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ARTICLE I.

THE OPENING OF SYNOD.

Synod convened at the appointed time and was opened with prayer by the President, Rev. D. Winters, after preaching an appropriate sermon from Prov. 11:30, *He that winneth souls is wise.*

ARTICLE II.

MEMBERS PRESENT.

1. MIAMI CLASSIS.

Revs. H. Rust, S. Mease, Geo. W. Williard, G. Z. Mechling, I. H. Reiter, D. Winters.

Elders A. H. Baughman, M. Shearer, R. Miller, J. Haller, L. Mease, Jos. H. Dryden.

2. LANCASTER CLASSIS.

Revs. H. Williard, J. Vogt, N. H. Loose.
Elders J. Kenney, H. Leonard.

3. WESTMORELAND CLASSIS.

Revs. R. P. Thomas, Geo. B. Russell, F. K. Levan.
Elders Geo. Fritz, D. S. Dieffenbacher, C. Sandles.

4. SANDUSKY CLASSIS.

Revs. Wm. M'Caughey, O. H. Reiter, J. J. Excell.
Elders D. Wampler, Jos. Musser.

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of Ohio and adjacent States, the American Unitarian Conference, convened in Dayton, Ohio, commencing on Tuesday evening, the 21st of May at 7 o'clock, P. M., 1890, under the presidency of the Rev. Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety and nine, and continuing its sessions on the following Tuesday, 1890.

ARTICLE I.

THE OPENING OF SYNOD.

Convened at the appointed time and place, the Rev. Lord, the President, Rev. D. Winters, after prayer, read the following sermon from Prov. 11:30, *He that soweth seed shall reap much fruit.*

ARTICLE II.

MEMBERS PRESENT.

1. MIAMI CLASSIS.

L. Rust, S. Mease, Geo. W. Williard, D. Winters, A. H. Baughman, M. Shearer, R. Miller, H. Dryden.

2. LANCASTER CLASSIS.

H. Williard, J. Vogt, N. H. Loose, J. Kenney, H. Leonard.

3. WESTMORELAND CLASSIS.

R. P. Thomas, Geo. B. Russell, P. S. Geo. Fritz, D. S. Dieffenbacher, C. H. Reiter.

4. SANDUSKY CLASSIS.

Wm. M'Connell, C. H. Reiter, D. Wampler, J. Inasser.

5. TIFFIN CLASSIS.

Revs. M. Kieffer, D. D., J. Klingler, E. Keller, J. G. Ruhl, P. Tendick.

Elders John Royer, H. Shaaf, H. Ohl.

6. ST. JOSEPH CLASSIS.

Revs. E. Jackel, J. H. Kline, P. Vitz.

Elder E. Vordermark.

7. INDIANA CLASSIS.

Revs. F. Wall, M. G. I. Stern.

Elder M. Boots.

8. ST. JOHN'S CLASSIS.

Revs. J. Rinehart, R. Koehler.

Elders Jacob Greenamyer, Anthony Smith.

9. ILLINOIS CLASSIS.

Elder Jacob Myer.

10. SHEBOYGAN CLASSIS.

Rev. P. Joeris.

11. IOWA CLASSIS.

Rev. J. C. Klar.

EASTERN SYNOD.

Rev. J. H. A. Bomberger, D. D.

ADVISORY MEMBERS.

Revs. P. C. Prugh, T. J. Barkley, G. H. Leonard, J. I. Swander, J. McConnell, W. H. Fenneman, J. Richards, J. Schlosser, J. Pence, J. Scott, J. A. Leis, T. H. Winters, Wm. Renter, W. M. Herman, C. Saure, S. Shaw, S. K. Denius.

Licentiate.—Rinehart Schwceedes.

Elders.—P. Cost, D. Manse, B. C. Taylor, C. Staley, H. Staley, Wm. Wilson, S. J. Bowen, J. Coy, Wm. Nieble, M. Brenner, Wm. Oram.

ARTICLE III.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

Rev. Geo. B. Russell, *President*.

Rev. Samuel Mease, *Corresponding Secretary*.

Rev. I. H. Reiter, *Treasurer*.

Rev. Geo. W. Williard, is *Stated Clerk*.

ARTICLE IV.

RULES OF ORDER.

The Standing Rules of Synod were read and the following hours fixed upon for opening and closing the sessions of Synod:

Morning Session to commence at 8½ and close at 11½ o'clock.

Afternoon Session to commence at 2 and close at 5 o'clock.

ARTICLE V.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

Religious Exercises.—Revs. Geo. W. Williard, L. H. Keafauver, and D. Winters. Elders M. Shearer, and J. Haller.

On Minutes of Synod.—Revs. M. Kieffer, H. Williard, and P. Joeris. Elders Geo. Fritz, and Jacob Myer.

On Overtures.—Revs. F. Wall, P. Vitz, and J. Klingler. Elders M. Boots, and Jos. H. Dryden.

On Minutes of Classes.—Revs. Eli Keller, N. H. Loose, P. Tensick, and J. G. Ruhl. Elders J. Kenney, and J. Royer.

On Examination, Licensure, and Ordination.—Revs. S. Mease, J. H. A. Bomberger, J. Vogt, and Geo. W. Williard. Elders A. H. Baughman, D. S. Dieffenbacher, and H. Leonard.

On State of Religion.—Revs. D. Winters, R. P. Thomas, C. H. Reiter, and R. Koehler. Elders D. Wampler, L. Mease, and C. Sandles.

On Theological Seminary.—Revs. H. Rust, W. McCaughey, and C. H. Reiter. Elders J. Royer, and D. Mause.

On Heidelberg College.—Revs. J. Rinehart, G. Z. Mechling, and J. McConnell. Elders H. Leonard, and R. Miller.

On Missions.—Revs. C. H. Reiter, L. H. Keafauver, J. I. Swander. Elders H. Shaaf, and E. Vordermark.

On Finance.—Revs. G. Z. Mechling, E. Jackel, and G. H. Leonard. Elders A. H. Baughman, and Jos. Musser.

On Publication.—Revs. F. K. Levan, I. H. Reiter, and J. H. Klein. Elders Jos. Musser, and Jacob Greenamyre.

On Nominations.—Revs. I. H. Reiter, M. Kieffer, and P. C. Prugh. Elders Geo. Fritz, and H. Ohl.

On Education.—Revs. J. H. Klein, T. J. Barkley, and T. H. Winters. Elders M. Shearer, and P. Cost.

ARTICLE VI.

COMMUNICATIONS.

1. Communications for Synod were referred to the Committee on Overtures.

2. The reading of the Minutes of last year with those of the Synod of North America was dispensed with, and referred at once to the Committee on Synodical Minutes.

3. The Minutes of the different Classes were received with the reports on religion and the statistical tables, and referred to the Committees on Minutes of Classes and the state of religion and statistics.

4. The reports of the different Boards excepting the Board of Trustees of Heidelberg College and the Board of Visitors of Heidelberg College, which failed to make any report, were received, read, adopted and referred to their respective Committees.

ARTICLE VII.

RELIGIOUS EXERCISES.

The Committee on Religious Exercises reported that they had provided for religious service every evening during the sessions of Synod in both the English and German Churches of the city with the regular communion service on Sabbath; and that they had also provided for the applications that had been received from the First and Third Presbyterian Churches; the Presbyterian Church of Miami City; the United Presbyterian Church; the Lutheran Church; the Congregational Church; Wesley, Raper, and Sear Street Chapels of the Methodist Church; First and Second Baptist Churches, and United Brethren Churches.

The report was received and adopted.

ARTICLE VIII.

SYNODICAL MINUTES.

Your Committee on Synodical Minutes beg leave to report as follows:

MINUTES OF SYNOD OF OHIO.

Item 1, Page 8. The appointment of the Rev. Geo. B. Russell to procure a seal for Synod.

Item 2, Page 10. The Tricentennial celebration of the Heidelberg catechism, Rev. Geo. B. Russell Chairman of Committee.

Item 3, Pages 11, 12. Respecting the organization of a general Synod of the German Reformed Church.

Item 4, Page 15. The condition of the Library of the Theological Seminary referred to the Board of Trustees.

Item 5, Page 16. The appointment of a Committee to prepare a Synodical Map, Rev. Geo. B. Russell, Chairman.

Item 6, Page 25. The appointment of Commissioners to forward the call of Synod to Dr. Ebrard, as Professor in the Theological Seminary, Rev. H. Rust, Chairman.

Item 7, Page 26. The appointment of Elder H. Leonard as an agent to secure the endowment of the German Professorship.

Item 8, Page 26. The condition of Synod's property at Tiffin, referred to the Board of Trustees.

Item 9, Page 43. The election of the Delegate to the Eastern Synod, Rev. Geo. W. Williard, *Primarius*.

Item 10, Page 45. The Synod's contract with the Rev. Geo. B. Russell for the publication of the Western Missionary, the resignation of the Rev. Geo. W. Williard as Editor and the election of the Rev. Geo. B. Russell as his successor.

Item 11, Page 49. The Resolution of Synod to raise at least \$2,500 for Domestic Missions, \$1,500 for the Theological Seminary and \$1,000 for Beneficiary Education.

Item 12, Page 50. The appointment of Dr. M. Kieffer as the Financial Secretary of Synod.

Item 13, Page 43. The election of the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary.

Item 14, Page 43. Election of Trustees of Heidelberg College.

Item 15, Page 44. The election of the Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary.

Item 16, Page 44. Election of the Board of Visitors to Heidelberg College.

Item 17, Page 44. Election of the Board of Missions.

Item 18, Page 44. Election of the Board of Publication.

Item 19, Page 49. The Stated Clerk is authorized to publish the Minutes of Synod. The Rev. H. J. Rutenik is authorized to publish the Minutes in German.

MINUTES OF SYNOD OF NORTH AMERICA

Is the appointment of Rev. Dr. J. H. A. Bomberger, *Primarius*, and Rev. J. Hassler, *Secundus*, as delegate to this Synod.

Respectfully Submitted,

M. KIEFFER, *Chairman*.

The above report was received and acted upon item by item.

Item 1. In reference to this item the following report was received and adopted:

In behalf of the Committee the undersigned begs leave to report:

That the matter intrusted to the Committee has been attended to, in accordance with the instructions of the Synod. A seal has been prepared which is herewith passed over to the Synod's officer, the Stated Clerk. It was thought best to have it attached to a hand press, by which a clear impression can be given to any Synodical document on fair stout paper.

The name of the Synod is in the margin of the seal. The device of the symbol is an "open Bible resting on the cross;" the emblem of our redemption supporting the Word of Life; the motto over the cross, *In hoc signo vinces*, and that under the Bible, "Preach the Word," indicate our hope and duty as a Church.

Trusting that the efforts of the Committee will meet with the approbation of the Synod your Committee respectfully begs to be discharged.

GEO. B. RUSSELL.

The cost of the seal was \$7.00 which the Treasurer was authorized to pay.

Item 2. The Committee presented the following report upon it, which was adopted:

The Committee have been co-operating during the year with the Committee of the Eastern Synod, allowing them to continue as they have begun to arrange the general plan for the proper celebration of the grand event. Nothing very material has been added to the general order adopted for that occasion, as given in our last year's report.

The subjects to be treated of and discussed have been assigned to distinguished men in both Europe and America. Some six or more of the most celebrated Reformed scholars in Germany, among whom are Drs. Ebrard, Hartzog, Hundeshagen, etc., have already consented to contribute essays and memoirs. Those engaged in our own land are such as are likely to add much interest and spirit to this great movement.

It remains for us as a Synod to take such action as will bring the subject home to the hearts of all our people. The whole Church should be called to take a real part in the matter. In this way only it may become, as it is designed to be, a monumental occasion resulting in great good to our Reformed Zion.

Our Synod should act on the following points:

1. Resolve to unite in the general convention of the whole Church to be held at some central place on the 19th of Jan., 1863, when the celebration will be formally inaugurated and opened. To this meeting, every minister and at least one elder or other lay member from every congregation or pastoral charge in the whole Church should be delegated.

2. Send a suitable delegation to the general Synod of the whole Church, which is expected to be held in the month of October of the same year; at which the services of the tricentennial festival shall be brought to a solemn close.

3. Take such measures as will bring the matter to the attention of all our people. To reach this end, we would suggest that our Church Papers publish articles on this subject in explanation of the character and design of the celebration; and that the several pastors bring it publicly before all their congregations.

4. A particular season should be appointed in which to receive *free will offerings to God*, from every man, woman and baptized

child in the Church. Of all such offerings a record book should be kept in each pastoral charge, from which a full copy could be made in a register for the whole Synod.

5. The objects to which these contributions are to be devoted should be specified, whether to Missions, Church Extension, Beneficiary Education, or Theological Endowment.

6. As the whole year of 1863 is to be regarded as a continued celebration, it would seem well to set apart some stated time on which to hold befitting exercises, not only by the Synod, but also in a similar way by each Classis, and as well also by each charge, and by every congregation.

7. In accordance with the above, at our next Annual Meeting of Synod, some part of its sessions should be devoted to exercises having reference to the tricentenary. The same should also be provided for at the meeting of the several Classes, and by these directions given to all the pastoral charges in their bounds.

8. Other provisions, such as fixing the place of meeting, etc., which can more properly be arranged jointly by the two Synods, ought to be made by the Committee acting on behalf of this Synod, with a similar Committee from the Eastern Synod

Respectfully Submitted,

GEO. B. RUSSELL.

The season between Easter and Whitsuntide of 1863 was fixed upon as the one in which the free will offerings of the Church shall be received.

The matter referred to in the eighth item of the above report was referred to the Committee on the general subject of the tricentennial celebration appointed to act in concert with a similar one from the Eastern Synod.

The Committee consists of Revs. Geo. B. Russell, M. Kieffer and J. H. Kline.

Item 3. It having appeared from the report of the Committee on Minutes of Classes that two-thirds of the Classes had approved of the General Synod, with the changes proposed in the constitution, a Committee consisting of Revs. I. H. Reiter and P. C. Prugh; and Elder A. H. Baughman was appointed to act in concert with a similar Committee from the Eastern Synod to fix the time and place for holding the first triennial Synod under the new arrangement.

Item 4. See report of the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary.

Item 5. The Committee presented the following report which was adopted:

The Committee report that so far as able the duty assigned by the Synod has been faithfully undertaken, and yet the work is but only in part imperfectly done, inasmuch as the Committee had not the means at hand to do more. The request made, to be furnished with the several boundaries of the Classes met with no re-



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ARTICLE I.

THE OPENING OF SYNOD.

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ARTICLE II.

MEMBERS PRESENT.

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Item 17. The reports of the President and Treasurer of said Board were received, adopted, and referred to the Committee on Missions.

Item 18. The report of said Board was received, adopted, and referred to the Committee on Publication.

Item 19. Attended to in the English language, but not in the German for want of encouragement.

The report was adopted as a whole.

ARTICLE IX.

OVERTURES.

The Committee on Overtures reported as follows:

Your Committee on Overtures beg leave to report—

1. CALLS—NONE.

2. PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

1. A letter from the Rev. J. H. Buser, in which he sends his fraternal salutations to this body, and respectfully and earnestly requests it to release him from the obligation of his Plainfield Bond, assigning as the reason for his request, his inability to pay either the interest or principal.

2. A communication from the Consistory of the Second German Reformed Church of this city, requesting Synod to assist them in procuring a pastor.

3. A letter from Mr. W. Wolf, of Tiffin, Ohio, in which he states that some four years ago he bound books belonging to the Theological Seminary to the amount of \$32.71, for which he has never been paid, and desires of Synod to know whether it is willing to pay this amount, or whether he shall sell them for the cost of binding?

3. COMPLAINTS—NONE.

Respectfully Submitted,

F. WALL.

The above report was received and acted upon item by item.

Item 1. Referred to the Board of Trustees of Theological Seminary.

Item 2. Referred to the Board of Missions.

Item 3. Referred to the Board of Trustees of Theological Seminary.

The report was adopted as a whole.

ARTICLE X.

MINUTES OF CLASSES.

The Committee on Minutes of Classes reported. The report was received and adopted, item by item.

Your Committee on Minutes of Classes beg leave to submit the following report:

1. IRREGULARITIES.

1. Iowa and Tiffin Classes do not state whether all their members were present at their Annual Classical Meetings, nor state names of absentees. Adopted.

2. St. John, Illinois, and Indiana Classes failed in furnishing their minutes on royal letter paper, as required by a standing rule of Synod. Adopted.

3. All the Classes, except the Sandusky, failed in furnishing separate Reports on Religion and Statistics. Said Classes were censured for their neglect.

2. REQUESTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS.

1. Miami Classis regrets the action of Synod in the case of the Western Missionary, believing it to have been inadvertent.

