. Kennedy.

ELDERS—George Martel, L. M. Cunningham.

## HOME MISSIONS, FREEDMEN, CHURCH ERECTION

MINISTERS—A. McD. Paterson, C. A. Young, C. A. Fisher.

ELDERS—L. C. Barrett, James Wilson, James Henry, D. R. Donaldson, George M. Brown.

## EVANGELISM, AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY, VACANCY AND SUPPLY

MINISTERS—J. A. McClelland, Isaac Ward, William Sinclair, J. D. Cameron.

ELDERS—John T. Scott, W. N. Weed, Fred Barnes, H. L. Allen.

## FOREIGN MISSIONS

MINISTERS—C. A. Fisher, R. H. Morris, Daniel Nicholson.

ELDERS—K. A. McLean, K. O. Brown, Andrew Ritchie.

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

MINISTERS—E. E. Weaver, A. J. W. Meyers, J. W. Smith, R. L. Barbour, J. A. Verburg.

ELDERS—M. D. McCunn, L. C. Barrett, G. W. Tarr, J. M. Smith.

## MINISTERIAL RELIEF AND SUSTENTATION

MINISTERS—R. R. Lange, Edgar Crossland, William Sinclair.

ELDERS—H. R. McGregor, G. H. Jacques.

## SOCIAL SERVICE, BROTHERHOOD, TEMPERANCE, LORD'S DAY

MINISTERS—M. D. Kneeland, F. D. Smith, Norman MacQueen.

ELDERS—G. B. Affleck, James Murdock.

## NARRATIVE OF CHRISTIAN LIFE AND WORK

The Stated Clerks of the Presbyteries, with the Stated Clerk of the Synod as chairman.

### TRUSTEES OF THE SYNOD

MINISTERS—F. D. Smith, A. M. Brown.

ELDERS—F. M. Vietor, W. W. McAfee, James Wilson.

### FEDERATION OF CHURCHES

MINISTERS—C. A. Young, Alexander Alison, J. E. Grant, W. E. Archibald.

ELDERS—A. Boyd Smith, Daniel Smith, J. T. Manson, A. J. Canossen.

### THE NEW ERA MOVEMENT

MINISTERS—E. A. Brooks, A. McD. Paterson, C. A. Fisher, R. H. Morris.

John B. Jameson of Concord, N. H., a prominent layman, is vice-chairman of this committee.

Terms of all members of the Permanent Committees, except the Moderator and the Stated Clerk, expire in October, 1921.

### SUCCESSION OF MODERATORS

Date.	Ministers.	Presbytery	Place
1912	Rev. Herbert A. Manchester, D. D. (Convener)	Boston	Boston
1912	Rev. Howard A. Johnston, D. D.	Conn. Valley	Boston
1913	Rev. Lester M. Gosow	Providence	Hartford
1914	Rev. A. McD. Paterson, D. D.	Newburyport	Providence
1915	Rev. William M. Tufts, D. D.	Boston	Portland
1916	Rev. John MacL. Richardson	Conn. Valley	Brookline
1917	Rev. Nathaniel J. Sprout, D. D.	Providence	Stamford
1918	No meeting, account of epidemic of Influenza		
1919	Rev. Robert Atkinson	Newburyport	Worcester
1920	Rev. Clarence A. Young, Ph. D.	Boston	Boston



# The Minutes

The Synod of New England held its Eighth Annual meeting in the Fourth Presbyterian church, Boston, Massachusetts, Tuesday and Wednesday, October 26-27, 1920.

The Rev. Robert Atkinson, the retiring moderator preached the sermon, text from Numbers 21:11, "And they journeyed \* \* \* \* toward the sunrising." The celebration of the sacrament of the Lord's Supper followed the sermon.

The synod was constituted for business by prayer by the moderator.

The Roll was called and the following were present:

## BOSTON PRESBYTERY

MINISTERS—Martin D. Kneeland, Edward E. Weaver, Herbert A. Manchester, George W. Warren, Robert P. Anderson, Earl A. Brooks, Thomas R. Turner, William W. Iliffe, Norman MacQueen, Clarence A. Young, John K. MacGillivray, John A. McClelland, Edgar Crossland, Frederick W. Tingley, Isaac Ward, James A. Verburg, John J. Romolo, Daniel Nicholson.—18.

ELDERS—John S. Neil, Waltham; John P. MacPherson, East Boston; James D. MacRae, Clarendon Hill; D. J. Ferguson, Roxbury; W. J. Deane, Boston Fourth; William MacKay, St. Paul's, Mattapan; Clarence D. Marsh, Lynn; B. J. Short, Boston, First; Alexander F. Smith, Hyde Park; David R. Donaldson, Somerville;—10.

## CONNECTICUT VALLEY PRESBYTERY

MINISTERS—Charles S. Lane, Ford C. Ottman, A. J. William Meyers, John F. Johnstone, Robert Hugh Morris, Alexander Alison, Jr., S. Turner Foster, Rosmond M. MacDonald.—8.

ELDERS—William Morrison, Holyoke; Alexander D. MacKinnon, Hartford; Edward O. Thorpe, Stamford; George M. Kirk, Bridgeport; A. O. Brown, New Haven; Edward H. Sheldon, Springfield.—6.

## NEWBURYPORT PRESBYTERY

MINISTERS—Robert Atkinson, A. McD. Paterson, James W. Smith, Joseph E. Kennedy.—4.

ELDERS—Thomas Makin, Haverhill; George H. Jacques, Newburyport First; H. Mangus Sutherland, Lowell.—3.

## PROVIDENCE PRESBYTERY

MINISTERS—Robert R. White, J. Edward Grant, Charles A. Fisher, A. Mason Brown, Frank C. Gleason, Lewis T. Shields, Robert L. Earbor.—7.

ELDERS—Alexander MacIvor, Newport; William Findley, Worcester; Henry A. MacDonald, Providence First; Kenneth A. MacLean, Framingham.—4.

