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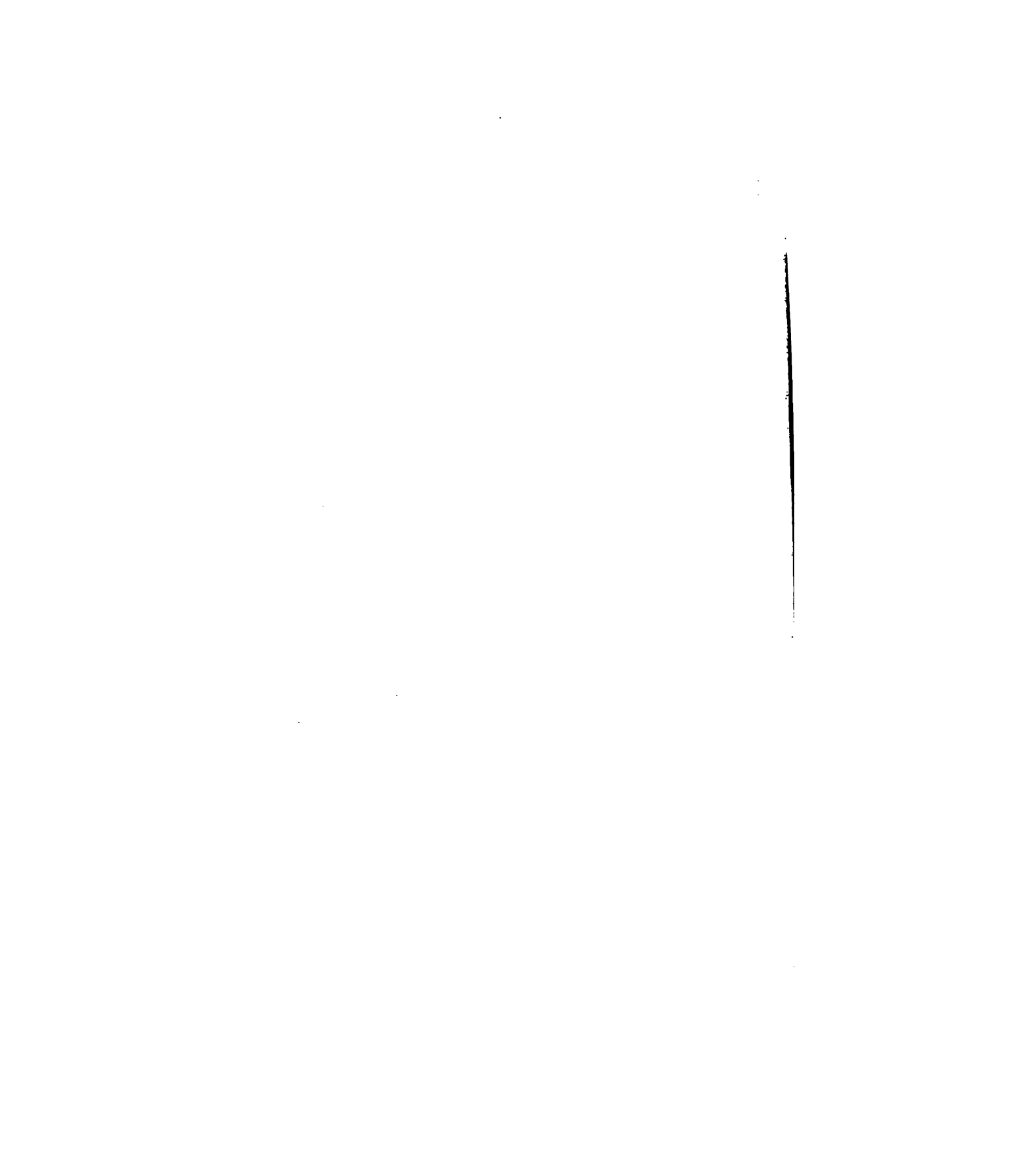
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SIXTY-NINTH ANNUAL SESSIONS.

Acts and Proceedings.

Of the Ohio Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States, convened in convention in the Hough Avenue Reformed Church at Cleveland, Ohio, on Wednesday, October 5, A. D., 1892, at 7.30 o'clock in the evening, and closed its sessions on the following Saturday evening at half past ten o'clock.

ARTICLE I.

OPENING OF SYNOD.

The Ohio Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States, in accordance with the appointment made at its last annual meeting, convened in convention in the Hough Avenue Reformed Church at Cleveland, Ohio, on Wednesday October 5, A. D., 1892, at 7.30 o'clock in the evening, and in connection with devotional services was opened with a sermon by Rev. David Van Horne, D. D., the retiring President, from Matt. 16: 16 and 17: "And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God. And Jesus answered and said unto him, Blessed art thou, Simon Bar-Jona; for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven."

At the close of the sermon, the synod was called to order and constituted with prayer by the president. Thereupon the provisional roll was called, and when completed a quorum was found present, and a regular organization was effected.

ARTICLE II.

MEMBERS PRESENT.

CLASSES.	MINISTERS.	ELDERS.
<i>Miami.</i>	William A. Hale, D. D.	
	Samuel B. Yockey.	
	Henry M. Herman, D. D. 2.	
	Reuben Keller.	
	Reuben F. Shultz.	Joseph Wolf.
	Harvey L. Hart.	
	George Z. Mechling.	
	Richard B. Reichard.	Jonathan Wagner.
	B. Frank Davis. 2.	
	James H. Steele.	Horace Ankeney.
	Albert Klinger.	
	William E. Ludwick.	
	Charles E. Miller.	Owen K. Snyder.
	Louis B. C. Lahr. 2.	
James S. Keppel.		
Isaac H. Reiter, D. D.		
Edward Herbruck, Ph. D.		
Solomon U. Snyder. 2.		
<i>Laurel.</i>	John A. Seitz.	
	Abraham D. Wolfinger.	Henry Alspach.
	Gideon P. Fisher.	
	John L. Bretz.	George F. Bareis. 2.
	Samuel L. Runkel.	
	Nathaniel H. Loose.	
	Solomon W. Seeman.	Dr. George S. Stein.
	Henry H. Sandoe.	
G. Wm. H. Smith.		
<i>Tuscarawas.</i>	Edward M. Beck.	William H. Bahl.
	Isaiah S. Hahn.	Philip Moke.
	Jacob Ihle.	Wellington Miller.
	Sebastian C. Goss, D. D.	Henry F. Rees. 2.
	Nathan W. Bloom.	Martin L. Smith. 3.
	Isaac A. Sites.	
	John D. Neff.	
	George P. Hartzell.	Frederick Nussbaum.
	John C. Schaaf.	John C. Baughman.
	Wm. C. B. Shulenberger. 3.	George Mathes.
Jacob P. Stahl.	Peter Ault.	

NOTE.—The figures attached to the names of members of synod indicate the days upon which they appeared and took their seats.

	Wilson R. Stearly.	Dr. George O. Fraser.
	Edwin R. Williard. 2.	
	Emil P. Herbruck. 2.	J. P. Rauch.
	Edward D. Wettach. 2.	Jacob P. Zimmerman.
<i>Tiffin.</i>	David Van Horne, D. D.	
	John I. Swander, D. D. 2.	
	Alvin S. Zerbe, Ph. D. 2.	
	Lewis H. Kefauver, D. D.	Nelson L. Brewer, Esq. 2.
	George H. Souder.	William A. Heyman. 2.
	Frederick H. Keller. 4.	
	David A. Parks. 3.	
	Joseph B. Shumaker, D. D.	Edward Andre.
	Noah A. Ernst.	
	Albert H. Zechiel. 2.	
	John A. Peters, D. D.	
	Charles W. Good.	
<i>Eastern Ohio.</i>	John J. Leberman, D. D.	Henry Meizer. 2.
	John H. Bomberger.	Robert Bell.
	John M. Kendig, D. D.	Warren W. Strock.
	John J. M. Gruber.	John Williard.
	George E. Metger. 4.	
	Samuel Z. Beam, D. D.	Elias Williard.
	William H. Shults.	Uriah Craver.
	Benjamin H. Roth.	
	George W. Henning.	
<i>St. Joseph.</i>	Abraham B. Stoner.	Daniel W. Souder.
		Louis C. Zechiel.

ADVISORY MEMBERS.

Rev. Jacob Dahlman, D. D., St. John's Classis, Central Synod.				
Rev. Herman J. Ruetenik, D. D., Erie Classis, Central Synod.				
Rev. J. H. C. Roentgen, D. D.	"	"	"	"
Rev. Louis Praikschatz, D. D.	"	"	"	"
Rev. William Friebolin.	"	"	"	"
Rev. John H. Stepler.	"	"	"	"
Rev. Augustus Becker.	"	"	"	"
Rev. John F. Winter.	"	"	"	"
Rev. Albert C. Pretzer.	"	"	"	"
Rev. William Renter.	"	"	"	"
Rev. Gustavus Jurany.	"	"	"	"
Rev. A. Carl Whitner, Lancaster Classis, Eastern Synod.				
Rev. Edmund R. Eschbach, D. D., Maryland Classis, Potomac Synod.				
Rev. Albert E. Truxal, D. D., Westmoreland Classis, Pittsburg Synod.				

Rev. David A. Souders, Westmoreland Classis, Pittsburg Synod.
 Rev. Johnson J. Wagner, Clarion Classis, Pittsburg Synod.
 Rev. Peter C. Prugh, D. D., Allegheny Classis, Pittsburg Synod.
 Rev. Dewald S. Fouse, D. D., Iowa Classis, Interior Synod.
 Rev. Simon Hogenboom, Reformed (Dutch Church in America).

ARTICLE III.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

Rev. Reuben Keller, *President*, West Alexandria, Ohio.
 Rev. Isaac H. Reiter, D. D., is *Stated Clerk*, Miamisburg, Ohio.
 Rev. Jacob Ihle, *Corresponding Secretary*, Loyal Oak, Ohio.
 Rev. Lewis H. Kefauver, D. D., *Treasurer*, Tiffin, Ohio.

ARTICLE IV.

RULES OF ORDER.

Synod's Rules of Order were observed in the transaction of business.
The Bar of the House was defined to be the whole of the auditorium proper.

The hours fixed upon for opening and closing the sessions of the present synod were as follows: The sessions in the morning to open at nine o'clock, and close in the afternoon at half-past four, with a recess from half-past eleven A. M., until two o'clock P. M.

ARTICLE V.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

The president appointed the following:

Religious Services.—Ministers—Wilson R. Stearly, Edward M. Beck, William H. Shultz; Elders Dr. George O. Fraser and William H. Bahl.

Minutes of Ohio Synod.—Ministers—Reuben Keller, George H. Souder, Charles E. Miller; Elders Dr. George S. Stein and Benjamin Ashbaucher.

Minutes of Classes.—Ministers—James H. Steele, Dr. H. H. W. Hibshman, Solomon W. Seeman; Elders Horace Ankeney and Nelson L. Brewer, Esq.

Overtures.—Ministers—Dr. Joseph B. Shumaker, Dr. John J. Leberman, John A. Seitz; Elders Daniel W. Souder and William A. Heyman.

Examination, Licensure and Ordination.—Ministers—Dr. John A. Peters, Dr. Edward Herbruck, William E. Ludwick; Elders Jonathan Wagner and Elias Williard.

State of Religion.—Ministers—Dr. David Van Horne, Dr. William A. Hale, John D. Neff; Elders Owen K. Snyder and John Williard.

Missions—Home and Foreign.—Ministers—John H. Bomberger, Isaac A. Sites, G. Wm. H. Smith; Elders Joseph Wolf and Edward Andre.

Heidelberg Theological Seminary.—Ministers—George Z. Mechling, Dr. Lewis H. Kefauver, Isaiah S. Hahn; Elders Uriah Craver and Frederick Nussbaum.

Heidelberg University.—Ministers—Nathaniel H. Loose, Jacob P. Stahl, James S. Keppel; Elders Peter Ault and George F. Bareis.

Sunday Schools and Catechization.—Ministers—John J. M. Grüber, Charles W. Good, Reuben F. Shultz, Albert H. Zechiel; Elders Robert Bell and Henry Meizer.

Publication.—Ministers—Richard B. Reichard, Jacob Ihle, Harvey L. Hart; Elders John C. Baughman and Louis C. Zechiel.

Finance.—Ministers—Dr. John M. Kendig, Gideon P. Fisher, Abraham B. Stoner; Elders Warren W. Strock and Philip Moke.

Nominations.—Ministers—Dr. Sebastian C. Goss, Samuel B. Yockey, John L. Bretz; Henry Alspach and Horace Ankeney.

ARTICLE VI.

COMMUNICATIONS.

The following communications were received and referred to the proper committees:

1. The Minutes of the Classes of Miami, Lancaster, Tuscarawas, Tiffin, Eastern Ohio and St. Joseph were received and referred to the Standing Committee on Minutes of Classes, except the reports on the State of Religion and Statistics, which were referred to the Committee on those subjects.
2. The reports of the General Board of Home Missions, of the Treasurer of the Board of the Ohio Synod, of the Board of Church Erection and of its Treasurer, were received and referred to the Standing Committee on Missions, except the reports of the treasurers, which were referred to the Standing Committee on Finance.
3. A report from the Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions was received through its secretary and referred to the Standing Committee on Missions.
4. The annual reports of the Board of Trustees of Heidelberg Theological Seminary, and of its Boards of Visitors and of Education, together with the reports of their respective treasurers and of its financial agent, were received and referred to the Standing Committee on the seminary, except those of the treasurer and financial agent, which were referred to the Standing Committee on Finance.
5. The annual report of the Board of Regents of Heidelberg

University was received through the President of the Board, and referred to the Standing Committee on Heidelberg University.

6. The annual report of the Board of Sunday-schools was received and referred to the Standing Committee on Sunday-schools and Catechization.

7. The annual report of the Board of Publication was received and referred to the Standing Committee on Publication.

8. The annual report of the Treasurer of the Ohio Synod was received and referred to the Standing Committee on Finance.

9. Sundry other communications and papers having reference to different matters were received and referred to the Standing Committee on Overtures, whose report see for particulars and the action thereon by the synod.

ARTICLE VII.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES.

The synod during its present sessions observed the following religious services, viz:

1. The sessions of the synod throughout were opened and closed with religious services.

2. There were also public religious services, as will be seen by reference to the report of the Standing Committee on Religious Services, which being submitted was received and as amended adopted, and is as follows:

Your Committee beg leave to report the following services:

Thursday Evening.—Meeting of the Women's Missionary Society.

Friday Evening.—The Inauguration Services of Rev. J. I. Swander, D. D., as Professor of Practical Theology in the Heidelberg Theological Seminary at Tiffin, Ohio, conducted by the officers of synod.

Saturday Evening 7:30.—Preparatory Service. Sermon by Rev. S. V. Snyder. Liturgy by Rev. G. H. Souder.

Sunday Morning 10 o'clock.—Communion Service. Sermon by Rev. R. Keller. Liturgy by Rev. K. M. Beck and Rev. J. A. Seitz.

Sunday 3 P. M.—A Christian Endeavor platform meeting. Rev. J. P. Stahl presiding; short addresses by Revs. L. S. Hahn, J. H. Bamberger and others.

Sunday Evening 7:30. Missionary meeting. Dr. J. A. Peters presiding. Dr. Peters, The Field. Rev. S. W. Seaman, The Force; Rev. S. R. Yockey, The Fruits. Rev. Dr. P. S. Fouse, The Funds. Collection for Home Missions.

SUNDAY SERVICES

First Communion 9 o'clock.—Rev. J. F. Weller—A. M. Rev. J. P. Stahl, P. M. Rev. W. H. Straits.

First Communion 10 o'clock.—Rev. F. Weller—A. M. Rev. E. H. Sandoe.

Fifth German Reformed Church.—Rev. Renter—A. M., Rev. A. H. Zechiel.

Eighth German Reformed Church.—Dr. Ruetenik—A. M., Rev. G. P. Hartzell; P. M., Rev. I. S. Hahn.

Ninth German Reformed Church.—Rev. Forwick—A. M., Rev. Geo. E. Metger.

Respectfully submitted,

WILSON R. STEARLY, *Chairman.*

The religious and special services were severally observed as appointed.

ARTICLE VIII.

SYNODICAL MINUTES.

Three copies of the Minutes of the Ohio Synod of 1891 were received through the Stated Clerk, and referred to the Standing Committee on Synodical Minutes. This committee, during the afternoon session on Thursday, submitted their report, which was received and considered item by item, and finally adopted as a whole:

Your Committee on Minutes of Synod, appointed at the last annual meeting, would report the following items as claiming your consideration.

Item 1, page 10. Attention of the classes called to the action of General Synod requiring all the classes of the Church to take action on the proposed constitution of a Federal Synod.

Item 2, pages 11 and 18. Presidents of boards and all treasurers instructed to be ready to present the annual reports at the first morning session of synod.

Item 3, page 11. Revs. R. Keller, G. H. Souder, C. E. Miller; Elders Dr. G. S. Stein and B. Ashbacher, appointed the Standing Committee on Minutes of Synod.

Item 4, page 15. Revs. J. H. Steele, H. H. W. Hibshman, D. D., S. W. Seeman and Elders H. Ankeney and N. L. Brewer appointed Standing Committee on Minutes of Classes.

Item 5, page 34. The Stated Clerk instructed to inform and request Stated Clerks of Classes as to apportioning and early collections for Hungarian Missions.

Item 6, pages 34, 35. Revs. J. J. Leberman, D. D., S. B. Yockey, J. L. Bretz, and Elders A. L. Shearer and V. P. Van Horne, appointed a committee to prepare a plan whereby certain weak charges may be supported in some other way than by the Board of Missions.

Item 7, page 35. a) The delinquent classes urged to pay the amount of their arrearages on Church Election apportionment. b) The several classical treasurers urged to make strenuous efforts to col-

lect and forward same to the treasurer of the Board of Church Erection at an early date.

Item 8, page 53. Classes requested to hold conferences in the interests of the Theological Seminary.

Item 9, page 55. The President and Stated Clerk of synod instructed to issue calls to Dr. H. W. Super and Dr. J. I. Swander, elected to seminary professorships to which they were respectively elected.

Item 10, page 69. Synod as soon as convenient to open a column in the statistical report to record the numerical strength of the Y. P. S. C. E.

Item 11, page 69. The Faculty of the Theological Seminary constituted a committee to arrange a Y. P. S. C. E. reading course.

Item 12, page 81. The Corresponding Secretary instructed to inform the Synodical Woman's Missionary Society as to the willingness of the Reformed Publishing Company to open a column in the *Christian World* for the use of said society.

Item 13, page 82. The Stated Clerk instructed to have 1800 copies of the Minutes of Synod of 1891 published.

Item 14, page 84. Miami, Lancaster, and Eastern Ohio Classes instructed to pay arrearages.

Item 15, page 86. Rev. H. Rust, D. D., and Rev. E. M. Beck were elected delegates respectively *primarius* and *secundus* to the Central Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

REUBEN KELLER. *Chairman.*

The report was disposed of as follows: Items 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, and 14 were adopted; item 6 was adopted, and the subject matter discussed and the committee continued, (viz: Revs.: Dr. J. J. Leberman, S. B. Yockey, J. L. Bretz, and Elders; A. L. Shearer, and V. P. Van Horne;) for action in items 9 and 11, see Art. XIV. Seminary; for action in item 10, see Art. XX. Church Government; item 12, adopted and reported attended to; for action in item 13, see Art. XXI. Publication; for action in item 15, see XXIV. Micellaneous.

The Standing Committee on Minutes of Synod to report to the synod at its annual meeting in 1893, as appointed, consists of Revs.: Dr. Wm. A. Hale, Geo. W. Henning, Henry H. Sandoe, and Elders, Warren W. Strock and George F. Bareis.

ARTICLE IX.

MINUTES OF CLASSES.

The Standing Committee on Classes, during the afternoon session on Thursday, submitted their report, which was received and considered item by item, and as amended finally adopted as a whole:

Your Committee on Minutes of Classes would respectfully submit the following.

Item 1. A word of commendation for the general neatness and correctness of the Minutes of Classes as they have come into our hands; due in part to the now universal custom of printing the minutes.

I. IRREGULARITIES.

Item 2. Tiffin Classis fails to give date of call for special meetings, July 15 1891, and September 29, 1891.

Items 3. Tuscarawas Classis does not attest that the minutes of special meetings of September 8, 1891, and November 10, 1891, are official copies of original minutes.

Item 4. St. Joseph Classis, in the call for special meeting to be held June 23, 1892, fails to give place for holding such meeting.

Item 5. Miami Classis fails to appoint counsel in its behalf in the Mechling appeal case.

Item 6. Out of a list of possibly twenty-five items referred from Synod to Classes, the Committee on Minutes of Synod reported out of the twenty-five items, Tuscarawas 17 items; Tiffin 7 items; Lancaster 10 items; Miami 9 items; St. Joseph 9 items, and no one called attention to all.

II. SUBJECTS REFERRED BY SYNOD TO CLASSES.

Item 7. Concerning Foreign Missions. (a) Ministers to preach upon the subject; (b) Take one collection; (c) And all classes pay arrearages.

Miami, Lancaster, Eastern Ohio, Tuscarawas and St. Joseph Classes accede to the taking one collection.

Tiffin Classis resolves upon the dissemination of missionary intelligence.

Item 8. All classes accept the apportionment for Missions and Church Erection.

Item 9. Most Classes take action to secure payment of apportionment and arrearages.

Item 10. Eastern Ohio and Tiffin Classes call attention to synod's request concerning *Missionary Guardian*.

Item 11. All classes except St. Joseph's held special seminary conferences.

Item 12. Ministers urged to call the attention of young men to the importance of entering the seminary. Eastern O., St. Joseph, and Tuscarawas, acceded to this request.

Item 13. Increase of endowment of seminary. This St. Joseph Classis adopts.

Item 14. Students attending University, who are members of the Reformed Church, asked to transfer their membership to one of the Reformed Churches of Tiffin. Eastern Ohio Classis alone calls attention to this action.

Item 15. Orphan Home. St. Joseph, Tuscarawas and Eastern Ohio take favorable action.

Item 16. Society for Relief of Ministers and Widows. All classes except Eastern Ohio, take favorable action.

Item 17. Y. P. S. C. E. Miami Classis takes favorable action and appoints Rev. R. F. Shults, classical organizer.

Eastern Ohio Classis takes favorable action and appoints Rev. J. H. Bomberger, classical organizer.

Tuscarawas Classis takes favorable action and appoints Rev. I. S. Hahn, as organizer.

St. Joseph Classis takes favorable action and appoints Rev. A. K. Zartman, organizer.

Tiffin Classis adopts resolution but fails to appoint an organizer.

Lancaster Classis was favorable and appointed Rev. S. W. Seeman, as organizer.

Item 18. Brotherhood of Andrew and Philip. Miami Classis appointed Rev. C. E. Miller, organizer.

Tuscarawas Classis appointed Rev. E. M. Beck, organizer.

Eastern Ohio Classis appointed Rev. J. H. Bomberger, organizer.

Other classes failed to appoint organizers.

Item 19. Children's Day and collections. Miami Classis devotes collections to Beneficiary Education.

Lancaster Classis devotes collections to Home Missions.

Tuscarawas Classis leaves it optional.

Tiffin Classis takes no action.

Eastern Ohio Classis urges pastors to designate object.

St. Joseph Classis fails to take action.

Item 20. Lesson Helps prepared by General Synod and the Catechism. Tuscarawas and Eastern Ohio Classis alone pay attention to this recommendation of synod.

Item 21. *Christian World* commended to church and a request to utilize its columns for timely and suggestive articles.

Eastern Ohio and Tuscarawas Classes alone put themselves on record as favorable.

Item 22. Reference to Synod's Temperance request. The classes are unanimous, with one exception of old Tuscarawas in passing it entirely.

Item 23. The classes unite in profound gratitude for the proposed Federal Union and are unanimous in approval of the constitution of Federal Union. Miami, Lancaster and Tuscarawas Classes instruct their Stated Clerks to transmit a certified copy of their action to the clerk of General Synod.

Item 24. An appeal of Rev. Geo. Z. Mechling from a decision of Miami Classis, in special session held at Hamilton, Ohio, November 11, 1891.

III. REQUESTS OF CLASSES TO SYNOD.

Item 25. Lancaster Classis overtures Ohio Synod for a deliverance whether it be necessary to install a missionary as pastor of a congregation, which he has organized, when commissioned by Board of Missions.

Item 26. Tiffin Classis licensed Thomas H. Sonnedecker and Parley E. Zartman to the gospel ministry.

IV. RECEPTION AND DISMISSION.

Item 27. Miami Classis dismissed Rev. W. H. Tussing to the Tuscarawas Classis. Rev. J. A. Ketrow, to the Tiffin Classis. Received Rev. Reuben Keller from Eastern Ohio Classis, and Rev. E. E. Weller from Classis of Somerset, Synod of Pittsburg.

Item 28. Lancaster Classis dismissed Rev. E. C. Rust to Illinois Classis. Received Rev. H. H. Sandoe from the St. Joseph Classis.

Item 29. Tuscarawas Classis received Rev. W. H. Tussing from Miami Classis, Rev. I. A. Sites from Tiffin Classis, Rev. I. S. Hahn, from St. Joseph Classis and Rev. E. R. Williard from Tiffin Classis, Rev. George P. Hartzell from Illinois Classis, Rev. Lewis C. Edmonds Zion's Classis, Synod of the Northwest. Dismissed Rev. G. E. Metger to Eastern Ohio Classis, and Rev. George A. House to Carlisle Classis, Synod of the Potomac.

Item 30. Tiffin Classis received Rev. J. A. Ketrow from Miami Classis, Rev. J. E. Dingleline from Miami Classis, Rev. J. A. Peters, D. D., from Wyoming Classis, Eastern Synod. Dismissed Rev. I. A. Sites to Tuscarawas Classis, Licentiate J. D. Buhner to Erie Classis, Central Synod, Licentiate Parley E. Zartman to Lincoln Classis, Synod of the Interior, Licentiate M. A. Peters to East Pennsylvania Classis, Eastern Synod, Rev. E. R. Williard to Tuscarawas Classis.

Item 31. Eastern Ohio Classis dismissed Rev. R. Keller to Miami Classis, Rev. A. Gonser to Lebanon Classis of Eastern Synod, Rev. L. M. Kerschner to East Pennsylvania Classis, Eastern Synod. Received Rev. S. Z. Beam, D. D., from Juniata Classis, Synod of the Potomac, Rev. G. E. Metger from Tuscarawas Classis. Deposed from ministry Rev. J. B. Zumpe.

Item 32. St. Joseph Classis dismissed Rev. H. S. Gekeler to Kansas Classis, Rev. J. C. Beade to Iowa Classis, Rev. S. A. Alt to Wichita Classis, Rev. I. S. Hahn to Tuscarawas Classis, Rev. H. H. Sandoe to Lancaster Classis, Ohio Synod. Granted a request of Rev. T. J. Bacher to engage in secular business. Received Rev. A. B. Stoner from Carlisle Classis.

V. ANNUAL MEETINGS OF CLASSES.

Item 33. Miami Classis will meet in the Reformed Church of Fairfield, Greene Co., Ohio, the first Tuesday before full moon in

May, 1893, at 8 o'clock, p. m. Rev. W. E. Ludwick, President; Rev. H. M. Herman, Stated Clerk; Elder V. P. Van Horne, Treasurer.

Item 34. Lancaster Classis will meet in the Reformed Church of Stoutsville, Ohio, on Wednesday, May 24, 1893, at 7.30 p. m. Rev. John L. Bretz, President, Rev. N. H. Loose, Stated Clerk, *pro tem*; Rev. J. A. Seitz, Treasurer.

Item 35. Tuscarawas Classis will meet in Grace Reformed Church, Reedsburg, Wayne Co., Ohio, on Tuesday May 4, 1893, at 1.30 p. m. Rev. S. C. Goss, D. D., President; Rev. E. D. Wettach, Stated Clerk; Elder E. K. Kremer, Treasurer.

Item 36. Tiffin Classis will meet in Reformed Church of Bascom, Seneca Co., Ohio, A. D., 1893, Tuesday, 25th day of April, at 7.30 p. m. Rev. F. H. Keller, President; Rev. A. H. Zechiel, Stated Clerk; Rev. Dr. J. B. Shumaker, Treasurer.

Item 37. Eastern Ohio Classis will meet in the Reformed Church in Osnaburg, Stark Co., Ohio, on Thursday, April 20, A. D., 1893, at 7.30 p. m. Rev. Benjamin H. Roth, President; Rev. George W. Henning, Stated Clerk; Rev. John H. Bomberger, Treasurer.

Item 38. St. Joseph Classis will meet in Grace Reformed Church, Ft. Wayne, Ind., on the 14th of June, 1893, at 7.30 p. m. Rev. H. S. Bailey, President; Rev. F. Ware, Stated Clerk; Elder Benj. Ashbaucher, Treasurer.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES H. STEELE, *Chairman*.

The report was disposed of as follows: The items adopted were 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 26 to 38 inclusive; item 6 adopted, and the attention of classes called to this matter; for action in items 10 and 25, see Art. XIII. Missions; for action in item 24, see Art. XVIII. Appeals and References.

The Standing Committee on Minutes of Classes to report on said minutes to the synod at its next annual meeting, consists of Revs. Edward D. Wettach, Jacob P. Stahl, Albert H. Zechiel, and Elders Robert Bell and Henry F. Rees.

ARTICLE X.

OVERTURES.

The Standing Committee on Overtures, during the afternoon session on Thursday, presented their report, which was received and considered item by item, and subsequently adopted as a whole:

Your Committee on Overtures had placed in their hands the following papers which they beg leave to report to synod.

Item 1. The resignation of Rev. H. H. W. Hibschan, D. D., as a member of the Board of Regents Heidelberg University.

Item 2. A letter from Rev. E. S. Hassler Corresponding Secretary of Pittsburg Synod, asking this Synod to appoint a committee to confer with a similar committee of the Pittsburg Synod, to arrange for a proper observance of the Centennial Anniversary of the autonomy of the Reformed Church in the United States.

Item 3. A letter from Rev. J. H. Steele suggesting to synod the propriety of a change of the name of Sunday-school to Bible School.

Item 4. A letter from Rev. I. S. Hahn, Secretary, requesting that an evening of the sessions of this synod be devoted to Y. P. S. C. E., work.

Item 5. A letter and papers pertaining to an appeal from the action of Miami Classis touching the case of Daniel Emrick.

Item 6. The appeal of Rev. G. Z. Mechling from the action of Miami Classis.

Item 7. A letter from Rev. H. J. Ruetenik requesting the privilege of addressing the synod in regard to emigrants and preparing ministers for work among them.

Item 8. A communication from Rev. P. C. Prugh, D. D., making a statement of the condition and wants of St. Paul's Orphan Home.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSEPH B. SHUMAKER, *Chairman.*

The report was disposed of as follows: For action in item 1 see Art. XV., Heidelberg University; for action in item 2 see Art. XX., Church Government; for action in item 3 see Art. XVII., Sunday-schools; the matter in item 4 was referred to the Standing Committee on Religious Services, whose report see; for action and result reached in items 5 and 6 see Art. XVIII., Appeals and References; for privilege granted and action adopted in item 7 see Art. XXIV., Miscellaneous; and for disposition of subject matter in item 8 see Art. XIV., Benevolent and Religious Institutions.

ARTICLE XI.

EXAMINATION, LICENSURE AND ORDINATION.

The Standing Committee on Examination, Licensure and Ordination, during the afternoon session on Saturday, presented their report, which was received and adopted:

Your Committee on Examination, Licensure and Ordination beg leave to report:

That, inasmuch as no candidates for the sacred office of the ministry have been referred to us, we have no business to suggest.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN A. PETERS, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE XII.

RELIGION AND MORALS.

The Standing Committee on the State of Religion and Statistics, during the evening session on Saturday, submitted their report, which was received and adopted, and is as follows:

FATHERS AND BRETHREN:—After a careful examination of the reports presented in the minutes of the various classes, we present you with the following reflections upon the state of religion within our bounds. If we define the term religion as descriptive of a life of communion with God, and of devotion to his service, we can bear testimony to the favorable influence pervading our charges and congregations during the past year. The reports affirm that, in the main, the time-honored questions of our constitution have all been answered affirmatively; i. e., the gospel has been preached in its purity, the children have been catechised, family visitation performed; the duty to be observed before the celebration of the Lord's Supper attended to, and the temporal contract between minister and people fulfilled.

Beyond this, however, we notice that the great religious movements of the day are influencing the methods of church work, and the private experience and conduct of our membership. This was to be expected. We live in an age of ready and extensive communication of thought and feeling. The newspaper, the railroad, the telegraph are all swift and constant disseminators of intelligence, and we cannot, as a church, escape their influence. Nor should we seek to be exempt from such influence. Time was, when ministers were monks, locked up in monasteries, surrounded by walls to exclude them from their fellowmen; but now all this is changed. Every minister is a citizen as well as a special ambassador of the gospel. He is to stand, not with John the Baptist, in the wilderness, but with Jesus, among the people, sharing their joys and sorrows, and susceptible to all proper influences which bring him into close and intimate relation with them without, however, losing sight of the high and spiritual character of his office.

Among the important modern phases of church work we first name the Sunday-school. Certainly this branch of church work has attained a high degree of activity not only, but of excellency as well. The appliances at hand: The Commentaries on Scriptures, the various Lesson Helps and Illustrations; devoted superintendents and other officers, with consecrated teachers; the influence of youthful companionship, and the services of sacred song, all combine to render the hours of study and devotion in the Sunday-school delightful and profitable in a high degree. We believe that each pastor and elder, within our bounds, should exert himself to the utmost to elevate the

standard of teaching in the Sunday-school, to cultivate therein churchly music, literature, and customs as far as practicable, and to give himself to earnest prayer to God for direction and guidance in this promising branch of church effort.

Another important phase of church work in these times is that of auxiliary societies. Here, we name, especially young people's societies, such as the Andrew and Philip Brotherhood, the Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor, Young Men's and Young Woman's Christian Associations of different kinds. We cannot but rejoice, that so many aids to church effort are now at hand. The modern pastor must be ready to utilize all this youthful enthusiasm, and provide work for all the willing hearts and ready hands, by which he may be surrounded. He needs also great wisdom and discretion in dealing with these movements of the times, in order that he may properly encourage them on one hand, and mould them into churchly ways on the other.

The Woman's Missionary Auxiliary Societies are also a product of modern times, and a sign that greater things will now be attempted and accomplished for the cause of Christ than heretofore. When we remember the devotion of the women who followed Jesus from Galilee; the "true yoke-fellows," also of the Apostle Paul, whose names are found among the godly women mentioned in his writings, we cannot but rejoice that God has put it into the hearts of our sisters to come forward and aid actively in the great work of evangelizing the whole earth. Surely we all bid them welcome to this activity in the work of the church, which now so happily characterizes their efforts. Our mission work in general, both home and foreign, is in a most encouraging state. But we are only on the threshold of great opportunities. We are thankful to God for our mission in Japan, we are also equally thankful for our work in Cleveland, Reading and other cities in our own land. But the Mission Boards ask for increased contributions, the Lord is calling upon us for enlarged effort, and may we not be found lacking when the Master comes to take account of our doing in this regard at the last day.

The educational work among us has a direct bearing upon the State of Morals and Religion among us. In this connection we should continue to emphasize the custom of pastoral catechization in all our congregations, in order that the solid fruits of systematic Christian nurture may be constantly realized. Also, the institutions of the synod, viz: Heidelberg University and Heidelberg Theological Seminary have an important influence upon the culture not only, but also on the spiritual well-being of our people as well. The University is open to the youth of the church of both sexes, and it asks of all parents and guardians within the bounds of synod that they select Heidelberg as the school where they will send their children

for Christian training. Its advantages are superior, and its culture is in harmony with the peculiar life and spirit of the Reformed Church. The Theological Seminary likewise asks that pastors and parents should seek out young men in all our congregations who may, by the blessing of God, be led to seek the educational training necessary for entrance upon the office of the gospel ministry. We are thankful that the cause of ministerial education has of late, secured enlarged attention at the hands of the synod. May the Great Head of the church bless these institutions in time to come still more abundantly even than in the past.

We must not forget, the importance of caring for our publication interests also. We cannot afford to slight the printing-press. The times demand hearty co-operation on the part of us all with those who supply us with Sunday-school Lesson Helps, church periodicals and books, and literature in general. The *Christian World*, our own church paper, should be found in every household within the bounds of synod.

While we all unite in gratitude to God for his favors so briefly sketched, we bow humbly to his Providence in calling away some of our fellow workers to their final rest and reward. Among these we mention the recent death of the Rev. Samuel Mease, D. D., at Lincoln, Neb., formerly an active and influential minister among us. It is with sadness that we chronicle the fact that all the members of his immediate household have preceded him to the eternal world. We also mention the name of Rev. Michael A. Miller, who died at Lindsey, during the past year, and gone to his reward. These deaths are loud calls to us to be watchful and active in the Master's service, for we know not the day or the hour of his coming.

Finally, we should be encouraged to labor on under the historic and venerable name of the Reformed Church, which is now coming to be more and more appreciated and honored. May the Great Head of the church qualify us all more fully for his service; and may he cause his church to extend from the river to the ends of the earth, and her glory to shine forth as the brightness of the morning.

Respectfully submitted,

DAVID VAN HORNE, *Chairman*.

(For Statistical Reports see Appendix.)

ARTICLE XIII.

MISSIONS—HOME AND FOREIGN.

The following reports and papers on the subject of missions were received, duly considered and adopted:

I. ANNUAL REPORTS.

1. *Report of General Board of Home Missions.*

BRETHREN:—We hereby submit to you for your consideration and review, the report of the operations of the General Board of Missions for the year ending August 31, 1892. Looking back over the year, and noting the *progress that has been made in every department of the work*, we feel that it is “meet, right and our bounden duty” to give thanks to the Great Head of the Church for His mercy and goodness toward us. We feel that His hand has directed us in the work—that His blessings gave us success. The year has been one of earnest toil to the missionaries and, not less so to the board. The board is supposed to have a general oversight of the work and to give general direction to those under its care. Were this all that is required the duties could be met with little responsibility. But the board has much more to claim its attention. To select the points where missions are to be planted, and to select the best and most important, where so many present themselves is not an easy matter. To hold the regard of all parts of the church in selecting the towns and cities to be occupied when so many of these are recommended by the classes and synods—yea, indeed, urged upon the board—is not a light thing. When a mistake is made in the selection, those who may have recommended the points, are slow to bear any part of the odium which naturally attaches to failure. Then to select missionaries who will make a success of the work is one of the important things. At this point, more than at any other, harsh judgment is passed upon the board. And yet, no set of men can be found, who can select other men, who will invariably make a success in the mission work of the church. A man may be a very fair pastor in a self-supporting charge, who in a mission field may be an utter failure. It is hard for the board to determine what a man can do until the trial is made—but with his failure comes severe blame upon those who employed him. There is another tendency abroad in the church, which seems as unreasonable as it is strange. It is to blame the board for not doing more—establishing more missions and aiding more congregations in the erection of chapels, when the funds are so limited. There are those who are determined that the board shall “make brick,” although they may make little effort to furnish the “straw.” The Advisory Boards of the Classes and synods at times submit their plans. These the board follows as nearly as possible upon the theory that those on the ground should know best, but when success does not come then the board must bear the burden of the failure.

These are some of the annoyances to which the board is subject. The past year was as free from these disagreeable features as could

be expected. The new fields enrolled give evidence of future success while the new missionaries, with few exceptions, have proved themselves men of whom the board need not be ashamed. The church has sustained the board to such a degree that the year closes with every missionary paid to date, while no burdensome debt is hanging over it to cause discouragement. For this prosperous state of affairs all should give hearty thanks to God. And let us hope that greater things may be accomplished during the year to come. As this report may seem, the church should, however, remember that the board limited itself in its operations, so that the missionaries were paid in full simply because no more missions were enrolled that could be well sustained—but there were many calls that could not be answered. The work has not all been done that should have been done by any means. It is often with sorrow that the board turns a deaf ear to those who are calling loudly for help. May we not hope that the day is near at hand when the church will arise in her might and engage in this grand work in a way commensurate with her ability?

UNIFICATION.

Perhaps the most important event of the year was the final full unification of the Home Mission work of the English synods under the General Board. Up to April 1st, 1892, the Pittsburg and Ohio Synods with the Classes of Philadelphia and Wyoming, transferred their missions to the General Synod's Board in accordance with the action of the General Synod at Akron in 1887. The Synods of the East and Potomac at their annual meetings in October 1891, authorized the transfer of their missions to the General Board under certain restrictions. The Bi-Synodic Board and the Executive Committee of the General Board, met in the First Reformed Church Altoona, Pennsylvania, on January 14, 1892, and a basis of unification was arranged agreeable to all parties. There is no need of giving this agreement in full in this report, as it was published at the time in all our church papers. By this action all the missions heretofore under the Bi-Synodic Board, within the Synod of the Interior pass absolutely under the direct control of the General Board. The missions within the bounds of the Eastern and Potomac Synods—including the German missions on the Pacific Coast—are under the Bi-Synodic Board in its advisory character. This includes of course the missions heretofore under the care of the General Board in the Classes of Philadelphia and Wyoming. The German missions on the coast remain under the control of the Bi-Synodic Board, from the fact that they belong to the Potomac Synod. The missionaries of these synods first send their quarterly and annual reports to the Advisory Board, and from thence they come before the General Board. The monthly reports of the two synods

paid first, to Treasurer Seibert, who every month transmits the amount to the Treasurer of the General Board, Charles Santee. Rev. A. C. Whitmer, continues superintendent in these synods. According to this agreement the General Board does not have any control over the Church Extension Funds in the Eastern and Potomac Synods. The special Building Funds, as well as the apportionments for Church Extension, within the bounds of these two synods, do not in any way reach the General Board, unless specially designated for the use of that board.

On April 19th, 1892, at the annual meeting of the General Board at Lancaster, Pennsylvania, the provisions of this general agreement were carried out and the missions of the two synods named, passed under the control of the General Board. At the same time the Board of Missions of the "Synod of the Interior," with Rev. D. B. Shuey, superintendent, transferred its missions to the General Board. These were five in number, regularly organized, and in addition several isolated congregations, which in the near future will be organized into missions. This practically unifies the mission work in the five English Synods, and the support of nearly one hundred and seventy thousand members of our church will hereafter be extended to the General Board. We have, therefore, reached during the year, what many in the church have long prayed for, namely, the unification of the mission work in the English Synods. May we not hope that within a few years we may chronicle the fact that the German part of the church has also united in this grand work? Then our Zion will arise in her strength and might.

SELF-SUPPORTING.

The statistical table, it will be noticed, includes the year from April 1st, 1891, to April 1st, 1892. We are pleased to call attention to the comparatively large number of missions that became self-supporting during the year. They are as follows: Bangor, Norristown and Wilkinsburg, Pennsylvania; Mt. Zwingli and Hamilton, Ohio. Leighton, Iowa, and New Basil, Kansas. The names of these missions will disappear from the rolls of the board after this year. Others became self-sustaining within the bounds of the two synods that lately transferred their missions, but as the names were not carried over to the rolls of the General Board, they are not named here. There are quite a number of missions now on the rolls, whose appropriations are quite small and it is confidently expected that within the coming year not a few of these will see their way open to relieve the board from giving any further help. This should be done whenever and wherever possible, as so many other important points are calling for help. The Advisory Boards should keep before their members the fact that earnest efforts must be made to become self-supporting. It must be remembered that the church holds its board

responsible for the proper expenditures of all funds, and that means, that help shall be given only where it is absolutely needed. Self-support should be the laudible desire of every earnest mission congregation.

NEW WORK.

At the time of the last annual report the missions at Barberton, Ohio, and St. Joseph, Mo., were enrolled, but no missionaries had been appointed and no organization effected. Subsequently missionaries were appointed and both missions are now fully organized. The following new missions have been enrolled since April 1, 1892, and do not with one exception therefore, appear on the statistical table. They are as follows. Baltimore, N. W., Reading, Pa., Seattle, Wash., Albino, Oregon, Astoria, Ill., and Messiah, Philadelphia, Pa. All of these with the exception of Astoria, Illinois, have been provided with missionaries and are in full operation. It will be noticed that but one of these, Astoria, Illinois, is located within the Great Mississippi Valley. The others are located in the East and on the Pacific Coast. There are not lacking important points for missions between the Allegheny and Rocky Mountains, but because of the lack of funds it was deemed best not to begin work at these places during the year. The board has, however, authorized the opening of missions during the coming year at Chicago, Illinois, and Youngstown, Ohio. These are very important points for our church—containing much outside material upon which the church should lay hold—while in both places there is not a little Reformed material already. In addition to these named, several of the Advisory Boards have presented to the General Board, points where they are desirous to have missions started at as early a day as possible. The synods may feel assured that the board will establish as many missions as the amount of funds will allow, while at the same time the new missions will be as evenly distributed over the church as the importance of the work demands.

INCOME OF THE BOARD.

It is but proper that the synods should be well informed upon the matter of the income of the board, because upon this depends largely the prosperity of the work. Treasurer Santee transmitted a statement giving in concise form the amounts received and paid out during the year. Let it be remembered that the treasurer's account closes for the year, always on May 20th, and the statement here given includes the year closing with May 20th, 1892. The whole amount received for the year was \$19,778.05. The amount paid out was \$18,310.34. In treasury on that date, \$1,467.71. The above amount includes what was received for Hungarian and Harbor Missions.

For Hungarian Missions there was paid in, \$1,456.07. Paid out during the same time, \$2,034.00; showing a deficiency in this fund of

\$577.93. For Harbor Missions there was an income of \$1,088.03 and outlay of \$720, leaving to the credit of this fund the sum of \$368. The apportionment for Harbor Missions is made directly by General Synod and is for the triennial term, and by the time General Synod meets again, there may not be an overplus. There will be, more likely, a deficit unless the synods pay up in full the amounts apportioned upon them. The \$19,778.05, includes only one monthly payment from the Treasurer of the Bi-Synodic Board. The income of the General Board, exclusive of that one payment, was almost \$17,500. The last report of the Treasurer of the Bi-Synodic Board showed an income of about \$16,000, making a grand total from the English synods for the work of \$33,500. This of course, includes all the apportionments and extra funds raised by the superintendents and nearly all raised by the Women's Societies for the Home Work.

THE HUNGARIAN WORK.

We wish to call special attention to this part of the work. When the last report was written, there was really but one missionary at work in this field. Soon after Bro. Kovacs took charge at Pittsburgh. We now have two missionaries, Jurany and Kovacs, among the Reformed Hungarians of this country. There are nine organized congregations under the care of these two faithful men with a membership of fully three hundred. This has been rather a remarkable work for so short a time. These men have proved to be faithful and competent, with great zeal for the good of their countrymen. But the work has enlarged so greatly that it is evident to the board that an additional man must be put into the field. Bro. Kovacs has more than he can do, while still additional points are calling for some one to come and preach the gospel to these people in their native tongue. Shall the board call an additional missionary for this field? Let the synods answer this question at their approaching meetings this fall. If the synods so decide, then let them indicate their desires in this direction by apportioning among them the sum of \$2,200 for Hungarian Missions; each synod assuming its full share of that sum and a little additional for any deficiencies that may occur. It is believed that this sum will be sufficient to pay the salaries of the missionaries we now have and to bring from Hungary an additional one, and pay his salary for the year. There are those who think that the apportionment for this fund, should be included in the regular missionary apportionment, but the board deems it best to keep the two separate for the present year, at least.

Bro. Jurany is now gathering funds for the building of a chapel in the city of Cleveland, Ohio, while Bro. Kovacs in Pittsburgh, has the chapel so far under way that it will be ready for use by October 1st, next; unless something unforeseen should occur to prevent the completion of the work. In Pittsburgh, the lot was purchased and is

now owned by the board. The whole property will be held by the board, so that there cannot be any such thing as a loss to the church so far as the property is concerned. Elders Keil, Hamilton and Rev. Prugh, under the authority of the board, have the building of the chapel in charge, thus insuring the church against any bad management. We congratulate the church upon the prospects of this chapel being built without any debt resting upon it, and especially upon the fact that those outside of the church have taken such an interest in this Hungarian movement, as to pay liberally toward the erection of this chapel. We ask the synods to do liberal things for the Hungarian work.

CHURCH EXTENSION.

There is no department of Home Mission work, more important than that of Church Extension. Indeed, it can be truthfully said, that the church did not in the past and does not now, fully appreciate the importance of this arm of the work. There is great need that the church should be thoroughly aroused as to the importance of it. The board to-day, more than ever feels the pressing need of such funds. In fact there is little use to go into a large town or city, with the intention of starting a mission, unless the board is provided with liberal sums of money with which to purchase a lot and erect a chapel. The board may send a missionary to a city; it may provide him a salary; he may gather together a goodly number of members, but how is he to succeed without a chapel or church, and how is he to erect such a building without a lot upon which to build? Again, how can he come into possession of these when they cost from \$12,000 to \$15,000, as they do in many of the large cities? And yet without them no mission can obtain a proper foothold in a large city. There is absolutely no fund that needs strengthening so much as the Church Extension Fund. We are glad to say that some considerable progress has been made toward the accumulation of such funds during the year past, as will be seen by consulting the treasurer's report. The last annual report stated the fact, that not quite five "special funds" had been received. During the year past the fifth fund was completed and five additional ones received, so that within a little more than a year and a half, ten of these special funds of \$500 each were obtained. In addition to these funds, some monies have been received through the apportionments. In this way a lot has been purchased for the Hungarians in Pittsburgh, one has been purchased for the mission in Cumberland, and one for the mission in Lincoln, Nebraska. These have all been paid for in full. We here give Treasurer Boush's report, which is as follows:

DEBIT.

On hand at last report	\$ 66 75
Received from Rev. B. Bausman, D. D., Fund	500 00
" " St. Joseph Classis, Synod of Ohio, Fund	500 00
" " Tuscarawas Classis, Synod of Ohio, Fund	500 00
" " Charles Santee, Phila., Pa., Fund	500 00
" " L. H. Diehl, Astoria, Illinois, Fund	500 00
" " Dr. B. S. Schneck, Fund	475 00
" " West Susquehanna, Classis	124 17
" " Synod of the Interior	111 68
" " Synod of Pittsburg	200 00
" " Somerset Classis, Fund	619 00
" " (Borrowed)	600 00
" " Part of Sarah Brinker Fund	1,000 00
Total	\$5,696 60

CREDIT.

Principal and Interest on Auracher Note	\$ 911 52
To Rev. T. F. Stauffer for Lincoln Lot	2,000 00
To D. F. Greenawalt in full for Lot in Cumberland	1,600 00
To Interest on Wolf Note	105 00
Principal and Interest on Hay notes in full	637 50
Balance on Hand	442 58
Total	\$5,696 60

May we not ask of the church that the board be supplied a little more liberally with funds for this purpose? Will the church not give the board the small sum asked for, farther on in this report? Please, brethren, do not cut down the small pittance to an altogether insignificant sum. The board has so many calls for extension funds. The necessary work cannot be done unless the church comes to its help with money for this purpose. The conduct of other churches on this point may cause us to appreciate more fully the importance of this work. They give largely for this purpose and are therefore enabled to do the work in large cities on a scale that tells for good in the prosperity of the denomination. The General Board should have extension funds equal in amount to one-third of what is given for the payment of the missionaries each year. Even this sum would be inadequate for the work. And here let us put in a plea for the Special Building Fund of \$500 each. Several persons have given that sum during the year past. Are there not others in the church who do likewise? Is it asking too much of the pastors, when we request them to present this matter to their wealthy members? Can any man erect a grander monument to his memory than to give the board a \$500 fund to be known by his name for all time to come? We make an earnest plea for such funds.

THE INDEBTEDNESS.

When the last report was offered, there was an indebtedness resting upon the board, in the way of money borrowed, amounting to \$3,100. This money had been borrowed to help along in the Church

Extension Work. This sum has been reduced to \$1,750 at this date, but during the year additional sums had been borrowed in order to meet promises made for the purchase of lots. These have also been refunded, so that the actual indebtedness of the board is at this time \$1,750 with \$442.58 in the treasury. This deficit is in the Church Extension Fund. As regards the mission work direct there was at the time of the last annual report an indebtedness of \$1,200. That has since been cancelled, not so much because the church paid so much additional, but rather from the fact that the board cut down the work and consequently, also the expenses. There is at this writing the sum of over \$1,400 in the hands of the treasurer, but by the time the present quarter ends, September 30th, there will likely be a good round sum lacking to pay off the missionaries, as the mid-summer quarter always empties the treasury and causes a deficit. It is to be hoped, however, that when the end of the year comes it will be found that sufficient funds are on hand to meet all demands. But looking into the coming year and judging the future by the past, we are fully persuaded that the board will be compelled to borrow funds, during the coming year in order to firmly establish some of the missions that have been organized. Several such are situated in large cities and must have the help of the board in order to become a success. To neglect them now is to cripple them for all time to come. We may note here a special case. It is that of Kansas City, where the property is under heavy mortgage, and where it is so unfortunately located, that it must be sold and another lot bought and a new chapel erected. This is the only possible salvation for the mission, and the board has ordered the sale of the property and that a better location be selected for the mission. But to do this requires funds and in order to obtain them when needed, they will likely have to be borrowed by the board.

THE 1,000 5's FUND.

Two years ago the board authorized its superintendent to collect for additional work, 1,000 five dollar subscriptions, to be known as "The 1,000 5's Fund." At the close of the two years the first 1,000 subscriptions were secured. At first it was deemed best to close this particular work when the 1,000 subscriptions should be obtained, but it was found that the special funds are a great help to the board and it was therefore decided that the effort should be continued. The number of fives procured up to date is 1,152. This is not a specially large sum and yet it has been a very great assistance in the Church Extension work, and also gave the board some funds to make up deficiencies in the appointments. This movement, on so small a scale, demonstrates the fact that if the proper efforts were put forth, quite large sums of money could be raised over and above the appointments. And that is what is needed in our church. We do not,

as a church, contribute as much as we are able to contribute. Here and there congregations may come up to the average of other denominations, but such is hardly true of the church in general. Many of our pastors are satisfied if they only gather the apportionments, while others seem content if they merely present the matter to their people, whether much is paid or not. The apportionments represent only the minimum sum needed for the work, while all vigorous congregations should deem it a privilege, as well as a duty, to raise all they possibly can for the Extension of Christ's Kingdom.

MISSIONARY SOCIETIES.

The board, at different times, has had under consideration the best means by which additional funds might be raised, as these are so much needed to make up for apportionments that are never paid. The help given by missionary societies, wherever these have been organized, has been a great relief to the board. They are calculated to awaken a missionary spirit among the people, and wherever this is thoroughly awakened, the funds to carry on the work will be forthcoming. We would, therefore, recommend to the synods such action on their part, as will insure the organization of such a society in every congregation. No matter how small such a society may be, its influence is always in the right direction and is sure to awaken in the congregation, an interest in missions. Let these societies be mixed societies, where old and young, male and female, may meet together to discuss the means to be used for the extension of Christ's Kingdom.

In some congregations, perhaps other means are made use of which reach the same end as the missionary society. If so, then we would not insist upon the missionary society, but in the great majority of the congregations it is believed the society will be a great help to the work. Women's societies, are being organized throughout the church and to this is due, no doubt, much of the awakened zeal in missionary work, in our church. In the Synods of Pittsburgh, Ohio and Interior, every classis has a Woman's Classical Missionary Society, with perhaps one exception. These societies have done much to awaken the church to a sense of her duty and responsibility along the line of missionary work. The board cannot but recognize them as helpful agencies in the cause of missions and it is believed, that if they are properly encouraged and controlled, they can be made far more efficient in the future than they have been in the past or are at the present. In the other leading denominations the women are active and their societies bring in large sums of money for the general work. May not our church experience the same, if the synods give proper direction and encouragement to the societies?

STATISTICS.

The statistical table has been filled out as accurately as possible.

As will be seen there are now enrolled and belonging to the English Synods eighty-nine missions and including the Harbor Mission, which is also largely supported by these synods, there are ninety. In order that the church may be more fully informed as to the scope of the work, we have incorporated in this table, the number of German missions. The Eastern German Synod has nine missions on its roll, but as one of them is also carried on the roll of the English synods—namely, Franklinville—this is twice reported in the count. The whole number of missions belonging to the home field is one hundred and twenty-four. It will be noticed that the additions to the missions were quite large, so that the year has been one of prosperity to these fields. It will especially be noticed that the value of the chapels and churches owned by the missions runs into many thousands of dollars, while the indebtedness on them is comparatively small. This is an evidence of liberality on the part of the people and careful business transactions on the part of the missionaries and their immediate helpers. The parsonages are not as numerous as the board would like to see them, but a number of the fields are either now engaged in building, or are looking forward to it in the near future. The contributions for some purposes have been quite liberal, which is an evidence at least, that the missions are trying to take care of themselves. For benevolence the report is also fair and on an average, equal to the older charges. As to the number of church papers taken, there is a lamentable lack, we think. It seems strange that some of our missionaries cannot see that the way to help the missions is to have the people read the church papers and become interested in the general work of the church. But we trust there may be great improvement in this direction soon. Upon the whole, the advancement has been great, and greater progress may still be looked for when the whole church in one united effort, shall put forth her strength for the extension of Christ's Kingdom. We feel to rejoice in the evidence that she is nearing that point in her history.

ESTIMATES FOR THE COMING YEAR.

If all our missions are supplied with pastors as they are now enrolled and a small allowance is made for the contingent expenses of the board, including the salaries of the superintendents, the amount required at the present time is nearly \$32,000. The board has arranged for several additional missions—in fact, has already enrolled them—which, when supplied with pastors will materially increase its expenses. True, on the first of April next, reductions will be made, but these reductions will likely not amount to more than the additional cost will be of the missions now ordered to be organized. If, therefore, the work is to be increased and additional missions enrolled, the sum of \$36,000 will be needed for the work during the ensuing year. We therefore ask of the synods the following sums:

Eastern Synod	\$15,000
Potomac Synod	8,000
Ohio Synod	7,500
Pittsburg Synod	4,200
Interior Synod	1,300
Total	<u>\$36,000</u>

We ask that \$1,000 more be apportioned upon the synods than may be required, but all who are acquainted with the work know very well, that the deficiencies in the apportionments will be much more than \$1,000, and that it will require extra efforts on the part of the superintendents and others, to make them up, unless the coming year is an exception to all former ones. There are those who may say that this apportionment is not just. Others may say, divide the \$36,000 equally among the membership of the English synods. We admit that that would be exact justice, but we know equally well that if we were to do that, the board would not get the funds to carry on the work. As we go westward the sum paid per capita, has always increased. The sums asked for will make the per capita about as follows: Eastern Synod, eighteen cents; Potomac, twenty-five; Pittsburgh, thirty; Ohio, thirty-five; Interior, forty-eight. Unequal as this may appear, it is yet about the way the synods have been paying. For several years past the Synod of the Interior has assessed itself fifty cents per member for Home Missions alone. We earnestly entreat that the synods apportion these sums for the use of the board. And we further

EARNESTLY REQUEST

1. That in accordance with the explanation before given, the synods apportion the sum of \$2,200 among them for the Hungarian work. This will be sufficient to pay the salaries of the two missionaries now in the field, and to enable the board to call an additional one, so as to extend the work. Let each synod assume such a sum as it may deem to be its full share and some additional to meet delinquencies.

2. As the General Board does not in any way receive any help from the Eastern synods in the Church Extension Work—except such as may be given by individuals—and as the Church Extension Work has assumed such importance and is so necessary for the proper advancement of the cause, we most earnestly request the synods to apportion the small sum of *five cents per member* for the use of the General Board. We ask this from the fact that much of the missionary ground of our church lies in the Mississippi Valley between the Allegheny and Rocky Mountains. Yet the greater strength of our church is east of the Allegheny range. It is but natural that the great bulk of the church in the East, would wish to help in this good work beyond the borders of the Eastern and Poto-

mac Synods. But even then, if this small sum is given, the General Board will know no synodical lines, but will help wherever help is needed, and to the full extent of its ability.

A DIFFICULTY.

There is one difficulty that the board meets with that is hard to account for upon any known principle. This is the difficulty of procuring men for the mission fields. The reasons for this, some might suppose, would at once range themselves under two headings. 1. Because of the scarcity of ministers. 2. Because not all ministers are competent to take charge of important missions. But these are not the reasons as is well known. We can, perhaps, best present what we wish to emphasize by giving a few illustrations. A certain charge became vacant. We have it from good authority that, that charge had twenty-two applicants from ministers for the pastorate. Another charge becoming vacant, had thirteen applicants, and it was not a very inviting charge either. Among these applicants were, we are informed, some of the best men of the church. When, however, the board wishes to open a mission in some important city, it is next to impossible to get a man to take charge of it. Why? Certainly not because men are unwilling to change. That fact is illustrated above. It must be because they are unwilling to undergo the hardships and vexations involved in building up a new mission. Young men, men who have been partly educated by the church, shrink from the mission work. Should they not be willing to take hold and help the church that gave them help? This is the reason why at times, the movements of the board seem slow and indifferent. It takes time to select men for the missions, when so few stand ready to answer the call of the board. All this is especially true of the missions in the west. It is difficult to get men from the East to man the missions in the West. Why is this? Do we not need more of the missionary spirit?

IN CONCLUSION.

This ends the history of the work for the past year under the General Board. Much work was done, but much had to be left undone for lack of means. The request for funds, the board hopes may be heeded as these are absolutely necessary in order that the work may be extended. The requests are moderate and in some instances less than in former years. The apportionments are low as compared with other denominations. May we not hope then, that they will be furnished the board. May God's blessing rest upon the missionary work of the church.

Respectfully submitted,

DEWALD S. FOUSE, *Superintendent.*

NOTE.—For statistical table of the General Synod's Board of Missions, see appendix.

2. *Report of Treasurer of Board of Home Missions.*

REV. JOHN J. LEBERMAN, *Treasurer, in account with the Board of Missions of the Ohio Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States, from October 2, 1891, to October 5, 1892.*

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To cash on hand October 2, 1891	\$ 12 75
Miami Classis, V. P. Van Horne, Treasurer	1,118 59
Lancaster Classis, Rev. J. A. Seltz, Treasurer	732 19
Tuscarawas Classis, E. K. Kremer, Treasurer	1,664 36
St. Joseph Classis, Mr. Ben Ashbaucher, Treasurer	504 37
Tiffin Classis, Rev. J. B. Shumaker, D. D., Treasurer	597 07
Eastern Ohio Classis, Rev. J. H. Bomberger, Treasurer	542 81
Bequest of Rev. Dr. B. S. Schneck	475 00
Bequest of Mrs. Mary Ashbaucher	200 00
Rev. D. Van Horne, D. D.	5 00
John A. Keller	5 00
Daniel Keen	2 00
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	\$5,859 14

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Charles Santee, Treasurer General Synod's Board of Missions	\$5,548 90
Rev. D. S. Fouse, D. D., Superintendent of Missions	278 99
Postage, exchange, and executing papers	9 45
Cash on hand	21 71
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	\$5,859 14

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN J. LEBERMAN, *Treasurer.*

3. *Report of Board of Church Erection.*

We would present herewith our annual report. It is "short but sweet." The report is largely based upon the report from the treasurer.

The former reports were largely a statement concerning the debt which was once of quite oppressive proportions. Some of the present members have been with the board during all these years of discouraging waiting. But at last we can bring the pleasing message that the old debt is all paid, and the treasurer's report will show a balance in hand sufficient to begin hopeful work.

The board also holds a deed for the Lima church property, and for the Ada lot.

All the classes were loyal to the board and its interests during this dark year before the dawn. Even St. Joseph Classis which has not for many years, if ever, paid anything to the board, made good its promise of a year ago, and sent a very suitable contribution.

The question now arises concerning the continuance of this board, in the operations of Ohio Synod. The debt being paid, is its mission

fulfilled? It is the opinion of the board that the debt being paid, we are as a synod just ready to begin good aggressive work. To unitedly provide an annual sum to be used in helping hopeful organizations and in founding new ones, might prove one of the strongest agencies of the synod.

We would respectfully call attention to the fact that the time of office of Rev. E. R. Williard and Rev. A. E. Baichly, expires at the present meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
JAMES H. STEELE, President.

4. *Report of Treasurer of Board of Church Erection.*

REV. E. R. WILLIARD, *Treasurer, in account with the Board of Church Erection of the Ohio Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States.*

Moneys received and paid out during the synodical year, ending Oct. 5, 1892.

1891.		DR.	
Oct. 7.	Balance in treasury		\$681 46
1892.			
Jan. 14.	To cash from Rev. A. Gonser, Treasurer of Eastern Ohio Classis		11 08
Feb. 4.	" " " " " " " " " " " "		9 60
Apr. 19.	" " Rev. J. A. Seitz, Treasurer of Lancaster Classis		54 90
Apr. 23.	" " Elder E. K. Kremer, Treasurer of Tuscarawas Classis		150 00
Apr. 30.	" " " " " " " " " " " "		64 00
Apr. 30.	" " Rev. I. H. Reiter, D. D., Treasurer of Miami Classis		16 70
May 4.	" " " " " " " " " " " "		34 50
May 5.	" " " " " " " " " " " "		11 50
May 9.	" " " " " " " " " " " "		33 10
May 10.	" " Rev. J. H. Bomberger, Treasurer Eastern Ohio Classis		10 00
May 12.	" " Rev. I. H. Reiter, D. D., Treasurer of Miami Classis		48 58
May 17.	" " Rev. J. A. Seitz, Treasurer of Lancaster Classis		109 36
May 18.	" " Rev. I. H. Reiter, D. D., Treasurer of Miami Classis		109 98
May 24.	" " Elder E. K. Kremer, Treasurer of Tuscarawas Classis		4 50
Sept. 28.	" " Elder Benj. Ashbaucher, Treasurer St. Joseph Classis		60 00
Sept. 28.	" " Rev. J. H. Bomberger, Treasurer Eastern Ohio Classis		8 68
Sept. 29.	" " Rev. J. B. Shumaker, D. D., Treasurer Tiffin Classis		95 00
Oct. 1.	" " Interest on money		17 00
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			\$1,529 94
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1892.		CR.	
Jan. 15.	To Mrs. E. M. Sandoe, interest on note to date	\$	60 00
May 24.	To General Synod's Board of Home Missions, per Superintendent D. S. Fouse		4 50
July 25.	To Mrs. E. M. Sandoe, interest on note to date		31 50
July 25.	To Mrs. E. M. Sandoe, principal of note in full		1,000 00
	To postage, stationary, &c.		75
Oct. 1.	Balance on hand		438 19
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			\$1,529 94

Respectfully submitted,
EDWIN R. WILLIARD, Treasurer.

5. *Report of Board of Commissioners of Foreign Missions.*

REVEREND AND DEAR BRETHREN:—In the absence of a formal authorized report by the board, which will be in full presented to the General Synod next spring, I beg leave to present to your reverend body, a very important statement of the present condition and outlook of our missionary work in Japan.

It is with profound gratitude to God, that I am able to say, that our work in Sendai is moving forward with indeed unexpected success. Ever since the establishment of our institutions for the raising up of a native ministry, our work has been largely preparative, it requiring several years before the students could be conducted through the necessary educational course. This fall the first class completed its course, and henceforth we may expect annual reinforcements to our band of native evangelistic workers. The Training School had had a body of some thirty-five to forty students up until the completion of our new seminary building. Since the occupancy of this new building during the last scholastic year, the number of students has increased at a surprising rate, till it reached its maximum number of 119. Thirty-eight of these are candidates for the Christian ministry. Of the whole number, sixty-one are Christians. This unlooked for increase in the number of students forced the board, even without the necessary funds in sight, in faith to send out another missionary teacher, to relieve our greatly overburdened missionaries, Hoy and Schneder, in the person of Rev. Henry K. Miller, who is now on his way to San Francisco, Cal., from whence he expects to sail for Japan on the 27th inst. With these three fully equipped American teachers, in whose hands will be the branches which relate both directly and more remotely to our holy Christianity, aided by several native teachers of the secular branches, the board believes the force of teachers will be sufficiently strong for the present wants of our school.

We have not had so large an increase of students in the Girls' School, the number being as per last report, forty-three. A considerable inflow of new scholars is expected during the coming term. Since Miss Hollowell has been added, the teaching force is considered adequate to the present wants of the school.

During the last several years the labors of our mission have, as already said, been largely devoted to the preparatory work of raising up a force of evangelistic workers. As a consequence, evangelistic work proper, has received only partial attention. Bro. Moore being the only one to whom this department was committed, Bros. Hoy and Schneder rendering such help on Saturdays and Sundays as their oppressive labors as teachers in the Training School permitted. Now, however, that workers are coming out of our school, the grand aim of our work, viz., to win souls to Christ, is expected to go forward with new and growing activity. It is very clear then,

that with increased activity and more widely extended labor in this department, it will become necessary in the near future to reinforce this branch of work by sending out one or two additional American evangelists to labor in and supervise this department, manned as it largely will be by those who in reality are but babes in Christ themselves.

Thus with the blessing of God's Spirit is our work and field of service rapidly growing in our hands. The anxious question, now more than ever before, is coming to oppress us, "Will the home church sufficiently respond to this clear and loud call of God?" He has graciously blessed us and prospered us in our day of small things; will we now with growing and brightening opportunities, rise to our opportunities and go forward under the leadership of him who has promised to be with us always unto the end of the world?

Dear brethren in the Lord, the board appeals to you in the Savior's precious name, to adopt such measures as will serve to so quicken the zeal of our ministers and members, as will enable it to press forward in the winning of souls and in the upbuilding of Christ's kingdom even unto the ends of the earth.

Your brother in Christ,

S. N. CALLENDER,

Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions.

MECHANICSBURG, PA., September 23, 1892.

II. REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE ON MISSIONS.

The Standing Committee on Missions, during the afternoon session on Thursday, submitted their report, which was received and considered item by item, and as amended, together with all of the preceding reports relating to missions, adopted:

Your Committee on Missions respectfully submit their report:

The following documents have been referred to us: The report of the Board of Home Missions of General Synod, a letter from the Board of Commissioners of Foreign Missions, the report of the Board of Church Erection. We herewith return these documents and recommend that they be spread on the Minutes of Synod.

The Foreign Board reports the work in Japan as especially prosperous. Thirty-eight of the students in our Training School are candidates for the ministry, whilst the total number of students is 119. This has necessitated the sending out of an additional missionary teacher and the incurring of additional expense.

The General Synod's Home Mission Board reports encouraging "progress in every department." The year has been marked by "the final and full unification of the Home Mission work of the English

synods under the General Board, gaining for the work of this board the support of about 170,000 members of our church." Seven missions have become self-sustaining, and others will soon be dropped from the roll of the board. The prosperity of the Hungarian work has surpassed all expectations. There are now eighty-nine missions on the roll. The board requests that a general apportionment of thirty-five cents per capita (for the Ohio Synod) be made. That the synod assume its proportion of the \$2,200 needed for carrying forward the Hungarian work, and that five cents per member be apportioned for Church Extension work. It also desires effort to be put forth for awakening a deeper mission spirit throughout the church.

The Church Erection Board exultantly announces the final liquidation of its long standing indebtedness, reports a balance on hand of \$500, and asks synod with reference to the advisability of its continued existence. With this brief outline of the more prominent features of these documents, we submit the following items, based upon these reports, for your consideration :

1. That this synod record its appreciative recognition of the indefatigable labors of our efficient missionary superintendent, Rev. D. S. Fouse, D. D.
2. That our pastors be urged to bring the interests of our Japanese brethren more prominently before their people and that they be instructed to increase the amount of the offerings devoted to this cause; taking at least one special collection each year in its interest.
3. That thirty-five cents per capita be apportioned for the general use of the Home Mission Board.
4. That \$500 be apportioned for the Hungarian Missions.
5. That five cents per capita be apportioned for the use of the Home Mission Board as a Church Extension Fund.
6. That the Board of Church Erection of the Ohio Synod is instructed to transfer by proper legal conveyances all its property to the General Synod's Board of Home Missions, and when it shall have done this, the work of the Board of Church Erection shall cease.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN H. BOMBERGER, *Chairman.*

III. ELECTION OF BOARD OF HOME MISSIONS.

Officers of Board.

Rev. Sebastian C. Goss, D. D., *President*, Wadsworth, Ohio.

Rev. Edward D. Wettach, *Secretary*, Akron, Ohio.

Rev. John J. Leberman, D. D., *Treasurer*, Louisville, Ohio.

Members whose term expires October, 1893.

Rev. John J. Leberman, D. D.

Rev. John M. Kendig, D. D.

Members whose term expires October, 1894.

Rev. Emil P. Herbruck. Rev. John H. Bomberger.

Members whose term expires October, 1895.

Rev. Sebastian C. Goss, D. D. Rev. Edward D. Wettach.

IV. ELECTION OF BOARD OF CHURCH ERECTION.

Officers of Board.

Rev. James H. Steele, *President*, Alpha, Ohio.
 Rev. Wm. H. Shults, *Secretary*, Leavittsburg, Ohio.
 Rev. Edwin R. Williard, *Treasurer*, Akron, Ohio.

Members whose term expires October, 1893.

Rev. James H. Steele. Rev. William H. Shulta.

Members whose term expires October, 1894.

Rev. Jacob P. Stahl. Elder Victor P. Van Horne.

Members whose term expires October, 1895.

Rev. Samuel B. Yockey. Rev. Edwin R. Williard.

V. MISSIONARY PUBLICATIONS.

The Standing Committee on Minutes of Classes, during the afternoon session on Thursday, reported in item 10 that Tiffin and Eastern Ohio Classes called attention to synod's request concerning the *Missionary Guardian*. This item was adopted, and the subject matter referred to a special committee consisting of Revs. Dr. John A. Peters, Isaac A. Sites and Elder George F. Bareis. This committee, during the afternoon session on Saturday, submitted the following report, which was received and adopted:

Your special committee to whom was referred the matter relating to our Missionary Publications, beg leave to offer the following preamble and resolutions for your consideration.

WHEREAS, The publication of a suitable Missionary Magazine is indispensable to the proper dissemination of missionary intelligence; and

WHEREAS, It has been shown that the *Missionary Guardian*, and the *Woman's Journal*, which practically cover the same ground, are not properly supported, and there is danger that their discontinuance may become a sad necessity; therefore

Resolved, That this synod overtures the General Synod to inaugurate measures looking toward a consolidation of the two magazines at as early a day as possible, and that said magazine shall then become the official organ of the whole church.

Resolved, That until such consolidation can be effected our pastors, consistories and missionary societies be urged to bring the merits of the two publications before our people for their moral and financial support.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN A. PETERS, *Chairman*.

Installation of Missionaries.

Lancaster Classis, as reported by the Standing Committee on Minutes of Classes in item 25, overtured the Ohio Synod for a deliverance on the question whether it was necessary to install a missionary as pastor of a congregation, which he has organized, when commissioned by the Board of Missions.

The item was adopted, and, on motion, the following deliverance was adopted:

Resolved, That the sentiment of the Ohio Synod is that all such missionaries should be installed by the classis in whose bounds they are located.

ARTICLE XIV.

HEIDELBERG THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

The following reports having reference to the seminary were received, considered and adopted:

I. ANNUAL REPORTS.

I. Report of the Board of Trustees.

Your board met in Bellevue, Ohio, October 12, 1891, and organized by the election of the following officers.

Rev. S. B. Yockey, *President*.

Rev. H. M. Herman, D. D., *Vice President*.

Rev. M. Loucks, D. D., *Secretary*.

Elder Horace Ankeney, *Treasurer*.

Three meetings were subsequently held in the City of Dayton, when all the needs of the seminary were thoroughly canvassed, and plans devised by which to increase the annual income of the board, and also to keep before the church, this her most important institution. That our efforts were not entirely barren of results, will be seen by the statements of our most efficient treasurer, Elder Horace Ankeney. It is a matter for no little justification that our finances are in better condition than ever before, and that the year ends with our obligations cancelled. The joy this brings is only fully appreciated by those who are compelled to work with meager means, and are at the same time held responsible for the accomplishment of a great undertaking. While we are led to feel that the church has responded more generously, and this because of the cordial co-oper-

ation of the ministry, yet we are constrained to mention the names of four of our benefactors. Rev. Dr. J. I. Good, completed his gift of five hundred dollars during the year; this is now added to our endowment, and the bequest of Rev. Dr. Benjamin S. Schneck has passed into the treasury of this board—also the generous gift of Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Rust. Then in the glad Christmas season comes the royal donation of ten thousand dollars from Mrs. Barbara Swander. These gifts, brethren, have made the members of this board exultingly joyous. We feel that they have not exhausted the friendship of these kind donors. We are inspired by the confidence of faith that these munificent gifts are but pledges of others to follow, until our seminary shall be in possession of an adequate endowment. It certainly may be said that no institution of the church has such a claim upon the devotion of all her people equal to that of the seminary. It is the fountain of her life, the citadel of her strength. To withhold support here is to cripple the entire work of the church. Here the future workmen of the church are skilled, a work not dissimilar to that which St. Paul was engaged in, in the life of Timothy; and here the teachers of our children are instructed. Surely it may be said that he who sows liberally here may expect the bounteous harvest, and he who withholds will have but barren fields to contemplate. It is therefore confidently hoped that the future will witness greater things for our theological seminary than have been seen in our inspiring past.

We have learned with pleasure of the organization of the Alumni of the seminary, and of its special object, viz: the erection of a seminary building. The board, at its meeting in March recommended that it be called Heidelberg Memorial Building, that it ever may be a reminder of our historic standing. The board recommends the apportionment of not less than twelve hundred dollars to the different classes so that all the expenses of the seminary may be promptly met. The conventions which were held in the different classes in connection with their annual meetings accomplished much good, and synod is respectfully overtured to direct the classes to set apart one evening during their next annual sessions when the needs of the seminary shall be presented to the congregations and a collection taken for its benefit. The financial condition of our board is fully set forth in the report of its treasurer where, in detail, all our operations may be seen and investigated.

Your reverend body is respectfully reminded that the time for which the following brethren were elected, expires at this synod.

Rev. I. H. Reiter, D. D., Rev. M. Loucks, D. D., Mr. J. D. Steele, Rev. H. M. Herman, D. D., and Elder Horace Ankeney.

Respectfully submitted,

SAMUEL B. YOCKEY,

President Board of Trustees of Theological Seminary.

Tabulated Financial Statement—Continued.

RECEIVED FROM SUNDRY INDIVIDUALS IN MIAMI CLASSIS:

Mrs. A. D. Freeman, 4th year	\$ 5 00
C. B. and M. E. Olwine, 4th year	2 00
Rev. D. R. Taylor, 3d, 4th and 5th years	3 00
Rev. C. E. Miller, 4th year	5 00
Jno. Schindler, 4th year	15 00
Rev. E. Herbruck, 4th year	10 00
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	\$40 00
Total for classis	\$324 12

CHARGE.	CONGREGATION.	Which year's offering.	How Credited			Total for congrega- tion.	Total for charge.
			Interest on amt assumed.	Principal on amt assumed.	Immediate use.		
LANCASTER CLASSIS.							
Rushville	Jerusalem Mission	2d year		\$ 2 35	\$ 2 35	\$ 2 35	
Zion's	Zion's	3d year		16 00	16 00		
Glenford	Somerset	2d year		3 25	3 25		
	St. Paul's	4th year		15 00	15 00	34 25	
Union	St. Michael's	3d year		1 55	1 55		
	St. Jacob's	3d year		25	25	1 80	
Basil	Trinity	3d year		5 94			
	"	4th year		24 25	80 19		
	Mt. Zion	4th year		8 05	8 05	38 24	
Stoutsville		3d year		75			
Stoutsville		4th year		22 25			
"		4th year		6 50		29 50	
Canal Winchester		4th year		34 65			
"		4th year		13 45	48 10	48 10	
Thornville		4th year		28 00	28 00	28 00	
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FROM INDIVIDUALS IN LANCASTER CLASSIS:

Mrs Mary Sollday, 3d, 4th and 5th years	\$ 1 50
Mrs. E. E. Johnson, 4th year	1 00
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	\$ 2 50
Total for classis	\$184 74

TUSCARAWAS-CL.						
Tuscarawas	Stands	3d year	\$ 8 40		\$ 8 40	
	Sixteen	3d year	9 40		9 40	
	Cross Roads	3d year	3 95		3 95	\$21 75
Caanan		3d year	3 80		3 80	3 80
Navarre		4th year	3 86	8 64	12 50	12 50
Reedsburg	Reedsburg	4th year	3 50	3 50	7 00	
	Emanuel's	3d year		2 50	2 50	9 50
Marshallville		4th year			3 25	3 25
						\$50 80

Tabulated Financial Statement—Continued.

FROM INDIVIDUALS IN TUSCARAWAS CLASSIS:

Zetus L. Numbers, 4th year	\$ 1 00
Mrs. Sarah Orewiler, 3d and 4th years	40 00
Rev. E. D. Wettach, 2d year	5 00
Mrs. Geo. Holman, 4th year	50
Rev. N. Bloom and wife, 4th year	2 00
Rev. J. P. Stahl, 4th year	2 75
W. H. Ball, 3d, 4th and 5th years	3 00
Rev. J. D. Neff, 4th year	2 00
Peter Ault, 3d and 4th years	2 00
	<u>\$ 58 25</u>
Total for classis	\$109 05

CHARGE.	CONGREGATION.	Which year's offering.	How Credited.			Total for congregation.	Total for charge.
			Interest on am't assumed.	Principal on am't assumed.	Immediate use.		
TIFFIN CLASSIS.							
Fostoria	Olive	2d year			\$ 6 65	\$ 6 65	
Fremont	Fostoria	2d year			7 90	7 90	\$14 55
Bloomville		4 & 5 yrs	\$ 95	\$ 7 05		8 00	8 00
First Church, Tiffin		4th year	3.50	11 00		14 50	14 50
Bellevue		4th year		15 00		15 00	15 00
		4th year	30	5 00	25 70	31 00	31 00
							<u>\$83 05</u>

FROM INDIVIDUALS IN TIFFIN CLASSIS:

Prof. H. B. Adams, 1st year	\$ 1 00
Mrs. D. Van Horne, 4th year	1 50
Miss Mary Whitney, 2d and 3d years	2 00
	<u>\$4 50</u>
Total for classis	\$ 87 55

EASTERN OHIO CL.							
Strasburg	Bethel	1st year	\$ 4 33			\$ 4 33	\$ 4 33
Old Springfield	Salem	4th year	8 63	\$ 7 72		16 35	16 35
Robertsville	Robertsville	4th year	7 00			7 00	7 00
Louisville		4th year	5 00			5 00	5 00
Columbiana		4th year	99	12 47	\$27 14	40 60	40 60
New Lisbon	St. Jacob's		8 45	24 80		39 03	
	St. Jacob's special coll.			6 28		7 40	46 93
	Trinity			7 40			
							<u>120 21</u>

FROM INDIVIDUALS IN EASTERN OHIO CLASSIS:

Rev. J. J. Leberman, 4th year	\$ 5 00
Total for classis	\$ 125 21

ST. JOSEPH CLASSIS.					
White Pigeon	Florence			\$2 00	\$2 00

FROM INDIVIDUALS IN ST. JOSEPH CLASSIS:

Rev. Elias Spangler	\$ 5 00
Total for classis	\$ 7 00

FROM OTHER INDIVIDUALS OUTSIDE OHIO SYNOD:

Rev. S. P. Mauger, 8d. 4th and 5th years	\$ 9 00
Rev. J. A. Keller, 4th year	10 00
Rev. F. M. Shultz, 4th year	3 00
Rev. F. M. Shultz, extra	2 00
C. Foucht, 4th year	3 00
Mrs. C. Foucht	5 00
Member of Foucht family	50
	<hr/> \$32 50

SUMMARY RECEIPTS.

	Int. & Im. Use.	Endow't.	Total.
Miami Classis	\$324 12		\$324 12
Lancaster	184 74		184 74
Tuscarawas	94 41	214 64	109 05
Tiffin	49 50	38 05	87 55
Eastern Ohio	66 54	58 67	125 21
St. Joseph	7 00		7 00
Sundry persons outside synod			32 50
			<hr/> \$870 17

PAID OUT AND EXPENSES.

Seminary Agent, including stationery, stamps, &c	\$ 14 60
Reformed Publishing Company, printing	4 40
Treasurer Theological Seminary, Endowment Fund	103 81
Treasurer Theological Seminary, Immediate Use Fund	747 36
	<hr/> \$870 17

Respectfully submitted,

HORACE ANKENEY, *Seminary Agent.**J. Report of Treasurer of Board of Trustees.*HORACE ANKENEY, *Treasurer, in account with the Board of Trustees of Heidelberg Theological Seminary.*

1891.	IMMEDIATE USE ACCOUNT.	DR.
	RECEIPTS.	
Oct. 8.	To balance on hand	\$ 16 67
Nov. 6.	" one-half year Blakeley interest on loan	14 00
" 6.	" one-half year interest on Archdeacon loan	24 50
" 6.	" one year interest on Hagedorn loan	49 00
" 6.	" one year interest on Shirer loan	40 00
" 6.	" one year interest on Shirer, Zwingli memorial note	3 00
" 6.	" part interest on Curran loan	30 00
" 16.	" cash of Sem. Agt. amount of Bellevue Synod's Sem. col.	28 35
" 16.	" cash of Sem. Agt. on account Special Plan	19 78
Dec. 14.	" " interest on Stumpt note	2 25
" 14.	" " interest on Hoglen loan	38 95
" 23.	" " B. Kuhns, int. in full on gift note	9 00
" 25.	" " Jno. Strock, one year int. to Nov. 1, '91	3 00
" 30.	" " Rev. A. Gonser, Tr. E. O. Classis, int. on amount assumed by New Jefferson charge	7 30
	Amount carried forward	<hr/> \$285 65

	Amount brought forward	\$285 65
1892		
Jan. 4.	To cash of W. H. Siegfried, one year int. Zwingli mem. note	3 00
" 6.	" " " J. E. Lowes, one year int. on loan	140 00
" 6.	" " " Sem. Agt. on account Special Plan	112 15
" 30.	" " " Rev. W. H. Shultz, one year int. Zwingli mem. note	1 50
Feb. 10.	" " " Rev. J. B. Henry, " " " "	3 00
" 10.	" " " Bernard Mathes, " " " "	6 00
" 20.	" " " Int. on King loan	24 00
Feb. 1.	" " " Jacob Stumpt, one year int. on note	3 00
" 1.	" " " Isaac Snyder, one year int. Zwingli mem. note	3 00
" 1.	" " " Sem. Agt. on account Special Plan	41 12
" 1.	" " " Rev. D. Van Horne, D. D., one year int. on loan	48 00
" 10.	" " " Rev. S. Z. Beam, one year int. Zwingli mem. note	1 50
" 10.	" " " Mrs. Frances E. Beam, " " " "	1 50
" 11.	" " " Rev. J. R. Skinner, " " " "	1 50
" 16.	" " " R. B. Crotzer, per Mrs. A. B. Stoner int. in full on gift note.	3 60
" 31.	" " " I. Miller, int. on loan	20 00
Apr. 5.	" " " Int. on Archdeacon loan	24 50
" 5.	" " " Int. on Curran loan	6 00
" 9.	" " " Int. in full on Hendershott loan	66 50
" 9.	" " " bal. on one year int. Adam Pritz loan	16 00
" 11.	" " " Detrick Glander, one year int. less exchange	29 75
" 21.	" " " int. on Gutenstein loan	35 00
May 7.	" " " part int. on 3 Stumpt notes	2 50
" 7.	" " " one year int. Jacob A. Smith loan	133 00
" 11.	" " " Rev. J. H. Bomberger, Tr. E. O. Classis, int. on amount assumed, Canfield, charge '91-'92	11 24
" 11.	" " " Miamisburg cong. coll. at Classical Sem. Convention	13 81
" 13.	" " " Mary E. Steiner, int. on note	2 20
" 11.	" " " Xenia Sunday-school	10 00
" 21.	" " " Rev. J. H. Hartman, bal. int. on Zwingli mem. note	2 35
" 25.	" " " Rev. J. A. Seltz, Tr. Lancaster Cl. coll. at classical Sem. Convention	4 47
" 31.	" " " Mast and Albert one year int. on gift note	4 00
June 2.	" " " Bridget Curran, int. in full on loan	60 00
" 10.	" " " Louis Hagedorn, one-half year int. on loan	24 50
" 10.	" " " F. J. Beck, one year int. on loan	8 00
" 10.	" " " Jacob Stumpt, bal. int. in full	16 50
" 17.	" " " E. K. Kremer, Tr. Tusarawas Classis Special Collection Polk Cong., West Salem Charge	9 46
" 17.	" " " E. K. Kremer, Tr. Tus. Cl. int on Sem. Fund Tus. Cl.	11 39
" 18.	" " " H. Ankeney, one year int. on bal. J. H. Good Professor- ship note	2 50
" 25.	" " " Sallie Bates, int. on 1st. mort. loan to May 9, '92	159 00
July 6.	" " " Daniel Frantz, int. in full to June 8, '92	3 00
" 13.	" " " Elizabeth Chamberlain, int. in full	13 00
" 19.	" " " Alfred Shirer, one year int. Zwingli mem. note	3 00
" 19.	" " " Alfred Shirer, one year int. on loan	40 00
" 19.	" " " Cora B. Newby, one year int. on loan	66 00
" 26.	" " " Gilbert Davis, one year int. on loan	17 55
" 26.	" " " Rev. B. F. Davis, Sem. Day Col. David's Cong. Valley chg. " " " " Zion's " " "	4 10
" 26.	" " " " " " " " " " " " " " " " " "	1 50
" 26.	" " " Sem. Agt. on account Special Plan	79 44
Aug. 16.	" " " T. L. Prugh, one year int. on gift note	1 50
" 27.	" " " Levi Kiester, one year int. on gift note	1 50
	Amount carried forward	\$1,581 78

	Amount brought forward	\$1,581 78
Sept. 2.	" " Uriah Weaver, one year int. on loan	70 00
" 2.	" " D. Durnbaugh, one year int. on loan	16 00
" 2.	" " Martha Blakeley, one year int. on loan	28 00
" 2.	" " J. L. Dohner, int. in full on loan	70 00
" 12.	" " Jas. McNeil, one year int. on loan	140 00
" 17.	" " Mrs. Belle Clark, one year int. on loan	42 00
" 17.	" " Mary E. Davis, one year int. on loan	75 00
" 17.	" " Abram Lance, four year's int. on gift note to Jan. 1, '92	2 40
" 23.	" " Rev. D. M. Christman, two years int. on gift note	1 00
" 28.	" " Benj. Ashbacher, Tr. St. Joseph Classis	50 00
" 30.	" " Rev. J. B. Henry, int. in full, gift note	2 25
" 30.	" " Grace Miss. Band, Hough Ave Reformed Ch., Cleveland, O., per Mrs. Jno. J. A. Morgan, Jr	10 00
Oct. 1.	" " Jos. Bausman, one year int. on loan	24 00
" 1.	" " Mary Fritz, one year int. on loan	42 00
" 1.	" " Floyd C. Field, one half year int. on loan	30 00
" 1.	" " Rev. M. Loucks, D. D., one year int. on loan	24 50
" 1.	" " Noah Fawley, int. Plainfield Bond	33 75
" 1.	" " Prudence E. Archdeacon, one-half year int. on loan	24 50
" 1.	" " Jno. A. Francisco, int. on loan	17 40
" 1.	" " Sem. Agt., Special Plan	365 32
" 1.	" " H. Ankeney, Tr. Miami Classis S. S. Asso. Surplus	12 00
" 4.	" " Xenia cong. special col. for the Sem	44 53
" 6.	" " Sem. Agt. Special Plan	129 60
		<u>\$2,836 03</u>

SUMMARY OF IMMEDIATE USE RECEIPTS.

From balance	\$ 16 67
From interest on mortgage loans	1,754 90
From interest on gift notes	98 05
From Seminary Agent, Special Plan	747 36
From interest on amount assumed	29 83
From Seminary Day Collections	5 60
From Classical Conventions	18 28
From Collection Alumni Meeting Bellevue Synod	28 35
From Special Collections	53 99
From all other sources	82 00
	<u>\$2,836 03</u>

1891. IMMEDIATE USE ACCOUNT. CR.

EXPENDITURES.		
Oct. 19.	By cash to Mrs. Susan Good, one-half year int	\$ 15 90
Nov. 16.	" " Rev. David Van Horne, D. D., on account salary	102 00
" 16.	" " Rev. Herman Rust, D. D., on account salary	81 00
" 16.	" " Prof. A. S. Zerbe, Ph. D., on account salary	25 00
1892.		
Jan. 6.	" " Rev. David Van Horne, D. D., on account salary	131 00
" 6.	" " Rev. Herman Rust, D. D., on account salary	103 55
" 6.	" " Prof. A. S. Zerbe, Ph. D., on account salary	32 75
" 14.	" " Warren Munger, bal. atty. fees in Abner Wilson case	50 00
Feb. 2.	" " Rev. David Van Horne, D. D., on account salary	64 00
" 2.	" " Rev. Herman Rust, D. D., on account salary	51 00
" 2.	" " Prof. A. S. Zerbe, Ph. D., on account salary	16 62
" 26.	" " Ref. Pub. Co., printing and mailing 300 Sem. Con. programmes	1 80
	Amount carried forward	<u>\$674 62</u>

	Amount brought forward	\$674 62
Apr. 7.	" " Rev. David Van Horne, D. D., on account salary	54 00
" 9.	" " H. H. P., atty., amount paid for recording Himes mtg. . . .	1 00
" 14.	" " Rev. David Van Horne, D. D., on account salary	27 00
" 14.	" " Rev. Herman Rust, D. D., on account salary	64 00
" 14.	" " Prof. A. S. Zerbe, Ph. D., on account salary	20 00
" 14.	" " Mrs. Susan Good, one-half year int. to Apr. 16, '92	15 90
May 6.	" " Rev. David Van Horne, D. D., on account salary	150 00
" 6.	" " Rev. Herman Rust, D. D., on account salary	118 50
" 6.	" " Prof. A. S. Zerbe, Ph. D., on account salary	37 50
" 26.	" " Rev. J. H. Steele, one year int. money borrowed to pay Mrs. Good	7 00
June 3.	" " Geo. F. Wents Co., recorder Seneca Co. for transfer and recording deed of Rev. H. Rust and wife to Theo. Seminary	1 00
" 13.	" " Rev. David Van Horne, D. D., on account salary	76 00
" 13.	" " Rev. H. Rust, D. D., on account salary	60 00
" 13.	" " Prof. A. S. Zerbe, Ph. D., on account salary	19 00
" 15.	" " Prof. H. B. Adams, music at Sem. Con	8 00
July 26.	" " Rev. David Van Horne, D. D., on account salary	122 00
" 26.	" " Rev. H. Rust, D. D., on account salary	96 00
" 26.	" " Prof. A. S. Zerbe, Ph. D., on account salary	30 00
Sept. 16.	" " Rev. David Van Horne, D. D., on account salary	2 40
" 17.	" " Rev. David Van Horne, D. D., on account salary	272 00
" 17.	" " Rev. Herman Rust, D. D., on account salary	215 00
" 17.	" " Prof. A. S. Zerbe, Ph. D., on account salary	68 00
Oct. 1.	" " Retained for stationery, stamps and expenses viewing property in connection with making loans during year	10 00
" 1.	" " Advanced A. E. Dunbar, Judge of Probate, Monroe, Mich., to reopen the Geo. Spittler estate	10 00
" 1.	" " Rev. David Van Horne, D. D., bal. on year's salary to date	199 60
" 1.	" " Rev. Herman Rust, D. D., bal. on year's salary to date	160 95
" 1.	" " Prof. A. S. Zerbe, Ph. D., on account salary	51 13
" 1.	" " Margaret Ankeney, int. to date on bal. of note	31 45
" 1.	" " Rev. L. H. Kefauver, D. D., Tr., one year int. college note to March 19, '92	8 40
" 6.	" " Rev. L. H. Kefauver, D. D., Tr. bal. prin. and int. col. note	125 00
" 6.	" " Prof. A. S. Zerbe, Ph. D., bal. on salary to Oct. 1, '92	28 89
" 6.	" " Rev. Herman Rust, D. D., on back salary	57 79
" 6.	" " Balance on hand	15 90

 \$2,836 03

SUMMARY OF EXPENSES.

Salaries	\$ 2,536 68
Interest	83 65
Principle on money borrowed to pay balance due Rev. J. H. Good, dec'd	120 00
Balance due Warren Munger, atty. fees Abner Wilson case	50 00
Sundry Expenses	29 80
Balance on hand	15 90

 \$2,836 03

1891.		ENDOWMENT FUND ACCOUNT.	DR.
Dec. 14.	To cash one Jacob Stumpt note	\$	50 00
" 23.	" " B. Kuhna, gift note in full		100 00
1892.			
Mich. 1.	" " Second Stumpt note		50 00
" 5.	" " Isaac Miller loan in full		1,050 00
" 16.	" " R. B. Crotzer, per Mrs. A. B. Stoner, gift note in full		50 00
" 19.	" " D. S. Keller, adm'r. B. S. Schneck, bequest of \$1,000 less inheritance tax		967 54
Apr. 9.	" " Hendershott loan in full		950 00
" 14.	" " Mrs. J. D. Neff, personal offering		10 00
" 21.	" " C. Gutenstein loan		500 00
" 21.	" " Rev. J. I. Good, D. D., and mother Susan Good, bal. of their \$500 pledge on J. H. Good professorship		200 00
May 7.	" " Three Stumpt notes		150 00
" 7.	" " Rev. D. Van Horne, third year Special Subscription		30 00
" 13.	" " Mary E. Steiner, third installment on note		5 00
" 21.	" " Rev. J. H. Hartman, bal. prin. Zwingli mem. note		12 65
June 2.	" " Bridget Curran loan in full		850 00
" 10.	" " Balance principle Jacob Stumpt notes		46 00
" 18.	" " H. Ankeney, part prin. J. H. Good professorship note		5 00
July 6.	" " Daniel Frantz, prin. gift note in full		50 00
" 13.	" " Elizabeth Chamberlain, first mortgage note in full		1,076 50
" 26.	" " Gilbert Davis, one note in full		97 50
" 26.	" " Gilbert Davis, part principle on note		38 30
" 26.	" " Borrowed from Library Fund		483 77
Aug. 16.	" " T. L. Prugh, gift note in full		25 00
Sept. 2.	" " Martha Blakely, note in full		400 00
" 2.	" " Jno. L. Dohner, bal. note in full		1,000 00
" 23.	" " Rev. D. M. Christman, second installment on note		2 00
" 30.	" " Rev. J. B. Henry, Zwingli mem. note in full		50 00
Oct. 1.	" " Noah Fawley, to redeem Plainfield Bond		33 75
" 1.	" " Sem. Agent, "Special Plan"		61 88
" 6.	" " " " " "		41 93
			\$8,386 82

SUMMARY OF ENDOWMENT FUND RECEIPTS.

From loans paid	\$6,258 30
" gift notes paid	383 40
" bequests	1,167 54
" Seminary Agent, Special Plan	103 81
" Special Subscription	30 00
" Personal offerings	10 00
" Library Fund borrowed	483 77
\$8,386 82	

1891.		ENDOWMENT FUND ACCOUNT.	CR
Oct. 10.	By cash advanced to make Fritz loan	\$	75 03
1892.			
Mich. 5.	" " First mortgage loan to Floyd C. Field at 6 per cent.		1,000 00
" 26.	" " First mortgage loan to Elizabeth J. Himes at 7 per cent.		550 00
Amount carried forward			\$1,625 03

	Amount brought forward	\$1,625 03
Apr. 15.	" " First mortgage loan to Caroline Gutenstein at 7 per ct.	300 00
" 23.	" " First mortgage loan to Elizabeth Chamberlain, purchased of H. A. at 7 per ct.	1,076 50
" 25.	" " First mortgage loan to G. W. Hoglen, purchased of H. A. at 7 per ct.	624 50
" 27.	" " First mortgage loan to Geo. V. Nauerth at 7 per ct.	500 00
May 9.	" " First mortgage loan to Sallie Bates at 8 per ct.	500 00
July 27.	" " First mortgage loan to Milburn and Gilkey at 7 per ct.	2,400 00
Oct. 3.	" " First mortgage loan to Martha J. Neil at 7 per ct.	1,300 00
" 6.	" " Balance in treasurer's hands	60 79
		<hr/> \$8,386 82

Salaries of Professors—Statement of Accounts.

PROF. HERMAN RUST, D. D., ACCOUNT.		DR.	CR.
Oct. 8, '91.	To bal. due on old acc't back salary	\$1,094 73	
Oct. 1, '92.	To salary for one year to date	950 00	
Oct. 1, '92.	By cash paid on salary during year		950 00
Oct. 6, '92.	By cash paid on old acc't back salary		57 79
Oct. 6, '92.	By balance due on old account		1,036 94
		<hr/> \$2,044 73	<hr/> \$2,044 73

REV. DAVID VAN HORNE, D. D., SALARY ACCOUNT.

Oct. 1, '92.	To salary for one year to date	\$1,200 00	
Oct. 1, '92.	By cash paid on salary during year		\$1,200 00
		<hr/> \$1,200 00	<hr/> \$1,200 00

PROF. A. S. ZERBE, PH. D., ACCOUNT.

Oct. 1, '92.	To salary to October 1, '92	\$328 89	
Oct. 1, '92.	By cash paid on salary		\$328 89
		<hr/> \$328 89	<hr/> \$328 89

Bills Payable—Due in Settlement of Salary due Rev. J. H. Good, deceased.

Balance on Margaret Ankeney notes and int. paid to Oct. 1, '92	\$ 340 17
Note to Rev. J. H. Steele	100 00
Interest on same from May 29, '92 to October 1, '92	2 70
Note to Mrs. Susan Good	530 00
Interest on same to Oct. 16, '92	15 90
	<hr/> \$988 77
Due Rev. Herman Rust, D. D., on old account, back salary	\$1,036 94

"THE SWANDER FUND."

On the 28th day of December, 1891, there came into my hands as Treasurer of the Board of Trustees of Heidelberg Theological Seminary first mortgage notes to the amount of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) as a gift from Barbara Swander, subject to certain conditions to wit:

Know all men by these presents; That I, Barbara Swander, in consideration of my earnest desire to promote and advance the object and purposes of Heidelberg Theological Seminary of the Reformed Church in the United States, and for divers good causes and considerations, me, the said Barbara Swander, hereto moving, have given, granted and confirmed and by these presents do give, grant and confirm unto said Heidelberg Theological Seminary, through and by Isaac H. Reiter, Jno. D. Steele, Michael Loucks, Henry M. Herman, Horace Ankeney, Jno. I. Swander, Jno. J. Leberman, Samuel B. Yockey, Reuben Keller, Edward Herbruck, Sebastian C. Goss, James H. Steele, Jno. M. Kendig, Richard B. Reichard, Victor P. Van Horne, the Board of Trustees of Heidelberg Theological Seminary, their successors, the sum of ten thousand (\$10,000) dollars to have and to hold the same forever; provided always, and these presents are upon the express condition to wit; said money to constitute a distinct fund, to be known and denominated as "The Swander Fund," and to be so held and applied by mutual consent of said Board of Trustees and myself.

That said fund shall be invested at a fair rate of interest, which said interest is to be paid me annually, from and after the acceptance of this grant, by said Trustees, for and during the period of my natural life, and should my beloved husband, Rev. J. I. Swander, D. D., survive me, then said interest to be paid him as aforesaid during the period he may survive me. That said fund shall be invested by and with the consent, aid and counsel of my said beloved husband.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 28th day of December, in the year of our Lord, One Thousand Eight Hundred and Ninety-one.

Signed in presence of
J. I. SWANDER.

BARBARA SWANDER, [SEAL.]

The gift consisted of the following first mortgage paper:

One note Jacob O. Talmadge and wife to Jno. I. Swander \$1,600 00
 One note A. S. Zerbe to Barbara and J. I. Swander, balance 900 00
 One note Matilda Morcher to Barbara Swander 4,500 00
 One note Orsor Hipp to J. I. Swander 3,000 00
 The first two named notes amounting to \$2,500, have been exchanged for a note of Levi Crawford first mortgage \$2,500.

Your Treasurer therefore charges himself as follows:

1892		DR.
Mch. 29.	To 1 month int., on Talmadge note to February 1, 1892	\$ 8 67
Apr. 11.	To 3 months int., on Morcher note to April 1, 1892	78 12
Apr. 11.	To 6 months int., on Talmadge note to August 1, 1892	52 00
June 14.	To 6 months int., on Crawford note to October 1, 1892	81 25
		\$215 04

And credits himself

1892		CR.
Mch. 29.	By cash paid Mrs. Barbara Swander, per J. I. Swander	\$ 8 67
Apr. 11.	" " " " " " " "	78 12
Apr. 11.	" " " " " " " "	52 00
June 14.	" " " " " " " "	81 25
		\$215 04

SEMINARY LIBRARY FUND.

1892.		RECEIPTS.	DR.	CR.
Mch. 19.	To cash of D. S. Keller, Administrator of the Estate Rev. E. S. Schneck, deceased, bequest for Heidelberg Theological Seminary, less Inheritance Tax required by laws of Pennsylvania		\$483 77	
1892		PAID OUT.		
July 27.	By cash loaned to General Endowment Fund			\$483 77
			\$483 77	\$483 77

DR. HERMAN RUST BEQUEST.

Your Treasurer would report that there has come into his hands a deed properly transferred to the Board of Trustees from Dr. H. Rust and wife for about six acres of ground, with a supposed value of from two to three thousand dollars towards the endowment of Chair of Historical Theology. At present there is no income from this property.

Respectfully submitted,

HORACE ANKENEY, *Treasurer.*

4. *Report of the Board of Visitors.*

To the Ohio Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States:

BRETHREN:—The Seminary was not without its trials last year. Dr. Rust was sorely afflicted by sickness, which, for several weeks, threatened to be fatal in its results. He was unable to teach from the latter part of February to the end of the seminary year. An overruling Providence spared his life, and he has been restored to his usual health, so that he is again at his post of duty. For this favor we record our gratitude to Him, with whom are the issues of life and of death. During his illness the work of the seminary fell to the lot of Dr. Van Horne and Dr. Zerbe, to whom the synod owes a debt of gratitude, if nothing more, for the extra work they performed. Having resigned his position as Professor in the Literary Department of the university, Dr. Zerbe is now giving his full time to teaching in the seminary. Though it is a cause of deep regret that the Rev. Dr. H. W. Super could not see his way clear to accept the call to the Fourth Professorship, to which he was elected at the last annual meeting of the synod, it is a matter of gratification that Dr. J. I. Swander has accepted the call extended to him one year ago to the Fifth Professorship, making the teaching force in the seminary greater at the present time than at any previous period of its history. The branches of study belonging to the Fourth Professorship, now vacant, are taught by the professors of the other departments, which arrangement will be continued until the vacancy that now exists can be filled. With four professors doing the duties a fifth one, and the largest number of students in attendance in the history of the seminary, its future prospects are very encouraging.

The board was re-organized October 9, 1891, at Bellevue, Ohio, by the election of Rev. Dr. H. H. W. Hibshman, President, the continuance of Dr. L. H. Kefauver, Secretary, and an Executive Committee consisting of Revs. Drs. H. Rust, D. Van Horne, A. S. Zerbe, and L. H. Kefauver. Since that time the board held its annual meeting in May last and the Executive Committee met frequently for the transaction of business.

Prof. Thomas H. Sonnedecker and Mr. Parley E. Zartman, upon completing the course of studies required by the curriculum and having stood an approved examination, were regularly dismissed from the seminary and recommended for graduation. Mr. Jacob D. Buehrer, a graduate of last year, returned to the seminary and took a post graduating course, which he completed and graduated in it at the time of the seminary commencement, in connection with the gentlemen above named. Messrs. Charles F. Dewitz and Louis D. Benner were dismissed at their own request and furnished with credentials, certifying to the length of time they had been in the seminary and also to the branches they had studied, as well as to their good standing and studious habits as students. A fair number of the members of the board attended the examinations of the students at the close of the seminary year and pronounced them very creditable to both professors and students, and felt convinced that good work is done in our school of the prophets. The following named young men matriculated as students at the opening of the present term: Messrs. D. W. Loucks, Daniel Burghalter, Charles M. Rohrbaugh, S. E. Klopfenstein, John Schweickhardt, H. H. Kattmann, Wm. R. Peters, F. W. Hoffman, and A. C. Shuman, as Juniors. Mr. John H. Bosch as a Middler, and Mr. John A. Vinton, since the opening of the term, as a Senior. The whole number of students in attendance now is twenty-one. Of these, five are in the senior class, seven in the middle class and nine in the junior class.

In the president's annual report to the board at its last meeting, it was recommended that chapter VIII. of the By-Laws, which has reference to the division of the seminary year, be amended so as to read as follows:

The seminary year, divided into two terms, separated by a two weeks' holiday vacation, shall commence on the third Wednesday of September, and end on the third Wednesday of April following. This proposed amendment was adopted and recommended to the synod for its approval.

Inasmuch as an urgent appeal was made to the board to have Prof. A. S. Zerbe devote his whole time to the duties of the third professorship, as the interests of the seminary demanded, and Dr. Zerbe resigned his position as Professor in the Literary Department of the university upon the strength of this appeal, and is now doing full duty in the seminary, this board earnestly request synod to make

such arrangements for the salary of the professor as will justify him in responding favorably to the appeal.

The board recommends the inauguration of Rev. Dr. J. I. Swander, Professor Elect, at the present meeting of the synod; and that the officers of synod conduct the inaugural ceremonies, and the time for holding them be Friday evening, at 7.30.

Dr. Swander having become a Professor in the seminary resigns his place on this board. Members whose term of office expires at this time are: Revs. H. H. W. Hibshman, D. D., J. J. Leberman, D. D., Isaac A. Sites, and Prof. C. O. Knepper.

Respectfully submitted,

L. H. KEFAUVER, *Secretary Board of Visitors.*

5. Report of Board of Education.

To the Ohio Synod:

BRETHREN:—In order that the cause of Beneficiary Education might receive the attention that its importance demands, the board was re-organized by the election of the Rev. Dr. H. H. W. Hibshman, President, an Executive Committee consisting of Revs. Drs. H. Rust, D. Van Horne, A. S. Zerbe, H. H. W. Hibshman, and L. H. Kefauver, and continuing the last named as Secretary and Treasurer.

During the last year twenty-seven students received aid from the board. All of these except four received the full appropriation. By the refunding by two of the students the full amounts they received, viz: Willis H. Souder, two hundred dollars, and J. A. Patterson, four hundred dollars, the board was not only able to meet its obligations to the beneficiaries, but also to cancel the greater part of the indebtedness it was carrying for a number of years. For various causes ten names disappear from the roll and five have been added, leaving an enrollment of twenty-two at present. Those added are Messrs. E. E. Levers, Herman Reichard, John H. Bosch, John Schweickhardt, H. H. Kattmann. Two of these are in the Literary Department, and three in the Theological Seminary. Mr. Levers was referred to the Tuscarawas Classis, Mr. Reichard to the Miami Classis, Mr. Kattmann to the Indiana Classis, and Messrs. Bosch and Schweickhardt to the Tiffin Classis, with instructions to report to the respective classes under which they have been placed.

It is with profound regret that we report the death of Chauncey W. Switzer, a member of the junior class in the Literary Department, which occurred in Tiffin, on Saturday morning, October 1st. Appropriate funeral services were held in the chapel on the day following his death, and on Monday his remains were taken to his home near Portland, Ind., for interment. By his studious habits, his zeal in church work and moral integrity he endeared himself to his teach-

ers, fellow-students and all with whom he associated. In his death the church lost a worthy candidate for the gospel ministry.

During the last year the board came in possession of \$500.00, the bequest of the venerable Dr. B. S. Schneck, deceased. This has been placed to the permanent fund, and loaned at 7 per cent interest, secured by first mortgage on a house and lot in Tiffin. It is with feelings of profound gratitude that we record this gift of the esteemed benefactor, whose generosity has been shared by other institutions and charitable boards of the Reformed Church.

We take occasion here to remind your reverend body of the annual apportionment of *two thousand dollars* for the benefit of the board, to enable it to carry on its work successfully. With the blessing of the Great Head of the church upon your contributions and our labors, we hope to be instrumental in helping many young men into the ranks of the ministry, who otherwise could not serve the church in that capacity.

Members whose term of office expires at this meeting of synod are: Revs. H. H. W. Hibshman, D. D., J. J. Leberman, D. D., I. A. Sites, and Prof. C. O. Knepper.

Respectfully submitted,

L. H. KEFAUVER, *Secretary.*

6. Report of Treasurer of Board of Education.

REV. L. H. KEFAUVER, *Treasurer, in account with the Board of Education of the Ohio Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States.*

RECEIVED ON APPORTIONMENTS.

DR.

Received of Rev. I. H. Reiter, D. D., Treasurer Miami Classis . . .	\$224 96
" " Rev. J. A. Seitz, Treasurer Lancaster Classis	165 32
" " Elder E. K. Kremer, Treasurer Tuscarawas Classis . .	541 49
" " Rev. A. Gonsler, Treasurer Eastern Ohio Classis . . . \$	99 16
" " Rev. J. H. Bomberger, Treasurer Eastern Ohio Classis .	50 15 149 31
" " Rev. I. A. Sites, Treasurer Tiffin Classis	134 24
" " Rev. Dr. J. B. Shumaker, Treasurer Tiffin Classis	50 65 184 89
" " Elder Ben. Ashbaucher, Treasurer St. Joseph Classis . .	60 15

Total received on apportionments \$1,326 12

MISCELLANEOUS.

Children's Collection Ref. S. S., Canal Winchester, O., Geo. F. Brels, Supt.	\$ 50 00
Marshallville Congregation, Children's Day offering	6 45
Germantown Congregation, Children's Day offering	15 00
Reformed S. S., Bloomville, per Rev. D. A. Parks	20 00
Sunday-school St. Paul Mission, Colon, Mich	3 00
Rev. H. U. Hellman, Treasurer Maryland Classis	50 00
Refunded by F. H. Medd	10 00

Amount carried forward \$154 45

Amount brought forward	\$154 45
Cash by S. S. Snyder	2 00
Collection at annual meeting of Tiffin Classis	8 82
J. A. Patterson refunded	400 00
Willis H. Souder refunded	200 00
Interest from J. G. Lefler bequest	247 50
" " S. A. Hivling bequest	84 00
" " Sarah Brinker bequest	56 00
" " Dr. Schneck bequest	3 50
" " Carson bequest per Dr. J. A. Peters, trustee	86 30
	<u>\$1,242 57</u>
Whole amount received during year	2,568 69
Balance in treasury October, 1891	259 78
	<u>\$2,828 42</u>
Amount of debit to contingent fund	\$2,828 42

CONTINGENT FUND.

CR.

Paid beneficiary students as per vouchers	\$2,141 20
" Interest on money borrowed June 13, 1887	26 95
" principal on above	200 00
" permanent fund	16 28
" for recording mortgage	1 00
" postage and paper	1 50
Balance in treasury October 5, 1892	441 54
	<u>\$2,828 42</u>

PERMANENT FUND.

DR.

Sarah Brinker bequest	\$ 800 00
S. A. Hivling bequest	1,000 00
J. G. Lefler bequest	3,500 00
Dr. B. S. Schneck bequest	500 00
Mary Ashbaugh bequest	200 00
	<u>\$6,000 00</u>

INVESTED FUNDS.

Received interest from Hivling bequest	\$ 84 00
" " Brinker bequest	56 00
" " Lefler bequest	251 50
" " Schneck bequest	3 50
	<u>\$395 00</u>

CR.

Note of Rev. M. Mueller	\$ 800 00
Cert. R. R. Stock	1,000 00
Note of C. C. Park, Tiffin	3,000 00
Note of H. T. Heller, Tiffin	600 00
Note of John Schlereth, Tiffin	600 00
	<u>\$6,000 00</u>
Interest paid to contingent fund	391 00
Interest paid on temporary loan	4 00
	<u>\$395 00</u>

\$6,395 00

Respectfully submitted,
L. H. KEFAUVER, *Treasurer.*

II. REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE ON SEMINARY.

The Standing Committee on Heidelberg Theological Seminary, during the afternoon session on Saturday, submitted their report, which was received and considered *seriatim*, and then as amended together with the preceding reports relating to the seminary, adopted as a whole:

Your committee had placed into their hands the following documents: The Report of the Board of Education, Report of the Board of Trustees of Theological Seminary, Report of the Board of Visitors, Report of the Financial Agent and Treasurer.

It is indeed very gratifying to note the commendable progress which has been made and especially in the financial condition and outlook for the future work. The cloud of gloom which hung so heavily over our seminary, and which was such a menace to our hope and prosperity, has at least in part been cleared away, by the activity of the financial agent and the generous benefactors, J. I. Good, D. D., Benjamin S. Schneck, D. D., Dr. Herman Rust and wife and Mrs. Barbara Swander.

Dr. Swander having accepted the call extended to him, and Dr. Zerbe now also doing full work in the chairs to which they have been chosen with most encouraging results, as well as an increase in the number of students in attendance are reasons for thankfulness.

In connection with the reasons which are named for gratefulness we are also compelled to note certain causes for regret. The severe illness during the greater part of the seminary year, of that faithful servant of God and the church, Dr. Herman Rust, caused us for a long time to watch and pray amid fears and hope, but at last God heard our prayers, blessed the means used, and this faithful servant is again able to be at his post, and attend to his important duty.

Still another cause for regret is that Dr. Super could not see his way clear to accept the position to which this body had elected him. For the present this work is shared by the other professors, but it is hoped the time may not be far distant when the vacancy can be filled.

The attention of the synod is especially called to the following as demanding attention. 1. Classes called upon to set aside a special day when the needs of the seminary shall be presented to our congregations. 2. Change of chapter VIII. of By-laws recommended. 3. Synod requested to arrange for full salary of Dr. Zerbe. 4. Resolution of thanks to God for recovery of Dr. Herman Rust. 5. Expression of gratefulness for bequests received.

Your committee therefore recommended the following for your adoption:

Resolved, That the synod requests its classes to adopt as Seminary Day, the Reformation Day (January 19th), or the Sunday nearest to it, on which pastors shall present the needs of the seminary and urge our people to its more hearty support.

Resolved, That the request, which comes from the Faculty of the Seminary, through the board, viz: the change of Article VIII. of By-laws, opening the seminary year on the third Wednesday of September and closing on the third Wednesday of April, with a vacation of two weeks at the mid-winter holiday season, be granted.

Resolved, That the request for twelve hundred dollars asked for by the Board of Trustees be granted, and that synod authorize the Board of Trustees to provide for the full salary of Dr. A. S. Zerbe.

Resolved, That this synod having the highest appreciation of the efficient services rendered by our beloved teacher, brother, and co-worker for the kingdom of the blessed Master, we hereby express our heartfelt gratitude to Almighty God, who doeth all things well, for the restoration to health of Dr. Herman Rust.

Resolved, That we hereby tender our hearty thanks to the friends to whom the interest of our seminary were so dear as to bring forth the generous bequest given to its support by Drs. J. I. Good, Benjamin S. Schneck, Herman Rust and wife and Mrs. Barbara Swauder.

Resolved, That the classes be instructed to hold one evening service during their next annual sessions in the interest of the Theological Seminary.

Respectfully submitted,

ISAIAH S. HAHN, *Chairman*.

IV. ELECTION OF BOARDS OF THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY,

I. BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

Officers of the Board.

Rev. Samuel B. Yockey, *President*, Xenia, Ohio.
 Rev. Henry M. Herman, D. D., *Vice President*, Miamisburg, Ohio.
 Rev. Michael Loucks, D. D., *Secretary*, Dayton, Ohio.
 Mr. Horace Ankeney, *Treasurer*, Alpha, Ohio.

Members whose term expires October, 1893.

Rev. Edward M. Beck, Rev. John J. Leberman, D. D.
 Rev. Samuel B. Yockey, Rev. Reuben Keller,
 Rev. Edward Herbruck, Ph. D.

Members whose term expires October, 1894.

Rev. Sebastian C. Goss, D. D., Rev. James H. Steele,
 Rev. John M. Kendig, D. D., Rev. Richard B. Reichard,
 Mr. Victor P. Van Horne.

Members whose term expires October, 1895.

Rev. Isaac H. Reiter, D. D., Rev. Michael Loucks, D. D.,
 Mr. Horace Ankeney, Rev. Henry M. Herman, D. D.,
 Mr. John D. Steele.

II. BOARD OF VISITORS AND OF EDUCATION.

Officers of Board.

Rev. George H. Souder, *President*, Bellevue, Ohio.

Rev. Lewis H. Kefauver, *Secretary and Treasurer*, Tiffin, Ohio.

Executive Committee:—Revs. George H. Souder, Joseph B. Shumaker, D. D., Reuben Good, Lewis H. Kefauver, D. D., and Elder Nelson L. Brewer, Esq.

Members whose term expires October, 1893.

Rev. George H. Leonard, D. D., Rev. Michael Loucks, D. D.,
Rev. Sebastian C. Goss, D. D., Rev. George H. Souder,

Members whose term expires October, 1894.

Rev. Lewis H. Kefauver, D. D., Rev. Emil P. Herbruck,
Rev. John I. Swander, D. D., Rev. Reuben Good.

Members whose term expires October, 1895.

Rev. John J. Leberman, D. D., Nelson L. Brewer, Esq.
Rev. Joseph B. Shumaker, D. D., Rev. Isaac A. Sites.

Official Call to Professors Elect.

The Standing Committee on Minutes of Synod, during the afternoon session on Thursday, reported in item 9 that the President and Stated Clerk of Synod were instructed to issue calls to Revs. Drs. H. W. Super and J. I. Swander, who were elected to Professorships in Heidelberg Theological Seminary.

Thereupon the following report was received and adopted:

It is hereby reported that, according to the instruction of the synod, we the undersigned executive officers issued regular calls, on the 15th of October 1891, to Rev. Henry W. Super, D. D., LL. D., and to Rev. John I. Swander, D. D., notifying them of their election (by the Ohio Synod, October 10, 1891) respectively to the Professorship of "New Testament Exegesis and Theology," and the Professorship of "Practical Theology," in Heidelberg Theological Seminary at Tiffin.

The former on the 11, of November, 1891, declined acceptance, and the latter on February 25, 1892, formally accepted the said position, and entered upon the work in the seminary, September 14, 1892.

Respectfully submitted,

DAVID VAN HORNE, *President.*

ISAAC H. REITER, *Stated Clerk.*

Inauguration of Rev. J. I. Swander, D. D.

According to the recommendation of the Board of Visitors and the arrangement of the Standing Committee on Religious Services, the inauguration of Rev. John I. Swander, D. D., as Professor of "Prac-

tical Theology" in Heidelberg Theological Seminary, took place during the meeting of synod in Hough Avenue Reformed Church at Cleveland, Ohio, on Friday evening, October 7, 1892.

The order of services conducted by the officers of synod was as follows:

1. Invocation by Rev. Reuben Keller.
2. Hymn 452 by same.
3. Scripture Lesson and prayer by Rev. L. H. Kefauver, D. D.
4. Administration of oath of office by Rev. I. H. Reiter, D. D.
5. Hymn 441 by Rev. Jacob Ihle.
6. Delivery of the Inaugural Address by Rev. J. I. Swander, D. D.
7. Doxology.
8. Benediction by Rev. I. H. Reiter, D. D.

On motion, the synod adopted the following action:

WHEREAS, The synod having heard with appreciating interest the able address of Rev. John I. Swander, D. D., on "Practical Theology," and believing that it merits to be preserved in permanent form and extensively read; therefore

Resolved, That the Stated Clerk of Synod be instructed to have 1,000 copies thereof published in pamphlet form for the use of synod.

Reading Course for Y. P. S. C. E.

The Faculty of Heidelberg Theological Seminary, as reported in item 11 by the Standing Committee on Minutes of Synod, during the afternoon session on Thursday, were appointed a committee to arrange a course of reading for the Young People's Societies of Christian Endeavor. The Faculty submitted their report, which was received and adopted, and is as follows:

The undersigned members of the Faculty of Heidelberg Theological Seminary, having been appointed a Committee to indicate a list of books suited for reading among the young people of the Reformed Church, by the Synod of Ohio, would respectfully report the following works, among others, viz:

HISTORY.

Daubigues's History of the Reformation. Motley's Rise of the Dutch Republic, and United Netherlands. Schiller's Thirty Years War. Historic Manual of the Reformed Church, Dr. Dubbs. Origin of the Reformed Church in Germany, Dr. J. I. Good. The Reformed Church, Dr. J. I. Swander. The Reformed Church in Philadelphia, Dr. D. Van Horne. Conference Union of Reformed Churches, April, 1888. The Key to the Tree of Christianity, (with Chart) Dr. M. Loucks.

BIOGRAPHY.

Life of Ulric Zwingli, (English and German,) Rev. Jean Grob. *Mountain Boy of Wildhaus*, Dr. D. Van Horne. *Life of Rev. M. Schlatter*, and *Lives of the Fathers of the Reformed Church*, Dr. H. Harbaugh. *Life of Dr. J. W. Nevin*, Dr. Theo. Appel. *Life of Conrad Weiser*, by Dr. C. Z. Weiser. *Life of Henry Leonard*, by Dr. G. W. Williard. *Monica. The Old School Master. The Well Driller*. Rev. I. A. Sites.

• INSTITUTIONS.

Recollections of College Life, (Franklin and Marshall,) Dr. T. Appel. *History of Heidelberg College*, Dr. G. W. Williard.

TRAVEL, ETC.

Sinai and Zion, Wayside Gleanings, Dr. B. Bausman. *Europe Through American Eyes*, Dr. A. S. Zerbe. *Tent and Saddle Life in the Holy Land*, Dr. D. Van Horne. *Rambles Round Reformed Lands*, Dr. J. I. Good. *Under Eastern Skies*, Dr. E. Herbruck.

MISCELLANEOUS.

History and Genius of the Heidelberg Catechism, Dr. J. W. Nevin. *Union With the Church. Heaven—Heavenly Home—Heavenly Recognition—Mary the Hand-Maid of the Lord—Harfe*—Dr. H. Harbaugh. *The Young Parson*, Dr. P. S. Davis. *The Invisible World*, Dr. J. I. Swander. *The Drummer Boy*, Dr. H. M. Kieffer. *The Young Prophetess*, Rev. R. L. Gerhart. *The Fisherman's Allegories*, Elder Henry Leonard. *Church Members' Hand Book, Prayer Book, and Aids to Devotion*, Dr. J. H. Good, *College Chapel Sermons*, Dr. Nevin, Dr. H. M. Kieffer. *Treatise on Baptism*, Dr. J. J. Leberman.

Respectfully submitted,

A. S. ZERBE, *Secretary of Faculty.*

ARTICLE XV.

HEIDELBERG UNIVERSITY.

The following reports relating to the interests and work of the university were received, considered and adopted:

1. *Report of the Board of Regents.*

To the Ohio Synod.

GENTLEMEN AND BRETHREN:—Another synodical year has passed away with its labors and results, and standing upon the threshold of the incoming year the official boards of synod are required to render an account of their stewardship for the past year; and in accordance with this requirement, the report of the Board of Regents of Heidelberg University is here presented for the consideration of synod.

The Board organized June 16, 1892, by the election of the following officers for the ensuing year: Rev. Isaac H. Reiter, D. D., President, Rev. John J. Leberman, D. D., Vice President, Rev. John I. Swander, D. D., Secretary, and Rev. Lewis H. Kefauver, D. D., Treasurer.

It may be said that the cause of higher education in various ways is receiving increased attention and making decided progress throughout the United States. The predominant questions engaging the thoughtful attention of the leading educators of our country relate (1) to the extension of the free-public schools, culminating in the high school with some collegiate aspirations; and (2) to the adjustment of the work of colleges and universities. In the first instance, the effort is to extend the free-public schools in such a manner as to provide, by public taxation, for the introduction of longer sessions, better qualified teachers, improved school buildings and increased attendance upon schools, with some possibility of bridging over the chasm between the high school and the college Freshman Class. In the second case, the prevailing thought and discussion have reference to the future place and function of the small college, and the relation which college work sustains to university work. The full and complete solution of these questions, though at present discussed with a good degree of interest and vigor, is doubtless a problem for the educators of the future to solve. Meanwhile, however, whatever the ultimate verdict may be, the mind of the youth of the land should not be diverted from the importance of attending institutions of higher education based upon the principles of Christianity.

It is through these institutions, which are more or less national in their character and influence, that learning, science and history have been preserved, perpetuated and advanced from age to age from the period of the renowned University of Athens to the present time. This has been realized in some measure in different countries of both ancient and modern date, especially where the vital power of a Christian civilization is diffused and has become predominant. And is this not true of our own country, "the land of the free and the home of the brave?" Has it not, though comparatively young, been greatly affected for good by its institutions of learning? Have they not done much for the better qualification of the teaching force and the improvement of our general system of education, which must be recognized as a valuable source of American progress and the hope of the future of our Republic?

And in this important work of higher education and in training the youth of the land for their life-work, Heidelberg University has imposed upon it a full share of the obligations and duties involved; and just in proportion as these are met with manly courage, unwavering loyalty, Christian fidelity and liberal support, will our institution develop in power, extend its influence, attract worthy students

and accomplish a grand educational work—intellectually, morally, religiously!

With these general preliminary reflections, the attention of synod is more specifically directed to the operations, results and hopes of Heidelberg University. Generally speaking, its organization is thorough, its working condition good, and all its departments are in active operation; and taken as a whole, the past year has been one of faithful work, mutual co-operation, substantial success and satisfactory results. The constant aim has been to keep the work of the institution abreast with the progress of knowledge and culture; and, while imparting sound instruction on a Christian basis, to advance those instructed in knowledge and virtue, and thus promote their highest interests.

The Collegiate Department opened auspiciously September 2, 1891, with the return of nearly all the undergraduate students, and a large accession of new students. The total enrollment of students for the year ending last June was 502, and by deducting 146 names repeated, the grand total will be 356. At the opening of each of the three terms, addresses of an excellent and instructive character were delivered, being appropriate to the occasions, and making good impressions on the minds and hearts of the students.

CATALOGUE AND CURRICULUM.

The annual catalogue of the university for the year 1891-'92, embracing 112 pages, gotten up in good style, contains a number of new features from former catalogues, which may be regarded as decided improvements. The most marked feature in the changes made, is the modification of the course of study, which, having been approved by the Board of Regents, went into effect at the beginning of the present university year. The curriculum as now arranged is better adapted to the growing wants of the institution than the former one, and in the main is in full accord with the methods of modern culture, while the fundamental principles of higher education are retained. There are now few courses that surpass it. The order and method of holding rhetorical exercises were also modified, with practical evidence of improved results. The university, in these and other respects, has taken advance ground in the sphere of higher education, and now ranks among the best institutions of the state, challenging the loyalty, the liberality and the positive support of its friends and of the church.

POST-GRADUATE WORK.

This kind of work was carried forward during the past year with a good degree of satisfaction and success. The examinations developed talent and studiousness, and resulted in excellent grades. The future looks encouraging in this department of work.

STUDENTS—THEIR WORK AND DEPARTMENT.

It is gratifying to be able to report that the attendance of students on the stated religious services and at class-room work was regular, and that their diligence and progress in their studies are commendable. The mental work of the students, with very little exception, has been of an excellent character, as is shown by the record of their grades, which were carefully made. And with a single exception of one occurrence, the general deportment of the students throughout the entire year was exemplary and praiseworthy, showing proper obedience to law and rightfully constituted authority, and this in all their relations to the institution.

The one unpleasant and disturbing occurrence referred to, was the clandestine effort to establish Greek letter fraternities, in violation of the organic law of the university and the explicit injunction of the Faculty. As such, it involved fundamentally a question of law and order. (See Constitution chapt. 19, sec. 1, and chapt. 15, sec. 3.) The students combining in the movement were persistent and defiant in their course, not heeding the wholesome counsel of the Faculty, nor accepting the equitable conditions presented. The earnest efforts on the part of the Faculty to affect a just and amicable adjustment of the matter failed. Hence, after having exhausted all the available means in their power, and after a thorough investigation of the real facts in the case, there was ultimately no alternative left to those in authority but to enforce discipline, and thus maintain the principles of law and order, and sustain the honor and authority of the institution.

By the course adopted a few (29) students were lost, but the discipline enforced has proved a decided gain to the university, and will have a salutary effect on the students in the future. This act of discipline was unanimously approved by the Board of Regents, and is sanctioned by the true friends and patrons of the institution, as well as by many of the leading educators of the land. As soon as all the facts in the case were fully understood, "the excitement of the hour" subsided and the hallowed reign of benign peace again prevailed in the "classic halls" of Heidelberg, and its regular work progressed as usual in all its departments, winning friends and patrons, and achieving satisfactory results in the sphere of higher education.

MATRICULATION FORMULA AND RULES.

The Faculty of the Collegiate Department at the opening of the last year adapted a revised *Matriculation Formula*, which is recorded in a suitable book and all the students of said department are required to subscribe it with their signature as a pledge of their allegiance to the laws and authority of the university.

The Faculty also carefully prepared a *digest* of the rules and regulations of the institution, which had been from time to time officially

formulated and adopted, and thus brought them into a small and convenient compass in a printed pamphlet of nine pages. It is well adapted to the purpose for which it was prepared, and is distributed among the students with good results. It also includes the rules and regulations of the Gentlemen's Dormitory and the Ladies' Hall.

BIBLE STUDY.

Should the Bible be made a text-book in the college or university? Yes. Where such use is made of the Bible, it influences the general atmosphere of life and thought, purifies and elevates the intellectual and moral activities, and creates and preserves a spirit of practical earnestness, which like leaven pervades and animates the departments of instruction. Under this conviction, considerable work has been done during the year in Biblical instruction, as the study of the Bible, (which is used as a text book) is required of the students in the Collegiate Department throughout the entire course of four years. In this way they are not only brought into contact with the Holy Scriptures and Christian truths, but have an opportunity afforded to gain a thorough and comprehensive knowledge of the Bible itself. The influence of this course of instruction is having a happy effect on the students, and attests to the Christian character of Heidelberg.

THE NEW HYMNAL.

The new Reformed Church Hymnal, as officially directed, has been introduced in the worship of the university, and is used at both the morning chapel and the mid-week prayer and praise service on Thursday evening. The introduction of the hymnal is having a good effect on the religious services of the institution, giving a spiritual elevation to worship and promoting the musical culture, which is thereby afforded to the students.

CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATIONS.

The work of the Young Men's and the Young Women's Christian Associations, connected with the university, deserves to be spoken of here as to its worth and importance to the institution. These associations have prosecuted their special work in the spirit of harmony, devotion and energy; and by their meetings, work and conduct have greatly assisted in maintaining a wholesome moral and religious tone and life in the institution. They are worthy of commendation and substantial encouragement.

LIBRARY AND READING ROOM.

The transfer of the consolidated library and the fitting up of a reading-room in the university building have proved satisfactory and advantageous. Here are afforded means and facilities to students for general information and culture, and for promoting order and

quiet in the building during recitation hours. The students not engaged in recitation hours are required to repair to the reading-room during their vacant periods. This regulation has largely corrected lounging in the corridors, and aids in preserving order in other respects. The library as now arranged is in a good condition, and it is pleasant to be informed that it is properly appreciated by those connected with the institution. But while it is valued and appreciated, and of great importance to the institution, it should be further improved and made better by the addition of many more useful books adapted to the wants of the professors and students. It may be added that the library has been entirely catalogued as to authors and topics. The new Topical Index embraces 6,500 subjects, which can now be referred to in the different indices. This valuable index will afford convenient access to every topic bearing on scientific, philosophical, theological and historical subjects in the library, and prove a great time-saver to those in search of knowledge.

VACANCIES AND APPOINTMENTS.

Prof. Charles O. Knepper, who for a number of years has faithfully and successfully occupied the Chair of Belles Lettres and History, was on account of impaired health at his own request granted leave of absence for one year, and with the view of regaining his health has removed to Santa Barbara, Cal. This temporary vacancy has been filled by the appointment of Prof. Granville H. Meixell, a graduate of Ursinus College, and late of the Post-Graduate Department of Vanderbilt University, having had a successful experience in teaching.

Prof. Alvin S. Zerbe, Ph. D., resigned last June, as Professor of Greek and Acting Professor of German and French, which positions he had ably and satisfactorily filled for years, in order to devote all his time to work in the Theological Seminary. Prof. Thomas H. Sonnedecker, who is favorably known by his connection with the university for the past six years, was elected to take charge of the Greek Language and Literature.

Prof. Kleckner will have the direction of the classes in Chemistry, and Prof. Zerbe of the classes in French by special arrangement.

Miss Emma Sonnedecker, the popular and acceptable Principal of the Art Department having resigned, has been succeeded by Miss Inez I. Crampton, who entered upon the practical work with commendable qualifications at the opening in September last. Students in art will have superior advantages under the instruction of this accomplished teacher, who is capable of giving lessons in nature and original work, and the excellence of her work is attracting attention and winning friends and pupils. The importance of art education is becoming generally recognized, and the effort put forth is to reach and develop the aesthetic taste and artistic talent, with the view of

more closely uniting art and industry, and of a broader and fuller development of men and women.

Prof. J. A. Christman, formerly of the Eastman Business College, Poughkeepsie, N. Y., and recently Principal of the Business Department in Princeton Normal School, has by appointment taken charge of the Commercial and Business Department, and brings to his work here the acquirements of practical skill and experience.

On the first of March, 1892, the resignation of Prof. Edward J. Shives, as Professor of Chemistry and Physics and Principal of the Academy, went into effect, after having served some years in these relations with ability and energy. The work pertaining to this then vacant position was by official action distributed among Professors Hornung, Knepper, Lowe, Kleckner, and Sonnedecker, who successfully carried forward the same to the close of the university year.

THE ACADEMY.

The principalship of the academy by official appointment is now under the management of Prof. W. A. Garrison, whose particular line of work for the last nine years has specially fitted him for this important position. He entered upon the practical work at the opening of the present university year with encouraging prospects. The new courses of study adopted afford the means and opportunity of securing a thorough preparation for admission to the Freshman Class of Heidelberg, or to that of any other institution of high rank. The work here is fundamental, and being properly supervised will furnish a more adequate supply of well-prepared students for the collegiate department, and advance the success of the university; and, as such, the academy deserves a large constituency and liberal patronage. Moreover, the academy, in connection with its regular work, also affords superior advantages for teachers in our public schools, as it gives thorough training in the common branches and in rapid reviews when required.

FEMALE INSTRUCTOR APPOINTED.

A "new departure" of manifest importance has been taken by the Board of Regents, in the election of Mrs. Viola Meyer as "Adjunct to the Alumna Professorship of Belles Lettres and History," and as "Assistant Principal of the Academy," and as such she will be a member of the Faculty of the Literary Department. She is admirably qualified by character, attainments and experience for the duties required. She will reside in the Ladies' Hall and to her care and supervision are intrusted the young ladies attending the instructions of the institution. This arrangement is not only wise and commendable, but it fully falls in with the idea and policy of the co-education of the sexes, and should prove a further inducement to parents to send their daughters to Heidelberg. It is believed that

this "new departure" will be followed by valuable results, in regard to application, deportment and culture.

CONSERVATORY OF MUSIC.

The Conservatory of Music, under the able and active direction of Prof. Harold B. Adams, has accomplished a good work during the past year, both in the sphere of vocal and instrumental music, and is growing in efficiency and popularity. Its growth is healthful and permanent, proving itself of real value to the best interests of the institution, and tending to elevate the educational tone and culture thereof. Its work will compare favorably with that of the best of other conservatories, and affords an excellent opportunity to young ladies and others to obtain a superior musical education. It merits the generous and continued patronage of the church and the public generally.

MUSEUM AND GYMNASIUM BUILDING.

This project is an assured fact, but because of some necessary modifications in the original plans and specifications the work on the building had to be delayed. The revised plans are now completed, and the work under the direction of the Building Committee, will proceed according to the instruction of the board. The building when completed will be in keeping with the former improvements, and supply a needed want of the institution. A considerable amount has been contributed towards the erection of the building, but some additional funds will be needed to meet the total cost, which should be freely given for this laudable project.

The Museum itself, especially in the department of Taxidermy, received some attention during the summer vacation, in the way of renovation and rearrangement of specimens. The most of the exhibits have been remounted, and some new specimens added. When placed in the proposed building, and the classification and arrangement fully completed, the museum will only be fully comprehended in its real value, make an attractive appearance, and afford a variety of topics for scientific study, showing the wonders of nature as well as the wonderful works of God.

THE LITERARY SOCIETIES.

These consist of the Excelsior and Heidelberg Literary Societies, for young men in the Collegiate Department, the Hesperian for young ladies, and the Irving for students of the Academy. They are in a prosperous condition, and are doing good work in their special sphere of operation, forming excellent training schools for students in composition, oratory, debate and elocution. The advantages here afforded to students are valuable, and form an important part of education.

FINANCES.

The financial condition of the institution being much the same as indicated in the last annual report, is favorable. The amount received from the sale of scholarships during the year is \$515.00, and some addition has been made to the endowment. Investments have been safely made, mostly at seven per cent, and the interest paid with a fair degree of punctuality. The interest due on investments is \$1,988.00, but much of this (interest due) is drawing interest. There is a small deficiency in the contingent income to meet current expenses, but less so than last year. The salaries of the professors have been paid in full up to October 1, 1892, and there is no other indebtedness.

THE NEEDS.

While the general financial condition of the institution is favorable and commendable, there is need in the progress of things of *additional* funds. As the work in the different departments is enlarging, more accommodations are necessarily required in the way of facilities and room. This felt want has in part, prompted the project of a Museum and Gymnasium Building. The Art and Commercial Departments are too compressed, and too limited in their accommodations, and need larger facilities in order to accomplish the results anticipated and desired. The teaching force in the institution, particularly in the Literary Department, should be increased, and a special teacher employed in elocution.

In view of these facts, and in order to meet these necessities, the great requisite is the substantial increase of available funds, especially the permanent endowment. This is all-important, so as to enlarge our facilities and to advance our educational work in the line of higher education; and thus insure permanent success and prosperity to Heidelberg University. Let these truths be deeply impressed upon the minds and hearts of its friends and patrons, as well as on the synod and the church abroad; and let this impression culminate in positive action, and in the "devising of liberal things," especially by such as are blessed with large pecuniary means.

And to achieve the desired results financially, the interests of the institution require to be represented by an energetic financial and business agent. This seems to be indispensable, and the matter demands the earnest attention of synod. The endowment is too small to afford an adequate support to the necessary teaching force, or to meet the demands of our increasing enrollment, or to enlarge and strengthen our educational operations.

OFFICIAL ADMINISTRATION.

The administration of Rev. John A. Peters, D. D., as President of the Literary Department and Acting Chancellor of the University, having commenced auspiciously, is giving general satisfaction and proving successful. He deserves the mutual confidence and co-oper-

ation of the board, the synod, the church and the friends of the institution. He has been very active and efficient in his official capacity, and success has crowned his work, with a promising future before him.

THE PROSPECTS.

Heidelberg University has again entered upon a new scholastic year, which commenced on Wednesday, September 14, 1892, and was greeted with the presence of very many of the old students, as well as with the appearance of a large number of new students; and the corps of professors and teachers was also on hand to take charge of their respective departments, impart the required instruction, and do faithful and efficient work during the year. As such the opening was very favorable and encouraging, bearing evidence of continued expansion, evincing confidence in the educational work performed, and inspiring hope for grand results during the year. And the advantages of the institution are of a superior character, and its culture is in perfect harmony with the life, the genius and the spirit of the Reformed Church.

CONCLUSION.

In conclusion, having taken a cursory review of the work for the year and glancing at the cheering prospects before us, we have great cause for congratulation and gratitude to the friends and patrons of Heidelberg University, and above all for devout thankfulness to God for his gracious blessings, protecting care and bountiful beneficence vouchsafed to us during the year. And viewed in the light of the present and the hope of the future, there is much to commend the institution in its advanced position to all desiring a systematic and thorough educational culture. And as it continues true to its original purpose and is devoted to the promotion of the cause of Christian education, it merits the hearty loyalty and generous support of the church, and demands the attendance of our sons and daughters seeking the advantages of higher education.

To this end may He, who presides over the destiny of His church and her institutions, as well as that of nations, guide us as co-laborers in the responsible and important work of Christian education, granting us wisdom and understanding, and directing us in our purposes and labors, so that all may redound to the peace and prosperity of our institutions, and to the culture, the ennobling and the betterment of all brought under their instruction and influence.

The term of the following members of the Board of Regents expires at this meeting of synod, viz: Revs. Drs. L. H. Kefauver, E. Herbruck, H. M. Herman. Elders Horace Ankeney, N. L. Brewer, and Geo. P. Williard, M. D.

In behalf of the Board of Regents of Heidelberg University,
Respectfully submitted,

ISAAC H. REITER, *President of the Board of Regents.*

II. REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE ON UNIVERSITY.

The Standing Committee on Heidelberg University, during the morning session on Saturday, presented their report, which was received, and, together with the report of the board, adopted:

Your committee would report that the only paper referred to us, is the very able report of the Board of Regents, by its President, Dr. L. H. Reiter.

From this we learn of very commendable progress made, and satisfactory literary work done, and the largest attendance of students during the university year of 1891-'92, of any previous year.

It is gratifying to note changes made in the course of studies, as being in full accord with the methods of modern culture, showing thereby that our educational center is advancing along with the needs of this progressive and energetic age.

Making the "Bible a text-book" in the university curriculum, is highly commendable and necessary amidst "the higher criticism" with which our youths are surrounded.

The persistent effort to establish "Greek Letter Fraternities" is an open violation of the organic law of the university, tested the ability of the Faculty and Regents to maintain constituted authority. Though twenty-nine students were lost to the university, law and order were vindicated, to the universal satisfaction of the church and friends of the university.

The matriculation formula and rules, recently adopted, requiring students under their signatures, to obligate themselves to obey the laws and authority of the university, so long as holding the relation of students, meets our unqualified approval.

The necessary changes in the Faculty, and the appointment of well qualified instructors, shows the ability of the university management, to meet and supply all required demands.

The "new departure in the election of Mrs. Viola Meyer, as Adjunct to the Alumni Professorship of Belles Lettres and History" and assistant Principal of the Academy, is a progressive and very commendable appointment, especially relevant to the education of the daughters of our church, at Heidelberg.

The Museum and Gymnasium Building now in process of becoming a tangible reality, is with confidence commended to the liberality of the church, and all friends of the university for support. Its erection supplies a greatly needed want in keeping with the best institutions of learning in our land.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. In view of the peculiar situation, a crisis of affairs, in which the university was during the Fraternity troubles, be it

Resolved, That we declare our implicit confidence in the executive ability, firmness and loyalty to the right of acting Chancellor J. A. Peters, D. D., and the Faculty in general, and that we sincerely pledge our confidence and support in the arduous work of his high and responsible office.

Resolved, Although the current expenses are all paid, yet an increased endowment is an imperative necessity. Therefore,

Resolved, That a financial agent ought to be appointed, and effective measures taken at this synod to secure such appointment.

Respectfully submitted,

NATHANIEL H. LOOSE, *Chairman*.

In connection with the adoption of the foregoing report, and according to the suggestion contained in the last resolution, the synod resolved to elect a financial agent for Heidelberg University, and made the election the order of the day for Saturday, immediately after the opening of the afternoon session.

At the appointed time the election was held. Rev. George H. Souder and Rev. Albert H. Zechiel were put in nomination, and Revs. Jacob P. Stahl and John A. Seitz were appointed tellers, who having distributed the blanks gathered the ballots and counted them. The result announced was that Rev. George H. Souder received twenty-six votes, and Rev. Albert H. Zechiel twenty-one, and two blanks were cast. Then, on motion, the election of Rev. Souder was made unanimous by a rising vote.

On motion,

Resolved, That the matter of salary of the financial agent elect, be referred to the Board of Regents of Heidelberg University.

The Standing Committee on Overtures, during the afternoon session on Thursday, reported in item 1, that Rev. Dr. H. H. W. Hibshman tendered his resignation as a member of the Board of Regents of Heidelberg University. The item was adopted, and then the following action was adopted:

WHEREAS, Rev. H. H. W. Hibshman, D. D., has tendered his resignation to synod as a member of the Board of Regents of Heidelberg University, whose term of office extends to October, 1893; therefore

Resolved, That in accordance with the favor asked his resignation be and hereby is accepted.

Resolved, That the Standing Committee on Nominations be instructed to make provision by nomination to fill the vacancy.

ELECTION OF REGENTS OF HEIDELBERG UNIVERSITY.

Officers of Board.

Rev. Isaac H. Reiter, D. D., *President*, Miamisburg, Ohio.
 Rev. John J. Leberman, D. D., *Vice President*, Louisville, Ohio.
 Rev. John I. Swander, D. D., *Secretary*, Tiffin, Ohio.
 Rev. Lewis H. Kefauver, D. D., *Treasurer*, Tiffin, Ohio.

Executive Committee.—Mr. Benjamin F. Myers, Rev. John I. Swander, D. D., and Nelson L. Brewer, Esq.

Members whose term expires October, 1893.

Rev. David Van Horne, D. D.	Rev. Nathaniel H. Loose.
Mr. Benjamin F. Myers.	Rev. George H. Leonard, D. D.
Mr. William E. Schmertz.	Rev. Emil P. Herbruck.

Members whose term expires October, 1894.

Rev. Isaac H. Reiter, D. D.	Rev. John M. Kendig, D. D.
Rev. Michael Loucks, D. D.	Mr. Samuel S. Rickly.
Rev. Sebastian C. Goss, D. D.	James H. Platt, Esq.

Members whose term expires October, 1895.

Rev. John I. Swander, D. D.	Mr. Irvin Yost.
Rev. John J. Leberman, D. D.	Mr. James C. Reber.
Rev. Herman Rust, D. D.	Mr. Victor P. Van Horne.

Members whose term expires October, 1896.

Rev. Lewis H. Kefauver, D. D.	Mr. Horace Ankeney.
Nelson L. Brewer, Esq.	Rev. Henry M. Herman, D. D.
Rev. Edward Herbruck, Ph. D.	Mr. George F. Bareis.

ARTICLE XVI.

BENEVOLENT AND RELIGIOUS INSTITUTIONS.

St. Paul's Orphans' Home.

The Standing Committee on Overtures, during Saturday afternoon session, reported in item 8 that a communication was received from Rev. P. C. Prugh, D. D., Superintendent of the St. Paul's Orphan Home at Butler, Pa., setting forth its condition and wants. At the same time the superintendent being present addressed the synod to its work and claims. The subject matter of the item and address, was referred to a special committee, consisting of David A. Parks, Benjamin H. Roth and George P. Hartzell.

This committee, during the evening session on Saturday, submitted their report, which was received and adopted:

The words, Orphans' Home, touches the

human heart. The words carry with them several thoughts that appeal to the sympathy of humankind: A child without a parent or without that care bestowed by a tender, loving mother or kind and anxious father. These words also suggest the fact that children thus deprived are to be cared for—that children deprived of homes with all their blessings may have a home.

This synod has listened with pleasure to Rev. Dr. P. C. Prugh, Superintendent of the Orphans Home, Butler, Pa. To us this means that we, as a church, have fatherless children, and that they may find a home. From his address we learn that our dear, helpless, fatherless, motherless, homeless boys and girls may have a home where they are to be cared for; where their bodily and spiritual wants and needs are to be supplied; a home where the principles of the church and the teachings of Jesus are to be instilled; a home where helpless children who would otherwise be cast upon a cold and unsympathetic world, are to be, and will be, so cared for as to become useful Christian men and women.

These latter facts afford pleasure to every member of the Synod of Ohio. Therefore be it

Resolved, That the Synod of Ohio is thankful to the Father of the fatherless for the existence of the Orphans' Home at Butler, Pa.

Resolved, That this synod reposes implicit confidence in the management of this Home.

Resolved, That every congregation be earnestly requested to assist this Home with that which God has given them.

Resolved, That this Home, and its superintendent, be remembered in the prayers of pastors and people.

Respectfully submitted,

DAVID A. PARKS, *Chairman*.

ARTICLE XVII.

SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

The following reports were received, considered and adopted:

I. REPORT OF BOARD OF SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

DEAR BRETHREN:—Owing to long-continued disability, rendering it impossible for me to either read or write at length, this report must, of necessity, be very brief.

It is with hearty gratitude that we acknowledge the manifest presence of the Lord in our Sunday-school work during the past year. **progress** reports coming to us in their various ways, we learn of **progress** and deeper interest. The statistical tables **completed** and prepared with greater care, and indicate

encouraging results, as every column presents better figures than last year. We recommend its publication in the Minutes of Synod.

Conventions have been held in each classis with more than usual profit and enthusiasm. Children's Day and other services have been observed, but not as generally as they should have been. We recommend that they be more universally recognized.

Enclosed with this report will be found a copy of a Sunday-school blank prepared by a Committee of Miami Classis Sunday-school Convention, and by them adopted; and through this board synod is overtured to adopt this or some similar form, and have published a new blank for the use of our schools.

We can not but rejoice that God is so visibly with us in this work, and pray that whatever can, will be done, to awaken still deeper interest in the heart of the church upon this subject.

We call the attention of synod to the fact that the terms of Revs. E. R. Williard and W. H. Shults expire with this meeting of synod.

Praying that God's richest blessing may rest on the Sunday-school work of the Synod of Ohio, we respectfully submit this report

ALPHEUS E. BAICHLY, *President.*

II. REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE ON SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

The Standing Committee on Sunday-schools and Catechisation during the afternoon session on Saturday, submitted the following report, which was received and adopted:

Your Standing Committee on Sunday-schools and Catechisation beg leave to report:

The report of the Sunday-school Board was placed in our hands toward the very close of synod, and we have only the following very brief report to make on the same, together with a recommendation for synodical action:

We find that encouraging progress has been made in the Sunday-school work throughout the entire Ohio Synod, for which we should be thankful. The following synodical action is respectfully recommended:

Resolved, That the following blank form for Sunday-school statistics which was recently prepared by a committee of the Sunday-school Convention of Miami Classis, be adopted by this synod for future

[NOTE.—Is it not the province of the General Synod to authorize the preparation of the statistical table for Sunday-schools, as well as that of the general statistics of the church? Is not this action questionable on constitutional grounds? It not tend to confusion and incongruity instead of order and uniformity of results?—*Stated Clerk.*]

ANNUAL REPORT OF SUNDAY-SCHOOL.

From April 1, 189. , to April 1, 189. .

NAME OF CHARGE CLASSIS OF

SUPERINTENDENT.	No. of Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	New Scholars during the Year.	Deaths.	Removals.	Erasures.	Net Gain or Loss.	Church Members in Sunday-school.	Addition to church from Sunday-school.	Collections.	
											For use of school.	For Benevolence.

Very respectfully submitted,

C. W. GOOD, *Chairman.*

III. STATISTICAL REPORT OF SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

Report of Sunday-school Board of Ohio Synod of the Reformed Church in the U. S., for the year ending October 1, 1892.

NAME OF CLASSIS.	No. of Schools.	No. of Months Held.	Total No. of Scholars Enrolled.	Officers and Teachers Enrolled.	Total Enrollment of Schools.	No. of Members of School Professing Religion during year.	No. of Volumes in Library.	No. of Copies of S. S. Papers taken per Week.	Collections for use of School.	Collections for Benevolent Purposes.	Do you hold Teachers' Meetings?		Do you study the Catechism in the S. S.?	
											yes.	no.	yes.	no.
Miami	49	11½	4805	672	5477	170	1080	2805	\$2,509	\$523	8	41	16	33
Lancaster	25	12	1768	342	1974	74	400	1089	789	447	4	8	4	8
Warsaw	39	11½	3950	418	4368	183	2258	425	1,964	542	8	11	3	14
Wain	25	11½	2296	329	2549	73	650	941	968	232	1	13	1	5
Eastern Ohio	27	10½	2191	321	2846	135	700	830	904	368	5	22	15	12
St. Joseph	31	11½	2308	360	2668	53	565	889	1,252	283	4	8	5	7
	194	11½	17618	2433	19842	688	5648	6985	\$8,386	\$2,385	30	103	56	84

COLLECTION OF BOARD OF SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

Officers of Board.

E. Baichly, *President*, Toledo, Ohio.

Van Horne, *Secretary*, Dayton, Ohio.

Members whose term expires October, 1893.

Rev. George H. Leonard, D. D. Elder Victor P. Van Horne.

Members whose term expires October, 1894.

Rev. Emil P. Herbruck. Rev. Alpheus E. Baichly.

Members whose term expires October, 1895.

Rev. Reuben Keller. Rev. Edwin R. Williard.

Proposed Change of Name of Sunday-school to Bible School.

The Standing Committee on Overtures, during Thursday afternoon session, reported in item 3 that a communication was received, suggesting to synod the propriety of changing the name of "Sunday-school" to that of Bible School. The item was adopted, and the subject matter referred to a special committee, consisting of Rev. Dr. John J. Leberman, William H. Shults and Elder Daniel W. Souder.

This committee, during the afternoon session on Saturday, presented their report, which was received and adopted:

Your committee appointed to report on the propriety of changing the name of Sunday-school to that of Bible School, would embody the reasons assigned in the communication addressed to synod, and commend them to the consideration of the synod, viz:

1. It would put a proper emphasis on the Word of God.
2. The name would more fully express the object and scope of the work.
3. It would put the school in higher estimation with those who ought to be, and yet who are not at present, benefited by the work.
4. It would link our school work with the historic schools of the church from which they have been divorced.
5. That the Ohio Synod respectfully overtures the General Synod to consider the propriety of such change of name, and in the title of literature furnished by the General Synod's Board for our schools.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM H. SHULTS,
JOHN J. LEBERMAN,
DANIEL W. SOUDER,

Committee.

On motion, the following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That the Board of Sunday-schools be respectfully requested to prepare an exercise, setting forth the ~~the~~ Reformed Church in catechetical form, schools in the celebration of Child

appropriate part of the commemoration of the centennial anniversary of the independent existence of the Reformed Church in the United States.

Resolved, That, in accordance with the privilege granted by the General Synod in 1887, the Ohio Synod hereby directs that the second Sunday in September heretofore appointed as the time for Children's Day, be changed to the second Sunday in June, and pastors and congregations are requested to observe hereafter as Children's Day the second Sunday in June in each year.

ARTICLE XIII.

APPEALS AND REFERENCES.

The Mechling Appeal Case.

The Standing Committee on Overtures, during the afternoon session on Thursday, reported in item 5 that certain papers were received pertaining to an appeal from the action of Miami Classis touching the case of Daniel Emrick.

The same committee, during the morning session on Friday, reported in item 6 that an appeal was taken to this synod by Rev. George Z. Mechling from an action of Miami Classis.

The Standing Committee on Minutes of Classes, during the afternoon session on Friday reported in item 24 that an appeal was taken by Rev. George Z. Mechling to this synod from a decision of Miami Classis, assembled in special session in Hamilton, O., November 11, 1891.

This appeal, together with all the papers having a bearing on the case, was referred to a special committee, consisting of Elder Nelson L. Brewer, Esq., Revs. Dr. Sebastian C. Goss and John J. M. Gruber, to examine whether it was in order, and if found in order to report the manner in which it is to be considered by synod.

This committee, during the afternoon session on Friday, submitted their report, which was received and adopted, and is as follows:

Your committee to whom items 5 and 6 from the report of the Committee on Overtures, and item 24 from the report of the Committee on Minutes of Classes, were referred, beg leave to report:

1. That the papers referred to us under item 5 do not show any appeal to this body by Daniel Emrick, and that the item should have been stricken from the report.
2. That we find under the 6th item that the appeal of the Rev. G. Z. Mechling is in order and in proper form.
3. That Daniel Emrick, an elder of Hamilton Church, Ohio, was found guilty by Miami Classis of contentiousness, and sentenced by

classis to be publicly reprimanded by the President of Classis, which was done.

From this Rev. Mechling appealed that having found him guilty, classis could only impose one penalty, *expulsion*—asking that the action of classis be renewed and sentence of expulsion passed; and that the following be the order of hearing such appeal:

First—Fifteen minutes be allowed to those representing the appellant.

Second—Twenty minutes be allowed to those representing the appellee.

Third—Five minutes be allowed for reply by the appellant.

Fourth—That the vote by synod be then taken without further discussion.

Fifth—That the matter be heard at once.

Respectfully submitted,

N. L. BREWER,
J. J. M. GRUBER,
S. C. GOSS,

Committee.

According to the suggestion of the committee in their report, the case was at once taken under consideration. The appeal was read. The appellant was heard through his counsel Rev. Dr. Henry M. Herman and Rev. William E. Ludwick, and the appellee (Miami Classis) was heard in reply by its counsel Rev. Dr. William A. Hale and Rev. Samuel B. Yockey. After the arguments of the counsel were heard on both sides, having a bearing on constitutional questions, the synod proceeded to vote in the case by a rising vote. As the result of the vote, the appeal was not sustained, there being thirteen votes for and thirty-seven against sustaining it.

Subsequently, on motion, the following explanatory action was adopted by synod:

Resolved, That in the matter of the appeal of Rev. George Z. Mechling from a certain action of Miami Classis, touching the proper form of discipline of Daniel Emrick, the action of this synod, in declining to sustain said appeal, signifies not whether the said Emrick was guilty or innocent of the offense with which he was charged, but simply that in the judgment of synod Miami Classis acted in harmony with the spirit of Article 94 of the Constitution of the Church in declining to impose exclusion from church-fellowship as the *absolute* penalty for the sin of contentiousness.

ARTICLE XIX.

COMPLAINTS.

Nothing occurred requiring the attention of this synod.

ARTICLE XX.
CHURCH GOVERNMENT.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF OHIO SYNOD.

Officers of Board.

Rev. Isaac H. Reiter, D. D., *President*, Miamisburg, Ohio.
Mr. Horace Ankenev, *Secretary*, Alpha, Ohio.
Mr. Benjamin Kuhns, *Treasurer*, Dayton, Ohio.

Members whose term expires October, 1893.

Dr. David C. Lichliter. Rev. Samuel B. Yockey.

Members whose term expires October, 1894.

Mr. Albert L. Shearer. Mr. Benjamin Kuhns.

Members whose term expires October, 1895.

Rev. Isaac H. Reiter, D. D. Mr. Horace Ankenev.

Centennial Anniversary of the Reformed Church.

The Standing Committee on Overtures, during the afternoon session on Thursday, reported in item 2 that the Pittsburg Synod through its Corresponding Secretary asks the Ohio Synod to appoint a committee to confer with a similar committee of said synod, and together with it and the other synods to arrange for a "proper observance of the centennial anniversary of the autonomy of the Reformed Church in the United States." The item was adopted, and the subject matter referred to a special committee, consisting of Revs. George H. Souder, Dr. Alvin S. Zerbe and Emil P. Herbruck.

This committee, during the afternoon session on Saturday, presented the following report, which was received and adopted:

Your committee to whom was referred an overture from the Pittsburgh Synod requesting this synod to appoint a committee of five to confer with a similar committee of the Pittsburgh Synod, and arrange for the proper celebration of the centennial of our independent existence, would respectfully recommend the following action:

Resolved, That a committee of five be appointed in response to the overture of the Pittsburgh Synod.

Resolved, That each classis be requested to celebrate the completion of the first century of the autonomy of the Reformed Church in the United States, in such a way as it may deem most suitable, and that collections be taken for the benefit of our Theological Seminary.

Resolved, That we suggest to the joint committee the propriety of holding some service at the World's Columbian Exposition in connection with the World's Religious Congress during the centennial year of our independent existence.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE H. SOUDER,
ALVIN S. ZERBE,
EMIL P. HERBRUCK,
Committee.

The committee called for in the first resolution of the foregoing report, and as appointed, consists of Revs. Isaac H. Reiter, D. D., Solomon W. Seeman, Edwin R. Williard, Lewis H. Kefauver, D. D., and Samuel Z. Beam, D. D.

Federal Union in a Federal Synod.

The Standing Committee on Minutes of Classes, during the afternoon session on Friday, reported in item 23 that the six classes connected with the Ohio Synod had unanimously approved of the Constitution of Federal Union; and that Miami, Lancaster and Tuscarawas Classes instructed their Stated Clerks to transmit a certified copy of their action on federal union to the Stated Clerk of General Synod. Thereupon the following action was unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, The General Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States, at its special meeting in Philadelphia, Pa., June 4-6, A. D., 1891, adopted the draft of the proposed Articles of Constitution and Federal Union in a Federal Synod, and sent down the same to the several classes for their approval or rejection; and

WHEREAS, It appears from the official report of the Standing Committee on Minutes of Classes, that all the classes connected with the Ohio Synod did at their succeeding annual or special meetings in 1892 unanimously approve of the said action of the General Synod; therefore

Resolved, That the Ohio Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States, assembled in annual session at Cleveland, Ohio, October 7, A. D., 1892, hereby declares and enters upon its official record the resultant fact that the Classes of Miami, Lancaster, Tuscarawas, Tiffin, Eastern Ohio and St. Joseph have unanimously approved of the proposed Articles of Constitution and Federal Union in a Federal Synod between the Reformed Church in America and the Reformed Church in the United States.

Said in Religion and Revolution.

During the morning session on Thursday, Rev. David Van Horne, D. D., the author, presented to synod a new work, entitled, *Religion*

and *Revelation*, which was received with thanks, and referred to a special committee to submit a report thereon. The committee appointed consists of Revs. Louis B. C. Lahr, Samuel B. Yockey and George E. Metger.

This committee, during the afternoon session on Saturday, presented the following report, which was received and adopted:

Your committee on the work entitled, *Religion and Revelation*, by Rev. D. Van Horne, D. D., would submit the following:

We have examined the book, and would earnestly recommend it to the attention of the ministry and laity of the church. The work is from a prominent theological professor of the Reformed Church. It fills a want in our literature not met before, viz: a brief yet comprehensive treatise on theology at a very moderate price. It deserves a place in the homes of families because of its popular style and freedom from many of the technicalities which are common to theological works. Its peculiar doctrinal caste is Reformed, and the teachings of the Heidelberg Catechism are emphasized. The index is very helpful for reference, while the mechanical work is excellent and creditable to our Reformed Publishing House.

Respectfully submitted,
LOUIS B. C. LAHR, *Chairman*.

Case of Elder George Mathes.

During Friday Elder George Mathes, of the Canaan Charge, Tuscarawas Classis, appeared in synod without credentials, and asked the privilege of occupying a seat as delegated elder of said charge. His case was referred to a special committee, consisting of Revs. Reuben F. Shultz, Geo. H. Souder and Elder Warren W. Strock. This committee at the opening of the morning session on Saturday presented the following report, which was received and adopted:

Your committee appointed to inquire into the case of Elder George Mathes would respectfully report that he is without a reasonable question or doubt entitled to a seat in this synod:

First, because his name is enrolled in the minutes of Tuscarawas Classis as a delegate to that body, and he testifies that he was duly elected to represent the Canaan Charge in all the classical and synodical meetings of the present classical year.

Second, his pastor Rev. L. C. Edmonds, who was to have brought to this synod his credentials, has not appeared for reasons unknown to Bro. Mathes.

We would therefore recommend that he be admitted to a seat, and his name enrolled as a member of this synod.

Respectfully submitted,
REUBEN F. SHULTZ, *Chairman*.

New Column for Christian Endeavor Society.

The Standing Committee on Minutes of Synod, during the afternoon session on Thursday, reported in item 10 that synod as soon as convenient is to open a column in the statistical report to record the numerical strength of the Young People's Societies of Christian Endeavor. The item was adopted, and then the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the Ohio Synod overtures the General Synod to add a column to the statistical table for reporting the numerical strength of our Young People's Societies of Christian Endeavor.

ARTICLE XXI.

PUBLICATION.

The following report and papers relating to the interests of publication were received, considered and adopted:

I. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF PUBLICATION.

As a board it is our mission to bring to you from the publishers a report of the operations and condition of our publishing establishment. A second part of our mission as a board is to so present the importance of this part of our interests as a church; that we in turn may bring to the publishers the highest appreciation of their work, and the heartiest co-operation. Thus it is hoped the most-desirable results may be secured.

From the report of the publishers we learn that the past year has been one of increased activity. All the regular periodicals and publications have been sent out. Besides our own church literature the firm is printing a number of papers and periodicals belonging to other churches, viz: *The Lutheran Evangelist*, *The Herald of Gospel Liberty*, *The Liberator*, with all the Sunday-school literature of these churches, giving in this way alone a very great amount of work. Job work of an excellent quality and of a very large quantity is being done. From the presses have also been sent several books during the past year. *The Key to the Tree of Christianity*, by Rev. Loucks, D. D., *Religion and Revelation*, by Rev. Van Horne, D. D., and others, showing the magnitude of the work that is being done.

To more fully impress the importance of availing ourselves as a church of the good effect of a good church paper is also a part of our mission. At this point, a great many things have been written and said and thought that should oftener be set over against that measure of indifference that is too often found on this subject. But this is not the place for a review of these, nor a lecture on church liter-

ature. If a very small part of all this be true no one has a right to bring up his children without surrounding them with the influence of good home reading.

It is wonderful what a part of what we are, what we say and desire is dependent upon that which is brought to us in the papers. It has been said "not to know what was before you were, is to be always a child." This may be true of books. In books we live in the decisive moments of history and the deepest experiences of individual lives. But in the absence of the weekly or daily paper one becomes a pitiable recluse.

Some plead the lack of time to read the *Christian World*, or other good religious papers. Horace Greeley of newspaper fame said, "I go reading to the wood pile, reading to the garden, reading to the neighbors." Many plead poverty—they cannot afford to pay \$2.00 for the *Christian World*. They possibly pay many times the price of a good supply of literature to meet the consequent desires and unnecessary wishes of children. But to the matter of price the publishers have made a proposition to the effect that whenever the pastors and members will become sufficiently interested to justify it, they are ready to make a reduction in price.

Let not the cry that has come to the ears of this board from miscalculating ones, "Oh, our editors and publishers make too much money," stand in the way of our loyalty to our publication interests. We are not to judge, nor have we power to put on the witness stand these editors and publishers. But to judge from the experience of those who have been in the business, judging from the price of other religious papers, with the circulation such as denominational papers can command, judging from a business stand point, perhaps the income from the *Christian World* will not soon add many to the list of millionaires. But who does not want that for service of such high character a fair income should be assured. Let not the fact that our church is relieved of direct financial responsibility make us indifferent. Morally and indirectly we must carry the full responsibility.

The board has no criticism to offer the management of our publications. The change of form recommended a year ago seems generally satisfactory.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

As a board we would suggest another change. That the *Little Pearls* be changed to a pamphlet something like the *Scholars' Quarterly* only correspondingly smaller.

As a board we would encourage every effort that will tend to promote and extend our church literature and advance the interests of the church. We however, feel impressed that the publication of congregational papers is not the best method to accomplish these ends, but rather they prove detrimental.

We would suggest that instead of such local publications renewed

and earnest efforts be made to extend the circulation of the *Christian World* and our Sabbath School publications.

The following resolutions were prepared by various members of the board, and adopted as the action of the board:

Resolved, That the Board of Publication learns with much gratification that the suggestion of a year ago, to change the form of the *Christian World*, has been brought about through the energy and enterprise of its publishers.

Resolved, That the board fully appreciates the very generous offer by the publishers, in sending the *Christian World* two months gratuitously to all non-subscribers, with the hope that a large additional list may be added to the list of permanent readers of the *World*.

Resolved, That the Board of Publication hereby expresses its continued confidence in the management of the *Christian World* and our Sunday-school literature; and most earnestly urge all our pastors to give more attention to introducing the *Christian World* into every family of their charge, since especially the Publishing Company has made the generous offer to give two months' subscription free to non-subscribers.

Resolved, That we express our gratitude at the marked increase in the circulation of our Sunday-school literature—an evidence of the satisfaction these publications are giving throughout the church, and that we request the various classes to urge the introduction of Reformed literature in each of the schools.

Members whose term expires with this present meeting of 1892: Rev. I. H. Reiter, D. D., Rev. R. B. Reichard.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES H. STEELE, *President*.

II. REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLICATION.

The Standing Committee on Publication, during the afternoon session on Saturday, submitted their report, which, together with the report of the board, was adopted:

Your Standing Committee on Publication would respectfully present the following report:

The only document upon which this report is based is the report of the Board of Publication. From this we learn of the continued purpose and efforts of the Reformed Publishing Company, Dayton, Ohio, to furnish the church with a literature of high grade, suitable to the development of an intelligent church life and church membership. *The Christian World* in its new form seems to give general satisfaction to its patrons, which is but justly deserving; not only because of the convenient shape in which it is now presented but also because of the character of its contents.

It is with pleasure that we note the increase of favor with which the Sunday-school literature is received throughout the church—the subscription list having materially enlarged during the past year. We learn also that the Publishing House is enlarging its operations. During the past year it has published two books, “*The Key to the Tree of Christianity*,” by Rev. M. Loucks, D. D., and “*Religion and Revelation*,” by Rev. D. Van Horne, D. D. They are also publishing the church literature of some other denominations as well as doing a large amount of job work. All this is indicating the favor with which our Publishing House is received by the general public.

It would be well to note the willingness and anxiety of the publishers of the *Christian World*, to lower the price of the paper as soon as they can have the assurance of a sufficient increase in subscription to financially justify them, and thus meet the general objection which so many of our members present asked to subscribe to the paper.

The Board of Publication suggests also the change in form of the Sunday-school publication known as the *Little Pearls*, so as to present the shape of a booklet of eight or twelve pages.

Attention is called by the board to the general detriment, in their opinion of the publication of local church periodicals, to the proper support of the *Christian World*, our regularly authorized periodical of the synod. Mention is also made of the generous offer of the publishers of the *Christian World* to send the paper two months free to non-subscribers.

We would recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the *Christian World* and Sunday-school publications be commended to the continued favor and support of the church, and that we as a synod pledge our hearty support and influence in extending their circulation among the people.

Resolved, That we ask the favorable consideration of our publishers to the suggestion of the board to change the form of the *Little Pearls*.

Resolved, That we appreciate the generous offer of the Publishing Company to send to all non-subscribers, the *Christian World* free for two months, and that all our pastors be urged to furnish the names of such of their members who are not now readers of the paper.

Resolved, That we hereby express our satisfaction with, and give our hearty approval to the present form of the *Christian World*.

Respectfully submitted,

RICHARD B. REICHARD, *Chairman*.

III. ELECTION OF BOARD OF PUBLICATION.

Officers of the Board.

Rev. James H. Steele, *President*, Alpha, Ohio.

Rev. Charles E. Miller, *Secretary*, Dayton, Ohio.

Rev. Henry M. Herman, D. D., *Treasurer*, Miamisburg, Ohio.

Members whose term expires October, 1893.

Rev. Henry M. Herman, D. D. Rev. Samuel B. Yockey.

Members whose term expires October, 1894.

Rev. James H. Steele. Rev. Charles E. Miller.

Members whose term expires October, 1895.

Rev. Isaac H. Reiter, D. D. Rev. William A. Hale, D

IV. REPORT ON PUBLICATION OF MINUTES.

The undersigned would hereby report that, according to instruction of the synod, referred to in item 13 of the report of the Standing Committee on Minutes of Synod, he had 1,800 copies of official minutes of the last annual meeting of synod published and distributed the same to those entitled to receive them.

Respectfully submitted,
ISAAC H. REITER, *Stated*

On motion, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the Stated Clerk be instructed to have 1,000 copies of the minutes of the present sessions of synod, duly authenticated and published in the usual form, and to distribute them among the churches according to the church membership; and that the clerks of the churches be instructed to distribute them among the members of the churches within their bounds respectively according to the membership.

ARTICLE XXII.

FINANCE.

The following reports and statements were received, and adopted:

I. REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF SYNOD.

L. H. KEFAUVER, *Treasurer, in account with the Ohio Synod.*
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Rec'd of Miami Classis, per Rev. I. H. Reiter, Treas., on app. of 1890 .	
" Lancaster Cl., per Rev. J. A. Seltz, Treas., on app. of 1889 .	\$ 8
" " " " " " " " " " " " " " " " 1890 .	67
" Tuscarawas Cl., per E. K. Kremer, Treas., on app. of 1891 .	
" Tiffin Classis, per Rev. I. A. Sites, Treas., on app. of 1891 .	51
" Tiffin Cl., per Rev. J. B. Shumaker, Treas., on app. of 1891 .	21

" Eastern Ohio Cl., per Rev. A. Gonser, Treas., on app. of 1890	13 47	
" E. Ohio Cl., per Rev. J. H. Bomberger, Treas. on app. of 1890	40 82	
" " " " " " 1891	23 28	77 57
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" St. Joseph Cl., per B. Ashbacher, Treas., on app. of 1891 .		59 55
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		430 80
Balance in treasury, October 7, 1891		287 01
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		\$ 717 81

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Paid for printing ballots	1 00	
" Stated Clerk's salary for 1891 and 1892	75 00	
" sexton Reformed Church at Bellevue	10 00	
" Stated Clerk for printing Minutes of Synod	208 75	
" Stated Clerk's travelling and sundry expenses, etc	41 90	
" postage and paper	75	332 40
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In treasury, October 5, 1892		\$395 41

DELINQUENCIES.

Due from Miami Classis on apportionment of 1890	65 28	
" " " " 1891	130 10	195 38
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" Lancaster Classis on apportionment of 1890	34 48	
" " " " 1891	63 02	97 50
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" Eastern Ohio Classis on apportionment of 1891		59 52
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Total deficiencies		352 40

NOTE.—If the delinquent classes pay up, there will be no need of making apportionments to meet contingent expenses next year.

Respectfully submitted,

L. H. KEFAUVER, *Treasurer.*

II. REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

The Standing Committee on Finance, during the evening session on Saturday, submitted their report, which was received, and, together with the report of the Treasurer, adopted:

Your Committee begs leave to submit the following:

The reports of the Treasurer of the Synod, of the Board of Missions, the Board of the Theological Seminary, and Financial Agent, having been referred to us, have been audited. A few errors in addition were discovered, and have been corrected. The attention of the treasurers have been called to these errors, and they have made the necessary change. We return these papers, and recommend their adoption and publication in the Minutes of Synod.

By the action of synod per capita, apportionments have been made, and your committee has made no further apportionments, i. e., for Missions 35 cents, and for Church Erection 5 cents. In addition to

these, the sums of \$500 for Hungarian Missions, \$1,200 for Theological Seminary, \$2,000 for Beneficiary Education, and \$100 for Contingent Expenses have been apportioned among the various classes. The latter amount has been apportioned after consultation with the Treasurer, and we recommend its approval.

APPORTIONMENTS.

CLASSES.	Members.	Contingent Expenses.	Beneficiary Education.	Theological Seminary.	Hungarian Missions.
Amount per capita		1/2 cts.	10 cts.	6 cts.	2 1/2 cts.
Miami	5,412	\$ 25 56	\$ 511 20	\$ 306 72	\$ 127 80
Lancaster	2,556	12 78	255 60	153 36	63 90
Tuscarawas	4,706	23 53	470 60	282 36	117 55
Tiffin	2,200	11 00	220 00	132 00	55 00
Eastern Ohio	3,367	16 84	336 70	302 02	84 23
St. Joseph	2,079	10 40	217 90	130 74	53 97
Total.	20,320	\$10,011	\$ 2,012 00	\$ 1,207 20	\$ 502 45

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN M. KENDIG, *Chairman.*

On motion,

Resolved, That the Treasurer of synod be instructed to pay the sex-ton ten dollars for his services during the sessions of synod.

ARTICLE XXIII.

NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS.

The Standing Committee on Nominations, during the afternoon session on Thursday, presented their report through the Chairman, Rev. Sebastian C. Goss, D. D. The report was received and adopted and the committee instructed to have 150 copies of the nomination printed for the use of the synod. In accordance with the recommendation of the committee, the election of the several boards and of the delegate to the Central Synod was made the order of the day for Friday, immediately after the noon recess. At the appointed time the election was held. The president appointed Revs. J. D. Neff, Solomon U. Snyder, Jacob Ihle and Albert Klinger as tellers, who distributed the printed tickets among the members of the synod. At this point a question of "law and order" arose, as the names of the nominees were arranged in two parallel columns on the printed tickets, instead of in one continuous column, as required by the established rule of synod. Some discussion followed, and on motion, it was

Resolved, That the rule of synod with reference to the form of the ballot be waived for this session of synod, as the ballots are already printed.

Thereupon the voting proceeded in regular order. The tellers gathered the ballots, and retired to count them; and during the morning session on Saturday, they reported the result of the election to the synod, and the report was accepted.