Referred to the Committee on Publication.

2. Westmoreland Classis requests Synod to call the attention of the Classes to the fact that none other than the Heidelberg Catechism may be used constitutionally in the instruction of our children.

In reference to this item the following resolution was passed:

Resolved, That the request of Westmoreland Classis be approved, with the proviso that Synod does not so interpret the Constitution as to exclude all helps, except the Heidelberg Catechism from the Sunday School in the instruction of children; but only as applied to the youth of the church, or such as may be candidates for confirmation.

3. Westmoreland Classis requests Synod to provide a suitable Hymn Book for our Sunday Schools. Adopted.

4. Sheboygan Classis requests permission to apply its missionary funds within its own territory.

Referred to the Board of Missions.

5. Tiffin Classis requests Synod not to specify any particular amount of money to be raised or apportioned for missionary purposes.

Referred to Committee on Apportionment of Benevolent Contributions.

6. Tiffin Classis requests Synod to pay for both the English and German Minutes out of the treasury of Synod. Adopted.

7. Indiana Classis desires the Western Missionary to remain

in Dayton as heretofore. Sandusky Classis requests that no change be made before the meeting of Synod.

Referred to the Committee on Publication.

8. Indiana Classis protests against Synod's proceedings in reference to the Corydon Mission.

Referred to a Special Committee, consisting of Revs. M. Kieffer and F. Wall, and Elder R. Miller. This committee subsequently presented the following report, which was adopted:

WHEREAS, the Corydon Mission is within the bounds of the Indiana Classis, which is unwilling that it should remain in connection with the Miami Classis; therefore—

Resolved, That it be placed in ecclesiastical connection with the Indiana Classis.

9. Iowa Classis objects to certain unsuitable and objectionable phraseology in a part of the Report of the Board of Missions on page 34 of Minutes of Synod, and requests that it be so altered as to read "those *Classes* and *Charges*," &c. Adopted.

ARTICLE XI.

EXAMINATION, LICENSURE AND ORDINATION.

Application having been made for Ordination in behalf of Mr. Rinehart Schweedes; and for Licensure in behalf of Samuel Z. Beam, Henry Bair, Abraham Miller, and W. W. James, students of the Theological Seminary, at Tiffin, Ohio, they were referred to the Committee on Examination, Licensure and Ordination, which Committee subsequently presented the following report which was received and adopted:

Your Committee had referred to them the applicants, Rinehart Schweedes, Samuel Z. Beam, Henry Bear, Abraham Miller and W. W. James.

The first having a certificate of Licensure from the Classis of Mercersburg, and having received and accepted a call within the bounds of this Synod, is hereby recommended to Synod for ordination.

The remaining four appeared before the Committee and were examined on the several branches usually taught in our Seminary. We hereby report favorably in reference to Samuel Z. Beam; and unfavorably in reference to Henry Bear, Abraham Miller, and W. W. James.

Respectfully Submitted,

S. MEASE, *Chairman*.

On motion it was resolved that the licentiate, R. Schweedes, be ordained to the gospel ministry on Monday afternoon, and that the officers of Synod conduct the services. The call being found in order was confirmed.

On motion it was resolved that Samuel Z. Beam be licensed to preach the gospel, and that the officers of Synod furnish him his testimonials of licensure upon his signing the constitutional Formula, which was done in the presence of Synod.

In reference to the other persons named in the above report, the following action was had:

Inasmuch as the above report of the committee is based upon the general requirement of the constitution, yet in view of the extraordinary circumstances, of the case for which the constitution also makes provisions, therefore,

Resolved, That the applicants, Henry Bair, Abraham Miller, and W. W. James receive licensure to preach the gospel with instruction to make diligent application in the further prosecution of their Theological studies; and that the officers of Synod give them the testimonial of their licensure upon signing the constitutional Formula, which was done in the presence of Synod.

ARTICLE XII.

RELIGION AND MORALS.

The Committee on Religion and Morals presented the following report, which was received and adopted:

DEARLY BELOVED BRETHREN IN THE LORD JESUS CHRIST:—It becomes us, as individual under-shepherds of the great Head and Bishop of the entire Fold of Christ, first and foremost to give thanks unto God for his care over us, and his grace toward us during the year which has passed away; a year of great danger, trial and difficulties, both temporal as well as spiritual.

All the Classes within the bounds of this Synod speak of this fact, and wonderful to contemplate, not a single minister in this great Western field has during the past year fallen from his post through death. "Praise the Lord O! our souls" for this.

In representing the state of Religion, (for Religion defined, is a knowledge of God, and of his true service according to his word,) we would but reflect the sentiments expressed in the reports before us, wherefrom we are warranted in saying that religion is advancing. The evidence of this may be learned from the facts contained in the reports from the different Classes in connection with and constituting this body. They all testify to the good attendance of the people upon the public service of God's sanctuary; which evinces a growing anxiety to know the Lord, and if by the preached word they learn his *divine* and *holy attributes*, they will surely by his grace then fear and serve him.

Another evidence of growth is, that in many parts of our Western Zion, new congregations have been organized, and even in missionary fields new houses of public worship have been built, or are in a state of preparation for building. New charges have been established, and the call is still, we want knowledge, "that we may

rightly know God our Creator, heartily love him, and live with him in eternal happiness to glorify and praise him." One Classis says: "We can also boast of having now a regular chartered college, which through its able president, has fair prospects of becoming, if it is not already, an honor to our Classis, as well as a blessing to the church."

A third reason for saying that religion within our bounds is on the advance, is the fact, that *peace* and concord dwell in all our Classes and Charges, and we have felt its precious effects on the floor of this Synod: "Behold how good and pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity." May we realize the promise: "*They shall prosper that love thee.*" Yea, we have the evidence within us, that religion is advancing, for we have increased during the year in the number of our *Ministers, Congregations, Unconfirmed Members, Confirmed Members, Communicant Members, Baptisms*, and in contributions for benevolent purposes. All this we learn from the reports before us, compared with those of last year; and by the fruits, says the Saviour, "Ye shall know the tree." Whilst this is enough to fill all our hearts with ecstatic joy, let us look at the other side, which is calculated to reduce this joy, and cause us, with the prophet, to weep day and night over the desolations of his people. All the Classes complain of a want of family religion—sympathy with Sabbath School instruction, as well as attention to the Lamb of the Fold of Christ—all complain of a lack of a benevolent spirit. O! when will we as a Church arise from our lethargy, and take hold, *strong hold*, and give to the benevolent objects of our beloved Zion that encouragement by our prayers, and those gifts which they demand, in order to our successful progress along by the side of our sister denominations. Let us do it, brethren, or cease to pray—"Thy kingdom come."

Respectfully Submitted,

D. WINTERS, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE XIII.

THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

1.—*Report of the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary.*

The Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary makes the following report:

The Board has endeavored to be faithful to the trust committed to its care. But little of the permanent-endowment has been paid, and what has been paid has been safely invested. The Board has had its usual difficulty in collecting the interest due on Plainfield Bonds. A very large amount is still due from the bond-holders, which is much to be regretted, as it always embarrasses the Board, inasmuch as most of the endowment is in this form. Comparatively few have also taken collections for the immediate use of the Seminary, and some who did take collections for the benevolent

objects of the Church have not paid over the proportion designed by Synod for the Seminary.

In view of these things the Board has found it impossible to meet the Professor's salary in quarterly payments; yet we are gratified to be able to state to the Synod that we have closed the entire salary of the last year.

The Board would further report that no additions have been made to the library, as no funds have been placed in our hands for this purpose.

The repairs of the property in Tiffin, to which Synod called the attention of the Board, were made, as will be seen by the Treasurer's report.

Respectfully Submitted,

D. WINTERS, *President*.

2.—Report of the Treasurer of the Theological Seminary.

Thomas Schaeffer, Treasurer, in account with the Board of the Theological Seminary of the German Reformed Church.

1861.		IMMEDIATE USE.	Dr.
June	3,	To interest of Rev. J. Pence.....	\$3 00
	3,	collection by Prof. Kieffer, Bloomville cong.....	3 60
	8,	interest of Joseph Coblentz.....	6 00
	18,	interest of Jacob Clay, per Miller.....	15 00
	25,	interest of Jacob Kuhn.....	3 00
July	22,	interest of J. Sonnendecker, per Leonard.....	3 00
	30,	interest of A. Faber, per Rev. P. C. Prugh.....	5 00
Aug.	1,	interest of J. Reedy, per Rev. Swander.....	3 00
	26,	interest of G. Carroll, per Rev. Kemmerer.....	5 85
Sept	2,	collection by Rev. J. Bozard, Sheboygan Classis.....	2 00
	2,	interest of W. Marshall, per Rev. D. Winters.....	3 00
	10,	interest of John Prugh, do do.....	6 00
	11,	interest of E. Krider, per Rev. Klingler.....	7 00
Oct.	14,	interest of J. Royer, per Rev. Kieffer.....	6 00
	14,	collection by Rev. Swander, Kinnick-kinnick cong.....	20 00
	14,	collection by Rev. Keller, Bucyrus cong.....	11 10
	22,	interest of Mariah Dressler, per Rev. Heffley.....	3 00
	22,	interest of H. Zigler, do do.....	6 00
Nov.	4,	interest of H. Bott, per Rev. Kemmerer.....	3 00
	5,	interest of A. H. Baughman.....	6 00
	5,	interest of Mary Baughman.....	6 00
	21,	interest of Rev. J. Richards.....	6 00
	25,	interest of P. Botdorf.....	3 00
Dec.	2,	interest of S. Hagenbaugh, per Leonard.....	3 00
	4,	interest of A. Bair.....	42 00
	7,	interest of S. Crist, per Rev. Heffley.....	6 00
	7,	interest of C. Brown, do.....	6 00
	14,	interest of A. A. Schmurtz, per Rev. Williard.....	5 00
	19,	collection by Rev. P. Tendick, Attica cong.....	5 00
	19,	collection by A. Stiger, Bucyrus cong.....	4 00
	19,	collection by Zartman, Somerset cong.....	3 50
1862.			
Jan.	9,	interest of D. Wampler, per Rev. Williard.....	3 00
	10,	interest of Abel Peterson, per Rev. Prugh.....	9 00
	29,	interest of A. & J. Mast, per Rev. Fenneman.....	4 00
	29,	collection by Rev. Fenneman, Bluffton, Ind.....	4 09
Mar.	17,	interest of D. H. Prugh, per Rev. D. Winters.....	5 00
	17,	interest of J. V. Prugh, do do.....	3 00

April	4,	To interest of Rev. E. V. Gerhart.....	\$6 00
	7,	collection of West Alexandria charge.....	4 18
	7,	interest of B. Ewry, per Rev. D. Winters.....	3 00
	7,	interest of Rev. D. Winters.....	12 00
	7,	collection by Rev. G. W. Williard, Bethel charge.....	8 00
	11,	collection by Rev. Prugh, Xenia cong.....	5 00
	11,	interest of Magdalena Kersner.....	3 00
	11,	collection by Rev. J. J. Escher.....	5 00
	11,	collection by Prof. Kieffer, Tiffin cong.....	10 00
	22,	collection by Rev. J. Heffley.....	4 00
	22,	interest of Rev J A. Leise.....	3 36
	23,	collection by Rev I. H. Reiter, Miamisburg, charge.....	5 00
	23,	interest of P Botdorf.....	3 00
	24,	collection by Rev. J. H. Kline, Ft. Wayne cong.....	5 00
	30,	interest of Samuel Rixtine.....	26 00
	30,	interest of Catherine Rixtine.....	24 00
	30,	collection of Elizabeth Kline, per Rev Kieffer.....	1 00
	30,	collection by Rev S Shaw, do do.....	1 73
May	5,	collection by Rev O W Hoyman, Somerset.....	5 00
	6,	interest of Jacob Kuhn.....	3 60
	6,	collection by Rev Prugh, Xenia cong.....	5 00
	6,	interest of A Faber, per Rev. Prugh.....	4 20
	6,	interest of J H & W Rader.....	5 00
	6,	interest of J Smeyers.....	4 50
	7,	amount of P Muhlhoffer, note and interest.....	20 08
	9,	interest of J Riegle.....	1 00
	12,	collection by Rev J W Hamm, Nimisilla.....	5 00
	12,	interest of W Marshall, per Rev Winters.....	3 00
	13,	interest of S Crist.....	6 00
	16,	interest of S Hagenbaugh.....	3 00
	17,	interest of Rev John Rubl.....	10 00
	17,	interest of J T Blain.....	25 00
	19,	collection by Rev D Winters, Mt Zion charge.....	26 00
	19,	interest of Prof Kieffer and lady.....	6 00
	20,	interest of Thomas Schaeffer.....	37 50
	20,	interest of G G Prugh.....	6 00
	21,	collection by Rev I H Reiter, Miamisburg charge.....	4 00
	21,	interest of Mariah Dressler.....	3 00
	21,	col Kieffer Sub., per H Leonard, from Geisy.....	6 00
	21,	do J Urbin, do.....	2 00
	21,	do J Leonard, do.....	6 00
	21,	interest of J Urbin, do.....	6 00
	21,	interest of J Slough, do.....	3 00
	21,	collection by Rev J Vogt, do.....	6 60
	21,	interest of J Kutz, per Rev George Leonard.....	3 00
	21,	interest of P Pentz, do do.....	6 00
	22,	collection by Rev Kemmerer, St John's Classis.....	10 00
	22,	collection by Canaan's Church, per Rev Kemmerer.....	5 00
	22,	interest of George Carl, do do.....	6 00
	22,	interest of H Zigler.....	6 00
	22,	interest of Rev H Williard.....	3 00
	22,	collection by Rev King.....	3 00
	22,	collection by Rev L H Kefauver, 1st Church, Dayton.....	4 50
	22,	interest of Joseph Musser.....	18 00
	22,	interest of M Weimer.....	9 00
	22,	interest of John Sonnendecker.....	3 00
	22,	interest of Rev S B Leiter.....	6 00
	22,	interest of D Wampler.....	3 00
	22,	collection by Rev C H Reiter, Bristol charge.....	5 70
	22,	collection by Rev J A Leise.....	5 00
	22,	collection by Rev N H Loose, Sugar Grove charge.....	5 40
	22,	collection by Rev W McCaughey, Akron mis.....	3 64

May 22,	To collection by Rev T H Winters, Ceasers' Creek cong.....	\$3 00
22,	interest of Jesse Peterson, per Rev T H Winters.....	3 00
22,	interest of Rev T H Winters, on note.....	6 00
22,	interest of Rev J Richards.....	6 00
22,	interest of W Rust, per Rev J Richards.....	10 00
23,	interest of Rev J P Mannenschmitt, per Greenameyer.....	60 00
23,	interest of A H Baughman.....	6 00
23,	interest of Mary Baughman.....	6 00

Total.....\$784 53

1861.		CONTRA CR.	
June 1,	By amount due Treasurer.....	\$85 88	
5,	Treasurer's expenses to Synod.....	5 10	
5,	paid interest on loan for Prof. Kieffer.....	3 63	
5,	paid express charges on funds.....	50	
5,	paid loss on uncurrent funds.....	30	
1862.			
Mar. 22,	paid for recording mortgage.....	75	
22,	paid for sending circulars, &c.....	5 18	
May 22,	paid Prof. Kieffer.....	600 00	
22,	paid Prof. Kieffer for repairs.....	15 00	
23,	amount on hand.....	68 21	
		—————\$784 53	

T. SCHAEFFER TO ENDOWMENT FUND OF THE THEOL. SEMINARY.

1860.			
July 19,	To amount of H Houser, balance of note.....	\$10 00	
Dec. 6,	amount of John Crone, per note.....	20 00	
26,	amount of B Bower, per Rev Reiter.....	3 21	
1861.			
Jan. 1,	amount of Rev S S Rickley, per bond.....	100 00	
12,	amount of J Towney's bond.....	50 00	
Apr. 3,	amount of Jacob Myers' bond.....	100 00	
June 18,	amount of Jacob Clay.....	50 00	
Aug. 1,	amount of John Reedy.....	50 00	
1862.			
Nov. 16,	amount of N H Loose, for nota.....	25 35	
May 17,	amount of Doudle, for bond.....	50 00	
		—————\$458 56	

1		CONTRA CR.	
Jan. 1, 1861.	By loan to M & C A Kieffer.....	\$100 00	
1862.	loan to Rev D Winters.....	283 21	
		—————\$383 21	
Balance on hand.....			75 35

T. SCHAEFFER IN ACCOUNT FOR GERMAN PROFESSORS.

1861.			
Oct. 14,	To cash of P Herbruck, per Rev M Kieffer.....	\$11 09	
14,	cash of J D Gackenheimer, do.....	2 00	
Dec. 19,	cash of W H Fenneman, do.....	13 00	
1862.			
Jan. 15,	cash of Rev J I Swander, do.....	5 00	
15,	cash of Rev J Eichen, do.....	3 00	
15,	cash of Rev D Kemmerer, do.....	11 72	
15,	cash of Rev J W Hamm, do.....	30 00	
		—————\$75 72	

Respectfully Submitted,
THOS. SCHAEFFER, *Treasurer.*

3.—*Report of the Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary.*

The Board organized after its appointment by the Synod of Delaware, by the election of Rev. J. H. Good, *President*, Rev. J. J. Escher, *Secretary*, and Rev. R. Good, *Treasurer*. The Board has attended the examination of the Theological students. During the past year, the following young men were in connection with the Seminary:

Messrs. J. W. Alspach, Isaac Matzinger, Henry Bair, S. Z. Beam, James Leibert, J. H. Stepler, J. D. Lehman, Stephen Albert, J. B. Kieffer, David Leberman, Abraham Miller, J. B. Zumpe.