## MINISTERS ABSENT AND EXCUSED

BOSTON PRESBYTERY—Lewis V. Price, Frank E. Mills, James Alexander, John E. Wildey.

CONNECTICUT VALLEY PRESBYTERY—Frederick A. M. Brown, Arthur N. Thompson.

NEWBURYPORT PRESBYTERY—James M. Craig, Stephen P. Brownell, Francis H. Laird.

UNEXCUSED BOSTON PRESBYTERY—Duncan A. MacPhie, Gregory A. Sheridan, N. Fred VanHorsen, William Gartshore.

CONNECTICUT VALLEY PRESBYTERY—Walter J. Campbell, George H. MacClelland, John Lee Maddox, Edwin H. Kellogg, Frank D. Smith, Frank A. Hosmer, William Sinclair.

NEWBURYPORT PRESBYTERY—William E. Archibald, Frederick C. Saure, John Kamm, W. Thomas Bailey, James D. Cameron, Richard R. Lange, William McNair Kittredge, Norman B. Cawley.

## CHURCHES NOT REPRESENTED BY ELDERS

BOSTON PRESBYTERY—Everett, Quincy, Brookline, Boston Scotch, Gloucester Memorial.

CONNECTICUT VALLEY PRESBYTERY—Greenwich, Norton, Thompsonville.

NEWBURYPORT PRESBYTERY—Newburyport Second; Graniteville, Manchester German, Manchester Westminster, South Ryegate, Antrim, West Barnet, Lawrence German, Barre, Bedford, Litchfield, Londonderry, New Boston, Windham, Portland, Park Street.

PROVIDENCE PRESBYTERY—New Bedford, Providence Second, Woonsocket, Lonsdale.

## ORGANIZATION

The Rev. Clarence A. Young, pastor of the church at Roxbury was elected moderator.

The Rev. Robert L. Barbor was chosen temporary clerk.

The report of the Executive Commission on docket of meeting was made by the Stated Clerk,—adopted as appears in the order of the minutes.

## CORRESPONDING MEMBERS

The following were invited to sit as corresponding members of the Synod:

The Rev. Nevin D. Bartholomew, Synod of New York.

The Rev. Stanley White, Synod of New York.

The Rev. James MacLeod, Synod of Pennsylvania.

The Rev. John M. Gaston, Synod of Pennsylvania.

The Rev. John Steele, Synod of Pennsylvania.

The Rev. J. Ross Stevenson, Synod of Baltimore.

The Rev. Frederick W. Loetscher, Synod of New Jersey.

The Rev. William Weir, Synod of Ohio.

The Rev. A. Gordon MacLennan, Synod of New York, United Presbyterian.

The Rev. E. C. Simpson, Synod of New York, United Presbyterian.

The Rev. James Foster, Synod of New York, Reformed Presbyterian.

The following committees appointed by the moderator under the rules were announced:

## BILLS AND OVERTURES

MINISTERS—Robert Atkinson, Earl A. Brooks, Charles S. Lane.

ELDERS—Alexander MacIvor, George H. Jacques.

#### JUDICIAL BUSINESS

On consideration of appeal from Newburyport Presbytery.  
MINISTERS—S. Turner Foster, A. Mason Brown, John F. Johnstone.  
ELDERS—Edward O. Thorpe, Edward H. Sheldon.

On consideration of appeal from Boston Presbytery:  
MINISTERS—Robert H. Morris, Lewis E. Shields, Alexander Alison.  
ELDERS—Kenneth A. MacLean, George H. Jacques.

#### LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The Clerks of the Synod.

#### RECORDS OF THE PRESBYTERIES

BOSTON—Rev. L. E. Shields, Elder D. R. Donaldson.  
CONNECTICUT VALLEY—Rev. Frederick W. Tingley, Elder E. H. Sheldon.  
NEWBURYPORT—Rev. Robert R. White, Elder Clarence D. Marsh.  
PROVIDENCE—Rev. Thomas R. Turner, Elder William Morrison.

#### FINANCE

ELDERS—Kent O. Brown, James D. MacRae.

#### GENERAL ASSEMBLY MINUTES

MINISTERS—J. Edward Grant, Edgar Crossland, J. K. MacGillivray.  
ELDERS—A. D. MacKinnon, Henry A. MacDonald.

#### PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

Rev. Joseph E. Kennedy, Elder James D. MacRae.

#### POLITY

MINISTERS—Norman MacQueen, A. McD. Paterson, John A. MacClelland.  
ELDERS—H. Magnus Sutherland, B. J. Short.

#### RESOLUTIONS

Rev. James A. Verburg; Elder Thomas Makin.

#### GREETING OF SYNOD TO WOMAN'S SYNODICAL

The Moderator.

#### CONFERENCE AND DISCUSSION

A conference and discussion on the Best Methods of Enlisting the Church in the Fulfilment of its Task was conducted by the Rev. Nevin D. Bartholomew, district secretary of the General Assembly's committee on the New Era.

The Rev. William Weir addressed the Synod in behalf of the General Assembly's committee on Men's Work, presenting the plan to interest and enlist the men in the activities and purposes of the church.

#### EVANGELISM

The report for the committee on Evangelism was presented by the chairman. The following recommendations were adopted:

That the pastors and sessions observe the week of prayer with cottage meetings, gathering in the homes of the congregation.

That emphasis be laid upon pastoral evangelism and definite plan of activities looking toward an Easter ingathering be arranged by each pastor and session.

That classes for instruction for communicants be organized in each congregation for the four weeks preceding Easter.

That more liberal support be given the American Bible Society, and that provision for such support be made in the annual budget.

The Rev. Herbert A. Manchester addressed the Synod on the history and work of the American and the Massachusetts State Bible societies.

#### EVENING SESSION

At the evening session, the Rev. John M. Gaston of the Board of Freedmen addressed the members of the Synod, the delegates to the Woman's Synodical and the friends gathered in the church.