For the result thereof in each case, see respectively Articles XIII., Missions; XIV., Heidelberg Theological Seminary; XV., Heidelberg University; XVII., Sunday-schools; XX., Church Government; and XXI., Publication.

ARTICLE XXIV.
MISCELLANEOUS.

DELEGATE TO THE CENTRAL SYNOD.

The Standing Committee on Minutes of Synod, during the afternoon session on Thursday, reported in item 15 that Rev. Dr. Herman Rust was elected delegate *primarius* to the Central Synod, and that his *secundus* was Rev. Edward M. Beck. No report was received in response, and it appeared that for some reason neither of them attended the late sessions of the Central Synod at Dayton, Ohio.

In view of this, it was, on motion,

Resolved, That the Stated Clerk be instructed to express the regrets of the Ohio Synod to the President of the Central Synod because of the non-attendance of our delegate.

DELEGATE ELECTED TO CENTRAL SYNOD IN 1893.

Rev. Jacob P. Stahl was elected delegate *primarius*, and Rev. Lewis C. Edmonds, his *secundus*, to the Central Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States, which will meet in the First Reformed Church in Akron, Ohio, on the second Wednesday in September, A. D., 1893, at 7.30 o'clock in the evening.

DELEGATE FROM THE CENTRAL SYNOD.

Rev. Jacob Dahlman, D. D., delegate from the Central Synod of the Reformed Church, during the morning session on Thursday, appeared in synod, presented his credentials, and took his seat as a corresponding member. In connection with the hearing of his formal address to the synod, was made the business of the day for Friday morning, immediately after the adjournment of the synod. At the appointed time, he addressed the synod in a most liberal and earnest manner, taking a brief historical view of the establishment of the German part of

the Reformed Church in the "Northwest," of the trials and struggles attending the work and its ultimate triumph, and giving a statement of the present condition and operation of the synod he represented, and bearing its brotherly greetings to this synod.

The President, in a fitting and kindly spirit, responded, referring to the past relations and work of both synods, and requesting the delegate to bear to his synod the cordial and fraternal greetings of this synod.

IMMIGRATION AND PROPERLY QUALIFIED MINISTERS, ETC.

The Standing Committee on Overtures, during the morning session on Friday, reported in item 7 that a letter was received from Rev. Herman J. Ruetenik, D. D., requesting the privilege of addressing the synod concerning church work among the immigrants, and the preparation of ministers for such work. The item was adopted, and the hearing of his address was made the order of the day for Saturday morning immediately after the opening of synod.

At the appointed time, Dr. Ruetenik addressed the synod respecting the large immigration to our country, with a special reference to the German element in our population, and the importance of preparing ministers who can officiate in both the German and English languages; and thus aid in promoting the social, the moral, and the religious interests of the nation and the church, and in perpetuating the free institutions of our country.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Ohio Synod has listened with interest to the address of Rev. Dr. H. J. Ruetenik, and that a committee be appointed to suggest a plan or plans by which the cause presented by him can be promoted.

As this committee, the president appointed Revs. Dr. Alvin S. Zerbe, Isaiah S. Hahn and Elder Edward Andre.

Your committee to whom was referred the subject matter of Dr. Ruetenik's address, would report as follows:

WHEREAS, The importance of preparing a thoroughly qualified ministry has anew been brought to our attention, and the demand for men who can officiate in both the German and English languages is far from being on the decline; therefore

Resolved, That the plan pursued at Calvin College is worthy of commendation, and that the Board of Education of this synod be requested to enlarge the scope of its work in any manner deemed advisable.

Resolved, That the members of synod be urged during the coming year to make a special plea and exertion to collect the appropriations for beneficiary education.

Respectfully submitted,

ALVIN S. ZERBE, *Chairman*

ACTION RESPECTING AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY.

On Saturday morning Rev. E. S. Gillette, District Superintendent of the American Bible Society for the State of Ohio, was accorded the privilege of addressing the synod on the Bible cause, setting forth the operations of the society and the importance of extending the circulation of the Bible. The subject matter of his address was referred to a special committee, consisting of Revs. Dr. John M. Kendig, Harvey L. Hart and Elder Horace Ankeney. This committee at the Saturday evening session submitted the following report, which was received and adopted:

Your committee beg leave to report, that we have considered the matter referred to us, and recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

That we recognize the importance of the American Bible Society as an essential part of all missionary and evangelizing work, whether in the home or foreign field, and that it ought to have the earnest sympathy and support of all churches.

That our pastors and elders assist in carrying forward the work of this society in the township and county auxiliaries.

That where auxiliaries do not exist annual collections be taken for the use of said society.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN M. KENDIG, *Chairman.*

PLACE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING OF SYNOD.

During the afternoon session on Friday, on motion, the synod proceeded to select the place and fix the time for its next annual meeting. Some discussion was indulged in as to manner and means pertaining to the annual meetings of synod. This discussion was ended by nominating Bloomville as the place, and the nominations closed. Thereupon Bloomville, Seneca County, Ohio, was chosen as the place, and the time fixed was Wednesday, October 11, A. D., 1893, at 7.30 o'clock in the evening; and the synod is to meet at that place and time in general convention.

ARTICLE XXV.

RESUMPTION AND CLOSE.

VOTE OF THANKS.

Resolved, That we, as a synod, heartily appreciate the hospitality of the kind people, who have made our sojourn in Cleveland so pleasant; and we hereby express our heartfelt thanks to the pastor *loci*,

the members of the Hough Avenue Reformed Church, the pastors and families of the German Churches, and all who have so kindly and hospitably entertained us; and we invoke the divine blessing to rest richly upon them.

When the time arrived for the final roll call, in connection with the report of the Committee on Leave of Absence, in order to ascertain who were present and who were excused, it was found that the chairman with the report was absent. In view of this some action was proposed to meet the case, and considerable discussion followed. Finally, on motion, the following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That, in the absence of the chairman with the report of the Committee on Leave of Absence, the roll be called to ascertain who of the members are present, and that the names of those present be noted and embodied in the printed minutes of synod.

Resolved, That the absentees, whose names appear as excused in the report of the committee, now in the possession of the Chairman, Rev. William E. Ludwick, are hereby excused, but that the chairman is not excused.

Present at the final call of the roll:

Ministers:—S. B. Yockey, R. Keller, H. L. Hart, R. B. Richard, B. F. Davis, J. H. Steele, L. B. C. Lahr, Dr. I. H. Reiter, S. U. Snyder, J. A. Seitz, A. D. Wolfinger, G. P. Fisher, J. L. Bretz, N. H. Loose, S. W. Seeman, H. H. Sandoe, G. W. H. Smith, E. M. Beck, J. Ihle, N. W. Bloom, I. A. Sites, J. D. Neff, G. P. Hartzell, J. P. Stahl, W. R. Stearly, Dr. D. Van Horne, Dr. A. S. Zerbe, Dr. L. H. Kefauver, G. H. Souder, D. A. Parks, A. H. Zechiel, Dr. J. A. Peters, C. W. Good, J. H. Bomberger, W. H. Shults, G. W. Henning, A. R. Stoner. *Elders*:—J. Wagner, H. Ankeney, G. F. Bareis, Dr. G. S. Stein, H. F. Rees, M. L. Smith, J. P. Rauch, G. Mathes, E. Andre, John Williard, U. Craver, D. W. Souder, L. C. Zechiel.—50.

Absent without being excused:

Ministers:—W. E. Ludwick, J. S. Keppel, I. S. Hahn, W. C. B. Shulenberg, F. R. Williard, F. P. Herbruck, Dr. J. I. Swander, F. H. Keller, N. A. Ernst, G. E. Metzger, R. H. Roth, Dr. S. Z. Beam. *Elders*:—P. Moke, J. C. Raughman, Dr. G. O. Fraser, H. Meizer, W. W. Strack, and F. Williard. —51.

Absentees excused according to the report of the Committee on Leave of Absence which was furnished by the chairman after the final adjournment of synod.

Ministers:—Dr. W. A. Hale, Dr. R. M. Herman, E. F. Shultz, G. Z. Meisinger, A. Kungen, C. F. Miller, Dr. F. Herbruck, S. L. Runkel, Dr. S. C. Ross, J. C. Schaefer, D. Wellman, Dr. J. R. Shumaker, Dr. J. J. Lehmann, Dr. J. M. Kenda, J. S. M. Craver. *Elders*:—J. Wolf, O.

K. Snyder, H. Alspach, W. H. Bahl, W. Miller, F. Nussbaum, P. Ault,
J. P. Zimmerman, N. L. Brewer, W. A. Heyman and R. Bell.—26.

On motion, the reading of the minutes of the last day (Saturday) was dispensed with, but the minutes were adopted as a whole and ordered to be engrossed.

ARTICLE XXVI.

ADJOURNMENT.

The hour of final adjournment having arrived, on motion,
Resolved, That the Ohio Synod now adjourns to meet in convention in the Reformed Church at Bloomville, Seneca County, Ohio, on Wednesday, October 11, A. D., 1893, at half-past seven o'clock in the evening.

The synod finally adjourned on Saturday, October 8, 1892, at 10.30 P. M., and closed by uniting in the Apostles' Creed, the Lord's Prayer, and the doxology, and benediction by the president.

REUBEN KELLER, *President*.

ISAAC H. REITER, *Stated Clerk*.

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ISAAC H. REITER, *Stated Clerk*.

ACTS AND PROCEEDINGS
OF
THE WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY
OF THE
Ohio Synod, Reformed Church in the United States.

The society met in annual session in the parlors of Hough Avenue Reformed Church, Cleveland, Ohio, on Thursday morning, October 6, A. D., 1892. In the absence of the President, (Mrs. A. K. Zartman,) the society was called to order by the Vice-President, Mrs. S. B. Yockey, and opened with devotional services conducted by Mrs. M. E. Whitmore.

The enrollment of delegates was then attended to, and the following were found present:

CLASSICAL DELEGATES.

Miami Classis.—Miss Ida Huston, Osborn, O.
Lancaster Classis.—Mrs. W. V. Zartman, Glenford, O.
Tuscarawas Classis.—Mrs. S. O. Eggert, Massillon, O.
Tiffin Classis.—Mrs. G. H. Souder, Bellevue, O., and Mrs. E. Detwiler, Bloomville, O.
Eastern Ohio Classis.—Miss Mabel Nunamaker, Louisville, O., and Mrs. W. H. Shults, Lewisburg, O.
St. Joseph Classis.—Mrs. Louise Miller, Fort Wayne, Ind.

CONGREGATIONAL DELEGATES.

Miami Classis.—Mrs. S. B. Yockey, Xenia, O., Mrs. E. Herbruck, Dayton, O., Mrs. A. D. Hawker, Tadmor, O., and Miss Ida Huston, Osborn, O.
Lancaster Classis.—Mrs. W. V. Zartman, Glenford, O., Mrs. N. H. Loose, Baltimore, O., and Mrs. G. F. Bareis, Canal Winchester, O.
Tuscarawas Classis.—Mrs. Hattie Heibe, Akron, O., Mrs. R. Brubaker and Mrs. Anna Miller, Canton, O., Miss Kilmer, Marshallville, O., Mrs. E. M. Beck, Wooster, O., and Miss Troxel, Navarre, O.
Tiffin Classis.—Mrs. L. H. Kefauver, Miss Jennie A. Heckerman, Mrs. J. A. Peters and Miss Sallie Keller, Tiffin, O., Mrs. E. Detwiler, Mrs. Minnie Mamer and Miss Arda Matz, Bloomville, O., Miss Hattie Wilt, Bellevue, O., and Mrs. N. A. Ernst, Lima, O.

Eastern Ohio Classis.—Mrs. W. H. Shults, Leavittsburg, O., Miss Watson, New Lisbon, O., and Miss Millie Drumb, Polk, O.

St. Joseph Classis.—Mrs. Louisa Miller, Fort Wayne, Ind.

On motion, the following visiting ladies being present were received as advisory members, viz: Mrs. R. Good, Tiffin, O., Mrs. M. E. Whitmore, Frederick, Md., Miss Stoner, Tiffin, O., and Miss Stella Matz, Tiffin, Ohio.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

On motion, the election of officers for the ensuing year was made the last item of business. The following committees were appointed by the President:

On Blanks: Mrs. S. O. Eggret, Mrs. E. M. Beck, Mrs. R. Brubaker.

On Resolutions: Mrs. J. A. Peters, Mrs. A. D. Hawker, Mrs. A. L. Miller.

On Reports and Statistics: Miss Ida Huston, Mrs. G. H. Souder, Miss Troxel.

Auditing Committee: Miss Jennie A. Heckerman, Mrs. G. F. Bareis.

On Assessments: Mrs. W. H. Shults, Mrs. N. H. Loose, Mrs. Hattie Heibe.

In the absence of the treasurer, (Mrs. C. O. Knepper,) Miss Jennie A. Heckerman read the treasurer's report, which was accepted.

Letters were read from Mrs. H. T. Heller and Mrs. G. F. Bareis urging that provision be made to raise the Hollowell Fund.

On motion, congregational societies were instructed to close the annual report with the meeting preceding the meeting of the classical society.

A motion prevailed that the treasurer of each congregational society forward its annual report to the treasurer of the classical society, before the opening of the classical meeting, and soon after its close forward the annual report to the treasurer of the synodical society, and also a duplicate to the delegate elect, to be read before the synodical society.

On motion, the treasurer was instructed to notify all classical societies of their delinquency.

All delegates were requested to take notes of the business transacted, and report the facts thus obtained to their respective societies.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Opened with devotional exercises, followed with a Bible reading service, conducted by Mrs. S. B. Yockey.

Dr. D. S. Fouse was present, and being called upon gave some instructions in regard to missionary work.

On motion, the society assumed a Church Building Fund, the same to be given as a Thanksgiving offering.

Delegates then read annual reports of their respective societies.

THURSDAY EVENING.

This session was in the auditorium of the church. The members of synod gave their time and encouraging presence at this session. A large audience was in attendance and considerable interest manifested. The program was as follows:

Opening Hymn	Congregation.
Invocation	Dr. D. Van Horne.
Reading of Scripture and Prayer	Rev. S. W. Seeman.
Address of Welcome	Mrs. G. O. Fraser.
Response	Mrs. S. B. Yockey.
Paper—"Christianity and Caste"	Mrs. G. H. Souder.
Hymn	Congregation.
Paper—"The Educational Work of the Missionary Society"	Mrs. E. R. Williard.
Paper—"Why should I be Interested in Missions?"	Mrs. G. F. Bareis.
Solo	Miss Kling.
Paper—"Mission Work at Home and Abroad"	Mrs. M. E. Whitmore.
Paper—"The Young People's Work in the Mission Field"	Miss Mabel Nunamaker.
Collection, (\$27.19.)	
Hymn	Congregation.
Benediction.	

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION.

The society was called to order by Mrs. S. B. Yockey, who also led in devotional exercises.

On motion, the treasurer was instructed to pay the deficiency of the Miss Hollowell fund.

On motion, the society resolved to remunerate Mrs. S. O. Eggert, \$20, for her services in conducting the missionary column in the *Christian World* during the past year.

On motion, Mrs. S. O. Eggert was continued editor of the missionary column in the *Christian World*.

On motion, a committee was appointed to draw up an order of business, which shall be made the first item of business at the next annual meeting.

Committee appointed consisted of Mrs. E. R. Williard and Mrs. S. O. Eggert.

The Auditing Committee reported as follows: Amount paid over by Mrs. H. T. Heller, Treasurer, to Miss Jennie A. Heckerman, Treasurer *pro tem*, \$80.50. Paid last year on Miss Hollowell's salary \$72.50. Indebtedness, \$27.50. Paid in 1891, \$18.75, on arrearage of last year's salary.

Respectfully submitted,

MISS J. A. HECKERMAN,
MRS. G. F. BAREIS,

Committee.

Report adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ASSESSMENTS.

In the work of missions, funds are necessary to carry on the work. As a society, we have assumed \$100 toward the salary of Miss Mary C. Hollowell, \$108 to Hungarian mission work, and to provide a contingent fund \$54. We have apportioned this amount among the several classes, and find that to carry forward our work, the least amount required will be twenty cents per member.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. W. H. SHULTS,
MRS. N. H. LOOSE,
MRS. HATTIE HEIBE,

Committee.

Report adopted.

Committee on Statistics reported collections as follows:

Woman's Missionary Society, Miami Classis	\$ 842 09
Mission Bands, Miami Classis	240 49
Woman's Missionary Society, Tuscarawas Classis	1,171 22
Mission Bands, Tuscarawas Classis	21 83
Woman's Missionary Society, Lancaster Classis	707 48
Woman's Missionary Society, Eastern Ohio Classis	400 60
Woman's Missionary Society, Tiffin Classis	293 65
Mission Bands, Tiffin Classis	5 00
Woman's Missionary Society, St. Joseph Classis	1,356 83
Total amount	\$5,038 19

Respectfully submitted,

MISS IDA HUSTON,
MRS. G. H. SOUDER,
MISS TROXEL,

Committee.

Report adopted.

The Committee on Resolutions reported as follows:

WHEREAS, We feel grateful to God that his blessing has been with us in our work during the past year, and that at this meeting we have succeeded in systematizing our work, by which all societies can conform to one rule,

Resolved, That we continue to labor for the objects previously assumed.

That we increase our field of labor by helping to support the Hungarian missions, each society being instructed to pay its assessments.

That special effort be made by the Congregational societies to assist the Woman's Missionary Society of the Ohio Synod to raise the sum of \$500 to be known as the Building Fund of Woman's Missionary Society of Ohio Synod.

That special efforts be made to circulate our church periodicals and insist on Congregational societies taking the same to assist in the educational work of missions.

That earnest effort be made by our local societies to arrange Mission Bands, in order to educate the children of the church in mission work.

That societies be instructed by their delegates present, so that strictly missionary work be reported, when sending their reports to Classical and Synodical societies.

That our Women's societies be requested to co-operate with the Synodical Society in the work decided upon.

That we appreciate the presence of our most worthy and beloved President of the Western General Synod's Society, feeling that her presence among us will be an inspiration to be more zealous in the work for the Master.

That we extend our hearty thanks to the ladies of the Hough Avenue Church, and their friends for their kind hospitality, and to our brethren for courtesies received, and to the officers who have so faithfully labored in the interest of our Synodical Society during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. J. A. PETERS,
MRS. A. D. HAWKER.
MRS. A. L. MILLER.

Committee.

Report adopted.

Election of officers resulted as follows:

President, Mrs. S. O. Eggert, Massillon, Ohio.

Vice President, Mrs. E. M. Beck, Wooster, Ohio.

Recording Secretary, Miss Hattie Wilt, Bellevue, Ohio.

Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. G. F. Bareis, Canal Winchester, O.

Treasurer, Miss J. A. Heckerman, Tiffin, Ohio.

Executive Committee: Board of Officers, and Mrs. S. B. Yockey, Mrs. A. L. Miller, Mrs. Louisa Miller.

Minutes read and approved. Society adjourned to meet in connection with the Ohio Synod at its next annual meeting.

MRS. S. B. YOCKEY, *President.*

MISS HATTIE WILT, *Secretary.*

MIAMI CLASSIS.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	Members.		Baptisms.		Additions.		Communicated.	Dismissed.	Excommunicated.	Deaths.	Sundays-school.	Officers and Teachers.	Sundays-school Scholars.	Students Ministry.	Contributions.		Minutes.	F. O. ADDRESS.			
		Members.	Unconfirmed.	Infants.	Adults.	Confirmed.	Certificate.									Beneficent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.					
Wm. A. Hale, D. D.	1st Church, Dayton	633	1	24	11	37	26	500	50	22	9	1	33	300	800	66	\$8,801	00	25	Dayton, O.		
Samuel B. Yockey	Xenia	225	1	6	5	12	12	330	11	16	5	1	21	190	310	00	1,300	00	12	Xenia, O.		
Samuel M. Herman, D. D.	1st Reformed Ch.	332	80	11	2	56	12	330	11	16	5	1	23	245	324	00	1,388	00	16	Miamisburg, O.		
Reuben Keller	West Alexandria	372	86	2	4	7	6	273	8	14	11	3	58	370	201	00	376	00	25	West Alexandria, O.		
Reuben F. Shultz	Fairfield	452	88	8	5	8	6	384	8	14	11	3	43	322	258	00	1,716	00	25	Fairfield, O.		
Daniel R. Taylor	Union	5	579	10	13	23	14	510	2	40	5	4	80	435	75	00	880	00	30	North Hampton, O.		
Harvey L. Hart	Bethel	4	140	45	13	30	14	140	2	40	5	4	32	300	50	00	970	00	20	Greenville, O.		
Geo. Z. Meehling	1st Reformed	1	93	5	1	6	17	203	10	13	1	1	19	150	19	08	100	00	6	Hamilton, O.		
Richard B. Reichardt	New Madison	4	222	31	12	6	37	228	4	3	7	1	21	1	100	00	500	00	15	Greenville, O.		
Alpheus E. Baichly	Farmersville	232	180	19	1	3	2	10	4	3	7	1	1	1	160	00	800	00	14	Toledo, O.		
Alpheus E. Baichly, sup.	Winchester	10	4	1	1	1	1	10	4	3	7	1	1	1	1	25	50	00	4	Toledo, O.		
R. Frank Davis	Tremont City	220	45	1	1	5	1	85	4	15	1	1	42	250	125	00	500	00	10	Tremont City, O.		
Elmer E. Weller	Springboro	175	40	1	1	8	4	129	15	12	3	1	12	60	75	00	600	00	12	Springboro, O.		
James H. Steele	Valley	173	40	12	1	1	2	138	11	12	3	1	26	180	135	00	2,315	00	14	Dayton, O.		
Albert Klingler	Germanatown	203	47	8	14	9	13	243	7	15	6	3	35	187	648	95	1,750	41	30	Germanatown, O.		
Wm. E. Ludwick	Beaver Creek	185	33	3	9	6	6	140	7	15	6	3	29	297	18	70	2,051	12	12	Alpha, O.		
Chas. F. Miller	New Pittsburg	1	78	33	1	2	1	62	1	1	1	1	31	233	321	00	500	00	8	Springboro, O.		
Lewis B. C. Lahr	Greenville	1	292	90	10	7	16	251	5	6	5	1	1	117	321	00	8,990	00	15	Dayton, O.		
Samuel B. Yockey, sup.	Trinity (Dayton)	1	183	15	3	12	5	161	2	6	2	1	23	121	50	00	810	00	4	Hillsboro, O.		
Raymond R. Lackey	Highland	17	63	3	3	3	55	55	2	6	2	1	1	30	54	05	180	00	6	Xenia, O.		
Levi Rike, sup	Cesar Creek	48	12	2	1	2	43	43	1	2	1	1	19	110	485	00	240	00	7	West Baltimore, O.		
Michael Loucks, D. D.	West Baltimore	131	43	1	1	8	1	107	4	13	3	3	31	156	72	00	697	00	16	Heno, O.		
Isaac H. Reiter, D. D.	Zion, (Elk Creek)	41	28	1	1	4	27	27	4	13	3	3	3	45	110	00	150	00	5	Swander's Cross'g. O.		
Adam Hawker	Mt. Carmel	79	1	8	19	60	60	60	1	1	1	1	18	124	110	00	150	00	10	Dayton, O.		
Edward Herbruck, Ph.D.	4th Ch., Dayton	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	10	Dayton, O.		
Michael Loucks, D. D.	Without Charge	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	10	Miamisburg, O.		
Jacob V. Lerch	Without Charge	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	10	Dayton, O.		
	Ed. Christ, World	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	10	Dayton, O.		
	Nat. Mt. Home O.	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	10	Nat. Mt. Home O.		
		55	54	12	834	134	140	289	222	430	147	182	103	51	645	4952	8	\$4,692	69	\$35,734	53	245

MEMBERS

LANCASTER CLASSIS.

NAME	CHURCHES.		Members		Unconfirmed Members		Baptisms		Additions		Discipline		Officers and Teachers		Sunday-school		Students for Ministry		Contributions		Minutes.	POSTOFFICE ADDRESS.
	Congregations	Members	Members	Unconfirmed	Infants	Adults	Confirmed	Certificate	Communed	Dismissed	Excommunicated	Erased	Deaths	Sunday-schools	Officers and Teachers	Sunday-school Scholars	Students for Ministry	Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.			
Geo. H. Leonard, D. D.	12	479	110	8	4	1	412	4	21	8	45	982	1	10	Basel, O.							
John Vegg, D. D.	12	254	127	16	4	11	225	6	8	16	16	119	1	10	Delaware, O.							
John A. Smith	2	229	124	5	4	170	6	170	2	2	23	160	4	7	Stonysville, O.							
Abraham H. Wolfinger	2	158	41	5	4	148	6	148	2	2	23	132	4	9	Thornsville, O.							
Edmund P. Fisher	1	212	122	7	1	4	203	6	4	4	40	184	1	11	Somerset, O.							
John J. Meeker	1	170	32	16	1	1	159	4	4	3	24	185	1	10	Canal Winchester, O.							
Samuel L. Mather	1	115	47	2	1	1	90	4	3	1	23	97	1	9	Hallsville, O.							
John H. Albright	1	200	90	3	1	1	187	3	3	1	23	100	1	9	Hudson, Ind.							
Michael H. Jones	1	153	45	15	7	12	103	6	1	10	15	130	1	15	Baltimore, O.							
Edmund W. Heerman	1	245	73	20	4	4	195	0	1	1	17	121	2	12	Columbus, O.							
James H. Jeffrey, supply	1	98	12	2	4	4	36	0	1	1	3	27	1	5	Canal Winchester, O.							
James H. Miller	1	117	77	23	1	12	94	6	4	8	65	0	1	18	Lancaster, O.							
G. W. H. Smith	3	291	101	132	27	100	112	226	53	50	38	20	327	1878	0	818	0	\$9,899	00	133	Canal Winchester, O.	
Henry H. Sautter	1	117	77	23	1	12	94	6	4	8	65	0	1	18	Canal Winchester, O.							

TUSCARAWAS CLASSIS.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	Members.		Baptisms.		Additions.		Communed.	Dismissed.	Excommunicated.	Erased.	Deaths.	Sunday-schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Sunday-school Scholars.	Studies for Ministry.	Contributions.		Minutes.	F. O. ADDRESS.
		Members.	Unconfirmed.	Infants.	Adults.	Confirmed.	Certificate.										Benefvolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.		
Edward M. Beck	Eng. Ref. Wooster.	1	188	50	6	3	10	145	12	8	6	1	23	170	1	137 00	\$2,150 00	10	Wooster, O.	
Nathan W. Bloom	Reedsburg.	2	180	40	1	1	4	176	12	1	1	2	30	299	1	186 00	740 00	10	Reedsburg, O.	
Lewis C. Edmonds	Canaan.	1	61	50	12	2	4	176	4	1	1	2	16	100	1	31 00	545 00	10	Canaan, O.	
Sebastian C. Goss, D. D.	Wadsworth.	1	350	57	10	14	11	235	4	4	1	1	28	215	1	135 00	925 00	10	Wadsworth, O.	
Isaiah S. Hahn	Salem (C. F.)	1	140	70	7	23	13	130	2	4	1	1	23	170	1	138 00	1,460 00	8	Canal Fulton, O.	
George P. Hartzell	Apple Creek.	1	167	57	2	2	5	133	6	4	1	1	17	100	1	221 00	379 00	8	Apple Creek, O.	
Emil P. Herbruck	Canal Fulton.	1	645	145	30	5	36	47	25	30	10	1	52	485	1	448 00	16,000 00	16	Canal Fulton, O.	
Jacob Ihle	New Berlin.	1	180	72	10	6	9	110	12	10	1	1	15	108	1	53 00	35 00	6	New Berlin, O.	
George E. Meizer	Loyal Oak.	2	155	72	10	6	9	117	5	2	1	1	28	218	1	135 00	1,035 00	12	Loyal Oak, O.	
Shas B. Mass	Mohican.	2	125	57	4	7	9	117	1	4	1	1	47	496	1	168 00	563 00	11	Germano, O.	
John D. Neff	Uniontown.	4	479	100	20	6	12	228	5	4	1	1	32	360	1	220 00	1,188 00	21	Lake, O.	
John C. Schaff	Tuscarawas.	4	490	90	25	8	17	263	14	12	1	4	58	340	1	370 00	1,575 00	17	Nesbitt, O.	
John H. Schaeffer	Marcesler.	3	181	39	10	21	6	179	19	3	4	4	50	230	1	398 00	1,283 00	23	Nimmsla, O.	
W. C. B. Shulenberg	West Salem.	3	194	130	2	15	4	175	3	6	3	3	37	258	1	172 00	830 00	20	West Salem, O.	
Isaac S. Sites	Shelby.	4	240	138	3	8	17	162	10	14	5	2	25	150	1	190 00	1,069 00	13	Shelby, O.	
Jacob F. Stahl	Navarre.	2	209	61	5	3	11	162	4	14	5	2	25	150	1	410 00	671 00	9	Navarre, O.	
William H. Tusing	Marshallville.	1	42	10	2	6	15	30	1	4	1	1	6	38	1	10 00	10 00	5	Marshallville, O.	
William R. Swartzly	Barberton.	1	127	20	19	6	8	83	110	3	1	1	26	225	2	60 00	467 00	15	Barberton, O.	
Edward J. Wettach	Hough Ave. Ref. Ch.	1	189	40	19	12	21	28	170	1	2	1	25	170	1	170 00	2,024 00	10	Cleveland, O.	
Edwin J. Willard	Trinity Akron.	1	689	251	18	18	18	44	501	9	2	12	1	48	1	1,138 00	2,860 00	17	Akron, O.	
John C. Klar	Grace Reformed.	1	689	251	18	18	18	44	501	9	2	12	1	48	1	1,138 00	2,860 00	17	Akron, O.	
	Without Charge	1	689	251	18	18	18	44	501	9	2	12	1	48	1	1,138 00	2,860 00	17	Navarre, O.	
		44	4706	1585	196	113	274	262	3845	130	120	85	44	656	4094	10	\$5,018 00	\$67,647 00	277	

TIFFIN CLASSIS.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	Congregations.		Members.		Baptisms.		Additions.		Communed.	Dismissed.	Excommunicated.	Deaths.	Sundays-schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Sundays-school Scholars.	Studies for Ministry.	Contributions.		Minutes.	POSTOFFICE ADDRESS.
		Members.	Unconfirmed.	Infants.	Adults.	Confirmed.	Certificate.	Beneficent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.												
David Van Horne, D. D.	Pres. Held. Theo. Sem.	1	118	40	10	6	24	5	243	3	1	5	1	194	2	1	1	1	240 00	1	Tiffin, O.
Herman Rust, D. D.	Prof. Held. Theo. Sem.	1	90	40	2	1	9	1	117	2	1	1	1	70	1	1	1	1	540 00	1	Tiffin, O.
John I. Swander, D. D.	Prof. Held. Theo. Sem.	1	210	73	6	3	8	7	170	2	1	1	1	32	12	1	1	1	10,062 00	1	Tiffin, O.
Alvin S. Zerbe, Ph. D.	Prof. Held. Theo. Sem.	1	173	100	7	4	6	3	140	2	1	1	1	175	1	1	1	1	398 00	13	Tiffin, O.
Lewis H. Keanover, D.D.	First Church, Tiffin	1	169	100	12	3	3	3	110	1	1	1	1	235	1	1	1	1	796 00	10	Tiffin, O.
John I. Swander, D. D.	Premont	1	72	39	13	3	9	2	75	1	1	1	1	190	1	1	1	1	200 00	7	Tiffin, O.
George H. Sonder	Bellevue	1	60	30	10	2	8	1	80	2	1	1	1	160	1	1	1	1	700 00	1	Fostoria, O.
Frederick H. Keller	Zion's	1	94	30	10	2	8	2	174	0	1	1	1	38	1	1	1	1	353 00	20	Tiffin, O.
David A. Parks	Bloomville	1	227	70	6	2	8	3	174	0	1	1	1	257	5	1	1	1	1,575 00	12	Tiffin, O.
J. E. Shumaker, D. D. sup	Fort Seneca	1	64	31	12	1	2	3	153	5	1	1	1	102	1	1	1	1	410 00	7	Tiffin, O.
John E. Dingledine	Liberty Center	1	140	41	3	1	6	4	110	3	1	1	1	164	1	1	1	1	80 00	16	Tiffin, O.
Joehua J. Excel	Grace Church, Tiffin	1	122	96	22	1	10	2	102	3	1	1	1	250	1	1	1	1	444 00	13	Tiffin, O.
H. H. W. Hubbard, D. D.	Lima	1	151	65	10	3	2	1	145	2	1	1	1	175	1	1	1	1	580 00	12	Tiffin, O.
Noah A. Ernst	Ada	1	100	15	3	1	1	1	35	4	1	1	1	50	1	1	1	1	193 00	6	Tiffin, O.
John A. Ketrow	Panhandling Mission	1	20	24	3	1	1	1	40	1	1	1	1	20	1	1	1	1	3 00	10	Tiffin, O.
Joseph W. Barber	Basscom	1	100	40	10	3	2	1	40	1	1	1	1	50	1	1	1	1	7 00	10	Tiffin, O.
Albert H. Zechel	Held. Y. M. C. A.	1	25	10	4	1	1	1	40	1	1	1	1	20	1	1	1	1	200 00	10	Tiffin, O.
J. A. Peters, D. D. Pr. H. U.	Held. Y. M. C. A.	1	25	10	4	1	1	1	40	1	1	1	1	20	1	1	1	1	25 00	10	Tiffin, O.
J. E. Shumaker, D. D. sup	St. Peter's cong.	1	25	10	4	1	1	1	40	1	1	1	1	20	1	1	1	1	7 00	10	Tiffin, O.
J. E. Dingledine, sup	Hessville cong.	1	25	10	4	1	1	1	40	1	1	1	1	20	1	1	1	1	7 00	10	Tiffin, O.
David A. Parks	St. Jacob's cong.	1	25	10	4	1	1	1	40	1	1	1	1	20	1	1	1	1	7 00	10	Tiffin, O.
Reuben Good	Carrothers cong.	1	25	10	4	1	1	1	40	1	1	1	1	20	1	1	1	1	7 00	10	Tiffin, O.
Charles O. Knepper, lic.	Prof. Held. U.	1	25	10	4	1	1	1	40	1	1	1	1	20	1	1	1	1	7 00	10	Tiffin, O.
T. H. Sonnedecker, lic.	Prof. Held. U.	1	25	10	4	1	1	1	40	1	1	1	1	20	1	1	1	1	7 00	10	Tiffin, O.
John Kost, D. D., L. L. D.	Without charge	1	25	10	4	1	1	1	40	1	1	1	1	20	1	1	1	1	7 00	10	Tiffin, O.
Charles W. Good	Without charge	1	25	10	4	1	1	1	40	1	1	1	1	20	1	1	1	1	7 00	10	Tiffin, O.
Augustus Konetzka	Without charge	1	25	10	4	1	1	1	40	1	1	1	1	20	1	1	1	1	7 00	10	Tiffin, O.
Martin Mueller	Without charge	1	25	10	4	1	1	1	40	1	1	1	1	20	1	1	1	1	7 00	10	Tiffin, O.
		31	2300	799	116	18	79	33	1594	34	1	1	1	1596	729	301	2408	8	810,467 00	172	

EASTERN OHIO CLASSIS.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	Members.		Bap- tisms.		Addi- tions.		Communi- cation.		Disciplined.		Sundayschools.		Officers and Teachers.		Sundayschool Scholars.		Stu- ds for Minis- try.		Contributions.		Minutes.	P. O. ADDRESS.
		Members.	Uncon- firmed.	Infants.	Adults.	Confirmed.	Certifi- cate.	Commu- n.	Dis- ciplined.	Excom- muni- cated.	Trans- ferred.	Deaths.	Sundayschools.	Officers and Teachers.	Sundayschool Scholars.	Stu- ds for Minis- try.	Benefi- cent Pur- poses.	Congrega- tional Pur- poses.					
John J. Leberman, D. D.	Louisville.	3	440	28	9	28	24	420	11	7	17	7	29	265	3	\$267 00	\$ 975 00	40	Louisville, O.				
John H. Bomberger.	Columbiana.	1	399	17	16	31	18	286	10	5	5	2	30	269	2	568 00	1,335 00	30	Columbiana, O.				
John M. Kendig, D. D.	Cantfield.	4	355	62	2	4	1	262	8	11	7	4	40	240	2	263 00	1,085 00	22	Cantfield, O.				
John J. Gruber.	New Lisbon.	2	290	160	9	1	5	200	9	1	1	18	18	270	20	273 00	973 00	27	New Lisbon, O.				
Vacant.	New Jefferson.	2	172	37	3	3	1	145	10	8	1	3	36	111	1	118 00	320 00	15	Germano, O.				
Vacant.	Carrollton.	2	225	20	3	3	1	125	6	3	1	12	22	145	8	10 00	270 00	8	Carrollton, O.				
Lewis M. Kerschner.	Mr. Olive.	2	425	175	7	25	4	290	1	3	6	3	52	225	16	131 00	1,600 00	16	North Lima, O.				
Vacant.	Robertsville.	3	480	86	28	6	45	403	14	29	3	50	52	375	16	283 00	806 00	16	Robertsville, O.				
Wm. H. Shultz.	Warren.	3	308	58	11	19	13	179	5	7	3	30	30	201	13	173 00	589 00	13	Leavittsburg, O.				
Benjamin H. Roth.	Springfield.	2	336	90	14	2	32	4	262	2	7	2	25	276	12	194 00	2,100 00	12	Millersville, Pa.				
Vacant.	Springsburg.	4	187	116	12	5	13	143	2	1	5	4	43	223	2	70 00	48 00	22	Alliance, O.				
George W. Henning.	Without charge.	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	Osanburg, O.
Jacob B. Zumpke.	"	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	Youngstown, O.
Francis A. Edmonds.	"	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	Orchel, Ill.
Total.		27	3267	926	121	45	163	114	2753	78	60	63	27	336	2900	4	\$2,310 00	\$9,451 00	298				

1. Served now by Rev. George E. Metzer.
2. Served now by Rev. Samuel Z. Beam, D. D.
3. Served now by Rev. Harvey E. Kilmer.
4. Served now by Rev. Noah A. Ernst.
5. Deposed by Eastern Ohio Classis.

ST. JOSEPH CLASSIS.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	Members.		Baptisms.		Additions.		Communed.	Excommunicated.	Deaths.	Sunday-schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Sunday-school Scholars.	Studs for Ministry.	Contributions.		Minutes.	POSTOFFICE ADDRESS.		
		Members.	Unconfrmed.	Infants.	Adults.	Confirmed.	Certificate.								Beneficent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.				
John M. Kessler	Mulberry	4	400	370	36	3	8	380	3	2	4	52	527		\$448 80	1,290 20	20	Mulberry, Ind.		
Abraham B. Stoner	Bluffton	3	211	140	6	1	5	154	1	2	3	42	229		1,082 00	1,082 00	15	Bluffton, Ind.		
Freeman Ware	Wakeshama	4	192	69	2	2	13	154	1	2	5	57	288		162 06	496 26	16	Fulton, Mich.		
Freeman Ware, Sup.	Three Rivers	1	115	40	2	1	6	95	1	4	1	17	103		84 00	712 00	5	Three Rivers, Mich.		
Lewis B. Clayton	Moore Park	3	58	16	2	1	4	50	1	1	1	10	60		28 00	90 00	2	Three Rivers, Mich.		
Henry S. Bailey	Bunkerhill	3	75				4	60		2	2	13	60		50 00	500 00	13	Palaski, O.		
Allen K. Zartman	Neriah Mission†	2	90				7	75	2	4	2	16	140		87 00	1,200 00	11	Morocco, Mich.		
A. K. Zartman	St. Paul's	1	74	48	4	3	12	170	11	1	4	12	81		39 00	373 00	4	White Pigeon, Mich.		
Sammuel Shaaw	Grace Mission	1	196	82	5	17	40	249	1	21	4	5	308		382 08	220 00	7	Colon, Mich.		
Jesnel Rothenberger	Salem	5	286	115	14	13	1	249	1	9	1	14	105		70 00	301 00	8	Ft. Wayne, Ind.		
	Marmont	2	72	30	1	6	7	51	1	1	1	10	84		16 50	245 88	4	Ft. Wayne, Ind.		
	Plymouth Mission	1	45		9	5	32	2		1	2	21	109		25 00		6	Lone Tree, Iowa.		
	Nottawa	2	100			1	1										6	Plymouth, Ind.		
	Fulton	2	120														6	Nottawa, Mich.		
	Denver	2	120														6	Hudson, Ind.		
	Zion	2	120														6	Denver, Ind.		
	Witnamet	2	120														6	Goshen, Ind.		
	Kentland†	2	120														6	Witnamet, Ind.		
Daniel Kroh	Without Charge																		Brook, Ind.	
Elias Spangler	"																		East Saginaw, Mich.	
Peter J. Spangler	"																		Edgerton, O.	
John V. Potts	"																		Paris, O.	
W. H. MaWhorter	"																		North Robinson, O.	
Theodore J. Bacher	"																		Waseppi, Mich.	
William A. From	"																		Lexington, Kentucky.	
																			Tremont City, O.	
		34	2079	947	79	40	80	51	1501	22	1	59	54	31	360	2308		\$1,744 94	\$8,649 34	124

†No report. †Vacant.

STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF OHIO SYNOD OF THE REFORMED CHURCH IN UNITED STATES FOR 1892.

CLASSES.	Classes.		Ministers.		Congregations.		Members.		Members (unconfirmed).		Baptisms.		Additions.		Dismissed.		Excommunicated.		Erased.		Deaths.		Sunday-schools.		Officers and Teachers.		Sunday-school scholars.		Students for Ministry.		Contributions.		Minutes.				
	Men	Women	Men	Women	Men	Women	Men	Women	Men	Women	Infants	Adults	Confirmed	Certificate	Men	Women	Men	Women	Men	Women	Men	Women	Men	Women	Men	Women	Men	Women	Men	Women	Men	Women	Men	Women			
Miami	1	27	55	5412	884	134	140	280	222	4307	147	182	103	51	645	4302	8	\$2,602 00	\$35,734 03	825																	
Lancaster	1	14	20	2536	1019	132	27	100	64	2286	55	50	53	20	327	1878	6	2,310 00	9,899 00	133																	
Painesville	1	27	41	4706	1585	196	113	274	202	3845	130	130	85	44	666	4694	10	5,018 00	37,647 00	277																	
Tiffin	1	24	31	2200	799	116	18	79	33	1594	34	60	57	29	301	2408	8	10,467 00	8,860 00	172																	
Eastern Ohio	1	10	27	3267	926	121	45	163	114	2755	78	60	63	27	336	2600	4	2,310 00	9,451 00	208																	
St. Joseph	1	15	34	2079	947	70	40	80	51	1501	22	39	54	31	380	2308	4	1,774 94	8,649 34	124																	
Total	6	111	220	29320	6110	760	383	985	746	16288	466	530	415	202	2635	18820	36	\$26,452 03	\$110,240 87	1239																	

STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF THE WHOLE REFORMED CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES FOR 1892.

SYNOUS.	Classes.		Ministers.		Congregations.		Members.		Members (unconfirmed).		Baptisms.		Additions.		Dismissed.		Excommunicated.		Erased.		Deaths.		Sunday-schools.		Officers and Teachers.		Sunday-school scholars.		Students for Ministry.		Contributions.		Minutes.				
	Men	Women	Men	Women	Men	Women	Men	Women	Men	Women	Infants	Adults	Confirmed	Certificate	Men	Women	Men	Women	Men	Women	Men	Women	Men	Women	Men	Women	Men	Women	Men	Women	Men	Women	Men	Women			
Eastern Synod	11	246	401	89131	40608	5560	567	4307	2692	72151	1362	4	1177	2007	595	6886	61877	101	\$119,285 00	\$890,717 00	825																
Ohio Synod	6	111	220	29320	6110	760	383	985	746	16288	466	530	415	202	2635	18820	36	26,452 03	110,240 87	1239																	
Synod of Northwest	10	144	200	18707	13210	1721	229	858	746	13564	188	6	396	452	170	10307	42	14,754 00	112,203 00	85																	
Pittsburgh Synod	5	62	111	13261	8014	915	132	854	718	12586	807	2	315	316	110	1828	24158	52	31,601 00	85,493 00	168																
Synod of Potomac	9	149	302	34159	20730	1910	329	1612	563	28253	580	1	235	608	276	1828	24158	52	28,663 31	168,045 01	104																
Ger. Synod of East.	5	30	45	13491	9603	2322	15	732	748	10319	79	3	735	604	107	654	8907	11	3,306 00	104,577 00	104																
Central Synod	4	84	116	18039	11252	1259	63	867	868	13836	184	6	409	504	107	531	11704	24	15,202 00	75,687 00	17																
Synod of Interior	5	39	68	2802	1465	148	46	133	158	2000	40	2	98	58	99	485	3131	2	2,978 00	17,268 00	17																
Grand Total: Synods	65	885	1583	212830	121657	14326	1564	10738	7431	160314	3222	26	3975	6130	1563	13319	149023	285	\$206,321 94	\$1,060,229 48	1239																

NOTE.—Stated Clerks of the several synods in the order in which they are arranged respectively: 1. Rev. John P. Stein, Reading, Pa. 2. Rev. Isaac H. Reiter, D. D., Miamisburg, O. 3. Rev. John J. Janett, Sheboygan, Wis. 4. Rev. John M. Seclick, D. D., Greenville, Pa. 5. Rev. William M. Deatrick, D. D., Mercersburg, Pa. 6. Rev. A. Emil Dahlman, 413 N. 8th Street, Philadelphia, Pa. 7. Rev. John Bachman, D. D., 649 Freeman Avenue, Cincinnati, O. 8. Rev. G. Diekle Gurley, Tipton, Cedar Co. Iowa.

Annual meetings of the synods in 1893: Eastern—St. John's Church, Lebanon, Pa., October 18. Ohio—Bloomville, O., October 11. Synod of Northwest—Lafayette, Ind., October 4. Pittsburgh—Greenville, Pa., September 27. Synod of Potomac—Gettysburg, Pa., October 3. German Synod of the East—Zion's Church, Buffalo, N. Y., August 30. Central Synod—First Church, Akron, O., September 13. Synod of the Interior—Chicago, Ill., the time to be fixed by the officers.

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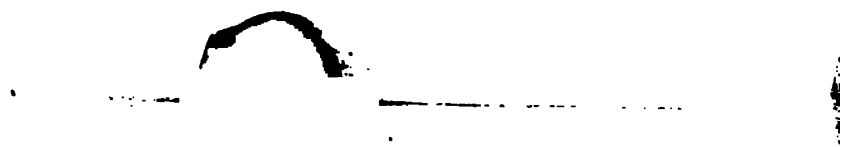
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	No. Church Papers Taken.	Number of Officers.	Teachers.	Scholars.		Total.	Number of Members.						Value.	Indebtedness.
1	1	14	23	170	207	1	\$ 7000	\$ 3300	1	\$ 1500	\$ 3500	\$ 500	\$ 300	\$ 300
1	1	8	13	350	371	1	6000	3000	1	3000	3000	525	125	125
1	1	4	18	124	146	1	5000	3900	1	3000	3000	500	450	425
1	1	4	15	150	169	1	2000	1000	1	3000	2000	475	125	125
1	1	8	23	430	461	1	7500	1000	1	1800	1800	275	275	250
1	1	5	19	225	249	1	8000	1000	1	2000	2000	275	175	175
1	1	5	13	200	218	1	7000	350	1	3500	3500	400	400	350
1	1	4	9	100	113	1	1000	1000	1	500	500	250	225	225
1	1	6	11	90	107	1	1000	1000	1	500	500	150	150	150
1	1	6	17	198	221	1	12000	3500	1	6000	3000	1000	1000	1000
1	1	9	19	265	288	1	1000	1000	1	3000	3000	300	700	700
1	1	5	15	153	173	1	400	400	1	850	850	150	150	150
1	1	5	14	200	219	1	14000	1200	1	4000	900	125	125	125
1	1	8	20	241	269	1	15000	4500	1	5000	450	350	300	300
1	1	2	2	12	16	1	1500	1500	1	500	150	400	400	400
1	1	3	3	33	39	1	2000	600	1	600	400	400	400	400
1	1	4	14	400	418	1	6000	1900	1	4000	200	800	800	800
1	1	4	14	118	136	1	2500	200	1	2000	300	600	600	600
1	1	2	11	120	141	1	300	300	1	150	300	300	300	300
1	1	4	15	260	279	1	1400	1400	1	1000	1000	300	300	300



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SEVENTIETH * ANNUAL * SESSIONS,

Acts and Proceedings.

Of the Ohio Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States, convened in convention in the Reformed Church at Bloomville, Seneca County, Ohio, on Wednesday October 11th, A. D., 1893, at 7.30 o'clock in the evening, and closed its sessions on the following Saturday afternoon at five o'clock.

ARTICLE I.

THE OPENING OF SYNOD.

The Ohio Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States, agreeable to the appointment made at its last meeting, convened in convention in the Reformed Church at Bloomville, Seneca County, Ohio, on Wednesday, October 11th, A. D., 1893, at 7.30 o'clock in the evening, and in connection with appropriate devotional services was opened with a sermon by Rev. Reuben Keller, the retiring President, from II Timothy, 3: 16: "All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness."

At the conclusion of the sermon, the synod was called to order by the President, who constituted it with prayer. Thereupon the provisional roll was called, and when completed a quorum was found present, and the synod proceeded to effect a permanent organization by the election of officers.

ARTICLE II.

MEMBERS PRESENT.

CLASSES.	MINISTERS.	ELDERS
<i>Miami.</i>	Charles E. Miller. Samuel B. Yockey, D. D. Reuben Keller.	John Blum.

	Reuben F. Shultz.	Edward J. Williamson.
	Joshua J. Excell.	John Xanders.
	Harvey L. Hart.	
	Richard B. Reichard.	
	B. Frank Davis.	
	Albert Kl'inger.	
	Elmer E. Weller.	
	Alpheus E. Baichly.	Lewis A. Kemp.
	Isaac H. Reiter, D. D.	
	Michael Loucks, D. D.	
<i>Lancaster.</i>	Louis B. C. Lahr.	
	John A. Seitz.	William H. Parks.
	Solomon W. Seemann.	George F. Bareis.
<i>Tuscarawas.</i>	Edward M. Beck.	William H. Bahl.
	Sebastian C. Goss, D. D.	William Rehm.
	Isaiah S. Hahn.	
	Jacob P. Stahl.	
	John D. Neff.	
	John C. Schaaf.	
	Isaac A. Sites.	
	Edward D. Wettach.	
	Otto C. Renter.	
<i>Tiffin.</i>	Lewis H. Kefauver, D. D.	Nelson L. Brewer, Esq.
	John I. Swander, D. D.	
	Albert H. Zechiel.	John Hahn.
	David A. Parks.	Conrad Breiner.
	James H. Steele.	Edward Andre.
	Wilson S. Fritch.	
	Clement L. Alspach.	
	John A. Peters, D. D.	
	Cornelius M. Lowe, Ph.D.	
	David Van Horne, D. D.	
	Herman Rust, D. D.	
	Alvin S. Zerbe, D. D.	
	Joseph B. Shumaker, D. D.	
<i>Eastern Ohio.</i>	John J. Leberman, D. D.	Henry Dechert.
	Samuel Z. Beam, D. D.	Jonathan Harsh.
		J. Hiram Smith.
	William H. Shults.	
	George W. Henning.	
<i>St. Joseph.</i>	George H. Souder.	John H. Bender.
	Abraham B. Stoner.	
	Joseph W. Barber.	Jacob H. Zechiel.
	Benjamin B. Royer.	Lucas Theuerer.
	James S. Keppel.	
	George V. Walker.	

ADVISORY MEMBERS.

Rev. Dewald S. Fouse, D. D., Iowa Classis, Interior Synod.
 Rev. John H. Prugh, D. D., Allegheny Classis Pittsburgh Synod.
 Rev. Simon S. Miller, Clarion Classis, Pittsburgh Synod.
 Rev. Jacob D. Buehrer, Erie Classis, Central Synod.

ARTICLE III.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

Rev. Edward D. Wettach, *President*, Akron, Ohio.
 Rev. Isaac H. Reiter, D. D., is *Stated Clerk*, Miamisburg, Ohio.
 Rev. Reuben F. Shultz, *Corresponding Secretary*, Fairfield, Ohio.
 Rev. Lewis H. Kefauver, D. D., *Treasurer*, Tiffin, Ohio.

ARTICLE IV.

RULES OF ORDER.

Synod's Rules of Order were observed in the transaction of business.

The *Bar of the House* was defined to be the first six pews in front of the chancel.

The hours fixed upon for the opening and closing of the sessions of the present synod were as follows: The morning sessions to open at 8.30 and close at 11 o'clock; and the afternoon sessions to open at 1.30 and close at 4.30 o'clock, being according to Standard Time.

ARTICLE V.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

The following were appointed by the president:

Religious Services.—Ministers—David A. Parks, John D. Neff; Elder John Hahn.

Minutes of Ohio Synod.—Ministers—Dr. William A. Hale, George W. Henning, Henry H. Sandoe; Elders Warren W. Strock and George F. Bareis.

Minutes of General Synod.—Ministers—Dr. Joseph B. Shumaker, Charles E. Miller, Abraham B. Stoner; Elders William Rehm and Henry Dechert.

Minutes of Classes.—Ministers—Edward D. Wettach, Jacob P. Stahl, Albert H. Zechiel; Elders Robert Bell and Henry F. Rees.

Overtures.—Ministers—Louis B. C. Lahr, Richard B. Reichard, John A. Seitz; Elders Henry Dechert and John Xanders.

Examination, Licensure and Ordination.—Ministers—Dr. John J. Leberman, Dr. Alvin S. Zerbe, Dr. Samuel Z. Beam; Elders John Blum and Edward Andre.

State of Religion.—Ministers—Reuben Keller, James H. Steele, Joshua J. Excell; Elders Conrad Breiner, and John H. Bender.

Missions.—Ministers—Dr. Samuel B. Yockey, Abraham B. Stoner, B. Frank Davis; Elders Edward J. Williamson and Jonathan Harsh.

Heidelberg Theological Seminary.—Ministers—Charles E. Miller, Alpheus E. Baichly, Solomon W. Seemann; Elders J. Hiram Smith and Jacob H. Zechiel.

Heidelberg University.—Ministers—Dr. Michael Loucks, Isaac A. Sites, William H. Shults; Elders John Xanders and Jonathan Harsh.

Sunday-schools and Catechization.—Ministers—George H. Souder, William H. Shults, John A. Seitz; Elders Lewis A. Kemp and William Rehm.

Publication.—Ministers—Dr. David Van Horne, Elmer E. Weller, James S. Keppel; Elders George F. Bareis and Edward Andre.

Finance.—Ministers—Benjamin B. Royer, Clement L. Alspach, Albert H. Zechiel; Elders William H. Parks and Lucas Theuerer.

Nominations.—Ministers—Solomon W. Seemann, Jacob P. Stahl, George W. Henning; Elders Nelson L. Brewer and J. Hiram Smith.

ARTICLE VI.

COMMUNICATIONS.

The following papers and communications were received and referred to the proper committees:

1. The Minutes of the Classes of Miami, Lancaster, Tuscarawas, Tiffin, Eastern Ohio and St. Joseph, and referred to the Standing Committee on Minutes of Classes, except the reports on the State of Religion and Statistics, which were referred to the Committees on those subjects.

2. The reports of the General Board of Home Missions, of the Treasurer of the Board of the Ohio Synod, of the Board of Church Election and of its Treasurer, and referred to the Standing Committee on Missions.

3. A condensed report from the Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions was received through its secretary, and referred to the Standing Committee on Missions.

4. The annual reports of the Board of Trustees of Heidelberg Theological Seminary, and of its Boards of Visitors and of Education, together with the reports of their respective treasurers and of its Financial Agent, were received and referred to the Standing Committee on the said seminary.

5. The annual report of the Board of Regents of Heidelberg University was received through the President of the Board, and referred to the Standing Committee on Heidelberg University.

6. The annual report of the Board of Sunday-schools of the Ohio Synod was received and referred to the Standing Committee on Sunday-schools and Catechization.

7. The annual report of the Board of Publication was received and referred to the Standing Committee on Publication.
8. The annual report of the Treasurer of the Ohio Synod was received and referred to the Standing Committee on Finance.
9. Sundry other communications and documents having reference to different matters were received and referred to the Standing Committee on Overtures, whose report see for particulars and the action thereon by the synod.

ARTICLE VII.
RELIGIOUS SERVICES.

The Ohio Synod during its present sessions observed the following religious services, viz:

1. The sessions of the synod throughout were opened and closed with religious services.
2. There were also public religious services, as will be seen by reference to the report of the Standing Committee on Religious Services, which being submitted was received and as amended adopted, and is as follows:

The Standing Committee on Religious Services beg leave to offer the following report:

Thursday Evening.—Services arranged and conducted by the Woman's Missionary Society of the Ohio Synod.

Friday Afternoon and Evening.—Centennial Services according to the program arranged by, and contained in, the Report of the Centennial Committee of the Synod.

Saturday Afternoon, at 2 o'clock, sermon by Rev. A. B. Stoner; Alter service, Rev. G. H. Souder.

Saturday Evening.—Services—Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor.

Sunday Morning.—Communion Service at 10 o'clock in the Reformed Church. Sermon, Rev. E. D. Wettach. Alter Service, Rev. J. A. Seitz.

Sunday Afternoon, at 2.30, German Sermon, Rev. J. P. Stahl.

Sunday Evening.—Our mission work—Home and Foreign, as arranged by the Centennial Committee, whose report see.

St. Jacob's Church.—Morning—Rev. W. H. Shults.—Evening—Rev. G. V. Walker.

Presbyterian Church.—Morning—Rev. C. L. Alspach—Evening—Rev. R. Keller.

Methodist E. Church.—Morning—Rev. R. F. Shultz.—Evening—Rev. Dr. S. C. Goss.

U. B. Church.—Morning—Rev. W. S. Fritch.—Evening Rev. E. E. Weller.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN D. NEFF, *Chairman.*

The religious services were severally observed as appointed.

CENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY SERVICES.

The Standing Committee on Minutes of the Ohio Synod, during the afternoon session on Thursday, reported in item 11 that a committee was appointed to confer with a similar committee of the Pittsburgh Synod, and together with it and those of other synods, to arrange for a proper observance of the centennial anniversary of the autonomy or ecclesiastical independence of the Reformed Church in the United States. The item was adopted and the committee appointed by Synod at its last annual meeting (Min. 1892, pages 77, 78.) submitted their report, which was received and adopted.

REPORT OF CENTENNIAL COMMITTEE.

Your Committee appointed by the Ohio Synod to confer with similar committees of the Eastern, Pittsburgh and Potomac Synods and to arrange for the proper observance of the centennial anniversary of the ecclesiastical independence of the Reformed Church in the United States, would report:

That we conferred and cooperated with the Joint Committee, and agreed upon the following in substance as being appropriate:

1. That Sunday, April 30, 1893, was the proper historic date for the Centennial Anniversary, and that all our congregations and Sunday-schools on that day celebrate said anniversary with appropriate services in their respective places of worship.
2. That all the classes and synods were requested to set apart a portion of time during their annual meetings in 1893 for such anniversary services.
3. That a commemorative service be held during the triennial meeting of General Synod at Reading, Pa., on Monday evening May 29, 1893.
4. That a program of services be arranged for a popular meeting of the Reformed Church in connection with the Religious Congresses of the World's Columbian Exposition at Chicago, September 21, 1893.
5. That the exercises or services pertaining to the Centennial Anniversary shall consist of sermons, addresses and essays, having a bearing on the history, doctrines, cultus and educational interests of the Reformed Church, together with devotional services and praise.
6. That in addition to the literary and religious exercises, free-will offerings be made, as an expression of gratitude to God and for the benefit of the educational and benevolent operations of the church.

PROGRAM FOR THE OHIO SYNOD.

With respect to the Centennial Anniversary Services of the Ohio Synod during its annual meeting at Bloomville, Ohio, in October, 1893, your committee propose the following program, with the president of synod presiding.

Friday Afternoon, October 13, 1893, at 2 o'clock.

Invocation, Rev. Edward D. Wettach.
 Hymn 407.
 Prayer, Rev. John A. Peters, D. D.
 Hymn 151.
 Address, "The Reformed Church in the United States; its founding and principal facts in its history," Rev. David Van Horne, D. D.
 Hymn 452.
 Address, "The name Reformed; its origin, significance and appropriateness," Rev. Silas B. Mase.
 Address, "The Educational System of the Reformed Church in the United States," Rev. Samuel Z. Beam, D. D.
 Doxology.
 Benediction, Rev. Isaac H. Reiter, D. D.

Friday Evening, October 13, at 7.30 o'clock.

Invocation.
 Hymn 486.
 Prayer, Rev. Richard B. Reichard.
 Hymn 136.
 Address, "Our Institutions of Charity and Benevolent Work," Revs. Michael Loucks, D. D., Samuel B. Yockey, D. D., Simon S. Miller.
 Hymn 214.
 Address, "The Mission of the Reformed Church in the Religious Life and Destiny of America," Elder George F. Barela.
 Address, "Our Needs," Rev. Edward D. Wettach.
 Address, "Our Outlook," Rev. Allen K. Zartman.
 Doxology.
 Benediction, Rev. Solomon W. Seemann.

CENTENNIAL MISSIONARY SERVICE.

Sunday Evening, October 15th, 1893, at 7.30 o'clock.

Rev. J. A. Peters, D. D., President of General Board of Home Missions presiding:
 Invocation.
 Hymn 596.
 Scripture, Romans. 10th chapter, Rev. J. A. Seltz.
 Prayer, Rev. J. J. Leberman, D. D.
 Hymn 407.
 Historic Introduction, Rev. J. A. Peters, D. D.
 Progress of Home Missions, Rev. D. S. Fouse, D. D.
 Hymn 133.
 Progress of Foreign Missions, Rev. S. B. Yockey, D. D.
 Necessity of Funds, Rev. J. H. Steele.
 Collection.
 Hymn.
 Benediction, Dr. Peters.

In behalf of the Centennial Committee of the Ohio Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

ISAAC H. REITER, *Chairman.*

NOTE. The Centennial Services with little exception were observed according to the program arranged by the committee, and proved to be of an appropriate and instructive character. Rev. S. B. Mase and Rev. A. K. Zartman, presumably for satisfactory reasons, were absent, and the discussion of their topics was omitted. Rev. Dr. E. Herbruck, who was to discuss the subject of "Our Institutions of Charity and Benevolent Work," was necessarily detained at home, but he had good substitutes in Revs. Drs. Loucks, Yockey and Miller. The program as a whole was well arranged, and the topics were ably discussed and highly appreciated. The occasion was one of mutual interest, reminiscent thought, devout gratitude and present joy.

ARTICLE VIII.
SYNODICAL MINUTES.

I. MINUTES OF OHIO SYNOD.

Three copies of the Minutes of the Ohio Synod of 1892 were received through the stated clerk, and referred to the Standing Committee on the Minutes of the said synod. This committee, during the afternoon session on Thursday, submitted their report, which was considered item by item, and finally adopted as a whole:

Your Committee on Minutes of Synod appointed at the last annual meeting would report the following items:

Item 1, pages 9, 10. Committee to prepare a plan whereby certain weak charges may be supported in some other way than by the Board of Missions, continued. Rev. J. J. Leberman, D. D. Chairman.

Item 2, page 10. Revs. W. A. Hale, D. D., G. W. Henning, H. H. Sandoe, and Elders W. W. Strock, and Geo. F. Bareis appointed Standing Committee on Minutes of Synod.

Item 3, page 14. Revs. E. D. Wettach, J. P. Stahl, A. H. Zechiel, and Elders R. Bell and Henry F. Rees, appointed Standing Committee on Minutes of Classes.

Item 4, page 35. Instructions to the Board of Church Erection to transfer its property to the General Synod's Board of Home Missions.

Item 5, page 54. Classes requested to adopt as Seminary Day, the Reformation Day.

Item 6, page 55. Classes instructed to hold services in the interest of the Theological Seminary.

Item 7, page 57. The stated clerk instructed to publish Dr. Swander's Inaugural Address.

Item 8, page 69. Election of financial agent of Heidelberg University.

Item 9, page 74. Board of Sunday-schools to prepare an exercise in catechetical form.

Item 10, page 75. Children's Day to be observed the second Sunday in June.

Item 11, pages 77, 78. A committee, with Rev. I. H. Reiter, D. D., chairman, appointed to confer with a similar committee of Pittsburgh Synod.

Item 12, page 77. Classes to celebrate the completion of the first century.

Item 13, page 84. Instructions to stated clerk, and stated clerks of classes.

Item 14, page 87. Stated Clerk to express the regrets of synod, to Central Synod.

Item 15, page 87. Rev. J. P. Stahl elected delegate *primarius*, and Rev. L. C. Edmonds *secundus*, to Central Synod.

Item 16, page 88. Board of education to enlarge the scope of work.

Item 17, page 88. Members of synod urged to make a special plea and exertion to collect the appropriations for beneficiary education.

Item 18, page 90. Members absent at final roll call, without excuse.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. W. HENNING, *Chairman.*

The Report was disposed of as follows:

For report in item 1 see Article XIII, Missions; item 2 adopted and reported attended to; the items adopted were 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 10, 12, 16, 17 and 18; for action in items 7 and 13 see Art. XXI, Publication; for action in item 9 see Art. XVII, Sunday-schools; for report in item 11 see Art. VII, Religious Services; for action and report in items 14 and 15 see Art. XXIV, Miscellaneous.

The Standing Committee on Minutes of Synod to report to the synod at its annual meeting in 1894, as appointed, consists of Revs. William H. Shults, Albert Klinger, Edward M. Beck; Elders William H. Bahl and George F. Bareis.

II. MINUTES OF GENERAL SYNOD.

Three copies of the Minutes of the General Synod were received through the stated clerk, and referred to the Standing Committee on the Minutes of General Synod. This committee, during the morning session on Saturday, submitted their report, which was received and considered item by item, and finally adopted as a whole:

REPORT ON MINUTES OF GENERAL SYNOD.

Your Standing Committee on the Minutes of the General Synod of 1893 would report the following items as claiming the attention of the Ohio Synod, viz:

Item 1, page 42. The vote of the classes on Federal Union in a Federal Synod between the Reformed Church in the United States and the Reformed Church in America.

Item 2, page 64. The Centennial Memorial Medal is commended to the favor of the ministers and members of the church.

Item 3, page 65. The erection of a monument to the memory of Rev. Michael Schlatter the devoted missionary of the Reformed Church in the United States.

Item 4, page 104. With respect to missions; a) The churches are requested through the synod and classes to support Hungarian Missions. b) It is recommended that \$3,000 be apportioned for Harbor Missions for the next three years, of which amount \$275 fall to the Ohio Synod. c) The formation of missionary societies is recommended wherever practical.

Item 5, page 126. *a)* The several synods are urged to increase their contributions to foreign missions. *b)* Because of the low condition of the treasury, it is enjoined to send in liberal contributions at once for present relief.

Item 6, page 136. The cause of the orphans is commended to the synods, classes and people.

Item 7, page 145. The election of a General Secretary of Sunday-schools.

Item 8, page 145. The apportionment of one cent per member annually on all our Sunday-schools for work of the board and salary of the General Secretary.

Item 9, page 163. The revised Constitution of the church is approved by the General Synod, and referred to the several classes for approval or rejection.

Item 10, page 209. The apportionments made to each Synod.

Item 11, page 218. Attention is directed to the institutions of the church, proposing the consecration of wealth to increasing the endowment, and requesting the families of the church to send their sons and daughters to our own institutions.

Item 12, pages 221, 224. The next triennial meeting of the General Synod is to be held in Trinity Reformed Church, Dayton, Ohio, commencing its sessions on Wednesday, May 27, A. D., 1896, at 7.30 P. M.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSEPH B. SHUMAKER, *Chairman.*

This report was disposed of as follows:

The items adopted were 1, 2, 3, 6, 7 and 12; items 4 *a)*, *b)* and *c)* and 10 were adopted and referred to the Standing Committee on Finance for apportionment; item 5 including *a)* and *b)* was adopted and referred to the Standing Committee on Missions; item 8 was adopted and the attention of the classes and congregations is called to this action; item 9 was adopted and the special attention of the classes directed to this action of the General Synod; item 11 was adopted and referred to the Standing Committee on Heidelberg University.

ARTICLE IX.

MINUTES OF CLASSES.

The Standing Committee on Classes, during the morning session on Friday, submitted their report, which was received and considered item by item, and as amended finally adopted as a whole:

Your Committee on Classical Minutes would respectfully submit the following report. Having carefully examined the minutes of all the classes, we find the following items deserving synod's notice:

I. IRREGULARITIES.

Item 1. Miami Classis failed to record the call for the special meetings of February 27, and March 13, 1893; does not record the reports of the Standing Committees as distinct documents, thus making the action of classis a part of the reports; does not state that its printed minutes are an official copy of the original minutes; does not note the dismissal of Rev. J. S. Keppel, yet he was received by St. Joseph Classis.

Item 2. St. Joseph Classis received Rev. J. W. Barber without stating whence he came; dismissed Rev. W. A. From without making a record of the classis to which he was dismissed; failed to record the licensure and ordination of student B. B. Royer, fails to make a record of the installation of its ministers.

Item 3. Eastern Ohio Classis failed to record the ordination of Rev. H. E. Kilmer; This Classis also fails to report the installation of its pastors.

II. SUBJECTS REFERRED TO THE CLASSES.

Item 4. Tuscarawas and St. Joseph Classes acknowledge irregularity in their minutes.

Item 5. Tiffin, Miami and St. Joseph, take favorable action changing Children's Day from September to June. Tuscarawas and Eastern Ohio, following the action of General Synod, still observe Children's Day in September or June as the schools elect. Tiffin and Lancaster pay no attention to the matter.

Item 6. Miami, Tuscarawas, Lancaster, Tiffin and Eastern Ohio, took favorable action and held appropriate centennial services. St. Joseph "for want of time" held no centennial services.

Item 7. Miami and Eastern Ohio accede to synod's request, fixing January 19th, or the Sunday nearest to it as Seminary Day. Tuscarawas is in sympathy with the spirit of synod's action, and says, "while we do not assume to bind our churches to a fixed day and forced service, we nevertheless call our pastors' and churches' attention to the needs of the seminary, and urge their assistance in support of the same. Tiffin, St. Joseph and Lancaster, take no action.

Item 8. Miami, Tiffin, Tuscarawas and St. Joseph, adopt synod's action to hold services in the interests of the seminary, but Tiffin alone held such services. Lancaster referred it to the next Church Workers' Convention. Eastern Ohio took no action.

Item 9. Miami, adopts new form of Sunday-school statistical blank. Tuscarawas does not adopt the form as it is General Synod's province to furnish same. No action by the others.

Item 10. Favorable action is taken, commending the *Christian World* and Reformed Sabbath School literature to the churches.

Item 11. The Bible Society is commended to the favorable consideration of the churches by Tuscarawas, Tiffin, St. Joseph and Eastern Ohio. Lancaster and Miami take no action.

Item 12. St. Joseph and Tiffin, adopt synod's recommendation in regard to special efforts for Beneficiary Education. Tuscarawas, Miami, Lancaster and Eastern, Ohio, take no action.

Item 13. The cause of the Orphan and of Missions are commended by all the classes to the churches.

Item 14. All the classes accepted the apportionments of synod. Lancaster alone making an exception of the seminary apportionment.

Item 15. Lancaster Classis with respect to the arrearage on Church Erection, refers synod to the resolution of classis by which all arrearages on benevolence were forgiven.

III. REQUESTS TO SYNOD.

Item 16. Tuscarawas Classis calls *a*) synod's attention to an irregularity in its minutes, respecting absentees from synod at first roll call. *b*) Overtures synod to reconsider its action changing time of Children's Day; *c*) refuses longer to participate in the \$10,000 plan for Theological Seminary and *d*) request synod to instruct its Stated Clerk to forward Minutes of Synod at book rates.

Item 17. Miami Classis calls synod's attention to the fact that Rev. W. E. Ludwick was not chairman of the Committee on Leave of Absence.

IV. RECEPTIONS AND DISMISSIONS.

Item 18. Miami Classis received Rev. S. U. Snyder from Philadelphia Classis, Eastern Synod, and Rev. B. F. Metzger, M. D., from Clarion Classis, Pittsburg Synod. Dismissed Revs. J. H. Steele and A. E. Baichly to Tiffin Classis and Rev. L. B. C. Lahr to Lancaster Classis.

Item 19. Tuscarawas Classis received Rev. Philip Steihage from Indiana Classis, Synod Northwest, and licentiate O. C. Renter from Erie Classis, Central Synod, and made arrangements for his ordination. Dismissed Rev. W. H. Tussing to Huron Presbytery, Presbyterian Church; Rev. G. P. Hartzell to Illinois Classis, Interior Synod, and licentiate H. L. Weltmer to Wooster Presbytery, Presbyterian Church.

Item 20. St. Joseph Classis received Rev. G. H. Souder from Tiffin Classis, Rev. J. H. Albright from Lancaster Classis, Rev. A. Iden from the Disciple Church and Rev. J. W. Barber from Tiffin, student B. B. Royer, Tiffin Classis. Dismissed Rev. S. Shaw to Iowa Classis, Synod Interior, and Rev. W. H. Mawherter to M. P. Church. Received Rev. J. S. Keppel from Miami Classis and Rev. G. V. Walker from the Lutheran Church.

Item 21. Tiffin Classis received licentiates Prof C. M. Lowe from the Congregational Church and Rev. Wilson S. Fritch from the M. E. Church, Rev. James H. Steele from Miami Classis. Dismissed students B. B. Royer to St. Joseph Classis, Rev. J. J. Excell to Miami Classis; Rev. N. A. Ernst and Rev. F. H. Keller to Eastern Ohio Classis; Rev. H. H. W. Hibshman, D. D., to Philadelphia Classis, Eastern Synod; Rev. G. H. Souder and Rev. J. W. Barber to St. Joseph Classis, and dropped from their roll licentiate C. O. Knepper and Rev. Augustus Konetzka.

Item 22. Eastern Ohio Classis received Rev. F. E. Lauffer from Westmoreland Classis, Pittsburgh Synod; Revs. N. A. Ernst and F. H. Keller from Tiffin Classis; licentiate H. E. Kilmer from Lebanon Classis, Eastern Synod. Dismissed Rev. B. H. Roth to Lancaster Classis, Eastern Synod, and Rev. J. M. Kendig, D. D., to Illinois Classis, Synod of the Interior.

Item 23. Lancaster Classis received Rev. L. B. C. from Miami Classis. Dismissed Rev. J. H. Albright to St. Joseph Classis and Rev. H. H. Sandoe to the Classis of Miami.

LICENSURE AND ORDINATION.

Item 24. Tiffin Classis licensed Clement L. Alspach and Albert C. Derr, and ordained Rev. Prof C. M. Lowe and Revs. Wilson S. Fritch and C. L. Alspach.

Item 25. St. Joseph Classis licensed and ordained student B. B. Royer.

Item 26. Tuscarawas Classis licensed student H. L. Weltmer.

Item 27. Eastern Ohio Classis ordained licentiate H. E. Kilmer.

Item 28. Lancaster Classis licensed student Ernest C. Sult.

ANNUAL MEETINGS.

Item 29. Miami Classis will meet in St. Paul's Reformed Church, Greenville, O., on Thursday, May 24, 1894, at 7.30, P. M. Rev. R. B. Reichard, President; Elder Victor P. Van Horne, Treasurer; Rev. Dr. H. M. Herman, Stated Clerk.

Item 30. Lancaster Classis will meet in Zion's Reformed Church, Delaware, O., Wednesday, May 16, 1894, at 7.30, P. M. Rev. Dr. John Vogt, President; Rev. J. A. Seitz, Treasurer; Rev. N. H. Loose, Stated Clerk.

Item 31. Tuscarawas Classis will meet in Trinity Reformed Church, Wadsworth, O., Monday, May 21, 1894, at 7.30 o'clock, P. M. Rev. E. P. Herbruck, President; Elder E. K. Kremer, Treasurer; Rev. E. D. Wettach, Stated Clerk.

Item 32. Tiffin Classis will meet in the First Reformed Church, Fostoria, O., Thursday, May 3, 1894, at 7.30, P. M. Rev. Dr. J. B. Shumaker, President and Treasurer; Rev. A. H. Zechiel, Stated Clerk.

Item 33. Eastern Ohio Classis will meet in Grace Reformed Church, Columbiana, O., on Tuesday, May 15, A. D., 1894, at 7 P. M. Rev. Dr. S. Z. Beam, President; Rev. J. H. Bomberger, Treasurer; Rev. G. W. Henning, Stated Clerk.

Item 34. St. Joseph Classis will meet in the First Reformed Church, Goshen, Ind., Thursday, June 7th, 1894, at 7.30 P. M. Rev. H. S. Bailey, President; Elder Ben. Ashbaucher, Treasurer; Rev. F. Ware, Stated Clerk.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWARD D. WETTACH, *Chairman.*

The report was disposed as follows: The items adopted are 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 16 *d*), 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33 and 34.

With respect to item 14, the following action was adopted:

Resolved, That this item be adopted, and that Lancaster Classis be requested to report to synod at its next annual meeting, why the classis failed to make provision for synod's apportionment for Heidelberg Theological Seminary.

And item 15 was adopted in connection with this resolution:

Resolved, That this synod regrets the action of Lancaster Classis excusing charges within its bounds from paying synodical apportionments, without first reporting the delinquencies and for cause asking the synod's excuse.

Item 16 *a*) was adopted, and on motion,

Resolved, That the minutes of the last meeting of synod be so corrected as to show that Revs. E. P. Herbruck, W. C. B. Shulenberger and Elder John C. Baughman were excused by the Committee on Leave of Absence, and that Rev. I. S. Hahn was present at the final roll call.

For action in item 16 *b*) see Art. XVII. Sunday-schools; for action in item 16 *c*) see Art. XIV. Heidelberg Theological Seminary; item 17 was adopted and the attention of Miami Classis called to Section 32 of the Rules of Order.

The Standing Committee on Minutes of Classes to report on said minutes to the synod at its annual meeting in 1894, consists of Revs. George W. Henning, James S. Keppel, Elmer E. Weller; Elders Edward Andre and William H. Rehm.

ARTICLE X. OVERTURES.

The Standing Committee on Overtures, during the evening session on Friday, presented their report which was received and disposed of item by item, and finally adopted as a whole.

Your Committee on Overtures submit the following:

Item 1. Refers to the report of the Society for Relief of Ministers and their Widows.

Item 2. Refers to a communication from Rev. P. C. Prugh, D. D., superintendent St. Paul's Orphan Home.

Item 3. Refers to a communication from Rev. I. A. Sites, accompanied by a book entitled, "Ned Hampdon."

Item 4. Refers to a communication from Rev. W. A. Hale, D. D., asking to be excused from attendance at synod.

Item 5. Refers to a communication from Rev. R. C. Zartman accompanied by a book entitled "Heaven."

Item 6. Refers to a communication from Rev. W. E. Ludwick, asking to be excused from attending synod.

Respectfully submitted,

LOUIS B. C. LAHR, *Chairman*.

This report was disposed of as follows:
For action in items 1 and 2, see Art. XVI, Benevolent and Religious Institutions; for report in items 3 and 5 see Art. XXIV, Miscellaneous; in items 4 and 6 requests granted and excused.

ARTICLE XI.

EXAMINATION, LICENSURE, AND ORDINATION.

The Standing Committee on Examination, Licensure and Ordination, during the afternoon session on Friday, presented their report, which was received and adopted:

Your Committee on Examination, Licensure and Ordination would respectfully report, that no candidates for examination made application, and hence the committee has nothing further to report.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN J. LEBERMAN, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE XII.

STATE OF RELIGION AND MORALS.

The Standing Committee on the State of Religion and Statistics, during the afternoon session on Saturday, submitted their report, which was received and adopted, and is as follows:

DEAR FATHERS AND BRETHREN: Praise and thanksgiving are due the Great Head of the Church for vouchsafing unto us another year of grace. Another year of service has been rendered in his vineyard. The messages from the Lord have been delivered to the churches, the planting and watering of this our high calling have been continued, but God alone can give the increase.

The year has been one of at least the usual activity and interest, service and effort.

One report records these words: "It has been a year of signal blessing;" another says: "Reports breathe quite a healthful spirit;" another: "There is a revival of hope and vigor."

There are other signs however, not so reassuring and inspiring. There is a small falling off in the membership, the roll of ministers is decreased by three. The contributions for benevolence are \$7,691 less than last year, and for congregational purposes \$24,009 short of the previous year. There is also a decrease in receptions by letter, and the increase of confirmations and infant baptisms is quite small.

There are intimations that the pruning knife was used very severely.

While it may be that a wrong motive actuates in this process and excisions be too numerous, too arbitrarily done and out of harmony with the constitution of the church and the deliverances of its highest councils yet let us hope that this seeming reaction which it is our duty to receive is not the result of what has been merely surmised or intimated, but only the result of removing hindering elements and bringing soundness to the body. May this be only a *seeming* and not a *real* loss; may it have reference to numbers and not to the faith, life and power of Christ in the church. May it in truth be a readjustment of the armor of God taking new life and fresh courage. May the Lord, in this way afford greater purity and so increase prosperity the coming year.

But the labor of love in the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ has always been on its bright side. The glorified Christ is with us "always even unto the end of the world," and the prophecies, speaking of glorious things and a glorious destiny for the church, shall not fail.

The work of the ministry has been steadily carried forward, and the word shall not return unto its source and fountain void, but shall accomplish that which he pleases and prosper in the thing whereto he hath sent it.

The celebration of the holy communion of the body and blood of Christ has been observed regularly during the year, and the injunction, "Do this in remembrance of me," has been obeyed in filial devotion to the solemn covenant of grace.

Teaching, visitation, Sunday-school activity and the general revival use of the means of grace, are very favorably reported, as in all cases obedience to the divine command and diligent use of the divine ordinances, there is a blessing, so in our case, though not fully realized now, the coming years shall reveal and record the blessings of devout obedience.

All reports, in the most joyful and hopeful words, testify of the work of the people's societies. It seems as though a new era has dawned upon our church. Never in the history of our church was there such general activity among the young believers, such loyalty to the church and such rapid development of moral and spiritual resources. Hearts are more ready to respond to calls for service. The Bible is more diligently searched and its precepts more taken to heart, and a general transforming, vitalizing and spiritualizing agency working mightily all over our synod.

The angel of death has spared us it is true, comparatively speaking but we were not left entirely unvisited. The keen sickle has smitten of our beloved brethren in the ministry. Martin Mueller, of Oberlin, and J. V. Lerch, Chaplain of the National Military Home, at Dayton both after lingering and severe suffering. They fell after proving themselves good soldiers of Jesus Christ and have gone to the blessed endless reward of those who "came out of great tribulation, and they washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb."

The pilgrim staff of these beloved brethren is broken. The great responsibility of carrying on the work is upon us, and while we can but say, "who is sufficient for these these things," yet God's grace is abiding and his spirit is not withdrawn. And just now we are cheered with words that tell us of the increasing number of Christian young men who have said, "Here am I, send me," in answer to the Lord's call, are now in the school of the prophets and year after year will strengthen our ranks for Christ and the church.

May God help us and bless us all and give us a year of great rejoicing and success in his service.

Respectfully submitted,
REUBEN KELLER, *Chairman*.
(For Statistical Reports see Appendix.)

ARTICLE XIII.

MISSIONS—HOME AND FOREIGN.

The following reports and papers on the subject of missions were received, considered and adopted:

I. ANNUAL REPORTS.

1. *Report of the General Board of Home Missions.*

FROM SEPTEMBER 1, 1892, TO SEPTEMBER 1, 1893.

BRETHREN:—From the fact that a full report was rendered by the Board to the late General Synod at Reading, and widely distributed throughout the church, it was not deemed necessary to issue a report at this time, for general distribution, but only to present a general review of the work for the year past.

We have many reasons for thankfulness to the Great Head of the church for His abundant mercy toward us in the general missionary work of the church. The past year has witnessed the fruit of the unification movement, and it must be admitted by all who have noticed the results, that they have been all that the most hopeful could have predicted. At the beginning of the year we had but entered upon the work in this united form, and there were then those who still believed that it would have been best to allow the different synods to carry on the work as they had been doing for years before. But more than a year has elapsed since the new order of things was inaugurated and the results have been most satisfactory. We can but rejoice as we look back over the year's work. Not only has God blessed our labors, but we may claim, most justly, for those under the Board, a year of faithful and diligent service. God blesses those only in the labors of His vineyard who are faithful in the discharge

of their duties. This being the test, we may believe that as a general thing our missionaries have been faithful to their trust, as their labors abundantly prove. As in other years, the Board was not in a position to answer all the calls made upon it. The work might be very greatly extended had the Board the means at hand. So far the Board has had less difficulty in getting men than means. We deem it a hopeful sign for the church that men are more willing to offer themselves for the mission work.

SELF-SUPPORTING.

The past year has witnessed a determination on the part of quite a number of missions to become independent of the Board by providing for their own support. This is as it should be, although with a number of these fields it was a severe struggle to do so. There is a tendency on the part of some fields to seek aid from the Board when they might be self-sustaining, so that we feel the more like giving praise to those that are determined to support themselves and allow the Board to take up other points. Liberty Center, O., Scottdale, Pa., Salem, Oregon, Stafford, Oregon, Timberville, Va., West Roan, N. C., and Williamsport, Pa., have passed off the roll of the Board during the year. Other fields are very near the line of self-support and we confidently expect them to become independent of the Board in the near future.

NEW FIELDS.

Of these a larger number were added during the year than the number that became self-supporting. When the last annual report was offered, arrangements had been made for the enrollment of several fields. Including these, the following is a list of those enrolled during the year: Athens, Mich., Massillon, O., Apollo, Pa., Grove City, Pa., Chicago, Ill., Columbus Junction, Iowa, Tyrone, Pa., Harrisburg, Pa., West Philadelphia, and Philadelphia, Pa. Of these, Philadelphia, Pa., Grove City, Pa., and Massillon, O., do not go into operation until October 1st, 1893, although they are now regularly entered upon the rolls of the Board. In addition to these fields that have been enrolled, many calls came to the Board asking that other points be taken up. Gladly would the Board give heed to all these calls, but to do so, is simply impossible. Youngstown, Ohio, has often been brought to the notice of the Board as an important point, but the lack of funds has made its enrollment impossible thus far. It is, however, next on the list for enrollment among the large cities.

THE HUNGARIAN WORK.

At the date of writing this report, the two missionaries Jarany and Kovacs only, are in this important field. These good brethren have been carrying forward this work with much zeal and success. The former has purchased a lot in Cleveland and is going forward with the erection of the church edifice. During the year this brother organized a new congrega-

tion in Toledo, Ohio. Brother Kovacs has organized congregations at different points, and has been greatly extending his work. But it may seem strange to the synods that the third man has not been called into the field. He has been called, but from the fact that some persons not authorized have taken it upon themselves to correspond with parties in Hungary with regard to an additional missionary, the work has been retarded rather than otherwise. It may be, however, that by the time this report reaches the synods the additional missionary will be in the field. It affords us pleasure to state that through the good offices of Rev. J. H. Prugh, D. D., of Pittsburgh. Mr. Hanna of that city, has given \$500 toward the increase of this good work. Might not others do the same?

The Board, in order that it may receive the support it deserves, asks that the sum of \$2,500 be apportioned upon the synods for this work the ensuing year as follows:

Eastern Synod.....	\$1,000
Potomac Synod.....	300
Ohio Synod.....	250
Central Synod	200
Northwestern Synod.....	300
Pittsburgh Synod.....	275
German Synod of East	100
Interior Synod.....	75
Total,.....	<u>\$2,500</u>

With this sum it is believed the work can be carried forward through the year, including the expenses of the third missionary.

CHURCH EXTENSION.

Much has been said upon the importance of this arm of the work. But its importance is not yet fully appreciated by our church, much as has been written upon it. Four funds of \$500 each have been obtained during the year for this work. These were special funds. Other moneys have been received from the apportionments. During the year a church property was purchased in St. Joseph, Mo., at a cost of \$4,750, and a lot in Columbus, O., at a cost of \$3,300. Several payments were also made on lots purchased during the previous year. To accomplish this, the Board was compelled to borrow some funds, so that the actual indebtedness at this time is \$2,750. But in order to meet payments in the near future, it may be necessary to borrow additional moneys. But as an offset to this debt, we might state that very little of the apportionments made in the spring have come in as yet, which when received will be applied on this debt. There are a few bequests for this cause which will be received soon, which can also be applied to the liquidation of the debt. But the Board cannot assist any other fields until the indebtedness is canceled. The synods would do well to urge their membership to liberal giving for the cause of Church Extension. There certainly is no other object more

worthy and none that will help so much to extend the church. This cause should be presented to the people as especially worthy of their donations and bequests.

THE NEEDS OF THE BOARD.

On September 1st, Treasurer Reber reported the outlook for the October payments rather discouraging. No less than \$8,500 will be needed on October 1st for the payment of the missionaries. From appearances at this writing that sum will hardly be at hand when needed. This shortage is caused, doubtless, by the financial stringency, and the fact also that many of our pastors have been absent from their charges during the greater part of the quarter. Some may blame the Board for enrolling so many missions during the year. Could the Board have foreseen the financial crash that has come upon the country, a less number would doubtless have been enrolled. But they are now on our roll. To strike them off would be wrong. The best we can do is to fulfill our contract with them. In order to do this it is necessary for the church to stand by the Board. Times are hard, we are told—true, and for that very reason is it a bad time for the Board to be involved in a debt. The Board needs every cent that has been promised to Missions, Hungarian Missions, Church Extension and Harbor Missions. If the church fails to provide these funds, the Board must fail to meet its obligations. For the year commencing April 1st, 1894, the Board must have at least \$40,000 for missions direct. There are those who may say that this sum is too large—that no such appropriations should have been made. This may be, but the subordinate Boards insisted that their missions be enrolled and the Board was almost forced to enroll them. In several instances the intimation came to the Board that if it did not enroll certain missions their funds would be withheld and they would be supported by the subordinate Boards. The synods will observe under what stress the Board is placed at times. It is always glad to enroll missions when possible—and now let the church stand manfully by it so that it can meet its obligations.

FUNDS NEEDED.

For the ensuing year the Board needs the sum of \$40,000 for missions direct. When the missions are all fully manned that sum will be required. The Executive Committee, at its meeting in Pittsburgh on July 11th, made careful estimates of the sums needed, and requested that the following apportionments be made for the year from April 1st, 1894, to April 1st, 1895:

Eastern Synod.....	\$17,000
Potomac Synod.....	9,000
Ohio Synod.....	8,000
Pittsburgh Synod.....	4,500
Interior Synod.....	1,500
Total.....	<u>\$40,000</u>

Considering the increase of membership, these amounts are but little larger than were asked of these synods in past years.

In addition to the above, the General Board makes the earnest request that the small sum of five cents per member be apportioned for the cause of Church Extension. While these apportionments may seem large in the aggregate, yet we find that all these combined (not including Harbor Missions) do not reach quite thirty-one cents per member. This is certainly a small sum for a member of the church to pay toward so noble a cause as Home Missions.

ADDITIONAL FUNDS.

Funds, additional to the apportionments, have been gathered during the year, generally under the name of the 1,000, 5's fund. Much of this was used for Church Extension, but a goodly share of it went for the regular work. In this way was made up the deficiency in the apportionments. The same will be continued through the year to come. The superintendents will find much hard work before them in looking up the deficiencies in the apportionments and in gathering additional funds. This is seemingly necessary during the money stringency. We ask that the synods give all possible encouragement to the gathering of these additional funds. If this matter is seen to at the proper time the Board and the church will be saved the annoyance of an ugly debt.

MISCELLANEOUS.

The synods will notice that the officers of the Board are Rev. J. A. Peters, D. D., President; Rev. J. J. Leberman, D. D., Vice-President; Rev. T. J. Barkley, Secretary, and Elder C. M. Boush, Treasurer of the Church Extension Fund.

We are glad to state that the missions are all supplied with earnest pastors—with two exceptions—and these two have prospects of getting pastors at an early date.

We are gratified to be able to state that all our missionaries are paid up in full to July 1st, 1893.

SPECIAL NOTICE.

The Eastern Synod and the Potomac Synod are hereby notified that the time for which Superintendent Whitmer was elected will expire on December 31st, 1893, and are requested to nominate his successor according to the terms of the Plan of Unification.

Respectfully submitted,

DEWALT S. FOUSE, *Missionary Superintendent.*

2. *Report of Treasurer of Board of Home Missions.*

REV JOHN J. LEBERMAN, *Treasurer, in account with the Board of Missions of the Ohio Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States, from October 3, 1892, to October 11, 1893.*

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Cash on hand at last settlement	\$	21	91
Miami Classis, Victor P. Van Horne, Treasurer		1,269	07
Tuscarawas Classis, E. K. Kremer, "		1,452	31
Lancaster Classis, Rev. J. A. Seltz, "		649	76
Tiffin Classis, Rev. J. B. Shumaker, D. D., Treasurer		488	72
Eastern Ohio Classis, Rev. J. H. Bomberger, "		895	56
St. Joseph Classis, Ben. Ashbaucher, Treasurer		650	00
Shriver bequest, J. H. Platt, Esq.		450	00
S. D. Sites		50	00
S. S. Snyder		5	00
John A. Keller		5	00
L. F. Stahl		8	75
D. M. Dinsmore		5	00
	\$5,951	08	

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Mr. Charles Santee, Treas., General Synod Board of Missions	\$4,021	27
Mr. James T. Reber, " " " " "	1,906	91
Postage and Exchange	8	50
Cash on hand	14	40
	\$5,951	08

Respectfully submitted,
JOHN J. LEBERMAN, *Treasurer.*

3. *Report of the Board of Church Erection.*

The Board of Church Erection respectfully offer the following as their final report:

The action of the Ohio Synod a year ago, concerning this Board, was "That the Board of Church Erection of Ohio Synod is instructed to transfer by proper legal conveyances all its property to the General Synod's Board of Home Missions, and when it shall have done this the work of the Board of Church Erection shall cease."

At a meeting of the Board held in Dayton, soon after the adjournment of synod last year, the legal counsel of Harry H. Prugh was secured and the matter placed in his hands to make a satisfactory and proper transfer. The president was directed and empowered to sign all such papers of transfer. The attorney after carefully looking up titles and deeds, drew up the necessary papers, which have been signed, and given into the hands of General Synod's Board of Home Missions. Hence, according to your former action the work of the Board shall cease. The Board expresses the hope that the best of results shall follow from the transfer.

Respectfully submitted,
JAMES H. STEELE, *President.*

4. *Report of Treasurer of Board of Church Erection.*

REV. E. R. WILLIARD, *Treasurer, in account with the Board of Church Erection of the Ohio Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States.*

Moneys received and paid out during the synodical year ending Oct. 5, 1893.

1892.		DR.	
Oct. 5.	Balance in treasury	\$433	19
Dec. 9.	To cash from Elder V. P. Van Horne, Treasurer of Miami Classis	28	47
" 23.	" " Rev. S. B. Yockey, traveling expenses refunded		75
1893.			
Mar. 1.	" " Rev. J. H. Bomberger, Treasurer of Eastern Ohio Classis	30	90
Apr. 19.	" " Elder V. P. Van Horne, Treasurer of Miami Classis	39	59
" 25.	" " Rev. J. H. Bomberger, Treasurer of Eastern Ohio Classis	23	00
" 26.	" " Elder V. P. Van Horne, Treasurer of Miami Classis	124	60
May 3.	" " Elder E. K. Kremer, Treasurer of Tuscarawas Classis	200	00
" 12.	" " Elder V. P. Van Horne, Treasurer of Miami Classis	21	26
		\$901	76
Oct. 12.	Ben Ashbaucher, St. Joseph Classis	\$	25 00
1892.		CR.	
Nov. 11.	To expressage		50
" 19.	" insurance on Lima, O., Church property		6 50
" 19.	" Rev. W. H. Shultz, traveling expenses		7 60
" 19.	" Rev. S. B. Yockey, " "		75
1893.			
Jan. 20.	" postage		50
" 20.	" Elder C. M. Boush	228	47
Mar. 1.	" " " "	145	25
" 9.	" " " "	103	74
Apr. 19.	" " " "	39	59
" 25.	" " " "	23	00
" 26.	" " " "	124	60
May 8.	" " " "	200	00
" 12.	" " " "	21	26
		\$901	76

Respectfully submitted,

EDWIN R. WILLIARD, *Treasurer.*

5. *Report of Board of Commissioners of Foreign Missions.*

To the Ohio Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States:

REVEREND AND DEAR BRETHREN:--The Board of Foreign Missions begs most respectfully to call the attention of your reverend body to the grand successes and encouraging prospects, as also to the urgent wants and embarrassing limitations of our foreign work. In view of the very full presentation of all these interests recently made in our triennial report to General Synod, a copy of which has been sent to each of our pastors, it is not deemed necessary to repeat them here, but simply to refer you to that report. Since the rendering of that report, our two

schools in Sendai, have been in vacation, and no important intelligence has reached us, except the sad fact of the critical illness of our dear brother, Rev. D. B. Schneder, who at last accounts was still very sick of typhoid fever. But happily the belief was that the indications were favorable to his recovery. We are pained to have to say, that his associates in the field attribute his illness largely to overwork. The board has frequently apprised the church that for the want of adequate financial means we were compelled to expose our faithful missionaries to this wrongful exaction. And up to the present time the inadequacy of our means has not been relieved by a larger response of the home church. Dear brethren, shall we sacrifice the health and possibly the lives of our beloved brethren in Japan, when the means for their relief would be readily available, if self-denying effort were employed by those of us who are at home?

We would further bespeak your careful attention, and earnestly solicit the necessary responsive action on your part, to the action of the late General Synod, in the interest of our mission work. This action was prompted by a spirit of profound gratitude to God, for the surprising blessings and success with which he has crowned our work in Japan, as also the painful conviction that our church was not responding in the measure in which he had given her the ability. It therefore solemnly resolved, that an advance should be made in the amount of her contributions that she might do her part in answer to the leadings of divine Providence. The resolution fixed the sum needed at \$35,000 per year for the next three years. It also indicated the amount necessary from each district synod, to secure the sum. This was done not as a direct authoritative apportionment, but rather as a tentative measure, indicating how much each synod ought to raise, leaving it to each to devise its own methods for securing it. The distribution of the sum needed was as follows:

Eastern Synod.....	\$15 000
Ohio Synod	3 300
Synod of the North West	3 200
Pittsburgh Synod.....	2 600
Potomac Synod	5 100
German Synod of the East	2 500
Central Synod.....	3 100
Interior Synod.....	200

We are well aware that there are other and urgent claims upon the benevolence of our church, but we admit, that our church has not been responding in a just measure of her ability. Observation and experience have demonstrated that our people are not as slow to advance in their benevolent contributions as perhaps some of our ministers have considered them, and that to an intelligent, instructive and earnest presentation of the claims of foreign missions our people will respond, in addition to their other gifts.

We beg to suggest the adoption of such methods as will bring the subject home to each and every congregation. Let something effective be done, that the full amount designated for you by General Synod may be raised. For the methods heretofore employed have shown themselves sadly inadequate to the necessities of the case.

With the prayer for the divine blessing upon you in your deliberations, and in your persons, I am, Your brother in Christ,

S. N. CALLENDER, *Secretary*.

MECHANICSBURG, August 24, 1893.

II. REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE ON MISSIONS.

The Standing Committee on Missions, during the afternoon session on Friday, submitted their report, which was received and considered item by item, and, together with all the preceding reports, adopted as a whole,

Your committee respectfully presents the following:

Three papers were placed in our hands, viz: A report from the superintendent of missions, a report from the secretary of the Board of Commissioners of Foreign Missions, and the report of the treasurer, Rev. Dr. Leberman, of this synod.

From these reports your committee learns that our missionary work has been carried forward both at home and abroad, with most gratifying results. The home work has made progress in nearly our entire territory, so that a goodly number of our missions have become self-supporting. The work, since it was placed almost entirely under the management of General Synod's Board, has been thoroughly systematized and the whole field is easily canvassed through the quarterly reports from the superintendents and the missionaries. The happiest results may be expected from this more thorough supervision of this department of our church activity. The machinery is well adapted to accomplish a great work. That which obstructs progress is the limited resources placed at the disposal of the board. Missionaries are often crippled in their efforts because of the meager support which they receive. The entire benevolent operations of the church should be more generously supported, and your committee sincerely hopes that liberal provisions will be made for missionary work both at home and in the foreign field.

Our operations in Japan were presented to the General Synod in a very elaborate report, and was afterwards published and a copy sent to many, if not to all the pastors of this synod. From this it is learned that our missions there are in a prosperous condition. The harvest promises to be large indeed. This should not only inspire confidence in the present management but lead to a very generous and cordial support. This should not be withheld, for to do so is to place in jeopardy the whole work. When the whole church feels solicitous for the success of the work, it will then be assured.

Your committee calls special attention to the following resolutions that they may receive due consideration and be adopted:

Resolved, That an apportionment be made of not less than seventeen cents per member for the use of the Board of Foreign Missions.

Resolved, That five cents per member be asked for the Board of Church Extension.

Resolved, That the sum of \$250 be asked for Hungarian Missions.

Resolved, That \$8,000 be apportioned to the different classes of this synod for Home Missions.

Resolved, That the superintendent of missions, Rev. D. S. Fouse, D. D., and Rev. S. N. Callender, D. D., Secretary of the Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, are commended to the cordial co-operation of the pastors and people of our church in this work.

Respectfully submitted,

SAMUEL B. YOCKEY, *Chairman*.

III. ELECTION OF BOARD OF HOME MISSIONS.

Officers of Board.

Rev. Sebastian C. Goss, D. D., *President*, Wadsworth, Ohio.

Rev. Edward D. Wettach, *Secretary*, Akron, Ohio.

Rev. John J. Leberman, D. D., *Treasurer*, Louisville, Ohio.

Members whose term expires October, 1894.

Rev. Emil P. Herbruck.

Rev. John H. Bomberger.

Members whose term expires October, 1895.

Rev. Sebastian C. Goss, D. D.

Rev. Edward D. Wettach.

Members whose term expires October, 1896.

Rev. John J. Leberman, D. D.

Rev. Edwin R. Williard.

How shall Weak Charges be Supported?

The Standing Committee on Minutes of Ohio Synod, during the afternoon session on Thursday, reported in item 1 that a committee was continued to prepare a plan whereby certain weak charges might be supported without the aid of the Board of Mission. The following report was received and adopted:

Your Committee appointed at the last annual sessions of synod to devise a plan by which weak charges may be supported without the aid of the Board of Missions would respectfully report, that there are but two ways by which to support such charges; 1. By the Board of Missions. 2. In

case this cannot be done, classes are authorized to assist such charges by special funds raised, called classical sustentation.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN J. LEBERMAN, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE XIV.

HEIDELBERG THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

The following reports having reference to the seminary were received, considered and adopted:

I. ANNUAL REPORTS.

1. *Report of the Board of Trustees.*

The following officers were elected October 8th, 1892, at Cleveland, O.

Rev. S. B. Yockey, *President*, Xenia, Ohio.

Rev. H. M. Herman, D. D., *Vice President*, Miamisburg, Ohio.

Rev. M. Loucks, D. D., *Secretary*, Dayton, Ohio.

Elder Horace Ankeney, *Treasurer*, Alpha, Greene Co., Ohio.

A subsequent meeting was held in the city of Dayton.

In accordance with custom and in harmony with the law of the church, we present our annual report. While we have not realized all our expectations, yet we are grateful for the measure of success which has crowned our efforts. Our work, as is well known, is to secure the means to meet all the financial obligations necessary to maintain the seminary in active operations. Not a small sum is thus annually needed. It should also be remembered that the endowment only aggregates a little more than twenty-eight thousand dollars, so that the board is dependent upon voluntary contributions, and donations from friends of this important institution of the church. We are much gratified, however, with the very favorable report our most efficient treasurer will be able to present to this synod.

The board is especially gratified that with the annual contributions there has been placed at its disposal, sums of pleasing dimensions. Mrs. Barbara Swander, already known throughout the synod as a substantial supporter of our seminary, gives \$500 this centennial year as a fund to meet contingent expenses. \$285.32 was realized out of the Gangwer estate. Rev. Dr. Swander made a donation of \$500. Mrs. R. Good gives \$100 to the J. H. Good professorship. \$2,135.53 were realized out of the Dr. Winter's estate. From these different sources our treasurer was able to meet the year's expenses and also to make an addition to the endowment fund, while an indebtedness, incurred years ago, was reduced \$240. But still more cheering and inspiring is the Abram Dickerhoof bequest, which sums up now over \$14,000 and the resources of which are

conscientiously husbanded by the pious widow and are added to the principal, with the hope that when it passes over to the church it will endow a full professorship. It is the desire of this godly woman that it shall perpetuate the name of the testator, her husband, and that the proceeds of the same be used to the end of time in the sacred work of preparing young men for the holy office of the ministry of the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ.

This encouraging year's work is largely due to the devoted treasurer of this board, who is always watchful for the best interests of our seminary, and it is therefore but fair that he should receive a cordial welcome into all the congregations of this synod. This is essential to the proper support of this department of our educational work. It must be kept in close touch with the families of the church, that there may be a lively interest in its prosperity.

Your board feels constrained to ask for an appropriation of \$1,500 for the ensuing year. We also suggest that the different classes be instructed to hold a convention during their annual meetings in behalf of the seminary.

The treasurer, at the last meeting of the board was instructed to go forward in his work, and pastors are respectfully overtured through synod to render whatever assistance they can. Synod is respectfully reminded that the term of the following members expire at this synod: Revs. Edward M. Beck, Samuel B. Yockey, John J. Leberman, D. D., Reuben Keller, Edward Herbruck, Ph. D.

Respectfully submitted,

SAMUEL B. YOCKEY, *President.*

2. Report of the Financial Agent.

To the Board of Trustees of Heidelberg Theological Seminary:

DEAR BRETHREN:—We herewith submit an itemized account of our fifth annual report, as your seminary agent, of receipts from charges and congregations for the past year. This report, as formerly, includes merely offerings paid to me under the "Special Plan." While this is the fifth year under the "Plan," there will still be a small sum collected of unpaid pledges. This amount, however, will be but small, and provision must be made to gather receipts, other than will accrue from the Endowment Fund, to meet our financial necessities formerly met by this "Special Plan," and our board should earnestly urge upon synod the apportionment, for present at least, of a sum not less than fifteen hundred (1,500) dollars for the immediate use of the seminary.

We append our itemized statement:

CHARGES.	CONGREGATION.	Which year's offering.	Amount, and how Credited.			Total for congregation.	Total for charge.
			Interest on am't assumed.	Principal on am't assumed.	Immediate use.		
MIAMI CLASSIS.							
Highland	Mt. Zion	3d year			\$ 1 00		
	"	4th year			9 73	\$10 73	\$10 73
Valley	David's	3d year			3 25	3 25	3 25
Beaver Creek	Mt. Zion	5th year			1 00	1 00	
	Hawkers	4th year			50	50	
	Beaver	5th year			61 05	61 05	62 55
Springboro	Springboro	4th year			10 30	10 30	10 30
West Alexandria	West Alexandria	5th year			70	70	
	Johnsville	5th year			3 75	3 75	4 45
Trinity, Dayton	Trinity	5th year			29 30	29 30	29 30
Germantown	Ellerton	4th year			2 00	2 00	2 00
West Alexandria	West Alexandria	4th year			3 00	3 00	3 00
Fairfield	Fairfield	4th year			20 75		20 75
New Madison	Zions	5th year			6 60	6 60	
	Beech Grove	5th year			9 20	9 20	15 80
Farmersville	Farmersville						
	Schleiffers						15 00
							177 13

SUNDRY INDIVIDUALS.

A. H. Baughman, per administrator, 3d, 4th and 5th years	\$15 00
H. H. Prugh, 4th and 5th years	10 00
Mrs. Catherine Schlosser, 1st year	75
J. M. Smith, 4th and 5th years	10 00
C. B. and M. E. Olwine, 5th year	2 00
Rev. E. Herbruck, Ph. D., 5th year,	10 00
Mrs. H. D. Hawker, nee Freeman, 5th year	5 00
Rev. C. E. Miller, 5th year	5 00
	— \$57 75
Total for classis	\$234 88

CHARGE.	CONGREGATION.	Which year's offering.	Amount, and how Credited.			Total for congregation.	Total for charge.
			Interest on am't assumed.	Principal on am't assumed.	Immediate use.		
LANCASTER CLASSIS.							
Glenford	Glenford	5th year			\$10 00	\$10 00	
	Zion's	4th year			13 45	13 45	
	Somerset	3d year			3 00	3 00	\$26 45
Basil	Basil	4th year			4 00		
	Basil	5th year			24 65	28 65	
	Mt. Zion	5th year			8 05	8 05	36 70
Stoutsville	Mt. Carmel	5th year			7 61	7 61	
	Stoutsville	5th year			7 45	7 45	
	Warner's	1st year			7 25	7 25	22 31
Canal Winchester	Canal Winchester	5th year			30 65	30 65	30 65
Delaware	Delaware	1st year			2 50	2 50	2 50
							118 61

SUNDRY INDIVIDUALS.

Rev. S. L. Runkel, 3d, 4th, 5th years	\$ 6 00
Miss Emma Meyers	45
Mrs. E. E. Johnson, 5th year	1 00
Mrs. Geo. Holman, 4th and 5th years	1 00
	<u>\$ 8 45</u>
Total for classis	\$127 06

TIFFIN CLASSIS.							
Fremont	Fremont	5th year		\$ 1 00		\$ 1 00	\$ 1 00
Bloomville	Bloomville	5th year			\$14 50	14 50	14 50
First Church, Tiffin	First Church, Tiffin	5th year	\$2 62	20 60		23 12	23 12
							<u>\$38 62</u>

TUSCARAWAS CLASSIS							
Tuscarawas	Cross Roads	4th year			\$ 2 51	\$ 2 51	
	Myer's	4th year			2 34	2 34	
	Stand's	4th year			6 10	6 10	
	Sixteen	4th year			10 46	10 46	\$21 41
Navarre	Navarre	5th year			15 00	15 00	15 00
							<u>\$36 41</u>

SUNDRY INDIVIDUALS.

Geo. Mathes, 4th year	\$ 1 00
Mrs. A. Herbruck, 4th year	1 00
J. L. Steele, 4th year	1 00
J. L. Steele, extra gift	4 00
Mrs. J. L. Steele, 4th year	1 00
	<u>\$ 8 00</u>
Total for classis	\$44 41

EASTERN OHIO CL.							
Old Springfield	Salem	4th year	\$ 1 60				
	Salem	5th year	7 70	\$ 7 30		\$16 60	
	Old Springfield	3d year		2 25		2 25	\$18 85
Mt. Olivet	Mt. Olivet	3d year	5 45			5 45	5 45
*Columbiana	Columbiana	5th year					31 85
Carrollton	Carrollton	1st year	10 00			10 00	10 00
							<u>\$66 15</u>

*Credited on New Apportionment Theological Seminary.

FROM OTHER SUNDRY INDIVIDUALS.

Rev. J. A. Keller, 5th year	\$10 00	
Mary E. Geist	1 00	
Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Foucht, 5th year	5 00	
		\$16 00
Total for synod		\$572 12

SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS.

	Im. Use & Int.	Endow't.	Total.
Miami Classis	\$214 88		\$214 88
Lancaster Classis	127 06		127 06
Tiffin Classis	17 02	\$21 60	38 62
Tuscarawas Classis	44 41		44 41
Eastern Ohio Classis	56 60	9 55	66 15
Sundry persons outside synod	16 00		16 00
	\$496 97	\$31 15	\$527 12

PAID OUT TO SEMINARY TREASURER, AND EXPENSES.

Seminary Agent, including stationery, stamps, &c	\$ 7 75
Reformed Publishing Co., printing	1 25
Treasurer Theological Seminary, for Endowment Fund	31 15
Treasurer Theological Seminary, for Immediate Use Fund	486 97
	\$527 12

Respectfully submitted,
 HORACE ANKENEY, *Seminary Agent.*

3. Report of Treasurer of Board of Trustees.

HORACE ANKENEY, *Treasurer, in account with the Board of Trustees of Heidelberg Theological Seminary.*

1892.		IMMEDIATE USE ACCOUNT.	DR.
RECEIPTS.			
Oct.	6.	To cash, balance on hand last report	\$ 15 90
"	10.	" of W. H. Stegfried, balance int. on Zwingli mem. note	2 50
"	14.	" of V. P. Van Horne, Tr. Miami Classis, on appt	8 21
"	27.	" of Rev. L. H. Kefauver, interest returned, amount over paid on University note	6 47
Nov.	7.	" of A. E. Dunbar, Judge of Probate, rebate on amount advanced to reopen estate, Geo. Spittler, deceased.	4 73
Nov.	9.	" of Geo. Hoglen, part int. on loan	60 00
Nov.	29.	" of Sem. Agt., on account special sub. to carpet Dr. Rust's recitation room	53 70
Dec.	1.	" of Louis Hagedorn, one-half year's interest on loan	24 50
"	6.	" of Bloomville Charge, per D. Van Horne, special col	25 00
"	9.	" of Adam and Mary Pritz, int. on loans to November 23	31 83
"	9.	" of Seminary Agent, on account Special Plan	27 85
"	19.	" of Dr. J. E. Lowes, 1 year's interest on loan	140 00
"	19.	" of E. W. Hilton, admstr. Geo. Spittler est., int. on note	3 73
"	31.	" of Seminary Agent, on account Special Plan	12 30
"	31.	" of Seminary Agent, on account special subscription to carpet Dr. Rust's room (surplus)	32 80
Amount carried forward			\$449 52

	Amount brought forward	\$14
1893.		
Jan.	13. To cash of Rev. W. H. Shults, 1 year's int. Zwingli mem. note . .	
	21. " of H. H. Prugh, attorney, 2 years' int. W. H. Cox loan . .	6
	" 21. " of H. H. Prugh, attorney, 1 year's int. King loan	2
	" 21. " of H. H. Prugh, attorney, 2 years' int. Wend loan	4
	" 26. " of W. W. Keller, Tr. Grace Ch., Tiffin, Ref. Day collec- tion by the three Reformed Churches, and to be credited equally: Grace Church	
	First Church	
	German Church	
Feb.	21. " of Jos. D. Bausman, int. in full on loan	1
	" 21. " of Cora Newby, int. in full on loan	4
	" 21. " of Seminary Agent, on account Special Plan	4
	" 21. " of Rev. D. Van Horne, D. D., one year's int. on loan . .	4
Mar.	1. " of Abram Lana, 1 year's int. Zwingli mem. note	
	" 1. " of M. Garver, per D. V. H., seminary's share of corn raised on Dr. Rust's lot	1
	" 6. " of F. C. Field, 1½ year's interest on loan	3
	" 8. " of Dr. J. E. Lowes, int. in full on loan	2
	" 10. " of V. P. Van Horne, Tr. Miami Cl., on appt	1
	" 21. " of Rev. J. I. Swander, int. on monsy held in trust for Heidelberg Theological Seminary	50
	" 21. " of Mrs. Barbara Swander, centennial donation for Imme- diate Use, Heidelberg Theological Seminary	50
Apr.	4. " of P. E. and B. F. Archdeacon, one-half year's int. on loan . .	3
	" 1. " of E. Poffenberger, part int. on loan	2
	" 4. " of Elizabeth J. Himes, on int. to March 26, 1893	3
	" 7. " of Detrick Glander, 1 year's interest, less cost collection . .	2
	" 12. " of E. K. Kremer, Tr. Tuscarawas Cl., contribution by Hough Ave. Ref. Ch., Cleveland, O.	
	" 15. " of W. H. Simms, assignee D. Winters' estate on int.	70
	" 17. " of Gilbert Davis, int. in full on loan	
	" 17. " of V. P. Van Horne, Tr. Miami Cl., on appt	1
	" 24. " of Rev. J. H. Bomberger, Tr. Eastern Ohio Classis, on new apportionment	
	" 24. " of Rev. J. H. Bomberger, Tr. Eastern Ohio Classis, int. in part on amount assumed by Canfield Charge	
	" 24. " of Rev. J. H. Bomberger, Tr., int. in full on amount assumed by New Jefferson Charge	
	" 24. " of Rev. J. H. Bomberger, Tr., int. in full on amount assumed by Warren Charge	
	" 26. " of V. P. Van Horne, Treasurer, on appt	1
	" 27. " of Elizabeth Gutenstein, 1 year's int. on loan	1
	" 27. " of H. Ankency, int. on J. H. Good professorship note . .	
May	2. " of Bascom Charge, int. on amount assumed	
	" 6. " of Jacob A. Smith, 1 year's int. on loan	13
	" 11. " of V. P. Van Horne, Tr., on appt	1
	" 11. " of E. K. Kremer, Tr. Tuscarawas Classis, int. on amount assumed	1
	" 11. " of E. K. Kremer, Tr. Tuscarawas Classis, on apportion- ment for seminary	10
	" 12. " of Mary E. Steiner, interest	
	" 12. " of Geo. V. Nauwerth, 1 year's int. on loan	1
	" 12. " of Schenck & Heinz, 1 year's int. on loan	12
	Amount carried forward	\$3,3

	Amount brought forward	\$3,336 79
May 16.	To cash of Trinity Church, Akron, per J. F. Danforth, Tr., Centennial Service collection for seminary	6 00
" 16.	" of Fremont Charge, Centennial Service collection	56 11
" 18.	" of Rev. E. D. Miller, int. on Zwingli mem. note	6 35
" 23.	" of Rev. J. B. Skinner, 1 year's int. Z. W. note	1 50
June 3.	" of Seminary Agent, on account Special Plan	13 75
" 19.	" of Seminary Agent, on account Special Plan	10 45
" 19.	" of N. L. Brewer, 14 bushels soft corn from Rust lot	2 88
" 20.	" of Jno. F. J. Beck, 1 year's int. on loan	8 00
" 20.	" of Louis Hagedorn, one-half year's interest on loan to May 12, 1893	24 50
" 20.	" of A. Shirer, 1 year's int. on loan, to October 31, 1893	40 00
" 20.	" of A. Shirer, 1 year's int. Zwingli mem. note	3 00
July 27.	" of Geo. W. Hoglen, 10 months' int. on \$600 loan	35 00
" 27.	" of Geo. W. Hoglen, int. on loan to September 25, 1893	59 00
" 27.	" of Mrs. Gutenstein, int. in full on loan	1 75
" 27.	" of H. H. Prugh, attorney, int. in full on Knealy loan	4 79
Aug. 10.	" of Mary E. Davis, 1 year's int. on loan	70 00
" 10.	" of Milburn & Gilkey, 1 year's int. on loan	168 00
" 10.	" of Jno. A. Francisco, int. in full on loan	8 70
" 10.	" of Belle Clark, 1 year's int. on loan	42 00
" 18.	" of Rev. S. Z. Beam and wife, 1 year's int. Z. W. note	3 00
Sept. 1.	" of Seminary Agent, on account special subscription to carpet Dr. Rust's room, (surplus)	1 00
" 22.	" of Uriah Weaver, 1 year's int. on loan	70 00
" 22.	" of David E. Durnbaugh, 1 year's int. on loan	16 00
" 22.	" of P. E. and B. F. Archdeacon, one-half year's int. on loan	24 50
" 25.	" of Jas. W. McNell, 1 year's int. on loan	140 25
" 25.	" of Levi Kiester, 1 year's int. note	1 50
Oct. 2.	" of Seminary Agent on account Special Plan	181 04
" 2.	" of Floyd C. Field, one-half year's int. on loan	30 00
" 2.	" of H. H. Prugh, int. in full on loan to September 24, 1893	2 72
" 3.	" of Rev. J. B. Shumaker, Tr. Tiffin Classis, appt. First Church, Tiffin	10 00
" 3.	" of Seminary Agent, on account Special Plan	78 82
" 6.	" of Xenia Charge, Sunday-school and congregation	15 00
" 9.	" of Seminary Agent, on account Special Plan	121 55
" 11.	" of V. P. Van Horne, Tr., on appt. Fairfield Charge	9 11
" 11.	" of Benj. Ashbaucher, Tr. St. Joseph Classis, on appt. Theol. Prof.	25 00
" 11.	" of B. Mathes, per Rev. A. B. Stoner, 2 years' int.	12 00
		\$4,639 36

SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS.

From balance on hand	\$ 15 90
From interest on gift notes	34 88
From special subscription for carpet	87 50
From Centennial and Reformed Day collections	70 26
From special collections	46 69
From interest on loans and money held in trust	3,032 68
From gifts	500 00
From appt. for Theol. Prof.	297 50
From Seminary Agent, Special Plan	486 97
From interest on amount assumed	40 15
From proceeds Rust lot, and sundries	26 83
	\$4,639 36

1892.

IMMEDIATE USE ACCOUNT.

EXPENDITURES.

Oct. 12.	By cash	to Mrs. Susan Good, interest	8
Nov. 29.	"	to C. F. Hershberger, for linoleum for Dr. Rust's recitation room	
Dec. 6.	"	to Rev. D. Van Horne, (per D. A. Parks) on account salary	
" 9.	"	to Rev. D. Van Horne, on account salary	
" 9.	"	to Rev. H. Rust, D. D., on account salary	
" 9.	"	to Prof. A. S. Zerbe, D. D., on account salary	
" 31.	"	to Rev. D. Van Horne, D. D., on account salary	
" 31.	"	to Rev. H. Rust, D. D., on account salary	
" 31.	"	to Prof. A. S. Zerbe, D. D., on account salary	
" 31.	"	to Rev. H. Rust, D. D., on old account back salary	
1893.			
Jan. 1.	"	to H. H. Prugh, attorney, recording sundry mortgages to date	
Feb. 21.	"	to H. H. Prugh, attorney, recording Schwartz mortgage \$1.25, copy Dickerhoof will \$1.00, and interest on Schwartz note held for me 1 month \$1.00	
" 21.	"	to Rev. D. Van Horne, D. D., on account salary	
" 21.	"	to Rev. H. Rust, D. D., on account salary	
" 21.	"	to Prof. A. S. Zerbe, D. D., on account salary	
" 23.	"	to Rev. L. H. Kefauver, Tr. Held. Univ., December taxes on lot 7, block T, Tiffin, Ohio, (Rust lot)	
Mar. 21.	"	to Rev. J. I. Swander, D. D., on salary in full for year ending April 19, 1893	
" 21.	"	to Rev. J. I. Swander, D. D., on account salary for year ending April, 1894	
Apr. 19.	"	to Mrs. Susan Good, one-half year's int. to April 26, 1893.	
" 19.	"	to Rev. D. Van Horne, D. D., on account salary	
" 19.	"	to Rev. H. Rust, D. D., on account salary	
" 19.	"	to Prof. A. S. Zerbe, D. D., on account salary	
" 29.	"	transferred to Endowment Fund account to meet accrued interest on the White first mortgage note purchased	
" 29.	"	transferred to Endowment Fund account to meet accrued interest on Kneisly first mortgage note purchased	
" 29.	"	to H. H. Prugh, attorney, for recording White mortgage.	
May 2.	"	to Rev. D. Van Horne, D. D., on account salary	
" 10.	"	to Rev. D. Van Horne, D. D., on account salary	
" 10.	"	to Rev. H. Rust, D. D., on account salary	
" 10.	"	to Prof. A. S. Zerbe, D. D., on account salary	
" 10.	"	to Prof. A. S. Zerbe, D. D., on account salary	
" 19.	"	to Rev. L. H. Kefauver, D. D., share printing catalogues 1892	
June 5.	"	to Rev. D. Van Horne, D. D., on account salary	
" 5.	"	to Rev. H. Rust, D. D., on account salary	
" 5.	"	to Prof. A. S. Zerbe, D. D., on account salary	
" 16.	"	to Tr. Seneca Co., June taxes, Rust lot	
" 20.	"	to H. H. Prugh, attorney, recording Kerr mortgage	
July 6.	"	to Rev. D. Van Horne, D. D., on account salary	
Aug. 15.	"	to Rev. D. Van Horne, D. D., on account salary	
" 15.	"	to Prof. A. S. Zerbe, D. D., on account salary	
" 15.	"	to Rev. H. Rust, D. D., on account salary	

Amount carried forward \$3

	Amount brought forward	\$3,818 42
Sept. 8.	By cash to Rev. J. H. Steele, 1 year's int. to May 29, 1893, on money borrowed to pay Mrs. S. Good	7 00
Oct. 2.	" to Prof. A. S. Zerbe, D. D., on account salary, balance	154 69
" 2.	" to Rev. D. Van Horne, D. D., on account salary, balance	150 40
" 2.	" to Rev. H. Rust, D. D., on account salary, balance	155 00
" 2.	" to Rev. H. Rust, D. D., on old account, back salary	1 00
" 2.	" transferred to Endowment Fund account to meet accrued interest on Poffenberger note purchased March 8, 1893	50 00
" 2.	" to Library Fund account, interest 1 year on same to September 27, 1893	33 86
" 2.	" to Margaret Ankeney, 1 year's int. on balance note to October 1, 1893	23 81
" 2.	" to H. H. Prugh, recording Landis mortgage	1 25
" 3.	" to Endowment Fund account to correct mistaken credit of Special Plan offerings by First Church, Tiffin	1 50
" 9.	" stationery, stamps, expenses in looking up property for loans, lawsuits to recover bequest, &c., &c	30 20
" 11.	" to Rev. J. H. Steele, to lift note and int. money borrowed to pay Mrs. Good	102 62
" 11.	" to Rev. H. Rust, D. D., on old account, back salary	103 14
" 11.	By balance on hand this date	6 27
		<u>\$4,639 36</u>

SUMMARY OF EXPENSES.

Paid for salaries	\$4,100 00
" for interest on money borrowed to pay Mrs. Good	65 23
" to library fund account, interest said fund	33 86
" for carpet	53 70
" for debt and back salary	236 94
" for taxes Rust lot	27 58
" for recording mortgages	9 50
" by transfer to Endowment Fund account	57 58
" for sundries	3 50
" for printing	15 00
" for treasurer expenses	30 20
Balance	6 27
	<u>\$4,639 36</u>

ENDOWMENT FUND ACCOUNT.

1892.		DR.
Oct. 6.	To balance on hand at last report	\$ 60 79
" 10.	To cash of W. H. Siegfried, Zwingle memorial note in full	50 00
Dec. 1.	" of Geo. W. Shearer, in settlement of note	175 00
Nov. 23.	" of Adam and Mary Pritz, loan in full	400 00
" 23.	" of Mary Pritz, loan in full	600 00
Dec. 9.	" of Seminary Agent on account Special Plan	3 25
" 19.	" of E. W. Hilton, admin. Geo. Spittler est., note in full	50 00
1893.		
Jan. 21.	" of H. H. Prugh, attorney, payment on W. H. Cox loan	396 66
Feb. 21.	" of Jos. Bausman, loan in full	300 00
" 21.	" of Cora Newby, loan in full	825 00
Mar. 8.	" of Dr. J. E. Lowes, loan in full	2,000 00
" 21.	" of Mrs. Reuben Good, gift for J. H. Good professorship	100 00
Apr. 15.	" of W. H. Simms, assignee D. Winters, on princp. notes	1,366 70
" 17.	" of Gilbert Davis, loan in full	156 70
	Amount carried forward	<u>\$6,484 10</u>

	Amount brought forward	\$6,484 10
Apr. 24.	" of Rev. J. H. Bomberger, Tr. Eastern Ohio Classis, part princp. on amount assumed by New Jefferson Chg.	18 00
" 27.	" of Elizabeth Gutenstein, payment on loan	200 00
" 27.	" of Fisher & Vaughn, attorneys, Sarah Gangwer bequest and int. less attorney fees of \$50.00	285 32
" 27.	" of H. Ankeney, payment on J. H. Good professorship note	5 00
" 29.	" of Immediate Use Fund account, to pay accrued int. on White note	6 33
" 29.	" of Immediate Use Fund account, to pay accrued interest on Kneisly note	1 25
May 12.	" of Mary E. Steiner, fourth installment on note	5 00
July 12.	" of Mary A. Kneisly, loan in full	250 00
" 27.	" of C. Gutenstein, balance loan in full	100 00
" 27.	" of Geo. W. Hoglen, payment on loan	141 95
Aug. 10.	" of Leah S. Havens, payment on loan	180 00
" 10.	" of Jno. A. Francisco, payment in full on loan	145 00
" 10.	" of Belle Clark, loan in full	600 00
Sept. 26.	" of H. H. Prugh, loan in full	300 00
Oct. 2.	" of Seminary Agent, on account Special Plan	8 80
" 2.	" of Immediate Use Fund, to meet accrued int. on Poffenberger note	50 00
" 3.	" of Seminary Agent, on account Special Plan	19 10
" 3.	" of Immediate Use Fund to correct a credit to First Church, Tiffin, Ohio, 1892	1 50
		<u>\$8,801 35</u>

SUMMARY ENDOWMENT FUND RECEIPTS.

From loans paid during year	\$6,565 31
" gift notes paid in full or part	285 00
" Seminary Agent, Special Plan	31 15
" gift Mrs. Reuben Good	100 00
" principal amount assumed	18 00
" bequest	285 32
" assignee of D. Winters, deceased	1,366 70
" Immediate Use Fund transferred to meet accrued interest on notes purchased and to correct mistaken credit	59 06
" balance last report	60 79
	<u>\$8,801 35</u>

1892. ENDOWMENT FUND ACCOUNT.		CR.
Nov. 23.	By first mortgage loan to Adam and Mary Pritz, at 7 per cent	\$1,000 00
Dec. 8.	" additional loan to Gilkey & Milburn	200 00
1893.		
Jan. 23.	" first mortgage loan to Jno. P. Schwartz, at 7 per cent	800 00
Mar. 8.	" first mortgage loan to D. W. Miller	1,900 00
" 8.	" first mortgage loan to Elizaam Poffenberger, (purchased)	850 00
Apr. 18.	" first mortgage loan to Ella O. Maley, at 7 per cent	500 00
" 29.	" first mortgage loan to C. D. White, at 7 per cent, (purchased)	656 33
" 29.	" first mortgage loan to Mary A. Kneisly, 7 per cent, (purchased)	251 25
May 21.	" first mortgage loan to Harriet T. Kerr, 7 per cent	865 00
July 12.	" first mortgage loan to Leah S. Havens, at 8 per cent	330 00
Aug. 9.	" loan to H. H. Prugh, at 7 per cent, (first mortgage collateral \$400.00	300 00
" 12.	" first mortgage loan to A. B. Landis, at 7 per cent	600 00
Sept. 26.	" first mortgage loan to H. H. Prugh, at 7 per cent	500 00
Oct. 2.	" balance on hand	48 77
		<u>\$8,801 35</u>

Salaries of Professors—Statement of Accounts.

REV. HERMAN RUST, D. D., ACCOUNT.		DR.	CR.
Oct. 6, 1892.	To balance due on old account back salary	\$1,036 94	
" 1, 1893.	To salary for one year to date	950 00	
" 2, 1893.	By cash paid on salary during year		950 00
" 2, 1893.	By cash paid on old account back salary to date . .		88 80
" 11, 1893.	" " " " " "		108 14
" 11, 1893.	Balance due Dr. Rust on old account back salary . .		900 00
		<u>\$1,986 94</u>	<u>\$1,986 94</u>
REV. DAVID VAN HORNE, D. D., ACCOUNT.		DR.	CR.
Oct. 1, 1893.	To salary for one year to date	\$1,200 00	
" 2, 1893.	By cash paid on salary during year		\$1,200 00
		<u>\$1,200 00</u>	<u>\$1,200 00</u>
PROF. A. S. ZERBE, D. D., ACCOUNT.		DR.	CR.
Oct. 1, 1893.	To salary for one year to date	\$ 950 00	
" 2, 1893.	By cash paid on salary during year		\$ 950 00
		<u>\$ 950 00</u>	<u>\$ 950 00</u>
REV. J. I. SWANDER, D. D., ACCOUNT.		DR.	CR.
Mar. 21, 1893.	By cash paid on salary for year ending Apr. 9, 1893		\$ 950 00
" 21, 1893.	" " " " " April, 1894		50 00
Apr. 19, 1893.	To salary for one year to date	\$ 950 00	
Oct. 1, 1893.	To amount paid on salary for year ending Apr. 1894	50 00	
		<u>\$1,000 00</u>	<u>\$1,000 00</u>
"THE SWANDER FUND" ACCOUNT.		DR.	CR.
Mar. 16, 1893.	To one-half year interest on Crawford note	\$ 81 25	
Apr. 1, 1893.	To one year interest on Morcher note to date	292 50	
" 1, 1893.	By cash paid Mrs. Barbara Swander		\$ 373 75
Sept. 25, 1893.	To one-half year interest on Crawford note	81 25	
" 25, 1893.	By cash paid Mrs. Barbara Swander		81 25
		<u>\$ 455 00</u>	<u>\$ 455 00</u>
THE "SCHENCK" LIBRARY FUND.		DR.	CR.
Oct. 2, 1893.	To 1 yr and 2 mos interest on fund to Sept. 27, 1893 .	\$ 33 86	
	By cash on hand		38 86
		<u>\$ 33 86</u>	<u>\$ 33 86</u>
<i>Bills Payable. Due in Settlement of Salary. Rev. J. H. Good, Deceased.</i>			
	Balance on Margaret Ankeney note	\$ 340 17	
	Note to Mrs. Susan Good	530 00	
	Interest on same one-half year to October 16, 1893	15 90	
		<u>\$ 886 07</u>	

Special Subscription Fund Account.

Your agent during the last meeting of synod at Cleveland, O., passed a subscription paper among the ministers and elders present for the purpose of putting a new carpet on Dr. Rust's recitation room, the surplus over and above the amount needed, if any, to be paid Dr. Rust on old account of back salary due him. The following is an itemized list of receipts and expenses:

Rev. R. Keller	\$1 00
" G. W. H. Smith	1 00
" J. Ihle	1 00
Elder D. W. Souder	1 00
" H. Ankeney	2 00
Rev. J. H. Steele	1 00
" C. E. Miller	1 00
" R. F. Shultz	1 00
" Geo. H. Souder	1 00
" S. W. Seeman	1 00
" J. J. Leberman	1 00
" E. Herbruck	1 00
" H. L. Hart	1 00
" S. E. Nelkirk	50
" S. B. Yockey	1 00
" J. J. M. Gruber	1 00
" David Van Horne	1 00
Elder W. W. Strock	1 00
Rev. F. H. Keller	1 00
" C. W. Good	1 00
Elder Jno. Wagner	50
Rev. I. S. Hahn	1 00
" W. A. Hale	1 00
" Geo. F. Barcis	1 00
" E. P. Herbruck	1 00
" B. H. Roth	1 00
" G. E. Metger	50
" J. H. Bomberger	1 00
" B. F. Davis	50
" L. H. Kefauver	1 00
" J. M. Kendig	1 00
Elder N. L. Brewer	1 00
" O. K. Snyder	1 00
Rev. A. B. Stoner	1 00
Elder G. S. Stein	1 00
Rev. D. S. Fouse	1 00
" W. C. B. Shulenberger	50
Elder W. V. Zartman	1 00
Rev. J. D. Neff	1 00
" J. A. Peters	1 00
Total	\$37 50

SOLICITED BY MAIL.

Oct. 22, 1893. From Elder J. D. Steele	\$50 00
Total	\$87 50

PAID OUT.

Dec. 2, 1892. Cash to Treasurer Theological Seminary, Im. Use Fund account .	\$53 70
Dec. 31, 1892. Cash paid Treasurer Theological Seminary	32 80
Sept. 1, 1893. Paid Treasurer Theological Seminary	1 00

 \$87 50

Respectfully submitted,
 HORACE ANKENY, *Treasurer.*

 4. *Report of Board of Visitors.*

Your Board of Visitors organized at its annual meeting held in Cleveland, O., at the last meeting of the synod, by the election of the following officers and Executive Committee: Rev. Geo. H. Souder, President; Rev. L. H. Kefauver, was continued Secretary. Executive Committee, Revs. G. H. Souder, J. B. Shumaker, D. D., L. H. Kefauver, D. D., Prof. R. Good and Elder N. L. Brewer.

The last year of the seminary was an usually prosperous one. The increase in the number of professors is four; the carrying into effect the plan, projected several years ago, of a three years' course of study; the exceptionally large number of students in attendance, are very encouraging features in the make up of the seminary. As soon as the finances justify it, the Professorship of New Testament Exegesis and Theology, now vacant, should be filled by a competent professor. This would place our School of the Prophets in the front ranks with other Theological Seminaries of the country. The branches belonging to this department are still taught by the professors of other departments, in addition to their regular work, without additional compensation.

The professors are faithful in the discharge of their respective duties, and the students are diligent in their studies as was plainly indicated in their examinations. Though the attendance of a few students, both in the recitation rooms and at chapel service, was not as regular as might be expected, for reasons, however, over which they claim they had no control, the others were unusually prompt in meeting their obligations and did most excellent work. The work of the professors is very seriously hindered for the want of better accommodations in the way of recitation rooms. And this is most likely to continue under the present arrangement. The number of the teaching force in the University is increasing, which requires more room for the work to be performed there. Still the Board of Regents are kindly sparing all the room possible for the accommodation of the seminary.

In view of these facts, the laudable project of erecting a seminary building, started so auspiciously a few years ago, should receive the earnest attention of the friends of the seminary and be consummated as soon as possible. When this is done some of the irregularities complained of above, as well as many other hindrances to the prosperity of the seminary, will be obviated. We, therefore, pray your reverend body to urge upon

the Board of Trustees, to whom this matter properly belongs, the importance of erecting a new seminary building in the near future.

Your Board also most earnestly overtures your reverend body to devise some means by which the library may be increased and made more efficient for the professors and students. Standard commentaries, books of reference, recent publications in the line of theology, Hebrew Lexicons and Bibles, etc., should be added to the library to meet present demands. These equipments are found in other seminaries and are found to be of great advantage.

GRADUATES.

After having passed approved examinations in the various branches of the seminary curriculum, Messrs. Clement L. Alspach, Otto C. Renter, Albert C. Derr, Harvey L. Weltmer and John A. Vinton, comprising the senior class, were recommended for graduation by the Faculty, which recommendation was adopted by the Board. The commencement exercises were held in Rickley Chapel on the evening of the 19th of April last. Instead of the usual custom of productions by the graduating class, an able and edifying address was delivered by the Rev. H. J. Ruetenik, D. D., President of Calvin College at Cleveland, Ohio. The aforesaid graduates were regularly dismissed from the seminary with appropriate testimonials, with the view of being licensed and ordained to the office of the Gospel Ministry.

NEW STUDENTS.

The following young men were received into the seminary as students and comprise the present junior class, viz: H. J. Christman, Geo. F. Mathes, J. W. Miller, C. H. Riedesel, Calvin A. Mueller, A. C. Shuman, Fred Nau, L. L. Hassenpflug, C. A. Row and H. S. Nicholson.

Mr. W. C. Richter, who had been absent by permission for two years, returned and was placed in the middle class, which is composed of the following young gentlemen: Daniel Burghalter, F. W. Hoffman, H. H. Kattman, S. E. Klopfenstein, D. Webster Loucks, William Peters, Charles M. Rohrbaugh, W. C. Richter, John Schweickhardt and C. E. Ewing.

Seniors, John W. Belser, John Bosch, H. E. Kunkle, Samuel E. Neikirk, Scott V. Rohrbaugh, Sylvanus S. Snyder, Charles E. Stoner and John E. Graeger.

The number of students in the seminary at present is twenty-eight, the largest of any previous time.

The friends of the seminary have reason to feel encouraged, and with their financial and moral support its future usefulness will greatly surpass that of the past.

The term of office to which Rev. Geo. H. Leonard, D. D., Rev. Sebastian C. Goss, D. D., Rev. Michael Loucks, D. D., and Rev. G. H. Souder, were elected, expires at this meeting of synod.

Respectfully submitted,

L. H. KEFAUVER, *Secretary, Board of Visitors.*

5. *Report of Board of Education.*

The Board of Education was re-organized at Cleveland, Ohio, during the sessions of the synod by the election of the following officers and executive committee. Rev. Geo. H. Souder, *President*; Rev. L. H. Kefauver, *Secretary and Treasurer. Executive Committee*—Revs. G. H. Souder, J. B. Shumaker, D. D., Prof. R. Good, L. H. Kefauver, D. D., and Elder N. L. Brewer. The members of the seminary faculty are also ex-officio members of this committee.

The board was fortunate in receiving two legacies for immediate use. These were fifty dollars from Miss Pheobe Bricker, of New Lisbon, Ohio, and seventy-six dollars and eighty cents from Catharine Riest of the New Lisbon Charge. The Rev. J. J. M. Gruber was instrumental in securing these legacies. Mr. H. L. Weltmer refunded the amount, (\$250) he received from the board while he was a beneficiary student. This was also a great help in our efforts to procure the means to support our beneficiaries, the number of whom was unusually large.

I need not speak of the scholarship and deportment of the students in this connection, as you have already been informed of this by the secretary of the board in his annual report to the several classes.

The beneficiaries that completed their studies in the seminary, whose names drop from the roll, are Messrs. C. L. Alspach, O. C. Renter, A. C. Derr and H. L. Weltmer. Those who withdrew are Messrs J. W. Belser, E. E. Kunkle and N. H. Chase. New students added to the roll are Messrs Fred Nau, John Traeger, C. S. Riedesel, S. I. Royer, A. V. Casselman, W. C. Richter, C. E. Ewing, F. W. Hoffman, Chas. R. Hartman and H. N. Kerst. The list now numbers twenty-six. Unless there is an unusually large sum from miscellaneous sources this year, and the apportionments are more fully paid than last year, there will be a deficit in the treasury at the end of the next fiscal year. Hoping that this important branch of benevolence will receive proper attention, this report is

Respectfully submitted,

L. H. KEFAUVER, *Sec'y Board of Education.*

6. *Report of Treasurer of Board of Education.*

REV. L. H. KEFAUVER, *Treasurer of the Board of Education of the Ohio Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States.*

RECEIVED ON APPORTIONMENTS.

DR.

From Miami Classis, per Elder V. P. Van Horne, Treasurer	\$397 85
From Tuscarawas Classis, per Elder E. K. Kremer, Treasurer	346 10
From Lancaster Classis, per Rev. J. A. Seitz, Treasurer	191 93
From Eastern Ohio Classis, per Rev. J. H. Bomberger, Treasurer	158 98
From St. Joseph Classis, per Elder B. Ashbacher, Treasurer	100 00
From Tiffin Classis, per Rev. J. B. Shumaker, Treasurer	20 00
Total received on apportionment	\$1,214 86

MISCELLANEOUS.

From Reformed S. S. Canal Winchester, per Geo. F. Bareis, Supt	\$35 00	
From Ref. Cong. W. Alexandria, O., from Children's Day Offering	9 20	
From Mt. Zion Cong., Beaver Charge, per Elder H. Ankeney	5 45	
From Eman'l Ref. Ch., U. Sandusky ch'g, per Rev. A. G. Berkey	19 12	
From Rev. U. H. Hellman, Treasurer Maryland Classis	50 00	
From Miss Phoebe Bricker, per Rev. J. J. M. Gruber	50 00	
From S. S. at Salamonia, Ind., per Supt. W. F. Stone	1 25	
From Trinity Ref. S. S., Thornville, per G. W. Clum, Supt	14 34	
From J. C. Shumaker, Ripley, Ohio	25 00	
From N. H. Chase, interest	6 39	
H. L. Weltmer refunded	250 00	
From Rev. J. J. M. Gruber, admin. of will of Catharine Riest	76 80	
From Beaver Cong. Beaver Creek ch'g, Children's Day offering, per H. Ankeney	8 24	
Total from miscellaneous sources	\$550 79	
Interest from Permanent Fund	438 00	
Total receipts	\$2,2 3 65	
In Treasury, October 5, 1892	441 54	
	\$2,645 19	

CONTRA., CR.

Paid beneficiary students as per vouchers	\$2,283 00	
Paid for postage and paper	1 68	
Paid interest on obligation to Miss Mary Ashbaugh	14 00	
Paid interest on old indebtedness	12 95	
Paid for recording and releasing mortgages	1 05	
In treasury October 11, 1893	\$332 51	\$2,645 19

PERMANENT FUND. DR.

Bequest of Miss Sarah Brinker	\$ 800 00	
Bequest of Miss S. A. Hivling	1,000 00	
Bequest of J. G. Lefler	3,500 00	
Bequest of Rev. B. S. Schneck, D. D.	500 00	
Gift of Miss Mary Ashbaugh	200 00	
	\$6,000 00	

CONTRA. CR.

Certificate of R. R. Stock, twenty shares	\$1,000 00	
Note of C. C. Park, Tiffin, O	3,000 00	
Note of H. T. Heller, Tiffin, O	600 00	
Note of J. Schlereth, Tiffin, O	600 00	
Note of Henry Endel, Tiffin, O	800 00	\$6,000 00

DR.

Received interest from S. A. Hivling bequest	\$84 00	
Received interest from Sarah Brinker bequest	60 00	
Received interest from J. G. Lefler bequest	245 00	
Received interest from Dr. B. S. Schneck bequest	35 00	
Received interest from gift of Mary Ashbaugh	14 00	
Rev. M. Mueller's estate paid on note	800 00	
Wm. Vischer paid note	800 00	\$2,088 00

CR.

Paid interest from loans to Contingent Fund	\$438 00	
Loaned Wm. Vischer	800 00	
Loaned Henry Endel, Tiffin, O	800 00	\$2088 00
Indebtedness on money borrowed \$185.00.		

Respectfully submitted,

L. H. KEFAUVER, *Treasurer.*

II. REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE ON SEMINARY.

The Standing Committee on Heidelberg Theological Seminary, during the morning session on Saturday, submitted their report, which was received, and together with the preceding reports adopted:

Your Committee on Heidelberg Theological Seminary respectfully submit their report: The following papers were referred to us: Report of the Board of Trustees, Report of the Board of Visitors, Report of the Board of Education, and reports of the Agent and Treasurer of the seminary. We herewith return these documents recommending that they be embodied in the printed Minutes of Synod.

All these reports, without exception, bring to us only encouragement as they tell of present prosperity and future enlargement in this important department of church work. The synod has abundant reason to rejoice and humbly thank Almighty God for His rich blessing, everywhere so manifest.

At present, four competent men are giving their full time to instruction in a curriculum covering three years. Twenty-seven students are now in attendance at the seminary. Another will soon enter, making the largest number in the history of theological education in the Ohio Synod.

As to the finances, it is worthy of note that all current expenses to date have been fully met, that the indebtedness incurred some years ago has been substantially reduced, and that provision has been made for the increase of the Endowment Fund through the Dickerhoff and Gangwer bequests by the addition of more than \$14,000.

Grateful mention is certainly due our financial agent for his efficient service, and also the generous benefactresses, Mrs. Barbara Swander, and Mrs. Reuben Good, through whom this material prosperity has been made possible.

Among the most urgent needs of our seminary for increased usefulness must be named the erection of a suitable building for its exclusive use, the election of a professor to the vacant chair of N. T. Exegesis and Theology, the addition to the library of certain much-needed volumes, such as:—standard commentaries, lexicons, books of reference, &c., and the increase of our contributions to current expenses.

To meet the demands for the ensuing year an appropriation of not less than \$1,500 will be needed, and especially inasmuch as the five year plan, which materially increased the resources of the seminary for current expenses, has now been completed.

In view of all these needs, we respectfully submit the following for your consideration and adoption.

Resolved, That the request for \$1,500 made by the Board of Trustees be granted.

Resolved, That the various classes be instructed to hold services during their next annual meetings in behalf of Heidelberg Theological Seminary.

Resolved, That our financial agent be hereby commended again to all the pastoral charges of the synod urging them to receive him cordially in the interests of the seminary.

Resolved, That this synod heartily approves the organization and purposes of the Alumni Association of Heidelberg Theological Seminary, pledging its fullest sympathy and support.

Resolved, That we hereby extend our most cordial thanks to the generous donors who have evinced their interest in the work by giving liberally of their means to its support.

Respectfully submitted,
CHARLES E. MILLER, *Chairman*,

III. ELECTION OF BOARDS OF THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

I. BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

Officers of Board.

Rev. Reuben Keller, *President*, West Alexandria, Ohio.
Rev. Richard B. Reichard, *Vice-President*, Greenville, Ohio.
Rev. Michael Loucks, D. D., *Secretary*, Dayton, Ohio.
Mr. Horace Ankeney, *Treasurer*, Alpha, Ohio.

Members whose term expires October, 1894.

Rev. Sebastian C. Goss, D. D. Rev. James H. Steele.
Rev. John M. Kendig, D. D. Rev. Reuben Keller.
Mr. Victor P. Van Horne.

Members whose term expires October, 1895.

Rev. Isaac H. Reiter, D. D. Rev. Michael Loucks, D. D.
Elder Horace Ankeney. Rev. Henry M. Herman, D. D.
Mr. John Daniel Steele.

Members whose term expires October, 1896.

Rev. Reuben Keller. Rev. Edward Herbruck, D. D.
Rev. Edward M. Beck. Rev. John J. Leberman, D. D.
Elder Benjamin Kuhns.

II. BOARD OF VISITORS AND OF EDUCATION.

Officers of Board.

Rev. James H. Steele, *President*, Tiffin, Ohio.
 Rev. Sebastian C. Goss, D. D., *Vice-President*, Wadsworth, Ohio.
 Rev. Lewis H. Kefauver, D. D., *Secretary and Treasurer*, Tiffin, Ohio.
Executive Committee.—Rev. Lewis H. Kefauver, D. D., Prof. Reuben Good, Joseph B. Shumaker, D. D., Rev. James H. Steele, Prof. Cornelius M. Lowe and Elder Nelson L. Brewer, Esq.

Members whose term expires October, 1894.

Rev. Lewis H. Kefauver, D. D. Rev. Emil P. Herbruck.
 Rev. John I. Swander, D. D. Rev. Reuben Good.

Members whose term expires October, 1895.

Rev. John J. Leberman, D. D. Elder Nelson L. Brewer, Esq.
 Rev. Joseph B. Shumaker, D. D. Rev. Isaac A. Sites.

Members whose term expires October, 1896.

Rev. Sebastian C. Goss, D. D. Rev. Michael Loucks, D. D.
 Rev. James H. Steele. Rev. Cornelius M. Lowe, Ph. D.

DISPOSITION OF THE \$10,000 PLAN.

As reported by the Standing Committee on Minutes of Classes, during the morning session on Friday, in item 16 c), that Tuscarawas Classis refused longer to participate in the \$10,000 plan for Heidelberg Theological Seminary. The subject matter of this sub-item was referred to a special committee, consisting of Revs. Dr. John I. Swander, Louis B. C. Lahr and Nelson L. Brewer, Esq.

This committee, during the morning session on Saturday, submitted the following report, which was received and adopted:

Your committee respectfully submit that,

WHEREAS, Not all of the classes have acceded to the plan adopted at the Synod of Delaware for the adding of \$10,000 to the endowment of Heidelberg Theological Seminary; and

WHEREAS, At least a portion of the amount has been raised under the operations of the Five Year Plan for immediate use in all of the classes;

WHEREAS, An apportionment is now being annually made by synod on the several classes for the support of said seminary; therefore

Resolved, That the respective classes are justified in assuming that the raising of educational funds, or the interest thereupon, under the plan, may be abandoned by classical action without incurring the expense of synod.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN I. SWANDER, *Chairman*.

ARTICLE XV.

HEIDELBERG UNIVERSITY.

The following reports pertaining to the interests and work of the university were received, considered and adopted:

1. Report of the Board of Regents.

As a prelude, it is here stated that the Board of Regents of Heidelberg University organized at Tiffin, June 13, 1893, by the election of the former officers for the ensuing year, viz: Rev. Isaac H. Reiter, D. D., President, Rev. John J. Leberman, D. D., Vice-President, Rev. John I. Swander, D. D., Secretary, and Rev. Lewis H. Kefauver, D. D., Treasurer.

As is well known, the beginning of the Reformed Church in this country was weak and the progress slow, owing to various causes. And perhaps chief among the impeding causes of her growth and progress was the absence or want of *literary and theological institutions*, affording in her midst the facilities and advantages of a higher and more liberal education, based upon the principles of Christianity and vitalized by its transforming spirit.

Indeed, under every aspect, our educational interests, both literary and theological, must be regarded as second to no others in the domain of true culture, and in the life and work of the church. They therefore must ever be a factor of prime importance in promoting intellectual and moral development, as well as in stimulating the growth and power of the church; for the church is represented as the "pillar and ground of the truth," and that truth committed to her under a divine commission must be set forth with the clearness and emphasis of sacred learning and trained intellectual powers. And may it not be said with a great degree of truth, especially in this aggressive age, that no church can or will prosper in proper proportion and to the full extent of the divine purpose, without the advantages of institutions of learning, thoroughly organized, fully equipped, intelligently managed and liberally supported?

And today, as we stand meditatively upon the threshold of a new century, and bring under review our educational interests, the mind naturally reverts to the past history of the Reformed Church in the United States in her relation to higher education, and the advanced position she occupies at present in this respect. And what period or epoch in her history is more appropriate than this centennial period to recount the educational struggles of the "fathers," to observe the substantial progress made during the past century, to rejoice in the prosperity of the present, and to thank God and be encouraged for the work before us.

Hence, while the sacred memories, traditions and trophies of nearly a half century are clustering about the classic halls of Heidelberg University, let it after all be remembered that its allotted problems and specific work are not in the sphere of the historic past, but in that of the living present and for the inviting future. Its motto therefore is not "backward," but "forward" to higher achievements and a grander destiny!

In the spirit of this purpose and with this end in view, we pass to a condensed review of the work and results of Heidelberg University during the past scholastic year, which commenced September 14, 1892, and closed June 15, 1893. It was in many respects a successful year—a year of living interest, mutual co-operation, earnest work and substantial results. The aim was to do solid rather than showy work, to mold character as well as to instruct the intellect, to advance the students on the line of correct thinking and the apprehension of the truth, and to prepare them for the mission and duties of life. The professors and instructors, being devoted to the interests of the institution, were punctual and faithful in the discharge of duty, endeavoring to maintain the order essential to good government and to accomplish the best possible results. The students were diligent in the prosecution of their studies, showing evidence of progress and improvement, and their conduct with very little exception was very commendable. All the departments betokened life and activity, and the general tide of the working of the institution was onward and upward.

At the opening of each of the three terms during the year, an address of an appropriate and instructive character was delivered before the students with good effect. Also two special lectureships were introduced into the institution, which possessed real merit and proved beneficial. Prof. Edward W. Bemis, Ph. D., of Chicago University, during February and March, delivered a course of four lectures on economics and social topics. And in the Spring Term, Nelson L. Brewer, Esq., connected with the Tiffin bar, delivered a course of three lectures to the senior class on the Constitution of the State of Ohio.

Moreover the course of popular lectures and entertainments, which for some years has been continued by the Young Men's Christian Association of the University, was again maintained during last winter, and was much appreciated and subserved good ends.

The Curriculum of Studies has been somewhat modified, enlarged and improved. A "Philosophical" course, both in the college and academy, has been added to the three other courses heretofore authorized. And the Post-Graduate Course of Study has been entirely revised, and the number of courses increased from six to *twelve*; and as now revised, respecting the departments covered and the standard and character of work required, the courses will favorably compare with those of the best colleges and universities.

Initial measures have been adopted by the Faculty of the Literary Department towards entering the Ohio State Association of "University Extension Work," which, when carried into full effect, will doubtless accomplish valuable results for the institution, and for the cause of extension work in general. The main object of this movement is to bring the benefits of higher education within reach of the masses.

The projected Summer School under the auspices of the institution, having gained an organized existence, was opened June 19, 1893, and con-

tinued in session five weeks. Sixteen students were in attendance. The number was not large but the interest good. Taking all things into consideration, this first attempt is of an encouraging nature, and seems to promise well for the future.

Vacancies and Appointments.

There is no vacancy in the teaching force of the institution. Prof. Alfred Charles Zembrod, of Waco, Texas, has been elected to the Professorship of Modern Languages, or more specifically, of the German and French languages. He comes well recommended as to character, scholarship and efficiency. He is a graduate of the universities of Berne and Zurich, well versed in the principal languages of Europe and has had some experience as a teacher in America. With his scholarly attainments he combines considerable experience, and it is believed that under his instruction the department will prove successful and attain a high degree of excellence.

The vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Prof. J. A. Christman of the Commercial Department has been filled by the appointment of Prof. Oliver Oscar Runkle, of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, who had been for some years the successful principal of the "Western College of Commerce." He is commended as a Christian gentleman, who is thorough in teaching, progressive in plan and a business educator of superior qualifications. Those desiring to become well fitted for business pursuits have now afforded a good opportunity to reach such attainment in the Heidelberg College of Commerce.

Mrs. Viola Meyer, whose ability and experience as a successful instructress being acknowledged, has by request entered upon exclusive work in the academy with the title of Assistant and Preceptress of the Academy. Thus associated with the able and efficient Principal, the academy affords excellent advantages to students, and merits a large patronage. This is as it should be. In proportion as the true object of the academy is properly understood and appreciated, will its importance be recognized and its work valued. The aim has been and is to make it, in its curriculum and management, as well as in its teaching and practical working, what its name imports to be a preparatory school of a high order to prepare students for the Freshman Class of Heidelberg or any other college or university of good standing.

The Ladies Advisory Committee of the Boarding Hall, appointed by the Board of Regents with a special reference to the welfare and advancement of the young ladies attending the institution, have rendered valuable services during the year in improving the comforts of the hall and by statutory course and cooperative activity.

Conservatory of Music.

The Conservatory of Music during the year has kept up its usual good standing, and the work done has been to a large extent up to the high standard of

previous years. The enrollment for the year has been seventy-five private voices and piano pupils, and sixty members in the chorus class. Evidence of progress is clearly observed. There is a noticeable tendency towards the development of taste for a higher grade of music, and less complaint is heard that the music undertaken is too difficult. A larger percentage of the pupils than heretofore contemplate taking the full course prescribed, which indicates more thorough work for the future. The way is open here for an excellent course in music, and those desiring the accomplishment of a thorough musical education should avail themselves of the opportunity here afforded.

Art Department.

This department, under the instruction and direction of its well qualified and efficient principal, Miss Inez I. Crampton, was in successful operation during the year, and excellent work was produced. It enrolled thirty-one pupils. The outlook of this department for the present year is encouraging. The pupils are on the increase, the various forms of art-culture is taught, and a high degree of taste and execution are manifest.

University Library.

It is generally admitted that a well-selected Library is of great importance to an institution of learning to furnish information on special or obtuse subjects to the professors, and to shape and develop the minds of students, aiding them to acquire the most exact knowledge, and to appreciate the best and most instructive literature, bearing on history, science, art, morals, manners and religion. Viewed in this light, we shall find much to value and appreciate in our University Library, and to become impressed with its importance and necessity. As such it deserves not only to be properly arranged and carefully preserved, but constantly increased with good books.

During the year some additions of books were made. Rev. David Kemmerer, D. D., of blessed memory, kindly donated his library, consisting mostly of German books, to the institution, for which he deserves the thanks of Synod. Who will be the next to imitate this noble example?

Our Library occupies an excellent room in the new university building, and is much appreciated. It however, needs a more thorough and elaborate classification to increase its convenience and usefulness. The "Dewey System" is regarded the best system of classification, and no doubt might answer the purpose. But to adopt this system will require from \$500 to \$800. Who will come to the front and furnish the needed means for this laudable object?

The New Building.

The erection of the Museum and Gymnasium Building, which is constructed with the view of affording accommodation for both the museum and gymnasium, is progressing satisfactorily and will be soon completed.

The building, according to its general architectural plan is excellent in design and arrangement, stately and attractive in appearance, adding ornament to the campus and utility to the institution, and when fully completed will be well adapted for the purposes intended. It bears evidence of progress and improvement, both to the external enterprise and internal working of the institution.

And what in regard to the funds for this building? The total amount of pledges secured is \$5,859 and the amount collected on these pledges is \$3,295, less \$480 of expenses incurred thus far. The contract price for laying the stone foundation is \$1,200, and for the erection of the brick work of the building \$8,800 making the total cost \$10,000. From this statement it will be seen that \$4,621 more are required to complete the building for occupancy. In view of this, vigorous efforts are required to raise the needed additional funds, and the efficient labors of the financial secretary, Rev. Joseph B. Shumaker, D. D., should meet with encouraging and liberal responses from the church, including the friends and patrons of the institution, as well as the alumni and students.

Polytechnic and Taxidermy.

Little has been done during the year in the Polytechnic Department. Some work was done in Taxidermy through an assistant, as Mr. William Cross was necessarily absent eight months. Yet, in other respects, much was done to improve the interest and value of this department. Mr. Cross, during his absence in traversing the Rocky Mountains, secured a goodly number of birds and mammals of that region, and made provision for obtaining some of the larger mammals. Among those already secured, are the Black-tail Deer, Prong Horned Antelope, Mountain Lion, Lynx Rufus, Badger, and others, and a good collection of birds is on the way to the institution. These collections will prove a valuable and interesting addition.

Medical Department.

The overture received from the Trustees and Faculty of the Toledo Medical College to become a Department of Heidelberg University, after some preliminary work both by correspondence and personal interview, was considered by a Joint Committee of both institutions, at Tiffin, June 12, 1893, and terms of admission were agreed upon. The action of the Joint Committee, on the following day, was officially reported to the Board of Regents, and the project met with general favor. But after the subject was more fully considered and discussed, it was thought that grave difficulties might arise on some legal questions raised, and that these questions had better be first investigated and settled. In view of this the whole matter was deferred until the next annual meeting of the Board of Regents.

Finances.

Despite the general monetary depression of the country, the financial condition of Heidelberg University may be said to be good. Some of the interest on notes has not been paid as promptly as it should have been, yet the treasurer has been able to meet the current expenses, and to pay the professors' salaries in full to the first of October, 1893. Many of the old notes given by parties in various parts of the church are being paid and the money received reinvested. There have been added to the endowment fund \$462.50 from the sale of scholarships, and a bequest of \$400 will soon be added to the same.

While the receipts for endowment during the present fiscal year have been comparatively small, there are larger amounts or bequests in prospect, which in all probability will come in the possession of the University in the near future.

Now, while the financial statement given is of a favorable character within a certain limit, and affords cause for gratitude, there is after all a demand for increased means to enlarge the possibilities and powers of the university, reaching towards the attainment of the true ideal, and thus place it abreast with the best institutions of the land. We have some cheering promises of gifts. Shall we have ere long some tangible evidence from other sources of donations or bequests? Will men of wealth consecrate a goodly portion thereof to the founding of a professorship or the promotion of the interests of Heidelberg University?

The Financial Secretary, Rev. Joseph B. Shumaker, D. D., has been engaged during the past year in behalf of the financial interests of the institution with a fair degree of success, and deserves to be encouraged in the work. He should be welcomed everywhere, and receive hearty co-operation on the part of pastors and people. An increase of funds is absolutely necessary in order to meet the needs of the institution, and to give it an advanced position, endowed with larger equipments and greater powers to execute as well as to broaden the work. This fact should be deeply impressed upon the minds of the friends and patrons of the institution throughout the church.

Literary and Religious Societies.

The several societies maintained among the student themselves, both literary and religious, were regularly continued during the year with beneficial results. These societies, being well organized and active, tend to foster the love of literature, to incite to the reading of the best books, to train youth in the arts of composition and oratory, to put in practice what is learned in the class-room, to enlarge knowledge on practical questions, and to develop the social and religious side of students.

Prospects and Claims.

Notwithstanding the general wail of "hard times" and the adverse condition of public affairs, the institution has been effected but little thereby; for the opening this fall (Sept. 13) was quite encouraging, and promises

another prosperous and successful year. The most of the former students have returned and the names of many new students have been added, making the total enrollment two hundred and sixty. In the Literary Department there are in the senior class 21, junior class 15, sophomore class 21 and freshman class 32. All the other departments have a large proportionate attendance of students. The teaching force is full and actively engaged in the discharge of the duties of their respective positions. The work is regularly and successfully progressing, with the prospect of commensurate results. The machinery is well adjusted and in every respect working satisfactorily. And irrespective of the more outward attractions and environments, the highest claims of the institution for patronage and support are based upon its internal organization, full and complete curriculum of studies, able teaching force, Christian character and varied facilities for obtaining a thorough and liberal education.

Now, such being the claims, advantages and prospects of Heidelberg University, which all these years has continued true to the principles and purposes upon which it was founded, we as a synod and church should ever be fully awake to its interests, and ready in every honorable way to aid in promoting its success. And how? 1. By cherishing abiding confidence, 2. by unswerving loyalty, 3. by liberal support, 4. by supplying students (including of course our own sons and daughters,) and 5. by co-operative efforts to secure the best possible results. Such evidence of interest and aid, animated by the spirit of faith and earnest endeavor, will culminate in abundant success, giving increased strength and efficiency to the institution, extending its power and influence for good, and placing it on the highway of substantial prosperity and magnificent achievements.

The term of office of the following members of the Board of Regents will expire at this meeting of synod, viz: Revs. David Van Horne, D. D., Nathaniel H. Loose, George H. Leonard, D. D., Emil P. Herbruck, and Messrs Benjamin F. Myers and William E. Schmertz.

In behalf of the Board of Regents of Heidelberg University,
Respectfully submitted,

ISAAC H. REITER, *President of Board of Regents.*

II. REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE ON UNIVERSITY.

The Standing Committee on Heidelberg University, during the morning session on Saturday, presented their report, which was received, and together with the report of the board, adopted:

Your Standing Committee on Heidelberg University would respectfully report that the only paper placed in our hands was the report of the Board of Regents through its president, Rev. I. H. Reiter, D. D. This report is quite lengthy and exhaustive, bringing before us in detail an account of the different departments of the university. It indicates that the Board of Regents has a clear and intelligent view of the internal condition and workings of the institution. The carefully prepared report reflects credit

upon the President of the Board in having such a familiarity with the important facts connected with the university.

We learn with pleasure of the present and future outlook of the university, and would refer to the report for details.

The report shows that the work done at Heidelberg "is solid rather than showy," to mold character as well as to instruct the intellect, to develop moral and spiritual strength as well as intellectual.

It reveals the fact that the professors are devoted to the interests of the institution, and that the students are diligent in the prosecution of their studies, showing evidence of progress and improvement. It is with pleasure, also, that we notice the special addresses at the opening of each term, as well as special lectureships. A philosophical course has been added in the college and academy, and the post-graduate course has been revised. Steps have been taken to enter the Ohio State Association of University Extension Work which is commendable.

A very encouraging beginning has been made in conducting a summer school, which will be an advantage to the university. Prof. A. C. Zembrod of Waco, Texas, has been elected to the professorship of German and French, and Prof. O. O. Runkle, of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, has been placed over the Commercial Department. The different departments are reported as being in the best possible working order. The report brings to our notice the fact that the Museum and Gymnasium Building is nearing completion, but to complete it there is \$4,621.00 needed, which should be provided for by the church at the earliest possible time.

The fact that the financial agent which this synod elected one year ago could not see his way clear to accept, the Executive Committee appointed Rev. J. B. Shumaker, D. D., as financial secretary, who has already entered upon his work with success.

The board has not yet seen its way clear to unite with the Toledo Medical College, though it may yet come to pass. The report shows that the professors have been paid to October 1, 1893, and the endowment has also been increased. The opening of this fall term was, indeed, flattering, considering the stringency of the times, the whole number of students being 260.

We wish to reiterate and at the same time emphasize the ways which the report suggests by which the interests of the institution may be promoted, viz: 1. By cherishing abiding confidence. 2. By unswerving loyalty. 3. By liberal support. 4. By supplying students (including, of course, our own sons and daughters). 5. By co-operative efforts to secure the best possible results.

We recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That we are pleased with the report of the Board of Regents, and hear with pleasure of the present condition and future encouraging outlook of the university.

Resolved, That this synod anew affirms and expresses its confidence in the present able management of the university as carried forward both by

the faculty and the Board of Regents, who so richly and heartily deserve the support of the church.

Resolved, That we look with favor upon the advance that has been made in the courses of study, and upon the high estimate that is set upon the moral, religious and spiritual training of the young men and women in connection with their literary pursuits, knowing that "religion and education are the safeguards of country" and church.

Resolved, That we commend the appointment of Dr. J. B. Shumaker as financial secretary, and that he be welcomed to our pastoral charges in the interest of Heidelberg University, and that we will do all we can to aid him in his work of gathering funds for the endowment, as well as for the completion of the new Museum and Gymnasium Building.

Resolved, That we regard it the duty of every pastor within the bounds of this synod to use his personal influence among his people to direct the young men and women under his pastoral care who seek a higher education, to Heidelberg University, as the most fitting place for them to acquire and finish their education.

Resolved, That the report of the Board of Regents be adopted.

Concerning item 11 referred to us from the report of the Standing Committee on Minutes of General Synod, page 218, bearing on the action which General Synod took respecting our educational institutions, we would recommend that these resolutions of General Synod be printed in our minutes in connection with and as a part of this report, and thus become the sentiment of the Ohio Synod, to wit:

Resolved, That the General Synod has heard with deep satisfaction of the vigorous activity, wide-spread influence, and uniform success of the educational institutions of the church.

Resolved, That the diffusion of educational effort throughout the length and breadth of the entire Reformed Church gives promise of the speedy development and extension of the church in all sections of the country, and is hereby commended by the General Synod.

Resolved, That the attention of our membership be directed to the institutions of the church; that the wealthier members be challenged to devote a liberal share of their possessions to the endowment of these institutions of learning, and that all the families of the church be requested to send their sons and daughters to our own institutions."

Resolved, That these resolutions be read from our pulpits, with such additional remarks bearing on our institutions as the pastors choose to make, at the first opportunity the pastors may have, so that our people may know the action of General Synod, as well as of our own synod, upon these subjects.

Respectfully submitted,

MICHAEL LOUCKS,
ISAAC A. SITES,
WILLIAM H. SHULTS,
JONATHAN HARSH,
JOHN XANDERS,

Committee.

On motion, the resolution number 5 in the foregoing report was unani-
mously adopted by a rising vote.

III. ELECTION OF REGENTS OF HEIDELBERG UNIVERSITY.

Officers of Board.

Rev. Isaac H. Reiter, D. D., *President*, Miamisburg, Ohio.
 Rev. John J. Leberman, D. D., *Vice President*, Louisville, Ohio.
 Rev. John I. Swander, D. D., *Secretary*, Tiffin, Ohio.
 Rev. Lewis H. Kefauver, D. D., *Treasurer*, Tiffin, Ohio.
Executive Committee.—Mr. Benjamin F. Myers, Rev. John I. Swander,
 D. D., and Mr. Nelson L. Brewer, Esq.

Members whose term expires October, 1894.

Rev. Isaac H. Reiter, D. D.	Rev. John M. Kendig, D. D.
Rev. Michael Loucks, D. D.	Mr. Samuel S. Rickly.
Rev. Sebastian C. Goss, D. D.	James H. Platt.

Members whose term expires October, 1895.

Rev. John I. Swander, D. D.	Mr. Irvin Yost.
Rev. John J. Leberman, D. D.	M. James C. Reber.
Rev. Herman Rust, D. D.	Mr. Victor P. Van Horne.

Members whose term expires October, 1896.

Rev. Lewis H. Kefauver, D. D.	Mr. Horace Ankeney.
Nelson L. Brewer, Esq.	Rev. Henry M. Herman, D. D.
Rev. Edward Herbruck, Ph. D.	Mr. George F. Bareis.

Members whose term expires October, 1897.

Rev. David Van Horne, D. D.	Hon. John H. Ridgely.
Mr. Benjamin F. Myers.	Rev. Edward D. Wettach.
Mr. John M. Conroy.	Rev. William H. Shults.

ARTICLE XVI.

BENEVOLENT AND RELIGIOUS INSTITUTIONS.

SOCIETY FOR RELIEF OF MINISTERS AND THEIR WIDOWS.

The Standing Committee on Overtures, during Friday evening session, reported in item 1 that a report was received from the officers of the Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows.

And at the opening of Thursday afternoon session, Rev. Simon S. Miller, the treasurer of the society, made a verbal statement in behalf of the society to the synod.

Report of the Officers of the Society.

To the Reverend Ohio Synod:

DEAR FATHERS AND BRETHREN:—The Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows of the Reformed Church in the United States, through its officers, presents for the information of the church and for record in the Minutes of Synod, the following statement of the receipts and expenditures for the year ending September 30th 1893.

RECEIPTS.

Cash in the treasury as per last year's report	\$8,496 22
Cash from collection loans	7,534 05
Cash from collections in the churches	2,518 02
Cash from interest on investments	506 96
Cash from miscellaneous sources	279 57
Total	<u>\$14,334 81</u>

EXPENDITURES.

Cash for investment	\$9,700 00
Cash paid forty annuitants	2,140 00
Cash in treasury	2,396 00
Cash for expenses	98 81
Total	<u>\$14,334 81</u>
Invested fund	\$31,550 00

In the year now closed eleven disabled ministers and twenty-nine widows or dependents of deceased ministers have been aided by this society. In the coming year, as far as is now known, the number of those needing aid will be increased by at least four more. The amount in the treasury available for this purpose may be needed for the appropriations made by the society at its annual meeting October 17th, 1893.

The membership of the society in the past year has been increased by the addition of the names of thirty-six life and four annual members as follows.

Life.—Revs. M. H. Diefenderfer, W. A. Hale, D. D., D. R. Taylor, L. Reiter, Jno. H. Hoffheins, D. D., R. L. Gerhart, S. H. Phillips, S. E. Stofflet, A. R. Bartholomew, J. J. Fisher, R. B. Reichard, D. O. Shoemaker, W. A. Helfrich, D. D., A. J. Herman, Jos. H. Dubbs, D. D., W. W. Clouser, W. A. Haas, H. F. Dittmar, W. E. Krebs, E. D. Miller, C. Gumbert, T. S. Land, S. Chas. Stover, H. Hilbish, W. Delaney, Lucian Cort, Jas. Grant, J. F. Snyder, J. David Miller, A. Wanner, D. D., A. Spangler, Chas. Knepper, H. D. Darbaker, E. E. Hiester, Jas. A. Schultz, and R. S. Appel.

Annual.—Revs. H. J. Keutenik, D. D., F. Strassner, W. Walenta and Jno. A. Peters, D. D.

Rev. Wm. M. Deatruck, D. D., President, Mercersburg, Pa.

Rev. T. F. Hoffmeier, Secretary, Middletown, Md.

Rev. Simon S. Miller, Treasurer, St. Petersburg, Pa.

The foregoing report of the officers and the statement of the treasurer

were referred to a special committee, consisting of Revs. Dr. John J. Leberman, Isaac A. Sites and Elder William H. Bahl. The following, as received and adopted, is the

Report of the Special Committee.

Your committee to whom was referred item 1 in the Report of the Standing Committee on Overtures respecting the Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows of the Reformed Church in the United States, would report:

It is gratifying and pleasing to this synod to hear of the progress of this worthy society, which has for its purpose the relief and help of the faithful servants of God who have given their best days and service to the church, as also those who have been deprived of the help and protection of a husband and father. This society, as will appear in the papers laid before synod, as also the address of the treasurer of the society, needs to be supported more liberally than it has been in the past so that the increasing number of disabled and superannuated ministers and widows may receive help in their day of need.

Resolved, That this synod expresses its hearty sympathy with this benevolent society and its interests and that the synod has the utmost confidence in its management, and therefore commends it to all the charitably disposed in the bounds of this synod.

Resolved, That this synod asks all its ministers and Sunday-school superintendents, to hold at least one collection annually for the benefit of this society.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN J. LEBERMAN, *Chairman.*

ST. PAUL'S ORPHANS' HOME.

The Standing Committee on Overtures, during Friday evening session, reported in item 2 that a communication was received from the superintendent of St. Paul's Orphans' Home at Butler, Pa. This paper was referred to a special committee, consisting of Revs. Dr. Alvin S. Zerbe, Harvey L. Hart and Elder George F. Bareis. And this committee, during Saturday morning session, presented the following report which was received and adopted:

The Special Committee to whom was referred the annual statement concerning St. Paul's Orphans' Home report as follows:

The only document coming into the hands of the committee is a letter from Rev. P. C. Prugh, D. D., Superintendent of the home. From this we learn that at present seventy-five children are in the home, twenty-nine of whom are church orphans and entirely dependent for their support upon the alms of the church. Unfortunately during the past few years the amount received from this source has not been sufficient to meet the current expense of keeping them; hence the home is in debt. The accommodation is ample for the support of twice the number of present inmates.

At this home the children receive every care, attention and discipline which the experienced superintendent and able teachers can bestow. We

note with pleasure that the intellectual culture of the children receives careful attention; and especially that the moral and religious welfare of the orphans is a matter of anxious care and solicitude on the part of the superintendent and his assistants. From an examination of the methods and aims of the management we are convinced that the institution is worthy of the continued support and co-operation of the synod in this important form of extending the sphere of usefulness of the church. From the letter referred to we learn that all the children of the home attend the Sunday-school of St. Paul's Reformed Church, Butler, Pa., and remain for the church service. As a result of this, twelve of the larger boys and girls having attended catechetical instruction, made a public profession of their faith during the past year.

In view of these facts we recommend the following:

WHEREAS, The proper training and education of orphans, both within and without the church, opens a field for a great work and should call forth the special interest of the Christian Church, therefore

Resolved, That we not only commend anew the St. Paul's Orphans' Home, of Butler, Pa., to the attention and confidence of the synod, but also urge our people to contribute to this worthy cause to the fullest extent of their ability.

Respectfully submitted,

ALVIN S. ZERBE, *Chairman*.

ARTICLE XVII.

SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

The following reports were received, considered and adopted:

I. REPORT OF BOARD OF SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

DEAR BRETHREN:—With the Sunday-school work of the Reformed Church in the United States under its present arrangement, there is but little left for a District Board to report.

We hail with Christian joy the substantial progress the work is making under General Synod's care and commend the Board, General Synod and the Sunday-school workers of the church, that they now have it so well in hand. The church cannot help but reap a fruitful harvest from the advancing efforts and methods of her Sunday-school work. It is to be devoutly hoped that we, pastors and laymen of the Ohio Synod, may earnestly fall in line with this aggressive labor and lend our sympathy and help to a forward movement all along this special line.

We are humiliated very deeply indeed, (the more so, since our General Synod at Reading, took such advanced grounds and gave so large a share of its attention to our Sunday-school interests) to report, that not a single Stated Clerk of either classis furnished this Board with a statistical report according to the law of synod, and that no report on state of Sunday-schools was received from any Secretary of classical conventions, except

that of Lancaster from whom we received a complete, encouraging, and very beautifully written report with various other matter, so valuable and suggestive that we lay it all before this synod.

This report shows that Lancaster Classis is wide awake and doing conscientious Sunday-school work. With reference to statistics now, the synod can do no better than adopt last year's tables.

On state of Sunday-schools we are assured upon general information and from private sources that the work is healthy and growing, with room left for improvement and further development.

The Board asks the consideration of synod upon the following items:

Resolved, That this synod hails the appointment or election of a Sunday-school Secretary by General Synod and its Board, as a movement greatly needed and an advance in the direction of great good to us and our schools and that we promise Rev. Rufus W. Miller the elected Secretary our share of support and helpfulness.

Resolved, That we accept "the cent a member" apportionment for the support of the Secretary, and that we urge upon all our schools its immediate payment.

Resolved, That this synod once more affectionately calls the attention of Classical Stated Clerks and Sunday-school Convention Secretaries to the law requiring respective reports to be made to this Board.

Resolved, That we, with pleasure, lay before this synod, the report from the Lancaster Classical Sunday-school Convention, its programme, resolutions, delegates blank credentials and instructions.

Resolved, That we call attention to the overture of Lancaster Classis, with respect to the publication of the "Order of Service," on separate leaflets.

Resolved, That this Board, as immediately interested in the work for the young, asks synod to encourage with the most vigorous action within its power, the Christian Endeavor movement in our Sunday-schools and among our young people in the churches.

Resolved, That attention is hereby called to the fact that the terms of office on this Board of Rev. Geo. H. Leonard, D. D., and Victor P. Van Home expire at this meeting of synod.

Respectfully submitted,

ALPHEUS E. BAICHLY, *President*.

II. REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE ON SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

The Standing Committee on Sunday-schools and Catechization, during the afternoon session on Friday, submitted the following report, which was received and as amended adopted:

Your Standing Committee on Sunday-schools and Catechization would respectfully submit the following report:

• There have been furnished us for consideration the report of the Board

of Sunday-schools of the Ohio Synod, together with the report of the Committee on the State of the Sunday-schools in Lancaster Classis. Also the programme, blank credentials and a leaflet containing instructions to Sunday-schools, issued by the Executive Committee of said classis.

We recommend for your adoption the following action:

Resolved, That the report of the Sunday-school Board of this synod be adopted.

Resolved, That this synod recommends the use of the literature of the Reformed Church as the best means of teaching the doctrines of the church to our children.

Resolved, That we urge the use of the *Bible* in the teaching of the lesson, instead of the lesson helps, and request and urge the publishers of Sunday-school Literature to prepare and print the "order of service" in separate leaflets.

Resolved, That we recognize the Christian Endeavor movement as invaluable and indispensable aid to the Sunday-school, in holding and interesting the young people, and that an earnest effort should be made to organize such societies wherever practicable.

Resolved, That we are in full sympathy with the action of General Synod in the appointment of a General Sunday-school Secretary, and shall have supervision of the Sunday-school work in general, and therefore we believe create more of an interest throughout the entire church. And in order to make this appointment a success, we recommend that all schools within the bounds of the synod comply with the General Synod Sunday-school Board's request in contributing the one cent per member for the support of the work.

Resolved, That, as to the fourth resolution, synod urge upon the attention of Sunday-school Superintendents and other workers, the importance and helpfulness of the Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor in Sunday-school work, and request them to aid with all their power in the organization and maintenance.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE H. SOUDER, *Chairman*.

STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF THE SUNDAY-SCHOOLS OF THE OHIO SYNOD
FOR 1893.

CLASSES.	No. of Schools.		No. of Months Held.		Total No. of Scholars Enrolled.		Officers and Teachers Enrolled.		Total Enrollment of Schools.		No. of Members of Schools Professing Religion during the year.		No. of Volumes in Library.		No. of Copies of S. S. Papers taken per week.		Collections for use of School.		Collections for Benevolent Purposes.		Do you hold Teachers' Meetings?		Do you study the Catechism in the Sunday-school?	
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Miami	48	11½	4,743	681	5,424	136	709	2575	\$3,111	\$ 579	7	41	10	38										
Lancaster	27	12	1,768	347	2,215	68	600	1070	649	399	2	21	4	23										
Tuscarawas	44	11	4,731	646	5,377	172	2221	2,184	511	1	1	1	1	1										
Tiffin	25	11½	2,306	295	2,586	118	1148	1080	1,302	406	6	19	9	16										
Eastern Ohio	27	11	2,400	299	2,699	71	700	711	830	363	5	22	9	18										
St. Joseph	33	11	2,506	419	2,922	99	792	1023	1,465	326	2	31	6	27										
Total.	204		18,454	2687	21,223	664	6178	6459	\$9,541	\$2,584	22	134	38	122										

III. ELECTION OF BOARD OF SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

Members whose term expires October, 1894.

Rev. Emil P. Herbruck. Rev. Alpheus E. Baichly.

Members whose term expires October, 1895.

Rev. Reuben Keller. Rev. Edwin R. Williard.

Members whose term expires October, 1896.

Elder Victor P. Van Horne. Rev. Louis B. C. Lahr.

Children's Day Centennial Exercises.

The Standing Committee on Minutes of the Ohio Synod, during the afternoon session on Thursday, reported in item 9 that the General Board of Sunday-schools were requested to prepare an exercise in catechetical form for the use of our Sunday-schools in the celebration of Children's Day in 1893. Thereupon the following report was received and adopted:

It is hereby reported that soon after the adjournment of the Ohio Synod in 1892, I officially communicated the said action of synod to the President of the General Board of Sunday-schools, requesting him to have the Board give favorable consideration thereon. It appears that the said exercise was subsequently prepared and published, and that many of the schools used the same in the celebration of the Children's Day in the centennial year of 1893.

Respectfully submitted,
ISAAC H. REITER, *Stated Clerk.*

Time of Children's Day Reconsidered.

As reported by the Standing Committee on Classes, during the morning session on Friday, in item 16 b), Tuscarawas Classis overtured synod to reconsider its action changing the time of Children's Day. The subject matter of this sub-item was referred to a special committee consisting of Revs. Drs. Lewis H. Kefauver, John J. Leberman and Elder George F. Bareis. This committee, during the morning session on Saturday, submitted the following report, which was received and adopted:

Your committee appointed to consider sub-item b) of item 16 of the report on Minutes of Classes, beg leave to report, that the request of Tuscarawas Classis, that the synod reconsider its action of last year with reference to the time for holding Children's Day services, be granted.

Respectfully submitted,

LEWIS H. KEFAUVER, *Chairman.*

On motion, the matter of reconsideration was made the order of day immediately after the election of Boards and delegate.

At the appointed time, as the order of the day, the following action respecting Children's Day was adopted:

Resolved, That we hereby rescind all former actions of the Ohio Synod respecting the time of holding Children's Day services, and that we leave our congregations free, to celebrate said occasion either in June or September, as General Synod has directed.

On motion,

Resolved, That the classes be instructed to report the number of months Sunday-schools are held during the year by congregations instead of by pastoral charges.

ARTICLE XVIII.

APPEALS AND REFERENCES.

Nothing occurred requiring the attention of this synod.

ARTICLE XIX.

COMPLAINTS.

Nothing occurred requiring the attention of this synod.

ARTICLE XX.

CHURCH GOVERNMENT.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF OHIO SYNOD.

Officers of Board.

Rev. Isaac H. Reiter, D. D., *President*, Miamisburg, Ohio.

Mr. Horace Ankeney, *Secretary*, Alpha, Ohio.

Mr. Benjamin Kuhns, *Treasurer*, Dayton, Ohio.

Members whose term expires October, 1894.

Mr. Albert L. Shearer. Mr. Benjamin Kuhns.

Members whose term expires October, 1895.

Rev. Isaac H. Reiter, D. D. Mr. Horoce Ankeney.

Members whose term expires October, 1896.

Dr. David C. Lichliter. John A. Seitz.

ARTICLE XXI.
PUBLICATION.

The following reports were received, considered and adopted:

I. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF PUBLICATION.

The Board of Publication would submit its annual report. Two meetings were held during the year, one at Cleveland, O., at the close of the last annual session of synod, for the purpose of organization. The other at Tiffin, O., on the evening of the 10th of October, to receive the report of the publishers. From the report we can bring you evidence of continued prosperity. Growth has not slackened, and if interest and appreciation is not what it should be, it has at least not declined.

The asked for plan of sending the *Christian World* on a trial trip for half price, has brought many new and continued subscribers. But the plan seems to have failed most with the pastors. Many of them who had asked for it, failed to vigorously canvass their fields.

The Sunday-school literature has been published and distributed as in former years, and during the past year has displaced some undenominational literature.

In connection with the election of a General Synod's Sunday-school Secretary, a change is contemplated in the Heidelberg Teacher. The secretary shall conduct a few pages in the interest of the Sunday-school work in general.

In view of the importance of properly understanding this part of our church work, and the vital and educational relation to the other interest,

Resolved, That Rev. M. Loucks, D. D., be requested to present the claims of our church publications to the pastors and people during this session of Ohio Synod. And

WHEREAS, The claims of our church publications are of so great importance in the general work and growth of the church, be it

Resolved, That the President of the Board of Publication for the coming year be requested to prepare an address for our next annual meeting of synod, on "the importance and value of our church paper in every family. Members whose term expires October, 1893: Rev. Henry M. Herman, D. D., Rev. Samuel B. Yockey, D. D.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES H. STEELE, *President*.

II. REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLICATION.

The Standing Committee on Publication, during the morning session Saturday, submitted their report, which was received and together with the report of the board adopted:

The only document placed in the hands of your committee is the report of the Board of Publication. From this we learn that the Reformed Publishing Company at Dayton, Ohio, has continued the various periodicals issued by it in former years, viz: the *Christian World*, *Leaves of Light*, *Golden Words*, *Little Pearls*, *Heidelberg Teacher*, *Scholars' Quarterly* and *Lesson Leaves*. Among the bound books published we mention *Acme Sunday-school Record*, *Class-Book* and tablets.

It is of the utmost importance that the publication interests of the church should be well sustained. Every ecclesiastical organization of our day is dependent upon the extensive use of the printing press for its growth and prosperity. This synod can not afford to slight its publication interests. To the extent to which the membership subscribe for the church periodicals, and thus acquaint themselves with the operations of the church, will they be prepared for hearty co-operation in church activities. A reading membership will be an intelligent membership, and things being equal, it will be an active and efficient membership.

The synod of Ohio is to be congratulated that both its publication interests as well as its educational privileges, are fully occupied. It has its Board of Publication supervising the church literature issued by the Reformed Publishing Company at Dayton. This fact affords sufficient encouragement for all pastors, Sunday-school teachers, missionaries and others to furnish articles and other material for publication. Many more books and pamphlets should be issued than has been the custom heretofore. The wide field of operations open to this synod in its publication interests requires that urgent effort be made to prepare also to secure an extensive circulation for all its literature.

We present the following items for action:

Resolved, That we commend the *Christian World* as a church periodical suited to all our households, and urge that our pastors and official members recommend it to the members of their charges and congregations.

Resolved, That the *Leaves of Light*, *Golden Words*, *Little Pearls*, *Heidelberg Teacher*, *Scholars' Quarterly* and *Lesson Leaves*, and other literature for the Sunday-school issued by our board, be heartily recommended to all our churches.

Resolved, That the Rev. M. Loucks, D. D., editor of the *Christian World*, be requested to present the claims of our church publications to this synod at some time during the present sessions.

Resolved, That the President of the Board of Publication for the coming year be requested to prepare an address for our next annual meeting on the topic: "The importance and value of our church publications to every family." Respectfully submitted,

DAVID VAN HORNE, *Chairman*

III. ELECTION OF BOARD OF PUBLICATION.

Officers of the Board.

Rev. James H. Steele, *President*, Tiffin, Ohio.
 Rev. Chas. E. Miller, *Secretary*, Dayton, Ohio.
 Rev. Reuben F. Shultz, *Treasurer*, Fairfield, Ohio.

Members whose term expires October, 1894.

Rev. James H. Steele. Rev. Chas. E. Miller.

Members whose term expires October, 1895.

Rev. Isaac H. Reiter, D. D. Rev. William A. Hale, D. D.

Members whose term expires October, 1896.

Rev. Reuben F. Shultz. Rev. John D. Neff.

IV. REPORT ON PUBLICATION OF MINUTES.

In response to the inquiry raised in item 13 of the report of the Standing Committee on Minutes of the Ohio Synod, that, according to the instructions of the synod, the undersigned had 1,800 copies of the official minutes of the sessions of 1892 published in the usual form, and in proper proportion distributed them among the several classes, whose respective stated clerks were requested to distribute them among the pastoral charges according to the membership.

Respectfully submitted,

ISAAC H. REITER, *Stated Clerk.*

On motion,
Resolved, That the instructions given last year with reference to the publication and distribution of the official minutes of synod, be reiterated; and that this shall be a permanent arrangement unless otherwise ordered by synod. (*See Minutes 1892, page 84.*)

The following report was received and adopted:

The undersigned would hereby report that, in accordance with instruction, he had 1,000 copies of the Inaugural Address of Rev. John I. Swander, D. D., Professor of Practical Theology in Heidelberg Theological Seminary, published by the Reformed Publishing Company in Dayton, O., in pamphlet form for the use of synod, and properly distributed. The cost of printing the address was \$28.50, and the bill thereof was paid by the Treasurer of Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

ISAAC H. REITER, *Stated Clerk.*

On motion, the following resolutions by request were adopted:

Resolved, That the proceedings of the Alumni Association of Heidelberg Theological Seminary, including its Constitution, be incorporated in the printed minutes of the present synod.

Resolved, That the Minutes of the Woman's Missionary Society of the Ohio Synod be embodied in the printed minutes of the present synod.

ARTICLE XXII.

FINANCE.

The following reports and statements were received, considered and adopted:

I. REPORT OF TREASURER OF SYNOD.

L. H. KEFAUVER, *Treasurer, in account with the Ohio Synod.*

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Received of Elder V. P. Van Horne, Treas. Miami Classis, on app. of 1890 . . .	\$ 65 28
" of Elder V. P. Van Horne, Treas. Miami Classis, on app. of 1892 . . .	25 56
" of Elder E. K. Kremer, Treas. Tuscarawas Classis, on app. of 1892 . . .	23 53
" of Rev. J. A. Seitz, Treas. Lancaster Classis, on app. of 1891	34 48
" of Rev. J. A. Seitz, Treas. Lancaster Classis, on app. of 1891	50 27
" of Rev. J. H. Bomberger, Treas. E. Ohio Classis, on app. of 1891 . . .	59 50
" of Rev. J. H. Bomberger, Treas. E. Ohio Classis, on app. of 1892 . . .	16 86
" of Rev. J. B. Shumaker, Treas. Tiffin Classis, on app. of 1892	11 00

Whole amount received	\$296 48
In treasury October 5, 1892	385 41

\$671 89

CONTRA.

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Paid Rev. I. H. Reiter, stated clerk, one year's salary	\$ 75 00
" sexton of Hough Ave. Church, for services	10 00
" for stationery for use of synod	1 50
" for printing ballots	1 50
" for traveling expenses of Cent. Com	14 60
" Ref. Pub. Co., for printing Minutes of Synod	207 90
" Ref. Pub. Co., for printing Dr. Swander's Inaugural Address . . .	28 50
" Rev. I. H. Reiter, stated clerk, bill of sundries	32 70
" postage	55
Amount in treasury October 11, 1893	299 64

\$671 89

DELINQUENCIES.

Miami Classis, on app. of 1891, in full	\$130 10
Lancaster Classis, on app. of 1891	\$14 69
Lancaster Classis, on app. of 1892	12 78
St. Joseph Classis, on app. of 1892	10 40

\$167 97

An apportionment of \$400.00 will be required to meet expenses for next year.

Respectfully submitted,

L. H. KEFAUVER, *Treasurer.*

II. REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

The Standing Committee on Finance, during the afternoon session on Saturday, submitted their report, which was received, and, together with the report of the treasurer, adopted:

To the Reverend Ohio Synod:

Your Committee on Finance begs to submit the following:

The reports of the Treasurer of Synod, of the Board of Missions, the Board of the Theological Seminary and Financial Agent having been referred to us, have been audited. They were found correct, and the committee recommends their adoption and publication in the Minutes of Synod.

The following amounts were referred to us by synod, to be apportioned among the various classes: For Home Missions, \$8,000; for Hungarian Missions, \$250; for immediate use of Theological Seminary, \$1,500; for Contingents, \$400; for Beneficiary Education, \$2,000. Synod makes apportionments of seventeen cents per capita for Foreign Missions, and five cents per capita for Board of Church Extension, so that the committee makes no further apportionments for these two objects.

General Synod apportions \$275 to Ohio Synod for Harbor Missions, which we further apportion among the various classes as shown in the following:

Table of Apportionments.

Classes.	Members.	Contingent.	Beneficiary Education.	Home Missions.	Church Extension.	Harbor Missions.	Hungarian Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Theological Seminary.
Amount per capita	2 cts.	10 cts.	40 cts.	5 cts.	1½ cts.	1½ cts.	17 cts.	7 cts.	
Miami	5,056	\$101 12	\$505 60	\$2,022 40	\$252 80	\$75 84	\$75 84	\$859 52	\$353 92
Laurel	2,565	51 12	255 60	1,022 40	127 80	88 34	88 34	434 52	178 92
Tuscarawas	5,050	101 00	505 00	2,020 00	252 50	75 75	75 75	838 50	353 38
Tiffin	2,184	43 68	218 40	873 60	109 20	32 76	32 76	371 28	152 88
Eastern Ohio	3,322	66 49	322 20	1,328 80	166 10	49 83	49 83	564 74	232 54
St. Joseph	2,060	41 30	206 00	824 00	103 00	30 90	30 90	350 20	144 20
Total	20,238	\$413 56	\$2,022 80	\$8,091 20	\$1011 40	\$303 42	\$303 42	\$3,438 76	\$1,455 96

The committee calls the attention of the synod to the following classes, which are delinquent in their contingent apportionments.

Miami Classis, on app. of 1891, in full	\$130 10
Lancaster Classis, on app. of 1891	14 69
Lancaster Classis, on app. of 1892	12 78
St. Joseph Classis, on app. of 1892	10 40
Total	\$167 97

Respectfully submitted,
BENJAMIN B. ROYER, *Chairman.*

On motion,
Resolved, That the Treasurer of Synod be instructed to pay the sexton ten dollars for his services during the sessions of synod.

ARTICLE XXIII.

NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS.

The Standing Committee on Nominations, during the afternoon session on Friday, submitted their report through the Chairman, Rev. S. W. Seemann. The report was received and as amended adopted, and the committee instructed to have 150 copies of the nominations printed in proper form for the use of the synod. The election of the several boards and the delegate to the Central Synod was made the order of the day for Saturday morning at ten o'clock. At the appointed time the election was held. The president appointed Revs. Edward M. Beck, B. Frank Davis, and Elders J. Hiram Smith and Jacob H. Zechiel as tellers, who distributed the printed tickets among the members of synod.

Thereupon the voting proceeded in regular order. The tellers gathered the ballots, and retired to count them; and during the afternoon session on Saturday, they reported the result of the election to the synod, and the report was accepted.

For the result of the election in each case, see respectively Articles XIII., Missions; XIV., Heidelberg Theological Seminary; XV., Heidelberg University; XVII., Sunday-schools; XX., Church Government; XXI., Publication.

After the roll of the Ohio Synod had been completed, and a quorum was found in attendance, the several officers of the synod, except those holding their positions permanently, were duly elected, and entered upon the duties of the offices respectively. For result of this election, see Article III., Election of Officers.

ARTICLE XXIV.
MISCELLANEOUS.

REPORT OF DELEGATE TO CENTRAL SYNOD.

The Standing Committee on Minutes of the Ohio Synod, during the afternoon session on Thursday, reported in item 15 that Rev. Jacob P. Stahl had been elected delegate *primarius* to the Central Synod, and that his *secundus* was Rev. Lewis C. Edmonds. Thereupon the following report was received and adopted:

To the Reverend Ohio Synod:

DEAR BRETHREN:—As your delegate elect to bear fraternal greetings to the brethren of Central Synod, I desire to report the following:

The Central Synod convened in the First Reformed Church, Akron, O., September 13, 1893, at which time the pleasant duty assigned me was cheerfully performed. Your fraternal greetings were conveyed, and met with a hearty response. The president, in behalf of the synod, expressed significant words of greeting, prayers, and well-wishes for our beloved Ohio Synod. Our stay among them and our sitting in their councils was pleasant and edifying in every way. Great enthusiasm for the kingdom of Christ was manifest in all their deliberations. The conservative spirit exercised by some of the brethren against the supposed or so-called "new fangled" enterprises of the church as the Y. P. S. C. E. and kindred church auxiliaries, has practically expired. The three hours' discussion of the question of the most fitting methods for conducting Young People's Meetings gave evidence that our German brethren are awake, and have the best interests of the church and her Christ at heart.

Our reception by the brethren was most pleasing; their prayers and well-wishes are ours. Their desire is, that the beautiful custom of annual exchange of fraternal greetings be continued; and that with united effort the work of the Master be prosecuted "until the Lord shall come."

Faithfully yours,

JACOB P. STAHL.

DELEGATE ELECTED TO THE CENTRAL SYNOD.

Rev. Alvin S. Zerbe, D. D., was elected as delegate *primarius*, and Rev. George W. Henning as *secundus*, to represent the Ohio Synod at the Central Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States, which will meet in New Knoxville, Ohio, on Wednesday, October 10, A. D. 1894, at 7.30 P. M.

REGRETS OFFICIALLY COMMUNICATED TO CENTRAL SYNOD.

The Standing Committee on Minutes of the Ohio Synod, during the afternoon session on Thursday, reported in item 12 that the Stated Clerk was to express the regrets of this synod to the Central Synod because of the non-attendance of our delegate in 1892. The following report was received and adopted:

It is hereby reported that soon after the adjournment of this synod, which occurred October 8, 1892, I officially notified the President (Rev. Ferdinand O. Zesch, D. D.,) of the Central Synod, expressing the regrets of this synod because of the non-attendance of its delegate, and desiring a continuation of the reciprocal relations existing, with brotherly greetings and abiding interest in the prosperity of the Central Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

ISAAC H. REITER, *Stated Clerk.*

ACTION RESPECTING BOOKS PRESENTED.

The Standing Committee on Overtures, during the evening session on Friday, reported in item 3 that a copy of a book entitled *Ned Hampden*, by Rev. Isaac A. Sites, and in item 5 that a copy of a book entitled *Heaven*, by Rev. Rufus C. Zartman, were presented by the authors to synod. These items as to subject matter were referred to a special committee, consisting of Revs. William H. Shults, Dr. Michael Loucks and Elder William H. Parks. This committee, during the afternoon session on Saturday, submitted the following report, which was received and adopted:

Your committee would respectfully offer the following for your consideration:

That a volume entitled *Ned Hampden, or the Ravages of Intemperance*, by Rev. I. A. Sites, and one entitled *Heaven*, by Rev. R. C. Zartman, were placed in our hands.

Limitation of time prevented a thorough examination of these volumes, but from the impressions received we are moved to say that the aims of the authors were commendable, the results of their attempts successful, and the influence of such works can not fail of being salutary. The literary ability manifested, the moral and religious effect had in view, and the mechanical execution of the works, commend them to the consideration of our people. Therefore,

Resolved, That we commend the efforts of the authors, and recommend their works to our people, believing that there are literary talents, which, if developed, might be made means of good to the church and the world.

Resolved, That the works in question are worthy a place in the libraries of our families.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM H. SHULTS, *Chairman.*

PLACE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING OF SYNOD.

During the forenoon session on Saturday, on motion, the synod proceeded to select the place and fix the time for its next annual meeting. West Alexandria, Ohio, and Fulton, Michigan, were nominated for the place, when the nominations closed. The election proceeded, and as the result West Alexandria, Preble County, Ohio, was chosen as the place, and the time fixed was Wednesday, October 10, A. D. 1894, at 7.30 o'clock in the evening; and the synod is to meet there and then in convention.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LEAVE OF ABSENCE.

During the morning session on Friday, on motion, Revs. David A. Parks, Jacob P. Stahl and Elder William H. Bahl were appointed a committee through whom all applications for leave of absence shall be made. This committee, in connection with the final calling of the roll, and shortly before the final adjournment of synod, presented their report, which was accepted, and the recommendations contained therein approved.

ARTICLE XXV.

RESUMPTION AND CLOSE.

VOTE OF THANKS.

On motion, the following action was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the sincere and heartfelt thanks of the Ohio Synod are hereby tendered to the pastor *loci*, the members and friends of the Reformed Church, and the citizens of Bloomville, Ohio, for the generous hospitality they have extended to us, and have so kindly opened to us their cheerful homes; and we also invoke upon them God's richest blessings.

Resolved, That the President of Synod is requested to read the foregoing resolution before the congregation at the services on Sunday morning, and that the pastor *loci* publish it in the Bloomville paper next week.

The roll was called in connection with the report of the excuses granted by the Committee on Leave of Absence, and there were none found absent without permission or excuse.

The minutes of the sessions of the last day were read and approved; and then the minutes were adopted as a whole, and ordered to be engrossed.

ARTICLE XXVI.

ADJOURNMENT.

The time for final adjournment having arrived, it was, on motion,

Resolved, That the Ohio Synod now adjourns to meet, as already decided, in convention in the Reformed Church at West Alexandria, Preble County, Ohio, on Wednesday, October 10, A. D. 1894, at half-past seven o'clock in the evening.

The synod finally adjourned on Saturday, October 14, A. D. 1893, at five o'clock in the afternoon, and closed its sessions by uniting in the repetition of the Apostles' Creed and the Lord's Prayer, and the doxology, and benediction by the president.

EDWARD D. WETTACH, *President*.

ISAAC H. REITER, *Stated Clerk*.

Official copy from the original minutes.

ISAAC H. REITER, *Stated Clerk*.

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

Alumni Association of Heidelberg Theological Seminary.

The Alumni Association of Heidelberg Theological Seminary convened in the Reformed Church at Bloomville, Ohio, on Thursday, October 12, 1893, at 1.30 in the afternoon.

The Association was called to order by the president, Rev. Reuben Keller, and opened with devotional services, consisting of singing, and prayer by Rev. Wm. H. Shults. The secretary reported that the minutes of the previous meeting were not at hand.

The committee appointed one year ago to prepare a new Constitution for the government of the Association, submitted their report, including the proposed Constitution. On motion, the report was received and the Constitution was considered section by section. After the adoption of the first section of Article I., a recess was taken until half-past four o'clock.

On reassembling at half-past four o'clock, the consideration of the Constitution was continued. Section 1, Article III., was amended so as to read as it now appears in the Constitution. After some discussion of different parts of the Constitution, on motion, it was adopted as a whole, and is as recorded at the end of these proceedings.

The Association then adjourned to meet on Friday morning at 8 o'clock. Friday, October 13, at 8 A. M., the Association convened, with the president in the chair. The Minutes of the meeting at Cleveland, Ohio, in October, 1892, were read and approved.

Rev. Geo. H. Souder, treasurer, reported current expenses paid and \$2.80 in the treasury.

On motion, the Association proceeded to the election of officers for the ensuing year in accordance with the requirements of the new Constitution, and the result of the election was as follows:

Rev. Reuben Keller, *President*, West Alexandria, Ohio.

Rev. Geo. H. Souder, *Vice-President*, Bluffton, Ind.

Rev. Reuben F. Shultz, *Secretary*, Fairfield, Ohio.

Rev. John D. Neff, *Treasurer*, Bettsville, Ohio.

Rev. Isaac H. Reiter, D. D., *Registrar*, Miamisburg, Ohio.

On motion, the Association adjourned to meet at the call of the president.

REUBEN KELLER, *President*.

REUBEN F. SHULTZ, *Secretary*.

CONSTITUTION

OF THE

*Alumni Association of Heidelberg Theological Seminary, Adopted
October 12, 1893.*

ARTICLE I.

Name and Object.

SECTION 1. The name of this Association shall be, the Alumni Association of Heidelberg Theological Seminary.

SEC. 2. The object shall be to preserve and increase Christian friendship among the Alumni of Heidelberg Theological Seminary; to strengthen their filial attachment to the institution, and to advance the material, literary and spiritual interests of this central school of the prophets of the Reformed Church in the United States.

ARTICLE II.

Officers and their Duties.

SEC. 1. The officers of the Association shall be a president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer and registrar.

SEC. 2. The president and vice-president shall be elected annually; and may be eligible for three terms. The secretary, treasurer and registrar shall be elected for three years.

SEC. 3. The duties of the president shall be those that usually devolve upon such an officer. It shall be the duty of the vice-president to preside in the absence of the president. It shall be the duty of the secretary to keep a record of all the proceedings of the Association, and to publish a two weeks' notice of annual and special meetings in the church papers. It shall be the duty of the treasurer to keep an account of all receipts and expenditures, to collect the funds due the Association, and to make an itemized report annually. It shall be the duty of the registrar to preserve the list of members heretofore prepared, and to add new names, and to note changes of address.

SEC. 4. The officers of the Association shall constitute an Executive Committee to determine the time and place of all special meetings.

ARTICLE III.

Membership.

SEC. 1. All who have attended the seminary and all who may hereafter graduate from the seminary, shall, upon a voluntary enrollment of their names, or assent to such enrollment, be recorded as regular members of this Association, and all members of the Ohio synod who express a desire may be elected to a co-operative membership in this Association.

SEC. 2. At the annual meeting or at some time during the year, each member is expected to give the treasurer a small contribution toward current expenses.

ARTICLE IV.

Quorum.

A quorum shall consist of not less than twenty members.

ARTICLE V.

Meetings.

SEC. 1. The annual meeting of the Association shall be held in connection with the annual meeting of the Ohio Synod, at such time and place as the officers of the Association may determine.

Elections.

SEC. 2. All elections shall be by ballot and require a majority of all the votes cast to constitute an election.

ARTICLE VI.

Seminary Day.

SEC. 1. At a convenient time during the sessions of the Ohio Synod a meeting shall be held at which reports, addresses and other exercises in the interest of the Association shall be presented.

SEC. 2. The officers of the Association shall be a committee to arrange the program and appoint the speakers for the aforesaid meeting.

SEC. 3. The time and the place shall be determined by the officers of the Association in connection with the officers of synod.

SEC. 4. Order of business.

1. Appointment of officers if any are absent.
2. Prayer.
3. Calling the roll.
4. Reading the Minutes.
5. Election of officers.
6. Reports.
7. Miscellaneous business.
8. Adjournment.

ARTICLE VII.

Amendments.

SEC. 1. Any proposed amendment to this constitution shall not be adopted except by a two-thirds vote of the members of the Association in attendance at a given synod.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSEPH B. SHUMAKER,
ALVIN S. ZERBE,
CHARLES W. GOOD,

Committee.

ACTS AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
Woman's Missionary Society of Ohio Synod.

The society met in annual session in the Presbyterian Church, Bloomville, Ohio, October 13, 1893, and was called to order and opened with a song service by Mrs. M. Loucks, followed with usual devotional exercises conducted by Miss J. A. Heckerman. The president, Mrs. S. O. Eggert, not being able to be present on account of sickness in her family, the address of the president was read by Miss J. A. Heckerman.

The following delegates appeared and were enrolled as .

DELEGATES FROM CLASSES:

Miami—Mrs. M. Loucks, Dayton, O.
Lancaster—Mrs. J. A. Seitz, Stoutsville, O., Mrs. L. B. C. Lahr, Delaware, O.
Tuscarawas—Miss Ada Moore, Akron, O.
Tiffin—Mrs. Wm. Burkhalter, Tiffin, O., Mrs. O. A. S. Hursh, Tiffin, O.,
Eastern Ohio—Mrs. Park Holloway, Columbiana, O.
St. Joseph—Mrs. C. A. Clayton, Pulaski, O.

CONGREGATIONAL DELEGATES.

Miami—Mrs. Josephine Hamilton, Dayton, O.
Lancaster—Mrs. G. F. Bareis, Canal Winchester, O.
Tuscarawas—Miss Ada Moore, Akron, O., Mrs. E. M. Black, Canton, O.,
Tiffin—Mrs. J. H. Ridgely, Tiffin, O.; Miss Lily Good, Tiffin, O.; Mrs. Bowersox, Tiffin, O.; Mrs. Heckman, Tiffin, O.; Miss Hattie Wilt, Bellevue, O.; Mrs. Sarah Jones, Bloomville, O.; Mrs. Mollie Bahm, Bloomville, O.

Eastern Ohio—Mrs. W. H. Shults, Leavittsburg, O.

St. Joseph—Mrs. G. H. Souder, Bluffton, Ind.

Ministers' wives in attendance: Mrs. Dr. D. Van Horne, Mrs. Dr. L. H. Kefauver, Mrs. Dr. J. A. Peters, Mrs. J. H. Steele, Mrs. T. H. Sonnedeker, Mrs. Dr. J. I. Swander and Mrs. R. R. Royer.

Minutes of previous meeting were read and approved. Treasurer's report read and approved.

Mrs. O. A. S. Hursh was then appointed president *pro tem*, and Mrs. B. B. Royer was appointed substitute for Mrs. Brubaker to deliver the response to the welcome address for the evening meeting.

The following committees were appointed:

of Assurances—Mrs. L. B. C. Lahr, Mrs. Heckman, Mrs. C. A. Clayton.

On Report and Statistics—Mrs. J. H. Ridgely, Mrs. Park Holloway and Mrs. M. Loucks.

Auditing Committee—Mrs. G. F. Bareis, Mrs. Josephine Hamilton, Miss Ada Moore.

Plan of Work—Mrs. G. H. Souder, Mrs. J. A. Seitz, Miss Ella Klahr.

On Assessment—Mrs. Wm. H. Shults, Mrs. Jones and Mrs. L. H. Kefauver.

The society adjourned to meet at 1.30 P. M.

Thursday Afternoon Session.

The society met and was opened with devotional exercises conducted by the president, Mrs. O. A. S. Hursh.

Miss Lizzie M. Bowersox was appointed assistant secretary.

A letter from Mrs. M. E. Whitmore, containing a request for committees to solicit subscriptions for the *Woman's Journal*, was read by Mrs. J. A. Heckerman. Also a report of Plan of Work Committee of W. M. S. G. S. was received and referred to the Committee on Plan of Work.

On motion, the treasurer was ordered to pay Mrs. S. O. Eggert \$40.00 for two years' work as editress of missionary column in *Christian World*.

A bill of \$2.00, presented by the Reformed Publishing Company, was accepted and ordered to be paid.

On motion, it was decided that we continue the Woman's Column in the *Christian World*. Mrs. W. H. Shults was appointed advisory editress and power was given her to appoint correspondents from classical societies, who will appoint their correspondents from congregational societies.

Dr. J. H. Prugh addressed the society on foreign missionary work, especially the work done by our church in Sendai, Japan, stating at an average of seventeen cents per member \$35,000 are needed.

Dr. D. S. Fouse spoke on Home Missionary Work, stating that \$40,000 are needed to further this great work. Eighty-seven missionaries are under the care of the Home Mission Board.

Reports of delegates of classical societies showed that St. Joseph Classis was the only classis that gave its report according to requirements. Adjourned.

Evening Session.

This session was held in the Reformed Church, and was a very interesting one. The following program was rendered;

Anthem	Choir.
Invocation	Dr. L. H. Kefauver.
Hymn	Congregation.
Scripture Reading	Rev. E. E. Weller.
Prayer	Dr. J. H. Prugh.
Welcome Address	Miss Ella Klahr.
Response	Mrs. B. B. Royer.
Paper, "Young People in Christian Work,"	Mrs. Josephine Hamilton.
Paper, "Missionary Demands of the Ages,"	Mrs. W. H. Shults.
Hymn	Congregation.
Paper, "Duty to Foreign Missions,"	Mrs. T. H. Sonnedecker and Mrs. E. M. Black.
Address	Dr. D. S. Fouse.
Hymn	Congregation.
Collection	\$34.20.
Benediction	Dr. Van Horne.

Friday Morning.

The society met and was opened with devotional exercises, conducted by Mrs. L. B. C. Lahr. Minutes of Thursday's meeting were read and approved.

On motion, the society requested all papers of Thursday evening's program be sent to Mrs. M. E. Whitmore for publication in *Woman's Journal*.

Letters were read from Mrs. E. R. Williard and Mrs. S. O. Eggert, suggesting to have the W. M. S. O. S. hold separate meetings, instead of in connection with the Ohio Synod. This was left to the decision of classical societies, which are to report at the next synodical meeting, for further consideration.

REPORT OF PLAN OF WORK COMMITTEE.

The only paper which came into our hands was the Plan of Work of the W. M. S. G. S., which is recommended for our adoption. Among the recommendations therein contained, we would present the following:

Resolved, That wherever practical, the congregational societies hold monthly meetings of one hour's length, of a devotional and missionary literary character, (not a mere entertainment) and that these meetings be conducted by the women; and that we request the classical societies to urge the importance of this matter upon the congregational societies.

Resolved, That we urge upon our classical and congregational societies the importance of circulating all missionary periodicals of our church, particularly the *Woman's Journal*, and *Missionary Guardian*, and that the synodical society appoint a committee of one in each classical society to act as agent for these periodicals.

Resolved, That, as heretofore, every congregational society pay one dollar for a contingent fund.

Resolved, That after the assessments have been paid, the remaining amounts be applied to the establishment of building funds.

Resolved, That the treasurer of each congregational society, in disposing of its money, send it to the treasurer of the classical society, designating the object to which it is to be applied, and the treasurer of the classical society to the treasurer of the synodical, and the treasurer of the synodical to the treasurer of the General Society, and as far as practicable these remittances be made quarterly.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS.

WHEREAS, Recognizing the divine blessings and favor upon our efforts for the cause of missions during the past year, rejoicing in the indications of progress and the hopeful signs of future success; therefore,

Resolved, That we labor more prayerfully, zealously and self-denyingly for the holy cause of missions.

Resolved, That the congregational societies be urged to extend the circulation of the *Woman's Journal* and *Missionary Guardian* as educational means.

Resolved, That the thanks of this society are due to Drs. D. S. Fouse and J. H. Prugh for their earnest and encouraging presentation of the home and foreign work.

Resolved, That co-operation with the editor of the missionary column in the *Christian World* be requested, in order that the department may be as helpful as possible in local work.

Resolved, That the classical societies be recommended to appoint extension committees for the organization of societies in unoccupied places.

Resolved, That the "Plan of Work," as suggested by the committee on said work, be recommended and encouraged wherever practicable.

Resolved. That the Executive Committee of each classical society be required to see that the statistical blanks be sent to the corresponding secretaries at least one week before the time of the classical and synodical meetings.

Resolved, That the gratitude of this society be expressed to the pastor and people of this community for their kind hospitality, and to the Presbyterian Session for the use of their church during our meetings.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. M. G. LAHR,
MRS. C. A. CLAYTON,
MRS. S. HECKMAN.

Committee on Reports and Statistics, reported that as St. Joseph classical society was the only classical society having sent in a report according to requirements, no full statistical report could be given.

On motion, decided that as this was the only correct report, it should be placed on record.

REPORT OF AUDITING COMMITTEE.

Received from Grace Church, Tiffin, for Church Extension	\$28 65
20 cents' assessment	2 90
From Mr. Loucks, from Rev. Davis, Miami Classis Contingent Fund	2 00
Evening Collection	34 45
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	\$87 90

The report of Mrs. G. F. Bareis, delegate to W. M. S. G. S., was read and accepted. A vote of thanks was given Mrs. Bareis, and society requested that her report be placed on file by the secretary.

After some interesting discussions on Mission Band work, the society adjourned to meet at 1.30 P. M.

Friday Afternoon.

The society met and was opened with devotional exercises, conducted by Mrs. Josephine Hamilton.

On motion, The Order of Business, as prepared by Mrs. E. R. Williard, was adopted, viz:

1. Opening, devotional exercises.
2. Roll call of charges and enrollment of delegates.
3. Reading of minutes of last year's meeting.
4. Annual report of the President.
5. Annual report of the Treasurer.
6. Annual report of the Corresponding Secretary.
7. Annual election of officers.
8. Unfinished business as suggested by the minutes.
9. Reports from delegates to General Synod when necessary.
10. Reports from classical delegates to this Synodical Convention.
11. Reports from Congregational Missionary Societies.
12. Reports from Standing Committees.
13. Election of delegates to General Synod when necessary.
14. New business.
15. Adjournment.

It was decided to waive the order of business and proceed to the election of officers.

The following officers were elected:

President, Mrs. Dr. M. Loucks, Dayton, O.

First Vice-President, Mrs. L. B. C. Lahr, Delaware, O.

Second Vice-President, Mrs. C. A. Clayton, Pulaski, O.

Recording Secretary, Miss Hattie Wilt, Bellevue, O.

Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. G. F. Bareis, Canal Winchester, O.

Treasurer, Miss Jennie A. Heckerman, Tiffin, O.

Miss Jennie A. Heckerman presented a paper prepared by Mrs. S. O. Eggert, containing an appeal to have all classical delegates pledge themselves to secure as many subscribers for the *Woman's Journal* as possible. This was adopted, also an appeal to assume \$100 in the form of \$25 contributions with a view of permanent possession and control of *Woman's Journal*. This was referred to a committee who prepared the following resolutions:

WHEREAS, The President, Mrs. S. O. Eggert, of the Woman's Missionary Society of the Ohio Synod, suggests the payment of a certain sum from the different classes on the *Woman's Journal*; therefore,

Resolved, That we, the women of the Woman's Missionary Society of the Ohio Synod will stand united in the support of the *Woman's Journal*, and will as far as possible comply with the request of our late President towards the raising of moneys for the purchase of the organ spoken of, without making a pledge toward the payment of any specified sum of this \$100.

Resolved, That we, as a committee request the President of the Woman's Missionary Society of the Ohio Synod, to immediately forward this to the proper person as a definite answer.

MRS. HAMILTON,
MRS. LAHR,
MRS. LOUCKS.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ASSESSMENTS.

Your Committee on Assessments respectfully offer the following report:

We find that the following sums must be provided for according to the actions of the society. Home Missions \$500; Miss Hollowell \$100; Hungarian Missions \$100; Church Extension \$100; total \$800. In addition to this an assessment of \$1.00 on each society is made for Contingent Expenses. To provide for this we have made the following apportionments:

CLASSES.	No. of societies.	\$1.00 from each society for Contingent Fund.	\$500 for Home Missions.	\$100 for Hungarian Missions.	\$100 for Miss Hollowell.	\$100 for Church Extension.	Total Indebtedness.
Miami	15	\$15 00	\$124 50	\$ 25 00	\$ 25 00	\$ 25 00	\$214 00
Lancaster	11	11 00	91 50	18 00	18 00	18 00	156 30
Tuscarawas	11	11 00	91 50	18 00	18 00	18 00	156 30
Tiffin	6	6 00	49 80	9 60	9 60	9 60	84 60
Eastern Ohio	10	10 00	83 00	17 00	17 00	17 00	144 30
St. Joseph	8	8 00	66 40	12 80	12 80	12 80	112 80
Total,		\$61 00	\$501 30	\$100 40	\$100 40	\$100 40	\$868 00

We further recommend that the Corresponding Secretary of this society at once send down to the classical societies their apportionments and have them apportioned on their congregational societies so that funds may be realized at as early a date as possible.

MRS. L. H. KEFAUVER,
MRS. DR. M. LOUCKS,
MRS. G. H. SOUDER.

All indebtedness was ordered paid out of fund and evening services.

Mrs. C. A. Clayton was appointed to correspond with classical Treasurers to learn the full amount of money raised, the number of societies in each, the number of Mission Bands in each and number of members in each, and have articles published in the *Christian World* and *Woman's Journal*. Mrs. Dr. M. Loucks was appointed to have statistical blanks printed.

Executive Committee: Officers, and Mrs. L. H. Kefauver, Mrs. O. A. S. Hursh, Mrs. G. H. Souder.

On motion, \$50 contingent money to be held for further expenses, the remainder to be equally divided between Home and Foreign Missions.

Agents appointed to solicit for *Woman's Journal* and *Missionary Guardian* were as follows:

Miami Classis.....	Mrs. Josephine Hamilton, Dayton, O.
Lancaster Classis.....	Mrs. W. V. Zartman, Glenford, O.
Tuscarawas Classis.....	Miss Ida Snader, Marshalville, O.
Tiffin Classis.....	Miss Lily Good, Tiffin, O.
Eastern Ohio.....	Mrs. Park Holloway, Columbiana, O.
St. Joseph.....	Miss Jennie Harnish, Bluffton, Ind.

After a season of prayer, the society adjourned to meet in connection with Ohio Synod, at West Alexandria, Ohio, in October, 1893.

MRS. M. LOUCKS, *President*.

MISS HATTIE WILT, *Secretary*.

MIAMI CLASSIS.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	Members.		Unconfirmed.		Baptisms.		Additions.		Committed.	Dismissed.	Excommunicated.	Deaths.	Sunday-schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Sunday-school Scholars.	Students Ministry.	Contributions.		Minutes.	P. O. Address.	
		Members.	Congregations.	Members.	Congregations.	Infants.	Adults.	Confirmed.	Certificates.									Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.			
Wm. A. Hale, D. D.	1st Church, Dayton	642	4	82	12	19	37	52	16	16	29	4	1	4	1	40	271	0	\$ 1,002 00	\$ 3,275 00	25	Dayton, O.
Charles E. Miller	Trinity (Dayton)	328	1	78	13	22	26	270	9	9	21	2	1	1	30	181	0	308 00	6,377 00	16	Dayton, O.	
Solomon U. Snyder	4th Church, Dayton	141	1	21	16	19	51	134	1	1	18	9	1	1	21	173	1	38 00	2,529 00	12	Dayton, O.	
Henry M. Herman, D. D.	Miamisburg	322	1	80	23	9	18	5	6	6	18	3	3	3	23	230	0	437 00	1,618 00	16	Miamisburg, O.	
Samuel B. Yockey, D. D.	Xenia	234	1	23	4	15	9	6	195	3	3	3	3	3	21	200	0	357 00	1,300 00	12	Xenia, O.	
Reuben Keller	West Alexandria	378	3	97	10	10	26	6	234	12	21	7	3	3	55	411	0	253 00	1,243 00	25	West Alexandria, O.	
Reuben F. Shultz	Fairfield	445	3	73	14	6	11	381	9	21	21	7	3	3	46	344	0	445 00	985 00	30	Fairfield, O.	
Joshua J. Excell	Union Charge	579	10	8	23	33	14	510	2	135	3	3	3	3	80	435	0	75 00	880 00	18	North Hampton, O.	
Harvey L. Hart	Bethel	135	4	45	7	1	1	8	59	1	20	7	1	1	15	130	0	12 00	918 00	5	Greenville, O.	
Geo. Z. Meehling	1st Reformed	170	1	35	6	1	1	1	185	10	3	3	3	3	37	218	1	203 00	692 00	18	Hamilton, O.	
Richard B. Reichard	New Madison	224	1	100	1	1	1	1	214	8	1	1	1	1	17	200	0	1 00	1 00	10	Greenville, O.	
B. Frank Davis, sup	Farmersville	161	1	19	4	4	4	9	98	1	6	3	3	3	34	194	0	27 00	601 00	10	Farmersville, O.	
William A. From	Tremont City	170	1	47	2	2	2	68	8	8	4	4	4	4	30	177	1	158 00	921 00	12	Tremont City, O.	
Albert Klingler	Springboro	196	1	81	14	12	18	8	180	8	4	4	4	4	26	242	3	647 00	1,123 00	20	Springboro, O.	
Alpheus E. Balchly	Germanatown	267	3	50	3	3	3	4	243	13	13	5	2	2	24	210	0	23 00	275 00	12	Alpha, O.	
Blocadus S. Metzger	Beaver Creek	167	3	25	3	1	1	4	125	9	3	3	3	3	24	210	0	80 00	1,350 00	12	Boundary City, Ind.	
William E. Ludwick	New Pitsburg	177	1	40	3	3	3	3	59	4	4	4	4	4	22	112	0	40 00	290 00	6	Greenville, O.	
Henry H. Sandoe	Highland	176	1	15	3	3	3	3	146	3	26	2	2	2	22	112	0	83 00	581 00	24	Hillsboro, O.	
Daniel R. Taylor, sup	Cussar Creek	63	2	15	4	4	4	4	50	3	3	3	3	3	19	120	0	40 00	540 00	7	North Hampton, O.	
Vacant	Salem	40	2	22	4	6	6	3	36	6	1	1	1	1	11	48	0	18 00	110 00	2	Swander's Cross'g. O.	
Vacant	Zion, (Elk Creek)	22	1	1	1	1	1	1	113	1	1	1	1	1	31	158	0	278 00	500 00	12	Dayton, O.	
S. U. Snyder, sup	Trinity	143	3	54	1	1	1	1	65	10	1	1	1	1	9	30	0	69 00	500 00	4	Dayton, O.	
Vacant	Valley	176	3	45	10	1	6	2	125	2	6	2	2	2	26	180	0	69 00	500 00	12	Dayton, O.	
Vacant	Without Charge																					Dayton, O.
Levi Rike	Without Charge																					Dayton, O.
Isaac H. Reiter, D. D.	Without Charge																					Dayton, O.
Adam Hawker	Without Charge																					Dayton, O.
Edward Herbruck, Ph. D.	Ed. Christ. World																					Dayton, O.
Michael Loucks, D. D.	Ed. Christ. World																					Dayton, O.
		54,505	972	134	152	246	176	4507	132	176	77	49	686	3507	7	\$4,652 00	\$58,915 00	371				

* Rev. H. L. Hart has been dismissed to Tuscarawas Classis.

LANCASTER CLASSIS.

MEMBERS.	CHAURSES.		No. of Congregations.		Members.		Unconformed.		Bapt. Chms.		Addi- tions.		Commu- n.		Dismis- sed.		Excom- muni- cated.		Deaths.		Sunday-schools.		Officers and Teachers.		Sunday-school Scholars.		Students for Ministry.		Contributions.		Minutes.		POSTOFFICE ADDRESS.
	Members.	Unconformed.	Infants.	Adults.	Confirmed.	Certifi- cate.	Commu- n.	Dismis- sed.	Excom- muni- cated.	Deaths.	Sunday-schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Sunday-school Scholars.	Students for Ministry.	Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.	Minutes.	Postoffice Address.															
Geo. H. Leonard, D. D.	485	80	8	12	26	3	340	3	2	8	2	45	270	1	263	841	00	Basli, O.															
Leola B. C. Lahr	1	251	10	21	7	20	223	5	2	5	16	140	1	305	1,050	00	Delaware, O.																
John A. Seliz	3	219	6	1	15	1	167	2	11	5	34	165	1	306	922	00	Stoutsville, O.																
Abram D. Wolfinger	2	153	6	1	1	1	140	1	3	3	25	139	4	275	1,200	00	Thornville, O.																
Glendon P. Fisher	2	229	8	1	5	2	222	10	18	2	35	192	1	588	1,031	00	Somerset, O.																
John L. Bretz	1	175	9	4	5	2	162	3	2	3	1	24	166	1	935	870	00	Canal Winchester, O.															
Samuel L. Runkel	2	120	16	8	8	3	105	3	6	4	30	100	1	130	738	00	Hallsville, O.																
Nathaniel H. Leese	4	201	6	8	12	2	190	2	7	4	40	147	1	117	865	00	Baltimore, O.																
Solomon W. Seemanth	1	151	7	9	9	10	137	9	10	2	22	185	1	140	160	00	Wilson & Fair Av., Col., O.																
James Hedley, supply	1	98	11	1	1	1	95	1	1	1	8	34	1	118	406	00	Canal Winchester, O.																
Wm. C. B. Schalenberger	2	245	7	1	1	1	195	1	1	1	33	190	1	118	250	00	Lancaster, O.																
Vacant	4	266	2	7	2	9	76	2	4	2	17	72	1	118	250	00	Lancaster, O.																
Vacant	3	93	18	7	2	9	76	2	4	2	17	72	1	118	250	00	Lancaster, O.																
Feder D. Schory	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	Canal Winchester, O.															
G. W. H. Smith	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	Lancaster, O.															
	29	2566	97	42	90	54	2179	37	65	44	25	350	1065	8	\$3,177	00	\$9,153	00	139														

TUSCARAWAS CLASSIS.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	Members.		Unconformed Members.		Drops.		Additions.		Commu- nicated.	Excom- muni- cated.	Baptisms.	Sunday-schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Sunday-school Scholars.	Students for Ministry.	Contributions.		Minutes.	P. O. ADDRESS.		
		Members.	Unconformed.	Infants.	Adults.	Confirmed.	Certificates.	Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.													
Edward M. Beck	English Ref., Wooster	1	175	54	4	1	3	5	140	5	14	14	1	23	165	.	\$ 125 00	\$ 1,040 00	10	Wooster, O.		
Nathan W. Bloom	Reedsburg	3	211	45	5	7	18	7	183	2	2	2	1	46	203	1	94 00	850 00	15	Ft. Wayne, Ind.		
Lewis C. Edmunds	Canaan	1	30	20	2		3	36	36	2		2	1	4	30		50 00	350 00	6	Canaan, O.		
Sebastian C. Goss, D.D.	Wadsworth	2	341	56	6	9	16	5	329	3	3	2	1	19	140		284 00	875 00	20	Wadsworth, O.		
Isaiah S. Hahn	Salem, (C. F.)	1	156	74	9	8	16	12	150	20	5	5	1	24	150		100 00	100 00	9	Canal Fulton, O.		
Orto C. Hahn, supply	Grace, Crystal Spring	1	31	8	11	20	28	28	140	6	6	8	1	15	75		100 00	430 00	8	Canal Fulton, O.		
Orto C. Renter	Apple Creek	1	763	150	62	28	98	57	690	6	5	6	1	31	587		600 00	2,000 00	8	Apple Creek, O.		
Emil P. Herbruck	Trinity, Canton	2	240	102	17	11	21	9	195	6	4	4	2	38	217		190 00	970 00	16	Canton, O.		
Jacob P. Stahl	New Berlin	3	102	40			101		101	6				38	217		161 00	161 00	6	New Berlin, O.		
Vacant	Mohican	3	267	89	11	5	10	1	235	5	5	5	3	50	328		160 00	1,200 00	20	Lake, O.		
Silas B. Mase	Uniontown	4	283	120	21	9	21	5	244	5	1	3	4	52	363	3	308 00	898 00	17	Massillon, O.		
Vacant	Tuscarawas	4	234		4	9	18	5	355	76	7	1	4	58	310		167 00	800 00	20	Nimistia, O.		
John C. Schaaf	Manchester	4	201	25	5	18	28	19	195	18	3	4	4	50	230	2	116 00	825 00	18	West Salem, O.		
T. H. Schreffler	West Salem	3	185	100	2	3	4	1	170	3	0	6	3	32	210		116 00	450 00	16	Shelby, O.		
Vacant	Shelby	3	185	127	4	1	4	1	181	1	3	5	3	36	215		242 00	905 00	18	Shelby, O.		
Isaac A. Sites	Navarre	4	256	127	4	1	18	4	181	1	38	5	4	24	139	1	177 00	699 00	13	Navarre, O.		
Phillip Steinhage	Marshallville	2	169	43	5			143	143	1				24	139		177 00	699 00	13	Marshallville, O.		
Jacob Thie Stearly	Barborton Mission	2	122	65	5			221	155	4				19	107		65 00	585 00	11	Marshallville, O.		
Wilson R. Stearly	Hough Ave., Ref. Ch	1	179	112	15	16	44	22	155	12	1	1	2	20	203	1	159 00	1,842 00	10	Loyal Oak, O.		
Edward D. Wetlich	Trinity, Akron	1	298	110	20	3	9	14	178	4	2	1	2	26	256		190 00	850 00	10	Cleveland, O.		
Edwin R. Williard	Grace Reformed	1	725	275	6	14	44	525	16	5	7	1	1	48	602	1	500 00	2,900 00	17	Akron, O.		
John C. Klar	Wilbur, Charge																			1	Navarre, O.	
J. H. Schreffler, sup	Friendsville Cong																				1	West Salem, O.
H. L. Weltner	(Licentiate)																				1	Tiffin, O.
		46	5050	1571	244	140	358	242	4397	194	1	95	63	44	646	5079	9	\$3,965 00	\$19,441 00	279		

TIFFIN CLASSIS.

NAME	CHARGE	Members		Baptisms		Additions		Discipline			Contributions			Minutes	P. O. ADDRESS					
		Members	Inconfrmed	Infants	Adults	Confirmed	Verticate	(Communed)	Dismissed	Excommunicated	Deaths	Sundayschools	Officers and Teachers			Sunday-school Scholars	Students Ministry	Beneficent Purposes	Contra-temperance Purposes	
Leola H. K. G. or D. D.	First Church, Tiffin	1	306	96	0	0	17	9	232	0	0	1	56	101	\$ 952 00	\$ 1,300 00	18	Tiffin, O.		
John L. Wampler, D. D.	Freemont	1	124	44	1	52	11	11	124	0	0	1	1	17	1,713 00	450 00	6	Tiffin, O.		
John A. Kretzow	Eastville	1	127	21	1	52	11	7	74	0	0	1	1	17	38 00	653 00	10	Postoria, O.		
	Bellevue	1	210	70	12	20	12	1	138	0	0	1	22	124	38 00	913 00	13	Bellevue, O.		
	Zion	1	172	75	20	25	12	1	140	0	0	1	17	109	35 00	350 00	12	Preside, O.		
Dwight A. Parker	Bloomville	1	136	50	11	4	4	1	110	0	0	1	17	225	250 00	800 00	15	Bloomville, O.		
John E. Dingels	Liberty Center	1	109	25	9	4	7	4	80	0	0	1	17	100	21 00	600 00	8	Lindsey, O.		
James H. Steele	Grace Church, Tiffin	1	220	72	22	22	1	5	130	4	4	1	21	140	117 00	1,382 00	25	Liberty Center, O.		
William F. Fritch	Lima	1	61	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	83	35 00	165 00	7	Lima, O.		
Raymond E. Vanpugh	Ada	1	114	24	3	3	0	9	92	9	0	1	23	150	120 00	455 00	10	Ada, O.		
Alfred H. Luedke	Paulding Mission	1	17	96	4	1	1	3	95	0	0	1	18	208	89 00	138 00	13	Payne, O.		
Albert H. Zechel, I	Bassom	1	163	69	9	1	18	2	163	7	0	1	73	180	72 00	710 00	12	Bassom, O.		
John D. Seif	Bellevue	1	75	43	4	1	0	0	70	3	0	1	7	115	675 00	675 00	12	Bellevue, O.		
John A. Peters, D. D.	Heldberg Y. M. C. A.	1	92	40	0	0	8	45	0	0	0	1	6	63	307 00	469 00	12	Bloomville, O.		
David A. Parks, supply	Heldberg Cong	1	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	40	20 00	115 00	6	Tiffin, O.		
Cornelius M. Lowe, Ph. D.	Carrolltown Cong	1	25	0	4	0	0	24	0	0	0	1	6	40	20 00	115 00	6	Tiffin, O.		
Dwight Van Horn, D. D.	Grade Union Cong	1	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	Tiffin, O.	
Herman Rust, D. D.	Pres. Held. Theo. Sem.	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	Tiffin, O.	
John L. Swander, D. D.	Prof. Held. Theo. Sem.	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	Tiffin, O.	
Alvin S. Zerbe, D. D.	Prof. Held. Theo. Sem.	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	Tiffin, O.	
John A. Peters, D. D.	Prof. Held. Theo. Sem.	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	Tiffin, O.	
Reuben Good	Pres. Held. Uni.	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	Tiffin, O.	
Thos. E. Sommerdecker, H. C.	Prof. Em. Held. Uni.	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	Tiffin, O.	
Joseph B. Shumaker, D. D.	Prof. Held. Uni.	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	Tiffin, O.	
Charles W. Good	Financial Sec., H. U.	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	Tiffin, O.	
John Kost, D. D.	Without Charge	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	Tiffin, O.	
		28	2184	743	92	12	68	52	1649	39	47	28	24	315	2903	5	\$5,166 00	\$9,702 00	213	

1. Rev. A. H. Zechel is now pastor of the Bellevue Charge.

EASTERN OHIO CLASSES.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	Members.		Baptisms.		Additions.		Communed.	Dismissed.	Excommunicated.	Knew.	Deaths.	Sunday-schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Sunday-school Scholars.	Students for Ministry.	Contributions.		Minutes.	F. O. ADDRESS.		
		Members.	Inconformed.	Infants.	Adults.	Confirmed.	Certificate.										Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.				
John J. Leberman, D. D.	Louisville	496	80	33	8	20	11	410	6	1	9	1	1	30	275	5	131	\$1,025 00	25	Louisville, O.		
John H. Romberger	Columbiana	1,320	50	3	8	15	11	310	10	1	2	1	1	20	285	5	566	1,850 00	20	Columbiana, O.		
Franklin E. Laidler	Cantfield	4	365	95	2	13	12	285	11	1	1	1	4	41	260	1	183	775 00	20	Cantfield, O.		
John J. M. Gruber	New Lisbon	242	144	7	5	6	251	3	1	1	4	2	2	20	260	1	495	1,052 00	20	New Lisbon, O.		
George E. Meizer	New Jefferson	157	48	5	4	135	3	11	1	2	1	2	1	24	110	1	159	382 00	15	Germans, O.		
Samuel Z. Baum, D. D.	Carrollton	313	27	6	6	13	6	227	4	1	1	2	2	34	200	1	128	475 00	20	Carrollton, O.		
Harvey E. Kilmor	St. Olivet	347	115	2	3	5	242	4	1	1	2	2	2	28	242	1	148	450 00	14	North Lima, O.		
North A. Ernst	Robertsville	376	151	8	3	9	319	28	13	4	3	3	3	56	321	1	244	892 00	35	Robertsville, O.		
William H. Shulls	Warren	225	54	7	8	16	9	191	1	1	4	3	3	20	202	1	201	666 00	13	Massillon, O.		
Frederick H. Koller	Springfield	1	354	90	2	1	1	29	4	1	1	1	1	26	251	1	139	600 00	20	Petersburg, O.		
Vacant	Strasburg	4	187	116	12	6	13	143	2	1	5	4	4	1	223	1	1	1	1	20	Alliance, O.	
Geo. W. Hemming	Without Charge	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	Osnaburg, O.
Francis A. Edmonds	Without Charge	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	Odell, Ill.
		27,383.22	971,120	44	112	68	2762	76	1	47	47	27	299	2629	4	\$2,391 00	\$8,167 00	225				

ST. JOSEPH CLASSIS.

MINISTERS.	CLASSES.		Members		Members Unconfirmed.		Baptisms.		Additions.		Commund.		Dismissed.		Erased.		Deaths.		Sunday-schools.		Officers and Teachers.		Sunday-school Scholars.		Students Ministry.		Contributions.		Minutes.		P. O. Address.
	Congregations.	Members	Members	Unconfirmed.	Infants.	Adults.	Confirmed.	Verticilate.	Commund.	Dismissed.	Erased.	Deaths.	Sunday-schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Sunday-school Scholars.	Students Ministry.	Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.	Minutes.	P. O. Address.											
John M. Kessler	4	350	305	33	5	17	6	330	15	50	21	3	59	485	428	16	\$1,305	00	20	Mulberry, Ind.											
Geo. H. Souder	3	252	136	17	5	23	6	210	5	11	1	3	43	316	00	1,337	00	17	Bluffton, Ind.												
Abraham B. Stoner	2	178	62	5	21	30	14	171	4	11	1	3	29	193	00	820	00	8	Fulton, Mich.												
Freeman Ware	1	110	30	4	3	5	7	100	3	12	2	1	17	36	00	650	00	5	Three Rivers, Mich.												
Lewis B. Clayton	3	75	18	2	2	6	4	50	3	4	1	1	12	39	96	105	50	2	Three Rivers, Mich.												
Henry S. Bailey	2	59	12	6	12	32	26	50	2	25	3	3	36	57	12	400	00	1	Pulaaki, O.												
Allen K. Zartman	1	230	70	7	6	12	26	180	5	17	1	1	17	25	00	1,000	00	5	White Pigeon, Mich.												
Joseph W. Barber	1	47	28	5	1	6	4	40	1	17	1	1	12	30	00	1,050	00	7	Ft. Wayne, Ind.												
Israel Rothenberger	5	271	115	4	1	6	3	187	3	23	5	5	76	58	20	20	00	4	Ft. Wayne, Ind.												
John H. Albright	2	76	30	1	2	6	2	65	6	6	6	2	20	30	00	160	00	23	Marmont, Ind.												
Benjamin B. Royer	3	114	18	1	9	24	8	97	10	6	3	3	20	50	00	1,100	00	10	Hudson, Ind.												
Alpheus Iden	2	75	14	3	1	14	16	50	1	8	1	1	12	285	00	48	00	4	Denver, Ind.												
James H. Koppel, 2	2	73	14	3	6	8	10	66	2	8	1	3	28	1,218	00	16	25	8	Athens, Mich.												
William H. Xanders	2	90	40	1	9	24	8	97	10	6	3	3	20	50	00	1,100	00	5	Nottawa, Ind.												
Theodore J. Bacher	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	6	Millersburg, Ind.											
Daniel Kroh	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	Michigan City, Ind.											
Elias Spangler	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	Lexington, Ky.											
Peter J. Spangler	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	East Saginaw, Mich.											
John V. Fouts	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	Edgerton, O.											
	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	Farmer, O.										
	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	N. Robinson, O.										
	19	84	2060	878	88	80	182	1111	1707	55	7	186	49	33	406	2520	4	\$1,412	69	\$10,854	17	133									

1. No report. 2. Recently taken charge of. 3. Vacant and partial report.

STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF OHIO SYNOD OF THE REFORMED CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES, 1893.

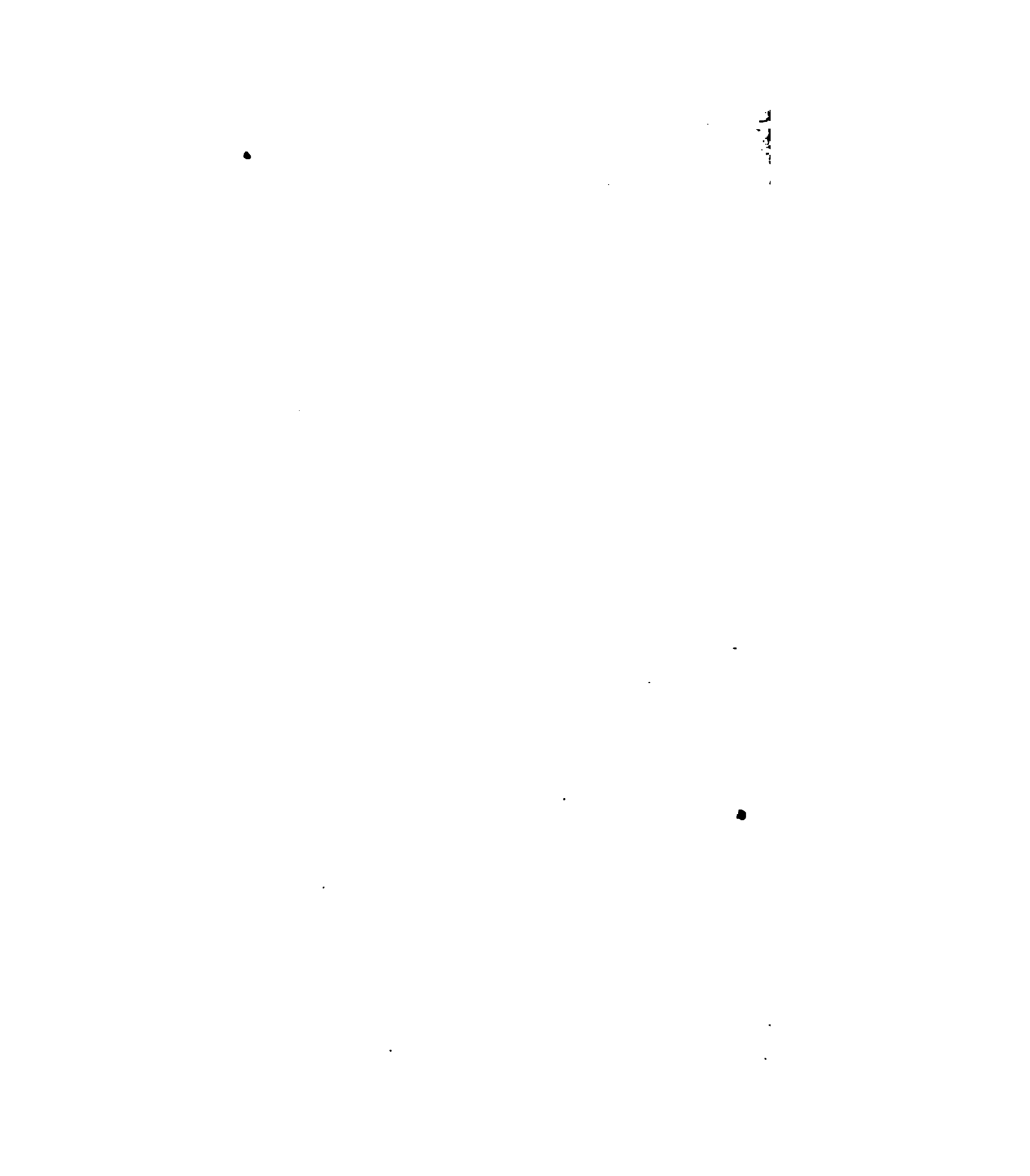
CLASSES.	Classes.	Ministers.	Congregations.	Members.	Members Unconfirmed.	Baptisms.		Additions.		Communed.	Dismissed.	Excommunicated.	Erased.	Deaths.	Sunday-schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Sunday-school Scholars.	Students for Ministry.	Contributions.		Minutes.
						Infants.	Adults.	Continued.	Certificate.										Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.	
Miami	1	25	54	5056	972	134	152	246	176	4507	132	176	77	49	686	3567	7	\$4,652 00	\$8,915 00	371	
Lancaster	1	13	29	2566	844	97	42	90	54	2179	37	65	44	26	350	1055	8	5,177 00	9,153 00	139	
Tuscarawas	1	20	46	5050	1571	244	140	338	242	4397	194	1	95	63	646	5078	9	3,463 00	19,441 00	279	
Tiffin	1	19	28	2184	743	92	12	68	52	1629	39	47	28	24	315	2303	5	3,166 00	9,702 00	213	
Eastern Ohio	1	12	27	3322	971	120	44	112	68	2762	76	1	47	27	299	2620	4	2,391 00	8,167 00	225	
St. Joseph	1	19	34	2960	878	88	80	182	111	1707	55	7	186	48	406	2529	4	1,413 00	10,854 00	133	
Total	6	108	218	29238	5979	775	470	1036	708	17181	533	9	616	307	2702	18033	37	\$15,762 00	\$86,232 00	1390	

STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF THE WHOLE REFORMED CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES FOR 1893.

SYNODS.	Members.	Unconfirmed.	Baptisms.	Adults.	Continued.	Certificate.	Communed.	Dismissed.	Erased.	Deaths.	Sunday-schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Sunday-school Scholars.	Students for Ministry.	Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.	Minutes.
Eastern Synod	90060	50869	5512	501	4530	2414	79880	1361	1297	2365	698	7116	64858	106	\$94,611 00	\$870,946 00	
Ohio Synod	20238	5979	775	470	1036	703	17181	533	616	307	2702	18033	18653	37	18,762 00	56,732 00	
Synod of Northwest	160	230	1832	25	1068	503	14240	130	238	417	152	446	11069	39	14,286 00	17,513 00	
Pittsburgh Synod	6	132	943	123	701	690	14308	543	296	300	11	446	10467	13	28,165 00	73,633 00	
Synod of Potomac	160	398	1897	349	1713	916	26830	599	272	730	275	2269	23482	57	49,457 00	124,078 00	
Central Synod of East	52	47	13225	7	678	634	16601	118	512	594	46	1079	1884	6	7,710 00	88,183 00	
Central Synod	4	81	1134	37	786	791	13498	186	483	416	103	1119	11016	21	12,014 00	83,431 00	
Synod of Interior	5	40	2814	164	101	106	2063	53	79	31	53	475	2853	5	3,314 00	16,914 00	
Grand Total: Synods, 8	129246	144655	15455	1545	10365	7114	172321	8535	3891	5180	1581	15156	153864	284	\$219,919 00	\$983,346 00	

NOTE.—The Stated Clerks of the several District Synods in the order in which they are arranged respectively: 1. Rev. John P. Stein, Reading, Pa. 2. Rev. Isaac H. Rejter, D. D., Miamisburg, O. 3. Rev. John J. Janett, Sheboygan, Wis. 4. Rev. John M. Schickt, D. D., Greenville, Pa. 5. Rev. William M. Dearick, D. D., Neregenburg, Pa. 6. Rev. A. Emil Dahman, 71 Locust Street, Buffalo, N. Y. 7. Rev. John Bachman, D. D., 669 Freeman Avenue, Cincinnati, O. 8. Rev. Dennis B. Shuey, Emporia, Kansas.

Annual meetings of Synods in the year 1894: Eastern—Second Church, Harrisburg, Pa., Wednesday, October 17, at 7:30 P. M. Ohio—West Alexandria, O., Wednesday, October 10, at 7:30 P. M. Northwest—St. Louis, Mo., Wednesday, October 3, at 7:30 P. M. Pittsburgh—Greenburg, Pa., Wednesday, October 10, at 7:30 P. M. Potomac—First Church, York, Pa., Tuesday, October 16, at 7:30 P. M. German Synod of East—St. John's Church, Beaver County, Pa., Saturday, August 25, 7:30 P. M. Central—New Knoxville, O., Wednesday, October 10, at 7:30 P. M. Interior—Hiawatha, Kansas, the time to be fixed by the Executive Committee.





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SEVENTY-FIRST ANNUAL SESSIONS.

Acts and Proceedings

Of the Ohio Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States, convened in convention in the First Reformed Church at West Alexandria, Preble County, Ohio, on Wednesday, October 10, A. D., 1894, at 7.30 o'clock in the evening, and closed its sessions on the following Monday morning at half-past nine o'clock.

ARTICLE I.

THE OPENING OF SYNOD.

The Ohio Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States, in accordance with the appointment made at its last annual meeting, convened in convention in the First Reformed Church at West Alexandria, Preble County, Ohio, on Wednesday, October 10, A. D., 1894, at 7.30 P. M., and in connection with suitable religious services, was opened with a sermon by Rev. Edward D. Wettach, the retiring president, from Joshua 1: 2, 3: "Moses my servant is dead; now therefore arise, go over the Jordan, thou and all this people, unto the land which I give to them, even the children of Israel. Every place that the sole of your foot shall tread upon, that have I given unto you, as I said unto Moses."

When the sermon was concluded, the synod was called to order by the president and constituted with prayer. Thereupon the provisional roll was called, and when completed a quorum was found present, and the synod proceeded to effect a permanent organization by the election of officers.

ARTICLE II.

MEMBERS PRESENT.

CLASSES.	MINISTERS.	ELDERS.
<i>Miami.</i>	William A. Hale, D. D. 2	
	Charles E. Miller. 2	Victor P. Van Horne.
	Solomon U. Snyder. 2	
	Henry M. Herman, D. D. 2	Benjamin Fornshell. 2
	Samuel B. Yockey, D. D. 2	

	Reuben Keller.	Joseph P. Burtner.
	Reuben F. Shultz.	Levi K. Basore.
	Samuel E. Neikirk.	
	Albert Klinger.	Jacob Schaar.
	Elmer E. Weller.	John Gottschall. 2
	Alpheus E. Baichly. 2	John Pfalsgrof.
	William E. Ludwick.	Lewis A. Kemp.
	Scott V. Rohrbaugh.	John M. Smith.
	Isaac H. Reiter, D. D.	
	Michael Loucks, D. D.	
<i>uster.</i>	Charles E. Stoner. 2	John A Weaver. 2
	Louis B. C. Iahr.	
	Solomon W. Seemann. 2	Abraham Frideger.
	John A. Seitz. 2	
	Abraham D. Wolfinger. 2	George W. Clum.
	John L. Bretz.	George F. Bareis.
	Samuel L. Runkel.	
	William C. B. Shulenberger. 2	Frank P. Stuckey, M.D.
<i>uscarawas.</i>	Harvey L. Hart.	
	Edward M. Beck.	
	I. U. E. Kunkle.	Levi Stentz.
	Nathaniel H. Loose.	
	Isaac A. Sites. 2	
	Jacob Ihle.	
	Edward D. Wettach.	
	John C. Schaaf. 2	
<i>Tiffin.</i>	David Van Horne, D. D.	
	John I. Swander, D. D. 2	
	John M. Schick, D. D.	Nelson L. Brewer, Esq.
	James S. Keppel.	
	William H. Tussing.	
	Albert H. Zechiel.	
	James H. Steele.	Joseph W. Burnside.
<i>Eastern Ohio.</i>	John J. Leberman, D. D. 2	
	John H. Bomberger. 2	
	John J. M. Gruber.	
	George E. Metger. 2	
	Franklin E. Lauffer.	
	Charles W. Brugh.	
<i>St. Joseph.</i>	George H. Souder.	
	Abraham B. Stoner. 2	
	Lewis B. Clayton.	
	Joseph W. Barber.	
	George V. Walker.	

NOTE.—Those members having the figure 2 attached to their names appear on the second day of the sessions.

ADVISORY MEMBERS.

Rev. Dewalt S. Fouse, D. D., Iowa Classis, Interior Synod.
Rev. Rufus W. Miller, Lebanon Classis, Eastern Synod.

VISITING MINISTERS.

Rev. Edward L. Hollingsworth, Methodist E. Church.

ARTICLE III.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

Rev. James H. Steele, *President*, Tiffin, Ohio.
Rev. Isaac H. Reiter, D. D., is *Stated Clerk*, Miamisburg, Ohio.
Rev. Edward M. Beck, *Corresponding Secretary*, Wooster, Ohio.
Rev. Lewis H. Kefauver, D. D., *Treasurer*, Tiffin, Ohio.

ARTICLE IV.

RULES OF ORDER.

Synod's Rules of Order were observed in the transaction of business.
The Bar of the House was defined to be the first five pews in front of the chancel.
The hours designated for the opening and closing of the sessions of the present synod were as follows: The morning sessions to open at 8.30 and close at 11.30 o'clock; and the afternoon sessions to open at 1.30 and close at 4.30 o'clock, being according to standard time.

ARTICLE V.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

The following were appointed by the president:

Religious Services.—Ministers—Reuben Keller, Jacob Ihle, Louis B. C. Lahr; Elders John Pfalsgrof and Benjamin Fornshell.

Minutes of Synod.—Ministers—Wm. H. Shults, Albert Klinger, Edward M. Beck; Elders Wm. H. Bahl and George F. Bareis.

Minutes of Classis.—Ministers—George W. Henning, James S. Keppel, Elmer E. Weller; Elders Edward Andre and William H. Rehm.

Overtures.—Ministers—Dr. John M. Schick, Samuel E. Neikirk, Scott V. Rohrbaugh; Elders Joseph W. Burnside and John M. Smith.

Examination, Licensure and Ordination.—Ministers—Dr. David Van Home, George H. Souder, Nathaniel H. Loose; Elders Nelson L. Brewer and Levi Stentz.

State of Religion.—Ministers—Edward D. Wettach, I. U. E. Kunkle, John L. Bretz; Elders Joseph W. Burnside and Abraham Frideger.

Missions.—Ministers—Louis B. C. Lahr, James S. Keppel, Albert H. Zechiel; Elders George F. Bareis and Nelson L. Brewer.

Heidelberg Theological Seminary.—Ministers—Alpheus E. Baichly, Charles E. Miller, Charles W. Brugh; Elders John Pfalsgröf and John M. Smith.

Heidelberg University.—Ministers—Reuben F. Shultz, Edward D. Wettach, John J. M. Gruber; Elders Levi Stentz and Lewis A. Kemp.

Sunday-schools and Catechization.—Ministers—John H. Bomberger, William H. Tussing, Lewis B. Clayton; Elders Joseph P. Burtner and Joseph W. Burnside.

Publication.—Ministers—John J. M. Gruber, Harvey L. Hart, Israel U. F. Kunkle; Elders Nelson L. Brewer and Levi Stentz.

Finance.—Ministers—Dr. William A. Hale, Jacob Ihle, James S. Keppel; Elders George F. Bareis and Abraham Frideger.

Nominations.—Ministers—Alpheus E. Baichly, Charles E. Miller, Elmer E. Weller; Elders Lewis A. Kemp and Levi Stentz.

ARTICLE VI.

COMMUNICATIONS.

The following communications and papers were received and referred to the proper committees:

1. The Minutes of the Classes of Miami, Lancaster, Tuscarawas, Tiffin, Eastern Ohio and St. Joseph were received and referred to the Standing Committee on Minutes of Classes appointed at the last annual meeting of synod, except the reports on the State of Religion and Statistics, which were referred to the Committees on those subjects.
2. The reports of the General Board of Home Missions and of the Treasurer of the Board of the Ohio Synod, were received and referred to the Standing Committee on Missions.
3. A report from the Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions was received through its secretary, and referred to the Standing Committee on Missions.
4. The annual reports of the Board of Trustees of Heidelberg Theological Seminary, and of its Boards of Visitors and of Education, together with the reports of their respective treasurers and of the Financial Agent, were received and referred to the Standing Committee on the seminary.
5. The annual report of the Board of Regents of Heidelberg University was received through the President of the Board, and referred to the Standing Committee on Heidelberg University.
6. The annual report of the Board of Sunday-schools and a report from the Secretary of General Synod's Sunday-school Board, were received and referred to the Standing Committee on Sunday-schools and Catechization.

7. The annual report of the Board of Publication was received and referred to the Standing Committee on Publication.
8. The annual report of the Treasurer of the Ohio Synod was received and referred to the Standing Committee on Finance.
9. A communication from the Alumni Association of Heidelberg University with reference to the interests of the University was received and referred to the Standing Committee on Religious Services.
10. Also sundry communications and papers having reference to different matters and requests, were received and referred to the Standing Committee on Overtures, whose report see for particulars and the action thereon by synod.

ARTICLE VII.
RELIGIOUS SERVICES.

The synod during its present sessions observed the following religious services, viz:

1. The sessions of synod throughout were opened and closed with religious services.
2. There were also public religious services, as will be seen by reference to the report of the Standing Committee on Religious Services. This report being submitted was received, and as amended adopted, and is as follows:

Your Committee on Religious Services respectfully report as follows:

Wednesday, 7.30 P. M. Opening sermon by Rev. Edward D. Wettach, President of Synod.

Thursday evening is given to the Woman's Missionary Society of Ohio Synod for a service in the interests of Missions. The main address of the evening to be given by Mrs. W. E. Hoy, Missionary to Japan.

Friday evening.—Services in the interest of Heidelberg Theological Seminary, Rev. G. H. Souder, Vice President of Seminary Alumni Association presiding.

Address, "Financial and Moral Support of the Seminary," Rev. D. Van Horne, D. D.

Address, "In Behalf of the Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows," Rev. S. B. Yockey, D. D.

Address, "The Demands for a Well-equipped Ministry," Rev. G. H. Souder.

Saturday, 2 P. M.—Preparatory service. Sermon by Rev. I. A. Sites. Liturgical service by Rev. A. D. Wolfinger. Immediately following the preparatory service a short address, "The Importance and Value of our Church Paper in every Family," by Rev. J. H. Steele.

Saturday, 7.30 P. M.—Exercises in the interests of the Sunday-school work of our church, conducted by Rev. A. E. Baichly, president of the Sunday-school Board of Synod.

Address, "Sunday-school Benevolent Offerings," Elder N. L. Brewer, Esq.

Address by Rev. Rufus W. Miller, General Sunday-school Secretary of the Reformed Church in the United States.

A Talk on the Roll of Honor, Rev. A. E. Baichly.

Sunday, 9 A. M.—Five minute talks to the Sunday-school; Rev. I. U. E. Kunkle, Rev. C. W. Brugh.

10 A. M.—Holy communion service. Sermon by Rev. J. M. Schick, D. D. Altar service, Rev. N. H. Loose.

3 P. M.—Young Christian Workers' Meeting, conducted by Rev. J. H. Bomberger.

Six six minute addresses:

1. "Y. M. C. A. Work," Rev. C. E. Stoner.
2. "Christian Citizenship," Rev. A. B. Stoner.
3. "Early Temperance Instruction," Rev. E. M. Beck.
4. "The Brotherhood of Andrew and Philip," Rev. Rufus W. Miller.
5. "The Christian Endeavor Pledge," Rev. A. H. Zechiel.
6. "The Power of Consecrated Youth," Rev. J. H. Bomberger.

7:30.—Missionary service conducted by Rev. J. J. Leberman, D. D.

Address, "The Development of a Mission Spirit," Rev. J. S. Keppel.

Address by Rev. D. S. Fouse, D. D., Superintendent of Home Missions of the Reformed Church.

Closing by Dr. J. J. Leberman.

10 A. M.—Lewisburg Reformed Church, Rev. G. E. Metger.

10 A. M.—Johnsville Reformed Church, Rev. J. J. M. Gruber.

10 A. M.—M. E. Church, West Alexandria, Rev. R. F. Shultz.

7:30 P. M.—Rev. W. E. Ludwick.

10 A. M.—Rev. G. H. Souder, Reformed Church at Farmersville.

Rev. J. J. Leberman, D. D., M. E. Church.

Respectfully submitted,

REUBEN KELLER, *Chairman.*

The religious and special services were severally observed as appointed.

ARTICLE VIII.

MINUTES OF SYNOD.

Three copies of the Minutes of Synod of 1893 were received through the stated clerk, and referred to the Standing Committee on Minutes appointed at the previous annual meeting. This committee, during the afternoon session on Thursday, submitted their report, which was received and considered item by item, and finally adopted as a whole, and is as follows:

Your Committee on Minutes of Synod appointed at the annual meeting at Bloomville, Ohio, would report the following items:

Item 1, page 11. Revs. W. H. Shultz, Albert Klinger, Ed. M. Beck; Elders Wm. H. Bahl and Geo. F. Bareis.

Item 2, page 11. "Item 4, b)," \$275 apportioned to Harbor Missions.

Item 3, page 16. Lancaster Classis requested to report to synod why it failed to provide for apportionment for Heidelberg Theological Seminary.

Item 4, page 16. Revs. G. W. Henning, Jas. S. Keppel, E. E. Weller; Elders Ed. Andre and Wm. H. Rehm, appointed Standing Committee on Minutes of Classis to report at its annual meeting in 1894.

Item 5, page 46. Classis instructed to hold services during their next annual meetings in behalf of Heidelberg Theological Seminary.

Item 6, page 46. Error in names of Board of Trustees of Theological Seminary.

Item 7, page 56. Pastors to read resolutions of General Synod in regard to educational institutions from their pulpits.

Item 8, page 59. Ministers and Sunday-school superintendents to hold collections for benefit of Society of Relief of Ministers and their Widows.

Item 9, page 64. Classis instructed to report number of months Sunday-schools are held during the year by congregations instead of by pastoral charges.

Item 10, page 66. President of Board of Publication for coming year requested to prepare an address for next annual meeting of synod on the topic, "The Importance and Value of our Church Paper in every Home."

Item 11, page 67. Stated Clerk to have 1,800 copies of Minutes printed.

Item 12, page 68. Proceedings of Alumni Association and its constitution to be embodied in Minutes of Synod.

Item 13. Minutes of Woman's Missionary Society of Ohio Synod to be published in Minutes of Synod.

Item 14, page 71. Treasurer to pay janitor \$10.

Item 15, page 72. Rev. A. S. Zerbe, D. D., elected as delegate *primarius*, and Rev. G. W. Henning, *secundus*, to represent Ohio Synod at Central Synod.

Item 16, page 73. Ohio Synod to meet in annual session at West Alexandria, on Wednesday, October 10th, at 7.30 P. M.

Respectfully submitted,

ALBERT KLINGER,
EDWARD M. BECK,
GEO. F. BAREIS,

Committee.

This report was disposed as follows: The items adopted are 1, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 10, 14, 15, 16; item 2 adopted and referred to the Standing Committee on Finance; item 6 adopted and referred to the Standing Committee on Nominations; item 11 adopted, and for report see Art. XXI. Publication; items 12 and 13 adopted and reported attended to.

ARTICLE IX.

MINUTES OF CLASSES.

The Standing Committee on Minutes of Classes, appointed at the annual meeting of synod in 1893, during the afternoon session on Thursday, submitted their report, which was received and considered item by item, and as amended finally adopted as a whole. The report is as follows:

Your Committee on Minutes of Classes beg leave to submit the following report. Having carefully examined the minutes of the different classes, we find the following items deserving the attention of synod:

I. IRREGULARITIES.

Item 1. Miami Classis *a*) did not record the call of special meeting, and the reports of committees, as separate documents from the consideration of the call and the reports; *b*) the stated clerk attests the minutes of Special Meeting (November 20, 1893), to be "a true copy of the original minutes," and those of the annual meeting, to be "a copy of the original minutes," without his signature to the minutes; *c*) has no Sunday-school statistical table; *d*) records the reception of Rev. Samuel E. Neikirk from Tiffin Classis, while he was only a licentiate, and the constitution of the church regards a licentiate, not as a minister, but only as a candidate for the ministry. (Item 25, report of Committee on Overtures;) *e*) does not state whether the constitutional questions were answered by the delegated elders. *f*) did not state at the close of the last session, that it adjourned nor when and where to meet.

Item 2. Lancaster Classis *a*) does not give the number of its annual meeting. *b*) records the name of licentiate E. C. Sult on the roll of its ministers without designating him as a licentiate.

Item 3. Tuscarawas Classis *a*) Classis met and adjourned, (at a special meeting at Canton, February 8, 1894, without opening and closing "in regular form," because there appeared to be no quorum present; *b*) records the minutes of the Special Meeting within the body of the minutes of the annual meeting, instead of separate from them; *c*) did not record the ordination of O. C. Kemter; *d*) appointed a permanent Classical Sunday-school Committee of five elders and no minister; *e*) has no report of the committee on finance.

Item 4. Tiffin Classis *a*) does not give the number of its annual meeting; *b*) has no Sunday-school statistical table; *c*) appointed a permanent Classical Sunday-school Committee of three ministers and no elder; *d*) does not give a correct record of its ministers or statistical table; *e*) the minutes of the annual meeting are attested as true official copy of the minutes of the meeting, without the signature of either the stated clerk or the moderator of the special meeting. Appendix to the minutes of the annual meeting, "without

the stated clerk or the moderator of the special meeting, at an adjourned session, and the minutes of the special meeting in regular

form, because there appeared to be no quorum present; *b*) reports the number of months Sunday-schools were held by charges instead of by congregations, as instructed by synod; *c*) appointed a committee on reconstruction of three ministers and no elder.

Item 6. St. Joseph Classis--*a*) on the vote on the new constitution, recorded the negative vote first, then those who voted yea; and does not give the sum total of the votes cast; *b*) does not give the number of "yes" and "no" answers to the last two questions in Sunday-school statistical report, nor the sum total in those two columns, nor in that of the number of months held; *c*) does not give the number of its ministers and charges; *d*) has no Standing Committee on Sunday-schools and Catechization, nor on Missions; *e*) St. Joseph Classis fails to define the "Bar of the House;" *f*) fails to record the request of Rev. J. J. Excell for installation as pastor of the Nottawa Mission; *g*) fails to record representation of classis at General Synod, and delegates fail to make report, yet expenses are paid by treasurer.

II. SUBJECTS REFERRED TO CLASSES.

Item 7. All the Classes accept the apportionments of Synod, and appointed a Permanent Classical S. S. Committee.

Item 8. Miami, Tuscarawas and Eastern Ohio Classes *adopt* the new Constitution; Lancaster, Tiffin and St. Joseph Classes *reject* it.

Item 9. Miami, Lancaster and St. Joseph Classes held services in the interest of Heidelberg Theological Seminary; Tuscarawas, Tiffin and Eastern Ohio Classes did not hold such services; but Tiffin Classis "expresses its sincere regrets that such service was not arranged for and held."

Item 10. St. Joseph and Eastern Ohio Classes acknowledge irregularities in their minutes; Miami Classis does not.

Item 11. All the different Classes heartily approve of the progressive steps that have been taken to advance the Sunday-School work of the Church; and the cause of Orphan Homes, of Ministerial Relief, and of Missions, are commended to the liberality of the people.

Item 12. Lancaster Classis gives as a reason for not making provision for Synod's apportionment for Heidelberg Theological Seminary (in 1893), "Because the Classis felt that the members were already burdened with a heavy apportionment." But "Lancaster Classis also regrets the action and similar action on the part of other Classes, excusing charges from paying their apportionment."

Item 13. Tuscarawas, Tiffin, Eastern Ohio and St. Joseph Classes commend *The Christian World*, and Reformed S. S. Literature; Miami and Lancaster Classes take no action.

Item 14. Lancaster and St. Joseph Classes comply with Synods request to report the number of months Sunday-Schools are held by congregations instead of by charges; Miami, Tuscarawas and E. O. Classes adopt the request of Synod, but failed to report accordingly; Tiffin Classis took no action.

Item 15. Tuscarawas, Eastern Ohio and St. Joseph Classes comply with Synod's request in reference to the resolutions on Heidelberg University to be read from the pulpit; Miami, Lancaster and Tiffin Classes take no action.

III. REQUESTS TO SYNOD.

Item 16. Miami Classis calls the attention of synod to the fact that no irregularities are discovered in its minutes.

Item 17. Miami Classis informs Synod that this classis makes an annual appropriation for the benefit of the Ministerial Relief Society.

Item 18. Tuscarawas Classis overtures the Ohio Synod to establish an order of installation for Sunday-school superintendents, and provide a suitable service for the same.

Item 19. Tiffin Classis "calls the attention of the Ohio Synod to the sixth section of the unification plan of the General Synod's Board of Home Missions, adopted at the meeting of the Ohio Synod in 1890."

Item 20. Eastern Ohio Classis overtures the Ohio Synod to pass temperance resolutions.

IV. RECEPTIONS AND DISMISSIONS.

Item 21. Miami Classis received Rev. D. K. Fulcason from the Classis of Illinois, Licentiate Scott V. Rohrbaugh from Eastern Ohio Classis and Licentiate Samuel E. Neikirk from Tiffin Classis; and dismissed Rev. G. Z. Mechling to the Congregational Church of Ohio, Rev. J. J. Excell to St. Joseph Classis, Rev. H. L. Hart to Tuscarawas Classis, and Rev. B. F. Davis to the Classis of North Carolina, Synod of the Potomac.

Item 22. Lancaster Classis received Rev. W. C. B. Shulenberger and Licentiate C. E. Stoner from Tuscarawas Classis; dismissed Rev. N. H. Loose to Tuscarawas Classis, and deposed the Rev. G. W. H. Smith from the ministry.

Item 23. Tuscarawas Classis received Rev. W. H. Shults from Eastern Ohio Classis, Rev. N. H. Loose from Lancaster Classis, Rev. H. L. Hart from Miami Classis, Licentiate I. U. E. Kunkle from Tiffin Classis, and Rev. A. G. Berkey from Heidelberg Classis, Central Synod; and dismissed Rev. W. C. B. Shulenberger and Licentiate C. E. Stoner to Lancaster Classis, and Rev. J. D. Neff to Tiffin Classis.

Item 24. Tiffin Classis received Rev. R. R. Lackey from Miami Classis, Rev. J. D. Neff from Tuscarawas Classis, Rev. J. S. Keppel from St. Joseph Classis, Rev. J. M. Schick, D. D., from St. Paul's Classis, Pittsburg Synod, Rev. D. M. Christman from St. John's Classis, Central Synod, and Rev. W. H. Tussing from Huron Presbytery, Presbyterian Church; and dismissed Rev. J. A. Ketrow to the Maumee Presbytery, of the Presbyterian Church, Licentiate S. E. Neikirk to Miami Classis, and Licentiate I. U. E. Kunkle to Tuscarawas Classis.

Item 25. Eastern Ohio Classis received the Licentiate Chas. W. Brugh from Lancaster Classis, Eastern Synod; and dismissed Rev. W. H. Shults to Tuscarawas Classis, and Licentiate Scott V. Rohrbaugh to Miami Classis.

Item 26. St. Joseph Classis received Rev. J. J. Excell from Miami Classis, and dismissed Rev. J. S. Keppel to Tiffin Classis, and Rev. T. J. Bacher to the West Lexington Presbytery, Presbyterian Church.

V. LICENSURE AND ORDINATION.

- Item 27. Tuscarawas Classis licensed C. E. Stoner.
 Item 28. Tiffin Classis licensed I. U. E. Kunkle and S. E. Neikirk.
 Item 29. Eastern Ohio Classis licensed Scott V. Rohrbaugh and Sylvanus S. Snyder.

VI. NECROLOGY.

Item 30. Miami Classis records the death of Rev. Jacob V. Lerch, Chaplain of the National Military Home at Dayton, Ohio, and held appropriate memorial services in his memory.

VII. ANNUAL MEETINGS.

- Item 31. Miami Classis will meet in North Hampton Reformed Church, North Hampton, O., on Tuesday May 7, 1895, at 7.30 P. M. Rev. A. E. Baichly, President; Rev. H. M. Herman, D. D., Stated Clerk; Elder V. P. Van Horne, Treasurer.
 Item 32. Lancaster Classis will meet in Trinity Reformed Church, Thornville, Ohio, on the 9th day of May A. D. 1895, at 7.30 P. M. Rev. A. D. Wolfinger, President; Rev. S. W. Seemann, Stated Clerk; Rev. J. A. Seitz, Treasurer.
 Item 33. Tuscarawas Classis will meet in Trinity Reformed Church, Akron, Ohio, May 21, 1895, at 7.30 P. M. Rev. E. R. Williard, President; Rev. E. D. Wettach, Stated Clerk; Elder E. K. Kremer, Treasurer.
 Item 34. Tiffin Classis will meet in Zion's Reformed Church, Bettsville, Seneca Co., Ohio, Thursday, May 2, 1895, at 7.30 P. M. Rev. J. D. Neff, President; Rev. A. H. Zechiel, Stated Clerk; Rev. J. B. Shumaker, D. D., Treasurer.
 Item 35. Eastern Ohio Classis will meet in the Paradise Reformed Church, of the Mt. Olivet Charge, Mahoning Co., Ohio, on Tuesday May 7, A. D. 1895, at 7.30 P. M. Rev. F. H. Keller, President; Rev. G. W. Henning, Stated Clerk; Rev. J. H. Bomberger, Treasurer.
 Item 36. St. Joseph Classis will meet in the First Reformed Church, Bluffton, Indiana, on Thursday, June 20, 1895, at 7.30 P. M. Rev. B. B. Royer, President; Rev. F. Ware, Stated Clerk; Elder Benjamin Ashbacher, Treasurer.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. W. HENNING, *Chairman.*

This report was disposed of as follows:

The items adopted are as follows: item 1 with sub-items *a, b, c, d, e, f*; item 2, *a* and *b*; item 3, *a, b, c*, and *d*; item 4, *a, b, c* and *d*; item 5, *a* and *b*; item 6, *a, b, c, d, e, f* and *g*; also 7, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35 and 36; item 18 adopted and referred to the Standing Committee on Sunday-schools; item 19 adopted and referred to the Standing Committee on Missions; item 20 adopted and for action thereon see Art. XXIV, Miscellaneous.

ARTICLE X.
OVERTURES.

The Standing Committee on Overtures, during the morning session on Thursday, presented their report, which was received and considered item by item, and subsequently adopted as a whole. The report is as follows:

The following communications, referred to your committee, claim your consideration:

Item 1. A report from the Secretary of General Synod's Board of Foreign Missions, urging synod to take such action, as will move the church to respond promptly and favorably to the action of General Synod, in the interests of Foreign Missions.

Item 2. A communication from the superintendent of St. Paul's Orphan Home, Butler, Pa., setting forth the condition of the institution, and, asking synod to bring its wants before our people in such a way as to secure to the home, a liberal contribution during the coming winter.

Item 3. A report from the Secretary of General Synod's Sunday-school Board, overtureing Synod to request the classes to adopt its plan of supporting the general Sunday-school work.

Item 4. A communication from the Treasurer of the Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows of the Reformed Church, calling the attention of synod to the needs of the society and asking a place for its report, in the published minutes of synod.

Item 5. An invitation from the Fulton, Michigan, Congregation for the synod to hold its next annual meeting in the Reformed Church at Fulton, Michigan.

Item 6. A communication from Rev. A. K. Zartman, a) inviting synod to hold its next annual session in Grace Reformed Church, Fort Wayne, Indiana, and b) asking to be excused from attending this meeting.

Item 7. A letter from Rev. B. B. Royer, asking that he be excused from attending this meeting.

Item 8. A letter from Rev. S. C. Goss, D. D., containing a similar request.

Item 9. A letter from Rev. G. W. Henning containing a similar request.

Item 10. A complaint of Rev. G. W. H. Smith, against a certain action of Lancaster Classis.

Item 11. A memorial from the trustees of Calvin College proposing to this synod, in conjunction with the Synods of the East, of the Potomac and of Pittsburgh, a joint ownership and management of the institution conjointly with Erie Classis.

Item 12. A letter from Rev. R. B. Reichard, asking that he be excused from attending this meeting.

Item 13. A letter from Rev. W. H. Shurts, containing a similar request.

Item 14. A letter from Rev. J. H. Peters, D. D., containing a similar request.

Item 15. An overture from the Alumni Association of Heidelberg University asking the synod to provide "for laying the interests of the university before the people" at this and future meetings of synod.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN M. SCHICK, *Chairman.*

This report was disposed of as follows:

Item 1 adopted and referred to the Standing Committee on Missions, and for report see Art. XIII, Missions; **item 2** for action on see Art. XVI, Benevolent and Religious Institutions; **item 3** adopted and referred to the Standing Committee on Sunday-schools, and for report see Art. XVII, Sunday-schools; **item 4** adopted and for action on see Art. XVI, Benevolent and Religious Institutions; **items 5 and 6 a)** for result see Art. XXI, Miscellaneous; in **items 5, 6 b) 7, 8, 9, 12, 13 and 14** the requests to be excused were granted; **item 10** for action and result therein see Art. XIX, Complaints; for action in **item 11** see Art. XXI, Miscellaneous; **item 15** was adopted.

ARTICLE XI.

EXAMINATION, LICENSURE AND ORDINATION.

The Standing Committee on Examination, Licensure and Ordination, during the morning session on Monday, presented their report, which was received and adopted, and it is as follows:

Your Standing Committee on Examination, Licensure and Ordination beg leave to report that no candidate has been referred to them, and hence no business has been transacted by the committee.

Respectfully Submitted,

DAVID VAN HORNE, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE XII.

RELIGION AND MORALS.

The Standing Committee on the State of Religion and Statistics, during the morning session on Monday, being the last day of the sessions, submitted their report, which was received and adopted, and is as follows:

DEAR FATHERS AND BRETHREN: -- Your Standing Committee on the State of Religion within our bounds would respectfully submit its report as follows:

The history of this Synod for another year has been made. It has been a history of great achievements for the Master. His servants have been

busy bearing His messages, doing His work and fulfilling His will. With the gracious word of promise in their hearts:—"Though he goeth on his way weeping, bearing forth the seed; he shall come again with joy, bringing his sheaves with him," his messengers have returned to tell the good news of divine favor and blessing. And in their hearts they sing the Davidic song: "Be thou exalted O Lord in thy strength, so we will sing and praise thy power." The Lord hath done excellent things for us whereof we are glad. It is therefore no surprising thing that the reports from the various Classes breathe a thankful spirit of grateful praise for the goodness of God to his people in honoring His word with good success in the rich fruitage of souls won for the Redeemer's crown. The prophetic word has been fulfilled and the people rejoice. ["And a man shall be as an hiding place from the wind and a covert from the tempest, a rivers of water in a dry place, as the shadow of a great rock in a weary land."] Yes, beloved, we have been happy in the promise of Jesus fulfilled to us as he says, *Go preach my gospel and lo I am with you alway.*

There is profound reason for thanksgiving, not simply in the fact of the good success attending the labors of his servants in winning souls but also in the fact that death has not invaded the ranks of our ministry the benevolent offerings have steadily flowed into their proper channel of usefulness, the stringency of the times has seriously affected the ardor of God's servants in their sacrifices of thankfulness, the missionary enterprises of the church have prospered, new congregations have been organized and church buildings erected, our educational institutions have been signally blessed. From all available sources comes the happy intelligence that the Reformed Church is moving forward in making conquest of the world for Christ. Progress is her motto; Enlargement her watchword.

One of the most hopeful signs of the times is the revival of interest in the missionary work of the Synod. Our people are ready to respond to the call of God for men and money to enlarge here both in the home and foreign field. It affords us a peculiar pleasure to note the fact that one of our young men, a graduate of our Theological Seminary, Rev. S. Snyder, has gone to Japan to help plant the cross in that interesting island empire. This is more gratifying because he is the missionary sent by the Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor. The young people henceforth have a peculiar and permanent interest in our foreign missionary work. We would also record the fact of the advance being made in the Sunday-School work in our Synod. The plans being formed by the General Secretary and put into practical operation by the churches commend themselves to the thoughtful and promise rich fruitage of Christian nurture of our children and youth. God has owned his work in the salvation of sinners and the edification of his people. He is using us to himself a great name in the earth. He is using us in promoting his glory. Another regiment of nearly fifteen hundred volunteers enlisted under our banner. The army is moving forward in the conflict waged on the battle-field of the world toward the triumph

is flashing out of the darkness, a highway has been thrown up in the wilderness, God is marching on. We see the victory from afar. Let us close about the Christ, O brother men, and keep step with the march of the cross,

"Till upon earth's grateful sod
Rests the city of our God."

Respectfully submitted,
EDWARD D. WETTACH, *Chairman.*

(For Statistical Reports see Appendix.)

ARTICLE XIII.

MISSIONS HOME AND FOREIGN.

The following reports and papers on the subject of home and foreign missions were received, considered and adopted:

I. ANNUAL REPORTS.

1. *Report of the General Board of Home Missions.*

BRETHREN:- We again submit to you for your consideration, a report of the operations of the General Board of Missions for the past year. The year covered by this report ends August 31, 1894, although the statistical table attached to the end of this report contains the results of the work only up to April 1, 1894. Last year, being the year of the meeting of General Synod, and, the Triennial report to said Synod being extensively circulated, no Annual report was issued for general circulation. This year, however, the Board sends among the churches a full and complete report of its operations during the past twelve months, so that all may know what has been done for the extension of the work, and, also, that the church may fully appreciate the importance of the work that still lies before her.

We feel it but right, that at the beginning of this report, we should acknowledge the goodness and mercy of the Great Head of the Church, in so signally prospering our work and giving us success. The year has been one of trials in church work. There are at all times plenty of obstacles in the way when the servants of Christ undertake to extend His Kingdom, but the year just past has been especially fruitful in these obstacles. When the year commenced the Board had as many missions on its rolls as the apportionments would justify. Many urgent appeals came before the Board for the establishment of new missions. A few additional missions were enrolled, while some already on the roll became self-supporting. Then came the stringent times, and during the entire year there has been a continual struggle to keep the financial credit of the Board upon a

good basis. Many requests for the establishment of new missions had to go unheeded, not but that the Board was anxious to do additional work—but because of the lack of money. When we say that the Board could not answer all the demands made upon it, the Church must not suppose that the work was in any way curtailed. The past year saw a larger amount of money used in the Home Mission work of the Church than during any previous year of her history. That for which we should give special thanks to God, is the fact, that while financial disaster was a common thing throughout the land the Board has been enabled to pay the missionaries in full to date without incurring any indebtedness. This is rather remarkable when we remember that our sister Churches have been and are now heavily involved as the result of the stringency of the times. What the condition of our treasury will be at the end of the present quarter no one can not tell, but from present indications we may expect a considerable deficiency. We have faith in the Church, however, and are fully persuaded that the funds will be on hand in due time with which to meet the liabilities of the Board. It still remains true that while the work done was not less in any department, yet there was not the increase made that would have been, had the times been more prosperous.

As before stated, many appeals came before the Board for the establishment of new missions. There is something strange about these numerous calls. They come to us from the large cities, as well as the smaller town and country districts. There was a time when it was a question when we should go, as a Church, to open up new missions. There seemingly were no "Macedonian cries" coming to us. Now all this is changed. The calls are more numerous than we can answer. God is opening up fields for us and presenting opportunities which should claim the earnest attention of the Church. God never presents opportunities without, at the same time, supplying the means to lay hold upon them. The many inviting fields that lie open before us should be an intimation to us that God expects us to go in and possess them. More liberal means must be provided for the enlarged work which must be accomplished. The extension of the Church should be kept before our people in order that the means may be provided by which the Board may occupy the new places continually presenting themselves. The next decade should witness much greater expansion of the work than the one just closed. The opportunities for this are at hand. Let us embrace them as God gives us the means.

THE MISSIONS.

At the end of this report will be found the Statistical table of the missions. This table gives the statistics of all the missions on the roll of the Board on March 31, 1881. There are included on this roll all missions that have been accepted by the Board and to be enrolled up to October 1, 1881. Hence it will be seen that those missions that have been enrolled since April 1, 1881, do not have the statistical column filled out, but it was deemed best to enroll them with the rest so that the Synods may be

enabled to see the amount of the appropriations in full. Including the Hungarian Missions the Harbor Mission, and the three congregations supplied by Superintendent Shuey, there have been during the year, one hundred missions on the roll of the Board. Counting those under the care of Brother Shuey a single mission, there were ninety-eight. Of these Warren, Ohio, Dakota and Damascus, Illinois, Burlington and Concord, North Carolina, Du Bois and Easton, Pennsylvania, have passed off the roll, leaving ninety-one under the care of the Board. In these ninety-one missions there are *one hundred and forty* congregations. While seven missions have passed from the roll, there have been enrolled the following: Nottawa, Michigan, Hamilton and Massillon, Ohio, Yorkton, Canada, Denver, Colorado, Edinburg and Stonington, Illinois, Everett, Washington, and Thomasville and Mt. Pleasant, North Carolina, Holton, Kansas, which has heretofore been served by Superintendent Shuey, although regularly organized, has during the year secured a pastor, making in all eleven additional missions that have been entered upon the roll of the Board. Several of these are very important missions and were enrolled, although the Board could hardly see the way open, financially, to do so. Massillon, Ohio, was regarded as a specially fine opening, and the marked progress of the mission justified the Board in its belief. At Denver, Colorado, we have had a church for a number of years—exclusively German. The congregation dwindled down to a handful of members, while the church property was being mortgaged to keep up the running expenses of the congregation. Under this condition of things the General Board was asked to take charge and establish an English mission. The Board had to assume a debt of \$2500 in order to save the church property, and it felt that the mission must be made prevailingly English to succeed. Rev. D. A. Winter was sent there in May of this year and reports a hopeful outlook. Hamilton, Ohio, was enrolled with the express understanding that the appropriation shall be reduced \$100 annually.

In a number of the missions, houses of worship were erected during the year and others are now engaged in building chapels or churches. Several parsonages have also been built. The missions are as prosperous as can be expected. As in old charges, so in missions, there are many discouraging features connected with the work. There is a small number of these missions which must ultimately be turned over to the Classes to which they belong to be supplied. Where there is no *reasonable* prospect for a mission to become self-supporting in a *reasonable* time the Classes should, by reconstruction of charges, take care of such fields. This is the policy of the Board but it finds it somewhat difficult at times to carry it out. The missions in Kansas and Nebraska will be called upon to contend with special difficulties on account of the stringency of the times and the failure of crops. The great majority of the missions, however, are in a very prosperous condition and the Church should give thanks to the Great Head of the Church for the measure of prosperity that has attended the work.

THE EXPENSES OF THE YEAR.

The expense roll of the Board is gradually lengthening and the amount needed will increase with each year. During the year past special expenditures were made to keep down the expenses. The Board must keep the expenditures within the limits of the apportionments with a liberal allowance for delinquencies. It is a fact that the Synods never pay the apportionments in full. It seems a little strange to the Board that the apportionments, for Classical and Synodical expenses, also for Beneficiary Missions, are paid in full and that, the delinquencies fall so heavily on the Missions. Whatever the cause, the Board must recognize the fact and allowances accordingly.

During the year the outlay of the Board reached the sum of \$36,000 within a fraction of that amount. It would have been more had it been for the fact that several of the missions requiring the heaviest outlays were vacant during part of the year. The above sum includes what was paid for Hungarian and Harbor Missions. There was quite a delinquency on the apportionments, but this was made up by special contributions by what the Women's Missionary Societies contributed to the cause. While the Board had to economize, and, leave undone work that should have been done, still we are glad to say that the missionaries were all paid promptly, and all other liabilities met. This refers, of course, only to the missions proper and not to the Church extension feature of the work.

HARBOR MISSION.

This important work at the Port of New York is under the care of Rev. Paul Sommerlatte. When he took charge of the mission he was an Elder in the Church, but he has lately been licensed and ordained, and is thus enabled to perform all ministerial functions. He devotes all his time to the immigrants, excepting on Sunday when he preaches to a small mission congregation in the city, but even this is more or less connected with his work among the immigrants. The main features of the work are—to receive the immigrants as they arrive—to direct them to homes and lodging places in the city so as to protect them against the sharpers who are always ready to take advantage of them—to see that those who have selected homes in different states are put on the proper trains—in short to help them in every way possible and give them all needed information. As many of these immigrants are members of the Reformed Church, the Missionary must see to it that they are reported to the pastors of the Church who may reside in or near the places where they propose to settle. He must also look after the poor who need help, and those who have no proper protectors. This requires much labor and a great amount of correspondence. So much work is required that the Missionary suggests the need of an assistant. Efficiently to do the work that should be done an assistant could be employed to good advantage, but the Board, for various reasons, has not deemed it best to appoint one. Other churches, however, have taken such action, and with great benefit to the work.

The salary formerly paid the Missionary was less than \$800, which was deemed entirely inadequate for one in his position in the city of New York. Other churches have been paying more liberal salaries and it was deemed but proper that our Church should give better compensation to her representative in that city.

At the meeting of the Executive Committee last October his salary was made \$1,000 per annum, and that is the amount he now receives. This increased salary will demand a correspondingly increased liberality on the part of the Synods toward this mission. The Board asks of the Synods that at their annual meetings this fall they increase somewhat the amounts that gave prior to the present year. The work is an important one and the Church should liberally sustain it. Brother Sommerlatte is an indefatigable worker and in every way seems to be the right man in the right place, and should have the sympathy and liberal support of the whole Church.

THE HUNGARIAN WORK.

This work still demands the care and sympathy of the whole Church. The work is as important as ever, but during the year past did not make the progress that some, in the Church, may have expected. This can be accounted for upon the ground of the stringency of the times. The Hungarian immigration has fallen off very decidedly during the past year, while not a few, who had the means, returned to their native land again. Among those who remained the destitution was very great during part of the year. Many of them instead of being in a position to help along with the church work, needed the charity of the Church at large to bridge over the last winter. Especially was this the case in and about Pittsburgh and Cleveland. We cannot, therefore, report any marked gain in the membership, but we are glad to say that the work is being brought upon a better basis. At first the work was somewhat of an experiment, but such is no longer the case. The Board has the work under complete control and the future looks exceedingly hopeful. During the year an additional Missionary arrived from Hungary, in the person of Rev. Frank Ferenczi. He is a young man and when he arrived was only a licentiate. He was ordained by the Allegheny Classis and was placed in Pittsburgh as an assistant to Brother Kovacs. He has proven himself, thus far, a man of marked ability and energy. He is blessed with business tact, as well as with preaching talents, and has placed the Church in Pittsburgh upon a much better foundation than it formerly occupied. He has arranged his plans to gradually pay off the debt that rests upon the church property, so as to make it the exclusively property of his own people and congregation. This is a good movement as it will teach the Hungarians to do something for themselves and for their own Church.

At the meeting of the Executive Committee in January last, Rev. Kovacs appeared before it, and asked that he be allowed to lead a colony of his countrymen to Assinaboia in Canada. He made this plea upon the

ground that many of his countrymen were farmers in their native and not mechanics and trades-men, and that they longed for the country life to which they were accustomed in Hungary. He claims furthermore, that the Canadian authorities had made an offer of two ships of land gratis if such a colony were founded. At first the Commission was not so favorably disposed toward the project, but after some consultation Bro. Kovacs was granted permission to go and plant the Colony among his countrymen in the far North-west. In his last report he states that there were then with him some seventy families, and that more were coming soon. The Board assumed no traveling expenses, either for himself or the people he took with him. He simply receives his \$600 formerly, as salary. It is hoped that the good brother may be successful in his venture.

Already last October Brother Jurany, of Cleveland, notified the Board that he proposed to resign his position as Missionary among the Hungarians in Cleveland, Ohio. He did this upon the ground that he is a man by birth and, largely by education, and that he felt that he could do more efficient work among the Germans than Hungarians. He, however, promised to remain at his post until the Board could find a successor. Correspondence was at once commenced with proper authorities in Hungary, for a good man to take the place of Bro. Jurany. But this was not successful in getting the right man, until lately, Bro. Harsanyi has been selected, and has promised to come. He is highly recommended for the mission work by those who know him. Likely by the time the report is sent out into the church, he will be at work in Cleveland. If he does come Bro. Jurany will occupy the field. The stringent conditions made it almost impossible to go forward with the erection of a chapel for the Hungarian congregation in Cleveland. Quite lately an offer has been made, of a church property, which is regarded very reasonable. The Evangelical Association has a church and parsonage in the Hungarian quarter of the city. There is hardly a call there for an English chapel. The church is a good one and the parsonage has ten rooms in it. The property is offered for \$5,500. It is well located, fronting on Madison Avenue. The Evangelical people offer to take as part pay, the lot which the Hungarians now own, and for which they paid \$1,280. This is a grand opportunity, but the extension funds are not on hand with which to purchase it. What is the advice of the synods on this point? This matter of gathering funds and overseeing the erection or purchase of a chapel was placed in the hands of a special committee and the project will be carried forward in a way deemed best for the Hungarian congregation and the church.

Bro. Kovacs going to Canada, leaves Bro. Ferenczi with all the churches about Pittsburgh, and those further east, under his care. He claims that he has all that he can do with the churches in Pittsburgh, McKeesport, Braddock, Beaver Falls and others—and that he cannot see to the

New York, Bridgeport, Bangor, and other points. Arrangements have been made by which the latter points will be supplied, but in the very near future an additional missionary must be procured if the work is to be extended as now seems necessary. It is necessary that a larger amount of money be contributed for this work, and, as it was undertaken by the direct action of the General Synod, the Board feels that both the English and German Synods should be alike interested in this work. The Board, therefore, asks that the Synods apportion the following sums for the Hungarian work, for the ensuing year:

Eastern Synod.....	\$1,000
Potomac Synod.....	500
Pittsburg Synod.....	450
Ohio Synod.....	400
Northwestern Synod.....	250
Central Synod.....	200
German Synod of the East.....	140
Synod of the Interior.....	90

This sum, with what additional will be contributed by the Woman's Missionary societies, will enable the Board to carry forward the work successfully for the present.

CHURCH EXTENSION.

This branch of the work continues to be of the utmost importance to us as a church. It is the more important from the fact that it has been so long neglected. Now, more than ever before, is the church in need of a strong fund which will enable her to engage in city work, and plant her standards in the centers of population. We are compelled to repeat in this report, what has often been repeated before; that the church will not and cannot make the progress she deserves until a more determined effort is made to establish a strong extension fund. During the year past there was a greater demand for these funds than in any previous year. The income of the Board was quite considerable, but not, by any means, sufficient to meet the requirements of the work. The following is the report of Treasurer Boush:

Dr.

Received from Contributions.....	\$4,594 37
" " Bequests and Legacies.....	4,737 50
" " Loans.....	3,500 06
" " Interest on Loans.....	309 00
" " Money returned by Missions.....	400 00
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	\$13,550 87

Interest on Borrowed Funds.....	\$ 476 7
For Church Property at St. Joseph, Mo.....	4,768 8
“ “ “ “ Columbus, Ohio.....	2,368 1
“ “ “ “ Ada, Ohio.....	500 0
“ “ “ “ Chicago, Ill.....	2,953 3
“ “ “ “ Massillon, Ohio.....	1,000 0
“ “ “ “ Lima, Ohio.....	1,650 0
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	\$13,735 1
Due the Treasurer.....	194 2

In the contributions received are included the special funds given by different persons, which have been noticed in the periodicals of the church and need not be named here. The General Board received three special funds of \$500 each and a fourth is nearly full.

The bequests and legacies above mentioned were not made for church extension especially, but were given for missions in general. The Board uses them in this work for the present, and when paid back by the missions will be used as invested funds.

It will be seen that the Board was under the necessity of borrowing \$3,500 during the year. Much as this may be regretted, there was no other alternative, unless the work would have been allowed to suffer to such an extent, as to have ended in failure at different points. The Board must see to it that the city missions are properly supported when once founded and this can only be done by the use of extension funds.

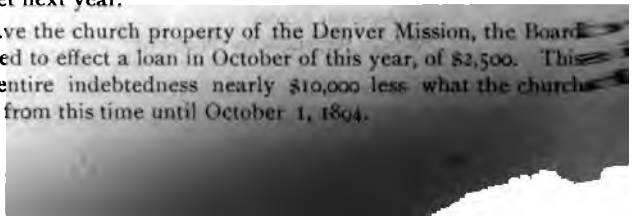
The Board used \$13,735.12 in this way and in addition to this sum the Bi-Synodic Board received four special funds of \$500 each, and \$1,100 contributions from the churches, making in all \$16,835.12. Double this sum could have been used to good advantage.

The entire indebtedness of the Board is now about \$7,000. Pressing are the needs of the Board, the time has come when it must call a halt to the matter of borrowing money for this purpose until the church comes to its help in a more pronounced way.

It will be seen from Treasurer Boush's report that the missions are paying the interest on the money borrowed from the Board, and that some are paying back the money loaned them.

The missions at St. Joseph, Mo., Ada and Lima, Ohio, are paid in full and need no further aid. Massillon and Chicago have deferred payments that must be met next year.

In order to save the church property of the Denver Mission, the Board will be compelled to effect a loan in October of this year, of \$2,500. This will make the entire indebtedness nearly \$10,000 less what the church may contribute from this time until October 1, 1894.



In view of the importance of this work and the great need of funds to meet the liabilities now resting upon it, the Board earnestly requests of the synods that they take such action as will bring this feature of the work prominently before the church, so that liberal contributions may be given in aid of it. The Board asks also, that an apportionment of six cents per member, be made for this good cause. The Board feels that the apportionment for this work should be much larger, but on account of the stringent times, only one cent additional over last year is asked. It is hoped that the synods will gladly give this much to this worthy and important object.

It would be well if every classis in the church could be induced to raise a special fund of \$500 for this purpose. Every classis in the Ohio Synod has one or two such funds to its credit, with one exception. Every synod should urge upon its classes to help along the general work by contributing liberally to this worthy object.

THE CHICAGO MISSION.

The English mission of Chicago is one of the most important on the list. It is not any more flourishing than many others—although the outlook is very hopeful—but the fact that Chicago is centrally located between the east and west makes it of vast importance to the church. The fact, also, that this city has a population of nearly a million and a half with only about one-third of it attending upon the means of grace makes it doubly important that our church should engage in mission work within its limits. The importance of such a mission has long been acknowledged, but the work was not undertaken until a little more than a year ago. Up to date the mission has made good progress, the attendance at the Sunday services being good, while the Sunday-school has grown beyond the capacity of the hall in which it is held. The need of a chapel has been felt from the organization of the mission. The Board deemed it so important that a lot was purchased this spring on the corner of Jackson Avenue and Washtena Street, for the sum of \$8,775. This is a good location in a good part of the city. The Board made a general appeal to the church to help purchase this lot, but realized only about \$1,500 from it. One-third of the lot has been paid and the remainder is to be paid in four annual payments. The important thing is the erection of a chapel. To do this about \$6,000 are required. For the mission to raise this sum of money is out of the question. There are no strong Reformed Churches in or near the city from whom much help can come. The other Reformed Churches of the city have all they can do to meet their own needs. It has been a question with the Board how help shall be extended to this good cause? Some eastern brethren suggested the idea of asking the English synods to make a special apportionment in aid of this worthy object. That seemed feasible, and yet the Board hesitated to make this request. It was, however, decided by the Board that in the annual report the synods should be requested to provide in any way they deem best—a

sufficient sum to aggregate, say, \$4,500. The remaining \$1,500 can be raised by the mission. If the synods think this sum can best be raised by an agent—then let them so indicate—but if they think it best to apportion the sum or recommend that it be raised by voluntary contributions, then let it be so arranged. The Board begs, most earnestly, of the synods that this important matter be taken under consideration and some means devised by which the money can be obtained. Each synod can determine its proportion of the amount. This request is made solely upon the ground that Chicago, more than any other city in the land, has claimed upon the entire church since in this mission are members from every part of the church; also from the fact that little help can be expected locally except what the business men and citizens may contribute. Let it be remembered that there is not a city in the land that needs the efforts of the church more, or as much, as Chicago.

SUNDAY SCHOOL MISSIONS.

At the General Synod at Reading, action was taken creating the office of Sunday School Secretary. This office was subsequently filled by the Sunday School Board, by the election of Rev. Rufus W. Miller to that position. That Board under the leadership of its secretary, has taken steps to engage in mission work in the home field. The Mission Sunday school holds a prominent position in the mission work of other churches and there is no good reason why it should not hold an equally important position in the Reformed Church. Almost every successful mission grows out of a Sunday-school so that it and the mission are inseparable. A start has been made in this good work and it is well that the synods should take note of it and give it such help as is needed. Three Sunday-schools have been organized under the direction of the Sunday-School Secretary, at New Kensington, Pa., and at Youngstown and Warren, Ohio. These schools are reported as having very bright prospects before them. There is a great work to be done in the large cities of the land in the way of gathering the children into mission schools. This work has been greatly neglected, even by the strong and wealthy churches. In many sections of the large cities, we are told by competent authority, the majority of the children are not in the Sunday-schools. To do mission work successfully in such communities the Sunday-school authorities can do very much to open the way. But back of this Sunday-school mission work must stand the Mission Board sufficiently well equipped to take up the work where the Sunday-school must of necessity leave off. The Sunday-school mission work and the work of the Board of Missions are closely allied and must go hand in hand so as to avoid anything like a conflict. The Mission Board is limited in its operations by the men and means furnished by the church, and can annually take up only a certain number of new fields. It is therefore, evident to every one, that if the Sunday-school Board starts a larger number of new enterprises, the Missions can take up and sustain in the fr

will be gained. If, however, the Sunday-school Board will take up such towns and cities as the Mission Board is ready to enter, and first establish the Sunday-school, to be closely followed by the Mission Board with a missionary to take up and continue the work, then a great and lasting work can be accomplished for the up-building of the church. It is comparatively easy to establish a Sunday-school in any of our large cities, but when the Mission Board must continue the work commenced in the Sunday-school, in the establishment of a mission, at an expense of from \$800 to \$1,000 annually for the missionary, then the real difficulties commence. The synods should duly consider this matter, and the synodical Sunday-school Boards and the Synodical Mission Boards, should so work together, as to aid the General Board in the establishment of missions within the bounds of the different synods, only as rapidly as men and means will permit.

THE WOMEN'S WORK.

There was a time in the history of the Reformed Church in the United States when the women did comparatively little in church work, except what they did for the advancement of the congregation to which they belonged. That was a great deal, and we must not underrate the work and influence of our mothers in the past history of the church. We at times hear assertions made, which if true, would make her of no force, whatever, in the past work of the church. This is all wrong, and wrong, because it is untrue. But the women of our church have come into the enjoyment of privileges and blessings in modern church work, of which those of fifty years ago, knew comparatively little. They are laying hold upon these privileges and blessings, in a way that must tell for the future good of the church.

At a meeting of the Woman's Missionary Society of General Synod, held at Reading, Pa., at the time of the meeting of General Synod, the Society resolved to give annually for the next three years, the sum of \$4,000 for the home work. The first year of this term is not up as yet, as the apportionments were only made in the fall of 1893 and did not reach the classical societies until the spring of 1894, so that we are not able to determine as yet how much this action will yield for the support of the Board. The last report of Treasurer Reber shows, however, that the women are paying into our treasury quite liberal sums. Some seem to think that what the women pay only reduces the apportionments by so much, but such is evidently not the case. Their contributions are largely in addition to the apportionments and, during the past year enabled the Board to make up, in part at least, the delinquency on the apportion-

ment.

Eastern synods they have been doing liberal things for the Home Missions, and we are promised to do even more liberally in the future. As the demands are so urgent, they have been

Woman's Missionary Society of General

Synod requested the Woman's Missionary Societies of the Synod of the Interior to contribute a certain sum toward the \$4,000 pledged. The sum will be on hand in full by the time the synod meets in Hiawath Kansas, in October.

The women have also been helping grandly in the extension work. Many of the classes in the Eastern synods, have already raised, or, are now engaged in raising special church-building funds. The women of the Ohio Synod are now raising such a fund of \$500, and at the last meeting of the Woman's Missionary Society of Allegheny Classis it was solved to raise such a fund, and so, the good work goes on. The Woman's Missionary Societies have been fruitful of great good. The Board can testify to the correctness of this statement and the synods would well to encourage the formation of woman's societies.

Where the general societies are considered preferable embracing men, women and young people, let them be founded by all means, but a society of some kind, in some form, is a great help to awaken mission enthusiasm in the church.

ESTIMATES FOR THE YEAR.

Elsewhere in this report is given a statement of the expenses of the Board for missions direct which was nearly \$36,000. That sum paid eight seven missionaries. It included all that the synods paid and all special moneys that came into the treasury.

Beginning with October, the Board will have ninety-one missions on the roll. Some of these missions receive but small appropriations, as they are very near the line of self-support. Many of the newer missions, however, have been enrolled within a few years past, and being city missions the appropriations are quite large.

Including the cost of the Hungarian Missions, the Harbor Mission, salaries of the superintendents, and the running expenses of the Board the sum required for the ensuing year will fall little short of \$40,000. Then, the synods must take into consideration the fact, that there are a few points that *must* be enrolled, no matter how limited the funds, on the ground, that the work cannot stand still, but must go forward. They have already asked for \$3,000 for the Hungarian work and now ask for \$10,000 for the general work of the Board. Then the Board also requests that the \$1,000 for the Harbor Missionary be provided for, as before stated, and, that it be in addition to these sums. The Harbor Mission, when it is paid, it must be remembered, by the German, as well as English Synods. This will make a grand total of \$44,000 for the year.

Whether right or wrong, or, whether or not we like to admit, yet it is true that there is always a shortage on the apportionments, and the sums asked for will not more than reach, when we make allowance for shrinkage. Having provided for the Hungarian and Harbor missions, we ask the synods to make the following apportionments for the \$40,000:

Eastern Synod	\$ 17,000
Potomac Synod	9,000
Ohio Synod	8,000
Pittsburgh Synod	4,500
Interior Synod	1,500
	\$40,000

This is the same amount that was apportioned last year, with a possibly small increase in the Hungarian estimate. We would here again earnestly beg of the Synods to assume fully the \$3,000 for the Hungarian cause, as there will certainly be one or two additional missionaries needed within a comparatively short time, in this department of the work. The Board would urge the Synods to take such action, if possible, as to insure the collection of the apportionments. The Board is severely blamed at times for not opening up missions at, what seem to be, favorable places. If the Board were to take up all points that are urged as important, it would soon be involved in a hopeless debt and would receive the severe censure of the church. A certain sum is asked for and accepted by the Synods. If the Board could fully depend on the sum thus promised it would know just what to do. Under the present way of doing, however, it has no specified sum to depend upon with a certainty. Where there are vacant and delinquent charges, it would be well for the Classes to send committees into them to collect the apportionments.

THE OUTLOOK.

The question is frequently asked, as to what the outlook is, in our church, for aggressive mission work. Those who ask the question seem to intimate, by the very way they make this inquiry, that there should be more spirit and enthusiasm put into the work than formerly, or, even than at the present time. It can hardly be denied but that we lack somewhat in that enthusiasm which has enabled other denominations, no stronger than we, to do great things along missionary lines. If our theology is good, and our educational system of religion what the age needs, then there ought to be a firey enthusiasm among us, to extend the borders of the church, so as to give to men what we believe is needful for their salvation. We see this spirit in other denominations. For instance, the Cumberland Presbyterians, until lately, had but three congregations in Chicago. They felt that they had a mission there and ought to work among the unsaved thousands of that great city. They organized their fourth church in Englewood, in the south part of the city. They are now erecting a church building at a cost of \$70,000, most of which comes from outside of the city — \$20,000 coming from Ohio alone. This may be deemed extravagance by some, but it were well if our church had a little more zeal to plant her standard in the great centers of population. We need to emphasize our denominational life more than we have done in the past.

To answer the question, as to what the outlook is for the future, we may

say—First. That as regards the men and means the outlook is more hopeful than ever. The church is growing more liberal and more comes into the treasury more freely than was formerly the case. All the various forces of the church are at work for her extension, which was so a few decades ago. For the Home and Foreign work in all the Synods according to the latest estimates there was expended last year, in the different branches, about \$110,000. This makes an average of about five cents per member. This average is not large but vastly more so than twenty years ago. This shows a healthy growth and substantial progress in liberal giving. The young men are also more willing to go into mission fields than formerly. All these things combined, give a very hopeful outlook for the future growth of the church.

Second. As to the opportunities for the growth of the missionary work we can say that they never were as bright as to-day. There are numerous points waiting our coming. In the east, Baltimore, Philadelphia, and other cities need additional missions, and already the brethren are organizing Sunday-Schools which, in the near future will grow into missions. Beyond the Allegheny mountains, within the bounds of the Pittsburgh Synod, there are a score of places where missions should be opened. Going westward, we have Youngstown, Toledo, Indianapolis, Omaha where work should be commenced at once—while an additional English mission should be planted in West Columbus and West Cleveland, Ohio. In addition to the cities we have mentioned, there are many small towns along the Mississippi and Missouri where the church is called for. We repeat again, that our opportunities never were so many, neither so hopeful. Will the church arouse herself, and put on her strength and go forth to do greater battle for the Lord?

CONCLUSION.

We bring the operations before the Synods for their examination. A full account is given of the work during the past year. We can but wish that much more had been done, since much more should have been done. The Board, however, did the best it could with the means at hand. Full satisfaction was not given, perhaps, to all parts of the church, but that could hardly be expected. We have great reason to be encouraged as a church, with the progress of the work. Still greater efforts should be put forth for its extension. With gratitude to God, and with a strong faith in the greater success of the work in the future, we send forth this Report among the churches.

DEWALT S. FOUSE, *Missionary Superintendent*

2. *Report of Treasurer of Board of Home Missions.*

REV. JOHN J. LEBERMAN, *Treasurer, in account with the Board of Home Missions of the Ohio Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States, from October 11, 1893, to October 10, 1894.*

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To cash on hand at last settlement	\$	14	40
Miami Classis, V. P. Van Horne, Treasurer		1,449	33
Lancaster Classis, Rev. J. A. Seltz, Treasurer		717	98
Tuscarawas Classis, E. K. Kremer, Treasurer		946	30
Tiffin Classis, Rev. J. B. Shumaker, D. D., Treasurer		412	91
Eastern Ohio Classis, Rev. J. H. Bomberger, Treasurer		858	34
St. Joseph Classis, Ben Ashbacher, Treasurer		470	00
Rev. D. S. Fouse, D. D., General Superintendent		174	39
Individual contributions		14	00
			<u>\$5,057 65</u>

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Paid to James L. Reber, Treas. General Synod's Board of Missions	\$4,850	78
“ by Rev. D. S. Fouse, D. D., General Superintendent		174 39
Printing, postage and exchange		14 92
Cash on hand		17 56
		<u>\$5,057 65</u>

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN J. LEBERMAN, *Treasurer.*3. *Report of Board of Commissioners of Foreign Missions.*

To the Ohio Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States :

REVEREND AND DEAR BRETHREN:—Were the Board of Foreign Missions to present to your reverend body its usual annual statement showing a decline, during the last year, in the fruitful efficiency of our work in Japan, it would be only what might be expected in view of the political and warring complications in that country. But it is with thankful hearts that we find ourselves saved from such a painful necessity. With but few exceptions, and these for the most part readily accounted for, it is our happy privilege to report encouraging success along the whole line. The principal exceptions just referred to, as appears from the late statistical report, are the want of increase in membership and the falling off in contributions, in part of our field. This appears to be confined to the remoter points. When for one moment we consider the condition of our evangelistic work during the last year, with Rev. Dr. Moore's time engrossed in the Girls' School, with Rev. Schneder not sufficiently recovered to take his wonted part in this work, with Rev. Miller not sufficiently familiar with the language, with our out-posts left to the care of native evangelists as yet with limited experience in their work, the wonder is that the shortage is not much greater. The decrease in contributions may be accounted for, at least in part, by the decrease in the value of the Japanese yen, which is now worth only about fifty cents, whereas our report is in gold. They may have contributed nearly as many yens as they did the year before, but their value is much less in gold.

A considerable number of names have been erased from the congregational lists in consequence of the alienation of many, caused by the political agitations, and violent opposition of the Buddhists. It has been a year of sifting. But while the number of "Dismissals and Erasures" was 124, and deaths 31, (the dismissals are not to be counted as defections) yet the net increase of members is greater this year than the one preceding. The number received from other churches was but little over half what it was the year before, while the number of baptisms was 235 against 94. The total membership is 1,980 as against 1,842, probably by this time 2,000. There were five graduates from the Theological Department of the Tohoku Gakuin, thus increasing the number of native workers.

The necessity of an early reinforcement of our workers in both the teaching and evangelistic departments, was apparent to the board. The wisdom of enabling them to acquire the language before the necessity for their service became immediately imperative, was also clear. Wherefore the Christian Endeavor Societies of our church proposed to support a new missionary to Japan upon the sole condition that he be called the "C. E. Missionary," thus providing for the support of one, the board felt warranted, besides appointing Rev. S. S. Snyder of Columbia, O., the "C. E. Missionary," to appoint a second, Mr. Christopher Noss, of Silver Run, Maryland, who after taking a post-graduate course of one year in the University at Berlin, Germany, will proceed to his field of labor in Japan.

Verily has God blessed our work. We look forward to the coming year with bright hopes and expectations. Rev. Dr. Moore will be released from the Girls' School by the arrival of Miss Zurfluh, and will be enabled to devote himself to his proper evangelistic work. Rev. Snyder will lend a helping hand to the extent that his want of acquaintance with the language will allow, and when after another year Mr. Christopher Noss, now under appointment, shall take his place in the field, the board anticipates a forward movement in our work such as it has not been in our power hitherto to effect.

The question of the effective prosecution of our work awaits its solution, not so much in Japan as here at home. Will the home church furnish the means for the realization of our hopes? We look to you, beloved brethren, for the answer. For after all, success largely depends upon our pastors.

The self-denial effort to relieve the board of its embarrassing indebtedness was but a partial success, furnishing but little over half the needed sum. But that was a great help. The measure was new to the church, and commanded the co-operation of but a portion of our congregations. In view of the pressing necessities now weighing upon the board of providing comfortable residences for Rev. Dr. Moore and Rev. Snyder, and in another year for Bro. Noss, we most respectfully ask your reverend body to designate the approaching Lenten season, or such other time as

may be deemed befitting, as a time for special self-denial offerings to meet the emergency. We need at least some eight thousand dollars for the three houses and necessary grounds, over and above the sum designated by General Synod for current expenses.

We also respectfully urge your synod to take such action as will move the church to respond promptly and favorably to the action of General Synod in this sacred interest.

Brethren in the Lord, you have laid the Lord's work upon us. Our hands are to the plow, and we pray that we be not compelled to turn back for the want of means.

Your servant in the Lord,

S. N. CALLENDER, *Secretary.*

MECHANICSBURG, PA., October 1, 1894.

STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR 1893-1894.

Totals.	12	541	1842	124	31	38	235	1960	1	58	27	1063	1	134	1	26	9	18	2	5	2528	21
	Organized Churches.	Self-supporting and Independent Churches	Preaching Stations.	Membership Last Year.	Dismissals and Erasures.	Deaths.	Received from Other Churches.	Baptisms.	Present Membership.	Girls' Schools.	Scholars.	Sunday-schools.	Scholars.	Boys' Schools.	Scholars.	Theological Schools.	Scholars.	Native Ministers.	Unordained Preachers.	Colporteurs.	Bible Women.	Contributions for all Purposes.

Number of students at close of last term, both Theological and Collegiate, 160.
 Students who dropped out during the year are not included in this number.

II. REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE ON MISSIONS.

The Standing Committee on Missions, during the afternoon session on Friday, submitted their report, which was received, considered item by item, and as amended, together with all the preceding reports, adopted a whole:

Your committee would submit the following:

The reports of the Home and Foreign work, the treasurer's report and addresses of Dr. James I. Good and Mrs. Wm. E. Hoy, have been read with deep interest. It is with devout gratitude to God that we review the work at home and abroad. God has signally favored our enterprises. The limitations of the work have been due only to the limitations of our willingness to give of our resources, not to the limitations of divine power. God has more willingly waited upon us than we upon him. Our investments in the spiritual kingdom of Christ have paid us richly.

Progress in the Japanese educational and evangelistic work have been very gratifying, especially in view of the anti-foreign feeling of the Japanese, the limited funds and the demands upon the workers so much in excess of their time and strength. There is no field in that country more important than that allotted to the Reformed Church. We have a price-

less opportunity and the measure of our opportunity is the measure of our responsibility. We ought to use a higher degree of missionary enthusiasm and liberality in the support of and extension of the plans and operations proposed. We rejoice in the advanced position taken by the young people in behalf of the cause.

The magnitude of the home work is constantly increasing. Not only denominational loyalty but the general cause of saving the perishing souls in our own country, challenge our prayerful interest. The many open doors and urgent calls for aid ought not to be overlooked and the Board is ever ready to respond if the means are at their command. The Board has certainly only been restrained by want of funds. Delays in taking up new places are attended by irreparable losses. The mistakes of the past ought to make us careful and diligent for the future.

The management of the missions and the investment of funds by the Board have been very able and judicious for which they deserve the thanks of this synod. Though there has been a growth, too many opportunities are allowed to pass unimproved, which neglect will be greatly regretted when beyond remedy. The church ought to come to the relief of the Board with prompt and full payment of apportionments and generous gifts in addition.

The cause of Church Extension deserves special notice. Only through the means of a large fund for the purpose of loaning to new enterprises, can the Board possibly hope to establish the church in the larger cities.

Indeed too much emphasis can not be placed upon any of the particular objects to which the Boards call our attention so earnestly.

We therefore make the following recommendations:

Resolved, That the earnest attention of the charges be called to the apportionment of seventeen cents *per capita* ordered by General Synod for the current expenses of our foreign work.

Resolved, That the time which may be designated by the Board in the coming lenten season, be designated as a time for self-denial offerings to meet the emergency of the Foreign Board.

Resolved, The apportionment of \$8,000 for Home Missions.

Resolved, The apportionment of six cents *per capita* for Church Extension.

Resolved, The apportionment of one cent *per capita* for Harbor Missions.

Resolved, That \$400 be apportioned for Hungarian Missions.

Resolved, That the stated clerk of each classis be directed to send down to the pastor or consistory of each charge in his classis a request that by January 1, 1895, a sum equal to three and one-half cents per member be contributed for the erection of a chapel for the English Mission in Chicago—the money to be sent in not later than the above date; and further, the synod urges that this money be collected without fail.

Respectfully submitted,

LOUIS B. C. Lahr, *Chairman*.

III. ELECTION OF BOARD OF HOME MISSIONS.

Officers.

Rev. Sebastian C. Goss, D. D., *President*, Wadsworth, O.
 Rev. Edward D. Wettach, *Secretary*, Akron, O.
 Rev. John J. Leberman, D. D., *Treasurer*, Louisville, O.

Members whose term expires October, 1895.

Rev. Sebastian C. Goss, D. D. Rev. Edward D. Wettach.

Members whose term expires October, 1896.

Rev. John J. Leberman, D. D. Rev. Edwin R. Williard.

Members whose term expires October, 1897.

Rev. Wilson R. Stearly. Rev. James S. Keppel.

On Thursday afternoon at 4 o'clock, as the order of the day, Rev. James I. Good, D. D., president of the Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, addressed the synod on the subject of Foreign Missions, presenting in an able and impressive manner the importance and claims of the cause, and the needs of the Board in order to prosecute the work with success. To this service, which was of an interesting and awaking character, the members of the Woman's Missionary Society were invited as a body, and they responded by their presence.

On Thursday evening, when the Woman's Missionary Society had charge of the service, Mrs. W. E. Hoy, missionary to Japan, after opening with a Japanese song, delivered an interesting and instructive address on the "Emancipation of Woman in Japan." She claimed that the only remedy was the introduction of the gospel of Christ, to emancipate, elevate and save her sex in that country. The services as a whole were full of interest, and much appreciated by a large audience. Collection \$46.00.

On motion, at Friday morning session, a committee was appointed, to whom were referred the address of Mrs. Hoy, and the interest of the *Japan Evangelist* and the Picture Album of scenes in Japan. The committee consists of Revs. Geo. H. Souder, Samuel E. Neikirk and Jacob Ihle. This committee at the Saturday afternoon session presented the following report, which was received and adopted:

Your committee appointed to assist Mrs. W. E. Hoy in the circulation of the publications represented by her and to draft resolutions expressing synod's appreciation of her work would report as follows:

Resolved, We assisted in disposing of her stock of albums and secured quite a number of subscriptions for the *Japan Evangelist*.

Resolved, We express our appreciation of the privilege we have enjoyed of having Mrs. Hoy in our midst and of hearing her excellent address. We are highly pleased to learn from her of the success of our mission in Japan.

Resolved, That we cordially commend Mrs. Hoy to our churches in her efforts while in this country to advance the interests of the Japan Mission and that we express our appreciation of the *Japan Evangelist*. We have found it to be an excellent magazine of sixty pages, finely illustrated and of a high order of literary merit, and we commend it to the patronage of all ministers and members.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE H. SOUDER.

ARTICLE XIV.

HEIDELBERG THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

The following reports having reference to the seminary were received, considered and adopted:

I. ANNUAL REPORTS.

1. *Report of the Board of Trustees.*

We the Board of Trustees of Heidelberg Theological Seminary, beg leave to submit the following report:

Immediately after the adjournment of synod, on Saturday, October 14, 1893, the board convened in the Reformed Church at Bloomville Ohio, and elected the following officers:

President, Rev. Reuben Keller, West Alexandria, Ohio.

Vice President, Rev. Richard B. Reichard, Greenville, Ohio.

Secretary, Rev. Michael Loucks, D. D., Dayton, Ohio.

Treasurer, Elder Horace Ankeney, Alpha, Ohio.

No urgent business in the jurisdiction of this board, called for numerous meetings during the year.

At a meeting held in the editorial room of the *Christian World*, it was learned on careful inquiry, to the great satisfaction of the board, that the attendance, harmony and efficiency were such as to inspire confidence.

Results have proved the wisdom of our synod's former action, increasing the corps of teachers and lead us to the hope that the day will soon come when our endowment shall have been increased sufficiently to justify us in filling the now vacant chair, designated as New Testament Exegesis and Theology. May God hasten that blessed consummation when a full corps of instructors shall be secured and generously supported.

The stringency of the times has embarrassed us somewhat during the year.

The land that has been given to the institution by our beloved professor and father, Dr. Rust, is not yielding the revenue that we hoped it would. On the contrary, the income has not equaled the expenses, there being a deficit of \$28, or \$30. The taxes on this property are very high, the sewer tax alone being \$15.50. However, we now hope for better results soon as there has been some change in the management.

The adoption and working of the plan for raising funds known as the "Special Plan," or "Plan of Systematic Giving," adopted at the Synod of Dayton, in 1888, has proved a great blessing. The revenue coming to us through this channel, has, to a great extent, had in it the very force that kept from us harassing deficiencies from year to year. But the benefits of this plan are now practically at an end, as the five-year term has expired. This, with the indifference in many churches and charges, in the matter of paying the professorship apportionment, hampers and annoys our treasurer very much.

But we have been favored of God. We are not seriously embarrassed. Our cherished school of the prophets has elicited so great attention and has risen so much in the estimation of our people, that we have no reason to greatly fear.

The careful, thoughtful and business-like work of our treasurer and his colleagues in this matter, has placed our available funds in a working condition such as has not been attained in many years, if ever. The investments are considered unusually good, and no money is lying idle at present.

The following named persons should receive our thanks for special contributions for the support of the seminary, and their example should be held up before the church for others to follow: J. H. Winters, D. W. Souder, Rev. J. H. Steele and wife, Mrs. J. D. Neff, and Mrs. A. E. Baichly. May God raise up many others to the help of this worthy institution of our beloved church. We take great pleasure in reporting that our treasurer has been able to meet the expenses of the board for the year and also to reduce somewhat the interest-bearing debt.

We would call your attention to a former action requiring an annual apportionment of \$950, for the salary of the professor of Hebrew and Old Testament Theology. As to this, permit us to say that it is strictly a matter of business between us and the professor, and therefore we would plead for a more prompt payment of this apportionment, thus avoiding the mortification that always comes with the working with and reporting of deficiencies. In view of the above requirement and in view of the debt of about \$1,700, we recommend that \$1,500 be apportioned for the benefit of the seminary. As this seminary is an institution of the West and the whole English portion of the great West naturally belongs to it, we verily believe that this large part of our territory should be made tributary to it. The time has come when closer relations should be established between this Synod and the Synod of the Interior. The Ohio Synod being the foster mother of Heidelberg Theological Seminary, and the Synod of the Interior being a child of the same mother, therefore, aside from geographic locations, there is an intimate relation between the seminary and our synod in the great West. In the hope that there may be a benefit derived in revenue and patronage, in contributions of means and consecrated sons, therefore, we respectfully urge you, fathers and brethren, to take such steps as shall bring to our help these beloved brethren of our

Western Synod, and the more definitely to proceed towards that end, we recommend, the adoption of the following resolution, viz:

Resolved, That this synod overture the Synod of the Interior to become partners with this synod in the management and support of Heidelberg Theological Seminary at Tiffin, Ohio.

The terms of office of the following members expire at this synod. Rev. S. C. Goss, D. D., Rev. J. M. Kendig, D. D., Rev. J. H. Steele, Rev. R. B. Reichard, and Elder V. P. Van Horne.

Respectfully submitted,

REUBEN KELLER, *President*.

2. *Report of the Financial Agent.*

HORACE ANKENEY, *Agent, in account with Board of Trustees of Heidelberg Theological Seminary.*

1893.	DR.
Oct. 12. To cash of Rev. Geo. H. Souder, 4th and 5th year pledges	\$ 10 00
" 13. " of Jno. and James Steele, 3d and 4th year pledges	40
" 14. " of Rev. E. Spangler, 5th year	5 00
" 14. " of Mrs. Mary E. Geist, 2d year	1 00
" 30. " of M. Flohr, asst. for Salem congregation of Old Springfield charge, balance on 4th year	2 35
Nov. 11. " of Irvin Yost, 4th year	25 00
" 11. " of Wesley Miller, 4th year	1 00
" 11. " of Oliver Whitmer and wife, 4th year	2 00
" 19. " of Samantha A. Clark, 4th and 5th year	1 00
" 24. " of R. Schindler, adm'r for Jno. Schindler, 5th year	15 00
Dec. 13. " of Fairfield congregation per Rev. Shultz, bal on 4th year	3 00
" 14. " of Boundary congregation per H. Hiester asst., 5th year .	4 00
" 21. " of Basil congregation, Basil charge, per J. A. Seitz, treas.	4 00
" 23. " of Sarah Orewiler, 5th year	20 00
1894.	
Apr. 25. " of New Lisbon charge per J. J. M. Gruber, Clara Bricker, \$4.50 5th year; C. E. Albright, \$2.25 5th year; Ella Williard, \$2.50, 5th year	9 25
May 14. " of C. Moon, asst., Reedsburg	7 00
July 14. " of Springboro charge per Siegfried	8 10
Aug. 6. " of St. Michael's congregation, Union charge	1 55
Sept. 14. " of Salem cong., Springfield charge, per M. Flohr, 5th year \$7.12 interest, \$7.23 principal	14 35
" 20. " of Emma S. Helser, asst., Lion's Ch., Glenford chg., 5th year	12 65
Oct. 1. " of Rev. E. D. Wettach, 3d and 4th year	10 00
" 2. " of Wesley Miller, 5th year	1 00
" 2. " of Irvin Yost, 5th	25 00
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	\$162 65
Oct. 8. " of Fairfield charge per Rev. R. F. Shultz, 5th year	22 00
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	\$204 65

1888.	CR.
Nov. 28. By cash paid treasurer of Theological Seminary for Immediate Use	\$ 62 75
1894.	
Jan. 1. By cash paid Treasurer of Theological Seminary for Immediate Use	31 00
Oct. 3. " " " " " " " "	81 67
" 3. " " " " " " Endowment . . .	7 23
	\$182 65
Oct. 8. By cash paid treasurer of Theological Seminary for Immediate Use	22 00
	\$204 65

Respectfully submitted,
HORACE ANKENNEY, *Agent*.

3. Report of Treasurer of Board of Trustees.

HORACE ANKENNEY, *Treasurer, in account with the Board of Trustees of Heidelberg Theological Seminary.*

1893.	IMMEDIATE USE ACCOUNT.	DR.
	RECEIPTS.	
Oct. 12.	To balance on hand	\$ 6 27
Nov. 11.	To cash of Mock & Simons, Attorneys, interest in full on Abram Mast's share of the Mast & Albert note	4 67
" 15.	" of Apple Creek Charge, Rev. Reuter, pastor, per Rev. D. Van Horne	6 50
" 16.	" of E. K. Kremer, Tr. Tuscarawas Cl., on appt.	50 00
" 17.	" of V. P. Van Horne, Tr. Miami Cl., on appt.	38 91
" 25.	" of J. P. Schwartz, 1 year's int. on loan	56 00
" 25.	" of Louis Hagedorn, 1/2 year's int. on loan	24 50
" 25.	" of M. Loucks, on account interest	11 25
" 28.	" of Sem. Agt., on account Special Plan	62 75
" 29.	" of J. H. Bomberger, Tr. E. O. Cl., int. on amt. assumed by Canfield Charge	11 46
" 29.	" of J. H. Bomberger, Tr. E. O. Cl., on appt.	20 07
Dec. 1.	" of Adam Fritz, 1 year's interest on loan	70 00
" 29.	" of Nellie Bates, int. in full on loan	64 00
1894.		
Jan. 1.	" of Sem. Agt., on account "Special Plan"	31 00
" 12.	" of Jno. Mast, per Ida Mast, int. on note	1 50
" 13.	" of Rev. W. H. Shultz, int. in full Z. M. note	1 50
" 13.	" of M. Slowman, per D. Van Horne, 62 bu. oats	17 36
" 23.	" of Jno. Strock, 1 year's int. on note to Nov. 1, 1893	3 00
" 23.	" of Jno. Strock, 1 year's int. on note to Nov. 1, 1892. (rec'd last year and credit given on note but forgot to credit on books)	3 00
" 23.	" of D. Van Horne, D. D., Union Catechism Service, collected First Church, Tiffin, O	13 00
" 25.	" of Rev. J. H. Bomberger, Tr. E. O. Cl., on appt.	5 76
" 26.	" of Rev. D. Van Horne, D. D., int. on note to Feb. 1, 1894	48 00
" 26.	" of Rev. M. Loucks, int. on note	14 75
" 26.	" of H. H. Prugh, Trustee, Helm's int. in full	34 50
" 26.	" of Milburn & Gilkey, int. in full on \$200 loan	14 62
	Amount carried forward	\$614 37

		Amount brought forward
Feb.	10.	To cash of A. Shirer, 1 year's int. on loan to Oct. 31, 1894
"	10.	" of A. Shirer, 1 year's int. on Z. M. gift note to Jan., 1895
"	10.	" of D. Wead, on account interest '93
"	12.	" of V. P. Van Horne, Tr. Miami Cl., on app't
"	15.	" of Chas. S. King, 1 year's int. on loan
"	16.	" of Rev. J. B. Shumaker, Tr. Tiffin Cl., on app't
"	27.	" of Rev. J. I. Swander, to be applied on current expense of seminary
Mar.	16.	" of D. Wead on account interest
"	16.	" of P. Archdeacon, ½ year's int.
"	16.	" of C. D. White, on account int.
"	22.	" of C. D. White, balance on account int. 1 year
"	27.	" of Henry Frolick, int. on note
"	30.	" of J. H. Bomberger, Tr. E. O. Cl., int. in full on amount assumed by New Jefferson Ch.
Apr.	13.	" of Floyd C. Field, one-half year's int. on loan
"	18.	" of Sallie A. Miller, 1 year's int. on loan
"	13.	" of V. P. Van Horne, Tr. Miami Cl., on app't
"	13.	" of E. K. Kremer, Tr. Tuscarawas Cl., on app't
"	13.	" of H. H. Prugh, int. in part on Poffenberger loan
"	19.	" of H. H. Prugh, bal. int. on Poffenberger loan
"	19.	" of D. Wead, on account int.
"	19.	" of Abram Lance, per D. V. H., 1 year's interest
"	25.	" of Jos. B. Shumaker, Tr. Tiffin Cl., on app't
"	25.	" of Jacob A. Smith, on account int. loan
May	2.	" of Ella O. Maley, int. in full on loan
"	5.	" of Jacob A. Smith, bal. int. on loan
"	5.	" of Mary E. Steiner, interest
"	5.	" of V. P. Van Horne, Tr. Miami Cl., on app't
"	10.	" of Rev. J. H. Steele, gift for Im. Use of Seminary
"	11.	" of Mrs. Rev. A. E. Baichly, gift for Im. Use of Seminary
"	17.	" of Schenck & Heinz, 1 year's int. on loan
"	17.	" of Louis Hagedorn, 1 year's int. on loan
"	21.	" of Martha J. Neil, int. in full on loan
"	23.	" of Rev. J. H. Bomberger, Tr. E. O. Cl., on app't
"	26.	" of E. K. Kremer, Tr. Tuse. Cl., on app't
"	28.	" of Mrs. J. D. Neff, gift for Im. Use
"	31.	" of V. P. Van Horne, Tr. Miami Cl., on app't
June	2.	" of Benj. Ashbacher, Tr. St. Joseph Cl., on app't
"	4.	" of Detrick Glander, 1 year's int. on note less exchange
"	7.	" of J. H. Beck, int. in full on loan
"	7.	" of Ohio State Deposit & Trust Co., int. on dep.
"	7.	" of Jno. H. Winters, gift to meet int. on D. Winters' personal notes
"	11.	" of Leah S. Havens, int. on loan
"	12.	" of Home Miss. Soc., Greenville Charge, per Rev. Ludwick,
"	14.	" of Rev. J. H. Bomberger, Tr. E. O. Cl., on app't
"	26.	" of Rev. S. Z. Beam & wife, int. on Z. M. notes
July	2.	" of Levi Klester, 1 year's int. on gift note
Aug.	1.	" of Milburn & Gilkey, part int. on loan
"	7.	" of Harriet F. Kerr, on account int.
"	7.	" of J. P. Schwartz, on account int.
"	10.	" of Floyd C. Field, ½ year's int. on loan
"	24.	" of Mary E. Davis, 1 year's int. on loan
"	29.	" of H. H. Prugh, Loucks' int.
		Amount carried forward

		Amount brought forward	\$2,807 81
Sept.	5.	To cash of H. H. Prugh, int. on Bates' loan	48 80
"	7.	" of E. K. Kremer, Tr. Tusc. Cl., on appt.	100 00
"	13.	" of Jas. McNeill, 1 year's int. on loan	140 00
"	19.	" of Rev. J. B. Shumaker, Tr. Tiffin Cl., on appt.	20 00
"	21.	" of H. H. Prugh, 1 year's int. on loan	35 00
"	21.	" of Prudence Archdeacon, 1/4 year's int. on loan	24 00
"	21.	" of David Wead, on account int.	5 00
"	21.	" of Uriah Weaver, 1 year's int. on loan	70 00
"	21.	" of David E. Durnbaugh, 1 year's int. on loan	16 00
"	21.	" of Jno. Mayer, per D. V. H., New Bremen, O.	2 10
"	24.	" of A. B. Landis, 1 year's int. on loan	42 00
"	24.	" of J. P. Schwartz, part int. on loan	3 00
Oct.	3.	of Sem. Agt., on Special Plan	81 67
"	4.	" of V. P. Van Horne, Tr. Miami Cl., on appt.	68 67
"	6.	" of Benj. Ashbacher, Tr. St. Jos. Cl., on appt.	25 00
"	8.	" of Sem. Agt., on Special Plan	22 00
"	8.	" of Xenia Charge, per J. I. Wolf, on appt.	15 16
"	8.	" of Milburn & Gilkey, bal. int. on loan	92 75
"	9.	" of Rev. J. A. Seltz, Tr. Lancaster Cl., on appt.	16 17
"	9.	" of First Church, Dayton, on appt.	48 34
"	9.	" of Rev. J. H. Bomberger, Tr. E. O. Cl., on appt.	30 78
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			\$4,326 82

SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS.

From balance on hand	\$ 6 27
" interest on gift notes	23 77
" interest on loans	1,995 13
" gifts	1,125 80
Rec'd apportionment from Lancaster Classis	\$ 16 17
" " " Miami Classis	342 97
" " " Eastern Ohio Classis	123 11
" " " Tiffin Classis	75 00
" " " St. Joseph Classis	50 00
" " " Tuscarawas Classis	380 00
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From special collections	907 25
" proceeds Rust lot	36 60
" interest on amount assumed	17 26
" Seminary Agent account	197 42
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	\$4,326 82

1893.

IMMEDIATE USE ACCOUNT.

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EXPENDITURES.

Oct.	14.	By cash paid Mrs. J. H. Good, int.	\$ 15 90	
"	14.	" " Xenia National Bank, collection	10	
Nov.	15.	" " Rev. D. Van Horne, D. D., on account salary	6 50	
"	28.	" " Rev. D. Van Horne, D. D., on account salary	92 65	
"	28.	" " Rev. H. Rust, D. D., on account salary	73 35	
"	28.	" " Prof. A. S. Zerbe, Ph. D., on account salary	73 35	
1894.	Jan.	13.	" " Jeremiah Rex, City Clerk, Tiffin, sewer tax on Rust lot	48 07
			<hr/>	
Amount carried forward			\$309 92	

			Amount brought forward
Jan.	13.	By cash paid	Chas. A. Goetz, Tr., Seneca Co., December taxes Rust lot
"	13.	" "	Rev. D. Van Horne, D. D., timothy seed for Rust lot
"	13.	" "	Rev. D. Van Horne, D. D., on account salary
"	13.	" "	Rev. H. Rust, D. D., on account salary
"	13.	" "	Rev. A. S. Zerbe, Ph. D., on account salary
"	23.	" "	Rev. D. Van Horne, D. D., on account salary
"	26.	" "	Rev. D. Van Horne, D. D., on account salary
Feb.	10.	" "	Rev. D. Van Horne, D. D., on account salary
"	10.	" "	Rev. H. Rust, D. D., on account salary
"	10.	" "	Rev. A. S. Zerbe, Ph. D., on account salary
"	23.	" "	Rev. J. I. Swander, D. D., balance in full on salary,
"	24.	" "	Rev. L. H. Kefauver, D. D., printing catalogues . .
Apr.	1.	" "	F. N. Shaeffer, Attorney, proof of claim vs. I. S. Weiz estate
"	19.	" "	Mrs. Susan Good, int
"	19.	" "	Rev. David Van Horne, D. D., on account salary . .
"	19.	" "	Rev. H. Rust, D. D., on account salary
"	19.	" "	Prof. A. S. Zerbe, Ph. D., on account salary
May	24.	" "	Rev. D. Van Horne, D. D., clover seed for Rust lot,
"	24.	" "	Rev. D. Van Horne, on account salary
"	24.	" "	Rev. H. Rust, D. D., on account salary
"	24.	" "	Prof. A. S. Zerbe, Ph. D., on account salary
"	28.	" "	Rev. D. Van Horne, D. D., on account salary
July	4.	" "	Rev. D. Van Horne, D. D., on account salary
"	4.	" "	Rev. H. Rust, D. D., on account salary
"	4.	" "	Rev. A. S. Zerbe, Ph. D., on account salary
"	17.	" "	Reformed Pub. Co., blank receipts and postage . .
Aug.	28.	" "	Rev. D. Van Horne, D. D., on account salary
"	28.	" "	Rev. H. Rust, D. D., on account salary
"	28.	" "	Rev. A. S. Zerbe, Ph. D., on account salary
"	29-30.	" "	Expenses of H. H. Prugh, Attorney, and self, to Akron and return, Dickerhoof bequest
Sept.	10.	" "	Ref. Pub. Co., printing 100 circular letters to pastors,
"	21.	" "	Rev. D. Van Horne, D. D., on account salary
Oct.	2.	" "	to Library Fund account, 1 year's int. on same . .
"	3.	" "	Rev. D. Van Horne, D. D., on account salary
"	3.	" "	Rev. H. Rust, D. D., on account salary
"	3.	" "	Rev. A. S. Zerbe, Ph. D., on account salary
"	8.	" "	Rev. D. Van Horne, D. D., on account salary
"	8.	" "	Rev. H. Rust, D. D., on account salary
"	8.	" "	Rev. A. S. Zerbe, Ph. D., on account salary
"	8.	" "	Expenses as Treasurer, making and looking after loans, stationary, stamps, &c. during year
"	8.	" "	to Margaret Ankeney, 1 year's int. on money bor- rowed to pay Mrs. Good
"	9.	" "	to Margaret Ankeney, payment on note
			Balance on hand

SUMMARY OF EXPENSES.

Paid	for salaries	\$4,000 00	
"	interest on money to pay Mrs. Good	56 61	
"	on interest bearing debt	100 17	
"	taxes (sewer and other) and grass seed Rust lot	67 60	
"	Printing	17 86	
"	Sundries	29 88	
"	Library Fund	29 03	
"	Expenses as Treasurer	10 00	
	Balance	16 67	\$4,326 82
1893.	ENDOWMENT FUND ACCOUNT.		DR.
Oct.	12.	To balance on hand	\$ 48 77
"	13.	To cash of Rev. J. H. Steele and wife, personal gift	10 00
Nov.	11.	" of Mock & Simons, attorneys, Abram Mast and Eliza C. Albert's share in full of the Mast & Albert note	43 38
"	29.	" of Rev. J. H. Bomberger, Tr. E. O. Cl., princp. on amount assumed by Canfield charge	5 54
Dec.	29.	" of Sallie Bates, loan in full	500 00
1894.			
Jan.	1.	" of Rev. J. H. Bomberger, Tr., princp. on amount assumed by Canfield charge	17 00
"	13.	" of Rev. W. H. Shults, princp. in full Zwingli Memor. note	25 00
"	18.	" of Rev. J. H. Bomberger, Tr., princp. on amount assumed by Canfield charge	12 00
"	25.	" of Elizabeth J. Himes, loan in full	550 00
"	26.	" of Milburn & Gilkey, \$200 loan in full	200 00
Feb.	1.	" of D. W. Souder, personal gift to the seminary	25 00
"	21.	" of Rev. J. H. Bomberger, Tr., princp. on amount assumed by Canfield charge	9 00
Mar.	8.	" of Rev. J. H. Bomberger, Tr., princp. on amount assumed by Canfield charge	10 00
"	23.	" of Rev. J. H. Bomberger, Tr., princp. on amount assumed by Canfield charge	11 00
"	27.	" of Henry Frolich, princp. in full gift note	12 50
Apr.	4.	" of Rev. J. H. Bomberger, Tr., princp. on amount assumed by Canfield charge	8 00
"	13.	" of Rev. J. H. Bomberger, Tr., princp. on amount assumed by Canfield Charge	6 00
"	13.	" of Elizaam Poffenberger, loan in full	800 00
May	2.	" of Ella O. Maley, loan in full	500 00
"	5.	" of Mary E. Steiner, last installment on gift note	5 00
"	21.	" of Martha J. Neil, loan in full	1,300 00
June	7.	" of J. H. Beck, loan in full	100 00
"	7.	" of Ohio Safe Dep. & Trust Co., Certificate of Dep. in full	270 00
"	7.	" of Jno. H. Winter's gift, paying balance on D. Winter's personal notes	500 00
"	11.	" of Leah S. Havens, payment on note	26 85
"	11.	" of R. I. Williamson, per E. J. Bradford, payment on loan of Horace Ankeney, payment on subscription to seminary by D. V. H	30 00
Aug.	7.	" of Leah S. Havens, payment on loan	42 00
"	7.	" of E. J. Bradford, payment on loan	50 00
"	10.	" of Floyd C. Field, payment on loan	300 00
Sept.	5.	" of H. H. P., payment on Bates loan	700 00
Oct.	3.	" of Seminary Agent on Special Plan	7 23
			\$6,174 22

SUMMARY OF ENDOWMENT FUND RECEIPTS.

From balance	\$ 48 77
From loans paid during year	5,389 18
From gift, notes and subscriptions	115 50
From gifts	535 00
From principal on amount assumed	78 54
From Seminary Agent account	7 23

\$6,174 22

1893. **ENDOWMENT FUND ACCOUNT.**

Dec. 27.	By first mortgage loan to Ella O'Connell, at 8 per cent	\$ 500	
1894.			
Jan. 26.	" " " to B. F. Mumma, at 7 per cent	600	
" 26.	" " " to Chas. S. Mumma, at 7 per cent	300	
Apr. 19.	" " " to Mary Pritz, at 7 per cent	750	
" 19.	Certificate of Deposit in Ohio Safe Deposit & Trust Co., 60 days at 6 per cent	700	
May 9.	By first mortgage loan to Clara L. Baker, at 7 per cent	1,100	
" 14.	" " " to R. I. Williamson, at 7 per cent	500	
" 19.	Certificate of Deposit in Ohio Safe Deposit & Trust Co., 30 days at 6 per cent	200	
June 7.	By first mortgage loan to Thos. A. Mumma, at 7 per cent	400	
" 7.	" " " to Pharon H. Davis, at 7 per cent	500	
July 1.	" " " to Cora B. Newby, at 8 per cent	300	
Aug. 10.	By further loan to Sallie A. and David W. Miller, at 7 per cent	400	
Oct. 9.	By first mortgage loan to Elizabeth Baker, at 7 per cent	500	
	Balance on hand	58 22	

\$6,174 22

THE SCHENCK LIBRARY FUND ACCOUNT.

		DR.	CR.
Oct. 2, 1893.	To balance on hand	\$ 33 86	
Oct. 2, 1894.	To interest on fund (\$483 77), at 6 per cent	29 03	
Oct. 2, 1894.	By balance on hand this date		62 89

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THE SWANDER FUND ACCOUNT.

		DR.	CR.
Feb. 24, 1894.	To cash of Matilda Morcher, one-half year interest on loan to October 1, 1893	\$ 146 25	
" 24, 1894.	To cash of Orson Jopp on account interest	63 00	
Oct. 8, 1894.	To cash of Levi Crawford, one year interest on note to October 1, 1894	162 50	
" 8, 1894.	To cash of Matilda Morcher, one year interest to October 1, 1894	292 50	
" 8, 1894.	By cash to Mrs. Barb. Swander, per J. I. Swander		664 25

\$ 664 25 \$ 664 25

Salaries of Professors.

REV. HERMAN RUST, D. D.

		DR.	CR.
Oct. 11, 1893.	To balance due Dr. Rust on old acct. back salary	900 00	
" 1, 1894.	To salary, one year to date	950 00	
" 8, 1894.	By cash paid on account salary		950 00
" 8, 1894.	By balance due on old account, back salary		900 00

\$1,850 00 \$1,850 00

		REV. DAVID VAN HORNE, D. D.	DR.	CR.
Oct.	1, 1894.	To salary for one year to date	\$ 1,200 00	
"	8, 1894.	By cash paid on account of salary		1,200 00
			\$ 1,200 00	\$ 1,200 00
		REV. A. S. ZERBE, PH.D.	DR.	CR.
Oct.	1, 1894.	To salary for one year to date	\$ 950 00	
"	8, 1894.	By cash paid on salary		\$ 950 00
			\$ 950 00	\$ 950 00
		REV. J. I. SWANDER, D. D.	DR.	CR.
Apr.	18, 1894.	To balance due for salary for one year to date	\$ 900 00	
"	18, 1894.	By cash balance on salary to date paid in full		\$ 900 00
			\$ 900 00	\$ 900 00

Bills Payable. Due in Settlement of Salary of Rev. J. H. Good, Deceased.

Balance on Margaret Ankeney note	\$ 240 00
Note to Mrs. Susan H. Good	530 00
Interest on same one-half year to October 16, 1894	15 90

Respectfully submitted,
 HORACE ANKENEY, *Treasurer.*

4. *Report of Board of Visitors and Education.*

To the Rev. Ohio Synod.

BRETHREN:—Your Board of Visitors and of Education was reorganized at Bloomville, Ohio, during the sessions of synod, by the election of the following officers and Executive Committee:
 Rev. J. H. Steele, President; Rev. S. C. Goss, D. D., Vice President; Rev. L. H. Kefauver was continued as Secretary and Treasurer. Executive Committee, Revs. J. H. Steele, R. Good, Drs. J. B. Shumaker, C. M. Lowe, L. H. Kefauver, and Elder N. L. Brewer. These, with the seminary faculty, constitute the Executive Committee of the Board of Education.

I. VISITORS OF THE SEMINARY.

It is with great pleasure that we are enabled to report favorably upon the internal working and condition of our Theological Seminary at Tiffin, Ohio. Though there has been no radical changes made in the course of study, nor any additions to the teaching force that might increase the efficiency of the seminary, yet progress has been made in the way of adding some branches to the curriculum, and of special lectures delivered by the Rev. Dr. E. Herbruck, an alumnus of the institution. A Post Graduate Course, which adds practically a fourth year to our seminary course, has been adopted by the faculty, and has received the sanction of the board. Classes in special studies have been organized, in which quite a number of the students are interested. The moral and religious character of the students is of a high grade, there having been no necessity for the exercise of discipline during the entire year.

There is still need for more room and better appliances in the recitation rooms now occupied, which can only be remedied by the erection of a separate building. The filling of the vacant professorship is also a matter that should engage the serious attention of the friends of the seminary. The increasing number of students from year to year and the addition of studies that should be made to the curriculum, demand these improvements. If the finances justified it the services of an elocutionist should be secured at once. This is a much needed addition to our teaching force and would be highly appreciated by the students.

The following named students, who comprised the senior class last year after having stood approved examinations in the various departments of the seminary, upon the recommendation of the faculty were graduated and are now filling pastoral charges, except Mr. S. S. Snyder, missionary at Sendai, Japan, viz: John W. Belser, John H. Bosch, Israel U. E. Kunkle, Samuel E. Neikirk, Scott V. Rohrbaugh, Charles E. Stoner and John E. Traeger.

The examinations passed by the under graduates were very creditable to the young men, which evinced at the same time a careful training of the professors. The slim attendance at the examinations and the meeting of the board is to be regretted. But few besides the resident members were present.

The students comprising the various classes at the present time are:

Seniors, F. W. Engelman (Post Graduate), Daniel Burghatter, Charles E. Ewing, F. W. Hoffman, H. H. Kattman, S. E. Klopfenstein, D. Webster Loucks, Wm. C. Richter, Charles M. Rohrbaugh, and J. Schweickhardt. (10).

Middle Class, Henry J. Christman, Luther L. Hassenpflug, George F. Mathes, John W. Miller, Fred. H. Nau, Harvey S. Nicholson, Charles H. Riedesel and Albert C. Shuman. (8).

Juniors, Frederick Cromer, Calvin Foster, Cornelius Hauge, Elmer E. Loose, P. H. Weaver, W. Wittenberg, W. Looz, C. A. Schaaf, F. Branch, J. H. Rettig and J. W. Geisly. (11.) Total 29. All the members of the Junior class were admitted as students into the seminary at the beginning of the present term. Also F. W. Engelman at the same time. Total number of new students, 12.

After several weeks' attendance, Mr. C. A. Row of Hudson, Michigan, a member of the junior class last year, very abruptly withdrew from the seminary and is now prosecuting his studies privately.

Wm. Peters, on account of impaired health, was compelled to relinquish his preparation for the ministry at present, with the hope that after an absence of a short time he may return to the seminary and resume his studies.

Upon the whole, the last seminary year was a very prosperous and encouraging one, which should be the cause of more than ordinary gratification to the professors and its friends, and stimulate them to continue their efforts to increase its usefulness.

The terms of office of the following persons expire at this meeting of synod, viz: Revs. L. H. Kefauver, D. D., J. I. Swander, D. D., E. P. Herbruck and Reuben Good.

2. BENEFICIARY EDUCATION.

This branch of church benevolence has been reasonably well remembered by its friends during the last year. The receipts from apportionments, as will be seen from the treasurer's report, exceed those of last year by a little over five hundred dollars. And still the full amount was not reached by two hundred and fifty dollars. Had a little more effort been made, the old indebtedness of our hundred and eighty-five dollars still remaining, upon which the Board has been paying interest for a number of years, might have been cancelled. With the present number of beneficiary students enrolled, this can easily be done, which would often relieve the Board of embarrassment when called upon to make appropriations.

The number of beneficiary students enrolled at present is twenty-four. Messrs. Samuel E. Neikirk, Charles E. Stoner, Scott V. Rohrbaugh, John H. Bosch and John E. Traeger, having completed the course in the seminary, their names have been dropped from the roll. Messrs F. W. Hoffman, C. H. Riedesel and Calvin Foster have relieved the Board from any further appropriations. Messrs Peter Bock, E. E. Levers and C. A. Row are absent from our institutions, in consequence of which they are not receiving aid. New students added to the roll are Messrs C. A. Row, Wm. Looz, Charles A. Schaaf, F. Brach, E. M. Renoll, Walter Shriver, F. S. Zaugg, John H. Rettig and W. Wittenberg.

The attention of your reverend body is respectfully called to the following action of the Board taken at its last annual meeting:

WHEREAS, The number of applicants for beneficiary aid is increasing from year to year; and

WHEREAS, Another or third year has been added to the course in our Theological Seminary; therefore,

Resolved, That the rule for paying beneficiaries, requires such beneficiaries, or applicants to reach the sophomore class in their studies before they can receive aid, and that the synod at its next annual meeting be respectfully requested to confirm this action.

The Executive Committee regrets the necessity for such action, which grows out of the scarcity of funds, in the belief that if it is enforced, many worthy young men will fail to reach the ministry, and would, therefore, plead for increased contributions to the cause of Beneficiary Education, in order that exceptionally promising students in the lower classes may receive aid.

The synod is here reminded of the annual apportionment of two thousand dollars for the cause of education.

Respectfully submitted,

L. H. KEFAUVER, *Secretary*.

5. Report of Treasurer of Board of Education.

REV. L. H. KEFAUVER, Treasurer, in Account with the Board of Education.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Children's Day collection, from David's Reformed S. S., Canal Winchester, O.	\$	25
Thanksgiving collection from the three Reformed Churches in Tiffin, O.		14
Received of Rev. J. H. Hartman, Hanover, Pa.		25
Beaver Reformed Sunday-school, per H. Ankney.		8
Lyons Charge, Kans., per Rev. A. Casselman.		4
Interest from Carson bequest, per Rev. J. A. Peters, Trustee.		88
Rev. W. H. Tussing, paid interest.		7
Reformed Church, Prospect, Ohio, per Rev. D. Van Horne.		7
Rev. H. Rust, on pledge.		10
J. B. Lautzenhelter, contribution.		44
Received interest from bequests.		404
Total miscellaneous.	\$639	

APPORTIONMENTS.

Miami Classis, per Treasurer, Elder V. P. Van Horne.	\$391	52
Lancaster Classis, per Rev. J. A. Seitz, Treasurer.	185	28
Tuscarawas Classis, per Elder E. K. Kremer, Treasurer.	504	50
Tiffin Classis, per Rev. J. B. Shumaker, Treasurer.	239	00
Eastern Ohio Classis, per Rev. J. H. Bomberger, Treasurer.	213	53
St. Joseph Classis, per Elder Benj. Ashbaucher, Treasurer.	225	00
	\$1,750	284
Total receipts.	\$2,200	50
In Treasury October 11, 1883.	382	51
	\$2,782	10

CONTRA. CR.

Paid beneficiary students as per vouchers.	\$2,267	80
" Interest to Miss Mary Ashbaugh.	1	00
" Interest on old debt.	15	95
" postage and stationery.	1	15
" for recording and releasing mortgages.	1	15
" to make up loss.	10	00
Total disbursed.	\$2,300	75
In Contingent Treasury October 10, 1884.	42	36

PERMANENT FUND. DR.

Bequest of Miss Sarah Brinker.	\$	80	00
" Miss S. A. Hivling.		1,00	00
" J. G. Lefler.		3,50	00
" Rev. R. Schneck.		50	00
Gift of Miss Mary Ashbaugh.		20	00
	\$6,00	00	
Interest received from Brinker bequest.	\$	56	00
" " Hivling bequest.		84	20
" " Lefler bequest.		215	01
" " Schneck bequest.		25	00
" " Ashbaugh gift.		14	00
	\$40	21	
	\$6,40	21	

CONTRA. CR.

Certificate of R. R. Stock, twenty shares	\$1,600 00
Note of C. C. Park, Tiffin, O.	2,500 00
.. John Schlereth, Tiffin, O	600 00
.. Henry Endel, Tiffin, Ohio	600 00
.. Martha C. Swigart, Tiffin, Ohio	560 00
.. John Eirich, Clyde, Ohio	600 00
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	\$6,060 00
Paid interest to contingent fund	404 21
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	\$6,454 21
Due Treasurer	50 00
Still due on money borrowed	185 00

Respectfully Submitted,

L. H. KEFAUVER, *Treasurer.*

TIFFIN, OHIO, October 10, 1894.

II. REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE ON SEMINARY.

The Standing Committee on Heidelberg Theological Seminary, during the morning session on Friday, submitted their report, which was received and together with the preceding reports adopted:

Your Committee on Heidelberg Theological Seminary would report as follows:

The following papers were placed in our hands: The report of the Board of Visitors, the report of the Board of Education, the report of the Board of Trustees, and reports of the Agent and Treasurer.

Through these reports there come the cheerful tidings of continued blessing and enlarging prosperity to this institution of the church. It is with a sense, of the debt of gratitude that we owe to Almighty God for his divinest favor upon it, that we give Him devoutest praise.

There are now a larger number than ever before in attendance upon the school who are led by competent instructors, devoting their time and abilities to preparing these for the work of the holy ministry.

It is gratifying to this synod to learn that the finances of the institution, by the active efforts of the Agent and Treasurer and the generous contributions of the church, are in good condition.

But as its growth, so its needs continue and increase. It is therefore, commended to the liberal support and prayers of the church, in the hope that God may raise up friends and means for this cause. \$1,500 are again necessary to meet the demands of the present year, that the work of the school may go forward unhindered.

The following resolutions are presented for your consideration:

Resolved, That the request for \$1,500 coming from the Board of Trustees be granted

Resolved, That the Agent and Treasurer of the Board be commended for his excellent service without expense to the church.

Resolved, That the different classes at such time as they may elect hold meetings in the interests of the seminary and that they be urged to exercise special care in securing the apportionments for this cause.

WHEREAS, Much has been said about the matter of elocution in connection with the seminary course. Your committee would recommend that such arrangement be made as conjointly with the college, give the services of our efficient teacher in this department.

Resolved, That this synod heartily approves the action of the Faculty and Board of Trustees in the establishment of a post-graduate course at the seminary.

Resolved, That the appropriation of \$2,000 for Beneficiary Education be apportioned.

Respectfully submitted,
ALPHEUS E. BAICHLY, *Chairman*

III. ELECTION OF BOARDS OF THEOLOGICAL SEMINARIES

I. BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

Officers of Board.

Rev. Reuben Keller, *President*, West Alexandria, Ohio.
Rev. Samuel B. Yockey, D. D., *Vice President*, Xenia, Ohio.
Rev. Michael Loucks, D. D., *Secretary*, Dayton, Ohio.
Elder Horace Ankeney, *Treasurer*, Alpha, Ohio.

Members whose term expires October, 1895.

Rev. Isaac H. Reiter, D. D. Rev. Michael Loucks, D. D.
Elder Horace Ankeney, Rev. Henry M. Herman, D. D.
Mr. John Daniel Steele.

Members whose term expires October, 1896.

Rev. Reuben Keller. Rev. Edward Herbruck, Ph. D.
Rev. Edward M. Beck. Rev. John J. Leberman, D. D.
Elder Benjamin Kuhns.

Members whose term expires October, 1897.

Rev. Sebastian C. Goss, D. D. Rev. Alpheus E. Baichly.
Elder Victor P. Van Horne. Rev. Samuel B. Yockey, D. D.
Elder George Loucks.

II. BOARD OF VISITORS AND OF EDUCATION.

Officers of Board.

Rev. John M. Schick, D. D., *President*, Tiffin, Ohio.

Rev. Sebastian C. Goss, D. D., *Vice President*, Wadsworth, Ohio.

Rev. James H. Steele, *Secretary and Treasurer*, Tiffin, Ohio.

Executive Committee.—Rev. Lewis H. Kefauver, D. D., Prof. Reuben Good, Rev. Joseph B. Shumaker, D. D., Rev. John M. Schick, D. D., Rev. James H. Steele, Prof. Cornelius M. Lowe and Elder Nelson L. Brewer, Esq.

Members whose term expires October, 1895.

Rev. John J. Leberman, D. D. Elder Nelson L. Brewer, Esq.

Rev. Joseph B. Shumaker, D. D. Rev. Isaac A. Sites.

Members whose term expires October, 1896.

Rev. Sebastian C. Goss, D. D. Rev. Michael Loucks, D. D.

Rev. James H. Steele. Rev. Cornelius M. Lowe, Ph. D.

Members whose term expires October, 1897.

Rev. Lewis H. Kefauver, D. D. Rev. John H. Bomberger.

Rev. John M. Schick, D. D. Rev. Reuben Good.

ARTICLE XV.

HEIDELBERG UNIVERSITY.

The following reports relating to the interests and work of the University were received, considered and adopted:

I. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS.

The Board of Regents of Heidelberg University, at its annual meeting in Tiffin, Ohio, June 16, 1894, organized by the election of the following officers for the ensuing year, viz: Rev. Isaac H. Reiter, D. D., President; Rev. John J. Leberman, D. D., Vice President; Rev. John I. Swander, D. D., Secretary, and Rev. Lewis H. Kefauver, D. D., Treasurer.

The age in which we live may be denominated as *the* pre-eminent age of liberal education. There never has been a period in the history of the world, when there have been so many adequately or magnificently endowed institutions of learning, so many facilities and opportunities for acquiring knowledge, and so many incitements and attractions to lead to the development of the intellectual and moral powers. And yet, in the face of all this, there are many who either remain inert, or neglect to avail themselves of the proffered advantages and golden opportunities for mental and moral improvement.

The main object of Heidelberg University is to afford the facilities and

advantages of a thorough and comprehensive education based up Christian principles, and to properly effect and systematically devel the whole man--physically, intellectually and morally. Thus educati having a definite end in view, is pursued for its own sake, and to la broad and substantial foundation upon which to erect a noble life-mo ment after leaving the institution.

And what of the work and results of last year? It appears that year on the whole, under providential guidance, has been one of indust fidelity and growth. The official heads were alert and active in directi the general work. The professors in their respective departments w regular on duty and labored faithfully to promote the best interests of t institution, and to advance those under their instruction in the sever branches of studies pursued. The diligence and general conduct of t students were good, and there was very little occasion for discipline any kind. And in all the different departments, under approved regu tions, the work was faithfully prosecuted with good results.

There were few changes or modifications introduced in the applian or methods of the institution; for, instead of recognizing progress improvement in the introduction of that which is merely new or differe the aim of those directing the educational work was to stand firmly by tested underlying principles, to strengthen its best features, to sharpen t attention devoted to literary and moral culture, to stimulate the spirit earnest inquiry and research, to emphasize the elements of instruction a discipline tending to make true and manly students, and to develop t qualities of a noble and symmetrical character in all under instructi And thus enhance the real power and efficiency of the university, a dispense the blessings of true education and Christian culture.

The number of students enrolled in the University during the past ye was 285, which exhibits the general attendance as having been good, ev exceeding that of the preceding year. The attendance of the Academ as an integral part of the University, was not as large as it should ha been, though it did excellent work. It is well organized, has compl courses of study preparing for the different courses of the Collegi Department and for teaching. As such it affords superior advantages all who purpose of entering upon a course of higher education. Her its importance and claims deserve fuller recognition, more liberal patn age and a larger attendance of students.

At the opening of each of the three terms during last year, as here fore, an address was delivered before the students and visitors in Riel Chapel, as follows: *Fall Term*: Prof. Granville H. Meixell, subj "The Study of the English Language and Literature." *Winter Ter*: Prof. Wilbert A. Garrison, subject, "Education Preparatory for Colleg *Spring Term*: Prof. Alfred C. Zembrod, subject, "Monumental Rom These addresses were appropriate, able and appreciated. There w also some special lectures delivered of a literary, instructive and intere ing character.

Catalogue and Curriculum.

The annual Catalogue of Heidelberg University and Theological Seminary for the scholastic year of 1893-94, is the largest in the history of the University, and also the fullest and the most complete and exact in all its details, making a neat pamphlet of 152 pages, showing commendable progress in our educational work. This catalogue deserves to be widely circulated and carefully studied, as it furnishes much valuable information respecting the organization, government, curriculum, instruction and Christian character of the Institution.

There has been very little change made in the general Curriculum of the University or in text-books, during the past year. No such change was deemed necessary or desirable. The present courses of study, especially in the Literary Department, are full and complete, and well adapted to awaken thought, to discipline the mind, to evolve culture and to form character. At the same time they afford sufficient work for students to keep them busily employed. This fact, in connection with a corps of well-qualified instructors, enables the University to offer superior educational advantages to students during their four years' course. And furthermore, in order to afford opportunity for advanced study, and to encourage original investigation along different lines, the Institution has also in operation a complete post-graduate course of study both for resident and non-resident students.

Vacancies and Appointments.

Professor Christian Hornung, A. M., of the Department of Mathematics and Astronomy, on account of a precarious state of health, has at his request been relieved from continuous class-room work for the current year, but he will keep a general supervision of the work and be present at the opening and closing of each term and conduct the examinations. In order to afford him this relief and to prevent any interruption of the work in this department, Prof. Hugh A. Snepp, a graduate of the University and who taught last year as the Principal of a High School, has been appointed assistant for one year to render the necessary help in the class-room work of teaching. Prof. Hornung entertains the hope that his health may be thus recuperated, and that he may be able next year to resume full duty.

The vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Prof. Granville H. Meixell, M. A., of the Professorship of the "English Language and Literature, History and Economics," the duties of which he discharged for two years with ability and efficiency, has been filled by the appointment of Prof. Frederick F. Briggs, a graduate of the University of Michigan. He comes well recommended as to scholarship, energy of character and social qualities, and also as having had some experience in the practical work of teaching. He has entered upon the duties of the position with encouraging prospects of success.

Alumni Professorship.

On the recommendation of the Faculty of the Literary Department and by the official action of the Board of Regents, the name or title "Alumni Professor of Belles Lettres" was changed to that of "A Professorship of the English Language and Literature and History.

This Professorship is to be fully endowed by the Alumni of the University, who through their association have resolved to do so, and are engaged in gathering funds for this purpose. This is a noble and praiseworthy undertaking. The fact is to be commendably recognized that the success and prosperity of the Institution largely rest with its Alumni; for through their manly and united efforts, pervaded by a spirit of loyalty and activity do much to promote the interests of their *Alma Mater*, especially through their co-operative work to enlarge her endowment and to increase the assistance of students upon her instructions.

Acting Chancellor.

Rev. Lewis H. Kefauver, D. D., who is favorably known for his Christian character, scholarly attainments and executive ability, has been appointed by the Board of Regents as Acting Chancellor of the University for the current scholastic year. He has accepted the position and is now engaged upon the duties of the office.

Four Year Scholarships.

The Board of Regents during its last annual meeting authorized executive officers to issue a four year scholarship to any graduate of any high school, whose curriculum meets the requirements of Heidelberg University, who, upon the presentation of his or her diploma, may be eligible for such scholarship with a purpose of taking a course in the institution.

Christian Culture.

Education to be true and complete must be based upon the Christian religion, and pervaded by its life and spirit. In harmony with this principle, in order to develop Christian character and secure Christian culture, Heidelberg University makes Christianity an element of importance in its government, instruction and general educational policy. This is not done in any sense sectarian, but truly Christian, though under the control of the Reformed Church. The religious spirit and influence pervading the institution are of such a character as to give an example of moral intonation to its practical life, and to secure a very general and cordial compliance with its established laws and regulations. An important work of the two Christian Associations composed of students, and the influence of the various religious services attended by the students in connection with their intellectual pursuits, contribute largely to promote the culture and growth of the Christian character and life of the University, as well as to unfold the social nature of its attendants.

Such being the Christian character and life of Heidelberg University, our sons and daughters may be safely intrusted to its government, instruction and religious influence, while we as a synod and church should heartily co-operate with the authorities to promote its interests, to increase its efficiency and to crown its work with complete success.

Music.

The Conservatory of Music, which was established in 1886, continues to prosper and is doing satisfactory work. Its standard is high and its work of a superior character, offering excellent opportunities for obtaining a finished musical education. Under the able Principalship of Prof. Harold B. Adams it is growing in interest and popularity. Those desiring to study music, can be well accommodated at Heidelberg; for there are imparted first-class instructions, with good musical surroundings, fine literary advantages and wholesome religious influences.

Art.

Art, especially in a co-educational institution of learning, must be regarded as a necessary and important branch of study, and as having a salutary influence on true culture. And the study of the fine arts elevates the mind into the realm of the beautiful and the ennobling, and tends to develop refined taste and higher culture. In this light the true object and claims of the Art Department of Heidelberg University must be considered. It is in charge of Miss Inez I. Crampton, a specialist of acknowledged ability and of well-established reputation. Here are offered full and complete courses of study, including the various branches of art, to all who desire to obtain proficiency in art culture.

College of Commerce.

The College of Commerce, under the Principalship of Prof. Oliver O. Runkle, has been thoroughly re-organized and placed in a position to achieve excellent results. Its courses of study are complete, its instructions thorough and systematic, its methods practical and interesting, and it is in every way prepared to give a first-class business education. All this applies to the business course and to the shorthand and typewriting courses. The *Standard System* of shorthand, the best now in use, is taught here. Any young man or lady desiring a thorough business training can be accommodated. The prospect for an increase of students is good.

The Library.

The consolidated library, including that of the University, the Theological Seminary and the Literary Societies, contains at present about 11,000 volumes, besides a number of pamphlets and periodicals. Some additions of books were made during the year. Constant efforts should be continued to increase the library by the addition of the latest issues of standard works relating to literature, history, science, art, morals and religion. Contributions of books and money are always in order. The

Dewey System of classification has been adopted and a good beginning has been made, but the consummation of the work will require some time, as all the books in the library will have to be overhauled. The classification when completed will serve the needs of the library for many years to come, and enable students in little time to secure the exact source of information which they desire.

Connected with the library is also a comfortable and commodious reading room, which is regularly furnished with choice periodical literature, and is open to all at stated times and upon certain conditions.

Ladies' Boarding Hall.

During the past school year the Ladies' Boarding Hall was continued with satisfactory results under the joint management of Mrs. Viola Meyer as Preceptress and Mrs. J. P. Baker as Matron. Mrs. J. P. Baker, however, at the close of the year, resigned the position of Matron. Thereupon Rev. Richard B. Reichard and his wife, who are favorably known, were appointed to take charge of said hall, and they have entered upon the duties of the position, with encouraging prospects for a successful year.

Reparations and Improvements.

The Ladies' Boarding Hall has been thoroughly cleansed, and partially papered and furnished with a new carpet. Mrs. Viola Meyer, the Preceptress, also furnished the hall with about \$35 worth of furniture out of her own funds, and thereby has set a noble example for others to imitate with reference to other wants of the institution.

Moreover, in the spirit of true generosity, Mr. Benjamin F. Meyer through a Dayton Company, had extensive concrete pavements put down on the walks at and about the campus for the benefit and use of the University, amounting in all to about 6,000 feet of walk at a cost of about \$1,000. Here is another praise-worthy example of liberality. Who will in some way imitate it by remembering the needs of Heidelberg?

The former museum room, since the transfer of the museum to the new building, has been divided by a partition into two rooms, the one being now occupied as a recitation room for the Department of Modern Languages, under the able and successful instruction of Prof. Alfred C. Zambrod, and the other by the Department of Art, under the efficient and successful supervision of the principal, Miss Inez I. Crampton.

And with the view of providing better accommodations for the students, reparations and improvements have also been made in and about the Dormitory or "Old College Building," which has been painted within and without, the walls and ceilings of the halls papered and frescoed, and new sash and glass put in all of the windows.

Museum and Gymnasium Building.

The building, which is a brick structure of artistic design, beautiful and ornamental, and erected to provide accommodations for both the Museum and Gymnasium, was completed in December, 1893, and since that time it

been partially occupied. The part of the building designed for the Museum is 48 by 51 feet, and the main room of the other part to be used for gymnasium purposes is 40 by 68 feet. This gymnasium room is regarded as equal to any in the State of Ohio, and superior to any in the Reformed Church in the United States. The cost of the building, including the plans, excavation, foundation, structure, leveling the ground, sewers, etc., was \$11,350.04. Of this amount \$4,630.79 have been paid, leaving a balance of indebtedness of \$6,729.25, arising from money borrowed to complete the building. Efforts are being made to remove this indebtedness, in which the friends of the institution should heartily and liberally unite.

While this building is externally completed, the internal part lacks completion. This is especially true of the part designed for the use of the gymnasium, which needs to be properly furnished, in order to be ready for occupancy. The furnishing will require from \$500 to \$800. Who will make such contribution? Such contribution will subserve good ends for the institution and give new inspiration to the students. Intellectual training needs to be complemented by physical education. The true condition of success in both is proper *exercise*, which prepares the body and mind for solid and conscientious work. And the gymnasium, under the proper supervision of a well-qualified physical director, will tend not only to improve the physical vigor and health of students, but also enable them the better to grasp and master the latent truths of their studies. Hence the importance of furnishing the gymnasium. Let this be done without further delay, for the sake of the institution, and the encouragement of the "boys."

The Museum was removed into the new building during the last holiday vacation, and since then, as time and circumstances permitted, cases have been reconstructed and specimens put into position. A complete readjustment has been made of mounted birds and of animals, while some of the cases have been improved by the addition of new specimens, presented and mounted by Prof. Wm. Cross. The work of cataloguing can not be done until all the cases are in place. When all the arrangements are completed, and system and order fully established, the Museum, which in itself is very valuable and varied in character, will not only be attractive in appearance, but may be studied with much interest and profit.

Toledo Medical College.

The overture of the Trustees and Faculty of the Toledo Medical College, at Toledo, Ohio, to become united as a department of Heidelberg University, was further considered by the Board of Regents at its last annual meeting, without however, taking any final action. The whole matter was again referred to the committee of the Board, with instructions to confer with the committee of the Toledo Medical College, and report the conclusions reached by the joint committee to the next annual meeting in June 1895.

Finances.

The financial condition of the university, according to the report of the treasurer and the judgment of the Auditing Committee, has been a sound bases and may be regarded in a favorable light. There is, however, a deficit of \$1,600 in the contingent fund. This in part is due to the general money pressure, a little loss of interest and a shrinkage in dividends on stocks, but mainly by exorbitant bills for fuel gas. However, it is hoped that, however, will be much less for the current year, and hence the outlook is encouraging.

The endowment fund during the year has been increased \$1,200, of which there were received on the Alumni Professorship \$725, the sale of scholarships \$500, and a bequest of \$400 from Mrs. Margaret B. Man. This bequest by some oversight was not noted by the Board. It is hereby officially recognized and gratefully acknowledged in the minutes of the Board. And during the present meeting of synod, there was received with gratefulness a bequest of \$500 from the estate of Jacob and Hannah Minnick his wife, with the full acquiescence of the Board, for whom the thanks of synod are due.

Rev. Edward D. Wettach, in view of Rev. Dr. Jos. B. Shuman's resignation, has been appointed Financial Secretary of Heidelberg University, and he entered upon the duties of the office on the first of September. He should be heartily welcomed everywhere and receive the cooperation of pastors and people. The work of this agency is important and necessary; for while the general financial condition of the University is favorable, there is an absolute necessity of additional endowment to enlarge its possibilities, capacities and powers, and thus to accumulate strength, to broaden its work and to accomplish great things.

Opening and Outlook.

The fall term of the scholastic year of 1894-95 opened with a glowing prospect on September 12th, on which occasion an excellent address was delivered in Rickly Chapel to a large and appreciative audience by Rev. John I. Swander, D. D., who had chosen for his theme: "*The possible development of true womanhood.*"

The attendance of students at the opening was encouraging. A number of the former students having returned were then present, and there was a large accession of new students. The work of enrollment, class assignment and assignment of studies at once proceeded. All the departments of the University are now well organized for the work of the year, and are busily striving for the mastery of the principles and problems of the year. And while the spirit of aggressive work is growing under the direction of an able and efficient teaching force, the general outlook is sparkling with encouragement and hopefulness.

The enrollment of students at the opening of the Fall term (September 12th) for the scholastic year of 1894-95 was 236, with the prospect of further additions to this number, and of another prosperous year for Heidelberg.

Needs and Wants.

Among the numerous needs of educational interests, there are at least four elements essential to found, equip and sustain an institution of learning; and these elements are brains, enterprise, money and hard-work. Brains are required to conceive, plan and direct; enterprise to inspire, energize and advance; money to possess, enlarge and fortify; hard work to mold, demonstrate and perfect. Where these elements are practically present, there will be manifest progress and success. And viewed in the light of the present aggressive age, with its ever-increasing discoveries, inventions and requirements, the element which seems to be most needed to secure the characteristics and forces of a strong institution, is *money*. Not assumptions or pretensions however bold and loud, but MONEY!

And is not this the great requisite or need of Heidelberg University? This question resolves itself into an axiom that needs no argument or demonstration. The endowment of the institution must be *greatly enlarged* in order to increase its facilities and to meet the demands of the times. A full endowment is the *sine qua non*, the alchemic power of transforming, quickening and strengthening it, and of crowning it with the diadem of the true ideal University. Nothing short of this should be the aim and effort of the Synod and the church, as well as of the Board of Regents, the Alumni and the friends of the institution.

In order to awaken thought and to stimulate to earnest action, we may here enumerate some of the more immediate needs of the University requiring tangible means. Funds are needed: 1, To complete the endowment; 2, to meet regularly all our legitimate obligations; 3, to internally finish and furnish the gymnasium hall and appoint a physical director; 4, to provide a separate fire-proof building for the library; 5, to provide an astronomical observatory; 6, to provide more room for the use of the institution. The University Hall, though large and commodious, is in the progress of things becoming overcrowded, and more room is needed for the proper accommodation of the Literary, Musical, Art and Commercial Departments. Here is a grand opportunity afforded for "doing liberal things" and of advancing the cause of higher education. Who will be the first to respond? Will not the friends of the Institution, blessed with tangible means, embrace this opportunity of erecting to themselves enduring monuments by making provision for these additional and highly needed facilities and accommodations for the benefit and use of Heidelberg?

The members of the Board of Regents whose term of office will expire at this meeting of Synod are as follows: Revs. Dr. Isaac H. Reiter, Dr. [Name obscured], Dr. Sebastian C. Goss, Dr. John M. Kendig, Mr. Samuel H. Platt, Esq.

[Name obscured] of Regents of Heidelberg University.

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TER, *President of Board of Regents.*

II. REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE ON UNIVERSITY.

The Standing Committee on Heidelberg University, during the afternoon session on Saturday, presented their report, which was received, and as amended adopted, together with that of the Board.

Your Standing Committee on Heidelberg University would respectfully report as follows: The only paper placed in our hands was the report the Board of Regents presented through the president, Rev. I. H. Reitz, D. D. This report giving in detail the internal workings of the institution, we deem it necessary to note only the main features, referring you to the report itself for an intelligible, clear and comprehensive exposition of the proceedings, plans and purposes of the Board, and through them, the institution. These are praiseworthy and deserve a hearty endorsement of this synod.

The report shows that the past year has been a successful one, peace and harmony have prevailed, and industry, fidelity and progress have been the prevailing characteristics of the year's work. The aim of the institution by direction of the Board, has been to lay a broad and substantial foundation upon which a moral, intellectual and religious character can be reared.

The results of last year's work as compared with the previous year evince the fact that the institution is becoming more and more efficient and successful in meeting the actual wants of the church and accomplishing the high and noble purpose for which it was established.

The attendance has been good, and considering the stringency of times indicates a growing interest in the institution on the part of the church, and especially on the part of those seeking a higher education for their sons and daughters.

The Literary Department, and the Departments of Music, Art, and College of Commerce, are all well equipped and doing aggressive work. The Library is being constantly improved and affords valuable help to students. The improvement of the Boarding Hall, the college campus in laying walks around the same, and the Dormitory, all evince the fact that the University under its present management is aggressive in spirit and is continually widening its scope of usefulness and influence.

With the Board we believe that the primary need of the University today is money. All else seems to be at hand. Steps to meet this constant need have been taken in the election of Rev. Edward D. Wetmore as Financial Secretary, which your committee believe will result in increased gifts to the institution.

We recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That we are pleased and encouraged with the report of the Board of Regents and hear with great pleasure of the present outlook for Heidelberg University.

Resolved, That this synod reaffirms and expresses its entire confidence in the present management and believes that the very best interests of the institution are being served.

Resolved, That we commend the faculty together with the board, for the very full and complete catalogue issued, and bespeak for it a wide circulation and careful perusal by the members of this synod.

Resolved, That we look with favor upon the adoption of so complete a post-graduate course which affords opportunities for advanced study for both resident and non-resident students.

Resolved, That we heartily approve the action of the Board of Regents in urging the alumni of the university to fully endow as speedily as possible the Alumni Professorship of English Language and Literature, and History.

Resolved, That the needs of the institution be constantly kept before the churches, by the pastors frequently speaking of its superior advantages.

Resolved, That we most gratefully acknowledge the liberality and gifts of Benjamin F. Meyer, Esq., and Mrs. Viola Meyer, by which much needed improvements were made, also the gift of \$400 of Mrs. Margaret Christman.

Resolved, That this synod gratefully acknowledges the receipt by Heidelberg University of a gift and bequest of five hundred dollars, made by Jacob Minnick and Hannah Minnick his wife, late of West Alexandria, Preble County, Ohio, and that this synod returns its thanks to the heirs of said donors for the part they have taken in carrying out the wishes of Mr. and Mrs. Minnick.

Resolved, That we very heartily approve of the election of Rev. Edward D. Wettach as financial secretary, that he be cordially welcomed to our pastoral charges in the interests of the university, and that every effort be made on our part to assist him in carrying out his purpose of increasing the endowment fund of \$100,000, and thus to meet the growing demands of the institution.

Resolved, That the synod hears with much satisfaction of the appointment of Rev. L. H. Kefauver, D. D., as acting chancellor of the university, believing that he is eminently fitted for the responsible position.

Resolved, That this synod regards it as the duty of every one of its members to give the university his personal, financial, moral and religious support, to send their sons and daughters to Heidelberg University to be educated as the most fitting place.

Respectfully submitted,

REUBEN F. SHULTZ, *Chairman*.

III. ELECTION OF REGENTS OF HEIDELBERG UNIVERSITY.

Officers of Board of Regents.

Rev. Isaac H. Reiter, D. D., *President*, Miamisburg, Ohio.

Rev. John J. Leberman, D. D., *Vice-President*, Louisville, Ohio.

Rev. John I. Swander, D. D., *Secretary*, Tiffin, Ohio.

Rev. Lewis H. Kefauver, D. D., *Treasurer*, Tiffin, Ohio.

Executive Committee.—Mr. Benjamin F. Myers, Rev. Lewis Kefauver, D. D., Rev. John I. Swander, D. D., Nelson L. Brewer, Esq. and James H. Platt, Esq.

Members whose term expires October, 1895.

Rev. John I. Swander, D. D.

Elder Irvin Yost.

Rev. John J. Leberman, D. D.

Elder James C. Reber.

Rev. Herman Rust, D. D.

Elder Victor P. Van Horne.

Members whose term expires October, 1896.

Rev. Lewis H. Kefauver, D. D.

Elder Horace Ankeney.

Elder Nelson L. Brewer, Esq.

Rev. Henry M. Herman, D. D.

Rev. Edward Herbruck, Ph. D.

Elder George F. Bareis.

Members whose term expires October, 1897.

Rev. David Van Horne, D. D.

Hon. John H. Ridgely.

Mr. Benjamin F. Myers.

Rev. Edward D. Wettach.

Mr. John M. Conroy.

Rev. William H. Shults.

Members whose term expires October, 1898.

Rev. Isaac H. Reiter, D. D.

Rev. James H. Steele.

Rev. Michael Loucks, D. D.

James H. Platt, Esq.

Mr. Samuel S. Rickly.

Elder Daniel W. Souder.

ARTICLE XVI.

BENEVOLENT AND RELIGIOUS INSTITUTIONS.

I. REPORT OF SOCIETY FOR RELIEF OF MINISTERS, ETC.

The Standing Committee on Overtures, during the morning session on Thursday, reported in item 4, that the following report of the Society for the Relief of Ministers and their widows was received through its Treasurer, viz :

STATEMENT.

The Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows of the Reformed Church in the U. S., through its officers, presents for the information of the church and for record in Minutes of Synod the following statement of receipts and expenditures for the year ending Sept. 29, 1894:

RECEIPTS.

Cash in treasury as per last report	\$2,396 00
Cash from collections in the churches	2,256 89
Cash from interest on investment	1,213 55
Cash from miscellaneous sources	500 00
Cash from matured loan	500 00
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	\$6,866 44

EXPENDITURES.

Cash paid to forty annuitants	\$2,410 00
Cash paid for investment	1,500 00
Cash paid for expenses	160 10
Cash in treasury September 29, 1894	2,796 34
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	\$6,866 44

The cash in the treasury at this date will probably all be required to meet the appropriations made at the coming annual meeting of the society October 16, 1894. The membership of the society in the past year has been increased by the addition of twenty-nine life and two annual members from the collections and contributions received, to wit:

Life Members:—Rev. A. J. Bachman, W. R. H. Deatrick, J. H. Schlappich, A. M. Keifer, W. M. Landis, W. C. Schaeffer, Ph. D., C. Becker, W. Donat, C. S. Gerhard, D. D., J. W. Miller, J. W. Rauch, D. W. Kerr, G. A. Huber, J. E. Smith, A. C. Snyder, L. Rike, S. C. Goss, D. D., G. W. Snyder, J. R. Lewis, O. F. Schaeffer, B. F. Bausman, A. C. Whitmer, D. W. Gerhard, F. Pilgram, J. J. Wagoner, A. A. Black, W. R. Hofford, D. D., U. O. H. Kershner and H. J. Welker.

Annual Members:—C. Gundlach and L. Brugger.

Officers of Society.

Rev. W. M. Deatrick, D. D., *President*, Mercersburg, Pa.

Rev. T. F. Hoffmeier, *Secretary*, Middletown, Md.

Rev. S. S. Miller, *Treasurer*, St. Petersburg, Pa.

To the Reverend Ohio Synod.

DEAR FATHERS AND BRETHERN:—Permit me, as treasurer of the Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows of the Reformed Church in the United States, to call your attention to the growing needs of the society. In the past year eleven disabled ministers and twenty-nine widows of ministers have been helped, expending as may be seen from the enclosed statement, \$2,410. Of this amount, \$355 were paid to annuitants within your synodical bounds, whilst the society has received but \$2.65.

In the coming year the number will be increased by at least four more, (two ministers and two widows) who have made application for aid. In view of these facts, we request your reverend body to take such action as will bring the church within your bounds to aid the society in the noble work of relief to such as are in need. As a church we are not doing

what we ought and might do for our worn out or disabled brethren, the widows of our deceased brethren. We ask for a place in your published Minutes of Synod for the enclosed statement of the operations of the society for the past year. Further it is hoped that your reverend body will actively encourage the society in its work. With the prayer of the presence and guidance of the Holy Spirit in your deliberations, I am, in Christ, yours fraternally,

SIMON S. MILLER, *Treasurer*

ST. PETERSBURG, PA., September 29, 1894.

II. REPORT OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE.

The preceding report of the Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows was referred to a special committee, consisting of Rev. Elmer E. Weller, Edward M. Beck and Elder Levi Stentz. This committee during the morning session on Friday submitted the following report, which was received and adopted:

Your committee to whom was referred item four in the Report of the Committee on Overtures respecting the Society for the Relief of Disabled Ministers and their Widows, reports as follows:

It is with pleasure that we note the continued interest on the part of the church in this most worthy cause. It is befitting for her to remember her workmen with tangible aid, when so disabled that they can no longer prosecute their work of love and also that their widows and children receive some aid, when they are left without their former support.

Resolved, That this synod apportion the sum of \$400 for this purpose.

Resolved, That the interests of this society be presented to the synod in some religious service, by the Rev. Dr. Yockey, synod's Vice President of the Society.

Respectfully submitted,

ELMER E. WELLER, *Chairman*.

III. REPORT RESPECTING ST. PAUL'S ORPHAN HOME.

The Standing Committee on Overtures, during the morning session on Thursday, reported in item two that a communication was received from the superintendent of the St. Paul's Orphan Home at Butler, Pa. This paper was referred to a special committee, consisting of Revs. James S. Keppel, Abraham D. Wolfinger and Elder George W. Clum. This committee, during the afternoon session on Friday, submitted their report, which was received and adopted:

The Special Committee to which was referred the annual statement concerning St. Paul's Orphans' Home reports as follows:

The only document coming into the hands of the committee is a letter from Rev. P. C. Prugh, D. D., Butler, Pa., Superintendent of the Home.

In this document is stated the present condition of the Home. From it we learn that the Home is prospering, but unfortunately many applications must be rejected for want of means.

Dr. Prugh says: "We have now under our care eighty-six children, a part of whom, however, are supported by father, mother or friends, but a larger number than ever before are dependent upon the alms of the congregations and Sunday-schools for their maintenance. The moral and religious character of the children is good."

It appears from the letter of the Superintendent of the Home that no pains are spared to surround the children with moral and religious influences for the purpose of developing the sense of their spiritual responsibility. At the proper age they are gathered into the fold of the church. While the boys and girls gain an elementary knowledge of education under competent teachers, at the same time they are required to work for the exercise of their physical bodies and for the benefit of the institution. The Home is a worthy cause and well worth our serious attention. The institution is well managed and the children enjoy a Christian home.

In view of the above facts, gleaned from the pages of Dr. Prugh's letter, and knowing that the work of educating and rearing the orphan children of the church is a most noble and Christian cause, be it hereby

Resolved, That we commend the cause of St. Paul's Home, Butler, Pa., to the liberality and prayers of the Christian people of our synod. Furthermore, be it

Recommended, that, in order to relieve the Home as much as possible from its pressure of both numbers of applications and stress of financial means, a communication be started between the Superintendent of the Home and such families of the church who would desire to raise and maintain in their home some of these Christian boys and girls.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES S. KEPPEL, *Chairman*.

ARTICLE XVII.

SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

The following reports were received, considered and adopted:

I. REPORT OF BOARD OF SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

DEAR BRETHREN OF THE OHIO SYNOD:--The blessing of the Lord has fallen upon our work during the last year in a very marked degree.

In no year of the history of our churches Sunday-school work has so much been done, so much progress made, so much vantage ground secured, as in the last. Much of this is doubtless due to the advanced and advancing steps so recently taken by the courts of the church to bring the Sunday-school to a recognition that it so much deserved and to earnestly press its neglected claims and lift it to a prominence that it had not been allowed to attain.

duties. Names of these committees should be transmitted to this Board as also to the General Secretary upon election. It is to be hoped each committee will be helpful to our work.

A meeting of the members of these different committees is hereby called to meet with the Board and General Secretary before the adjournment of this synod.

HOME DEPARTMENT.

The Home Department of the Sunday-school is attracting attention everywhere, and is on the way to larger Sunday-school extension and great good. We commend this department to our schools. Full information and necessary literature can be had of the General Secretary by addressing him.

The following overtures and recommendations are herein presented:

1. All our schools are requested to observe Children's Day; *a*) As far as practicable to observe on the second Sunday in June; *b*) To use the service prepared by our own Board; *c*) To devote the collection to the Sunday-school missionary work as asked by General Synod's Board.

2. We urge upon our schools the observance also of the Christmas and Easter seasons and especially to remember the cause of the orphans in these and at such other times as they may be able to contribute.

3. We commend the General Secretary and his work to the synod and assure him of our liberal support, appreciation and sympathy.

4. We ask synod to permit the use of the provisional blank prepared by the General Board in reporting its Sunday-school statistics until General Synod shall adopt this or another, and that synod arrange some plan by which statistics may be reported more perfectly and satisfactorily.

5. We ask synod to urge the different classical committees to cooperate and do their utmost in the discharge of duty.

6. We commend to the attention of synod and all our schools, "The Home Department Work."

7. Expenses were incurred by the Board as follows, for the year for which we respectfully ask payment.

Rev. E. R. Williard, traveling expenses to meeting of Board at Canton	\$1 00
Rev. R. Keller, for same	7 50
Rev. L. B. C. Lahr, traveling expenses to meeting at Dayton	2 20
Rev. A. E. Baichly, same, postage, stationery, etc.	2 00

8. The attention of synod is called to the expiration of the terms of office on this Board at this synod of Revs. E. P. Herbruck and A. E. Baichly.

Respectfully submitted,

ALPHEUS E. BAICHLY, *President of Board.*

II. ACTION OF GENERAL SYNOD'S SUNDAY-SCHOOL BOARD.

To the Synod of Ohio:

DEAR BRETHREN:--The following action of the General Synod's Sunday-school Board, taken at Altoona, June 27, 1894, is respectfully communicated to your reverend body, with the hope that its contents will meet with your approval and elicit favorable action:

WHEREAS, The General Synod authorized the Sunday-school Board to call upon the Sunday-schools of the church to give a cent a Sunday-school member to support the General Sunday-school work; and,

WHEREAS, The response of the schools has permitted the Board to enter upon the work; and the united action of hundreds of our schools in giving their Children's Day offerings to the General Sunday-school Board has been so hearty and generous; therefore,

Resolved, That all schools are requested to make Children's Day the time for the annual offering for the support of the work of the Board, it being understood that the cent a Sunday-school member will be considered as included in the Children's Day offering.

Resolved, That all schools which do not give the Children's Day offering are kindly asked to contribute a cent a Sunday-school member for the work of the General Sunday-school Board.

Resolved, That this action of the Board be communicated to the various District Synods, and that they are hereby overtured to request their classes to adopt this plan of supporting the General Sunday-school work.

Respectfully submitted,

DAVID B. LADY,

Rec. Sec. General Synod's S. S. Board.

GREENVILLE, PA., Sept. 27, 1894.

III. REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE ON SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

The Standing Committee on Sunday-schools and Catechization, during Saturday afternoon session, submitted their report, which was received and adopted:

Your Committee on Sunday-schools and Catechization would respectfully submit the following report:

Several papers were referred to this committee. The report of the Sunday-school Board of Ohio Synod, the report of the Secretary of General Synod's Board, and one from the Executive Committee of General Synod's Board, and item 18 of the report on classical minutes, together with a number of forms for statistical reports.

The report of the Ohio Synod's Board of Sunday-schools is very full and complete, setting forth the work of the past year, as also outlining the work for the future. It is gratifying and most pleasing to note the increased interest and manifest progress of the synod in this important department of church work. The Board of Sunday-schools deserves the heartfelt thanks of this synod for the faithful performance of its arduous work and is commended for the fidelity and zeal manifested. The Secretary of General Synod has given new inspiration to the entire church to engage more heartily in teaching the children the way of life and the

adult membership of the church the prayerful study of the Word of God. As the report of the President of the Board is so full, and gives the recommendations for future aggressive work, it is needless for this committee to do more than to recommend the following action:

Resolved, That the report of the Sunday-school Board of this synod be adopted.

Resolved, That the recommendations of the Board be approved, and that the attention of the classes and membership of our congregations be called to them.

Resolved, That we express our hearty appreciation of the work of the General Secretary of General Synod in arousing an enthusiasm in the Sunday-school cause, and that we will give our hearty co-operation in carrying out his plans and methods for the enlargement of our Sunday-schools and their improvement in the practical work of the church.

Resolved, That this synod overture General Synod to provide a suitable form for the induction into office of those chosen to superintend the Sunday-schools of the church.

Respectfully submitted,

LEWIS B. CLAYTON,
JOSEPH P. BURTNER,
JOSEPH W. BURNSIDE,

Committee.

IV. ELECTION OF BOARD OF SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

Officers of Board.

Rev. Apheus F. Ruchty, *President*, Alpha, Ohio.
Elder Victor P. Van Horne, *Secretary*, Dayton, Ohio.
Rev. Louis R. C. Lahr, *Treasurer*, Delaware, Ohio.

Members whose term expires October, 1895.

Rev. Neuben Keller. Rev. Edwin R. Williard.

Members whose term expires October, 1896.

Elder Victor P. Van Horne. Rev. Louis R. C. Lahr.

Members whose term expires October, 1897.

Rev. Apheus F. Ruchty. Elder George F. Bareis.

WORK OF THE

OFFICERS AND MEMBERS.

Next year, 1898, the Board of Sunday-Schools will consist of:

ARTICLE XIX.
COMPLAINTS.

The Smith Complaint Case.

The Standing Committee on Overtures, during the forenoon session on Thursday, reported in item ten that a complaint was filed by Rev. G. Wm. H. Smith against certain action of Lancaster Classis. Thereupon, on motion, it was

Resolved, That this complaint, together with all the papers and records relating thereto, be referred to a special committee to examine whether it is in order, and if found in order to report the manner in which it is to be considered before this synod.

The committee appointed consists of Revs. Dr. John M. Schick, George H. Souder, William E. Ludwick, Elders Victor P. Van Horne and Levi Stentz. This committee, during the afternoon session on Thursday, submitted their report, which was received and after some discussion adopted, and is as follows:

Your committee appointed to consider the papers in the case of the complaint of Rev. G. W. H. Smith against certain action of Lancaster Classis, finds that the complainant filed his complaint with the proper officers within the time allowed for giving the notice of intention to complain, and therefore regards it in order and recommends that it be heard on Saturday morning at 9 o'clock and in the following order:

1. The papers in the case shall be read.
2. The counsel for the complainant shall have 30 minutes to open the case.
3. The counsel for the classis shall have 30 minutes for reply.
4. The counsel for complainant shall have 10 minutes to close.
5. The vote of synod shall then be taken on the complaint without debate.

Respectfully submitted,

J. M. SCHICK,
W. E. LUDWICK,
G. H. SOUDER,
LEVI STENTZ,
V. P. VAN HORNE,

Committee.

On motion, with respect to what papers were to be read, it was

Resolved, That the Minutes of Lancaster Classis relating to the case be read, and also the papers filed, with the president of classis and with the president of the synod, by the complainant; to be followed immediately by the arguments of the counsel, according to the order reported by the committee.

At the time appointed in the report of the committee, the complaint was taken up for hearing. The report of the committee was read. The

nature of the case was stated, and the complaint read. And, as ordered by synod, the Minutes of Lancaster Classis relating to the case were read, and the papers filed with the president of classis and with the president of synod by the complainant, were also read; and this was followed by the arguments of the counsel. The complainant (Rev. G. W. H. Smith) was heard through his counsel, Elder Christian M. Boush, and the defendant (Lancaster Classis) was heard in reply by its counsel, Elder Nelson L. Brewer.

After the arguments of the counsel on both sides were heard, the synod proceeded to vote in the case by yeas and nays, and the result was a *tie vote*, there being twenty-three votes for and twenty-three against sustaining the complaint, and six non-liquets. The complaint therefore was not sustained.

After the announcement of the result of the vote, some further action bearing on the case was proposed and variously discussed in the interest of right and peace. And as a culminating conclusion, the following resolution was unanimously adopted by synod:

Resolved, That we recommend to Bro. G. Wm. H. Smith to apply to said Lancaster Classis for his restoration to the gospel ministry, and that the Ohio Synod commends him to the favorable consideration of the classis.

ARTICLE XX.

CHURCH GOVERNMENT.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF SYNOD.

Officers of the Board.

Rev. Isaac H. Reiter, D. D., *President*, Miamisburg, Ohio.

Mr. Horace Ankeney, *Secretary*, Alpha, Ohio.

Mr. Benjamin Kuhns, *Treasurer*, Dayton, Ohio.

Members whose term expires October, 1895.

Rev. Isaac H. Reiter, D. D.

Mr. Horace Ankeney.

Members whose term expires October, 1896.

Dr. David C. Lichliter.

Rev. John A. Seitz.

Members whose term expires October, 1897.

Mr. Benjamin Kuhns.

Mr. Albert L. Shearer.

ACTION ON THE NEW CONSTITUTION.

The Standing Committee on Minutes of Classes, during Friday morning session, reported in item eight that Miami, Tuscarawas and Eastern Ohio Classes had approved the New Constitution, and that Lancaster, Tiffin and St. Joseph Classes had rejected it. This item was adopted, and in connection with its adoption, on motion, the following action was adopted:

WHEREAS, The General Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States at its triennial meeting in Reading, Pa., May 31, 1893, adopted the New Constitution and referred the same to the several classes for approval or rejection; and

WHEREAS, According to the official report of the Standing Committee on Minutes of Classes, in item eight, it appears that they, as hereinafter designated, were equally divided in their vote on the New Constitution, three approving and three rejecting it, at their succeeding annual or special meetings in 1894; therefore

Resolved, That the Ohio Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States, assembled in annual session at West Alexandria, Ohio, October 11, A. D., 1894, hereby declares and enters upon its official record that, as the result reached in the matter, the Classes of Miami, Tuscarawas and Eastern Ohio, approved the New Constitution, and that the Classes of Lancaster, Tiffin and St. Joseph rejected it.

On motion, respecting a Historical Society of the Ohio Synod, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the president of synod appoint a committee of three, whose duty it shall be to formulate and report at the next annual meeting of synod a Constitution and Laws for a Historical Society of the Ohio Synod.

The committee appointed consists of Revs. Isaac H. Reiter, D. D., Solomon W. Seemann and Elder George F. Bareis.

On motion, with respect to Sabbath observance in its relation to travel and amusement, the following resolution was adopted by synod:

Resolved, That synod urges upon the attention of its ministers and members the urgent necessity, for the sake of example, of using public vehicles and conveyances on the Lord's Day only on errands of necessity and mercy, and for the performance of religious duty or care for the sick and dying as providence may direct.

ARTICLE XXI.

PUBLICATION.

The following reports were received, considered and adopted:

L. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF PUBLICATION.

The Board of Publication respectfully submit the following annual report:

We are happy to find that the *Christian World* and all our publications have been regularly issued during the year, and nothing of any special note has occurred in connection with the publication interests that requires any attention except the change that has been made in the company.

About the first of December, 1893, Dr. E. Herbruck sold his interest in the Publishing House to Dr. M. Loucks and Mr. John Blum, who assume all the liabilities, and are entitled to all that was then due the company. Dr. Herbruck continued his editorial work until the first of April, 1894, at which time Rev. M. Loucks assumed full control of the editorial work.

Dr. Herbruck's resignation is herewith presented to synod:

TO THE BOARD OF PUBLICATION: I herewith resign my position as one of the editors of the *Christian World*, a position to which the Synod of Ohio elected me about thirteen years ago. I have made many mistakes in this time, and feel grateful to the church for her patient endurance of my failings. With the best of wishes I remain

Yours in Christ, EDWARD HERBRUCK.

As the Ohio Synod formally elects the editors, it becomes necessary for the synod to approve of Dr. Herbruck's retirement and to recognize the present management if the synod sees fit to do so.

It is the continued purpose of the management to maintain the standard of the publications and enlarge their scope of usefulness. It is the purpose to make the *Christian World* a first-class religious family paper representing the true principles of our Reformed faith and maintaining the practices so dear to our church in cultus and custom.

Ohio Synod should most heartily co-operate with the publishers to make the *Christian World* the representative church paper of our denomination. It should stand for a sound and orthodox theology, for an aggressive and progressive religious life in the church, and in opposition to views and practices that are not in harmony with the established principles and customs in our church which would work ruin were they allowed to go on without rebuke.

The editors would through your Board call attention to various departments of the *Christian World* so ably conducted by specialists. Particular merit is due the department of Christian Endeavor so ably conducted by Rev. J. H. Bomberger.

Members whose term of office expires at this meeting: Revs. C. I. Miller and J. H. Steele.

Respectfully submitted,
JAMES H. STEELE, *President*.

II. REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLICATION.

The Standing Committee on Publication, during the afternoon session on Friday, submitted their report, which was received and together with the report of the Board adopted:

The only document that came into our hands is the report of the Board of Publication.

From the report we learn that all the publications have been regularly issued during the entire year. Very much of the prosperity of the church

depends upon the use she makes of the printing press, to bring the various items of interest into the homes of the people, and in order to bring the *Christian World* into more homes and secure a larger circulation of our Sabbath-school literature, we would urge our pastors and official members to recommend the same to their charges and congregations.

Dr. Herbruck having resigned his position as one of the editors of the *Christian World*, therefore

Resolved, That we accept his resignation and express our appreciation of his efficient service.

Resolved, That we recognize the new arrangement by which Dr. Loucks and John Blum assume all liabilities and are entitled to all that is due the former company.

Resolved, That the Sabbath-school literature issued by our board be recommended most heartily to all our churches.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN J. M. GRUBER, *Chairman*.

III. ELECTION OF THE BOARD OF PUBLICATION.

Officers of the Board.

[As for some reason or oversight, the Board had not organized at the time of the Minutes passing through the press, therefore the names of the officers could not be inserted here.- *Stated Clerk*.]

Members whose term expires October, 1895.

Rev. Isaac H. Reiter, D. D.

Rev. William A. Hale, D. D.

Members whose term expires October, 1896.

Rev. Reuben F. Shultz.

Rev. John D. Neff.

Members whose term expires October, 1897.

Rev. Charles E. Miller.

Rev. William H. Shults.

IV. REPORT ON PUBLICATION OF MINUTES.

In response to the inquiry raised in item 11 of the report of the Standing Committee on Minutes of Synod, the following report was received and adopted:

It is hereby reported that the undersigned, in compliance with the instruction of synod, referred to in item 11 of the report of the Standing Committee on Minutes of the Ohio Synod, had 1,800 copies of the official minutes of the sessions of 1893 published in the usual form, and distributed them in proper proportion among the several classes, whose respective Stated Clerks were requested to distribute them as ordered by synod among the different pastoral charges according to the membership.

Respectfully submitted,

ISAAC H. REITER, *Stated Clerk*.

On motion, respecting the publication of the Minutes of Synod, it was *Resolved*, That the Stated Clerk be instructed to have 1,800 copies of the minutes of the present sessions of synod, duly authenticated, published in the usual form, and to distribute them among the several classes according to the church membership; and that the respective Stated Clerks of the classes are instructed to distribute them among the several pastoral charges according to the membership.

ARTICLE XXII.

FINANCE.

The following reports and statements were received, considered and adopted:

I. REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF SYNOD.

L. H. KEFAUVER, *Treasurer, in account with the Ohio Synod.*

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Received of Miami Classis, per Elder V. P. Van Horne, app. of 1891	\$130 10	
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		\$231 22
Received of Lancaster Classis, per Rev. J. A. Seitz, app. of 1891	\$ 12 61	
" " " " " app. of 1892	12 78	
" " " " " on app. of 1893	17 89	
		\$ 43 28
Received of Tuscarawas Classis, per Elder E. K. Kremer, Treas	100 46	
" of Tiffin Classis, per Rev. J. B. Shumaker, Treas	43 68	
" of St. Joseph Classis, per Elder B. Ashbaucher, Treas	51 00	
		\$ 195 14
Total received		470 24
In treasury October 11, 1893		299 64
		\$769 88

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Paid Rev. I. H. Reiter, stated clerk, salary	\$ 75 00	
" for stationery	1 60	
" sexton at Bloomville	10 00	
" for printing ballots	75	
" Rev. J. O. Miller, Sec'y Joint Centennial Com	4 25	
" Rev. I. H. Reiter, for printing Minutes of Synod	194 00	
" Rev. I. H. Reiter, for sundry expenses	29 63	
" C. G. Gross, treasurer General Synod, apportionment	325 00	
" Ref. Pub. Co., for printing and mailing circulars of S. S. Board	5 34	
" for postage and stationery	1 15	
		\$646 72
In treasury October 10, 1894		\$123 16

Respectfully submitted,

L. H. KEFAUVER, *Treasurer.*

TIFFIN, OHIO, October 10, 1894.

An apportionment of \$300.00 will be necessary to meet expenses next synodical year.

II. REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

The Standing Committee on Finance, during the morning session on Monday, submitted their report, which was received and considered, and together with the report of the treasurer adopted:

Your Committee on Finance report that they have examined the account of the Treasurer of Synod, and report that it only remained for them to review the balance sheet referred to them. No vouchers came into their hands, and of course we could only pass upon the accuracy of the tabulated statements; these were correct. The items referred for apportionment were attended to as will be observed further along in the report.

The report of the Treasurer of the Board of Education, also the report of the Treasurer of Home Missions, were found in the form of a synopsis of the year's work, not accompanied by vouchers, and all we can report upon is that the additions and subtractions were correct, and that so far your committee regarded the reports accurate.

The various sums referred to us for apportionment were as follows:

For Home Missions, \$8,000; for Beneficiary Education, \$2,000; for Contingent expenses, \$500; for immediate use of the seminary, \$1,500; for Calvin College, \$300; for Harbor Missions, \$200; for Foreign Missions, 17c.; for Church Extension, 6c.; for Hungarian Missions, 2c.; and for Relief of Disabled Ministers and their Widows, \$400. The apportionment per member will be: Contingencies, 2½c.; Beneficiary Education, 10c.; Home Missions, 38c.; Church Extension, 6c.; Harbor Missions, 1c.; Hungarian Missions, 2c.; Foreign Missions, 17c.; Theological Seminary, 7c.; Calvin College, 1½c.; Ministers' Relief Society, 2c.; making a sum total per member of 87 cents. In addition to these sums it is urged by the synod to the stated clerks of the various classes to transmit to the various pastors or consistories that they collect 3½c. per member for the Chicago Mission before January 1, 1895.

The table of apportionments among the various classes is as follows:

(For report see page 78.)

TABLE OF APPORTIONMENTS.

CLASSES.	Members	Contingent.		Beneficiary Education.		Home Missions.		Church Extension.		Harbor Missions.		Hungarian Missions.		Foreign Missions.		Theological Seminary.		(Alvin College.		Society for Relief of Ministers.	
		25c.	10c.	38c.	6c.	1c.	2c.	17c.	7c.	14c.	2c.	17c.	7c.	14c.	2c.	7c.	14c.	2c.			
Amount per capita		\$129 20	\$16 80	\$1,903 44	\$310 08	\$51 68	\$103 86	\$878 56	\$361 76	\$77 52	\$103 86	\$878 56	\$361 76	\$77 52	\$103 86	\$878 56	\$361 76	\$77 52	\$103 86		
Miami	5,168	62 35	249 40	947 72	149 64	24 94	49 88	423 98	204 58	37 41	49 88	423 98	204 58	37 41	49 88	423 98	204 58	37 41	49 88		
Lancaster	2,494	183 95	535 80	2,038 04	321 48	53 58	107 16	910 86	375 06	80 39	107 16	910 86	375 06	80 39	107 16	910 86	375 06	80 39	107 16		
Tuscarawas	5,358	57 28	229 10	870 58	137 46	22 91	45 82	380 47	160 37	34 37	45 82	380 47	160 37	34 37	45 82	380 47	160 37	34 37	45 82		
Tiffin	2,291	85 60	342 40	1,301 12	205 44	34 24	68 48	582 08	239 68	51 86	68 48	582 08	239 68	51 86	68 48	582 08	239 68	51 86	68 48		
Eastern Ohio	3,424	56 90	227 60	864 88	136 56	22 76	45 52	386 82	159 32	41 64	45 52	386 82	159 32	41 64	45 52	386 82	159 32	41 64	45 52		
St. Joseph	2,276																				
Total	21,011	\$25 28	\$2,101 10	\$7,925 78	\$1,260 66	\$210 11	\$420 22	\$3,581 77	\$1,500 77	\$315 16	\$420 22	\$3,581 77	\$1,500 77	\$315 16	\$420 22	\$3,581 77	\$1,500 77	\$315 16	\$420 22		

Respectfully submitted,

WM. A. HALE, Chairman.

III. PAYMENT OF BILL BY TREASURER OF SYNOD.

The Treasurer of Synod was instructed to pay the amount of bills designated as follows:

David Yohe, for services rendered as sexton	\$10 00
Rev. E. R. Williard, traveling expenses Sunday-school Board	1 00
Rev. A. E. Baichly, " " " "	2 00
Rev. L. B. C. Lehr, " " " "	2 20
Rev. R. Keller, " " " "	7 50

ARTICLE XXIII.

NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS.

The Standing Committee on Nominations, during the afternoon session on Friday, presented their report through the chairman, Rev. Alpheus E. Baichly. The report was received and as amended adopted, and the committee was instructed to have 150 copies of the nominations printed in proper form for the use of the synod. The election of the several boards and the delegate to the Central Synod was made the order of the day for Saturday afternoon at half past one o'clock. At the appointed time the election was held. The president appointed Revs. Franklin E. Lauffer, Joseph W. Barber, I. U. E. Kunkle and George F. Metger, as tellers, who distributed the printed tickets among the members of synod. The voting then proceeded in regular order. The tellers gathered the ballots, and retired to count them, and during the same afternoon session they reported the result of the election to the synod, and the report was accepted.

For the result of the election in each case, see respectively Articles XIII, Missions; XIV, Heidelberg Theological Seminary; XV, Heidelberg University; XVII, Sunday-schools; XX, Church Government; XXI, Publication.

After the roll of the Ohio Synod had been completed and a quorum was found in attendance, the several officers of the synod, except those holding their positions permanently, were duly elected, and they entered upon the duties of the offices respectively. For the result of this election, see Article III, Election of Officers.

ARTICLE XXIV.

MISCELLANEOUS.

ACTION RESPECTING CALVIN COLLEGE.

The Standing Committee on Overtures, during Friday afternoon session, reported in item II that a memorial or overture was received from Trustees of Calvin College proposing to the Ohio Synod, in conjunction with the Eastern, the Potomac and the Pittsburgh Synods, a joint ownership and management of the institution, conjointly with Erie Classis. The subject matter of this item was referred to a special committee, consisting of Revs. Dr. Henry M. Herman, Charles E. Stoner and Elder Jamin Fornshell. This committee, during Friday afternoon session, presented their report, which was received and discussed, and as amended reported:

Your committee on the memorial of Rev. H. J. Ruetenik, D. D., to Ohio Synod, calling attention to the financial condition of Calvin College located at Cleveland, Ohio, stating the object and purposes of the institution, viz: the education of young men for the gospel ministry, who shall be able to officiate in the English and the German language. The claims of this college are of such a nature as to deserve the most earnest commendation by this synod as well as such financial support at our hands as possibly be given. The purpose of its work cannot be ignored. In all our large cities the Reformed Church is failing to keep the young people in the church who are being educated in the English language, because they do not love the Reformed Church but because the church of their fathers fails to give them the services of a pastor who can minister to them in the English languages. Hence our German churches are building up congregations of other denominations, as in Cincinnati, Chicago, Indianapolis, and other large cities.

At the present stage of our history the purpose of Calvin College cannot be too highly commended and liberally supported. This duty emphasizes itself in view of the fact that the English language is now the language of our country, and the many thousands of foreign nationals are coming to this land. The Reformed Church has a mission peculiar to herself in the great work of evangelizing this foreign element.

The institution has a bright future before it when means adequate are provided for it. Already much has been accomplished, through great sacrifices on the part of those who originated the German-English work of the Reformed Church. Valuable property in the city of Cleveland has been acquired. An efficient and self-sacrificing faculty of instruction has been and is now doing faithful service. The plea now comes to you for substantial help from the Board of Trustees of Calvin College. This college now belongs to the Classis of Erie, and in order to extend the influences of said institution and to aid the Reformed Church in retaining the members now legitimately belonging to it and to still further extend the heritage of the Reformed Church, submits the following proposition to the following synods, viz: the Eastern, Potomac, Pittsburg and Ohio Synods.

Resolved, That the Classis of Erie, Central Synod, of the Reformed Church in the United States offer to the Eastern, Potomac, Pittsburg and Ohio Synods equal rights as property holders and equal representation in the control of Calvin College in such manner, that they together shall have the same number of trustees as the Classis of Erie, provided the said synods are willing to contribute at some future time the sum of twenty thousand dollars.

So done at the annual meeting of said classis, May 1894.

[SEAL.]

WILLIAM FRIEBOLIN, *Stated Clerk*

Your committee in view of the subject presented and very favorably offer made by the Erie Classis who are the owners of said Calvin College would submit the following items for adoption:

Item 1. That synod appreciates the importance of the work known:

the German-English education as carried forward by Calvin College, Cleveland, Ohio.

Item 2. That synod make an appropriation of three hundred dollars to Calvin College, and that a committee be appointed to investigate the proposition made by Erie Classis and report to this synod a year hence when final action shall be taken.

Item 3. That the claims of Calvin College be presented to the churches of the synod by the pastors of synod.

Respectfully submitted,

H. M. HERMAN,
C. E. STONER,
B. FORNSHELL,

Committee.

The committee called for in the second resolution, and as appointed, consists of Revs. Dr. John J. Leberman, Dr. Henry M. Herman and Elder Nelson L. Brewer, Esq.

THE SUBJECT OF TEMPERANCE.

The Eastern Ohio Classis, as reported by the Standing Committee on Minutes of Classes in item 20, overtured the synod to adopt some action on temperance. The item was adopted, and the subject matter thereof was referred to a special committee, consisting of Revs. John H. Bomberger, Abraham B. Stoner and Elder Benjamin Fornshell. This committee, at the afternoon session on Friday, presented their report, which was received and adopted:

WHEREAS, There is practical unanimity of sentiment among the better elements of the community with reference to the unutterable evils of intemperance; therefore

Resolved, That we decline to be diverted from the practical issues at stake by merely indulging in the hurling of futile anathemas at the accursed traffic.

Resolved, That we urge upon all our people the importance of total abstinence from the use of intoxicants as a beverage, for the sake of the influence of our example upon the weaker brethren and the community at large.

Resolved, That we condemn the whole policy of licensing the saloon, as an iniquitous compromise with evil, and an unholy partnership in sin.

Resolved, That we express our cordial endorsement of the Anti-Saloon League of Ohio in its noble efforts to unite men of all parties in the endeavor to annihilate the saloon by legislative enactment.

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. BOMBERGER,
A. B. STONER,
B. FORNSHELL,

Committee.

PLACE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING OF SYNOD.

On motion, during the afternoon session on Friday, the synod proceeded to select the place and fix the time for its next annual meeting. Invitations were received from the Reformed congregations at Fulton, Michigan, Fort Wayne, Indiana and Louisville, Ohio. The election proceeded in regular order, and the result was that Grace Reformed Church in Fort Wayne, Indiana, was chosen as the place, and the time fixed was Wednesday, October 2, A. D., 1895, at 7.30 o'clock in the evening, and it is to meet there and then in convention.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LEAVE OF ABSENCE.

On motion, during the morning session on Friday, Revs. Louis B. C. Lahr, Reuben Keller and Elder Jacob Schaar were appointed a committee through whom all applications for leave of absence shall be made. This committee, in connection with the final calling of the roll, and shortly before the final adjournment of synod, presented their report, which was accepted, and the recommendations therein contained approved.

CATALOGUE OF HEIDELBERG UNIVERSITY.

During the afternoon session on Thursday, copies of the annual Catalogue of Heidelberg University for the scholastic year of 1893-94 were presented through President John A. Peters, D. D., to synod, which were thankfully received and distributed among the members. This Catalogue contains 152 pages, is full and complete in its details, contains much valuable information respecting the organization, characteristics and working of the institution, and deserves to be generally circulated and carefully studied.

DELEGATE ELECTED TO THE CENTRAL SYNOD.

Rev. Edward M. Beck was elected as delegate *primarius*, and Rev. Abraham D. Wolfinger as *secundus*, to represent the Ohio Synod at the Central Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States, which will convene in the First Reformed Church at Toledo, Ohio, on Wednesday September 11, A. D., 1895, at 7.30 P. M.

The Standing Committee on Minutes of Synod to report to the synod at its annual meeting in 1895, as officially appointed, consists of Revs. Reuben Keller, Abraham B. Stoner, John L. Bretz; Elders Benjamin Fornshell and Lewis A. Kemp.

The Standing Committee on Minutes of Classes to report on said minutes to the synod at its annual meeting in 1895, consists of Revs. Dr. Samuel B. Yockey, Israel U. F. Kunkle, Albert Klinger; Elders Joseph W. Barnside and John Fridiger.

During the afternoon session Rev. Gillette, Agent of the American Bible Society, addressed the synod in fitting words, setting forth the work and claims of the society, and the importance of the further distribution of the Holy Scriptures, as the fountain of truth and the unerring rule of life, pointing out the way of salvation and eternal life.

ARTICLE XXV.
RESUMPTION AND CLOSE.

VOTE OF THANKS.

On motion, the following action was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the members of the Ohio Synod express their sincere and heartfelt thanks to the pastor *loci*, the members and friends of the Reformed Church, and the citizens of West Alexandria, Ohio, for the generous hospitality they have extended to us, and have so kindly opened to us their cheerful homes, and we invoke upon them God's richest blessing.

Resolved, That the pastor *loci* is hereby requested to read the foregoing resolution before the congregation at the services on the next Lord's Day, and that he have it published in the next issue of the *Twin Valley Times*.

The roll was called in connection with the report of the Committee on Leave of Absence, and there were found absent without permission or excuse Revs. Abraham D. Wolfinger, John C. Schaaf, Elders Levi K. Basore, George W. Clum and Dr. Frank P. Stuckey.

On motion, the absentees were referred to their respective classes.

The minutes of the session of the last day of the sessions were read and approved; and then the minutes were adopted as a whole, and ordered to be engrossed.

ARTICLE XXVI.
ADJOURNMENT.

The time for final adjournment having arrived, it was, on motion

Resolved, That the Ohio Synod now adjourns to meet, as already decided, in convention in Grace Reformed Church at Fort Wayne, Indiana, on Wednesday, October 2, A. D., 1895, at half past seven o'clock in the evening.

The synod finally adjourned on Monday, October 15, A. D., 1894, at half past nine o'clock in the morning, and closed its sessions by uniting in the repetition of the Apostles' Creed, and the Lord's Prayer, and the benediction by the president.

JAMES H. STEELE, *President*.

ISAAC H. REITER, *Stated Clerk*.

Official copy from the original minutes.

ISAAC H. REITER, *Stated Clerk*.

ACTS AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
Woman's Missionary Society of Ohio Synod.

The society met in annual session in the Sunday-school room of the Reformed Church, West Alexandria, Ohio, October 11, 1894.

The morning session was devoted to a praise service conducted by the President, Mrs. M. Loucks.

Thursday Afternoon Session.

Mrs. M. G. Lahr conducted the devotional exercises.

Mrs. W. A. Garrison was appointed secretary *pro tem.*

The following delegates were enrolled:

CLASSICAL DELEGATES.

Miami—Mrs. John H. Shank, First Reformed Church, Dayton, Ohio.

Lancaster—Mrs. M. G. Lahr, Delaware, Ohio.

Tuscarawas—Mrs. E. M. Beck, Wooster, Ohio.

Tiffin—Miss M. L. George, Grace Reformed Church, Tiffin, Ohio, Miss Ella Klahr, Bloomville, Ohio.

Eastern Ohio—Mrs. G. E. Metger, Germano, Ohio.

St. Joseph—Miss Laura Mast, Bluffton, Ind.

CONGREGATIONAL DELEGATES.

Miami—Mrs. Albert L. Shearer, First Reformed Church, Dayton, Ohio, Mrs. Anna Zahm, and Mrs. Jno. Blum, Trinity Reformed Church, Dayton, Ohio, Miss Callie Beck, Springboro, Ohio, Mrs. Chas. Weaver and Mrs. J. P. Weaver, Miamisburg, Ohio, Miss Inez Ditman, Greenville, Ohio, Mrs. Alice Sheppard and Miss Louise Bowers, West Alexandria, Ohio, Mrs. Anna Oldfather, Mrs. Emma Gilbert, Mrs. Fannie Remsburg, Mrs. B. Meckley, (Slifer Church) and Miss Weaver, (Slifer Church) Farmersville, Ohio.

Lancaster—Mrs. Geo. F. Bareis, Canal Winchester, Ohio.

Tuscarawas—Mrs. E. M. Beck, Wooster, Ohio.

Tiffin—Miss Ella Klahr, Bloomville, Ohio, Mrs. W. W. Keller, (Grace Reformed Church) Miss J. A. Heckerman, and Mrs. W. A. Garrison, First Reformed Church, Tiffin, Ohio.

Eastern Ohio—Mrs. G. E. Metger, Germano, Ohio.

St. Joseph—Miss Laura Mast, Bluffton, Ind.

The following minister's wives were present: Mrs. H. M. Herman, Mrs. S. B. Yockey, Mrs. M. G. Lahr, Mrs. E. Herbruck, Mrs. Reuben Keller, Mrs. E. M. Beck, Mrs. G. F. Metger, and Mrs. J. M. Kendig.

The annual address of the president was next in order.

The following committees were appointed:

Resolutions—Mrs. S. B. Yockey, Mrs. John Shank, Mrs. W. W. Keller, Mrs. E. M. Beck.

Report and Statistics—Mrs. E. Herbruck, Mrs. Geo. F. Bareis, Mrs. Chas. Weaver, Mrs. Jno. Blum.

Auditing—Mrs. M. G. Lahr, Miss M. L. George, Miss Inez Ditman.

Plan of Work—Mrs. H. M. Herman, Mrs. S. B. Yockey, Mrs. A. L. Shearer, Mrs. W. W. Keller.

Literature—Mrs. Geo. F. Bareis, Mrs. M. G. Lahr, Mrs. A. L. Shearer, Mrs. G. E. Metger, Mrs. A. E. Zahm.

Assessments—Mrs. H. M. Herman, Mrs. S. B. Yockey, Mrs. A. L. Shearer, Mrs. W. W. Keller, Miss J. A. Heckerman.

Statistics—Mrs. E. Herbruck, Mrs. A. L. Shearer, Mrs. H. M. Herman, Mrs. John H. Shank.

On motion, an itemized report was read by the treasurer.

A verbal report was given by the corresponding secretary. It was moved and carried that the corresponding secretary be notified of boxes sent by missionary societies, their contents, value, &c. Also that she give an account of these in her annual report. It was further ordered that report of box be sent to corresponding secretary of classical society who should then notify corresponding secretary of synodical society.

Election of officers resulted as follows:

President, Mrs. M. Loucks.

First Vice President, Mrs. M. G. Lahr.

Second Vice President, Mrs. S. B. Yockey.

Recording Secretary, Mrs. W. A. Garrison.

Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Geo. F. Bareis.

Treasurer, Miss J. A. Heckerman.

A letter was read from the Plan of Work Committee of Woman's Missionary Society of Ohio Synod.

The society accepted an invitation from synod to be present at an address delivered by Dr. Jas. I. Good, at 4 P. M.

An interesting and instructive program was rendered Thursday evening. An address by our missionary, Mrs. Hoy was an important feature.

Friday Morning.

The society was called to order by the president.

Devotional exercises were conducted by Mrs. G. E. Metger.

The following report from the Auditing Committee was read and accepted:

Your committee examined all receipts and accounts and found a small discrepancy of 35 cents in favor of society, the mistake having occurred in reckoning the interest.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. M. G. LAHR, *Chairman.*

A letter was read from Mrs. W. H. Shults. On motion, the corresponding secretary was authorised to write a letter to Mrs. Shults expressing the appreciation of the society and tendering thanks for her various services.

Mrs. Augusta Prugh, Dayton, Ohio, was elected editress of "Woman's Column" for 1994-95.

The following report from Literature Committee was received.

The Literature Committee begs leave to submit the following report. The voice was unanimous in favor of Mrs. Augusta Prugh of Dayton, Ohio, taking charge of the "Woman's Column" in the *Christian Journal*. We would offer as suggestions.

1. That the present corresponding secretaries from the several churches and societies be retained.
2. That an effort be made to publish more items of news concerning missionary work in all its phases.
3. Realizing as we do the interest taken in it and the help it might bring to us, that the co-operation of all are asked to bring about this result.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. GEO. F. BAREIS, *Chairman*

The society was favored by a visit and short talk from Dr. Jas. I.

We also had the pleasure of listening to Mrs. Hoy a second time.

The Plan of Work Committee submitted the following report, which was adopted item by item:

The first paper claiming the attention of your Committee on Foreign Work was the proposition from the Board of Foreign Missions of the Woman's Missionary Society of General Synod to assume the entire support of the Girl's School in Sendai, Japan.

Our synodical society is asked to give \$600 towards this as our share of the \$3,500 needed for the school. Your committee heartily recommends this synodical society to accept this proposition. This will add about 50 cents additional to the 50 cent assessment of last year. In order to allay any fears that our money is all sent to Foreign work, we will say that the \$1,400 to be paid this year by our synod is equally divided between our home and foreign work.

With reference to the *Woman's Journal*, your committee is glad to hear that the *Journal* has been purchased and is now the property of the church. What we need now is the support of our members manifested by subscribing for the *Journal*. Resolutions are not essential although they are necessary to show the church that we are in sympathy with the work.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. H. M. HERMAN, *Chairman*

On motion, our corresponding secretary was instructed to immediately notify Mrs. S. C. P. Mosser of the action of our synodical society in obligating ourselves for the \$600 requested.

On motion, it was decided to take \$30 from the contingent fund to meet Mrs. Hoy's traveling expenses.

On motion, a donation of \$25 was made to Mrs. Hoy for the Boys' School in Japan.

Classical reports were next in order.

On motion the corresponding secretary was instructed to write to Dr. Fouse to inquire if he holds an obligation against the Women's Missionary Society of Ohio Synod, for one or two building funds, dating from the annual meeting at Cleveland. His answer to be published in Woman's Column at an early date.

Question of time and place of meeting was next in order.

A tie being the result of vote, after discussion it was moved, that we consider it wise to defer the question of meeting at different time and place and meet with synod next year. Carried.

On motion, the president was authorized to encourage congregations to send delegates to synodical meetings.

Society adjourned to meet at one P. M.

Friday Afternoon.

The society was called to order by the president. Mrs. E. M. Beck conducted devotional exercises.

The Committee on Reports and Statistics submitted the following, which was received:

The Committee on Reports and Statistics have full reports from St. Joseph's, Eastern Ohio and Tiffin Classes, partial ones from Miami and Lancaster, but no report from Tuscarawas. The work has been growing, the assessments have all been paid, and more than paid by every classical society, showing what can be done by system.

Your committee would urge upon this body the need of systematized reports from all classical societies, and would suggest that suitable blanks be prepared for this work, so that this committee can make a full and complete report in the future, and that we urge our classical presidents to see that these blanks are properly filled, and with credentials given to all classical delegates. Respectfully submitted,

MRS. E. HERBRUCK, *Chairman.*

The Assessment Committee was granted permission to defer their report and let it appear in the Woman's Column of the *Christian World*.

On motion, the corresponding secretary was authorized to correspond with the editor of the *Woman's Journal* expressing our appreciation and notifying her of the action of Synodical Society.

The Committee on Resolutions offered the following which was adopted:

WHEREAS, God's manifest blessing has rested upon the Woman's Missionary Society of Ohio Synod during the past year in that amount contributed by its members has exceeded their apportionment thus showing an increase of devotion and activity; and

WHEREAS, The work of the society has assumed definite and enlarged proportions; therefore

Resolved, That we first give grateful thanks to our heavenly Father for his past guidance and favor, and pray for present and future blessings

Resolved, That we put forth increased efforts during the coming year not only to raise money, but to unify our methods of work, especially in the matter of presenting reports and statistics.

Resolved, That we again urge the organization of Missionary Societies and Mission Bands where none exist, but always and solely as auxiliaries to the classical and synodical societies.

Resolved, That we not only encourage the dissemination of mission literature among the women and children of the church, but that we personally work towards this desired end by securing subscriptions to church periodicals, always remembering that the *Woman's Journal* is now the property and organ of the Woman's Missionary Society of General Synod.

Resolved, That we do all we can the coming year to liquidate the debt remaining on the \$500 building fund assumed as a thank-offering by the society at the annual meeting held in Cleveland, O., in 1892.

Resolved, That we, as a society, put on record our sentiments regard the moral questions of the day; that we endorse the work of Frances Williard, the noble leader of the W. C. T. U., that we sympathize with her in her present illness, and pray for her speedy recovery.

Resolved, That we condemn the widespread desecration of the Sabbath day by professing Christians, and particularly, as mothers and sisters that we protest against the habit of Sunday traveling on the railroad believing the example to be pernicious in the highest degree to our brethren.

Resolved, That we express our heartfelt gratitude to Mrs. Hoy for her able and touching appeal in behalf of oppressed womanhood in January, and that by greater consecration we strive to express our gratitude in a more tangible way during the coming year.

Resolved, That we thank Dr. Jas. I. Good for the instruction and inspiration afforded by his presence and talks with us.

Resolved, That we acknowledge our obligations to Mrs. Shults for her efficient work as editress of Missionary Column in *Christian World*.

Resolved, That we take this method of conveying our thanks to the ladies of the Reformed Church of West Alexandria, for their cordial welcome and kind hospitality; that we thank the brethren of synod for their courtesy, and all others who have contributed toward our comfort and the success of our work.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. S. B. YOCKEY, *Chairman*

The treasurer's report showed a balance of \$121.14 in the treasury. After voting \$25 for contingent fund it was decided to divide the remaining sum equally between Home Missions and the Building Fund, pledged at the annual meeting in Cleveland in 1892.

Mrs. J. M. Kendig gave encouraging accounts of our Mission in Chicago. Duties of classical organizers were discussed.

On motion, the treasurer was authorized to destroy all receipts at the expiration of three years.

Minutes read and approved.

After engaging in songs and prayers of thanksgiving, society adjourned to meet in connection with the Ohio Synod at its next annual meeting.

MRS. M. LOUCKS, *President.*

MRS. W. A. GARRISON, *Recording Secretary.*

REPORT OF TREASURER.

MISS JENNIE A HECKERMAN, *Treasurer, in account with the Woman's Missionary Society, Ohio Synod, for year beginning October 13, 1893, and ending October 10, 1894.*

RECEIPTS.

Balance in Treasury, October 13, 1893, as follows:		
Miss Hollowell fund	\$	53 00
Church Extension Fund		132 20
Twenty Cent Assessment		139 15
Contingent Fund		23 25
Donation		1 76
Collection from Cleveland and Bloomville		49 44
Total	\$	398 80

TUSCARAWAS CLASSIS.

1893.	Nov. 15.	from W. M. S., Reedsburg Charge, Foreign Missions	\$	15 00
1894.	Jan. 8,	Reedsburg Charge, (Girl's School) For. Missions		10 00
	Feb. 6,	Grace Church, Akron, Assessment, years 1892-93		20 00
	Feb. 20,	Cleveland, Foreign Missions		6 00
	Mar. 6,	Trinity Church, Canton, Assessment		14 00
	Apr. 16,	Trinity Ch. Akron, (Girl's School) For. Missions		20 00
	Apr. 16,	North Hill, Assessment		6 00
	May 11,	Polk, Foreign Missions		5 00
	May 17,	Wooster, Foreign Missions		7 45
	May 24,	Marshallville, Assessment		3 90
	May 24,	from Mission Band, Polk, Home Missions		4 01
	June 28,	Mission Band Trinity Church, Akron, Home Missions		2 30
	July 6,	W. M. S., Grace Church, Akron, Assessment		10 00
	Sept. 11,	W. M. S., Marshallville, (Girl's School) Foreign Missions		20 00
	Sept. 20,	Classis Purchase Fund Woman's Journal		10 00
	Sept. 20,	W. M. S., Cleveland, Hungarian Church		6 00
	Total		\$	158 56

1894.

ST. JOSEPH CLASSIS.

Jan. 2,	from Classical Society, Hungarian Work	\$ 12 80
" 2,	" " Miss Hollowell's Salary	8 35
" 2,	" " Home Missions	8 35
" 2,	" " Contingent Fund	50
June 1,	" W. M. S., Fort Wayne, Home Missions	7 55
" 1,	" " Fort Wayne, Foreign Missions	7 55
" 1,	" " Fort Wayne, Hungarian Work	5 04
" 1,	" " Fort Wayne, Contingent Fund	50
" 1,	" " Fulton, Michigan, Home Missions	7 15
" 1,	" " Fulton, Michigan, Foreign Missions	7 16
" 1,	" " Fulton, Michigan, Contingent Fund	50
" 2,	" Classical Society, Fulton, Michigan, Home Missions	10 00
" 2,	" W. M. S., Bluffton, Ind., Home Missions	13 00
" 2,	" " Bluffton, Ind., Church Extension	5 00
July 11,	" Classical Society, Bluffton, Ind., Home Missions	20 35
" 11,	" " Bluffton, Ind., Miss Hollowell's Salary	4 45
" 11,	" " Bluffton, Ind., Church Extension	7 80
" 11,	" " Bluffton, Ind., Contingent Fund	2 50
Total		\$ 1:

1894.

EASTERN OHIO CLASSIS.

Jan. 4,	from Classical Society, Miss Hollowell's Salary	\$ 3 78
" 4,	" " Hungarian Work	3 78
" 4,	" " Church Extension	3 78
" 4,	" " Home Missions	15 38
" 4,	" " Foreign Missions	10 00
" 4,	" " Contingent Fund	1 00
May 7,	" " Foreign Missions	10 50
" 7,	" " Home Missions	17 00
" 7,	" " Church Extension	8 60
" 7,	" " Hungarian Work	8 60
" 7,	" " Miss Hollowell's Salary	9 80
" 7,	" " Contingent Fund	3 50
Total		\$:

1894.

LANCASTER CLASSIS.

Feb. 19,	from Classical Society, balance on \$60 for female student, Foreign Missions	\$ 17 00
" 19,	" W. M. S., Rushville, Home Missions	5 00
" 19,	" " Rushville, Contingent Fund	1 00
" 19,	" " Thornville, Assessment	6 00
Apr. 13,	" Classical Soc. Japanese Student Ignashi Ryoski, For. Mis.	60 00
" 13,	" " Balance Church Extension Fund	31 76
May 8,	" " Foreign Missions	54 55
" 8,	" W. M. S., Glenford, Miss Hollowell's Salary	2 00
" 8,	" " Glenford, Hungarian Work	2 00
" 8,	" " Glenford, Contingent Fund	1 00
Sept. 13,	" Classical Society, Assessment	33 86
" 13,	" W. M. S., Austin Henry Chg., Canal Winchester, Assessm't.	7 20
" 13,	" Zwingli W. M. S., Delaware, Assessment	5 00
" 13,	" Classical Society, Contingent Fund	1 00
Total		\$ 2:

1893.		MIAMI CLASSIS.	
Nov. 17.	from W. M. S., Fairfield, Assessment	\$	2 00
" 17.	" " Alpha, Assessment		4 00
" 17.	" " Trinity Church, Dayton, Assessment		5 00
" 17.	" " Germantown, Assessment		6 00
" 27.	" " Springboro, Miss Hollowell's Salary		5 00
1894.			
Jan. 27.	" " Miamisburg, Assessment		20 00
" 27.	" " Alpha, Assessment		9 50
" 27.	" " Springboro, Assessment		6 00
" 27.	" " Trinity Church, Dayton, Assessment		15 00
Feb. 22.	" " First Church, Dayton, Miss Hollowell's Salary		14 20
" 22.	" " First Church, Dayton, Assessment		21 30
" 22.	" Classical Society, Assessment		9 00
" 25.	" W. M. S., Greenville, Assessment		18 00
" 25.	" " Fairfield, Assessment		16 00
" 25.	" " Xenia, Assessment		26 00
Mar. 17.	" Classical Society, Assessment		48 02
Total			\$ 219 02

1893.		TIFFIN CLASSIS.	
Nov. 8.	From W. M. S., Bellevue, Home Missions	\$	7 00
" 8.	" " Bellevue, Foreign Missions		7 00
" 8.	" " Bellevue, Church Extension Fund		6 00
" 8.	" " Bellevue, Contingent Fund		50
" 8.	" " Bloomville, Contingent Fund		50
" 8.	" " Bloomville, twenty-cent assessment		5 20
" 8.	" " First Church, Tiffin, Contingent Fund		50
" 8.	" " Grace Church, Tiffin, Contingent Fund		50
" 8.	" " Lima, Contingent Fund		50
Dec. 29.	" " Grace Church, Tiffin, Ch. Extension Fund		1 00
1894.			
Feb. 1.	" Junior Missionary Society, First Church, Tiffin, For- Missions		5 04
Mar. 15.	" W. M. S., First Church, Tiffin, For. Missions, (student)		30 00
Apr. 30.	" " Bloomville, Classical Apportionment		66 68
May 2.	" " Bloomville, Foreign Mission		10 00
" 2.	" Mission Band, Grace Church, Tiffin, Home Missions		6 05
June 12.	From W. M. S., Bellevue, assessment		3 80
" 12.	" " Bellevue, Contingent Fund		50
" 12.	" Mission Band, Grace Church, Tiffin, For. Missions		3 28
" 12.	" Mission Band, Bloomville, Home Missions		7 00
" 12.	" W. M. S., Bloomville, Home Missions		16 50
July 30.	" Tiffin Classis, Miss Zurfluh outfit		16 85
" 30.	" W. M. S., Grace Church, Tiffin, assessment		10 80
" 30.	" " Grace Church, Tiffin, Foreign Missions		20 00
Oct. 1.	" Mission Band, Bloomville, St. Paul's Orphan Home		5 00
Total			\$230 20
Total from all classes including previous balance			\$1,489 22

DISBURSEMENTS FOR THE YEAR.

Hungarian work	\$ 108 03
Miss Hollowell's salary	144 25
Home Missions	374 64
Foreign Missions	361 18
Church Extension	337 96
Mrs. Eggert's salary	40 00
Printing House, Dayton	2 00
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Total	\$1,368 06
Balance in treasury	121 14
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	\$1,489 22

Of said amount (121.14) twenty-five dollars are for Contingent Fund, the remainder to be divided equally between Home Missions and Church Extension, (\$500.00 obligation).

Respectfully submitted,

JENNIE A. HECKERMAN, *Treasurer.*

MIAMI CLASSIS.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	No. of Congregations.		Members.		Unconfirmed.		Baptisms.		Additions.		Dismissed.	Excommunicated.	Killed.	Deaths.	Sundayschools.	Officers and Teachers.	Sunday-school Scholars.	Students for Ministry.	Contributions.		Minutes.	P. O. Address.	
		Members.	Unconfirmed.	Infants.	Adults.	Confirmed.	Certificate.	Beneficent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.															
William A. Hale, D. D.	1st Church, Dayton	1	662	7	10	29	31	550	8	26	6	1	41	302	41	302	41	302	41	302	\$3,779 32	25	Dayton, O.	
Charles E. Miller	Trinity, Dayton	1	367	7	15	24	30	305	4	8	3	1	22	243	22	243	22	243	22	243	3,219 00	10	Dayton, O.	
Solomon U. Snyder	4th Church, Dayton	1	180	8	6	14	36	160	2	3	5	1	22	208	22	208	22	208	22	208	140 17	20	Dayton, O.	
Henry M. Herman, D. D.	Miamisburg	1	836	90	5	34	19	284	10	17	12	1	33	200	33	200	33	200	33	200	1,570 00	10	Miamisburg, O.	
Samuel B. Yockey, D. D.	Xenia	1	265	10	4	6	38	6	300	4	10	3	1	23	200	1	200	23	200	350 00	12	Xenia, O.		
Reuben Keller	West Alexandria	3	381	103	5	13	22	223	6	10	7	1	10	7	10	7	10	7	10	3,870 00	25	West Alexandria, O.		
Reuben F. Shultz	Fairfield	3	385	83	21	30	2	377	2	219	24	5	80	412	80	412	80	412	80	412	1,240 00	30	Fairfield, O.	
Daniel K. Fulkerson	Union Charge	4	130	33	1	1	1	60	2	1	1	1	20	117	20	117	20	117	20	117	255 50	10	North Hampton, O.	
Daniel R. Taylor	First Reformed	1	77	30	3	2	4	1	180	2	4	3	36	189	36	189	36	189	36	189	905 00	18	Hamilton, O.	
Samuel E. Neikirk	New Madison, 1	1	231	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	Greenville, O.	
Richard B. Reichard	Farmersville, 2	1	231	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	Greenville, O.	
William A. Fromm	Winchester	1	157	25	4	5	12	1	99	1	1	1	36	195	36	195	36	195	36	195	750 00	12	Tremont City, O.	
Albert Klinger	Tremont City, 3	3	81	48	1	6	9	80	2	1	1	1	18	145	18	145	18	145	18	145	516 00	12	Springboro, O.	
Elmer E. Weller	Springboro	1	200	88	8	4	15	10	160	8	1	2	31	186	31	186	31	186	31	186	914 00	14	Germanstown, O.	
Alpheus E. Hatchly	Germanstown	2	311	83	4	4	49	13	296	17	4	3	41	213	41	213	41	213	41	213	1,224 00	20	Alpha, O.	
Blodius S. Metzger	Beaver Creek	3	160	65	3	3	3	124	2	3	3	1	36	224	36	224	36	224	36	224	350 00	18	Boundary, Ind.	
William E. Ludwick	New Pittsburg	1	90	45	2	8	10	77	2	3	3	1	17	120	17	120	17	120	17	120	550 00	6	Greenville, O.	
Henry H. Sandee	Greenville	1	185	15	1	1	5	4	127	1	12	2	22	125	22	125	22	125	22	125	566 00	24	Hillsboro, O.	
Vacant	Cesar Creek	2	55	40	12	12	1	50	1	1	1	1	9	50	9	50	9	50	9	50	30 00	5	Xenia, O.	
Scott V. Rohrbaugh	Zion, Elk Creek	2	23	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	30 00	2	Oran, O.	
S. U. Snyder, sup	Trinity	1	123	54	2	2	113	1	113	1	1	1	11	48	11	48	11	48	11	48	5 46	2	Heno, O.	
Levi Rike	Mr. Carmel	1	50	2	2	7	125	9	50	9	4	1	9	59	9	59	9	59	9	59	37 12	7	Swander's Cross'g, O.	
Isaac H. Reller, D. D.	Valley	2	176	45	2	2	7	125	1	1	2	1	26	180	26	180	26	180	26	180	225 00	12	Dayton, O.	
Adam Hawker	Without Charge																							Heno, O.
Edward Herbruck, Ph.D.	Without Charge																							Miamisburg, O.
Michael Loucks, D. D.	Without Charge																							Dayton, O.
	El. Christ, World																							Dayton, O.
		54	5168	981	113	139	299	188	3864	85	2	156	73	42	585	4225	5	84,504	35	822,798	82	334		

1. Rev. Geo. V. Walker is serving the New Madison Charge.
 2. Rev. Nathan W. Shultz has accepted a call to Germantown, O.

LANCASTER CLASSIS.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	No. of Congregations.	Members.		Bap- tisms.		Addi- tions.		Erased.	Deaths.	Sunday-schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Sunday-school Scholars.	Students for Ministry.	Contributions.		Minutes.	POSTOFFICE ADDRESS.
			Members.	Unconfrmed.	Infants.	Adults.	Unfrmed.	Certificae.							Communed.	Dismissed.			Excommunicated.	Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.
Charles E. Stoner	Basel	2	447	67	4	7	3	300	10	29	2	47	277	1	\$ 252 00	\$ 775 00		Basel, O.
Louis B. C. Jahr	Delaware	1	278	91	16	7	20	21	232	5	4	20	191	1	481 00	1,232 00		Delaware, O.
Solomon W. Seemann	Columbus	2	175	64	5	7	11	21	146	12	20	3	161	1	56 00	2,085 00		261 Fair Ave., Col., O.
John A. Seitz	Stoupsville	3	219	111	10	5	14	3	185	1	14	3	160	1	572 00	578 00		Stoupsville, O.
Abraham D. Wallinger	Thornville	1	154	55	8	1	6	4	143	5	2	35	130	2	283 00	900 00		Thornville, O.
Abraham F. Fisher	Glenford	3	231	148	12	1	10	6	219	3	7	1	131	1	408 00	1,496 00		Somerset, O.
John L. Bretz	Winchester	1	171	46	5	3	7	2	151	1	8	4	108	1	430 00	998 00		Canal Winchester, O.
Samuel L. Runkel	Kinnikinnick	2	184	60	7	3	8	7	111	1	1	32	95	1	152 00	646 00		Hallsville, O.
Nathaniel H. Loose	Union	4	213	70	9	7	21	3	194	4	4	3	150	1	37 00	705 00		Baltimore, O.
Vacant	Zion	3	78	1	2	2	3	20	1	1	1	90	27	0	130 00	905 00		Lancaster, O.
Wm. C. B. Schultenberger	Lancaster	2	242	155	7	7	23	9	208	7	12	216	132	1	130 00	598 00		Bremen, O.
Vacant	Rushville	4	162	64	26	6	12	9	152	11	56	10	4	1	59 00	000 00		Lancaster, O.
John Vogt, D. D.	Without Charge																	Delaware, O.
Peter D. Schory	Without Charge																	Lancaster, O.
G. W. H. Smith	Without Charge																	Lancaster, O.
Emmet C. Sull	Without Charge																	Baltimore, O.
		29	2494	931	113	47	135	86	2061	60	1	140	42	26	\$ 2,715 00	\$10,055 00		

*Rev. N. H. Loose has been dismissed to Tuscarawas Classis.

TUSCARAWAS CLASSIS.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	Members		Members Unconfirmed.		Baptisms.		Additions.		Dismissed.	Excommunicated.	Erased.	Deaths.	Sunday-schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Sunday-school Scholars.	Students for Ministry.	Contributions.		Minutes.	P. O. Address.	
		Members	Congregations.	Members	Congregations.	Infants.	Adults.	Confirmed.	Certificate.									Benefvolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.			
Sebastian C. Goss, D. D.	Wadsworth	341	1	62	1	8	2	11	326	6	4	6	38	38	98	38	38	38	\$ 275 00	\$1,472 50	18	Wadsworth, O.
Harvey L. Hart.	Reedsburg	202	3	25	1	3	34	1	202	5	4	2	21	21	20	25	25	25	200 00	900 00	16	Reedsburg, O.
Lewis C. Edmonds	Canaan	77	3	20	1	5	6	4	24	5	3	2	13	13	15	13	13	13	53 00	335 00	10	Canaan Center, O.
Edward M. Beck	Wooster	180	1	47	1	5	17	4	149	3	8	1	19	19	24	18	18	18	101 00	1,080 00	10	Wooster, O.
Isaiah S. Hahn	Salem (C. F.)	184	1	75	1	11	8	16	14	194	3	5	1	12	12	15	15	15	130 00	1,000 00	9	Canal Fulton, O.
Otto C. Reuter	Apple Creek	164	1	60	1	1	1	9	116	15	25	5	5	5	8	8	8	8	121 00	545 00	8	Apple Creek, O.
Emil F. Horbrnick	Trinity, Canton	830	1	160	1	39	19	74	77	750	15	25	5	12	12	15	15	15	600 00	3,000 00	25	Canton, O.
Jacob P. Stahl	New Berlin	246	1	107	1	13	8	14	5	219	2	2	5	5	8	8	8	8	138 44	434 52	10	New Berlin, O.
Israel F. E. Kunkle	Mohican	96	3	42	2	2	2	9	225	1	2	1	3	3	4	4	4	4	43 00	30 00	5	Mohican, O.
Silas B. Mase	Uniontown	261	3	95	1	10	5	9	225	8	1	1	4	4	4	4	4	4	194 84	1,263 00	15	Lake-Stark co., O.
Alfred G. Berkeley	Tuscarawas	430	4	120	5	23	5	24	14	14	23	1	4	4	4	4	4	4	76 24	425 00	17	Massillon, O.
J. H. Shreffler	Polk	177	4	23	2	2	3	3	2	154	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	145 00	825 00	18	West Salem, O.
Nathaniel H. Lovese	Shelby	144	3	44	1	9	36	39	12	260	5	32	5	5	16	16	16	16	63 00	225 00	16	Shelby, O.
Isaac A. Sites	Navarre	390	4	91	9	9	1	12	260	5	5	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	91 05	3,586 90	10	Navarre, O.
Philip Steinhage	Marshallville	156	2	40	9	1	1	5	150	3	3	3	6	6	24	24	24	24	140 00	875 00	12	Marshallville, O.
Jacob Ihle	Barberton Mission	140	7	50	5	5	1	12	130	3	3	3	3	3	17	17	17	17	100 00	2,925 00	11	Loyal Oak, O.
Wilson R. Stearly	Hough Ave. Ref. Ch	235	1	70	4	9	26	47	200	9	5	3	1	1	23	20	20	20	447 84	1,429 78	10	Cleveland, O.
Edward D. Weitach	Trinity, Akron	203	1	116	3	5	8	7	138	7	7	8	8	8	11	11	11	11	117 00	4,171 00	9	Akron, O.
Edwin R. Williard	Grace Ref., Akron	754	1	300	35	8	25	54	600	7	44	7	1	1	50	725	725	725	365 00	3,150 00	17	Akron, O.
John C. Klar	Without Charge	223	4	223	1	12	20	8	200	20	9	9	9	9	4	4	4	4	169 00	920 00	7	Navarre, O.
John C. Schaaf	Manchester	48	1	18	1	1	2	5	43	45	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	31 00	109 00	7	Nimishla, O.
William H. Shultz	Massillon	59	1	59	1	5	9	17	59	1	1	1	1	1	20	18	18	18	10 00	1,000 00	6	Massillon, O.
Isaiah S. Hahn, sup.	Crystal Springs	1499	170	168	351	329	4380	162	181	81	43	650	3155	6	\$9,858 00	\$28,179 00	265	6	Canal Fulton, O.			

TIFFIN CLASSIS.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	Members.		Baptisms.		Additions.		Communed.	Dismissed.	Erased.	Deaths.	Sunday-schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Sunday-school Scholars.	Students Ministry.	Contributions.		Minutes.	F. O. Address.
		Members.	Unconfirmed.	Infants.	Adults.	Confirmed.	Certificate.									Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.		
David Van Horne, D. D.	Pres. Held, Theo. Sem.	308	96	6	7	256	5	8	1	200	\$ 40 00	Tiffin, O.							
Herman Rust, D. D.	Prof. Held, Theo. Sem.	134	40	6	1	15	5	134	2	70	130 00	Tiffin, O.							
John L. Swander, D. D.	Prof. Held, Theo. Sem.	95	41	3	3	10	3	75	4	1	150 00	Tiffin, O.							
Alvin S. Zerbe, D. D.	Prof. Held, Theo. Sem.	220	72	2	5	8	10	200	1	18	140 00	Tiffin, O.							
John A. Peters, D. D.	Pres. Held, University	150	75	2	2	80	2	1	2	140	80 00	Tiffin, O.							
Cornelius M. Lowe, Ph. D.	Prof. Held, University	169	50	9	12	18	4	120	4	230	212 00	Tiffin, O.							
Thomas H. Sonnedecker.	Prof. Held, University	140	30	16	18	46	3	100	4	180	50 00	Tiffin, O.							
Reuben Good	Prof. Em. Held, Univ.	100	25	5	7	14	20	193	16	140	351 00	Tiffin, O.							
Lewis H. Kefauver, D. D.	Chancellor Held, Univ.	226	72	7	1	5	1	42	1	13	258 00	Fremont, O.							
John M. Schick, D. D.	First Church, Tiffin	158	56	6	13	30	12	131	1	21	10 00	Tiffin, O.							
James S. Keppel	Fostoria	128	20	9	15	13	136	4	5	24	245 00	Fostoria, O.							
William H. Fussling	Bellevue	165	60	6	6	12	18	108	4	18	87 00	Bellevue, O.							
Albert H. Zerchler	Zion's	125	53	6	6	12	18	108	4	32	203 00	Bellevue, O.							
David M. Christman	Bloomsville	196	40	5	2	8	4	53	4	40	10 00	Pineville, O.							
David A. Parks	Bloomsville	1	20	15	2	8	25	1	1	1	115 00	Bloomsville, O.							
John E. Dingledine	Liberty Center	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	600 00	Bloomsville, O.						
James H. Steele	Grace Reformed	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	600 00	Lindsey, O.						
Irvin F. Wagner	Lima	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2,558 00	Tiffin, O.						
Clement L. Alspach	Ada	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	265 00	Lima, O.						
Raymond R. Lackey	Building Mission	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	877 00	Ada, O.						
John D. Neff	Bassett	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	624 00	Payne, O.						
David A. Parks, supply	St. Jacob's	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	50 00	Payne, O.						
Joseph B. Schumaker, D. D.	Glade Union	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	500 00	Beetsville, O.						
Charles W. Good	Without Charge	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	203 00	Beetsville, O.						
John Kost, D. D.	Without Charge	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	115 00	Bloomsville, O.						
	Without Charge	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	10 00	Liberty Center, O.						
	Without Charge	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	Tiffin, O.
	Without Charge	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	Tiffin, O.
	Without Charge	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	Adrian, Mich.

EASTERN OHIO CLASSIS.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	Congregations.	Members.		Baptisms.		Additions.		Comm. and Dismissed.		Deaths.		Officers and Teachers.		Students Ministry.		Contributions.		Minutes.	P. O. Address.	
			Members.	Unconfirmed.	Infants.	Adults.	Confirmed.	Certificate.	Comm. and Dismissed.	Recommunicated.	Refrsd.	Sunday-schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Sunday-school Scholars.	Students Ministry.	Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.				
John J. Leberman, D. D.	Louisville	1	471	80	25	0	34	9	435	12	6	0	13	13	364	4	204	0	28	Louisville, O.	
John H. Bomberger	Columbiana	1	354	50	16	31	47	17	320	13	6	0	21	21	350	4	384	0	20	Columbiana, O.	
Franklin E. Lauffer	Carfield	4	341	79	10	0	14	4	291	7	35	6	4	39	149	0	249	0	24	Carfield, O.	
John J. M. Gruber	New Lisbon	2	245	150	10	0	11	6	231	3	5	3	4	19	275	0	300	0	20	New Lisbon, O.	
George F. Metzger	New Lisbon	2	168	48	8	2	11	2	153	1	0	0	2	137	0	228	0	1,200	0	15	New Lisbon, O.
Samuel Z. Bestor, D. D.	Carrollton	1	302	26	0	8	10	17	271	10	0	0	38	300	0	157	0	1,450	0	15	Carrollton, O.
Harvey E. Kilmer	Mt. Olivett	1	400	57	18	25	68	16	325	1	0	0	32	308	0	267	0	1,400	0	20	Carrollton, O.
Nobah A. Shultz	Robertsville	2	400	110	19	0	27	15	345	21	0	0	46	387	0	283	0	1,700	0	14	North Lima, O.
Frederick H. Keller	Warren	2	227	55	1	0	2	2	100	5	0	0	24	300	0	160	0	1,158	0	13	Robertsville, O.
George W. Henning, (sup.)	Springfield	2	324	90	13	0	12	2	260	5	0	0	28	276	0	176	0	463	0	18	Massillon, O.
Francis A. Edmunds	Springburg	2	227	40	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	176	0	15	Petersburg, O.
Charles W. Brugh	Whitcomb Charge	4	201	80	8	11	24	0	162	2	0	0	4	31	219	0	12	0	15	Oshtange, O.	
Sylvanus S. Snyder	Warren	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Warren, O.
	Sendai, Japan.	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Sendai, Japan.
		27	3,424	785	140	109	244	87	2,981	80	1,85	60	27	320	2,860	4	\$2,530	0	\$21,013	0	211

*Rev. Charles W. Brugh is now pastor of the Warren Charge, formerly served by Rev. Wm. H. Shultz, who is now serving the Reformed Mission at Massillon, Ohio.

ST. JOSEPH CLASSIS.

MINISTERS	CHARGES	Congregations		Members		Baptisms		Admissions		Communed		Deaths		Contributions		P. O. Address.					
		Members	Unconfirmed	Infants	Adults	Confirmed	Certificate	Communed	Dismissed	Excommunicated	Erased	Sunday-schools	Officers and Teachers	Sunday-school Scholars	Students Ministry		Benevolent Purposes	Congregational Purposes	Minutes		
John M. Keester	Mulberry	350	225	25	4	4	10	340	3	17	4	36	400	401	\$2,082	30	Mulberry, Ind.				
George H. Souder	Bluffton	253	140	13	2	8	12	200	4	13	5	34	317	335	1,351	19	Bluffton, Ind.				
Abraham B. Stoner	Wakeshma	233	51	3	61	73	19	229	23	8	2	34	233	138	805	10	Fulton, Mich.				
Henry S. Bailey	Three Rivers	110	33	5	2	3	1	90	2	2	1	14	80	60	60	4	Three Rivers, Mich.				
Vacant	Moorepark	1	25	5	8	7	10	50	1	2	4	3	185	36	100	2	Three Rivers, Mich.				
Lewis B. Clayton	Bunkerhill	84	15	4	8	7	10	80	1	2	4	3	166	29	650	5	Palmski, Ohio				
Vacant	White Pigeon	64	35	2	4	19	32	211	3	3	3	1	170	100	6,000	10	White Pigeon, Mich.				
Allen K. Zartman	Grace Mission	245	83	2	8	19	32	211	3	3	3	1	167	100	6,000	10	White Pigeon, Mich.				
Allen K. Zartman, sup.	Salem	30	40	1	4	6	1	40	1	5	1	8	80	30	130	4	FT. Wayne, Ind.				
Joseph W. Barber	Marmont	290	120	17	14	38	6	200	1	29	6	5	409	110	2,000	23	Marmont, Ind.				
Israel Rothenberg	Plymouth	68	24	3	4	5	11	61	1	6	2	25	156	47	499	3	Plymouth, Ind.				
John H. Allright	Union	157	60	2	4	14	32	142	1	15	4	13	223	72	610	9	Hudson, Ind.				
Benj. B. Boyer	First Reformed	1	94	8	9	19	28	19	94	1	2	1	42	33	7,965	12	Goshen, Ind.				
Alpheus Ideo	Denver	65	3	3	3	3	5	60	2	20	1	13	60	28	1,275	10	Denver, Ind.				
Freeman War-	Athens Mission	60	43	1	7	7	7	5	4	9	2	15	89	33	111	9	Athens, Mich.				
Joshua J. Ercell	Nottawa	60	30	1	1	4	4	35	4	9	3	7	112	24	100	5	Nottawa, Mich.				
Vacant	Millersburg	34	25	1	1	1	1	35	8	3	1	7	112	24	100	5	Millersburg, Ind.				
William H. Xanders	Chaplain Ind. State Prison (north)	1	12	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	Michigan City, Ind.				
Geo. V. Walker	Without Charge	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	Arcanum, Ohio				
Daniel Krob	Without Charge	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	E. Saginaw, Mich.				
Edias Spangler	Without Charge	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	Edgerton, Ohio				
Peter J. Spangler	Without Charge	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	Farmer, Ohio				
John V. Totts	Without Charge	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	N. Robinson, Ohio				
		38	2276	990	92	138	231	1571	1960	60	145	50	35	416	2770	8	\$1,428	51	\$25,748	11	174

STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF OHIO SYNOD OF THE REFORMED CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES, 1894.

CLASSES.	Members.			Baptisms.			Additions.			Contributions.									
	Members.	Unconfirmed.	Infants.	Adults.	Confirmed.	Certificate.	Communed.	Dismissed.	Excommunicated.	Erased.	Deaths.	Sunday-schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Sunday-school Scholars.	Students for Ministry.	Benevolent Purposes.	Charitable Purposes.	Minutes.	
Miami	24	54	5168	139	299	188	3864	85	2	156	73	42	585	4225	5	\$4,504.35	\$22,798.82	334	
Lancaster	14	29	2494	47	135	85	2061	60	1	140	140	26	241	1801	6	2,715.00	10,055.00	189	
Tuscarawas	1	23	48	163	351	329	4580	162	47	181	81	43	650	5155	6	3,858.00	28,170.00	249	
Triffin	1	22	27	68	103	1785	47	1	29	36	35	189	2480	5	1,886.00	9,680.00	171		
Eastern Ohio	1	14	27	3424	109	244	87	2983	80	851	60	27	320	2860	4	2,530.00	21,013.00	211	
St. Joseph	1	18	38	92	138	231	137	1960	60	145	50	55	416	2770	3	1,428.51	26,748.11	174	
Total	6	115	223	21011	5890	714	684	1442	949	17331	494	4	736	342	19381	29	\$16,921.86	\$118,432.93	1778

STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF THE WHOLE REFORMED CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES FOR 1894.

SYNODS.	Members.	Unconfirmed.	Infants.	Adults.	Confirmed.	Certificate.	Communed.	Dismissed.	Excommunicated.	Erased.	Deaths.	Sunday-schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Sunday-school Scholars.	Students for Ministry.	Benevolent Purposes.	Charitable Purposes.	Minutes.		
Eastern Synod	11	268	508	91648	50280	5608	584	4174	2514	74686	1306	4	7709	69514	117	\$110,728.00	\$391,404.00	400		
Ohio Synod	6	115	223	21011	5890	714	684	1442	949	17331	494	4	736	342	19381	29	16,922.00	118,433.00	189	
Synod of Northwest	10	142	214	20016	13737	1832	29	1233	954	14198	244	5	515	510	186	10,055.00	92,346.00	100		
Pittsburgh Synod	5	72	164	17103	9609	1000	135	734	745	13006	431	3	317	324	117	20,166.64	65,601.69	69		
Synod of Potomac	9	160	302	35625	21143	2012	418	1932	1057	30163	671	3	312	825	283	39,033.64	1,38,228.65	65		
Ger. Synod of East	6	53	53	13016	9636	2159	14	717	926	10687	103	1	697	445	51	9,390.00	78,493.00	60		
Central Synod	4	80	116	19588	11447	1281	65	899	910	44946	233	6	479	380	103	13,954.00	98,046.00	60		
Synod of Interior	5	48	66	2866	1311	156	60	158	183	2101	74	1	142	67	52	3,283.34	15,433.30	30		
Grand Total: Synods, 8.	55	938	1646	221473	123333	14762	1969	11289	8238	176828	3576	19	4499	6393	1610	16431	162230	291	\$257,949.42	\$1,017,625.64

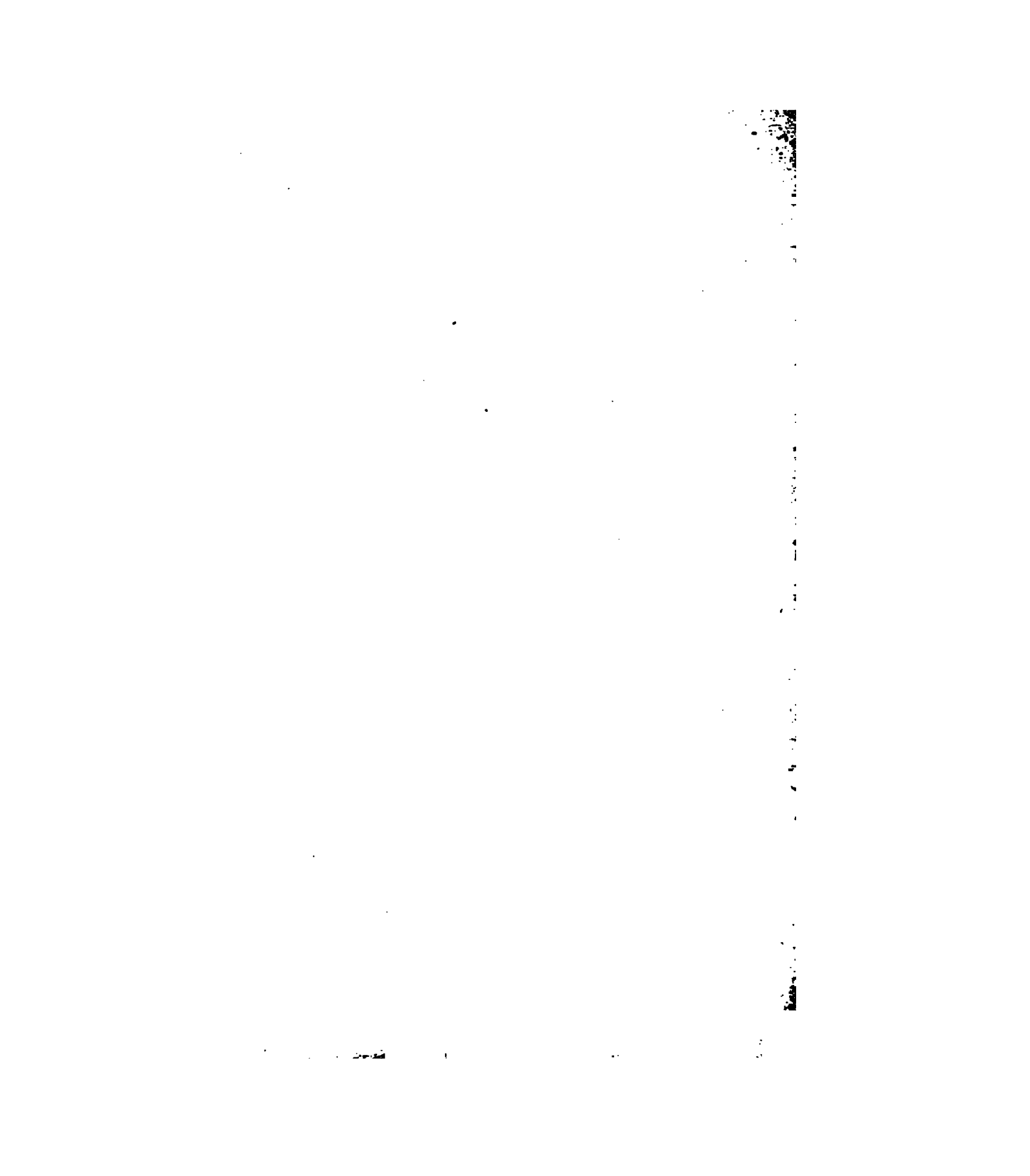
NOTE.—The Stated Clerks of the several District Synods, in the order respectively arranged, are as follows: 1. Rev. John P. Stein, Reading, Pa. 2. Rev. Isaac H. Reiter, D. D., Miamisburg, O. 3. Rev. John J. Jaufft, Sheboygan, Wis. 4. Rev. J. Harvey Mirkley, Scottsdale, Pa. 5. Rev. William M. Deatrick, D. D., Mercersburg, Pa. 6. Rev. A. Emil Dahlgren, 71 Locust Street, Buffalo, N. Y. 7. Rev. John Bachman, D. D., 639 Freeman Avenue, Cincinnati, O. 8. Rev. Dennis B. Shuey, Emporia, Kansas.

Annual Meetings of District Synods in the year 1895: Eastern—Shamokin, Pa., on Wednesday, October 16, at 7:30 P. M. Ohio—Grace Reformed Church, Fort Wayne, Ind., on Wednesday, October 2, at 7:30 P. M. Northwest—Milwaukee, Wis., on Thursday, October 3, at 7:30 P. M. Pittsburgh—Butler, Pa., on Wednesday, October 9, at 7:30 P. M. Potomac—Frederick, Md., on Tuesday, October 22, 1895, at 7:30 P. M. German Synod of East—St. John's Reformed Church, Baltimore, Md., on Wednesday, September 11, at 7:30 P. M. Central—Toledo, O., on Wednesday, September 11, at 7:30 P. M. Interior—Abilene, Kansas, on Wednesday, October 23, at 7:30 P. M.

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Of the Ohio Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States, convened in convention in the Grace Reformed Church at Fort Wayne, Indiana, on Wednesday, October 2, A. D. 1895, at 7.30 o'clock in the evening, and closed its sessions on the following Monday afternoon at four o'clock.

ARTICLE I.

OPENING OF SYNOD.

The Ohio Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States, according to the appointment made at the last annual meeting, convened in convention in Grace Reformed Church in Fort Wayne, Indiana, on Wednesday, October 2, A. D. 1895, in the evening at 7.30 o'clock, and united in devotional services conducted by Rev. Edward D. Wettach. Then the pastor introduced Mayor C. B. Oakley, who, in appropriate language, cordially welcomed synod. After a brief response, Rev. James H. Steele, the retiring president, preached the synodical sermon, having for its theme: "Intrusted with the Gospel," and based on 1 Thess. 2: 4: "But as we were allowed of God to be put in trust with the gospel, even so we speak; not as pleasing men, but God, which trieth our hearts."

At the conclusion of the sermon, the synod was called to order by the president and constituted with prayer. Then the provisional roll was called, and when completed a quorum was found present and the synod proceeded to effect a permanent organization.

ARTICLE II.

MEMBERS PRESENT.

CLASSES.	MINISTERS.	ELDERS.
<i>Miami.</i>	William A. Hale, D. D. 2 Charles E. Miller.	William R. Graham. 2 Victor P. Van Horne. Benjamin Fornshell.
	Martin L. Fox. 2 Reuben Keller. 2 Reuben F. Shultz.	Joseph Griesbaum. 2 Robert Ewing. Matthew G. Beaver.

CLASSES.	MINISTERS.	ELDERS.
	Samuel L. Runkel.	
	Samnel E. Neikirk.	
	George V. Walker.	Josiah Geeting.
	Charles E. Ewing.	Daniel S. Drayer.
	Albert Klinger.	William H. Siegfried. 2
	Elmer E. Weller. 2	John Pfolsprof. 2
	Frederick W. Hoffman.	Lewis A. Kemp.
	William E. Ludwick. 3	
	Scott V. Rohrbaugh.	John M. Smith.
	Isaac H. Reiter, D. D.	
	Michael Loucks, D. D.	
	Samuel B. Yockey, D. D.	
	George W. Williard, D. D.	
<i>Lancaster.</i>	Solomon W. Seemann.	William V. Zartman.
	Louis B. C. Lahr.	
	D. Webster Loucks.	S. L. Beyer.
	Phaon W. Snyder.	
	Charles M. Rohrbaugh.	George W. Clum.
<i>Tuscarawas.</i>	Sebastian C. Goss, D. D.	
	Harvey L. Hart.	
	Alpheus E. Baichly.	Edward L. Held.
	Otto C. Renter.	Frederick Nussbaum.
	Jacob P. Stahl.	Zenas L. Fry.
	Israel U. E. Kunkle.	John Fike.
	Alfred G. Berkey.	
	S. Elmer Klopfenstein.	
	Isaac A. Sites. 3	
	Philip Steinbage.	
	Jacob Ihle.	
	Edwin R. Williard.	Samuel Zimmerman.
	John C. Schaaf.	
	William H. Shults.	
	Nathan W. Bloom.	
	Edward D. Wettach.	
	James S. Freeman.	Jacob P. Zimmerman.
<i>Tiffin.</i>	David Van Horne, D. D.	
	Alvin S. Zerbe, D. D.	
	John A. Peters, D. D.	
	Cornelius M. Lowe, Ph. D.	
	John M. Schick, D. D.	Nelson L. Brewer, Esq.
	James S. Keppel.	
	Albert H. Zechiel.	Henry Glenn.
	David M. Christman.	C. Hensinger.
	David A. Parks.	Jacob A. Klahr.
	James H. Steele.	John W. Keller.

CLASSES.	MINISTERS.	ELDERS.
	John D. Neff.	
	George A. Dreibelbies. 2	Joel Sloppy.
	Daniel Burghalter.	Albert S. Creps.
	Joseph B. Shumaker, D. D.	
	Raymond R. Lackey. 2.	
	(Ada Mission)	David Klingler.
<i>Eastern Ohio.</i>	John J. Leberman, D. D.	
	Franklin E. Lauffer.	
	John J. M. Gruber.	
	George E. Metger.	J. Hiram Smith.
	Samuel Z. Beam, D. D.	
	Charles W. Brugh.	
	Frederick H. Keller.	
	Aaron Noll.	
	George W. Henning.	
<i>St. Joseph.</i>	George H. Souder.	John Lucabaugh.
	Abraham B. Stoner.	
	Henry S. Bailey.	
	Allen K. Zartman.	Frank D. Paulus.
	Joseph W. Barber.	
	Israel Rothenberger. 3	Jacob I. Frager.
	John H. Albright.	J. W. Remsberg.
	Benjamin B. Royer.	
	Freeman Ware.	
	Frank G. Bogart.	
	William H. Xanders.	

ADVISORY MEMBERS.

Rev. Dewalt S. Fouse, D. D., Iowa Classis, Interior Synod.
 Rev. Dennis B. Shuey, Iowa Classis, Interior Synod.
 Rev. John Rettig, Zion's Classis, Northwest Synod.
 Rev. John H. Bosch, Zion's Classis, Northwest Synod.
 Rev. Wm. H. Lahr, Zion's Classis, Northwest Synod.
 Rev. Herman J. Ruetenik, D. D., Erie Classis, Central Synod.
 Rev. Thomas J. Barkley, D. D., Gettysburg Classis, Potomac Synod.
 Rev. Rufus W. Miller, Lebanon Classis, Eastern Synod.
 Rev. Wm. E. Hoy, Foreign Missionary, Sendai, Japan.

CORRESPONDING MEMBER.

Rev. Frederick Mayer, Central Synod, Reformed Church.

NOTE.—Those members of synod who have attached to their names the figure 2 and 3 appeared in synod respectively on the second and third day of the sessions.

VISITING MINISTERS OF OTHER CHURCHES.

Rev. John P. Lloyd, D. D., Presbyterian Church.
 Rev. John M. Boggs, Presbyterian Church.

ARTICLE III.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

Rev. Jacob P. Stahl, *President*, New Berlin, Ohio.
 Rev. Isaac H. Reiter, D. D., is *Stated Clerk*, Miamisburg, Ohio.
 Rev. David A. Parks, *Corresponding Secretary*, Bloomville, Ohio.
 Rev. Lewis H. Kefauver, D. D., *Treasurer*, Tiffin, Ohio.

ARTICLE IV.

RULES OF ORDER.

Synod's Rules of Order were observed in the transaction of business.
The Bar of the House was defined to be the first seven pews in front of the chancel.

The hours for opening and closing the sessions of synod were fixed as follows: The morning sessions to open at 8.30 and close at 11 o'clock and the afternoon sessions to open at 1.30 and close at 4 o'clock, being according to "standard time."

ARTICLE V.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

The following were appointed by the president:

Religious Services.—Ministers—Allen K. Zartman, D. Webster Louck, George E. Metger; Elders Frank D. Paulus and John Fike.

Minutes of Synod.—Ministers—Reuben Keller, Abraham B. Stone, John L. Bretz; Elders Benjamin Fornshell and Lewis A. Kemp.

Minutes of Classes.—Ministers—Dr. Samuel B. Yockey, Israel U. E. Kunkle, Albert Klinger; Elders Joseph W. Burnside and John Friedig.

Overtures.—Ministers.—John C. Schaaf, Samuel E. Neikirk, Freeman Ware; Elders John W. Keller and Edward L. Held.

Examination, Licensure and Ordination.—Ministers—Dr. John J. Leterman, Louis B. C. Lahr, David A. Parks; Elders Victor P. Van Horn and John Lucabaugh.

State of Religion.—Ministers—James H. Steele, George V. Walke, Philip Steinhage; Elders J. Hiram Smith and Jacob I. Frager.

Missions.—Ministers—Dr. John M. Schick, James S. Freeman, Charles M. Rohrbaugh; Elders Zenas L. Fry and Daniel S. Drayer.

Heidelberg Theological Seminary.—Ministers—Solomon W. Seeman, William H. Shults, Dr. Joseph B. Shumaker; Elders Samuel Zimmerman and Albert S. Creps.

Heidelberg University.—Ministers—Alpheus E. Baichly, Scott V. Rohrbaugh, George H. Souder; Elders Frederick Nussbaum and John Pfolsgruf.

Sunday-school and Catechization.—Ministers—Dr. Sebastian C. Goss, Reuben F. Shultz, Joseph W. Barber; Elders Nelson L. Brewer and William H. Siegfried.

Publication.—Ministers—Albert H. Zechiel, Dr. Samuel Z. Beam, Frank G. Bogart; Elders Matthew G. Beaver and S. L. Beyer.

Finance.—Ministers—Charles E. Miller, Henry S. Bailey, Phaon W. Snyder; Elders John M. Smith and George W. Clum.

Nominations.—Ministers—Benjamin B. Royer, Alfred G. Berkey, Daniel Burghalter; Elders Jacob P. Zimmerman and William V. Zartman,

ARTICLE VI.

COMMUNICATIONS.

The following communications, reports and papers were received and referred to the proper committees:

1. The Minutes of the Classes of Miami, Lancaster, Tuscarawas, Tiffin, Eastern Ohio and St. Joseph were received and referred to the Standing Committee on Minutes of Classes appointed at the last annual meeting of synod, except the reports on the State of Religion and Statistics, which were referred to the committees on those subjects.
2. The reports of the General Board of Home Missions and of the Treasurer of the Board of the Ohio Synod, were received and referred to the Standing Committee on Missions.
3. The report of the Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions was received through the secretary, and referred to the Standing Committee on Missions.
4. The annual reports of the Board of Trustees of Heidelberg Theological Seminary, and of its Boards of Visitors and of Education, together with the reports of their respective treasurers and of the Financial Agent, were received and referred to the Standing Committee on the seminary.
5. The annual report of the Board of Regents of Heidelberg University was received through its president, and referred to the Standing Committee on Heidelberg University.
6. The annual report of the Board of Sunday-schools of the Ohio Synod was received and referred to the Standing Committee on Sunday-schools and Catechization.
7. The annual report of the Board of Publication was received and referred to the Standing Committee on Publication.
8. The annual report of the Treasurer of the Ohio Synod was received and referred to the Standing Committee on Finance.

9. The resignation of Rev. John I. Swander, D. D., as Professor of Practical Theology in Heidelberg Theological Seminary was received and referred to the Standing Committee on Overtures.

10. Also sundry communications and papers were received and referred to the Standing Committee on Overtures, whose report see for particulars and the disposition made thereof by the synod.

ARTICLE VII.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES.

The synod during its present sessions observed the following religious services, viz:

1. The sessions of synod throughout were opened and closed with devotional services.

2. There were also public religious services, as will be seen by reference to the report of the Standing Committee on Religious Services. This report, as submitted at several sessions, was received and as amended adopted, and is as follows:

Your Committee on Religious Services respectfully report as follows:

Wednesday, 7.20 P. M.—Opening sermon by Rev. J. H. Steele, President of Synod.

Thursday Evening is given to the Woman's Missionary Society of the Ohio Synod. Two addresses will be delivered as follows: Rev. Dr. P. Moerdyke, and Rev. W. E. Hoy.

Friday Evening.—The services will be in the interest of Heidelberg Theological Seminary and Heidelberg University, Rev. Dr. Van Horne, will preside.

Address, "The Financial Needs of the Seminary," Elder Horace Ankeney.

Address, "How to Increase the Number of Candidates for the Gospel Ministry," Rev. Dr. J. M. Schick.

Address, "Heidelberg University," Rev. E. D. Wettach.

The following is the assignment for preaching on Sunday by members of synod, viz:

Grace Reformed Church.—Sabbath school at 9.20 A. M. Addresses by Revs. Dr. G. W. Williard, C. E. Ewing, and I. A. Sites. 10.20 Synodical Communion Service, sermon by the President of the Synod, Rev. J. P. Stahl. Altar Service, Rev. G. W. Williard, D. D. 3 P. M., Young People's Rally. Addresses by Rev. C. E. Miller, Rev. L. B. C. Lahr, Rev. E. D. Wettach, Rev. Daniel Burghalter. The local societies of the Christian Endeavor and Epworth Leagues are all invited to the rally. At 7.20, service in the interest of home missions. Rev. Dr. J. A. Peters, President of the General Board, will preside at this meeting. Addresses by Revs. C. E. Miller, A. Noll, and Dr. D. S. Fouse.

First Presbyterian Church.—10.20 A. M., Rev. Dr. D. Van Horne; 7.20 P. M., Rev. Dr. J. M. Schick.

Westminster Presbyterian Church.—10.20 A. M., Rev. Dr. J. J. Leberman; 7.20 P. M., Rev. M. L. Fox.

Berry St. M. E. Church.—10.20 A. M., Rev. C. M. Lowe; 7.20 P. M., Rev. D. A. Parks.

Calvary U. B. Church.—10.30 A. M., Rev. D. Burghalter; 6.20 P. M., Young People's meeting, Rev. A. Klinger; 7.20 P. M., Rev. J. S. Freeman.

St. John's Reformed Church.—10.20 A. M., Rev. Dr. H. J. Ruetenik; 7.20 P. M., Rev. A. H. Zechiel.

Plymouth Congregational Church.—10.20 A. M., Rev. Dr. S. B. Yockey; 7.20 P. M., Rev. Dr. S. Z. Beam.

Christ's Lutheran Church.—10.20 A. M., Rev. R. Keller; 7.20 P. M., Rev. A. G. Berkey.

Third Presbyterian Church.—10.30 A. M., Rev. E. D. Wettach; 7.30 P. M., Rev. L. B. C. Lahr.

Bethany Presbyterian Church.—10.30 A. M., Rev. J. C. Schaaf; 7.30 P. M., Rev. A. E. Baichly.

Wayne Street M. E. Church.—10.30 A. M., Rev. Dr. W. A. Hale.

Christian Church.—1.30 A. M., Rev. J. J. M. Gruber.

Third German Reformed Church.—Rev. P. Steinhage.

Y. M. C. A., City Department.—3.30 P. M., Rev. S. E. Neikirk.

Respectfully submitted,

ALLEN K. ZARTMAN, *Chairman.*

The religious services were severally observed as appointed.

ARTICLE VIII.

MINUTES OF SYNOD.

Three copies of the Minutes of Synod of 1894 were received through the Stated Clerk and referred to the Standing Committee on Minutes appointed at the previous annual meeting. This committee during the morning and afternoon sessions on Thursday, submitted their report, which was received and considered item by item, and finally adopted as a whole; and is as follows:

We your Standing Committee on Minutes of Synod would report the following items for your consideration:

Item 1, page 15. A request of the Alumni Association of Heidelberg University to have the interests of the University laid before the people at the meetings of synod.

Item 2, page 34. Stated clerks of classes directed to send to pastors or consistories request for members to make a contribution for the benefit of the Chicago mission, by January 1st, 1895.

Item 3, page 35. The term of office of Revs. S. C. Goss, D. D., and E. D. Wettach, members of the Board of Home Missions, expires at this meeting of synod.

Item 4, page 50. Classes directed to hold meetings in the interest of the Theological Seminary and to make efforts to secure the appointments for that institution.

Item 5, page 50. Recommended that arrangements be made by the theological seminary and university conjointly for the service of an eloquentist.

Item 6, page 50. The term of office of Revs. I. H. Reiter, D. D., M. Loucks, D. D., H. M. Herman, D. D., Elders H. Ankeney, and J. Steele, members of the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary expires at this meeting of synod.

Item 7, page 51. The term of office of Revs. J. J. Leberman, D. D., B. Shumaker, D. D., I. A. Sites and Elder N. L. Brewer, members of the Board of Visitors and of Education, expires at this meeting of synod.

Item 8, page 61. The pastors directed to present to the churches their needs and superior advantages of the university.

Item 9, page 62. The term of office of Revs. J. I. Swander, D. D., J. Leberman, D. D., H. Rust, D. D., and Elders I. Yost, J. C. Reber, and P. Van Horne, members of the Board of Regents of Heidelberg University, expires at this meeting of synod.

Item 10, page 70. The term of office of Revs. R. Keller, and E. Williard, members of the Board of Sunday-schools, expires at this meeting of synod.

Item 11, page 72. Recommended that Lancaster Classis restore Bro. G. W. H. Smith to the gospel ministry.

Item 12, page 72. The term of office of Rev. I. H. Reiter, D. D., and Elder H. Ankeney, members of the Board of Trustees of Synod, expires at this meeting of synod.

Item 13, page 73. Revs. I. H. Reiter, D. D., S. W. Seemann, and Elder G. F. Bareis, a committee to formulate and report a constitution and laws for a Historical Society of synod.

Item 14, page 75. The term of office of Revs. I. H. Reiter, D. D., and W. A. Hale, D. D., members of the Board of Publication, expires at this meeting of synod.

Item 15, page 76. The stated clerk instructed to have 1800 Minutes of Synod printed and to distribute same.

Item 16, page 79. The treasurer instructed to pay certain bills.

Item 17, page 79. Revs. Drs. J. J. Leberman, H. M. Herman, and Elder N. L. Brewer, a committee to investigate a proposition by Erie Classis to enter into a certain partnership for the control of Calvin College.

Item 18, page 82. Rev. E. M. Beck, delegate *primarius*, and Rev. D. Wolfinger, his *secundus* to Central Synod.

Item 19, page 82. Revs. R. Keller, A. B. Stoner, J. L. Bretz, and Elders B. Fornshell and L. A. Kemp, Standing Committee on Minutes of Synod for 1895.

Item 20, page 82. Revs. S. B. Yockey, D. D., I. U. E. Kunkle, A. Klinger, and Elders J. W. Burnside and J. Frideger, Standing Committee on Minutes of Classis for the synod of 1895.

Respectfully submitted,

REUBEN KELLER, *Chairman.*

This report was disposed of as follows: Item 1 was adopted and the subject matter thereof referred to the Standing Committee on Religious Services; items adopted were 2, 4, 5, 8 and 11; items 3, 6, 7, 9, 10, 12 and 14 were referred to the Standing Committee on Nominations; items 13 and 17 adopted and for reports see Article XX Church Government; item 15 adopted and for report see Article XXI Publication; items 16, 19 and 20, reported as attended to; item 18 adopted and for report see Article XXIV Miscellaneous.

The Standing Committee on Minutes of Synod to report on said minutes to the synod at its annual meeting in 1896, as officially appointed, consists of Revs. George H. Souder, John C. Schaaf, Aaron Noll, and Elders Henry Glenn, and Frank D. Paulus.

ARTICLE IX.

MINUTES OF CLASSES.

The Standing Committee on Minutes of Classes, appointed at the annual meeting of synod in 1894, during the afternoon session on Thursday, submitted their report, which was received and considered item by item, and as amended finally adopted as a whole. The report is as follows:

The Committee on Minutes of Classis respectfully present the following report:

SUBJECTS REFERRED TO CLASSIS.

Item 1. Miami Classis accepts all apportionments including that for Chicago Mission, also makes provision for the payment of the apportionment for Heidelberg Theological Seminary. Classis adopts synod's recommendation touching Sabbath school work. Acknowledges its irregularities as indicated by synod's action.

Item 2. Lancaster Classis acknowledges irregularities. Makes provision to hold services in the interests of Heidelberg Theological Seminary, and accepts synod's apportionments. Calls synod's attention to an error in the report of the Committee on Leave of absence, wherein it says that Rev. A. D. Wolfinger and Elders Geo. W. Clum and F. P. Stukey, M. D., were absent unexcused.

Item 3. Tuscarawas Classis urges ministers and elders to bring the need of the Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows before their people, and take up collection for the use of the same. Urges official members to recommend the *Christian World* to members of their charges and congregations.

Item 4. Tuscarawas Classis *Resolved*, That for this year we relinquish the apportionment system for raising benevolent moneys, and call upon our congregations to give freely and voluntarily toward benevolence, supporting first of all the boards and institutions of our own church through the classical treasurer.

Item 5. Adopts synod's recommendation touching the need of keeping before the people the claims of Heidelberg University. Sabbath-schools urged to observe Children's Day, and take up collection for orphans. Adopts synod's resolution in reference to the better observance of the Sabbath, and concurs in synod's action on the temperance work, and accepts all its apportionments.

Item 5½. Eastern Ohio Classis adopts synod's reminder of irregularities, holds services in the interests of Heidelberg Theological Seminary, and urges its membership to commend Heidelberg University to all its people, and adopts synod's action bearing upon the better observance of the Sabbath. Also accepts apportionments made by synod.

Item 5¾. Tiffin Classis acknowledges irregularities as indicated in report to synod at West Alexandria. Adopts synod's recommendation in reference to Collection on Children's Day, also synod's recommendation touching the better observance of the Sabbath. Adopts synod's resolution on temperance, and commends the *Christian World* and church literature published at Dayton, Ohio, to its membership. Adopts synod's apportionments and cordially co-operates with General Synod's Sunday-school Board.

Item 6. St. Joseph Classis acknowledges irregularities, but excepts sub-item *d*. Classis urges all the congregations to promptly pay apportionments for Home and Foreign Missions, also to meet the apportionment for the Chicago Mission, and that Hungarian and Harbor Missions be especially commended to the hearty support of our people.

STATEMENTS AND REQUESTS TO SYNOD.

Item 7. Miami Classis apportions one hundred and thirty dollars to the Society for the Relief of Aged Ministers and their Widows, and receives two life memberships for the same.

Item 8. Lancaster Classis overtures synod to issue blanks for use of Finance Committees in tabulating apportionments, corresponding with the forms of synod, with additional columns for use of classical contingent expenses.

Item 9. Also asks synod to be relieved from paying apportionment for the benefit of Calvin College in view of the demands and needs of Heidelberg Theological Seminary.

Item 10. Appoints a committee to secure any and all records bearing on the organization and history of Lancaster Classis.

Item 11. Tiffin Classis condemns the whole policy of licensing the saloon as an iniquitous compromise with evil, and an unholy partnership with sin. It cordially endorses the operation of the Anti-Saloon League

of Ohio in its noble efforts to unite men of all parties in the endeavor to annihilate the saloon by legislative enactment.

Item 12. St. Joseph Classis notifies the Secretary of the Society of German-English Education and the Stated Clerk of Philadelphia Classis of its inability to comply with their request.

Item 13. Classis asks synod to ratify its proceedings had at a special meeting held at Goshen, Ind., March 20, 1895, though the required number of elders to constitute a quorum was not present.

Item 14. Passes the following memorial resolutions:

WHEREAS, In the order of Divine Providence our beloved brother, Rev. Peter J. Spangler, has been removed from our midst by the hand of death, therefore

Resolved, That in his death we have lost a generous friend and a man of true and honest purpose, prompt in action, faithful in matters of trust, an earnest Christian minister, and an ardent lover of the Reformed Church of which he was a faithful minister for forty-five years.

Resolved, That we deeply sympathize with the widow and children who have been called to part with their chief earthly counsellor and support, and that we earnestly beseech our Father in heaven to grant them the consolation they so much need and which He alone can give.

Item 15. Tuscarawas Classis does not see its way clear to give one hundred and fifty dollars to Calvin College.

Item 16. The Standing Committee on Sunday-schools commends the faithful use of our own publications in the hope of realizing still better results from our work in the future.

RECEPTIONS AND DISMISSALS.

Item 17. Miami Classis received Rev. Geo. V. Walker from St. Joseph Classis; Rev. Geo. W. Williard, D. D., from Lancaster Classis, Eastern Synod; examined and ordained Charles E. Ewing; received Alpheus Iden from St. Joseph Classis; ordained Scott V. Rohrbaugh; received licentiate F. W. Hoffman from Lancaster Classis and ordained him; also Rev. S. L. Runkle from Lancaster Classis, and Licentiate Martin L. Fox from Minneapolis Conference, Methodist Episcopal Church. Dismissed Rev. W. A. From to Lancaster, and Rev. A. E. Baichly to Tuscarawas Classis.

Item 18. Lancaster Classis received Rev. W. A. From from Miami Classis; Rev. P. W. Snyder, Zion's Classis, Potomac Synod; and Licentiate C. M. Rohrbaugh from Eastern Ohio Classis. Having made confession, Rev. G. W. H. Smith was restored to the gospel ministry and dismissed to Miami Classis; Rev. G. P. Fisher, Zion's Classis, Potomac Synod, and Licentiate E. C. Sult to Philadelphia Classis, Eastern Synod; Rev. S. L. Runkle to Miami Classis; Rev. A. D. Wolfinger to Virginia Classis, Potomac Synod; and Licentiate F. W. Hoffman to Miami Classis.

Item 19. Tiffin Classis received Irwin F. Wagner from Schuylkill Classis, Eastern Synod, and ordained him; Rev. L. P. Gross from Heidelberg Classis, Central Synod; Rev. Jesse Richards from North Carolina

Classis, Potomac Synod; Rev. R. B. Reichard from Miami Classis; also Herman Reichard, a student from the same classis. Also received and licensed D. Burghalter from Zion's Classis, Synod of the Northwest, and licensed S. Elmer Klopfenstein. Also licensed S. E. Neikirk and I. U. E. Kunkle. Dismissed Licentiate S. Elmer Klopfenstein to Tuscarawas Classis.

Item 20. Eastern Ohio Classis received Rev. Aaron Noll from Wyoming Classis, Eastern Synod. Dismissed C. M. Rohrbaugh to Lancaster Classis.

Item 21. St. Joseph Classis licensed Charles A. Row and F. G. Bogart, the latter being also ordained. Dismissed Rev. G. V. Walker to Miami Classis, Rev. Alpheus Iden to the same classis, and Licentiate C. A. Row to Tiffin Classis; also licensed and dismissed Geo. F. Mathes to Wichita Classis, Synod of the Interior.

Item 22. Tuscarawas Classis received Rev. A. E. Baichly from Miami Classis, and the licentiate, S. Elmer Klopfenstein, from Tiffin Classis. Also Rev. J. S. Freeman from Allegheny Classis, Pittsburg Synod; and dismissed Rev. E. D. Wettach to Tiffin Classis.

ANNUAL MEETINGS.

Item 23. Miami Classis will meet in the Reformed Church, Springboro, Warren Co., Ohio, on Tuesday April 28, 1896, 7.30 P. M. Rev. W. A. Hale, D. D., President; Rev. H. M. Herman, D. D., Stated Clerk; Elder V. P. Van Horne, Treasurer.

Item 24. Lancaster Classis will meet in David's Reformed Church, Canal Winchester, Ohio, on Tuesday, April 28, 1896, 7.30 P. M. Rev. C. E. Stoner, President; Rev. S. W. Seemann, Stated Clerk; Rev. J. A. Seitz, Treasurer.

Item 25. Tuscarawas Classis will meet in St. Jacob's Reformed Church, Cairo, Stark Co., Ohio, May 12, 1896, 7 P. M. Rev. Jacob Ihle, President; Rev. E. R. Williard, Stated Clerk; Elder E. K. Kremer, Treasurer.

Item 26. Tiffin Classis will meet in St. Paul's Reformed Church, Bellevue, Ohio, April 17, 1896, 1.30 P. M., standard time. Rev. J. M. Schick, D. D., President; Rev. A. H. Zechiel, Stated Clerk; Rev. J. B. Shumaker, D. D., Treasurer.

Item 27. Eastern Ohio Classis will meet in Warren, Ohio, Tuesday before the full moon in May, 1896, 7.30 P. M. Rev. N. A. Ernst, President; Rev. G. W. Henning, Stated Clerk; Rev. J. A. Bomberger, Treasurer.

Item 28. St. Joseph Classis will meet in the First Reformed Church, Athens, Michigan, Thursday evening, May 7, 1896, at 7.30 P. M. Rev. B. B. Royer, President; Rev. F. Ware, Stated Clerk; Elder Benj. Ashbacher, Treasurer.

IRREGULARITIES.

Item 29. Miami Classis fails to record the name of Rev. Dr. S. B. Yockey in its roll of ministers; places the Minutes of the Woman's Missionary Society in the body of its own minutes; calls special meeting at Dayton, November 23, 1894, without giving two weeks' previous notice as required by the constitution; the meeting called for 10.00 o'clock, but not opened until 1.30.

Item 30. Eastern Ohio Classis adjourns to meet in Warren, Ohio, without indicating the place of meeting.

Item 31. St. Joseph Classis, p. 17, is the irregularity of the report of the Committee on Examination, Licensure and Ordination.

APPEALS.

Item 32. St. Joseph Classis, p. 13, is the appeal of John E. Beahler against the action of classis, wherein it sustained the decision of the consistory of Grace Reformed Church, Ft. Wayne, Ind.

Item 33. The appeal of the consistory of Grace Reformed Church, Ft. Wayne, Ind., in the trial of Martin Connett.

Respectfully submitted,

SAMUEL B. YOCKEY, *Chairman.*

This report was disposed of as follows: The items adopted are 1, 2, 3, 5, 5 ½, 5¾, 6, 7, 9, 10, 11, 12, 14, and following up to 31 inclusive; item 13 adopted and as requested action of classis ratified; items 32 and 33 adopted and for action and results see Article XVIII., Appeals and References. With respect to item 4, on motion, it was

Resolved, That synod requests Tuscarawas Classis to comply with the rule and custom of the apportionment method.

The Standing Committee on Minutes of Classes to report on said minutes to synod at its annual meeting in 1896, as officially appointed, consists of Revs. Charles E. Miller, Abraham B. Stoner, John D. Neff, and Elders William V. Zartman and Frederick Nussbaum.

ARTICLE X.

OVERTURES.

The Standing Committee on Overtures submitted their report, which was received and considered item by item, and afterwards adopted as a whole. The report is as follows:

Your Standing Committee on Overtures would report that the following communications and papers were referred to us and claim the attention of the synod:

Item 1. A report, through its secretary, from the Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, representing the condition, progress and claims of the foreign work.

Item 2. A communication from the St. Paul Orphans' Home at Butler, Pa., bearing the signature of the President of the Board of Directors and the Superintendent, asking synod to consider its claims and adopt some favorable action.

Item 3. A report from the delegate elected to attend the Central Synod in 1894.

Item 4. A report from the delegate of this body to the Central Synod in 1895.

Item 5. A communication from Rev. Dr. J. M. Schick, tendering his resignation as a member of the Board of Visitors of Heidelberg Theological Seminary.

Item 6. A communication in which it is requested that licentiate Charles A. Row be examined and ordained by synod on a call from the Liberty Center Charge.

Item 7. A letter from Rev. Joshua J. Excell, asking that he be excused from attending this synod.

Item 8. A letter from Rev. John V. Potts, who asks *a*) to be excused, and *b*) to be dismissed from the Ohio Synod and the Reformed Church.

Item 9. The resignation of Rev. John I. Swander, D. D., as Professor of Practical Theology in Heidelberg Theological Seminary, is tendered to synod.

Item 10. A statement from the Treasurer of the Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows of the Reformed Church, calling the attention of the synod to its claims and needs, and asking to have said statement published in the printed minutes of synod.

Item 11. A paper having reference to the organization and work of Young People's Societies, overturing the General Synod to appoint a General Board for the supervision of such societies.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN C. SCHAAF, *Chairman.*

This report was disposed of as follows: Item 1 adopted and subject matter referred to the Standing Committee on Missions, whose report see; items 2 and 10 adopted and for action thereon see Article XV., Benevolent and Religious Institutions; items 3 and 4 adopted and for reports see Article XXIV., Miscellaneous; item 5 adopted, and request not granted; item 6 applicant referred to Tiffin Classis; item 7 adopted and according to request excused; item 8 adopted and *a*) excused, and *b*) referred to St. Joseph Classis; item 9 adopted and for action respecting the resignation see the report of the Standing Committee on Heidelberg Theological Seminary; item 11 adopted and for form of action see Article XXIV., Miscellaneous.

ARTICLE XI.

EXAMINATION, LICENSURE AND ORDINATION.

The Standing Committee on Examination, Licensure and Ordination, during the afternoon session on Monday, presented their report, which was received and adopted, and is as follows:

Your Committee on Examination, Licensure and Ordination, beg leave to report that no candidate has been referred to them, and hence no business has been transacted by the committee.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN J. LEBERMAN, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE XII.

RELIGION AND MORALS.

The Standing Committee on the State of Religion and Statistics, during the afternoon session on Monday, presented their report, which was received and adopted, and is as follows:

While every kind of life must have its manifestations, occasionally it is impossible in tree or plant to determine its life from appearances. Ordinarily life induces growth with manifestations, and activities suitable to its nature.

The Christian is one in whom Christ becomes a new life—one regenerated. It is only of this life as it manifests itself in the outward that we can judge or write. What is true of the individual life is true of the religious standing of religious bodies, of synods, and denominations. This life crystalized into service may enter into statistical tables. Of service, from the least to the greatest may be noted. From the giving of the cup of cold water, to the virtual sacrifice in rushing through the ranks of opposing forces, to bring the cup of cold water from the old well.

We judge of the state of religion by the reports on the state of religion coming to the synod from the six classes composing this synod. The stereotyped phases in which these reports bring the general characteristics of the work are no doubt true to fact, but possibly the very best that could have been used.

St. Joseph Classis.—The parochial reports in our hands largely show a hopeful spirit on the part of the ministers in charge, yet in a few there is some discouragement and want of faith in the future prospects of the charge over which they preside.

Tiffin Classis.—“We find the usual contrast of light and shadow, hope and fear, success and failure, encouragement and discouragement, rendering it difficult to determine definitely, in all cases, whether there has been a marked degree of progress.”

Miami Classis.—"We would report that in the *main* we have been prospered both as to numbers and spiritual uplifting."

Eastern Ohio Classis.—Reports facts, "Some encouraging and some of a nature to cause a slight degree of regret."

Tuscarawas Classis.—*a)* There has been some increase in the number of church members, also in the number of communicants, and in the infant baptisms; *b)* the offerings for benevolent and congregational purposes are considerably in excess of those of last year; *c)* the number of Sunday-school scholars is also larger than last year, but *d)* the additions to the church are considerably less than last year."

Lancaster Classis.—Reports "a year's history mingled with encouragements and discouragements."

What right had we to expect that it would be otherwise? The conditions of Christian living and service are not so changed that it can be other than here described—a mosaic of contra colors.

The summary as compared with last year is encouraging. If sending more ordained laborers into the field gives hope of progress, then progress it is. There has been an increase of eleven. If organizations mean something toward growth—there have been five congregations organized. And while there have been but 671 more additions to the churches this year than last, the balance is on the right side. Sunday-schools have increased by four new organizations. Five hundred and twenty-five new teachers and officers have entered the ranks, and nearly two thousand Sunday-school scholars.

But the most significant figuring in the statistical blank is the fact that the congregational expenditures are four thousand dollars less than last year; possibly on account of the trying times. On the other hand the benevolent contributions have increased from \$16,921.86 to \$20,830.66, a gain of nearly four thousand dollars. What comment can we make upon this fact? Are we not possibly coming to a higher degree of obedience, trustfulness?

People are fleeing to secure God's guarantee of a sufficiency of all things temporal and spiritual upon those who give themselves, their influence, their means. They come to believe Him. This will account for the fact which has enabled our treasurer to bring in such encouraging reports. Salaries paid; borrowed money refunded. An influence that can not be written—God is enriching the generous and noble. And there is a state of religion that we can not put down, but has been scattered as an immediate reward for those who met these immediate wants.

Many suggestions might be made as to the work. Not only continue in the power and effectual methods of Reformed Church work, in instructing the youth—in the time-honored symbol of the church. But take up our Sunday-school superintendents' motto, "Bigger schools and better schools." Use the new organizations of young people, and endeavor to

teach and preach the gospel so as to most seemingly impress this age. The gospel can not, must not be changed; but it should be taught in the light of the closing of this century.

In the minutes of one of the classes of the Ohio Synod there is this which we may well bring to the consideration of synod: "The genius of the Reformed Church is not opposed to all special services, but only to those that are spasmodic in their character and that are worked up by human agencies rather than by the personal influence and power of the Holy Ghost. Just at this point we can not forbear to at least raise the inquiry as to whether classis might not do much to stimulate pastors and churches by devoting at least one of its half-day sessions at the annual meeting to the discussion of the best plans and methods of practical church work in its different phases and tendencies." Might we not plan for greater things in reaching those who are without the church?

Not only has life been intensified, but death. The records show that forty-two more have gone to their reward than last year. And so far as we have been able to learn, two ministers have answered the call that released from the call to service, viz: Rev. P. J. Spangler of St. Joseph Classis, and Rev. A. Hawker of Miami Classis.

To the living church He has said, "Stretch forth thy hand." To the dying, "Come up higher."

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES H. STEELE, *Chairman.*

(For Statistical Reports see Appendix.)

On motion,

Resolved, That the Stated Clerk of Synod be instructed to have the report on the State of Religion published in the *Christian World*.

ARTICLE XIII.

MISSIONS—HOME AND FOREIGN.

The following reports and papers bearing on the subject of home and foreign missions were received, considered and adopted:

I. ANNUAL REPORTS.

1. *Report of the General Board of Home Missions.*

BROTHEREN:—It has been the custom of the General Board of Missions, heretofore, to prepare its annual report in time for the annual meetings of the synods. The report was usually dated on September 1, and made its first appearance at the meetings of the synods and asked for official notice and action before these bodies. It has been felt, however, that in this way the work of the Board does not come before the people in the general way that its importance merits. Our people should be well acquainted

with the needs and work of the Board. The elders of the church especially should be well informed on the work of the Home Board; and for this reason it was deemed best to issue the annual report on April 1st of each year, and so have it ready for distribution at the annual meetings of the classes. Accordingly the report has been prepared and appears before you, brethren of the classes and synods, for your official action. The Board is aware of the fact that the classes must take action upon that which comes down to them from the synods: and therefore in this report the Board calls the attention of the classes to the action of the synods, and lays before them such information as should be furnished the church. This report, coming out so early in the year, must of necessity cover some ground that was covered by last year's report, but this will be avoided after the present year.

The past year has been one of prosperity so far as the missions themselves are concerned. For this we should acknowledge the goodness and mercy of the Great Head of the church. Financially the year has been a hard one, but no year did the missions make greater progress than during the past one. Some of the missions have a decidedly better outlook now than a year ago, while nearly all have been making commendable progress. To keep the financial credit of the Board on a good basis has taxed the energy of every member, and we are pained to say that at the time of making out this report the Board is financially in a worse condition than for years. It is true, also, that the continual strain to which the Board has been subject during the year, can not long continue without great harm to the work. The treasurer reports that he is more than a quarter short in his payments, and that time and again he was compelled to advance money in order to pay the salaries of the missionaries. On April 1, we should have at least \$8,000 in the treasury with which to pay the missionaries for the quarter ending March 31, 1895; but instead, we owe the treasurer a small sum on the quarter ending December 31, 1894. It is true that during the ensuing quarter, when all the classes meet, a large sum of money will be paid into the treasury, but that sum will be required to pay the amounts due on April 1, 1895. That will give us an empty treasury with which to carry on the work during the dull summer months. It is well that the classes at their ensuing meetings take this matter into serious consideration and determine what shall be done. Brethren, the work is yours, and it is for you to say what progress the work shall make in this country. Notwithstanding these adverse conditions, many appeals have been coming to the Board asking that new work be undertaken. New fields are opening up for the church to enter. The Master is calling upon us to go into his harvest-field. A rich reward awaits us if we heed the call and provide the means by which the work can be carried forward.

THE APPROPRIATIONS.

Last year the Board asked of the synods that the sum of \$10,000 be apportioned upon the classes for missions proper, \$3,000 for the Home

garian work, and \$1,000 for the Harbor Mission at the Port of New York. The Harbor Mission apportionment was, however, provided for by the General Synod at Reading, and falls with equal weight upon English and German Synods.

The synods at their meetings last fall assumed these amounts and the classes at their meetings this spring will be expected to apportion them upon the charges. The Board wishes it to be distinctly understood that at no time was there a request made for any funds over and above the apportionments. The Board, in all its appropriations, remained within the scope of the apportionments, and, indeed, always allowed a large margin for any possible delinquencies. Notwithstanding this careful management on the part of the Board, the church still failed to pay so much of the apportionments as was needed. The delinquencies amounted to fully \$10,000 during the past year, being nearly *one-fourth* of the whole sum asked of the synods. It would be well if the classes would take into consideration, at their annual meetings, the extremely small average per member required to pay the missionary apportionments. It runs from a little above *eighteen cents* in the Eastern Synod to *fifty-three cents* in the Synod of the Interior. Certainly there should be no difficulty in raising so small an average for a work so important.

Then, the Board wishes the church to take notice of the fact, also, that for two years the sums asked of the synods have been just the same. While this work should have been greatly increased, and might have been increased to the great advantage of the church, yet it was not deemed best to ask for larger sums because of the stringency of the times. The same amount will be asked of the synods for next year, although the membership of the church has been increased. The Board now asks the classes that the most strenuous efforts be put forth to collect the apportionments. The missions were invariably established at the earnest solicitation of the classes and synods, with the tacit understanding that the synods would stand by the Board and furnish the means to carry forward the missions which they requested should be established. The Board has a right to expect that these promises be kept.

The Board would also suggest that, in cases where charges are vacant a committee of classis be sent into them to assist in gathering the apportionments. This is now done by some classes with very good results.

THE MISSIONS.

Never before were our missions more prosperous. Financially they have had a struggle; but when the statistical table at the end of this report is consulted it will be found that the past year has been one of advancement, in all departments of the work. Since April, 1894, a number of missions have become self-sustaining, aside from those so marked, but as they were so designated on the statistical table last September they need not be mentioned here. Although money was scarce the Board was

still under the necessity of enrolling a few more missions since the annual report of last year. Youngstown, Ohio, Dauphin Street Mission, Philadelphia, Pa., Tioga Mission, Philadelphia, Pa., Harrisonburg, Va., and the Hungarian Mission at South Norwalk, Conn., have been enrolled. The mission at Tyrone, Pa., has been dropped from the roll, so that there are on April 1, 1895, ninety-five missions on the roll of the Board. There are several of this number that have become self-supporting with April 1, and quite an additional number receive very small allowances from the Board, and will need its help but a short time longer. Had the means been at hand, the roll might have been greatly increased. Missions could have been founded in places where the prospects are the most encouraging. Indeed, new points have been *pleading* for the establishment of missions.

It will be noticed that we now have, including the German, *one hundred and twenty-six* missions, embracing one hundred and eighty congregations. We find, then, that *one-sixth* of our ministers are missionaries in the home field, and *one-eighth* of our congregations belong to the mission fields.

THE CHICAGO CHURCH.

In last year's report the Board requested the synods to provide a sum aggregating \$4,500 or \$5,000 for the erection of a church for the English Mission in Chicago. The lot was secured by the Board a year ago, and the erection of a modest church is absolutely necessary to insure the success of the mission. The synods all took favorable action in the matter. Some invited the agent to come into the congregations and collect the sum to be raised. Some authorized the holding of collections in order to obtain the money, while in one instance the amount is to be apportioned upon the charges in the usual way.

It has since been ascertained that there are grave objections to an agent collecting the money, as some pastors do not wish an agent to come into their fields, while others object on the ground that an agent can not visit all the charges of a synod for a sum so small, so that a comparatively small number of charges must pay the money. It is the sense of the Board that this mission is very important and should have the support of the entire English Church in the erection of its building; and it is further the sense of the Board that the money should be gotten with as little expense and as quickly as possible.

The Board, therefore, proposes to the classes and earnestly requests, that since all the synods took favorable action, the classes, at their annual meetings this spring, assume such an amount as would fall to each upon the basis of the amount assumed by the synods, and that they designate the amount each pastor is to raise, and request the pastors to raise the amounts by collection, and pay them to the treasurers of the classes, who shall forward them to the Rev. J. M. Kendig, D. D., 1210 West Monroe Street, Chicago, Ills. Dr. Kendig will receipt for all money, and these receipts can then be forwarded by the treasurers of the classes to the

synodical treasurers, so that proper credit can be given the synods. The object is to get the money as quickly as possible. There is urgent need that this church be built. The mission has a bright future before it, if the church will help to put it upon a firm basis by the erection of this building.

The Board hopes that the classes will take the proposed action and so carry out the spirit of the action taken by the synods.

THE HARBOR MISSION.

Of this kind of work our church has but one station, namely, that at the Port of New York. Rev. Paul Sommerlatte is in charge of the work, and indeed, he has sole control of it. The entire amount to be furnished for this work by the entire church is just \$1,000 annually. Whatever additional is furnished by the church is a purely voluntary matter. It would seem that \$1,000 for eight synods to furnish annually, is a sum so small that it would be furnished promptly and freely. The truth compels us to say, however, that in nineteen months the entire church paid only \$840 to this cause, compelling the Board to use funds that were intended for the regular missionary work to pay the Harbor missionary. The Board can not here point out the amounts that the different synods owe this fund, but all are more or less delinquent. The Board calls the attention of the classes and synods to the condition of the treasury as regards this mission, with the belief that these bodies need only know how the matter stands in order to furnish the means to carry it forward. Hereafter the Board will use only such funds as are specified for this work, to carry it on. If the church fails to pay what is promised, that will be taken as sufficient evidence that our people are not interested in the Harbor Mission and do not wish to support it. The synods should not apportion such a small sum upon the classes, but should combine it with their contingent expenses and out of these pay it annually for the whole synod. When it comes in the form of an apportionment upon the charges it is a sum so small that it is entirely overlooked, or becomes mixed up with larger sums for other purposes and is never paid to the object for which it was intended. Something of this kind must have occurred, as the sum asked for and promised by the synods has not been paid over. For instance, the entire income for this purpose from April, 1894, to April, 1895, was only \$564.03. The Board can not too strongly urge upon the classes and synods to see that the small sums needed for this work are promptly paid.

THE HUNGARIAN WORK.

Perhaps no department of the work has moved forward with greater evidences of prosperity than that of the Hungarian. From its very inception it has been a success. What has been done should encourage the church to still greater efforts among these Reformed people who come to our shores.

A little over a year ago Rev. Ferenczi took charge at Pittsburg. There never seemed to be much business tact among the Hungarians at that place until he took charge. Since then matters have been placed upon a better basis, and the outlook is decidedly more cheering than ever before. At the last quarterly meeting of the Executive Committee, pastor Ferenczi, with his elder, appeared before the committee and paid \$150 on their church debt, with the assurance that a like sum should be paid quarterly, if possible, until the whole is paid. This is the kind of work that tells on the spirit and habits of the people.

Rev. Kovacs a year ago went to Assinaboia, Canada, to do missionary work among his Hungarian brethren. During the year past, according to his reports, he has been doing such work as he deemed necessary in that new country. The members are somewhat scattered and live in two communities adjacent to each other. He finds the work somewhat difficult. Last summer the people suffered by the drouth, while during the past winter their souls were tried by the rigors of a far northern winter. Still he seems hopeful of success. He now has seventy families of his people with him, and has the promise of others who intend to make their home in this colony. Let us hope that he will make a success of the project.

Last October Rev. Harsanyi came to this country in answer to the call of the Board and took charge of the work in Cleveland, O., Rev. Jurany resigning his position as pastor. Rev. Harsanyi came as a licentiate and was ordained by and enrolled as a member of Erie Classis. He at once entered upon the work with zeal and has been busily engaged since. His reports are cheering in their character and he seems to delight in the work assigned him. He was entirely unacquainted with the English language when he arrived in this country, but is rapidly acquiring it. In November last the new Hungarian Church on East Madison Avenue, Cleveland, was dedicated. This church is a very comfortable building, of fair size, costing, including the lot, about \$3,300. The church is a substantial structure. The congregation in Cleveland is doing well; and when the debt of \$1,000 now resting on the building is lifted, self-support will not be far distant. Connected with Cleveland are congregations at Fairport, Toledo and Ashtabula served by Bro. Harsanyi.

For several years our Hungarian ministers have been visiting points in the East. A number of important fields have been at different times pointed out to the Board, for work among the Hungarians. Both men and means have been wanting. One new field has been organized within the last six months, namely, South Norwalk and Bridgeport, Conn. There has been a congregation organized in each of these towns, and Gabriel Dokus, a Hungarian, who was lately ordained to the gospel ministry, has been called to and commissioned for the field with an appropriation of \$200. The prospects for the field are said to be very good.

We should have an increased amount for this work next year, but under the present financial strain the Board does not deem it best to ask

for more than last year. The synods are therefore requested to assume the following sums for this work at their annual meeting this year:

Eastern Synod.....	\$1,000
Potomac Synod	500
Pittsburg Synod	450
Ohio Synod	400
Northwestern Synod	250
Central Synod.....	200
German Synod of the East.....	140
Synod of the Interior.....	90

The Board calls attention to the fact that the entire income for Hungarian missions from April 1, 1894 to April 1, 1895, was \$1,675.44 instead of the \$3,000 promised.

As the Hungarian work is of general interest throughout the church we also ask the German Synods for their contributions to this good work.

THE EXTENSION WORK.

This department of the work increases in importance with every additional year. It is rapidly growing as the mission work is extended. It is one side of the general missionary work, but one of very great importance. It may be very lightly regarded by many in the church and utterly neglected by others, but it still remains true that no denomination can be on the highway to success, that fails to lay deep and strong its foundations in a liberal extension fund. The policy that the most progressive denominations of this country have been pursuing, is proof of the fact. Our church has never put the stress upon it that its importance demands. It can now be plainly seen that the want of such a fund is crippling our operations at every step. The Board is glad to state that some progress has been made during the year. We here give the report of Treasurer Boush:

TREASURER'S ACCOUNT FROM APRIL 1, 1894, TO APRIL 1, 1895.

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Contributions from all sources	\$ 4,727 24
Bequests and Legacies.....	1,250 00
From Loans, authorized	3,000 00
From Interest	188 00
Money paid back by Missions	300 00
Total.....	\$9,465 24

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Interest on borrowed money.....	\$ 378 00
On church property at Chicago, Ill	4,677 75
On church property at St. Joseph, Mo.....	2,501 75
On church property at Massillon, Ohio	1,000 00
On church property at Lima, Ohio.....	1,655 00
On church property at Denver, Col.....	183 25
On church property at New Kensington, Pa.....	2 00
On church property at Grove City, Pa.....	500 00
Total.....	\$10,897 75
Due the treasurer.....	\$ 1,432 51

There are deferred payments as follows:

On Chicago church property.....	\$ 4,387 50
On Denver church property.....	2,500 00
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	\$ 6,887 50

BORROWED MONEY.

From B. Wolf, Jr., Pittsburg, Pa.....	\$ 1,750 00
From Bi-synodic Board to purchase mortgage on Kansas City property.....	2,200 00
From Jacob S. Fouse, James Creek, Pa.....	1,000 00
From Rev. S. S. Miller, Treas. Ministerial Relief Fund.....	1,500 00
Stuckslager & Auracher, bankers, Lisbon, Ia.....	1,000 00
From Mrs. D. B. Lady.....	500 00
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	\$7,950 00
Deferred payments.....	\$ 6,887 50
Borrowed money.....	7,950 10
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	\$14,837 60

It will be noticed that some of the items in this report were included in the report sent out last September; but as this report is to cover a full year, all transactions between April 1, 1894 and April 1, 1895 are included. It is a plain, unvarnished statement of the case. The work had to be carried forward, whether the funds were on hand or not. Some of our city missions required help or had to be abandoned. The same conditions always exist if we establish missions in the cities. If we are content with doing work only in the rural districts then we can get along with less means.

The contributions from all sources were \$4,727.24. These, it might be stated, were the free-will offerings of the church for this object.

The legacies were the offerings of a few who remembered this good cause in the final disposition of their property, and are a monument to their name and memory.

It will be noticed that some of the missions are already beginning to pay back small sums. In the years to come the Board will have a large annual income from this source with which to help other new interests.

Aside from this, the Board had to have additional funds, and so \$3,000 had to be borrowed. It was only under the most urgent need that this was done.

Including the deferred payments and the amount borrowed, the liabilities of the Board, for this department of the work, are \$14,837.50. This is getting to be a formidable sum indeed. But the Board could not see

its way out except by borrowing the money. We feel confident, however, that the money is well invested and no similar amount will bear better interest for the church.

A number of our missions are asking for loans of \$500 and \$1,000 in order to strengthen them. The Board would gladly help the missions in this way, but to do so is an utter impossibility, as the funds are lacking. It is true also that so far the Board has given aid only in the way of purchasing the lots and holding them as the property of the Board, to be used by the missions, upon which to erect chapels and churches.

The Board is very much in need of additional funds for this work, and the church should do more for the extension cause; and yet, as the times are hard, it has been decided to ask the same as last year, namely an average of *six cents per member*. The Board, therefore, most earnestly requests the synods, at their annual meetings this year to apportion upon the classes this small sum for this important work.

It is but fair to acknowledge the help of the women of the church in this work. The Woman's Missionary Society of the Ohio Synod has about finished its fund of \$500.

The special fund of \$500 to be known as the *Tiffin Classis Extension Fund* has also been completed.

THE FINANCES.

The finances of the Board are an important item at any time, but especially at the present. Not a little discussion has been going on as regards the finances of the Home Board, the apportionments, the shrinkages, the best plans to raise money, and so on to the end of the chapter. Men differ widely. What seems proper for one portion of the church may not quite suit another. A few points must always be kept in mind when the finances are discussed.

1. That the missions were enrolled upon the recommendations of the subordinate Boards.
2. That the synods pledged the amounts necessary to sustain these missions.
3. That the Board in enrolling these missions made allowance for any reasonable shrinkage that might occur because of the stringency of the times. In spite of this conservative policy on the part of the Board, there has been more of a shrinkage than was expected.

The amount voted last year by the synods for missions, including Hungarian and Harbor, was \$44,000. The amount actually paid in from April 1, 1894 to April 1, 1895 was \$35,460, leaving a shortage of \$8,540 for the year. But treasurer Reber informs us that the shortage of 1893 was even greater than that of 1894, making for the two years fully \$17,000. On April 1, 1895, we are short fully \$9,000. We are compelled to raise the money for the quarter ending March 31, 1895, whereas the money should be on hand now, to pay all the missionaries as soon as their orders are

issued. The \$35,460 received during the year does not represent amount collected by the synods on the apportionments, but includes the additional funds sent in to the treasurer, all donations, the Women's contributions, and the extra money collected by the superintendent. That we are short nearly \$10,000 is to be deplored. That the sum is greater, should be a matter of hearty thanksgiving, when we consider stringency of the times. Though the times are hard, yet the missions must have their small appropriations, and the Board must depend on the church to furnish the money. The Board therefore asks the classes that in their annual meetings this spring they take such action as will insure the prompt payment of the amounts apportioned upon them by synods.

THE ESTIMATES FOR NEXT YEAR.

It is very evident to the Board that during the next year no marked forward steps can be taken in the home work. The Board is very anxious however, that no backward steps shall be taken. The work as now constituted should be maintained, and, perhaps, a few additional points taken up. The reductions at the annual meeting must at least equal amount assumed for new work. At this rate there will be needed for next year about the same amount that was required for the present year. The Board, therefore, asks of the synods the following sums, to be apportioned upon the classes at their annual meetings this fall:

Eastern Synod	\$17
Potomac Synod.....	9
Ohio Synod	8
Pittsburgh Synod.....	4
Interior Synod.....	1
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	\$40

The entire apportionments will then be:

Missions	\$40
Hungarian Missions.....	3
Harbor Mission	1
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	\$44

with six cents per member for church extension. This is an average of about *thirty-one cents* per member for the English Synods, including the departments of the home work. This is a sum so small, for a work so important, that no one can possibly urge a valid objection against it. We have our doubts whether there is another denomination in the land that does so much work with so little money. The Board feels that a less sum than that asked for would cripple the work so seriously as to do great injury to the cause, and hopes that the synods and the classes will willingly vote the sum in aid of this work.

THE GERMAN MISSIONS.

It was suggested by not a few, in past years, that it would be well as a source of information, if in the annual report there were given a list of the German missions. This year we endeavored to comply with the request by procuring a list, with name of mission, where located, membership, the amount paid by the mission and the amount paid by the German Board. This list is a proof that the German brethren are pushing the spread of the church as rapidly as men and means permit. They, like the English, are limited in the means necessary to carry on the work on a scale commensurate with its importance. It will be seen, by the list, that nearly all their missions are in the cities, and larger towns. There is much new territory that should be taken up by the Germans as well as the English. Let us hope that the day is not far distant when in both languages the mission work will be very largely increased.

MISSIONS.	MISSIONARIES.	Members.	Amount the Board pays.	Salary paid by Missions.
West Bay City, Mich	Nath Ruetenik	60	125	275
Port Hope, Mich	H. Heese	100	125	117
Elk Rapids, Mich	J. Matzinger	100	125	250
Detroit, Mich	A. Schneck	89	540	200
Marion, Mich	G. M. Hirsch	72	273	150
Wausau, Wis	F. C. Schnuele	110	228	96
South Kaukauna, Wis	F. Aigner	96	250	120
Canmet, Mich	J. Kaepfeli	100	100	100
Haughville, Ind	F. Kaebfisch	48	300	100
Springdale and Brightwood, Ind	S. C. Barth	80	225	130
Princeton and Evansville, Ind	Wm. Dieckman	65	200	300
Stanford, Ky	J. Matter	52	150	130
Nashville, Tenn	J. Von Grueningen	102	400	200
St. Paul, Minn	J. O. Vitz	125	550	250
Lincoln, Neb	A. Kanne	121	600	82
Melbourne, Iowa	S. Elliker	49	150	250
St. Louis, Mo	W. F. Horstmeier	208	450	75
Chicago, Ill	J. Traeger	62	300	245
Marion, Ohio	F. C. Witthoff	186	250	200
Toledo, Ohio	J. Wernly	126	500	200
Bellevue, W. Va	D. F. Schroth	265	100	300
Millersburg, Ohio	Wm. Grether	161	150	250
Norwood, Ohio	C. Schaaf, D. D	74	500	360
Martha Memorial, N. Y	Paul H. Schnatz	290	600	300
St. Luke, Phila	M. F. Dumstrey	230	600	340
Clarence, N. Y	Antona Darms	150	400	90
St. John's, Phil'a	J. Vegelin	130	200	250
Jerusalem, N. Y	Wm. Bollman	200	250	360
St. Matthews, Phila	U. O. Silvius	113	200	500
Friedens, Baltimore	N. Wiemer	130	225	450
Holyoke, Mass	A. Bruchio	150	225	425

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS.

The Sunday-school Board contemplates the appointment of a Sunday-school Missionary, whose duty it shall be to enter the towns and cities where Sunday-school work is needed and organize Sunday-schools and, ultimately, congregations. The Board deems such an office a very im-

portant one, and it is believed that such a missionary can do a good work in building up the church in destitute places. But the operations of the Sunday-school Board along missionary lines and the work of the General Board must not conflict. Therefore at the last quarterly meeting of the Executive Committee a committee was appointed to meet a similar committee from the Sunday-school Board, and these committees of conference are to formulate a plan by which the two Boards can co-operate in a mutually helpful to each other. The plan will be submitted to the General Board for approval at the annual meeting at Columbus, O.

It has long been felt by the Board that the German Missions on the Pacific Coast should be under the German Board, as the German work can be best carried forward by Germans. Accordingly several years ago overtures were made to the German Board of the West to transfer those missions to its care. The matter was brought before said Board in regular form by the General Board, and that Board brought the matter before the Northwestern and Central Synods for final decision at their meetings last year. Their action was adverse to their reception. So these missions still continue under the General Board for the present.

The Board has been earnestly solicited to take charge of a Bohemian interest in Milwaukee, Wis., and organize a congregation among the people of that nationality in that city. The plea is made that these Bohemian brethren are of Reformed stock and should be cared for by our church. The matter came before the Executive Committee at its last meeting, and was by it referred to the full Board meeting April 23, 1895.

The matter of forming German-English Missions has claimed the attention of the Board at different times. Most urgent appeals have come to it from points in the German Classes, but as only the English Synods have placed their mission work under the care of the General Board, the Board has hesitated to establish such missions and have them form a part of German Classes. This whole matter must soon be adjusted in some way, either by the General Synod, or by some other competent authority.

THE CONCLUSION.

The past year has been a difficult one for mission work from the fact that the Board has continually been cramped for want of funds. Under these circumstances the Board hesitated to take up new work that presented itself to the extent that it should have done. At no time have our opportunities been greater and the outlook more favorable. As a church we should give thanks for the measure of prosperity that has attended our missionary efforts. The Master's blessings have been upon us. But have we as a church been as faithful as we should have been? Have we honored the Lord with our substance as we should have done? Let us call upon Him to bless the coming year, even more signally than the past year. Let us expect great things of the Lord, but let us so meet our responsibilities that He can do great things for us.

Respectfully submitted,

DEWALT S. FOUSE, *Missionary Supt.*

2. *Report of Treasurer of Board of Home Missions.*

REV. JOHN J. LEBERMAN, *Treasurer, in account with the Board of Home Missions of the Ohio Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States, from October 9, 1894, to October 2, 1895.*

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Miami Classis, Mr. V. P. Van Horne, Treasurer	\$1,291 22
Muscarawas Classis, Mr. E. K. Kremer, Treasurer	1,559 02
Canaster Classis, Rev. J. A. Seltz, Treasurer	816 59
Wiffin Classis, Rev. J. B. Shumaker, D. D., Treasurer	604 56
St. Joseph Classis, Mr. Ben Ashbaucher, Treasurer	755 00
Western Ohio Classis, Rev. J. H. Bomberger, Treasurer	733 54
Driver's bequest, Hon. N. L. Brewer	631 45
For Chicago Mission, Rev. J. H. Steele	7 00
St. M. C. A., Heidelberg University	17 72
Rev. Jesse Richards	12 50
Manuel Keen & Son, Juda, Wis.	6 00
John A. Keller, Bradner, Ohio	5 00
Miss M. L. George	1 00
Cash on hand October 9, 1894	17 56
	\$6,458 16

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Dr. James T. Reber, Treasurer General Synod's Board of Missions	\$6,395 69
Rev. D. S. Fouse, D. D., General Superintendent of Missions	44 36
Rev. J. M. Kendig, D. D., Chicago	7 00
Postage, exchange and stationery	5 50
Cash on hand October 2, 1895	5 61
	\$6,458 16

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN J. LEBERMAN, *Treasurer.*

3. *Report of Board of Commissioners of Foreign Missions.*

To the Ohio Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States:

REVEREND AND DEAR BRETHREN:—The Board of Foreign Missions would very respectfully beg leave to lay before your reverend body a general statement of the fortunes, the present condition, and the outlook of our work in the empire of Japan. We rejoice in being able to say that we come to you bearing glad tidings. Since last it was our privilege to address you, great changes have transpired in Japan, affecting not only its national and political interests, but also its relation to the work of Christian missions within its bounds. At the outbreak, and during the earlier stages of the recent war with China, grave apprehensions were entertained as to the effect it might have upon the diffusion of Christianity, but aside from a spirit of indifference to its solemn claims, caused doubtless, in large part, by the universal absorption of interest in the war, and which we are sorry to learn still prevails, the effects have proved rather advantageous than damaging. The simultaneous happy solution of the

vexed question of treaty revision, has gone far to allay the anti-foreign feeling which had erected restraining barriers, while the practical demonstration against the allegations of the false religionists, that Christianity was not inimical to patriotism, has caused a change of attitude towards it on the part of the military and ruling classes to that of toleration and even favor. The wide spread distribution of the sacred Scriptures, the special facilities for preaching the gospel to the soldiery, accorded by those in authority, and the underlying spirit of Christian charity as manifested in the offices of the Red Cross Association, all these combined, have, by the blessing of God, lodged deep in the hearts of the people, a holy principle, which silently, like leaven, is working a transformation which in large part, seems not yet to be clearly understood by its subjects. Even though the spirit of indifference is still discernable, yet in strange contrast, the attendance upon the preaching of the gospel is increasing.

The regular work of our mission has gone forward during the last year without interruption. The only evil effect we are informed of, is a slight decline in the number of students in the Tohoku Gakuin. Some of them having entered the army. In the Girls' School there was a slight increase in the number of scholars. At the last commencement six young men graduated from the Theological Department, and are now going forth as evangelists; five graduated from the Collegiate Department, some, if not all of whom will enter the Theological Department. Five graduated from the Girls' School.

The death of Mr. Kaneko is felt to be a great loss to our Tohoku Gakuin, as he was expected to take the chair of Old Testament Theology. Hence the speedy going out this fall of Mr. Christopher Noss, is felt to be the more urgent.

It is the feeling of the Board that with the reinforcement, by the going out of Mr. Noss, the teaching force in our institutions will be sufficient for the present. The most urgent need of our mission at this time is additional buildings. The Girls' School is full to overflowing. More scholars could be gathered in, had we room for their accommodation. The present teaching force is sufficient for a larger number of scholars. In case of the Tohoku Gakuin, our present building is entirely too small. It has to serve for Seminary, College and Preparatory Department. We are short, at present, for recitation rooms, and dormitory facilities—some of the dormitory rooms being used for recitation purposes. The Board has felt the urgent need of enlarged quarters, but in view of other necessities for which it felt constrained to ask enlarged contributions from the church, it hesitated for the time being, to press a new and large request. It was, therefore, with pleasure that it heard of the inauguration, by the Classis of Philadelphia, of the enterprise, with the aid of the other classes of the church, of the erection of the Kaneko Memorial Building. We bespeak for this enterprise the favorable consideration of those of our brethren whom God has blessed with means, for its realization will go far to relieve our embarrassment and enable a larger efficiency in our work.

We are happy in being able to say that the W. M. S. G. S. has generously assumed the entire support of the Girls' School. For this very efficient co-operation in our blessed work, by the women of our church, the board is profoundly thankful.

As to the finances of the Board, it is happy to tender to the church its hearty thanks for the favorable response made to its enlarged requests. The oppressive part of our indebtedness *is paid*, for which we humbly thank God, and provision has meanwhile been made for all our current expenses. True, the full amount of the apportionment has not been paid, but it has called out many contributions which else, most likely, would not have been made. The deficiency in this particular was compensated for by the self-denial effort, which effort, however, was but a partial success this last year, in consequence of a simultaneous special effort of another branch of our church work.

Of the presence in this country, on furlough, of our beloved missionary, Rev. W. E. Hoy, it is hardly needful that we speak. He is laboriously visiting our churches in furtherance of the cause to which he has consecrated his life. He is expected to be with you at your present meeting, and we heartily commend him to your most favorable consideration as an untiring, devoted and most faithful missionary of Jesus Christ. He will speak to you for himself.