The following table exhibits the operations of our Board, as a Board of Education, in the department of candidates for the Ministry:

In the Theological Course.....	3
In the Collegiate Course.....	9—12

The following brethren received recommendations from the Professor for Licensure:

Messrs. J. W. Alspach, and Isaac Matzinger.

While there is much to encourage us, when we compare the state of affairs now, with what it was in former years, the work of your Board is not by any means free from difficulties; and we mention some of these, not to promote discouragement, but, if possible, to excite to efforts for their removal. Some hearts and some churches have felt decidedly the influence of revival, but there has not been that general crucifixion of the world and unreserved consecration to Christ, that is necessary to produce abundantly a self-denying godly ministry. The branches will partake of the nature of the vine from whence they grow, and until that is more vigorous and healthy, the branches cannot be so abundant and strong as we could desire. There is a lamentable absence of deep and prayerful concern for the cause of education in our Church. Without intending any disrespect, it is not going beyond the facts to say that but few ministers and members live and preach and pray and labor for this object, in any degree commensurate with its importance. The difficulty in increasing the ministry, growing out of the absence of a judicious arrangement on the part of our Churches and pastors for the support of our young men, is very considerable. Discouragement and consequent failure on the part of many who promised well, hinder others from making the attempt, and under Churches indifferent to aiding them.

The want of adequate support must be again and again mentioned. God has ordained, that they who preach the gospel, shall live by the gospel, and indifference on the part of his people to his ordinance may be one cause why he does not increase the ministry. Our view of these difficulties would be one-sided, if we should neglect to say, that the want of a cheerful, self-sacrificing and uncon-

querable devotion to their work, despite its trials and hardships on the part of many, is a great barrier to the increase of the ministry. The Church will not concern herself to raise up a ministry in which self-seeking and consequent place-seeking reign, and in which worldliness supercedes spirituality, and the great work of saving souls is subordinate to other objects.

In our last report to Synod, we made the following recommendation:

“That Synod should make it a rule, that all recommendations for Licensure on the part of the Faculty of the Seminary, should be referred to the Board of Visitors for confirmation; and that no student be allowed to enter the Seminary without permission of the Board.”

This recommendation, to our surprise, was not noticed by the Committee to whom our report was referred, nor acted upon by Synod. Events that have occurred during the present year, which have greatly grieved the Board as well as injured the cause, make it necessary for us again to call the attention of Synod to this point, and to request that an express rule of this character be passed; and unless such a regulation be adopted, the present members would prefer not being on the Board. In concluding this report, the Board would earnestly exhort Ministers and Churches to awake to this great subject. As a denomination, we were never more in need of faithful men to enter the ranks of the Sacred Ministry. Our country never more loudly called for increased exertion to spread the Gospel. The Word and the Providence of God both combine to urge us to exertion. The zeal of other denominations, who are enticing our young men by promises of assistance, should provoke us to activity. God himself will honor those who honor him, by persevering effort to spread his gospel.

Respectfully Submitted,

J. H. GOOD, *President.*

J. J. ESCHER, *Secretary.*

R. GOOD, *Treasurer.*

4.—*The Report of the Committee on the Theological Seminary.*

The Committee on the Theological Seminary would respectfully report, that the following documents have been placed in their hands:

First, The Report of the Board of Visitors of the Seminary at Tiffin, from which it appears that during the past year twelve young men were in connection with the Seminary, two of whom have been recommended by the Professor for Licensure. The Board complain of the great want of proper interest in the institution by the Church, and consider this as the principal reason why we have so few theological students. They also report again the following recommendation:

“That Synod should make it a rule, that all recommendations

for Licensure on the part of the Faculty of the Seminary, should be referred to the Board of Visitors for confirmation, and that no student be allowed to enter the Seminary without permission of the Board." Adopted.

Second, The Report of the Trustees of the Theological Seminary, from which we learn that notwithstanding the hard times and the difficulty to collect money, the Trustees have been able to pay the Professor his whole salary for the past year. Adopted.

Third, The Report of the Treasurer of the Seminary, from which it appears that the following sums of money are now in the treasury:

For the immediate use of the Seminary.....	\$68 21
For the German Professorship.....	75 72
For the Endowment Fund.....	75 35

Adopted.	Total....	\$219 28
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Respectfully Submitted,
H. RUST, Chairman.

The report was adopted as a whole.

The attention of the Classes was called to the necessity of promptly collecting the interest due on Plainfield Bonds; and of taking collections for the immediate use of the Seminary.

ARTICLE XIV.

HEIDELBERG COLLEGE.

I.—*Report of the Agent of Heidelberg College.*

I have the pleasure again to submit to Synod this, the fifth report of my labors as agent for Heidelberg College. Although I have not received so large a sum this year as the three previous years, yet when we take into consideration all the circumstances and the state of the country, we have reason to be thankful for what has been accomplished.

It will be seen by my report here annexed, that I have obtained and handed over to the Treasurer during the year endowment notes to the amount of *six thousand dollars*, besides "*crumbs*" and other donations as reported.

It is to be hoped so soon as our national difficulties may subside, I may again be able to prosecute my labors with the usual success. I have traveled during the year three thousand eight hundred and ninety-five miles Total miles traveled since the 22d of January, 1857: *Twenty thousand four hundred and four miles.*

H. Leonard, Agent Heidelberg College,	Dr.
To amount of notes and subscriptions due Heidelberg College for immediate use on hand, (See report of settlement in Minutes of Synod for 1861, Page 27.)....	\$655 35

Total amount of subscriptions and donations obtained during the year for immediate use to May 21st, 1862..	\$105 00
The crumb subscription from the young people to May 21st, 1862.....	80 65
Total.....	\$841 00

Paid out for Traveling Expenses,

Trip No. 38.....	\$3 60
" 39.....	12 74
" 40.....	22 70
" 41.....	24 06
" 42.....	7 86
" 43.....	3 00
Total.....	\$73 96
Paid to J. H. Riley.....	17 00
	\$ 90 96
Balance due on hand May 21, 1862.....	751 04
Amount of Endowment Notes handed over during the year to N. L. Brewer, Treasurer.....	\$6 000 00

H. LEONARD, *Agent Heidelberg College.*

2.—*Report of the Committee on Heidelberg College.*

Your Committee on Heidelberg College would report that no document came into their hands except the report of H. Leonard, Agent, who although the state of the country was such as to hinder his operations to a certain extent, yet presents a favorable report.

Respectfully Submitted,

J. RINEHART, Chairman.

In connection with the above it was

Resolved, That Synod censure the Board of Trustees of Heidelberg College and the Board of Visitors of said College for not giving a report of their operations, and notify them that it will withdraw its patronage if its request are not respected.

ARTICLE XV.

MISSIONS.

1.—*Report of the Board of Missions.*

REV. FATHERS AND BRETHREN:—Amidst the waves of trouble and affliction, with which our country has been surrounded for more than a year, it is a source of great rejoicing that God in his mercy has abundantly blessed the labors of those missionaries who entrusted themselves to the care of your Board. That you may the

better judge of this, we, as usual, present a brief synopsis of the *state of things in each field.*

ENGLISH MISSIONS OF CINCINNATI.

But few changes have marked the progress of this mission since our last report. Quite a number have been added to the church; but almost an equal number have enlisted in the service of their country, among whom were some of its most prominent young men. This mission had but few Reformed members with which it began its work; hence the slow progress that has attended its efforts. Here we have again demonstrated the extreme difficulty of building up a church in a large city, without having the material of one's own church with which to begin. In course of time, however, there must of necessity be the flowing out of at least a comparatively English element, from our German churches; and it is to be hoped that it will find its natural home in this mission.

We visited this mission several times during the year and were much pleased with the spirit of devotion that seemed to characterize this little flock of Christ. Arrangements are now being made for commencing the work of erecting their new church edifice, which, should a favorable response be received from those ministers and charges, already interested in this work, will be completed this summer. Located, as it will be, in a most beautiful and thriving part of the city, it will at once give permanency to the whole enterprize. The Rev. S. Mease still continues the missionary of this field, with an appropriation of \$200.

CORYDON, IND.

A few weeks since it was our privilege to visit, in person, this beloved people. We found among them an interesting state of things, especially as regards the attendance upon the regular service of the Sabbath. Our missionary is highly esteemed, and his preaching seems to be appreciated by all; but as in many other places, by far too many hear the preached word, even with gladness, but they do it not.

Brother Rike has here a few members who seem to be a host in themselves. The addition of a few more like them will firmly establish the mission. The parsonage referred to in our last report, located on six acres of ground lying two miles from town, has been completed, where a site has already been selected for a church edifice. In town we have no house of worship of our own, nor does there seem to be a call for another among the number already there; hence an organization here may draw the entire congregation to this point.

The health of our missionary has greatly improved since he moved to the country. He added to the church during the year 9, baptized 2 adults and 4 infants. Whole number of members 71. The appropriation has been reduced to \$150.

SHELBYVILLE, ILL.

The Rev. H. K. Baines still continues to labor with much acceptance in this field. During the last two quarters his health had failed to such an extent as to lead him to fear that he would never again be able to resume his labors. But through the mercy of God, he says, his health has improved, and he is now full of hope that it will again be entirely restored. "My field," he writes, "is full of hope, and I have no doubt but that, in due time, as the country becomes more thickly settled, our church will improve accordingly. I think I can now say that my field is as prosperous as any other church in the country outside of town. My congregation of hearers is large, and I feel sure that all that is wanted to establish our Zion here is perseverance and patience."

For a while, after Brother Baines commenced his labors in this field, he preached in the town of Shelbyville; and though his preaching always drew large congregations of hearers, yet he found it impossible, for the present, to organize a church in the midst of other congregations already established. At one of his points they greatly need a house in which to worship; but, for the present, they fear to begin the work of building.

During the last quarter 11 persons were received into the church, thus making the whole number of members 45. The appropriation to this field is still continued at \$200.

Lately this missionary has been visiting surrounding counties, where his labors are received with joy and abundantly blessed of God.

COLUMBUS CITY, IOWA.

The Rev. J. H. Buser, on receiving a call, left Oskaloosa six months since and entered this field. Here he had one congregation of 42 members, organized by himself while a missionary at the former place. The town of Columbus, composed of a population of 800, is located in a fine, central and healthy part of the State, of which it has a good chance of yet becoming the capital. Here we have no house of worship of our own; hence the congregation has rented one for \$25 per annum. The average attendance of public worship on the Sabbath is about 200. They have lately organized a Sabbath School, which promises to be an important auxiliary to the congregation. Another congregation of 10 members and 8 baptized children has, with flattering prospects, lately been organized in a fine country, about ten miles from Columbus. Our missionary also preaches as a supply at Wilton Junction, 36 miles east. Under the extreme labor and exposure of the winter, his health gave way, so that for several months past he could not, at times, fill his regular appointments. We are glad, however, to learn that he is now recovering. This mission has two congregations; members, 83; added by confirmation, 20; by letter, 10; infants baptized, 13; deaths, 1.

"A dear and beloved elder," says the missionary, "who, when

I came first to this city, was a man of the world;—now, blessed be God, through the preaching of the gospel and the influence of the Holy Spirit, he is a child of glory and immortality.”

We have appropriated to this field \$150.

TERRE HAUTE, IND.

We have nothing of special interest to note of this field since our last report. The Rev. H. Kortheur still continues to labor with acceptance, and with some degree of success, among this people. The church is gradually gaining the esteem and confidence of the entire community. The Sabbath School has numbered as high as 80 children in attendance. The members have built a school-house by the side of their church, in which the pastor teaches four days in the week. This increased the debt still resting upon the church property; but it is hoped that, with the return of business, they will be able to cancel the whole amount. The appropriation has been reduced to \$80.

DAYTON GERMAN CHURCH.

The pastorate of this mission was vacated last fall by the resignation of the Rev. E. F. Loeders, who received and accepted a call to Lafayette, Ind. Since then the Board, in connection with the congregation, have been laboring, in vain, to secure the services of another acceptable pastor. The congregation is an important and interesting one. They have a fine new church building, located in a pleasant part of the city. We are, at present, in correspondence with a young man, now in the Theological Seminary at Mercersburg, whom we trust the Lord will speedily call to labor among this beloved people.

OSKALOOSA, IOWA.

Six months since this field was vacated by the Rev. J. H. Buser. The Board has been laboring faithfully to secure the services of another for this important mission, but all attempts have hitherto failed. Unless a proper man and the means to support him can soon be secured for this place, the most of our former labor to build up and establish the church here will soon be in vain.

ASTORIA, ILL.

On account of the ill health of our beloved missionary, the Rev. J. Stoneberger, and a failure of the congregations to comply with some of the conditions of the Board's Commission, no application was made for a continuation of the appropriation. Bro. Stoneberger says, in his last report: "My resolution is to remain in this field, and, if not supported, to try and do something to make up the deficiency. My health is too poor to venture into a new charge. I know not how soon my labors will end, and I may as well resolve to stay and die here as to make new acquaintances. With a

sorrowful heart that I have no better report to make, I bid you, dear brother and the members of the Board, farewell.

“Yours till death and glory.”

ZWINGLE, IOWA.

An appropriation of \$25 was granted to the Rev. F. C. Bauman, pastor of this church, upon the condition that the amount be raised in his own charge. This brother has made many sacrifices in his present field of labor. The charge numbers 100 members.

CUMBERLAND, MD.

At the request of the Westmoreland Classis the Board gave a commission, dated June 22d, to the Rev. Henry Losch, pastor of the New Mission at Cumberland. This mission was organized under the jurisdiction of said Classis, though it was partially transferred to the Board. An appropriation of \$300 was made and the commission given, with the condition that the whole amount should be received from the Westmoreland Classis. These conditions were complied with, and at the end of the year the missionary resigned his mission, leaving it in a healthy and prosperous condition.

LICKING COUNTY MISSION.

At the earnest request of the Lancaster Classis the Board received under its care the Licking County Mission and gave a commission to the Rev. J. W. Alspach, dated April 1, with an appropriation of \$125.

MARSHALL COUNTY, IND.

The officers of congregations in this county petitioned the Board to send them a missionary (the Rev. J. Schlosser), with an appropriation of \$150. With this amount for two years they were confident they could become not only self-supporting, but, in a short time, pay back, with interest, all they might receive from the Board. The Board, however, have thus far failed in accomplishing this much-desired object.

Petitions have also been received from St. Joseph, Mo., Fulton County, Ind., and Tazewell County, Ill. These are all fields represented as being ripe for the harvest. But we have not the men nor the means with which to employ them to thrust in the sickle and reap.

Finally, we would again call the special attention of Synod to Cedarville, Ill. There we have a church worth \$3,500, and a few members among the best citizens of the place. But they are without a shepherd.

GENERAL MISSIONARY.

In consideration of the fact that the membership of the German Reformed Church is scattered through all parts of the Western

States, and on account of the scarcity of ministers residing within the bounds of those States to care for our destitute people; therefore the Illinois and Iowa Classes petitioned this Board in connection with the Board of the East to appoint a *general missionary*, to take under his care and supervision all the missionary operations of the West, and form and supply such missionary stations as shall be considered important to the future prosperity of the Church.

This petition received much favor at the hands of the Board; but for want of a proper man and means to support him we felt ourselves constrained to lay it over for the present.

FINANCES.