This address was followed by a pageant, presented by the young men and women of the Fourth church, "The Striking of America's Hour."

#### WEDNESDAY MORNING

Devotional services were led by the Rev. Robert L. Barbor.

The report for the Committee on Home Missions, Freedmen, Church Erection was made by the Rev. A. McD. Paterson, chairman of the committee, who was nominated by the committee as Synod's representative on the Home Mission Council, for the year ending October 1921.

The following recommendation was adopted:

That pastors, sessions and presbyterial officers earnestly recognize the obligation to meet the Home Mission Budget for the synod for the current year. This involves an increase of more than fifty per cent over the offerings of last year.

The Rev. Ford Ottman, president of the Board of Church Erection addressed the synod on the history and the activities of that agency of the church, giving special prominence to the work done in New England territory.

John T. Manson, member of the Board of Home Missions addressed the Synod on the interest of Presbyterianism in New England.

Synod instructed its Home Mission committee to take cognizance of the fact that at Hampton Beach and Plum Island, where large populations reside during the summer season there is necessity for the establishment of some definite Protestant work. While Roman Catholicism has erected a church at these resorts and has pastors in regular charge, no provision of any kind has been made for the far greater Protestant part of the population. This project should be considered in conjunction with the Home Mission committee of the Newburyport presbytery.

The Home Mission committee of the Synod, acting in conjunction with the Home Mission committee of the Presbytery of Newburyport, already under instructions from the presbytery, should invite the City and Immigrant department of the Board of Home Missions to make a survey of the situation among

the Greeks at Lowell, Mass., where in a colony of more than 17,000 there are more than 10,000 reputed to have not even the remotest association with the Greek Orthodox or the Roman Catholic church, where there is only one small Greek church and no Protestant mission or organized activity of any kind.

#### CHURCH FEDERATION

The report on church federation was made by the chairman of the committee. Recommendations adopted were as follows:

That, pending the development of the spirit of Christian fraternity and co-operation, we work generously and with a broad and tolerant spirit with Christian people of every name for social and political welfare.

That we continue to work and pray that the ideals of Christ may be realized, hastening the day for which Christ prayed, "that they all may be one; as Thou, Father art in me and I in thee; that they also be one in us. That the world may believe that Thou hast sent me."

#### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

The report for this committee was made by the chairman.

That we commend the Board of Publication and Sabbath School Work for the reorganization of its work by additional departments under the direction of skilled leaders, by the constitution of an advisory committee of Synodical chairmen, and by the appointment of Synodical and Presbyterial Directors of Religious Education.

That Synod hereby express its hearty appreciation of the valuable assistance rendered by the Board's representatives in the Sunday School Institutes.

That Synod commend the Roxbury, Fourth Church, South Boston and the Quincy churches for carrying on successful Daily Vacation Bible Schools last Summer and urge all churches of Synod to plan similar schools for the Summer of 1921.

That in view of the growing importance of week-day religious instruction, Synod commend this means of perfecting our work in religious education to all the churches.

That laymen and women of special educational qualifications be asked to serve as advisory members of the Committee on Religious Education; that the Committee hold at least two meetings each year; that the expenses of members attending one of these meetings, not to exceed fifteen dollars be borne by the Synod; that the Chairman of the Synodical Committee be ex-officio member of the Home Mission Committee and vice-versa.

That our Synodical Superintendent, Rev. J. K. McGillivray be heartily commended for his efficient services in promoting both the missionary and educational features of our Sunday School work.

That we recognize our great loss as a Synod, as a nation wide denomination, and as the Christian Church at large in the death of Dr. R. C. Hughes, the able and beloved Secretary of University Work of the General Board of Education; a skilled promoter, a wise counsellor and an indefatigable worker of the Kingdom of God.

That the attention of pastors, elders and churches be called to the insistent need of a larger number of able and consecrated young people to prepare for trained service in the church as pastors, missionaries and other lay workers and that all efforts of the General Board of Education toward supplying this need be heartily supported.

That Synod request Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00) be appropriated out of the funds of the Board to New Hampshire State Agricultural College, Durham, N. H., and Vermont State University, Burlington, Vt., each toward the support of joint religious work as at present carried on in these two institutions.

That the General Board of Education be requested to appoint a student pas-

tor for the Presbyterian students in the educational institutions of the Metropolitan Boston District, beginning with the scholastic year 1921-1922.

That for the present year, 1920-21, your committee be authorized to use such means as it sees fit, to give spiritual and social help to the students in the afore-mentioned area, requesting that the expense be borne by the General Board of Education.

EDWARD E. WEAVER,

Chairman of Committee on Religious Education.

The Rev. John K. MacGillivray, Sunday School Missionary for the Synod addressed the Synod on the various aspects of the work conducted by him during the past year.

#### NARRATIVE

The report on Narrative, made for the Committee, by the stated clerk of the presbytery of Connecticut Valley was a study of the growth in numbers, benevolences, and activities in the churches of synod during the past year and for the years since the organization of the General Assembly's New Era committee. It recognized the inspiration of the new methods and the new ideals and presented an outline of some of the problems to be met.