In conclusion, the Board would most earnestly request your reverend body to repeat the apportionment indicated by General Synod, and as experience has proved the efficiency and necessity of the self-denial effort, to appoint the coming lenten season as a special time for earnest prayer and self-denial for the help and advancement of our blessed work of Foreign Missions.

By order of the Board,

S. N. CALLENDER, *Secretary*.

MECHANICSBURG, PA., August 26, 1895.

II. REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE ON MISSIONS.

The Standing Committee on Missions, during the morning session on Monday, submitted their report, which was received, considered item by item, and as amended, together with the preceding reports, adopted:

To the Reverend Synod of Ohio:

DEAR FATHERS AND BRETHREN:—Your Committee on Missions begs leave to report that the following papers came into its hands for consideration, viz: The report of the superintendent of General Synod's Board of Home Missions, a communication from the secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions, and a report of the treasurer of Ohio Synod's Board of Home Missions.

So far as these papers considered are concerned, your committee learns that in both the home and foreign fields, God has given His blessing to rest upon the efforts of the Reformed Church, put forth in faith to spread

the gospel and establish the church of Jesus Christ in the communities in which the Board has been active. The fact that the reports will be printed in full make a resume of them unnecessary. It becomes synod to join in the expressions of gratitude to God made by both Boards for the prosperity they enjoy. We rejoice always when God in His love uses us in His service.

The report of synod's treasurer, when laid along side of the other reports causes some sad reflections. Last year this synod unanimously set apart \$8,000 to the prosecution of the Home Mission work, and assessed that sum upon the classes, and the exact amount paid thereon is \$5,759.9. This showing is much modified by individual offering to the cause and the continued energetic efforts of the Woman's Missionary Society, which is helpful in its work with us in the mission cause.

From the foregoing your committee recommends synod to take the following action:

Resolved, That this synod records its gratification at the success God has given to arouse the work done in His name by the Boards and missionaries, Home and Foreign, and hereby unites in praises to Him for His favor; and at the same time humbles itself in recognition of our failure to fully comply with the promises made to carry on the work to which God has called us.

Resolved, That we consecrate ourselves anew to God's praise in the service afforded in missionary activity, and that, as a matter of earnest devotion and personal worship we will make more strenuous efforts than ever before to lay upon the altar of His love in furtherance of the missionary operations of the church, sums which shall more adequately represent the enthusiasm in this cause which our resolutions express.

Resolved, That we accept and apportion upon the classes the several amounts asked by the Boards for the prosecution of Foreign and Home including Hungarian and Harbor Missions with the express understanding that these sums set no limit to hinder any believer, church or class from giving as much more as God may put it into the heart of anyone to contribute for this cause.

Resolved, That we apportion six cents per member, the amount asked for by the Board for Church Extension purposes, and that this synod particularly commends the cause of Church Extension as an object worthy of the liberality and individual support, by gift and bequest of all the members of the whole church with a view to obtaining increased offerings for the purpose of building mission churches in prominent cities.

Resolved, That we pray anew to Him whose service it is to bless His work and by His Holy Spirit to guide us in this cause as in all things into all truth so that we may be more and more useful and His cause be more and more furthered through the efforts of this synod.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN M. SCHICK, *Chairman*.

III. ELECTION OF BOARD OF HOME MISSIONS.

*Officers.**President,**

Rev. Edward D. Wettach, *Secretary*, Tiffin, Ohio.

Rev. John J. Leberman, D. D., *Treasurer*, Louisville, Ohio.

Members whose term expires October, 1896.

Rev. John J. Leberman, D. D. Rev. Edwin R. Williard.

Members whose term expires October, 1897.

Rev. Wilson R. Stearly. Rev. James S. Keppel.

Members whose term expires October, 1898.

Rev. Edward D. Wettach. Rev. Louis B. C. Lahr.

On motion, in regard to the chapel for the English Reformed Mission in Chicago, the following action was adopted:

Resolved, That the respective treasurers of the several classes of this Synod be requested to inquire into the matter respecting the amount paid on the apportionment for the English Reformed Chapel in Chicago, and see to it that the full amount be paid by each class to Rev. John M. Kendig, D. D., by January 1, 1896.

On Thursday evening the exercises being of a missionary character, were in charge of the Woman's Missionary Society. After opening with appropriate devotional services, interesting and instructive addresses were delivered by Rev. Peter Moerdyke, D. D., of Chicago, Ill., and Rev. Wm. E. Hoy of Sendai, Japan, with a special reference to the foreign work and the results accomplished. The occasion as a whole was possessed of interest and much appreciated.

ARTICLE XIV.

HEIDELBERG THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

The following reports and papers having reference to the seminary were received, considered and adopted:

*As the former president is no longer a member of the Board, and as the Board had not organized at the time of going to press, the name of the president could not be inserted. But it was thought best to insert the names of the secretary and treasurer of last year, and in this form continue the organization for the present year, or until the Board shall otherwise direct.—*Stated Clerk.*

I. ANNUAL REPORTS.

1. *Report of the Board of Trustees.*

DEAR BRETHREN IN THE LORD:—The Board of Trustees of Heidelberg Theological Seminary has held six meetings during the synodical year, viz: one at West Alexandria, O., October 13, 1894, at which time the following officers were elected:

President, Rev. Reuben Keller, West Alexandria, Ohio.

Vice President, Rev. Samuel B. Yockey, D. D., Xenia, Ohio.

Secretary, Rev. Michael Loucks, D. D., Dayton, Ohio.

Treasurer, Elder Horace Ankeney, Alpha, Ohio.

The other meetings were held as follows: April 2, 1895, at Dayton, April 23d at Dayton, May 1st and 2d at Akron, September 25th at Dayton, and October 3d at Ft. Wayne, Ind.

As the endowment fund is so inadequate and as the apportionments are slowly paid in and as the special contributions for immediate use have practically ceased, no small amount of care and labor is required to collect sufficient interest and gather sufficient of the amount apportioned to meet our obligations from year to year.

The interest-bearing funds are only about \$29,000 at this time, which at an average rate of 7% interest yield about \$2,000. This falls short over \$1,300 of the amount required for salaries alone, and at least \$1,500 short when the usual contingent expenses are added. Therefore, we are compelled to ask the churches of the synod to provide from year to year, the sum needed above the interest from invested funds to save us from either going hopelessly in debt or reducing our teaching force.

We believe that if our pastors and elders are diligent in giving definite information as to the urgent needs of this institution and the purposes to which the seminary apportionment is devoted, all prejudice will be removed and prompt and generous contributions will be made.

We are glad to state that all our investments are good and reliable and bearing a good average rate of interest. However, in these stringent times our debtors cannot be hurried in the payment of interest. Besides this, too many of the churches defer the payment of the apportionment till near the close of the synodical year. Because of this, the Board is, in a manner, launched into a financial crisis every year which is trying and disappointing to the Board as well as those with whom we have to transact business. We therefore, are required to make extraordinary effort to collect interest and to stimulate the churches to make more frequent and enlarged contributions to this particular cause of the Church of Christ. The course pursued in sending out requests, circular letters and church-paper articles, was treated in the most kindly and courteous way by the brethren, and the speedy and liberal responses prove that the same spirit which moved the Board to ask prompted the churches to give. ~~It~~ ~~will~~ ~~always~~ ~~be~~ ~~so~~, that our prophets will always

The special effort of our treasurer and the help of our people during the last month or so has enabled us to meet all our obligations to the present. As other claims will continue to come in we hereby again plead for the prompt payment of the apportionment already made, and in consideration of the wants of the institution we respectfully ask that this synod apportion the amount of eight cents per member for the coming year.

We gratefully acknowledge the gifts in endowment notes of \$25 from Rev. A. E. Baichly, of Canal Fulton, O., and \$50 by Rev. J. D. Buehrer, of Tiffin, O. These examples of sympathy and generous aid are worthy of imitation. Father Abraham Dickerhoff, of Nimisila, in his last will and testament remembered our seminary in the generous bequest of a little over \$13,000. This will has been probated and the income from the above amount so much as shall be needed is to be given to the aged widow for her aid and comfort during her natural life. While the contingencies of her needs and tenure of life are not known to us, yet we are glad to know that she is favorably disposed to the seminary and desirous of carrying out the wish and will of her sainted husband. It is hoped that under such conditions and with the careful oversight of the executor, Rev. J. C. Schaaf and the Board, the amount will increase according to the desire of Father Dickerhoff, to an amount sufficient to endow a chair. May this generous and thoughtful bequest be an incentive to others whom God has blest, also to help provide for the future needs of our seminary.

The term of office of Revs. I. H. Reiter, D. D., M. Loucks, D. D., H. M. Herman, D. D., and Elders H. Ankeney and J. D. Steele expires with this meeting of synod.

By order of the Board.

Respectfully submitted,
REUBEN KELLER, *President.*

2. Report of the Financial Agent.

HORACE ANKENEY, Agent, in account with the Board of Trustees of Heidelberg Theological Seminary.

		DR.
1894.		
Oct. 9.	To cash of Miss Nellie Charles, assistant Mt. Zion cong., Highland charge	\$ 6 35
" 9.	" of Eva and Mary Swander, 5th year pledge	1 00
" 24.	" of Fairfield cong. per Rev. R. F. Shultz bal on 5th year	1 30
" 26.	" of Rev. J. J. Leberman, D. D., 5th year	5 00
Nov. 6.	" of Manasseh Flohr, asst. Salem congregation, Springfield charge, balance on 5th year	1 00
1895.		
May 11.	" of A. Ankeney, asst. Beaver congregation, Beaver Creek charge, balance on 5th year	3 43
Aug. 2.	" of Farmersville charge, per Rev. B. F. Davis being balance of pledge of Mr. and Mrs. Benj. Meckly (This was paid me on February 2, 1894, and should have been in last year's report but was overlooked in transcribing.)	4 00
Total		\$22 08

1896.		CR.
Jan. 23.	By cash paid to Seminary Treasurer for Immediate Use	\$14 65
May 11.	" " " " " "	3 48
Aug. 2.	" " " " " "	4 00
Total		\$22 03

Respectfully submitted,
HORACE ANKENEY, Financial Agent.

3. Report of Treasurer of Board of Trustees.

HORACE ANKENEY, *Treasurer in account with the Board of Trustees of Heidelberg Theological Seminary.*

1894.	IMMEDIATE USE ACCOUNT.	DR
RECEIPTS.		
Oct. 9.	To cash balance on hand last report \$	16 67
" 11.	To cash of Benj. Ashbacher, Tr. St. Joseph Classis, per L. B. Clayton on appt	5 88
" 11.	" Rev. J. B. Shumaker, Tr. Tiffin Classis on appt	2 00
" 11.	" Rev. E. K. Kremer, Tr. Tusc. Cl. per Rev. I. A. Sites on appt	4 44
" 13.	" Rev. E. K. Kremer Tr. Tusc. Cl. on appt	5 00
Nov. 17.	" H. H. Prugh, int. in full on note	1 00
" 17.	" Mary Pritz, part int. on loan	1 50
" 17.	" H. H. Prugh, Hoglen int. to Aug. 22, '94	7 47
" 20.	" John Stroock, 1 yr. int. on gift note	1 00
" 27.	" Rev. J. H. Bomberger, Tr. E. Ohio Cl. on appt	1 00
" 27.	" Mary Pritz, bal. int. in full on loan	1 00
" 27.	" Adam Pritz, 1 yr. int. on loan	1 00
Dec. 14.	" for apples, vinegar &c. from Rust lot	2 32
" 20.	" Rev. J. B. Shumaker, Tr. Tiffin Cl. on appt	2 00
" 20.	" Louis Hagedorn, 1/2 yr. int. on loan	2 50
" 20.	" J. P. Schwartz, on account int. on loan	2 00
" 20.	" Chas. Mumma on account int. on loan	1 73
" 24.	" Jacob Surbeck, 5 yrs. int. on gift note	9 00
1895.		
Jan. 17.	" D. Wead, int. on loan	27 66
" 17.	" B. F. Mumma, int. on loan	30 50
" 22.	" Ella O'Connell, 1 yr. int. on loan	40 00
" 22.	" Seminary Agent, on account Special Plan	1 65
Feb. 1.	" H. Ankeney, 2 yrs. int. on J. H. Good prof'ahp note	1 60
" 2.	" Chas. S. King, 1 yr. int. on loan	2 00
" 7.	" Clara L. Baker, int. in full on loan	5 00
" 12.	" Rev. D. Van Horne, 1 yr. int. on loan	4 00
" 16.	" E. J. Bradford, 1 yr. int. on loan to May '95	3 00
" 23.	" Alfred Shirer, 1 yr. int. on loan	3 00
" 28.	" Alfred Shirer, 1 yr. int. on Zwingli Memorial gift note	3 00
Mar. 3.	" Mrs. A. E. Batchly, gift for immediate use	1 35
" 13.	" Rev. J. H. Bomberger, Tr. E. Ohio Cl. on appt	1 50
" 20.	" Detrick Glander, int. in full on note less expense coll	28 50
Amount carried forward		\$748 71

	Amount brought forward	\$748 77
ch. 28.	To cash of D. C. White, 1 yr. int. on loan	45 50
28.	" P. E. Archdeacon, ½ yr. int. on loan	24 10
28.	" H. H. Prugh, atty., Kerr int.	96 00
or. 2.	" Leah S. Havens, balance int. in full on loan	8 85
6.	" Jacob A. Smith, 1 yr. int. on loan	183 60
17.	" Rev. J. H. Bomberger, Tr. E. O. Cl. on appt.	10 54
18.	" Geo. V. Nauwerth 2 yrs. int. on note	70 00
18.	" Rev. J. I. Swander, D. D., gift for immediate use	950 00
20.	" Rev. J. I. Swander, D. D., apples and cider from Rust lot	3 20
26.	" Thos. A. Mumma, int. to April 14, '94	23 85
26.	" Sallie A. Miller, 1 yr. int. on loan	1.38 00
27.	" V. P. Van Horne, Tr. Miami Cl. on appt.	40 65
y 3.	" Rev. J. H. Bomberger, Tr. E. O. Cl. on appt.	6 61
7.	" Barnard Mathes, 1 yr. int. Zwingli Mem. Note	6 00
7.	" V. P. Van Horne, Tr. Miami Cl. int. on Miami Cl. Note	50 00
11.	" Seminary Agent on account Special Plan	3 48
11.	" Rev. J. H. Bomberger, Tr. E. O. Cl. on appt.	20 04
16.	" Rev. E. K. Kremer, Tr. Tusc. Cl. on appt.	50 00
18.	" Rev. E. K. Kremer, Tr. Tusc. Cl. on appt.	50 00
22.	" Rev. E. K. Kremer, Tr. Tusc. Cl. on appt.	75 00
27.	" Rev. E. K. Kremer, Tr. Tusc. Cl. on appt.	12 00
re 13.	" J. H. Moyer, Executor S. Moyer deceased, int in full on gift note of said deceased	42 00
21.	" Chas. S. Mumma, int. in full on loan	10 85
21.	" E. Baker, int. in full on loan	24 27
y 3.	" Rev. J. B. Shumaker, D. D., Tr. Tiffin Cl. on appt.	25 00
8.	" Mrs. Cora B. Newby, part int. on loan	12 40
18.	" H. H. Prugh, Hagedorn int. to May 12th '95	24 50
18.	" J. P. Schwartz, on account int. on loan	20 00
25.	" Rev. J. H. Bomberger, Tr. E. Ohio Cl. on appt.	21 28
26.	" Levi Klester, int on gift note	1 50
30.	" Rev. S. Z. Beam and Mrs. Frances E. Beam, int. on Zwingli Memorial Note	3 00
g. 2.	" Seminary Agent on account Special Plan	4 00
2.	" Rev. E. K. Kremer, Tr. Tusc. Cl. per Rev. E. M. Beck, Wooster Charge, on appt. '94-'95	12 11
2.	" Rev. E. K. Kremer, Tr. Tusc. Cl. on appt. '94-'95	50 00
6.	" H. H. Prugh, atty., payment on account Hoglen int.	9 41
6.	" Mary E. Davis, 1 yr. int. on loan	70 00
12.	" J. P. Schwartz, on account int.	10 00
12.	" Milburn & Gilkey, 1 yr. int. on loan	168 00
14.	" Rev. J. H. Bomberger, Tr. E. Ohio Cl. on appt.	16 45
14.	" Rev. E. K. Kremer, Tr. Tusc. Cl., Com. Coll. Canal Fulton Charge	6 90
15.	" E. J. Bradford, on account int.	1 35
15.	" A. B. Landis 1 yr. int. on loan	42 00
17.	" Pharon H. Davis, int. on loan	52 78
21.	" St. Paul's S. S., Glenford Chg. per E. L. Foucht, Tr., Children's Day Collection	40 00
22.	" Rev. J. A. Seitz, Tr. Lancaster Cl. on appt. '94	66 85
22.	" Rev. J. A. Seitz, Tr. Lancaster Cl. on appt. '95	27 18
31.	" Rev. J. H. Bomberger, Tr. E. Ohio Cl. on appt.	28 23
31.	" Rev. J. B. Shumaker, D. D., Tr. Tiffin Cl. on appt. '91	96 02
31.	" Rev. J. B. Shumaker, D. D., Tr. Tiffin Cl. on appt. '92	57 00
	Amount carried forward	\$3,479 04

	Amount brought forward	\$3,479	04
Aug. 31.	To cash of Rev. J. B. Shumaker, D. D., Tr. Tiffin Cl. on appt. '98	70	88
Sept. 6.	" Mrs. Cora B. Newby, bal. int. on loan	11	60
" 6.	" Rev. J. H. Bomberger, Tr. E. Ohio Cl. on appt.	5	25
" 11.	" V. P. Van Horne, Tr. Miami Cl. on appt.	20	39
" 11.	" St. Paul's Cong., Ada Chg., per F. Cromer, special coll. for Theo. Seminary	6	00
" 12.	" Rev. D. M. Christman, Fireside, O., special coll.	5	07
" 12.	" Rev. A. H. Zechiel, part of Children's Day coll., Bellevue, O., for immediate use	3	70
" 16.	" V. P. Van Horne, Tr. Miami Cl. on appt.	1	09
" 17.	" Benj. Ashbacher, Tr. St. Joseph Cl. on appt.	5	00
" 18.	" Rev. J. H. Bomberger, Tr. E. Ohio Cl. on appt.	2	18
" 19.	" Jas. McNeill, 1 yr. int. on loan	1	00
" 19.	" W. H. Cox, int. in full on loan	2	27
" 19.	" E. J. Bradford, int. on loan		60
" 19.	" P. E. Archdeacon, ½ yr. int. on loan	2	50
" 19.	" David E. Darnbaugh, 1 yr. int. on loan	1	60
" 19.	" Uriah Weaver, 1 yr. int. on loan	7	00
" 19.	" Prugh & Pfoutz, semi-annual int. on Kehm loan	5	60
" 21.	" H. Ankney, 5th payment on sub. to D. Van Horne, for Theo. Seminary	3	00
" 21.	" Rev. J. A. Seitz, Tr. Lancaster Cl. on appt.	1	67
Oct. 1.	" Geo. J. Hoffman, Tr. on acct. appt. Delaware Chg.	1	19
" 1.	" Rev. J. H. Bomberger, Tr. E. Ohio Cl. on appt.		5 00
" 2.	" V. P. Van Horne, Tr. Miami Cl. on appt.	8	17
" 2.	" Christiana Graf, semi-annual int. on loan	1	50
" 2.	" Rev. H. S. Bailey, on appt. for Three Rivers Chg.		5 00
" 2.	" Rev. J. P. Stahl, on account New Berlin Chg.		10 00
" 3.	" Rev. J. B. Shumaker, D. D., Tr. Tiffin Cl. on appt. '95	4	56
	Total	\$4,337	86

SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS.

From balance	\$	16	67
" interest on loans		1,918	54
" interest on gift notes		71	10
" gifts		582	00
" special collections		61	67
" Seminary Agent Special Plan		22	08
" proceeds Rust lot		23	52
Received apportionment from St. Joseph Classis	\$	60	88
" " " Tiffin Classis		351	46
" " " Tuscarawas Classis		309	55
" " " Eastern Ohio Classis		166	95
" " " Miami Classis		224	30
" " " Lancaster Classis		129	09
		\$1,242	23
Total		\$4,337	86

1894. IMMEDIATE USE ACCOUNT.

				C.R.
	EXPENDITURE.			
Oct. 20.	By cash paid Mrs. Susan Good, semi-annual int. on note to Oct. 16th 1894	15	90	
Nov. 17.	" Endowment Fund acct. accrued int. on Rentz loan	14	00	
" 17.	" Endowment Fund acct. accrued int. Zinck loan	14	00	
" 27.	" Rev. David Van Horne, D. D., on account salary	60	00	
	Amount carried forward	\$103	90	

	Amount brought forward	\$108 90
r.	27. By cash paid Rev. Herman Rust, D. D., on account salary . . .	48 00
	27. " Rev. Prof. A. S. Zerbe, Ph. D., on account salary . .	48 00
s.	15. " Rev. D. Van Horne, D. D., June and Dec. taxes Rust lot	31 63
	15. " W. Sheatz, per D. Van Horne, repairing fence Rust lot	4 87
	24. " Rev. D. Van Horne, D. D., on account salary	47 00
	24. " Rev. Herman Rust, D. D., on account salary	37 00
	24. " Prof. A. S. Zerbe, Ph. D., on account salary	37 00
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j.	11. " Xenia National Bank int. on temporary loan . . .	3 35
	12. " Rev. D. Van Horne, D. D., on account salary	110 00
	12. " Rev. Herman Rust, D. D., on account salary	87 00
	12. " Prof. A. S. Zerbe, Ph. D., on account salary	87 00
	16. " Reformed Publishing Co., printing notices of int. due	1 62
h.	28. " H. H. Prugh, expenses &c., to Akron in Dickerhoof	
	matter	24 75
r.	5. " Mrs. Susan Good, semi-annual int. to Apr. 16th '95 .	15 90
	5. " Rev. D. Van Horne, D. D., on account salary	77 00
	5. " Rev. Herman Rust, D. D., on account salary	60 00
	5. " Prof. A. S. Zerbe, Ph. D., on account salary	60 00
r.	18. " Rev. J. I. Swander, D. D., salary in full one year to	
	September 30, 1895	950 00
	30. " Rev. D. Van Horne, D. D., on account salary	155 00
	30. " Rev. Herman Rust, D. D., on account salary	122 00
	30. " Prof. A. S. Zerbe, Ph. D., on account salary	122 00
f	2. " Sundry trustees' expenses in attendance at Board of	
	Trustees meeting in Akron, O., this date	30 04
ie	1. " Rev. D. Van Horne, D. D., on account salary	118 00
	1. " Rev. Herman Rust, D. D., on account salary	90 00
	1. " Prof. A. S. Zerbe, Ph. D., on account salary	90 00
	21. " Endowment fund account to meet accrued interest on	
	Thos. A. Mumma loan	12 82
y	1. " Prof. A. S. Zerbe, Ph. D., on account salary	20 00
	1. " Rev. D. Van Horne, D. D., on account salary	25 00
	1. " Rev. Herman Rust, on account salary	20 00
	27. " Rev. D. Van Horne, D. D., on account salary	39 00
	27. " Rev. Herman Rust, D. D., on account salary	31 00
	27. " Prof. A. S. Zerbe, Ph. D., on account salary	31 00
E.	15. " Rev. D. Van Horne, D. D., on account salary	150 00
	15. " Rev. Herman Rust, D. D., on account salary	120 00
	15. " Prof. A. S. Zerbe, Ph. D., on account salary	120 00
7.	7. " Rev. D. Van Horne, D. D., on account salary	175 00
	7. " Rev. Herman Rust, D. D., on account salary	140 00
	7. " Prof. A. S. Zerbe, Ph. D., on account salary	140 00
	10. " Marshal & Beveridge, 75 postal cards and printing same	1 50
	13. " Rev. D. Van Horne, D. D., on account salary	202 00
	19. " Rev. Herman Rust, D. D., on account salary	160 00
	19. " Prof. A. S. Zerbe, Ph. D., on account salary	160 00
	27. " Rev. D. Van Horne, D. D., balance on account salary	
	to October 1, 1895	47 00
	27. " Rev. Herman Rust, D. D., balance on account salary,	35 00
	Prof. A. S. Zerbe, Ph. D., balance on account salary .	35 00
	2. " H. H. Prugh, attorney, expenses to Akron, O	13 00
	2. " Transferred to Library Fund account to meet annual	
	interest on funds	29 03
	2. " Retained by treasurer, expenses making loans during	
	year including stationery, stamps, &c	15 00
	2. " Margaret Ankeney, 1 year's interest on money bor-	
	rowed to pay Mrs. Susan Good	16 80
	3. " Ref. Pub. Co., printing circular appeals to pastors . .	2 50
	3. By cash balance in hand of treasurer	41 15

 \$4,337 86

SUMMARY OF EXPENSES.

Paid for salaries	\$4,050 00
" for interest	80 98
" taxes and other expenses Rust lot	36 50
" printing	5 62
" expenses att'y and board looking after Dickerhoof bequest	67 79
" Endowment Fund to meet accrued interest	40 82
" expenses treasurer	15 00
Balance	41 15
	\$4,33

1894. ENDOWMENT FUND ACCOUNT.

Oct. 9.	To balance on hand last report	\$ 5
Nov. 17.	To cash of G. W. Hoglen, notes in full	1,00
" 17.	" H. H. Prugh, att'y, Loucks note in full	35
" 17.	" Mary Pritz, loan in full	75
" 17.	" D. I. Prugh, loan in full	50
" 17.	" from Im. Use Fund account, to meet accrued interest Rantz note	1
" 17.	" from Im. Use Fund account, to meet accrued interest Zinck note	1
Dec. 19.	" Xenia National Bank, temporary loan	37
" 22.	" Leah S. Havens, payment on loan	1
1895.		
Jan. 17.	" D. Wead, loan in full	25
Feb. 1.	" H. Ankeney, paym't on J. H. Good prof'ship gift note, Clara L. Baker, loan in full	1,10
" 7.	" E. J. Bradford, payment on loan	1
" 16.	" balance in full on Bates loan	1,50
Mar. 5.	" Leah S. Havens, payment on loan	2
" 6.	" Detrick Glander, note in full	50
" 20.	" Harriet F. Kerr, loan in full	86
" 28.	" Leah S. Havens, balance in full on loan	4
Apr. 2.	" Geo. V. Nauwerth, loan in full	50
" 18.	" E. J. Bradford, payment on loan	5
" 23.	" J. H. Moyer, Executor S. Moyer, deceased, principal in full on gift note	10
June 13.	" Chas. S. Mumma, loan in full	30
" 21.	" E. Baker, loan in full	50
" 21.	" Im. Use Fund account, to meet accrued interest Thos. A. Mumma note	1
" 21.	" E. J. Bradford, payment on loan	2
July 18.	" E. J. Bradford, payment on loan	2
Aug. 15.	" E. J. Bradford, payment on loan	4
" 19.	" W. H. Cox, balance in full on loan	15
" 19.	" E. J. Bradford, payment on loan	2
		\$9,111

SUMMARY.

Received from balance	\$ 54 22
" loans paid	8,544 20
" gift notes	106 40
" money borrowed	370 00
" Im. Use account to meet accrued interest	40 82
	\$9,115 64

1894.		ENDOWMENT FUND ACCOUNT.	CR.
Nov. 17.	By loan to G. W. Hoglen, dated Aug. 22, 1894	\$	1,140 00
" 17.	" Mary Zink, dated Aug. 22, 1894		425 00
" 17.	" Jno. Rents, dated Aug. 22, 1894, plus accrued interest,		664 00
" 17.	" Jos. & Mary Zink, dated Aug. 22, 1894, and accrued int.		864 00
1895.			
Jan. 24.	By cash paid Xenia National Bank payment on temporary loan		340 00
Feb. 5.	By loan to Fred Kehm		1,600 00
Feb. 11.	By cash paid Xenia National Bank balance on temporary loan		30 00
Mar. 5.	By loan to Jos. & Mary Zink, (they assume the Bates mortgage and note dated Aug. 22, 1894		1,500 00
" 28.	By loan to Christian A. Graf		500 00
Apr. 24.	By 1st mortgage note, Thos. A. Mumma, dated April 14, 1894, purchased of Ohio Safe Deposit & Trust Co		600 00
June 21.	By 1st mortgage note, Thos. A. Mumma, and accrued interest, purchased of Ohio Safe Deposit & Trust Co		1,012 82
Sept. 20.	By Certificate of Deposit in Ohio Safe Dep. & Trust Co., 6 per cent.		400 00
Oct. 3.	By balance on hand this date		39 82

\$9,115 64

1894.		THE SCHENCK LIBRARY FUND ACCOUNT.	DR.	CR.
Oct. 8.	To balance on hand as reported to synod	\$	62 89	
1895.				
Oct. 2.	To 1 year's interest on Library Fund		29 03	
Mar. 14.	By cash paid Prof. A. S. Zerbe, Ph. D., for books			62 89
Oct. 2.	By balance on hand			29 03
		\$	91 92	\$ 91 92

1894.		THE SWANDER FUND ACCOUNT.	DR.	CR.
Dec. 7.	To cash of Orson Jopp, interest on loan	\$	500 00	
1895.				
Apr. 1.	" Orson Jopp, per J. I. Swander, bal. int. to date,		22 00	
Apr. 1.	" Matilda Morcher, per J. I. Swander, interest to April, 1895		146 25	
Apr. 1.	" Frank & Jones, per J. I. Swander, 1 year's interest to October, 1895		150 00	
Dec. 18, 1894.	By cash paid Mrs. Barbara Swander			\$ 500 00
Apr. 22, 1895.	" " " "			318 25
		\$	818 25	\$ 818 25

Salaries of Professors.

1894.		REV. HERMAN RUST, D. D.	DR.	CR.
Oct. 10.	To balance due on old account, back salary	\$	900 00	
	To 1 year's salary to October 1, 1895		950 00	
1895.				
Sept. 27.	By cash paid on account salary for year 1894-1895			\$ 950 00
Oct. 2.	Balance due on old account			900 00
		\$1,850 00		\$1,850 00
1895.				
		REV. DAVID VAN HORNE, D. D.	DR.	CR.
Oct. 1.	To one year's salary to date	\$1,200 00		
Sept. 27.	By cash paid on account salary			\$1,200 00
		\$1,200 00		\$1,200 00

1895.	PROF. A. S. ZERBE, PH. D.	DR.	CR.
Oct. 1.	To one year's salary to date	\$ 950 00	
Sept. 27.	By cash paid on account salary		\$ 950 00
		<u>\$ 950 00</u>	<u>\$ 950 00</u>
1895.	REV. J. I. SWANDER, D. D.	DR.	CR.
Oct. 1.	To one year's salary to date	\$ 950 00	
Apr. 18.	By cash paid on account salary		\$ 950 00
		<u>\$ 950 00</u>	<u>\$ 950 00</u>

BILLS PAYABLE.

Due in Settlement of Salary of Rev. J. H. Good, Deceased.

Balance on Margaret Ankeney note	\$240 00
Note to Mrs. Susan Good	590 00
Interest on same, one half year due October 16, 1895	15 90

Respectfully submitted,

HORACE ANKENEY, *Treasurer.**4. Report of Board of Visitors and of Education.*

The Board was organized at West Alexandria by the election of Rev. J.— M. Schick, D. D., president; Rev. S. C. Goss, D. D., vice-president, and Rev. J. H. Steele, secretary and treasurer.

The work of the Board is two-fold, viz.: that with reference to the cause of Beneficiary Education, and the internal workings of the Theological Seminary.

a) BENEFICIARY EDUCATION.

This is one of the most important branches of our church work. But if we may judge of the relative number entering the ministry who receive aid, we may conclude that the rich men of the church are not educating their sons for the ministry, that not many of the rich are being called to be the ambassadors of the meek and lowly Savior.

During the past year the Board has had under its care twenty-five men. Of these H. H. Kattman, J. Schweickhart, W. C. Richter, C. E. Ewing, H. J. Christman, J. W. Miller, Fred Nau, F. Cromer, C. Hauge, P. H. Weaver, A. V. Casselmann, E. E. Young, H. S. Reichard, N. H. Kerst, S. I. Royer, C. R. Hortman, C. A. Schaaf, W. Loos, J. H. Rettig, W. B. Wittenberg, A. C. Renoll and W. W. Shiver have received the full appropriation of one hundred dollars. Mr. F. Brach, on account of ill health, was compelled to give up his studies before the close of the year and received but three-fourths of the appropriation. Mr. Zaugg who had been absent

on account of health, returned in the latter part of the year and received a small part of the year's appropriation. And Mr. H. S. Nickleson was, during the spring term of school, received by the Board and granted one-fourth of a year's support. So there has been paid to the students during the year the sum of \$2,315. Of this amount about \$1,350 was paid on the \$2,000 appportioned to the Classes of Ohio Synod, the balance coming from interest on bequests and personal pledges.

We have endeavored to be careful, and to be faithful to the high trust committed to us as a Board. But with the greatest care sometimes these Charities of the church have been misplaced. It is hoped that the Classes of Ohio Synod will be more helpful to the Board. They should, having better opportunity to know the young men coming from the various parts of the church, assume more of the responsibility of recommending the applicants; and applications, as a rule, should be made through classis. The funds have, in the main, been worthily applied, have been appreciated, and will come back to the church changed into efficient service for the Master.

Four of those receiving aid during the last year completed their course last April; others for various reasons did not return, so there was room for a few new applicants. The following named persons have been received by the Board: J. W. Bechtel, D. S. Miller, J. Roofner, B. Diefenbaugh, J. Lautzenhiser and J. Gekler. Twenty-five are now enrolled upon the list to receive the appropriation of one hundred dollars each. Three others have applied. The increasing number of applicants for aid increases our opportunity, as well as obligation in the church.

In the report of the President of the Theological Seminary, there is an appeal to the church. He says: "Experience teaches us that a Theological Seminary can not be successfully conducted without giving beneficiary aid to a majority of the students. We are constrained to ask your united aid in replenishing the treasury. The increased attendance here has increased our liabilities in this direction. It is hard to turn away a worthy young man because we can not give him the meager stipend." Let us not only arrange to fully pay the \$2,000 which synod annually apportions, but to increase this by personal contributions from benevolent men of the church.

We call attention to the following blank which stands expectantly at the close of the seminary catalogue. Perhaps it would be well to incorporate it in the Minutes of Ohio Synod:

FOR BENEFICIARY EDUCATION.

I give and bequeath to the Board of Education of the Ohio Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States the sum of dollars, as a permanent fund for the use of Beneficiary Education in Heidelberg University and Heidelberg Theological Seminary, Tiffin, O.
Signed.....

b) BOARD OF VISITORS.

During the seminary year 1894 and 1895, the following young men constituted the classes:

Seniors.—Daniel Burghalter, Charles E. Ewing, Frederick W. Hoffmar, Herman H. Kattman, S. Elmer Klopfenstine, D. Webster Loucks, William C. Richter, Charles M. Rohrbaugh and John Schweickhart.

Middlers.—Henry Jacob Christman, Luther Leroy Hassenpflug, Georg F. Mathes, John Wesley Miller, Frederick C. Nau, Harvey Nicholsor, Charles Henry Riedesel and Albert Clayton Shuman.

Juniors.—Frederick Brach, Frederick Cromer, Calvin Foster, Corneliu Hauge, William Loos, Eli Elsworth Loose, John H. Rettig, Charles Schaaf, Park H. Weaver, William B. Wittenberg, John W. Yeisley.

Twenty-nine in all.

In the annual report of the President of Seminary the Board learns that the faculty was enabled to perform the several tasks as outlined in the schedule of recitations, except in the case of Dr. H. Rust. He was unable to attend to his duties for a few days on account of temporary sickness. This is not strange nor unexpected after his many years of faithful and still highly appreciated service.

It is with pleasure that we report the past year as one of increased attendance as will be noticed by the summary, but more do we rejoice in the piety and general faithfulness in study. The members of the various classes stood an approved examination before your Board. Besides the three classes, Frederick W. Engelman, a graduate of the Mission House College and Theological Seminary at Franklin, Wis., took work in our seminary and passed a creditable examination.

From the catalogue and president's report we learn that the chair of "New Testament Exegesis and Theology" is still vacant, and that the work is placed upon the other professors. The importance of filling the chair is again urged. The Board feels like going forward in equipping our school of the prophets, but must wait dependent upon synod.

At the annual meeting of the Board of Visitors held in Dr. Van Horn's room April 17, 1895, Rev. J. M. Schick, D. D., President of the Board formally presented the following notice:

HEIDELBERG THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY,
TIFFIN, O., APRIL 8, 1895.

To the Rev. J. M. Schick, D. D., President of the Board of Visitors.

In conformity with the requirements of the Constitution of the Reform Church in the United States, I respectfully give you notice of my wish to resign my office as Professor of Practical Theology in Heidelberg Theological Seminary.

Sincerely and Truly,

J. I. SWANDER.

There was also presented to the Board at this meeting a petition from the students of the seminary setting forth reasons why the resignation should be accepted.

This petition was by a motion placed on file with the secretary.

At the date of closing this report, September 30th, 1895, the faculty reports that Brothers George F. Mathes and Charles H. Riedesel of the senior class have discontinued their studies in the seminary for the present, and that Frederick Brach, Wm. Loos and John W. Yeisley of the middle class have also discontinued their studies in the seminary for the present; and that Eli E. Loose, a member of the M. E. Church, a member of the middle class has been dismissed to Drew Theological Seminary, at Madison, N. J.

The names of those matriculated in the junior class are: G. W. Beaver, J. W. Bechtel, A. V. Casselman, P. J. Deppen, J. W. Geier, E. E. Kotz, J. H. Lautzenhiser, D. S. Miller, and S. A. Stamm.

Members whose term expires October, 1895.

Rev. John J. Leberman, D. D., Rev. Isaac A. Sites.
Rev. Joseph B. Shumaker, D. D., Elder Nelson L. Brewer.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES H. STEELE, *Secretary*

5. Report of Treasurer of Board of Education.

REV J. H. STEELE, *in Account with Board of Education of Heidelberg Theological Seminary, from November 5, 1894, to September 30, 1895.*

STATEMENT OF FUNDS.

By Rev. L. H. Kefauver, D. D., former treasurer of the Board, viz:

RECEIPTS. DR.

To	balance	\$	429	35	
To	cash received		20	00	
To	cash received		58	28	\$ 502 63

EXPENDITURES. CR.

By	cash to students	\$	143	00	
By	cash to treasurer		50	00	
By	balance		309	63	\$ 502 63

CONTINGENT FUND. DR.

Balance	\$	309	00
Tiffin Classis, per Rev. J. B. Shumaker		267	20
Tuscarawas Classis, per E. K. Kremer		400	00
Lancaster Classis, per Rev. J. A. Seitz		203	73
Eastern Ohio Classis, per Rev. J. H. Bomberger		223	22
Miami Classis, per V. P. Van Horne		105	82
St. Joseph Classis, per Mr. Ashbacher		100	00

Amount carried forward			\$1,608	97
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PERSONAL DONATIONS.

Amount brought forward		\$1,608 1
Rev. D. Van Horne, D. D.	\$ 25 00	
Rev. H. Rust, D. D.	40 00	
Rev. J. I. Swander, D. D.	88 88	
J. C. Smith	7 00	
Rev. P. D. Schory	10 00	
Rev. J. A. Klahr	20 00	
Rev. Casselman	3 20	
Rev. Hartman	25 00	
Rev. J. C. Shumaker	5 00	
J. B. Lautzenhieser	24 00	
Borrowed from per fund	300 00	

INTEREST ON NOTES.

Columbus & Xenia R. R.	84 00	
C. C. Parks	87 50	
J. Schlereth	42 00	
John Eirich	42 00	
Carson bequest per J. A. Peters	162 58	\$2,619 81

CR.

Cash paid to students	\$2,075 00	
Paid Rev. Dr. Kefauver, note	185 00	
Paid Rev. Dr. Kefauver interest	7 00	
Refunded to per. account	158 00	
" " "	42 00	
Paid interest, Mary Ashbaugh	14 00	
Stationery	60	
Printing Rules of Board	3 50	
Interest on money	4 77	\$2,489 8
Balance in bank		29 7
		\$2,519 81

PERMANENT FUND ACCOUNT. DR.

Brinker bequest	\$ 800 00	
Hivling bequest	1,000 00	
Lefler bequest	3,500 00	
Schneck bequest	500 00	
Mary Ashbaugh	200 00	\$6,000 00
Paid principal to Parks	300 00	
Interest to Parks	87 50	
Interest to Schlereth	42 00	
Interest to Eirich	42 00	
To former treasurer	50 00	
Money borrowed	185 00	
Interest borrowed	7 40	\$ 713 91
		\$6,713 91

CR.

R. R. Stock	\$1,000 00	
C. C. Park note	2,200 00	
Schlereth note	600 00	
Endel note	800 00	
Swigart note	550 00	
Eirich note	600 00	
		\$5,750 00

Amount brought forward		\$5,750 00
Interest from contingent fund	\$ 171 50	
Loaned to contingent fund	300 00	
Loaned to Schlereth	200 00	
Paid money borrowed	165 00	
Paid interest	7 40	\$ 863 90
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		\$6,613 90
Balance		50 00
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		\$6,663 90
Balance due from contingent fund		50 00
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		\$6,713 90

Respectfully submitted,
JAMES H. STEELE, Treasurer.

6. Resignation of Rev. John I. Swander, D. D.

The Standing Committee on Overtures, during the morning session on Saturday, reported in item 9 that Rev. John I. Swander, D. D., tendered his resignation as Professor of Practical Theology in Heidelberg Theological Seminary, which was in accordance with a written notice of his intention given to the president of the Board of Visitors on the 8th of April, 1895. The resignation is as follows:

TIFFIN, OHIO, October 2, 1895.

To the Ohio Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States:

Grace, mercy and peace be multiplied through our Lord Jesus Christ. It is with a heavy heart filled with painful solicitude that I address this communication to your reverend body. In accordance with a notice, placed on the 8th day of last April in the hands of the president of the Board of Visitors, I hereby tender my resignation as Professor of Practical Theology in Heidelberg Theological Seminary. This action is not taken on account of any lack of interest in the institution, or from any loss of love for the work to which I was called by synod, but from the embarrassing effect of circumstances over which I have had no control and a condition of things which I greatly deplore. My primary, if not exclusive purpose in submitting my resignation is to afford synod full freedom of action in the solution of a problem which involves much more than the retention or removal of an humble servant of the church. Should synod not see its way clear under the circumstances and at this time to accept of my resignation, I would still respectfully request your reverend body to permit me to discontinue the class-room work of my professorship until such time and to such extent as will be consistent with my own sense of honor and eventually promotive of the prosperity of the Seminary and the peace of our beloved Reformed Zion.

Very respectfully, **JOHN I. SWANDER.**

On motion, this resignation, as the subject matter of the aforesaid item 9, was referred to the Standing Committee on Heidelberg Theological Seminary, and for the action of synod thereon see the report of said committee.

II. REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE ON SEMINARY.

The Standing Committee on Heidelberg Theological Seminary, during the morning session on Monday, submitted their report, which was received, considered and as amended together with the preceding reports adopted:

Your committee on the Theological Seminary offers the following report:

The reports of the Board of Trustees, Board of Education and Visitors and the agent and treasurer, and the resignation of Rev. J. I. Swander, D. D., from the Professorship of Practical Theology have come into our hands.

From these we learn with great satisfaction that all the financial obligations have been met up to the present, and that there is a balance in the treasury. But we regret to learn that it was only with great care and labor that sufficient funds are collected to meet the obligations from year to year. The church should and must support more liberally her Theological Seminary. She is second in importance to none of the interests of synod. She was founded to supply our churches with properly qualified ministers. These the church must have increasingly if she desire to retain her position among her sister churches, keep step with the progress of the age and plant her banners in the fields hitherto not entered by her. The progress and prosperity of the church depend upon the progress and prosperity of the seminary. We must have men of scholarly attainments, of culture, of sound common sense and filled with the spirit of Christ for the missions that are to be established in the days to come and to fill the places of those who are yearly falling from our ranks. The demands made upon the ministry are increasing. Each year it becomes more necessary to have an educated and cultured ministry. Through the ministry the seminary must furnish the church. We owe it to the young men who attend the seminary, whose life's work, whose intellectual and spiritual lives depend so largely upon the influences felt there, to give them the best the church can furnish.

We rejoice to learn that the past year was one of increased attendance and of marked piety and general faithfulness in study.

The committee recommends the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, The synod has learned with deep regret of the serious troubles existing between the students of Heidelberg Theological Seminary and the Professor of Practical Theology, bringing about such an adverse condition and relation, that he feels necessitated to tender his resignation of the office in order to promote the peace and prosperity of the institution: therefore,

Resolved, That his resignation be and hereby is accepted.

Resolved, That we tender Dr. Swander the thanks of the church for the good he has done for the seminary, and that our good wishes attend him in his retirement.

Resolved, That all applicants for beneficiary aid be examined as to their motives and call to the ministry by the classis from whose bounds they come and if found worthy of aid be received under the care of classis and by it recommended to the Board.

Resolved, That the sum of \$2,000 be apportioned for Beneficiary Education.

Resolved, That eight cents per capita be apportioned for the Theological Seminary.

Resolved, That the ministers and elders bring before the membership of the church the urgent needs of the seminary, and her claims upon their prayers and liberality.

Resolved, That we commend the liberality of the brethren who have made special contributions for this cause.

Resolved, That the various classes at their annual meetings hold services in the interests of the seminary, and that they shall strive to raise the entire apportionment for this object.

Resolved, That in justice to the well equipped students who enter the seminary and for the good of the institution and the church, the faculty should adhere as far as practicable to the rule requiring those who enter the seminary to be properly qualified to pursue the studies of the Theological curriculum.

Resolved, That the classes should not take any student from any of the classes of the seminary and examine, license, and ordain them without a written recommendation from the faculty of the seminary.

Resolved, That we give expression to our appreciation of the efficient services of the agent and treasurer gratuitously rendered.

Respectfully submitted,

S. W. SEEMANN, *Chairman*.

III. ELECTION OF BOARD OF THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

I. BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

Officers of Board.

Rev. Reuben Keller, *President*, West Alexandria, O.

Rev. Alpheus E. Baichly, *Vice President*, Canal Fulton, O.

Rev. Michael Loucks, D. D., *Secretary*, Dayton, O.

Elder Horace Ankeney, *Treasurer*, Alpha, O.

Members whose term expires October, 1896.

Rev. Reuben Keller.

Rev. Edward Herbruck, D. D.

Rev. Edward M. Beck.

Rev. John J. Leberman, D. D.

Elder Benjamin Kuhns.

Members whose term expires October, 1897.

Rev. Sebastian C. Goss, D. D. Rev. Alpheus E. Baichly.
 Elder Victor P. Van Horne. Rev. Samuel B. Yockey, D. D.
 Elder George Loucks.

Members whose term expires October, 1898.

Rev. Isaac H. Reiter, D. D. Elder Horace Ankeney.
 Rev. Michael Loucks, D. D. Elder John W. Keller.
 Rev. Charles E. Miller.

II. BOARD OF VISITORS AND OF EDUCATION.

Officers of Board.

Rev. Lewis H. Kefauver, D. D., *President*, Tiffin, O.
 Rev. John D. Neff, *Vice President*, Bettsville, O.
 Rev. James H. Steele, *Secretary and Treasurer*, Tiffin, O.

Executive Committee.—The officers together with the resident members of the Board constitute this committee.

Members whose term expires October, 1896.

Rev. Sebastian C. Goss, D. D. Rev. Michael Loucks, D. D.
 Rev. James H. Steele. Prof. Cornelius M. Lowe, Ph. D.

Members whose term expires October, 1897.

Rev. Lewis H. Kefauver, D. D. Rev. John H. Bomberger.
 Rev. John M. Schick, D. D. Rev. Reuben Good.

Members whose term expires October, 1898.

Rev. John D. Neff. Rev. Elmer E. Weller.
 Rev. David A. Parks. Rev. Isaac A. Sites.

ARTICLE XV.

HEIDELBERG UNIVERSITY.

The following reports relating to the organization, interests and work of the University were received and considered, and afterwards adopted:

I. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS.

In accordance with constitutional requirement and time-honored custom, the Board of Regents of Heidelberg University hereby presents the annual report of its official stewardship, and of the working, results and claims of the Institution.

The Board organized at Tiffin, June 18, 1895, for the ensuing year, by the election of the following officers, viz: Rev. Isaac H. Reiter, D. D.,

President; Judge John H. Ridgely, A. M., Vice-President; Rev. John I. Swander, D. D., Secretary; and Rev. Lewis H. Kefauver, D. D., Treasurer.

As to the cause of Christian education, viewed in the light of existing facts, it may be said that there seems to be a wholesome awakening of mind on the general subject, and that the tide of intellectual and moral culture is onward. This is evinced in the interest manifested, in the improvement of methods, in the thoroughness of the work, and in the achievement of results. The acquisition of knowledge is even made possible for the masses, with a tendency towards a regular gradation of studies, from the lower to the higher schools, culminating in the college and university. And along all lines of thought and instruction, under the direction of intelligent and beneficent effort, the end aimed at is the enlightenment and betterment of the world, which is the true mission of Christian education.

In harmony with this fundamental principle, and with such end in view, Heidelberg University was established and operated for nearly a half century. The results achieved during this period of years show the wisdom of its founders and the importance of the work accomplished.

Founded under a liberal charter and governed by laws of a Christian and equitable character, the Institution, with its full and excellent curriculum, its able teaching force and its well organized departments, comes with much significance to the fore-ground, forcibly commending itself to all lovers of sound learning and solid culture, challenging our earnest consideration, our unswerving loyalty and our co-operative fidelity.

The past scholastic year, beginning September 12, 1894, and ending June 20, 1895, was one of peaceful relations, consecrated activity and good fruitage. All the departments of the University were in practical operation, under faithful instruction and efficient supervision. A spirit of mutual co-working prevailed on the part of the instructors and the students, with the endeavor of promoting the true interests of the Institution, and of securing substantial improvement in mental and moral culture. The students, taken as a body, were intellectually and morally of a high average grade, being diligent in study, manly in conduct, and ambitious to excel in good scholarship and approved deportment. Thus the year passed by pleasantly and profitably to all concerned.

It may yet be added, without in the least reflecting on any of the other departments, that the Literary Department during the past year bore evidence of prosperousness, not so much in increase of students, as in the elevation of the standard of education, marked by real progress and improvement. This was made to appear in the process of thought, method, order and application, tending to unfold nobility of character and thoroughness of culture. Some modification has been made in the course of study in the Literary Department on the "elective" or "grouping" plan. Students upon entrance, either on examination or certificate of accredited Academies and High Schools, may choose one of four (4)

courses (classical, philosophical, scientific and literary), whose studies are mostly prescribed during the Freshmen and Sophomore year; and at the beginning of the Junior year, twelve (12) groups of studies are offered from which a selection may be made. The choice among these groups though somewhat restricted by previous studies, affords a wide range for individual needs and tastes, and the principle involved is regarded as an advanced movement in the sphere of higher education. Hence in making this "new departure," Heidelberg is fully abreast with the most progressive institutions of the country. (*See Catalogue 1895, pages 21-23*).

As usual, each term was opened with an appropriate address. The address at the fall term was delivered by Rev. John I. Swander, D. D., that at the winter term by Rev. James H. Steele, and that at the spring term by Rev. Jacob D. Buehrer. These addresses, having a bearing on some phase of education, were of a high grade, and much appreciated by the instructors and the instructed.

And Rev. Edward Herbruck, Ph. D., D. D., also contributed valuable service to the work of Christian education by delivering a course of interesting and instructive lectures in Rickley Chapel on "Egyptology," which were highly appreciated by the students. The subject of establishing a "Lectureship on Archaeology" is under consideration, with favorable prospects of ultimate success.

Christian Culture.

Proper stress is being laid on the importance of the Christian element in the work of education. This is observed in the religious spirit and influence pervading the Institution, happily affecting its government, instruction and devotional services, as well as its practical life. And the activities of the students through the Literary and Christian Societies have been very commendable, and contributed to the promotion of Christian character and life in the Institution. The public efforts of all the Societies during the year were characterized by increased diligence, and by more thorough preparation on the part of the performers, bearing evidence of Christian sentiment and teaching.

Ladies' Boarding Hall.

A change has taken place in the management of the Ladies' Boarding Hall. Rev. Richard B. Reichard, who with his wife had charge of the hall during the past year, rendered faithful and satisfactory service. But at the end of the year, not being able to see his way clear to continue in this relation, he resigned the position and vacated the premises. In consequence of this, Mr. and Mrs. Jonas L. Christman have been appointed to the vacancy occasioned by said resignation, and they have entered upon the duties of the management with favorable prospects.

Mathematical Department.

Prof. Christian Hornung, having recuperated his health, returned at the opening of the present scholastic year, and assumed full duty in the department of mathematics. His return is generally welcomed, and as heretofore his ability and efficiency are properly recognized and appreciated. During his temporary absence last year, Prof. Hugh A. Snepp, a graduate of Heidelberg, rendered faithful and satisfactory class-room work in this department, and as he retires the best wishes of all go with him in his future educational work.

Alumni Professorship.

The work of endowing this Professorship, inaugurated in 1871 by the Alumni Association, has been going forward during the past year with some success, and it will be continued on the part of the Alumni with the assured hope of ultimately securing the entire amount required. Here is opened an important field of activity, in which all the Alumni should heartily unite, and by their loyal devotion and liberality manifest their abiding love for their *Alma Mater*.

As the Alumni in their associated capacity could not see their way clear to propose or recommend the name of a candidate to the Board of Regents for the vacancy of the Alumni Professorship, no election was held to fill the vacancy. Meanwhile the matter will receive further consideration by the Alumni, who will report the conclusion reached to the Board during the annual meeting in 1896. In order to bridge over the vacancy and to avoid interruption in this department, the Board for the ensuing scholastic year reappointed Prof. Frederick F. Briggs, A. M., who by his efficiency and gentlemanly bearing rendered excellent service heretofore.

Academy and Normal Department.

Prof. Wilbert A. Garrison, after three years' faithful and acceptable service, at the close of the current year, resigned the Principalship of the Academy, with a view of pursuing a course of advanced studies in the Post-Graduate Department of Harvard University. This vacancy has been filled by the election of Prof. E. A. Day, A. M., who is a college graduate, and who, as to character, scholarship and experience, comes well recommended. He entered upon the practical duties of the position at the opening of the fall term in September, with encouraging prospects.

In order to give more scope, interest and advantages to the Academy, it has been reorganized and established on a broader basis. Instead of making the chief end and purpose of the Academy the preparation of students for college alone, more emphasis is placed on normal or pedagogical work. This idea is in line with that of many other institutions, as well as with the recommendation of the Ohio College Association and of the State Board of Examiners of common schools. Hence, in this reor-

ganization, a Normal Department has been established in connection with the Academy, and as such will hereafter be known as the Academy and Normal Department of Heidelberg University. It is believed that this modification of the Academy will operate for the welfare of the Institution at large. And as now organized and equipped, this school is in excellent condition to prepare students for entering the Freshmen Class of a college or the profession of teaching. It deserves an enlarged and liberal patronage, especially on the part of the church, and efforts should be made during the year to increase the number of students.

Library.

One of the essential needs of an educational institution is a first-class library, systematically classified and arranged, and thus opening a valuable source of knowledge, and enabling those seeking information to find the right source in little time. These facts deserve to be emphasized, especially with reference to the increase and convenience of our library. It is good as far as it goes, but constant efforts should be made to enlarge it by the addition of the latest issues of standard works treating on a variety of subjects. During the year 244 volumes were added, of which 183 were purchased and 61 presented by friends; and the loans of books amounted to 2,021, showing that the library is appreciated and used by the students. The work of classification and arrangement according to the "Dewey System" is making good progress, with the view of completing the same in due time under the direction of the librarian.

Conservatory of Music.

The Conservatory of Music, under the able and efficient instruction and management of Prof. Harold B. Adams, continues in a prosperous condition. The course of study is all that the most fastidious and aspiring could wish, while the advantages afforded are of a superior character. The classes in attendance during the year were large and enthusiastic, the work done was thorough, and the progress made commendable. The total enrollment of students was seventy-seven. There were three graduates, who sustained themselves very creditably. The outlook for the present year is quite encouraging.

Department of Art.

The study of Art, especially in its nobler forms, is possessed of interest and profit; having a refining and elevating effect, and promoting the growth of true culture. Hence to spend some thoughtful hours in an Art Gallery will prove a liberal education, tending to impart truth and knowledge, and directing the mind to contemplate the beauty of nature and the perfections of God, and thus associate the grandeur of art with the glory of religion!

The work and exhibits of the Art Department of Heidelberg University bear positive evidence of ability and skill, and of continued improve-

nt under the acknowledged proficiency of the principalship of Miss z I. Crampton. And in connection with a complete course of study, s department holds out superior inducements to all persons desiring to ain a thorough education in the sphere of art.

College of Commerce.

rof. Oliver O. Runkle, who as principal had been for several years sfactorily and successfully operating the College of Commerce, re- ed his position at the close of the last year, leaving this department a prosperous condition. Prof. C. M. Replogle of Iowa, who comes l recommended as to attainments and efficiency, has been appointed the vacancy. He has entered upon the duties of the principalship h encouraging prospects, and the work is going forward without inter- tion. The way is therefore open to all who desire a thorough and nplete business training in the several branches of commercial pursuits.

Museum and Gymnasium.

The Museum, which now occupies the new building, contains a large lection of fossils, minerals and Zoological specimens, together with a nber of works of art, but for want of time it is not yet fully arranged proper order. During the year additional specimens were received. ong these is one of Japanese stone carving presented by Miss Lena rfluh of Sendai, Japan; petrified wood studded with amethysts and ores precious metals of Arizona by Mr. E. H. Wiley; a perfect specimen the White Pelican of South Dakota, by Rev. F. W. Stump; fine car- niferous fossils by Mr. G. C. Baumgartel of Akron, Ohio, &c. The ssification and arrangement of all the specimens will be completed as n as possible under the efficient supervision of the Curator. The useum is growing in interest and value. Persons having specimens : kindly solicited to forward them to the Curator, and due credit will be ren by labeling the same with the name of the respective donor.

The Gymnasium, through the generosity of Elder George F. Bareis, ose noble example is worthy of imitation by others, has been furnished th the necessary outfit of gymnastic apparatus, and everything, includ- g baths, is now completed; and it now ranks among the best equipped mnasiums of the country. The students are receiving systematic exer- se under the instruction of the Physical Director, Prof. John E. Schmid- a, and it is also open for voluntary exercise, with the view of contrib- ing to the health and pleasure of the students.

Education in its broadest sense implies the systematic development or ulture of the whole man. Hence, physical education is essential in the rocess of intellectual and moral training, and its introduction in the cur- iculum of an institution of learning subserves an important purpose. Athletics only become objectionable when undue dominance is given them, and they become a demoralizing and destructive force, tending to rude-

ness and brutality, and causing a loss of interest in mental effort, and a disrelish for literature and intellectual and moral pursuits.

Toledo Medical College.

Further consideration was given to the overture of the Trustees and faculty of the Toledo Medical College, to become connected as a department of Heidelberg University. After such consideration on the part of the conference committee and of the Board, it was decided, especially from a legal standpoint, that it would not be advisable to consummate such union, as it might in the end involve the University in legal and financial trouble or difficulty.

Finances.

The financial condition of the University, according to the statement of the treasurer, is much the same as reported to synod last year. The interest derived from notes and invested funds with little exception was sufficient to meet the regular current expenses, including salaries, fuel, light, &c.

But during the past year there were incurred considerable outside or extra expenses, which had to be paid out of the contingent fund, as no special provision had been made for this purpose. This operated somewhat adversely. These extra expenses were caused by needed repairs on the president's house of \$1,200 and on the gentlemen's dormitory of \$800, by special city taxes for sewerage, street paving, &c., for the last two years about \$450, and by shrinkage or loss of dividends on stock, \$1,500. Also by loan of \$6,700 of endowment funds to liquidate the remaining indebtedness on the Museum and Gymnasium Building, which for the time being bears no interest. Aside from these extra expenses, the current expense account would stand about square. The existing indebtedness caused by extra expenses should be speedily removed. The true and safe course or remedy, when such contingencies arise, is to make special provision or increase the endowment fund.

It may be added here, as an encouraging feature of the financial outlook, that from the sale of scholarships and the notes obtained by the Financial Secretary for the Alumni Professorship, the endowment fund during the past year has been increased \$6,000.

Semi-Centennial Endowment Fund.

Heidelberg University was organized by the Ohio Synod of the Reformed Church in 1850, and by the year 1900 will have existed fifty years. In view of this, the Board of Regents at its last annual meeting adopted preliminary measures to celebrate with appropriate ceremonies the semi-centennial anniversary of the institution, with special reference to the enlargement of the endowment fund. Thus far the most of the endowment has been raised by comparatively small contributions. These of course were thankfully received and properly applied with good results.

But in the progress of things, it is believed that the time has come when enlarged liberality is required, in order to meet the demands of the age, and to more fully equip Heidelberg University for the work before it. To this end the wealth of the church is to be consecrated and a new impulse given to the cause of Christian education. In the light of these facts, the Board of Regents, as aforesaid, adopted the following action:

"In view of the fact that Heidelberg University is nearing a half century of educational work in the Synod of Ohio we recommend:

1. That a determined effort be made to raise at least *one hundred thousand dollars* before the semi-centennial jubilee.
2. That this fund shall be called the *one hundred thousand semi-centennial endowment fund*.
3. That this fund shall be raised on the unit basis of \$5,000.
4. That an honor list shall be formed and \$500 be the least that shall entitle a donor to write his name on the Roll of Honor.
5. That this list shall be read in connection with the semi-centennial celebration in the year 1900.
6. That this roll shall be a permanent part of the history of this institution, and shall be framed and hung on the walls of Rickly Chapel as a memorial of princely giving.
7. That nothing shall debar a church or family from having the honor of being represented on this roll.
8. That the Alumni be earnestly requested to co-operate with us in this special effort, and that any shares they may contribute may be credited on the Alumni Endowment Fund.
9. That the Financial Secretary devote his time and energy to this special work, not to keep him from the other regular duties of his office."

This official action of the Board is of vast importance, and if fully carried into practical effect will give an advanced position to Heidelberg University, and place it among the very best educational institutions of the land. The subject involved deserves and requires the earnest attention of the synod. Let proper action be taken, and the work inaugurated. Meanwhile let all concerned, including the alumni and associates, the pastors and people, the patrons and liberal-minded friends, heartily co-operate with the Board, the Synod and the Financial Secretary, to crown the united effort with complete success. Then the proposed jubilee year will prove a grand and glorious year to the Reformed Church with many pleasant memories, and the opening of the twentieth century will begin a new era in the history of Heidelberg University!

Opening and Prospect.

After the usual summer vacation the University resumed work in all its departments on Wednesday, September 11, 1895. The opening of the fall term was auspicious, and the indications are that we shall have another prosperous year. The prospect for an increase of students is

excellent. Some new faces are observed among the general faculty, officially called to fill vacancies and cordially uniting in the work in hand. And as a full and able corps of professors is now enrolled for the year, it may be assumed that the teaching force is ample and that faithful instruction is assured. The outlook for the year is therefore encouraging.

But however complete the equipment, however able the teaching force, and however flattering the prospects, it must not be forgotten that no institution of learning is an *automaton*, which has its moving power in itself. It needs a substantial force from without, to vitalize its possibilities, to maintain its normal condition, to start its complex machinery and to do effective work. The furnishing of the means to create the vital force or power required implies firm friends and patrons, while its claims are paramount, imposing obligations which require recognition in order to assure success.

Hence, in conclusion, let all be fully impressed with the claims of Heidelberg and the obligations imposed. Let all heartily, unitedly and steadfastly strive by word and deed to broaden, strengthen, extend and perpetuate its power and efficiency, and thus make it an effective agency in promoting the cause of Christian education, and a benign blessing to the church and the world!

The members of the Board of Regents whose term of office expires at this meeting of synod are the following, viz: Rev. John I. Swander, D. D., Rev. John J. Leberman, D. D., Rev. Herman Rust, D. D., and Elder Irvin Yost, James C. Reber and Victor P. Van Horne.

In behalf of the Board of Regents of Heidelberg University.

Respectfully submitted,

ISAAC H. REITER, *President of the Board of Regents.*

II. REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE ON UNIVERSITY.

The Standing Committee on Heidelberg University, during the afternoon session on Monday, submitted their report, which was received, and together with that of the Board adopted:

Your committee would report that the only document placed in our hands was the report of the Board of Regents through its president. This report presents in full the work and condition of the Institution for the last year with its promising outlook and plans for the future.

We cannot but rejoice at the measure of success, the generous patronage and providential care which the University has enjoyed. Each department seems to have had the best of attention which has evidently been rewarded with the best of results.

The Board of Regents and the Faculty deserve to be commended for the diligent care and faithful service rendered the church in its educational work. We recommend the adoption of the following:

Resolved, That this synod reaffirm its interest in this Institution and express its gratitude to Almighty God for His blessing upon it.

Resolved, That we assure the Board and Faculty of our confidence in and satisfaction with the work of last year.

Resolved, That we call upon the church to co-operate with the movement proposing to raise a semi-centennial \$100,000 fund for the further endowment of the University and that we, pastors, elders and church members lend ourselves to the service of raising this fund.

Resolved, That we hereby offer to the financial secretary, Rev. E. D. Wettach, our cordial support and co-operation and suggest the appointment by each classis, of a committee of two, a minister and elder, to aid him in the raising of the \$100,000 fund.

Resolved, That we pledge ourselves in support and patronage to the University in all its needs.

Resolved, That the report of the Board of Regents be adopted.

Respectfully submitted,

ALPHEUS E. BAICHLY.

III. ELECTION OF REGENTS OF HEIDELBERG UNIVERSITY.

Officers of Board of Regents.

Rev. Isaac H. Reiter, D. D., *President*, Miamisburg, Ohio.

Hon. John H. Ridgely, *Vice President*, Tiffin, Ohio.

Rev. John I. Swander, D. D., *Secretary*, Tiffin, Ohio.

Rev. Lewis H. Kefauver, D. D., *Treasurer*, Tiffin, Ohio.

Executive Committee.—Benjamin F. Myers, Dr. Lewis H. Kefauver, Dr. John I. Swander, Nelson L. Brewer and James H. Platt.

Members whose term expires October, 1896.

Rev. Lewis H. Kefauver, D. D.	Elder Horace Ankeney.
Elder Nelson L. Brewer, Esq.	Rev. Henry M. Herman.
Rev. Edward Herbruck, D. D.	Elder George F. Baries.

Members whose term expires October, 1897.

Rev. David Van Horne, D. D.	Hon. John H. Ridgely.
Mr. Benjamin F. Myers.	Rev. Edward D. Wettach.
Mr. John M. Conroy.	Rev. William H. Shults.

Members whose term expires October, 1898.

Rev. Isaac H. Reiter, D. D.	Rev. James H. Steele.
Rev. Michael Loucks, D. D.	James H. Platt, Esq.
Mr. Samuel S. Rickly.	Elder Daniel W. Souder.

Members whose term expires October, 1899.

Elder Victor Van Horne.	Rev. Emil P. Herbruck.
Elder Jacob A. Klahr.	Hon. Noah H. Albaugh.
Elder Irvin Yost.	Elder Benjamin Ashbaucher.

ARTICLE XVI.

BENEVOLENT AND RELIGIOUS INSTITUTIONS.

The Standing Committee on Overtures, during the afternoon session of Saturday, reported in item 10, that a statement of the condition of the Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows was received through its treasurer, which is as follows:

I. THE STATEMENT OF THE TREASURER.

The Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows of the Reformed Church in the United States through its officers, presents for record in the Minutes of the Ohio Synod, the following statement of its annual receipts and expenditures to September 30, 1895:

RECEIPTS.

Cash in treasury as per last report	\$2,796 34
Cash from matured bond	2,000 00
Cash from collections in the churches	1,442 47
Cash from royalty on church hymnal	715 80
Cash from interest on investments	647 50
Cash from Pittsburg Synod, special	825 00
Cash from miscellaneous sources	221 66
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	\$8,148 77

EXPENDITURES

Cash paid forty-two annuitants	\$2,636 42
Cash paid for investment	2,000 00
Cash paid for expenses	135 72
Cash in treasury, September 30, 1895	3,376 63
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	\$8,148 77

The cash in the treasury will be required to meet the appropriation made at the coming annual meeting of the society, October 22, 1895. From the collections and contributions of the past year twenty life and one annual membership have been purchased, to wit:

Life Members.—Revs. Josiah May, John Naille, Samuel Kuhn, Alpha K. Kline, Rudolph Duenger, D. D., Alfred F. Dreisbach, Ph. D., Alfred P. Horn, Chas. W. Levan, Hiram J. McAlister, Jas. W. Mabry, Franklin W. Smith, William J. Kerschner, Reuben Rahouser, Clement Z. Weiser, D. D., William G. Engle, Oliver H. Strunck, Hiram A. Frantz, Abraham Bartholomew, George B. Resser and George P. Stem.

Annual Member.—Rev. Siegmund Romeis.

Officers of Society.

Rev. Wm. M. Deatrick, D. D., *President*, Mercersburg, Pa.

Rev. T. Franklin Hoffmeier, *Secretary*, Middletown, Md.

Rev. Simon S. Miller, *Treasurer*, Mt. Pleasant, Md.

II. REPORT OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE.

The preceding statement of the Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows, was referred to a special committee, consisting of Revs.

Samuel B. Yockey, Cornelius M. Lowe and Elder Henry Glenn. This committee, during the afternoon session on Monday, presented the following report, which was received and adopted:

Our special committee on the Society for Relief of Ministers and their Widows, would report as follows:

WHEREAS, This synod cordially endorses the work of the Society for Relief of Ministers and their Widows, and since this synod has learned through the statements of its treasurer, Rev. S. S. Miller of the deplorably small sum contributed by this body, the entire amount being but \$30.22, and the sum thus expended for this synod was \$355; therefore,

Resolved, That synod earnestly commends the interests of this society to the liberality of our people and hereby overtures the classes to request the congregations within their bounds to take up at least one collection every year for the use of this society.

Resolved, That the report of treasurer, Rev. S. S. Miller, be incorporated in the body of the minutes of this synod.

Resolved, That all moneys raised for this society within the bounds of this synod be forwarded to our treasurer and by him forwarded to the treasurer of the above named society.

SAMUEL B. YOCKEY, *Chairman.*

III. OUR ORPHANS' HOMES.

The Standing Committee on Overtures during the morning session on Monday, reported in item 2 that an official communication was received from the St. Paul's Orphan Home at Butler, Pa. While this item was under consideration, on motion, Rev. Peter C. Prugh, D. D., superintendent of St. Paul's Orphan Home, and Rev. Benj. S. Stern, secretary of the Board of Directors of the Reformed Orphans' Home at Fort Wayne, Ind., were heard in behalf of these Orphans' Homes, as to their condition, work and claims upon the church.

On motion, the subject matter of item 2, together with that of the statements made in behalf of these Orphans' Homes, was referred to a special committee, consisting of Revs. Charles E. Ewing, Nathan W. Bloom, and Elder Henry Glenn. This committee, during Saturday afternoon session submitted the following report, which was received and adopted:

The special committee to which were referred the statements concerning the St. Paul's and Ft. Wayne Orphans' Homes reports as follows:

The only document coming into the hands of the committee is a letter from Rev. P. C. Prugh, D. D., superintendent of the Butler Home. But this committee had also under consideration a verbal report from the Butler and also from the Ft. Wayne Home.

From the reports of Dr. Prugh, we learn that in the past year his Home has greatly prospered and the only limit to its usefulness has been set by the lack of means to carry forward the work.

The number of orphans under their care this year is ninety; four more than in any previous year. Of this number forty-five are paid for by friends but this leaves forty-five to be provided for by gifts from congregations, Sunday-schools, etc. Last year the cost of providing for these forty-five was \$4,000; of this amount only \$3,000 was provided by Sunday-schools, etc. But God has raised up friends for the Institution and all expenses were met. The year was spent peacefully and quietly and the children made commendable progress in their studies.

We would call especial attention to the religious training of the children. They are faithful in their attendance upon public worship. Emphasis is placed upon catechetical instruction and Sunday-school work. They are trained for active service by participating in the prayer-meeting, in the Y. P. S. C. E. and Brotherhood meetings. And above all they have the influence of a Christian home. As a result of this influence and training six have sought admittance into the Christian church within the last year. The aim in all the training, be it physical, mental, or spiritual, is to make of those orphans practical and useful men and women.

Rev. B. S. Stern, of Dayton, O., secretary of the Ft. Wayne Orphans' Home, spoke in behalf of that Institution. What has been said regarding religious training at the Butler Home is equally true of this Home. Special attention is given to the catechization of the inmates. The grounds now include 160 acres on which are suitable buildings all valued at from \$40,000 to \$50,000. There are seventy-three children at the Home and the same method of caring for the orphans is used here as at Butler.

Though this Home was founded by the German Synod and still looks there for its chief support it is open to all orphans. Since this home lies within the bounds of the Ohio Synod, and since its doors are open to all "needy ones" alike and since it furnishes English as well as German training it has a right to expect gifts from all sources.

In view of the above facts gleaned from the letter of Dr. Prugh and from the address of Dr. Prugh and Rev. Stern and in view of the blessedness as well as of the needs of the work, be it hereby

Resolved, That we commend the cause of St. Paul's Orphan Home, Butler, Pa., and of the Orphans' Home of Ft. Wayne, Ind., to the liberality and prayers of the Christian people of our synod.

Furthermore, be it recommended that our Sunday-schools set apart the Christmas collection for the relief of these "little ones" of our Master. Remembering His words, "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES E. EWING, *Chairman*.

IV. VISIT TO REFORMED ORPHANS' HOME AT FORT WAYNE.

During Friday morning session, in behalf of the officers of the Reformed Orphans' Home at Fort Wayne, Rev. B. S. Stern extended a cordial invitation to the synod to visit said Home as a body. Thereupon, on motion, it was

Resolved, That we as a synod thankfully accept this invitation, and make this visit the order of the day for Saturday afternoon at half-past three o'clock.

At the appointed time, the synod adjourned and proceeded as a body in conveyances furnished, to the Home, where the members of synod were cordially received by the superintendent, Rev. John Rettig, and under his guidance conducted through the large and commodious building, enabling them to observe the condition, methods and work of the Home, which now sustains seventy-three orphans. The visit proved pleasant and profitable, continuing several hours. After having received marks of kindness and hospitality, the members of synod left with favorable impressions, as to the management, condition and results of the Home, and as a worthy object of beneficence, deserving the liberal support of the synod and the church.

ARTICLE XVII.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

The following reports were received and adopted:

I. REPORT OF BOARD OF SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

DEAR BRETHREN OF THE OHIO SYNOD:—The Board has but little, except in a general way to report to this synod. The Sunday-school interests of the church have been carefully guarded by the General Board and there has been but little for us to do except to co-operate.

It cannot but be observed by us all that the Sunday-school work is in better condition than it has ever been before and more than ever deserves your prayers, your efforts and your best and wisest synodical actions.

The General Secretary has been active and helpful all along the line and has done much to enlarge and open up our field. He richly deserves your sympathy and co-operation.

The series of gospel meetings held throughout the bounds of our synod, occupying a month shortly after the adjournment of the last synod, reached, largely, the Sunday-schools, and Sunday-school workers of this part of the church and did us much good.

The Home Department, which he recommends, has been introduced into many of our schools and is worth your attention and the efforts of pastors and Sunday-school superintendents all over the church.

Children's Day was generally observed in either June or September, and the contributions to Sunday-school missions were quite liberal, so

that the General Board has authorized the placing of a Sunday-school missionary. This missionary is at work within the bounds of your own synod, viz., at Springfield, Ohio. Besides this, other work is being done by the use of this fund.

It now behooves synod to urge upon our schools the observance of the Christmas festival, the use of the service ordered to be prepared by the General Board and a collection in connection with the service, for the Orphan Homes. Besides this we have nothing more to present in the way of recommendation.

The reports from the different classes are cheering and indicate good work done. All the classes seem to have had interesting conventions and present good programs. Especially did Miami and Lancaster Classes seem to make special effort in preparing for the convention, and invited to their assistance special Sunday-school workers, lecturers, &c., such as Marion Lawrence, Col. Cowden, Rev. S. B. Mase and others. The statistics show progress but not the whole of our growth as we believe. Better work along this line would greatly encourage and help. Greater care in this work would be good service for our cause. Synod will notice:

1. That the terms of office on this Board of Revs. R. Keller and E. R. Williard expire with this session.

2. That the Sunday-school statistical table be printed in the minutes of this synod annually.

3. That the expense of Rev. A. E. Baichly, President of the Board for stationery, postage, expressage, &c., was \$1.60 for which we ask payment.

Commending this cause to your prayers, we respectfully submit our annual report.

ALPHEUS E. BAICHLY, *President*

II. STATISTICAL REPORT OF SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

NAME OF CLASS.	MEMBERSHIP.				RELATION TO CHURCH.				EDUCATIONAL.						CONTRIBUTIONAL.									
	No. of Officers and Teachers.	No. of Scholars.	No. of Officers, Teachers and Scholars.	Yes, No.	Average attendance.	If Union School, estimated.	Total No. of scholars in full membership of the church.	Total No. of baptized scholars.	No. of scholars received during past year into full membership.	Yes, no.	Is the Catechism used in the school?	Do you use Reformed Lesson Helps?	Number of copies of papers taken per month.	No. of books in library.	Yes, no.	Is the school graded into more than two departments?	To Sunday-school work of General Board.	To other Boards and Institutions of the church.	To support of the schools.	To other benevolent objects.				
Miami	45	701	4852	5552	38	6	5479	75	1610	639	258	6	34	38	5	2972	850	5	37	8146	\$ 535	\$ 977	\$ 442	
Lancaster	24	246	1831	2277	1342	1	1342	1979	904	488	11	34	38	11	1918	5	108	368	609	101	368	609	101	
Tuscarawas	20	619	4600	5528	3249	1	3249	1762	1608	881	11	34	34	11	1550	2348	9	144	308	1796	308	1796	642	
Tiffin	26	313	2572	3344	1901	6	1901	112	1144	313	5	22	21	6	2208	1152	6	20	44	308	1294	44	308	1294
Eastern Ohio	77	353	3026	3339	1733	3	1733	70	1430	722	17	18	21	6	673	184	5	25	72	41	68	1014	225	
St. Joseph	54	449	2872	3311	2154	5	2154	1042	860	254	12	22	27	7	967	691	5	29	45	77	68	1014	225	
	197	2860	20462	24411	161	20	13878	382	7367	6534	1191	43	118	131	35	1040	6025	27	111	8523	\$1319	\$5274	\$2405	

III. REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE ON SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

The Standing Committee on Sunday-schools and Catechization, during Monday morning session, presented their report, which was received and adopted:

To the Ohio Synod:

The matter placed in the hands of your committee from which to formulate a report is: 1. The report of the Sunday-school Board of the Ohio Synod, for the year ending October 1, 1895, including the statistical report of the several classes in the bounds of this synod; 2. The printed report of the Sunday-school Board of the General Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States, adopted, July 30, 31, 1895; 3. A verbal statement to this synod by Rev. Rufus W. Miller, General Sunday-school Secretary, who also presents for favorable consideration a small work entitled "Books of the Bible," by Geo. W. Pease, urging the same as "Supplemental Lessons" for Primary and Junior Departments.

From the light obtained from these several sources we recommend for your favorable consideration and adoption the following:

1. The adoption of the report of the Sunday-school Board of this synod, already read before this body, and considered by your committee—such adoption carrying with it the granting of the requests marked 1, 2 and 3, at the end of the report, as well as the observance of Christmas, the use of the forthcoming Christmas Service and the applying of the Christmas collection to the use of the Orphan Homes, and that the several classes, through their ministers and delegate elders, urge all these claims upon their congregations and people.

2. We commend for careful perusal to our pastors, consistories and Sunday-school superintendents the full and complete printed report of the General Sunday-school Board, and that classes also take such action at their next annual sessions as will emphasize the advance ground proposed by the Board throughout its excellent report.

3. We urge the Board's recommendations regarding the importance of "supplementary lessons" and work in every department of our schools.

Under this head, *a*) we, especially, recommend for favorable consideration and use, by and in the schools, the little work entitled "Books of the Bible," and such other leaflets on Sunday-school work as the Board in time may provide; *b*) we urge, moreover, that the attention of all our pastors, consistories and superintendents be called to the importance of giving more time and place to the use of the Heidelberg Catechism, in our Sunday-schools, during the Sunday-school hour; and that, where nothing more is deemed practicable, the superintendent or pastor give our symbol of faith such recognition and application from the desk as may be possible.

In conclusion we urge upon our several classes and Sunday-school conventions such attention to the whole Sunday-school question, in their next annual meetings, as will secure a thorough discussion of all the vital

rests related to the general subject, and set forth in the advance and taken by the Sunday-school Board of General Synod, which, together with its excellent report, we heartily approve and commend to all our churches and schools.

Respectfully submitted,
SEBASTIAN C. GOSS, *Chairman.*

IV. ELECTION OF BOARD OF SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

Officers of Board.

Rev. Alpheus E. Baichly, *President*, Canal Fulton, Ohio.
Elder Victor P. Van Horne, *Secretary*, Dayton, Ohio.
Rev. Louis B. C. Lahr, *Treasurer*, Delaware, Ohio.

Members whose term expires October, 1896.

Elder Victor P. Van Horne. Rev. Louis B. C. Lahr.

Members whose term expires October, 1897.

Rev. Alpheus E. Baichly. Elder George F. Bareis.

Members whose term expires October, 1898.

Rev. Reuben Keller. Rev. John H. Bomberger.

ARTICLE XVIII.

APPEALS AND REFERENCES.

The Standing Committee on Minutes of Classes, during the afternoon session on Thursday, reported in item 32 that an appeal was filed by John Beahler against the action of St. Joseph Classis in which it sustained the decision of the Consistory of Grace Reformed Church of Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Also, the said committee at the same time reported in item 33 that the Consistory of Grace Reformed Church of Fort Wayne, Indiana, appealed from the action of St. Joseph Classis, sustaining Martin Connett. Thereupon, on motion, it was

resolved, That the appeals referred to in these two items (32 and 33), together with all the papers and records relating thereto, be referred to a special committee to examine whether these appeals are in order, and if found in order to report the manner of hearing them before this body.

The committee as appointed consists of Revs. John J. M. Gruber, George W. Henning, Reuben Keller, Elders Victor P. Van Horne and George W. ... This committee, during the morning session on Friday, submitted their report, which was received and adopted, and is as follows:

Your committee on appeal cases referred to us would respectfully report as follows:

I. In the case of John E. Beahler from the action of St. Joseph Classis in not sustaining his appeal from the decision of the Consistory of Grace Reformed Church, Fort Wayne, Ind., we find the appeal regular and in order, and recommend the following order of procedure.

1. That the case be heard this afternoon immediately after the opening of synod.
2. That all necessary papers bearing on the case be read.
3. That the counsel for appellant be given 30 minutes to open the case.
4. That the counsel for appellee be given 40 minutes to reply.
5. That the counsel for appellant be given 10 minutes to close the case.
6. That the vote be taken by yeas and nays without discussion.

II. In the case of Consistory of Grace Reformed Church, of Fort Wayne, Ind., from the action of St. Joseph Classis in sustaining the appeal of Martin Connett from the decision of the Consistory of said Grace Reformed Church, we find the appeal regular and in order, and recommend the following order of procedure.

1. That the case be heard immediately after the Beahler case has been acted upon.
2. That all necessary papers bearing on the case be heard.
3. That the counsel for appellant be given 30 minutes to open the case.
4. That the counsel for appellee be given 40 minutes to reply.
5. That the counsel for appellant be given 10 minutes to close the case.
6. That the vote be taken by yeas and nays without discussion.

JOHN J. M. GRUBER,
GEO. W. HENNING,
REUBEN KELLER,
VICTOR P. VAN HORNE,
GEO. W. CLUM,

Committee.

1. Appeal Case of John H. Beahler.

At the appointed time, as indicated in the report of the committee, the appeal of John E. Beahler was taken up for hearing. Elder Victor P. Van Horne was appointed as reader. The papers and records in the case were read. Elder Christian M. Boush appeared as counsel for the appellant, and Elder Nelson L. Brewer and Rev. William A. Hale, D. D., appeared as counsel for the appellee (Consistory of Grace Reformed Church). After the arguments of the counsel on both sides were heard, the synod proceeded to vote in the case by yeas and nays, and the appeal was not sustained, there being 13 votes for and 82 against sustaining it as follows:

YEAS.—*Ministers.* W. E. Ludwick, S. V. Rohrbaugh, S. W. Seeman, P. Steinhage, J. Ihle, N. W. Bloom, J. D. Neff, G. E. Metger and A. Nol

Elders.—W. R. Graham, L. A. Kemp, S. Zimmerman and J. H. Smith, 13.

NAYS.—Ministers. Dr. W. A. Hale, C. E. Miller, M. L. Fox, R. Keller, R. F. Shultz, S. E. Neikirk, G. V. Walker, C. E. Ewing, A. Klinger, E. E. Weller, F. W. Hoffman, Dr. I. H. Reiter, Dr. M. Loucks, Dr. S. B. Yockey, Dr. G. W. Williard, L. B. C. Lahr, D. W. Loucks, P. W. Snyder, C. M. Rohrbaugh, Dr. S. C. Goss, H. L. Hart, A. E. Baichly, O. C. Renter, J. P. Stahl, I. U. E. Kunkle, A. G. Berkeley, S. E. Klopfenstein, I. A. Sites, E. R. Williard, J. C. Schaaf, W. H. Shults, E. D. Wettach, J. S. Freeman, Dr. D. Van Horne, Dr. A. S. Zerbe, Dr. J. A. Peters, C. M. Lowe, Dr. J. M. Schick, J. S. Keppel, A. H. Zechiel, D. M. Christman, D. A. Parks, J. H. Steele, G. A. Dreibelbies, D. Burghalter, Dr. J. B. Shumaker, R. R. Lackey, Dr. J. J. Leberman, F. E. Lauffer, J. J. M. Gruber, Dr. S. Z. Beam, C. W. Brugh, F. H. Keller, G. W. Henning, H. S. Bailey, F. Ware, F. G. Bogart. *Elders.*—V. P. Van Horne, B. Fornshell, J. Griesbaum, R. Ewing, M. G. Beaver, J. Geeting, D. S. Drayer, W. H. Siegfried, J. Pfolesgrof, J. M. Smith, W. V. Zartman, S. L. Beyer, G. W. Clum, J. Fike, J. P. Zimmerman, N. L. Brewer, H. Glenn, C. Hensinger, J. A. Klahr, J. W. Keller, J. Sloppy, A. S. Creps, D. Klingler, J. Lucabaugh and J. W. Remsberg, 82.

Immediately after the result of the vote was announced, the counsel for the appellant gave notice to the synod that an appeal from this decision would be taken to the General Synod.

2. *Appeal of Consistory of Grace Reformed Church.*

Soon after the opening of synod on Saturday morning, as the order of the day, the appeal of the Consistory of Grace Reformed Church of Fort Wayne, Indiana, from the decision of St. Joseph Classis in the trial of Martin Connett, was taken up for hearing. Elder Victor P. Van Horne was continued as reader. The papers and records in the case were read. The appellant (Consistory of Grace Reformed Church) was heard through its counsel, Elder Nelson L. Brewer and Rev. William A. Hale, D. D., and the appellee (Martin Connett) was heard through his counsel, Elder Christian M. Boush. The synod, after having heard the arguments of the counsel on both sides, proceeded to vote in the case by yeas and nays, and the appeal was sustained by 73 yeas to 11 nays, and 3 non-liquets, as follows:

YEAS.—Ministers.—Dr. W. A. Hale, C. E. Miller, M. L. Fox, R. Keller, R. F. Shultz, S. E. Neikirk, G. V. Walker, C. E. Ewing, A. Klinger, E. E. Weller, F. W. Hoffman, Dr. I. H. Reiter, Dr. M. Loucks, Dr. S. B. Yockey, Dr. G. W. Williard, L. B. C. Lahr, D. W. Loucks, P. W. Snyder, C. M. Rohrbaugh, H. L. Hart, A. E. Baichly, J. P. Stahl, I. U. E. Kunkle, A. G. Berkeley, S. E. Klopfenstein, I. A. Sites, E. R. Williard, J. C. Schaaf, W. H. Shults, E. D. Wettach, J. S. Freeman, Dr. D. Van Horne, Dr. A. S. Zerbe, Dr. J. A. Peters, C. M. Lowe, Dr. J. M. Schick, A. H. Zechiel, D. A. Parks, J. D. Neff, G. A. Dreibelbies, D. Burghalter, Dr. J. B. Shumaker,

R. R. Lackey, Dr. J. J. Leberman, J. J. M. Gruber, Dr. S. Z. Beam, C. W. Brugh, F. H. Keller, A. Noll, G. W. Henning, H. S. Bailey, F. G. Boga ~~rt~~; *Elders.*—V. P. Van Horne, B. Fornshell, J. Griesbaum, R. Ewing, M. G. Beaver, J. Geeting, D. S. Drayer, W. H. Siegfried, J. Pfolsgruf, W. V. Zartman, E. L. Beyer, G. W. Clum, J. Fike, J. P. Zimmerman, N. L. Brewer, H. Glenn, J. A. Klahr, J. W. Keller, J. Sloppy, J. I. Frager ~~a~~ and J. W. Remsberg. 73.

NAYS.—Ministers.—S. V. Rohrbaugh, S. W. Seemann, P. Steinhage, ~~—~~, J. Ihle, F. E. Lauffer, N. W. Bloom, J. S. Keppe] and D. M. Christma ~~—~~ ~~an~~; *Elders.*—W. R. Graham, S. Zimmerman and J. H. Smith. 11.

NON-LIQUET.—Ministers.—W. E. Ludwick and G. E. Metgar. 2.

Immediately after the result of the vote was announced, the counsel ~~for~~ for the appellee gave notice to the synod that an appeal from this decis ~~—~~ ~~ision~~ would be taken to the General Synod.

ARTICLE XIX.

COMPLAINTS.

Nothing occurred requiring the attention of this synod.

ARTICLE XX.

CHURCH GOVERNMENT.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF SYNOD.

Officers of Board.

Rev. Isaac H. Reiter, D. D., *President*, Miamisburg, Ohio.

Elder Horace Ankeney, *Secretary*, Alpha, Ohio.

Elder Benjamin Kuhns, *Treasurer*, Dayton, Ohio.

Members whose term expires October, 1896.

Dr. David C. Lichliter.

Rev. John A. Seitz.

Members whose term expires October, 1897.

Elder Benjamin Kuhns.

Elder Albert L. Shearer.

Members whose term expires October, 1898.

Rev. Isaac H. Reiter, D. D.

Elder Horace Ankeney.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF OHIO SYNOD.

The Standing Committee on Minutes of Synod, during the after ~~—~~ ~~on~~ session on Thursday, reported in item 13 that a committee consisting ~~of~~ of Revs. Dr. I. H. Reiter, S. W. Seemann and Elder Geo. F. Bareis, ~~—~~ ~~as~~

ointed to formulate and report a Constitution and Laws for a Historical Society of the Ohio Synod. Thereupon the following report was received and adopted:

REPORT ON CONSTITUTION OF HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

our committee appointed by synod at its last annual meeting to prepare a Constitution for the government of the proposed Historical Society of the Ohio Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States would report:

That they, having attended to the duty assigned, herewith submit such a constitution for the examination and consideration of synod.

Respectfully submitted,

ISAAC H. REITER, *Chairman.*

CONSTITUTION

Of the Historical Society of the Ohio Synod, adopted by the synod on October 3, 1895:

CONSTITUTION

Of the Historical Society of the Ohio Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States.

ARTICLE I. NAME.

Section 1. This organization shall be known by the name of The Historical Society of the Ohio Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States.

ARTICLE II. OBJECT.

Sec. 2. The object of this society shall be to collect and preserve such materials as may serve to furnish information respecting the origin and history of the Reformed Church in this country and the fatherland, and to promote general interest in and love for the church; and in order to serve such materials, and to diffuse the knowledge derived therefrom, a Special Library and Museum shall be established at some suitable place, to be properly classified and arranged for use.

ARTICLE III. OFFICERS AND THEIR DUTIES.

Sec. 3. The officers of this society shall be a president, three vice presidents, a secretary, a treasurer and a librarian, who shall perform the duties usually devolving on such officers.

Sec. 4. The librarian, however, more specifically, shall have charge of the Special Library and Museum, properly preserve and arrange the same, and prepare a correct catalogue thereof; he shall record in a suitable book provided for the purpose, all donations to the society with the name of the donor and the date of receipt, and carefully label each donation with the

name of the donor; and shall report to the society at its annual meeting the donations received since the preceding annual meeting.

Sec. 5. There shall be an executive committee composed of the officers of the society, to whom shall be committed the work of devising and executing measures to secure the object of the society, to have full power during the interim to conduct and administer its affairs, to determine the time and place of all special meetings, and to render each year a report of their proceedings to the society at its annual meeting. Four members when regularly met shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

ARTICLE IV. MEMBERSHIP.

Sec. 6. The membership of this society shall be divided into three (3) classes, designated as 1, Active Members, 2, Corresponding Members and 3, Honorary Members. Application for membership shall be made to the secretary, and by him reported to the executive committee for approval, and if approved by the committee his name shall be enrolled as a member; and in becoming identified with this society he shall earnestly strive to aid in increasing the library and museum, and in promoting its prosperity.

Sec. 7. *Active Members* shall be ministers and members of the Reformed Church within the bounds of the Ohio Synod, and upon the approval of their application by the executive committee, and the payment of one dollar (\$1.00) to the society, shall be formally recognized as active members and as such enrolled; and they shall be entitled to vote and hold office, and have free access to the library and museum.

Sec. 8. *Corresponding Members* need not necessarily be ministers and members of the Reformed Church within the bounds of the Ohio Synod, but be persons who take an interest in this society and its objects, and are disposed to aid it in gathering material for the library and museum. Secretaries of similar societies may also be elected as corresponding members.

Sec. 9. *Honorary Members* shall be persons of literary taste and distinguished attainments in history and literature.

ARTICLE V. MEETINGS.

Sec. 10. The annual meeting of the society shall be held in connection with the annual sessions of the Ohio Synod, or at such time and place as may be designated by the executive committee, on which occasion, in addition to the transaction of business, essays or memoirs may be read or addresses delivered, by persons previously appointed for the purpose together with other exercises presented in the interest of the society.

ARTICLE VI. ELECTIONS.

Sec. 11. The officers of the society, designated in Article III. and Section 3 of this Constitution, shall be elected annually and hold their office for one year and until their successors are elected; and all elections shall be by ballot, and a majority of all the votes cast shall be necessary to election.

ARTICLE VII. AMENDMENTS.

12. This Constitution, or any part thereof, may be altered or led by a vote of two-thirds of the members present at any annual 1g of the society; *provided* that notice of such alteration or amend- shall have been given at a previous annual meeting.

ACTION RESPECTING CALVIN COLLEGE.

: Standing Committee on Minutes of Synod, during the afternoon a on Thursday, reported in item 17 that a committee of three was nted to investigate a proposition of Erie Classis (Central Synod) to into a partnership for the control of Calvin College at Cleveland,

The said committee on Saturday afternoon session presented a re- igned by two of its members, and an addendum or supplementary t was also presented by the other member, both of which were re- l. Then, on motion, it was

resolved, That both of these papers or reports be referred to a special ittee to report thereon to synod.

: committee consists of Revs. Drs. John A. Peters, John M. Schick, W. Henning, and Elders Nelson L. Brewer and Samuel Zimmerman. ommittee, during the morning session on Monday, submitted their ; which was received and adopted; and it follows in the official l the two preceding papers or reports in the order in which they presented.

: three papers or reports referred to and here arranged in their r order, are as follows:

1. Report of Committee Appointed by last Synod.

ir committee to whom was referred the matter of securing more te and particular information concerning Calvin College, of Cleve- Ohio, than was contained in the memorial presented to your rever- ody at your last annual meeting by the Rev. Dr. H. J. Ruetenik, beg to report:

it at a conference held at Cleveland, Ohio, on the 29th and 30th uary, 1895, between representatives of your committee and repre- ives of like committees from the Potomac and the Eastern synods : one part, and the Board of Trustees of Calvin College and rep- atives of Erie Classis of the Central Synod on the other part, the :eference having been called at the instance of Erie Classis, the fol- g facts were made clear, viz:

That the statement of the above-mentioned memorial as to the im- ice of the work now being done by Calvin College is substantially t.

That the thorough and satisfactory nature of the training given at College is fully attested by the fact that the seventeen graduates

of this institution and the seventeen other young men who partially took their college course there, and who all are now in the ministry of the Reformed Church in the United States, uniformly are men of mark, and are preferred to other men for responsible positions in German-English communities.

III. That the memorial does not over-estimate the value of the property now held by Calvin College, nor under-estimate the amount of its liabilities.

IV. That the title to the property now vested in Erie Classis is valid, and that no new charter will be needed in order to effect the incorporation of the several synods into its joint ownership.

V. That in the event of your venerable body granting the prayer of Calvin College for financial aid to the amount asked for, and under the conditions proposed, in the aforesaid memorial and the appended action of Erie Classis, and thus entering upon a joint ownership and management of that institution along with other synods and Erie Classis, certain changes in the existing corporation charter will be necessary. Respecting these your committee begs leave to suggest, as chiefly important, the following:

1. That Article III of the existing charter should be changed so as to read: "The purpose for which said corporation is formed is to organize, establish and maintain an institution of learning for the education of young men for the ministry of the Gospel in German-English communities and in which the different sciences and branches of learning generally included in the curriculum of a college shall be taught," &c.

2. That Article IV should be changed so as to read: "The corporation shall be governed by a Board of Trustees, composed of sixteen members, which shall have full power and authority to appoint a president, professors, and instructors of said college, prescribe the different courses of study to be pursued, and branches to be taught," &c. "Said Board of Trustees shall be elected as follows, viz: Eight members by the Erie Classis of the Central Synod, and two each by the Eastern, the Ohio, the Potomac and the Pittsburg Synods of the Reformed Church in the United States, and for such terms, and in such succession, as these bodies may co-jointly determine," &c.

3. That Article V should read as follows: "The president of the college shall not be a member of the Board of Trustees, but shall have the right to be present at all its meetings, and to speak on any question which may come up for consideration and discussion," and that Article V of the existing charter should then become Article VI.

4. That the proposed changes in the corporation charter should be so made, when they are made, that further changes will not be necessary should the Central Synod take the place now held by Erie Classis.

Your Committee on Religious Services respectfully reports as follows:
Wednesday, 7.30 P. M.—Opening sermon by the President, Rev. J. P. Stahl.

Thursday, 7.30 P. M.—Missionary meeting under direction of the Woman's Missionary Society.

Friday, 7.30 P. M.—"Educational Interests of Synod," Revs. Dr. Van Horne, J. A. Peters, D. D., E. D. Wettach, D. D., E. M. Beck and L. B. C. Lahr.

Saturday, 2 P. M.—Preparatory services: Sermon by Rev. J. M. Schick, D. D.; liturgical services by Rev. A. K. Zartman.

Saturday, 7.30 P. M.—"Young People's Work," Rev. A. E. Baichly, Rev. E. P. Herbruck, D. D., and Rev. C. E. Miller.

Sunday, 9.30 A. M.—Sunday-school—Ten minute addresses on Lesson of the Day, Rev. M. L. Fox, Rev. J. H. Steele, D. D.

Sunday, 10.30 A. M.—Communion service—Revs. J. H. Bomberger, A. Noll, I. Rothenberger.

Sunday, 6.30 P. M.—Y. P. S. C. E., Revs. S. C. Goss, D. D., J. Ihle and A. G. Berkey.

Sunday, 7.30 P. M.—Missionary meeting—Foreign, Rev. J. I. Good, D. D.; Home, Revs. R. Keller and S. W. Seemann.

Osnauburg Reformed Church.—10.30 A. M., Rev. S. B. Yockey, D. D.

Trinity Reformed Church, Canton.—10.30 A. M., Rev. J. A. Peters, D. D.; 7.30 P. M., Rev. D. Van Horne, D. D.

Grace Reformed Church, Columbiana.—Rev. A. C. Shuman.

Progressive, Louisville.—10.30, Rev. M. L. Fox; 7.30, Rev. L. L. Hasenpflug.

United Brethren Church.—7.30, Rev. H. L. Hart.

Berlin Center.—Rev. Dr. Lowe.

Respectfully submitted,

J. J. LEBERMAN, *Chairman.*

The religious services were severally observed as appointed.

Synod also held memorial services in memory of Rev. I. H. Reiter, D. D., on Saturday afternoon immediately after preparatory services; for particulars of which see Article XXIV, Miscellaneous.

ARTICLE VIII.

MINUTES OF SYNOD.

I. MINUTES OF THE OHIO SYNOD.

Two copies of the Minutes of Synod for 1895 were received through the Stated Clerk and referred to the Standing Committee on Minutes appointed at the previous annual meeting. This committee on the afternoon session of Saturday submitted its report which was considered item by item and is as follows:

Your Committee on Minutes of Synod would respectfully present the following report:

Item 1, page 11. Revs. Geo. H. Souder, John C. Schaaf, Aaron Noll, and Elders Henry Glenn and F. D. Paulus were appointed Standing Committee on Minutes of Synod for 1896.

Item 2, page 15. Synod requests Tuscarawas Classis to comply with the rule and customs of the appointment method.

Item 3, page 15. Revs. C. E. Miller, A. B. Stoner, J. D. Neff, and Elders W. V. Zartman and F. Nussbaum were appointed Standing Committee on Minutes of Classes for 1896.

Item 4, page 19. Stated Clerk of synod is instructed to have the report on the State of Religion published in the *Christian World*.

Item 5, page 35. The term of office of Revs. J. J. Leberman, D. D., and E. R. Williard as members of the Board of Home Missions expires at this meeting of synod.

Item 6, page 35. The Treasurers of the classes are requested to see to it that the full amount apportioned for the English Reformed Chapel in Chicago be paid to Rev. J. M. Kendig, D. D., by January 1, 1896.

Item 7, page 51. The term of office of Revs. R. Keller, E. M. Beck, E. Herbruck, D. D., J. J. Leberman, D. D., and Elder B. Kuhns, members of the Board of Trustees of Heidelberg Theological Seminary, expires at this meeting of synod.

Item 8, page 52. The term of office of Revs. S. C. Goss, D. D., J. H. Steele, D. D., M. Loucks, D. D., and Prof. C. M. Lowe, Ph. D., members of the Board of Visitors and Education, expires at this meeting of synod.

Item 9, page 61. Synod offers to the Financial Secretary, Rev. E. D. Wettach, our cordial support and co-operation, and suggests the appointment of a committee of two by each classis, a minister and elder, to aid him in raising the \$100,000 fund.

Item 10, page 61. The term of office of Revs. L. H. Kefauver, D. D., E. Herbruck, D. D., H. M. Herman, D. D., and Elders N. L. Brewer, Esq., Horace Ankeney and G. F. Bareis, members of the Board of Regents of Heidelberg University, expires at this meeting of synod.

Item 11, page 69. The term of office of Elder V. P. Van Horne and Rev. L. B. C. Lahr, members of the Board of Sunday-schools, expires at this meeting of synod.

Item 12, page 72. The term of office of Dr. D. C. Lichliter and Rev. J. A. Seitz, Trustees of synod, expires at this meeting of synod.

Item 13, page 83. The term of office of Revs. R. F. Shultz and J. D. Neff, members of the Board of Publication, expires at this meeting of synod.

Item 14, page 86. The Treasurer of synod is instructed to pay the traveling expenses of members of the several Boards of Heidelberg Theological Seminary when attending to business pertaining to the interests of the seminary.

Item 15, page 86. The Treasurer of synod is instructed to pay various bills.

Item 16, page 88. Rev. E. P. Herbruck, D. D., was elected delegate *primarius*, and Rev. S. B. Yockey, D. D., delegate *secundus*, to the Central Synod.

Respectfully submitted,
G. H. SOUDER,
A. NOLL.

The report was disposed of as follows: All the items of the report were adopted, and those having reference to vacancies were referred to the Standing Committee on Nominations. For report under item 16, see Article XXIV, Miscellaneous. The report was adopted as a whole.

II. MINUTES OF GENERAL SYNOD.

Two copies of the Minutes of General Synod for 1896 were received through the Stated Clerk, and referred to the Standing Committee on Minutes of General Synod. This committee during the forenoon session on Friday, presented its report which is as follows:

Your Standing Committee on Minutes of General Synod submits the following items as claiming your consideration, viz:

Item 1, page 88. General Synod calls attention to the importance of organizing Woman's Missionary Societies in all the synods, classes and congregations.

Item 2, page 88. The synods are directed to carry forward their missionary Sunday-school work, etc., according to the principles underlying the plan of co-operation with other churches of the Pan-Alliance.

Item 3, page 89. Urges the synods and classes to secure an average of at least fifty cents per member for Home Missions.

Item 4, page 126. Appeals to all the synods, classes and congregations to secure the entire amount of the apportionments, and calls for free-will offerings that the Foreign Mission work may be enlarged.

Item 5, page 136. Urges synod and classes to challenge pastors and people for large contributions for the cause of the orphans.

Item 6, page 143. Commends the deaconess work to the classes and consistories.

Item 7, page 147. Commends the Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows, and requests annual offerings.

Item 8, pages 148-150. Endorses the work of the young people in their organized efforts to advance the kingdom of God, and the attention of synods and classes is called to the action on Young People's Societies and their work.

Item 9, page 179. Urges classes to request Children's Day offerings to Sunday-school missions and the support of the Board.

Item 10, pages 200, 201. The new Constitution is again submitted to the classes for approval or rejection.

Item 11, page 203. A deliverance on the constitutionality of apportionments.

Item 12, page 204. Synod's classes, consistories and congregations should heartily co-operate with General Synod in carrying forward its work through the Boards.

Item 13, page 207. Refers to a change of statistical table.

- a) To distinguish between confirmed and unconfirmed members.
- b) Synods shall provide blanks for the same.
- c) Ministers to account for all names taken from the roll.
- d) Utmost care is enjoined to secure correct statistics.

Item 14, page 209. Constituting Stated Clerks of synods. Committee on Digest of Synodical Decisions.

Item 15, page 210. Directions to the District Synods in recording the vote of each classis on the Revised Constitution.

Item 16, page 246. Table of apportionments each year: a) Contingent expenses, \$400; Home Missions, \$5,500; Harbor Missions, \$95; Hungarian Missions, \$550; work among Germans, \$550; Foreign Missions, \$3,300. b) Attention is called to the expediency of paying one-third of the sum apportioned for contingent expenses each year to the Treasurer of General Synod.

Item 17, page 259. The cause of Beneficiary Education is earnestly commended to the synods and classes.

Item 18, page 267. Next meeting of General Synod in the Second Reformed Church, Tiffin, Ohio, on Tuesday after Whitsuntide A. D. 1899, at 7:30 P. M.

Respectfully submitted,

E. D. WETTACH, *Chairman.*
H. S. NICHOLSON.
F. M. SHULTS.
G. F. CHENOT.

The report was considered item by item.

Items 1, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9, 11, 12, 13, 14, 17, 18, adopted.

Items 2, 3, 5, adopted and referred to the Standing Committee on Missions.

Items 10, 15, adopted, and attention of Stated Clerks called to them.

Item 16, adopted, and referred to the Committee on Finance. The report was adopted as a whole.

The Standing Committee on Minutes of Synod to report on said minutes to the synod at its annual meeting in 1897, as officially appointed, consists of Revs. A. E. Baichly, L. L. Hassenpflug and E. E. Weller; Elders V. P. Van Horne and Horace Ankeney.

ARTICLE IX.

MINUTES OF CLASSES.

The Standing Committee on Minutes of Classes, appointed at the annual meeting of synod in 1895, during the afternoon session on Thursday submitted their report which is as follows:

To the Reverend Ohio Synod:

Your Standing Committee on the Minutes of Classes beg to present the following report:

SUBJECTS REFERRED TO CLASSES.

Item 1. Miami Classis accepts the apportionments of synod, and adopts the request to secure amount due Chicago Mission; adopts also synod's action touching applicants for beneficiary aid; holds meeting in the interest of Heidelberg Theological Seminary; appoints a committee to co-operate with the Financial Secretary of Heidelberg University in raising the semi-centennial endowment fund of \$100,000; urges that one collection be taken each year for the "Society for the Relief of Disabled Ministers and their Widows;" that the Children's Day offering in the Sunday-school be given to the General Board, and the Christmas offering to the Orphan Homes. Classis acknowledges its irregularities as indicated by synod.

Item 2. Tuscarawas Classis adopts items touching payment of Chicago Chapel apportionment; duties of classis toward applicants for beneficiary aid; support of the Theological Seminary; also the "Society for the Relief of Disabled Ministers and their Widows;" appoints a committee to co-operate in raising semi-centennial endowment fund for Heidelberg University; urges advanced ground in Sunday-school work, more care in gathering statistics and attendance upon the Sunday-school conventions. The apportionments of synod are all accepted and in reference to the request of synod to the Tuscarawas Classis to comply with the rule and custom of the apportionment method resolutions were adopted declaring genuine loyalty and claiming only that each charge shall have the right to raise its benevolent moneys in whatever way it deems best.

Item 3. Tiffin Classis calls the attention of certain pastors and consistories to the fact that their charges were not represented at last meeting of synod; instructs the Treasurer to collect full apportionment to Chicago Mission; adopts item touching applicants for beneficiary aid and also the examination of students from the seminary; holds meeting in the interest of Heidelberg Theological Seminary; appoints committee to co-operate in raising the semi-centennial endowment fund for Heidelberg University; urges that one collection be taken each year for the Society for Relief of Disabled Ministers and their Widows; that the Christmas offering in the Sunday-school be given to the Orphan Homes and the

ren's Day offering to the General Board. A Classical Sunday-school Committee was appointed. All apportionments of synod were accepted.

m 4. Lancaster Classis adopts recommendation of synod and holds meeting in the interest of the seminary; appoints a committee to co-operate in raising the \$100,000 semi-centennial endowment fund for Heidelberg University; request congregation to take at least one collection each for the Society for Relief of Disabled Ministers and their Widows; encourage house to house visitation in Sunday-school work and that the Children's Day offering be given to the General Board. The apportionments were accepted.

m 5. Eastern Ohio Classis accepts synod's apportionments; adopts referring to applicants for beneficiary aid; the payment of full apportionment to Chicago Mission; the needs of the Orphan Homes; the interests of the Seminary and University. A committee was appointed to cooperate in raising the semi-centennial endowment fund of \$100,000. Reference to irregularity charged by synod, classis affirms synod is in

m 6. St. Joseph Classis acknowledges irregularity as indicated by synod; accepts all apportionments, including amount due Chicago Mission; holds meeting in the interest of the Seminary; appoints committee to raise semi-centennial endowment fund for Heidelberg University; urges offering for Society for Relief of Disabled Ministers and their Widows; request the pastors to use the literature of the church in their Sunday-schools and instructs the Stated Clerk to issue letter to Rev. J. V. Potts as he applies in regular form.

RECEPTIONS AND DISMISSALS.

m 7. Miami Classis received Rev. H. L. Hart from Tuscarawas Classis; Rev. P. E. Zartman from Lincoln Classis, Interior Synod; Rev. Reichard from Tiffin Classis; Rev. A. R. Holshouser from Wichita Classis, Synod of the Interior; Ross F. Wicks from Juniata Classis, Synod of Potomac, licensed and ordained him; dismissed Rev. E. E. Weller from Tiffin Classis; Rev. B. F. Metzger to Lancaster Classis; Rev. S. B. Key, D. D., to Lancaster Classis; Rev. S. U. Snyder to St. Joseph Classis; and Rev. Alpheus Iden to Northwestern Conference of the Methodist Church.

m 8. Tuscarawas Classis received Rev. J. S. Freeman from Allegheny Classis, Pittsburg Synod; Lic. L. L. Hassenpflug from Lancaster Classis and ordained him; licensed and ordained H. J. Christman. Dismissed Rev. E. D. Wettach to Tiffin Classis; Rev. H. L. Hart to Miami Classis; Rev. I. A. Sites to Tiffin Classis; Rev. S. B. Mase to Westmoreland Classis, Synod of Pittsburg.

m 9. Tiffin Classis received Rev. G. A. Dreibelbies from Heidelberg Classis, Central Synod; Rev. E. D. Wettach from Tuscarawas

Classis; Rev. E. E. Weller from Miami Classis; Rev. I. A. Sites from Tuscarawas Classis; Rev. A. B. Stoner from St. Joseph Classis; Lic. C. A. Row from St. Joseph Classis and ordained him; licensed and ordained A. C. Shuman. Dismissed Rev. C. L. Alspach to Allegheny Classis, Pittsburg Synod; Rev. I. F. Wagner to Schuylkill Classis, Eastern Synod; Rev. W. H. Tussing to Westmoreland Classis, Pittsburg Synod; Rev. B. Reichard to Miami Classis; Rev. R. R. Lackey to Iowa Classis, Synod of the Interior; Rev. John Kost, D. D., to West Michigan Conference Methodist Protestant Church.

Item 10. Lancaster Classis received Rev. B. F. Metzger from Miami Classis; Rev. S. B. Yockey, D. D., from Miami Classis; Rev. A. C. Der from Toledo Conference of the Congregational Church. Dismissed W. C. B. Shulenberger to Maryland Classis, Potomac Synod; Rev. J. Bretz to St. Joseph Classis; licensed L. L. Hassenpflug and dismissed to Tuscarawas Classis; licensed J. W. Miller and dismissed to Eastern Ohio Classis.

Items 11. Eastern Ohio Classis received Rev. F. M. Shultz from Iowa Classis, Synod of the Interior; Lic. J. W. Miller from Lancaster Classis and ordained him; Lic. E. H. Laubach from East Pennsylvania Classis, Eastern Synod and ordained him; Rev. G. H. Albright from Iowa Classis, Synod of the Interior. Dismissed Rev. F. H. Keller to St. John's Classis, Central Synod; Rev. N. A. Ernst to Tuscarawas Classis; Rev. C. W. Brugh to Classis of St. Joseph.

Item 12. St. Joseph Classis received Rev. S. U. Snyder from Miami Classis; Rev. J. L. Bretz from Lancaster Classis; Lic. H. S. Nicholson from Somerset Classis, Pittsburg Synod and ordained him. Dismissed Rev. A. B. Stoner to Tiffin Classis; Rev. H. S. Bailey to the Reformed Church in America; and the name of Rev. W. H. Xanders was stricken from the roll inasmuch as he had united with the Protestant Episcopal Church.

ANNUAL MEETINGS.

Item 13. Miami Classis will meet in the Memorial Reformed Church, Dayton, Montgomery Co., on Tuesday, May 11, 1897, at 7.30 P. M. Rev. M. Loucks, D. D., President; Rev. R. B. Reichard, Stated Clerk; Elder V. P. Van Horne, Treasurer.

Item 14. Tuscarawas Classis will meet in the East Homer Church of the Polk Charge on the moonlight Tuesday evening nearest May 1, 1897, at 7.30 o'clock. Rev. A. G. Berkey, President; Rev. E. M. Beck, Stated Clerk; Elder E. K. Kremer, Treasurer.

Item 15. Tiffin Classis will meet in the Reformed Church, Fremont, Ohio, on Friday, April 30, 1897, at 1.30 P. M. Rev. J. A. Peters, D. D., President; Rev. A. H. Lechiel, Stated Clerk; Rev. J. B. Shumaker, D. D., Treasurer.

Item 16. Lancaster Classis will meet in one of the churches of the Rushville Charge on Tuesday on or before full moon in May 1897, at

7.30 P. M. Rev. L. B. C. Lahr, President; Rev. S. W. Seemann, Stated Clerk; Rev. J. A. Seitz, Treasurer.

Item 17. Eastern Ohio Classis will meet in the Bethel Reformed Church of the Bethel Charge on Tuesday before the full moon in May 1897, at 7 P. M. Rev. Geo. E. Metzger, President; Rev. Geo. W. Henning, Stated Clerk; Rev. J. H. Bomberger, Treasurer.

Item 18. St. Joseph Classis will meet in the Reformed Church, Marmont, Ind., on Thursday, May 27, 1897, at 7.30 P. M. Rev. B. B. Royer, President; Rev. F. Ware, Stated Clerk; Elder Benj. Ashbaucher, Treasurer.

CHAS. E. MILLER,
A. B. STONER,
J. D. NEFF.

The report was considered item by item. All the items of the report were adopted; and the report was then adopted as a whole.

The Standing Committee on Minutes of Classis to report on said minutes to synod at its annual meeting in 1897, as officially appointed, consists of Revs. H. M. Herman, D. D., Chas. E. Miller, S. V. Rohrbaugh, and Elders Dr. C. H. Evans and John Williard.

ARTICLE X. OVERTURES.

The Standing Committee on Overtures during the afternoon on Thursday submitted their report which was considered item by item and afterwards adopted as a whole. The report is as follows:

Your Committee on Overtures beg leave to report for your consideration the following overtures which have been placed in our hands:

Item 1. Is a letter from Rev. B. F. Metzger, asking to be excused from attendance at synod.

Item 2. Is a letter from Rev. Frank G. Bogart, asking to be excused from attendance at synod.

Item 3. Is a letter from Rev. A. H. Zechiel, asking to be excused from attendance at synod.

Item 4. Is an overture from the managers of the Daniel Stine Memorial Home, asking for the "sympathy, prayers and alms" of the members of this synod.

Item 5. Is an overture from the "Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows," containing a statement of its operations and of the receipts and expenditures within the bounds of synod.

Item 6. Is an overture from the Sunday-school Board of the General Synod, reminding synod of the action of General Synod, rehearsing the transactions of the Board, since then, and asking synod to consider the following requests:

a) That every Sunday-school be requested to use the Lesson Helps and papers prepared by and for the church.

b) That our churches and schools be urged to pay special attention to the primary work, the work of the home and that the appliances for primary work be used.

c) That larger offerings be made for the mission work of the Board.

Item 7. Is a letter from Rev. P. E. Zartman, asking to be excused from attendance at synod.

Item 8. Is an overture from the Board of Foreign Missions giving an account of its work and prospects, and urging synod to assume the full amount apportioned by the General Synod for Foreign Missions.

Item 9. Is an overture from the American Anti-Saloon League containing a copy of its constitution and calling special attention of synod to Articles 2 and 8, referring to "Suppression of the Saloon," and the appointment of delegates to its annual conventions; and also furnishing a blank form and envelope for reply.

Item 10. Is an overture from Rev. Hiram King, proposing a plan for a Beneficiary Educational Endowment Fund.

Item 11. Is an overture from the Board of Directors of St. Paul's Orphan Home, giving a brief statement of its work and condition, and asking for increased contributions in aid of this blessed work.

Item 12. Is a copy of Announcements and Reports of Calvin College.

Item 13. Is a report from Dr. L. H. Kefauver, Treasurer of synod, together with a statement that \$300 must be apportioned for contingent expenses for the next synodical year.

Item 14. Is a request from Dr. Kefauver to be excused from attendance at synod.

Item 15. Is a communication from Dr. Ruetenik concerning Calvin College.

Item 16. A letter from Rev. C. A. Row, asking to be excused from attendance at this synod.

Item 17. Is a communication from Barbara Swander, asking synod to authorize the Board of Trustees of Theological Seminary to restore to her the vouchers and notes amounting to \$10,000, which she formerly passed into their hands for the benefit of the Theological Seminary and known as the "Swander Fund;" her object being to make a reapplication of the fund.

Respectfully submitted,

S. Z. BEAM,
L. B. C. LAHR,
A. G. BERKEY,
ROBERT BELL,
DAVID GODSHALL.

The report was disposed of as follows: Items 1, 2, 3, 7, 12, 14, 15, 16, adopted. Items 4 and 5, referred to a special committee consisting of Revs. I. A. Sites, A. C. Shuman and Elder Isaac Hisey. For the report of this committee see Article XVI, Benevolent and Religious Institutions.

Item 6 adopted and referred to the Committee on Sunday-schools and Catechisation. Item 8 adopted and referred to the Committee on Missions. Item 9 referred to the following special Committee on Temperance, viz: Revs. H. E. Kilmer, N. A. Ernst and Elder C. H. Evans; for report of which see Article XXIV, Miscellaneous. Item 10 referred to the Board of Education of Heidelberg Theological Seminary. Item 11 referred to the Committee on Sunday-schools and Catechisation. Item 13 referred to the Committee on Finance. Item 17 referred to a special committee consisting one member from each classis, as follows: Revs. H. M. Herman, D. D., L. B. C. Lahr, S. C. Goss, D. D., J. H. Steele, D. D., S. Z. Beam, D. D., and A. K. Zartman. This committee at the evening session on Saturday submitted their report: after some discussion the following resolution was offered as a substitute for the whole matter, and adopted, viz:

Resolved, That this whole matter be referred to the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary, with freedom to act as they may deem the interests of all concerned demand.

On motion it was decided that all papers relating to the case be referred to the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary, through the Stated Clerk.

ARTICLE XI.

EXAMINATION, LICENSURE AND ORDINATION.

The Standing Committee on Examination, Licensure and Ordination during the evening session on Saturday submitted their report which was adopted, and is as follows:

To the Reverend Synod of Ohio:

Your Committee on Examination, Licensure and Ordination beg leave to report: Inasmuch as no matters for consideration have been referred to us, we have no items of business to suggest.

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. PETERS,
N. H. LOOSE,
H. J. CHRISTMAN,
W. H. BAHL,
ISAAC KLOPFENSTEIN.

ARTICLE XII.

RELIGION AND MORALS.

The Standing Committee on the State of Religion and Statistics, during the afternoon session on Friday, presented their report, which was adopted, and is as follows:

DEAR BRETHREN IN CHRIST:—A careful perusal of the several classical reports submitted to your committee, reveals the gladsome fact of

God's abiding presence with His church, verifying His promise to be a God unto them that delight in owning themselves to be His people. The assurance of Christ, also, that the gates of hell should not prevail against His church, has found many practical demonstrations in the departed year of grace.

In view of these abounding mercies, our hearts are led to confide in His strong arm as able to govern the nations upon earth; and therefore with singleness of heart we press forward, proclaiming by word and deed the name and fame of Christ, until the kingdoms of this world shall become the kingdoms of our God. Opposition we may have to meet; but the victory will be Christ's; and if Christ's, then ours. Though there may seem outward loss betimes, 'twill be outward at the most. For, has it never been true that the real victory was achieved under the smoke of battle? Did not the Christ of men himself, win the immortal victory "through death?" Has not the experience of the church in these nineteenth Christian centuries engraved upon the tablet of the heart the conviction that "The blood of the martyrs is the seed of the church?" No matter, if clouds and sunshine do alternate, if but they do, and leave not the sky in constant darkness, for so shall we be perfected. No matter if anti-Christ doth appear; at the last he shall be cast into the bottomless pit of unbelief and moral death, whilst the old ship of Zion shall proudly sail on with the banner of truth unfurled to the breezes, and with the sound of an innumerable throng pealing forth from her bosom the pean of victory.

We rejoice that our own beloved church has had a part in the furtherance of that grand cause that shall so signally win; that from no less than 230 pulpits the tidings of "peace on earth and good will to men," have been proclaimed last year; and that we can enumerate nearly twenty-two and a-half thousand Christian men and women who are "not ashamed of the gospel of Christ," "a power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth."

An epitome from the several reports, will probably best serve our purpose, setting forth both the encouraging and discouraging phases of the work. Whilst it is never a pleasant task to speak of the discouraging features of the work, it must be borne in mind that the status of the church is what we want, and not a mere panegyric; and therefore, we shall notice

I. THE UNPLEASANT PHASES.—BY CLASSES.

Miami speaks of but one discouragement; that "in some charges the study of our honored confession of faith by the prospective candidates for confirmation is still in a measure neglected."

Lawcaster confesses to fewer accessions by confirmation, fewer communicants, more erasures, less for benevolence than in the previous year.

Tuscarawas intimates that there is "a great lack in the cultivation of the spirituality of the church by a faithful attendance of the mid-week

prayer service." In which connection this earnest appeal is made: "Brethren, let us never be satisfied until we rally around us a Daniel's band of living Christians."

Tiffin acknowledges that "only in one sphere of activity does there seem to exist any marked ground of complaint, and that lies in the neglect of family visitation on the part of the eldership." But the report also deprecates the fact of a free, and perhaps undue pruning of names for the purpose of lowering the amounts of the apportionments, with this wholesome thought subjoined: "When for the sake of making apportionments lighter, brethren are erased from our membership, a mercenary character is given to the work of the church; and that is, to say the least, too near an approach to that worldly spirit which ought to be condemned in individuals, and why not in congregations?"

Eastern Ohio gives notice of "a large delinquency in the payment of the apportionments;" and is persuaded that her "work has its conflicting emotions of joy and sadness, of glad gratitude and sorrowful regret."

St. Joseph regrets that there are several congregations within her territory that were deprived of regular pulpit ministrations; and further, that "the time-honored custom of catechisation seems to be going out of repute." For our refreshing we turn now to

II. THE ENCOURAGING PHASES—BY CLASSES, AS BEFORE.

Miami assures us that, "without exception these reports (parochial) breathe a spirit of devout thanksgiving to the Great Head of the church," and puts an abiding trust in Him who said, "Lo, I am with you alway." There has been "earnest preaching of the Word . . . and active participation in the work of the church." All the church auxiliaries are active and growing. The mid-week prayer-meeting has not been neglected. Two promising congregations were organized, Memorial Church, Dayton, and Grace Mission, Springfield. The statistical table shows "marked increase in every column." The financial stringency has had no ill effect upon the church contributions, as there was a gain of fifty per cent for benevolence, "and a gain of nearly one hundred per cent for congregational purposes."

Lancaster takes pleasure in acknowledging continued good health among the brethren of the ministry. She also reports a faithful use of the catechism, some increase in the membership, and increased amount for home work. One new congregation was organized, St. John's, Columbus. Two parsonages were erected, and the temporal contracts between pastors and peoples fulfilled. The Sunday-schools are in a flourishing condition; some disciplinary work has been attended to, and there is a growth in spirituality among the membership of classis. "Believing that only the faithful shall be rewarded," all are urged to labor more earnestly for Christ and His church.

Tuscarawas expresses her "gratitude to God, for His especial goodness to His people and for sparing the lives of all the shepherds of the flock."

One new church building has been erected, and others were improved. Catechisation has been faithfully attended to in some charges. Special services, especially prior to communion seasons, have been helpful in the spiritual life of the churches, and also unto the numerical increase thereof. The vigorous co-operation of the Y. P. S. C. E., Senior and Junior, is accepted as a hopeful sign for the strength of the future church. In some charges the eldership is reported as having done good work unto the spiritual uplift of the people. At least one new missionary society has been organized; and so propitious has been the increase in several congregations in the last few years, that, "Ere long we shall have the satisfaction of naming several captains of a thousand." All in all, this classis believes that, "the strength of our churches is not in number, or in machinery, or in our doctrinal inheritance alone; it consists rather in the unity of the spirit in the bond of peace."

Tiffin mentions that "all the reports (parochial), give expression to a sense of thanksgiving for mercies received and blessings bestowed in the work of the ministry." There have been few interruptions; and "where sickness has reached the homes and where anxiety has made heavy the hearts of God's laborers, there the Providence of God has revealed His boundless care." The usual work of the church has been faithfully forwarded. The table of the Lord was diligently guarded against unworthy guests. Two new churches were constructed, others repaired and beautified. The benevolences are in a "comparatively prosperous condition," mission churches even surpassing some older congregations in this direction. The Christian Endeavor Society is heartily commended in this report, to all the people, not only the younger portion of the flocks. Finally, this classis lays special emphasis upon the necessity of supporting our educational institutions that lie within her bounds, reminding all the classes of their duties in that direction.

Eastern Ohio, along with the claims to having discharged the usual duties of the church, tells us that the "Christian Endeavor and Brotherhood of Andrew and Philip, are using their energy and talent to the glory of God and the advancement of His cause;" that the baptismal vows of Christian parents have been nobly kept, as is shown from the large number of confirmations; that "all lines of activity are in a healthy condition, and under the guidance and blessing of the Lord, will redound to His glory."

St. Joseph testifies that "ministers are hopeful, and with earnestness are prosecuting their work." There has been "a net increase of 280 members over last year." The apportionments have been pretty fully paid up. One new church edifice graces St. Joseph's soil, and others have undergone spacious repairs. The Sunday-schools receive special mention in this report, as being in a flourishing way; new recruits are constantly joining the ranks. This classis enters upon another year's work with the inspiring watchword, "All for the church, all for Christ."

As far as we could discover, there has been but one death among the ministerial brethren, the well known venerable and beloved Dr. Isaac H. Ter, for many years the Stated Clerk of this synod. Peace be unto him, and long dwell his noble life within our memories.

Amid the many causes for rejoicing in these reports, there is one which awakens within us deep regret; namely, the great gulf existing between enrolled membership, and the number of those who failed to come. Of the 22,400 members, 3,413 failed to meet around the festal table of Christ. To say the least, this shows a gigantic disregard of our Lord's parting request. "Do this in remembrance of Me," is His pathetic appeal for our sympathy and love. Moreover, a neglect of this, so easily to be commanded, is a sure guarantee of the neglect of others, more difficult to obey. How can such cold indifference be reconciled with a profession of love and loyalty to Christ? How can any confidently hope for His approving smile and His benediction of peace?

As compared with last year, we have, five more congregations, 718 more members, 124 more unconfirmed members, 28 less infant baptisms, 46 more adult baptisms; 149 less confirmations, 205 more received by certificates and renewals; 1,270 more communed, 163 more dismissals, no ordinations, 159 less erasures, 10 less deaths, 10 more Sunday-schools, more officers and teachers, 2,252 more Sunday-school scholars, 7 less disbursements for the ministry, \$2,614 less for benevolence, but \$14,220 more congregational support; and thus an increased gain in nearly every item.

And now, "unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God, be honor and glory forever." Amen.

Respectfully submitted,

JACOB P. STAHL, *Chairman.*

(For Statistical Reports see Appendix.)

ARTICLE XIII.

MISSIONS—HOME AND FOREIGN.

The following reports and papers bearing on the subject of Home and Foreign Missions were received, considered and adopted:

I. ANNUAL REPORTS.

Report of the General Board of Home Missions.

BRETHREN:—The triennial report of the Board, to the General Synod, at its meeting in May last, brought the operations of the Board, to the notice of the church, up to that date. Nearly twenty thousand copies of the report, were distributed among the pastors and members of the church. It has not been deemed necessary, therefore, to offer any very extended report to the synods, at their annual meetings, this fall. This report is of a general character, so far as the work of the Board is con-

cerned, but somewhat specific in calling attention to the recommendations and apportionments made by the General Synod.

The work has moved along prosperously during the year. So far as the work done by missionaries is concerned, no previous year has witnessed more faithful service, while the missions have not, in any previous year, made more substantial progress.

The Board has been, at different times during the year, very much embarrassed because of the lack of funds. This was caused, doubtless, by the stringency of the times. When the General Synod met in May, the indebtedness of the Board had been entirely met and about \$1,000 remained in the treasury. However, when the Executive Committee met in July last, there was lacking the sum of nearly \$6,000, and the Board was compelled to borrow \$5,000. On September first, when this report was prepared, the indebtedness had advanced considerable beyond the amount borrowed by the Board. This may be accounted for, not only because of the hard times, but also, because of the fact that during the summer months many of the pastors are absent from their charges, and the missionary money is not punctually collected and forwarded.

The Board, however, earnestly requests of the synods, that efforts be put forth to gather the apportionments so that it may not be embarrassed, and the work made to suffer, because of the lack of funds.

The funds fell short, by a considerable amount, of what was voted by the synods last year. This shortage necessitated the Board to limit its operations, somewhat, so as to remain within the bounds of the amount actually furnished.

Notwithstanding these embarrassments, the Board gives thanks to the Head of the Church for the measure of success that has attended its operations. The Church can justly congratulate herself upon the comparatively rapid extension of her borders, during these stringent times, and for the splendid outlook for her future.

At no time, for years past, were the missions so universally supplied with pastors, as at this present time. This indicates a readiness and willingness on the part of the ministry to enter the mission fields. The young men of the ministry have been more ready to do missionary work than formerly. These are some of the encouraging signs of the work.

THE MISSIONS.

On April 1, 1896, there were *one hundred and one* missions on the roll of the Board, including three that became self-sustaining on that date. The three were Ft. Wayne, Ind., and Altoona and Chambersburg, Pa. At the meeting of the Executive Committee in July, three additional missions were enrolled namely, the Bohemian Mission in Chicago, the German-English Mission in Canton, Ohio, and an additional Hungarian Mission to embrace the cities of Scranton, Wilkesbarre and Hazelton. It will be noticed that the Board now has on its roll just *one hundred and one* missions, the same as last year.

For the English Missions, the Board last year asked, and the synods voted, the sum of \$40,000. The actual amount needed to meet the liabilities of the Board was about \$38,000. Not more than \$34,000 came to the Board from the apportionments, but including what the women of the Church gave for the home work, and additional funds that were given by individuals the sum of \$38,000 was received.

There are, however, many calls coming to the Board which cannot be answered. Many good openings present themselves, which, for the present, cannot be taken up. The Board endeavors to encourage the people to wait until such time, in the near future, when it may be enabled to answer their call. The work could and should be greatly extended and the church would do well to put forth her best efforts towards the expansion of her territory, when the leadings of Providence are so manifestly in that direction.

The General Synod, recognizing these numerous calls, made provision for the extension of the work, by appropriating \$45,000 for the English Missions alone. This is \$5,000 more than had ever been appropriated for these missions, and will enable the Board to do additional work, provided the money is promptly paid over.

The General Synod apportioned this sum upon the synods as follows:

Eastern Synod.....	\$25,400
Potomac Synod.....	9,400
Ohio Synod.....	5,500
Pittsburg Synod.....	4,100
Interior Synod.....	600
Total	\$45,000

It will be noticed, that this apportionment is somewhat different from that made in former years by the Board, but as the per capita is nearly equal throughout the synods, it is just and right. We would therefore call the attention of the synods to this apportionment.

HUNGARIAN AND BOHEMIAN WORK.

The Hungarian work continues to prosper. The Hungarian pastors are an earnest and faithful set of missionaries. They continue to point out, to the Board, openings for additional work among their brethren. There are now *six* of these missionaries, and a new field has been arranged for, as already stated, with Scranton, Wilkesbarre and Hazelton as centers. Rev. Alex. Kalassay, now of Mt. Carmel, takes charge of the new field. An additional missionary will be called from Hungary to take charge at Mt. Carmel, who can use the slavic dialect readily, as many of the members at Mt. Carmel are Slavs. Upon the whole our Hungarian work has prospered and the outlook for the future is very hopeful.

As to the opening of the Bohemian Mission in Chicago, the Board had intended that this should take place about September 1st. Some of those, at the head of this movement, however, urged upon Rev. Charles V. Molnar, the missionary, to commence the work at an earlier date. He,

therefore, began his labors among his people on July 15th, and on August 2d, preached his first sermon in Rev. Heineman's church. At the first service there were thirty-nine Bohemians present. The services, since that time, have been even more largely attended and Bro. Molnar, while he thinks the work will be most arduous, is very greatly encouraged so far, and is very hopeful for the future.

The General Synod designated the sum of \$6,000 for the combined Hungarian and Bohemian work. The synod, furthermore apportioned this amount upon all the synods.

The apportionment is as follows:

Eastern Synod.....	\$2,500.00
Potomac Synod	1,840.40
Ohio Synod.....	550.50
Synod of the Northwest	550.50
Pittsburg Synod.....	450.50
Central Synod	550.50
German Synod of the East	370.70
Interior Synod.....	100.00
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Total.....	\$6,000.00

GERMAN WORK.

The General Synod, in its wisdom, determined that more work should be done among the Germans, especially among them, as they are found in the large cities of the land. So far, the missions of the German Board are largely found in the large cities. This is especially true of their western missions. A very large proportion of the German immigrants settle in the cities. This fact makes it necessary that much of the German mission work should be done in the cities. For this reason the General Synod ordered that the sum of \$6,000 should be apportioned upon the synods, over and above all other apportionments, for the purpose of city work among the Germans, and that this money shall be paid into the treasury of the General Board, as this additional work is to be carried forward by the General Board. This is not to interfere in any way with the work now being done by the Boards of the German Synods. Indeed, by the discussion on the floor of General Synod, we would infer, that it is to be done largely by the advice of the German Boards; they to point out the suitable openings. Every one, be he English or German must see the importance of this action. We are losing much, as a church, by not caring for the immigrants who rightfully belong to our church. The future should see much more work done among the Germans than the past has, and, if this is done it will greatly increase the church in our land. We should learn a lesson from sister denominations, who, while they have no special claims upon the Germans are nevertheless putting forth strong efforts to organize missions among them. This action of General Synod should not become a dead letter among us, but the apportionment should

be promptly paid by all the synods, German as well as English, and the money transmitted to the Treasurer of the General Board, so that the work can be entered upon with that life and enthusiasm which it deserves. We therefore recommend the following apportionment upon the synods for this work in accordance with the action of General Synod.

Eastern Synod	\$2,400
Potomac Synod	1,000
Ohio Synod	700
Synod of the Northwest	600
Pittsburg Synod	500
Central Synod	400
German Synod of the East	300
Interior Synod	100
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Total	\$6,000

HARBOR MISSIONS.

Rev. Paul Sommerlatte still continues in charge of this important mission. He regularly, every quarter, renders a report to the General Board from which we learn that the work is prospering, and that much assistance is rendered to immigrants that arrive at the Harbor of New York. Not only does he direct them to their future homes in this western land, but it frequently devolves upon him to protect these people from the land-sharks that infest that Port, and who otherwise would rob them of all their belongings. The mission itself is a blessing to the immigrants and the missionary seems to be the right man in the right place. The General Synod, at its late meeting recommended that the sum of \$3,000 be set apart for this work for the next three years. This is \$1,000 per annum. This amount pays the salary of the missionary only, the Eastern German Synod raising additional money, for clerk hire, etc. The Board recommends the following apportionments for this cause for the next year.

Eastern Synod.....	\$ 400
Potomac Synod	200
Ohio Synod	120
Synods of the Northwest	100
Pittsburg Synod.....	90
Central Synod	70
German Synod of the East	60
Interior Synod.....	25
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Total.....	\$1,105

This gives a little surplus on the apportionment to make up any possible deficiency that may occur, in any synod. It is a sad commentary, upon our liberality, when we state the fact, that for the year ending March 31, 1896, not sufficient money was received from the whole church to pay the salary of the missionary and the Board was compelled to take other

funds to make up the deficiency. We would suggest to the synods the propriety of at once paying the sums apportioned upon them out of the contingent funds.

The trouble, we believe, has been, that as this apportionment is so small, it is often forgotten and perhaps lost among the other larger apportionments.

THE CHICAGO INTERESTS.

The Executive Committee, at its last meeting, authorized the superintendent to call the special attention of the synods to the English Mission in Chicago. That mission is now engaged in the erection of its church building. Two years ago the synods took action pledging a certain amount of support to the erection of this building, whenever its erection should be undertaken.

The church is now being built, and will be finished according to contract about the latter part of November next. In order to do this, the church must furnish the promised means.

The Board is very solicitous about this mission. It is our first effort to establish an English Mission in that great city. On this account, the Board wishes it to be a success, especially.

Then too, Chicago is somewhat of a central point between the east and west for our church. The church is much stronger both east and west of Chicago, than in the immediate vicinity of the city. Several good, strong missions, in that city would be a connecting link between the two sections of the church.

But the main reason why the church should be deeply interested in this mission lies in the fact that Chicago is important missionary ground and this first English effort, on our part, will be only the beginning of still more important missionary operations, in that city, in the future.

The Board therefore asks, most earnestly, of the synods, that they take such action as in their wisdom they may deem best, in order that the mission may receive the money promised it, no later than December 1, 1896.

If this is done, its success is almost assured.

CHURCH EXTENSION.

The Board, as in other years, had much to do along the line of Church Extension. The new city missions, of which we have many, need to purchase lots, and also need church buildings, usually the missions cannot procure these without help from the church at large. Without these necessary things success is almost impossible.

The Board has been compelled to carry forward the work, notwithstanding the lack of means. It was under the necessity of borrowing money, and at the present time it is burdened with a debt of \$16,000 and over. It was a question of borrowing this money or abandoning some of the city missions. Precious time has been lost and indeed, money uselessly squandered, simply from the fact that some of the city missions have not been properly equipped with the necessary means for their

rowth. The church must help the city missions to procure lots and church buildings. Without these their growth is impossible. The Board, however, in every instance arranges for the refunding of the money just as soon as the missions are able to do so. *The Board, therefore, earnestly requests of the English Synods that they apportion an average of six cents per member for the cause of Church Extension for the ensuing year.*

THE SCHLATTER FUND.

The Board, at its annual meeting in Greensburg, Pa., in April last, in view of the great importance of the extension work, took action, asking of the General Synod, the sum of \$100,000 for the Church Extension work. This sum was not deemed any too large for the demands of the work. The work is growing at such a rapid rate that a sum so large is necessary.

The General Synod took favorable action on the request of the Board. The \$100,000 were voted unanimously. Of course the Board is aware of the fact that this action, on the part of the General Synod, does not give the money, but it opens the way for such action, on the part of the District Synods and Board, as to make the accumulation of the fund possible.

The synod, furthermore, took action, recommending the celebration during 1897, the one hundred and fiftieth anniversary of Michael Schlatter's missionary tours in this country. It recommends the accumulation of funds for the Church Extension work, and the funds so gathered shall be put into one fund to be known as the Michael Schlatter Church Extension Fund. In other words the \$100,000 fund is to be named the Michael Schlatter Fund.

The Board is exceedingly anxious that the \$100,000, so named, shall be gathered as rapidly as possible. The time for its accumulation is five years. The Board requests of the synods that they take such action, as in their wisdom, may be deemed best for the accumulation of this fund. The help of the synods and the classes is solicited in behalf of this very important department of missionary work. Today, there is nothing so much needed in our missionary operations as a strong Extension Fund.

With this short statement of the Board's work during the year; with the further statement of what it hopes to do in the future, for the advancement of the church; and invoking God's richest blessing upon all the operations of the church, we submit this report.

Respectfully,

D. S. FOUSE, *Missionary Superintendent.*

at once. The work on the building has ceased until the funds are at hand to prosecute the work. The Ohio Synod is urged to take such action as is necessary in order to procure the \$282.37 still due.

D. S. FOUSE, *Missionary Superintendent.*

The Treasurer of synod was instructed to pay the balance due the Chicago Mission (\$282.37) out of any funds in the treasury, not otherwise designated.

5. *Appeal of Executive Committee of General Synod's Home Mission Board for Funds and Observance of a Missionary Festival.*

WHEREAS, The General Synod at its meeting in Dayton, O., voted an appropriation of \$100,000 for the extension work of the church, the same to be known as the Michael Schlatter Memorial Fund, and

WHEREAS, This matter has been referred to this Board to devise ways and means to establish said fund, and

WHEREAS, It is exceedingly important that this work should be inaugurated as quickly as possible, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the importance of establishing this fund, at once, be brought before the synods for immediate favorable action, and that the synods be requested to commend this worthy object to their congregations, asking that in every way possible, funds be raised for this important work.

Resolved, That the three superintendents, each in his own territory, make such arrangements, and devise such plans, as may seem best in order to reach all the pastors and the charges, and present to them the claims of this much needed fund.

Resolved, That the superintendents be especially directed to seek out persons who are able, and have them endow funds of \$500, or more, or where it can be done, have a number of persons combine in the endowment of such funds.

Resolved, That as the need of these funds is very urgent, the superintendents be directed to push their accumulation with all possible vigor. The Board, furthermore, recommends the following program for the sesqui-centennial celebration of Michael Schlatter's missionary tours, or such adaptation of it as may be practicable during 1897, this program to be used in congregational and classical conventions.

- I. Address of welcome.
- II. History of the Reformed Church and its extension in America.
- III. Life and labors of Michael Schlatter.
- IV. Characteristics of the Germans and their relation to the Reformed Church in the United States.
- V. Local history.
- VI. Pastoral reminiscences.
- VII. The present condition and future prospects of the Reformed Church in this country.

VIII. The imperative need of a large available church building fund with which to aid in securing proper locations in our large and growing cities.

The last subject should be followed by a challenge for church building funds or generous contributions for the object.

Official action of Executive Committee at its meeting in Pittsburg, October 7, 1896.

D. S. FOUSE, *Missionary Superintendent*

6. *Report of Board of Commissioners of Foreign Missions.*

To the Ohio Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States:

REVEREND AND DEAR BRETHREN:—The Board of Foreign Missions would respectfully beg leave to present to your reverend body, its usual annual statement of the condition and prospects of its work in the Empire of Japan. It is happy in being able to say that the favorable aspect of affairs as resulting from the late war with China, in the abatement of the hostile feeling towards foreigners, and the emergence of a more tolerant sentiment in relation to Christianity, has grown more pronounced during the last year. The favorable provisions of the revised treaties, which however, do not go into effect until 1899, are to a considerable extent discounted, and missionaries are allowed privileges of travel, etc., which a rigid exaction of existing laws would prohibit. The unswerving patriotism of the Christian soldiers, the manifold activities in works of charity and humanity displayed by the missionaries and native Christians called into illustration by the war, have served as a challenge, and have begotten a spirit of thoughtful consideration among the people, which is securing a less prejudiced estimate of the claims of our holy religion. A change in this respect is discernable among the middle and upper classes, and the preached gospel is given a wider hearing.

On the other hand, an evil effect of the war and its excitements, was to divert the attention of many professing Christians from their religion, and not a few have turned aside. So that the churches purging their rolls find their numbers no greater than they were before the war, while the accessions of new converts have not materially abated. The assurance in the case however, is that the present membership is made up of tried and approved material. The winnowing has consequently resulted in no considerable diminution of numbers.

Our schools are in a healthy and vigorous condition. The number of students in the Tohoku Gakuin, has to a slight degree felt the effects of the competition of the government schools, which are of a high order. But the number of candidates for the ministry has not decreased, notwithstanding the yearly outgoing of the graduating classes. This last year four have graduated from the Theological Department. The Girls' School continues full, and the number of scholars might be increased had we the means and the room for them.

in consequence of the widening of our field, and the importance of keeping in as close touch to it as possible, in the near future our mission-force will be distributed among four stations. Rev. Dr. Moore has, perhaps by this time, removed to Tokyo, the southern extremity of our field. Rev. S. S. Snyder will locate in the Hokkaido, the extreme north-part. Rev. H. K. Miller will go to Yamagata, in the western section, while Revs. Hoy, Schneder and Noss will remain in Sendai.

The statistical report for 1895-96 exhibits the following: Organized churches, 6; self-supporting churches, 5; preaching stations, 50; baptisms, 1,935; members, 1,935; Sunday-schools, 39; Sunday-school scholars, 1,618; ordained ministers, 12; unordained preachers, 27; contributions for all purposes, \$2,470.75.

The establishment of a new mission in some other country than Japan, directed by General Synod at its late meeting, is receiving the attention of the Board. Inquiries are being made and facts gathered. When a conclusion has been reached, it will be announced to the church.

The finances of the Board have, during the past year been in a healthy condition. The receipts have been adequate to its needs. For the last few months however, there has been a falling off, for the arrest of which the Board most respectfully requests the prompt action of your reverend body. The amount apportioned by General Synod is the same per annum as for the last three years. The reason why the establishment of a new mission did not require an enlargement of the sum, was the fact that the Woman's Missionary Society of General Synod has assumed the entire support of the Girls' School. The amount of receipts reported last year, however, includes what was paid for the Girls' School by the Woman's Society, so that the sum needed for the coming year will include an additional amount sufficient to establish the new mission, namely, the full sum appropriated by the General Synod. This sum is \$35,000 per year for the next three years. It is of prime importance that that full sum should be paid into the treasury, if the Board would be enabled to establish the new mission.

The Board would therefore urgently request your reverend body to assign the full amount assigned you by General Synod, apportion it to the several classes, and adopt such action as will insure its realization.

By order of the Board,

S. N. CALLENDER, *Secretary*.

MECHANICSBURG, PA., September 16, 1896.

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON MISSIONS.

Your Standing Committee on Missions beg leave respectfully to report that the following documents have been placed in our hands:

- (1) A circular letter from the Board of Commissioners of Foreign Missions;
- (2) The printed annual report of the Board of Home Missions;
- (3) The report of the Treasurer of the Home Mission Board for the Ohio

Synod (Dr. Leberman); (4) Written appeals, supplementing the annual report from the Executive Committee of the Home Mission Board; (5) A newspaper notice of the will of Mr. Otis Barnett of Fairfield County in favor of the two mission Boards.

Your committee upon the examination of these reports find that the mission work of the church is enlarging from year to year. The opening of a new territory leads to new demands, and it is only in this way that the great commission can ever be fulfilled. Encouraging advancement has been made during the past year in the mission in Japan. In view of this progress, certain members of our missionary force at Sendai, are to be stationed at other points. Dr. Moore and wife are to be stationed at Tokyo. The Rev. S. S. Snyder and wife will go to Hokkaido, and the Rev. H. K. Miller will labor at Yamagata. Revs. Hoy, Schneder and Noss with Misses Zurluh and Hollowell will remain at Sendai. We now have 1,933 members, 1,618 Sunday-school scholars with about forty native helpers in the Reformed Church in Japan. The Home Mission Board has 101 missions under its care at the present time. Many of them are located in towns and cities and give promise of enlargement in the near future. The Board has six missionaries among the Hungarians in our country, and the General Synod has made an apportionment for this work upon our synod amounting to \$550.

The Board also has been directed by the General Synod to aid in city work among the Germans to the amount of \$6,000. The apportionment for this purpose upon our synod is \$700. The work of the Harbor Mission at New York under the care of Rev. Paul Sommerlatte is still continued. An apportionment of \$120 for this purpose is recommended to us by the General Synod. A special appeal is made by the Board on behalf of the Chicago Mission. The work in constructing the chapel has been suspended for lack of funds. This synod is reported in arrears to this interest to the amount of \$282.37, and this should be paid not later than December 1, 1886.

The important work of Church Extension is now burdened with a debt of \$10,000, or over. Some city missions must be abandoned unless some provision is made for this debt. The Board requests that an apportionment of six cents per member be made by the synod for the coming year.

The missionary treasurer of this synod, Dr. Leberman, reports the receipt of \$5,571.10 during the year, all of which has been paid over to the designated authorities with the exception of \$2.06 remaining in the treasury.

The Executive Committee in a communication dated October 7, 1886, states that there is a deficit in the treasury now of \$11,000, and they urge that we attend to the matter of collecting the apportionments immediately in order to avert the crisis which is now threatening, and they urge that the funds be promptly supplied by the synods, so that the salaries of missionaries may be paid without delay. Further, the Board reminds us that General Synod has recommended that our church observe the one

hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the missionary tours of the Rev. Michael Schlatter in this country during 1897; and that this be accompanied by an earnest effort to raise \$100,000, to be called the Michael Schlatter Church Extension Fund. The Executive Committee further suggest the following topics for discussion in classical and congregational conventions.

- . Address of welcome.
- I. History of the Reformed Church and its extension in America.
- II. Life and labors of Michael Schlatter.
- V. Characteristics of the Germans and their relation to the Reformed Church in the United States.
- . Local History.
- I. Pastoral reminiscences.
- II. The present condition and future prospects of the Reformed Church in this country.
- III. The imperative need of a large available Church Building Fund to which to aid in securing proper locations, in our large and growing cities.

The announcement that Bro. Otis Barnett of Clear Creek Township, Crawford county, O., has provided for the payment of \$500 to the Home, and a still larger sum to the Foreign Board, is particularly encouraging at the present time. In view of these facts we recommend the following action:

Resolved, That we hear with great pleasure that our Foreign Mission in Japan is going forward with pronounced success; and we urge our churches, congregations and individual membership to contribute cheerily for the apportionments, and in private gifts to the amount called for by the Board, through the action of General Synod.

Resolved, That we commend the work of the Home Mission Board to the renewed interest of all our people. The extensive field now occupied, as well as the needs of the treasury call for earnest efforts on our part toward the payment of all arrearages, apportionments and requests of the Board. The balance due the Chicago Mission particularly, should be paid without further delay, and we recommend that the treasurer of our Synod be instructed to pay this out of any fund in the treasury not otherwise designated.

Resolved, That we urge all our membership to unite heartily in the celebration of the Rev. Michael Schlatter's Missionary Anniversary during the year 1897, and that liberal gifts to the Church Extension Fund be made according to the request of General Synod.

Resolved, That we recognize in the new monthly periodical named the *Reformed Church Tidings*, published by order of General Synod, a valuable agency for the spread of missionary news, and that we urge all our pastors and congregations to subscribe for it without delay.

Resolved, That we heartily approve of the plan of co-operation in missionary work outlined by the "Alliance of the Reformed Churches holding

the Presbyterian System," and that we recommend the observance of its requirements by all our Boards and missionaries.

Resolved, That we commend the example of Bro. Otis Barnett, in setting apart a suitable portion of his estate to church beneficence to the attention of all our people. This is an acceptable thank-offering; many may go and do likewise, and replenish the treasuries of the church.

Respectfully submitted,

DAVID VAN HORN NE,
EDW. M. BECK,
JOHN WILLIARD,
PETER ECKERMAN.

III. ELECTION OF BOARD OF HOME MISSIONS.

Officers of the Board.

President, Rev. L. B. C. Lahr, Delaware, Ohio.

Secretary, Rev. E. R. Williard, Akron, Ohio.

Treasurer, Rev. J. J. Leberman, D. D., Louisville, Ohio.

Members whose term expires October, 1897.

Rev. Wilson R. Stearly.

Rev. James S. Keppel.

Members whose term expires October, 1898.

Rev. Edward D. Wettach, D. D.

Rev. L. B. C. Lahr.

Members whose term expires October, 1899.

Rev. J. J. Leberman, D. D.

Rev. E. R. Williard.

ARTICLE XIV.

HEIDELBERG THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

The following reports and papers having reference to the seminary were received, considered and adopted.

I. ANNUAL REPORTS.

1. Report of the Board of Trustees.

DEAR FATHERS AND BRETHREN:—The Board of Trustees of Heidelberg Theological Seminary has held five meetings during the synodical year, as follows: October 7, 1895, at Ft. Wayne, Ind., when the following officers were elected for the year:

Rev. Reuben Keller, *President*, West Alexandria, O.

Rev. Alpheus E. Baichly, *Vice President*, Canal Fulton, O.

Rev. Michael Loucks, D. D., *Secretary*, Dayton, O.

Elder Horace Ankeney, *Treasurer*, Alpha, O.

November 19, 1895, at the *Christian World* office, Dayton. At this meeting Rev. J. C. Schaaf, executor of the last will and testament of Abraham Dickerhoof, deceased, made such statements concerning the settlement of the estate, as enabled your Board to get on a fair way of securing the control of the assets of the estate so generously bequeathed to us by our departed brother. Also this was the first meeting after the departure from this life of Rev. I. H. Reiter, D. D. His familiar face was missed as well as his efficient help. He was never absent from our meetings except for the very best reasons, and was always ready to give us the benefit of his extensive knowledge and ripe judgment. In this death we sustained a great loss. Suitable resolutions were adopted and recorded in full.

Meetings were held also on May 29th and September 22d, 1896, at which the items that chiefly claimed our attention pertained to the seminary's interest in the Abraham Dickerhoof estate. Our attorney, H. H. Prugh, reported in full the status of the proceedings. This report indicated that about \$9,000 of the assets of the estate would in all probability be realized by the Board, less \$300 widow's allowance and several minor claims by heirs and contingent on court decisions.

We are glad to say that \$3,800 is now bearing interest for the seminary as part of the endowment fund. The last meeting of the Board was held in this church this morning.

The bequest of Dr. Schneck, deceased, for the benefit of the seminary library is bearing some fruit. Dr. A. S. Zerbe, librarian, reports that up to September 4, 1896, \$60.35 had been invested in books, and an unexpended balance of \$2.54 in his hands. There is also a balance of the same fund in the hands of the treasurer of synod of \$58.06.

Personal gifts for the immediate use of the seminary were received from the following persons: Rev. S. S. Snyder, Sendai, Japan; Mrs. Christian Foucht, Upper Sandusky, O., as stated by herself a part of her tenth; Rev. F. E. Lauffer and wife, Canfield, O. Also several contributions were made during the year by St. Paul's congregation, Mt. Eaton, O., which gifts are the more commendable because they are from a church in another synod. We most thankfully acknowledge these offerings and commend the examples to our people for them to imitate with all earnestness and promptness.

We take great pleasure in reporting that all our current expenses for the year have been met. Also \$220 has been paid on old salary account which makes the old account debt only about half what it was eight years ago.

We would express our appreciation of, and thankfully acknowledge the valuable services rendered, free of all expense to the Board, by Rev. Dr. E. Herbruck, in delivering a course of lectures to the students of the seminary on Homiletics and Archæology.

We also would express our gratification and satisfaction with the faithful and successful management of our funds by our treasurer, Elder

ount brought forward	\$ 152 08
" from E. K. Kremer, Tr. Tuscarawas Classis on appt	100 00
" from Woman's Missionary Society, Greenville, O	15 00
" from year interest on Zinck \$425 note	22 75
" from one-half interest Hagedorn loan	24 50
" from interest on Schwartz loan	39 00
" from interest on O'Connell loan	40 00
" from D. Van Horne, D. D., proceeds Rust lot, hay, pasture, etc	22 63
" from H. H. Prugh, adm'r. 1 yr. int. Adam Pritz loan	70 00
" from Jno. Strock 1 yr. int. on gift note	3 00
" from Mary E. Davis, balance int. on loan to Nov. 9, '95	20 41
" from Elizabeth Bradford interest	4 15
" from J. P. Schwartz, interest	6 00
" from B. F. Mumma, interest	42 00
" from Seminary Agent on Special Plan	4 00
" from Mary Zinck balance interest in full	17 25
" from Rev J. H. Bomberger, Tr. E. O. Classis on appt	5 00
" from Xenia Reformed Church on appt	18 88
" from Rev. J. H. Bomberger, Tr. E. O. Classis on appt	9 55
" from C. D. White, yr. int. on loan (to Mch. 6, '96)	45 50
" from Prugh & Pfoutz, semi-annual int. on Kehm loan	56 00
" from Sallie A. Miller, 1 yr. int. on loan	133 00
" from Chas. A. King, 1 yr. int. to Jan. 10, '96	24 00
" from H. H. Prugh, atty., bal. in full int. Archdeacon loan to March 1st	18 78
" from H. H. Prugh, atty., bal. in full int. B. F. Mumma loan to March 1st	4 00
" from H. H. Prugh, atty., bal. in full int. Chas. S. King loan to March 1st	2 40
" from H. H. Prugh, atty., in full on certf't. Dep. O. S. Dep. & T. Co	50 37
" from Rev. A. E. Baichly, 1 yr. int. gift note	1 50
" from H. H. Prugh payment on Zinck int	60 00
" from St. Paul's cong., Mt. Eaton, O., per Rev. J. C. Smith	6 50
" from Rev. S. Z. Beam and wife, 1 yr. int. gift notes	3 00
" from Rev. J. B. Shumaker, Tr. Tiffin Classis on appt	25 00
" from V. P. Van Horne, Tr. Miami Classis on appt	7 40
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" from Jos. and Mary Zink, int. in full on \$1500 loan	70 00
" " " " yr. int. on \$850 loan	60 00
" from Thos. A. Mumma, int. in full on loan	136 00
" from H. H. Prugh, int. Bradford loan	50
" from Jacob C. Decker, int. in full	9 10
" from D. Van Horne, D. D., 1 yr. int. to Feb. '96	48 00
" from V. P. Van Horne, Tr. Miami Cl. int. on Miami Cl. note	50 00
" " " " " " on appt	45 38
" from Rev. J. H. Bomberger, Tr. E. O. Classis on appt	19 87
" from Jacob A. Smith, payment on account int	50 00
" " " bal. int. on loan to April '96	83 00
" from C. Graff, semi annual int. on loan to March 28, '96	17 50
" from Collins heirs, on account interest	49 83
" " " bal. semi-annual int. to May 1	99 66
" from Mrs. Cora B. Newby, on account interest	12 40
" from J. D. Hamilton, 6,375 lb. hay from Rust lot	20 50
" from J. P. Schwartz, payment on int	26 00

ount carried forward \$ 1,880 54

	Amount brought forward	\$ 1,850 54
"	21. " from Mrs. Christian Foucht, gift	5 00
Aug.	1. " from semi-annual int. Hagedorn loan	2 50
"	1. " from Milburn & Gilkey payment on int	10 75
"	11. " from Rev. E. M. Beck, appt. Wooster Chg	1 46
"	17. " from V. P. Van Horne, Tr. Miami Cl. on appt	1 47
"	17. " from E. K. Kremer, Tr. Tuscarawas Cl. on appt	5 00
"	17. " from A. B. Landis, yr. int	2 80
"	20. " from E. K. Kremer, Tr. Tuscarawas Cl. on appt	1 00
"	24. " from Milburn & Gilkey payment on int	0 00
"	24. " from D. E. Durnbaugh, 1 yr. int	6 00
Sept.	1. " from Benj. Ashbaucher Tr St. Joseph Cl. on appt	5 00
"	2. " from Rev. J. B. Shumaker, Tr. Tiffin Cl. appt. in full	173 44
"	3. " from Alfred Shirer int. on loan	5 00
"	3. " " " int. on gift note	3 00
"	5. " from P. H. Davis int. in full	85 60
"	5. " from H. H. Prugh, payment on Floyd C. Field int	28 00
"	5. " from O. S. Dep. & T. Co., int. on cert'f. of Dep. to Sept. '96	26 27
"	10. " from Mt. Eaton, O., Cong., per Rev. J. C. Smith's contribu- tion for seminary	10 00
"	10. " from Mason Prugh, int. on loan	131 25
"	10. " from Mrs. Cora B. Newby bal. int	11 60
"	10. " from Milburn & Gilkey payment on int	20 00
"	12. " from Edgar F. Stoner int. in full	58 70
"	12. " from Rev. J. H. Bomberger, Tr. E. O. Cl. on appt	58 00
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"	17. " " " " " "	29 29
"	21. " from Uriah Weaver, 1 yr. int	70 00
Oct.	1. " from H. H. Prugh, Hoglen int. in full to Aug. 22, '96	150 19
"	1. " " " Rentz " " " " "	102 40
"	3. " from Rev. F. E. Lauffer & wife, gift for seminary	25 00
"	3. " from H. Ankeney, 2 yrs. int. on bal. gift note	12 83
"	3. " from H. H. Prugh, Graff int	17 50
"	3. " " " payment on Cox interest	15 00
"	5. " from V. P. Van Horne, Tr. Miami Cl. on appt	16 00
"	6. " from Reedsburg Chg per Rev. L. L. Hassenpflug on appt	70 70
"	6. " from Rev. J. H. Bomberger, Tr. E. O. Cl. on appt	14 48
"	9. " from Sam'l. Collins heirs payment on account int	75 00
"	9. " from A. B. Landis bal. int. in full	25 50
"	9. " from H. H. Prugh, sec'y., int. in full on bal. of cert'f. of Dep	13 13
"	9. " from Three Rivers Charge per Rev. E. J. Bulgin on appt	28 28
"	9. " from Benj. Ashbaucher Tr St. Joseph Classis on appt	30 00
"	9. " from E. K. Kremer, Tr. Tuscarawas Classis on appt	30 00
"	9. " from Delaware Chg. per Geo. Hoffman on appt	30 30
"	9. " from Rev. J. A. Seitz, Tr. Lancaster Classis on appt	88 88
"	12. " from Seminary Agent on account Special Plan	00 00
"	12. " from H. H. Prugh, Kehm int	00 00
"	12. " " " Pfoutz & Prugh int	00 00
"	12. " from Milburn & Gilkey on account interest	00 00
"	12. " from Jos. Zink, 1 yr. int	00 00
"	12. " from Sallie Miller, 1 yr. int	00 00
"	12. " from V. P. Van Horne, Tr. Miami Classis on appt	28 28
"	13. " from First Reformed Ch., Dayton, O., per J. C. Reber, Tr. payment on appt	8 00
	Total	\$ 3,761 55

SUMMARY IMMEDIATE USE ACCOUNT.

RECEIPTS.

Balance		\$	41 15
Interest on loans			2,680 15
Interest on gift notes			13 83
Apportionment of Miami Classis		\$	211 51
"	Tuscarawas Classis		252 34
"	Tiffin Classis		203 44
"	Eastern Ohio Classis		92 10
"	St. Joseph Classis		68 28
"	Lancaster Classis		66 16
		\$	898 83
Proceeds Rust lot			43 13
Ministry Agent Special Plan			9 00
Individual gifts			20 00
Miscellaneous			55 96
			\$3,761 55

5. IMMEDIATE USE ACCOUNT. CR.

EXPENDITURE.

t.	11.	By cash to Mrs. Susan Good, one-half year's int. to Oct. 10, '95	\$	15 90
'	11.	Rev. David Van Horne, D. D., on account salary		10 00
'	11.	Rev. Herman Rust, D. D., on old account back salary		30 00
'	26.	Rev. M. Loucks, expenses to Akron (Dickerhoof matter)		5 90
iv.	2.	H. H. Prugh, recording Mason Prugh mtg		1 50
'	19.	Rev. Reuben Keller, expenses to Akron and also Board meeting this date		8 25
'	19.	Rev. S. B. Yockey, expenses Board meeting		75
'	20.	Elder Geo. Loucks expenses Board meeting		4 90
'	20.	Rev. M. Loucks expenses Akron and Nimisilla		7 60
'	20.	Self, expenses Board meeting		50
'	23.	Rev. A. E. Balchly, expenses Board meeting		6 60
sc.	10.	J. W. Keller expenses Board meeting		6 35
'	19.	Rev. E. Herbruck, Ph. D., for lectures at Theo. Seminary		6 70
'	19.	Ref. Pub. Co. printing blank receipts, and postage		1 35
'	21.	Rev. D. Van Horne, D. D., on account salary		110 00
'	21.	Rev. Herman Rust, D. D., on account salary		88 00
'	21.	Prof. A. S. Zerbe, Ph. D., on account salary		88 00
16.				
n.	1.	Co. Tr. Seneca Co., June and December taxes Rust lot		32 54
'	14.	The Tiffin Edison Electric Illuminating Co.		5 50
'	20.	H. H. Prugh Recording Stoner mtg		1 50
'	28.	Rev. E. Herbruck, Ph. D., for lectures Theo. Seminary		6 70
ob.	3.	Rev. David Van Horne, D. D., on account salary		55 00
'	3.	Rev. Herman Rust, on account salary		44 00
'	3.	Prof. A. S. Zerbe, Ph. D., on account salary		44 00
ch.	23.	Rev. David Van Horne, D. D., on account salary		113 50
'	23.	Rev. Herman Rust, D. D., on account salary		89 80
'	23.	Prof. A. S. Zerbe, Ph. D., on account salary		89 80
'	26.	Endowment Fund account to meet accrued int. on Collins loan, purchased Mar. 1st		99 66
'	26.	Rev. L. H. Kefauver, D. D., Tr., printing catalogues '95-'96		15 00
pr.	10.	Mrs. Susan Good, one-half year's int. to Apr. 16, '96		15 90
'	25.	S. N. Adams, Co. Recorder, release Zinck mtg		50

Amount carried forward \$ 1,005 70

		Amount brought forward	\$	1,006 70
May	5.	Rev. David Van Horne, D. D., on account salary		164 00
"	5.	Rev. Herman Rust, D. D., on account salary		130 00
"	5.	Prof. A. S. Zerbe, Ph. D., on account salary		130 00
"	28.	C. H. Brown, binding books for Theological Seminary		3 50
July	4.	Co. Tr. Seneca Co., June taxes Rust lot		16 44
"	4.	Rev. David Van Horne, D. D., on account salary		109 00
"	4.	Rev. Herman Rust, D. D., on account salary		86 00
"	4.	Prof. A. S. Zerbe, Ph. D., on account salary		86 00
"	13.	The Tiffin Electric Light Co., Jan. to July '96		3 50
"	17.	Rev. D. Van Horne, D. D., sewer tax Rust lot		25 60
"	17.	Rev. David Van Horne, D. D., on account salary		20 00
"	18.	Endowment fund account principal of Bradford loan that had been credited as interest		73 75
Aug.	11.	Ref. Pub. Co., 100 postals, printing and sending		1 00
Sept	3.	Rev. David Van Horne, D. D., on account salary	20	40 00
"	3.	Rev. Herman Rust, D. D., on account salary	19	40 00
"	3.	Prof. A. S. Zerbe, Ph. D., on account salary	19	50 00
"	5.	Endowment Fund acct. to meet accrued int. Althoff loan	1	65 00
"	14.	Ref. Pub. Co., 85 postals and printing		95 00
"	22.	Rev. S. B. Yockey, expenses Board meeting this date		45 00
"	22.	Rev. R. Keller, expenses Board meeting this date		45 00
Oct.	1.	H. H. Prugh for records of sundry mtgs. to date	10	40 00
"	6.	Rev. David Van Horne, D. D., on account salary	26	40 00
"	6.	Rev. Herman Rust, D. D., on account salary	21	40 00
"	6.	Prof. A. S. Zerbe, Ph. D., on account salary	21	40 00
"	10.	paid to Schneck Library Fund account 1 yr. int. on fund	2	43 00
"	10.	paid to Marg't. Ankeney 1 yr. int. on money borrowed to pay Mrs. Good	1	50 00
"	12.	Retained by self, Tr., stationery expense, stamps, etc	2	50 00
"	12.	Rev. David Van Horne, D.D., bal. in full on sal. to Oct. 1, '96	12	50 00
"	12.	Rev. Herman Rust, D. D., " " " " " "	10	50 00
"	12.	Prof. A. S. Zerbe, Ph. D., " " " " " "	10	50 00
"	12.	Rev. Herman Rust, D.D., payment on old acct. back salary	10	50 00
"	12.	Marg't. Ankeney, payment on note	9	50 00
"	13.	By balance on hand	3	75 00
				<u>\$3,761 75</u>

SUMMARY EXPENSES.

Paid for	salaries	\$3,100	00
"	old salary debt	20	00
"	interest	4	00
"	taxes Rust lot (sewer, etc)	7	58
"	printing catalogues	\$ 15	00
"	printing notices	4	75
"	binding library books	3	50
"	electric light	3	00
"	lectures	18	00
"	expenses, members of Board	4	00
"	recording mtg's. and releases	13	00
"	self, as Treasurer	2	00
"	library account int. on Schneck fund	2	00
Paid to	endowment fund to meet accrued int.	125	75
Balance	on hand	34	00
		<u>\$3,761</u>	<u>75</u>

ENDOWMENT FUND ACCOUNT.		DR.
To balance on hand		\$ 39 82
To cash of H. H. Prugh payment Bradford loan		25 27
" Jas. McNeill, Early loan in full	2,000 00	
" H. H. Prugh, sec'y. certft. of Dep. O. S. Dep. & T. Co. in full	400 00	
" Mary E. Davis, loan in full	1,000 00	
" H. H. Prugh exr. Dickerhoof	3,000 00	
" Mary Zineck part principal on loan	400 00	
" H. H. Prugh, atty., payments Bradford loan	100 00	
" Mary Zineck, bal. in full on loan	25 00	
" H. H. Prugh, atty., P. Archdeacon loan in full	700 00	
" " " B. F. Mumma loan in full	600 00	
" " " C. S. King loan in full	300 00	
" H. H. Prugh, sec'y. certft. of Dep. O. S. Dep. & T. Co.	3,000 00	
" Immediate Use acct to meet accrued int Collins loan	99 66	
" Rev. A. E. Balchly, first installment on gift note	5 00	
" Thos. A. Mumma loan in full	2,000 00	
" H. H. Prugh, exr. Dickerhoof from real estate	600 00	
" " " bal. of partial distribution Dickerhoof bequest	550 00	
" Jos. & Mary Zineck, loan in full	1,500 00	
" Jacob C. Decker loan in full	400 00	
" E. J. Bradford, part principal of loan	26 00	
" H. H. Prugh sec'y. payment on certft. of Dep	300 00	
" Prugh & Prugh attys. last payment Bradford loan	50 00	
" Im. Use Fund to make good princp. of Bradford loan	8 23	
" H. H. Prugh, sec'y., bal. certft. of Dep	845 00	
" " " P. H. Davis loan in full	500 00	
" Immediate Use Fund to meet accrued int. Althoff loan	17 50	
" E. F. Stoner, loan in full	1,000 00	
" H. H. Prugh, atty., Hoglen loan in full	1,140 00	
" " " Rentz loan in full	650 00	
" H. H. Prugh, sec'y., payment on certft. of Dep	320 00	
" " " bal. on certft. of Dep	105 00	
" A. B. Landis, loan in full	600 00	
To cash advanced to make Boyer loan		80 18
		\$22,387 16

ENDOWMENT FUND ACCOUNT.

SUMMARY—RECEIPTS.

is and certificates of Dep. paid in full and in part	\$18,151 98
ments on gift notes	5 00
r advanced	80 18
's. Dickerhoof estate	4,150 00
	\$22,387 16

ENDOWMENT FUND ACCOUNT.

CR.

By loan Mason Prugh purchased of O. S. Dep. & T. Co., 7 per cent	\$ 2,500 00
" to Edgar F. Stoner, 7 per cent	1,000 00
By certft. of Dep. on Ohio Safe Deposit and Trust Co	3,000 00
By loan to Jacob C. Decker, 7 per cent	400 00
	\$ 6,900 00
ount carried forward	\$ 6,900 00

Amount brought forward	\$ 6,900 00
1896.	
Mch. 1. By loan Sam'l. Collins' heirs with accrued int. from Nov. 1, '96, purchased of Ohio Safe Deposit and Trust Co, 6½ per cent	4,699 66
Apr. 1. By loan to Louisa & Fred Kehm at 7 per cent	2,000 00
" 13. By cert'f. of Dep. Ohio Safe Dep. & Trust Co	1,145 00
" 17. By loan to Anna M. McKnight at 7 per cent	2,000 00
May 28. By cash refunded Prugh & Franks, exr's. Dickerhoof for 1 year's support of widow	300 00
Sept. 5. By loan Dennis A. Althoff with accrued int. from June 1, '96, of O. S. Dep. & Trust Co	1,017 50
" 5. By cert'f. of Dep. Ohio Safe Dep. & Trust Co	425 00
" 11. " " " " " "	1,000 00
Oct. 1. By loan M. Loucks, dated Aug. 22, '96, at 7 per cent	2,100 00
" 5. By cash to O. Safe Dep. & Trust Co. for J. F. Boyer loan at 7 per cent	800 00
	<u>\$22,387 16</u>

SUMMARY.

Paid for loans and for cert'f. of Deposit	\$22,087 16
Paid returned to exr's. Dickerhoof estate for 1 year's support of widow	300 00
	<u>\$22,387 16</u>

1895.	THE SCHENCK LIBRARY FUND ACCOUNT.	DR.	CR.
Oct. 3.	To balance on hand	\$ 29 03	
1896.			
Oct. 10.	To 1 year's interest on Library Fund	29 03	
" 12.	By balance on hand this date		58 06
		\$ 58 06	\$ 58 06

1896.	THE SWANDER FUND ACCOUNT.	DR.	CR.
Oct. 1.	To cash of Orson Jopp, per J. I. Swander interest	\$ 196 00	
" 1.	" " Matilda Morcher, per J. I. Swander, int. to April 1, '96	292 50	
" 1.	To cash Frank & Jones, per J. I. Swander interest	150 00	
" 5.	By cash paid Mrs. Barbara Swander		637 50
		\$ 637 50	\$ 637 50

Salaries of Professors.

1895.	REV. HERMAN RUST, D. D.	DR.	CR.
Oct. 3.	To balance due on old account back salary	\$ 900 00	
1896.			
Oct. 1.	To one year's salary to date	950 00	
" 12.	By cash paid on account of year's salary to date		950 00
" 12.	" " on old account back salary		190 00
" 12.	By balance due on old account back salary		770 00
		\$1,850 00	\$1,850 00

1896.	REV. DAVID VAN HORNE, D. D.	DR.	CR.
Oct. 1.	To one year's salary to date	\$1,200 00	
" 12.	By cash paid on account of salary		1,200 00
		\$1,200 00	\$1,200 00

1896.	PROF. A. S. ZERBE, PH. D.	DR.	CR.
Oct. 1.	To one year's salary to date	950 00	
" 12.	By cash paid on account salary		950 00
		\$ 950 00	\$ 950 00

BILLS PAYABLE.

Due in Settlement of Salary of Rev. J. H. Good, Deceased.

ance on Margaret Ankney note	\$ 150 00
ance to Susan Good	580 00
Interest on same, one-half year due October 16, '98	15 90
	\$ 685 90

Respectfully submitted,
 HORACE ANKENY, *Treasurer.*

3. *Report of Board of Visitors.*

DEAR BRETHREN:—The Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary
 honored by the good providence of God, and thankful to him for his con-
 siderable favor towards the school of the prophets, present to the Ohio Synod
 its annual report:

The Board takes pleasure in saying that as far as the present force of
 members will allow, the seminary is accomplishing the work as fully as its
 means could expect. The examinations at the close of the year, showed
 that our professors are earnestly striving to prepare the pupils for the
 high office they expect to fill.

Following the resignation of the professor of practical theology, the work
 in this department has not received the attention its importance would
 have demanded, consequently the curriculum has been changed only in
 part, and the work of this department has been attended to as far as time
 and other duties permitted in connection with the work in the department
 of systematic theology. The present year has advanced in the curriculum
 respect to that most important branch of church activity, known as the
 work of missions.

The president of the faculty reports favorably in regard to the students,
 both as to diligence and deportment.

Three courses of lectures have been delivered before the seminary dur-
 ing the school year on topics closely related to the curriculum. First
 series of three lectures was by the Rev. E. Herbruck, D. D., of Dayton,
 on the topic, "The Land and the Book." These lectures were replete
 with information touching the results of modern research in the Holy
 Land. The second course was by the same lecturer on the topic, "The
 Modern Sermon; is it a failure." These, as the first, were well prepared
 and eloquently delivered. Third course was delivered by Rev. Rufus W.
 Miller, our Sunday-school secretary; topic, "Sunday-school Work." This
 course was highly appreciated by both faculty and students and like the
 foregoing were valuable supplements to the department of practical
 theology. This work of the lecturers was performed without pecuniary
 compensation. They have thus not only shown their interest in the insti-
 tution, but have placed us under the greater obligation for their most
 timely and valuable assistance.

The following students have graduated from the seminary during the past year. All having taken the full three years course. Henry J. Christman, Luther L. Hassenpflug, John W. Miller, Frederick C. Nau, Harvey Nicholson and Albert Clayton Shuman. These men are all, at present engaged in regular fields of labor. The graduating exercises were held in Rickly Chapel, and Rev. E. P. Herbruck D. D., delivered the graduating address on the topic, "The Coming Sermon." The members of the present senior class are Cornelius Hange, John H. Rettig, Charles A. Schaaf, Elmer E. Swords, Park H. Weaver and W. B. Duttera.

Middle Class.—George C. Bumgarlet, George W. Beaver, J. W. Bechtel, Arthur V. Casselman, Paul I. Deppen, John W. Geir, Edward G. Klotz, John H. Lautzenhiser, David S. Miller, Samuel A. Stamm and Christian Rufner.

Junior Class.—N. B. Matthews, E. E. Young, H. E. Sechler and William C. Baum.

The library of the seminary, while not increased by the purchase of many new books has received some valuable presents. Rev. James I. Good has donated three volumes of Zwingli's works published in 1581. Also the recent English translation of Thelema's work on the catechism.

Through the kindness of the family of the late Rev. I. H. Reiter, D. D., a donation has been received of twenty-seven volumes of a miscellaneous character, also the Minutes of the Ohio Synod from 1823 to 1847 in pamphlet form; also pamphlet copies of the Mercersburg Review for the years 1858-1859. These are valuable and the gift deserves the thanks of the synod.