The past has been a year of much embarrassment to the Board. A smaller amount of funds has been received than usual; thus compelling us at times to borrow from the bank, that we might meet the just claims of our devoted missionaries. The Macedonian cry was again and again heard, but the strength of the Board had been shorn by the Church, so that no help could be given. At times we were in debt to our laboring and toiling missionaries to the amount of \$250. It is not a small thing to be separated far away from friends and ministerial associations; but to be forsaken by the Church at home, and thus left to suffer all the inconveniences of piercing, pinching poverty, is scarcely endurable. Classis after Classis seems to have adopted the general, but to our mind, erroneous principle that "charity begins at home," hence nearly all their funds have been appropriated either by or for themselves. Others again attempt to justify their slothfulness with the plea: Our country is distracted and we must first accomplish the work of its restoration; thus leaving the Church of the West to the cultivation of other hands or to utter destitution and want. They are rendering "unto Cæsar the things that are Cæsar's," while they are forgetting, almost entirely, to render unto God the things that are God's. But how can the Government be more effectually and permanently established than by spreading the light, not of civilization simply, but of the Gospel of the Grace of God. Through this alone can men be brought to realize, that there is power above us and around us, that teareth down one Government and setteth up another, in whose hands the nations, with all their boasted strength, are as nothing, yea, and even less than nothing.

A little while ago our sons were growing up in their youth, and our daughters as corner stones polished after the similitude of a palace. There was no breaking in nor going out,—no complaining in the streets. "We washed our steps with butter and the rock poured out rivers of oil." Unto us the nations gave ear and waited and kept silence at our counsel. And had we been a people perfect and upright, fearing God and eschewing evil, we might, according to the promises and often experienced truth of God with his people, have continued and increased in all that happiness unto this day. But our sins have put a sword into the hand of God.

And God in justice hath put a sword into the hands of unjust men,—men skillful to destroy; and our young men are slain by the edge of the sword, and the desolations of war the most unnatural and wicked are blasting many portions of our once happy and peaceful land. God, however, never sends such evils and troubles upon a nation—he does sometimes upon a person as he did upon Job,—without cause; that is, without respecting sin as a cause. Hence we must say: “Our ways and our doings have procured these things upon us.” As long as sin is in the world men and nations will be compelled to pass through such conflicts. But we are constrained to believe that there is mercy to us from all these evils. Only let us as Christian men and as a Christian nation maintain our integrity and whatever evils are among us, let us repent of and reform them speedily. It is true, God never delivers any people for their repentance, but rarely, if ever, without repentance. Let us get rid of our sins, far better have our troubles continue than our sins. To have our peace return and our hearts unturned were infinitely worse than war. Let us then look to our sins that they may humble us and to God that he may forgive and strengthen us for his work. Could we but see the repentance of this nation, all the world would hear and wonder at the end which the Lord would make. Then would he make “the light of our moon to be like the light of the sun and the light of our sun to be seven fold as the light of seven days in the day in which he would bind up our outward breaches, and heal the stroke of our wound.” Then, when our officers shall have become peace and our exactors righteousness, “violence will no more be heard in our land, wasting nor destruction within our borders;” but men shall call our walls salvation and our gates praise.

SUGGESTIONS.

Inasmuch as many of the Classes continue to show their want of confidence in Synod Board, thus leaving other Classes to serve alone in the general work of missions; therefore the Board would again repeat its suggestion to Synod, to either require all the Classes to operate through the Board of Synod, or at once dissolve the same and substitute something that will recommend itself more generally to the mind and heart of the entire Church.

A. H. BAUGHMAN, Treasurer,

In account with B. D. M. of Ger. R. Syn. of O. and adjacent States.

To amount of money received, since my last report to Synod, at Delaware, Ohio, May 9th, 1861:

MIAMI CLASSIS.

Rev. D. Winters, Mt. Zion charge,	\$52 00
Rev. P. C. Prugh, Xenia charge,	\$18 75

Rev. P. C. Prugh, Xenia S. S.,.....	\$16 25	\$35
Rev. I. H. Reiter, Miamisburg charge,.....		25
Rev. H. Rust, 1st. G. R. C., Cincinnati,.....		81
Rev. G. W. Williard, Bethel charge,.....		23
Rev. H. M. Herman, West Alexandria charge,.....		26
Rev. G. Z. Mechling, Seven Mile charge,.....		32
Rev. L. H. Kefauver, 1st. G. R. C., Dayton, O.....		7
Rev. C. Saure, 3d. G. R. C., Cincinnati.....		30
Rev. J. Schlosser, Fairfield charge,.....		35
“ “ Beaver Creek congregation,.....		14
Second German Ref. Church, Dayton, O.....		15
Rev. T. J. Barkley, New Madison charge,.....		12
Rev. A. Warner, Germantown charge,.....		2
Rev. L. Rike, Corydon Mission, Indiana,.....		10
Rev. G. H. Leonard, Highland charge,.....		19
Rev. J. A. Leis, in his charge,.....		5
Total.....		\$426

LANCASTER CLASSIS.

Rev. J. B. Thompson, Delaware charge,.....	\$20
Treasurer of Classis from Basil charge,.....	47
Rev. J. I. Swander, Kinnick-kinnick charge,.....	31
Rev. J. Hefley, Lithopolis charge,.....	21
Rev. H. King, Union charge,.....	8
Rev. J. McConnell, Tarlton charge,.....	4
Rev. N. H. Loose, Sugar Grove charge,.....	40
Total.....	\$172

TIFFIN CLASSIS.

From Treasurer of B. of Missions of Classis,.....	\$25
Rev. H. Eshmeier, Toledo, Ohio.....	1
Total.....	\$26

ST. JOSEPH CLASSIS.

Rev. J. H. Kleine, Fort Wayne, Indiana,.....	\$42
Rev. W. H. Fenneman, Bluffton, Indiana,.....	22
Rev. Phillip Becker, Columbia charge, Indiana.....	11
Rev. J. G. Kissell, Union charge, Ind.....	5
Rev. J. D. Gackenheimer, Van Wert, Ohio,.....	5
Rev. O. J. Occola, Napoleon, Ohio,.....	4
Total.....	\$91

INDIANA CLASSIS.

Rev. H. Korthauer, Terre Haute, Ind.....	\$9 00
A Church Member, Indianapolis, Ind.....	1 00
Frederick Schrorer, Poland, Ind.....	2 50
Rev. G. H. Zumpe, " "	5 00
Total.....	\$26 50

ST. JOHN'S CLASSIS.

Rev. N. S. King, New Lisbon,.....	\$7 00
Rev. P. Herbruck, Canton,.....	11 00
Rev. J. W. Hamm, Manchester charge,.....	40 00
From Treasurer of Classis,.....	72 00
Total.....	\$130 00

ILLINOIS CLASSIS.

Rev. J. Stoneberger, Astoria, Illinois.....	\$1 00
Rev. H. K. Baines, Shelbyville Mission.....	14 00
Rev. C. W. Seaman, Cedarville, Illinois.....	10 50
Rev. C. W. Seaman, Forrestown charge.....	12 00
Total.....	\$37 50

IOWA CLASSIS.

Rev. F. C. Bauman, Harmony.....	\$25 00
Rev. J. H. Buser, Columbus Mission.....	5 00
Total.....	\$30 00

WESTMORELAND CLASSIS.

From the Treasurer of Classis.....	\$300 00
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SANDUSKY CLASSIS.

Rev. P. J. Spangler, Richville Congregation.....	\$16 00
Jacob Kuhn, Shelby.....	15 00
Total.....	\$31 00

SHEBOYGAN CLASSIS.

From a Member of the Church East.....	\$20 00
In the hands of Treasurer at last report.....	6 19
Total.....	\$26 19
Grand Total.....	\$1297 80

The Treasurer credits himself as follows:

By cash paid Rev. H. K. Baines Miss'y, Shelbyville, Ill.	\$191 50
“ Rev. L. Rike, Miss'y, Corydon, Indiana...	181 25
“ Rev. J. H. Buscr, Miss'y, Columbus, Iowa.	148 41
“ Rev. S. Mease, Miss'y, Cincinnati, Ohio..	180 00
“ Rev. E. F. Loeders, Miss'y, Dayton, Ohio.	62 00
“ Rev. J. Stoneberger, Miss'y, Astoria, Ill..	38 00
“ Rev. H. Kortheur, Miss'y, Terre Haute, Ind.	115 50
“ Rev. A. Toensmeier, late M., Beardstown, Ill	34 00
“ Rev. F. C. Bauman, Miss'y, Zwingle, Iowa	25 00
“ Interest on Borrowed money.....	6 34
“ Express charges on three packages of money	85
“ President of Board for postage and station'y	5 00
“ President of Board for expenses on business	2 00
“ President of Board for expenses on business	75
“ For Blank Book for Treasurer.....	1 25
“ Postage and Stationery.....	1 00
“ Spurious \$5 00 coin.....	5 00
“ Rev. Henry Losch, Miss'y, Cumberland, Md	300 00
Total.....	<u>\$1297 85</u>

Respectfully Submitted,

A. H. BAUGHMAN, *Treasurer B. M.*

DAYTON, OHIO, May 22, 1862.

Collected by Rev. C. W. Hoyman in the Somerset charge, \$70.00, and retained by him to be applied to the Licking County Mission.

In connection with the above the Missionary Board of Tiffin Classis disbursed \$258.04 in the support of the Upper Sandusky, Findlay, Kenton, Fremont, Hessville, Middleberry, etc., missions under its care, leaving a balance in the Treasury of \$15.21.

3.—*Report of the Committee on Missions.*

The Committee on Missions respectfully offer the following report:

The only documents placed in our hands were the reports of the President and Treasurer of the Board of Missions and that of Tiffin Classis as auxiliary Board. From these it appears that the work entrusted to them by Synod has been carried forward with considerable success. The Board has taken under its care two new fields, by request of these Classes, (Westmoreland and Lancaster,) within whose bounds these said fields are located, which are in a very prosperous and promising condition. Six missionary stations, within the bounds of Tiffin Classis, are under the care of the Board of said Classis, inasmuch as said Classis organized a society of its own. Eight fields are still under the care of the Board, all

of which are more or less promising, with an appropriation of \$1297.80. From the Treasurer's report it appears that the whole amount received was \$1297.80, while it was expected that \$3000 would be at the command of the Board according to apportionment of Synod at its last meeting. But inasmuch as nearly all the Classes have failed to meet their apportionment, hence it has made this great deficiency of \$1702.20. There have, however, also been moneys received and paid out for missions by the Classical Boards of Tiffin and Sandusky within their bounds; the former \$273.25, and the later \$275.00, and Rev. C. W. Hoyman has also retained \$70.00 for the Licking County Mission, hence the whole amount appropriated for domestic missions is \$1916.05. This, dear brethren, ought not to be, if we expect the Board to carry forward the great work which has been committed to its care. From the pressing wants of the Board during a part of the year, and from the discouragement with which the Board has met, it has been constrained to suggest a change of Synod's policy in carrying forward the great missionary work of the church.

But your Committee feels that such a change is not necessary, for the fault is not in the policy of Synod, but in the want of its being carried out. Therefore, your Committee would offer the following:

WHEREAS, Some of the Classes have refused to operate through the parent Board of Missions as requested by Synod, and have formed Classical Boards, and thereby have, to some extent, affected the operations of the parent Board, in properly carrying out its designs: And, WHEREAS, so long as the Classical Boards continue, and the Classes refuse to operate through the parent Board, they will, to some degree, defeat the main object of said Board, therefore

Resolved, That those Classes which have independent or auxiliary missionary boards be requested to dissolve them, and in place thereof elect a committee whose duty it shall be to correspond with the Board of Synod.

Respectfully Submitted,

C. H. REITER, Chairman.

[Continuation of Article X, from Page 16, in the Report of the Committee on Minutes of Classes; having been left out at the proper place.]

3. SUBJECTS REFERRED TO CLASSES.

1. Sandusky, Lancaster, Westmoreland, St. Joseph, Illinois, Tiffin, and Miami Classes approve of the changes Synod proposed in reference to the formation of a Triennial General Synod. Iowa Classis, by a majority of one vote, does not approve of such proposition. Adopted.

2. Indiana and Sheboygan Classes concur with Synod in the constitution of a Triennial General Synod, on condition that a separate German Synod be instituted. Adopted.

3. Lancaster and Iowa Classes concur with Synod in her action with reference to the Triennial Celebration of the Heidelberg Catechism. Adopted.

4. Sandusky and Tiffin Classes deem it inexpedient to comply with the request of Synod, in regard to the carrying on of their Missionary labors through the General Board.

These Classes were referred to the action of Synod on this subject, under the general head of Missions.

4. RECEPTIONS AND DISMISSIONS.

1. Miami Classis received the licentiates, H. M. Herman from the Clarion, L. H. Leonard from the Tiffin, and Richard Schweeders from the Mercersburg Classis, and ordained H. M. Herman, G. H. Leonard and J. Scott.

2. Lancaster Classis received Rev. J. McConnell from the Miami and dismissed Rev. J. C. Klar to Iowa Classis; also licensed and ordained Joel W. Alsbach to the Gospel Ministry.

3. Westmoreland Classis licensed Joseph H. Johnston to the Gospel Ministry.

4. Tiffin Classis ordained the licentiates, S. Shaw and J. Winter; licensed C. Martin, and dismissed Rev. M. Stern to Indiana, and Rev. C. Bank to St. John's Classis.

5. St. Joseph Classis received Rev. D. Groh from the Illinois, and Rev. C. Jackel from the St. Joseph Classis; for specified reasons suspended Rev. D. Lantz indefinitely from the Gospel Ministry, and reinstated W. Spiess, who had formerly been suspended.

6. Illinois Classis placed the name of Rev. J. P. Decker, as a superannuated minister on their statistics, and examined and licensed Jacob Burkholz to the Holy Ministry.

8. St. John's Classis received Rev. J. B. Ruhl from the St. Joseph Classis; dismissed Rev. J. F. Engelback from the German Reformed Church; also erased the name of Rev. S. Seibert, and excommunicated Rev. John Jacob Roemer.

9. Iowa Classis received Rev. J. C. Klar from Lancaster Classis, Ohio.

11. Sandusky Classis received Rev. D. W. Kelly from the Tiffin Classis, and indefinitely suspended Rev. D. S. Philips from the Gospel Ministry. All adopted.

5. ANNUAL MEETINGS OF CLASSES.

1. Miami Classis will meet in Xenia, Greene county, O., on Thursday, the second day of October, 1862, at 7 o'clock P. M. Rev. S. Mease, President, Rev. P. C. Prugh, Stated Clerk.

2. Lancaster Classis will meet in Tarlton, Pickaway county, O., on the third Wednesday in October, 1862, at 8 o'clock P. M. Rev. J. Vogt, President, Rev. J. I. Swander, Stated Clerk.

3. Westmoreland Classis will meet at Greensburg, (English Church,) on the first Thursday of October, 1862, at 7 o'clock P. M. Rev. G. B. Russell, President, Rev. R. P. Thomas, Stated Clerk.

4. Sandusky Classis will meet in Smithville, Wayne county, O., on the first Friday after the second Tuesday in October, 1862, at 7 o'clock P. M. Rev. J. Hines, President, Rev. W. McCaughey, Stated Clerk.

5. Sheboygan Classis will meet in Ixonia, near Watertown, on Thursday, the 10th day of October, 1862, at 10 o'clock A. M. Rev. J. T. Kluge, President, Rev. Dr. J. Bozzard, Stated Clerk.

6. Tiffin Classis will meet in Sandusky City, on the second Thursday in October, 1862, at 7 o'clock P. M. Rev. J. G. Ruhl, President, Rev. J. B. Kniest, Stated Clerk.

7. Indiana Classis will meet in Terre Haute, on the 18th day of September, 1862, at 7 o'clock P. M. Rev. G. H. Zumpfe, President, Rev. H. Kortheuer, Stated Clerk.

8. Illinois Classis will meet in Shelbyville, Shelby county, Ill., on Thursday, on or before the full moon in Oct., 1862, at 8 o'clock P. M. Rev. H. K. Baines, Pres., Rev. C. W. Seaman, Stated Clerk.

9. St. John's Classis will meet in Paris, Stark county, O., on the last Friday in September, 1862, at 8 o'clock P. M. Rev. J. W. Hamm, President, Rev. G. Ziegler, Stated Clerk.

10. St. Joseph Classis will meet at West Unity, Williams Co., O., on the first Thursday in October, 1862, in the evening at 7 o'clock. Rev. C. Cast, President, Rev. J. H. Klein, Stated Clerk.

11. Iowa Classis will meet at Wheatland, Iowa, on the first Thursday before the full moon, in October, 1862, at 8 o'clock, P. M. Rev. J. H. Buser, President, Rev. J. Riale, Stated Clerk. Adopted.

6. MISCELLANEOUS.

Sheboygan Classis resolved to build a mission house. Adopted.

Respectfully Submitted,

E. KELLER, Chairman.

ARTICLE XVI.

FINANCE.