#### TREASURER AND FINANCE

The report of the treasurer for the past year was read and referred to the finance committee for audit. The report was as follows:

Balance on hand, October 1919 .....		\$291.42
Receipts:		
From Connecticut Valley .....	\$36.98	
Newburyport .....	50.00	
New Era Movement, adv. ....	15.00	
Board of Publication, adv. ....	20.00	
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		\$413.40
Expenditures:		
Woman's Synodical, 1919 .....	\$25.00	
Rev. H. S. Murdoch, Expenses, Worcester, 1919 .....	10.00	
Ladies' Society, Worcester Church, 1919 .....	65.00	
Church janitor, Worcester, 1919 .....	10.00	
Postage, stated clerk, 1919 .....	4.60	
Postage, stated clerk, 1919, mailing minutes .....	8.20	
Williams Printing Co., Minutes .....	105.50	
Clarence A. Young, Expenses, Providence, 1919 .....	1.80	
Salary, permanent clerk, 1919-1920 .....	25.00	
Expenditures Executive Commission, November 1919:		
Stated Clerk .....	2.45	
Rev. Alexander Alison .....	13.00	
Rev. Robert H. Morris .....	11.60	
Rev. A. McD. Paterson .....	1.75	
Rev. William E. Archibald .....	3.52	
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Total .....		\$287.42
Balance on hand, October 26, 1920 .....		<hr/>
		\$125.98

## REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE

The Finance committee reported this account correctly kept, and all vouchers found. The report adopted and the treasurer thanked for his labors in the Synod. The Rev. W. W. Iliffe, treasurer for the past several years presented his resignation, anticipating his early removal from the synod. The resignation was accepted and resolutions of appreciation of the fellowship of the Rev. W. W. Iliffe in the synod were adopted by the members with a rising vote.

The Rev. Thomas Turner was elected treasurer for the unexpired term, ending October, 1921.

Mr. Iliffe presented his resignation as chairman of the New Era committee and this accepted, the Rev. Earle A. Brooks was elected, chairman for the unexpired term, ending, October, 1921.

The following statement of estimated receipts and authorized expenditures was presented by the finance committee.

Balance on hand, October 27, 1920 .....	\$125.98
Due from Boston Presbytery .....	93.34
" " Connecticut Valley Presbytery .....	80.70
" " Newburyport Presbytery .....	51.44
" " Providence Presbytery .....	41.90
	\$393.36
Bills on hand and authorized expenditures:	
Printing programs of meeting .....	\$7.00
Postage .....	3.20
Salaries, clerks .....	100.00
Printing Minutes .....	175.00
Entertainment of Synod .....	100.00
Railroad expenses, Dr. F. W. Loetscher .....	20.90
For Religious Education Committee .....	15.00
Postage, Permanent clerk .....	2.00
For Woman's synodical .....	25.00
Total .....	\$147.20

In view of this probable deficit, the finance committee recommended that the Stated Clerk be instructed to ask the treasurers of the presbyteries for an additional levy for the current year which shall not exceed in each Presbytery an amount equal to three-fourths of one cent per communicant reported by the Presbytery to the General Assembly of 1920.

This sum requested would amount to \$100.30. If a less sum should be needed the Stated Clerk is instructed to ask for such less sum. Request for this levy shall not be made before January 1, 1921.

The finance committee recommended that for the year 1921-1922, payable not later than the date of the meeting of synod, October

1921, an assessment of three and three-fourths cents per communicant reported by the presbyteries to the General Assembly of 1921, be levied upon the presbyteries, for the treasury of the Synod.

The report of this committee was approved and the recommendations adopted.

#### ATTENDANCE OF MINISTERS AND ELDERS AT SYNOD

The question of providing ways and means for securing better and more diligent attendance at the meetings of synod of ministers and elders located in sections distant from the larger church centers was referred for consideration to the Executive Commission, with instructions to report on plan or method at the next meeting of the synod.

#### FOREIGN MISSIONS

The report for this committee was made by the chairman. For the past year, the church sustained in the foreign fields, 1428 American missionaries, 6856 native workers, in 4534 congregations, with 178,229 communicants and 417,529 adherents. In these fields, there are 78,733 young men and women trained for Christian service in 2034 schools and colleges maintained by the foreign board. In institutions of aid sustained by the foreign board 693,498 were treated by our medical missionaries.

Following this report, the Rev. Stanley White of the Board of Foreign Missions addressed the synod on the problems of the Near East as they presented themselves to him during his trip as a member of the American Commission to that section of Europe and Asia.

#### SOCIAL SERVICE, BROTHERHOOD, TEMPERANCE, LORD'S DAY

The report for this committee was made by the chairman. The following recommendations were adopted:

That in Social Service the churches recognize Christianity at work in the solution of the problems of every-day life in the spirit of Jesus Christ and the organization of the community into a body of righteousness and love which shall be the realization of Christ's ideal—the Kingdom of heaven.

That Synod records its appreciation of the growing work among men of the Presbyterian church, under the leadership of the General Assembly's Permanent Committee on Men's Work; and recommends to all pastors and sessions and other leaders the utmost endeavor in cooperating with this committee in its work in challenging the men to a program of practical christianity that shall make for social welfare and a larger, truer, national and racial evolution; that



sessions be urged to remember the Men's Work Committee in the distribution of their benevolences.

That the work of the Board of Temperance and Moral Welfare is engaged in a work of vital necessity in our land in promoting means to make effective the purposes of the Prohibition Amendment and in seeking the removal of those influences that are making for delinquency among the boys and girls of our land. That the synod of New England records its appreciation of the organizations seeking to maintain the Christian Sabbath as a day of rest and worship; and urges pastors and sessions to give loyal support to all efforts opposing the opening of the day to the legalizing of sports, games and unnecessary business. Following an address by the Rev. John Steele, of the General Assembly's Board of Temperance and Moral Welfare, the synod passed a resolution asking all members of the Presbyterian church in Massachusetts who had the right to vote on the referendum to declare liquor of two and three-fourths per cent non-alcoholic to vote "No." The synod urges all pastors in Massachusetts to refer to this referendum in their pulpits on October 31, 1920.

#### JUDICIAL BUSINESS

In the case of the appeal, made by the session of the First Presbyterian church of Lowell, Mass., from the following decision of the Presbytery of Newburyport—(Meeting at Lowell, Mass., April 22, 1920):

THE PRESBYTERY OF NEWBURYPORT decides that the session of the First Presbyterian church of Lowell erred in proceeding to trial and a sentence of EXCOMMUNICATION upon the charge of apostasy from the Christian religion without receiving any evidence that the act of apostasy as charged, had been, in fact, committed.