The President of the seminary in his annual report in setting forth the condition and needs of the school, again urges the addition to the faculty of a professor of "New Testament Theology." The Board most heartily joins in the request that synod at its present meeting, if possible, make some provision for this want. The time has come when we must plan for greater things.

And another request comes to you. It is from our esteemed professor of *Historical Theology*. Since 1862, Dr. Rust has faithfully and efficiently filled this chair. He has during this long period directed in the preparation of the greatest portion of the ministry of the Ohio Synod. These and many who have gone into other parts of the church look upon him as a spiritual father. Many will, therefore, regret the necessity which leads Dr. Rust to ask to be relieved in part, at least, from his labors.

At the meeting of the Executive Committee of the Board of Visitors held in the study of the First Reformed Church, October 9, 1896, Dr. Rust through the Board, requested Ohio Synod in view of his impaired health and the increasing demands upon the professors of the seminary, to relieve him at the end of this seminary year of all but one hour's instruction a day. He expresses his purpose to "Die in the Harness."

We lay this request before your reverend body, with the hope that such action will be taken as will enable the faculty to arrange for him such

work during the coming year, as will be proportionate to his strength; and that the Board of Trustees be asked to arrange the compensation for the services rendered.

In view of this the synod should at this session elect a professor for the chair of "Historical Theology," to begin work at the opening of the next seminary year.

Term of office of the following members of the Board expires with this session of synod: Rev. S. C. Goss, D. D., Rev. J. H. Steele, Rev. M. Loucks, D. D., Rev. C. M. Lowe, Ph. D.

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. STEELE, *Secretary.*

4. Report of the Board of Education.

Another Synodical year having passed, it becomes our duty to report our labors and their results: The Board was reorganized at Ft. Wayne, during the session of Synod, by the election of the following officers, viz: Rev. L. H. Kefauver, D. D., president; Rev. J. D. Neff, vice-president; Rev. J. H. Steele, secretary and treasurer.

The Executive Committee, consisting of the officers and resident members of the Board.

The members of the Seminary faculty are also advisory members.

We are unable to report any new legacies or additions to the fund, which has been entrusted to us by this Synod, and the amount remains as formerly, \$6,000.

The years past the ministers at times so presented the claims of the Beneficiary cause that the Board has received miscellaneous contribution in addition to the classical apportionment. When we look over the Ohio Synod and see the number of worthy servants who have thus been assisted in preparation for this work. On the one hand we might expect those most appreciating what the Board has done in the past, to most heartily pass the claims of the Board, and, on the other hand the people can see how their contributions have been like bread cast upon the water, which came back to them in a living ministry.

Persons disposing of wealth by will, might erect for themselves a most worthy monument by adding to the Permanent Fund intrusted to the Board.

Mr. A. F. Henning during the past year, refunded a part of money paid him while he was a beneficiary student. Should this be done more frequently by the students who have received aid, and afterward for one reason or another forfeited their right to retain it, the Board might be able to do its work with a more liberal hand. The secretary has already sent a statement concerning the scholarship and deportment of beneficiary students, to the various classes. And it needs only to be noted that in his respect the students have proven themselves worthy of your confidence and hearty support.

The Beneficiaries who completed their studies, and whose names are consequently dropped from the roll, are H. Nicholson, H. J. Christman, J. W. Miller and F. C. Nau.

From the middle class, in the Seminary, Messrs. F. Broch, William Loos, and W. Wittenberg, who were formerly students of the Mission House, having appeals resting against them for the manner of their leaving that institution: to be heard at the meeting of General Synod, concluded to suspend their seminary studies until the appeals had been heard and passed upon.

Mr. F. Cromer, was by the Faculty, also excused, and is now attending the Theological Seminary, at Xenia, O.

Of the Junior class, Mr. A. W. Bechtel, has, in view of the rule of the Board, willingly forfeited the support of the Board by entering the marriage estate. Mr. A. V. Casselman has relieved the Board, his circumstances being such as to no longer require the help. Mr. E. O. Boyd, who made application in the Fall of 1895, did not return after the Holidays.

Applicants received during the present year who are now added to the list are: Mr. C. J. Fullerton, of Thornville, O.; S. J. T. Flohr, Eastern Ohio Classis, and Mr.—Rohrbaugh, from Hanover, Pa.

Those continued from last year are: S. I. Royer, A. C. Renoll, C. R. Hortman, N. Kerst, E. E. Young, J. C. Gekler, F. Zaugg, J. H. Rettig, C. A. Schaaf, W. W. Shriver, P. Weaver, C. Hange, J. Lautzenhiser, D. S. Miller, C. Roofner, B. Diefenbaugh, and J. W. Geir.

The entire appropriation should be paid, for the income from miscellaneous sources is not great. It will be seen from the treasurer's report that one classis has paid in full, and some of the others almost the entire amount assessed.

In order to pay the students during the year it was necessary, a greater part of the time, to borrow money to make the regular payment to the students. This money should be saved, by a more prompt payment to the treasurer. This interest could be saved, and could be well applied in assisting some other applicant for aid.

Hoping that this important branch of our benevolence may receive your support, and that the committee on finance will remember to apportion at least \$2,000, we submit this report. J. H. STEELE, *Secretary*.

5. *Report of Treasurer of Board of Education.*

DR.

RECEIVED AN APPORTIONMENT.

Miami Classis, per V. P. Van Horne.....	\$	530	03	
Tuscarawas Classis, per E. K. Kremer		535	80	
Lancaster Classis, per Rev. J. A. Seitz.....		188	35	
Eastern Ohio Classis, per Rev. J. H. Bomberger.....		218	55	
St. Joseph Classis, per Benj. Ashbacher.....		180	00	
Tiffin Classis, per Rev. J. B. Shumaker.....		254	30	\$1,907 03

MISCELLANEOUS.

st from permanent fund.....	544 82	
al contribution, J. C. Shumaker.....	10 00	
ded E. E. Young.....	5 00	
ded A. F. Henning.....	5 00	
iss Jennie Heckerman for Miami Classis.....	5 00	\$ 569 82
		<hr/>
		\$2,476 85
in treasury October 1, 1895.....		\$ 29 71
		<hr/>
Total receipts.....		\$2,506 56

CR.

eneficiary students.....	\$2,355 75	
ostage and paper.....	2 25	
st on obligation Miss Mary Ashbaugh.....	7 00	
or recording deed.....	1 25	
eneficiary students on this year.....	80 00	
d to permanent fund.....	25 00	
st on money loaned.....	26 83	
in treasury.....	8 48	\$2,506 56

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. STEELE, *Treasurer.*

report was audited October 12, 1896, and the vouchers examined
found correct.

J. M. SCHICK,
J. D. NEFF.

PERMANENT FUND. DR.

st S. A. Hivling.....	\$1,000 00	
st Sarah Brinker.....	800 00	
st J. G. Lefler.....	3,500 00	
st Rev. S. B. Schneck.....	500 00	
st Miss Mary Ashbaugh.....	200 00	\$6,000 00

CR.

cate R. R. Stock.....	\$1,000 00	
C. C. Park.....	2,200 00	
John Schlereth.....	800 00	
deposit.....	800 00	
ames Skeen.....	550 00	
John Eirich.....	600 00	\$5,950 00
ded from contingent account.....		25 00

\$5,975 00
\$6,000 00

Still due from contingent account.....

\$ 25 00

DR.

Interest Endle note.....	\$ 56 00	
" Swigart note.....	70 57	
" R. R. Stock.....	20 00	
" C. C. Park note.....	154 00	
" R. R. Stock.....	22 00	
" Endel note.....	56 00	
" R. R. Stock.....	20 00	
" John Eirich note.....	42 00	
" J. A. Peters.....	5 25	
" C. C. Parks note.....	77 00	
" R. R. Stock.....	22 00	
Principal Swigart note.....	550 00	
Principal Endle note.....	800 00	\$1,804 82

CR.

Paid interest from loans to contingent fund.....	\$ 544 82	
Loaned James Skeen.....	550 00	
Deposited in bank.....	800 00	\$1,804 82

This report and accompanying vouchers were examined and found correct October 12, 1896.

J. M. SCHICK, K.
J. D. NEFF.

II. REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE ON SEMINAR —Y.

The committee on the Theological Seminary respectfully submits for your consideration the following:

The documents which came into our hands are: The report of the Board of Trustees of the seminary, the report of the Board of Visitors, the report of the Board of Education, the report of the Treasurer of the Board of Education, the report of the Theological Seminary, and a catalogue of that institution.

From these reports, which are quite elaborate, and set forth at length the operations of those charged with the management of this school of prophets, we gather the following items which we recommend for adoption.

Item 1. This Synod heartily endorses the earnest words of the Board of Trustees, touching the long and useful life, and efficient services of Dr. I. H. Reiter, who so faithfully served the church, in his relation to the seminary, through its Boards, and we hereby make melancholy record of our loss which comes out of his death, which occurred during the past year.

Item 2. We heartily commend the efficient services of the several Boards of our Theological School, in the management of their trust. The Synod owes a special debt of gratitude to our efficient Treasurer, Elder

Ankeney, whose untiring energies we have again witnessed with : during the past year. Having audited his financial report, we same correct.

3. This Synod approves the recommendation of the Board, and, igly, orders the apportionment of 8 cts. per member for the use of ological Seminary.

4. Synod approves the action of the Board of Education, and or- apportionment of \$2000.00, for Beneficiary Education, for this

5. The thanks of this Synod are hereby tendered the heirs of Dr. iter, and also to Rev. Jas. I. Good, D. D., for the donation of : books and periodicals to the library of the Theological Seminary.

5. Synod also records with pleasure the action of the Board, in ; the services of Dr. E. Herbruck and Rev. Rufus W. Miller, both i delivered, without compensation, a series of valuable lectures be- students during the past year. We commend their generosity, ggest to the Board the wisdom of continuing their endeavors, along ise worthy lines.

7. We commend to the careful attention of this Synod, the request resident of the Theological Seminary—sanctioned also by the touching the election of a "Professor of Practical Theology."

ved, That be set apart for the consideration of this ques- en, if counted at all possible, an election of such professor shall .ce.

3. The hearty thanks of this Synod are hereby tendered the Sen- essor in our seminary—Rev. H. Rust, D. D.,—who has so long and y served the church in his department. Synod sympathizes with ce in his desire to continue to servé the church, in some way com- te with his advanced age, and also with his request to be relieved, after the current Seminary year, of the greater part of the work e is now performing.

3. Synod approves the joint request of Dr. H. Rust, and the egarding the chair of Church History, and sets apart our of day for the consideration of the whole subject and meeting demands of the case.

10. The Theological Seminary is again commended to the for her sympathies, prayers and increased financial support; erving that, under God, behind all use—as Missions, Home and —stands our School of Prophets, forth from which should come a inistry, scholarly and sanctified, to rejoice the heart of the church, ave the world.

Respectfully submitted,

S. C. GOSS,
E. E. WELLER,
A. E. BAICHLY,
G. F. CHENOT.

III. ELECTION OF BOARDS OF THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

I. BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

*Officers of the Board.**President*, Rev. Reuben Keller, West Alexandria, O.*Vice-President*, Rev. Chas. E. Miller, Dayton, O.*Secretary*, Rev. Michael Loucks, D. D., Dayton, O.*Treasurer*, Elder Horace Ankeney, Alpha, O.*Members whose term expires October, 1897.*

Rev. Sebastian C. Goss, D. D.

Rev. Alpheus E. Baichly.

Elder Victor P. Van Horne.

Rev. Samuel B. Yockey, D. D.

Elder George Loucks.

Members whose term expires October, 1898.

Rev. Michael Loucks, D. D.

Elder Horace Ankeney.

Rev. John J. Gruber.

Elder John W. Keller.

Rev. Charles E. Miller.

Members whose term expires October, 1899.

Rev. Reuben Keller.

Rev. Edward Herbruck, D. D.

Rev. Edward M. Beck.

Rev. John J. Leberman, D. D.

Elder Benjamin Kuhns.

II. BOARD OF VISITORS AND OF EDUCATION.

*Officers of the Board.**President*, Rev. Lewis H. Kefauver, D. D., Tiffin, O.*Vice-President*, Rev. John D. Neff, Bettsville, O.*Secretary and Treasurer*, Rev. James H. Steele, D. D., Tiffin, O.*Executive Committee.*—The officers together with the resident members of the Board constitute this committee.*Members whose term expires October, 1897.*

Rev. Lewis H. Kefauver, D. D.

Rev. John H. Bomberger.

Rev. John M. Shick, D. D.

Rev. Reuben Good.

Members whose term expires October, 1898.

Rev. John D. Neff.

Rev. Elmer E. Weller.

Rev. David A. Parks.

Rev. Isaac A. Sites.

Members whose term expires October, 1899.

Rev. Sebastian C. Goss.

Rev. Michael Loucks, D. D.

Rev. James H. Steele, D. D.

Rev. Allen K. Zartman.

ARTICLE XV.

HEIDELBERG UNIVERSITY.

The following reports relating to the interests and work of the University, were received and considered, and afterwards adopted:

I. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS.

The Board of Regents of Heidelberg University, at its annual meeting in Tiffin, O., June 16, 1896, organized by the election of the following officers for this ensuing year, viz: Hon. J. H. Ridgely, president; Mr. George F. Bareis, vice-president; Rev. J. H. Steele, secretary; and Rev. Lewis H. Keffer, D. D., treasurer.

The fact that a new voice must bring these annual tidings from Heidelberg University, makes us all to think of our losses by death. Just one month after presenting the report to the Ohio Synod at Fort Wayne, Rev. I. H. Reiter, D. D., was released from his earthly labors.

He graduated from these institutions forty-two years ago. He was a member of the Board for about thirty-five years, and its president for the past sixteen years. He was regular in attendance upon the meetings of the Board, careful and exact in the conduct of its affairs; exact and elaborate in his annual reports, and in his death the church, the Synod, and the Institution have lost one of their most loyal sons, wisest counselors, and most faithful supporters.

The Board has thus not only lost its former faithful president, but one morning of July, the city of Tiffin, and especially the friends of the institutions, were made sad with the sudden death of Mr. B. F. Myers. This brother was so situated that it was possible for him to devote much time to the arduous duties of the Executive Committee. This service was very cheerfully given—his natural intelligence, his long business experience made his work and counsel most valuable. His kindness, hospitality and liberality, needs no repetition to the alumni of Heidelberg. It seems to have been death's purpose to cast something of a gloom over the management of the college affairs. Besides suffering the loss by death of one student; we have lost our well known and faithful janitor, Joseph K. Kremer, who, for so many years added to the beauty of the grounds cleanliness, and neatness of the buildings, whose skillful hand and untiring energy made him a most valuable servant for the place.

This Synod having founded and supported the college through this period of over forty years, it is but right and proper that those who have the control and management of it should make report concerning its condition and work, so that those who have contributed to it may see that their funds are judiciously expended and that a proper appreciation for the work done, may be continued. So that in the close college competition of this state our own institutions may have a right to ask and expect not only all loyal sons and daughters of our own denomination, but a fair share of others.

To this end the annual catalogue of Heidelberg University is hereby presented to Synod: from which a correct estimate may be formed of the standard of the curriculum, the workings of the departments, and comparative attendance. The Board is pleased to report that although the past year has been one of great financial stress, effecting every department of life, the institution has, notwithstanding the "hard times", suffered very little in attendance. The summary of students will show a total of 272 in attendance upon the College, Academy, Normal, Summer School, Conservatory of Music, Art, College of Commerce, School of Oratory, and Theological Seminary. Ninety-nine were enrolled in the Literary department. Eleven years ago, when the Synod met in Louisville, there was a total enrollment of 150.

The increase is encouraging, but still not what we might and ought to have. With the membership of Ohio Synod, and with the growing need of higher education, we should have double the number. Heidelberg's efficient force of teachers, her thorough work, and the moral and religious standing, should lead to this enlarged patronage. From the report of the Acting Chancellor, Rev. L. H. Kefauver, D. D., we gather the following facts concerning the various departments:

"It is with great pleasure that we can report the work of the year about to close, as being productive of good results. The Professors were not hindered in the work by sickness. Professor Hornung, who was not on full duty last year on account of ill-health, has been so fully restored as to be able to do all work required in his department. The professors generally are laboring earnestly for the well-fare of the university. Under their instruction and judicious management our institutions of learning are making commendable progress.

The work of each term in the Literary Department of the university, was begun by a public address, on some topic bearing on education. The address at the opening of the Fall term was delivered by the president of the department, Rev. John A. Peters, Ph. D., D. D. At the opening of the Winter term by Prof. F. F. Briggs, Professor of English and Economics; and that at the opening of the Spring term by the Rev. S. C. Gross, D. D., of Wadsworth, O.

Normal and Academy.

This Department has been under the management of Prof. E. A. Day. A year ago the Board felt the need of establishing, in connection with the academy, a department more particularly intended to fit persons for teaching. A thorough course of Normal study has been provided, and a fair competition can now be offered with other schools. Out of this and in connection with this department has grown the Summer school, which during the last summer reached an enrollment of 60 or 70 students. Prof. Day has proven himself a man of energy and devotion to his work.

School of Oratory.

The Board of Regents at its last annual meeting, established a department in the university, to be known as the "School of Oratory." The Rev. Franklin J. Miller was elected president.

"It is the aim of the school to place the best instruction in the Arts of Reading and Speaking within the reach of all." The course of instruction embraces a thorough and systematic drill in Elocution, Voice Culture, Gesture Dramatic Action and Expression. It is fair to say that no department of the institution has awakened more interest than this. And Prof. Miller is not only a most worthy Christian gentleman, but an artist in his profession.

Musical Department.

The Board is sorry to report that Prof. Adams, who has for a number of years had charge of the Musical Culture of the Institution, has seen fit to withdraw. His work has been of a most excellent character. During the past year Prof. Adams gave concerts in various parts of the church, thus advertising the department.

The Executive Committee have secured Prof. E. C. Zartman, of Monmouth College. He is not only well known by many of the friends of the College, but brings the very highest and best recommendations. It is the intention to make this department worthy of the support of all the music-loving friends of the college; and it is hoped that Prof. Zartman may secure the patronage he deserves.

The Art Department.

"The Art department of this institution is in charge of a specialist of recognized ability and of widely established reputation." Miss Inez I. Crampton.

College of Commerce.

Under the principalship of Prof. Charles M. Replogle, assisted by Mr. Claud Shumaker. The work that has been done is of excellent quality. A reference to the "General Announcement," under the Commercial Department, in the catalogue will give you a better idea of this work than space here allows us to give.

Persons seeking a business education are directed to this work of Heidelberg. While the enrollment in this department was not self-supporting last year, as a result of the advertising and enterprise of the young men managing this department, the attendance this year has been very greatly increased.

Physical Culture.

Heidelberg with her well equipped gnasium, has been catching more of the spirit of college athletics. Prof. John E. Schmedlin is director, a very competent man for the place.

The work is compulsory, except in cases of physical disability, every student receives the benefit of this work.

Alumni Professor.

A matter of particular interest in the year's work was the choosing of an alumni professor. For a number of years the graduates of the institution have felt disposed to undertake the support of at least one professor in the faculty. At its last annual meeting, in June, it was felt that the time had arrived to choose an alumnus to occupy the English Literature. Prof. A. D. Kellar was unanimously chosen to this place. Prof. Kellar is a graduate in the Class of 1893. He has, since graduation, taken post graduate work in Vanderbilt University, and Chicago, Ill. He entered upon his work at the opening of the Fall term.

The Board at its last annual meeting, received the report of the committee, formerly appointed to draft a constitution for Heidelberg University. After careful examination, and revision, the Constitution was adopted. A copy of which is herewith presented.

The Board also ordered that from this date no more non-resident graduate students should be enrolled, and requests students now registered to complete their respective courses by A. D. 1900.

Financial Secretary.

Our Financial Secretary has been vigorously and successfully pushing the canvass through the church. He is keeping the matter of the "Semi-Centennial Endowment Fund" before the people. And notwithstanding the financial condition of the country, has been able to report some very liberal contributions, among which is the gift of \$1,500 by Mr. J. C. Elder, of Deshler, O., an alumnus of the college.

By the death of Mrs. Moriah Bebinghouse, of Philadelphia, Pa., which occurred on the 22nd of December, the bequest of her husband becomes productive. This will add five thousand dollars to our interest-bearing funds. The gift of six hundred dollars by Miss Mary Ashbaugh of Milgrove, Ind., also became interest bearing during the year.

The income should be largely increased. The necessary annual expenses are increasing. With the paving of the streets there are over four hundred dollars of street tax. There has been a shrinkage of some stock in manufacturing establishments. There have been a few losses.

Improvements.

The Board has found it necessary to make a few improvements. Sanitary closets and baths have been placed in the basement of the Gymnasium. A combination hot air and water heater has just been placed in the ladies' boarding hall. All these assessments, losses and improvements have necessarily increased the outlay of money. We hope the church will understand this increasing outlay, and it is to be hoped that our Financial Secretary will find a liberal welcome in the various parts of the

church and be able to not only provide for these expenses but increase the endowment.

The President of the Literary Department has asked to make record of the moral standing of the institution. He speaks in the highest terms of the helpful influences of the Christian associations of the institution, in maintaining this high standing of religion and morals.

It is a significant fact, that from the last graduating class, there is now called into the foreign field of missions the third of the recent graduates. Miss Mary Christena Knauss has been appointed by the Lutheran Synod, to a field in India.

Heidelberg is doing efficient work and well deserves the heartiest and most liberal support.

Term of office expires for the following Regents: Rev. Lewis H. Kefauver, D. D., Nelson L. Brewer, Rev. Edward Herbruck, D. D., Horace Ankeney, Rev. Henry M. Herman, D. D., George F. Bareis.

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. STEELE, Sec'y.

I I. REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE ON HEIDELBERG UNIVERSITY.

The Standing Committee on Heidelberg University during the afternoon session on Friday submitted their report, which was considered, and together with that of the Board, adopted. The report is as follows:

Your committee would report that the papers coming into our hands were the new constitution adopted by the Board of Regents, the annual catalogue and the report of the Board of Regents.

These papers show the condition and work of the University to be in the most prosperous condition and the outlook and plans for the future are very encouraging.

Whilst it seems to have been death's purpose to cast somewhat of a gloom over the management of the University affairs by removing some of its wisest counselors and most faithful servants from their earthly labors to their heavenly reward. Yet we can but rejoice in the Providential care, the measure of success and the generous patronage the University has enjoyed. Each department has been given the most careful attention and has been rewarded with good results, and the Board of Regents and the Faculty deserve commendation for their faithful work.

We therefore recommend the adoption of the following:

Resolved, That this synod express its gratitude to Almighty God for His blessing upon this Institution and assure the Board and Faculty of our hearty co-operation and support.

Resolved, That this synod appreciates the faithful service of the Board and Faculty and express our satisfaction with the work of last year.

Resolved, That the movement purposing to raise \$100,000 as a semi-centennial fund receive the hearty co-operation of the church, and that

pastors, elders and church members, give the Financial Secretary, Dr. E. D. Wettach, their cordial support and encouragement in raising said fund.

Resolved, That each classis be requested to continue the appointment of a classical committee of two ministers and an elder to aid Dr. Wettach in raising the \$100,000 fund.

Resolved, That we approve the action of the Board of Regents in adopting a new constitution commensurate with the needs of the Institution and complying with the requirements of the articles of incorporation changing the Institution from a college to a University, which was granted in 1890.

Respectfully submitted,

J. J. GRUBER,
R. F. SHULTZ,
C. M. ROHRBAUGH,
GEO. W. TUSSING,
MILLARD SCHINDLER.

III. ELECTION OF REGENTS OF HEIDELBERG UNIVERSITY.

Officers of Board of Regents.

President, Hon. J. H. Ridgely, Tiffin, Ohio.

Vice President, Mr. Geo. F. Bareis, Canal Winchester, Ohio.

Secretary, Rev. James H. Steele, D. D., Tiffin, Ohio.

Treasurer, Rev. Lewis H. Kefauver, D. D., Tiffin, Ohio.

Executive Committee:—Nelson L. Brewer, Esq., Chairman, Rev. James H. Steele, D. D., Secretary, James H. Platt, Esq., and Rev. Lewis H. Kefauver, D. D.

Members whose term expires October, 1897.

Rev. David Van Horne, D. D.

Hon. John H. Ridgely.

Mr. John Blum.

Rev. Edward D. Wettach, D. D.

Mr. John M. Conroy.

Rev. William H. Shults.

Members whose term expires October, 1898.

Rev. Michael Loucks, D. D.

Rev. James H. Steele, D. D.

Mr. Samuel S. Rickly.

James H. Platt, Esq.

Rev. Geo. W. Henning.

Elder Daniel W. Souder.

Members whose term expires October, 1899.

Elder Victor P. Van Horne.

Rev. Emil P. Herbruck, D. D.

Elder Jacob A. Klahr.

Hon. Noah H. Albaugh.

Elder Irvin Yost.

Elder Benjamin Ashbacher.

Members whose term expires October, 1900.

Rev. Lewis H. Kefauver, D. D.

Elder Horace Ankeney.

Elder Nelson L. Brewer, Esq.

Rev. Henry M. Herman, D. D.

Rev. Edward Herbruck, D. D.

Rev. John J. Leberman, D. D.

ARTICLE XVI.

BENEVOLENT AND RELIGIOUS INSTITUTIONS.

I. DANIEL STINE MEMORIAL HOME.

The Standing Committee on Overtures during the afternoon session on Thursday reported in item 4 of their report on Overture from the members of the Daniel Stine Memorial Home, asking for the "sympathy, prayers and alms" of the members of this synod. The overture is as follows:

DUNCANNON, PA., October 1, 1896.

the Reverend Synod of Ohio:

DEAR FATHERS AND BRETHREN:—The undersigned desire hereby to draw the attention of your reverend body to the Daniel Stine Memorial Home, located at Myerstown, Pa. As is generally known, the Home is a gift of Mrs. Linda Kaub of Philadelphia, Pa., to the Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows of the Reformed Church in the United States. Its object is to afford a home, food and clothing for aged ministers and their wives and the widows of ministers of the Reformed Church in the United States, who may have been reduced to want or helplessness by old age or otherwise. The property is valuable and in every respect well adapted to the purpose for which it is intended. It will be a delightful home for such of the Lord's servants as may find themselves in need of such a retreat, after the trials and toils of their active ministry are over.

Though the Home was formally dedicated on the 9th of June last, it has not yet been opened for occupancy for the reason that the present Board of Managers thought it proper to submit their plans, etc., to the Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows before taking such a step. It is expected, however, that it will be in readiness for the reception of inmates soon after the annual meeting of the society, which will be held at Altoona, Pa., October 13, 1896.

Already inquiries have been made as to terms of admission, etc., so that it seems apparent that there will be persons to be cared for as soon as we shall be ready to receive them. For the means wherewith to carry forward the work we must look to the charitably disposed in the church. Several free-will offerings have come into our hands. Some friends have furnished rooms, and we expect still others to do the same. But we will be glad to receive a considerably number of gifts as soon as we shall open our doors to the reception of inmates.

We need not enlarge on the sacredness of the trust which the Lord has committed to our hands. "They which wait at the altar are partakers of the altar. Even so the Lord ordained that they which preach the gospel should live by the gospel." Should not they then, who have given their lives to the preaching of the gospel, and whom old age or misfortune has left in want or helplessness, be tenderly cared for by the church?

We invoke the sympathy, the prayers and the alms of your reverend body in behalf of this new enterprise of the church. That it may be regularly and properly brought to the attention of our people, we respectfully ask you to commend it to the prayers and charities of the classes and congregations within your bounds. We believe that, as the Lord has given this Home to the church, He will raise up helpers for its maintenance but we need your help and co-operation to bring it to the attention of His people. We are respectfully,

Your servants in the Lord,

J. DAVID MILLER,

Pres't. of the Board of Managers.

WM. C. SCHAEFFER, *Secretary.*

II. SOCIETY FOR THE RELIEF OF MINISTERS AND THEIR WIDOWS.

The Standing Committee on Overtures during the afternoon session on Thursday reported in item 5 the following overtures from the "Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows," containing a statement of its operations, and of the receipts and expenditures within the bounds of the synod.

1. A communication from the Treasurer of the society to this synod as follows:

To the Reverend Ohio Synod:

FATHERS AND BRETHREN:—I herewith transmit to your venerable body the enclosed statement of the financial operations of the "Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows of the Reformed Church in the United States" for the year closing September 30, 1896.

Also a statement of the receipts and expenditures within the bounds of the synod as follows:

Tuscarawas Classis	\$107 1
Miami Classis	84 6
Tiffin Classis	15 0
Eastern Ohio Classis	14 8

\$221 6

Paid to six Annuitants \$300, that is \$78.33 more than received from the different classes. In view of this we ask for greater liberality in the coming year. With the prayer for the guidance of the Holy Spirit in your deliberations, I am, fraternally yours in Christ Jesus.

SIMON S. MILLER, *Treasurer.*

MT. PLEASANT, MD., September 30, 1896.

2. The following statement of the receipts and expenditures of the society, with the names and address of the officers:

The Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows of the Reformed Church in the United States," through its officers, present for publication in the minutes of your reverend body the following statement of receipts and expenditures for the fiscal year closing September 30, 1896:

RECEIPTS.

To amount in treasury as per last report	\$ 3,376 63
" from interest on investment	2,721 08
" " matured loans	1,900 00
" " collections in the churches	1,756 09
" " royalty on Church Hymnal	990 75
" " miscellaneous sources	396 64
" " Pittsburg Synod, special	325 00
" " Daniel Stine Memorial Home	166 42
" " bequest of J. B. Fisher, Esq	95 00
Total	\$11,727 61

EXPENDITURES.

Paied for investments	\$ 4,600 00
Paied to annuitants	2,574 58
Paied for expenses	168 72
Cash in treasury September 30, 1896	4,384 31
Total	\$11,727 61

Invested Fund \$35,250.00.

The following persons have become members of the society during the year:

Life Members:—Revs. H. J. Reutenik, D. D., L. N. Showers, Wm. Renter, Jno. F. Moyer, John H. Stepler, D. D., O. P. Shellhamer, Geo. B. Russell, D. D., Geo. W. Aughinbaugh, D. D., Dennis B. Shuey, Eusebius H. Dieffenbacher, John T. Balliet, John Wolbach, John Schmalz, Alville Conner, Llyod E. Coblentz, Samuel M. Roeder, Wm. C. Sykes, John Dotterer, Calvin E. Bartholomew, Henry K. Binkley, Cyrus R. Dieffenbacher, D. D., Christian W. Summey, Chas. R. Ferner, Michael Loucks, D. D., Edward Herbruck, D. D., Joseph Sechler, D. D., and Wm. H. Groh.

Annual Members:—Revs. Philip Steinhage, Jacob D. Buhner and Ludwig W. Zenk.

Officers of the Society.

Rev. Wm. M. Deatrick, D. D., *President*, Mercersburg, Pa.

Rev. T. Frank Hoffmeier, *Secretary*, Middletown, Md.

Rev. Simon S. Miller, *Treasurer*, Mt. Pleasant, Md.

III. REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON THE ABOVE SUBJECTS.

The above mentioned overtures and communications were all referred to a special committee consisting of Revs. I. A. Sites, A. C. Shuman and Elder Isaac Hisey. This committee at a subsequent session presented the following report, which was adopted:

Your special committee to which was referred the subject of the Dan Stine Memorial Home would respectfully report as follows:

1. Through a communication from the Board of Managers of the Home, we learn with gratitude to God of the gift of Mrs. Linda Kaub of Philadelphia, Pa., to the Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows of a home for these needy servants of the church. But while we rejoice that a Home has thus been providentially secured, we must remember that the church is thereby called upon to meet an increased obligation and responsibility.

2. From a statement received from the Treasurer of the Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows it appears that two of our classes failed to contribute anything toward this fund during the past year. As a result the expenditures were considerably in excess of the receipts.

3. As it is apparent to every one that such a Home and support for these needy servants of the church is very important, we therefore recommend,

a) That the ministers be urged to bring this matter before their people invoking their prayers, and the necessity of greater liberality in support of the Home.

b) That at least one offering be made in each of our congregations every year for this purpose.

Respectfully submitted,

I. A. SITES, *Chairman.*

A. C. SHUMAN.

IV. THE FOLLOWING COMMUNICATION FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF ST. PAUL'S ORPHAN HOME:

To the Reverend Synod of Ohio:

DEAR BRETHREN:—The interest manifested by many of your churches and Sunday-schools in our St. Paul's Orphan Home at Butler, Pa., has caused us to feel very thankful to God and grateful to you. The aid you have given toward the support of the orphans under our care, obligates us to give from a short statement of the condition of our Home. With God's blessing, and the management of those having the Home in charge, we closed the year without incurring any further indebtedness. Our income and expenditure were almost \$8,000 with which amount we provided for upwards of ninety children, some of whom were pay children and became an aid in the support of the church orphans. Lately, however, there has been a large diminution of pay children and a corresponding increase of church orphans, which will necessitate greatly increased contributions from the friends of the institution. The Home has an endowment of \$7,316.35 and an indebtedness of \$9,900.

As heretofore, due attention has been given to the spiritual, intellectual and industrial improvement and well-being of the children. We offer

the benefits of the Home to those in your midst who may need its tender care, and ask your continued, yea even an increased interest and aid from you and the churches and Sunday-schools under your care.

Respectfully submitted,

C. R. DIEFFENBACHER,

Pres't. of the Board of Directors of St. Paul's Orphan Home.

GREENSBURG, PA., October 10, 1896.

This paper was referred to the Committee on Sunday-schools and Catechization: for action thereon, see the report of that committee.

ARTICLE XVII.

SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

The following reports were received and adopted:

I. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

DEAR BRETHREN OF THE OHIO SYNOD:—The Reformed Church has taken its place in the ranks of aggressive Sunday-school workers of the age. We hail with much joy the rapid, progressive movements of the recent past, within the bounds of our beloved Zion. We feel to devoutly praise the Lord for the spirit of youth and vigor that has fallen upon us, promoting the "Forward Movement" all along the line.

In the blessings coming to the cause and the aid rendered the work, the Ohio Synod has enjoyed and given her full share.

The Board of this synod desires to express its gratitude for the sympathy, co-operation and prayers of its membership in so faithfully and actively aiding to bring about and carrying out the advanced suggestions of General Synod and the General Board. Chief among which is the concentration of the "Publications of the Sunday-schools," and all matters pertaining thereto, in the management of the General Board, made possible by the kind concessions of the publishing house of the church to whom the church and all who are interested in the Sunday-school work owe a weight of gratitude and to whom it should give its more liberal patronage and prayers.

You will doubtless receive at this session of your body a report from the active and efficient Secretary of the General Board, Rev. R. W. Miller, that will lay before you this and all the other general interests of the work so that we refrain from speaking further of them.

We have great pleasure in the thought that the Ohio Synod has stood nobly by the work, indeed in advance in many instances and express hopefully our confidence in her loyalty and activity in the future.

The statistical report accompanying, exhibits a splendid showing, with increased figures in all columns over every year in the past, and a completeness we have never before been able to secure. Thanks to those whose business it has been to gather these figures.

Conventions have been held in all the classes, attended by more than usual enthusiasm, and furnished with programmes that were profitable, helpful and edifying to all.

From each classis there comes special reports of excellent conventions and special efforts. Children's Day and other festivals have also been joyfully observed. We recommend,

1. That the Children's Day offerings be more generally than last year, given to the Board for Sunday-school missions.

2. That so far as at all possible the Christmas collections be given to the Orphan Homes.

3. That the schools of the synod be required in the fall of the year to observe "Rally Day" in the interests of the "Forward Movement."

4. The attention of synod is called to the expiration of membership on this Board, with this meeting of synod, of Rev. L. B. C. Lahr and V. P. Van Horne.

Respectfully submitted,

A. E. BAICHLY, *President of Board.*

II. STATISTICAL TABLE OF SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

NAME OF CLASSIC.	MEMBERSHIP.				RELATION TO CHURCH.				EDUCATIONAL.						CONTRIBUTIONAL.												
	No. of Schools.	No. of Officers and Teachers.	No. of Scholars.	No. of Officers, Teachers and Scholars.	Is school held all the year?	Average attendance.	If Union School, estimated Reformed enrollment.	Total No. of scholars in full membership of the church.	Total No. of baptized scholars.	No. of scholars received during past year into full membership.	Is the Catechism used in the school?	yes.	no.	Do you use Reformed Lesson Help?	yes.	no.	No. of copies of Sunday-school papers taken per month.	No. of books in library.	Is the school graded into more than two departments?	yes.	no.	To Sunday-school work of General Board.	To other Boards and Institutions of the church.	To support of the schools.	To other benevolent objects.		
Miami	51	792	6029	6821	50	3603	108	2212	1158	388	11	40	45	6010	370	9	6114	207	\$2269	\$ 659							
Tuscarawas	46	756	5365	6356	89	3572	48	1864	1525	164	15	36	28	1566	2245	7	103	247	2720	247							
Lancaster	29	416	2476	2892	18	1800	212	1041	1067	260	3	15	21	2362	789	1	54	443	736	355							
Eastern Ohio	22	306	2192	2676	19	1572	1500	1314	146	9	13	20	801	850	2	90	163	703	201								
Tiffin	29	432	2666	3388	26	1923	127	1219	1114	115	5	24	24	2726	983	4	39	1553	1202	206							
St. Joseph	36	506	3032	3538	31	2112	295	1338	724	265	11	25	25	1039	306	1	18	432	1125	20							
Totals	213	3208	22060	25671	183	14582	700	9174	8842	1278	54	153	163	14465	5523	24	\$418	\$1707	\$8755	\$1088							

III. A COMMUNICATION FROM THE PRESIDENT AND GENERAL SECRETARY OF THE SUNDAY-SCHOOL BOARD OF GENERAL SYNOD.

To the Several District Synods of the Reformed Church in the U. S.

DEAR BRETHREN:—Your attention to the general Sunday-school work will be called through the action of the General Synod on the subject.

It is with gratitude to God that we record the fact that since the meeting of the General Synod it has been possible to carry out its directions with respect to the consolidation and unification of Sunday-school publications.

The Board of Publication of the three English Eastern Synods and the Reformed Publishing Co., Dayton, Ohio, loyal to the expressed wish of the church transferred their respective interests in the Sunday-school publications to General Synod's Sunday-school Board. In each instance the action was taken with the utmost good will and unanimity. We believe every section of the church will approve of this advance step.

The Board at a meeting held September 24, 1896, at Greensburg, Pa., carefully considered the duties of its enlarged field of operations.

Rev. C. R. Ferner was appointed Business Manager with the East office at 1025 Arch St., Philadelphia, and the Reformed Publishing Co., Dayton, Ohio, were appointed the Western agents. The General Secretary continues to reside at Reading, Pa., and a plan for closer cooperation with the German Publishing House, Cleveland, Ohio, is in progress.

The Board decided to consolidate the several Sunday-school papers, and January 1, 1897, will issue for the main department of the Sunday-school; *Leaves of Light* as a weekly, with a semi-monthly and monthly edition.

Sunshine will be issued weekly for the Primary Department. There will be added at the same time for the little children, a series of beautifully colored and finely executed picture cards, to be known as "Heidelberg Lesson Pictures," and for the entire school, Heidelberg Picture Roll.

The Board appreciating the importance and value of aiding the teachers of the children and youth and of stimulating interest in Bible study and Sunday-school work, proposes to issue the "Heidelberg Teacher" as a monthly instead of a quarterly, thus giving fully one-third additional matter without increasing the cost of the subscription price. But to do this the "Teacher" must have a circulation of 10,000 copies. The present circulation is 6,100.

The Board has decided to sacredly use all Children's Day offerings for Sunday-school mission work, and the extension of Reformed schools. The Department of Publication will bear all expenses of administration, and will aid in the way of grants of literature. The field of Sunday-school missions is enlarging and calls to engage in the work, are coming from every part of the church.

In view of these facts the Board earnestly recommends the following for your consideration, and trusts that through the several classes, pastors

and consistories and Sunday-schools will have their attention called to the same.

1. Let every Reformed Sunday-school be requested to use the Sunday-school Lesson Helps and Sunday-school papers, prepared and published for and for the church. Denominational loyalty, the creation and improvement of a Reformed Church literature, and the extension of the church alike requires it.

2. Let our churches and schools be urged to pay special attention to the teaching and training of little children in the church-school, in connection with the work in the home and catechetical class. And to this end let the best aids and most approved appliances be used in the Primary Department.

3. Let it be understood that the work of Sunday-school mission depends for its support upon the offerings of Children's Day. The sanction of the General Synod, the growing needs of our home mission work, the economy and usefulness of Sunday-school missions as a factor in church extension, are few of the many cogent reasons in favor of larger offerings from every school of the Reformed Church.

Respectfully submitted,

C. CLEVER, *President.*

RUFUS W. MILLER, *General Secretary.*

READING, PA., October 1, 1896.

V. A COMMUNICATION FROM THE JOINT PUBLISHING COMMITTEE,
WITH REFERENCE TO THE "REFORMED CHURCH TIDINGS."

To the Several District Synods of the Reformed Church in the U. S.

DEAR BRETHREN:—In behalf of the Joint Publishing Committee of the Boards of Home Mission, Foreign Mission and Sunday-school work, it gives us pleasure to report, that in accordance with the order of the General Synod, the several Boards named, have issued October 1st, the first number of the new missionary periodical, to be known as the *Reformed Church Tidings*.

This paper will aim according to the resolution of General Synod, to promote the several interests committed to the Boards of Home Missions, Foreign Missions and Sunday-school work, and the development of progressive activities along all lines of church work. The first number is herewith submitted for your consideration.

As an indication of the need and of the favor and appreciation with which this paper will be received, it is pleasant to report that some 4,000 cash subscriptions have been received in advance of its publication, and very mail brings in the names of additional subscribers.

We believe the publication of this periodical at the low price of ten cents per copy, per year in clubs combined with its features of depart-

ments and illustrations, will mark a new era in the missionary activity of the church.

For it makes possible the dissemination of missionary intelligence and information to every family in the Reformed Church. This will surely be the case, if our pastors and consistories will everywhere heartily cooperate.

To this end we respectfully request your reverend body to call attention to this important matter in such a way as your wisdom may suggest.

Let the *Reformed Church Tidings*, by the united action of our several church judicatories and their chosen representatives be the medium through which an avenue will be opened between the Missionary Boards and general church work agencies, and every family in every congregation throughout the church.

RUFUS W. MILLER, *Chairman*.
C. S. GERHARD, *Secretary*.
S. N. CALLENDER, D. D.
T. J. BARKELY, D. D.
J. L. LEMBERGER.
F. G. HOBSON.

V. REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS AND CATECHISATION.

To the Reverend Ohio Synod:

There have come into our hands the following papers:

- I. The Report of the Sunday-School Board of the Ohio Synod.
- II. A communication from the president and secretary of the Sunday-School Board of the General Synod.
- III. A communication in reference to the *Reformed Church Tidings*.
- IV. A communication from the President of the Board of Directors of St. Paul's Orphan Home.

Based on these we offer the following resolutions:

Resolved, That we make record of our appreciation of the faithful and efficient work of the Sunday-school Boards and Secretary.

Resolved, That we urge a still more liberal Children's Day Offering for the Board for Sunday-School Missions.

Resolved, That our schools be requested to observe Rally Day in the interest of the "Forward Movement."

Resolved, That the communication from the President and Secretary of General Synod's Board of Sunday Schools be printed in this connection, and that it be heartily approved and adopted with its recommendations.

Resolved, That we hail with joy the appearance of the *Reformed Church Tidings*, and request pastors, consistories and congregations to introduce it into every home.

Resolved, That the Christmas collections be given, as far as possible, to the Orphans' Homes.

Resolved, That it is the sense of this Synod that if we had representation in the management of the St. Paul's Orphan Home, our interest in it would be increased, and our contributions to it would be enlarged.

Respectfully submitted,

S. W. SEEMANN,
J. L. BRETZ,
M. L. FOX,
J. P. ZIMMERMAN.

VI. ELECTION OF BOARD OF SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

Officers of the Board.

President, Rev. Alpheus E. Baichly, Canal Fulton, Ohio.

Secretary, Elder Victor P. Van Horne, Dayton, Ohio.

Treasurer, Rev. L. B. C. Lahr, Delaware, Ohio.

Members whose term expires October, 1897.

Rev. Alpheus E. Baichly. Elder Geo. F. Bareis.

Members whose term expires October, 1898.

Rev. Reuben Keller. Rev. John H. Bomberger.

Members whose term expires October, 1899.

Elder Victor P. Van Horne. Rev. Lewis B. C. Lahr.

ARTICLE XVIII.

APPEALS AND REFERENCES.

Nothing under this head came before Synod for consideration.

ARTICLE XIX.

COMPLAINTS.

Nothing occurred under this head requiring the attention of Synod.

ARTICLE XX.

CHURCH GOVERNMENT.

I. BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF SYNOD.

Officers of Board.

President,
Secretary,
Treasurer,

Members whose term expires October, 1897.

Elder Benjamin Kuhns. Elder Albert L. Shearer.

Members whose term expires October, 1898.

Rev. Geo. W. Williard, D. D. Elder Horace Ankeney.

Members whose term expires October, 1899.

Dr. David C. Lichliter. Rev. John A. Seitz.

II. HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF OHIO SYNOD.

Report of Special Committee adopted.

Report of Elder Geo. F. Bareis who appointed a special committee to arrange for the organization of a Historical Society.

At the meeting of your Rev. Body in Ft. Wayne, Ind., you adopted a constitution for a Historical Society of the Ohio Synod. Accordingly, on Thursday afternoon, of October 15th, A. D., 1896, twenty-five charter members were enrolled and the following organization effected: Elder Geo. F. Bareis, President; Revs. Reuben Keller, Aaron Noll, Allen K. Zartman, Vice-Presidents; Rev. A. C. Shuman, Secretary; Rev. Alpha E. Baichly, Treasurer.

At a meeting of the Executive Committee, on the following Friday afternoon, the President was requested to ask for thirty minutes just before the close of the Thursday afternoon session, of the next annual meeting of Synod, in which to present the work of the Society.

Respectfully submitted, GEO. F. BAREIS.

ARTICLE XXI.

PUBLICATION.

The following reports were received, considered and adopted:

I. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF PUBLICATION.

To the Ohio Synod.

The Board of Publication was organized at a meeting held at Ft. Wayne, Indiana, October 4, 1895, by the election of the following officers for the ensuing year:

President, Rev. R. F. Shultz.

Secretary, Rev. C. E. Miller.

Treasurer, Rev. G. W. Williard, D. D.

Another meeting was held October 15, 1896, at which time this report was adopted:

The Board is gratified to report that with each succeeding year evidences multiply of the increasing efficiency and usefulness of our publications, and that the past year is no exception. Marked improvements have been made upon all the papers issued.

The *Christian World* has been, during the past year, making its rounds once a week regularly as heretofore. The publishers are succeeding a

airably in their determinate purpose to make the *Christian World* a practical and effectual means of doing good, and of extending the interests of the Reformed Church in particular.

The editor, Rev. Dr. Loucks, being partially incapacitated by failure of his one eye, had to employ help, and during part of the Synodical year had the efficient assistance of Rev. Parley E. Zartman, who did a large part of the editorial work. All know his peculiar fitness for the place, and enjoyed the spirit of his work in this respect. It was with regret that the editor yielded to his acceptance of the call from Sioux City, Iowa, but he still will furnish matter for the columns of the *Christian World*.

Dr. Loucks has undertaken the editorial work again in full, but with grave apprehension as to how the year will end. It is earnestly hoped that Dr. Loucks may be able to prosecute the work with increasing length.

The publishers have decided to adopt the following reduced rates for the *Christian World*.

One year\$2 00

For absolutely cash advanced subscriptions, we make the following rates:

One year\$1 75

Two years 3 40

Three years 5 00

CLUB RATES.

Five copies 8 00

Ten copies15 00

Twenty copies28 00

Thirty copies40 00

This is a very liberal reduction in the price of the *Christian World*, which ought to be highly appreciated by the members of this Synod, and result in its introduction into many homes. Because of its real merit as a family paper, it is most earnestly commended by your Board to the cordial and generous support of all our people. The Ohio Synod should in this way co-operate with the publishers and the Board to make the *Christian World* the representative church paper of our denomination.

The Board also heartily coincides with the publishers in the purpose to make the semi-centennial of the founding of the *Christian World*, viz. 1898, an auspicious year by celebrating the event in some proper way.

It is most cheering to the Board to be able to report that all the Sunday-school helps issued by the Publishing Company have reached a large circulation, and have given general satisfaction. These are now used nearly everywhere to the exclusion of all other publications. During the past year some changes have taken place, and one among the most important is the transfer of our Sunday-school Periodicals to the Sunday-School Board of General Synod, in accordance with its recommendations of General Synod, offered at its meeting in Dayton. This transfer includes

the *Heidelberg Teacher*, *Scholars' Quarterly*, *Lesson Leaves*, *Golden Words*, *Leaves of Light* and *Little Pearls*.

In this transfer, there will take place a consolidation of ours with the Eastern, thus greatly advancing the general interests of our church. By this transfer our Publishing Company has been made the agents for the territory west of Pittsburg, Pa., and also have been made the publishers of this literature. This places the Company in a position where it must seek larger quarters, that it may do all the additional work, together with the fast increasing business which they already enjoy.

No definite arrangements have been made as yet for this change, and it is difficult to determine what shall be done. It is hoped, however, by the Company that by another meeting of Synod, they may be in a place where they can do yet better work for Christ and the Church.

The publishers, through your Board, would kindly ask the support of our Sunday Schools, as this new arrangement required considerable sacrifice on their part; in order that the church might finally reap the benefit of united publications.

The Reformed Publishing Company donated one hundred dollars worth of printing Missionary Literature to the Church, for which generous gift favorable mention is here made.

Members whose term expires with this meeting of Synod, are Rev. J. D. Neff and Rev. R. F. Shultz.

Hoping that the Reformed Publishing Company may have the hearty support in every possible way of the entire Synod, we respectfully submit this our annual report.

R. F. SHULTZ, *President of Board.*

C. E. MILLER, *Secretary.*

On motion the following committee, consisting of one member from each Classis, was appointed to co-operate with the publishers in the Semi-Centennial celebration of the founding of the *Christian World*; viz. Revs. C. E. Miller, C. E. Stoner, S. C. Goss, D. D., A. C. Shuman, J. Gruber and A. K. Zartman.

II. REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLICATION.

Your committee on publication would respectfully beg leave to submit the following report: The only paper in our hands is the report of the Publication Board; from it we are pleased to learn that our publishers are greatly encouraged in their work, and that our publications, the *Christian World*, and Sunday-School papers, and Lesson Helps are increasing in favor, and are more generally taken in the families and in the churches of our Synod, than in former years.

Your committee would hereby express their appreciation of the efficiency, energy and zeal of our editors and publishers, to Dr. Loucks, the managing editor of the *Christian World*; and his competent assistant,

Rev. Parley E. Zartman. It is with sincere regret that we learn of the affliction of the chief editor, and extend to him the sympathy of the church, with the prayer that he may be fully restored to health.

We would also regret the circumstances that caused the removal of Rev. Parley E. Zartman, the able assistant editor from our midst. We cherish the hope that he may return to us before long.

From the report we learn that new departures are anticipated by our publishers, enlarging their facilities for work, lowering of subscription price of the *Christian World*, and improvements in all other departments of our publication interests.

The Board further suggests a greater zeal on the part of the church in the still furthering the introduction of our church paper into our families, and the fuller use of our Sunday-school publications in the Sunday-schools.

In view of the favorable report received from the Publication Board, our Committee would offer the following resolutions:

Resolved, That Synod would express its appreciation of the efforts of our editors and publishers.

Resolved, That Synod would urge the earnest efforts of all the pastors, in introducing the *Christian World* into the families of the church, and also urge the churches to adopt our Sunday-school literature.

Resolved, That the Synod regards with favor the celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of the founding of the *Christian World*.

Resolved, That we rejoice in the unification of our Sunday-school publications, and that our Publication House will supply the Sunday-school literature of the whole church.

Resolved, That we as a Synod, will do all in our power to further the interests of our publication interests by the use of our influence in the dissemination of the same, as well as contributions to the publications.

Resolved, That we extend our thanks to the Board of Publication for their efficient services the past year.

H. M. HERMAN,
S. B. YOCKEY,
A. K. ZARTMAN,
J. H. SMITH,
S. G. FOUCHT.

III. ELECTION OF BOARD OF PUBLICATION.

Officers of the Board.

Rev. Reuben F. Shultz, *President*, Springfield, Ohio.

Rev. Charles E. Miller, *Secretary*, Dayton, Ohio.

Rev. George W. Williard, *Treasurer*, Dayton, Ohio.

II. REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

The Standing Committee on Finance during the session on Saturday
morning submitted their report, which was adopted and is as follows:

to the Ohio Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States:

Our Standing Committee on Finance, would submit the following re-

port: We have examined the report of the Treasurer of Synod and find it
correct.

and we herewith submit the table of apportionments.

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. STEELE, *Chairman.*

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Respectfully submitted,

J. H. STEELE, *Chairman.*

We therefore commend the American Bible Society to the generous support of our Sunday-schools and congregations, and recommend that each church take a contribution annually for this cause.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. E. METGER
E. H. LAUBACH,
HORACE ANKENEY

III. REPORT OF DELEGATE TO CENTRAL SYNOD.

Rev. S. B. Yockey, D. D., Delegate *secundus* to the Central Synod, during the morning session on Friday, presented the following report which was adopted:

Your delegate to the Central Synod, bore to that reverend body, while in synodical sessions in the First Reformed Church, Cleveland, O., October 1, 1896, the fraternal greetings of this Synod; and your delegate was, in the spirit of the utmost cordiality, requested to bear back assurances of symphathetic co-operation in the work of extending the Master's kingdom. All their business transactions were characterized by Christ earnestness and enthusiasm worthy, indeed, the emulation of all engaged in the upbuilding of the Church of Jesus Christ. Because of an unavoidable delay in reaching the synod, your delegate's visit with our German brethren was necessarily brief.

Respectfully,

Expenses, \$5.50.

S. B. YOCKEY.

IV. DELEGATE FROM THE CENTRAL SYNOD.

During the morning session on Thursday, Rev. F. C. Witthoff, delegate from the Central Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States, appeared in Synod, presented his credentials and took his seat as a corresponding member. On motion, it was ordered that the time for him to address Synod be made the "Order of the Day," at 2 o'clock this afternoon.

At the appointed time he addressed the Synod in a fraternal and Christian spirit, and conveying to this Synod the greetings of the Central Synod.

The President of the Synod responded in an appropriate manner, expressing the wish of continued co-operation in the cause of Christ, and for the up-building of the Church, and requesting the delegate to bear the greetings of this Synod to the synod he represented.

V. DELEGATE ELECTED TO THE CENTRAL SYNOD.

Rev. Geo. E. Metger was elected as delegate *primarius*, and Rev. Philip Stenbage as *secundus*, to represent the Ohio Synod at the session of the Central Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States, which will meet in the Reformed Church, at New Philadelphia, Ohio, Wednesday, September 22, 1897, at 7 p. m.

V. REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE.

The Special Committee on Temperance, to whom was referred Item 9, a report of Standing Committee on Overtures, presented the following report which was adopted:

Resolved, That we heartily endorse the objects and work of the American Anti-Saloon League, and that we request the co-operation of all our ministers, elders and members to assist in carrying out the noble objects for which it has been organized. Respectfully submitted,

H. E. KILMER, *Chairman*.

N. A. ERNST.

VI. REPORT OF THE REPORTORIAL COMMITTEE.

At the opening of the morning session on Friday, the President appointed the following corps of reporters to report the proceedings of synod our church papers, and to Cleveland, Pittsburg, Canton, and Alliance papers, viz: Revs. H. J. Christman, D. Burghalter, C. M. Rohrbaugh, C. Stoner and C. E. Miller. This committee during the closing session, made the following report which was adopted:

To the Rev. Synod of Ohio:—Your committee appointed to report the proceedings of Synod to the leading newspapers, report items sent to the *Cleveland Leader*, *Plain Dealer*, *Pittsburg Post*, *Press* and *Christian World*. Respectfully submitted,

H. J. CHRISTMAN,

C. E. STONER,

D. BURGHALTER,

C. M. ROHRBAUGH.

The following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That the apportionment for the Theological Seminary be fifteen cents per member.

Resolved, That an order be drawn on the Treasurer for \$3.50, for printing tickets and programmes for the use of Synod; and \$10.00 for the Secretary's services.

CALLS TO PROFESSORS ELECT.

Resolved, That the officers of synod be hereby instructed to extend calls to the persons elected to professorships in the Theological Seminary, and that the salary in each case be \$950.00.

Resolved, That the matter of the time for the Professor of Practical Theology to enter upon his work be referred to the Board of Trustees and the Board of Visitors of the seminary, for mutual arrangements between said boards and the professor.

Resolved, That we meet in convention next year, and that this be a permanent arrangement unless otherwise ordered.

Resolved, That the pastor *loci*, with the officers of synod be a committee on Programme of Religious Services for the next synod.

PRINTING OF THE MINUTES OF SYNOD AND W. M. S.

According to a permanent arrangement of synod, the Stated Clerk was instructed to have 1800 copies of the official Minutes of Synod published in the usual form, and distribute them in proper proportion among the several Classes, whose respective Stated Clerks were instructed to distribute them among the different pastoral charges according to the membership.

Also that the Minutes of Woman's Missionary Society shall be published in connection with the Minutes of Synod.

Resolved, That the salary of the Stated Clerk be the same as it has been heretofore, viz: Seventy-five dollars a year and all expenses.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LEAVE OF ABSENCE.

This committee, through its chairman, Rev. L. B. C. LaBr, in connection with the final roll call, reported the following persons as absent without permission: Revs. S. W. Seeman, E. P. Herbruck, D. D., J. P. Stahl, N. H. Loose, D. D., Phil. Steinhage, N. A. Ernst, C. W. Brugh, J. L. Bretz; Elders Ben Meckley, Dr. C. H. Evans, E. R. Held, G. F. Chenot, Henry Wertz, Peter Eckerman and Isaac Hisey.

On motion, the absentees were referred to their respective classes.

PLACE AND TIME OF NEXT ANNUAL MEETING.

On motion, during the afternoon session on Thursday, synod proceeded to select the place and fix the time for the next annual meeting. An invitation as to place was received through its pastor, Rev. E. P. Herbruck, D. D., from Trinity Reformed Church, Canton, Ohio. On motion, the invitation was unanimously accepted by synod. As such, the place for the next annual meeting of synod was declared to be Trinity Reformed Church, Canton, Stark County, Ohio, and the time fixed was Wednesday, October 6, A. D., 1897, at 7.30 P. M.

ARTICLE XXV.

RESUMPTION AND CLOSE.

VOTE OF THANKS.

On motion, the following resolutions were unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That synod hereby tenders its sincere thanks to the pastor, Rev. J. J. Leberman, D. D., and the consistory of the Reformed Church Louisville, Ohio, for the use of their church for the meetings of synod; the choir for its musical assistance; and to the members and friends of the church for their royal entertainment of the members of synod.

Resolved, That the pastor be requested to read the foregoing resolutions before the congregation at a regular Sunday service, and to have it published in the *Louisville Herald*.

Resolved, That we extend our thanks to the Central Traffic Association, and to the Pennsylvania R. R. Co., for favors received.

The roll was called in connection with the presentation of the report of the Committee on Leave of Absence, and those absent without permission were noted, as per report of that committee, and referred to their classes.

The minutes of the sessions of the last day were read, corrected and approved; and the minutes were adopted as a whole, and ordered to be engrossed.

ARTICLE XXVI.
ADJOURNMENT.

Synod having finished its business, it was, on motion,

Resolved, That the Ohio Synod now adjourn to meet, as already decided, in convention in Trinity Reformed Church, at Canton, Stark County, Ohio, on Wednesday, October 6, A. D., 1897, at half-past seven o'clock in the evening.

The synod finally adjourned on Saturday evening, at eleven o'clock, and closed its sessions by uniting in the repetition of the Apostles' Creed, and praying the Lord's prayer, and the Apostolic benediction being pronounced by the President. JOHN H. BOMBERGER, *President*.

GEORGE W. HENNING, *Stated Clerk*.

Official copy from the original minutes.

GEORGE W. HENNING, *Stated Clerk*.

ACTS AND PROCEEDINGS
 OF THE
TENTH ANNUAL SESSION
 OF THE
Woman's Missionary Society of Ohio Synod.

The society convened in annual session October 15, 1896, in the Reformed Church of Louisville, Ohio. In the absence of the President and Vice-Presidents, the Recording Secretary called the meeting to order, and conducted the devotional services. On motion, Mrs. G. F. Bareis was chosen to act as chairman of the convention.

The first business in order was the enrollment of delegates, which resulted as follows:

CLASSICAL DELEGATES.

Tiffin.—Mrs. Geo. Smith.
St. Joseph.—Mrs. John H. Albright.
Eastern Ohio.—Mrs. C. H. Roller, Miss Alice Henning.
Miami.—Miss Sallie Hawkins.
Lancaster.—Mrs. Geo. F. Bareis.
Tuscarawas.—Mrs. W. H. Shults.

CONGREGATIONAL DELEGATES.

Tiffin Classis.—Mrs. Julia Leberman and Miss Anna Stoner, First Church, Tiffin, O.; Mrs. B. B. Krammes, Grace Church, Tiffin, O.; Mrs. Fred Maurer, Bloomville, O.; Mrs. Geo. Smith, Bellevue, O.
St. Joseph Classis.—Mrs. A. K. Zartman, Grace Reformed Church, Ft. Wayne, Ind.
Eastern Ohio Classis.—Mrs. J. J. Leberman and Mrs. Ella Warstler, Louisville, O.; Miss Mary C. Yaggi and Mrs. G. E. Metger, Alliance, O.; Mrs. W. S. Spence, New Jefferson, O.; Mrs. C. H. Roller, Trinity Reformed Church, Lisbon, O.; Mrs. J. J. Brumbaugh and Mrs. Anna Miller, Trinity Reformed Church, Canton, O.; Mrs. H. E. Kilmer, North Lima, O.; Mrs. Park Holloway and Miss Minta Esterly, Columbiana, O.
Miami Classis.—Mrs. M. L. Fox, Xenia, O., and Mrs. H. M. Herman, Miamisburg, O.
Lancaster Classis.—Mrs. G. F. Bareis, Canal Winchester, O.
Tuscarawas Classis.—Mrs. B. F. Andrews, Grace Church, Akron, O.; Miss Stella Adler, Union Town, O.; Mrs. J. S. Freeman, Trinity Church, Akron, O.

Ministers' wives present: Mrs. J. H. Christman, Lake, O.; Mrs. W. H. Shults, Massillon, O.; Mrs. M. L. Fox, Xenia, O.; Mrs. J. S. Freeman, Massillon, O.; Mrs. J. J. Leberman, Louisville, O.; Mrs. H. M. Herman, Massillon, O.; Mrs. A. K. Zartman, Fort Wayne, Ind.; Mrs. G. E. Metger, Alliance, O.; Mrs. G. W. Henning, Osnaburg, O.; Mrs. J. H. Albright, Hudson, Ind.; Mrs. A. G. Berkey, Massillon, O.; Mrs. H. E. Kilmer, North Lima, O.

The Treasurer read her report and on motion the same was accepted, and placed in the hands of the Auditing Committee.

The Corresponding Secretary submitted a verbal report. She had performed the duties of her office to the best of her ability. On motion her report was accepted. A motion was made and carried that the Treasurer be instructed to pay the indebtedness to the Foreign Board, including the receipt from Tuscarawas Classis. The circular letter setting forth the plan of work for this society was read, and on motion, the discussion of the report was deferred to Friday forenoon.

The following committees were appointed:

Reports and Statistics.—Mrs. Miller, Mrs. Andrews, Miss Esterly.

Auditing.—Mrs. Henning, Mrs. Maurer, Miss Yaggi.

Apportionments.—Miss Heckerman, Mrs. Spence, Mrs. Smith.

Minutes.—Mrs. Albright, Mrs. Christman, Mrs. Metger.

Overtures.—Mrs. Herman, Mrs. Freeman, Miss Hawkins.

Literature.—Mrs. Fox, Mrs. Zartman.

Plan of Work.—Mrs. Holloway, Mrs. Shults, Mrs. Herman.

Resolutions.—Mrs. Krammes, Miss Stoner, Mrs. Berkey.

The impression prevailed that the program for the evening session was too lengthy. On motion a committee was appointed to divide said program. The following were chosen to serve on this committee: Mrs. Fox, Mrs. Julia Leberman, Mrs. Kilmer. The session adjourned, all joining in the doxology and the Lord's Prayer.

Thursday Afternoon.

The society convened at 1.30 o'clock. The devotional and praise services were conducted by Mrs. Park Holloway of Columbiana, O.

The committee appointed to divide the evening program, reported, and on motion the same was accepted.

In the absence of Mrs. J. H. Albright, who had been chosen to conduct the open parliament on the subject, "The Home Mission work," a motion prevailed that Dr. Fouse, who was present, be invited to address the society on the first topic of the parliament, namely, "Our Extension Work." The second topic, "Our Hungarian Work," was introduced in an able paper by Mrs. G. F. Bareis. The third topic, "House to House Visitation," was introduced by Mrs. W. H. Shults. The fourth topic, "Our Privileges in Giving," was introduced by Mrs. Holloway. These topics

were each followed by general discussions which proved to be very interesting, and will certainly bring forth much and lasting good to our cause.

The Committee on Overtures presented the following report: Your committee would submit the following items:

Item 1. The Executive Committee of the Woman's Missionary Society of Tiffin Classis, overtures the Woman's Missionary Society of Ohio Synod, to amend Article 6th of the Constitution, relating to the time of meeting of the society, that instead of meeting in connection with Ohio Synod, we meet at a different time and place.

Item 2. A communication from the *Woman's Journal* Committee of the Woman's Missionary Society of General Synod, asking for an appropriation toward the *Journal* debt.

Item 3. A request for pecuniary and literary assistance for the *Mission Band Helper*.

Item 4. A communication from the Plan of Work Committee of the Woman's Missionary Society of General Synod, giving Synodical assessment for the coming year. The sending of another teacher to the Girls' School in Sendai, Japan, necessitating an increase over the amount given the past two years for foreign missions.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. HERMAN, *Chairman*.

On motion the report was considered item by item.

Item 1. Having reference to the time of meeting of society was considered, and on motion was lost.

Item 2. Regarding the *Journal* and its urgent needs. A letter read from Mrs. D. W. Gerhard, Chairman of the *Woman's Journal* Committee. On motion it was decided that this society give as a free offering \$50 toward the liquidation of *Journal* debt.

Item 3. In reference to the *Mission Band Helper*. A motion prevailed that \$20 be given by this society toward this worthy periodical.

Item 4. A communication from the society of General Synod, asking that \$300 for Foreign Missions and \$650 for Home Missions be pledged by the society of Ohio Synod for the coming year. On motion the overture was accepted, adding \$50 to Home Missions, making our pledge for Home Missions \$700.

The hour for adjournment having arrived, on motion the time was extended a half hour.

The report of the Committee on Overtures was adopted as corrected.

The chair appointed as a committee to solicit subscribers for the *Journal*, Mrs. Krammes and Mrs. Miller. A motion prevailed that the collection of the evening session be devoted to Home Missions. After singing and prayer, the society adjourned to meet promptly at 8.30 o'clock, Friday morning.

Thursday Evening Session.

PROGRAM.

Anthem by the choir of the Reformed Church of Louisville
 Devotional services conducted by Rev. A. K. Zartman.
 Prayer by Rev. J. H. Bomberger.
 Address of welcome. Mrs. Alice D. Numamaker.
 Response. Miss Sallie Hawkins, Xenia, O.
 Solo. Miss Mintie Esterly, Columbiana, O.
 Paper, "Willing to make Advances." Mrs. Anna Miller, Canton, O.
 Solo. Mrs. W. S. Spence.
 Paper, "What we get for what we give." Mrs. B. F. Andrews, Akron, O.
 Hymn, Collection.
 Doxology, Benediction.

Friday Morning.

The devotional services were conducted by Mrs. G. W. Henning of
 Cosnaburg, O.

The open parliament on "Foreign Missions," was excellently conducted
 by Mrs. B. B. Krammes of Tiffin, O. The following topics were consid-
 ered: First, "Our Girls' School in Sendai;" second, "Our Commands and
 Blessings;" the third topic, "Our Privileges and Possibilities," opened by
 the leader was followed by an excellent paper on the subject, "Practical
 Missionary Work," which was presented by Mrs. E. H. Pontius of Louis-
 ville, O.; fourth topic, "Our Apportionments" was opened by the leader,
 and was followed by very interesting discussions.

It was moved and carried, that the apportionments of the Classical
 Societies for the past year, be made up and applied on our Home
 Missions.

The subject of time for raising our apportionments was presented, and
 after free discussion, a motion prevailed that a committee composed of
 Mrs. Zartman, Mrs. Shults and Mrs. Herman be appointed to draft a
 resolution bearing on the subject. On motion the Corresponding Sec-
 retary was authorized to solicit for publication, the excellent papers read
 during these sessions. A suggestion was made that the moneys sent in
 by the Classical Societies be sent under the headings, "Home Missions"
 and "Foreign Missions" doing away with the naming of the various ob-
 jects for which moneys are raised. No definite action was taken in regard
 to the matter, however.

Miss Jennie Heckerman of Tiffin, O., read an excellent paper on the
 subject, "Our Acknowledgements of God's Goodness on our Work."

A motion prevailed that we send a message of sympathy to our
 President, Mrs. Loucks, who at this time is sorely afflicted, and unable to
 be present at this convention. Mrs. Spence was appointed a committee
 to attend to the sending of said message. The chair appointed Mrs.
 Shults a committee to draft a resolution, voicing the appreciation of this
 assembly, for the excellent papers presented.

The President appointed Mrs. Herman a committee to procure copies
 of the constitution for distribution among the members of the Woman's
 Missionary Society of Ohio Synod. The society then adjourned by the
 singing of a hymn and the Mizpah benediction.

Friday Afternoon.

The devotional and consecration services were conducted by Miss Elsie Greenwald of Canton, O. The following resolution of thanks was presented, and on motion, was adopted:

Resolved, That the most hearty thanks of the Woman's Missionary Society of Ohio Synod, be extended to the ladies who read such excellent papers during the various sessions of this convention.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. W. H. SHULTS, *Secy.*

The committee appointed to draft resolutions in regard to time of raising our moneys, reported as follows:

WHEREAS, The amount of assessment per capita throughout the bounds of Ohio Synod has been increased; therefore,

Resolved, That the Presidents of Classical Societies be instructed to inform all the societies within their respective bounds of the increase of said assessment, and request that full amount be paid to the Synodical Treasurer before the close of the synodical year, October, 1897.

Resolved, That this intelligence be conveyed to said Presidents, by the delegates in attendance at this convention from the various Classical Societies.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. ZARTMAN, *Chairman*.

The report was adopted.

Dr. Prugh, Superintendent of the Orphan Home at Butler, Pa., being present, responded to an invitation to address the convention.

The election of officers resulted as follows:

President, Mrs. G. F. Bareis.

First Vice-President, Mrs. Park Holloway.

Second Vice-President, Mrs. W. H. Shults.

Recording Secretary, Mrs. T. H. Sonnedecker.

Treasurer, Miss Jennie Heckerman.

A motion prevailed that the President be granted the privilege of appointing the Corresponding Secretary. Mrs. L. B. C. Lahr was chosen Corresponding Secretary. The following ladies were chosen to act with the officers on the Executive Committee:

Mrs. Miller, Miss Hawkins, and Mrs. Krammes. *Miscellaneous business*:

A motion was made and carried that the expenses incurred by the Corresponding Secretary the past year be defrayed.

A motion prevailed that the traveling expenses of the Treasurer and Recording Secretary be hereafter defrayed by the society.

On motion a sufficient amount was taken from the treasury to pay for the message sent to our retiring President.

On motion, the funds remaining in the treasury, after all obligations were met, were devoted to Home Missions.

It was decided unanimously that Mrs. Augusta Prugh be continued as Editress of the Woman's Column in *The Christian World*.

Realizing that we have not, in the past, rendered the assistance due Mrs. Prugh, on motion a committee was appointed to arrange with the various Classical Societies for systematic contributions to the Woman's Column of *The Christian World*. As this committee, Mrs. Miller was appointed.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE OF STATISTICS.

The Committee on Statistics would submit the following report. No full report can be given. Full financial reports were received from Tiffin, Eastern Ohio, Tuscarawas, and Miami Classes.

The progress has been greater than in previous years. There is much cause to make us feel thankful. There should be a united effort toward raising the delinquent fund.

STATISTICAL REPORT.

CLASSIS.	No. Societies.	No. Members.	Home.	Foreign.	Contingent.	Total.
St. Joseph.....	11	224	\$103 52		\$10 66	\$114 18
Lancaster.....	6	150		\$167 00		167 00
Eastern Ohio.....	10	240	53 37	112 51	12 00	178 88
Tiffin.....	7	173	65 69	65 68	30 00	161 37
Tuscarawas.....	13	354	172 18	105 88	9 22	287 28
Miami.....	12	380			11 00	353 52

MISSION BANDS.

Eastern Ohio.....	3	77	\$ 8 52	\$ 5 00		\$ 13 50
Miami.....	2	88	5 00	42 17		47 17
Tiffin.....	3	66	8 50	5 00		13 50
Tuscarawas.....	1	110	20 00			

Owing to the unsatisfactory reports brought by the Classical Societies, we would suggest that the Corresponding Secretary be satisfied that the Classical delegates had received their blanks, and each delegate from Classical Society see that the report is properly filled out.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. ANNA MILLER, *Chairman*.

On motion this report was received.

THE REPORT OF THE AUDITING COMMITTEE.

The committee examined the records and reports of the Treasurer and found them neatly and correctly kept. And we recommend the adoption of her report.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. G. W. HENNING, *Chairman.*

REPORT OF ASSESSMENT COMMITTEE.

The committee submits the following report:

CLASSIS.	No. Societies.	No. Members,	Amount of Assessment.
St. Joseph	11	224	\$ 22 1/2 00
Lancaster	6	150	15 00 00
Miami	12	380	38 00 00
Eastern Ohio	10	240	24 00 00
Tuscarwas	13	354	35 33 00
Tiffin	7	173	17 00 00
Total	59	1521	\$152 1/2 00

We would offer the following suggestions:

1. That each Classical President notify each Congregational President of the amount of apportionment.
2. That all societies begin work at once.
3. We would urge that all moneys and receipts pass through the hands of the Classical Treasurer.
4. That all Mission Bands report to Classical Treasurer.

Respectfully submitted,

JENNIE A. HECKERMAN, *Chairman.*

The report was adopted as read.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MINUTES.

Your Committee on Minutes submits the following report: We have carefully examined the minutes of the last synodical meeting, and found no items for correction and no unfinished business.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. G. M. ALBRIGHT, *Chairman.*

On motion the report was received.

REPORT OF THE LITERATURE COMMITTEE.

Our Committee on Literature offers the following report: The great of our work demands a more general acquaintance with it in all the us fields. To this end we desire to express our appreciation of the ing efforts of Mrs. A. Prugh, who in spite of great discouragement at s, has through the column of the *Christian World*, brought the socie- into a closer relationship with one another. We also believe that the *ian's Journal* is of great help and worthy of our liberal patronage. new church paper, the *Reformed Church Tidings* is thoroughly mis- ry in spirit and promises to be invaluable to every member. The *ion Band Helper* and the *Japan Evangelist* will also be found very ul.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. M. L. FOX, *Chairman*.

Report was received.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PLAN OF WORK.

view of the fact that this society has already accepted the overture eneral Synod, and that they have obligated themselves to raise \$900 ie Girls' School at Sendai, Japan, and \$700 for Home Missions, there- this committee presents the following resolutions:

solved, That we solicit individual self-denial gifts, and also encourage will offerings.

solved, That we urge the officers of the various Classical Missionary ties to endeavor to gather funds from congregations having no ord- ed societies, and in this way endeavor to have them become inter- in the work so important and necessary.

solved, That we again bring before the society the oft-repeated sub- of the necessity of the organization of Mission Bands and Junior So- s, and that parents be urged to teach their children the blessings of g. The youth of today will be the men and women of tomorrow.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. PARK HOLLOWAY, *Chairman*.

Report was received.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS.

Our Committee on Resolutions begs leave to submit the following re-

HEREAS, We as a society have made commendable progress this and desire to do more and better work for our Lord and Master, s Christ; therefore, be it

solved, That we implore the unerring guidance of our Heavenly er and His divine blessing upon all we may undertake, during the ng year for His cause.

Resolved, That we suggest the appointment of an organizer in each Classical Society, whose duty it shall be to create an interest in missions, and if possible organize societies in such congregations where none exist.

Resolved, That we recommend to the officers of the Classical Societies the necessity of more systematic work as the condition of the Synodical Society depends largely upon the thoroughly organized efforts of its auxiliaries.

Resolved, That we heartily sanction the action taken by the Board of Foreign Missions, to send another teacher to the Girls' School in Sendai, and that we as a branch of the Woman's Missionary Society of General Synod, do our part toward the support of said teachers.

Resolved, That we as the Woman's Missionary Society of Ohio Synod, favor the establishment of missions in China, as soon as the Board deems it practicable.

Resolved. That we as a Synodical Society do not favor the payment of the apportionments of general church work by congregational missionary societies, but only of such assessments made by the Woman's Missionary Society of General Synod, and that all such moneys still in the treasury of congregational societies after payment of all assessments, should be forwarded to the several Boards, through the proper channels of our societies.

Resolved, That we recommend the use of the *Woman's Journal* and the *Mission Band Helper* in every family within the bounds of the Ohio Synod, and that we as members of this body, on our return home, will do all we can to promote the circulation of both periodicals.

Resolved, That we extend our hearty thanks to the choir for their excellent music, to the pastor and members of the Reformed Church for the use of their beautiful edifice and to the people of Louisville for their kindly hospitality.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. B. B. KRAMES, *Chairman*.

This report was adopted as a whole.

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR 1895-1896.

Cash balance on hand	\$ 209	09 13
Received of Treasurer of Lancaster Classis, assessment	167	77 13
" " Eastern Ohio Classis, assessment	135	5 13
" " " " " Youngstown Mission	9	9 00
" " " " " Contingent Fund	4	4 00
Total Eastern Ohio Classis	\$ 149	9 11
Received of Treasurer of Miami Classis, assessment	\$ 304	28 81
" " " " " 1896-'97	10	20 00
" " " " " Foreign Missions	5	7 00
" " " " " Beneficiary Education	5	00
" " " " " Contingent Fund	5	50
Total, Miami Classis	\$ 334	31

Received of Treasurer of St. Joseph Classis, assessment	\$ 137 12
" " " " Contingent Fund	12 00
Total, St. Joseph Classis	\$ 149 12
Received of Treasurer of Tuscarawas Classis, assessment 1894-'95	\$ 18 00
" " " " " 1895-'96	353 58
" " " " " 1896-'97	10 00
" " " " Contingent Fund	1 00
Total, Tuscarawas Classis	\$ 382 58
Received of Treasurer of Tiffin Classis, assessment, 1894-'95	\$ 60 86
" " " " " 1895-'96	115 27
" " " " Youngstown Mission	15 00
" " " " Contingent Fund	3 50
Received of Junior Missionary Society, First Church, Tiffin, Girls' School . . .	5 00
Total, Tiffin Classis	\$ 199 63
Printing collection, Louisville	16 62
Balance, with previous balance	1,607 65

EXPENDITURES.

Foreign Missions	\$ 788 01
Foreign Missions	700 00
<i>Woman's Journal</i>	50 00
<i>Mission Band Helper</i>	20 00
Relief Education	5 00
Maerdyke's traveling expenses	6 75
Secretary's traveling expenses	5 75
Treasurer's expense, postage, 1894-'95	1 00
Printing circular letter	3 65
Responding Secretary's expense, postage, etc	90
Photography	37
Post	10
Total	\$1,581 53
Balance in treasury, Contingent Fund	\$ 20 00

Respectfully submitted,

JENNIE A. HECKERMAN, *Treasurer.*

The minutes of the sessions were read, and on motion were adopted.
 The society adjourned to meet in connection with Ohio Synod, October,
 1897.
 MRS. G. F. BAREIS, *President.*

MRS. T. H. SONNEDECKER, *Secretary.*

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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

SUBJECT: [Illegible]

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LANCASTER CLASSIS.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	Members.		Baptisms.		Additions.		Communed.	Dismissed.	Excommunicated.	Deaths.	Sunday-schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Sunday-school Scholars.	Students for Ministry.	Contributions.		Pastor's Address.
		Members.	Unconfirmed.	Infants.	Adults.	Confirmed.	Certificate.									Beneficent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.	
C. E. Stoner	Basil	2	400	55	6	4	14	11	330	18	36	1	1	143	1	\$79 00	\$1,062 00	Basil, Ohio.
S. W. Seemann	Columbus	2	270	115	12	11	23	42	257	33	18	1	1	289	1	140 00	1,799 00	263 Fairave, Columbus, O.
L. B. C. Lehr	Delaware	1	280	106	16	2	9	10	221	11	10	1	1	260	1	845 00	1,116 00	Delaware, Ohio.
D. W. Lucks	Glenview	3	250	106	6	2	12	10	229	10	9	1	1	261	1	683 00	1,053 00	Somerset, Ohio.
F. W. Snyder	Rushville	4	195	81	6	5	17	12	117	10	6	1	1	218	1	59 00	610 00	Bremen, Ohio.
B. S. Metzger	Kimickinick	2	124	53	5	3	3	2	105	2	2	1	1	130	1	71 00	500 00	Hallsville, Ohio.
J. A. Selig	Stoussville	1	218	103	9	1	8	2	166	5	5	1	1	200	1	197 00	1,370 00	Stoussville, Ohio.
C. M. Rohrbaugh	St. John's	1	40	98	1	1	38	197	4	4	4	1	1	117	1	258 00	920 00	Columbus, Ohio.
W. A. From	Thornville	2	165	54	6	2	10	134	4	4	4	1	1	153	1	153 00	2,150 00	Thornville, Ohio.
Vacant	Union	4	223	43	1	3	8	108	6	6	1	1	1	230	1	259 00	873 00	Baltimore, Ohio.
A. C. Derr	Winchester	3	170	43	5	3	4	141	9	9	1	1	1	82	1	14 00	218 00	Canal Winchester, Ohio.
J. H. Leonard, D. D.	Zion's	3	170	43	5	3	10	1	1	1	1	1	1	220	1	48 00	378 00	Lancaster, Ohio.
G. D. Scory	Lancaster	3	173	75	1	4	23	4	106	12	7	1	1	220	1	48 00	378 00	Lancaster, Ohio.
F. Vogt, D. D.																		Basil, Ohio.
J. B. Yockey, D. D.																		Lancaster, Ohio.
S.																		Delaware, Ohio.
																		Columbus, Ohio.
		30	2645	820	68	32	133	137	2110	113	67	52	29	2826	3	\$2,466 00	\$13,067 00	

Prepared by Rev. S. B. Yockey, D. D., who was commissioned by Board of Home Missions.

TUSCARAWAS CLASSIS.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	Members.		Baptisms.		Additions.		Examined.	Erased.	Deaths.	Sunday-schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Sunday-school Scholars.	Students for Ministry.	Contributions.		POSTOFFICE ADDRESS.	
		Members.	Congregations.	Unconfirmed.	Confirmed.	Adults.	Infants.								Confirmed.	Certificate.		Beneficent Purposes.
P. Herbruck	Trinity, Canton	1	964	225	62	13	48	53	850	6	1	61	769	1	\$ 800 00	\$4,250 00	Canton, O.	
E. R. Willard	Grace, Akron	1	801	250	52	27	20	28	630	14	1	61	769	1	5,727 00	5,727 00	Akron, O.	
E. C. Goss, D. D.	Wadsworth	2	349	32	3	9	10	6	330	3	4	37	252		260 00	1,105 00	Wadsworth, O.	
B. G. Berkly	Tuscarawas	4	280	134	3	4	14	3	221	4	5	4	77	377	106 31	2,210 00	Massillon, O.	
A. J. Christman	Uniontown	3	270	112	8	1	6	2	200	5	1	4	7	310	193 50	816 76	Lake, O.	
F. Stahl	Navarre	4	267	40					198	1	5	4	27	220	38 55	677 55	Navarre, O.	
J. W. Stearly	New Berlin	2	242	133	23	4	12	9	203	3	9	7	27	276	105 00	1,041 00	New Berlin, O.	
E. E. Klopfenstein	Hough Ave	1	206	36	6	8	17	31	180	9	3	1	26	210	557 52	2,574 36	Gidd. Ave., Cleveland, O.	
S. L. Hassenpflug	Polk	4	205	44	9	11	11	12	182	2	5	4	53	290	154 81	605 00	West Salem, O.	
L. U. E. Kunkle	Reedsburg	3	202	26	2	2	2	193	9		3	3	24	285	45 37	647 10	Reedsburg, O.	
E. M. Beck	Mohican	3	195	65	3	19	27	17	184	5	6	12	3	49	241 08	642 20	Mohican, O.	
N. H. Loose, D. D.	Wooster	1	183	58	8	1	6	13	35	3	1	1	25	135	150 00	1,082 00	Wooster, O.	
Jas. S. Freeman	Trinity, Akron	3	182	60	11	4	7	6	170	2	1	1	34	127	147 00	1,262 00	Shelby, O.	
A. E. Baichly	Salem	1	177	70	12	4	14	15	158	1	3	1	25	150	211 00	1,674 00	Akron, O.	
Philip Steinbauge	Apple Creek	1	166	55	3	2	5	2	150	4	3	1	16	90	162 00	868 00	Canal Fulton, O.	
J. Ihle	Marshallville	2	160	30	2	2	8	2	160	4	9	2	1	160	39 50	535 00	Apple Creek, O.	
Wm. H. Shultz	Barberton	2	155	60	12	2	8	11	130	6	7	2	18	107	192 00	405 00	Marshallville, O.	
J. C. Schant	Massillon	1	108	26	7	2	14	11	91	3	1	1	16	195	142 00	530 00	Loyal Oak, O.	
	Crystal Springs	1	45						33		3	3	8	125	85 00	1,050 00	Massillon, O.	
	Manchester	4	280		11	1	12	17	270	4	2	4	58	268	150 00	1,000 00	Crystal Springs, O.	
	Canaan	2															Nimishla, O.	
L. C. Edmonds	Without Charge																Canaan, O.	
N. W. Bloom	Without Charge																Canaan Center, O.	
J. H. Shreffler	Without Charge																Fl. Wayne, Ind.	
J. C. Klar	Without Charge																Navarre, O.	
O. C. Reuter	Without Charge																Cleveland, O.	
		147,080	15,666	216	116	220	331	479	1,011	1	147	95	44	745	5597	4	\$4,119 61	\$25,631 87

MUNISTERS	CHARGES	Congregations	Members	Members Unco	Infants	Adults	Confirmed	Certificate	Communi.	Dismissed	Excommunicated	Erased	Deaths	Sunday-school	Officers and Teachers	Sunday-school	Students for Mission	Beneficent Purp	Congregational Purp	Postoffice Address
David Van Horne, D. D.	Pres. Heid. Theo. Sem.	1	343	90	8	7	14	17	252	4	2	8	1	29	212	2	\$ 412.00	\$1,956.00	Tiffin, O.	
Herman Rust, D. D.	Prof. Heid. Theo. Sem.	1	108	63	9	3	13	2	73	5	38	1	1	12	138	1	127.00	545.00	Tiffin, O.	
Alyis S. Zerbe, D. D.	Prof. Heid. Theo. Sem.	1	93	53	3	3	13	2	73	5	38	1	1	16	138	1	26.00	854.00	Fostoria, O.	
Lewis H. Kefauver, D. D.	Chancellor, Heid. Uni.	1	256	85	12	5	6	11	252	4	4	1	1	23	187	1	235.00	1,141.00	Bellevue, O.	
John A. Peters, D. D.	Pres. Heidelberg Uni.	2	148	75	9	31	1	113	13	2	1	1	2	22	162	1	130.00	560.00	Fireside, O.	
Edward D. Wetach	Fin. Sec'y Heid. Uni.	1	223	58	6	6	14	2	157	1	1	1	1	19	300	1	300.00	800.00	Bloomsville, O.	
Reuben Good	Prof. Emer. Heid. Uni.	1	125	20	5	5	1	80	1	1	1	1	1	18	100	1	250.00	2,072.00	Lindsay, O.	
Cornelius M. Lowe, Ph. D.	Prof. Heidelberg Uni.	1	232	77	3	6	9	11	200	6	12	1	1	30	360	5	140.00	660.00	Betsville, O.	
Thos. H. Schick, D. D.	Pres. Heid. Ch., Tiffin	3	145	66	9	3	8	3	121	8	17	1	1	43	163	1	95.00	629.00	Ada, O.	
James S. Kappel	Fostoria	3	140	65	3	3	16	3	128	1	1	1	1	29	157	1	39.00	425.00	Bascom, O.	
Alfred C. Shanman	Liberty Center	2	139	16	1	14	17	6	63	1	1	1	1	15	108	1	38.00	251.00	Liberty Center, O.	
Charles A. Row	Pandling Mission	3	101	34	1	1	1	11	94	5	13	2	1	18	130	1	82.00	250.00	Payne, O.	
George A. Dreselbites	Lima	1	26	6	1	2	1	1	27	3	1	1	1	48	197	1	29.00	170.00	Lima, O.	
Daniel Burghalter	Sulphur Springs	3	133	22	1	3	3	1	121	1	0	3	3	1	47	1	7.00	930.00	Sulphur Springs, O.	
David A. Parks, Supply	St. Johns	1	133	30	1	3	3	1	30	1	1	1	1	1	47	1	35.00	230.00	Bonnaville, O.	
J. S. Kappel, Supply	Bessville	1	38	20	1	1	0	6	48	8	17	1	1	12	53	1	5.00	853.00	Fremont, O.	
Jesse Richards, Supply	Carrothers Cong.	1	67	18	2	1	0	6	48	8	17	1	1	12	53	1	45.00	243.00	Carrothers, O.	
C.	Chave Congregation	1	32	5	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	Tiffin, O.
J. Swander, D. D.	Without Charge	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	Tiffin, O.
J. B. Shumaker, D. D.	Without Charge	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	Tiffin, O.
J. P. Gross	Without Charge	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	Tiffin, O.
J. W. Good	Without Charge	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	Tiffin, O.
		32/2566	803	74	51	111	351,204	44	100	41	28	398	2972	8	\$1,940.00	\$16,631.00				

of last year's report.

EASTERN OHIO CLASSIS.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	Members.		Members Unconfirmed.	Baptisms.		Additions.		Communed.	Dismissed.	Expunged.	Erased.	Deaths.	Sunday-schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Sunday-school Scholars.	Students Ministry.	Contributions.		POSTOFFICE ADDRESS.	
		Members.	Congregations.		Infants.	Adults.	Confirmed.	Certificate.										Beneficent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.		
John J. Leberman, D. D.	Louisville	2	504	60	18	8	36	9	462	5	4	6	4	2	43	338		\$182 00	\$2,400 00	Louisville, O.	
John H. Bomberger	Columbiana	1	386	50	11	19	34	20	365	11	16	11	1	1	26	364	2	536 00	2,440 00	Columbiana, O.	
Franklin E. Laufer	Cantfield	4	344	96	23	1	15	8	308	1	6	5	4	4	1	215		176 00	3,840 00	Austintown, O.	
John J. Gruber	Lisbon	2	250	103	3	6	12	7	210	6	5	5	2	2	32	303	1	375 00	700 00	Lisbon, O.	
Francis M. Shults	New Jefferson	2	181	38	3	12	17	3	142	6	5	5	2	2	26	99		81 00	415 00	Germano, O.	
Samuel Z. Beam, D. D.	Carrlilton	2	288	47	3	3	7	4	208	6	11	4	4	2	36	133		195 00	900 00	Carrlilton, O.	
Harvey E. Kilmer	Mt. Olivet	2	378	87	15	1	11	3	342	8	14	5	2	2	33	340		272 00	760 00	North Lima, O.	
Noah A. Ernst	Robertsville	3	400	153	3	7	7	4	303	1	7	3	3	3	45	386		85 00	500 00	Robertsville, O.	
Charles W. Brugh	Warren	3	214	92	3	3	7	4	188	1	7	3	3	3	31	292				Warren, O.	
John W. Miller, lic	Springfield	2	334	76	23	110	27	36	290	4	5	3	2	2	29	223		616 00	616 00	Petersburg, O.	
George E. Meiger	Bethel	3	231	110	27	9	36	31	212	4	5	3	2	2	29	223		76 00	731 00	Alliance, O.	
Aaron Noll	St. Paul's, Youngstown	1	48	25	6	6	5	17	47	2	2	1	1	1	14	57		31 00	2,760 00	Youngstown, O.	
Edwin H. Laubach	Zion's, Warren	1	48	24	6	5	2	17	46	3	1	1	1	1	10	61		24 00	142 00	Warren, O.	
Vacant	St. Peter's, 1	1	72	14		5	16	7	72												Sandal, Japan.
Sylvanus S. Snyder	Missionary to Japan																				Osnaburg, O.
George W. Henning	Without Charge																				Odel, Ill.
Edmonds	"																				East Fairfield, O.
		29	3678	974	118	66	188	138	3195	47	61	54	28	28	367	3169	31	\$2,033 00	\$16,204 00		

ST. JOSEPH CLASSIS.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	Members.		Baptisms.		Additions.		Comm. d.	Dismissed.	Excommunicated.	Krisps.	Deaths.	Sunday-schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Sunday-school Scholars.	Students Ministry.	Contributions.		POSTOFFICE ADDRESS.	
		Members.	Unconfirmed.	Infants.	Adults.	Confirmed.	Certificate.										Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.		
John M. Kessler	Mulberry	4	355	30	16	22	19	355	17	4	16	1	1	59	375			\$385 00	\$6,175 00	Mulberry, Ind.
George H. Souder	Elmfton	3	276	168	10	6	9	235	2	5	5	2	2	40	383			390 00	1,855 00	Elmfton, Ind.
Henry S. Bailey	Wakehama	2	210	65	5	6	2	173	2	5	2	2	2	29	154			140 00	840 00	Fulton, Mich.
H. S. Bailey, sup	Three Rivers	1	116	32		1	5	91	2	16	1	1	1	14	27			53 00	880 00	Three Rivers, Mich.
Louis B. Clayton	Mooreville	1	57	10										9	50			25 00	75 00	Three Rivers, Mich.
A. K. Zartman	Bunkerhill	3	492	1	8	10	1	80	4				3	43	190			600 00	600 00	White Pigeon, Mich.
Joseph W. Barber	Grace Reformed	1	250	75	10	19	36	226	3	5	2	1	1	12	230			60 00	2,510 00	Fl. Wayne, Ind.
Joseph W. Barber	Marmont	4	249	96	9	16	25	225	6	5	2	4	4	67	326			106 00	757 00	Marmont, Ind.
John H. Albright	Plymouth	3	193	34	9	3	3	97	2	10	2	2	2	39	185			175 00	1,120 00	Plymouth, Ind.
Benjamin B. Boyer	First Reformed	3	373	24	5	25	31	347	2	13	1	1	1	21	171			119 00	2,303 00	Green, Mich.
Freeman Ware	White Pigeon	1	162	12	3	4	7	153	2	13	1	1	1	15	112			55 00	486 00	White Pigeon, Mich.
Frank G. Bogart	Notawa Mission	2	63	26	6	5	9	58		13	1	1	1	15	71			54 00	152 00	Colon, Mich.
John L. Bretz	Walterico	3	96	19	6	5	9	95	4				2	25	171			53 00	2,303 00	Walterico, Ind.
	Millerberg	1	68	20	3	4	8	55	4				1	15	112			55 00	486 00	Millerberg, Ind.
	White Pigeon	2	162	12	3	4	7	153	2	13	1	1	1	15	112			55 00	486 00	White Pigeon, Mich.
Sol. U. Snyder, (2)	Denver	1	62										1	12	45			9 00	400 00	Denver, Ind.
Daniel K. H.	Heidelberg, (1)	1	103	4									1	12	93			9 00	400 00	Fl. Wayne, Ind.
Johnnie J. Excell																				E. Saginaw, Mich.
Elias Spangler																				Woodsport, Ohio
John V. Fotts																				Sagamont, Ohio
																				N. Robinson, Ohio
17		18	39	2560	931	90	114	185	134	2122	59	46	35	465	2983			\$1,691 00	\$20,634 00	

°Vacant. (1) Organized November 10, 1896. Received May 20, 1896.

STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF OHIO SYNOD OF THE REFORMED CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES, 1896.

CLASSES.	Classes.		Ministers.		Congregations.		Members.		Members Unconfirmed.		Baptisms.		Additions.		Dismissed.	Excommunicated.	Erased.	Deaths.	Sunday-schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Sunday-school Scholars.	Students.	Contributions.	
	Men	Women	Men	Women	Members	Unconfirmed	Infants	Adults.	Confirmed.	Certificate.	Erased.	Beneficent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.											
Miami	1	27	56	5645	1172	132	290	421	377	4689	171	250	95	48	766	6065	5	\$5,667 00	\$31,674 00					
Lancaster	1	15	30	2645	829	68	32	133	37	2110	113	63	52	23	416	2628	3	2,466 00	13,067 00					
Uniontown	1	23	47	3306	1566	216	116	229	231	4797	90	147	95	44	745	3597	4	4,423 00	28,632 00					
Tiffin	1	28	52	2566	853	74	51	111	93	2044	44	90	41	28	598	2912	8	1,940 00	16,631 00					
Eastern Ohio	1	17	29	3678	974	118	66	188	138	3195	47	61	54	28	367	3179	3	2,031 00	16,204 00					
St. Joseph	1	17	39	2560	931	90	114	188	134	2,552	59	98	35	35	465	2983		1,691 00	20,634 00					
Total	6	127	233	22400	6966	698	669	1267	1110	18987	525	709	372	212	3157	22954	23	\$18,217 00	\$129,842 00					

STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF THE WHOLE REFORMED CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES FOR 1896.

SYNODS.	Members	Unconfirmed	Baptisms	Confirmed	Dismissed	Erased	Deaths	Sunday-schools	Officers and Teachers	Sunday-school Scholars	Students	Beneficent Purposes	Congregational Purposes						
Eastern Synod	12	282	524	94475	51905	5337	578	4585	2580	73434	1219	1766	2376	606	8469	71878	112	\$81,340 00	\$380,636 07
Ohio Synod	6	127	233	22400	6956	698	669	1267	1110	18987	525	709	372	212	3157	22554	23	18,217 00	129,842 00
Synod of Northwest	10	151	225	21258	14497	1809	27	1004	777	15079	189	557	383	157	797	12719	38	14,965 00	87,914 00
Pittsburg Synod	5	76	137	16865	9741	919	162	925	530	14120	350	461	299	120	1347	10750	16	21,684 00	80,414 00
Synod of the Potomac	9	169	307	36933	20487	1847	342	1715	929	30489	686	502	8	294	3344	28734	62	32,596 00	150,195 00
German Synod of the East	5	59	58	14830	10655	2042	14	728	894	11691	123	505	421	56	1070	10984	11	7,864 00	106,429 00
Central Synod	4	84	114	19541	11611	1133	53	830	477	14173	214	493	394	102	1564	12418	28	15,190 00	83,858 00
Synod of the Interior	5	50	67	2998	1445	171	164	247	162	2444	60	191	50	62	671	3827	7	3,173 00	19,336 00
Grand Total: Synods, 8	56	1001	1665	228560	129097	13856	1949	11281	7259	186617	3306	5184	5094	1639	20419	174164	297	\$194,127 00	\$1,038,684 40

MEETING OF SYNODS.

SYNODS.	PLACE OF MEETING.	TIME.	STATED CLERK.	P. O. ADDRESS.
General Synod	Second Reformed Church, Tiffin, Ohio	Tues. after Whit., 1896.	Rev. Jno. Philip Stein	Reading, Pa.
Eastern Synod	St. John's Reformed Church, Milton, Pa.	October 20, 1897.	Rev. Jno. Philip Stein	Reading, Pa.
Ohio Synod	Trinity Reformed Church, Canaway, Ohio	October 6, 1897.	Rev. George W. Hensling	Canaburg, Ohio.
Northwest Synod	St. John's Reformed Church, Ft. Wapakoneta, Ohio	October 6, 1897.	Rev. J. J. Janet	St. Marys, W. Va.
Pittsburg Synod	Trinity Reformed Church, Whitabourne, Pa.	October 6, 1897.	Rev. J. H. Hensling	Whitabourne, Pa.

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Acts and Proceedings

Of the Ohio Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States, convened in Trinity Reformed Church in Canton, Ohio, on Wednesday, October 6, A. D. 1897, at 7.30 in the evening, and closed its sessions on the following Monday morning at half-past nine o'clock.

ARTICLE I.

OPENING OF SYNOD.

The Ohio Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States, according to the appointment made at its last annual meeting, convened in Trinity Reformed Church in Canton, Stark County, Ohio, on Wednesday, October 6, A. D. 1897, at 7.30 P. M., and united in devotional services conducted by Revs. Drs. H. M. Herman and G. W. Williard. The retiring president, Rev. J. H. Bomberger, D. D., then preached the opening or synodical sermon on the theme, "The Reflex Influence of our Foreign Mission Work, or the Evangelization of the World," based on Matthew 28: 19, 20: "Go ye therefore and teach all nations, . . . and lo, I am with you alway." The three leading thoughts emphasized in the sermon were:

1. The supreme mission of the Christian church is *soul-winning*, or the *world's evangelization*. 2. We have the greatest encouragement to engage in this work—the promise of a Savior's presence. 3. There is also implied in this promise a warning that if we fail in this work, or draw back, it implies denominational disaster.

After the sermon the president called synod to order, and it was regularly constituted with prayer by Rev. D. Van Horne, D. D. The provisional roll was then called by the Stated Clerk, and when completed, a quorum was found present, and synod proceeded to effect the organization by the election of officers.

ARTICLE II.

MEMBERS PRESENT.

Miami Classis.—MINISTERS: Wm. A. Hale, D. D., Henry M. Herman, D. D., Charles E. Miller, Geo. W. Williard, D. D., Reuben Keller, Edward Herbruck, D. D., Daniel Burghalter, S. Ezra Neikirk, George V. Walker,

Charles E. Ewing, Frederick W. Hoffman, Samuel L. Runkle, Harvey L. Hart, John H. Albright. ELDERS: W. R. Graham, John Blum 3, H. H. Hale, Jacob Lehman, Benjamin Meckley, Horace Ankeney.

Lancaster Classis.—MINISTERS: Lewis B. C. Lahr, D. Webster Loucks, Charles M. Rohrbaugh, Phaon W. Snyder, Jacob P. Stahl, Charles E. Stoner, Samuel B. Yockey, D. D., Licentiate Cornelius Hange. ELDERS: Isaac H. Zartman, George Loucks.

Tuscarawas Classis.—MINISTERS: Emil P. Herbruck, D. D., Edwin R. Williard 3, Sebastian C. Goss, D. D., Alfred G. Berkey, Henry J. Christman, Noah A. Ernst 2, Israel U. E. Kunkle, S. Elmer Klopfenstine, Luther L. Hassenpflug 2, Francis M. Shults, Edward M. Beck, Alpheus E. Baichly, Joshua Wolbach, Jacob Ihle, Wm. H. Shults, John C. Schaaf, Theodore F. Herman 2. ELDERS: George B. Krumlauf, Thomas I. Heller, Isaac Everhard, Wm. D. Oberlin 3, Wm. H. Fox 2, Wm. F. Smith 2, Zenas L. Fry, Edward Hoegner, James Cameron 2, Wm. H. Bahl 2, Jacob Sampsel, J. P. Zimmerman, L. C. Reichenbach 2, M. A. Snyder 3, Irvine H. Crofut 2, Jacob Krumroy.

Tiffin Classis.—MINISTERS: David Van Horne, D. D., Alvin S. Zerbe, D. D., Lewis H. Kefauver, D. D., John A. Peters, D. D. 3, Edward D. Wettach, D. D., Cornelius M. Lowe, Ph. D., John M. Schick, D. D., James S. Keppel, Albert H. Zechiel, David M. Christman 2, David A. Parks 2, James H. Steele, D. D., Isaac A. Sites, Albert C. Shuman, Geo. A. Dreibelbies, Frederic Cromer, Joseph B. Shumaker, D. D. ELDERS: John Wagner, J. A. Klahr 2.

Eastern Ohio Classis.—MINISTERS: John J. Leberman, D. D. 2, John H. Bomberger, D. D., Franklin E. Lauffer, John J. Gruber, George E. Metger, Samuel Z. Beam, D. D., Harvey E. Kilmer, John W. Miller, Edwin H. Laubach, George W. Henning, Park H. Weaver, Geo. H. Souder, George F. Chenot. ELDERS: Matthew Miller, John Shively, J. H. Smith, Henry Wertz, Peter Eckerman, Isaac Hisey 2, Lewis Band 2, Gideon Klingaman.

St. Joseph Classis.—MINISTERS: Scott V. Rohrbaugh, Joseph W. Barber, Israel Rothenberger, Benjamin B. Royer, Frank G. Bogart, Harvey S. Nicholson, Maurice Samson, Jesse H. String 2, Charles W. Brumby. ELDERS: William G. Zechiel, Benjamin Ashbaugher 2.

ADVISORY MEMBERS.

Rev. Frederick Strassner, D. D., St. John's Classis, Central Synod.

Rev. Frederick C. Nau, St. John's Classis, Central Synod.

Rev. Joseph A. Keller, D. D., St. John's Classis, Central Synod.

NOTE.—The figures attached to the names of members, indicate the day on which those who were not present at the opening of synod, appeared and took their seats. Elder Chas. Bolender, Sec., occupied the seat of Elder W. H. Fox, *præ*, the first day the sessions; and Elder Frank Shiltz, Sec., occupied the seat of Elder Zenas L. Fry, *præ*, the second and third days.

Rev. Simon S. Miller, Maryland Classis, Potomac Synod.
 Rev. John C. Horning, Sunday-school Missionary.
 Rev. David B. Schneder, Missionary at Sendai, Japan.
 Rev. Dennis B. Shuey, Wlchita Classis, Synod of the Interior.
 Rev. Rufus W. Miller, Gen. S. S. Sec., Reading Classis, Eastern Synod.
 Prof. Joseph H. Apple, President Woman's College, Frederick, Md.
 Rev. Dewalt S. Fouse, D. D., Supt. Home Missions, Iowa Classis,
 ynod of the Interior.

CORRESPONDING MEMBER.

Rev. John H. Beck, St. John's Classis, Central Synod.

VISITING MINISTERS OF OTHER CHURCHES.

Rev. H. J. Van Vleck, Bishop of the Moravian Church.
 Rev. O. B. Milligan, Presbyterian Church.
 Rev. H. Clay Ferguson, Presbyterian Church.
 Rev. J. D. Domer, United Evangelical Church.
 Rev. W. S. Harpster, United Evangelical Church.
 Rev. J. L. Kimmel, Brethren Church.
 Rev. J. A. Hall, D. D., Ev. Lutheran Church.
 Rev. C. E. Manchester, D. D., Methodist Episcopal Church.
 Rev. L. E. Roper, Baptist Church.

ARTICLE III.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

Rev. Charles E. Miller, *President*, Dayton, Ohio.
 Rev. George W. Henning, *Stated Clerk*, Osnaburg, Ohio.
 Rev. Frederick W. Hoffman, *Corresponding Secretary*, Alpha, Ohio.
 Rev. Lewis H. Kefauver, D. D., *Treasurer*, Tiffin, Ohio.

ARTICLE IV.

RULES OF ORDER.

Synod's Rules of Order were observed in the transaction of business.
 The president defined the bar of the house to be the first ten pews in
 front of the chancel.
 The hours for opening and closing the sessions of synod were fixed as
 follows: Open at 8.30 A. M. and 1.30 P. M., and close at 11 A. M. and
 .30 P. M. (Standard time.)
 A session was also held on Saturday evening after the Sesqui-Centennial
 Services; and on Monday morning synod convened at half-past
 even o'clock.

ARTICLE V.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

The following Standing Committees were appointed by the president:

Religious Services.—Ministers—Dr. E. P. Herbruck, A. G. Berkey, H. J. Christman; Elders Geo. Krumlauf, J. H. Smith.

Minutes of Synod.—Ministers—A. E. Baichly, L. L. Hassenpflug, E. E. Weller; Elders V. P. Van Horne, Horace Ankeney.

Minutes of Classes.—Ministers—Dr. H. M. Herman, Chas. E. Miller, S. V. Rohrbaugh; Elders Dr. C. H. Evans, John Williard.

Overtures.—Ministers.—Dr. J. H. Steele, J. P. Stahl, B. B. Royer; Elders J. W. Remagen, Wm. G. Zechiel.

Examination, Licensure and Ordination.—Ministers—Dr. David Van Horne, Wm. A. Hale, A. H. Zechiel; Elders John Linebaugh, Martin Grove.

State of Religion.—Ministers—Dr. J. M. Schick, G. H. Souder, W. Seemann; Elders W. H. Fox, Joseph Wolf.

Missions.—Ministers—Dr. J. H. Bomberger, E. R. Williard, J. H. String; Elders J. P. Zimmerman, Benj. Meckley.

Heidelberg Theological Seminary.—Ministers—Dr. J. J. Leberman, Wm. H. Shults, Chas. E. Ewing; Elders W. R. Graham, Geo. Louck.

Heidelberg University.—Ministers—L. B. C. Lahr, Dr. S. Z. Beam, I. A. Sites; Elders Wm. Bahl, John Gibson.

Sunday-school and Catechisation.—Ministers—A. K. Zartman, F. W. Hoffman, J. S. Keppel; Elders Benj. Ashbaugher, Henry Shrock.

Publication.—Ministers—Dr. S. C. Goss, Dr. A. S. Zerbe, S. E. Neilirk; Elders E. R. Held, J. A. Klahr.

Finance.—Ministers—E. M. Beck, A. C. Shuman, C. E. Stoner; Elders H. H. Hale, Isaac Zartman.

Nominations.—Ministers—Dr. J. B. Shumaker, J. J. Gruber, Dr. B. Yockey; Elders E. C. Hedrick, Luther Mooney.

ARTICLE VI.

COMMUNICATIONS.

The following communications, reports and papers were received and referred to the proper committees:

1. The Minutes of the several Classes of Synod were received and referred to the Standing Committee on Minutes of Classes appointed at the last annual meeting of synod; and the reports on the State of Religion and Statistics were referred to the committee on that subject.
2. The annual report of the Board of Home Missions, a circular letter from the Board of Commissioners of Foreign Missions, and the report of the Treasurer of the Board of the Ohio Synod were received and referred to the Standing Committee on Missions.

3. The annual report of the Board of Regents of Heidelberg University was received through the Secretary of the Board, and referred to the Standing Committee on Heidelberg University.

4. The annual reports of the Board of Trustees of Heidelberg Theological Seminary, and of the Board of Visitors and Education, together with the reports of their respective treasurers and that of the financial agent, were received and referred to the Standing Committee on the Theological Seminary.

5. The annual report of the Board of Sunday-schools, and the report of the General Synod's Sunday-school Board, were received and referred to the Standing Committee on Sunday-schools and Catechisation.

6. The annual report of the Board of Publication was received and referred to the Standing Committee on Publication.

7. The annual report of the Treasurer of Synod was received and referred to the Standing Committee on Finance.

8. Also various other communications and papers were received and referred to the Committee on Overtures, for particulars of which, and the action of synod thereon, see that report.

ARTICLE VII. RELIGIOUS SERVICES.

The synod during its sessions observed the following religious services, viz:

1. All the sessions of synod were opened and closed with religious services.

2. There were also public religious services held, as will be seen by reference to the report of the Standing Committee on Religious Services. This report being submitted, was adopted and is as follows:

Your Committee on Religious Services respectfully reports as follows:

Wednesday, 7 P. M.—Opening sermon by retiring president, Rev. J. H. Bomberger, D. D.

Thursday, 7 P. M.—Missionary meeting under the direction of Woman's Missionary Society.

Friday, 7 P. M.—Inauguration services of professors-elect of Heidelberg Seminary.

Saturday, 2 P. M.—Preparatory services: sermon by Rev. J. H. String; liturgical services, Rev. D. A. Parks.

Saturday, 7 P. M.—Sesqui-Centennial Services.

Sunday, 10 A. M.—Communion sermon, Rev. S. C. Goss, D. D.

Sunday, 7 P. M.—Rev. D. B. Schneder, missionary to Japan, and Dr. D. S. Fouse.

Y. M. C. A.—Sunday, 3.30 P. M., Rev. S. E. Neikirk.

United Evangelical Church.—Friday, 7 P. M., Rev. D. A. Parks; Sunday, 10.30 A. M., Rev. J. S. Keppel; 7 P. M., Rev. F. W. Hoffman.

- First Methodist Church.*—10.30 A. M., Rev. R. W. Miller; 7 P. M., Rev. B. B. Royer.
- Simpson Methodist Church.*—10.30 A. M., Rev. L. B. C. Lahr; 7 P. M., Rev. E. H. Laubach.
- Lawrence Avenue Methodist Church.*—10.30 A. M., Rev. A. E. Baichly; 7 P. M., Rev. A. H. Zechiel.
- Trinity Lutheran Church.*—7 P. M., Rev. Dr. J. M. Schick.
- First Presbyterian Church.*—10.30 A. M., Rev. D. Van Horne, D. D.; 7 P. M., Rev. C. E. Miller.
- Calvary Presbyterian Church.*—7 P. M., Rev. D. W. Loucks.
- First Baptist Church.*—10.30 A. M., Rev. E. D. Wettach; 7 P. M., Rev. A. C. Shuman.
- First Reformed Church.*—10.15 A. M., Rev. Maurice Samson; 7 P. M., Rev. S. E. Neikirk.
- South Market Street Reformed.*—10.30 A. M., Rev. C. E. Stoner; 7 P. M., Rev. C. M. Rohrbaugh.
- Reformed Church, Louisville.*—10 A. M., Dr. J. M. Schick.
- Reformed Church, Uniontown.*—Rev. Frederic Cromer.
- Reformed Church, Cairo and New Berlin.*—Rev. J. P. Stahl.
- Reformed Church, Massillon.*—10 A. M., Rev. D. B. Schneder; 7 P. M., Rev. S. B. Yockey.
- Reformed Church, Richville.*—Rev. I. A. Sites.
(Educational meeting Saturday, 3 P. M.)

Respectfully submitted,

E. P. HERBRUCK, *Chairman*

The religious services were severally observed as appointed.

ARTICLE VIII.

MINUTES OF SYNOD.

Three copies of the Minutes of Synod for 1896 were received through the Stated Clerk and referred to the Standing Committee on Minutes of Synod appointed at the previous annual meeting. This committee, at the forenoon session on Thursday, submitted its report, which was considered item by item, and is as follows:

Your Committee on Minutes of Synod would respectfully present the following report:

The committee would respectfully bring to the attention of synod the following items:

Item 1, page 11. Revs. A. E. Baichly, E. E. Weller and L. L. Hasselpflug, and Elders V. P. Van Horne and Horace Ankeney were appointed a Standing Committee on Minutes of Synod for 1897.

Item 2, page 15. Revs. H. M. Herman, D. D., C. E. Miller, S. V. Rohrbaugh and Elders C. H. Evans and Jno. Williard appointed a Standing Committee on Classical Minutes for 1897.

Item 3, page 29. The Treasurer of Synod to pay balance due Chicago Mission, &c.

Item 4, page 56. Synod requests each classis to continue the appointment of a Classical Committee to aid the Financial Agent, &c.

Item 5, page 60. Synod requests each congregation to make an offering Ministerial Relief Society.

Item 6, page 68. Request of President of Historical Society.

Item 7, page 70. Committee appointed to co-operate in Semi-Centennial Celebration of the founding of *The Christian World*.

Item 8, page 75. Treasurer instructed to pay various bills.

Item 9, page 78. An annual offering for Bible Society recommended.

Item 10, page 78. Rev. Geo. E. Metger and Philip Steinhage elected legates *pri.* and *sec.* to Central Synod.

Item 11, page 79. Officers of synod instructed to extend calls to newly elected seminary professors.

Item 12, page 79. Rev. E. P. Herbruck and officers of synod appointed committee on Religious Services.

Item 13, page 80. Printing Minutes of W. M. S.

Item 14. The terms of office on the various boards, of the following brethren expires with this synod:

Board of Home Missions—Revs. Wilson R. Stearly and James S. Keppel.
Theological Seminary—Revs. S. C. Goss, D. D., S. B. Yockey, D. D., E. Baichly and Elders V. P. Van Horne and Geo. Loucks.

Board of Visitors and Education—Revs. L. H. Kefauver, D. D., Jno. Schick, D. D., J. H. Bomberger, D. D., and Reuben Good.

Board of Regents of Heidelberg College—Revs. D. Van Horne, D. D., D. Wettach, D. D., W. H. Shults, Elders Jno. Blum, Jno. Conroy and J. H. Ridgely.

Board of Sunday-schools—Rev. A. E. Baichly and Elder Geo. F. Bareis.
Trustees of Synod—Elders B. Kuhns and A. L. Shearer.

Board of Publication—Revs. C. E. Miller and W. H. Shults.

Item 15, page 17. The reference to the Seminary Board of the matter the Swander notes, &c.

Item 16, page 80. Stated Clerk to have 1800 copies printed.

Item 17. Churches urged to unite in the celebration of the Michael Blatter Missionary Anniversary in 1897.

Respectfully submitted,

A. E. BAICHLY,
HORACE ANKENY,
V. P. VAN HORNE.

The following is the disposition made of the report:

Items 1, 2, 3. Adopted.

Item 4. Laid on the table until the report of the Committee on Minutes Classes is heard.

Item 5. Tabled same as above. Both items were afterwards adopted.

Item 6. Adopted, and the "Hour of the Day" requested, granted.

Item 7. The committee reported as follows:

To the Ohio Synod:

Your committee appointed to co-operate with the publishers in the semi-centennial celebration of the founding of *The Christian World* has held no meeting. The chairman of the committee had a conference with the editor of the *World* early in the year and expected to have a meeting of the Semi-Centennial Committee preceding this synod, but recent changes in the management of the *Christian World* and all the affairs of the Publishing House seemed to overshadow in importance the work given us, so that nothing definite has yet been done.

Respectfully submitted,

CHAS. E. MILLER, *Chairman.*

The item and the committee's report were adopted.

Item 8. Adopted.

Item 9. Tabled until after the Committee on Minutes of Classes reported; and afterwards adopted, and the attention of delinquent classes called to their delinquency.

Item 10. Item and report of delegate adopted. For report see Article XXIV, Miscellaneous.

Item 11. Adopted, having been attended to.

Item 12. Laid on the table until the Committee on Religious Exercises reported—afterwards adopted, having been attended to.

Item 13. Adopted, having been attended to.

Item 14. Adopted, and the vacancies referred to the Committee on Nominations.

Item 15. Adopted.

Item 16. Adopted, with the Stated Clerk's report that it had been attended to. For report see Article XXIV., Miscellaneous.

Item 17. Adopted.

The report was adopted as a whole.

The Standing Committee on Minutes of Synod to report on said minutes to the synod at its annual meeting in 1898, as officially appointed, consist of Revs. A. H. Zechiel, Jacob Ihle, Park H. Weaver, and Elders Benjamin Ashbaugh and Thomas I. Heller.

ARTICLE IX.

MINUTES OF CLASSES.

The Standing Committee on Minutes of Classes, during the afternoon session on Thursday, submitted its report which is as follows:

To the Reverend Ohio Synod:

Your Standing Committee on the Minutes of Classes would submit the following report:

I. IRREGULARITIES.

Item 1. St. Joseph Classis held a special meeting without a quorum.

II. REQUESTS.

Item 2. (a) St. Joseph Classis requests the Ohio Synod to ratify its proceedings of a special meeting of classis held at Three Rivers, Mich., December 3, 1896, at which time there were not the required number of members present. (b) Lancaster Classis requests the pastors to preach at least one sermon a year on missions, in all the churches, and orders a special offering to be made for Home Missions in the month of June, 1897. Requests that Schlatter Memorial Services be held in the various congregations, and that the offering be devoted to Church Extension. (c) Tuscarawas Classis overtures synod to set apart one evening of the next session for the celebration of Sesqui-Centennial of the organization of the original synod through the efforts of Rev. Michael Schlatter.

III. APPEALS.

Item 3. Rev. Steinhage announced his purpose to appeal from the decision of the Tuscarawas Classis to the Ohio Synod.

IV. SUBJECTS REFERRED TO CLASSIS.

Item 4. Miami Classis accepts the apportionments and recommendations of synod. Refers the recommendation of General Synod to next annual meeting (overture to General Synod). (2) Appoints a committee to cooperate with the Financial Secretary of Heidelberg University in raising \$100,000 Semi-Centennial Endowment Fund. (3) That the children's Day offering be devoted to the Orphans' Homes. (4) Recommends to the pastors and churches the support of the Daniel Stine Home for the Society for Disabled Ministers and their Widows, asking that at least one offering be given during the year for each object. (5) Recognizes the *Reformed Church Tidings* as a valuable auxiliary in the work of the church, and requests that pastors secure as large a circulation as possible. (6) Urges a special offering for the relief of the Board of Missions. Requests that a special offering be given on the first or second Sunday in each year.

Item 5. Tuscarawas Classis recommends (1) the cause of orphans to the churches, and urges a larger interest in the work of educating and providing for the wards of the church. (2) Items recommended by the General and Ohio Synods were adopted. (3) Appoints a committee to cooperate with the Financial Agent of Heidelberg University. (4) Recommends the Society for the Relief of Aged Ministers and their families to the sympathy and support of the churches. (5) Commends with emphasis the Boards of Home and Foreign Missions. (6) The classis refers to the request of synod as to the rules and customs of the churches. Adopted the resolutions affirming their loyalty and obedience, and urging only that each charge shall have the right to raise its benevolent contributions in whatever way it may deem best. (7) Urges her pastors, con-

sistories and people to use all means to secure all arrearages to Home and Foreign Missions. (8) Recognizes the helpfulness of the Woman's Missionary Societies of the church.

Item 6. (1) Tiffin Classis accepts all of synod's apportionments. (2) Appoints a committee to assist in securing the Semi-Centennial Endowment Fund. (3) All recommendations of General Synod, excepting where classis questions the right of General Synod to legalize irregularities. (4) Requests congregations to make an offering at Christmas for Orphans' Homes. (5) Classis calls attention to the omission by the Stated Clerk from the printed minutes of the majority and minority reports of the committees on the new Constitution. (6) A permanent Committee on Sunday-schools was appointed. Urges the introduction of the Sunday-school literature into all the churches, and as far as possible connect the entire congregation with the Sunday-school either as scholars or teachers. (7) Urges the formation of Home Classes in all the congregations. (8) That Children's Day offerings be given more liberally and that the spirit of benevolence be more heartily encouraged. (9) The work of the Missionary Boards, Home and Foreign, be more heartily commended and confidence expressed in those having the work in hand. (10) The cause of Church Extension was earnestly recommended to the churches. (11) Recommends the Society for the Relief of Aged Ministers and their Widows to the congregations, and urges that an annual offering be made in the churches for the same.

Item 7. Lancaster Classis adopts the apportionments of synod and the recommendations of the Ohio and the General Synod. Appoints a committee to assist the financial Agent in securing the Semi-centennial Fund for the Endowment of Heidelberg University. Recommends the American Bible Society to the Churches. Appointed a permanent committee on Sunday Schools and urges the cultivation of the spirit of benevolence and Systematic giving in the Sunday Schools. Recommends the cause of beneficiary education. (12) Adopted the request of Synod as to the support of the Society on the relief of the aged Ministers and their Widows.

Item 8. (1) Eastern Ohio Classis accepts apportionments of Synod. Appointed a committee to assist the financial agent in securing the \$100,000 (2) Appointed a permanent Classical Sunday School Committee. Held Sesqui-Centennial Services. (3) Held Classical Sunday School Convention and a Missionary Convention and observed the recommendations in general. (4) Adopted Synod's requests having reference to the Society for the relief of aged Ministers and their Widows, calling attention of the congregations to the same.

Item 9. (1) St. Joseph Classis complied with all the requests of the Ohio Synod and the General Synod. (2) Recommends the Daniel Stine Home and the Society for the Disabled Ministers and their Widows, ordering that at least one collection be given each year. (3) Commends the Home and Foreign Mission cause to the Churches. Urges the payments of arrearages and the quarterly payments of apportionments.

V. RECEPTIONS AND DISMISSALS.

Item 10. Miami Classis received Rev. Burghalter from the classis of Tiffin; Rev. L. B. Clayton from St. Joseph's, Rev. J. H. Albright and Rev. S. U. Snyder from St. Joseph's Classis. Dismissed Rev. S. V. Rohrbach to St. Joseph Classis, Rev. H. H. Sandoe to Lancaster Classis, Licensed Samuel E. Snapp and dismissed him to the Classis of Lancaster, Rev. G. W. H. Smith to the Presbytery of the Chillicothe Presbyterian Church. Rev. D. K. Fulcason to Eastern Ohio Classis.

Item 11. Tuscarawas Classis erased the name of Rev. J. H. Shreffler from the roll of Classis. Received Rev. N. A. Ernst from Eastern Ohio Classis, Licentiate Theodore H. Herman from East Penn. Classis, Rev. F. M. Shults from Eastern Ohio Classis, Rev. Joshua Wolbach from Illinois Classis. Dismissed Rev. J. P. Stahl to Lancaster Classis. Licentiate Cornelius Hange to the Classis of Lancaster, Rev. Philip Steinhage to Heidleberg Classis. Ordained Licentiate H. J. Christman.

Item 12. Tiffin Classis received Licentiate Frederic Kromer from the Classis of Maryland and ordained him to the Gospel Ministry. Dismissed Rev. A. B. Stoner to the Classis of Philadelphia, Eastern Synod. Granted Rev. E. E. Weller permission to engage in secular business because of impaired health. Licensed W. B. Dutera.

Item 13. Lancaster Classis received Rev. J. P. Stahl from Tuscarawas Classis, Rev. H. H. Sandoe from the Classis of the Miami, John D. Neff from Tiffin Classis, Licentiate Samuel E. Snapp from Miami Classis. Licentiate C. Hange from Tuscarawas Classis. Dismissed Rev. J. A. Seitz to St. Joseph Classis.

Item 14. Eastern Ohio Classis received Rev. Daniel K. Fulcason from the Classis of Miami, Rev. G. H. Souder from St. Joseph Classis, Rev. John B. Rust from St. John's Classis Central Synod. Dismissed Rev. Francis M. Shults to Tuscarawas and Rev. Aaron Noll to Philadelphia Classis, Eastern Synod, Licensed and ordained Messrs. Park H. Weaver and George F. Chenot.

Item 15. St. Joseph Classis received Rev. C. W. Brugh from Eastern Ohio Classis, Rev. S. V. Rohrbach from Miami Classis, Licentiate Maurice Samson, German Philadelphia Classis, Rev. J. A. Seitz from the Lancaster Classis Synod of Ohio. Dismissed Rev. L. B. Clayton to Miami Classis, Rev. S. U. Snyder to Miami Classis, Rev. John H. Albright to the Classis of Miami, Rev. Geo. H. Souder to Eastern Ohio Classis.

VI. ANNUAL MEETINGS.

(Item 16 embraces all of "Annual Meetings" up to vote on New Constitution.)

Item 16. *Miami Classis* will meet in First Reformed Church, Hamilton, O., second Tuesday in May, 1898, 7.30 P. M. Rev. Geo. W. Williard, President; Rev. R. B. Reichard, Stated Clerk; Elder V. P. Van Horne, Treasurer.

Tuscarawas Classis will meet in the Reformed Church at Uniontown, O., on Tuesday preceding full moon in May, 1898, 7.30 P. M. Rev. A. E. Baichly, President; Rev. E. M. Beck, Stated Clerk.

Tiffin Classis will meet in the Reformed Church, Liberty Center, Henry Co., O., the last Thursday in April, (28th) 1898, 7.30 P. M. Rev. D. A. Parks, President; Rev. A. H. Zechiel, Stated Clerk.

Lancaster Classis will meet in St. Paul's Reformed Church, Glenford Charge, Tuesday on or before full moon in May, 1898, 7.30 P. M. Rev. Phaon W. Snyder, President; Rev. Solomon W. Seemann, Stated Clerk.

Eastern Ohio Classis will meet in St. John's (Lordstown) Reformed Church, Leavittsburg Charge on Tuesday, May 3, 1898, 7.30 P. M. Rev. J. J. Gruber, President; Rev. Geo. W. Henning, Stated Clerk; Rev. H. E. Kilmer, Treasurer.

St. Joseph Classis will meet in Heidelberg Reformed Church, Ft. Wayne, Ind., Wednesday evening of the second week in May, 1898, 7.30 P. M. Rev. J. W. Barber, President; Rev. F. Ware, Stated Clerk; Elder Benjamin Ashbaugh, Treasurer.

ADDENDA.

Miami Classis calls attention to an oversight at last meeting of synod, page 23 of its minutes. Classis, at a special meeting held in Dayton, O., December 15th to 17th, 1895, finding Rev. D. R. Taylor guilty on numerous charges, excluded him from the ministry, from all its rights, duties, privileges and functions. Subject to restoration after three years, if proper evidence is given of repentance and reformation.

VOTE ON THE NEW CONSTITUTION.

Item 17. *Miami Classis*—no, 28; non-liquet, 3. *Tuscarawas*—no, 21; yes, 1. *Tiffin*—no, 23; yes, 3. *Lancaster*—no, 17; yes, 1. *St. Joseph*—no, 4; non-liquet, 7. *Eastern Ohio*—no, 6; yes, 12.

Respectfully submitted,

H. M. HERMAN,
C. E. MILLER,
S. V. ROHRBAUGH,
Committee.

The report was considered item by item.

Item 1. Adopted, and the request referred to the following special committee: Revs. D. Van Horne, D. D., E. M. Beck and Elder Horace Ankeney. For report of which see Article XXIV., Miscellaneous.

Item 2. (a) This item, in connection with item 1, was referred to the above committee. The committee reported and the report was adopted. (See item 1.) On motion, this special committee was continued with instruction to give a decision as to the effect of synod's action. The committee afterwards reported and the report was adopted. For which see Article XXIV., Miscellaneous.

Item 3. Adopted, and with all the papers referred to the following special committee: Dr. J. M. Schick, Rev. C. W. Brugh and Elder Peter Eckerman. For the report of this committee see Article XVIII., Appeals, &c.

14. Adopted.
 15 5, 6, 7, 8, 9. Adopted.
 15 10-15. Adopted.
 16, with "Addenda." Adopted.
 17. (Vote on New Constitution) Adopted.
 report was adopted as a whole.

Standing Committee on Minutes of Classes to report to synod at
 usual meeting in 1898, as officially appointed, consists of Revs. S. Z.
 D. D., Charles E. Ewing and I. U. E. Kunkle; and Elders Wm.
 Schiel and E. R. Held.

ARTICLE X.
 OVERTURES.

Standing Committee on Overtures, during the afternoon session
 Tuesday submitted its report which was considered item by item,
 afterwards adopted as a whole. The report is as follows:
 The Committee on Overtures beg leave to report the following items
 have come into our hands.

- n 1. A communication from S. N. Callender concerning the cause
 of Foreign Missions.
 n 2. A communication from the "Brotherhood of Andrew and
 " in the Reformed Church.
 n 3. Concerning a proposition to unite our publication interests of
 n with those of Cleveland.
 n 4. An "Epistle to the Churches" concerning the work of world
 civilization.
 n 5. "A Memoir" and other papers connected with the work for
 relief of aged ministers and their widows.
 n 6. Requests for excuse for not attending synod: (a) Rev. E. E.
 r, (b) Rev. James S. Freeman, (c) Rev. F. Ware, (d) Rev. R. B.
 ard, (e) Rev. J. A. Seitz, (f) Rev. J. B. Rust, (g) Rev. Herman Rust,
 ev. N. H. Loose, (i) Rev. W. E. Ludwick, (j) Rev. R. F. Shultz.
 n 7. Communication from the President and Secretary of our Gen-
 synod's Sunday-school Board.
 n 8. Calls attention to Butler's Orphan Home.
 n 9. Request from the Historical Society of Synod.
 n 10. An appeal from the agent of the American Bible Society.
 n 11. Communication from the Joint Publishing Committee of the
 of Home Missions, Foreign Missions and Sunday-school Board.

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. STEELE.

The report was disposed of as follows:

- n 1. Adopted, and the papers referred to the Committee on Mis-

Item 2. Adopted and referred to the following special committee: Rev. J. H. String, Rev. J. H. Steele, D. D., and Elder Wm. H. Bah. For the report of this committee see Art XXIV, Miscellaneous.

Item 3. Adopted and the papers referred to the Standing Committee on Publication.

Item 4. Adopted and referred to the Committee on Missions.

Item 5. Adopted and the papers referred to the following special committee: Dr. S. Z. Beam, Rev. C. M. Rohrbaugh, Elder W. R. Graham. For the report of this committee see Article XVI, Benevolent and Religious Institutions.

Item 6. Adopted and the requests granted.

Item 7. Adopted and referred to the Committee on Sunday-schools and Catechisation.

Item 8. Adopted and referred to the following special committee, viz: Revs. D. A. Parks, B. B. Royer and Elder Benjamin Meckley. The committee subsequently reported and the report was adopted; for which see Article XVI, Benevolent and Religious Institutions.

Item 9. Adopted and request granted. (See Article XX, II.)

Item 10. Adopted and referred to the Committee on Sunday-schools.

Item 11. Item and the following resolution adopted:

Resolved, That we reiterate the action of last year in regard to *Reformed Church Tidings*.

ARTICLE XI.

EXAMINATION, LICENSURE AND ORDINATION.

The Standing Committee on Examination, Licensure and Ordination during the evening session on Saturday submitted the following report which was adopted:

The Committee on Examination and Licensure, etc., beg leave respectfully to report that no candidate applied for examination, and that consequently no business was transacted.

Respectfully submitted,

D. VAN HORNE, *Chairman*.

ARTICLE XII.

RELIGION AND MORALS.

The Standing Committee on the State of Religion and Statistics during the afternoon session on Saturday presented its report which was adopted. Following is the report on the State of Religion:

The Reverend Ohio Synod:

FATHERS AND BRETHREN:—"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heav-

places in Christ, according as He hath called us in Him, from the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before in love."

is at all times meet to give thanks unto God, but it is particularly for us as a synod here assembled to review the work of another to record our gratitude to our heavenly Father, who, during this d, has used His servants in His service and to His praise. For we owledge His hand in every mercy we have shared, and His leading very way we have walked. And now, as we look over the work of portion of God's own servants over which we exercise jurisdiction, ey are recorded in the reports on the State of Religion and Morals : by the classes within our bounds, we are filled with emotions of fulness, and unite to praise our faithful Father for that He has not left be useless or unused instruments of His hand, but has found work ur churches to do, and also, that our people have in an encouraging ure been found willing and ready to engage in that work.

ven a most cursory reading of these reports, as they come to us, en in the midst of haste and activity of the annual meetings of the es, would impress anyone with a sense of the fact that the various es have a profound appreciation of their responsibility, as a part of iving body of Christ upon the earth in the conversion of the world the redemption of man from the sad consequences of the fall. The e careful examination and analysis of these reports only deepen this ession and there is reason to praise our God for the quickened char- r of devoted consecration which is found in the church as affecting hief, its only work in the world. The Reformed Church within the ds of the Ohio Synod is not unmindful of her blessed mission in the d, for the Savior and for the world of man He came to save. But spirit pervades all the reports. Every classis recognizes its definite nsibility in the work of the church of Christ for the evangelization of rld, by means of the institution of which each is a living member.

it is worthy of gratulatory remark that in every case these reports Expression to the reliance placed by the ministry upon the preached el of Jesus Christ as the one, only God-given means for accomplish- of that great work laid by the Master Himself, upon the Church He into the world to represent Him. With the recognition of her work, hurch appreciates the blessed means of its performance in the pure ively preaching of the Gospel. She accepts with loyal love her com- on to make disciples of all nations baptizing them in the name of Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost, and is careful to not rate therefrom the means our blessed Master Himself has at- ed thereto. This faithful devotion to the pure gospel truly preached truly followed, as the means of God for the salvation of man, and the ful reliance placed upon the Savior's promise of personal presence help in His work, are prominent features of all the reports in your mittee's hand.

These reports also bear testimony to God's faithfulness to His Word, and it is here recorded for our continued assurance. God has honored His Word. He has added His blessing and withheld no grace from His gospel as it has been preached by His servants. Every report shows that God has not left His Word to return to Him void, but has made it accomplish that He has pleased. This constant and continued faithfulness of our God should give His servants confidence and enable them to continue steadfast in the devotion to this same Word, even when at times in our zeal we fear our work is not speeding as quickly as we have worked and prayed for.

In this immediate connection we should record the general adherence of all the classes to the faithful instruction of the children and youth of the church in our beloved Heidelberg Catechism. Every report bears evidence that there is no deviation from the historic custom of the catechisation, by means of which the membership of the church is properly indoctrinated in the faith of the church, and so prepared for the duties of the Christian life. There is, indeed, in two of the reports, reference made to difficulties in the way of regularly conducting catechetical classes in some of the charges. And it looks as if some of the brethren have found themselves unable to conform to this time-honored custom of the Reformed Church. It must, however, be borne in mind that difficulties in the way of performing a duty is not always a proper excuse for its neglect. By catechisation the church tries to fulfill the obligation resting upon her to give, to the baptized children of her communion, that nurture and admonition which she requires parents to promise for their children, when they are by the sacrament of baptism, incorporated into the covenant relation with God in the membership of the church. In this view catechisation is more than merely a convenient method of preparing persons for church membership, and much less a means of winning an unbelieving world to Christ. It is rather to be regarded as an inviolable right of the baptized child, which the church cannot without violence to her historic life, deny them. If the church exacts from her children a promise of nurture in the life of the church, it should follow that she will as a faithful mother guard her little ones in the enjoyment of that training she demands for them at the baptismal font. It is consequently a matter for grateful record that in this historical era of our church's life, our classes are proving by their acts the value of our denominational characteristics, and as so prepared to continue the influence and work of our church in harmony with her truly historic life.

No review of the work of the church would be complete without some special note of the several young people's organizations, as these manifest the developing life of grace in the growing life of the church activities as to make them, in their varied occupations, reveal the real unity of that life pervading them all. The church through all her divided instrumentalities never loses her oneness, either in her members or in her relation to Him whom she serves. This synod has therefore reason to re-

joy at the general part her children are taking in all these agencies for the development of the divine life in all her members—young and old,—both men and women—by the service they are enabled to render God, in connection with the organization spoken of.

There seems also a more deeply felt need of a closer approach to Christ and communion with Him, in keeping His own appointed memorial of His broken body and shed blood, through which we are all assured of our participation in His sacrifice upon the cross and all His benefits. During the past year the number of believers who found their way to the table of the Lord (to shew forth His death until He come), as compared with the preceding year, was more than a thousand greater. This evidences an encouraging degree of humble dependence upon the sacraments of the Lord's appointing, for the participation in the great grace they are meant to communicate.

We should fail of the full privilege of this occasion were we to forget God's protecting providence, made known in the lives and experiences of the pastors of this synod. Generally, the health of these workmen in the service of their Lord has been good; and where, in scattered instances, serious illness has fallen to the lot of any of them; the mercy of the Father's care has been manifest in the convalescence of the sufferer. There is one case to record in which a minister of the Gospel has been called out of this life. But here too, there is to record that the laborer had long been resting from his labors and in the evening of his day had only waited for the shadows to grow a little deeper and for the coming of the time when he might be permitted to fall asleep and wake in the glorious light of that nightless day, where age has no weakness and labor brings no weariness. Rev. Daniel Kroh, a member of St. Joseph Classis, fell asleep at his home in East Saginaw, Mich., on June 27, 1897, to await the blissful resurrection of the servants of the Lord in the Master's own glorious day.

Only at two points are we called upon to record apparently worldward tendencies in the life of the church. Nine persons have been excommunicated. That is a larger number than this synod has been called upon to record in many years. And it becomes us to be on our guard that we too fall not into the same measure of condemnation, whilst for these, who have so far fallen into the condition of the lost as to cause their exclusion from participation in the benefits of church membership, let us all earnestly pray that God may, in His everlasting mercy, yet, by His Word and spirit call them to repentance ere it shall be forever too late.

The other humiliating fact lies in the great decrease in the offerings of God's people, for the maintainance of God's work in the world. Nearly one thousand dollars less than last year for benevolent objects and more than eighteen thousand dollars for congregational objects, marks the decrease in benevolent contributions for the last year. It is sad indeed to be compelled to note this falling off in benevolence, particularly when there is so much need for an increase; when our missionaries are unpaid,

when our orphans are without shelter, when our institutions absolutely need fuller equipment. But not only for these reasons is it sad. We are bound to record God's great mercies. He accepts the service we render, He blesses His work in our hands, and we reiterate again and again our gratitude for His mercies and yet we find ourselves confronted with the sad condition indicated in this paragraph. Let us humble ourselves under the mighty hand of Him we serve, and in confessing our faults, promise Him greater devotion and offerings more in harmony with our professions in the future.

Standing as we are, at the close of the year and contemplating the work which has been done, we are also to remember that we stand at the opening of another, and should view with a sense of our responsibilities, the duties and privileges it brings to us.

We may, under the good providence of our God, enter upon the year before us with hope. The blessings of the past warrant us in trusting Him, whose promises are ours, and whose Word has not been broken. God has given us reason to take, in trust, a forward step. New teachers, in our school of the prophets; more preachers for our pulpits; more people in our churches; an apparently closer adherence to the standards of our church; a fuller consecration to the service of God in the work of the church; a truer sense of the unity of our church in all our agencies; all these unite to give us a hopeful heart as we look into the work the new year brings us to do. As God's servants to do His work we enter upon these duties in His name and to His praise; and as we do so let us consecrate ourselves so to His service as to prove ourselves worthy of the favor with which our Father has so richly blessed us, "and now unto Him that is able to do exceeding abundantly, above all that we ask or think according to the power that worketh in us unto Him be glory in the church, by Christ Jesus throughout all ages world without end." Amen

Respectfully submitted,

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(For statistical reports see Appendix.)

ARTICLE XIII.

MISSIONS—HOME AND FOREIGN.

The following reports and papers bearing on the subject of Home and Foreign Missions were received, considered and adopted.

I. ANNUAL REPORTS.

1. *Report of the General Board of Home Missions.*

To the English Classes and Synods of the Reformed Church in the U. S.

BRETHREN: Two years ago the annual report was prepared in time for the annual meetings of the classes. This plan has its objection

chiefly upon the ground, that the report comes before the classes before it goes to the synods. To some this is a mistake. The Board, at its late meeting, had this matter under consideration and the sentiment was expressed that the report should be sent to the classes, since these bodies are nearest the people, and through them the mass of the membership will be more readily reached. Then, too, the action of the synods at their last annual meeting can, in this way, be brought before the classes more readily; therefore send out this report in time for the meetings of the English synods, and let us hope that every classis will receive the copies intended for it, which, it seems, was not the case when the last annual report was sent out. One year ago no report was issued, but, as has been the custom, the report issued by the Board of the General Synod was allowed to take its place. The Triennial Report gave a full resume of the work for three years past, and also gave a forecast of what the work in the future must be.

The attempt has been made to reach the end in view, and with a measure of success too, but this was accomplished by a hard struggle with a financial problem. The Board and the church both have reason for being thankful for the measure of success that has attended the efforts of the missionaries under the Board.

THE PAST YEAR.

The past year has been one of sore trials and disappointments in the world of trade and business. The laboring classes have been pressed for the necessary means of subsistence. Stagnation, and consequent discouragement, has been present on all sides and with all classes. This must, of necessity, have its influence upon the church and all her operations. The Board found this to be so. Never in its history was it so difficult to procure funds to carry forward the work. The majority of the missions were established before the stringent times set in, and when the burdens began to press heavily on the Board, it could not well abandon the fields that were established. To abandon some of the missions would have been an act of injustice to the missionaries called to these fields, and also to the membership. The only way was for the Board to hold faithfully to its promises and to struggle along as best it could, hoping the while that the church will come to its relief by meeting promptly all its liabilities. The Board hopes most fondly that the critical period in the stringent times has passed, and that we may soon enjoy the blessings of a period of prosperity financially. When this much hoped for time comes, we believe there will be great things in store for us as a church. We can then expect such a growth in our mission work as our past history never witnessed.

THE MISSIONS.

There are at the present time *one hundred and four missions* under the Board, belonging to the English synods. Since last May, when the roll of missions was presented to the General Synod, only a few additional missions have been enrolled. The Hungarian Mission of South Norwalk,

Conn., was divided and two missions formed, to be known as South Norwalk and Bridgeport. In Iowa the congregations at Tipton and Lone Tree were enrolled as missions with the express understanding that Iowa Classis will raise a sum for home missions over and above that called for by the General Synod's apportionment, sufficiently large to carry forward these two missions during the short time they will require the help of the Board. The congregation at Panxsutawney, Pa., was enrolled upon the promise of the Pittsburg Synod's Board that the funds to maintain it will be promptly furnished by that synod. These are the only missions enrolled during the past year, for the reason that the Board did not have the funds to add additional ones; and these named were enrolled only because the Board had the positive promise of funds to sustain them. There are many calls, however, for the establishment of other missions. Many doors of usefulness are open to the Board, but none can be entered until the church furnishes the means for additional work.

The roll that now registers *one hundred and four* missions will doubtless be very much changed at the annual meeting in April. Quite a few of the missions will become self-sustaining, and others will be dropped entirely for good and sufficient reasons, while the appropriations will likely be lowered in the case of all that have been under the care of the Board for a longer period than one year.

From the present outlook it is not likely that any new missions will be enrolled to take the place of those that will disappear from the roll.

As regards the work done, there never has been a year in the history of the Board when the missions made better progress than during the year past. This is especially true when we take into consideration the stringency of the times. These times necessarily had their influence on the missions, but in spite of them the missions did well. The missionaries have been most signally blessed with health and strength so as to continue their labors. Two out of the large number under the Board, have ceased their labors. One, Rev. J. W. Alspach, of Altamont, Ill., was suddenly called to his reward in December last, and the other, Rev. F. J. E. Muehe of McKeesport, Pa., was compelled to close his labors because of ill-health. He is now in Colorado where he hopes to regain his shattered health. The prayer of the Board is, that he may be restored to his family and the church. He was an efficient workman, and the church sustains a great loss, even in his temporary disability.

THE INDEBTEDNESS.

The church has been reminded continually of the needs of the Board. The officers of the Board and the superintendents have kept this matter before the church. The work belongs to the church and she should know the standing of the Board. At this present writing the indebtedness amounts to fully \$20,000. It is, perhaps, unnecessary to attempt an explanation for this state of things. The times have much to do with it. There is a depression in all business interest which must have its effect

upon the missionary work of the church. This we must expect. Were this all, however, then the indebtedness would not be as large as it is because the hard times have not impoverished us, as a church, to the extent that the indebtedness would indicate. There is another cause which must be regarded as much more serious and far-reaching than anything that can be charged to the peculiar times in which we live. It is the very limited interest that so many in the church take in the extension of our borders in the home land. To put it still more truthfully, the trouble lies largely with many of our ministers who are not seriously concerned, as they should be, about the missionary work of the church. There is a portion of the ministry that makes conscientious endeavors to raise the apportionments. With these ministers the apportionments are a serious matter and are always met. These apportionments, so raised, usually net the Board about \$30,000 annually. This amount is sure and can be depended upon. The remaining \$14,000 that should be raised, should come from ministers, under the apportionment system, who do not make earnest with this most sacred matter of raising these moneys, and the result is that they raise but little, and the Board finds itself in debt to the amount of \$20,000. It will be noticed that this indebtedness did not come upon the Board during the last year only, but has been gradually accumulating for several years past. The Board now submits to the classes and the synods this indebtedness, for their consideration, and we may add, liquidation also. If these bodies will see that the charges under their care will pay the small sums asked for by the Board, the debt will be paid and additional work taken up. Who can remedy this matter if not the classes and the synods?

RETRENCHMENT.

We hardly dare use this term, as it is offensive to many persons. But, brethren, what other term shall we use to give an adequate idea of what must be done. The Board is under the necessity to retrench in every way possible. The expenses of the Board have been, in round numbers, about \$41,000 during the past year, including salary of superintendents. It may not have quite reached that sum. The church has actually paid into the treasury of the Home Board, from April 1, 1890, to April 1, 1897, not more than \$31,000. We believe that much of the delinquency of this year will be made up in the special efforts that will be put forth during the next two months, as the classes close up the work of the year, and the Easter offerings are made. But this does not set aside the fact that the church has fallen short of raising the promised sum by at least \$13,000, the sum promised being \$44,000. This with what was due at the beginning of the year, leaves the Board fully \$20,000 in debt. What shall be done under these circumstances? What, indeed, can be done? Is it not reasonable to suppose that the only thing to be done is to bring the expenditures within the amount contributed by the church? The classical and synodical Boards urged the enrollment of these missions. They

promised to furnish the funds to support them. They failed to do so. Retrenchment must come as a necessary result. It may bring hardship to the missionaries. It may result in some detriment to the cause, but the Board should not be made to bear the blame. The policy of the Board has been to conduct the work upon as economical a basis as possible, and yet do justice to the men under its care. The work belongs entirely to the church, and to the church only can the Board look for the moral and financial support which is necessary to accomplish the best results. When the Board meets in annual sessions, the outlook may have improved. It may be that the conditions will have changed so much that the missions can be retained that are now on the roll, and some additional ones taken up. Taking the present expenses of the Board at \$42,000 per annum, and then considering the rate at which the indebtedness has increased, we find that the church has fallen short at least \$10,000 annually. If this calculation is correct there will have to be a reduction of *twenty per cent* on the present expenditures of the Board, which would make the expenses \$34,000. We believe that the Board will be compelled to come to this basis, and will likely reduce the expenditures to that figure at the coming annual meeting. It is the correct policy to place the expenditures at about that sum, and if, in the future additional work can be taken up, it can very readily be done. At another place in this report will be found a detailed statement of the expenditures of the past year.

HUNGARIAN, BOHEMIAN AND HARBOR MISSIONS.

We need not speak, especially, about the English Missions, but it seems necessary to speak more particularly of those above named. The Hungarian Mission work has prospered. During the year two missions were formed of what was formerly the South Norwalk Mission. We now have the missions of South Norwalk and Bridgeport, both in Connecticut. Bro. Kalassi, who formerly served the Mt. Carmel Mission, was called to Bridgeport and is the pastor at that place. Both these congregations have been engaged in building houses of worship and now have church homes of their own. At Mt. Carmel the people demand a missionary who can minister to them in the Slavic language, as at least two-thirds of the members are Slavs. The Board is now in correspondence with parties in Hungary with a view of procuring a suitable man for that place. At Trenton, N. J., efforts are now being made to erect a house of worship for our Hungarian congregation. Our interest in New York demands a house of worship in order to insure its complete success, but how to procure a lot where property is so valuable is the question which the Board can not easily solve. In Pittsburg the Hungarian congregation, under the leadership of Bro. Ferencz, is moving in the direction of purchasing a new lot and erecting a church in the neighborhood of McKeesport in order to make the services more convenient to the worshipers in the outlying towns about the city. In Cleveland the congregation has erected a

parsonage and is paying it by the installment plan. Upon the whole, our Hungarian work is prosperous, and the outlook for it encouraging.

The Bohemian work in Chicago is moving along in a gradual way. The missionary claims that he has some trouble with a few men who wish to control everything, and when not permitted to do so are not willing to do anything. In this respect he has to undergo the experience common to city mission work. The mission can not be made a success, however, until a lot is purchased and a chapel erected for the benefit of the new movement. The missionary entered upon his full duties only last July, and up to the present time the congregation has not been formally organized. It was deemed best by the Board that the congregation should not be organized until the material is well in hand, from the fact that it often happens that persons are brought into these organizations who afterward turn out to be disreputable characters, and do much harm to the new organization. The church must prepare herself to give \$8,000 at least, to put this mission properly on its feet. We should certainly have one vigorous mission among the 110,000 Bohemians who have made their home in Chicago.

The Harbor Mission is still doing its work. Bro. Sommerlatte continues enthusiastic in the work assigned him. He now preaches to a small congregation in the city of New York, but this does not interfere in any way with the work in the Harbor Mission. He has at different times suggested the necessity of having suitable buildings, and these the church should furnish in due time, and no doubt will do so. All these missions are doing excellent work, and are bearing good fruit for the upbuilding of the church. The work will become more efficient as its needs become more apparent. We, too, may rejoice greatly because of the progress we have made along these lines.

THE APPORTIONMENTS.

Heretofore the Board apportioned the amounts upon the synods, which were deemed just and equitable for the prosecution of the work. In doing this, financial ability was not the only thing taken into consideration, but the willingness, on the part of the people, to give to the extension of the church as well. The General Synod, at its late meeting in Dayton, took this matter entirely out of the hands of the Board. The Finance Committee of that synod recommended an equal per capita apportionment for all the English synods. This is something that never occurred before, but as the synod approved of it, the action must stand. This considerably increases the apportionments for home missions in the Eastern and Potomac Synods, while it lowers the per capita in all the synods west of the Allegheny Mountains. It remains to be seen how this will operate. The Board, however, asks the Western Synods to continue the former apportionments. The amount, after all, is small for each member, but the aggregate sum will help the Board very much in its work. Some of the Western Synods last fall assumed the former appor-

sum required was about \$41,000 to pay all these men, and this out of the sum of \$48,000 which was promised the Board. Had all the money been paid that was promised, the Board would now be out of debt, and would have at least \$7,000 in its treasury. As it is, the Board has reached its utmost limits. No more missions can be enrolled for the present, and quite a marked reduction must be made in the appropriation to the missions now on the roll.

However, for the ensuing year the classes will be asked, by the action of General Synod, to apportion the sum of \$52,000 for English, Hungarian, Bohemian and Harbor Missions. If this sum is raised by the church, the work can be very greatly extended. May the Lord put it into the hearts and minds of our people to do liberal things for this work.

THE EXTENSION WORK.

This department of the work continues to be of the utmost importance, more so, indeed, than we as a church appreciate. The Board has been, in years past, greatly hampered in its operations, for the lack of extension funds. The General Synod at Dayton had this matter under consideration, and took action very favorable to an increase of funds for this work. That body passed an action looking to the founding of a permanent fund of \$100,000 to be known as the Michael Schlatter Fund. As the year 1897 is the Sesqui-Centennial of the founding of the first synod of our church in this country, it was deemed important that this should be a year of special celebrations and offerings for the extension cause, since in this way the church can, in the most appropriate way, set forth the spirit of the first great missionary, Michael Schlatter. The action provides that in five years from October 1, 1896, the sum of \$100,000 shall be collected in the church for this purpose. Never was there more important action taken.

The General Synod recommended also that the classes and synods shall, during the year 1897, hold conferences for the proper consideration of the question of church extension in the home land, and that these conferences be made the occasion for the gathering of large funds for this feature of the work. The Board heartily commends this action of the General Synod to the earnest consideration of the District Synods and the classes, and hopes that such synodical and classical conferences will be held, and the matter of the much needed extension fund duly discussed, and the proper plans laid for its accumulation. The Michael Schlatter Fund of \$100,000 should be raised in the church in the time specified. Every effort to this end should be put forth. Only a fund of such an amount can meet the demands of the city and the town work now undertaken by the church.

Treasurer Boush, of the extension department, reports that the following amounts of money came into his hands from April 1, 1896, to April 1, 1897:

From \$500 and other Funds	\$1119 25
From Apportionments and other Donations	2600 91
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	\$3720 16

This was a pretty fair income for the year, but notwithstanding this, the Board had to borrow some money to carry on the work. Some borrowed money was paid, however, so that the indebtedness is not much larger than last year. There are at least three missions that should be provided with lots, and when these are provided for, then the Board must pay up its indebtedness, in large part, at least, before any additional lots are purchased.

Last year the Board requested that the synods give it an average, per capita, for this work, of six cents per member. We believe all the English synods voted favorably on this request, but we find that a number of the classes in the eastern portions of the church did not assume this very small apportionment at all. The consequence is, that a portion of the English church gives absolutely nothing for the extension work except what is given for merely local work. How these portions of the church can expect our Zion to extend her influence over the large extent of territory open to her, is hard to understand. Instead of failing to give anything, the apportionments for this work should be gladly raised, especially when the sum asked for is so insignificant.

The Board therefore asks of the classes and synods that an apportionment of *six cents per member* be given the Board for this good and very important work. If the membership in general will average six cents, then with the larger donations given by individuals here and there, the work can be carried forward as now inaugurated, and at least part of the indebtedness cancelled that now rests on the Board. The Board hopes that every classis and synod will accept this *six cent* apportionment.

CURRENT EXPENSES.

The Board esteems it the proper thing to do to give a detailed statement of its current expenses for the year. The church has a right to know, and it is the duty of the Board to furnish a statement of all the running expenses of the Board. We doubt very much whether any Board in any church does as large an amount of business over so large a territory with as small an expense bill as the Home Board. We give the statement in a detailed form. To itemize every expense would make a very long and tedious report. We give it in such form as to easily indicate the expenses for the year.

Annual meeting of full Board, April, 1896, at Greensburg, Pa	\$135 96
Quarterly meeting, Ex. Committee, July, '96, at Pittsburg, Pa	88 80
Quarterly meeting October, 1896, at Pittsburg, Pa	116 97
Quarterly meeting January, 1897, Pittsburg, Pa	84 86
Traveling and other expenses during the year for Superintendent D. S. Fouse	251 00
Traveling and other expenses during the year for Superintendent A. C. Whitmer	257 58
Traveling and other expenses of Superintendent Shuey, April 1, '96, to October '96	58 84
Traveling and other expenses of Superintendent Dechant	130 32
Salary of Secretary, R. V. E. J. Barkley, D. D.	50 00
Salary of C. M. Boush as Attorney of the Board, also Treasurer of Extension Fund,	80 00
For printing 2500 Extension Booklets	80 00
For printing 5000 Leaflets	21 00
For 4000 copies of this Report as per contract	67 00
Total	\$1422 43

These figures represent postage and every other expense connected with the meetings of the Board.

It will be noticed that the whole expense was \$1,422.43. The expenses of the superintendents include traveling, expenses on reports, postage on circulars, booklets, leaflets, envelopes, and printing of circulars and other matter. Considering the immense distances to be traversed one need not wonder at the expense of traveling of superintendents. Treasurer Boush, who is also the attorney of the Board, up to January 1, 1897, received only \$10 per quarter. For both these offices the Board fixed the salary at \$200 per annum from January 1, 1897. In an ordinary year when there is much less printing done, the expenses are also considerably less.

As an offset to these expenses, it should be here stated that the superintendents collected during the past year, from delinquent charges and other sources, a large sum of money that would never have come into the hands of the Board but for the services of these men. Much of their salary was also collected in this way.

All the expenses were kept at as low a figure as possible. The Board allows the secretary \$50 per annum, which is merely a nominal salary for the amount of labor performed. The amount of work now done runs up to at least \$60,000 a year when expressed in dollars and cents. It must be admitted, we think, that the Board has kept its expenses within very moderate limits.

It seems to become more and more necessary for the superintendents to act as financial agents of the Board, in addition to the other labors they must perform. This will add greatly to the labors of the office, but these labors seem necessary, and they should be willingly undertaken for the good of the cause.

THE GERMAN WORK.

This report would not be complete without an account of the operations of the German Boards. We have received from the proper authorities of these Boards, facts and statistics which are of interest to the whole church. It will be seen that during the past year a number of new missions were founded in large and important centers of population. The Germans continue to come to America in spite of the stringent times, and, as many of these are members of the Reformed Church, it becomes us to look after them and provide for their spiritual welfare. These people are going into the vast region of country lying to the northwest, between St. Paul, Minn., and Winnepeg, Manitoba. This is rapidly becoming the great wheat producing district, and in course of years will number millions in population. Some years ago the General Board had calls from this region for German pastors, but it did not feel itself in a position to deal with the question of German mission work, for lack of men and means. It is, therefore, gratifying to the church to know that the Germans are grappling with the question of the extension of the mission work into this vast territory. They are now arranging for the organization of

congregations in the Winnipeg region. Doubtless other districts, in the far northwest, will receive attention in due time.

The German brethren have also under consideration the renewal, on a more extensive scale, of the German work on the Pacific Coast. To this end they will ask the aid of the General Board. What this Board will be able to do under the present financial conditions, must be determined at the annual meeting on April 27, 1897, at Pittsburg, Pa. All will agree, however, that the work should have all the encouragement possible. Our German brethren on the Pacific Coast should not be left to struggle alone and finally be compelled to give up in despair.

The missions at the foot of the roll of the Western German Board, have been lately organized, and the first annual report has not been furnished and therefore the statistics are incomplete. The last ten missions in the list belong to the Eastern German Synod. It will be seen that these missions are all in large cities or flourishing towns, and have plenty of material upon which to build up thrifty congregations.

The German Mission Boards are also doing considerable work along the lines of church extension. The Board of the German Synod of the East has just made arrangements to strengthen this arm of the work, but has no fund, on hand, as yet, with which to do aggressive work. It is, however, now accumulating such a fund.

The German Bi-Synodic Board of the West has a fund of \$24,015.61 with which to carry forward the extension work. These funds are telling favorably for the spread of the church. The German Synods, like the English, are becoming convinced that the mission work of the church cannot be advanced, as it should be, without funds for this particular department.

MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS.

The General Board of Missions and the Sunday-school Board still labor together harmoniously. During the past year little new work could be taken up. For this reason Bro. J. C. Horning, the very efficient Sunday-school missionary, was employed most of the time in supplying missions already established. It was the intention of both Boards that work should commence in St. Louis, Mo., by the organization of a Sunday-school of which Bro. Horning should have charge. But the organization of a Sunday-school in such a city means almost the immediate organization of a congregation, and this in turn means the purchase of a lot and building of a church. This latter work the Board is not able to do, at this time, so that it was deemed best not to commence the work until the financial conditions are more encouraging.

The Woman's Missionary Society of General Synod had promised the Board the annual sum of \$4,000 for its work. During the three years prior to the meeting of the General Synod at Dayton, little more than half the sum promised was paid. At the meeting of the society at Dayton, the same sum was again promised. If the Board will receive this sum, it will be a great help toward the extension of the work. The

Board hopes, that these societies will take a more general interest in the home work.

During the year the Board had printed and distributed in the church, 2,000 copies of a "booklet" on the "Extension Work of the Church," with the hope that it may awaken a more general interest in this department of the work. It is believed that it has accomplished some good already. Then too, the Board sent out a "leaflet" on the present condition of the Board, with an appeal for aid to relieve the present stress in which the Board finds itself. This we know has accomplished considerable good, if we may judge by the amount of money received as an answer thereto. Other circulars and tracts were sent out during the year for the information of the people and 45,000 envelopes have been distributed gratis among the churches for the Easter offering.

The Board had published, and sends out 5,000 copies of this report. These copies are sufficient to supply all the pastors, consistories, missionary and Endeavor societies. The Board is anxious that these shall have the report, as they are the official persons and bodies, so to speak, of the congregations. The Board hopes that they will be used to good effect to help awaken a greater interest in the work throughout the church. For the membership of the church in general, the most important portions of this report will be published, from time to time in the *Reformed Church Tidings*.

Notwithstanding the stringency of the times the Board has great reason for thanksgiving for the progress made during the year. Hoping and praying that this report, setting forth the progress of the work, may be read with interest, and may also accomplish much good, is now sent forth in the name of the Master, whose cause it represents.

D. S. FOUSE, *Missionary Superintendent*.

2. *Report of the Treasurer of Synod's Board of Home Missions.*

REV. JOHN J. LEBERMAN, *Treasurer, in account with the Board of Home Missions of the Ohio Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States, from October 14, 1896, to October 6, 1897.*

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Cash on hand October 14, 1896	\$ 2 06
Miami Classis, V. P. Van Horne, Tr	690 90
Tiffin Classis, Rev J. B. Shumaker, D. D., Tr	960 00
Tuscarawas Classis, E. K. Kremer, Tr	1,176 83
Lancaster Classis, Rev. J. A. Seltz, Tr	297 69
Eastern Ohio Classis, Rev. H. E. Kilmer Tr	755 28
St. Joseph Classis, Ben Ashbaucher, Tr	687 75
John Keller, Bradner, Ohio	5 00
South Market Street Mission, Canton, Rev. F. Straasner, D. D	5 25
Mrs. Maggie Braid	1 00
Zion's Reformed Church, Baker, O., Herman Kerst	1 98

\$4,533 74

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James T. Reber, Treasurer General Synod's Board	\$8,987 11
Rev. D. S. Fouse, D. D., General Superintendent	15 90
Postage, exchange and stationery	5 50
Cash on hand	525 23

 \$4,533 74

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN J. LEBERMAN.

3. Report of the Board of Commissioners of Foreign Missions.

To the Ohio Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States:

REVEREND AND DEAR BRETHREN:—In presenting to your reverend body our annual statement of the progress and condition of our Foreign Mission work, we would be remiss did we fail, first of all to record with thankful hearts, the gracious care and blessing vouchsafed us by a favoring Providence.

The past year records a history of exceptional embarrassments and difficulties in the work of Christian missions. With the field never before so inviting for aggressive movements, and the door of opportunity never so widely thrown open, a forward movement has been held in arrest by a growing shortage of means. This is true of both the Home and Foreign work. So distressing has the hindrance proved, as not only to forbid advance movement, but even to threaten the necessity of abandoning advantages already gained. This evil has been widely felt among the churches, nor has our own entirely escaped. This is true especially of our Home work, as we all sadly know. It is therefore with profound gratitude to God that our Foreign Board is able to say that it finds itself, in large part, a surprising exception to this wide-spread experience. A few months ago the outlook for it was unpromising. But the good Spirit of God moved upon the hearts of our people, so that our work is going uninterruptedly forward. This, of course, does not imply that we have made any advance in the accumulation of means for the planting of a new mission in China. Provision for that yet remains to be made.

The progress of evangelization in Japan has not been, for the last few years as marked as we could desire. The people are deeply absorbed in their political affairs. Then victory over China has served to inflame them with a spirit of ambition and ultra-nationality, and they are disinclined to give heed to the interests of religion. Many who have professed Christianity are led astray, and not a few have fallen away. This will account for the fact that although accessions by baptism are quite encouraging, the number of church members really active, shows little increase.

One of the material causes of this evil is the want of a sufficient number of really efficient native evangelists. While our Tohoku Gakuin is yearly sending out good young men, many besides have to be employed

in efficiency. To dismiss these last would be to close preaching stations. Hence they are retained until better men can be secured. This is done in a telling manner to emphasize the importance of our training

In the expansion of our work, another want is making itself more strongly felt. These Japanese evangelists are mostly young men, but many are converted from heathenism. They are comparatively "babes in the field" and it is not strange that they need, in their fields, the oversight of experienced missionaries. They should be frequently visited by our American missionaries. This our missionaries do, even beyond their strength. Only a few of them, however, devote their full time to evangelistic work, viz.: Dr. Moore and Miller. The rest of them are engaged in teaching in the school. But what are two men in a territory 700 miles long by 200 miles wide?

This branch of our work will need to be reinforced in the near future. The arrangement by which it was expected to locate our missionaries at different points in our extended field, has been but partially carried out. Rev. Dr. Moore has removed to Tokyo, and is doing an adequate work there. Rev. H. K. Miller still remains in Sendai, pushing forward his Miyamachi work, at which point he is erecting a chapel; and Rev. Dr. Moore has removed to Tokyo, and is doing an adequate work there. Rev. H. K. Miller still remains in Sendai, pushing forward his Miyamachi work, at which point he is erecting a chapel; and Rev. S. S. Snyder having been appointed treasurer of the Industrial Mission, cannot as yet be spared from Sendai.

Our two schools are in a prosperous condition. During the last year we had 147 students in the Tohoku Gakuin, of whom 58 are Christians, and 89 are non-Christians. Of these 58 Christian students, 15 were theological students, of whom 8 graduated. Eleven students were baptized during the year. Nearly all of the non-Christians were new students. The Girls' School had 57 scholars last year, and is progressing prosperously forward. During the recent violent earthquake, two of our younger scholars were seriously injured, but are now about recovered. During the year two additional missionaries have been sent to the field: Rev. L. Gerhard and Miss Lillie M. Rohrbaugh. Mr. Gerhard is unoccupied and takes the chair of English Language and Literature in the Tohoku Gakuin. This chair was established to relieve the teachers of the other branches, and to afford them more time for the study of the Japanese language. Miss Rohrbaugh goes into the Girls' School as an additional teacher, as it is found that the labors of the other two ladies were too great. The Board was enabled to send her out by the W. M. S. G. S., bearing the cost, as also her support.

Already intimated, the finances of the Board are at the present time in a very comfortable condition. We have but little or no embarrassing condition. This condition however, can be maintained only by a full apportionment of the apportionment named by General Synod. Our work is increasing every year, and so, of course, are our expenses. Of the \$35,000 apportioned by General Synod, \$30,000 are estimated for the Japan work, and \$5,000 for a new mission in China. For the Japan work we will need

that sum. We therefore most respectfully ask your reverend body to take such action as will assure for us your synod's share of the full sum. You will please notice that \$30,000 for a membership of over 225,000 is exceedingly small. Should the church furnish the Board with the additional \$5,000, it will hasten to take steps to plant the new mission.

By order of the Board,

S. N. CALLENDER, *Secretary*.

MECHANICSBURG, PA, August 30, 1897.

II. REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON MISSIONS.

The report of your Standing Committee on Missions is based upon the following documents which have come into its hands:

(1) Circular letters from the Board of Commissioners of Foreign Missions; (2) An appeal issued by a conference of a score of the leading Foreign Missionary Organizations calling for more aggressive effort, for more fervent prayer, and for closer cooperation in the great work of world-evangelization; (3) The annual report of the Board of Home Missions; (4) An appeal from the Board of Home Missions asking that a special day be appointed in the near future in which a special offering shall be taken in each of our congregations for the purpose of raising \$10,000 over and above the apportionment for the current year, to meet a loan made at the meeting in July to pay the missionaries; (5) The report of Dr. J. J. Leberman, Treasurer of the Board of Home Missions of the Ohio Synod.

The general impression made upon us by a careful perusal of these papers is one of encouraging results and hopeful outlook. The Foreign Board cites the familiar fact that while the foreign work of other denominations has been seriously obstructed during the past year by prevailing financial conditions, our own work has been a surprising exception to this unfortunate state of affairs. The work has gone on uninterruptedly.

The numerical gains in our Japan field have not been large, owing in great part to the absorption of public interest in the empire's political affairs; but the general evangelistic and educational work is flourishing and the congregations are in a spiritually healthy condition. During the year the missionary force has been increased by two additions: Mr. Paul L. Gerhard and Miss Lillie M. Rohrbaugh, consecrated laborers, whose entrance upon the field will do much to increase the efficiency of the devoted band whose fidelity has done so much to advance the cause abroad and to inspire the church at home.

Attention is called to the fact that of the \$35,000 apportioned by General Synod for our foreign work, \$30,000 was designated for the work in Japan, and only on condition that the full \$35,000 is raised, will it be possible to enter upon the proposed work in China. It is hoped that, with this special incentive held out to the church, her response to the call for Foreign Mission funds may be so generous that a Reformed mission in

China may speedily be a fact accomplished. While the work of the Home Board has also been successfully prosecuted, its financial condition is by no means as favorable as is that of the Foreign Board.

There are 104 missions on its roll, a number of which are rapidly becoming self-sustaining. The Hungarian work is showing encouraging returns, as is also the work at New York Harbor. Heretofore in distributing the apportionments, the Board has been governed to some extent, by the willingness on the part of the people to give to this cause. In consequence of the action of the last General Synod, this has been changed and an equal *per capita* apportionment has been recommended for all of the English Synods. This plan increases the apportionment of the Eastern and Potomac Synods and diminishes that of our own synod. The Board urges the Ohio Synod voluntarily to adopt their former *per capita* rate.

The following amounts are asked from the Ohio Synod:

Home Missions	\$5,500 00
Harbor Missions	95 00
Hungarian and Bohemian Missions.....	550 00
German Missions	550 00
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	\$6,695 00
Foreign Missions.....	\$3,304 00

The aggregate will not quite reach thirty-four cents per member.

The Board makes a special and urgent request that synod make to the relief of the work by designating a special day for raising funds to cover the \$10,000 indebtedness heretofore mentioned.

The Treasurer of the Ohio Synod's Home Mission Board reports \$4,543.74 received, with a balance on hand of \$535.23.

Your committee respectfully proposes the following items for action:

Resolved, That we learn with great gratitude of the favorable financial circumstances of our foreign work, and that we urge upon our people still greater liberality towards this cause.

Resolved, That we look forward to the inauguration of the work in China with eager expectancy, and that we earnestly summon the churches to make this immediately possible by the prompt raising of their full apportionment.

Resolved, That we call upon all to co-operate by heart-felt supplications at the throne of grace with our brethren of other denominations, in the effort to push the glorious work of world-winning to a speedy issue.

Resolved, That we deplore the difficulties which have hedged in the endeavors of the Home Board, and that, more urgently than ever, we press the cause they represent upon the sympathies of the church.

Resolved, That we designate the third Sunday in November as the day upon which all of our congregations are urged to make a special offering towards the raising of the Home Board's \$10,000 indebtedness, and that

it be understood that this offering is to be given over and above the apportionment.

Resolved, That the Stated Clerk of synod be instructed to communicate this action immediately to the Stated Clerks of the several classes, and they in turn be urged to make it known at once to all the ministers within their bounds.

Resolved, That we call the attention of pastors and people to the good results which may be looked for from the broad-casting of "The Reformed Church Tidings," and that all be urged to secure for it a wider circulation.

Resolved, That synod accept the apportionments asked for:

Home Missions	\$5,500	00
Foreign Missions	3,304	00
Harbor Missions	95	00
Hungarian and Bohemian Missions	550	00
German Missions	550	00
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	\$9,999	00

And that the same be apportioned to the classes.

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. BOMBERGER,
E. R. WILLIARD,
J. H. STRING,
J. P. ZIMMERMAN,
BENJ. MECKLY.

III. ELECTION OF BOARD OF HOME MISSIONS.

Officers of the Board.

President, Rev. L. B. C. Lahr, Delaware, Ohio,
Secretary, Rev. E. D. Wettach, D. D., Tiffin, Ohio.
Treasurer, Rev. J. J. Leberman, D. D., Louisville, Ohio.

Members whose term expires October, 1898,

Rev. F. D. Wettach, D. D. Rev. L. B. C. Lahr.

Members whose term expires October, 1899.

Rev. J. J. Leberman, D. D. Rev. E. R. Williard.

Members whose term expires October, 1900.

Rev. N. H. Loose, D. D. Rev. H. J. Christman.

ARTICLE XIV.

HEIDELBERG THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

The following reports and papers having reference to the seminary were received, considered and adopted.

I. ANNUAL REPORTS.

1. *Report of the Board of Trustees.*

DEAR BRETHREN:—The Board of Trustees of Heidelberg Theological Seminary would report that we have held four meetings during the synodical year as follows:

The *first*, on October 17, 1896, in the Reformed Church at Louisville, Ohio, at which time the following officers were elected:

Rev. Reuben Keller, *President*, West Alexandria, O.
 Rev. Alpheus E. Baichly, *Vice President*, Canal Fulton, O.
 Rev. Michael Loucks, D. D., *Secretary*, Dayton, O.
 Elder Horace Ankeney, *Treasurer*, Alpha, O.

The *second* meeting was held November 10th, in Trinity Reformed Church, Dayton. At this meeting the sole matter considered was that referred to us by synod, namely, the request of Mrs. Barbara Swander that all "vouchers and notes" constituting the "Swander Fund," be restored to her. After prolonged, careful and serious consideration of the whole matter, a committee was appointed to proceed to Tiffin at once and settle with Mrs. Swander in such manner as in their judgment might be considered wisest.

At the *third* meeting held September 21, 1897, in the *Christian World* office, Dayton, the above committee reported that according to instruction of the Board they had gone to Tiffin on November 11, 1896, and after a long interview with the party in the case, all papers constituting the "Swander Fund," were returned to Mrs. Swander, this being judged the best course, all things considered. The Board unanimously adopted the report sanctioning the action of the committee.

The *fourth* and last meeting was held in this church this morning. A year ago synod left it with this Board to arrange with Dr. Rust for his salary, now that he is giving only a portion of his time to teaching. The salary is fixed at \$350 for the present year which is mutually satisfactory. Since the last report was given \$600 more has been received from the Abraham Dickerhoof estate. On account of claims against the estate the case was dragged along in the courts till recently. Now all claims having been passed on, the Board at its meeting on September 21st, ordered its attorney to effect a final settlement and turn over the residue of the assets at the earliest day possible. On account of long delays in so many cases in the matter of paying apportionments, and the great majority of classes and charges paying only in part, the Board is kept in uncertainty and in embarrassment that are very trying at times. The closing months of the synodical year are times of great solicitude. We love the school of the prophets and we want to meet our obligations promptly. Our treasurer devotes much time and hard work to conduct the affairs of his office in such a way as to keep us from falling in debt. But the churches and individual friends must furnish the means wherewith he can effect

settlements promptly from time to time. In view of the enlarged teaching force and the correspondingly larger obligations to meet in the coming year, we are compelled to insist on larger offerings for this cause.

We take great pleasure to report that at the last hour sufficient funds came into the hands of the treasurer to meet all claims for the year and to pay \$365 on the old debts. This reduces the debt to \$1,080. Our Auditing Committee reported that they have checked up the vouchers of H. Ankeney, Treasurer, verified the footings in his record of the funds for immediate use and the endowment fund, and find the same correct.

As in former years we sent out appeals for funds to the various charges of the synod with good results in some cases. We are pained to say, however, that on an average, the seminary apportionments are paid only about half. We assure you that if the apportionments for this cause are paid in full we will pay all salaries promptly, meet all contingencies, and wipe out the old debt in a few years.

The Board recommends that the same amount be apportioned as last year, viz: 16 cents per member. The term of office of the following members expires with this meeting of synod: Rev. S. C. Goss, D. D., Elder V. P. Van Horne, Rev. A. E. Baichly, Rev. S. B. Yockey, D. D., and Elder George Loucks.

Adopted by the Board.

Respectfully submitted,

REUBEN KELLER.