The following report was received from the Treasurer of Synod
presented to the Committee on Finance:

Wm. H. SERRA, Treasurer,

In account with the Synod of Ohio and Adjacent States,

	Dr.
To balance in the Treasury.....	\$166 80
To Sheboygan Classis permanent apportionment for 1860, in full.....	\$ 8 00
Toiffin Classis appt. for 1858, in full....	27 00
To Miami Classis Minutes of Synod for 1861, in part.....	50 60
To Miami Classis, German Minutes of Synod for 1860, per Rev. A. Warner.....	50
To Miami Classis, German Minutes of Synod for 1860, per Rev. D. Winters, in full....	5 00
To Lancaster Classis, Minutes of Synod for 1861, per Rev. J. I. Swander.....	5 00
To Sandusky Classis, Minutes of Synod for 1861, in full.....	30 00
To Iowa Classis, Minutes of Synod for 1861, in part.....	2 00
To Indiana Classis, Minutes of Synod for 1861, in part.....	1 60
To Illinois Classis, Minutes of Synod for 1861, in part.....	2 50
To Illinois Classis, Minutes of Synod for 1861, in part.....	2 50
To Illinois Classis, postage on Minutes....	50
To Sheboygan Classis, Minutes of Synod for 1861, in full, and 20 cents postage....	1 20
To Iowa Classis, Minutes of Synod for 1861, in part, per Rev. F. C. Bauman.....	2 00
To Miami Classis, Minutes of Synod for 1861, in part, per Rev. A. C. Kindig....	3 00
To Miami Classis, Minutes of Synod for 1861, in full, and postage per Rev. L. Rike	1 80
To St. Joseph Classis, Minutes of Synod for 1861, in part, per Rev. A. Butt.....	20
To Miami Classis, per. appt. for 1861, in full, per Rev. D. Winters.....	40 50
Total.....	<u>\$350 70</u>

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1862.		
Jan. 30,	To amount brought forward.....	\$350 70
Feb. 10,	To Illinois Classis, per. appt. for 1861, in full, per Rev. J. Stoneberger.....	8 00
26,	To St. John's Classis, Minutes of Synod for 1861, in full.....	7 50
26,	To Illinois Classis, Minutes of Synod for 1861, in part, per Rev. C. W. Seaman...	1 20
March 18,	To St. Joseph Classis, Minutes of Synod for 1860, in full, per Rev. P. Vitz.....	3 40
18,	To St. Joseph Classis, German Minutes of Synod for 1860, in full, per Rev. P. Vitz.	1 20
18,	To St. Joseph Classis, German Minutes of Synod for 1861, in full, per Rev. P. Vitz.	8 30
18,	To St. Joseph Classis, per. appt. for 1861, in part, per Rev. P. Vitz.....	2 10
May 12,	To Tiffin Classis, per. appt. for 1859, in full, per Rev. J. H. Good.....	36 00
12,	To Tiffin Classis, Minutes of Synod for 1861, in full, per Rev. J. H. Good.....	7 50
May 21,	To Iowa Classis, per. appt. for 1861, in part, per Rev. J. H. Buser.....	1 50
21,	To Lancaster Classis, per. appt. for 1859, in full.....	11 50
21,	To Lancaster Classis, per. appt. for 1861, in full.....	16 50
21,	To Lancaster Classis, Minutes of Synod for 1861, in full.....	16 00
22,	To St. John's Classis, per. appt. for 1860, in part.....	10 00
23,	To Westmoreland Classis, per. appt. for 1862, in full.....	19 50
23,	To Indiana Classis, per. appt. for 1861, in full, per Rev. M. G. I. Stern.....	10 50
23,	To Indiana Classis, Ger. Min. of Synod for 1860, in full, per Rev. M. G. I. Stern...	2 85
23,	To Indiana Classis, Eng. Min. of Synod for 1860, in full, per Rev. M. G. I. Stern....	1 90
23,	To Indiana Classis, Eng. Min. of Synod for 1861, in full, per Rev. M. G. I. Stern....	1 60
	Total.....	\$517 75
1861.		Cr.
June 1,	By cash paid Rev. S. Mease, as Delegate to Eastern Synod in 1860.....	\$ 26 50
Oct. 21,	By cash paid Rev. G. W. Williard for printing Minutes of Synod for 1861.....	200 00
	Total.....	\$226 50

The following are the other members of the Board:

For 3 years.—Revs. G. B. Russell, G. W. Williard, P. C. Prugh, and G. Z. Mechling; and Dr. J. Treon, and Wm. Snyder.

For 2 years.—Revs. D. Winters, I. H. Reiter, and E. Keller; and N. H. Brewer, John Royer, and Thomas Swander.

For 1 year.—Revs. H. Rust, and J. H. Kline; and L. Shriver, John Bunn, L. Baltzell, and Wm. Barrick.

4.—*Board of Visitors to the Theological Seminary.*

Revs. E. Keller, G. B. Russell, J. H. Good, C. H. Reiter, J. J. Escher, and D. W. Kelly.

5.—*Board of Visitors of Heidelberg College.*

Revs. J. I. Swander, J. H. Klein, H. Rust, S. Mease, A. Wanner, and M. Stern.

6.—*Board of Missions.*

Revs. P. C. Prugh, D. Winters, I. H. Reiter, G. W. Williard, H. Rust, L. H. Kefauver, H. M. Herman, J. Schlosser; Mr. A. H. Baughman, B. C. Taylor, D. H. Prugh, J. Haller, D. Rader, P. Cost, and J. Ketteman.

7.—*Board of Publication.*

Revs. I. H. Reiter, D. Winters, G. Z. Mechling; Mr. Thos. Schaeffer, and A. H. Baughman.

ARTICLE XVIII.

PUBLICATION.

Report of the Board of Publication.

The Board of Publication of the Synod of Ohio and Adjacent States, would make the following report:

That immediately after the adjournment of the Synod which met at Delaware, Ohio, last year, the Board learned that great dissatisfaction existed on the part of the membership of the church in reference to the action of Synod in regard to the Western Missionary. *Individuals, Consistories, Charges*, and a majority of all the Classes belonging to this Synod remonstrated against the action of Synod, and requested the Board of Publication to interfere, and stay the aforesaid action. The Board not feeling authorized to interrupt the action of the highest judicatory of the church, it only being a creature of the Synod, awaited the time when such action was to take place, and then addressed a letter to the Rev. G. B. Russell, of Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, the editor elect, inquiring of him whether he, in view of these remonstrances, intended to hold the Synods to its contract? He replied that "*under the circumstances he declined the Synod proposition.*"

The Board then had no alternative, but to enter into an arrangement with the present editor, Rev. G. W. Williard, to continue the publication of the Western Missionary under the old form, price, and at the same place, until *this* meeting of Synod, with the assurance that Synod would not abruptly break off the arrangement to the injury of either party.

From the report of the editor to the Board of Publication it appears that the present number of subscribers is 2,505; a decrease of about 300 during the year, which has resulted mainly from the financial embarrassment of the country, arising from our unhappy national troubles; the action of the late Synod which met with opposition in some portions of the church; and from the erasure of a number of names from the list, which names, in consequence of their delinquency, were a dead loss.

Respectfully Submitted,
D. WINTERS, President of the Board.

The Committee on Publication presented their report, which was received, amended, and adopted. It is as follows:

The only subject referred to your Committee relates to the Western Missionary; and the principal document in our possession is the report of the Board of Publication. It appears from it that the action of the last Synod in regard to the Western Missionary has been practically rendered void, owing to remonstrances coming from a number of individuals, consistories, charges, and classes. In view of these remonstrances, officially communicated by the Board to the editor elect, and of the injury done to the paper by opposition to Synod's action, the editor elect declined the position tendered him. It became necessary, in consequence, for the Board to continue the old arrangement with the former editor, on the terms before existing, until the present meeting of Synod. As some thing definite will now have to be done in this matter, and as the want among the membership of the church for a religious paper equal to our great work in the West is urgent, we submit the following:

Resolved, That the Missionary be published weekly from the first of January, 1863, at \$1.50 per annum, provided 2,000 cash subscribers be obtained in the meantime; otherwise the present arrangement be continued.

Resolved, That Synod during its present session elect a permanent editor.

F. K. LEVAN, Chairman.

On motion it was resolved that in adopting the above report, Synod accept the declination of the Rev. Geo. B. Russell, who was elected editor one year ago. The following declination was ordered to be published:

TO THE BOARD OF PUBLICATION OF THE SYNOD OF OHIO AND ADJACENT STATES—*Dear Brethren*:—Your official note in regard to the Western Missionary is before me for an early answer, and I hasten to reply.

Allow me to say, first of all, that the Board was heretofore recognized as the organ of Synod, rather than the servants of individuals, congregations, or classes.

It would doubtless as such, have been proper for them to see that the action of Synod, in a matter over which they had, by virtue of their appointment, special control, should not be allowed to be misrepresented continuously in the very publication issued under their direction, without at least an effort on their part as the representatives of Synod, to prevent so gross a violation of privilege.

Misstatements were allowed to be made and published in Synod's own organ in regard to her action on the proposed transfer of that paper; and these were repeated and retailed so long without contradiction that it is no wonder at all, many being thus prejudiced should come to oppose what Synod meant for the good of the church.

When it was found that those directly representing Synod's interest in the matter refrained from making a single correction, or uttering one word in her defense, or entering at least their protest against such prostitution of the Synod's paper published under their direction, and used at the same time to assail her action; it was not for me to enter the list in the one-sided "controversy" (as it is called by one Classis) so bitterly provoked to the detriment of Christian charity. It was at once plain to me, that what was acknowledged to be a risk under the best auspices with the hearty cooperation of the church, would not be improved by discord and stout opposition from those who had been misled by such as were interested in frustrating the plan and defeating the purpose of Synod.

Although there seems now to be a very general opposition in some of the Classes, yet it is hard to see on what good ground it is based. No reason has been assigned except their mere declaration that the paper would suffer. Of course, if this be true, there must be some assignable cause, which has not transpired.

Such opinions of classes, congregations, and individuals, coming up to the Synod as counseling advice are to be respected for what they are worth. But as decrees and laws intended to thwart and set aside Synodical action, they only represent blank independency, which is not recognized as the form and order of our church government, where authority goes from above downward, not *vice versa*.

The Synod, as our constitution provides, is above the Classes, and exercises the highest ecclesiastical powers. Lower judicatories certainly have no right to interfere presumptuously with what belongs exclusively to the Synod, and which she has not referred to them, either for counsel or decrea.

As it was no special desire on my part to assume the management of Synod's paper,—the publishing and editing of which was voted me with singular unanimity, in a session counting the same number of voting members as given in the election of Theological Professor after a two day's notice had been given to the Synod; still less have I a desire as the case now stands, to "hold the Synod to its engagement, and go forward with the publication."

Knowing this, that those in our Western Synod, who desire a good Reformed Church Paper, weekly and cheap, will not at least hold me accountable for the fact that they, for the present, will be deprived of that great desideratum; I therefore hereby respectfully beg leave to decline the responsible appointment offered me by the Synod.

Praying our Divine Lord, who makes all things work together for good to them that love God, and even the wrath of man to praise him, that he would control this result for his own glory and the good of our church.

I am yours, in Grace,

GEO. B. RUSSELL.

Synod next proceeded to the election of an editor of the Western Missionary. Rev. Geo. W. Williard receiving a large majority of all the votes, was declared duly elected editor. On motion it was resolved that the election be declared unanimous.

ARTICLE XIX.

EDUCATION.

The Treasurer of the Board of Visitors presented the following report, which was received and referred to the Committee on Education.

R. Good, Treasurer, in account with the Board of Education of the German Reformed Church of the Synod of Ohio, etc., debtor to amount of money received from May 28, 1861, to May 20, 1862, as follows:

TIFFIN CLASSIS.

Rev. E. Keller, Bucyrus \$3.11, Thompson charge, \$10.50.....	\$13 61
Rev. R. Good & J. J. Escher, collector in Allen and Hancock co....	5 00
Rev. William Renter.....	6 40
Rev. P. Tendick.....	6 50
A Member of Sandusky City.....	1 00
Rev. J. H. Good, 2d Church, Tiffin.....	5 64
J. Gasman, Treasurer of Findlay charge.....	5 03
Rev. Dr. Kieffer, 1st Church, Tiffin.....	7 25
Rev. R. Good, Salem congregation.....	2 00
Rev. S. Shaw, Good Hope charge.....	3 51
Rev. J. J. Escher, Berwick charge.....	10 00
Gottes Kosten of Evangelist.....	16 20
Rev. J. Winter, Marion.....	3 30

Total..... \$86 44

LANCASTER CLASSIS.

Rev. J. I. Swander, Kinnick-kinnick charge.....	\$15 00
Rev. N. H. Loose, Sugar Groove charge.....	20 00
Rev. C. W. Hoyman, Somerset charge.....	10 00
Interest per Dr. Kieffer.....	21 25
Rev. H. Leonard, Basil charge.....	19 00
Rev. H. King, Union charge.....	1 50
Total.....	<u>\$86 75</u>

SANDUSKY CLASSIS.

T. W. Chapman.....	\$10 20
C. F. Ricks.....	10 00
J. Christman, Treasurer of Classis.....	52 33
Rev. S. B. Leiter.....	10 00
Total.....	<u>\$82 53</u>

ST. JOHN'S CLASSIS.

Rev. D. Kemmerer, Treasurer of Classis.....	\$51 50
Rev. J. W. Hamm, Manchester charge.....	10 00
Total.....	<u>\$61 50</u>

MIAMI CLASSIS.

Rev. I. H. Reiter, Miamisburg charge.....	\$2 00
Rev. G. H. Leonard, Highland charge.....	8 00
Rev. D. Winters, Mount Zion charge.....	15 00
Rev. P. C. Prugh, Xenia charge.....	5 00
Rev. G. W. Williard, Bethel charge.....	5 00
Rev. I. H. Reiter, Miamisburg charge.....	5 50
Rev. L. H. Kefauver, 1st Church of Dayton.....	3 00
Total.....	<u>\$43 50</u>

INDIANA CLASSIS.

Rev. J. Blattgen.....	\$8 40
Rev. G. H. Zumpfe.....	4 31
Rev. M. G. I. Stern, Indianapolis.....	12 00
Rev. E. Bauman.....	3 00
F. Schrorer, deceased.....	2 50
Total.....	<u>\$30 21</u>

ST. JOSEPH CLASSIS.

Rev. P. Vits, Adam's County Mission.....	\$5 00
Rev. P. Becker, Whitley County Mission.....	3 00
Ladies' Sewing Society of Fort Wayne.....	7 00
Total.....	<u>\$15 00</u>

ILLINOIS CLASSIS.

Christian Lumbal, per Rev. C. W. Seaman.....	\$ 1 00
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Total amount of Collections received.....	\$376 93
Balance in the Treasury, May 28, 1861.....	131 72
Amount Borrowed from the Permanent Fund.....	65 00
Amount Borrowed from another source, March 11, 1862.....	75 00
Amount of Interest received from Permanent Fund.....	21 73

Total..... \$670 36

CONTRA CR.

By amount paid Beneficiaries as per vouchers.....	\$582 28
By amount paid Heidelberg College, balance of \$100 bor. July 1, '59.	50 00
By amount paid Heidelberg College, Interest on the same.....	5 30
By amount paid J. J. Escher for correspondence and paper.....	3 98
By amount paid express charges and postage stamps.....	1 10
By amount remaining in the Treasury, May 20, 1862.....	27 72

Total..... \$670 36

PERMANENT FUND.

Amount of Permanent Fund is.....	\$ 325 00
Of this there is on interest secured by mortgage.....	\$125
Of this there is on interest secured by promissory note.....	15
The balance is loaned to Contingent Fund.....	185

Total..... \$325

DEBT OF THE BOARD.

Due the Permanent Fund as above stated.....	\$185 00
Amount borrowed, March 11, 1862.....	75 00

Total..... \$260 00

In my last report the amount borrowed from the Permanent Fund was not correctly stated; it should have been \$120, instead of \$170. During the past year the Board was compelled to use \$65 more of that fund, making the total amount of Permanent Fund in use \$185, as above.

Respectfully Submitted,

R. GOOD, Treasurer.

Tiffin, Ohio, May 20, 1862.

Report of the Committee on Education.

The Committee to which the report of the Board of Visitors was referred, presented the following report, which was received and adopted:

Your Committee would respectfully report the following:

From the report of the Treasurer of the Board of Education we learn, that the collections of the various Classes for the cause of Education is \$255.00 less than those of last year; and that the Board is in debt to the Permanent Fund \$185.00 and was obliged to borrow \$75.00, which shows that the indebtedness of the Board is \$260.00. As the Board has failed to report the number of Beneficiary students, your Committee is not able to give any information as to the number of students under the care of the Board.