THE PRESBYTERY sustains the action of the session in refusing to grant a letter of dismissal to Mrs. Robena Muir and holds that the session could not have dropped her name from the roll upon her request.

PRESBYTERY directs that the clerk of presbytery communicate the above finding to the session of the First Presbyterian church of Lowell.

PRESBYTERY further directs that the findings of presbytery relative hereto be entered, simpliciter and verbatim, upon the records of the session; and that the clerk of the session send to Mrs. Robena Muir, a copy of these decisions of the presbytery.

The Synod of New England approving a report of its Judicial Committee decided that Article I of the decision of Newburyport Presbytery "Is not sustained."

In case of the appeal from the decision of the Presbytery of Boston, made by certain of petitioners from the First Presbyterian church of Boston, the synod decided upon report and recommenda-

tion of its Judicial Committee that decision of synod upon the appeal must be limited to the question, whether or not the judicial commission of the Presbytery of Boston which rendered decision in the first instance acted within the scope of its powers as determined by the constitution and the laws of the church and the acts of the General Assembly.

The Synod decided upon report and recommendation of its committee that the judicial commission of the Boston presbytery acted within the scope of its powers and the request of the appellants for a review of the decision and of the evidence presented to the judicial commission of the presbytery of Boston "Is denied."

The Synod, upon report and recommendation of its judicial committee, decided to enter upon its records the following statement: "In no sense does the synod pass upon the merits of the case as it relates to the situation in the First Church, Boston."

#### NEW ERA MOVEMENT

Report for this committee was made by the chairman. The recommendations adopted are as follows:

I. That we express to the General Assembly's Committee and the Executive Officers of the New Era Movement our approval of providing for a united budget, a united program of education and inspiration, and a centralized treasury for the collecting and receiving of funds; and that we promise full and hearty co-operation in promoting the definite objectives and goals of the Movement.

II. That we recommend an unusual effort be made by all of the churches to carry out the plans adopted by the Stewardship Department of setting apart the weeks from January 17 to February 20 for the presentation of proportionate giving to the membership of our Church, culminating in Enrollment Day in the Fellowship of Stewardship on February 20, 1921.

III. That Synod learns with satisfaction of the action of the General Assembly in reapproving the entire Budget System and in perfecting the method of its operation so as to insure in the future an equitable share in the budget for each of our agencies without involving them in the necessity of separate appeals, and Synod commends the whole-hearted approval of the use of our Budget system to all of the churches within its bounds.

IV. That we call Synod's attention to the fact that the pledges made for this year were not for the Interchurch Fund but for our own benevolences; that the collapse of the Interchurch in no way affects the pledges and that they should be paid in full; also that all pastors be urged to present these facts to the churches and attempt to secure prompt payment of pledges.

That Synod ask that the General Assembly's committee on the New Era Movement make an allowance of \$300 to the synodical committee for the promotion of the work in New England for the coming year. This allowance to involve the synod in no financial obligation.

PUBLICATION SUNDAY SCHOOL WORK AND CHRISTIAN  
LITERATURE

The Rev. Harold MacAfee Robinson of the Board of Publication and Sunday School work addressed the synod in the interests of the work and the publications under the direction of that agency of the church. This address was followed by conference and discussion.

In connection with this discussion synod instructed the stated clerk to write a letter to the religious editor of the Boston Transcript, expressing the synod's appreciation of and sense of the value of the religious page issued by that paper.

WOMAN'S SYNODICAL

The report of the Woman's Synodical was presented by the secretary, Mrs. Arthur C. Lewis. This report is presented more fully in the Minutes of this society as printed in the pages following, the Minutes of the Synod.

The business finished, the Minutes of the session were read and approved. The Synod closed this session in due and constitutional form, adjourning to meet on the fourth Tuesday of October, the 25th instant at 2 p. m. in the First Presbyterian church, Newburyport, Mass.

PRESBYTERIANISM IN NEW ENGLAND

At the closing session, Wednesday evening, the Rev. Frederick W. Loetscher, D. D. lectured before the members of the synod, delegates to the woman's synodical, and friends, on the history of Presbyterianism in early New England. This address is to be published by the Presbyterian historical society.

Following this address the resolutions appreciative of the hospitality of the congregation in entertainment of the synod and the woman's synodical were read and approved.

Synod adjourned with the benediction by the Moderator.

CHARLES ALLEN FISHER, *Permanent Clerk.*

ROBERT L. BARBOR, *Temporary Clerk.*

Attest:

JAMES W. SMITH, *Stated Clerk.*

# Woman's Synodical Society of Home and Foreign Missions

SYNOD OF NEW ENGLAND

1920-1921

## OFFICERS

PRESIDENT—Mrs. A. McDonald Paterson, 60 High St., Newburyport, Mass.

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SECRETARY FOR FREEDMEN—Miss M. Ellen McGregor, 125 Sixth St., Providence, R. I.

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SECRETARY OF LITERATURE AND LETTERS—Mrs. H. M. Schultz, 30 Reed Ave., Everett, (49).

SECRETARY OF YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK—Miss Cecelia P. Freeman, 12 De Wolfe St., Cambridge, (39).

SECRETARY OF CHILDREN'S WORK—Mrs. John L. Christie, 200 Dudley Ave., Roslindale, (31).

SECRETARY OF MISSION STUDY—Mrs. Orland H. Dickey, 74 Maple St., Waltham, (54).

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# Minutes

## Ninth Meeting of the Woman's Synodical

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The Woman's Synodical Society met in the Phillips Congregational Church, South Boston, October 26th and 27th, 1920.

The regular sessions opened at 2.30 p. m. on October 26th, with a devotional service conducted by Mrs. J. J. Hall of Providence. Greetings were extended from the Fourth church by Mrs. Arthur C. Lewis of Boston, and responded to by Miss Alice Jones of Newburyport.

The minutes of the last meeting and of the Executive Committee were read and approved.