2. *Report of the Financial Agent and Treasurer.*

HORACE ANKENEY, *Treasurer, in account with the Board of Trustees of Heidelberg Theological Seminary.*

1896.		IMMEDIATE USE ACCOUNT.	DR.
		RECEIPTS.	
Oct. 15.	To cash balance last report		\$ 34 15
" 15.	" of V. P. Van Horne, Tr. Miami Classis, per J. I. Wolf, Tr. Xenia congregation		20 56
" 16.	" of J. D. Neff, Tr. Alumni Association		13 00
" 16.	" of Rev. A. Noll, contribution for Seminary debt		1 00
" 19.	" of E. K. Kremer, Tr. Tuscarawas Classis, on appt		20 00
" 23.	" of Rev. J. H. Bomberger, Tr. E. O. Classis, on appt		15 23
" 23.	" of Rev. J. H. Bomberger, Tr. E. O. Classis, on appt		8 67
" 23.	" of Rev. J. H. Bomberger, Tr. E. O. Classis, on appt		10 29
Nov. 11.	" of Samuel Collins' heirs, payment on interest		30 00
" 23.	" of Library Fund acct. to replace money paid C. H. Brown for binding books in May, 1896		3 50
Dec. 2.	" of Rev. J. H. Bomberger, Tr. E. O. Classis, on appt		10 00
" 4.	" of Rev. J. H. Bomberger, Tr. E. O. Classis, on appt		23 05
" 9.	" of Rev. J. B. Shumaker, Tr. Tiffin Classis, on appt		40 00
" 16.	" of Samuel Collins' heirs, balance on semi-annual int		44 50
" 16.	" of D. Athoff, one-half year int		35 00
" 16.	" of L. Hazdorn, one-half year int		24 50
" 17.	" of Rev. J. H. Kefauver, D. D., Tr. Ohio Synod, expenses of Board of Trustees last year		45 95
" 19.	" of H. H. Prugh, admr. Pruz estate, 1/2 yr. int		70 00
" 23.	" of Jno. Struck, 1 year int. gift note		3 00
" 30.	" of D. Van Horne, proceeds of Rust lot		11 95
Amount carried forward			\$464 35

		Amount brought forward	\$464 35
1897.			
Jan.	7.	To cash of Rev. J. R. Skinner, four years' int. Zwingli M. note	6 00
Feb.	25.	" of E. K. Kremer, Tr. Tuscarawas Classis, on appt	20 00
"	25.	" of Millburn & Gilkey, bal. on year's int	7 75
"	25.	" of Chas. J. Wolf, int. Field note to December 15, 1896	65 00
"	25.	" of Ella O'Connell, one year int	40 00
"	25.	" of J. P. Schwartz, 1/2 yr. int	28 00
"	25.	" of F. Kehm, 1/2 year int	56 00
"	25.	" of Mason Prugh, 1/2 year int	87 50
"	25.	" of Mrs. Weaver, int. in full Uriah Weaver note	31 20
Mar.	6.	" of D. Van Horne, D. D., 1 year int	48 00
"	20.	" of Rev. A. E. Baichly, 1 year int. gift note	1 20
Apr.	8.	" of H. H. Prugh, bal. Pritz int. in full	12 80
"	8.	" of H. H. Prugh, int. O'Connell note	3 00
"	8.	" of Chas. J. Wolf, payment int. Field note	13 00
"	8.	" of Sallie A. Miller, 1 yr. int	133 00
"	8.	" of Christiana Graff 1/2 yr. int	17 50
"	9.	" of Rev. S. Z. Beam and wife, 1 yr. int Zwingli M. note	3 00
"	19.	" of J. P. Schwartz, int. in full	13 58
"	20.	" of Rev. J. H. Bomberger, Tr. E. O. Classis, on appt	19 46
"	27.	" of Rev. J. H. Bomberger, Tr. E. O. Classis, on appt	11 73
"	30.	" of Rev. J. H. Bomberger, Tr. E. O. Classis, on appt	10 56
May	3.	" of V. P. Van Horne, Tr. Miami Classis, on appt	38 46
"	4.	" of Ella O'Connell, int. in full	3 50
"	4.	" of Anna McKnight, int. in full	146 22
"	6.	" of Rev. J. H. Bomberger, Tr. E. O. Classis, on appt	22 42
"	6.	" of Rev. J. H. Bomberger, Tr. E. O. Classis, on appt	5 00
"	7.	" of Rev. J. H. Bomberger, Tr. E. O. Classis, on appt	25 84
"	7.	" of Rev. J. H. Bomberger, Tr. E. O. Classis, on appt	21 34
"	10.	" of V. P. Van Horne, Tr. Miami Classis, on appt	14 10
"	10.	" of Rev. J. H. Bomberger, Tr. E. O. Classis, on appt	8 03
"	12.	" of Rev. J. H. Bomberger, Tr. E. O. Classis, on appt	16 70
"	12.	" of E. K. Kremer, Tr. Tuscarawas Classis, on appt	100 00
"	12.	" of Jacob A. Smith, int. in full	146 65
"	12.	" of Samuel Collins' heirs, payment on int	86 50
"	14.	" of Rev. J. H. Bomberger, Tr. E. O. Classis, on appt	17 12
"	14.	" of Rev. J. H. Bomberger, Tr. E. O. Classis, on appt	11 10
"	15.	" of J. F. Boyer, int. in full	36 25
"	15.	" of Sallie A. Miller, int. in full on \$400.00 note	21 38
"	15.	" of Sallie A. Miller, int. in full on \$1,000.00 note	24 75
"	15.	" of David E. Durnbaugh, int. in full	11 65
"	15.	" of Ohio Safe Dep. & Trust Co., int. in full on certft. \$2,069.82	32 18
"	15.	" of Ohio Safe Dep. & Trust Co., int. in full on certft. \$600.00	4 00
"	15.	" of Ohio Safe Dep. & Trust Co., int. in full on certft. \$800.00	4 10
"	15.	" of Ohio Safe Dep. & Trust Co., int. in full on certft. \$2,100.00	4 48
"	15.	" of Ohio Safe Dep. & Trust Co., int. in full on certft. \$1,900.00	1 11
"	15.	" of E. K. Kremer, Tr. Tuscarawas Classis, on appt	50 00
"	15.	" of D. Althoff, semi-annual int	35 00
"	15.	" of C. J. Wolf, payment on int. (Field note)	10 00
"	15.	" of Samuel Collins' heirs, balance year's int	63 00
"	15.	" of Mrs. C. Newby, payment on int	12 40
"	15.	" of Rev. J. H. Steele, cow pasture Rust lot	10 00
"	15.	" of Rev. A. E. Baichly, int	6 13
"	15.	" of C. J. Wolf, int. in full on \$275.00 note	67
		Amount carried forward	\$2,082 66

	Amount brought forward	\$2,082 66	
Aug. 1.	To cash of Milburn & Gilkey, int. in full	186 00	
" 23.	" of V. P. Van Horne, Tr. Miami Classis, on appt	9 75	
" 25.	" of Rev. H. E. Kilmer, Tr. E. O. Classis, on appt	6 15	.5
" 25.	" of Rev. A. E. Batchly, int. in full on loan	1 15	.5
" 26.	" of E. K. Kremer, Tr. Tuscarawas Classis, on appt	100 00	
" 26.	" of Good and Cummins, payment on cow pasture	10 00	
Sept. 6.	" of Rev. H. E. Kilmer, Tr. E. O. Classis, on appt	54 77	
" 20.	" of E. K. Kremer, Tr. Tuscarawas Classis, on appt	75 00	
" 20.	" of E. R. Held, for Canal Fulton Charge, on appt	24 00	
" 20.	" of Rev. H. E. Kilmer, Tr. E. O. Classis, on appt	11 32	
" 23.	" of Benj. Ashbacher, Tr. St. Joseph Classis, on appt	50 00	
" 27.	" of E. K. Kremer, Tr. Tuscarawas Classis, on appt	27 81	
" 28.	" of Rev. H. E. Kilmer, Tr. E. O. Classis, on appt	17 00	
" 29.	" of V. P. Van Horne, Tr. Miami Classis, on appt	25 55	
Oct. 1.	" of Rev. L. H. Kefauver, D. D., Tr. Ohio Synod, expenses Board of Trustees	44 63	
" 2.	" of A. Shirer, int. on loan	35 00	
" 2.	" of A. Shirer, int. on gift note	3 00	
" 2.	" of V. P. Van Horne, Tr. Miami Classis, on appt	65 80	
" 2.	" of Mason Prugh, int. in full to September 15, 1897	109 38	
" 2.	" of Christian Graff, int. in full to September 15, 1897	16 04	
" 2.	" of F. Kehm, int. on loan	140 00	
" 2.	" of F. Kehm, int. on loan	56 00	
" 2.	" of Jos. Zwick, int. on loan	59 50	
" 2.	" of H. H. Prugh, Sec'y, int. 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ mos., Trust Co., Certft	243 75	
" 4.	" of V. P. Van Horne, Tr. Miami Classis, per H. Aukenev, Tr. Beavercreek Charge	34 79	
" 4.	" of V. P. Van Horne, Tr. Miami Classis, per J. D. Wolf, Tr. Xenia Charge	58 08	
" 5.	" of V. P. Van Horne, Tr. Miami Classis, per Rev. R. F. Shultz, Springfield Charge	5 22	
" 5.	" of E. K. Kremer, Tr. Tuscarawas Classis, on appt	15 00	
" 6.	" of Lewis Zehlel, per D. Van Horne, D. D., gift	1 00	
" 6.	" of Rev. J. B. Shumaker, D. D., Tr. Tiffin Classis	225 00	
			\$3,754 99

SUMMARY RECEIPTS.

From balance last report	\$ 34 15	
" Alumni Association	13 00	
" individual gift	2 00	
" Library Fund acct	3 50	
" Treasurer Synod, trustees' expenses r funded, for '95-'96 \$45.95; for '96-'97 \$44.63	90 58	
" interest on gift notes	13 20	
" proceeds Rust lot	31 95	
" interest on loans	2,242 07	
" apportionment Miami Classis	\$251 95	
" " Tuscarawas Classis	431 81	
" " Eastern Ohio Classis	325 78	
" " Tiffin Classis	265 00	
" " St. Joseph Classis	50 00	1,324 54

*.	IMMEDIATE USE ACCOUNT.	CR.
EXPENDITURE.		
t. 16.	By cash paid Mrs. Susan Good, semi-annual int	\$ 15 90
v. 10.	" Rev. A. E. Baichly, et al, expenses Board meeting . . .	21 85
' 12.	" Rev. R. Keller, et al, expense of comt. to Tiffin to adjust Swander matter	18 75
c. 19.	" Rev. David Van Horne, D. D., on acct. salary	180 00
' 19.	" Rev. Herman Rust, D. D., on acct. salary	100 00
' 19.	" Prof. A. S. Zerbe, Ph. D., on acct. salary	100 00
' 21.	" Rev. David Van Horne, D. D., on acct. salary	40 00
' 21.	" Rev. Herman Rust, D. D., on acct. salary	30 00
' 21.	" Prof. A. S. Zerbe, Ph. D., on acct. salary	30 00
' 30.	" taxes Rust lot	15 57
7.		
o. 25.	" Prugh & Prugh, for Wolf record	1 25
r. 8.	" Rev. David Van Horne, D. D., on acct. salary	134 00
' 8.	" Rev. Herman Rust, D. D., on acct. salary	106 00
' 8.	" Prof. A. S. Zerbe, Ph. D., on acct. salary	106 00
' 15.	" Rev. C. E. Miller, expenses to Tiffin—lectures	3 40
' 15.	" Rev. J. J. Leberman, expenses to Tiffin—lectures	4 00
r. 9.	" Mrs. Susan Good, semi-annual int	15 90
' 26.	" Rev. David Van Horne, D. D., on acct. salary	81 00
' 26.	" Rev. Herman Rust, D. D., on acct. salary	64 00
' 26.	" Prof. A. S. Zerbe, Ph. D., on acct. salary	64 00
ac 11.	" Rev. David Van Horne, D. D., on acct. salary	348 00
' 11.	" Rev. Herman Rust, D. D., on acct. salary	275 00
' 11.	" Prof. A. S. Zerbe, Ph. D., on acct. salary	275 00
y 17.	" Rev. L. H. Kefauver, D. D., Tr. for Theological Semin- ary, catalogues '96-'97	15 00
g. 27.	" Rev. David Van Horne, D. D., on acct. salary	144 00
' 27.	" Rev. Herman Rust, D. D., on acct. salary	114 00
' 27.	" Prof. A. S. Zerbe, Ph. D., on acct. salary	114 00
' 27.	" Rev. D. Van Horne, June taxes and sewer tax	41 17
st. 21.	" Rev. R. Keller, et al, expenses Board meeting	4 03
' 27.	" Rev. J. H. Bomberger, desks, &c., recitation room	12 42
' 29.	" Rev. R. Keller, 106 postals and printing	1 60
t. 2.	" Library Fund acct., 1 year int. on fund	29 03
' 2.	" Rev. David Van Horne, D. D., salary in full to Oct. 1, '97	323 00
' 2.	" Prof. A. S. Zerbe, Ph. D., salary in full to Oct. 1, '97	261 00
' 2.	" Rev. H. Rust, D. D., salary in full to Oct. 1, '97	236 00
' 2.	" Rev. J. H. Bomberger, salary in full to Oct. 1, '97	39 58
' 2.	" Rev. E. Herbruck, Ph. D., salary in full to Oct. 1, '97	39 58
' 4.	" Marg't Ankeney, balance on loan to pay Mrs. Good	160 55
' 4.	" retained by treasurer for services, stationery and expenses	25 00
' 5.	By cash paid Rev. Herman Rust, D. D., on old acct. back salary	215 00
' 5.	By balance on hand	31
		\$3,754 99

SUMMARY EXPENSES.

cl for salaries professors	\$3,134 16
on old acct. back salary	365 00
int. on debt (money borrowed to pay Mrs. Good)	42 45
expenses members Board Trustees	44 63
recording Wolf mortgage	1 25
Amount carried forward	\$3,607 49

Amount brought forward	\$3,607	07	49
Paid printing postals	1	00	00
" expenses and services treasurer	25	00	00
" lectures	7	74	00
" taxes Rust lot	56	74	00
" desks for recitation room	12	00	00
" catalogues	15	00	00
" library fund, int. on	29	00	00
Balance on hand			31

\$1,754 99

1896. ENDOWMENT FUND ACCOUNT.

		Dr.	Cr.
Dec. 15.	To cash of C. J. Wolf, payment Field loan	\$ 200	00
" 28.	" of H. H. Prugh, exr. Adam Fritz est., loan in full	1,000	00
1897.			
Feb. 11.	" of Ohio Safe Dep. & Trust Co., certft. of Dep.	1,000	00
" 24.	" of H. H. Prugh, Uriah Weaver loan in full	1,000	00
" 24.	" of Ella O'Connell, payment on loan	400	00
Mar. 30.	" of Rev. A. E. Baichly, payment on gift note	5	00
Apr. 5.	" of Prugh & Frank, admrs. Dickerhoof est.	600	00
" 19.	" of J. P. Schwartz, loan in full	800	00
May 4.	" of Ella O'Connell, balance of loan	100	00
" 4.	" of Anna McKnight, loan in full	2,000	00
" 12.	" of Jacob A. Smith, loan in full	1,900	00
" 15.	" of J. F. Boyer, loan in full	800	00
" 15.	" of Sallie A. Miller, loan in full	400	00
" 15.	" of Sallie A. Miller, loan in full	1,900	00
" 15.	" of David Durubaugh, loan in full	200	00
" 15.	" of O. S. Dep. & T. Co., certft. of, Feb. 24, '97, in full	2,069	82
" 15.	" of O. S. Dep. & T. Co., certft. of, Apr. 5, '97, in full	600	00
" 15.	" of O. S. Dep. & T. Co., certft. of, Apr. 19, '97, in full	800	00
" 15.	" of O. S. Dep. & T. Co., certft. of, May 4, '97, in full	2,100	00
" 15.	" of O. S. Dep. & T. Co., certft. of, May 12, '97, in full	1,900	00
June 5.	" of C. J. Wolf, new loan in full	275	00
" 5.	" of Rev. A. E. Baichly, payment on loan	75	00
Aug. 1.	" of McBurn & Giskey, loan in full	2,400	00
" 1.	" of O. S. Dep. & T. Co., certft. of Dep.	350	00
" 1.	" of Rev. A. E. Baichly, balance in full on loan	100	00
Sept. 15.	" of Mason Prugh, loan in full	2,500	00
" 15.	" of Prugh & Prugh, exr. loan in full	500	00

\$25,974 82

SUMMARY RECEIPTS

From sales of	\$25,369 82
From	5 00
From	600 00

\$25,974 82

1896.	CR.	
1897.	\$ 80 15	
1898.	275 00	
1899.	175 00	
1900.	\$50 15	

	Amount brought forward	\$530 18
1897.		
Feb. 11.	By loan to Rev. M. Loucks	1,000 00
" 24.	" Certft. of Dep. O. S. Dep. & T. Co	2,069 82
Apr. 5.	" Certft. of Dep. O. S. Dep. & T. Co	600 00
" 19.	" Certft. of Dep. O. S. Dep. & T. Co	800 00
May 4.	" Certft. of Dep. O. S. Dep. & T. Co	2,100 00
" 12.	" Certft. of Dep. O. S. Dep. & T. Co	1,900 00
" 15.	" Certft. of Dep. O. S. Dep. & T. Co., with first mortgage collateral for \$10,200.00	10,000 00
" 19.	" loan to Anna M. Lewis and J. F. Boyer	800 00
June 28.	" Certft. of Dep. O. S. Dep. & T. Co., at 7 per cent	350 00
Aug. 1.	" cash to O. S. Dep. & T. Co., for Geo. E. Sullivan, loan 7 per cent	1,500 00
" 1.	" cash to O. S. Dep. & T. Co., for Jno. P. Ham, loan 7 per cent	1,200 00
Sept. 15.	" cash to Mason Prugh, loan at 7 per cent semi-annual	3,000 00
Oct. 6.	" balance on hand	124 82
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		\$25,974 82

SUMMARY.

Paid —cash advanced	\$ 80 18
Paid for loans made and Certificates of Deposit	25,769 82
Balance on hand	124 82
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	\$25,974 82

1896.	THE SCHENCK LIBRARY FUND ACCOUNT.	DR.	CR.
Oct. 20.	To balance on hand	\$ 58 06	
1897.			
Oct. 1.	To 1 year's int. on fund	29 03	
1896.			
Nov. 23.	By cash paid C. H. Brown, binding two vols. of General Synod Minutes		\$ 1 50
Nov. 23.	By cash paid to Immediate Use fund acct. to replace amt't paid for binding books in May, '96		3 50
1897.			
Oct. 6.	By balance on hand		82 09
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		\$ 87 09	\$ 87 09

Salaries of Professors.

1896.	REV. HERMAN RUST, D. D.	DR.	CR.
Oct. 1-2.	To balance due on old account back salary	\$ 770 00	
1897.			
Oct. 1.	To salary for the year to date, 11½ months at \$60.00, and ½ month at \$30.00	925 00	
Oct. 2.	By cash paid on acct. of year's salary to Oct. 1, '97		\$ 925 00
Oct. 6.	By cash paid on old acct. back salary		215 00
Oct. 5.	By balance due on old acct. back salary		555 00
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		\$1,695 00	\$1,695 00
1897.	REV. DAVID VAN HORNE, D. D.	DR.	CR.
Oct. 1.	To year's salary to date	\$1,200 00	
Oct. 2.	By cash paid on account of salary		\$1,200 00
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		\$1,200 00	\$1,200 00

		DR.	CR.
1897. PROF. A. S. ZERBE, PH. D.			
Oct. 1.	To one year's salary to date	\$ 950 00	
Oct. 2.	By cash paid on acct. salary		\$ 950 00
		\$ 950 00	\$ 950 00
1897. REV. J. H. BOMBERGER.			
Oct. 1.	To ½ month salary to date	\$ 39 58	
Oct. 2.	By cash paid on acct. salary		\$ 39 58
		\$ 39 58	\$ 39 58
1897. REV. E. HERBRUCK, D. D.			
Oct. 1.	To ½ month salary to date	\$ 39 58	
Oct. 2.	By cash paid on acct. salary		\$ 39 58
		\$ 39 58	\$ 39 58

BILLS PAYABLE.

Due in Settlement of Salary of Rev. J. H. Good, D. D., Deceased.

Note to Susan Good	\$ 50 00
Int. on same, ½ year to Oct. 16, '97	15 90
	\$51 90

Respectfully submitted,
HORACE ANKENY, *Treasurer.*

3. *Report of the Board of Visitors and Education.*

To the Ohio Synod of the Reformed Church:

BRETHREN:—Your Board of Visitors and Education was organized at Louisville, O., October 19, 1896, by the re-election of the former officers.

I. BOARD OF VISITORS.

It is with pleasure and devout gratitude that we make this annual report of the condition of the Theological Seminary at Tiffin.

It is apparent that the step taken by this body at its last annual meeting in the election of two additional professors, has already resulted in great good to the school. A great good and faithful work has been done by the professors who have constituted the faculty during the history of the institution. But the field of theological study is constantly enlarging. It was not strange that young men were inclined to think of seminaries where more lines of study could be taken up. While the five professors now giving instruction in your seminary are still unable, because of time, to take up the whole field. The arrangement is so much more adequate, that there is not heard, the least complaint. All the students for the ministry in last years' graduating class have entered the junior class, together with a large addition from other sources.

Synod must keep in mind one thing in connection with this growth of her seminary. The time, if not now, soon must come for a seminary

uilding. The college in its growth is demanding every room in the new ollege building. So that necessity forces the question, can we not soon ave the building?

The following students who comprised the senior class last year, after aving stood an approved examination, were upon the recommendation of the Faculty, graduated. W. B. Duttera, Cornelius Hange, J. H. Rettig, . E. Swords and Park H. Weaver.

The graduating exercises were held in Rickly Chapel, April 21, 1897. ev. Moerdyke, D. D., of Chicago, delivered an excellent and well lapted address to the graduating class. Mr. Carl Schaaf who was a ember of the senior class was in attendance until March 5, 1897. Mr. alvin Foster who was formerly a member of this class is now supplying mission in Iowa with a promise that he will return in one year to comete his course. The students now comprising the classes of seminary e:

Seniors.—George Christopher Baumgartel, Akron, O.; George W. eaver, Entriken, Pa.; John Warren Bechtel, Reedsburg, O.; Arthur V. asselman, Fairview, Kans.; Paul I. Deppen, Womelsdorf, Pa.; John W. eier, Polk, O.; Edward G. Klotz, Malvern, O.; John H. Lautzenhiser, iffin, O.; David S. Miller, Thornville, O.; Samuel A. Stamm, Fombell, a.; Christian Rufener, Canal Dover, O.

Middlers.—William Christian Baum, Lima, O.; Ernest W. Kruse, Ft. Vayne, Ind.; Nevin Beam Mathes, Tiffin, O.; Henry Eusebius Sechler, hina Grove, North Carolina; Conrad Decker, Amsterdam, Holland; irvin Enos Young, Bremen, O.; Rev. F. Ware, Athens, Mich.; O. P. oust, Akron, O.; W. Schrorer, Poland, Ind.

Juniors.—John C. Paul, Shannandoah, O.; S. Adams, Reedsburg, O.; . Nevin Kerst, Baker, O.; A. Calvin Renoll, Hanover, Pa.; Solomon I. oyer, Tiffin, O.

Valuable supplements to the regular course of instruction were made Rev. C. E. Miller and Dr. J. J. Leberman in lectures delivered by :rn before the seminary during the year.

A great many students have applied for admission to the seminary, o have never had the advantages of a college education, and some who at an advanced age to make such preparation. A request was there-e sent to the Board by the Faculty of the seminary, asking that the rse of study be so changed at least in the department of Greek and brew as to form an English course. The Board has granted this request. There is another item to which we call attention. The Faculty will, eafter, recommend to the Board of Regents of Heidelberg University the degree of Bachelor of Divinity approved graduates of the seminary o are also graduates of a college or university.

In conclusion we pass along the earnest appeal made to the Board that e Reformed Church, and especially the Ohio Synod of the church will erally and heartily co-operate in enlarging and strengthening the in-ence of the seminary. She needs a new building; she needs funds for

the purchase of books; and last but not least, the endowment should be increased. As a Board we commit to you all these interests.

2. BENEFICIARY EDUCATION.

The Board in this capacity has charge of the funds which you annually contribute in the classical apportionment for Beneficiary Education; together with interest from a small permanent fund. We are sorry to report that a great part of apportionment has not been paid, and that even some of the earnings of the endowment have been disappointing.

Miami Classis apportionment.....	\$508 05	paid	\$201 45
Lancaster Classis apportionment	238 05	paid	53 38
Tuscarawas Classis apportionment.....	477 54	paid	555 24
Tiffin Classis apportionment.....	230 94	paid	239 95
Eastern Ohio Classis apportionment.....	331 02	paid	222 90
St. Joseph Classis apportionment.....	230 40	paid	170 00

And although it is expected that students having received aid shall consider the same "as a cheerful contribution towards the expense of their education," and according to rule No. 9, "not as a loan to be refunded." Yet appreciating the aid of the Board in securing their education by which they were able to enter the ministry, it might be hoped, that if at all possible, many who have thus been aided would return at least part of what they received. Thus the aid could be extended to other worthy young men. Only five dollars of this kind have been returned during the year.

The enrollment of beneficiary students at present is: S. I. Royer, A. C. Renoll, C. Hortman, N. Kerst, E. E. Young, J. C. Gekeler, F. S. Zaugg, D. S. Miller, W. W. Shriver, J. Lautzenhisser, C. Rufener, B. Diefenbaugh, C. Geier, H. Rohrbaugh, C. J. Fullerton, S. J. Flohr, Albert Sweitzer, John C. Paul, Charles Ball, Elmer Zaugg, B. E. Reemsnyder, O. P. Faust, — Faust, E. G. Klotz, George Baumgartel, — Longaker. There are twenty-six in all. The number which might have been increased had funds permitted, led the Board to take the following action, which unless you pay your apportionment to Beneficiary Education more liberally, will have to stand.

"In view of the fact that our treasury is burdened with debt, owing to the shrinkage in the receipts from the apportionments and other gifts, and since there is an increase in the number of applicants for beneficiary aid, and further, in view of the fact that necessary expenses have been greatly reduced, therefore,

Resolved, That from this time forward the maximum amount of beneficiary aid given to each student for the school year shall be eight dollars (\$8.00)."

The committee regrets the necessity of this action but the reasons are given. We call your attention to the fact that the school year began in September. The students have already been asking for their money. We need funds to meet our promises for this year. Will this synod

cry for help? We must have an appropriation of at least one that will be more promptly paid.

Members of Board whose term of office expires with this synod: Rev. K. H. Fauver, Rev. John M. Schick, Rev. John H. Bomberger, Rev. R. D. Rev. E. E. Weller, who has withdrawn from work in the synod.

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. STEELE, *Secretary.*

4. *Report of the Treasurer of the Board of Education.*

DR.

Classis	\$ 201 45	
Warren Classis	53 38	
Wesleyan Classis	555 24	
Wesleyan Classis	239 95	
Ohio Classis	222 90	
Wesleyan Classis	170 00	\$1,442 92

MISCELLANEOUS RECEIPTS.

November 1, 1897	\$ 8 48	
Balance at synod	17 75	
Hiveling bequest	84 00	
Living collection, Tiffin	5 20	
C. C. Parks	154 00	
Wheeler note	38 50	
Wheeler note refunded	5 00	
Corson bequest	133 30	
Eirich note	42 00	
Schlereth note	10 00	
Wheeler note refunded	57 94	
Balance from per. fund	100 00	\$ 656 17

\$2,099 09

CREDITS.

Beneficiary students	\$1,860 00	
Money borrowed	23 66	
Safety box	1 50	
Collecting slow accounts	11 44	
Postage and stationery	1 50	
Permanent fund money borrowed	150 00	\$2,048 10

Balance in treasury

\$ 50 99

above account was audited and found correct.

L. H. KEFAUVER, *Auditing Committee.*

PERMANENT FUND.

Bequest of Miss Sarah Brinker	\$ 800 00	
“ Miss Sarah Hiveling	1,000 00	
“ J. G. Lefler	3,500 00	
“ B. Schneck	500 00	
“ Mary Ashbaugh	200 00	6,000 00
Received interest on bequests		461 80
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		\$6,461 80

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Certificate of R. R. Stock	\$1,000 00	
Note C. C. Parks	2,200 00	
Note John Schlereth	800 00	
Note Nancy J. Eirich	600 00	
Note William Hollenberger	500 00	
Note Elizabeth Stanley	200 00	
Note James Skeen	550 00	
Interest transferred to contingent	461 80	
Deposited in bank to credit of permanent fund	150 00	\$6,461 80
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J. H. STEELE, *Treasurer*.

II. REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON SEMINARY.

The Committee on Heidelberg Theological Seminary would report:
 Papers referred to this committee are: Report of Trustees of Seminary,
 Report of Board of Visitors and Education, Treasurer of Seminary and
 Treasurer of Board of Education.

Both the reports of the Board of Trustees and Board of Visitors set forth
 in cheerful and hopeful language the improved condition of the Theological
 Seminary and the gratifying advancement along all lines. There are
 many new students, a larger and better equipped faculty, which
 the nature of the case will do better and more satisfactory work, so that
 there is a very bright and cheering outlook for the future of our "School
 of the Prophets." These improved conditions, a larger faculty and
 larger number of students also call upon this synod for larger provision
 for the needs of the seminary. From the report of the Treasurer of the
 Seminary we learn the gratifying fact that he has been enabled to pay the
 professors their salary in full and also to reduce the debt to a small extent
 during the past year, but as the faculty has been increased by two
 additional professors the expenses will be greater during the coming
 year, hence the treasurer's resources must also be increased during the
 present and future synodical years through apportionments, free-will
 offerings and increased amounts for the endowment fund.

The Treasurer of the Board of Education reports the sad fact that the
 apportionments for Beneficiary Education were far from being paid, and

such annoyance as well as hindrance in the work was experienced, as well as compelling the Board to reduce the amount of appropriation to beneficiary students from \$100 to \$80 per year. This is a sum insufficient to help the students as they should be helped, hence some action should be taken by which this apportionment for this worthy cause be more promptly and fully raised. It is also evident from the reports that the time is at hand when provisions must be made to have a seminary building. The university building is overcrowded and can not much longer permit the seminary to occupy the rooms that it now does. In view of these needs we present the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the matter of a separate or new building for the use of the Theological Seminary be referred to the Board of Trustees for the adoption of some plan by which the means necessary to purchase or build a building may be obtained, and that the Board report at the next annual meeting of synod.

Resolved, That the attention of every pastor be called to the urgent necessity of raising all the apportionments for Beneficiary Education and Theological Seminary.

Resolved, That the sum of two thousand dollars be apportioned for Beneficiary Education and sixteen cents per member for the immediate use of the Theological Seminary.

Resolved, That this synod urges the members of the faculty of the Theological Seminary to spend more time in presenting the subject and securing a larger endowment for the seminary through the church papers and personal solicitation among the congregations and members of our synod and church, and that the pastors be urged to open their charges to the professors for this purpose.

Resolved, That the synod commends the proposition to confer the degree of B. D. to such graduates of the Theological Seminary as are graduates of Heidelberg University or some institution of like standing.

Resolved, That the audited reports of the Treasurer of the seminary and the Treasurer of the Board of Education be adopted.

J. J. LEBERMAN,
GEO. LOUCKS,
C. E. EWING,
W. R. GRAHAM,
W. H. SHULTS.

II. ELECTION OF BOARDS OF THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

I. BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

Officers of the Board.

President, Rev. Reuben Keller, West Alexandria, O.

Vice President, Rev. Alpheus E. Baichly, Canal Fulton, O.

Secretary, Rev. Michael Loucks, D. D., Dayton, O.

Treasurer, Elder Horace Ankeney, Alpha, O.

Members whose term expires October, 1898.

Rev. Michael Loucks, D. D. Elder Horace Ankeney.
 Rev. John J. Gruber. Elder John W. Keller.
 Rev. Charles E. Miller.

Members whose term expires October, 1899.

Rev. Reuben Keller. Rev. Edward Herbruck, D. D.
 Rev. Edward M. Beck. Rev. John J. Leberman, D. D.
 Elder Benjamin Kuhns.

Members whose term expires October, 1900.

Rev. Sebastian C. Goss, D. D. Rev. Samuel B. Yockey, D. D.
 Rev. Alpheus E. Baichly. Elder Victor P. Van Horne.
 Elder George Loucks.

II. BOARD OF VISITORS AND EDUCATION.

Officers of the Board.

President, Rev. Lewis H. Kefauver, D. D., Tiffin, O.

Vice President, Rev. John D. Neff, Bettsville, O.

Secretary and Treasurer, Rev. James H. Steele, D. D., Tiffin, O.

Executive Committee.—The officers together with the resident members of the Board constitute this committee.

Members whose term expires October, 1898.

Rev. David A. Parks. Rev. Elmer E. Weller.
 Rev. John D. Neff. Rev. Isaac A. Sites.

Members whose term expires October, 1899.

Rev. Sebastian C. Goss, D. D. Rev. Michael Loucks, D. D.
 Rev. James H. Steele, D. D. Rev. Allen K. Zartman.

Members whose term expires October, 1900.

Rev. Lewis H. Kefauver, D. D. Rev. Edward D. Wettach, D. D.
 Rev. Geo. W. Henning. Elder Geo. A. Klahr.

ARTICLE XV.

HEIDELBERG UNIVERSITY.

The following reports relating to the interests and work of Heidelberg University were received and considered, and afterwards adopted.

I. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS,

The Board of Regents of Heidelberg University at its annual meeting in Tiffin, O., June 15, 1897, organized by the election of the following officers for the ensuing year, viz.:

Hon. J. H. Ridgely, *President*.
 Rev. J. J. Leberman, *Vice President*.
 Rev. J. H. Steele, *Secretary*.
 Rev. L. H. Kefauver, D. D., *Treasurer*.

Report of the Board of Regents of Heidelberg University :

Heidelberg, which you as members of the Ohio Synod foster, has entered upon her forty-seventh year. The institution still shares in that influence which college life exerts in the development of character. Oxford and her colleges are said to have been a fortress where the church has ever nourished her warriors and whither she has never turned in vain for a champion in her hour of need. Every profession owes a debt of gratitude to the college bred men and women. And it is claimed that except for Harvard College the Revolution would have been put off half a century.

Justly too there has, in the last few years been a turning to the smaller colleges and superior advantages are no longer assured by superior members. The friends of Heidelberg may be justly proud of her place among those smaller colleges.

The fall term opened September 8, 1897. The address was delivered by Rev. J. A. Peters, D. D., president of the literary department. He chose for his subject, "The Wrestler and his Crown." The subject and matter were excellent for the large company of old and new students entering upon another year's work.

The professors in the literary department are all retained and are doing commendable work. Rev. L. H. Kefauver, D. D., continued as acting chancellor. The course of study in the academy and normal departments have been rearranged. The work of the normal school and the commercial department have been placed under the care of one teacher. Prof. H. H. Shirer has been elected to take charge of this work. He has arranged with the consent of the Executive Committee, so that Prof. Kenneson of the Tiffin Business College takes charge of the commercial work. The Tiffin Business College has thus consolidated with the college of commerce. The business schools thus united have opened the year's work with bright prospects.

The course in the academy proper has been so arranged as to give special attention to higher English, mathematics, Latin and Greek, with a view to making it more distinctively a preparatory school. Prof. A. W. Ricksecker who has proven himself a student of high merit, and who has had several years of experience as a teacher was elected to fill this place. The two young men, to whom has been entrusted this preparatory work are graduates of the class of '97. They have studied with teaching in view as a life work. They are men of the Reformed Church by birth and life, and it is believed that their loyalty to our church school will warrant the synod in expecting the best of results.

The vacancy caused by the resignation of Prof. F. J. Miller, teacher in the school of Oratory, has been filled by the election of Miss Vauda Kerst, a student of Prof. Miller's and a graduate of King's School of Oratory.

Prof. Zartman is your instructor in music. The number in this department has been small. The advantages that are afforded in the musical department of Heidelberg, under this competent instructor in both instrumental and vocal music, should command the attention of the church.

Persons of the church could not do better than to avail themselves of these opportunities. The Art Department is still under the care of Miss Inez I. Crampton, while Prof. John E. Schmidlin is director in Physical Culture.

The attention of the young people within the bounds of the Ohio Synod is hereby called to the Summer School, which is being provided for at the close of the regular college year.

The Christian life of the institution is fostered by religious exercises in Rickley Chapel held each morning, by the mid-week prayer service, by a well established Y. M. C. A. which holds regular Sabbath afternoon services during the college year, by a Young Woman's Christian Association which holds weekly service, by Mission Bands which meet on Saturday evening for the study of such subjects as are necessary to complete the knowledge of the mission fields of the world.

Glee Clubs, Mandolin Clubs, and Oratorical Associations add much to the pleasure, interest and culture of college life of Heidelberg of today.

Rev. Scott F. Hershey and Rev. Madison C. Peters have for years been offering an annual prize for work of special merit in different departments. But during the past year another Alumnus, Dr. Thomas F. Keller, has agreed to offer an annual prize of twenty-five dollars to the member of the Freshman class making the greatest progress in the study of English and in English composition.

It does not seem strange to you that we report that the institution has felt the depression that has come upon the industries of the country. The report of the treasurer at the last meeting has made it necessary for this Board in its report to make an appeal. The Executive Committee has exercised all possible economy and still we have fallen behind. Action was taken in the annual meeting in keeping with this fact. The Board, through its financial secretary, is appealing to the church. Especially to those whom the Lord has blessed with abundant means, that they come to the immediate help and relief of the University by large contributions. The President of the Literary Department, as well as the other professors of the University, have been authorized to visit the charges. It is urged that the way may be opened for them, and that the ministers loyally keep the cause of our own institutions before the people.

The Board, at its last meeting, agreed to offer free tuition to children of members of the faculty, and children of ministers of the Reformed Church. There is much to inspire continued confidence and hearty and united co-operation in the work of Heidelberg.

The addition of new students at the opening of the fall term, September 30, 1897, is very large. The number of students in the University:

COLLEGE DEPARTMENT.	NAMES REPEATED.		TOTAL.
Seniors.....	16		
Juniors.....	10		
Sophomores.....	16		
Freshmen.....	20		
Special.....	7		
Elective.....	7		
	<hr/>		76
Academical.....	65	19	46
Normal.....	14		14
Musical.....	60	13	47
Business.....	32	2	30
Oratorical.....	27	22	5
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	274	56	218

Regents whose term of office expires at this meeting: Rev. David Van Horne, D. D., Mr. John Blum, John M. Conroy, John H. Ridgely, Rev. E. D. Wettach and Rev. W. H. Shults.

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. STEELE, *Secretary.*

II. REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE ON HEIDELBERG UNIVERSITY.

The report of the Board of Regents through its secretary, and a Catalogue of the University, have been placed in our hands, from which we glean much important information concerning the institution.

The Divine Benefactor of Christian educational work has evidently shown his favor during the past year to Heidelberg University in the prosperity which has attended the efforts of the Board and Faculty in the Christian and intellectual training of our young people.

The present year opened with better prospects than ever before, over one hundred new students having matriculated. This is especially flattering in view of the stringency of the times. The expected revival of the general business of the country ought to bring the patronage to a still higher mark. The advantages of the smaller college for thorough training and personal attention ought to be very evident. In this respect confidence reposed in Heidelberg can not be misplaced. Loyalty to the Reformed Church makes it singularly inconsistent for her people to send their sons and daughters to other institutions than those of our church, when no advantages financial or otherwise can be realized, but rather a loss in addition to which the institution must suffer.

Duly recognizing the limited resources, the efficiency of service and the results have been all that could have been desired. The administration has been wise and judicious. With larger equipments the increasing

demands can be more satisfactorily met. After ~~forty-seven~~ years of earnest toil there has been no decline in vigor and progress, though there has been an increase of similar institutions and a consequent sharp competition. What stronger claims could the University have upon the confidence and liberality of the people? The numerical growth and spiritual culture of the church is to no small extent conditioned by the support in sentiment and means extended by the people.

The semi-centennial anniversary of the founding of the University is drawing near. During the few years that remain energetic and self-denying efforts ought to be put forth for an enlarged endowment. People of affluence ought to awaken to the increased need of funds and respond with generous gifts. Everyone ought to feel it a privilege to aid in establishing the \$100,000 fund. Money thus placed will be a perpetual investment for the growth of the kingdom of Christ. The attainment of this end will inaugurate the twentieth century most auspiciously and gratifyingly. Failure will entail disappointment and abridgement of plans.

The services of the Financial Secretary, Rev. E. D. Wettach, D. D., have been of great value to Heidelberg. We ask for him a cordial reception by the congregations in his tours through the church in the interests of higher education.

Respectfully submitted,

L. B. C. LAHR,
SAMUEL Z. BEAM,
I. A. SITES,
W. H. BAHL.

III. BOARD OF REGENTS OF HEIDELBERG UNIVERSITY.

Officers of the Board.

President, Hon. J. H. Ridgely, Tiffin, Ohio.

Vice-President, Rev. John J. Leberman, D. D., Louisville, Ohio.

Secretary, Rev. James H. Steele, D. D., Tiffin, Ohio.

Treasurer, Rev. Lewis H. Kefauver, D. D., Tiffin, Ohio.

Executive Committee:—Nelson L. Brewer, Esq., Chairman; Rev. James H. Steele, D. D., Secretary; James H. Platt, Esq., and Rev. Lewis H. Kefauver, D. D.

Members whose term expires October, 1898.

Rev. Michael Loucks, D. D.

Rev. James H. Steele, D. D.

Mr. Samuel S. Rickly.

James H. Platt, Esq.

Rev. Geo. W. Henning.

Elder Daniel W. Souder.

Members whose term expires October, 1899.

Elder Victor P. Van Horne.

Rev. Emil P. Herbruck, D. D.

Elder Jacob A. Klahr.

Hon. Noah H. Albaugh.

Elder Irvin Yost.

Elder Benjamin Ashbaucher.

Members whose term expires October, 1900.

. Kefauver, D. D.	Elder Horace Ankeney.
L. Brewer, Esq.	Rev. Henry M. Herman, D. D.
Herbruck, D. D.	Rev. John J. Leberman, D. D.

Members whose term expires October, 1901.

Shults.	Rev. Emil P. Herbruck, D. D.
Igely.	Mr. W. J. Frank.
	Mr. John M. Conroy.

ARTICLE XVI.

EVOLVENT AND RELIGIOUS INSTITUTIONS.

FOR THE RELIEF OF MINISTERS AND THEIR WIDOWS.

ing Committee on Overtures, during the afternoon session, reported in item 5 "A Memoir" and other papers, together with the Annual Report and Statement of the Officers of the Society of Ministers and their Widows:

and Synod of Ohio:

TO OUR BROTHERS:--I herewith transmit to your venerable synod a detailed statement of the financial operations of "The Society of Ministers and their Widows of the Reformed Church in Lancaster County, Pa." for the year closing with September 30, 1897, also a list of the receipts and expenditures within the bounds of your synod: Lancaster Classis, \$18.02; paid to six annuitants, \$325.00. For the small receipts and large expenditures we ask for your consideration of the noble cause the society represents and a contribution to the same, so that the needy minister and widow may be relieved of their distress.

We are also called to the claims of the "Daniel Stine Memorial Home for aged ministers and their wives, and the widows of ministers in Lancaster County, Pa." The Home is now open for the reception

of your prayers for the guidance of the Holy Spirit in your deliberations fraternally,
 SIMON S. MILLER, *Treasurer.*
 LANCASTER, PA., September 30, 1897.

For the Relief of Ministers and their Widows of the Reformed Church in the United States," through its officers presents for the Minutes of your reverend body, the following statement of receipts and expenditures for the fiscal year closing September 30, 1897:

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RECEIPTS.

To amount in treasury as per last report	\$4,344 31
" from collections in the churches	1,573 65
" " interest on investments	1,372 99
" " matured loan	740 00
" " royalty Church Hymnal	587 75
" for Daniel Stine Memorial Home	157 27
" from miscellaneous sources	225 00
" " Pittsburg Synod, special	125 00
Total	\$9,145 42

EXPENDITURES.

For new investment	\$3,100 00
" annuities	2,500 00
" expenses	53 99
" Daniel Stine Memorial Home	57 14
Amount in treasury September 30, 1897	2,771 29
Total	\$9,145 42

Invested Fund, \$87,650.00.

The following persons have become members of the society during the year:

Life Members:—Revs. Calvin B. Heller, Aaron R. Hottenstine, Jos. H. Hendricks, David W. Wolff, Henry W. Super, D. D., LL. D., Josiah D. Detrich, Henry T. Spangler, D. D., John H. Sechler, D. D., Alfred Houtz, Louis Praikschatz, D. D., Thomas J. Bower, John W. Naly, John Mackley, M. D., Milton M. Noacher, Simon U. Waugaman, John Lindaman, Wilson F. More, Alexander Bateman, K. Otis Spessard, Frederick W. Bald, Stephen Schweitzer, Milton H. Sangree, F. J. Muehe, S. Sydney Kohler, Calvin A. Schneider, Uriah Weidner, Chas. Coon, L. D. Stambaugh, George A. House, Nathaniel H. Loose, D. Jacob Ihle, Geo. E. Limbert, Edward J. Fogel, D. D., John Kuelling, D. D.

Annual Members:—Revs. Rufus W. Miller, David E. Klopp, D. Prof. Frank Grether.

Officers of the Society.

Rev. W. M. Deatrick, D. D., *President*, Mercersburg, Pa.
 Rev. T. Frank Hoffmeier, *Secretary*, Mt. Pleasant, Md.
 Rev. Simon S. Miller, *Treasurer*, Myerstown, Pa.

The papers were referred to the following special committee, viz: Dr. S. Z. Beam, Rev. C. M. Rohrbaugh and Elder W. R. Graham. This committee subsequently presented the following report which was adopted by the Society for the Relief of Disabled Ministers and their Widows, and of the Daniel Stine Memorial Home located at Myerstown, Pa., beg leave to report that from the several documents, Report of Treasurer of Society and a booklet entitled "A Memoir of Society," &c., placed in our hands we learn that the Society has, during the year, been doing a noble work

in aiding the needy, among whom six persons within the bounds of the Ohio Synod received assistance, to the amount of \$325.00, while only \$18.02 were received from the Ohio Synod. We learn further that the Memorial Home is now open to receive members, and needs contributions to carry on its work.

We therefore offer the following recommendations:

1. That each of the classes within the bounds of the Ohio Synod be urged to make an annual appropriation of at least \$65.00, to constitute one of their ministers a life member of the Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows.
2. That each classis be directed to request the pastors within its bounds to make an annual collection in all their congregations for the benefit of the Society.
3. That the Daniel Stine Memorial Home be recommended to the liberality of all our congregations.
4. That the report of Rev. S. S. Miller, Superintendent of the Home and Treasurer of the Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows, be published in the Minutes of Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

S. Z. BEAM, *Chairman.*

W. R. GRAHAM.

C. M. ROHRBAUGH.

II. ST. PAUL'S ORPHAN HOME.

The Standing Committee on Overtures reported in item 8, a letter from the President of the Board of Directors of St. Paul's Orphan Home at Butler, Pa., calling attention to the needs of the Home, and giving a statement of the condition of the Home, &c. This subject was referred to the following special committee: Revs. D. A. Parks, B. B. Royer, Elder Benjamin Meckley.

Following is the report of the committee which was adopted:

To the Reverend Ohio Synod:

Your committee to which was referred a letter from the President of the Board of the Directors of St. Paul's Orphan Home, of Butler, Pa., begs to report that it has examined the communication and finds it to contain a brief statement of the condition of the Home, viz:

Number of church orphans.....	58
Number of pay children.....	27
Amount of endowment.....	\$ 7,316 35
Amount of indebtedness.....	10,930 71
Amount of deficit (for last year).....	1,000 00

The letter also bears to synod the thanks of the directors of the Home, and the request that the Home be favorably commended to the churches of this synod.

Inasmuch, therefore, as this synod is granted the privilege of sending our orphans to the Home, and since we now have several orphans in said Home, we therefore recommend that the congregations of the synod be requested to give a portion of the festival offerings to the Home.

Respectfully submitted,

REV. D. A. PARKS,
REV. B. B. ROYER,
ELDER B. MECKLEY,
Committee.

ARTICLE XVII.
SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

The following reports were received and adopted:

I. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

DEAR CO-LABORERS IN THE WORK:—The Sunday-school cause within the bounds of our synod has shared the advance and progress growing out of the aggressive action of the General Synod and the earnest work of the General Board.

As our work is now practically in the hands of the General Board, rather than our own, we can do no better than to say that the Ohio Synod has had its full share of good and enjoyed the full measure of blessing growing out of Synodical and Board action.

Relying upon the reports that come to us from the various classes and sections of the synod, we are profoundly pleased to report to you the new life and growth so manifest everywhere, from which the church is gathering such substantial aid, material and life.

The reports assure us that the Sunday-school work is being exalted and held in its rightful and proper place.

Sunday-school Conventions have been held in each classis, and in the language of the report from Lancaster, "with splendid results." Stirring resolutions have been passed, urging every phase and department of Sunday-school work known to the most aggressive workers, putting it abreast in theory at least with the best and most advanced.

Tuscarawas had printed and circulated the long series of splendid resolutions prepared by her committee, and unanimously adopted by her convention.

Eastern Ohio observed her "Quarter Centennial" (the twenty-fifth anniversary of the organization of her convention) with an excellent convention and much enthusiasm, and so on through all the classes.

The Festival Days were pretty generally observed, but not enough so for Lancaster Classis Committee, who in a good resolution urges a more nearly universal celebration.

The statistics are not absolutely correct, owing in some cases to incompleteness and in others to poor mathematical skill, but are growing better every year in approximate completeness and indicate growing and better

s, and show this year a larger Sunday-school than church membership. They exhibit also some weaknesses. For instance they disclose the amount of \$380 contributed from the Sunday-schools of the synod to the work of the General Board, and this upon the liberal terms upon which these contributions are solicited. This is less than last year, and inadequate when the work and present needs of the Board are considered. Again, the tables reveal the fact that the benevolent contributions of the schools to all objects are twenty per cent less than last year, whilst the sums raised and used on the schools are much *larger* than last year. This is a bad order or rather disorder in our Sunday-school life.

The whole this synod must hear with pleasure of the lining up of the ranks of the church and the vigor of her youth for the great work of the redeemed Church. "Prosperity" has come to stay.

We desire to refer earnestly and yet painfully to one other thing shown in the reports, viz: The number of schools who do not use the literature of the Board of the Church. It is sincerely hoped that with the literature furnished by the church and the substantial improvement to be made in it, without additional cost to schools, &c., that all of the schools of this synod will use it at least from January 1, 1898, when the improvement will be made.

We recommend the following:

That this synod heartily endorses the advance movements of the General Synod and its Board of Sunday-schools, and hears with much satisfaction of the happy condition of the work in the various sections of the church.

That we urge upon all our superintendents and schools the introduction and use of the Sunday-school literature of our own church in their improved, enlarged and cheapened form not later than January 1, 1898.

That the attention of all our schools be called affectionately to the wants and needs of the General Board, and that they be requested to contribute more generally of their Children's Day collections to the use of the Board.

That the schools be urged to do more largely for the benevolent work of the church—Orphan Homes, Missions, Church Extension, Benevolent Education, &c., out of their Christmas, Easter, Rally Day and special collections, as well as by systematic and regular arrangements throughout the year.

That we urge the general observance of the Festal Days and the use of the Festal Helper prepared by the Church's Board.

That the bill of the President of the Board, amounting to fifty-five dollars, be paid.

That, learning of the splendid fruits of the "Student Band" movement in the East, during the last summer, under the direction of the General Board, we respectfully ask the Board to continue the same work in the Ohio Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

A. E. BAICHLY, *President.*

II. STATISTICAL REPORT OF SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

NAME OF CLASS.	MEMBERSHIP.		RELATION TO CHURCH.				EDUCATIONAL.				CONTRIBUTIONAL.										
	No. of Schools.	No. of Officers and Teachers.	No. of Scholars.	No. of Officers, Teachers and Scholars.	Is school held all the year? yes no	Average attendance.	If Union School, estimated Reformed enrollment.	Total No. of scholars in full membership of the church.	Total No. of baptized scholars.	No. of scholars received during past year into full membership.	Is the Catechism used in the School? yes no	Do you use Reformed Lesson Helps? yes no	No. of copies of Sunday-school papers taken per month.	No. of books in library.	To Sunday-school work of General Board.	To other Boards and Institutions of the church.	To support of the schools.	To other benevolent objects.			
Miami	52	867	6023	6808	45	7	3995	99	2184	1083	307	19	27	42	9	2487	1185	60	290	\$2586	\$ 414
Tuscarawas	44	760	5683	6543	38	6	3746	215	2300	2124	210	15	33	33	3	2135	2716	106	222	2733	408
Lancaster	31	438	2453	2844	22	9	1725	145	1319	945	128	4	21	23	2	1204	880	42	208	1153	225
Eastern Ohio	26	387	2979	3343	...	...	1721	89	1771	971	170	13	13	25	1	643	1370	85	246	1099	257
Tiffin	29	403	2825	3306	...	...	1905	25	1124	1025	166	8	21	24	5	1171	758	49	89	1148	53
St. Joseph	36	530	3219	3729	32	4	2197	195	1230	887	208	8	28	31	5	970	350	38	133	1270	73
Total	218	3385	23182	26573	137	26	15289	768	10228	7935	1189	67	143	178	25	8910	7259	\$380	\$1188	\$9980	\$1400

II. A COMMUNICATION FROM THE GENERAL SUNDAY-SCHOOL BOARD
To the Ohio Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States :

DEAR BRETHREN:—It is proper to communicate to your reverend body certain facts pertaining to the condition and progress of the general Sunday-school work.

The blessing and favor of the great Head of the church has manifestly been upon our pastors and churches, and upon the several judicatories of the church and the General Board in extending and increasing the usefulness of the Sunday-school.

With grateful recognition of the manifold blessings we should be constrained to the exercise of greater trust and increased activity. During the year the Sunday-school statistical form adopted by General Synod and approved by your body was sent to all our pastors. It was to be expected that complete answers could not be obtained at once. But it is gratifying to report that there are evidences of more accurate figures than we have hitherto been able to gather. Estimating in some cases according to the membership reported last year, we find that the total number of officers and teachers reported is:

Total number of officers and teachers.....	24,200
Total number of scholars.....	188,577
Teachers and scholars.....	212,777

This shows a gain for the year of 3,811 officers and teachers, 14,413 scholars, and a total gain of officers, teachers and scholars of 18,224.

Sunday-School and Missionary Department.

Time and space permit but a brief mention of the work in this department. Scores of schools have been aided by grants of literature, and, as usual, a grant of Children's Day Services has been made to all our schools. The Board has sustained schools and missions at Easton and Williamsport, Pa., and at Cleveland, Ohio, etc. A new plan of work which has greatly commended itself to our pastors and workers was the employment of a band of five theological students who labored during the summer months in Eastern Pennsylvania. The meetings and conferences conducted by them have been fruitful in the organization of teachers' meetings, normal classes, Home Departments, the increase of members, and of benevolence, etc.

Departments of Instruction and Publication.

The work of the Board in these departments has greatly enlarged. The number of periodicals published is ten, including five lesson helps. The total issue for the year reached the splendid number of 10,745,023. Two new publications were added, viz: The Heidelberg Picture Cards, and the Church Festival Helper, both of which have attained a circulation beyond expectation. There has been a gratifying increase in the circulation of all our lesson helps.

The Board for some time contemplated the enlargement of our lesson helps in response to the wishes of the church and the demands of the market; and at the annual meeting held last April it was decided to make the changes January 1, 1898. This action necessitated some changes in the editors. Rev. J. E. Hiester, D. D., who for ten years has done such excellent service as chief lesson editor, retires. Owing to his age and pastoral duties, Dr. Hiester could not add to his editorial labors. Rev. D. W. Ebbert was elected as the representative, originally, of the western section of the church, owing to the desire to have that section of the church represented in the list of lesson writers; he also retires.

In the interests of economy and efficiency of administration the editors of *Leaves of Light*, Rev. R. L. Gerhart, D. D., and Mrs. Elizabeth T. Flynn were given editorial charge of *Sunshine* in place of Mrs. Margaret H. Fisher.

The Board placed on record in its minutes its appreciation of the faithful and efficient labors of these several editors, and in this public way calls the attention of the church to the debt of gratitude due them for the many years of service rendered, and to the important part they have played in bringing our Sunday-school literature to its present advanced position. Largely by their good works it is possible for the church to take this step of further enlargement.

The new lesson editors will be Rev. William C. Schaeffer, Ph. D., Rev. J. H. Bomberger, D. D., Rev. Edward Herbruck, D. D., Mrs. Katharine McCauley Miller, and Miss Rebecca R. Schively.

Eight pages will be added to the *Advanced Scholars' Quarterly*. The *Intermediate Scholars' Quarterly* will be changed in form to correspond with the *Advanced Scholars' Quarterly*, and will be enlarged. The *Heidelberg Teacher* will be made a monthly, with a reconstructed addition to its departments. All these improvements will be made without adding to the cost of subscription. Improvements on *Leaves of Light* and *Sunshine* will also be made during the year.

By arrangement with the Reformed Publication Board of the Eastern Synods, the Sunday-school Board is enlarging its business operations so as to be in a position to furnish Sunday-school requisites, and to publish needed literature for teacher training, and for the several departments of graded Sunday-schools. Hence, while the business department has made some money during the year, and aided the missionary department of the Board, it is not in a position to divert its funds, but must use the earnings of the business, for the present, to increase its capital, enlarge its business and thus be of greater assistance to the church.

We therefore confidently urge the Reformed people to loyally support the missionary and publication work of the Sunday-school Board, and we trust that your reverend body will reiterate its past action, and recommend to the several classes for their prayerful consideration the following:

1. That the pastors and consistories exercise careful oversight over the

records of the school, and so far as possible present complete and accurate statistics to the classes.

2. That in view of the urgent calls for Sunday-school literature and Sunday-school missionaries from many sections of the church, churches and schools be recommended to give all the offerings of Children's Day to Sunday-school Missions.

3. That all Reformed Schools be urged to use Reformed Sunday-school literature, to adapt the educational feature of the Board's work for teacher-training, Home Department, benevolence, etc., and to purchase their supplies and literature from our own Board instead of outside publishing houses.

4. That the Committee on Sunday-school work in each classis be directed to encourage and stimulate, through pastors and consistories, the several schools to missionary giving, the observance of Children's Day, Christmas, etc., and to enlarge their Sunday-school membership, as well as increase the efficiency of the school as a Bible School for the entire membership of the church.

Respectfully submitted,

C. CLEVER, *President*,

R. W. MILLER, *General Secretary*.

READING, PA., October 1, 1897.

IV. A COMMUNICATION FROM THE JOINT PUBLISHING COMMITTEE.

To the Several District Synods of the Reformed Church in the United States.

DEAR BRETHREN:—In behalf of the joint Publishing Committee of the Boards of Home Missions, Foreign Missions and Sunday-school Work, we beg leave to report that the favorable action taken by your reverend body, respecting *Reformed Church Tidings*, was loyally and generally accepted by our congregations. The paid circulation during the first year exceeded 25,000 copies. The advertising receipts were good, considering the fact that an advertising medium must be established before it gains the confidence and receives the patronage of the advertiser.

Starting without capital or experience, it could hardly be expected that *Tidings* would pay its way the first year. But the financial statement herewith given shows that within the next year or so the paper can be made at least self-supporting. The money advanced by the several boards has actually been earned by the increased offerings flowing in, and the enlarged business of the Sunday School Board.

ABSTRACT OF ACCOUNT.

Expenses for the Year.

Printing, Postage, Office Expense	\$5,170 89
Salaries and Commissions	2,115 36
	\$7,286 25

RECEIPTS AND ASSETS.

From subscriptions	\$2,547 55
From advertising.....	1,672 49
From advertising earned and not paid.....	799 35
From advertising contracted for and not earned.....	322 00
From guardian list.....	11 60
From Sunday School Board	\$700 00
From Home Mission Board	525 00
From Foreign Mission Board....	500 00
	1,725 00
	\$7,078 80

It is proper to report that plans have been adopted to materially reduce the running expenses in the matter of salaries, printing, etc.

Renewals and new subscriptions are being received daily in encouraging numbers. It would seem that there is no doubt that the paper has won a warm place in the hearts of our people. Ministers and church members alike have expressed themselves as delighted with it, and have assured us of the great good it is doing.

The fact that can be stated that in sections of the church where *Tidings* circulates most largely, the apportionments for missions are proportionately better paid by a number of charges.

To make *Tidings* self-supporting and a source of profit to the several boards, it is necessary that the original plan be put into execution viz: that so far as possible a copy be placed in every family in every congregation in the church.

To this end we again respectfully request your reverend body to take such action as will bring the attention of the several classes, the pastors and consistories of the various charges to the importance of devising ways and means to place *Reformed Church Tidings* into every family in the church.

RUFUS W. MILLER, *Chairman.*
 C. S. GERHARD, D. D., *Secretary.*
 S. N. CALLENDER, D. D.
 T. J. BARKLEY, D. D.
 J. L. LEMBERGER.
 F. G. HOBSON.

READING PA., October 1st, 1897.

V. REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS AND CATECHISATION.

The following papers have come into our hands:

1. The report of the Sunday School Board of the Ohio Synod.
2. A communication from the officers of the Sunday School Board of General Synod.

. A communication from the American Bible Society.

Our committee presents the following items relative to the Sunday school work for the consideration of synod.

Item 1. We call the attention of our schools to the increased efficiency of our Reformed Sunday School literature and in view of the improvements made and about to be made urge a more hearty co-operation on the part of all to give them the largest possible circulation in the church.

Item 2. As our attention has been called to a great shrinkage in the amount contributed to the General Synods Sunday School mission work, we urge a more general support of this cause and repeat former recommendation that the offering on Children's Day be so applied.

Item 3. We deem it proper to call the attention of the Sunday School Board of the General Synod in connection with the bestowal of its print-patronage, to the action of this synod looking to a more intimate and profitable relation between this Synod and the Reformed Publishing House at Dayton, O.

Item 4. We urge a more liberal remembrance of the cause of the orphans by our own schools and recommend that the Christian's offering be devoted to this work.

Item 5. We urge greater carefulness on the part of all our pastors in securing more complete statistics and in order to secure greater harmony of result, urge the adoption by all of the Sunday School statistical form of the General Synod.

Item 6. We commend the new methods of Home Department and Social Work, the one to more generally increase the study of the Bible and the other to increase the efficiency of the teaching force.

Item 7. We commend the work of classical Sunday School conventions and urge upon the different classes to give hearty support to the same, or in case it seems expedient to arrange for local institutes or vision work by Sunday-school workers.

Item 8. We commend the interests of the American Bible Society to the liberality of our Sunday-schools.

F. W. HOFFMAN.

J. S. KEPPEL.

BENJ. ASHBAUCHER.

VI. ELECTION OF BOARD OF SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Officers of the Board.

President, Rev. Alpheus E. Baichly, Canal Fulton, Ohio.

Secretary, Elder Victor P. Van Horne, Dayton, Ohio.

Treasurer, Rev. Lewis B. C. Lahr, Delaware, Ohio.

Members whose term expires October, 1898.

v. Reuben Keller.

Rev. John H. Bomberger, D. D.

Members whose term expires October, 1899.

Elder Victor P. Van Horne. Rev. Lewis B. C. Lahr.

Members whose term expires October, 1900.

Rev. Alpheus E. Baichly. Elder Geo. F. Bareis.

ARTICLE XVIII.

APPEALS AND REFERENCES.

The Standing Committee on Minutes of Classes reported in item 3 that Rev. Philip Steinhage had announced his purpose to appeal from a certain decision of Tuscarawas Classis to this synod. On motion the matter was referred to the following special committee, viz: Revs. Dr. J. M. Schick, C. W. Brugh, and Elder Peter Eckerman. This committee during the afternoon session on Saturday, presented the following report, which was adopted:

Rev. Synod of Ohio:

Your committee to which was referred the appeal of Rev. Philip Steinhage from an action of Tuscarawas Classis, finds no one present to prosecute the appeal, from which you are warranted in considering said appeal as having been abandoned.

Respectfully submitted,

J. M. SCHICK,
C. W. BRUGH,
PETER ECKERMAN.

ARTICLE XIX.

COMPLAINTS.

Nothing occurred under this head requiring the attention of Synod.

ARTICLE XX.

CHURCH GOVERNMENT.

I. BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF SYNOD.

Officers of the Board.

President, Rev. Geo. W. Williard, D. D., Dayton, Ohio.

Secretary, Elder Horace Ankeney, Alpha, Ohio.

Treasurer, Elder Benjamin Kuhns, Dayton, Ohio.

Members whose term expires October, 1898.

Rev. Geo. W. Williard, D. D. Elder Horace Ankeney.



Members whose term expires October, 1899.

Dr. David C. Lichliter.

Rev. John A. Seitz.

Members whose term expires October, 1900.

Elder Benjamin Kuhns.

Elder Albert L. Shearer.

II. HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF THE OHIO SYNOD.

At a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Historical Society on Friday, October 16, 1896, the President was requested to ask for thirty minutes just before the close of the Thursday afternoon session, in which to present the work of the society. The request was granted; and accordingly the Second Annual Meeting of the Historical Society was held in Trinity Reformed Church, Canton, Ohio, on Thursday afternoon, October 7, A. D., 1897.

The following officers were elected: President, Elder Geo. F. Bareis; Vice Presidents, Revs. R. Keller, A. K. Zartman, Geo. F. Chenot; Secretary, Rev. A. C. Shuman; Treasurer, Rev. A. E. Baichly; Librarian, Prof. C. M. Lowe, Ph. D.

ARTICLE XXI.

PUBLICATION.

The following reports were received, considered and adopted:

I. THE REPORT OF THE BOARD OF PUBLICATION.

The Board met in Dayton, August 13, 1897, and organized by the election of Rev. R. F. Shultz, President, and Rev. Charles E. Miller, Secretary. The business before the Board was the papers marked "A" attached to this report, being a communication from H. H. Prugh, Esq., the assignee of the Reformed Publishing Company, Dayton, Ohio, a firm composed of Michael Loucks and John Blum. In this paper is set forth the failure of the above firm publishing *The Christian World* and other Reformed Church literature. The paper contains a statement of assets and liabilities, also a plan for reorganization of the business as a joint stock company and the continuance of the business. The communication asks for such recognition and support for the reorganized business as the synod has heretofore given to the said firm; also that synod define her relation to *The Christian World* and the rights of synod therein, also the peculiar functions of this Board.

Mr. Prugh has also presented to the Board a communication hereto attached marked exhibit "B," reporting that the assignment has been raised, the affairs of the firm taken out of court and a satisfactory adjustment made with its creditors, and the business reorganized as a corporation.

The Board regards the matter of vital importance and recommends synod to consider the following questions:

First, The desirability of synod owning part or all of this plant.

Second, The synod's right to the editorship, the terms and conditions upon which the question of editor and the support of the same may be settled.

Third, Synod's right to a voice in the management of the affairs of the new reorganization.

Hence, the Board took but this action, at the meeting in Dayton, "that the Board will do what is just and right in the premises, with due regard to the interests of those interested, creditors, partners and the church which has recognized this establishment as a church establishment and as publishing the official organ of the Synod of Ohio of the Reformed Church in the United States.

The Board is of the opinion that the establishment should be encouraged in their purpose to pay the debts and save the interests of those who, as members of the Reformed Church, were encouraged by this synod, to invest their funds and give their time in the business of publishing a church literature.

The Board has full confidence in the ability and integrity of Mr. H. H. Prugh, the attorney and trustee of the reorganized establishment, who will manage the business and direct its affairs, and commend him to the synod and their confidence.

Therefore, the Board is of the opinion that after deliverance on the above propositions, synod can take no action, at this time, inimical to the concern without hazard of justice as well as of legal complications.

Attention to Mr. Prugh's papers will show what the courts have regarded as assets, also the purpose to execute fully all contracts and discharge all obligations of the old firm, of Rev. Loucks and John Blum, and to grant to synod all reasonable, legal and ecclesiastical rights.

The Board also calls the attention of synod to the fact that Dr. Loucks has severed his relations to *The Christian World* as editor, and has placed his resignation in the hands of the Board.

Also the terms of Revs. C. E. Miller and W. H. Shults expire as members of this Board.

Respectfully submitted,

R. F. SHULTZ, *President.*

C. E. MILLER, *Secretary.*

II. REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLICATION.

Your committee begs leave to offer for your consideration and adoption the following:

I.

Documents and personal statements which came before us as the basis of our report:

The report of the Publication Board, accompanied by statements to said Board from Mr. H. H. Prugh, assignee of the Reformed Publishing Co., who is also trustee of the newly organized "The Reformed Publishing Co."

These documents also present the resignation of Rev. M. Loucks, as editor of *The Christian World*, without any action on the part of the Board. They also contain the fact of the appointment, by the trustee, of Rev. E. Herbruck, D. D., as acting editor of *The Christian World*.

They also contain certain general recommendations to synod touching needed action by this body in view of the late assignment and reorganization. Growing out of the same circumstances there came to us through your Committee on Overtures, "Item Three," inquiring concerning the possibility of transferring our publishing interests to the Reformed Publishing House at Cleveland, Ohio.

Besides these documents, there also came before us in person Mr. H. H. Prugh, who fully answered all questions touching the present status of The Reformed Publishing Co., of Dayton, together with its desires and promises touching this synod, the interests of the creditors of the firm, and the future management of the publication interests in their hands.

II.

What we find in the case may be stated in brief without multiplying words, or any elaborate explanation of the steps by which the necessary end was reached.

The company was reorganized under the name of The Reformed Publishing Co., of Dayton, is temporarily conducted by Mr. H. H. Prugh, as its trustee, under the promise both to protect its creditors, and to defend the interests of the church, and the subscribers to our synodical organ, *The Christian World*.

III.

What we recommend:

1. That this synod accepts the resignation of Rev. M. Loucks, D. D., as editor of *The Christian World*, making grateful mention of his efficient services rendered the church in the fifteen years of his connection with the same.
2. That we approve the appointment of the Rev. E. Herbruck, D. D., as acting editor, assuring both him and the reorganized publishing company, of our entire confidence in his ability to satisfactorily fill the position to which he has been temporarily assigned. Also that the Board of Publication be authorized to fill temporarily any vacancy that may occur in the editorship.
3. That we reiterate our deliverance of 1880, page 71, touching the relation and responsibility of the Board of Publication to *The Christian World*, its editor and publishers.
4. That *The Christian World*, in order to more fully meet the wants of the church as a denominational family paper, should contain more original matter, and of a kind that would reflect the true spirit and life of our Reformed Church.
5. That the peculiar functions and powers of the Board of Publication be defined and fixed as follows: The Board of Publication shall have full

and exclusive jurisdiction and authority over the publishing interests of the synod subject to such restrictions and regulations as synod may from time to time prescribe. Such interests shall be deemed to include

1st. Such supervision of the synod's authorized organ and other publications as it may see fit to direct or empower; the synod reserving to itself, however, the right to elect or approve the responsible editor or editors.

2d. Such property rights and privileges or concessions as may be obtained from such printing establishments as may be made the authorized publishing house of this synod, and entitled to its patronage and support. The said Board, however, is deprived of and denied the right or power to incur any pecuniary liability except for expenses of the members or such as synod may hereafter grant. It may become a corporate body, and as such shall have all of the functions, privileges and powers herein defined.

6. That the Publication Board be directed to be incorporated under the laws of the State of Ohio.

7. That it be directed and authorized to effect so soon and as satisfactorily as possible, an arrangement with The Reformed Publishing Company by which our synod will receive some advantage from its connection with the company; such arrangement, as well as all other contracts to be made on a basis which will guarantee the synod's immunity from any financial obligations in accordance with resolution 3.

8. That we do not see our way clear to purchase in whole or in part the plant of The Reformed Publishing Co., and that therefore the foregoing of necessity amounts to a negative answer to the overture from the Cleveland Publishing House.

9. *Resolved*, That we appreciate the efforts, promises and success of Mr. H. H. Prugh, to secure justice alike to the creditors and to the church in the management of the interests committed to his trust; and that we will accord to him and to the said reorganized company such moral support and goodwill as will aid them in bringing alike the company and our publications, to the highest possible standard of success.

Respectfully submitted,

S. C. GOSS,
A. S. ZERBE,
S. EZRA NEIKIRK,
J. A. KLAHR.

III. ELECTION OF BOARD OF PUBLICATION.

Officers of the Board.

President, Rev. Reuben F. Shultz, Springfield, Ohio.

Secretary, Rev. Charles E. Miller, Dayton, Ohio.

Treasurer, Rev. Geo. W. Williard, D. D., Dayton, Ohio.

Members whose term expires October, 1898.

Rev. Geo. W. Williard, D. D.

Rev. Wm. A. Hale, D. D.

Members whose term expires October, 1899.

Rev. Reuben F. Shultz. Rev. John D. Neff.

Members whose term expires October, 1900.

Rev. Charles E. Miller. Rev. S. Ezra Neikirk.

ARTICLE XXII.

FINANCE.

The following reports were received, considered and adopted:

I. REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF SYNOD.

REV. L. H. KEFAUVER, *Treasurer, in account with the Ohio Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States:*

DR.

Received of Tuscarawas Classis, per E. K. Kramer, Treas	\$ 106 12
“ Tiffin Classis, per J. B. Shumaker, Treas	51 32
“ St. Joseph Classis, per Benj. Ashbacher, Treas	51 20
“ Eastern Ohio Classis, per Rev. J. H. Bomberger, Treas	66 86
“ Eastern Ohio Classis, per Rev. H. E. Kilmer, Treas	69 97
“ Lancaster Classis, per Rev. J. A. Seltz, Treas	18 75
“ Lancaster Classis, per F. P. Stuckey, Treas	35 00
“ Miami Classis, per V. P. Van Horne, Treas	112 90
Total receipts for contingent expenses	512 12
In treasury October 14, 1896	506 36
Total apportionments	\$1,018 48

HARBOR MISSIONS.

Received of Eastern Ohio Classis, per Rev. J. H. Bomberger, Treas	\$ 3 86
Total receipts	\$1,022 34

CONTRA. CR.

Paid Rev. J. J. Leberman, traveling expenses to Cleveland	\$ 3 00
“ for printing tickets and programs	3 50
“ sexton's services	10 00
“ balance synod's pledge to Chicago Mission	282 37
“ C. G. Gross, Treas. General Synod, contingent expenses	133 33
“ Rev. G. W. Henning, stated clerk, salary	75 00
“ Rev. S. B. Yockey, delegate to Central Synod, traveling expenses	5 25
“ traveling expenses of members of Board of Trustees	45 95
“ Rev. A. E. Baichly, President Sunday-school Board, for printing circulars,	2 95
“ Reformed Publishing Co., for printing Minutes of Synod, mailing, &c	197 21
“ traveling expenses to members Board of Visitors	13 95
“ traveling expenses to members Board of Trustees	44 63
“ postage and paper	1 45
“ Jas. T. Reber, Treas. Home Mission Board, for Harbor Missions	3 86
Total disbursed	\$ 822 45
October 6, 1897, in treasury	199 89
Total	\$1,022 34

DELINQUENT CLASSES.

Lancaster	\$ 42 21	F
Eastern Ohio	31 94	F

An apportionment of five hundred dollars will be required to meet expenses next year. Respectfully submitted,

L. H. KEFAUVER.

TIFFIN, OHIO, October 6, 1897.

II. REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

To the Reverend Ohio Synod:

Your Standing Committee on Finance beg leave to say that the annual report of the Treasurer of Synod has been carefully examined and found correct. We recommend it for adoption, and also submit, in tabulated form, the synodical apportionments.

Respectfully submitted,

E. M. BECK,
A. C. SHUMAN,
H. H. HALE.

III. TABLE OF APPORTIONMENTS.

CLASSES.	Members.	Contingent.	Beneficiary Education.	Home Missions.	Church Extension.	German Work.	Harbor Missions.	Hungarian Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Theological Seminary.
Amount per capita.....	.....	2c.	8¼c.	24¼c.	6c.	2½c.	½c.	2½c.	14¾c.	16c.
Miami Classis.....	5038	\$118 76	\$519 57	\$1469 64	\$358 28	\$198 45	\$29 69	\$198 45	\$875 84	\$950 08
Lancaster Classis.....	2739	54 78	255 66	677 90	164 34	68 47	13 69	68 47	403 00	438 24
Tuscarawas Classis.....	5926	118 52	518 52	1466 68	355 56	148 15	29 63	148 15	874 08	648 16
Tiffin Classis.....	2538	50 76	222 00	628 26	152 28	63 45	12 69	63 45	374 45	406 08
Eastern Ohio Classis.....	3546	70 92	310 27	877 63	212 76	88 65	17 75	88 65	523 03	567 36
St. Joseph Classis.....	2803	56 06	245 26	693 74	160 18	70 10	14 02	70 10	413 44	448 48
Total.....	23499	\$469 80	\$2071 28	\$5790 85	\$1401 40	\$637 27	\$117 45	\$637 27	\$3463 84	\$3758 40

The Treasurer was instructed to pay the several amounts of the following bills:

Printing tickets and programmes for use of synod	\$ 6 00
Sexton of Trinity Reformed Church, Canton	10 00
Rev. Geo. E. Metger, delegate to Central Synod.....	1 80
Stated Clerk of Synod, stationary, postage, &c.....	3 60

ARTICLE XXIII.

NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS.

I. The Standing Committee on nominations during the forenoon session on Friday submitted their report, which was adopted and the committee instructed to have a sufficient number of tickets printed in the usual form for the use of Synod. On motion the election of members of the different boards and delegate to the Central Synod, was made the "Order of the Day" for Saturday forenoon at 10 o'clock.

At the appointed time the election took place; the committee distributed the printed tickets among the members of Synod and the election proceeded in regular order. The tellers then collected the ballots and retired to count them; and during the afternoon session on Saturday, reported the result of the election to Synod, and the report was adopted. For the result of the election in each case, see respectively Articles XIII, Missions; XIV, Heidelberg Theological Seminary; XV, Heidelberg University; XVII, Sunday Schools; XX, Church Government; XXI, Publication; XXIV, Delegate to Central Synod.

II. Also, after the roll of Synod had been completed and a quorum was found in attendance, the several officers of Synod, except those holding their office permanently, were duly elected, and they immediately entered upon the duties of their offices respectively. For the result of the election, see Article III., Election of Officers.

ARTICLE XXIV.

MISCELLANEOUS.

I. REPORT OF DELEGATE TO THE CENTRAL SYNOD.

Your delegate to the Central Synod discharged the pleasant task bearing to that honorable body assembled at New Philadelphia, Ohio September 22, 1897, the Christian greeting and goodwill of the Ohio Synod. We were cordially received and given a voice and vote in the sessions. In our address we referred to the noble past, and spoke of our common interests in our Reformed Zion. They have taken advance steps in many directions. Their Publishing House yields a handsome profit. The Missionary, Orphan Home and College interests showed a

creased collection and efficiency. Synod's sessions were marked by an attention to business, and a spirit of self-denial and charity one for other.

We were told to bear back with us their Christian greeting to your dy.

Respectfully submitted,

Expenses, \$1.80.

G. E. METGER.

II. DELEGATE FROM THE CENTRAL SYNOD.

During the morning session on Thursday, Rev. John H. Beck, delegate from the Central Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States, appeared in synod, presented his credentials, and was admitted to a seat as a corresponding member. On motion, it was ordered that the address said delegate to synod be made the "Order of the Day" immediately after the opening of the Thursday afternoon session.

At the appointed time, he addressed synod in a fraternal and Christian spirit, conveying to this synod the hearty greetings of the Central Synod, and emphasizing the fact that though differing somewhat in *language*, we are *one church*, working for the same great cause—the cause of our common Lord and Master.

The president responded in an appropriate manner, asking the delegate to carry back with him to the synod he represented, the fraternal Christian greetings of the Ohio Synod.

III. DELEGATE ELECTED TO THE CENTRAL SYNOD.

Rev. L. B. C. Lahr was elected as delegate *primarius*, and Rev. N. H. Rose, D. D., as *secundus*, to represent the Ohio Synod at the session of the Central Synod which will meet in Galion, Ohio, September 21, 1898.

IV. BROTHERHOOD OF ANDREW AND PHILIP.

Report of the special committee to whom this was referred:

This committee has been informed through a circular letter from the General Secretary of the Brotherhood and from the President of the General Council in person, that at the present time there are more than 1000 members of the Brotherhood in 300 chapters in churches of seven-ty-two denominations. We therefore offer the following resolutions:

Resolved, That we learn with pleasure of the wonderful growth of this organization for the spread of Christ's kingdom among young men, and rejoice that the other denominations of the Christian church have found it so well adapted to their culture as well as ours, and that wherever the Brotherhood has been given a fair trial it has been productive of so much practical work for the salvation of men and their enlistment in Christian service.

Resolved, That we urge the brethren of synod in the spirit of Christian brotherliness, and with the earnest desire to promote the welfare of our

Reformed Zion, to examine carefully the simple, and excellent features of the Brotherhood, to note the good results of Brotherhood work in our own church, and to consider the needs and possibilities of systematic definite work for men in their own congregation.

Resolved, That synod extend greeting to the next Federal Convention to be held in Reading, Pa., November 11-14, and that we urge the Reformed Executive Council to consider the desirability of holding the next Reformed Convention within the bounds of Ohio Synod.

Resolved, That the Committee on Program arrange for the presentation of the Brotherhood idea at the meeting of synod next year.

Respectfully submitted,

REV. J. H. STRING,
REV. J. H. STEELE, D. D.,
ELDER WM. H. BAHL.

V. REQUEST OF ST. JOSEPH CLASSIS.

The Standing Committee on Minutes of Classis reported in item 1, that St. Joseph Classis held a special meeting and transacted business without a quorum being present; and in item 2, that this classis requests synod to ratify the action of that special meeting. The matter was referred to a special committee consisting of Revs. D. Van Horne, D. D., E. M. Beck and Elder Horace Ankeney. Following is the report of the committee as adopted:

Your committee appointed to investigate and report on the request of St. Joseph Classis that the acts and proceedings of a special meeting held at Three Rivers, Mich., on December 3, 1896, at which there were only three ministers and one elder present, should be ratified by this synod, beg leave to respectfully report.

We have given attention to the records of classis in the case, and have had an interview with three members of the classis, including its former president. The excuse given for doing business with less than a quorum is the great distance between the various charges and the consequent difficulty in securing the attendance of a constitutional quorum. In the judgment of your committee this excuse is invalid, and the precedent of approval would be harmful.

We recommend, therefore, that action be taken by this synod disapproving the procedure of the classis in the case.

Respectfully submitted,

D. VAN HORNE,
E. M. BECK,
HORACE ANKENEY.

The question was then raised as to what the effect of synod's action would be; and, on motion, the same committee was continued with instructions to define the meaning of synod's action. The committee presented the following report, which was adopted:

our committee appointed to define the meaning of synod's action in relation to the request of St. Joseph Classis, and to suggest some method of rectifying the irregularity, recommend that the classis be directed to carry out the action on the items contained in the call for the special meeting at Three Rivers, Mich., on December 3, 1896, at some meeting with a quorum in attendance, and report the same in its minutes to this synod. In the meantime the relations assumed in consequence of the aforesaid meeting of December 3, 1896, may be continued.

Respectfully submitted,

D. VAN HORNE,
E. M. BECK,
HORACE ANKENEY.

VI. PRINTING OF MINUTES.

1) The Stated Clerk was instructed to have 1,800 copies of the Minutes of Synod printed in the usual form, including the Minutes of the Woman's Missionary Society, and distribute them among the several charges according to the membership. Synod also requested the Stated Clerk to have the minutes sent to the different charges direct from the Publishing House, with the charges prepaid.

2) Report on Publication of Minutes of last meeting.

The Standing Committee on Minutes of Synod, in item 16, reported that the Stated Clerk was instructed to have 1,800 copies of the Minutes printed and distributed.

Then the following report was received and adopted:

It is hereby reported, that, in accordance with the instructions of synod, had 1,800 copies of the official minutes of the sessions of 1896 published in the usual form, and distributed them in proper proportion among the several classes, whose respective Stated Clerks were requested to distribute them, as ordered by synod, among the different pastoral charges according to the membership.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. W. HENNING, *Stated Clerk.*

VII. ARCHIVES OF SYNOD.

The following resolution, offered by the Stated Clerk, was adopted:

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed, with Dr. A. S. Zerbe chairman, to whom shall be referred the matter of the Archives of Synod, to give a decision as to what the Archives of Synod shall consist of, where they shall be located, and who shall have charge thereof; also to ascertain whether there is a complete file of the Minutes of Ohio Synod from its organization in 1824 up to this time, in possession of the synod anywhere; and if not, to endeavor to secure such a file of its records, if possible, to be placed in the Archives of Synod.

The committee as appointed consists of Rev. Dr. A. S. Zerbe, the Stated Clerk and Elder Horace Ankeney.

VIII. REPORT OF THE REPORTORIAL COMMITTEE.

Your Committee on Reporting has sent reports to the *Christian World*, the *Messenger*, and local papers.

Respectfully submitted,

F. CROMER,
E. H. LAUBACH,
I. U. E. KUNKLE,
D. W. LOUCKS,
C. W. BRUGH.

IX. PLACE AND TIME OF NEXT ANNUAL MEETING.

During the evening session on Saturday, on motion, synod proceeded to select the place and fix the time of the next annual meeting. An invitation as to place was received through the pastor, Rev. J. P. Stahl, from the Reformed congregation at Canal Winchester, Ohio. On motion, the invitation was unanimously and thankfully accepted; and David's Reformed Church, in Canal Winchester, Franklin County, Ohio, declared to be the place of the next meeting. The time fixed for the next meeting is Thursday, September 29, A. D. 1898, at 7.30 P. M.

X. COMMITTEE ON RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR 1898.

The president appointed the following Committee on Religious Services for 1898: Revs. J. P. Stahl, S. E. Neikirk, A. C. Shuman, and Elders Wm. H. Bahl and Benjamin Meckley.

XI. LEAVE OF ABSENCE.

During the afternoon session on Friday, the president appointed the following Committee on Leave of Absence, viz: Revs. J. J. Gruber and Geo. F. Chenot, and Elder Geo. B. Krumlauf. This committee, during the Monday morning session, submitted the following report, which was adopted:

Your committee would submit the following report: The following persons have been excused: *Ministers*—J. H. Bomberger, C. E. Ewing, J. W. Miller, D. A. Parks, S. L. Runkle, H. E. Kilmer, E. R. Williard, G. W. Williard, D. D., R. Keller, Wm. H. Shults, D. W. Loucks, C. M. Rohrbaugh, J. W. Barber, N. A. Ernst, Dr. J. A. Peters, Dr. H. M. Herman, L. B. C. Lahr, C. E. Stoner, Dr. L. H. Kefauver, G. H. Souder, F. G. Bogart. *Elders*—H. H. Hale, Benj. Meckley, Jac. Lehman, Wm. R.

Graham, I. H. Zartman, J. P. Zimmerman, Wm. H. Fox, Jac. Sampsel,
Edward Hoegner, Jas. Cameron, T. I. Heller, L. C. Reichenbach, Wm.
Oberlin, J. A. Klahr, M. A. Snyder, Matt. Miller, John Shive, J. H.
Smith, Isaac Hisey. Respectfully submitted,

J. J. GRUBER,
GEO. F. CHENOT,
GEO. B. KRUMLAUF.

The following resolutions were adopted at the closing session:

(a) *Resolved*, That the attention of Tuscarawas, Miami, Lancaster,
Jeffin and St. Joseph Classes is called to the fact that their clerks have
not this year sent copies of the reports on the State of Religion and Sta-
tistics to the retiring president.

(b) *Resolved*, That the Stated Clerk be instructed to secure a proper
book and keep an engrossed copy of the journal of this synod.

(c) *Resolved*, That the Stated Clerk of this synod be requested to have
the Minutes of Synod sent to the respective charges direct from the
Publishing House with charges prepaid.

(d) *Resolved*, That synod censures Dr. W. A. Hale for leaving without
excuse, and without performing the duties assigned him.

(e) *Resolved*, That the Stated Clerk be instructed to have forty copies of
the Minutes of Synod sent to the Theological Seminary and Heidelberg
University, in care of Rev. Dr. D. Van Horne.

ARTICLE XXV.

RESUMPTION AND CLOSE.

VOTE OF THANKS.

On motion, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That we give expression by a rising vote, of our gratitude to
the good people of Trinity congregation of Canton for their royal enter-
tainment during the sessions of this synod.

The roll was called in connection with the presentation of the report of
the Committee on Leave of Absence, and the following were found absent
without excuse: *Ministers*—W. A. Hale, D. D., Daniel Burghalter, John
I. Albright, Phaon W. Snyder, Alfred G. Berky, Jesse H. String, Licen-
tiate Cornelius Hange. *Elders*—Jacob Krumroy, Wm. F. Smith, Irvine
I. Crofut, Henry Wertz, Lewis Bandy, Benjamin Ashbaucher.

On motion, those who were absent at final roll call without excuse, and
those who were not in attendance at any of the sessions without being
excused, and the charges not represented by elders, were referred to
their respective classes.

The minutes of the last session were read and approved, and the min-
utes were adopted as a whole and ordered to be engrossed.

ARTICLE XXVI.

ADJOURNMENT.

Synod having finished its business, it was, on motion,

Resolved, That the Ohio Synod now adjourns to meet, as already decided, in convention, in David's Reformed Church at Canal Winchester, Franklin County, Ohio, on Thursday, September 29, A. D., 1898, at 7:30 P. M.

The synod adjourned finally on Monday, October 11, at half-past nine A. M., and closed its sessions by uniting in the repetition of the Apostles' Creed, praying the Lord's Prayer, and the apostolic benediction being pronounced by the president. CHARLES E. MILLER, *President*.

GEORGE W. HENNING, *Stated Clerk*.

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GEORGE W. HENNING, *Stated Clerk*.

ACTS AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
Woman's Missionary Society
OF THE
OHIO SYNOD.

The eleventh annual session of the Woman's Missionary Society of Ohio Synod, convened October 7th, 1897, in Trinity Reformed Church of Dayton, Ohio.

The consecration services were conducted by Mrs. Augusta Prugh of Dayton, Ohio.

The enrollment of delegates, the first business of the session, resulted follows:

DELEGATES.

Tiffin Classis.—Mrs. B. B. Krammes, Tiffin, O.

St. Joseph Classis.—Mrs. L. Theibolt, Ft. Wayne, Ind.

Eastern Ohio Classis.—Miss Mary C. Yaggi and Mrs. J. C. Nunkner, Louisville, O.

Liami Classis.—Mrs. Augusta Prugh, Dayton, O.

Canaster Classis.—Mrs. D. W. Loucks, Somerset, O., Mrs. S. B. Yockey, Columbus, O.

Wuscarawas Classis.—Mrs. J. C. Frank, Akron, O., Mrs. W. H. Shults, Massillon, O.

CONGREGATIONAL DELEGATES.

Tiffin Classis.—Mrs. J. H. Ridgely, First Reformed Church, Tiffin, O., Mrs. B. B. Krammes, Grace Church, Tiffin, O.

St. Joseph Classis.—Mrs. Louisa Theibolt, Heidelberg Church, Ft. Wayne, Ind.

Eastern Ohio Classis.—Mrs. S. Z. Beam and Mrs. G. H. Souder, Trinity Church, Carrollton, O.; Mrs. P. H. Weaver, New Jefferson, O.; Mrs. J. Rohrbaugh, Mrs. J. N. Yoder, Columbiana, O.; Miss Lizzie Bandy, Gael Congregation; Mrs. C. H. Roller, Lucerne, O.; Mrs. H. E. Killip, Mt. Olivet; Mrs. J. M. Smith, Mrs. J. R. Stoffer, Louisville, O.

Canaster Classis.—Mrs. G. F. Bareis, Canal Winchester, O.; Mrs. D. Loucks, Glenford, O.; Mrs. S. B. Yockey, St. John's Church, Columbus, O.

Wuscarawas Classis.—Mrs. B. F. Andrews, Mrs. C. O. Waltz, Grace Church, Akron, O.; Mrs. W. Bollinger, Miss E. C. Vial, Trinity Church, Akron, O.; Mrs. Abbie Gerstenslager, Marshallville, O.; Mrs. Frank

Schlitz, Mrs. Milton Young, New Berlin, O.; Mrs. Louise G. Rohrbaugh, Mrs. J. H. Sponsellar, Trinity Church, Canton, O.; Mrs. Alice Boorn, Mrs. Wm. Mader, Massillon, O.

Miami Classis.—Mrs. Jno. Blum, Trinity Church, Dayton, O.; Mrs. R. Fenneman, Hamilton, O.; Mrs. F. W. Hoffman, Beaver Charge.

MINISTERS' WIVES.

St. Joseph Classis.—Mrs. S. V. Rohrbaugh, Fulton, Michigan; Mrs. B. B. Royer, Goshen, Indiana.

Eastern Ohio Classis.—Mrs. G. E. Metger, Alliance, O.; Mrs. G. W. Henning, Osnaburg, O.; Mrs. H. E. Kilmer, Mt. Olivet, O.; Mrs. J. J. Leberman, Louisville, O.; Mrs. Wm. H. Shults, Massillon, O.; Mrs. G. H. Souder, Mrs. S. Z. Beam, Carrollton, O.; Mrs. P. H. Weaver, New Jefferson, O.

Miami Classis.—Mrs. S. L. Runkle, Dialton, O.; Mrs. Chas. E. Miller, Dayton, O.; Mrs. R. Fenneman, Hamilton, O.; Mrs. F. W. Hoffman, Alpha, O.

Tuscarawas Classis.—Mrs. H. J. Christman, Lake, O.

Lancaster Classis.—Mrs. S. B. Yockey, Columbus, O.; Mrs. D. W. Loucks, Somerset, O.

The President and Corresponding Secretary, submitted reports, which on motion, were accepted.

The Treasurer presented her report for the past year: The same was placed in the hands of the Auditing Committee. The suggestion was made that the moneys in the treasury with the evening collection be used in cancelling the debt on our apportionment, and if necessary draw from contingent fund. On motion, the suggestion was adopted. The following committees were appointed:

Auditing.—Mrs. Andrews, Mrs. Gerstenslager, Miss Vial.

Assessment.—Mrs. Shults, Mrs. Eggert.

Minutes and Overtures.—Mrs. Hoffman, Mrs. Runkle.

Literature.—Mrs. Anna Miller, Mrs. Prugh, Mrs. Loucks.

Plan of Work.—Mrs. Yockey, Mrs. Holloway, Mrs. Boorn.

Resolutions.—Mrs. Krammes, Mrs. Nunamaker.

Statistical.—Mrs. Chas. Miller, Mrs. Royer, Mrs. Weaver.

On motion, the Constitution of this Society was read. Some changes were thought to be necessary. A motion was made and carried that a committee be appointed to carefully examine the Constitution, and offer suggestions as to needed changes. The following composed said committee: Mrs. Fenneman, Mrs. Yockey and Mrs. Prugh.

After singing the doxology, and a short prayer being offered by Mrs. Sonnedecker, the society adjourned to meet at one o'clock, P. M.

Thursday Afternoon.

The opening devotional services were conducted by Mrs. J. J. Leberman, of Louisville, Ohio. The chair appointed Miss Minnie Bauer, to

report the proceedings of these sessions for the city papers. A very interesting paper on the subject, "Japan," was presented by Mrs. Park Holloway of Columbiana, O. This subject was made very much more interesting by a map locating our work in Japan.

The society was favored with a beautiful vocal selection by a ladies' quartette.

The subject, "Our publications, how best to circulate them," was presented in a well prepared paper, by Mrs. D. W. Loucks of Somerset, O. Discussions followed the presentation of these papers.

Miscellaneous business was then called for.

A letter was read from Mrs. D. W. Gerhard, chairman of the *Woman's Journal* Committee of the Society of General Synod, presenting the urgent needs of the *Journal*. It was urged that its greatest need was more subscribers, and if we would hope to retain the *Journal*, we must secure for it a larger subscription list. As a committee to secure subscribers among the delegates at this convention, the chair appointed: Mrs. Ridgely, Mrs. Christman, Mrs. Frank.

A motion was made and carried that the Corresponding Secretary be authorized to urge the Classical Presidents to appoint one from each congregation, to solicit subscribers for the *Journal*. On motion the Secretary was appointed a committee to ascertain if the Minutes of the Woman's Missionary Society of Ohio Synod, are printed by Ohio Synod free of charge. Mrs. Anna Miller appointed at the sessions of this society a year ago, to arrange systematically for contributions to the Woman's Column of the *Christian World*, presented her report. On motion the same was accepted. On motion Mrs. Prugh was continued as Editress of the Woman's Column. A motion prevailed that the plan adopted for said column last year, be adopted this year, and Mrs. Miller be again chosen to arrange with the Classical Societies for systematic contributions.

Rev. Schneder, the lately returned missionary from Japan, favored the society with a few encouraging remarks.

On motion, the society adjourned to meet at 8.30 o'clock Friday morning. Rev. Schneder pronounced the benediction.

Thursday Evening.

PROGRAM.

Opening Anthem Trinity Reformed Choir.
 Hymn.
 Bible Reading by the President.
 Hymn.
 Prayer Mrs. S. B. Yockey,
 Address of welcome Mrs. E. P. Herbruck, Canton, O.
 Response by the President.
 Paper, "Woman's Privileges and Possibilities in Mission Work,"
 By Mrs. Jno. Halter, Bettsville, Ohio, read by Mrs. B. B. Krammes.
 Solo Mrs. J. M. Rohrbaugh, Canton, O.
 Address Mrs. D. B. Schneder, Sendai, Japan.
 Male Quartette Trinity Reformed Choir.
 Hymn, Benediction.

Friday Morning.

The devotional services were conducted by Mrs. D. W. Loucks, of Somerset, O. A paper entitled "The Woman's Missionary Society," presented by Mrs. F. W. Hoffman, of Alpha, O., showed careful preparation, and contained many very helpful suggestions.

An open parliament on "Home Missions" was conducted by Mrs. W. H. Shults, of Massillon, O. On the first topic, "Home Missions in General," Mrs. S. O. Eggert of Massillon, O., presented a very excellent paper. The next topic, "Beneficiary Education," was ably handled by Mrs. S. B. Yockey of Columbus, O. "Church Extension," the next topic, was presented in a very interesting paper by Mrs. G. W. Henning, of Osnaburg, O. "The Hungarian Work" was treated in a carefully prepared paper by Mrs. B. F. Andrews, of Akron, O. Mrs. J. H. Christman of Lake, O., presented an interesting paper on the next topic, "Our Harbor Missions." "The Bohemian Work," the subject of a very interesting and instructive paper, was presented by Mrs. Anna Miller, of Canton, O. As the time allotted the Open Parliament had expired, a motion prevailed that the time be extended ten minutes. Mrs. Shults, the leader, then briefly considered the subject in general. The Open Parliament not only proved very interesting, but will surely be the means of engendering a greater interest in the cause of Home Missions.

On motion, the society adjourned to meet at one o'clock. Mrs. Yockey led in prayer.

Friday Afternoon.

The praise service was conducted by Mrs. B. B. Krammes, of Tiffin, O. As Miss Bauer wished to leave the convention, Mrs. H. J. Christman was appointed to furnish for publication in the city papers a report of the proceedings of this closing session.

The Open Parliament on the subject, "Mission Band Work," was ably conducted by Mrs. B. B. Krammes. Topics under this subject presented by the leader, were followed by interesting discussions. The treasurer offered a supplemental report. She stated that ninety (\$90) dollars remained in the treasury. A motion was made and seconded that ten dollars be given to Mrs. D. B. Schneder, of Sendai, Japan, who had so earnestly addressed us at our session Thursday evening. Said amount to be contributed to the Chapel Fund, the object in which Mrs. Schneder feels so great an interest.

A motion prevailed that we give ten dollars to the *Woman's Journal*. A motion was made and carried that all moneys that could be spared from the treasury be given to the cause of Home Missions.

Mrs. Sonnedecker, appointed to ascertain in regard to the printing of our minutes, reported that they have been printed free of cost to this society.

A motion was made that the names of all members who pay five cents per month and upwards, be reported for assessment. The motion carried. A motion prevailed that an order be issued on the treasury for sufficient

amount to pay the Recording Secretary for express charges and postage in Synodical Minutes of 1896. A motion was made and carried that orders be issued on the treasury for all sums due by this society.

The election of officers resulted as follows:

President, Mrs. S. B. Yockey, Columbus, O.

First Vice President, Mrs. Park Holloway, Columbiana, O.

Second Vice President, Mrs. B. B. Krammes, Tiffin, O.

Recording Secretary, Mrs. T. H. Sonnedecker, Tiffin, O.

Treasurer, Miss Jennie Heckerman, Tiffin, O.

On motion, the president was allowed to choose the Corresponding Secretary. By a rising vote the society showed their appreciation for the efficient service rendered by our retiring president, Mrs. G. F. Bareis. The newly elected president then took the chair. The question box was opened by Mrs. Anna Miller. The questions brought forth were ably answered and will certainly prove of profit. A rising vote of thanks was rendered the Recording and Corresponding Secretaries and the Treasurer, for the services rendered by them the past year. It was suggested that a committee be appointed to tabulate a new statistical blank for the coming year. On motion, the president appointed as this committee, Mrs. Krammes, Mrs. Sonnedecker, Mrs. Ridgely and Miss Heckerman. A motion prevailed that the Corresponding Secretary secure for publication in the *Journal* and the *Woman's Column of the Christian World*, the very excellent papers presented at the various sessions of this convention. Mrs. D. W. Loucks of Glenford, O., was chosen to serve in the capacity of Corresponding Secretary the ensuing year. The additional members of the Executive Committee chosen, were Mrs. F. W. Hoffman, Alpha, O., Mrs. G. F. Bareis, Canal Winchester, O., and Mrs. R. Fenneman, Hamilton, O.

A motion prevailed that we extend a rising vote of thanks to the good people of Canton who had so hospitably entertained us during our sojourn among them.

The committee appointed to examine the constitution, as to needed changes, reported as follows:

Your committee, after a careful examination of the constitution, have agreed that but few changes were necessary. In Article 2, Section 1, we would suggest making it read THREE Vice Presidents. Article 3, Section 1, we would change to read as follows: This Synodical Society shall be composed of the officers and members of the Executive Committee, ministers' wives, two delegates from the regularly organized classical societies, and one properly appointed delegate, with written credentials, from each congregational society.

We would also recommend the striking out altogether of Section 2 in Article 3, and Section 2 of Article 5.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. R. FENNEMAN, *Chairman*.

The report was received.

REPORT OF AUDITING COMMITTEE.

The committee examined the records and books of the treasurer and found them very neatly and correctly kept. Also learned that she corresponded with all classical treasurers and found that their books tallied. And we recommend the adoption of her report.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. B. F. ANDREWS, *Chairman.*

On motion, the report was adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MINUTES AND OVERTURES

Your committee submits the following report: The minutes of last synodical meeting were carefully examined, and we found no items for correction, and no unfinished business.

There were no overtures received.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. F. W. HOFFMAN, *Chairman.*

The report was received.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON STATISTICS.

CLASSES.	No. Societies.	No. Members.	Home.	Foreign.	Contingent.	Total.
St. Joseph	10	159	\$103 12	.....	\$ 8 00	\$111 12
Lancaster	5	179	15 39	\$154 00	.....	169 39
Eastern Ohio	10	230	76 08	119 41	9 00	200 49
Tiffin	6	161	.....	.....	.....	179 07
Tuscarawas	14	293	97 41	149 59	10 00	276 03
Miami	11	269	.....	.....	8 00	326 00
	56	1281	\$292 00	\$423 00	\$26 00	\$1262 10

MISSION BANDS.

St. Joseph	2	78	.....	.....	.....	\$ 25
Lancaster .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	41
Eastern Ohio .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	36
Tiffin	4	109	.....	.....	.....	50
Tuscarawas	2	80	\$15 00	\$5 00	.....	80
Miami	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. CHAS. E. MILLER, *Chairman.*

On motion, this report was received.

REPORT OF THE LITERATURE COMMITTEE.

Your Committee on Literature offers the following report:

The great need of our work demands a more general acquaintance with

all the various fields, and a brighter spiritual culture. To this end we desire to express our thanks and appreciation for the articles furnished time to time, and the earnest missionary spirit exhibited. Plans for improvement were suggested and in the future will be adopted.

The *Christian World* will be organ for the continued publication of interest and help in our work. We recommend the *Woman's Journal*, the *Reformed Church Tidings* and the *Japan Evangelist* as national, spiritual, and invaluable to every member. Especially do we commend the *Mission Band Helper* to educate our children in the work of missions and our church work.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. ANNA L. MILLER, *Chairman.*

In motion, this report was received.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PLAN OF WORK.

In presenting a plan of work for your consideration we are compelled by our knowledge and call attention to the excellent plans that have from time to time been presented on the floor of this convention. Had these plans been carefully studied and acted upon, we would have fewer suggestions to make at this time. But unfortunately many of us go home after these meetings, make our reports to the societies that sent us, and drop the work from our attention until the next year's missionary Tidings recalls it. Your committee of this year pleads for thoughtful and conscientious treatment of the plans proposed.

We would suggest first of all that the Constitution of the Woman's Missionary Society of Ohio Synod, now in the hands of a Committee on Revision, should be printed as amended in the Woman's Column of the *Christian World*, and in the *Woman's Journal*, and carefully studied by every woman of the Ohio Synod who has the interest of this society at heart, so that she may be prepared to vote intelligently when the matter comes up for final settlement at next year's meeting.

We recommend secondly, that the societies conform to the uniform plan suggested by our treasurer's report. All moneys paid on apporportionment must be sent from the treasurers of the congregational societies through the treasurers of the classical and synodical societies, to the treasurer of the Woman's Missionary Society of General Synod. Extra money done by any society in the form of money raised for special objects, as outfits for missionaries, supplies of song books or literature for use on Sunday-schools, &c., shall be reported by sending receipts for the amounts up through the regular channels, such receipts to be prepared by the treasurers in a separate report and *not* included in the regular treasurers' reports, through whose hands they pass. These

treasurers may, if they so desire, close their reports by giving a grand total of all work done by the women. We suggest further that some one be appointed to communicate with the Treasurer of the Woman's Missionary Society of General Synod, asking her to keep such an extra report, and have it printed as a supplement to her regular report. We would reiterate the timely suggestions embodied in last year's plan of work, that we encourage individual self-denial gifts and free-will offerings. That we urge the officers of classical societies to gather funds from congregations having no organized societies, and finally that we urge renewed and constant efforts toward complete organization of Woman's Missionary Societies, Junior Societies, and Mission Bands.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. S. B. YOCKEY, *Chairman.*

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON APPORTIONMENTS.

	No. Societies.	No. Members.	Apportionment
St. Joseph Classis.....	10	159	\$198 75
Lancaster Classis.....	5	179	223 75
Eastern Ohio Classis.....	10	230	287 50
Tiffin Classis.....	6	161	201 25
Tuscarawas Classis.....	14	293	366 25
Miami Classis.....	11	269	336 25
	56	1291	\$1613 75

The work remains the same as last year, \$900 for foreign work, \$700 for home work, making a total of \$1,600. The amount per capita will be \$1.25. This increase per capita is due to the fact that the membership has DECREASED the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. W. H. SHULTS, *Chairman.*

The report was received.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS.

WHEREAS, We as a Synodical Society, through the well directed efforts of its various divisions, have made commendable progress during the past year and still earnestly desire to do more and better work to further the cause of our Master and his Kingdom, therefore be it

Resolved, That we daily implore our heavenly Father to guide us during the coming year with his unerring wisdom.

Resolved, That we not only adopt but work upon the suggestions made by the Plan of Work Committee.

Resolved, That our most sincere thanks be extended to Rev. Schneder for his encouraging remarks at our Thursday afternoon's meeting, and to Mrs. Schneder for her inspiring address Thursday evening.

Resolved, That we most heartily thank the ladies for their instructive and excellent papers read during the various sessions.

Resolved, That since God in his wise providence, has removed from our midst our esteemed sister, and former president, Mrs. M. Loucks, that we submit to his divine will, feeling that our loss is her eternal gain, and that we extend our sympathy to her family and friends.

Resolved, That we extend our sincere thanks to the pastor and members of Trinity Reformed Church of Canton, for their hospitality, and to the members of the choir for their excellent solos, quartettes and anthems.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. B. B. KRAMMES, *Chairman*.

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR 1896, 1897.

In treasury October 18, 1896, Contingent Fund	\$ 20 00
Received of Miss Ida Huston, Treasurer Miami Classis, Apportionment	396 20
Mrs. Lehman, Home Missions	1 00
Contingent Fund	6 00
Total	\$ 403 20
Received of Mrs. M. L. Fisher, Treasurer St. Joseph Classis, Apportionment, \$	98 50
Contingent Fund	6 00
Total	\$ 104 50
Received of Mrs. W. D. Beeks, Treasurer Lancaster Classis, App't., 1895, 1896 . \$	54 24
Apportionment 1896, 1897	204 00
Apportionment 1897, 1898	6 00
Gospel hymns, Miss Zurfluh	4 00
Total	\$ 268 24
Received of Mrs. W. H. Shults, Treasurer Tusc. Classis, Appt. 1895, 1896 . . . \$	33 57
Apportionment 1896, 1897	310 69
Contingent Fund	7 00
Total	\$ 357 26
Received of Mrs. Jennie Yoder, Treasurer Eastern Ohio Classis, Appt \$	259 94
Apportionment 1897, 1898	20 00
Home Missions	23 54
Outfit for lady teacher	13 00
Gospel hymns, Miss Zurfluh	8 00
Contingent Fund	4 50
Total	\$ 328 98
Received of Miss Ella Klahr, Treasurer Tiffin Classis, Appt. 1895, 1896 \$	41 96
Apportionment 1896, 1897	183 90
Home Missions	10 00
Outfit for lady teacher	42 73
Gospel hymns, Miss Zurfluh	12 25
Contingent Fund, 1896, 1896	1 00
Contingent Fund, 1896, 1897	4 00
Total	\$ 295 84
Evening collection, Canton	\$ 32 12
Total with balance	\$ 1,804 14

DISBURSEMENTS.

Foreign Missions	\$	900
Home Missions		779
Miss Rohrbaugh's outfit		55
Gospel Hymns (Miss Zurfluh)		24
Woman's Journal		10
Mrs. D. B. Schneder, church building		10
Secretary's railroad fare		6 5
Secretary's postage		5
Corresponding Secretary's postage		1 2
Treasurer's railroad fare		6 5
Treasurer's postage, 1895, 1896		1 2
Treasurer's postage, 1896, 1897		1 2
Total		\$1,796 5
Balance, Contingent Fund		7 6

Respectfully submitted,

JENNIE A. HECKERMAN, *Treasurer.*

The minutes of these sessions were read, corrected, and on motion were adopted.

On motion the society adjourned, to meet in connection with the Ohio Synod at its next annual session. MRS. S. B. YOCKEY, *President.*

MRS. T. H. SONNEDECKER, *Secretary.*

No. Con	Comm	Comm	Unconf	Infant	Adult	Confirm	Certifig new	Dissmiss	Excomit	Frasure	Deaths	Deaths	Comm	Stude	Benevo	Congreg	Minute	Church
1	714	6	5	6	9	25	85	13	13	29	4	29	4	29	\$ 664 00	\$8 697 00	25	Dayton, O.
1	399	249	80	80	7	13	21	14	14	14	3	14	3	14	371 00	5,083 00	20	Dayton, O.
1	247	228	25	25	8	12	37	2	2	2	1	2	1	2	137 00	1,036 00	10	Dayton, O.
1	230	210	150	17	28	39	34	5	5	4	4	4	2	2	2,800 00	2,800 00	16	Dayton, O.
1	450	420	100	14	10	40	10	7	7	14	7	14	7	7	210 00	1,600 00	16	Miamisburg, O.
3	258	200	180	7	2	1	2	1	1	7	1	7	1	1	405 00	1,500 00	15	Xenia, O.
3	372	323	100	7	14	21	3	6	6	23	7	23	7	7	235 00	1,500 00	27	West Alexandria, O.
3	320	210	60	7	11	18	6	11	11	94	4	94	4	4	30 00	1,070 00	12	Fairfield, O.
4	135	50	5	5	6	6	5	6	6	16	3	16	3	3	16 00	1,005 00	15	Dayton, O.
1	23	20	17	2	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	2	1	1	75 00	1,150 00	20	Hillgrove, O.
4	207	109	97	8	3	3	5	10	10	22	8	22	8	8	18 00	175 00	10	Hamilton, O.
2	259	242	97	8	3	3	5	10	10	11	1	11	1	1	167 00	3,640 00	20	Arcanum, O.
1	6	6	13	1	1	1	4	18	18	6	1	6	1	1	3 00	50 00	3	Hamilton, O.
3	231	172	84	12	9	23	16	3	3	53	6	53	6	6	106 00	964 00	15	Farmersville, O.
2	252	234	84	12	9	23	16	3	3	13	7	13	7	7	64 00	1,200 00	18	Tremont City, O.
3	322	264	69	8	11	15	7	6	6	13	7	13	7	7	27 00	445 00	18	Boundary, Ind.
3	154	128	29	3	13	18	9	7	7	2	8	2	8	2	35 00	900 00	10	Hills oro, O.
2	225	201	41	10	27	37	10	7	7	2	9	2	9	2	50 00	215 00	14	Swander's, Shelby co, O.
3	160	130	1	1	6	6	6	1	1	9	1	9	1	1	37 00	675 00	15	Dayton, O.
2	175	160	25	9	27	33	10	9	9	4	2	4	2	2	125 00	725 00	10	Greenville, O.
1	102	90	38	5	6	6	4	3	3	4	4	4	2	2	166 00	670 00	12	Springboro, O.
1	92	92	22	3	2	4	1	6	6	12	4	12	4	4	88 00	352 00	10	Springfield, O.
1	56	48	15	5	5	5	18	6	6	4	4	4	1	1	40 00	40 00	2	Oran, Shelby Co., O.
2	23	23	16	1	6	6	6	6	6	4	4	4	4	4	150 00	150 00	4	Xenia, O.
1	44	32	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	5	Dayton, O.
1	47	36	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	5	Dayton, O.
1	47	36	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	5	Sioux City, Iowa.
1	47	36	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	5	Xenia, O.
1	47	36	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	5	Heno, O.
1	47	36	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	5	Dayton, O.
156	5938	4862	973	155	242	452	283	131	6	300	94	30	6	6	\$3,712 00	\$31,557 00	377	426

LANCASTER CLASSIS.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	Members.		Additions.			Losses.					Contributions.		Minutes of Synod Wanted	Church Papers Taken.	POSTOFFICE ADDRESS.			
		Communit.	Unconfirmd.	Infant Baptisms.	Adult Baptisms.	Confirmed.	Certificate of Renewal of Profession.	Dismissed.	Excommunicated.	Erasure of Names.	Deaths, Communicants.	Deaths, Unconfirmd.	Students for Ministry.				Beneficent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.	
C. E. Stoner	Basil	419	320	27	9	16	6						\$ 292 00	\$ 928 00			Basil, Ohio.		
L. B. C. Lahr	Delaware	293	223	108	9	10	10						\$ 305 00	\$ 1,400 00			Delaware, Ohio.		
D. W. Loucks	Glenford	253	231	104	12	4	5						\$ 588 00	\$ 867 00			Somerset, Ohio.		
B. S. Metzger	Kinnikinnick	127	107	57	3	3	3						\$ 65 00	\$ 475 00			Hallsville, Ohio.		
S. E. Sneypp	Lancaster	183	125	57	4	4	10						\$ 64 00	\$ 925 00	120	70	Lancaster, Ohio.		
P. W. Snyder	Rushville	186	146	85	4	4	2						\$ 84 00	\$ 501 00	81	15	Bremen, Ohio.		
S. B. Yockey	St. John's	58	51	8	5	15	2						\$ 22 00	\$ 393 00	5	31	Columbus, Ohio.		
J. D. Neff	Stoutsville	296	164	112	7	4	5						\$ 188 00	\$ 1,431 00	12	40	Stoutsville, Ohio.		
C. M. Rohrbaugh	Thornville	161	145	60	11	4	4						\$ 200 00	\$ 850 00	19	40	Thornville, Ohio.		
C. Hange	Union	221	187	55	10	5	8						\$ 100 00	\$ 730 00	10		Baltimore, Ohio.		
S. W. Seemann	Wilson Avenue	309	274	120	11	18	9						\$ 78 00	\$ 1,911 00	10		Columbus, Ohio.		
J. P. Stahl	Winchester	182	153	48	3	10	4						\$ 273 00	\$ 663 00	6		Columbus, Ohio.		
J. Hefley	Winchester	111	95		5	1							\$ 50 00	\$ 200 00	6		Canal Winchester, Ohio.		
J. P. Stahl, (supply)	Zion's	20			14	1													
P. D. Schory	Without Charge																		
J. Vogt, D. D.	Without Charge																		
G. H. Leonard, D. D.	Without Charge																		
H. H. Sandoe	Without Charge																		
W. A. From	Without Charge																		
		300	2730	9221	719	90	46	127	109	68	47	43	14	2	\$2,260 00	\$11,247 00	190	274	Baltimore, Ohio.

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MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	Members.		Additions.		Losses.				Students for Ministry.	Contributions.		Minutes of Synod Wanted.	Church Papers Taken.	POSTOFFICE ADDRESS.	
		Communitants.	Unconfirmd.	Infant Baptisms.	Adult Baptisms.	Confirmed.	Certificate or Renewal.	Dismissed.	Excommunicated.		Pressure of Names.	Deaths (Communitants).				Deaths (Unconfirmd).	Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.
E. P. Heerbrück, D. D.	Trinity, Canton	1	1050	910	280	40	19	73	39	10	5	1	1	25	250 Canton, Ohio.	
E. R. Willard	Grace, Akron	1	823	700	250	19	15	14	11	10	10	1	1	17	100 Akron, Ohio.	
S. C. Gross, D. D.	Wadsworth	2	244	226	55	3	8	6	11	10	7	1	1	16	58 Wadsworth, Ohio.	
A. G. Berk	Tuscarawas	4	203	212	136	9	10	21	12	12	6	1	1	17	110 Massillon, Ohio.	
H. J. Christman	Uniontown	3	352	321	126	20	11	21	12	11	6	1	1	15	100 Lake, Ohio.	
N. A. Ernst	Savarre	4	250	204	85	11	11	11	11	11	11	1	1	25	54 Savarre, Ohio.	
L. U. E. Kunkle	New Berlin	1	298	227	123	16	9	13	11	6	1	1	1	30	30 New Berlin, Ohio.	
W. B. Stoury	Hough Ave.	4	175	186	46	2	13	14	14	6	1	1	1	10	Cleveland, Ohio.	
S. E. Kloppenstein	Polk	3	215	186	46	2	13	14	14	6	1	1	1	10	West Salem, Ohio.	
L. E. Hossenschild	Reedsburg	3	290	278	10	6	17	22	12	12	1	1	1	17	98 Reedsburg, Ohio.	
F. M. Shultz	Wesley	3	218	202	66	6	17	22	12	12	1	1	1	20	200 Mohican, Ohio.	
E. M. Beck	Mohican	1	190	140	60	6	16	16	16	5	1	1	1	30	Wesley, Ohio.	
N. H. Loese, D. D.	Shelby	2	183	178	60	9	11	20	10	10	12	1	1	10	265 Shelby, Ohio.	
J. S. Freeman	Apple Creek	1	173	158	80	8	11	20	10	10	12	1	1	12	81 Apple Creek, Ohio.	
A. E. Baichly	Trinity, Akron	1	150	148	70	13	11	20	10	10	12	1	1	50	81 Canal Fulton, Ohio.	
J. W. Huch	Marshallville	1	165	140	67	12	11	20	10	10	12	1	1	45	45 Marshallville, Ohio.	
Rev. J. N. Burger	Marshallville, 1	1	130	130	80	16	11	20	10	10	12	1	1	11	15 Loyal Oak, Ohio.	
J. H. Ho	Barrinton	1	100	97	57	18	5	15	10	10	12	1	1	7	55 Massillon, Ohio.	
Wm. H. Shultz	Crystal Springs	1	45	35	60	1	9	26	10	10	12	1	1	20	Crystal Springs, Ohio.	
J. C. Schauf	Manchester	4	303	203	60	1	9	26	10	10	12	1	1	100	100 Lima, Ohio.	
L. C. Edmonds	Amman	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Amman, Ohio.
N. W. Bloom	Without Charge	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Canan Center, Ohio.
J. C. Kire	Without Charge	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	E. Wayne, Ind.
O. C. Reiter	Without Charge	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Savarre, Ohio.
Thos. F. Herman	Hough Av. Assl	Cleveland, Ohio.	
		47	5926	4856	1845	245	157	228	225	109	31	119	64	19	71	\$5,823 80 \$27,257 20
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1. Rev. J. N. Burger has entered upon the work in the Marshallville Charge.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	Congregations.	Communicants.	Communed.	Unconfirmed.	Infant Baptisms.	Adult Baptisms.	Confirmed.	(Certificate or Renewal.)	Dismissed.	Excommunicated.	Excommunicated.	Ensures.	Deaths, Communicants.	Deaths, Unconfirmed.	Students for Ministry.	Benevolent Contributions.	Congregational Property.	Church Papers Taken.	Post-office Address.
John J. Leberman, D. D.	Louisville	544	414	78	22	19	33	23	9	9	4	4	1	1	1	1	387 00	\$1,200 00	171	Louisville, Ohio.
John H. Bomberger	Columbiana	1,402	376	50	8	33	19	37	14	21	6	4	2	2	2	2	850 00	1,700 00	150	Columbiana, Ohio.
Franklin E. Laufer	Casfield	3,295	194	9	2	3	15	17	7	7	8	4	1	1	1	1	197 00	890 00	57	Austintown, Ohio.
John J. Gruber	Lisbon	242	228	125	13	5	5	6	6	8	25	12	3	3	3	3	615 00	550 00	110	Lisbon, Ohio.
Vacant	Germano, 1.	1,130	120	28	9	1	1	11	1	1	1	20	2	2	2	2	32 00	253 00	5	Germano, Ohio.
Harvey E. Kilmer	Mt. Olivet	385	331	127	8	9	9	25	1	1	1	7	3	3	3	3	383 00	830 00	172	North Lima, Ohio.
Vacant	Robertsville, 2.	3,306															220 00			Robertsville, Ohio.
Daniel K. Falcason	Leavittsburg	3,211	173	21	6	5	22	11	8	8	1	1	1	1	1	1	31 00	215 00		Warren, Ohio.
John W. Miller	Springfield	266	251	65	26	3	36	1	5	5	33	6	1	1	1	1	275 00	725 00	120	Petersburg, Ohio.
George E. Meiger	Bethel	242	192	103	21	3	10	32	5	5	5	3	3	3	3	3	178 00	610 00	21	Alliance, Ohio.
Vacant	Carrollton, 3.	265	182	10	7	2	3	8	5	5	3	1	1	1	1	1	25 00	200 00	8	Carrollton, Ohio.
Aaron Noll	St. Paul's, Youngstown	1,111	97	47	4	1	8	19	5	5	3	1	1	1	1	1	459 00	1,473 00	26	Youngstown, Ohio.
Vacant	Warren	1	76	68	48	6	8	20	8	8							83 00	1,037 00	8	Warren, Ohio.
Vacant	St. Peter's, 4	1	71	58	20	4	15	6	2	2							12 00	137 00	8	Barryville, Ohio.
Sylvanus S. Snyder	Missionary in Japan																			Sendai, Japan.
George W. Henning	Without Charge																			Osnaburg, Ohio.
George H. Albright	Without Charge																			East Fairfield, Ohio.
Samuel Z. Beam, D. D.	Without Charge																			Carrollton, Ohio.
Francis M. Shults	Without Charge																			Mohican, Ohio.
Francis A. Edmonds	Without Charge																			Odell, Ill.

1. Now served by Rev. Park H. Weaver, Germano, Ohio.
2. Now served by Rev. John B. Rust, Ph. D., Malvern, Ohio.
3. Now served by Rev. Geo. H. Souder, Carrollton, Ohio.
4. Now served by Rev. Geo. F. Chenot, Barryville, Ohio.

CLASSES.	Classes.	Ministers.	Congregations.	Members.	Unconfirmed.	Infants.	Adults.	Confirmed.	Certification and Repression.	Communed.	Dismissed.	Excommunicate.	Erased.	Deaths.	Sunday-schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	Students.	Benevolent.	Congregational.	Minutes of Synod.	Church Papers.
	Miami	1	28	55	5938	978	155	242	452	283	462	151	6	300	124	52	867	6028	6	\$ 3,712	\$31,557	377	426
Lancaster	1	19	30	2739	719	90	46	127	109	222	68		47	57	31	438	2453	2	2,600	11,247	190	274
Tuscarawas	1	24	47	5926	1845	245	157	388	225	4856	109	3	119	83	44	760	5683	7	3,831	27,257	3	0.023
Tiffin	1	32	32	2538	1639	128	59	193	177	2081	40		96	34	29	403	2835	8	3,325	13,065	254	
Eastern Ohio	1	18	27	3546	819	128	61	237	155	2681	105		103	80	26	387	2979	5	3,457	13,221	230	818
St. Joseph	1	17	41	2803	969	113	111	236	131	2318	48		81	65	36	530	3219	3	1,687	14,881	155	229
Total	6	138	232	23490	6384	859	676	1583	1030	19022	521	9	746	443	218	3385	23182	31	\$18,275	\$11,258	1526	2900
Total for 1896	6	127	233	22400	6365	698	669	1297	1110	18987	525		709	372	212	3157	25554	23	\$18,217	\$129,842		

STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF THE REFORMED CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES FOR 1897.

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Eastern	12	298	525	93701	50386	5768	577	4712	2732	78050	1482		1994	1856	619	10505	77921	107	\$90,095	\$433,353		
Ohio	6	138	232	23490	6384	859	676	1583	1030	19022	521	9	746	443	218	3385	23182	31	17,275	111,258		
Northwest	10	188	225	21927	16884	1910	112	1166	1017	13836	828	4	540	488	223	1566	12473	20	15,384	99,379		
Pittsburg	6	82	137	17039	8017	900	177	106	611	14344	347		400	329	116	1066	11107	13	20,274	84,068		
Potomac	5	163	303	38660	20377	1874	855	1521	632	31689	621		452	425	294	1069	29431	96	51,19	166,015		
German Synod of the East	5	56	63	13199	3086	2026	18	731	706	12467	117		308	377	62	1140	11630	9	10,332	85,961		
Central	4	30	109	19697	11477	1083	76	149	301	14976	218	3	79	301	89	1072	12041	27	15,948	89,08		
Interior	5	51	67	3189	1479	145	81	149	304	2806	112		79	50	61	719	3637	6	4,660	17,158		
Total	56	631	1659	234612	124041	14565	1942	11847	7903	190009	3746	16	5599	5886	1682	23983	180764	271	\$231,169	\$1,086,198		

MEETINGS OF SYNODS.

NAME.	PLACE OF MEETING.	TIME OF MEETING.	STATED CLERK.
General Synod	Tiffin, Ohio, [second]	May 23, A. D. 1899	Rev. J. Phil. Stejn, Reading, Pa.
Eastern Synod	Reading, Pa., [second]	October 19, A. D. 1898	Rev. J. Phil. Stejn, Reading, Pa.
Ohio Synod	Canal Winchester, Ohio	September 29, A. D. 1898	Rev. Geo. W. Henning, Osanburg, Ohio.
Synod of the Northwest	Sheboygan, Wis. [Zion's]	September 28, A. D. 1898	Rev. John J. Janett, Sheboygan, Wis.
Pittsburg Synod	St. Petersburg, Pa.	October 5, A. D. 1898	Rev. J. Harvey Mickle, Johnstown, Pa.
Potomac Synod	Woodstock, Va.	October 25, A. D. 1898	Rev. Wm. M. Deatrick, D. D., Mercersburg, Pa.
German Synod of the East	Brooklyn, N. Y., [Christ]	September 7, A. D. 1898	Rev. A. Emil Dahman, D. D., Buffalo, N. Y.
Central Synod	Gallion, Ohio	September 21, A. D. 1898	Rev. John Bachman, D. D., Cincinnati, Ohio.
Synod of the Interior	St. Joseph, Mo	October 19, A. D. 1898	Rev. Dennis B. Shuey, Emporia, Kan.

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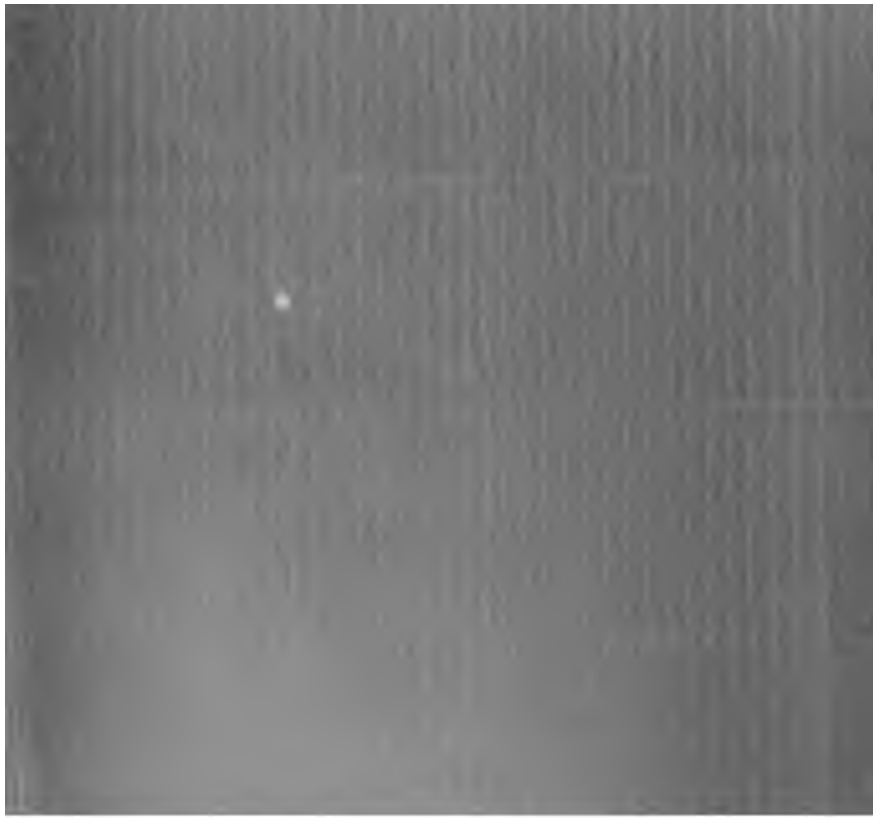
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Acts and Proceedings

Of the Ohio Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States, convened in David's Reformed Church, Canal Winchester, Ohio, Thursday, September 29, A. D. 1898, at half-past seven o'clock in the evening, and closed its sessions on the following Monday evening at half-past eleven o'clock.

ARTICLE I.

OPENING OF SYNOD.

The Ohio Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States, pursuant to adjournment, convened in its seventy-fifth annual sessions in David's Reformed Church, in Canal Winchester, Franklin County, Ohio, on Thursday, September 29, A. D. 1898, at 7.30 P. M., and united in devotional services conducted by Revs. David Van Horne, D. D., and Arthur V. Casselman. The opening sermon was preached by Rev. W. A. Hale, D. D., by appointment, from Matthew 28: 19: "Go ye therefore and make disciples of all nations." Synod was then called to order by the stated clerk and regularly constituted with prayer by Rev. G. W. Williard, D. D. The president being unavoidably absent, Rev. S. Z. Beam, D. D., was chosen president *pro tem*. The provisional roll was then called, and when completed, a quorum was found present, and synod proceeded to effect the organization by the election of officers.

Revs. A. H. Zechiel, S. E. Neikirk, J. J. Gruber and F. M. Shults were appointed tellers, who distributed the ballots, and the election proceeded in regular order. (For result, see Art. III.)

ARTICLE II.

MEMBERS PRESENT.

Miami Classis.—MINISTERS: Wm. A. Hale, D. D., Charles E. Miller 2, Ross F. Wicks, Geo. W. Williard, D. D., L.L.D., Daniel Burghalter, Albert Klinger, Charles E. Ewing, Frederic W. Hoffman, John H. Albright, Harvey L. Hart, Samuel L. Runkel, John W. Bechtel, Solomon U. Snyder, Reuben Keller, Michael Loucks, D. D.

ELDERS: John Blum, J. W. Peterson, Eli S. Miller, Daniel Kiblinger, Joseph P. Burtner, Lewis A. Kemp, E. J. Williamson, Wm. R. Graham 4.

Lancaster Classis.—**MINISTERS:** William A. Fromm, Cornelius Hange, James Hefley, Geo. H. Leonard, D. D. 2, Lewis B. C. Lahr 2, D. Webster Loucks, John D. Neff, Charles M. Rohrbaugh, Henry H. Sandoe 3, Solomon W. Seemann, Samuel E. Snepp 2, Phaon W. Snyder, Jacob P. Stahl, Charles E. Stoner, Samuel B. Yockey, D. D.

ELDERS: Opha Dearolph, Wm. Markel, Daniel L. Mauger, G. W. Clum, Dr. G. S. Stein, Geo. Loucks, Charles Alspach 2, Nathan Miller 2.

Tuscarawas Classis.—**MINISTERS:** Alfred G. Berky, Israel U. E. Kunkle, Wilson R. Stearly, Edward G. Klotz, Luther L. Hassenpflug 3, Francis M. Shults, S. Ezra Neikirk, Nathaniel H. Loose, D. D. 2, James S. Freeman, Alpheus E. Baichly, Isaiah N. Burger, Jacob Ihle, Wm. H. Shults, John C. Schaaf, S. Elmer Klopfenstine.

ELDERS: B. F. Phillips, J. Brainerd Miller, J. R. Poorman, Joseph Geisinger.

Tiffin Classis.—**MINISTERS:** David Van Horne, D. D., Lewis H. Kefauver, D. D., Alvin S. Zerbe, D. D. 2, Edward D. Wettach, D. D. 2, John M. Schick, D. D., James S. Keppel, Joseph C. Smith 3, Albert H. Zechiel, James H. Steele, D. D., John D. Thomas 2, Isaac A. Sites, Albert C. Shuman, Frederick Cromer, Geo. A. Dreibelbies.

ELDERS: Jacob Brendle, Jacob Killian, Geo. P. Rader, Geo. A. Klahr 4.

Eastern Ohio Classis.—**MINISTERS:** John J. Leberman, D. D., John H. Bomberger, D. D., Franklin E. Lauffer, John J. Gruber, Geo. H. Souder, Park H. Weaver, John W. Miller 2, Daniel K. Fulcason, Geo. W. Henning, Samuel Z. Beam, D. D., George F. Chenot, George W. Beaver, Arthur V. Casselman, John M. Kendig, D. D.

ELDERS: Noah E. Nold, J. D. Lane, James S. Shout, Geo. W. Miller.

St. Joseph's Classis.—**MINISTERS:** Jesse H. String 2, Benjamin B. Royer 2, Charles W. Brugh 2, Joseph W. Barber 2, Johnson J. Wagoner, Parley E. Zartman, Paul I. Deppen, Harvey S. Nicholson, John A. Seitz.

ELDERS: Louis F. Stahl, Jacob Humm 2, S. W. Rarrick 2.

ADVISORY MEMBERS.

Rev. Rufus W. Miller, Reading Classis, Eastern Synod.

Rev. Charles M. Schaaf, Heidelberg Classis, Central Synod.

Rev. Dewald S. Fouse, D. D., Iowa Classis, Synod of the Interior.

Rev. John H. Prugh, D. D., Allegheny Classis, Pittsburg Synod.

Rev. Henry S. Gekeler, Kansas Classis, Synod of the Interior.

Rev. Peter C. Prugh, D. D., Allegheny Classis, Pittsburg Synod.

Rev. Jacob C. Leonard, North Carolina Classis, Potomac Synod.

Elder Horace Ankeney, Miami Classis, Ohio Synod.

Elder Geo. F. Bareis, Lancaster Classis, Ohio Synod.

NOTE.—The figures annexed to the names of members, indicate the day on which those who were not present at the opening of synod, appeared and took their seats.

CORRESPONDING MEMBER.

Rev. John W. Belser, Heidelberg Classis, Central Synod.

VISITING MINISTERS OF OTHER CHURCHES.

Rev. Preston W. Reynolds, United Brethren Church.
 Rev. Abner Snider, United Brethren Church.

ARTICLE III.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

Rev. John M. Schick, D. D., *President*, Tiffin, Ohio.
 Rev. George W. Henning, *Stated Clerk*, Osnaburg, Ohio.
 Rev. Arthur V. Casselman, *Corresponding Secretary*, Columbiana, Ohio.
 Rev. Lewis H. Kefauver, D. D., *Treasurer*, Tiffin, Ohio.

ARTICLE IV.

RULES OF ORDER.

Synod's Rules of Order were observed in the transaction of business. The president defined the "Bar of the House" to be the first nine pews in front of the chancel.

The hours for opening and closing the sessions of synod were fixed as follows: Open at 8.30 A. M. and 1.30 and 7.30 P. M., and close at 11 A. M. and 4.30 P. M. (sun time).

A session was also held on Monday evening commencing at seven o'clock, and closing at half-past eleven.

ARTICLE V.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

Religious Services.—Revs. J. P. Stahl, S. E. Neikirk, A. C. Shuman, and Elders Wm. H. Bahl and Benjamin Meckley.

Minutes of Synod.—Revs. A. H. Zechiel, Jacob Ihle, Park H. Weaver, and Elders Benjamin Ashbaucher and Thomas I. Heller.

Minutes of Classes.—Revs. S. Z. Beam, D. D., C. E. Ewing, I. U. E. Kunkle, and Elders Wm. G. Zechiel and E. R. Held.

Overtures.—Revs. D. W. Loucks, J. S. Freeman, W. R. Stearly, and Elders Frank Myers and L. A. Kemp.

Examination, Licensure and Ordination.—Revs. L. H. Kefauver, D. D., G. H. Souder, J. H. Albright, and Elders G. W. Clum and Eli S. Miller.

State of Religion.—Revs. C. E. Miller, Parley E. Zartman, Geo. A. Dreibelbies, and Elders J. S. Shout and J. R. Poorman.

Missions.—Rev. David Van Horne, D. D., G. W. Williard, D. D., J. J. Wagoner, and Elders Dr. G. S. Stein and Noah E. Nold.

Heidelberg Theological Seminary.—Revs. J. J. Gruber, Wm. H. Shults, I. N. Burger, and Elders Geo. P. Rader and Wm. Markel.

Heidelberg University.—Revs. J. M. Kendig, D. D., I. A. Sites, Daniel Burghalter, and Elders Jos. P. Burtner and B. F. Phillips.

Sunday-school and Catechisation.—Revs. F. W. Hoffman, Park H. Weaver, Fred Cromer, and Elders J. W. Peterson and Lewis F. Stahl.

Publication.—Revs. S. B. Yockey, D. D., J. H. Steele, D. D., C. M. Rohrbaugh, and Elders J. D. Lane and E. J. Williamson.

Finance.—Revs. C. E. Stoner, J. W. Barber, J. Ihle, and Elders Jacob Brendle and D. L. Mauger.

Nomination.—Revs. R. Keller, J. H. Bomberger, D. D., A. C. Shuman, and Elders Geo. Loucks and J. B. Miller.

Standing Committees Appointed for 1899.

Religious Services.—Revs. J. J. Gruber, S. Z. Beam, D. D., J. M. Kendig, D. D., and Elders James S. Shout and Geo. P. Rader.

Minutes of Synod.—Revs. John A. Seitz, J. D. Neff, E. G. Klotz, and Elders Daniel Kiblinger and Geo. W. Miller.

Minutes of Classes.—Revs. A. E. Baichly, Geo. F. Chenot, J. S. Koppel, and Elders Wm. Markel and John Blum.

ARTICLE VI.

COMMUNICATIONS.

The following communications, reports and papers were received and referred to the proper committees.

1. Three copies of the Minutes of the last annual meeting of synod were received through the stated clerk, and referred to the Standing Committee on Minutes of Synod.

2. The Minutes of the several Classes were received and referred to the Committee on Minutes of Classes; and the reports on the State of Religion and Statistics were referred to the committee on that subject.

3. The annual report of the Board of Home Missions, the Statement of the Board of Commissioners of Foreign Missions, and the Report of the Treasurer of the Board of the Ohio Synod were received and referred to the Standing Committee on Missions.

4. The annual report of the Board of Trustees of Heidelberg Theological Seminary, and that of the Board of Visitors and Education, together with the reports of their respective treasurers and that of the financial agent, were received and referred to the Standing Committee on the Theological Seminary.

5. The annual report of Synod's Sunday-school Board, and the report of General Synod's Board of Sunday-schools were received and referred to the Committee on Sunday-schools and Catechisation.

6. The annual report of the Board of Publication was received and referred to the Standing Committee on Publication.

7. The annual report of the Treasurer of Synod was received and referred to the Standing Committee on Finance.

8. Various other papers and communications were received from time to time, and referred to the Committee on Overtures, for particulars of which, and synod's action thereon, see that report.

ARTICLE VII.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES.

The following religious services were observed by synod during its sessions:

1. All the sessions of synod were opened and closed with religious services.

2. There were also public religious services held, as will be seen by reference to the report of the Committee on Religious Services, which being submitted, was adopted and is as follows:

Thursday, 7.30 P. M.—Synodical sermon by Rev. W. A. Hale, D. D., Dayton, Ohio.

Friday, 3 P. M.—Rev. J. H. Bomberger, D. D., presiding. An Educational Meeting—Addresses as follows:

(A). Heidelberg Theological Seminary, Rev. David Van Horne, D. D., Tiffin, Ohio.

(B). Heidelberg University, Rev. E. D. Wettach, D. D., Tiffin, Ohio.

Friday, 7.30 P. M.—A missionary service, under the direction of the Woman's Missionary Society of synod.

Saturday, 3 P. M.—Preparatory service, sermon by Rev. S. E. Snapp, Lancaster, Ohio.—Altar service, Rev. I. U. E. Kunkle. Followed immediately by an address on Ministerial Relief, by Rev. S. B. Yockey, D. D., Columbus, Ohio.

Saturday, 7.30 P. M.—Rev. R. Keller, presiding. Addresses on the Church of our times.

(1). The Sphere of the Church in General, the Reformed Church in particular.—Rev. John M. Schick, D. D., Tiffin, Ohio.

(2). What should be the Attitude of the Reformed Church to the Present Reconstructive Activities in Christian Doctrine? Prof. A. S. Zerbe, Ph. D., Tiffin, Ohio.

Sunday Services. 9.15, A. M., Sunday-school. 10.15, A. M., Synodical Communion. Sermon, Rev. J. M. Schick, D. D.: Altar service, Rev. M. Loucks, D. D. 3 P. M.—Our Church auxiliaries.—Ten minute addresses. Rev. C. M. Rohrbaugh. (1). The Sunday-school Idea. Rev.

G. H. Souder, Carrollton, Ohio. (2). *The Brotherhood Idea*. Rev. Rufus W. Miller, Reading, Pa. (3). *The Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor*. Rev. B. B. Royer, Goshen, Ind. (4). *The Church Prayer Meeting*. Rev. J. Ihle, Loyal Oak, Ohio. 4. P. M. *The Juniors*. Address by Rev. P. C. Prugh, D. D., Butler, Pa. 6.30 P. M. *Senior Endeavor Meeting*. 7.30 P. M. *Missions—Home and Foreign*. Ten minute addresses, Rev. C. W. Brugh, presiding.

(A). *Foreign*. (1). *The Present Work*. Rev. W. R. Stearly, Cleveland, Ohio. (2). *Expansion of the Work*, Rev. J. H. Bomberger, D. D., Tiffin, Ohio.

(B). *Home*. (1). *Importance of the Home Work*. Rev. J. J. Leberman, D. D., Louisville, Ohio. (2). *What of the Funds?* Rev. D. S. Fouse, D. D., Supt. of Home Missions, Lisbon, Iowa.

OTHER CHURCHES OF THE CITY.

United Brethern Church.—Morning, Rev. J. H. Steele, D. D. Evening, Rev. A. G. Berky.

M. E. Church.—Morning, Rev. D. Burghalter. Evening, Rev. F. Cromer.

Respectfully submitted,

J. P. STAHL, *Chairman*.

The services were severally observed as appointed.

ARTICLE VIII.

MINUTES OF SYNOD.

The Standing Committee on Minutes of Synod during the forenoon session on Friday submitted its report, which is as follows:

To the Reverend Ohio Synod:

Your committee appointed at last annual meeting to examine the minutes and report the items of unfinished business occurring in them, would submit the following for consideration:

Item 1, page 10. Revs. A. H. Zechiel, Jacob Ihle, P. H. Weaver, and Elders B. Ashbaucher and T. I. Heller, appointed as the Committee on Minutes of Ohio Synod, annual meeting of 1898.

Item 2, page 15. The committee to report to this meeting on the Minutes of Classes, consists of Revs. S. Z. Beam, C. E. Ewing, I. U. E. Kunkle, and Elders W. G. Zechiel and E. R. Held.

Item 3, pages 35 and 36. The stated clerk was instructed to communicate to the different classes the resolutions designating the third Sunday of November as the day upon which all of our congregations are urged to hold special collections for missions.

Item 4, page 49. The Board of Trustees of our theological seminary assigned the duty of adopting and reporting to synod, some plan by which means may be secured to provide a building for the seminary.

Item 5, page 57. Each classis directed to request the pastors to make an annual collection for the benefit of the Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows.

Item 6, page 70. a) The Publication Board directed to become an incorporated body. b) Directed and authorized to effect an arrangement with The Reformed Publishing Company, by which this synod shall receive some advantage from its connection with the company.

Item 7, page 74. The treasurer was instructed to pay bills allowed by synod.

Item 8, page 75. Revs. L. B. C. Lahr, delegate *primarius*, and N. H. Loose, *secundus*, to represent this synod at the meeting of the Central Synod.

Item 9, pages 78 and 76. Revs. J. P. Stahl, S. E. Neikirk, A. C. Shuman and Elders W. H. Bahl, and B. Meckley, were appointed a committee to prepare a program of religious services, and instructed to arrange for the presentation of the brotherhood idea at this meeting.

Item 10, page 77. Instructions to the stated clerk concerning the printing and distribution of Minutes of Synod.

Item 11, pages 77, and 78. Revs. A. S. Zerbe, G. W. Henning and Elder H. Ankeney, appointed as a committee to whom was referred the matter of the archives, and Minutes of Ohio Synod.

Item 12, page 78. The Ohio Synod decided to meet in annual session September 29th, 1898 in David's Reformed Church, Canal Winchester, Ohio.

Item 13, page 79. The attention of various classes called to omissions and irregularities of their clerks.

Item 14, page 73. The apportionments for the benevolent purposes referred to classes.

Item 15, page 57. Each classis is urged to make an annual appropriation to the Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows.

Item 16, page 77. Certain definite instructions to St. Joseph Classis.

Item 17, page 79. B. Instructions to the stated clerk to *engross* the minutes.

Item 18, page 79. C. Instructions to the stated clerk to send out the minutes prepaid to each pastor.

Item 19. *Vacancies.*

1. On the Board of Missions terms of office of Revs. E. D. Wettach, and L. B. C. Lahr expire.

2. Trustees of the Theological Seminary, Revs. Michael Loucks, J. J. Gruber, C. E. Miller, Elders H. Ankeney, and John W. Keller.

3. Board of Visitors and Education, Revs. D. A. Parks, J. D. Neff, E. E. Weller, and I. A. Sites.

4. Board of Regents of Heidelberg University, Revs. M. Loucks, J. H. Steele, Geo. W. Henning, Mr. S. S. Rickley, J. H. Platt, Esq., Elder Daniel W. Souder.

5. Board of Sunday-schools, Revs. Reuben Keller, J. H. Bomberger.
6. Board of Trustees of Synod, Rev. G. W. Williard, Elder Horace Ankeney.
7. Board of Publication, Revs. G. W. Williard, W. A. Hale.
Respectfully submitted,
A. H. ZECHIEL.

On motion the report was considered item by item.

- Item 1. Adopted.
- Item 2. Laid on the table until after the Committee on Minutes of Classes reported. Afterwards adopted.
- Item 3. Adopted.
- Item 4. Laid on the table until the Committee on Theological Seminary reports.
- Item 5. Laid on the table until the Committee on Minutes of Classes reports.
- Item 6. Laid on the table until the Committee on Publication reports. (These three items afterwards adopted.)
- Item 7. Adopted.
- Item 8. Rev. L. B. C. Lahr reported; the item and report adopted. For report see Article XXIV, Miscellaneous.
- Item 9. Laid on the table until the Committee on Religious Services reports. (Afterwards, adopted—attended to).
- Item 10. Reported attended to. Adopted. For report see Article XXIV, Miscellaneous.
- Item 11. Adopted with the committee's report. For report see Article XXIV, Miscellaneous.
- Item 12. Adopted.
- Item 13. Laid on the table until the Committee on Minutes of Classes reported. Then adopted—attended to.
- Items 14, 15, 16. Same action as item 13.
- Item 17. On motion, re-considered. Instruction not given.
- Item 18. Adopted.
- Item 19. Adopted, and referred to the Committee on Nomination. (The report was adopted as a whole.)

ARTICLE IX.

MINUTES OF CLASSES.

The Standing Committee on Minutes of Classes during the afternoon session on Friday, submitted its report which is as follows:

To the Reverend Ohio Synod:

Your Committee on Minutes of Classes beg leave to offer the following report. The Minutes of all the Classes were placed in our hands, and from them we take the following items.

I. IRREGULARITIES.

Item 1. Miami Classis does not "attest" that the minutes of its special meetings are an "official copy of the original minutes;" and the "attest" to the minutes of the annual meeting is without signature.

Item 2. Miami Classes gives reports (on Minutes of Synod, Classis, Overtures, &c), and the action of classis in one, whereas, the report should be given first, and the action follow separately. (See Minutes of Classis pages 16-23).

Item 3. Tiffin Classis reports the reception of Rev. J. C. Smith, but fails to note from what classis or synod. (See Minutes of Classis, pages 15 and 16. Report of Committee on Overtures, item 26).

Item 4. Tiffin Classis (Minutes, pages 19 and 20) records a report of its Committee on Examination, Licensure and Ordination, which offers *recommendations* regarding the applicants for examination, whereas Article III, of the Constitution directs that the report "shall simply state the result as satisfactory or unsatisfactory, without specifying particulars."

Item 5. Tiffin Classis, (Minutes, page 23) directs its Classical Sunday-school Convention to merge itself into the respective County Associations, contrary to the action of synod (Report of Standing Committee on Sunday-schools, &c., Minutes of Synod, page 65, item 7), urging the classes to give hearty support to Sunday-school conventions.

Item 6. Tiffin Classes reports the names of two licentiates in its minutes (Report of Committee on Overtures, items 6 and 8. Minutes of Classis, page 14), W. B. Duttera and T. H. Sonnedecker, but omits to record their names on the roll of classis.

Item 7. a) Tuscarawas Classis: Minutes of the annual meeting are not signed by the stated clerk; his signature should be affixed before he attests them as an official copy. The minutes of the adjourned meeting are attested as an "official copy," by both president and stated clerk, but not signed by either.

Item 7. b) Tuscarawas (minutes of special meeting page 25) Classis admitted a minister of another denomination to a seat as an advisory member. (Contrary to Article 38 of the Constitution).

Item 8. Eastern Ohio Classis (Minutes, page 24) omits to put an elder on a committee.

II. REQUESTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS.

Item 9. a) Tiffin Classis calls the attention of synod "to the error in record concerning Grace Church, Tiffin, as C. M. Lowe attended Synod as delegate elder from that charge." (Committee on Minutes of Synod. Item 1, page 19 Minutes of Classis).

Item 9. b) St. Joseph Classis, "overtures the Ohio Synod to use its influence to secure, if possible, a reconstruction of the Constitution of the "Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows," so that all the needy ministers and their widows may be properly cared for. (Minutes of Classis, pages 19, 20).

III. APPEALS AND COMPLAINTS.

Item 10. Miami Classis: At a meeting called for the purpose of re-considering its adoption of synod's act of censure passed against Rev. W. A. Hale, D. D., this classis adopted, by a reversal of its former action, a complaint of the First Reformed Church of Dayton, which characterized the act of this synod as "unjust, arbitrary, and in violation of the government and spirit of our church." (See Minutes of Synod, Resolution D, page 79, and also Minutes of Special Meeting of Miami Classis, pages 35 and 36).

IV. SUBJECTS REFERRED.

Item 11. Miami Classis took favorable action on all recommendations of the Ohio Synod.

Item 12. Lancaster Classis took favorable action on all recommendations of synod; except that instead of making an *annual* appropriation for the Society for the Relief of Ministers, &c., of \$65, an apportionment of 3 cents per capita was made among its congregations to enroll Rev. Dr. J. Vogt as a life member.

Item 13. Tuscarawas Classis adopted all the recommendations of synod.

Item 14. Tiffin Classis adopted all the recommendations of synod, except in the matter of holding Classical Sunday-school Conventions. (See Report of Committee on Sunday-schools, pages 22 and 23).

Item 15. Eastern Ohio Classis took favorable action on all recommendations of Ohio Synod.

Item 16. a) St. Joseph Classis took favorable action on all subjects recommended by synod, except that concerning the Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows.

Item 16. b) St. Joseph Classis (Item 17, page 9 of its minutes) adopted the recommendation of synod with reference to an irregularity which classis had requested synod to rectify. (Minutes of Synod, pages 76, 77.)

V. LICENSED, ORDAINED, RECEIVED, DISMISSED, &C.

Item 17. Miami Classis licensed John W. Yeisley; received licentiate J. W. Bechtel from Tuscarawas Classis, Synod of Ohio, and provided for his ordination. Dismissed Rev. Parley E. Zartman to St. Joseph Classis, Synod of Ohio; Rev. S. E. Neikirk to Tuscarawas Classis, Synod of Ohio, and Rev. M. L. Fox to the M. E. Church.

Item 18. Lancaster Classis ordained licentiates S. E. Snepp, and Cornelius Hange; Dismissed Rev. A. C. Derr to Lima Presbytery, of the Presbyterian Church.

Item 19. Tuscarawas Classis licensed J. W. Bechtel, J. W. Geier and G. C. Baumgartel; and ordained licentiate E. G. Klotz. Received licentiate E. G. Klotz from Tiffin Classis, Rev. I. N. Burger from Westmoreland Classis, Pittsburgh Synod, and Rev. S. E. Neikirk from Miami Classis, Synod of Ohio; dismissed Rev. Theodore F. Herman to Indiana

Classis, Synod of the North West; Rev. E. M. Beck to Juniata Classis, Synod of the Potomac, and Rev. J. W. Bechtel to Miami Classis, Synod of Ohio.

Item 20. Tiffin Classis licensed Geo. W. Beaver, Christian Rufener, E. G. Klotz, J. H. Lautzenhiser, and D. S. Miller; and ordained licentiates F. Cromer and C. Rufener; received licentiate F. Cromer from Maryland Classis, Synod of the Potomac; Rev. J. D. Thomas from St. Paul's Classis, Pittsburgh Synod, and Rev. J. C. Smith. Dismissed Rev. J. D. Neff to Lancaster Classis, Synod of Ohio, Rev. A. B. Stoner, to Philadelphia Classis, Eastern Synod; licentiate G. W. Beaver to Eastern Ohio Classis, Synod of Ohio, and licentiate E. G. Klotz to Tuscarawas Classis, Synod of Ohio.

Item 21. Eastern Ohio Classis licensed A. V. Casselman; ordained licentiates Geo. F. Chenot, and Park H. Weaver, and provided for ordination of licentiates A. V. Casselman and Geo. W. Beaver; received Rev. J. M. Kendig, D. D., from Illinois Classis, Synod of the Interior; dismissed Rev. E. H. Laubaugh to St. Joseph Classis, Synod of Ohio.

Item 22. St. Joseph Classis licensed Paul I. Deppen; ordained Paul I. Deppen, and Maurice Sampson; received Rev. J. H. String from Philadelphia Classis, Eastern Synod, Rev. Parley E. Zartman from Miami Classis, Synod of Ohio, Rev. E. H. Laubach from Eastern Ohio Classis, Synod of Ohio, and Rev. J. J. Wagoner from Alleghany Classis, Pittsburgh Synod; dismissed Rev. J. M. Kessler to East Pennsylvania Classis.

VI. TIME AND PLACE OF MEETINGS—OFFICERS.

Item 23. Miami Classis will meet in Grace Reformed Church, Springfield, Ohio, on the last Tuesday in April, A. D., 1899, at 7.30 o'clock in the evening. Rev. Daniel Burghalter, President, Rev. R. B. Reichard, Stated Clerk, Elder Victor P. Van Horne, Treasurer.

Item 24. Lancaster Classis will meet in the Wilson Avenue Reformed Church, Columbus, Ohio, on the first Tuesday in May, 1899, at 7.30 P. M. Rev. John D. Neff, President, Rev. Solomon W. Seeman, Stated Clerk, F. P. Stuckey, M. D., Treasurer.

Item 25. Tuscarawas Classis will meet in the English Reformed Church, Wooster, on the first Tuesday in May, 1899 at 7.30 P. M., Rev. W. R. Stearly, President, Rev. William H. Shults, Stated Clerk, Mr. E. K. Kremer, Treasurer.

Item 26. Tiffin Classis will meet in the Reformed Church, Bloomville, Ohio, at 7.30 P. M., Thursday, April 27th, A. D., 1899. Rev. A. C. Shuman, President, Rev. A. H. Zechiel, Stated Clerk, Rev. Jos. B. Shumaker, Treasurer.

Item 27. Eastern Ohio Classis will meet in the Salem Reformed Church of the Petersburg Charge, Unity Township, Columbiana County, Ohio, on Thursday, May 4th, A. D., 1899, at 7.30 P. M. Rev. Samuel Z. Beam, President, Rev. Geo. W. Henning, Stated Clerk, Rev. H. E. Kilmer, Treasurer.

Item 28. St. Joseph Classis will meet in the First Reformed Church, Goshen, Indiana, on Wednesday Evening, April 26th, 1899, at 7.30 o'clock. Rev. B. B. Royer, President, Rev. F. Ware, Stated Clerk, Benjamin Ashbaucher, Treasurer.

Respectfully submitted,

SAMUEL Z. BEAM,
C. E. EWING,
I. U. E. KUNKLE.

On motion the report was considered item by item.

Items 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8. adopted.

Item 9. (a) Adopted, and referred to the following Special Committee: Rev. J. H. Bomberger, D. D., Rev. J. P. Stahl and Elder Jacob Humm. (For report of committee, see Art. XXIV., Miscellaneous.) (b) Referred to the following Special Committee: Rev. S. B. Yockey, D. D., J. J. Gruber and Elder Jacob Humm. (For report of committee see Art. XVI.)

Item 10. Referred to the following Special Committee: Revs. W. H. Shults, C. W. Brugh, and Elder J. Poorman. (For report of committee, and action on it, see Art. XIX.)

Items 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, (a) and (b) 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22. Adopted.

Items 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28. Adopted with the amendment that the names of the Treasurers of the Classes be inserted, and that the number of copies of minutes called for be stricken out.

The report was adopted as a whole.

ARTICLE X.

OVERTURES.

The Standing Committee on Overtures, during the forenoon session on Saturday, submitted its report, which was considered item by item, and afterwards adopted as a whole, and is as follows:

Your Committee on Overtures beg leave to report the following items submitted for consideration:

Item 1. A communication from the Rev. S. N. Callender, D. D., Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions.

Item 2. A communication from the Sunday-school Board.

Item 3. A communication from the Joint Publishing Committee concerning the *Reformed Church Tidings*.

Item 4. A request for a reporter for the *Reformed Church Record*.

Item 5. Statistical reports from the Miami and Eastern Ohio Classes.

Item 6. A request from the Historical Society of the Ohio Synod.

Item 7. A communication from the Rev. W. H. Shults concerning the secretary's book of the Board of Church Erection of Ohio Synod.

Item 8. A communication from the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors of St. Paul Orphans' Home, notifying synod of the visit of the Rev. Dr. P. C. Prugh in the interest of the Home.

Item 9. A complaint from persons representing themselves as members of Wilson Avenue Reformed Church of Columbus, O., against the action of Lancaster Classis.

Item 10. Requests for excuse for non-attendance at synod from the following persons: Revs. Freeman Ware, W. E. Ludwick, L. B. Clayton, F. G. Bogart, J. I. Swander, D. D., J. A. Peters, D. D., J. Vogt, D. D., S. V. Rohrbaugh, H. J. Christman, and Elders Frank Myers and L. W. Raver.

Item 11. A communication from the Rev. S. C. Goss, D. D., concerning the time of the meeting of the various classes.

Item 12. A communication from the Rev. Dr. S. N. Callender, Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions.

Item 13. A communication from the Rev. S. S. Miller concerning the Society for the Relief of Ministers and Their Widows.

Item 14. An overture from the Rev. C. W. Brugh concerning the Detroit Mission.

Item 15. An invitation from the Mission Church at Warren, that the Ohio Synod shall convene in that church in 1899.

Respectfully submitted,

D. W. LOUCKS,
JAS. S. FREEMAN,
W. R. STEARLY.

Item 1. Referred to the Committee on Missions.

Item 2. Referred to the Committee on Sunday-schools and Catechisation.

Item 3. Referred to the Committee on Publication.

Item 4. Adopted, with the appointment of Rev. P. I. Deppen.

Item 5. Referred to the Committee on Religion and Statistics.

Item 6. Adopted. Request granted.

Item 7. Adopted, and that the book be deposited in the Archives of Synod.

Item 8. Adopted, and it be made the "Order of the Day" to hear Dr. Prugh immediately after the opening this afternoon.

Item 9. Referred to the following Special Committee: Revs. J. M. Kendig, D. D., J. D. Thomas, B. B. Royer, Elders S. W. Rarick, J. S. Humm. (For report of committee, see Art. XIX.)

Item 10. Referred to the Committee on Leave of Absence.

Item 11. Adopted, and that the committee be appointed consisting of one member from each classis. Following is the committee: Revs. M. Loucks, D. D., J. H. String, C. E. Stoner, A. G. Berky, and Elders J. Brendle and G. W. Miller. The committee subsequently submitted the following report, which was adopted:

Your committee to which was referred the item of Dr. Goss, concerning the meetings of the classes, would respectfully report that in view of the

difficulties of arranging to the satisfaction of all interested, we would suggest that Dr. Goss be requested within the year to develop his plan and submit it for consideration at the next meeting of synod.

Respectfully submitted,

M. LOUCKS,
C. E. STONER,
J. H. STRING.

Item 12. Referred to the Committee on Missions.

Item 13. Referred to the following Special Committee: Revs. S. B. Yockey D. D., J. J. Gruber, and Elder G. A. Klahr. (For report of committee, Art. XVI.)

Item 14. Referred to the Committee on Missions.

Item 15. Laid on the table until we proceed to the selection of the next meeting. Then adopted and the invitation accepted.

ARTICLE XI.

EXAMINATION, LICENSURE AND ORDINATION.

The Standing Committee on Examination, Licensure and Ordination, during the afternoon session on Monday submitted the following report which was adopted:

Your Committee beg leave to report that nothing has been placed in its hands claiming the attention of Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

L. H. KEFAUVER,
GEO. H. SOUDER.

ARTICLE XII.

RELIGION AND MORALS.

The Standing Committee on the State of Religion and Statistics during the evening session on Monday submitted its report which was adapted, and is as follows:

The Reverend Ohio Synod:

FATHERS AND BRETHREN:—"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for us who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation, ready to be revealed in the last time."

In reviewing the record of another year's labor within the bounds of this synod we have abundant reason for praise and gratitude to Him, who "from the beginning to the end of the world gathers, defends and preserves unto Himself by His Word and Spirit out of the whole human

race, a church chosen unto everlasting life." Without exception, the reports from the various classes, breathe this spirit of dependence and thanksgiving. The Great Head of the Church is recognized as the only source of blessing and power. Paul may plant, Appollos may water, but God alone gives the increase.

While in all these reports grateful mention is made of the manifold mercies shown to us as a church during the year, special reference seems due the loving watch-care which our Heavenly Father has exercised over the health and life of his people. Sickness and bereavement have come to many hearts and homes, but the entire number of those, who during the year have been removed from the church on earth is strikingly below that of last year. Early last spring, the Rev. J. L. Bretz, in the prime of his manhood, and about two months ago, the Rev. J. C. Klahr, an ardent servant, fell asleep in Jesus. We sorrow for them, but "not as those who have no hope, for we believe that Jesus died and arose again; and those who sleep in Jesus will God bring with him."

It appears from the Classical reports that our ministers and elders have been faithful to the ordinances of the church, in the earnest preaching of the Word, in the administration of the sacraments and in the exercise of a just and Christian discipline. Reference is made again and again to the great value of our various auxiliaries in church work. The Sunday-school, the Missionary and Endeavor Societies, and the Brotherhood of Andrew and Philip are all prosperous and give abundant promise of yet larger usefulness. The time-honored custom of the catechisation of the youth while not universally appreciated seems to be growing in favor among some who hitherto have been neglectful of this privilege.

All this encourages our hearts greatly. When we turn, however, to inquire concerning the net gain in our membership and also of the contributions to the work of the Lord, we are somewhat disturbed if not disappointed. The statistical tables reveal the fact, that during the year the additions by adult baptism, confirmation, certificate and renewal, were six hundred less than the previous year, and that the net gain over all losses is but four hundred and fifty-six. Where is the thirty, sixty and hundred fold of which our Lord has spoken? Do we not need to give ourselves to fasting and prayer, that in the full obedience of our hearts we may become meet for the service of Him who only is able to save the lost?

The continuance of the financial panic no doubt accounts in large measure for our diminished contributions. Both the congregational and benevolent gifts are less than last year, though it is significant to notice that while the difference in the former is nearly ten thousand dollars, the latter is only three hundred.

The lessons are evident. A gracious loving Father has blessed us abundantly. We count the strength of our host by the thousand; we have organization; we have methods which have been tried; we have opportunities open to us on every hand; we are not divided, but one in pur-

pose, spirit and life. We know the command and promise of our Master, and what shall we say? May He who in love for a lost world gave Himself, teach us the way also, that in the obedience of our hearts and the full consecration of our lives we may give ourselves to the salvation of the lost, until the ends of the earth shall be brought to the feet of Him whose we are and whom we serve. "And unto Him who is able to do exceedingly, abundantly above all that we ask or think, to Him be glory and dominion, and power, now and forever."

Respectfully submitted,

CHAS. E. MILLER,
G. A. DREIBELBIES,
PARLEY E. ZARTMANN,
J. R. POORMAN.

(For statistical reports see Appendix.)

ARTICLE XIII.

MISSIONS—HOME AND FOREIGN.

The following reports relating to the subject of Home and Foreign Missions, were received, considered and adopted.

I. ANNUAL REPORTS.

1. Report of the General Board of Home Missions.

To the English Synods of the Reformed Church in the U. S.:

The Annual Report was published and sent out to the pastors in April last. That report is of necessity somewhat lengthy. It was deemed well therefore, to prepare a shorter report embodying the main items of the Annual Report. Indeed much of this report is taken word for word from that report, with here and there some additions in order to bring it up to the present date.

Perhaps, during no year of the past did the Missions and Missionaries do more efficient work. We can report an exceptionally prosperous year among the Missions. Only one missionary was taken from his earthly labors to his heavenly reward, namely, Rev. J. L. Bretz, of Millersberg, Ind. The health of all the missionaries, with this one exception, was such that they could give their best energies to their work, and well did they perform their labors.

During the year the debt has been a matter of embarrassment to the Board. Strong efforts were put forth to reduce the debt of \$22,000 which was the arrearage on April 1st, 1897. This debt has been gradually reduced until at the meeting of the Executive Committee on July last the amount was only \$9,000. The Board now feels confident that in a reasonable time the debt will be entirely cancelled. When paid the Board will be enabled to lay hold on some of the many opportunities for expansion.

During no previous year did so many missions become self-supporting. This gives evidence of the spirit of self-helpfulness among the missions and should be a strong incentive to the church to extend help to mission fields.

The church feels like helping those who help themselves. The following are the missions that declared themselves self-supporting at the meeting of the Board: Philadelphia, Pa., Rev. H. H. Apple, pastor; Woodbury, Md.; McKeesport, Pa.; Cleveland, O.; Paulding, O.; Astoria, Ill.; Lisbon, Ia., and Liscomb, Ia. The pastors of these missions and their people are to be congratulated by the church for their heroic effort to become self-supporting and so relieve the Board and church from affording any more help. Three other missions were not enrolled for the present year as the Board felt that they could support themselves.

By the statement of Treasurer Reber we find that the income of the Board from April 1st, 1897, to April 1st, 1898, was \$48,006.64. This includes the money for English, Hungarian, Bohemian, Harbor and German-English Missions. This sum includes, of course, all that was received on the apportionments and also from the special effort of last year.

The last Annual Report which was prepared prior to the annual meeting of the Board, showed a pay roll of more than \$44,000. At the Annual meeting reductions were made amounting to a little over \$3,000. Then one Hungarian Mission was added, so that the pay roll from April 1st, 1897 to April 1st, 1898, was \$42,000, had all the missions been supplied with pastors. But as a number of the missions were without pastors during the year, the actual amount paid did not quite reach \$40,000. Add to this \$40,000, the debt of \$22,000 of a year ago, and you have \$62,000. From this take the \$48,006.64 and you have the debt of the Board on April 1st, 1898, something over \$13,000. This has since been reduced to \$9,000. Beginning with the new year we have eighty-nine missions on the roll of the Board. One has been added since, namely, Connellsville, Pa. The reductions, including the missions that became self-supporting, amount to \$3,735. The pay roll as it stands at the beginning of the present Board year, without the incidental expenses, amounts to \$39,495. This is considerably less than for several years past. The General Synod apportioned \$58,000 for English, Hungarian, Bohemian, Harbor and German-English Missions. By special effort \$48,006.64 of this sum was raised during the last year. Without any special effort and upon the basis of the apportionments alone, the church seemingly did not raise much beyond \$36,000. It will therefore be seen that the Board is now bringing the expenses down to the amount that the church, heretofore, was willing to contribute to the cause of Home Missions. But a sufficient sum must be raised in addition to cancel the debt of \$9,000, while new work should be assumed by all means. The Board, therefore urges the Classes and Synods to impress upon the pastors the importance of paying the missionary apportionments promptly. If these are paid, the Board can pay the debt and assume some additional work. The Harbor Mission at the Port

of New York under the efficient care of Bro. Sommerlatte is doing a good work. The Bohemian Mission in Chicago, under Pastor Molnar, is prospering. On the first Sunday of August, 1897, the congregation was organized in regular form, forty-seven members entering the organization. Other members have been added since that time. This congregation is very much in need of a chapel or church. The church must in some way meet this demand.

The Hungarian work is prospering. The Hungarian brethren seem to have the determination and liberality which enables them to acquire church property. During the year some changes have taken place. Rev. Alex. Harsanyi left Cleveland, Ohio, and opened a mission in Chicago, with many flattering prospects. Rev. B. Demeter was taken from New York City and placed over the mission in Cleveland, but has since returned to Hungary. Rev. Francis Csanfordi was called from Hungary and placed over the mission at Trenton, N. Y., lately vacated by Rev. Gustan Jurany. Rev. Zottan Kuthy was transferred from Mt. Carmel to New York City. By the death of Rev. Francis Ferenczi, of Pittsburg, Pa., we have lost a faithful servant. Accordingly, Cleveland, Mt. Carmel and Pittsburg, are at present vacant. No department of the work is more prosperous than this. These people come nearer helping themselves than any under the Board.

The Extension work increases in importance as the years come and go. While always important, it is more so now than ever before from the fact that the work is extending and making the need of it all the more pressing. The church can look with satisfaction on what is being done in this department. From nothing, a few years ago, it has grown to quite respectable proportions. It has a still more extended mission in our church. During the past year the usual progress was made. Quite a number of missions have had aid extended them. We are glad to say that a number of our people have given \$500 Funds to this cause.

Treas. Boush reports the following sums to this cause up to date:

From Apportionments	\$3,378 12
On Extension Funds	4,776 25
Repaid by Missions	2,053 06
On Schlatter Fund, (small sums)	197 84
Borrowed	5,100 00

\$15,503 24

The disbursements to all objects amounted to \$14,503.24, leaving at this time \$1,000.00 in the Treasury.

The church can do nothing better for her own advancement than to strongly support the Extension work. A great forward movement along extension lines is very much needed in our church. We believe that the church will see the need of such funds soon, and will furnish them.

The appropriations for the ninety missions on the roll of the Board on October 1st, 1898, will in round numbers amount to \$40,000. This includes the pay of superintendents. As there are always some missions vacant, so requiring no salary during such vacancy, the \$40,000 will likely

meet all the extra expenses as well. If the apportionments are promptly paid all liabilities can be met and the indebtedness cancelled.

The General Synod apportioned on the Synods the sum of \$58.00. Of this the English Synods are apportioned the following sums:

SYNODS.	Home Miss'ns.	Harbor Missions.	Hungarian and Bohemian Missions.	German Missions.
Eastern	\$25100	\$435	\$2500	\$2500
Potomac	9700	140	840	840
Ohio	5500	95	550	550
Pittsburg	4100	75	450	450
Interior	600	15	100	100

This apportionment remains the same for three years from the last meeting of the General Synod. We give it here merely for the use of the Synods.

These apportionments are very moderate. They are within the reach of our people and it is hoped that strong efforts will be made to pay them in full.

It is the desire of the Board that the apportionments may be paid in order that the debt may be met and new work inaugurated. Under existing circumstances the Board can only carry forward the work as it now is, and must wait until the church contributes additional funds to assume additional work.

It is a pity that more cannot be done as many calls are coming for help, and many opportunities are open to us, as a church. The Board has, however, determined upon one thing, namely, not to assume additional work until the funds are in sight with which to carry it forward.

By arrangements with the Sunday-school Board, the Sunday-school Missionary, Rev. J. C. Horning, went to St. Louis last October and opened a Sunday-school, and has been laboring there since. The understanding between the Boards is that he shall remain there a year or two, or until the Mission Board is prepared to place a missionary at that place.

For a more complete report see the Annual Report which was published on April 1, 1898, and contains a complete roll of the missions with such other statistics as were deemed important. This Annual Report has been sent to all the pastors in the English Synods as well as to many of the elders and others.

The Board, in conclusion, asks of the Classes, Synods, and the entire church a more hearty co-operation in the Home Mission work. The work is worthy of such co-operation and the future growth of the church must depend very largely upon the efforts we now put forth for the advancement of the work. We have prospered in spite of hard times. The blessings of the Master have been upon our work. May He continue to bless us.

D. S. FOUSE, *Superintendent.*

2. *Report of the Treasurer of Synod's Board of Home Missions.*

REV. JOHN J. LEBERMAN, *Treasurer, in account with the Board of Home Missions of the Synod of Ohio, Reformed Church in the United States, from October 8, 1897, to October 1, 1898.*

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Balance on hand October 8, 1897	\$ 525	23	
Miami Classis, V. P. Van Horne, Tr	778	43	
Tiffin Classis, Rev. J. B. Shumaker, D. D.	545	00	
Tuscarawas Classis, E. K. Kremer	1,544	12	
Lancaster Classis, F. P. Stuckey, M. D.	877	54	
Eastern Ohio Classis, Rev. H. E. Kilmer	602	77	
St. Joseph's Classis, Ben Ashbaucher	730	94	
Mrs. Mary A. Royer, Tiffin, Ohio	50	00	
John A. Keller, Bradner, Ohio	5	00	
V. P. Van Horne, additional from Miami Classis . . .	176	64	\$5,835 67

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James T. Reber, Tr. Gen. Synod's Board of Missions.	\$5289	02	
Rev. D. S. Fouse, D. D., Supt. of Miss., Receipts, &c.	348	42	
Postage, exchange and stationery	8	98	
Cash on hand	189	25	\$5,835 67

Respectfully submitted,

J. J. LEBERMAN, *Treasurer.*

3. *Report of the Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions.*

To the Ohio Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States:

REVEREND AND DEAR BRETHREN:—In presenting our annual statement of the progress and condition of our missionary work in Japan, we find no special features to note. During the last year the work has gone successfully forward, with usual encouraging results. We have now some fifty-six points where the gospel is preached with more or less success, and souls are being won to Christ. In all, thirty-one have graduated from the Theological Department of the Tohoku Gakuin. Some of these are engaged as personal assistants and teachers by our several missionaries; two are engaged as teachers in the Tohoku Gakuin, a few have entered upon school teaching, but the most of them are engaged in preaching the gospel as evangelists. Those who are not engaged specifically as evangelists, are engaged as opportunity is afforded in some branch of Christian work. This is especially true of those who are helpers and teachers of the several missionaries. Eight graduated at the last commencement, of whom seven have already entered upon evangelistic work, while one

rests himself to teaching. Nine students were baptized during the year, while others are restrained from an open profession of Christ, by the opposition of heathen parents.

The visible results of missionary work in Japan are materially restrained by the general absorbing interest of the people in political and commercial affairs. What with the near approach of the time when the revised treaties will go into effect, with the far-reaching commercial changes that will cause; the gravely disturbed condition of China and Russia, and later still, the radical changes imminent in the Philippine Islands, the people feel but little incentive to give heed to the interests of religion. And yet, withal, the public prints give unmistakable evidence in the thoughts of the people, Christianity is exerting a leavening power. As the arts and offices of western civilization are winning acceptance, they carry with them the conviction to the thoughtful, that these are the product of the Christian religion. And the leaven is producing its fruits in the minds of the better class. During the past year, for the second time, an outspoken, active Christian was elected Speaker of the Lower House of the Imperial Parliament.

Two new missionaries were sent out during the last year. This was not, however, for the want of applicants for appointment.

Rev. D. B. Schneder, after a most profitable furlough, returned to the mission. He landed in Japan May 3, after a favorable journey, except that Rev. Schneder suffered with sea sickness during nearly the entire voyage. Two days on land, however, restored her to usual health.

Miss Mary C. Hollowell, who has been out seven years, will come home on furlough, sailing October 1, proximate. She had thought of coming to India and Europe, thus completing the circuit of the world. But her contemplated arrangements failing her, she will come via San Francisco.

The Board is pained to have to say that Rev. Dr. Moore has for some time labored under severely impaired health. He has been interrupted in his most prosperous labors in the city of Tokyo and vicinity, and has spent some time at a health resort in the mountains in Japan. His physicians advise him, that in case he is not decidedly relieved by his sojourn in the mountains, it will be necessary for him to come to America. The Board is anxiously awaiting further intelligence from him.

Rev. Hoy experienced a severe recurrence of his old ailment, the asthma. By the advice of his brethren of the mission, approved by the Board, he took a vacation and visited China. He had scarcely reached Peking when his asthma left him. He returned to Japan greatly relieved, and is again as busy as ever. The results of his travels and observations in China, the church is learning from his series of letters published in the church papers. This series is not yet completed, and whatever else they accomplish, one important result will accrue; they will furnish the church the most graphic account of the terrible condition, appalling miseries and

imperative wants of the heathen world. God grant that the hearts and consciences of His children in Christian lands, may be moved by the challenge to self-denial, and speedy effort for its relief.

The Board has not been unmindful of the instructions given by the last General Synod, to plant a new mission. Its inquiries have intensified its desire to carry out these instructions, and the want of the necessary means alone restrained it from doing so. The classes at their last annual meetings were challenged with the inquiry whether they were prepared to furnish the additional means for this new step, with the following result: Of fifty-three classes replying, the answers of seventeen were affirmative, with two of them qualified; twenty-two were negative and fourteen non-committal or no action. The Board will report this result to General Synod, and ask for further instructions.

The receipts of our Board show the apportionments several thousand dollars short. While the Board, aided by outside receipts, was able to meet current expenses, it was unable to take the advance steps which our Japan work calls for, and it was compelled to move along at its old pace. We would again most earnestly bespeak of your reverend body such energetic action as will secure to our treasury at least the sum designated by General Synod as its apportionment.

By order of the Board,

S. N. CALLENDER, *Secretary.*

MECHANICSBURG, PA., September 16, 1898.

II. REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON MISSIONS.

As your committee to whom the subject of missions has been referred, we beg leave respectfully to report that the following documents have been placed in our hands. (1). The Report of the Board of Foreign Missions. (2). The Report of General Synod's Board of Home Missions. (3). The Report of the Treasurer of the Home Mission Board for the Ohio Synod, the Rev. Dr. J. J. Leberman, Treasurer. (4). A letter from the Rev. C. W. Brugh, asking synod to aid the mission in Detroit, Michigan.

From these sources we gather the information that the work of missions has been carried forward during the past year with faithfulness, though not attended by any marked advance over the work of the preceding year. The mission in Japan, has now some fifty-six points where preaching services are held. The theological department of the school at Sendai, has sent forth thirty-one graduates altogether. Some of them are missionaries; others are teachers; others helpers in the good cause in other relations. The Board has presented the question of beginning a mission in China to the various classes in our denomination with the result that only seventeen out of the fifty-three from which replies came to hand, approved the measure; twenty-two were negative, and fourteen

were non-committal, or no action. The Board will lay this matter before the next General Synod. It is a cause for joy and thanksgiving that the health of the Rev. Mr. Hoy has been restored by Divine Providence, by means of his late visit to the Empire of China. On the other hand, the sad intelligence is brought to us that Dr. J. P. Moore is very ill, and that it is probable he will have to return to this country with little prospect that he will be able to resume work in the Foreign field. Our prayers and sympathies ought to be enlisted in his behalf. It is also stated that Miss Hollowell will return on furlough, having been seven years in our mission in Japan. The Board laments that it has been cramped in its efforts this year because of limited financial resources; and asks us to re-apportion the amount designated by the General Synod.

The Home Board reports only one death among its missionaries, that of the Rev. J. L. Bretz, of Millersburg, Ind. We express our sorrow at the early death of this brother who spent his ministerial life within the bounds of this synod, faithfully laboring on until the summons came unto him to enter into his rest.