Your Committee would recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That Synod respectfully request the Board of Education to furnish through its officers a full report of the number of students under its care.

Resolved, That the different Classes make provisions to have collections taken for this cause in all our congregations.

Respectfully Submitted,

J. H. KLINE, Chairman.

In connection with the above Synod called the attention of the Board to its former action, forbidding the use of the Endowment Fund for present use, being contrary to the intention of the original donors.

ARTICLE XX.

MISCELLANEOUS.

On the State of the Country.

Believing there is a God in history, who controls the affairs of nations, as well as defends his Church against the assaults of earth and hell; and that the cause of every just constitutional government is the cause of God, in which the interests of the Church and State are so closely identified, as to mutually affect and condition each other; and whereas, these important interests, have been jeopardized by a most stupendous and unholy rebellion, waged upon the freest and best government on earth, and for which our fathers fought and bled and died; therefore,

Resolved, That the German Reformed Church, as well as in obedience to the spirit and letter of the apostolic injunction,—“Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers,” and, “I exhort first of all, that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for kings, and all that are in authority,”—as from sentiments of genuine patriotism, has ever been most heartily loyal to the great and good government, whose protection, under the Lord Jesus Christ, secures us in the unmolested enjoyment of our high religious privileges, and cheerfully gives her sons for the defense of that government, against the fierce assaults of the most wicked rebellion ever known in the history of nations.

Resolved, That we will not cease to pray fervently to that God to whom our fathers cried in the day of their sore tribulation, that he would endow our rulers with wisdom, inspire our generals and army with courage, confound the counsels and machinations of our enemies, and thus mercifully favor the efforts put forth to suppress the rebellion, and restore peace and prosperity to our distracted country. And finally,

Resolved, That whilst we have such faith in the Divine promise, respecting the perpetuity of the Christian Church, that she will come forth from the contest and smoke of battle, like gold tried in the fire, renovated and purified; we also have such faith in the righteousness and final success of our cause, that these malignant assaults made upon the foundations of our national prosperity, will only tend to increase their strength and confirm their perpetuity.

Action on the Name of the Church, to Evangelical Reformed.

It is a well known fact of history that our branch of the Church Catholic, having been reformed and developed in strict conformity with the Word of God, was originally called "Evangelical Reformed Church;" but after her transition from the old country, and in consequence of her peculiar relation to the Reformed Dutch Church she gradually received the name "German Reformed," by which she is now known. It is the experience and conviction of a large number of ministers and members in our communion, that this *national* name is really a source of much misunderstanding and a serious obstacle in the way of our progress. Hence we feel it our solemn duty to remove this obstacle, by reassuming our original name—"Evangelical Reformed," therefore

Resolved, That this important subject be again handed down to the different Classes, for their solemn consideration and adoption.

Resolved, That the Eastern Synod be kindly requested to cooperate with us in this important movement.

Publication of the Minutes of Synod.

Resolved, That the Stated Clerk be authorized to publish 1900 copies of the Minutes of Synod in the English language, and that the Treasurer of Synod pay for the same at the rate of ten cents per copy, charging the Classes at the same rate according to the number of copies ordered.

There not being a sufficient number of copies ordered in the German language by the Classes to justify their publication, no action was taken.

Testimonial of Licensure and Ordination.

Resolved, That the Stated Clerk be authorized to have blank certificates, or testimonials of licensure and ordination, (one hundred each,) printed for the use of Synod and the Classes.

Action on the Liturgy.

WHEREAS, the Synod of the German Reformed Church of North America has prepared a Provisional Liturgy with the intention of making it the Liturgy of the entire Reformed Church in this country; and, WHEREAS, said Provisional Liturgy has been referred back to the original Committee for revision, and WHEREAS

said Committee in their published report ask of the Church instruction as to the kind of Liturgy wanted, therefore

Resolved, That it be the sense of this Synod that we desire the Liturgy now before the Church so modified as to omit the responsive part as it has respect to the people in the ordinary service of the Church and such phrases as may be in conflict with the generally received doctrines of the German Reformed Church.

Reporter.

A request having been received from the Dayton Daily Journal for a report of the proceedings of Synod, Rev. R. P. Thomas was appointed reporter for said paper.

The Delegate from the East.

Rev. Dr. J. H. A. Bomberger, delegate from the Eastern Synod, took his leave by making some appropriate remarks expressive of the gratification which he had in meeting the Synod and participating in its business, in the intercourse he had with the members of Synod, and gave strong assurance of the deep and abiding interest which the body he represented has in the success and prosperity of the Church West. His remarks were briefly responded to by the President, who expressed the pleasure which Synod had in meeting him and have him participate in the transaction of our business, and requested him in turn to bear with him the greetings of our Synod to the body he represented.

Thanks to Rail Roads.

A vote of thanks was returned to the Pittsburg, Ft. Wayne & Chicago Rail Road, and the Dayton & Western Rail Road for the privilege of a free pass back to those members of Synod who had paid full fare in coming, and to the Stubenville Rail Road for excursion tickets.

Thanks to the Dayton Journal.

A vote of thanks was returned to the Dayton Journal for publishing tickets for the use of Synod, and for the copies of the Journal sent to the Synod every day during its sessions.

Vote of Thanks to the Choir.

Resolved, That Synod returns thanks to the Choir of the 1st German Reformed Church for their excellent, soul-inspiring music during the religious exercises held in connection with the sessions of this Synod.

Vote of Thanks.

Resolved, That having as a Synod, received and enjoyed the fraternal Christian hospitality of the good people of Dayton, we hereby return to them through the *Pastors loci* the hearty thanks of the

members of this Synod; and our prayer is to him, who gives a reward for the gift of only a cup of cold water to one of the least of his disciples, that he will still more richly reward their greater kindness so freely bestowed upon us.

ARTICLE XX.

CLOSE AND ADJOURNMENT.

Tiffin, Ohio, having been selected as the place of our next annual meeting, and the first Wednesday after Whitsuntide in the year of our Lord, 1863, in the evening at 8 o'clock as the time, it was on motion

Resolved, That we adjourn to meet at the above named place and time.

The Minutes were read and approved by Synod. The roll being called all the members were present except such as had been excused. Synod adjourned at a late hour on Tuesday night and was dismissed with prayer and the apostolic benediction.

GEO. B. RUSSELL, President.

GEO. W. WILLIARD, Stated Clerk.

The above is an official copy from the original Minutes.

GEO. W. WILLIARD, Stated Clerk.

STATISTICAL REPORTS.—MIAMI CLASSIS.

MINISTERS.	NAMES OF CHARGES.	Members Un- confirmed.	Members Com- mended.	Members.	Baptisms.	Communica- tions.	Rec'd by Let.	Dismiss'd by Let.	Recommen- dations.	Deaths.	S. Schools.	Contributions.	Exp. Min.	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
		No. of Cong.												
D. Winters.....	Mount Zion.....	350	410	31	16	4	5	10	6	4	4	\$302	60	Dayton, Ohio.....
T. H. Winters.....	Cesar's Creek.....	50	106	90	10	1	3	3	1	1	1	23	00	Xenia, Ohio.....
P. C. Prugh.....	Xenia.....	105	127	113	8	9	3	5	3	1	1	23	00	Xenia, Ohio.....
I. H. Reiter.....	Miamisburg.....	928	307	273	19	10	1	5	5	1	1	116	00	Miamisburg, Ohio.....
G. W. Willard.....	Bethel.....	65	150	149	10	9	4	1	3	1	1	70	00	Dayton, Ohio.....
H. Rust.....	1st Church, Cincinnati.....	278	376	373	136	13	17	11	6	10	1	253	36	1 Cincinnati, Ohio.....
C. Mease.....	2nd Church, Cincinnati.....	30	32	30	3	3	3	3	3	1	1	27	00	1 Cincinnati, Ohio.....
C. Saure.....	3d Church, Cincinnati.....	283	374	374	105	19	7	6	10	1	1	269	63	Cincinnati, Ohio.....
L. H. Kefauver.....	1st Church, Dayton.....	403	153	136	5	3	4	3	1	1	1	22	50	Dayton, Ohio.....
E. F. Loeders.....	2nd Church, Dayton.....	60	138	135	59	40	8	2	1	1	1	23	40	Dayton, Ohio.....
H. M. Herman.....	West Alexandria.....	95	282	239	7	4	4	2	2	1	1	30	00	West Alexandria, Ohio.....
G. Z. Meckling.....	Seven Mile.....	132	124	102	7	1	1	1	1	1	1	110	00	Seven Mile, Butler County, Ohio.....
J. Richards.....	Union.....	210	220	212	18	8	3	2	5	4	1	75	00	North Hampton, Ohio.....
J. Schlosser.....	Fairfield.....	55	238	238	18	43	7	1	3	1	1	75	00	Fairfield, Ohio.....
J. Schlosser (supply).....	Beaver Congregation.....	71	65	7	21	2	2	2	2	1	1	95	00	15 Germantown, Ohio.....
A. Wanner (supply).....	Germantown and Elklick.....	85	200	150	15	4	3	1	1	1	1	36	00	15 Germantown, Ohio.....
T. J. Barkley.....	Hew Madison.....	65	145	116	8	11	2	1	1	1	1	20	00	15 New Madison, Ohio.....
I. Scott.....	St. Paris.....	125	125	9	9	6	6	6	6	1	1	18	00	20 St. Paris, Ohio.....
L. A. Leis.....	Corrydon Misdon.....	256	215	160	34	15	6	4	2	3	1	16	00	14 Corrydon, Harrison County, Indiana.....
J. C. Plues.....	St. John's.....	95	65	45	7	1	10	2	1	1	1	9	00	15 Miamisburg, Ohio.....
J. Stuck.....	Brown County.....	54	93	75	19	14	5	10	18	1	1	70	00	Armadale, Brown County, Ohio.....
G. H. Leonard.....	Dallas.....	100	185	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	40	00	Greenville, Ohio.....
W. B. Sandoe.....	Highland.....	50	150	146	26	15	3	2	4	1	1	40	00	30 Pratt, Shelby County, Ohio.....
P. H. Kroh.....	Port Jefferson.....	5	150	149	14	3	3	3	3	1	1	40	00	30 Pratt, Shelby County, Ohio.....
S. K. Denius.....	Anna Charge.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Anna, Illinois.....
J. Kereher.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Grants, Probler County, Ohio.....
C. Berenz.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Lacon, Illinois.....
Vacant.....	Darke County.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Grandview, Ohio.....
Geo. Shafer.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Nevins, Ohio.....
B. Schwedes.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Covington, Ky.....
J. W. Snyder.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Gettysburg, O.....
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Conestoga, Pa.....

WESTMORELAND CLASSIS.

MINISTERS.	NAMES OF CHARGES.	Members.	Confirmed Members.	Communicants.	Baptisms.	Confirmations.	Received by Certificate.	Dismissed by Letter.	Excom.	Deaths.	S. Schools.	Min. of S. (Eng.)	Min. of S. (Ger.)	Benevolent Contributions.	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
N. P. Haacke.....	6 Greensburg, (Ger.).....	632	110	32	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	84	1 6 5	50	50	.....	Greensburg, Pa.....
H. E. F. Volgt*.....	6 Mt. Pleasant and Latrobe.....	188	98	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	30	\$62 00	.....	Mt. Pleasant..... Pa
F. K. Lavan.....	3 Mt. Pleasant.....	155	155	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Mt. Pleasant..... Pa
C. C. Russell.....	4 Latrobe.....	160	140	12	17	5	.....	.....	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	Latrobe..... Pa
Wm. Conrad.....	4 Men's.....	200	170	11	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	.....	.....	67 00	.....	Jenner X Roads..... Pa
G. B. Russell.....	1 Without Charge.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Pittsburg..... Pa
E. E. Higbee.....	1 Grace Church.....	78	90	82	32	7	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	175 00	.....	Pittsburg..... Pa
H. W. Super.....	2 Greensburg, (Eng.).....	135	125	120	8	.....	.....	.....	.....	5	.....	.....	.....	.....	Greensburg..... Pa
A. B. Koplin.....	5 Grantsville.....	100	259	194	20	42	19	6	9	6	.....	.....	20 69	.....	Elklick..... Pa
Benj. Knepper.....	9 Wollersburg.....	207	219	206	33	.....	.....	.....	.....	14	.....	.....	10 10	.....	Wollersburg..... Pa
R. P. Thomas.....	5 Salem.....	235	240	220	20	5	1	.....	.....	6	.....	.....	51 31	.....	Salem X Roads..... Pa
F. A. Edmonds.....	4 Berlin.....	300	307	300	24	32	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	105 00	.....	Berlin..... Pa
D. H. Reiter.....	6 Shade.....	180	160	98	45	.....	.....	.....	.....	10	.....	.....	30 00	.....	Stroytown..... Pa
E. R. Eschback.....	3 Somersel.....	125	175	165	10	5	.....	.....	.....	4	.....	.....	30 10	.....	Somersel..... Pa
Henry Loach.....	2 Cumberland Mission.....	74	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Cumberland..... Md
Prof. J. H. Johnston.....	1 Lett, Westmoreland College.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Mt. Pleasant..... Pa
Wm. Wetzel.....	Supernumerated.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Leesburg..... Pa
Geo. A. Ficks.....	Without Charge.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Fremont..... O

*Serrys Mt. Pleasant and Latrobe Charges in German. †Statistics by Rev. G. B. Ruseph, late Pastor.

SANDUSKY CLASSIS.

MINISTERS.	No. Conf.	NAMES OF CHARGES.	Members.	Members Conf'd.	Comm.	Baptisms.	Confirms.	Rec'd. by Letter.	Dismissed.	Excom.	Deaths.	S. Sch.	Benefic. Collect'rs.	No. Min.	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
E. B. Letter.....	4	Tuscarawas.....	30	30	220	25	1	1	4				808	30	Savarré, Stark co., Ohio.....
Wm. McCaughey.....	4	Mission, [Akron].....	30	31	11	4	1	1	4				30	10	Akron, O.....
J. Hines.....	4	North Union.....	198	198	7	8	13	1	6				30	10	Johnson's Corner, O.....
J. J. Kneell.....	5	Reedburg.....	00	250	369	14	30	3	3				50	58	Reedburg, Wayne co., O.....
P. J. Mungler.....	4	Savarré.....	130	130	27	22	5	1	3				20	00	West Lebanon, Wayne co., O.....
M. A. Miller.....	4	Summit.....	181	181	50	31	5	3	3				40	00	Lake, Summit co., O.....
J. M. Jos. Fover.....	3	Carrollton.....	68	194	108	20	14	4	2				20	14	Carrollton, O.....
C. H. Reiter.....	4	Bristol.....	246	280	223	21	30	8	4				40	00	Smithville, Wayne co., O.....
D. R. Moor.....	4	Savannah.....	300	300	40	50	7	0	0				44	53	Nankin, Ashland co., O.....
D. W. Kelley.....	3	Shelby.....	00	00	60	8			4				20	00	Shelby, Richland co., O.....
H. Hens.....		No charge.....													Greensburg, Stark co., O.....
J. F. Holtm.....		do.....													Leosville, Va.....
H. Shaul.....		do.....													Leosville, Va.....
J. Pollett.....		do.....													Leosville, Va.....

SHEBOYGAN CLASSIS

MINISTERS.	No. Conf.	NAMES OF CHARGES.	Members.	Members Conf'd.	Comm.	Baptisms.	Confirms.	Rec'd. by Letter.	Dismissed.	Excom.	Deaths.	S. Sch.	Benefic. Collect'rs.	No. Min.	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
Ch. Sechler.....	1	Ribonnet.....	358	184	135	33	10						907	00	Newtensburg, Marriowase co., Wis.....
A. Muhmeyer.....	1	Immanuel.....	302	170	170	84	5	51	6				70	00	Howard's Grove, Sheboygan co., Wis.....
J. T. King.....	2	Zion, Paul.....	06	130	130	18	14	32	6				23	00	Sheboygan, Wis.....
J. Fossard.....	1	Sarus.....	63	0	63	6	5	5	1				30	00	Sheboygan, Wis.....
J. Brecht.....	1	Swiss.....	41	0	60	10	5		1				30	00	Ashford, Fondulac co., Wis.....
J. Vargens.....	1	Vergens.....	130	87	87	30	17	5	4				3	00	Mayville, Dodge co., Wis.....
N. Rutenack.....	5	Salem.....	200	100	40	32			2				3	00	Lowell, Dodge co., Wis.....
P. Joeris.....	1	Salem, Zenar.....	59	52	51	14		3	4				20	00	Watertown, Wis.....
H. A. Winter.....	1	Swiss.....	136	74	74	15	1		1				3	00	Stank City, Wis.....
C. Linckenfopf.....	1	do.....	60	62	62	19	5		1				3	00	Medina, Outagamie co., Wis.....
G. Swanz.....	1	do.....	60	60	60	12			1				3	00	Monroe, Green co., Wis.....