Under the title "Strategic Centres of our Work," the reports of the various secretaries were read.

The report of the Nominating Committee was made, the secretary casting one ballot, the new officers were declared duly elected.

The President appointed the following committees: Committee on Resolutions: Mrs. E. H. Davenport, Mrs. J. E. Grant, Miss Catherine McCaulay.

Nominations for 1920-1921, Mrs. David R. Donaldson, Mrs. Harry M. Kellogg, Mrs. Robert Atkinson.

Miss Anna Belle Stewart of the Langdon Memorial School at Mt. Vernon, Kentucky gave a most interesting account of her life among the Mountaineers in Kentucky, and described them as a people of keen, alert minds, and in birth, akin to the Sons and Daughters of the Revolution, yet living under primitive methods and conditions equaling those of backward foreign countries. Many instances of their eagerness to learn, their loyalty to the schools and their self-denial, in order that others less fortunate than themselves might share their benefits were given.

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### October 27th, Wednesday

At 10.30 a. m., the meeting opened with prayers for our Home and Foreign Mission Fields. The Annual Message of the President, Mrs. Paterson was read. She spoke of the work and plans of our Woman's Board in a general way, and more specifically in its relation to our N. E. Synodical. The Four Goals were emphasized, and she closed with the thought that Faithfulness would be rewarded. "Be thou faithful unto death and I will give thee a crown of life."

The Moderator of Synod, Dr. C. A. Young came to extend the greetings of Synod. He congratulated the Women on the work of the year and also on their newly acquired rights and expressed con-

fidence in their ability to face the great problems of national morality, as well as conducting the work of our churches in schools and mission fields.

Roll-call of delegates showed all four Presbyterials represented by 45 delegates.

Rev. Stanley M. White, a member of the Commission on the Near East gave a graphic account of his eight months over seas. The work, he said, had so developed that it required new methods, and the women seeing the ideals of the Church so long in being carried out are quickly grasping their new responsibilities, and he pleaded that they should not fail to keep the spiritual note uppermost, and showed the danger of becoming a machine and thinking thus to produce the finished product. Dr. White closed by urging us to realize the world opportunities as vitally relating to the great problems of the work and in a spirit of sincerity and with all our efforts baptized with prayer, to take up the world responsibilities.

### 2:30 P. M.

The afternoon session opened Singing "He leadeth me," and prayer by Mrs. Avey, medical missionary from our station at Allahabad, India.

Rev. John Gaston, representing the Freedmen's Board spoke of the negro problem in the South, the great desire of the young colored people to obtain the advantages of the mission Schools, and the need of new buildings, and enlargement in all branches of the work, so that they may be given the education they crave, and thus become the saviors of their own race.

A very pleasing musical selection was rendered by Mrs. J. M. Anderson of the Fourth Church. Mrs. B. O. Faris gave the Report of the Young People's Work for the Year. She spoke of the Y. P. as being willing and eager to assist in all good works if properly approached and rightly led, and urged the sympathetic interest and oversight of the women. Questions and problems were presented and answered. Mrs. Schnell, Foreign Board Secretary of Specific Work was presented and told of her trip to Shoujou, one of the Mission stations supported by the Westminster Guilds.

A rising vote of appreciation was extended Mrs. David McInnes for the valuable services rendered the Synodical for eight years as chairman of the Finance Board.

The report of the Secretary was called for, and a rising vote of thanks given to her. The meeting closed with a service of prayer and consecration led by Mrs. Earle A. Brooks of Boston.

ANNA C. LEWIS, *Secretary.*



# Summary

## Woman's Synodical of New England

1919-1920

	Number of societies	Number of Members
Woman's Missionary Societies	44	1812
Dept. for Associate Members	5	139
Young Women's Societies	4	74
West Guilds		
Chapters	7	130
Circles	5	58
Y. P. S. C. E.		
Senior	35	1410
Intermediate	5	116
Juniors	19	535
Little Bearers	7	133
Little Light Bearers	6	110
Young People's (unclassified)	1	15
Total	138	Total 4532
Foreign Mission Study Classes .....		34
Home Mission Study Classes .....		16
Home Mission Monthly .....		407
Woman's Work for Woman .....		211
Westminister Guild Bulletin .....		19
Over Sea and Land .....		201
Copies of Year Book of Prayer .....		233

# Annual Report

## Woman's Synodical Society, 1919-1920 to Synod of New England

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The result of bringing together statistics given in the annual reports of the work of our four Presbyterian societies is unusually gratifying. Seldom does it occur when preparing a summary that every column of figures shows a total larger than that of the previous year, but in this eighth year of our Synodical society, we are able to present to you the largest totals in the history of our work.

Financially, while not fully meeting our Apportionments, our gain has been most satisfactory. To Foreign Missions we have contributed \$5,524.42; to Home Missions \$4,300.35; to Freedmen, \$1,243.95; a total of \$11,068.72, a gain over last year of \$2,805.97.

Our work is divided into four specific departments, with a secretary to care for each.

The Young People's Department, reporting through its Secretary, has preserved its record of former years, and the interest manifested by the societies is very encouraging. We find the Young People sending more delegates to the Northfield and Silver Bay Missionary Conferences. Providence and Boston report a Young People's Society in every church, and several young people are reported as taking special training for service, and expect to devote their lives to the missionary cause. Our Y. P. Secretary pleads for the sympathetic, faithful intelligent interest in the young people on the part of our Women's Organizations, and also from the pastors of the churches. While the Young People have held their own, they greatly need the loyal, tactful guidance of the local church.

**MISSIONARY EDUCATION.** Much aggressive work has been done along this line of developing mission study classes. Lack of leaders is the great drawback to this work. There were enrolled this year 34 Foreign and 16 Home Mission classes, a creditable gain over last year. Realizing that the study of missions gives to the missionary society a new objective and to the individual student a key to the understanding of their times and stimulates both faith and prayer we earnestly hope for a greater advance this coming year in establishing new classes.