The Home Board has now under its care ninety stations, and reports that eleven missions have become self-supporting during the year. It also reports that the Hungarian Missions have become the most helpful points under its care. The Harbor Mission in New York, under the care of the Rev. Mr. Sommerlattee, is reported as doing a good work. The Church Extension department is in a very hopeful condition, and has disbursed \$14,503.24 during this year and still has \$1,000 in the treasury. It is further stated that the debt of the Board amounting to \$22,000 on April 1st, 1897 has now been reduced to \$9,000. This is welcome tidings, and we trust that the incumbrance will soon be entirely removed.

The appeal of Missionary Brugh of the Detroit Mission states that their new church building now in process of erection will cost \$4,300; \$2,000 of which amount is lacking. He asks that this synod "take steps to insure the early use of the much needed building." The apportionments suggested by the Board of Home Missions for this synod, for the coming year are as follows:

Home Missions.....	\$5,500 00
Harbor Missions	95 00
Hungarian and Bohemian Missions.....	550 00
German Missions.....	550 00
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	\$6,695 00

Church Extension, six cents per member.

Foreign Missions.....	\$3,463 84
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The Rev. Dr. Leberman, Treasurer of the Home Mission Board for this synod, reports his receipts for this year as \$5,835.67, all of which has been disbursed except \$12.61 remaining in the treasury.

We recommend the following for action:

Resolved, That while we rejoice over what has been accomplished by

this synod for missions, through the various boards, during the past year, we confess with sorrow that we have not come up to the full measure of our ability in spreading abroad the glad tidings of salvation, by this means, to our perishing race.

Resolved, That we favor the plan of the Foreign Board to enter upon a new field of effort either in China or elsewhere as soon as the means may be at hand for its support.

Resolved, That we call the attention of the Mission Boards to the fields of effort lately opened to the Protestant Churches of the United States in Cuba, Porto Rico, and the Philippine Islands.

Resolved, That we heartily appreciate the work accomplished by the Woman's Missionary Society which holds its sessions co-ordinately with ours, and contributes its funds to the same treasuries of the church.

Resolved, That we accept all the apportionments recommended by the General Synod for the use of the Home and Foreign Boards, and we urge all our charges to make an earnest effort to raise the entire amount during the coming year.

Resolved, That since the Detroit Mission is under the care of the Home Board, which has a number of items in our list of apportionments, we respectfully refer the missionary to that board for the required aid.

Resolved, That we have heard the address of the Rev. J. C. Leonard, Field Secretary of Catawba College at Newton, N. C., with great pleasure; and that we welcome him as one engaged in the educational work of the Reformed Church in the south; and commend him to the benevolence of the churches within our bounds.

Respectfully submitted,

DAVID VAN HORNE,
I. J. WAGNER,
N. E. NOLD.

III. ELECTION OF BOARD OF HOME MISSIONS.

Officers of the Board.

President, Rev. C. M. Rohrbaugh, Thornville, Ohio.

Secretary, Rev. E. D. Wettach, D. D., Tiffin, Ohio.

Treasurer, Rev. J. J. Leberman, D. D., Louisville, Ohio.

Members whose term expires October, 1899.

Rev. J. J. Leberman, D. D.

Rev. E. R. Williard.

Members whose term expires October, 1900.

Rev. N. H. Loose, D. D.

Rev. H. J. Christman.

Members whose term expires October, 1901.

Rev. E. D. Wettach, D. D.

Rev. C. M. Rohrbaugh.

ARTICLE XIV.

HEIDELBERG THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

The following reports having reference to the Theological Seminary, were received, considered and adopted.

I. ANNUAL REPORTS.

1. *Report of the Board of Trustees.*

To the Reverend Ohio Synod:

DEAR BRETHREN:—The Board of Trustees of Heidelberg Theological Seminary would report as follows:

The first meeting of the synodical year was held in Trinity Reformed Church, Canton, October 9, 1897, at which time the following officers were elected:

Rev. Reuben Keller, *President*, West Alexandria, O.
 Rev. Alpheus E. Baichley, *Vice-President*, Canal Fulton, O.
 Rev. Michael Loucks, D. D., *Secretary*, Dayton, O.
 Elder Horace Ankeney, *Treasurer*, Alpha, O.

At a meeting on March 8, 1898, we considered the instruction given us by synod a year ago in a resolution relative to a building for the use of the seminary. As a step in the direction of instructions, and the only step we have felt ourselves able to take to this time. We instructed our Treasurer, Horace Ankeney, to have the parcel of ground, known as the Rust lot, in the City of Tiffin, platted into lots, and negotiate sale of same. The proceeds of sale of said lots are to be the foundation of a Building or Purchasing Fund in the matter of a suitable home for our "School of the Prophets." Bro. Ankeney, finding some obstacles in the way did not have the ground platted at once, but at a recent meeting instructions to proceed with the work were renewed.

While it is with pleasure that we report the receipt of \$1481.15 from the A. Dickerhoof estate, in addition to what was reported before, making in all \$5881.15, yet it is a disappointment to us not to be able to report a final settlement of this estate.

At a meeting on September 13th, we again ordered a full settlement and a final report, and that all money coming to us be turned over before the meeting of synod. At this meeting we were confronted with a much larger deficit than usual, and what to do to meet our obligations was the problem challenging solution. Previous to this time the matter had been brought to the notice of Classical Treasurers, printed cards had been sent out to all the pastors and vacant charges, and articles had been written for the church papers containing urgent pleas for funds. Besides all this the Treasurer was instructed to send out another statement and appeal to the charges, with the hope that sufficient would be sent in to meet all our obligations. And yet, the close of the synodical year brings us face to face with a deficit of \$770.95. There was only one way out of the dilemma for the present, namely, to authorize our Treasurer to borrow a

sufficient sum to pay the balance due the professors. This certainly is a lamentable record to make in view of the fact that for the last ten years we have reported all current expenses paid in full. In consideration of the obligations to be met the coming year, we recommend that 16 cents per member be apportioned for the use of the seminary.

The Board is of the opinion that no liability exists for any salary for Dr. Rust unless the synod fixed a salary for the current seminary year.

The term of office of the following members of the Board expires with this meeting of synod: Rev. M. Loucks, D. D., Rev. John J. Gruber, Elder Horace Ankney, Elder John W. Keller and Rev. Chas. E. Miller.

Respectfully submitted,
REUBEN KELLER.

2. Report of the Financial Agent and Treasurer.

HORACE ANKNEY, *Treasurer, in account with the Board of Trustees of Heidelberg Theological Seminary.*

1897.		IMMEDIATE USE ACCOUNT.	DR.
Oct.	7.	To cash balance on hand	\$ 31
"	7.	" of V. P. Van Horne, Tr., per Rev. Runkle Union Charge	9 33
"	7.	" of Rev. D. M. Christman, int. on gift note to Sept. 30, '97	2 00
"	15.	" of C. J. Wolf on acct. int. on loan	10 90
"	15.	" of Mrs. C. Newby, bal. int. in full on loan	16 34
"	15.	" of Louis Hagedorn, int. in full on loan	47 38
"	18.	" of Rev. J. H. Bomberger, D. D., one table	1 67
Nov.	12.	" of S. Collins' heirs, 1/2 year int. on loan	149 60
"	12.	" of J. P. Ham, paym't on int.	150 73
"	12.	" of Jos. Zinck, int. to Nov. 1, '97	1 98
"	17.	" of J. P. Ham, bal. int. to Nov. 1, '97	1 27
"	17.	" of H. H. Prugh, Sec'y, int. on \$300.00 certif. to Nov. 1, '97	85 00
Dec.	8.	" of D. A. Althoff, 1/2 year int	55 36
"	7.	" of Dr. F. P. Stuckey, Tr. Lanc. Cl., on appt.	8 21
"	20.	" of V. P. Van Horne, Tr. Miami Cl.	8 00
"	23.	" of J. P. Ham, bal. int. on loan	8 00
"	23.	" of C. J. Wolf, payment on int.	8 00
"	23.	" of Geo. E. Sullivan, payment on int.	40 00
1898.			
Jan.	5.	" of Rev. H. E. Kilmer, Tr. E. O. Cl., on appt.	24 1
"	6.	" of Prugh & Prugh, Kehm int. in full	45 1
"	6.	" of Good & Cummins, bal. on pasture Rust lot	10 00
"	12.	" of E. K. Kremer, Tr. Tusc. Cl., on appt.	50 00
"	13.	" of Rev. H. E. Kilmer, Tr. E. O. Cl., on appt.	14 07
"	13.	" of O. S. Dep. & T. Co., 3 mos. int. on Certif. of Dep.	162 50
"	13.	" of Dennis Althoff, bal. int. in full	5 83
"	28.	" of Jno. Stroock, 1 year int. on gift note	3 00
Mar.	29.	" of Rev. A. E. Batchley, 1 year int. on bal. gift note	90
"	29.	" of Nora M. Sigler, 1/2 year int. Kehm loan to Apr. 1, '98	70 00
"	29.	" of C. J. Wolf, int. on loan	8 75
"	29.	" of Dr. F. P. Stuckey, Tr. Lanc. Cl., on appt.	135 00
Amount carried forward			\$956 13

	Amount brought forward	\$666 13
Apr. 1.	" of E. K. Kremer, Tr. Tusc. Cl., on appt	25 00
" 1.	" of O. S. Dep. & T. Co., 5 mos. int. on Certft. No. 266	178 07
" 9.	" of Mason Prugh, $\frac{1}{2}$ year int. on loan	106 00
" 11.	" of David Van Horne, D. D., 1 year int. on loan	48 00
" 16.	" of Rev. H. E. Kilmer, Tr. E. O. Cl., on appt	62 18
" 23.	" of Benj. Ashbaucher, Tr. St. Joseph Cl., on appt	50 00
" 23.	" of Rev. J. B. Shumaker, D. D., Tr. Tiffin Cl., on appt	100 00
" 23.	" of Rev. S. Z. Beam and wife, 1 year int. Z. M. note	3 00
" 29.	" of Benj. Ashbaucher, Tr. St. Joseph Cl., on appt	50 00
" 30.	" of E. K. Kremer, Tr. Tusc. Cl., on appt	50 00
" 30.	" of Rev. H. E. Kilmer, Tr. E. O. Cl., on appt	18 69
May 5.	" of V. P. Van Horne, Tr. Miami Cl., on appt	16 89
" 9.	" of Beaver cong., com. col., Theo. Sem	8 30
" 12.	" of Rev. H. E. Kilmer, Tr. E. O. Cl., on appt	82 27
" 12.	" of E. K. Kremer, Tr. Tusc. Cl., on appt	100 00
" 13.	" of Augusta Bauer, int. on loan	23 35
" 17.	" of V. P. Van Horne, Tr. Miami Cl., on appt	74 51
" 21.	" of Rev. J. H. Steele, payment on pasture rent	6 03
June 20.	" of Geo. E. Sullivan, int. on loan	52 50
" 20.	" of Otto F. From, int. on loan	48 75
" 20.	" of Alva H. Kauffman, int. on loan	7 00
" 20.	" of Joe. B. Musselman, int. on loan	42 00
" 20.	" of H. H. Prugh, Sec'y, int. on Certft No. 266, O. S. D. & T. Co.	85 60
" 20.	" of H. H. Prugh, Sec'y, int. on Certft No. 233, O. S. D. & T. Co.	243 75
" 20.	" of Nora M. Sigler, bal. int. Kehm loan	13 00
July 8.	" of V. P. Van Horne, Tr., int. on Miami Cl. note	50 00
Aug. 8.	" of V. P. Van Horne, Tr. Miami Cl., on appt	107 12
" 9.	" of E. K. Kremer, Tr. Tusc. Cl., on appt	50 00
" 18.	" of H. E. Kilmer, Tr. E. O. Cl., on appt	9 21
" 19.	" of Benj. Ashbaucher, Tr. St. Joseph Cl., on appt	50 00
Sept. 1.	" of B. Mathes, 3 years int. on gift note	18 00
" 3.	" of Alfred Shirer, 1 yr. int. Z. M. note	3 00
" 3.	" of Alfred Shirer, 1 yr. int. on loan	85 00
" 7.	" of Dr. F. P. Stuckey, Tr. Lanc. Cl. on appt	110 44
" 10.	" of Rev. J. R. Skinner, 2 years int. gift note	3 00
" 14.	" of V. P. Van Horne, per Rev. Albright, Fairfield Chg., appt.	6 50
" 15.	" of Rev. J. B. Shumaker, Tr. Tiffin Cl., on appt	100 00
" 15.	" of E. K. Kremer, Tr. Tusc. Cl., on appt	15 00
" 16.	" of Rev. H. E. Kilmer, Tr. E. O. Cl., on appt	36 73
" 19.	" of Rev. H. E. Kilmer, Tr. E. O. Cl., on appt	5 80
" 21.	" of E. K. Kremer, Tr. Tusc. Cl., on appt	5 00
" 21.	" of Jacob Isenberg, $\frac{1}{2}$ year int. on loan	14 00
" 22.	" of Rev. L. H. Kefauver, D. D., Tr., exp. Board Trustees	32 24
" 22.	" of Rev. H. E. Kilmer, Tr. E. O. Cl., on appt	10 00
" 26.	" of V. P. Van Horne, Tr., per H. A., Tr., on appt	53 36
" 26.	" of E. K. Kremer, Tr. Tusc. Cl., on appt	22 96
" 26.	" of Benj. Ashbaucher, Tr. St. Joseph Cl., on appt	50 00
" 26.	" of Dr. F. P. Stuckey, Tr. Lanc. Cl., on appt	33 60
" 27.	" of V. P. Van Horne, Tr., per G. R. Wells	58 26
" 27.	" of O. S. Dep. & T. Co., int. on Certft No. 233	243 75
" 27.	" of O. S. Dep. & T. Co., int. on Certft No. 266	178 07
" 27.	" of C. J. Wolf, int. on Field loan to Sept. 15, '98	17 50
" 27.	" of A. H. Kauffman, int. on loan	21 00
" 27.	" of Michael McArdle, int. on loan	14 35
" 27.	" of H. M. Busadicker, int. on loan	20 13
	Amount carried forward	\$ 3,774 04

Amount brought forward	\$ 3,774 04
" 27. " of Mason Prugh, int. on loan	72 16
" 27. " of Prugh & Prugh, rents, C. D. White	37 78
" 28. " of V. P. Van Horne, Tr. Miami Cl., appt	67 86
" 28. " of Rev. Jos. B. Shumaker, D. D., Tr. Tiffin Cl., appt	15 83
" 28. " of Rev. H. E. Kilmer, Tr. E. O. Cl., appt	15 00
" 28. " of H. Ankeney, int. on gift note to Oct. 1, '98	2 42
" 29. " of V. P. Van Horne, Tr. Miami Cl., per Rev. A. Klinger, appt.	10 00
" 29. " of C. Fought, gift for im. use	5 00
" 29. " of Mrs. C. Fought, gift for im. use	5 00
" 29. " of Mrs. Lizzie Von Blon, for im. use	1 00
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SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS.

From balance	\$ 31
" int. on gift notes and gifts	46 32
" sundries	1 67
" special collections	8 30
" proceeds Rust lot	16 08
" Treas. Synod expenses Board refunded	32 24
" int. on loans	2,002 83
" apportionment Miami Classis	\$402 06
" " Tuscarawas Classis	317 96
" " Eastern Ohio Classis	278 12
" " Lancaster Classis	334 39
" " Tiffin Classis	215 83
" " St. Joseph Classis	200 00
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1897. IMMEDIATE USE ACCOUNT. CR.

EXPENDITURES.

Oct. 7. By cash paid Xenia National Bank, exchange on Wadsworth Bank,	10
" 15. " Mrs. Susan Good, $\frac{1}{2}$ yr. int. to Oct. 16, '97	15 90
" 18. " Rev. J. H. Bomberger, D. D., on acct. salary	1 67
Nov. 26. " Rev. J. H. Bomberger, D. D., on acct. salary	58 00
" 26. " Rev. David Van Horne, D. D., on acct. salary	69 00
" 26. " Rev. Herman Rust, D. D., on acct. salary	20 00
" 26. " Rev. E. Herbruck, D. D., on acct. salary	55 00
" 26. " Rev. A. S. Zerbe, D. D., on acct. salary	55 00
1898.	
Jan. 12. " Rev. David Van Horne, D. D., on acct. salary	60 25
" 12. " Rev. David Van Horne, D. D., taxes Rust lot	15 49
" 12. " Rev. Herman Rust, D. D., on acct. salary	17 57
" 12. " Rev. E. Herbruck, D. D., on acct. salary	47 70
" 12. " Rev. J. H. Bomberger, D. D., on acct. salary	47 70
" 12. " Prof. A. S. Zerbe, D. D., on acct. salary	47 70
" 21. " Xenia Nat'l Bank exch'g. Wadsworth Bank	10
Feb. 8. " Rev. David Van Horne, D. D., on acct. salary	64 10
" 8. " Rev. David Van Horne, D. D., recording provision to deed Rust lot	75
" 8. " Rev. Herman Rust, D. D., on acct. salary	18 70
" 8. " Prof. A. S. Zerbe, D. D., on acct. salary	50 75
" 8. " Rev. J. H. Bomberger, D. D., on acct. salary	50 75
" 8. " Rev. E. Herbruck, D. D., on acct. salary	50 75
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Amount carried forward	\$741 98

		Amount brought forward	\$741 96
Mch. 8.	"	Rev. J. J. Leberman, et al expenses Board meeting	28 90
Apr. 11.	"	Rev. L. H. Kefauver, D. D., Tr. share print catalogues	26 40
" 11.	"	Mrs. Susan Good, ½ yr. int. to Apr. 16, 1898	15 90
" 11.	"	Rev. David Van Horne, D. D., on acct. salary	186 10
" 11.	"	Rev. Herman Rust, D. D., on acct. salary	39 70
" 11.	"	Prof. A. S. Zerbe, D. D., on acct. salary	107 78
" 11.	"	Rev. E. Herbruck, D. D., on acct. salary	107 78
" 11.	"	Rev. J. H. Bomberger, D. D., on acct. salary	107 78
" 23.	"	Rev. David Van Horne, D. D., on acct. salary	58 00
" 25.	"	Rev. Herman Rust, D. D., on acct. salary	17 10
" 25.	"	Prof. A. S. Zerbe, Ph. D., on acct. salary	46 40
" 25.	"	Rev. J. H. Bomberger, D. D. on acct. salary	46 40
" 25.	"	Rev. E. Herbruck, D. D., on acct. salary	46 40
" 30.	"	S. N. Adams, recording mtg	1 25
" 30.	"	Prugh & Prugh recording Busdicker mtg	1 50
May 16.	"	Prugh & Prugh, costs and taxes Loucks foreclosure	166 76
" 21.	"	Rev. J. H. Steele, wire and labor repairing fence Rust lot	6 08
June 13.	"	Rev. David Van Horne, D. D., on acct. salary	70 00
" 13.	"	Prof. A. S. Zerbe, D. D., on acct. salary	55 00
" 13.	"	Rev. E. Herbruck, D. D., on acct. salary	55 00
" 13.	"	Rev. J. H. Bomberger, D. D., on acct. salary	55 00
" 13.	"	Rev. Herman Rust, D. D., on acct. salary	20 00
July 4.	"	Rev. David Van Horne, D. D., June taxes Rust lot	15 49
" 4.	"	Rev. David Van Horne, D. D., on acct. salary	116 00
" 4.	"	Rev. Herman Rust, D. D., on acct. salary	34 00
" 4.	"	Prof. A. S. Zerbe, D. D., on acct. salary	92 00
" 4.	"	Rev. E. Herbruck, D. D., on acct. salary	92 00
" 4.	"	Rev. J. H. Bomberger, D. D., on acct. salary	92 00
Aug. 8.	"	Rev. E. Keller, and H. Ankeney, expenses this date	1 70
" 11.	"	The Reformed Pub. Co., furn. and ptg 125 postals	2 32
" 15.	"	Kenia Nat'l Bank exch'g. Wadsworth Bank	15
Sept. 3.	"	Rev. David Van Horne, D. D., on acct. salary	87 00
" 3.	"	Rev. Herman Rust, D. D., on acct. salary	25 00
" 3.	"	Prof. A. S. Zerbe, D. D., on acct. salary	69 00
" 3.	"	Rev. J. H. Bomberger, D. D., on acct. salary	69 00
" 3.	"	Rev. E. Herbruck, D. D., on acct. salary	69 00
" 13.	"	Rev. S. B. Yockey, et al expenses board meeting	3 64
" 27.	"	Library Fund, 1 yr. int	29 03
" 27.	"	Rev. David Van Horne, D. D., sewer tax Rust lot	25 60
" 27.	"	Rev. David Van Horne, D. D., on acct. salary	310 00
" 27.	"	Rev. Herman Rust, D. D., on acct. salary	90 00
" 27.	"	Prof. A. S. Zerbe, D. D., on acct. salary	245 00
" 27.	"	Rev. J. H. Bomberger, D. D., on acct. salary	245 00
" 27.	"	Rev. E. Herbruck, D. D., on acct. salary	245 00
" 27.	"	Retained by Treasurer, sundries and expenses	20 00
" 29.	"	Rev. David Van Horne, D. D., on acct. salary	19 20
" 29.	"	Rev. Herman Rust, D. D., on acct. salary	5 50
" 29.	"	Prof. A. S. Zerbe, D. D., on acct. salary	15 20
" 29.	"	Rev. J. H. Bomberger, D. D., on acct. salary	15 42
" 29.	"	Rev. E. Herbruck, D. D., on acct. salary	15 20

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SUMMARY OF EXPENSES.

Paid bank for collecting		85	
" interest on debt		31 80	
" taxes and repairs Rust lot		62 61	
" printing catalogues &c		28 73	
" recording mortgages		3 50	
" expenses of Board		34 24	
" taxes & costs foreclosure		166 76	
" library fund interest		29 08	
" treasurer		20 00	
" salaries, David Van Horne, D. D.	990 25		
Herman Rust, D. D.	287 57		
A. S. Zerbe, D. D.	783 78		
E. Herbruck, D. D.	783 78		
J. H. Bomberger, D. D.	783 67	\$3,629 05	

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1897. ENDOWMENT FUND ACCOUNT.		DR.
Oct. 6.	To bal. on hand	\$ 124 82
" 8.	To cash of Rev. D. M. Christman, third payment on gift note	2 00
" 14.	" of Mrs. C. Newby, loan in full	300 00
Nov. 1.	" of Sam'l. Collins' heirs, loan in full	4,600 00
" 1.	" of Jos. Zinck, loan in full	850 00
" 1.	" of Louis Hagedorn, loan in full	700 00
" 1.	" of O. S. Dep. & T. Co., certft. Dep. 259	300 00
" 1.	" of Silent Friend Growing Fund	3,000 00
Dec. 14.	" of John P. Ham, loan in full	1,200 00
1898.		
Jan. 1.	" of F. Kehm, loan in full	1,600 00
" 1.	" of Dennis A. Althoff, loan in full	1,000 00
" 1.	" of O. S. Dep. & T. Co., certft. in full	275 00
Mar. 29.	" of Rev. A. E. Baichly, payment on note	5 00
" 29.	" of Nora M. Sigler, payment on Kehm loan	1,000 00
May 2.	" of Prugh & Frank, Exrs. of Dickerhoof Estate	1,481 15
" 23.	" of Nora M. Sigler, payment Kehm loan	500 00
Jun. 20.	" of Cora F. Prugh, bal. Kehm loan	500 00
July 6.	" of Mason Prugh, payment on loan	1,200 00
" 29.	" of Juniata Classis, per Rev. Lewis Robb, part of Gruber Legacy	250 00
Sep. 28.	" of H. Ankeney, payment on gift note	12 00

\$18,900 00

SUMMARY—RECEIPTS.

From payment on gift notes	\$ 19 03
" Exrs. Dickerhoof estate	1,481 15
" Loans paid	14,399 82
" Growing fund, account	3,000 00

\$18,900 00

1897. ENDOWMENT FUND ACCOUNT.		CR.
Oct. 14.	By Certft. of Dep. No. 259, O. S. Dep. & T. Co., 6 per cent, 60 days	\$ 300 00
Nov. 1.	" " " No. 266, " " " 3 yrs. 6½ per cent	6,575 00
" 1.	By first mortgage loan to ——— 6 per cent	2,425 00
Dec. 14.	" loan to Otto F. Fromm, 6½ per cent	1,500 00
" 23.	" Certft. of Dep. O. S. Dep. & T. Co., 6 per cent	275 00
Amount carried forward		\$11,075 00

1898.	Amount brought forward	\$11,075 00	
Jan.	1. " loan to Alva H. Kauffman, 6½ per cent	400 00	
"	1. " loan to Michael McArdle, 7 per cent	800 00	
"	1. " loan to Jos. B. Musselman, 7 per cent	1,200 00	
"	1. " loan to Augusta Bauer, 6½ per cent	1,000 00	
Apr.	11. " loan to Jacob Isenberger, 7 per cent	400 00	
"	15. " loan to H. M. Busdicker, 7 per cent	575 00	
July	6. " loan to Julia A. Wenger, et al 6 per cent	1,200 00	
"	6. " loan to Louis P. Hagedorn, 6 per cent	725 00	
"	6. " loan to Martha Weller, et al, 6 per cent	1,200 00	
"	14. " loan to Jennie Rhoden, 6 per cent	600 00	
Aug.	8. " Certft. No. 804, O. S. Dep. & T. Co., 6 per cent	225 00	
			\$18,900 00

1897	THE SCHNECK LIBRARY FUND.		DR.	CR.
Oct.	5.	To balance on hand, int. from fund	\$ 82 09	
1898.				
Sept.	27.	To cash from Immediate use fund, 1 yr. int.	29 03	
Oct.	1.	By balance on hand		\$ 111 12
			\$ 111 12	\$ 111 12

1897	SILENT FRIEND GROWING FUND.		DR.	CR.
Nov.	1.	To cash from silent friend	\$ 2,425 00	
"	24.	To cash from silent friend	575 00	
"		By cash paid General Endowment Fund for Investment		\$ 3 000 00
			\$ 3,000 00	\$ 3,000 00

Salaries of Professors.

1897.	REV. HERMAN RUST, D. D.		DR.	CR.
Oct.	5.	To balance due on old account back salary	\$ 555 00	
1898.				
Oct.	1.	To salary 1 year to date	350 00	
"	1.	By cash paid on salary to date		\$ 287 57
"	1.	By balance due on salary for year		62 43
"	1.	By balance due on back salary		555 00
			\$ 905 00	\$ 905 00

1898.	REV. DAVID VAN HORNE, D. D.		DR.	CR.
Oct.	1.	To 1 year salary to date	\$ 1,200 00	
"	1.	By cash paid on salary		\$ 990 25
"	1.	By balance due on salary		209 75
			\$ 1,200 00	\$ 1,200 00

1898.	PROF. A. S. ZERBE, D. D.		DR.	CR.
Oct.	1.	To 1 year salary to date	\$ 950 00	
"	1.	By cash paid on salary to date		\$ 783 78
"	1.	By balance due on salary		166 22
			\$ 950 00	\$ 950 00

		REV. J. H. BOMBERGER, D. D.		DR.	CR.
1898.					
Oct.	1. To 1 year salary	\$	950 00		
"	1. By cash paid on salary to date			\$	788 67
"	1. By balance due on salary to date				166 33
				\$	950 00
				\$	950 00
1898.					
		REV. E. HERBRUCK, D. D.		DR.	CR.
Oct.	1. To 1 year salary	\$	950 00		
"	1. By cash paid on salary to date			\$	788 78
"	1. By balance due on salary to date				166 22
				\$	950 00
				\$	950 00

BILLS PAYABLE.

Due in Settlement of Salary of Rev. J. H. Good, D. D., Deceased.

One note to SUSAN Good, 6 per cent	\$	580 00
Int. on same to Oct. 16, 1898		16 90
	\$	545 90

Respectfully submitted,

HORACE ANKENEY, *Treasurer.**3. Report of the Board of Visitors and Education.**To the Ohio Synod:*

DEAR BRETHREN:—The annual report of the Board of Visitors of Heidelberg Theological Seminary and the Board of Education for the years 1897 and 1898 is hereby respectfully submitted by the secretary.

The Board met for organization in the City of Canton, Ohio, at the close of the meeting of synod in 1897. The officers elected were President, Rev. L. H. Kefauver, D. D.; Vice President, Rev. J. D. Neff; Secretary and Treasurer, Rev. J. H. Steele.

The Executive Committee, consisting of Revs. L. H. Kefauver, D. D., J. D. Neff, E. D. Wettach and J. H. Steele, has held frequent meetings during the year as the necessities of the work required.

The Board again met at Tiffin, in attendance upon the examinations at the close of the seminary, April 20, 1898.

BOARD OF VISITORS.

The Board gladly reports to you concerning the encouraging condition of the seminary, the industry and Christian conduct of the students, and the interest and faithful work of the professors.

The examinations were with a few exceptions, satisfactory.

By consulting the catalogue you will find that the students composing the classes of the seminary during the year were:

Juniors.—W. S. Adams, Reedsburg, O.; Henry N. Kerst, Baker, O.; John C. Paul, Shenandoah, O.; A. C. Renoll, Hanover, Pa.; S. I. Royer, Tiffin, O.

Middle Class.—W. C. Baum, Detroit, Michigan; Conrod Decker, Tiffin, O.; O. P. Foust, Tiffin, O.; E. W. Kruse, Ft. Wayne, Ind.; N. B. Mathes,

Fulton, Mich.; W. Schrorer, Poland, Ind.; Henry E. Sechler, China Grove, N. C.; Rev. Freeman Ware, Tiffin, O.; and E. E. Young, Bremen, Ohio.

Senior Class.—G. C. Baumgartel, Akron, O.; George W. Beaver, Fairfield, O.; J. W. Bectel, Reedsburg, O.; A. V. Casselman, Fairview, Kansas; Paul I. Deppen, Womelsdorf, Pa.; J. W. Geir, Polk, Ohio; E. G. Klotz, Malvern, O.; J. H. Lautzenhiser, Tiffin, O.; D. S. Miller, Thornville, O.; Samuel A. Stamm, Fombell, Pa.; Christian Rufener, Windham, Ohio.

The members of the senior class, having been recommended by the faculty, and having completed the course of study prescribed, were graduated in Rickley Chapel, April 20th, 1898. Rev. E. R. Williard, of Akron, Ohio, made the address to the class on the subject "Ministers who catch something." The address was very appropriate and full of good suggestions.

From the annual report of the President of the Faculty we learn that each teacher has carried on the work in his department, without interruption, on the account of sickness. One of the members of the faculty, however, was called to pass through a severe trial of personal bereavement.

Mr. Schrorer, a student of the middle class was advised by his physician to give up his studies in March to seek improvement in health.

The increased number of professors has enabled the faculty to enlarge the curriculum and furnish the students with all the work they can comfortably do.

The president reports to us a growing interest in missionary work; a fine alcove of missionary works in the library; meetings held each week by mission bands; a pledge of \$60 per annum for the support of a student in Sendai, Japan; and a willingness on the part of the young men to be the Lord's missionaries in the home and foreign field.

The Board gratefully reports valuable contributions of books to the seminary library, from Dr. Van Horne, Dr. H. M. Herman, and others, amounting in all to about one hundred volumes.

The present enrollment of the seminary is found by noting the promotion of the middle and junior classes, and by adding the following names of those who compose the present junior class. John T. Bucher, S. J. Flohr, J. C. Gekeler, Charles Hartman, W. W. Shiver, F. S. Zaugg, Albert Lienkemper, Daniel P. Shafer, and E. E. Naragon.

But this seems a favorable place at which to begin to make an appeal to the synod. It is pleasing to report the favorable condition of your school of the prophets, and we may thoughtfully acknowledge God's blessing during the past year; but a growing institution makes the more urgent appeal to the church.

1. The cry comes from the president's report, in behalf of the seminary, for funds to purchase new books, bearing upon the work of the different departments, especially in the department of exegesis.

As the work of equipping goes on and as the teaching force is increased the support must be proportionately enlarged.

2. We need to remember the question that was hopefully and earnestly agitated at the last meeting of synod, *i. e.*, a separate building. At present four rooms of the college building are occupied by the seminary. The college however generously disposed, can no longer conveniently spare these rooms.

3. We need that the seminary with her combined interests, her teachers, her students, her equipment, her endowment, shall often be the subject of thought and the burden of prayer.

BOARD OF EDUCATION.

The Board of Education has had under its care as recipients of the aid you have furnished during the past year, twenty-six young men.

All but three have received the full appropriation. The appropriation was reduced from \$100 to \$80 per year.

This seemed necessary from the increased number seeking aid. And it seemed possible because of a reduction at Heidelberg of the necessary expenses of living.

The following are the names of the persons having received aid during the year: S. I. Royer, A. C. Renoll, C. Hartman, N. Kerst, E. E. Young, J. C. Gekeler, F. S. Zaugg, D. S. Miller, W. W. Shriver, J. Lautzenhiser, C. Rufener, B. Deifenbaugh, C. J. Fullerton, S. J. Flohr, Albert Swizer, John C. Paul, C. Ball, Elmer Zaugg, O. P. Foust, W. W. Foust, E. G. Klotz, George Baumgardel, George Longaker, H. J. Rohrbaugh, J. W. Geir, and B. E. Reemsnyder.

Six passed from the roll by having graduated. Mr. E. E. Young has relinquished the aid according to the rule of the Board relating to marriage.

The additions to the list made at the opening of the new year were: Albert Lienkemper, of the Mission House; Mr. Graber of Mt. Eaton, Ohio; Edward E. Naragon, of Eastern Ohio Classis; David P. Shafer, of St. Paul's Classis, Pa.; Conrad Dekker, of Tiffin, Ohio; Mr. From, of Somerset, Ohio; Dr. Seidel, of Dayton.

Twenty-five of these receive the full appropriation, one receives but forty dollars.

The Board standing between these students and this representative body of the church, would call attention to the following points:

1. The Board would remind pastors and others of an action of synod, concerning not only applicants for aid, but all candidates for the ministry, that they are to be taken under the care of a classis. Which means not simply reporting them as students for the ministry, in the proper place

in the statistical blank, but that by a formal action of classis they be taken under the care of that ecclesiastical body, that they thus satisfy their own minds concerning the necessary qualifications and assure themselves of his fitness for the office of the holy ministry and his worthiness of support.

2. Your Board would appeal to the members of synod and others who have received aid and who are situated so that it would be possible, that they refund the aid received, or at least a part of it. Many of the ministers have promised to do so. There may be no legal obligation to do so, so long as beneficiaries remain faithfully in the ministry of the church educating them. But there is a higher law—and in obedience to that law many might be allowed to enter the ministry that otherwise can have no aid.

3. If this work is to be carried on and meet the increasing demands upon the Board we must not only apportion \$2,000, but it must be paid. This year at the writing of this report, out of an apportionment of \$2,000 we have received \$1,389.06.

4. At the meeting of the Executive Committee held September 14, the following resolution was ordered embodied in this report to synod:

Resolved, That Article 7, page 69 in the rules of the Board shall be amended so as to read: "The Executive Committee shall consist of the President of the Theological Seminary, together with the resident members, &c."

5. Members whose term expires: Rev. D. A. Parks, Rev. E. E. Weller, Rev. J. D. Neff, and Rev. I. A. Sites.

J. H. STEELE, *Secretary*.

4. *Report of the Treasurer of the Board of Education.*

DR.

In Treasury, Oct. '97	\$ 200 99	
Collection at Synod, Oct. '97.....	10 54	
Gift from J. E. Covert.....	35 00	
Rev. F. Nau, First Reformed Church, Canton.....	10 00	
Paris Reformed Congregation, Rev. J. B. Rust.....	3 50	
Refunded by Prof. Steffins.....	10 00	
Rev. J. C. Smith	6 00	
Rev. H. S. Gekeler, of Xenia Cong.....	16 00	
Refunded by Rev. M. L. Fox.....	250 00	
Overdrawn and refunded.....	1 20	\$ 543 28

INTEREST FROM NOTES.

Hollenberger Note.....	\$ 35 00	
C. & X. Ry.....	84 00	
C. C. Parks	154 00	
James Skeen	8 00	
Schlereth.....	98 25	
Carson bequest through J. A. Peters.....	64 97	
Stanley.....	14 00	\$ 458 22

CLASSES.

Tiffin, per Rev. J. B. Shumaker.....	\$ 210 94	
Tuscarawas, E. K. Kremer	486 73	
Lancaster, per Dr. Stuckey	255 66	
Eastern Ohio, per Rev. Kilmer.....	190 03	
Miami, per V. P. Van Horne.....	156 00	
St. Joseph, per Benj. Ashbaucher.....	91 50	\$ 1390 93

\$ 2392 43

CR.

Paid beneficiary students	\$ 2030 00	
" Russel Knopp, printing.....	1 65	
" Tiffin's Saving Bank	1 50	
" E. R. Good, printers	1 25	
" Interest on money borrowed	18 13	
" for stationery and postage	2 00	
" Platt & Black	12 00	
" to permanent fund	151 00	\$2,217 53
Balance in the treasury.....		\$ 174 00

PERMANENT FUND.

Bequest of Miss Sarah Hiveling.....	\$1,000 00	
" Miss Sarah Brinker.....	800 00	
" J. Lefler	3,500 00	
" Mary Ashbaugh.....	200 00	
" B. Shneck	500 00	\$6,000 00

The above amount is the sum of the invested permanent fund.

The following is a list of transactions in this fund:

Interest Eirich note	\$ 42 00
Interest Hollenberger note.....	35 00
Interest Schlereth note	98 25
Schlereth note	800 00
Eirich note	600 00
Eirich interest	7 00

C. & X. Ry. interest	84 00	
Skeen interest	8 00	
Stanley interest	14 00	
C. C. Parks interest	154 00	
In bank at opening of year	650 00	
Received from contingent	151 00	\$8,643 25

CR.

Certificate of R. R. Stock	\$1,000 00	
C. C. Parks note	2,200 00	
James Skeen note	550 00	
Samuel S. Dentler	1,500 00	
Elizabeth Stanley	200 00	
Alice & Clayton Staley	600 00	\$6,050 00

Interest Hollenberger note trans.	\$ 35 00	
" Schlereth note trans.	98 00	
" Eirich note investment	49 00	
" Skeen note trans. to Con.	8 00	
" Stanley note trans.	14 00	
" Parks note trans.	154 00	
Stanley note invested	600 00	
Samuel S. Dentler	1,500 00	
C. & X. interest transferred	84 00	
Invested contingents	101 00	\$2,643 25

Total, - - - \$8,693 25

Leaving invested credit for the contingent fund . . . \$ 50 00

The undersigned, Auditing Committee of the Board, have examined the preceding report and the vouchers, and find them correct.

A. S. ZERBE,
E. D. WETTACH.

II. REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON SEMINARY.

The Committee on Heidelberg Theological Seminary would report: Papers referred to this committee: That of the Boards of Trustees, Visitors and Education, Treasurer of Seminary and Treasurer of Board of Education.

The Board of Visitors say, they gladly report the encouraging conditions of the seminary.

The industry and Christian conduct of the students was excellent. The work of the professors interested and faithful, and that each teacher was enabled to carry forward the work in his department without inter-

ruption on account of sickness. And the increased number of professors enabled the faculty to enlarge the curriculum, so as to give the students all they can do. The Board gratefully reports valuable contributions of books to the seminary library, from Drs. Van Horne, Herman and others.

The Board of Trustees report that they have taken steps in carrying out the instructions of this synod of a year ago with reference to a building for the use of the seminary and while not much has been accomplished, the Board is hopeful that the friends of the seminary will enable them by furnishing the necessary funds to carry out the instructions in full and thus secure a suitable home for the school of the prophets. From the reports of the Board we also learn with pleasure of the receipt of \$1,481.15 from the A. Dickerhoff estate in addition to what had already been received, but regret on account of the urgent need of the seminary that all monyes from this source had not come into the treasurer's hands. From the report of the Treasurer of the Board we are confronted with a much larger deficit than is profitable in order that we meet the responsibility that our exalted privilege, to which the enlarged usefulness and efficiency of the seminary has brought us. And one of the problems challenging solution by this synod is how best to help our efficient and faithful treasurer to meet these obligations. From these reports we learn with sadness that the apportionments were so far from being paid in full, as to cause much annoyance and hindrance to the work. From the reports it is very evident that now more than ever we need the much talked of new seminary building.

In view of these needs suggested by the several reports we present the following resolutions:

Resolved, That we again instruct the Board of Trustees to arrange some plan if possible by which a suitable building can be obtained.

Resolved, That the attention of every pastor and through them and the delegate elders, every member of the church be called to the urgent necessity of raising the apportionments for Beneficiary Education and Theological Seminary.

Resolved, That the sum of \$2,000 for Beneficiary Education, and in view of the deficit, and immediate use of the seminary, sixteen cents per member for Theological Seminary be apportioned.

Resolved, That members of the faculty be urged to continue their effort by the use of the various periodicals of the church, and as far as possible by visiting the various congregations to bring the interests of the seminary before the people.

Resolved, That the audited reports of the Treasurer of the Seminary and the Treasurer of the Board be adopted.

J. J. GRUBER,
WM. H. SHULTS.
I. N. BURGER,
GEORGE P. RADER.

Recommitted, and the following was added.

Resolved, That the salary of Dr. H. Rust be fixed at \$350 for the present seminary year.

WM. H. SHULTS.
I. N. BURGER.

III. ELECTION OF BOARDS OF THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

I. BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

Officers of the Board.

President, Rev. Reuben Keller, West Alexandria, O.
Vice-President, Rev. Alpheus E. Baichly, Canal Fulton, O.
Secretary, Rev. Charles E. Miller, Dayton, O.
Treasurer, Elder Horace Ankeney, Alpha, O.

Members whose term expires October, 1899.

Rev. Reuben Keller. Rev. Edward Herbruck, D. D.
Rev. Edward M. Beck. Rev. John J. Leberman, D. D.
Elder Benjamin Kuhns.

Members whose term expires October, 1900.

Rev. Sebastian C. Goss, D. D. Rev. Samuel B. Yockey, D. D.
Rev. Alpheus E. Baichly. Elder Victor P. Van Horne.
Elder George Loucks.

Members whose term expires October, 1901.

Rev. F. W. Hoffman. Rev. Chas. E. Miller.
Rev. Michael Loucks, D. D. Elder Horace Ankeney.
Elder John W. Keller.

II. BOARD OF VISITORS AND EDUCATION.

Officers of the Board.

President, Rev. Lewis H. Kefauver, D. D., Tiffin, O.
Vice-President, Rev. Edward D. Wettach, D. D., Tiffin, O.
Secretary and Treasurer, Rev. James H. Steele, D. D., Tiffin, O.
Executive Committee.—Revs. L. H. Kefauver, D. D., A. C. Shuman,
Edward D. Wettach, D. D., J. H. Steele, D. D., Elder Geo. A. Klahr.

Members whose term expires October, 1899.

Rev. Sebastian C. Goss, D. D. Rev. Michael Loucks, D. D.
Rev. James H. Steele, D. D. Rev. Allen K. Zartman.

Members whose term expires October, 1900.

Rev. Lewis H. Kefauver, D. D. Rev. Edward D. Wettach, D. D.
Rev. Geo. W. Henning. Elder George A. Klahr.

Members whose term expires October, 1901.

Rev. Albert C. Shuman. Rev. Geo. H. Souder.
Rev. D. Webster Loucks. Rev. John M. Kendig, D. D.

ARTICLE XV.

HEIDELBERG UNIVERSITY.

I. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS.

(NOTE.—No report from the Board of Regents was at hand at the meeting of synod. This was owing to the fact that at the annual meeting of the Board in June last the *President* was instructed to prepare the report; but on account of sickness he was not able to have the report ready in time for synod. Synod then requested the Board to prepare a report and send it to the Stated Clerk to publish it in connection with the Minutes of Synod. Accordingly, the following report was received through the Secretary of the Board.—STATED CLERK).

Board met in the reception room of the college, June 14, 1898. Prayer was offered by Rev. J. J. Leberman. Fourteen members of the Board were found to be present.

The election of officers was as follows:

Hon. J. H. Ridgely, *President*.

Rev. J. J. Leberman, *Vice President*.

Rev. J. H. Steele, *Secretary*.

Rev. L. H. Kefauver, D. D., *Treasurer*.

Reports were received from the various departments of the university; the Acting Chancellor, the Financial Secretary and the Treasurer.

From these reports we gather the following facts of interest to the synod and members of the church which fosters the institution.

The work was continued in the various departments without interruption. The work seems to have been done with care and commendable results. There have been no changes in the teaching force.

Dr. L. H. Kefauver asked to be excused from Acting Chancellor any longer, but the Board respectfully asked his continuance in office.

The name of the Normal was changed so as to be known as the "Department of Pedagogy."

With the exception of one change the curriculum remains the same. By a resolution offered by Elder Horace Ankeney, music shall hereafter not be considered as a substitute for Latin in the Literary Department, but Latin, French, or German shall be required in all cases.

There was one graduate from the Musical Department, Miss Lydia Schmidt. One from the School of Oratory, Miss Mabel Andrews; and seventeen from the Literary Department.

The internal workings of Heidelberg are keeping pace with the progress of the age. The prayers of the friends of the institution during these years are being answered. The church may well take pride in her school.

Favorable mention should be made of service that has been rendered by different ones more remotely connected with the institution, in order to secure this blessed prospect.

The financial secretary has diligently prosecuted his canvass. While the "hard times" may have retarded the fulfillment of all hopes financially, it is no doubt true that an equally important work is being done in thus keeping the school before the people and securing pupils for her classes.

Bro. S. S. Rickley has still continued his substantial remembrance of the institution. He has generously placed a fine piano in the chapel. A fitting tribute to his son, and a splendid addition to the equipment of the institution. He also furnished a clock, and recarpeted part of the chapel. May the Lord raise up many such liberal friends for Heidelberg College.

Contributions have been made to the library. The *Christian World* has rendered an appreciated service in allowing us what was called a "University Issue." Time would fail us in mentioning the services of all the friends during the year.

The forecast for the future is in part, the continuance of the financial secretary, and a request that members of the faculty go to different parts of the synod and present the cause of higher education in the high schools whenever opportunity will permit. Members of the synod can do much to make these two lines of work possible and effectual.

The growing demands of the institution must secure growing returns financially. Street paving, repairing buildings, roofing and equipping is a constant bill of expense.

Members of the synod are asked to frequently visit the institutions and assure themselves of proper use of these funds, as may be seen in beautifully kept buildings and surroundings.

The attendance this year is by far the largest in the history of the institution. The freshman class alone numbers over half a hundred.

Respectfully submitted,

BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

II. REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE ON HEIDELBERG UNIVERSITY.

Your committee regret to report to synod that no documents or reports have been referred to us for consideration.

In view of this neglect or oversight on the part of the Board of Regents your committee recommended the following action:

Resolved, That the Board be requested to prepare a report and send it to the Stated Clerk of Synod, who shall publish it in connection with the Minutes of Synod with explanatory notes.

Respectfully submitted,

J. M. KENDIG, *Chairman*.

III. BOARD OF REGENTS OF HEIDELBERG UNIVERSITY.

*Officers of the Board.**President*, Hon. J. H. Ridgely, Tiffin, Ohio.*Vice-President*, Rev. John J. Leberman, D. D., Louisville, Ohio.*Secretary*, Rev. James H. Steele, D. D., Tiffin, Ohio.*Treasurer*, Rev. Lewis H. Kefauver, D. D., Tiffin, Ohio.*Executive Committee*.—Nelson L. Brewer, Esq., Chairman; Rev. James H. Steele, D. D., Secretary, James H. Platt, Esq., and Rev. Lewis H. Kefauver, D. D.*Members whose term expires October, 1899.*

Elder Victor P. Van Horne.

Rev. Emil P. Herbruck, D. D.

Elder Jacob A. Klahr.

Hon. Noah H. Albaugh.

Elder Irvin Yost.

Elder Benjamin Ashbaucher.

Members whose term expires October, 1900.

Rev. Lewis H. Kefauver, D. D.

Elder Horace Ankeney.

Elder Nelson L. Brewer, Esq.

Rev. Henry M. Herman, D. D.

Rev. Edward Herbruck, D. D.

Rev. John J. Leberman, D. D.

Members whose term expires, October, 1901.

Rev. Wm. H. Shults.

Rev. N. H. Loose, D. D.

Hon. J. H. Ridgely.

Elder W. J. Frank.

Elder J. C. J. Elder.

Mr. John M. Conroy.

Members whose term expires October, 1902.

Elder Geo. F. Bareis.

Rev. James H. Steele, D. D.

Judge J. C. Royer.

Dr. Thomas F. Keller.

Hon. S. S. Rickly.

Rev. A. H. Zechiel.

ARTICLE XVI.

BENEVOLENT AND RELIGIOUS INSTITUTIONS.

I. SOCIETY FOR THE RELIEF OF MINISTERS AND THEIR WIDOWS.

The Standing Committee on Overtures during the afternoon session on Monday, reported in item 13, the following communications from the Ministerial Relief Society:

1. A statement of the receipts and expenditures of the society within the bounds of the Ohio Synod for the year ending September 30, A. D. 1898:

To the Reverend Synod of Ohio:

FATHERS AND BRETHREN:—I herewith transmit to your venerable body the enclosed statement of the financial operations of the Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows of the Reformed Church in the United States, for the year closing with September 30, 1898. Also a statement of the receipts and expenditures of the same within the bounds of your synod as follows:

RECEIPTS.

From Tuscarawas Classis.....	\$ 32 54
" Tiffin Classis.....	11 20
" St. Joseph Classis.....	8 23
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	\$51 97

EXPENDITURES.

Paid to seven annuitants.....	\$ 328 75
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S. S. MILLER, *Treasurer.*

2. A statement of the financial operations of the Society for the same period.

The Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows of the Reformed Church in the United States, through its officers presents for publication in the Minutes of your Synod the following annual statement of its financial operations for the year closing with September 30, 1898.

RECEIPTS.

To amount in treasury as per last report.....	\$ 2,721 29
" on loans matured	2,400 00
" from interest received	2,386 61
" from collections in the churches.....	1,680 80
" from bequest Mrs. C. A. Santee.....	600 00
" from Pittsburg Synod, special.....	400 00
" from individual contributions.....	128 15
" from special contributions.....	107 50
" for Daniel Stine Memorial Home	2,069 33
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Total.....	\$ 12,493 68

EXPENDITURES.

For new investment	\$ 3,600 00
For forty-five annuitants.....	3,002 50
For Daniel Stine Memorial Home	1,855 05
For current expenses	209 96
Amount in treasury, September 30, 1898	3,826 17
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Total.....	\$ 12,493 68

Invested fund, \$38,850.00.

S. S. MILLER, *Treasurer.*

These papers were referred to the following special committee: Revs. S. B. Yockey, D. D., J. J. Gruber, and Elder Geo. A. Klahr.

This committee subsequently presented the following report which was adopted:

Recognizing in the Ministerial Relief Society, if cordially supported by the liberality of our people, an organization well designed to bring much comfort to ministers and ministers' families. Therefore,

Resolved, That this synod hereby urges upon all the classes that at their next annual meetings they be requested to direct all ministers within their borders to explain to their congregations the purposes of the society, the means necessary for its support, and that offerings be received and immediately forwarded through the classical treasurers to Rev. S. S. Miller, Treasurer, Myerstown, Pa., and that this be attended to during the month of June next.

Resolved, That the report of the treasurer, together with his statement with reference to the amount paid by the society to annuitants within our different classes, and the amount received from the same be embodied in the Minutes of this Synod.

In response to an item referred to your committee from the Committee on Overtures, calling attention of the Board of Trustees to the necessity of enlarging the scope of its benefactions, Be it

Resolved, That the management of this organization be respectfully requested to consider the action of St. Joseph Classis, Synod of Ohio, touching this matter.

Officers of the Society.

Rev. W. M. Deatruck, D. D., *President*, Mercersburg, Pa.

Rev. T. Frank Hoffmeier, *Secretary*, Mt. Pleasant, Md.

Rev. Simon S. Miller, *Treasurer & Supt.*, Myerstown, Pa.

Respectfully submitted,

S. B. YOCKEY,

J. J. GRUBER,

GEO. A. KLAHR.

II. ORPHAN HOMES.

The Committee on Overtures reported under item 8, a communication from the President of the Board of Directors of St. Paul's Orphan Home at Butler, Pa., stating that the superintendent, Rev. P. C. Prugh, D. D., would be present and desired an opportunity to present the claims of the home to the synod.

On motion, it was made the order of the day to hear the address of Dr. Prugh immediately after the opening of synod on Saturday afternoon. At the appointed time Dr. Prugh presented that important cause in an earnest and interesting address.

On motion, the item under which Dr. Prugh addressed synod, was referred to the Committee on Sunday-schools and Catechisation.

For report thereon, see the report of that committee.

ARTICLE XVII.
SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

The following reports were received and adopted:

I. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF SUNDAY-SCHOOLS OF THE OHIO SYNOD.

DEAR BRETHREN OF THE OHIO SYNOD:—You are doubtless gratified with the growing condition of the general Sunday-school work of the church. Have each of you shared during the year, the blessed results of its enlargement and increased life, and will doubtless be interested in learning that from all sections of the synod, (as in the other district synods of the church), there have come to the Board the uniform reports of growth and development along all lines of Sunday-school organization and service.

There seems to be no phase of Sunday-school life in any section of our synod but that offers such encouragement for the present, and promise for the future, beyond that of a few years ago, that we feel disposed to join in asking you to give God great praise, who has worked so gloriously and so rapidly through His servants, Synods, General Synod, etc., in placing this cause in so advanced conditions and in such favorable standing with the same *cause* in other churches.

And yet, it is not what it can be made nor is still to become, under the guidance of the Lord's Spirit and His church. Our prayer to you in this report is that you will in no sense rest content with present attainments, but that you will press forward to a more excellent prize.

That as a synod you may lay hold earnestly and prayerfully of the "Twentieth Century Movement," for enlargement and strength, the features of which, zealous call, along with other most important and general matters will be presented to this synod by our wide-awake and most excellent General Secretary Miller.

As a single question, that confronts us seriously in our church, there is that one of bringing and holding "all the church in the Sunday-school."

This synod should not cease to strive and pray for the union of the church and school, and the identification of each church member with the Sunday-school. We desire that for the coming year, this should be a special effort, and results of the effort intelligibly kept so that in one year from this, tangible and uncourageably visible results may be felt and reported to this Synod and General Board.

While there is no specially discouraging feature of our work to report, yet we most profoundly regret a few things to which we call your attention:

1. The failure of so many of our schools to contribute their Children's Day collection, or any other collection to the work of the General Board. Notwithstanding the actions of Synod and General Synod the aggregate contributions to this cause in our synod of two hundred and twenty-three schools, were, as reported but \$384, many schools giving nothing.

2. We regret the action contemplated and taken in certain sections, looking to the abandonment of our Classical and Sunday-school Conventions and their being swallowed up by the State's system of International Conventions.

3. We record with disapproval the sorry fact, that, in spite of the church's ownership in the plant and profits, and in spite of the improvements and cost of our own helps and literature, many schools of our synod are using foreign Helps, Festal services, etc.

4. We lament again the absence of the Sunday-school from the church service as reported, and by complaint from so many localities, and the consequent desecration of God's Holy Day, by those who do not spend it in worship and praise.

We are happy to say that all the Classes held Sunday-School Conventions last year with profit and pleasure, and that the festival days appointed by the church, whilst not by all, with a larger number than usual of the schools of the Synod, were also observed.

You will receive, through the General Secretary, from the General Board, a more interesting and refreshing account of the operations of the general course, in which you have had a share for the last year, so that we shall close this report by respectfully asking synod for its adoption, and the passage of the resolutions that are embodied.

Resolved, That this Synod expresses its deepest sense of joy and praises God for His blessing upon the Sunday-school work of our Synod, and hereby offers to the General Board and Secretary Miller its hearty co-operation and prayers in the splendid work being done.

Resolved, That we heartily endorse and lay hold upon, by earnest effort, the "Twentieth Century Movement," adopted and being planned for by the General Board.

Resolved, That this Synod urge, as a special effort for the coming year, the identification of every church member with the Sunday-school, either immediately or through the Home Department.

Resolved, That all the schools be once more prayerfully urged to use our own Literature, observe all the Festival Days, contribute more largely to the Benevolent Boards, and in view of the needs of the General Board of Sunday-schools, and the work it has undertaken, to raise \$2,500 in Building Funds for one English Mission in St. Louis, that they be most affectionately prayed to give Children's Day collections to this Board, as requested by General and Ohio Synods.

Resolved, That each Classis be requested to hold at least one Sunday-school Convention a year.

Resolved, That this Synod bears with deep regret of the growing absence of so much of the Sunday-school from the Church service, and painfully observes the wide-spread desecration of the Sabbath by the young, and implores pastors, Sunday-school superintendents, teachers and Chris-

tian parents to throw themselves and their holiest efforts and prayers in the way of these two great evils, so as to lessen if not to entirely remove them.

Resolved, That the bill of the president of the Board for 40 cents be allowed.

Resolved, That the attention of Synod be called, to the expiration, at this Synod of the terms of office on this Board of Revs. Reuben Keller and J. H. Bomberger, D. D.

Respectfully,

A. E. BAICHLY, *President*.

11. STATISTICAL REPORT OF SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

NAME OF CLASS WITH WHICH THE SCHOOLS STAND CONNECTED.	MEMBERSHIP.						RELATION TO CHURCH.						EDUCATION.						CONTRIBUTIONS.					
	No. of Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	Total.	Average Attendance.	No. of months School open.	If Union School, estimated Reformed enrollment.	Scholars in full membership of the Church.	Baptized Scholars.	Scholars received during the year into full membership.	Is the Catechism used in the School?	Do you use Reformed Lesson Helps?	No. of copies of S. S. papers taken per year (not lesson papers).	No. books in library.	Into how many departments is the School divided?	To Sunday-school Work of General Board.	To other Church Boards and Institutions.	To Support of School.	To other Benevolences.					
Miami	53	870	6050	6838	4020	12	169	2507	931	276	yes 12 no 41	no 49 yes 4	2055	1589	8 more than 2	\$100	\$359	\$2768	\$272					
Tuscarawas	44	816	5826	6642	3885	38-12 6-less	70	2414	2393	280	19	25	71985	2480	6 more	107	259	3080	290					
Lancaster	29	474	1352	2656	1185	24-12 5-6	125	1418	616	139	5	24	5	725	850	3 more than 2	31	125	908	259				
Eastern Ohio	29	469	3374	3843	1971	12	110	1774	1280	199	14	13	26	3	815	71	256	1024	335					
Tiffin	32	402	2702	3104	1668	24-12 3-9 1-6	1217	1338	82	82	8	19	22	4	1670	42	119	1197	34					
St. Joseph	36	510	2178	2688	2109	4-9 31-12	181	1367	818	174	6	30	31	5	763	33	39	1043	160					
Total	223	3541	21482	25771	14838	200-12 19-less	665	10697	7376	1150	64	152	180	2880	37618	\$384	1157	10020	1350					

III. REPORT OF THE GENERAL SUNDAY-SCHOOL BOARD.

To the District Synods of the Reformed Church in the United States.

DEAR BRETHREN:—It is with thankfulness to God that we report a year of prosperity in the general Sunday-school work of the church.

As to statistics, it is to be regretted that whilst the reports for some classes have been models of fullness and accuracy, in other cases they have been quite imperfect. Figures of last year have been used, and in one case the figures of two years ago, as it was impossible to obtain reports from some classes. In several classes, where a number of union schools exist, the classical committee, by diligent work, have been able to furnish atmost perfect reports. The defective reports, of course, vitiate the whole statistics. This is to be kept in mind in reviewing the tabulated results. The present enrollment is at least as follows:

Number of schools.....	1,566
Number of officers and teachers.....	24,770
Number of scholars.....	182,134
Officers, teachers, and scholars.....	206,904

The Sunday-school mission work has not increased except in aiding a larger number of schools with grants of literature. This is owing to the fact that the Board is keeping rigidly within its income, and therefore is unable to do all that classes and the Board of Home Missions request. The following is an abstract of the report of the Treasurer of the Sunday-School and Missionary Department:

Abstract of Report of the Treasurer of the Sunday-School Board, for the year ending April 20, 1898.

COLUMBIANA, OHIO, April 20, 1898.
DR.

To cash brought forward.....	\$ 988 37
To receipts.....	2,843 85
	<hr/> \$3,832 22

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By payment on Rev. R. W. Miller's salary.....	\$ 499 98
By expenditures through General Secretary's office, this includes \$428.68 Student Band account; \$92.75 traveling expenses, office expenses including purchase of leaflets, Home Department requisites, supplies to be sold, etc.....	857 63
By expenditures through Treasurer's office, <i>i. e.</i> , \$1,000 grants of literature, including \$400 for previous year, salaries of Sunday-school missionaries, loan of \$300 paid back, etc.....	2,442 92
	<hr/> \$3,800 53
Balance in treasury.....	\$31 69
Approximate Children's Day receipts.....	\$2,100 00
Approximate amount expended for missionary department not including grants of literature.....	1,400 00

NOTE:—The above is the financial exhibit of the Sunday-school and Missionary Department, (Rev. J. H. Bomberger, D. D., Treasurer,) whose funds are kept separate from the Publication Department, as they are offerings of schools for Sunday-school missionary work, given mainly, on Children's Day.

The gain in circulation of our Sunday-school literature has been gratifying. The total circulation of our periodicals, now exceeds by sixty per cent, the combined circulation, east and west, when the Board began its publication operations two years ago. The circulation of Lesson Helps, Quarterly, Eastern House, in July 1896, was 86,000 copies; Western House, 34,000. At present it is between 190,000 and 200,000, including the two new quarterly publications of the Board—the Heidelberg Picture Cards and the Church Festival Helper. It is pleasant to announce that a reduction in price will be made in several periodicals the first of the year, that the Intermediate Scholar's Quarterly will again be enlarged eight pages, and a cover be added without increasing the subscription price, and that, owing to the growth of the Home Department Work, a Home Department Quarterly will be issued. Another new publication will be the Heidelberg Lesson Book for 1899. As indicating progress we report that the Board of Publication of the Reformed Church in America has arranged to supply the schools of that church with our lesson helps.

The financial statement of the Business Manager of the Board's business, March 31, 1898, was as follows:

ASSETS.	
Cash on hand	\$2,583 24
Accounts due in book department	750 72
" " on Church Festival Helper	241 47
" " on Lesson Helps and Sunday-school papers	2,444 61
Amount due from advertisers	132 50
Due from Sunday-school and missionary department, account of grants of literature	126 99
Due from Sunday-school and Missionary Department, account of Children's Day Services, 1896	286 94
Inventory of stock of book store	770 75
Salary paid in advance	59 00
529 cuts, \$625.86 at $\frac{2}{3}$ cost	423 90
Cash paid in advance for Sunday-school maps, 2, 3, 4th Qr. '98,	300 00
Reserve fund for Sunday-school Hymnal, etc.	1,500 00
	\$9,620 12
LIABILITIES.	
Cash received in advance for Sunday-school supplies, 2, 3, and 4, quarters 1898	\$ 2,370 28
Bills payable	207 67
Six month royalty due Reformed Church Publication Board ..	500 00
Amount due Sunday-school and Missionary Department on account of capital advanced	1,000 00
	\$4,077 95
Net earnings or balance	\$5,542 17

In view of the encouraging growth in the Sunday-school membership the last few years, and because of the continued need of systematic efforts to gather in the large numbers not attending any Sunday-school or studying the Bible regularly, the Board feels constrained to emphasize the importance of this work. To this end, it proposes, that in these closing years of the century, all our schools unite in the "Twentieth Century Movement in Reformed Sunday-schools." The object of this movement is to signalize the entrance of the Reformed Church into the Twentieth Century by bringing into its Sunday-schools 100,000 new scholars by April 1, 1901. A statement of the nature, motives, and methods, animating this movement is presented in the leaflets accompanying this report. As this great work, depends under God, for its success, upon the earnest co-operation of the pastors, consistories, Sunday-school superintendents, teachers, and scholars, we respectfully recommend that your reverend body take such action as will direct the classes to call forth the activity of all our pastors and churches in this movement.

Respectfully submitted,

C. CLEVER, D. D., *President*,

RUFUS W. MILLER, *General Secretary*.

READING, PA., September 27, 1898.

IV. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS AND CATECHISATION.

The usual communications on the work of the Sunday School came into the hands of the Committee on Sunday Schools and Catechisation. These include: 1. The Report of the President of the Sunday School Board of the Ohio Synod; 2. A Communication from the Secretary of the General Synod Board. We received no communications furnishing information in regard to the work of catechisation.

It was impossible to note all the suggestions made in the above named communications. As these will be published in Minutes of Synod, we refer our pastors and elders to these reports. We recommend:

1. That the bill of the President of the Ohio Synod Sunday School Board be allowed.
2. That in connection with our excellent Reformed Sunday School Lesson Helps, the Bible be more generally used during the lesson hour; and that the superintendents and teachers encourage each scholar to own a Bible, and to bring it to the Sunday-school.
3. That we recommend for careful perusal the excellent financial exhibit of our Sunday-school interests as set forth in the report of the General Secretary and published in these minutes, and urge a still more hearty co-operation on the part of all pastors and schools with the work of the General Board.
4. That the following suggestions made in the report of the President of the Sunday School be acted upon:

(a.) That this Synod enter heartily in the "Twentieth Century Movement;"

(b.) That our schools be urged to observed the Festivals Days;

(c.) That each Classis be requested to hold at least one Sunday-school convention a year.

5. That each Classis call the attention of the Sunday-schools within their bounds, to the needs of the Orphans' Homes at Butler, Pa., and Ft. Wayne, Ind., and that the Christmas offerings of the schools be given to these Homes.

F. W. HOFFMAN,
PARK H. WEAVER,
FRED CROMER,
L. F. STAHL.

THE TWENTY CENTURY MOVEMENT.

Every Sabbath-school should make constant and definite efforts to increase the number of scholars studying the Bible. This is the object of the Twentieth Century Movement.

In view of the solemnity of passing into a new century the call comes to gather all, the old and the young, into the Sabbath-school. Will you join? Be a committee of one to bring at least another. Have the following committees at work. It is expected that every officer and teacher of the school shall have a place on one of these committees. (In case of small schools, it may not be desirable to have more than one committee for the entire convass.)

THE COMMITTEES.

1. *Committee of Visitors for Children.*

It will be the duty of this committee to bring into the school, as far as possible, every child within reach of its labors not connected with any other school. To accomplish this, every visitor or canvasser should be assigned a district which he or she will be expected thoroughly to work and keep as a special and permanent field of labor. A visitor's book should be provided for each visitor, with appropriate suggestions. Cards of invitation containing the name of the church and school, Pastor, superintendent, hours of session, and a brief explanatory statement, should also be provided. This committee should be composed of the most efficient and devoted women workers of the school. The Superintendent should be chairman ex-officio, and the canvass from the beginning should be thorough, and if necessary, repeated.

2. *A Committee of Young People for Bringing in Young People.*

It will be the duty of this committee, as far as practicable, to bring into the school every young person in the districts assigned not now in attendance upon any Bible school. This committee should consist of the most active members of the young people's society, every member of such society heartily co-operating. The members of this committee should also be furnished with visitor's books and cards of invitation.

3. *A Committee of Visitors for Adults.*

Since the Sabbath-school is, or should be, the church teaching and studying the Bible, and should include, either as teachers or scholars all members of the church, whether adult or children, it will be the duty of this committee to bring the school up to this ideal.

A list of the adult members of the church and congregation who do not attend Sabbath-school should be carefully compiled, and judicious measures taken to bring these, and also adults outside of the church and congregation not connected with other churches, into the school of the Word. It may be desirable in certain schools to start Bible Unions, after the example of Bethany School of Philadelphia, or to organize an adult department made up of Bible classes, presided over by competent teachers, and holding their meetings in the church building.

The pastor should be ex-officio chairman of this committee for adults but a vice-president should also be appointed.

In schools where there are no Bible classes, a class for adults should be organized at once. The Twentieth Century Movement will prove a helpful opportunity to eradicate the false notion that the Sabbath-school is only for children, and to inculcate the true idea, namely, that no person is too old to attend the school of God's Word.

4. *A Committee for the Home Department.*

As all know, or should know, the Home Department is a department of the Sabbath-school for developing and directing the study of the Bible in the home by those persons who, for any reason, are unable or unwilling to attend the sessions of the school.

Where a Home Department already exists in any Sabbath-school, the Superintendent and visitors of the Home Department should constitute this committee, to increase the membership of this department by fifty per cent. during the period embraced in this Twentieth Century Movement.

In schools where there is no Home Department the Twentieth Century Movement offers a most favorable time for the beginning of such work.

For particulars, including Explanatory Leaflet and full outfit for canvassers please address

REV. RUFUS W. MILLER, Reading, Pa.,
Sec. Sunday-School of Reformed Church.

V. ELECTION OF BOARD OF SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Officers of the Board.

President, Rev. Alpheus E. Baichly, Canal Fulton, Ohio.
Secretary, Elder Victor P. Van Horne, Dayton, Ohio.
Treasurer, Rev. Lewis B. C. Lahr, Delaware, Ohio.

Members whose term expires October, 1899.

Elder Victor P. Van Horne. Rev. Lewis B. C. Lahr.

Members whose term expires October, 1900.

Rev. Alpheus E. Baichly. Elder Geo. F. Bareis.

Members whose term expires October, 1901.

Rev. Reuben Keller. Rev. John H. Bomberger, D. D.

ARTICLE XVIII.

APPEALS AND REFERENCES.

Nothing occurred under this head requiring the attention of Synod.

ARTICLE XIX.

COMPLAINTS.

I. The Committee on Overtures reported under item 9, a Complaint of certain members of Wilson Avenue Reformed Church, of Columbus, against the action of Lancaster Classis. It was referred to the following special committee: Revs. J. M. Kendig, D. D., J. D. Thomas, B. B. Royer and Elders S. W. Rarick and J. S. Humin.

This committee subsequently submitted the following report which was adopted:

Your committee to whom was referred the complaint of L. L. Taylor and others against the action of Lancaster Classis, beg leave to report:

That we have examined the documents and that the complaint is not in order for consideration by Synod, and that ordinarily it ought to be dismissed.

But in view of the facts; that the good name and usefulness of one of our ministers is challenged, the prosperity and peace of one of our congregations is hindered, and the rights and privileges in the church of a number of members affected, your committee with the hearty concurrence of both counsels in the case beg leave to recommend,

1. That Lancaster Classis be and hereby is instructed to investigate the matter *de novo*, giving due notice to all parties affected, to the end that justice may be done to all concerned and the honor and integrity of the Church maintained; and that this be done within thirty days.

Respectfully submitted,

J. M. KENDIG,
J. D. THOMAS,
B. B. ROYER,
S. W. RARICK,
J. S. HUMM.

II. The Standing Committee on Minutes of Classes reported under item 10, a complaint from the Consistory of the First Reformed Church of Dayton, against an action of the Ohio Synod. This matter was referred

to the following special committee: Revs. W. H. Shults, C. W. Brugh, Elder J. Poorman. This committee during the evening session on Monday reported as follows:

Upon examination of the Rules of Order of the Ohio Synod, (adopted in 1876, see Art. 23 of Rules of Order), we find that no member of Synod is permitted to absent himself from any session of Synod without excuse, under penalty of censure. We therefore re-affirm the right and the duty of the Synod in its action in the case of Dr. W. A. Hale; and further declare that both the Consistory of the First Reformed Church of Dayton, and the Miami Classis have erred in excusing Dr. Hale, contrary to the rules of the higher judicatory of the Church.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. H. SHULTS,
C. W. BRUGH,
J. R. POORMAN.

The motion to adopt the committee's report gave rise to a somewhat lengthy discussion, after which the following was offered and adopted as a substitute for the report:—*Resolved*, That while we do not agree with all the positions taken by the Consistory, yet in view of the explanations made, we rescind the action of censure upon Dr. Hale.

ARTICLE XX.

CHURCH GOVERNMENT.

I. BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF SYNOD.

Officers of the Board.

President, Rev. Geo. W. Willard, D. D., Dayton, Ohio.

Secretary, Elder Horace Ankeney, Alpha, Ohio.

Treasurer, Elder Benjamin Kuhns, Dayton, Ohio.

Members whose term expires October, 1899.

Dr. David C. Lichliter.

Rev. John A. Seitz.

Members whose term expires October, 1900.

Elder Benjamin Kuhns.

Elder Albert L. Shearer.

Members whose term expires October, 1901.

Rev. Geo. W. Willard, D. D.

Elder Horace Ankeney.

II. HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

The Standing Committee on Overtures reported in item 6 a request from the Historical Society, asking for twenty minutes time at the close of Friday afternoon's session. On motion the request was granted; and accordingly the Third Annual Meeting of the Historical Society of the Ohio Synod was held in David's Reformed Church, Canal Winchester,

Ohio, on Friday afternoon September 30, A. D. 1898. This was in charge of Elder Geo. F. Bareis, President of the Society. A number of new members were enrolled. The Treasurer reported and the report was adopted. All the officers were re-elected, as follows: *President*, Elder Geo. F. Bareis; *Vice-Presidents*, Rev. Reuben Keller, Allen K. Zartman and Geo. F. Chenot; *Secretary*, Rev. Albert C. Shuman; *Treasurer*, Rev. Alpheus E. Baichly; *Librarian*, Prof. C. Marshall Lowe, Ph. D.

ARTICLE XXI.
PUBLICATION.

The following reports were received, considered and adopted.

I. THE REPORT OF THE BOARD OF PUBLICATION.

To the Ohio Synod:

The Board of Publication organized for the year by the election of its former officers. Three meetings have been held. The fullest consideration has been given to the publication interests of this synod in general and to *The Christian World* in particular. As directed by the synod, the Board has endeavored carefully to canvass the whole field and now rejoices to report that the year has been valuable in opening to us, as we believe, the true financial condition of this church paper—and in reducing the future possibilities of the whole matter to a simple business basis. Various propositions have been received from H. H. Prugh, trustee of The Reformed Publishing Company and many possible plans have been discussed by the Board.

In general, we believe,

1. That the Ohio Synod should have an organ to represent her various institutions, her growing opportunities, her evangelical spirit and life.
2. That a wide field is open to us, which can be entered effectively, if the synod has absolute ownership and control of her paper.
3. That the success or failure of such an enterprise will depend chiefly upon the support which the members of this Ohio Synod are willing to give.
4. That to secure *The Christian World* as this organ would be valuable to the synod because of its history, associations and prestige.

Your Board therefore recommends,

1. That synod create or purchase a paper which it shall hereafter own and publish.
2. That the proposition of H. H. Prugh, Esq.,—hereto attached—for the sale of *The Christian World* to this synod be accepted.
3. That synod at this session arrange for the editorial and business management of the paper and make provision also for the capital necessary to carry on the enterprise. It is the judgment of the Board that not less than \$3,000 should be made available.

The Board of Publication has not become incorporated as synod last year directed, because it was found impracticable to determine the proper method of incorporation prior to the decision of synod as to the ownership and management of *The Christian World*.

The attention of synod is called to the fact that no laymen are represented on the Board of Publication. Expenses incurred by members of the Board in attending meetings \$8.60.

The terms of Revs. Geo. W. Williard, D. D., and Wm. A. Hale, D. D., expire at this meeting of synod.

Respectfully submitted,

J. D. NEFF, *Pres't. pro tem.*
CHAS. E. MILLER.

II. PROPOSITION FROM THE REFORMED PUBLISHING COMPANY.

The following was presented in connection with the above report.

To the Ohio Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States:

GENTLEMEN:—We hereby propose to sell and assign to you all of the proprietary rights, interests and franchises for the publication of *The Christian World*, the religious weekly newspaper now being published by us, heretofore owned or acquired by M. Loucks, Edward Herbruck and John Blum, jointly or severally, and owned by The Reformed Publishing Company, including the good will and subscription lists upon the following considerations:

1. That you enter into a contract with us for the printing of said newspaper for the term of two years from November 1, 1898, at the fair market rate for such printing as is set forth in the schedule of prices hereto attached; and upon the further condition that, at the end of said period of two years, we shall have the right to a renewal of said printing contract, at the fair market rate for the work, for five successive additional terms of one year each, with the condition that, in the event you wish to terminate said contract, you shall have the right to do so arbitrarily upon the payment of \$500.00 at the end of said two year term, and that the said amount so to be paid for the privilege of taking away the printing contract at the end of the first renewal shall be \$400.00, and of the second renewal \$300.00, and of the third renewal \$200.00, and of the fourth renewal \$100.00, and at the expiration of the fifth annual renewal all our rights to said printing contract shall terminate.

In the event of a disagreement as to the proper market rate for the work, the price is to be fixed by a committee of arbitrators, one to be chosen by each party in the customary manner.

2. It shall be a provision of the said printing contracts that during the existence thereof, the Publishing House shall have the exclusive right to all advertisements in the said newspaper of Sunday-school publications

and supplies, in consideration of which the Publishing House agrees to purchase advertising of the value of at least \$100.00 per annum.

3. It shall be the agreement that the purchaser will continue to furnish the paper to subscribers who have paid in advance and whose subscriptions have not expired without expense to us or to the subscribers.

4. It shall further be the agreement that the purchaser shall have the right to collect all of the due and unpaid subscriptions owing to us from subscribers upon the payment to us of fifty per cent so collected.

5. In case of the discontinuance of the publication of said organ by synod or its agent, or Board within the time of this contract all publishing rights and subscription lists thereof shall revert to the present owner or assigns and upon same being revested, the printing contract shall cease. Said printing contract to go into effect November 1, 1898.

THE REFORMED PUBLISHING COMPANY,
By JOHN BLUM, *Pres't.*
H. H. PRUGH, *Trustee.*

III. REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLICATION.

Your committee respectfully report that they have given careful attention to all documents placed in their hands and would recommend for the earnest consideration of this synod the following: First, that the Ohio Synod should have an organ to represent her various institutions, her growing opportunities, as well as her evangelical spirit and life; and second, that to secure *The Christian World* as this organ is highly desirable because of its history, association and prestige; and third, that the time for such actions as is contemplated in the foregoing recommendations is now.

Your committee further finds that the financial features of the matter have been thoroughly studied and understood by the Board of Publication whose report has been placed in our hands, and that the plan submitted by the Board, if cordially supported by the pastors in increasing the subscription list, will afford a safe and satisfactory method of managing the finances of the enterprise.

Your committee therefore recommends the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the proposition made by H. H. Prugh, Trustee of The Reformed Publishing Company for the sale of *The Christian World* be accepted, and that the Board of Publication as agent for the synod be authorized in the manner hereinafter set forth in resolution two, to complete said purchase, and to appoint an editorial and managing force, such appointments to be subject to revision by synod.

Resolved, That the Board be authorized to complete the canvass, and if it shall fail to secure a sufficient guarantee fund they be authorized to borrow sufficient additional funds, providing that sum shall not exceed fifteen hundred dollars.

Resolved, That the Board be instructed to become a body corporate under the law for profit, the stock capital to be three thousand dollars, and that the Board may use such amount of the guarantee fund necessary for same, and in the necessary way under the laws of Ohio, to carry out the instructions of synod.

Resolved, That a commission of two persons from the Board be appointed to confer with other synods in reference to the consolidation of the publication interests.

Resolved, That *The Reformed Church Tidings*, a publication issued in the interest of missions, merits the confidence of the whole church and should have a circulation equal the number of our families, so that all may be instructed both as to the needs of our different Boards, and the methods employed for the establishment of missions at home and abroad, therefore,

Resolved, The attention of the different classes be called to this matter and that efficient means be secured for the enrollment of all our families as subscribers to *The Reformed Church Tidings*.

Respectfully submitted,

S. B. YOCKEY,
J. H. STEELE,
C. M. ROHRBAUGH,
E. J. WILLIAMSON,
J. D. LANE.

The president appointed as the commissioners called for in the fourth item of the above report, Revs. Charles E. Miller and Dr. Wm. A. Hale.

IV. ELECTION OF BOARD OF PUBLICATION.

Officers of the Board.

President, Rev. Reuben F. Shultz, Springfield, Ohio.

Secretary, Rev. Charles E. Miller, Dayton, Ohio.

Treasurer, Rev. Geo. W. Williard, D. D., Dayton, Ohio.

Members whose term expires October, 1899.

Rev. Reuben F. Shultz. Rev. John D. Neff.

Members whose term expires October, 1900.

Rev. Charles E. Miller. Rev. S. Ezra Neikirk.

Members whose term expires October, 1901.

Rev. Wm. A. Hale, D. D. Rev. Henry S. Gekeler.

ARTICLE XXII.

FINANCE.

The following reports were received and adopted.

I. REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF SYNOD.

REV. L. H. KEFAUVER, *Treasurer, in account with the Ohio Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States:*

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Received of Tuscarawas Classis, E. K. Kremer, Treas., app. in full . . .	\$ 118 52
" Tiffin Classis, Rev. J. B. Shumaker, Treas., app. in full . . .	50 76
" E. Ohio Classis, Rev. H. E. Kilmer, Treas., app. in full . . .	102 86
" St. Joseph Classis, Benj. Ashbaucher, Treas., app. in full . . .	56 08
" Lancaster Classis, F. P. Stukey, Treas., on app.	54 78
" Miami Classis, V. P. Van Horne, Treas.	118 76 \$501 74
In treasury Oct., 1897	\$199 00
	<hr/> \$701 63

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Stated Clerk's expense for stationery and postage (1)	\$ 3 00
Janitor Trinity Church, Canton, Ohio (2)	10 00
E. P. Herbruck, printing programs (3)	4 00
A. E. Baichly, Pres. S. S. Board, postage & stationery (4)	55
Geo. E. Metger, traveling expenses to Central Synod (5)	1 80
S. C. Goss, Treas. General Synod, contingent expenses (6)	133 34
One pack stamped envelopes	55
Reformed Pub. Co., printing and distributing Minutes of Synod . . (7)	206 22
Geo. W. Henning, Stated Clerk, salary (8)	75 00
Traveling expenses to visitors Theological Seminary (9)	12 75
Horace Ankney, Treas. Heid. Theo. Sem., trav. exp. of Bd. Trustees, (10)	34 24 \$490 45
In treasury, September 29, 1898	\$221 13

DELINQUENT.

Lancaster Classis \$42 21

An apportionment of five hundred and fifty dollars will be required to meet current expenses next year.

Respectfully submitted,

L. H. KEFAUVER, *Treasurer.*

II. REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

To the Rev. Ohio Synod:

Your Standing Committee on Finance beg leave to say that the annual report of the Treasurer of Synod has been carefully examined and found correct. We recommend it for adoption, and also submit in tabulated form the synodical apportionments.

Respectfully submitted,

C. E. STONER,
J. W. BARBER,
J. IHLE,
D. L. MAUGER.

III. TABLE OF APPOINTMENTS.

CLASSES.	Members.	Synodical Contingent.	Beneficiary Education.	Home Missions.	Church Extension.	German Work.	Harbor Missions.	Hungarian Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Theological Seminary.
Amount per capita .....	.....	2½c.	8¾c.	24¾c.	6c.	2½c.	½c.	2½c.	14¾c.	16c.
Miami Classis.....	5950	\$138 83	\$520 63	\$1472 63	\$357 00	\$148 75	\$29 75	\$148 75	\$877 63	\$952 00
Tuscarawas Classis.....	6077	141 79	432 74	1504 05	364 62	151 83	30 39	151 83	896 36	972 32
Tiffin Classis	2739	63 91	226 00	677 90	164 34	68 48	13 70	68 48	404 00	435 68
Eastern Ohio Classis	3587	83 70	313 86	887 78	215 22	89 68	17 94	89 68	509 08	573 92
Lancaster Classis	2723	63 54	223 24	663 94	163 38	68 08	13 62	68 08	401 64	435 68
St. Joseph Classis	2870	66 97	251 13	710 32	172 20	71 75	14 35	71 75	463 35	451 20
Total.....	23946	\$558 74	\$2267 60	\$5006 62	\$1436 76	\$598 57	\$119 63	\$598 57	\$3641 04	\$3463 63

The Treasurer was instructed to pay the several amounts of the following bills:

Printing Tickets and Programmes for the use of the Synod	\$ 5 00
Expenses of the Board of Publication	8 60
Sexton of David's Reformed Church, Canal Winchester	10 00
Rev. L. B. C. Lahr, Expenses as Delegate to the Central Synod	1 10

ARTICLE XXIII.

NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS.

I. The Standing Committee on Nomination during the afternoon session on Saturday submitted their report which was adopted, and the committee instructed to have a sufficient number of tickets printed in the regular form for the use of Synod. On motion the election of members of the different Boards, and delegates to the Central Synod, was made the "Order of the Day," on Monday forenoon at half past ten o'clock.

At the appointed time the election took place. The Committee distributed the tickets among the members of Synod, and the election proceeded in regular order. The tellers then collected the ballots and retired to count them; and during the afternoon session on Monday, reported the result of the election to Synod, and the report was adopted. For the result of the election in each case, see respectively Articles, XIII, Missions; XIV, Heidelberg Theological Seminary; XV, Heidelberg University; XVII, Sunday Schools; XX, Church Government; XXI, Publication; XXIV, Delegates to Central Synod.

II. Also after the roll of Synod had been completed and a quorum was found in attendance, the several officers of Synod were duly elected, and they immediately entered upon the duties of their respective offices. For the result of the election, see Article III, Election of Officers.

ARTICLE XXIV.

MISCELLANEOUS.

I. REPORT OF THE DELEGATE TO THE CENTRAL SYNOD.

Your delegate desires to report that in obedience to your appointment, we attended the annual meeting of Central Synod at Galion, September 21 and 22, and was most cordially received and entertained. We expressed to that body the Christian and fraternal greetings and well wishes from the Ohio Synod for prosperity in the work of our beloved Zion. The president responded in a heartfelt manner, emphasizing our unity in the Reformed faith and directing us to convey to your body their greetings and assurances of interest in all our enterprises for the advancement of the kingdom. Expenses \$1.10.

Fraternally yours,

L. B. C. LAHR.

II. DELEGATE FROM THE CENTRAL SYNOD.

During the Friday morning session, Rev. John W. Belser, the delegate (*secundus*) from the Central Synod appeared in synod, presented his credentials, and was welcomed to a seat as a corresponding member; and on motion, the formal hearing of the delegate was made the "Order of the Day" immediately after the opening services on Saturday morning. At the appointed time the delegate from the Central Synod was introduced and addressed the synod in a fraternal and Christian spirit, conveying to this synod the fraternal greetings of the Central Synod, and emphasizing the fact that though we differ in *part*, in *language*, yet we are *one*,—one in *faith*, one in *spirit*, one in *doctrine—the Reformed Church*. The president responded in appropriate and feeling terms, assuring him that we are in sympathy with the brethren of the Central Synod in their earnest efforts in promoting the Master's cause, and asked him to carry back with him to the synod he represents, the fraternal greetings and good wishes of the Ohio Synod.

III. DELEGATES ELECTED TO THE CENTRAL SYNOD.

Rev. Jacob Ihle was elected delegate *primarius*, and Rev. Alfred G. Berky *secundus*, to represent the Ohio Synod at the session of the Central Synod, which will meet in the first Reformed Church, Canton, Ohio, September 20, 1899.

IV. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON ARCHIVES OF SYNOD.

The committee appointed at the last annual meeting to whom was referred the subject of "Archives of Synod," submitted the following report which was adopted:

Your committee to whom was referred the "Archives of Synod," would offer the following report based upon a former action of this synod (Lancaster, O., 1887, page 92) and in harmony with the action of the General Synod (Dayton, O., 1896, page 241):

1. That the catalogues of literary and theological institutions, the books and pamphlets of the church boards and books presented to, or in any way coming into the possession of synod, shall not be included in the Archives of Synod, but shall be donated to the library of Heidelberg Theological Seminary.

2. That only papers, documents and publications connected with the acts and proceedings, or with the history of synod shall be regarded as constituting the archives.

3. That the archives shall be located in Heidelberg Theological Seminary library (now connected with Heidelberg University library) and be placed in the custody of the librarian, and that permission be obtained from the proper authorities to construct a small alcove or book-case for the same.

4. That a committee of synod be authorized to arrange with the Standing Committee on Heidelberg University Library whereby the above can

be carried into effect, and that further they be authorized to draw on the treasurer of synod for the amount of expenses incurred.

A. S. ZERBE,
GEO. W. HENNING,
HORACE ANKENEY.

The committee called for in the above report, consists of the same members, viz: Revs. A. S. Zerbe, Ph. D., Geo. W. Henning, and Elder Horace Ankeney.

V. IRREGULARITY OF GRACE REFORMED CHURCH, TIFFIN.

The Standing Committee on Minutes of Classes under item 9 (a), reported an irregularity of Grace Reformed Church, Tiffin, in electing an ordained minister as a delegate elder to classis. The matter was referred to a special committee consisting of Revs. J. H. Bomberger, D. D., J. P. Stahl, and Elder J. S. Humm. This committee during the afternoon session on Monday submitted their report, which was adopted and is as follows:

Your Special Committee appointed to frame a deliverance upon the question raised by the action of Grace Reformed Church, of Tiffin, O., in delegating an ordained minister to represent the congregation as an elder in the ecclesiastical bodies of the church, proposes the following action:

Resolved, That we deem it contrary to the intention of our constitution to elect an ordained minister to the office of elder.

J. H. BOMBERGER,
J. P. STAHL,
J. S. HUMM.

VI. PLACE AND TIME OF NEXT ANNUAL MEETING.

During the Monday evening session, Synod, on motion, proceeded to select the place and fix the time for the next annual meeting.

The item in the report of the Committee on Overtures, containing an invitation from the Mission Church at Warren, Ohio, for Synod to hold its next session in that church, was taken from the table. On motion the invitation was unanimously accepted, and Zion's Reformed Church, in Warren, Trumbull Co., Ohio, declared to be the place of the next meeting.

The time fixed is Wednesday, October 11, A. D., 1899, at 7.30 P. M. (sun time).

VII. PRINTING OF MINUTES.

(a) The Stated Clerk was instructed to have 1800 copies of the Minutes of Synod printed in the usual form, including the Minutes of the Woman's Missionary Society, and distribute them among the several charges according to the membership.

The Stated Clerk was also instructed to have the Minutes sent to the different charges direct from the Publishing House, with the charges prepaid.

(b) Report on Publication of Minutes of last year.

The Standing Committee on Minutes of Synod reported that the Stated Clerk was instructed to have 1800 copies of the Minutes of the last meeting printed and distributed. Whereupon the following report was received and adopted:

It is hereby reported that in accordance with the instructions of synod, I had 1800 copies of the Minutes of 1897 printed and distributed among the different charges according to the membership, and had them sent direct from the Publishing House with charges prepaid; and at the following cost:

Printing 1,800 copies, 100 pages each, at \$1.75 per page.....	\$ 175 00
Express charges paid.....	21 43
Postage Stamps	8 79
Total.....	\$ 205 22

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. W. HENNING, *Stated Clerk.*

VIII. REPORT OF THE DELEGATE TO THE WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

To the Synod of Ohio:

DEAR BRETHREN:—As delegate appointed by synod to hear her greeting to the Woman's Missionary Society, I beg leave to report. I attended a part of one session of the meetings of the Woman's Missionary Society and conveyed to them the greetings of the Ohio Synod. The courtesy of synod, her greeting and sympathy for the work which we are all mutually engaged in, was happily met by the society, and their greetings in return were eloquently expressed by the president.

Respectfully submitted,

J. M. KENDIG.

IX. REPORTERS APPOINTED.

At the opening of the Saturday morning session the president appointed the following corps of reporters: For the *Messenger*, Rev. G. A. Dreibelbies; for the *Christian World*, Rev. Parley E. Zartman; for the *Reformed Church Record*, Rev. Paul I. Deppen; and at the closing session they reported the duty attended to.

X. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON LEAVE OF ABSENCE.

The following persons have through correspondence sent in their excuses and were excused: Dr. J. Vogt, Rev. F. Ware, Rev. H. J. Christman, Rev. W. E. Ludwick, Rev. L. B. Clayton, Rev. F. G. Bogart, Dr. J. I. Swander, Rev. Dr. J. A. Peters, Rev. S. V. Ruhrbaugh, and Elders Frank Myers and L. W. Raver. The following were excused by the

committee before the close of the session: Revs. J. H. Albright, H. L. Hart, J. W. Bechtel, S. U. Snyder, M. Loucks, D. D., Wm. A. Fromm, Geo. H. Leonard, D. D., S. W. Seemann, A. G. Berky, I. U. E. Kunkle, L. L. Hassenflug, S. E. Neikirk, N. H. Loose, D. D., J. C. Schaaf, J. S. Keppel, J. C. Smith, F. E. Lauffer, J. J. Gruber, J. W. Miller, D. K. Fulcason, Geo. F. Chenot, B. B. Royer, J. J. Wagoner, H. S. Nicholson: Elders J. W. Peterson, Dan Kiblinger, L. A. Kemp, Opha Dearolph, Wm. Markel, G. W. Clum, Dr. G. S. Stein, Chas. Alspach, Joseph Geisinger, J. Brendle, Jac. Killian, N. E. Nold, J. D. Lane, J. S. Shout, G. W. Miller, S. W. Rarrick.

Respectfully submitted,

E. D. WETTACH,
C. W. BRUGH,
N. H. LOOSE,
CHAS. ALSPACH,
J. D. LANE.

XI. ADDITION TO THE RULES GOVERNING BENEFICIARY STUDENTS.

By request of the Board, the following was added to the Rules Governing Beneficiary Students:

That students receiving aid from the Board of Beneficiary Education be required to complete their studies in Heidelberg University and Heidelberg Theological Seminary—except in such instances as the Board shall deem exceptions.

XII. CHANGE OF RULE.

Resolved, That the Rule of the Board of Education with reference to its Executive Committee be so changed that the President of the Faculty of the Theological Seminary shall be a member of that committee instead of all the professors as provided for in said Rule.

The Stated Clerk was requested to have several hundred extra copies of the Rules printed for the use of the Board.

The following additional resolutions were adopted at the closing session.

(a) *Resolved*, That the attention of the Committee on Religious Services be called to the fact that the next annual meeting will be the seventy-fifth anniversary of the organization of the Ohio Synod.

(b) *Resolved*, That the Stated Clerk be instructed to convey the thanks of Synod to the Hocking Valley R. R. Co., for favors received.

(c) *Resolved*, That the question of the salary of Dr. Rust be referred to the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary.

ARTICLE XXV
RESUMPTION AND CLOSE.

VOTE OF THANKS.

The following resolution was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That by a rising vote this synod expresses their gratitude to the pastor and members of David's Reformed Church and to the other people of Canal Winchester, whose doors were opened to the members of synod, for their generous hospitality during these annual sessions; to the choir for their inspiring music; and that this resolution shall be read from the pulpit at the next Lord's Day service, and be published in the *Winchester Times*.

The roll was called in connection with the presentation of the report of the Committee on Leave of Absence, and none were found absent without excuse.

The Minutes of the last session were read and approved, and the Minutes were adopted as a whole.

ARTICLE XXVI.
ADJOURNMENT.

Synod having finished its business, it was, on motion,

Resolved, That the Ohio Synod now adjourns to meet, as already decided, in convention, in Zion's Reformed Church, in Warren, Trumbull County, Ohio, on Wednesday, October 11, A. D., 1899, at 7.30 P. M. (sun time.)

Synod adjourned finally on Monday, October 3, at half-past eleven o'clock in the evening, and closed its sessions by uniting in the repetition of the Apostles' Creed, praying the Lord's Prayer, and the apostolic benediction being pronounced by the president.

JOHN M. SCHICK, *President*.

GEO. W. HENNING, *Stated Clerk*.

Official copy from the original minutes.

GEO. W. HENNING, *Stated Clerk*.

ACTS AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE TWELFTH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE
Woman's Missionary Society
OF THE
OHIO SYNOD.

The Woman's Missionary Society of Ohio Synod, met in regular annual session, September 30th, 1898 in the Methodist Church of Canal Winchester, Ohio.

The opening consecration service was conducted by Mrs. D. W. Loucks of Somerset, Ohio.

The enrollment of delegates resulted as follows:

CLASSICAL DELEGATES.

Eastern Ohio.—Mrs. G. H. Souder, Carrollton, O.

Lancaster.—Mrs. D. W. Loucks, Somerset, O.

Miami.—Mrs. A. L. Shearer, Dayton, O.

Tiffin.—Mrs. J. W. Sheidler, Tiffin, O.

Tuscarawas.—Mrs. Peter Ault, Marshallville, O.

St. Joseph.—Mrs. J. H. String, Bluffton, Ind.

CONGREGATIONAL DELEGATES.

Eastern Ohio.—Mrs. G. H. Souder, Trinity Church, Carrollton, O.

Lancaster.—Mrs. G. W. Clum, Trinity Church, Thornville, O.; Mrs. G. F. Bareis, Austin Henry Missionary Society, Canal Winchester, O.; Miss Maggie Alspach, Austin Henry Missionary Society, Canal Winchester, O.; Miss Rose Zartman, St. John's Reformed Church, Columbus, O.; Miss Minnie Hoffman, Delaware, O.

Miami.—Miss Clara Ankeney, Beaver Church, Trebein, O.; Mrs. A. L. Shearer, First Church, Dayton, O.; Mrs. Rebecca Fenneman, Hamilton, O.; Miss Mary B. Hawkins, Xenia, O.; Miss Lottie Hawker, Beaver Charge, Mt. Zion, O.; Mrs. Augusta Prugh, Trinity Church, Dayton, O.

Tiffin.—Mrs. J. H. Ridgely, First Church, Tiffin, O.; Mrs. E. E. Hursh, Grace Church, Tiffin, O.

Tuscarawas.—Mrs. Peter Ault, Marshallville, O.; Mrs. B. F. Andrews, Grace Church, Akron, O.

MINISTERS' WIVES.

Eastern Ohio.—Mrs. G. H. Souder, Carrollton, O.

Lancaster.—Mrs. J. P. Stahl, Canal Winchester, O.; Mrs. S. B. Yockey, Columbus, O.; Mrs. L. B. C. Lahr, Delaware, O.; Mrs. D. W. Loucks, Somerset, O.

Miami.—Mrs. Geo. Williard, Dayton, O.

St. Joseph.—Mrs. P. I. Deppen, Mulberry, Ind.; Mrs. J. H. String, Bluffton, Ind.

Tuscarawas.—Mrs. Ada Shults, Mohican, O.; Mrs. Grace F. Berger, Marshallville, O.

Total number of delegates and officers present, (names not repeated), twenty-nine.

The following committees were appointed:

Auditing.—Mrs. Shearer and Miss Ankeney.

Credentials.—Mrs. Hursh, Mrs. Ault, and Miss Zartman.

Minutes and Overtures.—Mrs. Sheidler, and Mrs. Fenneman.

Literature.—Mrs. Andrews, and Mrs. Ridgely.

Plan of Work.—Miss Heckerman, and Mrs. Shulta.

Resolutions.—Mrs. Burger, Mrs. Souder, and Miss Hawkins.

Statistical and Apportionment.—Mrs. Lahr, Mrs. Williard, Mrs. Prugh, Mrs. Augusta Prugh was chosen to report the proceedings of this convention for the daily papers and the *Christian World*.

The reports of the Corresponding Secretary and the Treasurer were then presented by those officers.

The President made a report for the Executive Committee of this society. Very interesting reports were presented by the delegates of the classical societies. These reports showed an increase of membership over the previous year, and a growing zeal in the cause in which we are so greatly interested. A short time was spent in discussing as to the time of paying our apportionment.

A letter was read from Mrs. S. E. P. Mbsser, business manager of the *Mission Band Helper*. She earnestly urged that a greater zeal be manifested on the part of the societies of Ohio Synod, in raising the subscription list of the *Mission Band Helper*, and that an effort be made to secure at least 500 additional subscribers, by January 1st, 1899. The paper can easily be made self-supporting, if all will feel a *personal* obligation, and a united effort is made in this good work. Mrs. Mosser suggested that a general manager be appointed to secure clubs of subscribers for the *Mission Band Helper*, among the societies of Ohio Synod. As this manager, Mrs. T. H. Sonnedecker was chosen.

The morning session was closed by all joining in singing the doxology.

Friday Afternoon, 1.30.

The devotional service was conducted by Mrs. Augusta Prugh, of Dayton, Ohio. A committee to draft a resolution, setting forth the sense of this convention in reference to the time of raising the apportionment of this society, were appointed at this time. As this committee the following were appointed: Mrs. Bareis, Miss Heckerman and Mrs. Hurch.

Mrs. J. P. Stahl of Canal Winchester, in well chosen words, tendered the convention hearty words of welcome. Cordial fraternal greetings followed, from representatives of the Woman's Missionary Societies of the Methodist, and United Brethren Churches, and also from the young woman's society of the Methodist Church.

In a well prepared paper, our President, Mrs. Yockey, responded to these warm words of greeting.

A report was read from Mrs. Anna Miller, solicitor of communications, for the "Woman's Column of the *Christian World*." The report was

accepted: Mrs. Miller was rechosen to serve in the same capacity the coming year. In case of Mrs. Miller's inability to serve in said capacity, the president was given the privilege of appointing another.

Mrs. Prugh, as *editress* of the "Woman's Column of the *Christian World*," presented a carefully prepared report. The same, on motion, was adopted. A motion showed it to be the pleasure of this society, that Mrs. Prugh be continued as *editress* of said column.

At this time Rev. J. M. Kendig, D. D., was introduced. He came regularly appointed by the Synod of Ohio, now in session, to bear to this convention, the cordial fraternal greetings of that body. Rev. Kendig in a brief address, presented these greetings, and warmly encouraged the women in the work they had undertaken. We were next favored with a paper on the subject: "Home Missions," by Miss Rose Zartman, of Columbus, Ohio. Following this excellent paper, Dr. Fouse, superintendent of Home Missions, offered some explanations regarding the cause of "Church Extension" work.

Rev. Dr. Prugh, a member of the Board of Foreign Missions, asked for a hearing for the cause he represents, the cause of Foreign Missions.

A short report was read from the Woman's Missionary Society of the Reformed Church of Xenia, Ohio. It contained many good suggestions which all societies might profitably adopt. Miscellaneous business was next called. There being no specific business to present at this time, a season was spent in the discussion of our apportionment, and the best plans for raising the same.

Rev. Brugh of the Detroit Mission being present, was granted a few moments to present the claims of his mission. The Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. D. W. Loucks, was appointed by the president, to secure subscribers for the *Woman's Journal*, from the delegates at this convention.

The minutes of the session were read and adopted. After the announcements a motion for adjournment prevailed. All joined in singing the doxology.

Friday Evening.

This session was held in David's Reformed Church. The following program was rendered:

Anthem, Choir.

Invocation.

Devotional services, conducted by.....Mrs. G. F. Bareis,
Canal Winchester, O.

Hymn, Congregation.

Paper, "Sabbath Desecration, as related to Church Work",
Mrs. L. B. C. Lahr,
Delaware, O.

Paper, "City Missions"..... Mrs. S. B. Yockey,
Columbus, O.

Solo, "The Holy City,"..... Mrs. J. L. Cheney,
Canal Winchester, O.

Address, "The Foreigners at our Doors; What shall we do with them?"

Mrs. Grace Burger,
Marshallville, O.

Hymn, Congregation.

Offering, Doxology, Benediction.

Saturday Morning, 9 o'clock.

The opening devotional service was conducted by Miss Rose Zartman, of Columbus, Ohio. The roll was called. A very well prepared, and interesting paper was presented by Mrs. Geo. Souder, of Carrollton, O., on the subject: "Our Harbor Missions." "A review of our Foreign Work" was treated in a very profitable manner, in a paper by Mrs. A. L. Shearer, of Dayton, O. These papers showed careful preparation and will prove of profit.

A communication was considered from the President of the General Synodical Society, which requested that the Woman's Missionary Society of Ohio Synod choose a representative from said synod, who should prepare a paper, and read the same at the coming convention of the General Synodical Society. As this representative, Mrs. S. B. Yockey, of Columbus, Ohio, was chosen. A letter was read from Miss Lillie Rohrbaugh, teacher in the Girl's School at Sendai, Japan. Some reports of committees followed. The next item of business was the election of officers. The following is the result:

President, Mrs. S. B. Yockey, Columbus, O.

First Vice President, Mrs. R. Fenneman, Hamilton, O.

Second Vice President, Mrs. G. H. Souder, Carrollton, O.

Third Vice President, Mrs. J. H. String, Bluffton, Ind.

Recording Secretary, Mrs. T. H. Sonnedecker, Tiffin, O.

Treasurer, Miss Jennie Heckerman, Tiffin, O.

On motion, the President was given the privilege of choosing the Corresponding Secretary. Mrs. D. W. Loucks, of Somerset, Ohio, was chosen. The additional members of the Executive Committee chosen were the following: Mrs. Geo. Henning, Osnaburg, O.; Mrs. J. H. Ridgely, Tiffin, O.; Mrs. Geo. F. Bareis, Canal Winchester, O.

A motion prevailed that the delegates on their return home, immediately correspond with the presidents of their classical societies, urging them that they inform Mrs. Whitmore, editress of the *Woman's Journal*, as to any changes that may have occurred in the list of officers of their societies, that the Directory of the *Journal* may be correct.

A motion prevailed that the corresponding secretaries of all the classical societies, be instructed to send reports of all work done within their bounds, not only of monies raised, but of missionary supplies sent, such as boxes of clothing, books, etc., to the Corresponding Secretary of Ohio Synodical Society, and she will therefrom make a complete report to be presented at the following synodical meeting. Reports of committees followed. The time for the noon recess having arrived, all joined in singing the doxology, and were dismissed.

Saturday Afternoon, 1.30.

The devotional services were conducted by Mrs. G. H. Souder, of Carrollton, Ohio. The subject: "The *Woman's Journal*," was thoughtfully considered in a paper presented by Mrs. B. F. Andrews, of Akron, O.

A motion prevailed that the Treasurer be authorized to pay all bills presented against this society.

A motion carried, that we overture the Woman's Missionary Society of General Synod, that an associate editor from each synodical society, be appointed to assist the general editor of the *Woman's Journal*.

A motion was made and carried, that we divide the collection of the Friday evening service, equally between the missions at Detroit and Columbus.

The Treasurer having reported a deficiency in our synodical apportionment, it was deemed expedient that we meet this deficiency. A motion therefore carried that we reconsider the above motion. A motion prevailed that we devote the collection of Friday evening, toward liquidating the debt of our synodical apportionment.

The following resolution was offered, and on motion was adopted:

Resolved, That we recompense the janitor with the sum of \$2.00 for his services in opening and closing the Methodist Church, in which our business sessions were held

The question box, conducted by Mrs. G. F. Bareis of Canal Winchester, O., proved to be replete with excellent suggestions, which will certainly be profitable for future work.

As many questions arose on the subject of Church Extension Work, it was deemed advisable to send for Dr. Fouse, to obtain further information on this subject. Dr. Fouse informed us, that any money raised for the Church Extension work of any mission, should be counted as part payment on the \$500 extension fund raised by the society, should this obligation be assumed.

A motion was now made and carried that we raise a second \$500 extension fund.

The open parliament on mission bands, was conducted by the president. A number of the ladies responded to the call to offer suggestions on the subject, and many very excellent thoughts were advanced. The boys and girls of today, if properly instructed, will be the "missionary workers" of the future. One very excellent source of instruction, is the *Mission Band Helper*, which should be in every home.

A motion showed it to be the pleasure of the convention that the papers presented at these sessions, be published in the 'Woman's Column of *The Christian World*.

The committee appointed to draft a resolution, setting forth more clearly, the time for paying our apportionment, reported as follows:

Resolved, That the plan heretofore adopted by this Synodical Society be adhered to, namely—that the apportionment made by the Synodical Society, be sent to the congregational societies at once, through the cor-

responding secretaries of the synodical and classical societies. Said apportionment to be paid by congregational societies before the following meeting of classis.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. G. F. BAREIS, *Chairman.*

The report was adopted.

REPORT OF AUDITING COMMITTEE.

The committee examined the accounts of the treasurer, and found them correct. We would therefore recommend the adoption of the report.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. ALBERT SHEARER, *Chairman.*

The report was adopted.

The committee appointed to revise the Constitution presented their report. The same was adopted. Copies of the Constitution as revised, will be distributed among the congregational societies, through the classical societies.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON OVERTURES.

The Committee on Overtures submits the following items:

Item 1. The Woman's Missionary Society of Tiffin Classis overtures the Woman's Missionary Society of Ohio Synod, that they make provision in Art. 2, Sec. 1, of their Constitution for two vice presidents instead of one.

Item 2. The Tiffin Classical Society further overtures said society, that they change Art. 5, Sec. 1, to read thus: "The Synodical Society may instruct congregational societies to collect funds for specific objects, to be disbursed by said body, all monies to be forwarded before the following classical meetings.

Item 3. A request for pecuniary assistance from the English Reformed Mission, through the pastor, Rev. C. W. Brugh.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. J. W. SHEIDLER, *Chairman.*

The report was considered item by item.

Item 1. It was deemed advisable to make provision for three vice-presidents instead of two.

Item 2. A motion prevailed that this item be adopted and the suggested change be made in Art. 5, Sec. 1, of the Constitution.

Item 3. Asking for pecuniary assistance for the Detroit Mission, was considered, and on motion, was lost.

The report as corrected, was adopted as a whole.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON STATISTICS AND APPORTIONMENTS.

Your committee submits the following report: After careful examination of reports, we find we have a membership of 1,350 members, which calls for \$1.19 per capita, in order to raise the required amount—\$1.600, apportioned as follows:

CLASSES.	No. Societies.	No. Members.	Apportionments.
Lancaster	4	121	\$143 99
Miami	14	375	424 83
Tiffin	8	174	207 06
St. Joseph	9	162	192 78
Tuscarawas	14	304	361 76
Eastern Ohio	10	232	276 08

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. L. B. C. LAHR, *Chairman.*

The report was adopted. The apportionment is made on the basis of the number of members reported at the meetings of the previous classical societies.

REPORT OF CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.

The Corresponding Secretary of the Woman's Missionary Society of Ohio Synod, submits the following report:

The regular correspondence of the society was carried on during the year according to instructions received from the president. Fifteen letters and twelve postal cards were received. The number of letters written being thirty-one, and postal cards, nine. The necessary credential and statistical blanks were sent to the corresponding secretaries of the various classical societies. We also wrote to the secretaries urging them to appoint one person in each of their congregational societies, to solicit subscribers for the *Woman's Journal*.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. D. W. LOUCKS,

The report was adopted.

Cer. Sec'y W. M. S. O. S.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS.

WHEREAS, We as a synodical society realize that God has blessed our work during the past, therefore be it

Resolved, That we show our gratitude to God for all his mercies, by putting forth renewed efforts to obey the command of our Savior to send the Gospel to all the world.

Resolved, That we will be more earnest in prayer for the mission cause during the coming year than we have ever been before, remembering the promise, "Whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in my name, that will I do."

Resolved, That for the coming year we will try the Bible plan of systematic giving, and give the tenth.

Resolved, That we will do all we can to educate others to give the tenth.

Resolved, That we make extra efforts to obtain subscribers for the *Woman's Journal* and *Mission Band Helper*.

Resolved, That we heartily thank the Official Board of the M. E. Church for the use of their church during our sessions. That we also thank sincerely the pastor, members and friends of David's Reformed Church of Canal Winchester, for their kind hospitality.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. GRACE F. BURGER, *Chairman*.

This report was first adopted item by item, then as a whole.

REPORT OF LITERATURE COMMITTEE.

Your Committee on Literature offers the following report:

We feel one of the greatest needs of our missionary societies, and our work, demands a more general knowledge of our missionary papers and magazines. We know we should in this report express the thanks of Mrs. Anna L. Miller to those who kindly furnished articles for the Woman's Column of *The Christian World*; and as she was again elected for this purpose, we request you all to aid her faithfully, by doing your part in replying to all requests received from her. We recommend the *Woman's Journal*, *Reformed Church Tidings*, and the *Japan Evangelist*, as instructive, helpful and invaluable to every member. Also we would urge the *Mission Band Helper*, not only as educational to the children, but also for us as workers for this great cause.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. B. F. ANDREWS, *Chairman*.

The report was adopted.

To the W. M. S. O. S.

The committee appointed to furnish credential and statistical blanks, begs leave to submit the following report:

After careful consideration the committee decided to ascertain if any statistical and credential blanks were to be found before tabulating new ones.

The W. M. S. O. S., had blanks printed at the "Christian World" office several years ago and it was thought possible that some of those were still on hand. A negative answer, however, reached us from the "World" office, and Mrs. Herman, Miamisburg, Ohio, was suggested as perhaps able to inform us if any were still to be had. Mrs. Herman knew of none unless Mrs. Shearer of Dayton, Ohio, might have some of the blanks printed by the W. M. S. O. S., or that Mrs. Schaffer, Chambersburg, Pa., probably knew of the blanks printed by the W. M. S. G. S.

Mrs. Shearer's kind offer of those she had was not accepted because there were not enough to supply the demand of the society until the meeting of General Synod. Mrs. Schaffer suggested that the committee should write to Mr. Stein, Annville, Pa., who had charge of the blanks after the death of his wife. Mr. Stein kindly sent samples of statistical and credential blanks, and stated that he would furnish all the committee wished.

The committee examined the samples and decided that by erasures and changes of words, in statistical blanks, they would answer the purpose without much outlay of money until the W. M. S. G. S. should meet.

The committee sent for 375 credential blanks to be forwarded directly to Mrs. Loucks, the Corresponding Secretary, and 200 statistical blanks to be forwarded to the committee at Tiffin, for the necessary changes.

In due time the blanks were forthcoming, but Mr. Stein found he could only furnish 300 credential blanks.

The changes were made and the blanks were forwarded to Mrs. Loucks by express. Respectfully submitted,

MRS. B. B. KRAMMES, *Chairman.*

The report was adopted.

REPORT OF THE PLAN OF WORK COMMITTEE.

We would first advise your most prayerful consideration to the suggestions offered by the different committees, namely, Literature, Resolutions, Apportionment, Statistics.

Secondly, that all societies conform to the uniform method urged upon by those who have had experience, instructing all classical delegates to inform the classical presidents of their respective classes, as soon as possible of their apportionment, and said officer notify the presidents of the various societies, of the sum total apportionment, discarding the term per capita; to begin work at once, so that the said obligation may be in the hands of the classical treasurer, at the time of classical meeting. That in the present year, we as members of W. M. S. O. S., urge constantly the adoption of this method of work.

Thirdly, we would urge upon all societies that after the apportionment has been met, that special donations be sent through the proper channel, either to Girls' School, or Home Missions, unless some special work is brought before this body.

We would still urge the earnest solicitation for increased membership and mission band organizations.

We also urge the paying of deficiency on apportionment, before the treasurer's report passes into the hands of the stated clerk for publication.

Respectfully submitted,

JENNIE A. HECKERMAN, *Chairman.*

The minutes of the sessions were read, corrected and adopted. The society then adjourned to meet in connection with Ohio Synod at its next annual meeting.

The society was dismissed by singing the doxology.

MRS. S. B. YOCKEY, *President.*

MRS. T. H. SONNEDECKER, *Recording Secretary.*

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR 1897, 1898.

Balance Contingent Fund.....	\$	7	61
Received of Miss Ida Huston and Mrs. George Dern, Treasurer			
Miami Classis, Apportionment.....		337	08
Church Building Fund, Sendai, Japan.....		2	00
Contingent Fund.....		5	50
Total.....	\$	344	58

Received of Mrs. M. L. Fisher, Treasurer St. Joseph Classis	
Apportionment	\$ 174 77
Contingent Fund	4 50
Total	\$ 179 27
Received of Miss Ella Klahr, Treasurer Tiffin Classis, Appt.,	\$ 202 25
Apportionment 1898, 1899	10 00
Home Missions	21 30
Journal Debt	10 00
Contingent Fund	3 00
Contingent Fund 1898, 1899	50
Total	\$ 247 05
Received of Mrs. W. D. Beeke, Treasurer Lancaster Classis,	
Apportionment 1896, 1897	\$ 8 28
Apportionment	128 25
Church Building, Sendai, Japan	5 00
Contingent Fund	2 00
Total	\$ 143 53
Received of Mrs. Jennie Yoder, Treasurer Eastern Ohio Classis,	
Apportionment	\$ 259 17
Journal Debt	7 25
Journal for Missionaries	1 50
Contingent Fund	3 50
Total	\$ 271 42
Received of Mrs. W. H. Shults, and Mrs. H. J. Christman,	
Treasurers Tuscarawas Classis, Appt. 1896, 1897	\$ 16 46
Apportionment 1897, 1898	366 25
Home Missions	12 31
Contingent Fund	7 50
Total	\$ 402 52
Evening Collection, Canal Winchester	\$ 20 76
Total with balance	\$ 1,616 74

DISBURSEMENTS.

Foreign Missions	\$ 900 00
Home Missions	701 80
Journal Debt	17 25
Journal for Missionaries	1 50
Church Building Fund, Sendai, Japan	7 00
Mrs. Anna Miller, postage	1 15
Mrs. S. B. Yockey, postage	75
Mrs. D. W. Loucks, postage	1 57
Sexton, Canal Winchester	2 00
Secretary's traveling expenses	5 95
Mrs. B. Krammes, expense	35
Total	\$ 1,639 32
Balance Contingent Fund	\$ 3 82
Respectfully submitted,	
JENNIE A. HECKERMAN, Treasurer.	

LANCASTER CLASSIS.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	No. of Congregations.		Members.		Additions.			Losses.					Students for Ministry.		Contributions.		Church Papers Taken.	Postoffice Address.		
		Comm. Con.	Uncomm. Con.	Comm. Mem.	Uncomm. Mem.	Infant Baptisms.	Adult Baptisms.	Confirmed.	Certificate or Renewal of Profession.	Dismissed.	Excommunicated.	Resure of Names.	Deaths, Communions.	Deaths, Unconfirmed.	Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.					
C. E. Stoner	Basil	2	448	360	65	7	11	38	5	6	0	0	1	1	0	0	\$ 308 00	\$1,108 00	50	Basil, Ohio.	
L. B. C. Fahr	Delaware	1	994	204	94	4	4	9	6	6	0	0	4	0	0	0	290 00	1,143 00	51	Delaware, Ohio.	
D. W. Lomka	Glensford	3	360	285	86	3	1	11	11	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	411 00	1,084 00	51	Somerset, Ohio.	
W. A. Fromm	Kinnikinnick	2	99	73	40	1	1	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	40 00	577 00	6	Kingston, Ohio.	
S. E. Stepp	Lancaster	2	140	119	85	6	6	8	3	3	0	0	4	4	0	0	41 00	388 00	6	Lancaster, Ohio.	
P. W. Snyder	Rushville	4	20	143	91	3	4	14	7	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	36 00	890 00	30	Bremen, Ohio.	
S. B. Yockey, D. D.	St. John's	1	69	43	16	6	4	8	4	2	0	0	1	1	0	0	45 00	200 00	35	Columbus, Ohio.	
J. D. Neff	Stonerville	3	210	184	78	15	3	12	10	7	0	0	4	1	0	0	200 00	1,783 00	70	Stonerville, Ohio.	
C. M. Rohrbaugh	Thornville	2	155	130	65	5	1	1	2	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	114 00	449 00	45	Thornville, Ohio.	
J. Hange	Union	4	235	178	53	6	4	20	25	26	0	0	5	5	0	0	75 00	850 00	45	Baltimore, Ohio.	
S. W. Seemann	Wilson Avenue	2	297	260	120	14	9	13	22	15	0	0	30	30	0	0	202 00	850 00	0	1261 Fair Ave., Col., O.	
S. P. Stobl	Winchester	1	190	158	54	5	1	9	3	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	7 00	200 00	0	Canal Winchester, O.	
J. Hefley	Zion's	2	105	95	0	4	1	5	3	4	0	0	6	6	0	0	16 00	132 00	0	Canal Winchester, O.	
P. D. Stohl (supply)	Zion's	1	26	24	10	1	1	4	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Lancaster, Ohio.	
J. D. Schory	Without Charge	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Delaware, Ohio.
J. Vest, D. D.	Without Charge	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Basil, Ohio.
G. H. Leonard, D. D.	Without Charge	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Columbus, Ohio.
H. H. Sandoe	Without Charge	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Columbus, Ohio.
B. S. Menager	Without Charge	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Boundary City, Ind.
	13	30	2725	2305	784	75	33	145	88	80	0	0	50	43	6	3	\$1,998 00	\$12,882 00	287		

MIAMI CLASSIS.

MINISTERS.	NAMES OF CHARGES OR CONGREGATIONS	Members.		Additions.		Losses.				Contributions.		Church Papers Taken	P. O. Address.		
		Communicants.	Unconfirmed.	Infant Baptisms.	Adult Baptisms.	Confirmed.	Certificate or Re-nu-meration of new members.	Dismissed.	Excommunicated.	Deaths of Names.	Deaths Communicants.			Deaths Unconfirmed.	Students Ministry.	Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.
William A. Hale, D. D.	First, Dayton	697	578	104	9	35	14	10	26	6	6	0	\$3,465 00	62	Dayton, O.
Charles E. Miller	Trinity, Dayton	428	371	104	14	21	11	10	7	1	1	0	3,239 00	62	89 Jones St., Dayton, O.
Ross F. Wicks	Fourth, Dayton	260	245	30	5	4	2	10	5	1	1	0	1,457 00	0	Dayton, O.
George W. Williard, D. D.	Memorial, Dayton	230	194	50	10	2	10	21	20	1	1	0	2,500 00	0	Dayton, O.
Henry M. Herman, D. D.	First, Miamisburg	450	400	90	26	3	20	3	12	10	1	0	1,700 00	100	Miamisburg, O.
Vacant	Xenia	240	200	40	1	8	17	6	2	16	2	0	1,500 00	0	Xenia, O.
Reuben F. Shultz	First, Hamilton	135	125	68	5	3	3	2	1	8	5	0	1,063 00	85	Hamilton, O.
William E. Ludwick	Grace, Springfield	112	99	40	1	5	8	3	15	3	1	0	824 00	39	Springfield, O.
Daniel Burghaler	Greenville	264	254	31	13	9	12	16	3	28	1	0	725 00	24	Greenville, O.
Albert Kluge	Germanstown	92	91	22	3	4	4	3	15	1	1	0	961 00	24	Germanstown, O.
Charles E. Ewing	Springboro	258	240	104	16	6	11	2	3	5	1	0	955 00	15	Springboro, O.
Robert Hoffman	Farmersville	378	340	60	6	1	3	3	25	2	1	0	1,144 00	43	Springboro, O.
Albright	Beaver Creek	297	248	60	10	53	60	19	6	11	4	0	1,063 00	68	Farmersville, O.
	Fairfield	179	175	35	10	5	11	4	1	15	2	0	212 00	0	Albion, O.
	Valley	217	189	35	4	15	15	15	3	15	4	1	1,150 00	0	Fairfield, O.
	New Madison	307	130	10	15	15	15	15	3	21	2	0	81 00	14	Box 324, Dayton, O.
	Union	125	125	10	3	13	13	13	32	2	1	0	579 00	0	Arcanum, O.
	Highland	163	132	40	3	13	22	6	3	5	5	0	462 00	3	North Hampton, O.
	Trinity	364	305	64	3	18	22	6	3	5	5	0	540 00	24	Hillsboro, O.
	West Alexandria	347	302	64	3	4	58	22	8	5	2	0	1,317 00	19	Swanders Shelbyco., O.
	Tremont City	140	118	8	3	4	4	3	1	5	5	0	431 00	28	West Alexandria, O.
	Rebel	164	125	32	4	8	8	2	1	1	10	0	814 00	54	Tremont City, O.
	New Pittsburg	40	37	14	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	0	739 00	20	Greenville, O.
	Beaver Creek	40	32	14	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	0	425 00	5	Roundary, Ind.
		40	32	14	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	0	30 00	5	Xenia, O.
		40	32	14	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	0	70 00	0	Dayton, O.
		40	32	14	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	0	57 00	4	Farmersville, O.
		40	32	14	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	0	150 00	5	Hamilton, O.
		40	32	14	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	0	50 00	1	Swanders, O.

TUSCARAWAS CLASSIS.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	Congregations.		Members.		Additions.			Losses.					Contributions.		Church Papers Taken.	POSTOFFICE ADDRESS.		
		Comm. Con.	Uncomm. Con.	Comm. M.	Uncomm. M.	Infant Baptisms.	Adult Baptisms.	Confirmed.	Certificate of Renewal.	Dismissed.	Excommunicated.	Frasure of Names.	Deaths, Communicants.	Deaths, Unconfirmed.	Students for Ministry.			Benefolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.
E. P. Herbruck, D. D.	Trinity, Canton.	1	1192	960	240	62	90	65	49	15	..	18	9	4	170	\$ 890 00	\$ 3,485 00	170	Canton, Ohio.
E. K. Willard	Grace, Akron.	1	938	725	275	39	27	43	32	17	..	22	9	5	100	792 00	4,045 00	100	Akron, Ohio.
R. C. Gask, D. D.	Wadsworth.	2	308	324	162	16	8	6	22	8	..	10	4	..	75	231 00	1,740 00	75	Wadsworth, Ohio.
A. G. Bely	Tuscarawas.	3	408	372	140	14	14	25	14	..	..	6	4	..	75	431 00	1,773 00	75	Mission, Ohio.
H. J. Christman	Uniontown.	3	281	291	69	4	12	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	12	457 00	1,776 00	12	Lake, Ohio.
N. A. Ernst	Navarre.	2	276	172	150	20	13	32	29	0	..	10	6	4	15	203 00	858 00	15	Navarre, Ohio.
I. U. Kunkle	New Berlin.	1	188	160	85	3	1	13	20	11	..	..	..	..	55	212 00	2,329 00	55	New Berlin, Ohio.
W. B. Stearly	Hough Avenue.	4	228	90	50	12	6	13	5	5	..	..	..	..	75	399 00	525 00	75	16 Giddings A., Clevel'd.
L. G. Goltz	Folk.	3	236	20	39	7	4	9	9	8	..	..	..	..	243 00	725 00	75	West Salem, Ohio.	
V. M. Hussenpflug	Reedsburg.	3	229	202	94	6	6	8	10	2	..	..	..	..	211 00	552 00	22	Reedsburg, Ohio.	
V. M. Shultz	Mohican.	1	183	160	60	2	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	120 00	781 00	25	Wolstein, Ohio.	
E. H. Nellirk	Wcooster.	3	184	178	60	8	..	4	..	4	..	..	..	..	132 00	760 00	30	Wcooster, Ohio.	
N. H. Loosse, D. D.	Shelby, Akron.	1	180	129	83	12	1	9	10	1	..	9	2	4	206 00	1,389 00	45	200 E. York, Akron, Ohio.	
J. E. Freeman	Apple Creek.	1	142	140	65	5	3	7	4	3	..	16	..	..	155 00	535 00	25	Apple Creek, Ohio.	
J. Wolbach	Marshallville.	1	130	121	65	3	..	5	4	6	..	26	1	..	82 00	620 00	48	Marshallville, Ohio.	
J. W. Burger	Salem.	2	144	127	75	10	..	..	..	7	..	..	..	..	127 00	680 00	40	Loyal Oak, Ohio.	
J. Ihle	Barberson.	2	169	130	65	3	1	5	4	3	..	..	..	..	133 00	640 00	8	Massillon, Ohio.	
W. H. Shultz	Massillon.	1	118	85	84	6	..	..	..	8	..	..	..	..	8 00	112 00	..	Crystal Springs, Ohio.	
W. H. Shultz	Crystal Springs.	1	28	20	18	2	1	5	7	12	..	2	7	..	..	..	..	..	Nimistilla, Ohio.
J. C. Shaat	Manchester.	4	289	267	..	8	1	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Canaan Center, Ohio.
L. C. Edmonds	Without Charge.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Ft. Wayne, Ind.
N. W. Bloom	Without Charge.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Navarre, Ohio.
J. C. Klar	Without Charge.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Cleveland, Ohio.
O. C. Renter	Without Charge.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
		45	9077	5194	1987	249	111	265	246	115	4	188	72	21	8	\$4,822 00	\$29,353 00	747	

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	No. of Congregati	Communed.	Uncommuned.	Infant Baptisms.	Adult Baptisms.	Confirmed.	Certificate or Re- newal of Professi	Dismissed.	Excommunicated	Deaths, Communion	Deaths Unconfirm	Students for Minis	Benevolent Purpose	Congregational Purpose	POSTOFFICE ADDRESS.
David Van Horne, D. D.	Fres. Heid. Theo. Sem.	1	322	240	88	6	3	13	5	6	3	2	1	\$ 365 00	\$2,316 00	Tiffin, Ohio.
Herman Rust, D. D.	Prof. Heid. Theo. Sem.	1	132	127	5	1	1	1	2	2	1	1	1	82 00	68 00	Tiffin, Ohio.
Alvin S. Zerbe, D. D.	Prof. Heid. Theo. Sem.	1	270	270	98	13	1	5	7	7	3	2	1	345 00	1,125 00	Tiffin, Ohio.
Lewis H. Kelaiver, D. D.	Chancellor Heid. Uni.	2	168	181	100	20	11	1	1	1	3	2	1	314 00	800 00	Tiffin, Ohio.
John A. Peters, D. D.	Fres. Heid. University	1	204	155	70	7	4	5	4	9	2	2	1	350 00	800 00	Tiffin, Ohio.
Edward D. Wettach, D. D.	Fin. Sec'y. Heid. Uni.	1	95	80	20	1	3	2	2	2	1	1	1	27 00	620 00	Tiffin, Ohio.
Reuben Good	Prof. Emer. Heid. Uni.	1	258	270	78	6	5	12	10	3	5	1	8	365 00	1,459 00	Tiffin, Ohio.
Cornelius M. Lowe, Ph. D.	Prof. Heid. University	1	114	97	25	8	1	2	2	2	1	1	1	36 00	538 00	Tiffin, Ohio.
John M. Schick, D. D.	First Reformed Ch. ch.	1	155	133	68	17	4	4	3	4	6	1	6	128 00	576 00	Tiffin, Ohio.
J. C. Smith	Fremont	2	157	154	40	17	3	3	3	1	6	9	1	183 00	700 00	Ada, Ohio.
James S. Keppel	Fostoria	2	96	80	45	5	2	1	25	4	1	1	1	22 00	712 00	Liberty Center, Ohio.
Albert H. Zechiel	Bellevue	1	45	42	9	4	1	4	3	1	1	1	1	34 00	157 00	Payne, Ohio.
David M. Christman	Zion's	3	119	89	37	3	10	12	2	11	4	1	1	10 00	696 00	Lima, Ohio.
David A. Parks	Bloomsville	1	49	46	30	17	3	2	2	11	4	1	1	33 00	500 00	Sulphur Springs, Ohio.
John E. Dingledine	Lindsey	1	114	97	25	8	1	2	2	2	1	1	1	10 00	500 00	Watson, Ohio.
James H. Steele, D. D.	Grace Reformed Ch'ch	1	155	133	68	17	4	4	3	4	6	1	1	15 00	100 00	Morehead, Ohio.
John D. Thomas	Bettisville	1	157	154	40	17	3	3	3	1	6	9	1	12 00	150 00	Sycamore, Ohio.
Isaac A. Stiles	Ada	1	105	77	6	6	1	4	5	4	1	1	1	40 00	682 00	Tiffin, Ohio.
Albert C. Shuman	Bascorn	1	45	42	9	4	1	4	3	1	1	1	1	34 00	157 00	Tiffin, Ohio.
George A. Row	Liberty Center	3	119	89	37	3	10	12	2	11	4	1	1	10 00	696 00	Tiffin, Ohio.
Frederick Cromer	Paulding Mission	1	49	46	30	17	3	2	2	11	4	1	1	33 00	500 00	Tiffin, Ohio.
A. J. Burket, Supply	Lima	1	45	42	9	4	1	4	3	1	1	1	1	34 00	157 00	Tiffin, Ohio.
D. A. Parks, Supply	Sulphur Springs	1	108	79	37	3	10	12	2	11	4	1	1	33 00	500 00	Gephart, Pa.
	Hessville Congreg'n.	1	49	46	30	17	3	2	2	11	4	1	1	33 00	500 00	Lakeside, Ohio.
	Carrothers Congreg'n.	1	48	30	17	3	3	2	2	2	1	1	1	10 00	696 00	Watson, Ohio.
	Olive Congregation	1	14	11	5	5	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	15 00	100 00	Morehead, Ohio.
J. H. Steele, D. D., Supply	Glade Union Cong.	1	42	32	7	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	12 00	150 00	Sycamore, Ohio.
A. H. Zechiel, Supply	Hunt's Corners Cong.	1	40	36	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	40 00	682 00	Tiffin, Ohio.
John M. Schick, Supply	Sycamore	1	83	77	28	7	8	26	2	2	1	1	1	34 00	157 00	Tiffin, Ohio.
John I. Swander, D. D.	Without Charge	1	83	77	28	7	8	26	2	2	1	1	1	34 00	157 00	Tiffin, Ohio.
Joseph B. Shumaker	Without Charge	1	83	77	28	7	8	26	2	2	1	1	1	34 00	157 00	Tiffin, Ohio.
Luther P. Gross	Without Charge	1	83	77	28	7	8	26	2	2	1	1	1	34 00	157 00	Tiffin, Ohio.
Charles W. Good	Without Charge	1	83	77	28	7	8	26	2	2	1	1	1	34 00	157 00	Tiffin, Ohio.
Charles E. Weller	Without Charge	1	83	77	28	7	8	26	2	2	1	1	1	34 00	157 00	Tiffin, Ohio.
James Richards	Without Charge	1	83	77	28	7	8	26	2	2	1	1	1	34 00	157 00	Tiffin, Ohio.
		82	2789	2102	860	107	30	75	80	58	64	32	13	10	\$1,172 00	

Prof. T. H. Sonnedecker, M. Tiffin, Ohio. W. B. Dutton, M. S. Ashland Boulevard, Chicago, Ill.

ST. JOSEPH CLASSIS.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	No. of Congregations.		Members.		Additions.			Losses.			Contributions.		Church Papers Taken.	POSTOFFICE ADDRESS.	
		Comm.	Uncomm.	Infant Baptisms.	Adult Baptisms.	Confirmed.	Certificates of Profess'n.	Dismissed.	Re-commun'd.	Resure of Names.	Deaths, Communicants.	Deaths, Unconfirmed.	Students for Ministry.			Benevolent Purposes.
E. H. Laubach	Athens	53	41	11	1	2	31	20	1	1	1	1	\$ 76 75	\$ 376 82	4	Athens, Michigan.
F. H. String	Bluffton	350	282	151	11	2	31	20	1	1	1	1	386 85	2, 118 61	59	Bluffton, Indiana.
F. G. Bogart	Bunkerhill	5	190	93	15	21	36	5	1	1	1	1	55 00	700 00	8	Puuuaki, Ohio.
B. B. Boyer	Denver	2	50	107	4	16	19	2	2	2	2	2	152 91	1,294 78	1	Denver, Indiana.
A. K. Zartman	First Reformed	1	76	107	13	10	14	8	1	1	1	1	15 00	1,510 40	50	Goshen, Indiana.
C. W. Brugh	Grace Reformed	1	292	270	40	10	4	36	2	2	2	2	19 33	116 50	30	Ft. Wayne, Indiana.
Maurice Samson	Grace Reformed	1	174	178	24	51	1	1	2	1	1	1	50 00	1,060 00	20	Detroit, Michigan.
J. W. Barber	Heidelberg	1	126	104	13	3	1	27	1	1	1	1	173 00	538 00	18	Ft. Wayne, Indiana.
J. J. Wagouer	Marion	4	293	256	119	19	18	17	19	6	1	1	31 00	225 00	18	Cluver, Indiana.
J. E. Zartman, (Sup.)	Millersburg	1	40	35	15	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	13 62	195 62	8	Millersburg, Indiana.
Vacant	Moorepark	4	354	35	15	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	369 00	1,000 00	25	Three Rivers, Michigan.
H. S. Nicholson	Mulberry	3	110	83	39	6	11	6	1	1	1	1	98 78	477 06	47	Colon, Michigan.
L. Rothenberger	Nottawa	3	196	145	65	8	10	2	2	2	2	2	96 22	685 00	7	Plymouth, Indiana.
P. E. Zartman	Plymouth	1	136	95	25	7	10	2	2	2	2	2	78 73	774 80	6	Three Rivers, Michigan.
Jno. A. Seitz	Three Rivers	3	184	157	15	1	1	6	2	17	3	3	113 00	388 01	35	Hudson, Indiana.
S. V. Kohrbaugh	Union	2	190	154	40	4	3	3	3	7	1	1	147 00	700 00	30	Fulton, Michigan.
Vacant	Wakeshma	2	190	154	40	4	3	3	3	7	1	1	147 00	700 00	30	Fulton, Michigan.
Vacant	Watrico	3	100	100	40	4	3	3	3	7	1	1	147 00	700 00	30	Fulton, Michigan.
Vacant	White Pigeon	2	60	60	40	4	3	3	3	7	1	1	147 00	700 00	30	Fulton, Michigan.
Giles Spangler	White Pigeon	2	60	60	40	4	3	3	3	7	1	1	147 00	700 00	30	Fulton, Michigan.
John V. Potts	Edgerton, Ohio.	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	Edgerton, Ohio.
J. J. Excell	North Robinson, Ohio.	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	North Robinson, Ohio.
F. Ware	Wooster, Ohio.	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	Wooster, Ohio.
	Lanscy, Ohio.	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	Lanscy, Ohio.
		18	41,287	1,889	617	87	126	178	56	124	12	5	\$1,826 19	\$12,948 68	383	
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STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF THE OHIO SYNOD OF THE REFORMED CHURCH IN THE U. S., 1898.

NAMES OF CLASSES.	Classes.		Ministers.		Congregations.		Members.		Members Unconfirmed.		Infant Baptisms.		Adult Baptisms.		Confirmed.		Certificate or Renewal.		Communed.		Losses.				Officers and Teachers.		Sunday-school Scholars.		Students for the Ministry.		Contributions.		Church Papers Taken.		
	Members.	Unconfirmed.	Members.	Unconfirmed.	Members.	Unconfirmed.	Members.	Unconfirmed.	Members.	Unconfirmed.	Members.	Unconfirmed.	Members.	Unconfirmed.	Members.	Unconfirmed.	Members.	Unconfirmed.	Members.	Unconfirmed.	Members.	Unconfirmed.	Members.	Unconfirmed.	Members.	Unconfirmed.	Members.	Unconfirmed.	Members.	Unconfirmed.	Members.	Unconfirmed.	Members.	Unconfirmed.	
Miami	1	26	54	6950	977	146	204	326	194	5096	125	1	222	68	27	53	870	6050	4															617	
Lancaster	1	18	30	2723	784	75	33	145	58	2205	81	6	29	494	145	3	1,998	00																13,382	
Tuscarawas	1	24	45	6077	1937	249	111	265	246	5194	1	4	138	72	31	43	816	5826	6															257	
Tiffin	1	28	32	2739	820	107	30	75	80	2167	58	1	64	32	13	32	492	2752	10															747	
Eastern Ohio	1	18	28	3587	1064	173	83	183	198	2929	100	99	55	17	23	469	5252	13																12,172	
St. Joseph	1	18	41	2870	617	87	81	126	173	1889	56	124	1	5	36	510	2178	1																11,549	
Total	6	132	230	23946	6230	836	542	1120	909	19355	534	5	667	282	89	222	3541	21460	29															\$17,945	
Total for 1897	6	138	232	23190	6384	859	676	1583	1030	19022	521	9	746	443	218	3385	2318	31																	\$11,298

STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF THE WHOLE REFORMED CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES FOR 1898.

SYNODS.	Members.	Unconfirmed.	Members.	Unconfirmed.	Members.	Unconfirmed.	Members.	Unconfirmed.	Members.	Unconfirmed.	Members.	Unconfirmed.	Members.	Unconfirmed.	Members.	Unconfirmed.	Members.	Unconfirmed.	Members.	Unconfirmed.	Members.	Unconfirmed.	Members.	Unconfirmed.	Members.	Unconfirmed.	Members.	Unconfirmed.	Members.	Unconfirmed.	Members.	Unconfirmed.	Members.	Unconfirmed.	Members.	Unconfirmed.	Members.	Unconfirmed.
Eastern	12	296	532	97849	51358	5342	555	4554	2768	70477	1456	3	1634	1627	892	579	10514	78664	96																			\$84,326
Ohio	6	132	230	23946	6239	836	542	1120	909	19355	534	5	667	282	89	222	3541	21460	29																			17,945
Northwest	11	154	214	20943	14587	1770	27	1123	790	154	8	222	15	671	297	204	191	1426	123	8																		13,977
Pittsburg	5	81	139	18 00	9614	892	166	977	774	5846	395	1	468	231	82	1	1678	11499	16																		81,349	
Potomac	8	164	303	38855	20941	1690	350	1657	807	81819	687	2	506	618	288	253	4428	2832	48																		30,999	
German of East	6	64	56	14945	11482	1997	37	853	542	1219	77	1	572	279	286	56	1	41	12401	11																	10,487	
Central	5	94	123	21288	11778	1146	81	971	593	16173	213	2	667	271	150	111	1622	13010	3																		13,503	
Interior	5	54	67	8,338	1511	117	72	173	170	2702	101	114	39	15	15	61	767	4114	7																		4,273	
Total, 8	57	1039	1664	238644	127460	13908	1830	11428	7862	182509	3685	19	1229	1643	1980	598	25107	181798	271																		\$208,144	
Total for 1897	8	156	1031	1659	234612	124041	14565	1947	11847	7903	9 009	3746	655	99	5895	682	23983	140764	271																		\$231,169	

MEETINGS OF SYNODS.

NAME.	PLACE OF MEETING.	TIME OF MEETING.	STATED CLERK.
General Synod	Tiffin, Ohio, (Second Church)	May 23, A. D., 1899	Rev. John Phil. Stein, Reading, Pa.
Eastern Synod	(To be determined)	October 12, A. D., 1899	Rev. John Phil. Stein, Reading, Pa.
Ohio Synod	Warren, Ohio (Zion)	October 11, A. D., 1899	Rev. Geo. W. Henning, Mansburg, Ohio.
Synod of the Northwest	Indianapolis, Ind. (Emmanuel)	January 7, A. D., 1899	Rev. Geo. W. Henning, Mansburg, Ohio.
Pittsburg			

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Acts and Proceedings of the Seventy-Sixth Annual Sessions, (and Seventy-Fifth Anniversary of its Organization) of the Ohio Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States, Convened in Zion's Reformed Church, Warren, Ohio, October 11th, A. D. 1899, at 7:30 P. M., and Closed its Sessions on the Following Monday Afternoon, at Five O'clock.

ARTICLE I.

Opening of Synod.

The Ohio Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States, pursuant to adjournment, convened in its seventy-sixth annual sessions, in Zion's Reformed Church, Warren, Trumbull County, Ohio, on Wednesday, October 11th, A. D. 1899, at 7:30 p. m., and united in devotional service conducted by Revs. L. B. C. Lahr and J. J. Leberman, D. D. The opening sermon was then preached by the retiring President, Rev. J. M. Schick, D. D., from the text: "Sir, we would see Jesus," St. John 12:21. The President then called Synod to order, and regularly constituted it with prayer. The provisional roll was then called, and when completed, a quorum was found present, and Synod proceeded to effect an organization by the election of officers. (For the result, see Article III.)

ARTICLE II.

Members Present.

MIAMI CLASSIS—Ministers: Wm. A. Hale, D. D., 2, Charles E. Miller, Reuben F. Shultz, Henry S. Gekeler 4, Harvey L. Hart 2, John H. Albright 4, Solomon U. Snyder, John W. Yelsley 3, John W. Bechtel, Wm. H. Shults, Wm. H. Stubblebine, Ervin E. Young, Franklin E. Lauffer, Charles E. Wehler 3.

Elders: John Blum, Horace Ankeny, J. M. Wilson, Eli S. Miller, Jonas Dininger, Nathan Rust.

LANCASTER CLASSIS—Ministers: Lewis B. C. Lahr, John D. Neff, Charles M. Rohrbaugh, Samuel E. Snapp, Jacob P. Stahl, Charles E. Stoner.

Elders: John C. Snider, Geo. W. Clum, Geo. F. Bareis 3.

TUSCARAWAS CLASSIS—Ministers: Edwin R. Williard 2, Alpheus E. Baichley, Charles E. Ewing, Oliver P. Foust 2, S. Ezra Neikirk, James S. Freeman, Edward G. Klotz 2, Isaiah N. Burger 3, Henry J. Christman, Sebastian C. Goss, D. D., S. Elmer Klopfenstine, I. U. E. Kunkle, Phaon W. Snyder, John C. Schaaf.

Elders: Homer J. Miller, B. F. Phillips, Daniel Grill, A. A. Reemsnnyder, D. O. Naylor 2, Wm. D. Oberlin 2, W. H. Kees 2.

TIFFIN CLASSIS—Ministers: David Van Horne, D. D., Alvin S. Zerbe, D. D., John A. Peters, D. D., John M. Schick, D. D., Albert H. Zechiel, James H. Steele, D. D., Samuel Z. Beam, D. D., Albert C. Schuman, Edward D. Wettach, D. D., Andrew J. Burkett 3.

Elders: Jacob Kopp, J. W. Burnside 2, George Lott 2, Nelson L. Brewer 3, George A. Klahr 5.

EASTERN OHIO CLASSIS—Ministers: John J. Leberman, D. D., John H. Bomberger, D. D., 2, Arthur V. Casselman 2, Geo. W. Beaver, Park H. Weaver, Geo. H. Souder, Adam Zimmerman 2, John W. Miller, Geo. E. Metger 4, John M. Kendig, D. D., John J. Gruber, Geo. F. Chenot, Geo. W. Henning, Harvey E. Kilmer, Edwin H. Laubach.

Elders: Adam Tressler, Enos Bricker, H. J. Turnipseed, Henry Swallen, Omar S. Rauch, Christian Henni, Martin Schneider, Aaron Esterly 2.

ST. JOSEPH'S CLASSIS—Ministers: Freeman Ware, Nevin B. Mathes, Allen K. Zartman, D. D., Charles W. Brugh, Joseph W. Barber 2, Harvey S. Nicholson 3, Scott V. Rohrbaugh, Reuben Keller.

Elders: None present.

ADVISORY MEMBERS.

Rev. Jacob C. Leonard, North Carolina Classis, Synod of the Potomac.

Rev. Edward H. Otting, Allegheny Classis, Pittsburg Synod.

Rev. Frederick Mayer, Erie Classis, Central Synod.

Rev. Charles E. Wehler, Miami Classis.

NOTE.—The figures annexed to the names of members, indicate the day on which those who were not present at the opening of Synod, appeared and took their seats.

Rev. Amos Casselman, Wichita Classis, Synod of the Interior.
Rev. Rufus W. Miller, Reading Classis, Eastern Synod.
Rev. Dewald S. Fouse, D. D., Iowa Classis, Synod of the Interior.

CORRESPONDING MEMBER.

Rev. Frederick H. Keller, St. John's Classis, Central Synod.

VISITING MINISTERS OF OTHER CHURCHES.

Rev. H. S. Jackson, D. D., Methodist Episcopal Church.
Rev. W. H. Talmage, Methodist Episcopal Church.
Rev. S. W. McFadden, Presbyterian Church.
Rev. Buel Love, Presbyterian Church.
Rev. O. P. Boyle, D. D., Presbyterian Church.
Rev. J. W. Robins, D. D., P. E., M. E. Church.
Rev. C. F. Ralston, Baptist Church.
Rev. Charles M. Bush, Lutheran Church.
Rev. Schiff, Lutheran Church.
Rev. H. E. Dilley, Disciple Church.

ARTICLE III.

Election of Officers.

Rev. Samuel Z. Beam, D. D., President, Bettsville, Ohio.
Rev. George W. Henning, Stated Clerk, Osnaburg, Ohio.
Rev. S. Ezra Nelkirk, Corresponding Secretary, Wooster, O.
Elder Aaron Esterly, Treasurer, Columbiana, O.

ARTICLE IV.

Rules of Order.

Synod's Rules of Order were observed in the transaction of business. The President defined the "Bar of the House" to be the first eight pews in front of the chancel.

The hours for opening and closing the sessions of Synod were as follows: Open at 8:30 a. m. and 1 and 7 p. m.; and close at 11 a. m. and 4 p. m.

ARTICLE V.

Standing Committees.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES—Revs. J. J. Gruber, S. Z. Beam, D. D., J. M. Kendig, D. D., and Elders James S. Shout and Geo. P. Rader.

MINUTES OF GENERAL SYNOD—Revs. Chas. E. Ewing, C. M. Rohrbaugh, S. E. Neikirk, and Elders Aaron Esterly and Homer J. Miller.

MINUTES OF OHIO SYNOD—Revs. J. A. Seitz, J. D. Neff, E. G. Klotz, and Elders Daniel Kiblinger, and Geo. W. Miller.

MINUTES OF CLASSES—Revs. A. E. Baichley, Geo. F. Chenot, J. S. Keppel, and Elders Wm. Markle and John Blum.

OVERTURES—Revs. Wm. H. Shults, J. D. Neff, S. U. Snyder, and Elders Jacob Kopp and Charles Baughman.

EXAMINATION, LICENSURE AND ORDINATION—Revs. C. E. Miller, C. E. Stoner, I. U. E. Kunkle, and Elders Horace Ankeny and A. A. Reemsnnyder.

STATE OF RELIGION AND STATISTICS—Revs. J. M. Schick, D. D., H. E. Kilmer, E. H. Laubach, and Elders J. M. Wilson and Eli S. Miller.

MISSIONS—Revs. L. B. C. Lahr, F. Ware, S. C. Goss, D. D., and Elders John C. Snyder and H. J. Turnipseed.

HEIDELBERG THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY—Revs. G. H. Souder, C. W. Brugh, R. F. Shults, and Elders Nathan Rust and G. W. Clum.

HEIDELBERG UNIVERSITY—Revs. Reuben Keller, Park H. Weaver, H. J. Christman, and Elders Daniel Grill and Henry Buffenmyer.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS AND CATECHISATION—Revs. D. Van Horne, D. D., S. E. Snapp, D. Burghalter, and Elders Enos Brickner and Henry Swallen.

PUBLICATION—Revs. J. H. Bomberger, D. D., J. H. Steele, D. D., S. B. Yockey, D. D., and Elders Christian Henne and Martin Schneider.

FINANCE—Revs. J. J. Leberman, D. D., A. E. Baichley, J. P. Stahl, and Elders B. F. Phillips and Jonas Dininger.

NOMINATIONS—Revs. G. W. Beaver, J. C. Smith, G. E. Metzger, and Elders George Holman and J. P. Zimmerman.

STANDING COMMITTEES APPOINTED FOR 1900.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES—Revs. C. E. Stoner, Geo. H. Leonard, D. D., Cornelius Hange, and Elders D. L. Mauger and John C. Snyder.

MINUTES OF SYNOD—Revs. A. C. Shuman, J. W. Miller, J. H. String, and Elders Zetus L. Numbers and Joseph W. Buruside.

MINUTES OF CLASSES—Revs. A. K. Zartman, D. D., G. F. Chenot, A. H. Zechiel, and Elders Omer S. Rauch and John Blum.

ARTICLE VI.

Communications.

The following communications, reports and papers were received and referred to their proper committees:

1. Three copies of the minutes of the last annual meeting of Synod, and two copies of the minutes of the last General Synod, were received through the Stated Clerk, and referred to the Standing Committee on Minutes of Synod, and Minutes of General Synod.

2. The minutes of the different Classes were referred to the Committee on Minutes of Classes; and the reports on the State of Religion and Statistics were referred to the committee on that subject.

3. The reports of the Boards of Home and Foreign Missions, the report of the Treasurer of Ohio Synod's Board of Missions, were received and referred to the Committee on Missions.

4. The annual report of the Board of Regents of Heidelberg University was received and referred to the committee on the University.

5. The annual reports of the Boards of the Theological Seminary, together with the reports of their respective Treasurers, and of the Financial Agent, were received and referred to the Standing Committee on the Theological Seminary.

6. The annual reports of the Sunday School Boards of the Ohio Synod and General Synod were received, and were referred to the Committee on Sunday Schools and Catechisation.

7. The report of the Board of Publication was received and referred to the Committee on Publication.

8. The annual report of the Treasurer of Synod was received and referred to the Committee on Finance.

9. Various other communications were received and referred to the Committee on Overtures.

ARTICLE VII.

Religious Services.

The following religious services were observed by Synod during its session:

1. All the sessions of Synod were opened and closed with religious services.

2. There were also public religious services held, as will be seen by reference to the report of the Committee on Religious Services, which, being submitted, was adopted, and is as follows:

WEDNESDAY, 7 p. m.—Synodical Sermon, Rev. J. M. Schick, D. D.

THURSDAY, 3 p. m.—An educational meeting. Addresses as follows:

(a) Heidelberg Theological Seminary—Rev. A. E. Baichly, Financial Secretary

(b) Heidelberg University—Rev. J. J. Leberman, D. D.

(c) Publication Interests—Rev. C. E. Miller.

THURSDAY, 7 p. m.—A missionary service under direction of the Woman's Missionary Society of Ohio Synod.

FRIDAY, 7 p. m.—Seventy-fifth Anniversary of the Organization of the Ohio Synod—Rev. A. S. Zerbe, Ph. D., D. D.

Twentieth Century Movement in S. S. work—Rev. Rufus W. Miller.

SATURDAY, 3 p. m.—Preparatory Services. Sermon by Rev. H. J. Christman.

Liturgical Services by Rev. C. M. Rohrbaugh.

SATURDAY, 7 p. m.—Church Auxiliaries. Five minute addresses.

(a) Prayer Meeting—Rev. L. B. C. Lahr.

(b) Bible School—Rev. S. E. Neikirk.

(c) Brotherhood of A. & P.—Rev. J. D. Neff.

CHURCH BENEVOLENCES.

(a) Beneficiary Education—Rev. E. D. Wettach, D. D.

(b) Harbor Missions—Rev. S. U. Snyder.

(c) Hungarian Work—Rev. C. E. Stoner.

SUNDAY SERVICES.

9 a. m.—Sunday School. Addresses by members of Synod.

10 a. m.—Synodical Communion. Sermon—Rev. S. Z. Beam, D. D.

Liturgical Services—Rev. I. N. Burger.

2 p. m.—Junior Endeavor. Talks by members of Synod.

3 p. m.—Preaching in German—Rev. A. Zimmerman.

6 p. m.—Senior Endeavor. Open Parliament.

7 p. m.—Missions—Home and Foreign. Fifteen minute addresses.

Foreign—(a) What are we Doing?—Rev. S. C. Gass, D. D.

(b) What we Should Do?—Rev O. P. Foust.

Home—(a) Importance of Home Missions—Rev. C. E. Stoner.

(b) Need of Funds—Rev. D. S. Fouse, D. D., Supt, of Home Missions.

IN OTHER CHURCHES.

FIRST M. E. CHURCH—Morning, Rev. J. A. Peters, D. D. Evening, Rev. E. D. Wettach, D. D.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH—Morning, Rev. J. H. Bomberger, D. D. Evening, Rev. S. E. Nelkirk.

BAPTIST CHURCH—Morning, Rev. J. M. Schick, D. D. Evening, Rev. A. V. Casselman.

DISCIPLE CHURCH—Morning, Rev. D. Van Horne, D. D. Evening, Rev. W. H. Stubblebine.

TOD AVENUE M. E. CHURCH—Morning, Rev. A. H. Zechiel. Evening, Rev. N. B. Mathes.

Y. M. C. A.—2 p. m.—Rev. J. H. Bomberger, D. D.

LORDSTOWN REFORMED CHURCH—2 p. m.—Rev. P. H. Weaver.

SOUTHINGTON REFORMED CHURCH—2 p. m.—Rev. Wm. H. Shults.

FIRST REFORMED CHURCH, (Youngstown)—Morning, Rev. A. Zimmerman. Evening, Missionary Services, Revs. J. C. Schaaf and J. P. Stahl.

Respectfully submitted,

J. J. GRUBER,

J. M. KENDIG,

S. Z. BEAM.

The services were severally observed as appointed.

ARTICLE V.

Minutes of Synod.

The Committee on Minutes of General Synod, during the afternoon session on Friday, submitted its report, which is as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MINUTES OF GENERAL SYNOD.

Your Committee on Minutes of General Synod beg to call your attention to the following acts of General Synod, convened at Tiffin, Ohio, May 23-30, 1899:

Item 1—Referring to Home Mission Work.

(a) Page 85, Instruction that Synod's Treasurer pay apportionment for German work to the Treasurer of General Synod's Board of Home Missions.

(b) Page 81, calls attention to the importance of Harbor Mission Work, and appropriations for the same.

(c) Page 88, Resolution regarding the Hugarian and Bohemian work, urging a vigorous policy and appropriations for the same.

(d) page 89, Resolution calls attention of Dystric Synods to the importance of creating church building funds.

Item II—Refers to the Twentieth Century Movement in church work.

(a) page 90, Resolution designating the year 1901 as the initial year for the observation of the twentieth century movement for missions and church building.

(b) page 90, Urges District Synods to hold conventions in the interest of the Twentieth Century Movement.

(c) page 90, District Synods are requested to instruct its several Classes as to the necessity of carrying the Twentieth Century Movement into practical effect.

Item III—Foreign Mission Work.

(a) page 128, Resolution calls attention of Synod to the importance of the payment of appropriations.

Item IV—Refers to the Twentieth Century Movement in Sunday School Work.

(a) page 180, Requests the co-operation of Synods in the movement.

(b) page 180, Requests the annual offering on Children's Day or some other day for the use of the S. S. Board.

Item V—Appropriations.

(a) page 200, Contingent fund, \$570.00.

(b) page 200, Home Missions, \$1,100.00.

(c) page 200, Harbor Missions, \$105.00.

(d) page 200, Hungarian and Bohemian work, \$735.00.

(e) page 200, Work among the Germans, \$550.00.

(f) page 200, Foreign Missions, \$3,770.00.

(g) page 89, Church Building, 6 cents per member. Page 201, special attention of Synod is called to this apportionment.

(h) page 201, instruction that the foregoing amounts, except for contingent expenses, be apportioned upon the several Classes each year for three years.

Item VI—Page 193, regarding a higher qualification for the Christian ministry.

(a) page 194, advises the District Synods to give due consideration, "Lay hands suddenly on no man," I Tim, v, 22.

(b) Instruction to comply strictly with the requirements of the constitution of the church in the reception of ministers from other denominations.

Item VII—Page 222, Time and place of next meeting of General Synod.

Item VIII—Page 186, Resolution requesting Stated Clerk of Synod to furnish a list of all licensures and ordinations, as recorded on the Minutes of Synod.

Item IX—Page 186-187, Deliverances of General Synod on the question of minister serving as ruling elder.

Item X—Pages 205-206, Deliverance of General Synod on the question of the consolidation of English publication interests.

Item XI—Pages 215-216, resolution of General Synod respecting Lord's Day observance.

On motion the report was considered item by item.

ITEM 1—Home Missions. (a) Adopted, and that the attention of the Classes be called to this item, and they be directed to send the money to the Ohio Synod's Treasurer of Home Missions, and that they designate what money shall go to the general fund, and what shall go to the German work in the larger cities. (b) adopted. (c) adopted. (d) adopted, and the subject of church building funds referred to the Committee on Missions.

ITEM 2—Adopted, and that all the items relating to this subject, with a similar item laid on the table, be referred to the Standing Committee on Missions.

ITEM 3—Adopted, and referred to the Committee on Missions.

ITEM 4—(a) and (b) adopted, and referred to the Committee on Sunday Schools.

ITEM 5—Adopted, and referred to the Committee on Finances.

ITEM 6—Adopted, and referred to the Committee on the Theological Seminary.

ITEM 7—Adopted.

ITEMS 8, 9, 10—Adopted.

ITEM 11—Adopted, and that the resolution relating to the ~~Sunday School Board~~ be referred to the Committee on Sunday ~~Minutes~~, and the remaining matter be referred to the Special ~~Committee~~ Sabbath Observance.

Was adopted as a whole.

On motion it was considered item by item.

ITEM 1—Laid on the table until the chairman of the committee is ready to report. Afterwards reported and the report adopted. (See Art. VII.)

ITEM 2—Adopted.

ITEM 3—Laid on the table until the Committee on Minutes of Classes reports.

ITEM 4—Adopted, and the request continued.

ITEM 5—Laid on the table until the Committee on the Seminary reports.

ITEM 6—Same action.

ITEM 7—Adopted.

ITEM 8—Same action as on item 3.

ITEM 9—Stricken out.

ITEM 10—Same action as on item 3.

ITEM 11—Same action as on item 3.

ITEM 12—Same action as on item 3.

ITEM 13—Laid on the table until the Committee on Publication reports.

ITEMS 14 and 15—Same action.

ITEM 16—Laid on the table until the brethren appear before Synod. They afterwards reported, and the report was adopted. (See Art XXI.)

ITEM 17—Stricken out.

ITEM 18—Adopted, and that the Corresponding Secretary be instructed, in the name of Synod, to convey to the Central Synod through its officers, the Christian greetings of the Ohio Synod, and express our regret for the absence of our fraternal delegates, and give the reason for their absence.

ITEM 19—Laid on the table until the chairman is ready to report. Afterwards reported, and the report adopted. (See Art. XXIV.)

ITEM 20—Adopted.

ITEM 21—(a) Item and Stated Clerk's report adopted. (For report, see Art. XXIV.) (b) Adopted.

ITEM 22—Committee reported, and the report was adopted.

ITEM 23—Adopted, having been attended to.

ITEM 24—Adopted, and the vacancies referred to the Committee on Nominations.

The report was adopted as a whole.

ARTICLE IX.

Minutes of Classes.

The Standing Committee on Minutes of Classes, during the

Thursday afternoon session, submitted its report, which is as follows:

To the Reverend Ohio Synod:

Your Committee on Minutes of Classes beg leave to offer the following report. The minutes of all the Classes, both annual and special, with also adjourned meetings, were placed in our hands, and from them we compile the following report:

I. IRREGULARITIES AND INFRINGEMENTS.

ITEM 1 (a)—Miami Classis elects delegates to General Synod before all other business is completed, (p. 18), and transposes other items of the regular lemmata. (b) Opens adjourned session, May 9, without devotional services, (p. 29); see also special meeting of Lancaster Classis, Aug. 17.

ITEM 2—Lancaster Classis fails to state whether student E. E. Young subscribed to the constitutional formula upon receiving his papers of licensure, (p. 9.)

ITEM 3—Tuscarawas Classis adopts items without reference, (p. 4.)

ITEM 4—Tiffin Classis gives report of Committee on Installation at special session, (p. 1,) contrary to Article 57, Constitution.

ITEM 5 (a)—St. Joseph Classis fails to read call at special session Aug. 8; see also minutes of Lancaster Classis, special session August 17. (b) Ordains licentiate J. E. Hartman without any notice of his first receiving a call to some pastoral charge.

II. REQUESTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS.

ITEM 6—Lancaster Classis calls the attention of Synod "to the fact that she has explicitly and confessedly exceeded her jurisdiction." (Item 2, special committee report, p. 9 of Annual Minutes.)

III. APPEALS AND COMPLAINTS.

ITEM 7—Appeal of Rev. N. A. Ernst from action of Tuscarawas Classis, convened in special session, April 17, 1899.

ITEM 8—Complaint of Rev. J. M. Schick, D. D., against action of Tiffin Classis in accepting report of Committee on Installation at special session.

IV. SUBJECTS REFERRED.

ITEM 9—Miami Classis takes favorable action on all recommendations of Synod.

ITEM 10—Lancaster Classis takes favorable action on all recommendations of Synod with one exception, viz.: that of Synod's instruction, (p. 56 Minutes of Synod, which, though very obediently performed, was yet obeyed under protest.

ITEM 11—Tuscarawas Classis takes favorable action on all recommendations of Synod.

ITEM 12—Tiffin Classis adopts all of Synod's recommendations, but requests General Synod to give a decision upon Ohio Synod's interpretation of the eligibility of a minister to the office of Elder in a congregation.

ITEM 13—Eastern Ohio Classis takes favorable action on all recommendations of Synod.

ITEM 14—St. Joseph's Classis takes favorable action on all recommendations of Synod.

V. LICENSED, ORDAINED, RECEIVED, DISMISSED, SUSPENDED, DEPOSED.

ITEM 15—Miami Classis ordains licentiates D. S. Miller and E. E. Young. Receives Rev. H. E. Jones from Juniata Classis, Synod of the Potomac, Rev. H. S. Gekeler from Kansas Classis, Synod of the Interior, licentiate D. S. Miller from Tiffin Classis, licentiate E. E. Young from Lancaster Classis, Rev. W. H. Shults, from Tuscarawas Classis, and Rev. W. H. Stubblebine from North Carolina Classis, Potomac Synod. Dismisses Rev. C. E. Ewing to Tuscarawas Classis.

ITEM 16—Lancaster Classis licenses student E. E. Young. Receives W. A. Alspach, a student for the ministry, under its care. Dismisses licentiate E. E. Young to Miami Classis, and Rev. P. W. Snyder to Tuscarawas Classis.

ITEM 17—Tuscarawas Classis licenses and ordains student O. P. Foust. Receives Rev. C. E. Ewing from Miami Classis, Rev. P. W. Snyder from Lancaster Classis, and L. A. Sigrist and W. S. Adams, students for the ministry, under its care. Dismisses Rev. L. L. Hassenfug to Kansas Classis, Synod of the Interior, Revs. W. H. and F. M. Shults to Miami Classis, licentiate G. C. Baumgartel to Iowa Classis, Synod of the Interior, and student J. W. Geier to Tiffin Classis. Suspends Rev. N. A. Ernst from the ministry.

ITEM 18—Tiffin Classis licenses student Coenrad Dekker, and ordains licentiate J. W. Geier. Receives Coenrad Dekker, a student for the ministry, under its care, Rev. A. J. Burket, from the Sandusky Conference, United Brethren in Christ, Revs. S. Z. Beam, D. D., and J. B. Rust, Ph. D., from Eastern Ohio Classis, Revs. I. Rothenberger and F. G. Bogart from St. Joseph's Classis. Dismisses licentiate D. S. Miller to Miami Classis, Rev. J. D.

Thomas to Wyoming Classis, Synod of the East, Rev. Isaac A. Sites to Clarion Classis, Pittsburg Synod, student Nevin B. Mathes to St. Joseph's Classis, Rev. J. E. Dingleline to Miami Classis, and Rev. G. A. Dreibelbies to St. John's Classis, Central Synod.

ITEM 19—Eastern Ohio Classis receives Rev. A. Zimmerman from St. John's Classis, Central Synod, Rev. E. H. Laubach from St. Joseph's Classis, and Harry Albright, a student for the ministry, under its care. Dismisses Revs. S. Z. Beam, D. D., and J. B. Rust, Ph. D., to Tiffin Classis, and Rev. F. E. Lauffer to Miami Classis.

ITEM 20—St. Joseph's Classis licenses students N. B. Mathes and J. E. Hartman. Ordains licentiates N. B. Mathes and J. E. Hartman. Receives student N. B. Mathes from Tiffin Classis, Rev. H. A. Welker from Wyoming Classis, Synod of the East, Rev. C. H. Schoepple from Zion's Classis, Synod of the Northwest, Rev. Reuben Keller from Miami Classis as soon as the president receives notice of his dismissal. Dismisses Revs. F. G. Bgart and I. Rothenberger to Tiffin Classis, Rev. B. B. Royer to Illinois Classis, Synod of the Interior, and Rev. E. H. Laubach to Eastern Ohio Classis.

VI. TIME AND PLACE OF MEETING, OFFICERS, &C.

ITEM 21—Miami Classis meets in the Reformed Church, Fairfield, Ohio, the last Tuesday in April, 1900, at 7:30 p. m. Rev. R. F. Shultz, President, Rev. F. W. Hoffman, Stated Clerk, ——— Treasurer.

ITEM 22—Lancaster Classis meets in the Mt. Zion Church, of the Basil Charge, on Tuesday on or before full moon in May, 1900, at 7:30 p. m. Rev. C. M. Rohrbaugh, President, Rev. S. W. Seeman, Stated Clerk, F. P. Stuckey, M. D., Treasurer.

ITEM 23—Tuscarawas Classis will meet in St. Peter's Reformed Church, Apple Creek, Ohio, Tuesday, May 22, 1900, at 7:30 p. m. Rev. J. Wolbach, President, Rev. H. J. Christman, Stated Clerk, Elder E. K. Kremer, Treasurer.

ITEM 24—Tiffin Classis will meet in the Reformed Church at Bettsville, Ohio, Friday, April 27, 1900, at 7:30 p. m. Rev. J. S. Keppel, President, Rev. A. H. Zechiel, Stated Clerk, Rev. J. B. Shumaker, D. D., Treasurer.

ITEM 25—Eastern Ohio Classis will meet in Israel's Reformed Church, Paris, Stark County, Ohio, on Thursday before the full moon in May, 1900, 7:30 p. m., sun time. Rev. J. M. Kendig, D. D., President, Rev. George W. Henning, Stated Clerk, Rev. H. E. Kilmer, Treasurer.

ITEM 26—St. Joseph's Classis will meet in Zion's Reformed Church, Millersburg, Indiana, on Wednesday, May 9, 1900, at 7:30

p. m. Rev. C. W. Brugh, President, Rev. F. Ware, Stated Clerk, Benjamin Ashbaucher, Treasurer.

ITEM 15—Addendum—Miami Classis dismisses Rev. R. Keller to St. Joseph's Classis. Receives Rev. F. E. Lauffer from East Ohio Classis, and F. M. Shults from Tuscarawas Classis. Dismisses H. E. Jones to Philadelphia Classis, East Synod. Receives C. E. Wippe from Lancaster Classis, E. Synod. Dismisses A. Klinger to St. Joseph's Classis.

ITEM 27—H. J. Christman was appointed as attorney in the Ernst appeal case, to defend the action of Tuscarawas Classis.

Respectfully submitted,

A. E. BAICHLEY,

G. F. CHENOT,

J. E. KEPPEL,

Elders WM. MARKEL,

JOHN BLUM.

The report was considered item by item.

ITEM 1 (a)—Adopted, and that the attention of Classis be called to their irregularity. (b) Adopted, and the attention of Classis called to the Constitutional requirement.

ITEM 2—Same action.

ITEM 3—Stricken out.

ITEM 4—Laid on the table and the subject matter referred to a special committee to report at the next annual meeting. Following is the committee: Elder N. L. Brewer, Dr. D. VanHorne, Rev. A. H. Zechiel, Dr. J. M. Kendig, and Elder J. A. Klahr.

ITEM 5—(a) and (b) stricken out.

ITEM 6—Stricken out.

ITEM 7—Adopted, and referred to the following special committee: Dr. J. H. Bomberger, Rev. R. Keller and Elder J. M. Wilson.

ITEMS 8 and 12—Stricken out.

ITEMS 9, 10, 11, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27—Adopted.

Addendum to Item 15 adopted.

The report was adopted as a whole.

ARTICLE X.

Overtures.

The Committee on Overtures submitted the following report:

ITEM 1—A communication from the Sunday School Board of General Synod.

ITEM 2—A communication from Dr. L. H. Kefauver, enclosing his report as Treasurer of Synod, and vouchers for money paid out.

ITEM 3—A communication from Dr. J. H. Bomberger, touching his resignation as Professor in Heidelberg Theological Seminary.

ITEM 4—A communication from a joint committee touching the Semi-Centennial of Heidelberg University.

ITEM 5—A communication from Rev. S. J. Crowe, concerning better Sabbath observance.

ITEM 6—Requests from absentees to be excused from attendance at this meeting of Synod, as follows: Revs. C. H. Schoepfle, J. C. Smith, J. B. Rust, H. M. Herman, D. D., C. M. Lowe, Joshua Wolbach, J. J. Wagoner, S. B. Yockey, D. D., J. S. Keppel and J. A. Seltz.

ITEM 7—A communication from Rev. S. S. Miller in reference to the Society for Ministerial Relief, &c.

ITEM 8—A communication from Rev. J. Ihle, delegate to Central Synod.

ITEM 9—A communication from the Board of Trustees of the Mutual Aid Association of the Reformed Church.

ITEM 10—A communication from S. Y. Yockey, D. D., asking Synod to commend his mission to the liberality of the churches.

ITEM 11—A request from the W. M. S. O. S. to have their minutes published with the minutes of the Ohio Synod.

ITEM 12—Refers to the resignation of Rev. E. D. Wettach, D. D., from the Board of Visitors of the Heidelberg Theological Seminary.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. H. SHULTS,

J. D. NEFF,

S. U. SNYDER,

JACOB KOPP.

On motion the report was considered item by item.

ITEM 1—Adopted, and the subject matter referred to the Committee on Sunday Schools.

ITEM 2—Adopted, and referred to the Committee on Finance.

ITEM 3—Referred to the Committee on Heidelberg Theological Seminary.

ITEM 4—Adopted, and referred to the Committee on Heidelberg University.

ITEM 5—Adopted, and the communication referred to a special committee as follows: Revs. S. U. Snyder, L. B. C. Lahr, and Elder H. J. Turnipseed.

ITEM 6—Adopted, and the brethren excused.

ITEM 7—Adopted, and referred to the following special com-

mittee: Elder Horace Ankeny, Revs. F. E. Lauffer and S. C. Goss, D. D.

ITEM 8—Adopted.

ITEM 9—Adopted, and referred to the special committee on Ministerial Relief.

ITEM 10—Adopted, and referred to the Committee on Missions.

ITEM 11—Adopted, and request granted.

ITEM 12—Adopted, resignation withdrawn.

The report was adopted as a whole.

ARTICLE XI.

(Examination, Licensure and Ordination.)

The standing committee on Examination, Licensure and Ordination presented the following report, which was adopted:

Your Committee on Examination, Licensure and Ordination beg leave to report that nothing has been received by the Committee claiming the attention of Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

CHAS. E. MILLER,

I. U. E. KUNKLE,

C. E. STONER,

HORACE ANKENY.

ARTICLE XII.

Religion and Morals.

The standing committee on the State of Religion and Statistics, during the afternoon session on Monday submitted its report, which was adopted, and is as follows:

To the Reverend Ohio Synod:

Dear Fathers and Brethren: "Grace be with you, mercy and peace from God the Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of the Father, in truth and love."

Reports of the State of Religion and Morals have come into the hands of your committee from all the Reverend Classes under your pastoral oversight, save only from the Reverend Miami Classis. From these are gathered the facts herein reported, and your committee regrets that the absence of the single report named, forbids any satisfactory comparison of the state of the Church with that of the former year.

The reports at hand, however, unite in expressions of grati-

tude to the God of all grace, and together they testify that He has everywhere honored His word and furthered His work. They are of one voice in recording the blessings of our Heavenly Father and His unfailing favor attending the labors of His servants. The Church everywhere recognizes Him as the source of all the prosperity that has been enjoyed, and the certain cause of all the victories that have been won in His name, both in the conversion and edification of His Church, and in the deliverance and salvation of the lost from the wrath to come.

Evidences of the help of the Lord in the progress of His work are abundant. The reports all speak of the steady and constant, even if not always rapid, growth of the Church, both in the numbers of additions to the memberships of the congregations and in the benevolent contributions for the maintainance of the church and the support of the charitable enterprises. Both have increased in all the Classes, even in the face of the very close pruning of records referred to in one of the reports, and which there is reason to fear may, under our present system of apportioning the support of the general work of the Church, be just a little too close.

The congregations have not only grown, but new ones have been organized, and steps are being taken which look to still more organizations to be effected in the near future; new Churches have been built; old ones have been repaired and improved; and the outward signs of progress thus afforded encourage the Classes in the service of the Master.

The Sunday Schools, the Young People's Societies, the Missionary and other organizations within the Church, are all reported as engaged in efficient activity, and as doing excellent service in the devotional work they have undertaken. These facts, taken in connection with the encouraging state shown in the reports, all continue to strengthen the faith of the Church in the influence and power of the regularly appointed means of grace bearing fruit in the activity of the people who have availed themselves of them.

It is particularly worthy of notice that, in all the Classes, the children of the Church are being regularly instructed in the Catechism, and so systematically trained in the nurture and admiration of the Lord, and in the doctrines and duties of our holy religion. Even where the reports complain, as some of them do complain, of pastors who fail in the performance of this duty of their office, as touching the baptized children of the Church, they bear testimony to the loyalty of the Classes themselves to the denominational custom of child training, and, recognizing their responsibility in the premises, urge upon the delinquent min-

isters to make honest efforts in the future to comply with their obligations in this respect. The future demands are intelligent Christianity, which shall be able to give a reason for the hope that is in them, and it is gratifying to find the Church earnestly engaged in furnishing such a body of believers by teaching the children to know the truth and give response to the real need of an intelligent but needy humanity, waiting for the true light of our religion.

The most encouraging tone in all the reports is the one in which they speak of the missionary activities in the congregations. The spiritual state of any people may always be known from its interest in the salvation of others. It speaks well for any Church that it is able, amid the Babel tongued clamor of this world's pressing needs, to hear the Master's voice, calling to service, and, above the din attending worldly prosperity, to discern His compassionate direction sending them into all the world to preach His Gospel. Blessed, indeed, is the people which, in spite of this world's claims or charms, finds itself ready to obey that word of the Lord which admonishes to plant in the waste places of the world that seed which alone can make the desert to blossom as a rose. Our communities, our nation, the world has this one great common need of the Gospel, and we rejoice that so many ears seem open and opening to the call for spiritual help.

Among all our Churches, Grace Church, of Columbiana, O., has, in this particular, shown us all what real consecration can do. The report of Eastern Ohio Classis tells how this devoted flock came to the help of the Master by opening the way for our Church to enter the wide field of Gospel opportunity open in China by voluntarily assuming the support of a missionary there. What one congregation has done, others may do, and it becomes the Reverend Synod to unite in the prayer of the Reverend Eastern Ohio Classis: "Oh! that there were more that would go and do likewise." Even if, however, none are moved to follow the lead thus set, all at least should thereby be influenced to greater zeal and increased consecration, manifested in more liberal giving for the cause so near the Christian heart.

Among the important matters brought to your attention in the reports, perhaps none presses for consideration more than the question of Sabbath Observance. It touches the whole life of the Church and the nation. The secularization of the Lord's Day is fraught with danger to both, and seems to be steadily going on, and the conscience of the Church does seem hard to rouse. Labor, or pleasure, or indifference, or profit taking away the sanctity of the day. By the force of compulsion, or by the luring attraction of amusement, both scholars of the Sunday Schools and

members of the congregations are drawn away from the service of the sanctuary. Too often the Church itself is helpless to prevent the desecration, and often the dollar saved by the Sunday excursion fails to impress the believer as too cheap a price to take for the day of the Lord. The action of the Reverend St. Joseph's Classis in this connection, is worthy of the Reverend Synod's adoption, to the end that "pastors and Christian workers use their influence, both by precept and example, to bring about a better observance of the Sabbath day in the community in which they live."

Rev. D. H. Fulcasson, of Eastern Ohio Classis, was permitted to lay life's burden down and to enter upon the rest that remaineth for the people of God. He had learned to tread the path of suffering, leaning on the everlasting arms. He had felt the heavy hand of affliction, and from the temporal side of a ministry of 37 years, there had come to him little to cheer the gloomy hours of life's late day, or to help him bear the added weight of its later hours. But his Classis testifies to his faithfulness as a servant of God, and records his prayerful patience during his last illness, and that, as he was passing through the valley of suffering, the consciousness of the Saviour's presence brought him comfort and peace and satisfaction. His sufferings over, he rests. But his work cannot end. The faithful service done in the Master's kingdom abides, and as we look after this brother towards the home of his rest, we humble ourselves, and consecrate ourselves anew to that blessed service in which our Master has been privileged to have part. Soon for us, too, will end life's little day; then may the same loving Saviour grant us to have so lived in His service as also to have had some little part in the salvation of the lost world through the Gospel we have been permitted to preach.

And now "unto Him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in His own blood, and hath made us kings and priests unto God and His Father, to Him be glory and the dominion forever and ever, amen.

Respectfully submitted,

J. M. SCHICK,
H. E. KILMER,
E. H. LAUBACH,
J. M. WILSON,
E. S. MILLER.

(For Statistical Reports, See Appendix.)