TIFFIN CLASSIS.

MINISTERS.	NAMES OF CHARGES.	No. of Cong.	Members Hap. Used.	Members Confirmed.	Communicants.	Baptisms.	Confir'm. by Let.	Discom. by Let.	Discom.	Yrly. Schools.	Reverents Contrib'ns.	Min. (King.)	Min. (Ger.)	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
F. Rabau-er.....	Superannuated.....	1	50	50	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Wilkins, Peenay Ivanin.....
R. Good.....	1	90	90	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	Tiffin, Ohio.....
J. H. Good.....	2. 2nd. Reformed Church, Timp.	295	910	45	5	4	4	4	4	4	38 00	1 10	1 10	Tiffin, Ohio.....
J. Rettig.....	3. Galton, Crestline, etc.	530	530	65	95	60	10	10	10	10	88 69	0	0	Galton, Ohio.....
H. J. Ronick.....	4. Cleveland	94	94	17	34	10	10	10	10	10	164 00	0	0	Cleveland, Ohio.....
G. M. Albright.....	5. Salem	111	130	9	17	6	6	6	6	6	3 90	0	0	Herring, Ohio.....
H. Kechmeter.....	6. Toledo	170	190	90	7	0	0	0	0	0	93 50	0	0	Toledo, Ohio.....
J. G. Kuhl.....	7. Marion, Ist. charge	158	908	174	23	15	13	13	13	13	108 37	30	30	Marion, Ohio.....
J. J. Escher.....	8. Warwick	290	270	33	16	2	2	2	2	2	77 40	1 30	1 30	Warwick, Ohio.....
M. Keller.....	9. Thompson.....	178	178	12	9	1	1	1	1	1	23 00	0	0	Bellevue, Ohio.....
M. Kiefer, D. D.....	10. Tiffin, Ist. Church.....	134	134	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	11 50	0	0	Tiffin, Ohio.....
J. Knis.....	11. Huron	150	180	30	16	7	7	7	7	7	23 00	0	0	Huron, Ohio.....
C. Weller.....	12. Vermillion	118	136	25	15	5	5	5	5	5	23 00	0	0	Vermillion, Ohio.....
J. Klingler.....	13. Superannuated.....	64	64	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Galton, Ohio.....
F. Tennick.....	14. Upper Sandusky	162	162	50	30	3	3	3	3	3	34 63	0	0	Herring, Allen County, Ohio.....
J. Heller.....	15. Athens	102	102	10	10	14	14	14	14	14	13 00	6	6	Athens, Ohio.....
J. B. Knlost.....	16. Fremont and Salem	89	60	61	10	5	5	5	5	5	14 00	0	0	Fremont, Ohio.....
C. Raha.....	17. Sandusky	70	66	23	4	9	9	9	9	9	9 11	0	0	Sandusky City, Ohio.....
M. Miller.....	18. Hessville	250	140	41	19	11	11	11	11	11	0	0	0	Blackwamp, Ohio.....
P. Gredling.....	19. Findlay Mission.....	119	132	17	3	4	4	4	4	4	0	0	0	Findlay, Ohio.....
W. Wittgall.....	20. Henry County Charge, (Ger)	177	173	14	15	6	6	6	6	6	0	0	0	Beaverdam, Ohio.....
D. C. Zimmermann.....	21. Henry County Charge	68	62	16	8	9	9	9	9	9	0	0	0	Napoleon, Ohio.....
T. Metzinger.....	22. Wharstone.....	85	82	16	8	9	9	9	9	9	0	0	0	New Bavaria.....
C. Knis.....	23. Baskon.....	368	363	58	33	8	8	8	8	8	5 84	0	0	Galton, Ohio.....
Wm Shaw.....	24. Boreyville.....	88	83	30	16	7	7	7	7	7	34 60	3	3	Huron, Ohio.....
W. Renter.....	25. Good Hope.....	67	65	22	16	20	20	20	20	20	95 57	0	0	Bucyrus, Ohio.....
J. Winter.....	26. Kenton.....	96	95	22	16	20	20	20	20	20	4 30	2	2	Postoria, Ohio.....
H. E. C. Schutte.....	27. 2nd. Marion Charge.....	142	142	23	13	13	13	13	13	13	10 43	0	0	Kenton, Ohio.....
K. Martin.....	28. Crestline.....	142	142	23	13	13	13	13	13	13	17 44	0	0	Marion, Ohio.....
														Huntington, Ind.....
														Galton, Ohio.....

ST. JOSEPH CLASSIS.

MINISTERS.	CONGREGATIONS.	NAMES OF CHARGES	Members.	Communicants.	Baptisms.	Confirmation.	Rec'd by Letter.	Dismissed.	Excom.	Deaths.	S. Schools.	Benevolent Contributions.	Minutes. (Eng.)	Minutes. (Ger.)	Post Office Address.
J. H. Klein.....	1	St. John's Congregation.	228	238	44	19	31	..	..	24	1	\$106 00	1	10	Fort Wayne, Ind.....
C. Cant.....	1	Zions Church.....	90	108	48	12	..	..	..	16	2	5 00	..	..	Detroit, Mich.....
C. Jackel.....	2	Adams Co. Charge.....	99	88	11	8	2	..	..	3	1	13 00	6	6	Decatur, Adams Co. Ind...
J. G. Kissell.....	6	Union Charge.....	237	200	..	..	..	..	..	3	2	5 56	1	..	Waterloo, De Kalb Co. Ind.
O. J. Accola.....	3	Henry Co Charge.....	173	..	25	18	33	3	..	3	2	8 20	..	..	Ashford, Fun du Lac co Wis
W. H. Konneman...	4	Bluffton Charge.....	180	104	11	14	7	10	6	15	1	45 00	10	10	Bluffton, Ind.....
Phil. Becker.....	6	Whitley Co. Mission.....	170	170	27	11	6	..	..	11	..	14 00	1	16	Columbia City, Ind.....
Jonas Michael.....	6	Fulton and Winnamac...	154	154	20	20	33	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Winnamac, Pulaski co. Ind.
W. Wasnick.....	3	Brush Creek.....	153	153	52	3	14	4	10	3	..	40 75	6	20	Pulaski, Williams co. O....
D. Kroh.....	2	St. Joseph's Charge.....	100	75	8	4	2	..	..	..	2	..	6	..	Elkhart, Ind.....
Vacant.....	2	Bryan Charge.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Huntington, Ind.....
Peter Vitz.....	1	St. Peters.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Evansport, O.....
J. Brakefield.....	..	No Report.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Pulaski, Williams co. O....
A. Butt.....	..	Jefferson Charge.....	87	80	6	10	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	Edgerton, Williams co. O.
E. Spangler.....	..	Without Charge.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Leslie, Van Wert co. O....
J. D. Gackenheimer.	..	No Report.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Vacant.....	..	Colon Charge.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Vacant.....	..	Neriah Charge.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
T. Winters.....	..	Superannuated.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	West Alexandria, O.....

INDIANA CLASSIS.

MINISTERS.	CONGREGATIONS.	NAMES OF CHARGES.	Bapt. Mem.	Members.	Comm. sent.	Baptisms.	Contr'ns.	Rec'd by Let.	Expelled.	Dismissions.	Deaths.	Sub. Schools.	Day Schools.	Beneficent Contrib'ns.	M'n (Eng.)	M'n (Ger.)	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
G. H. Zumpfe	3	Poland	155	206	17	11	3	1	0	0	1	1	1	830	35	1	Poland, Clay County, Indiana.
M. G. L. Stern	1	Indianapolis	79	100	90	26	4	1	3	1	1	1	1	50	00	4	Indianapolis, Indiana.
H. Korthauer	1	Terre Haute	36	47	35	16	4	1	0	0	1	1	1	27	00	6	Terre Haute, Indiana.
J. Mohr	2	Linton	80	80	11	7	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Linton, Greene County, Indiana.
J. D. Callidower	2	Collinwood Charge	79	72	13	7	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	New Pittsburg, Randolph County, Indiana.
E. Bauman	2	Bowling Green	35	40	8	8	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	Bowling Green, Clay County, Indiana.
J. Blaugen	3	Zoar Charge	136	100	19	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Kennaville, Indiana.
J. Pence	1	Dayton	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Dayton, Ohio.
J. Wall	1	Winchester	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Tremont, Ohio.
M. Stern	1	Louisville	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Louisville, Kentucky.
	1	Vernon	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Louisville, Kentucky.

ILLINOIS CLASSIS.

MINISTERS.	CONGREGATIONS.	NAMES OF CHARGES.	Members Un-confirmed	Members Confirmed	Comm. sent.	Baptisms.	Contr'ns.	Rec'd by Let.	Dismissed.	Deaths.	Sub. Schools.	Beneficent Contrib'ns.	M'ntes.	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.			
John Hoyman	6	Orangerville	120	210	190	38	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	25	Orangerville, Stephenson County, Illinois.		
T. P. Decker	1	Superannuated	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Preport, do.		
H. K. Reines	6	Shelbyville	10	81	31	4	6	3	0	0	0	0	0	10	00	Shelbyville, Shelby County, do.	
John Stoneberger	1	Astoria	37	53	35	6	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	75	5	Astoria, Fulton County, do.
George Weber	1	Missionary	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Cedarville, Stephenson County, do.
G. W. Seaman	3	Foreston	144	185	165	23	27	10	0	0	0	0	0	8	80	10	Foreston, Ogle County, do.
H. Knopper	1	Without Charge	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Ogic Station, Lee County, do.
Zenitidae	2	Cedarville	16	51	43	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	60	10	Orangerville, Stephenson County, do.
T. Reohler, (suppl)	2	Cedarville	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Orangerville, Stephenson County, do.
T. Burkholder	1	Cedarville	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Orangerville, Stephenson County, do.

ST. JOHN'S CLASSIS.

MINISTERS.	NAMES OF CHARGES.		No. of Congre.	Bapt. Members.	Mem. Confirmed.	Comments.	Baptisms.	Confessions.	Rec'd by Letter.	Recommen'ded.	Dismissed.	Deaths.	Sub. Schools.	Benevolent Collectors.	Min. of S. (Eng.)	Min. of S. (Ger.)	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
J. W. Hamm.....	7	Manchester.....	7	429	79	30	39	5	\$91 50	15	Nimlailla, Ohio.....						
D. Kemmerer.....	4	Manchester.....	4	408	79	15	18	9	190 00	15	Wooster, Ohio.....						
P. Horbrunk.....	4	Canton.....	4	880	880	154	69	5	63 00	10	Canton, O.....						
G. Ziegler.....	7	Georgetown charge.....	7	600	600	73	32	5	30 45	35	North Georgetown, Col. co., O.....						
J. G. Zahner.....	5	Shangsville.....	5	400	388	45	25	5	39 00	5	Ragersville, Tuscarawas co., O.....						
J. Hery.....	5	New Bedford.....	5	315	47	37	24	2	9 40	40	New Bedford, O.....						
J. Ackerot.....	3	Mt. Kion.....	3	307	47	21	14	3	10 00	6	Mt. Eton, Wayne co., O.....						
C. Swiator.....	3	Candfield.....	3	198	158	10	3	2	18 00	15	Candfield, O.....						
B. N. King.....	2	New Lisbon.....	2	340	330	54	30	9	10 50	12	New Lisbon, O.....						
J. F. Englebaugh.....	4	New Philadelphia.....	4	36	31	6	1	1	85 00	10	Akron, O.....						
C. Banks.....	1	Youngstown.....	1	94	70	8	40	2	4 70	13	Youngstown, Mahoning co., O.....						
O. Febr.....	5	Springfield.....	5	125	122	24	7	1	11 02	10	North Lima, Mahoning co., O.....						
J. Reinhart.....	2	Paradise.....	2	38	30	7	7	1	6 50	50	Albion, Ashland co., O.....						
M. H. T. Woehler.....	2	Paradise.....	2	125	122	24	7	1	11 02	10	Warren, Ohio.....						
H. K. Zink.....	2	Paradise.....	2	38	30	7	7	1	6 50	50	Loriatown, Trumbull co., O.....						
R. Koehler.....	2	Paradise.....	2	38	30	7	7	1	6 50	50	Akron, Summit co., O.....						
V. W. Bekhof.....	2	(Liesantate).....	2	38	30	7	7	1	6 50	50	Akron, Summit co., O.....						

STATISTICAL SUMMARY.

NAMES OF CLASSES.	Ministers.	Congregations.	Unreturned Members.	Confirmed Mem- bers.	Communicants.	Baptisms	Confirmations.	Received by Cer- tificate.	Dismissed by Letter.	Excom.	Deaths.	Z. Schools.	Beneficent Con- tributions.	Minutes of Synod.	
														(English.)	(German.)
Miami.....	98	60	5550	4509	3737	546	328	234	55	70	113	42	\$1701 60	537	20
Leicester.....	14	39	1373	1930	1671	210	115	64	8	4	41	32	767 00	825	..
Wentmoreland.....	17	57	1580	1905	9854	300	9 5	34	11	4	154	41	534 61	981	51
Tiagh.....	57	77	716	3947	3718	537	591	157	27	22	153	22	796 61	10	55
St. John's.....	18	53	.....	30873	4701	738	314	3	.....	.....	304	32	469 48	98	100
St. Joseph.....	17	37	.....	1641	1370	252	119	138	17	0	20	14	236 51	25	62
Sandusky.....	14	36	434	1653	1384	206	226	63	38	6	37	26	357 95	250	..
Sandusky.....	11	17	1886	1049	940	211	47	57	8	18	23	11	218 00	.....	14
Indiana.....	10	19	115	620	624	112	42	16	1	5	20	10	107 35	43	40
Illinois.....	8	16	327	530	483	89	34	26	3	4	26	15	27 14	65	.....
Iowa.....	4	9	503	179	219	28	0	15	.....	.....	1	7	34 00	25	.....
Total.....	168	411	8863	91015	91311	3319	1740	817	158	144	642	245	5300 54	1578	412
Eastern Synod.....	247	691	47303	78032	66268	8711	4625	730	451	15	3989	644	.....	.....	.....
Total of two Synods.....	415	1,02	56256	100047	87909	12,30	6365	1539	639	159	3731	892	5310 54	1543	442

STATE OF RELIGION.

Report on the State of Religion within the Bounds of the Eastern Synod for the year 1861.

FATHERS AND BRETHREN IN CHRIST:—Under a deep sense of our obligations for that continued goodness, which has distinguished the past Synodical year, and moved by a feeling of generous love and grateful affection toward Him, who is the Author of all our mercies, we cordially greet you, the representatives of our beloved Zion, on this festive occasion; and we also earnestly wish you, in your collective and individual capacity, to unite with us in rendering thanks to Almighty God for His kind care over us in the past and invoking His paternal favor upon us in the future.

To specify all the instances of God's Fatherly goodness would be not only useless, but in the nature of the case, also impossible. Enough that all our ministers, with but two exceptions, have been spared, and graciously permitted to discharge the duties of their high and holy calling. For this striking instance of the divine benignity we are bound to bless and humbly to adore the eternal Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In connection with this long suffering and sparing mercy of our God, we should also gratefully acknowledge the riches of His grace as seen in the abundant success which has attended the labors and efforts of our several ministers and classes. All the reports furnish satisfactory evidence of the presence and blessing of God with his servants. The eternal word, which liveth and abideth forever, has been stately and faithfully preached—the sacraments of baptism and the Lord's Supper believingly administered—the worship of the public assemblies and of the social and more retired circle cheerfully attended to on the part of pastors and people—and the consequence has been, that these labors of love and works of faith have been crowned with abundant success. Evidences of this success are found in the erection of new churches, the organization of new congregations, the increased attention on the preached word, the observance of the sealing ordinances of God's house, the seriousness and attention with which the word of Life is heard, and the duties of religion performed, and in the general progress of the kingdom of God in our midst. The number of ministers has also been increased, and thus the places of the two deceased brethren—Rev. Jesse Stroud Weber, of the Philadelphia Classis, and Rev. David Heffelfinger, of

the Mercersburg Classis—have been filled up again, and some other posts occupied besides. Have we not reason to bless God for these evidences of His presence and active co-operation with His Church? True there may be such an external growth of the church, where there is but comparatively little accomplished for the inward, spiritual, and true growth and edification of the body of Christ. Outward growth and prosperity, in themselves and separate from a corresponding inward growth, are of small account; but when coupled with this, they become immensely important.