**LITERATURE.** Our Secretary writes that the increased use of the leaflets and magazines is one of the indications of growth in the Synodical. There was an increase in subscriptions to the Women's magazines of 106 copies, and 79 copies of the Year Book of Prayer. In all, 1061 missionary magazines are subscribed for. This only includes those magazines that are published by our Women's Boards.

**FREEDMEN WORK.** This is carried on in conjunction with our Home Mission Department, and a regular apportionment is asked for each year. Eleven boxes or barrels of new and second hand clothing, school supplies, etc. were sent to schools or pastors in needy communities, and some very touching letters of gratitude received.

**OVERSEAS SEWING WORK.** A new branch of work now in process of organization is the Overseas Hospital Work. During the war hundreds of women were trained in all forms of Red Cross work, and it is planned to conserve this special training by making supplies for our Mission Hospitals overseas, all of which are handicapped by inadequate supplies. This bids fair to be one of the most popular branches of our work and will help to solve the old, old problem of how to interest the uninterested woman.

Already women have been reached through this service of their hands who never before could be interested in the missionary society.

Regarding the more intimate reports from our Presbyterian societies, it is most gratifying to say that Boston and Providence have a Woman's and a Young People's society in every church; Conn. Valley in every church; Newburyport in all but four, and when you take into consideration the obstacles and drawbacks that the isolated country church always has to contend with, you will realize that the record of Newburyport is, in this respect of organization, the best record of all.

The Synodical President, Mrs. Paterson, has visited each Presbyterian twice during the year. We were able to send our President and Young People's Secretary to the Annual Meeting of our Women's Board at General Assembly in May, and also to conferences of the Boards in New York. Too much credit cannot be given our President for the manner in which she has represented this Synodical, and kept us in touch with the larger work of our Women's Board. The personal touch has thus become a most important factor in the successful closing of the year's work.

In closing this report the secretary cannot but sense anew the

progress and the realization of the hopes and aims of the women who eight years ago organized the New England Synodical Society, and even more does she sense the unlimited opportunities of the coming years.

A Fourfold Goal set by our Home Board Secretary is this—To excel Financially. Numerically. Intellectually. Spiritually. So shall we strive in this new year. Patiently, prayerfully and persistently “carry on” and seek to publish the tidings of a “waiting Christ to a waiting world.”

ANNA C. LEWIS, *Synodical Secretary.*

October 26th, 1920.

# Standing Rules of the Synod of New England

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I. This shall be called the Synod of New England, and shall include the six New England states, and be composed of the presbyteries set forth in the minutes of the General Assembly recording them (Min. G. A. 1912, p. 162), and any others which may be added from time to time.

II. Members of the Synod shall consist of the ministers who are members of the presbyteries constituting it, and one elder from each church within its bounds.

III. The Synod shall meet annually, on the fourth Tuesday of October, at 2 o'clock p. m., at the place chosen at the last meeting; or, if this is impracticable, at such a place as the Moderator and Stated Clerk shall appoint.

IV. The officers of Synod shall be a Moderator, a Stated Clerk, a Permanent Clerk, a Temporary Clerk and a Treasurer.

V. The Moderator shall be elected annually by calling the roll, except when there is but one nomination, and a majority of all the votes cast shall elect him. His duties shall be such as are defined by the "General Rules for Judicatories of the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A."

VI. The Stated and Permanent Clerks shall be elected by ballot and shall serve three years each, and their terms shall expire in different years. The Temporary Clerk shall be chosen upon the recommendation of the Stated and Permanent Clerks and shall serve for one year as their assistant.

VII. It shall be the duty of the Stated Clerk to give due notice of the time and place of each meeting of the Synod. He shall, at the opening of the Synod, place in the Moderator's hands a complete docket of all business to come before the Synod. As soon after adjournment as practicable, he shall publish the proceedings of the Synod, and in doing so shall have authority to abridge the reports, except such matter as has been adopted, so far as may be done without limiting their historic value. He shall furnish a copy of the printed minutes to each minister and church session in those presbyteries which have paid in full the synodical apportionment; to the officers of the Women's Missionary Societies; to the secretaries of the Boards; and to the church papers. To others, the fixed price of the Minutes shall be twenty-five cents per copy.

It shall be the duty of the Permanent Clerk, with the assistance of the Temporary Clerk, to secure a faithful report of all the proceedings of the Synod, and deliver the same to the Stated Clerk upon the final adjournment.

VIII. The Stated and Permanent Clerks shall constitute a committee of enrollment, which shall make out the roll of the Synod as a result of the roll call of the members of the Synod.

IX. The compensation of the Stated Clerk shall be Seventy-Five Dollars (\$75), and of the Permanent Clerk, Twenty-Five Dollars (\$25) per annum.

X. The Treasurer shall be elected by ballot, and shall serve for three years. He shall deposit the funds of the Synod with a responsible banking institution, where an account shall be opened in his name as Treasurer of Synod. He shall present at the annual meeting his report, accompanied with vouchers and bank book balanced up to date, all of which shall be audited by the finance committee. He shall be authorized to pay all bills incurred by order of Synod and the salaries of the clerks of Synod. He shall give bonds to the extent of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500), which shall be paid for by the Synod.

XI. The pastor and session of the church where the Synod meets, together with the Stated Clerk, shall constitute a Committee of Arrangements, whose duty it shall be to provide suitable accommodations for the Synod, arrange for the entertainment of members, suitable devotional exercises and recommend a program for the sessions and popular meetings of the Synod.

XII. Each annual meeting of the Synod shall be opened with a sermon by the Moderator, or, in case of his inability, by some other member of the Synod, selected by the Committee of Arrangements. The morning sessions shall begin with a devotional service, continuing for at least thirty minutes, and provisions shall be made for the celebration of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper at some suitable part of the meeting.

XIII. At each meeting of the Synod the Moderator shall appoint the following standing committees:

#### STANDING COMMITTEE

1. On Bills and Overtures, five members—three ministers and two elders.
2. Judicial Business, five members—three ministers and two elders.
3. Minutes of the General Assembly, five members—three ministers and two elders.
4. Leave of Absence, the clerks of the Synod.
5. Finance, three elders. It shall be the duty of the Finance Committee to consider the financial need of Synod for current expenses, and to recommend the same. In case of failure any year to make this apportionment, the rate shall be, for each communicant, the same as that of the previous year. This committee shall also constitute the committee to audit the accounts of the Treasurer.
6. A Nominating Committee to select and recommend for election the members of the permanent committees, five members—three ministers and two elders.
7. Place for the Next Meeting of the Synod, two members—one minister and one elder.
8. On Records of Presbyteries, two members for each presbytery—one minister and one elder.
9. On Narrative, the Stated Clerk of Synod and the Stated Clerks of the presbyteries within its bounds.
10. On Polity, five members—three ministers and two elders.

11. Resolutions, two members—one minister and one elder.

12. The Moderator shall be a committee of one to convey greetings from the Synod to the Woman's Synodical.

#### PERMANENT COMMITTEES

XIV. The Synod's permanent committee shall serve two years, excepting when otherwise provided. Excepting where necessary to fill vacancies occurring, the members of these committees shall be elected every odd year. The chairmanship and membership of all committees shall be distributed equitably among the presbyteries. These committees shall be as follows:

1. Executive Commission, seven members—four ministers and three elders. The Moderator shall be, ex-officio, the chairman of the Executive Commission during the year of his incumbency. The Stated Clerk shall be the secretary of the Commission.

2. Home Missions, Freedmen, Church Erection, nine members—the chairman and one elder of the Home Missions Committee in each presbytery, with a chairman elected by the Synod, who shall be the Synod's representative on the General Assembly's Home Missions Council.

3. Evangelism, American Bible Society, Vacancy and Supply, eight members—one minister and one elder from each presbytery.

4. Foreign Missions, five members—three ministers and two elders.

5. Religious Education, nine members—one minister and one elder from each presbytery with a chairman. (This committee includes all former committees on Christian Education, College Aid, Publication and Sabbath School Work, Young People's Societies.)

6. Ministerial Relief and Sustentation Fund, five members—three ministers and two elders.

7. New Era, six members—the chairman and vice chairman chosen by the Synod, with the chairman of each of the presbyterial committees on New Era work.

8. Church Federation, eight members—one minister and one elder from each presbytery.

9. Brotherhood, Temperance, Social Service, Lord's Day, five members—three ministers and two elders.

XV. When a vacancy occurs in any of these permanent committees, the Stated Clerk of the Synod shall report the same, and successors shall be elected for the unexpired term.

XVI. When any problem of organization or supervision, or duplication of work, or economy or efficiency in the use of men or means shall arise between the Home Missions and Religious Work committees, conference shall be had with the Executive Commission of the Synod.

XVII. The Board of Trustees shall consist of two ministers and three elders.

XVIII. No members shall leave the Synod before its final adjournment without having obtained leave from the Committee on Leave of Absence, which committee shall report to the Synod, at the close of the sessions, the names of all so excused. The roll shall be called at the close of the final business session and the names of all absent without permission shall be recorded in the minutes of the Synod.

XIX. The Stated Clerk of each presbytery shall furnish the Stated Clerk of the Synod with the following data before each annual meeting:

1. A list of the officers and permanent committees of presbytery.
2. A complete report of presbyterial acts and changes during the previous year, as directed by the Form of Government, Chapter X, Section IX.
3. The Presbyterian Narrative on the State of Religion.
4. The names of any ministers who have died during the year, together with their ages, dates of their decease, years of service in the ministry, and churches served.
5. A report of any changes which may have occurred in the eldership of the churches during the year.

XX. The General Rule for Judicatories, found printed in the Appendix to the Form of Government, and as amended from year to year by the General Assembly, shall be the rules of order for this Synod in all cases not otherwise provided for.

XXI. The Standing Rules may be suspended, temporarily, and for a definite purpose, by a vote of two-thirds of the members present and voting.

XXII. Amendments to the Standing Rules, proposed at one meeting of the Synod, shall not be finally acted upon until the next annual meeting, when a two-thirds vote of those present shall be required to adopt the amendment.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY RULES AND ORDERS

When an individual church in any of the four presbyteries may desire aid in its work, its application shall be submitted to the presbytery's Committee on Home Missions, and any recommendations which that committee may make, after careful investigation shall be submitted to Synod's Committee on Home Missions.

The Board of Home Missions agrees to accept the estimate of Synod's committee as final, making no changes whatever in its recommendations for grants to the churches receiving aid.—Agreement with Home Board, Minutes 1913, page 64.

When assistance in entertainment of members of Synod is needed, this item shall be paid by the Synod, and whenever necessary, the Synodical assessment shall include a sum sufficient to meet the expenses of the last Synod, thus reimbursing the treasury.—Minutes, 1914, page 93.

Synod instructed the Executive Commission to join with the Stated Clerk in the preparation of the annual docket.—Minutes, 1914, page 96.

The presbyteries of the Synod are instructed to secure from each church a report of the state of religion, before each fall meeting of the presbytery, and each presbytery shall report to Synod each year the spiritual condition of the churches, as supplementary to the statistical report which is sent to the General Assembly.—Minutes, 1915, page 142.

The Home Missions Committee is authorized to nominate Synod's representative to the General Assembly's Home Missions Council.—Minutes, 1914, pages 85, 89.

The Stated Clerk of the Synod, for the committee on arrangements of the sessions of the Synod, is instructed to make provision, on the program of the annual meeting, for the presentation of the report of the activities of the women's societies by an officer or member of the Woman's Synodical. See Minutes of 1919.



# ROLL OF SYNOD

## MINISTERS

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