In this connection we must also notice the encouraging fact, that during the past year, the number of the church's members has been greatly increased. Some eight or nine thousand souls have been added to the infant membership of the church by baptism—receiving thus the sign and seal of the covenant of grace and the pledge of an immortal life. By confirmation and certificate some five or six thousand souls have been added to the adult membership—thus either renewing or for the first time making a confession of their faith in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, His only begotten Son, our Lord, and in the Holy Ghost, the Comforter and guide of His saints. May we not hope, that a large proportion of these have also been truly born of God, justified by the blood and Spirit of Jesus Christ, and by the Holy Ghost sealed unto the day of Redemption? And if so, have we not much reason to bless God for these thousands that have been thus added to the sacramental hosts of the Lord?

In this external way already much has been accomplished; but we have still better news to present for our mutual edification. The spiritual training of the young, as also of the old, has apparently kept steady pace with the outward enlargement of the church. Many of the reports speak with great assurance of the good that has been accomplished in this way. If the statements there given are to be relied on, the brethren have learned the meaning and import of the great commission, as requiring them to go forth and make disciples of all nations, "baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost," and then completing this discipleship by teaching the baptized ones to observe all things whatsoever Christ has commanded them. These two things must always go together if the gospel is to make steady and successful progress. Both word and sacrament are necessary to realize the idea of God's kingdom. So, likewise, private instruction in the doctrines and practices of religion and the public preaching of the word, are duly effective only when in union with each other. And, for this reason, we have great cause to rejoice in the statements made in the several Classical reports.

It would be palpably unjust to conceal the fact, that in connection with the cheering statements, there are also others of an entirely different character. So long as Zion dwells in the tents of Kedar, the inward aspect of the church only is "like the curtains of Solomon," while the outer covering will necessarily be soiled and som-

bre in appearance. The dust of earth settles upon and cleaves to the church of Christ, and cannot be wholly shaken off until the chills of death and the taking down of the earthly tabernacle shall accomplish the work.

Another cause of congratulation is the attention which Sunday Schools have received at the hands of the brethren. Notwithstanding the general acknowledgment of vast defects in the Sunday School system as it now stands, the benefit of careful instruction in the case of the young, has given rise to a very large number of schools in our connection. Many of them are conducted in the ordinary way; but others have assumed a more specific and churchly form—the catechisms and other publications of the church having been substituted in place of the books of other establishments. Much may be expected from these schools if judiciously and piously conducted. Every new school, therefore, should be hailed as a nursery of piety, and especially of youthful piety!

Looking at the facts now stated, we have much reason to be thankful to the Great Head of the church. He has thus far made good His promise: "Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world." He has afforded us repeated evidences of his presence in the public assembly—in the family circle—in the secret chamber—in the pious and devoted heart. He has been our God in generations past, and will be our God in generations to come—our friend in time of need—our shield and hiding place in seasons of sorrow and adversity.

With feelings of sincere regret we notice the absence of some of our brethren, who, by the disturbed state of the country, have been prevented from being present and taking part with us in our business transactions. Mysterious are the ways of God. We know not what a day may bring forth.

Let us then, as a Synod, and as individuals, dedicate ourselves anew to the service and honor of our covenant keeping God. Let us confidently rely upon the promises of God, and go to work with new courage and a firm hope, preaching the gospel, administering the sacraments, and leading precious souls to the Lamb of God which taketh away the sin of the world—waiting for a blessed resurrection and the life everlasting—Amen.

Respectfully Submitted,

D. Y. HEISLER, Chairman.

LEBANON CLASSES.

MINISTERS.	NAMES OF CHARGES.		Members.	Confirmed Members.	Baptisms.	By Confirmation.	By Certificate.	Communicants.	Recommenced.	Dismissed.	Deaths.	Sub. Schools.	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
Philip Nayer.....	Without charge.....	400	51	27	301	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Orwigsburg, Schuylkill county..... Pa.
John Grigg.....	4 Frederickburg.....	1400	178	42	1070	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Frederickburg, Lebanon county..... Pa.
Thomas H. Leinbach.....	7 Tulpehocken.....	1400	111	123	125	2	40	10	10	10	10	10	Meyerstown, Lebanon county..... Pa.
Isaac Mies.....	6 Bern.....	1400	110	118	110	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Lower Horn, Berks county..... Pa.
Augustus L. Herms.....	9 Hanburg.....	800	78	53	500	60	34	12	12	12	12	12	Reading Berks county..... Pa.
Franklin W. Kromer.....	1 Lebanon.....	86	70	20	60	1	3	1	1	1	1	1	Lebanon, Lebanon county..... Pa.
Henry Harbaugh, D. D.....	1 Lebanon.....	323	86	60	271	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Lebanon, Lebanon county..... Pa.
Jacob Klein.....	5 Orwigsburg.....	1132	300	135	78	863	..	..	..	..	..	..	Orwigsburg, Schuylkill county..... Pa.
Aaron S. Leinbach.....	2 First Church, Reading.....	1100	..	354	23	4	1000	2	114	4	114	4	Schuylkill Haven, Schuylkill county..... Pa.
Charles F. McCauloy.....	1 Second Church, Reading.....	900	..	27	20	10	300	6	119	1	119	1	Reading, Berks county..... Pa.
Jacob D. Zehring.....	4 Host.....	800	600	122	54	755	..	..	..	..	..	..	Berks county..... Pa.
William A. Good.....	3 Bernville.....	300	..	57	3	253	..	..	..	..	..	..	Vermont, Schuylkill county..... Pa.
Namuel Miller.....	4 Postville.....	345	..	18	7	315	..	..	..	..	..	..	Postville, Schuylkill county..... Pa.
Abraham Romic.....	3 Jonestown.....	275	..	48	0	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Jonestown, Lebanon county..... Pa.
Jonathan K. Hiestor.....	5 Palmyra.....	400	308	31	10	299	..	..	..	..	..	..	Palmyra, Lebanon county..... Pa.
George Wolf.....	1 Meyerstown.....	575	150	15	51	310	..	..	..	..	..	..	Meyerstown, Lebanon county..... Pa.
Thomas C. Leinbach.....	2 Berftsville.....	480	360	50	18	330	..	..	..	..	..	..	Womelsdorf, Berks county..... Pa.

MARYLAND CLANSIS.

MINISTERS.	CONGREGATIONS.	NAMES OF CHARGES.	Members.	Life Members.	Baptized.	Confirmed.	Certificate.	Communicants.	Excommunicated.	Dismissed.	Deaths.	Sabbath Schools.	POINT OFFICE ADDRESS.
Alas Helmer, D. D.	1	First Church, Baltimore.	300	75	19	13	320				2	2	Baltimore..... Md.
Vacant.	1	Second Church, Baltimore.	295	162	18	15	194				3	6	Baltimore..... do.
John S. Foulk.	1	Third Church, Baltimore.	568	3	7	149	29,999,640				35	37	Baltimore..... do.
John Kulling.	1	Fourth Church, Baltimore.	436	508	56	30	7,414				4	36	Frederick city..... do.
Daniel Zacharias, D. D.	1	Frederick city.	446	602	2	5	3,999				2	10	Middletown, Frederick county..... do.
Frederick A. Kupley.	1	Middletown.	121	2	0	1	3,180				2	7	Hagerstown, Washington county..... do.
John H. Wagner.	2	Hagerstown charge.	121	68	10	5	1,5				1	6	Sharpsburg, Washington county..... do.
Mortimer L. Shuford.	3	Mt. Moriah charge.											Manchester, Carroll county..... do.
Henry Wisler.	6	Without charge.	645	499	50	97	5,535				1	6	Manchester, Carroll county..... do.
Vacant.	2	Manchester charge.	289	210	29	6	7,955				5	12	Emmitsburg, Frederick county..... do.
Walzer E. Krebs.	2	Kemittsburg charge.	383	183	41	17	1,360				9	3	Cayetown, Washington county..... do.
Joseph W. Miller.	3	Cayetown charge.	33	371	11	12	2,315				7	3	Jefferson, Frederick county..... do.
William F. Colliflower.	1	J-davson charge.	165	75	5	5	102				2	1	Barkotsville, Frederick county..... do.
Moses A. Stewart.	1	Burkettville charge.	350	400	15		220				8	1	Silver Run, Carroll county..... do.
John B. Perner.	1	Second Church, Hagerstown.	110	195	8	10	70				2	1	Hagerstown, Washington county..... do.
Peter A. Schwartz.	3	St. John's church, Frederick.	115		14	8	80				5	1	Frederick city..... do.
Vacant.	3	Boonaboro charge.	140		15	1	9,120				8	1	Boonaboro, Washington county..... do.
Jesse Steiner.	4	Glado charge.	424	426	29	28	3,412				1	2	Walkersville, Frederick county..... do.
Vacant.	4	Fifth church, Baltimore.	24	150	18	17	86				1	2	Mechanicstown, Frederick county..... do.
Henry J. Gornfort.	4	Mechanicstown charge.	24	140	28	29	7,211				2	6	Taneytown, Carroll county..... do.
John G. Pritchey.	5	Taneytown charge.	575	300	23	11	5,250				12	6	Alintab, Syria..... do.
Benjamin Schuelder, D. D.	2	Foreign Missionary.	150	100	10	10	3,125				5	1	Clearspring, Washington county..... do.
Vacant.	2	Clearspring charge.											Baltimore..... do.
Frederick A. Herzberger.		Suspendd.											Baltimore..... do.
Robert Douglas.		Without charge.											Shanaburg, Washington county..... do.
George L. Shiley.		Mt. Wash. Fenn. Seminary.											Mt. Washington, Baltimore county..... do.
Emanuel T. C. Boehinger.	1	Norfolk Mission.	35	45	12	30	30				3	1	Norfolk..... Va.

Without charge: William H. Zimmerman. *Sup. by Rev. J. Sechler. †Sup. by Rev. J. Robaugh. ‡Sup. by Rev. W. Ida.

VIRGINIA CLASSIS.

MINISTERS.	NAMES OF CHARGES.	Members.	U. Mem.	Baptized.	Confir.	Certific.	Comm.	Excom.	Disam.	Deaths.	Sub. Schools.	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
John C. Hunsell.....	3 Rockingham.....	577	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Mt. Crawford..... Va.
Daniel Foot.....	3 Woodstock.....	190	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5 Woodstock..... do.
Daniel G. Bragonier.....	5 Martinsburg.....	137	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 Edenburg..... do.
George H. Martin.....	1 Loudon.....	116	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 Lovettsville..... do.
Henry St. John Finker.....	4 Mill Creek.....	255	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3 Hamburg..... do.
John R. Crawford.....	3 Middlebrook.....	158	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 Middlebrook..... do.
George W. Auglinbaugh.....	2 Central.....	43	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 Bedford..... do.
J. M. Tittel.....	2 Shepherdstown and Winchester.....	145	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 Mechanicsburg..... do.
Charles Cast.....	1 Martinsburg (German).....	113	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 Hagerstown..... Md.
Vacant.....	1 Pendleton.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Vacant.....	1 Central.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

NORTH CAROLINA CLASSIS.

MINISTERS.	NAMES OF CHARGES.	Members.	U. Mem.	Baptized.	Confir.	Certific.	Comm.	Excom.	Disam.	Deaths.	Sub. Schools.	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
George Boger.....	No charge.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Clinton's Tanyard..... N. C.
John Lantz.....	3 Newton.....	157	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Newton..... do.
David Crooks.....	2 Lincolnton.....	154	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Lincolnton..... do.
G. William Welker.....	3 Guilford.....	305	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Brick church..... do.
Jeremiah Ingold.....	3 Catawba.....	90	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Lincolnton..... do.
Thornston Butler.....	3 East Rowan.....	280	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Gold Hill..... do.
Samuel J. Foltz.....	5 West Rowan.....	292	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Knifala..... do.
P. Allison Long.....	8 Davidson.....	319	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Midway..... do.

Vacant: Newton; Friendship 24 Members; Stokes's 40 Members.

PHILADELPHIA CLANSIB.

MINISTERS.	CONGREGATIONS.	NAMES OF CHARGES.	Members.	Un- Members.	Baptized.	Confirmed.	Certificate.	Communicants.	Recommuni- cated.	Dismissed.	Deaths.	Schools.	PORT OFFICE ADDRESSES.
Samuel Heffenstein, D. D.	No charge.	No charge.	246	1891	11	918	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Gwynedd, Montgomery county, Pa.
Samuel Helfenstein, Jr.	No charge.	No charge.	1300	1898	33	34	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Blue Bell, Montgomery county, Pa.
John S. Krmentroust.	No charge.	No charge.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Reading, Philadelphia county, Pa.
Charles Lukens.	No charge.	No charge.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Frankford, Philadelphia county, Pa.
George D. Wolf.	No charge.	No charge.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Norristown, Montgomery county, Pa.
Charles W. Schulz.	No charge.	No charge.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Camden, Montgomery county, N. J.
John R. Kooker.	No charge.	No charge.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Trinidad, Montgomery county, Pa.
K. M. Long.	No charge.	No charge.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Norristown, Montgomery county, Pa.
John H. A. Bomberger, D. D.	1 Zion's.	Philadelphia	531	225	1891	11	918	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Philadelphia, Pa.
Nicholas Gehr.	1 Salem.	Salem	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Philadelphia, Pa.
J. G. Wiehe.	9 Bohm's.	Bohm's	177	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Philadelphia, Pa.
Samuel G. Wagner.	3 Pileland	Pileland	150	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Blue Bell, Montgomery county, Pa.
James B. Knipe.	3 Trappe	Trappe	308	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Chesler Springs, Chester county, Pa.
Alfred K. Shenkle.	3 Brownsbacks.	Brownbacks	356	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Trappe, Montgomery county, Pa.
William Sorber.	2 Pleasantville	Pleasantville	226	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	East Vincent, Chester county, Pa.
N. S. Alter.	1 St. Peter's	St. Peter's	11	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Pleasantville Bucks county Pa.
do do supply.	1 Wentz	Wentz	25	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
William G. Hackman.	3 White Marsh	White Marsh	108	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Kulpaville, Montgomery county, Pa.
Samuel G. Wagner, supply	1 St. Vincent	St. Vincent	109	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Jesse B. Knipe do	1 Norristown	Norristown	140	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Norristown, Montgomery county, Pa.
P. Robert Davis.	1 Bethlehem	Bethlehem	37	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Kingston, Philadelphia county, Pa.
G. E. Gram.	1 Phoenixville	Phoenixville	74	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Alfred H. Shenkle, supply	1 Christ's, Ky. Ref.	Christ's, Ky. Ref.	52	No. 2124, Mt. Vernon St., Philadelphia, Pa.
Samuel H. Gley.	1 Glassboro	Glassboro	94	Glassboro, N. J.
J. G. Neuber.	76

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NEW YORK CLASSIS.

MINISTERS.	CONGREGATIONS.		NAMES OF CHARGES.										POST OFFICE ADDRESS.				
J. P. Buschē.....	1	New York.....	165	82	79	11	20	165	.....	9	1	115	New York city.....	N. Y.....		
Lewis B Schwarz.....	1	Boston.....	350	.....	21	11	.....	135	.....	4	.....	140	Boston.....	Mass.....
William Meyer.....	1	Tonawanda.....	371	.....	53	8	.....	571	.....	17	1	.....	Tonawanda, Erie county.....	N. Y.....
John Lichtenstein.....	1	Buffalo.....	425	.....	39	14	.....	367	.....	7	.....	.....	Buffalo.....	N. Y.....
Diedrich Willers.....	3	Jerusalem, Seneca Falls, etc.....	530	.....	50	.....	530	.....	18	2	80	Fayette, Seneca county.....	do.....	
T. Grosshusch.....	1	Rochester.....	118	.....	18	4	.....	178	.....	6	.....	.....	Rochester.....	do.....
J. O. Lohr.....	2	Elizabethtown and Rahway.....	119	.....	37	.....	31	102	.....	90	1	2	Elizabeth.....	N. J.....
A. Schroder.....	1	Bridgeport.....	60	.....	.....	.....	60	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Bridgeport.....	Conn.....
H. Bentz.....	1	Clarence.....	38	.....	8	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Clarence, Erie county.....	N. Y.....
H. W. Strocs.....	1	Holland.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Clymer, Chataouque county.....	do.....

LANCASTER CLASSIS.

MINISTERS.	CONG.	NAMES OF CHARGES.	Members	Con. M.	Baptism	Confirms	Cert'd.	Comm.	Excom.	Deacons	S. X. A.	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
Albert Heldmuth, Sr.	Without charge	.....	53	25	13	5	93			4		Shanookin, Pa.
Isaac Gerhart	Missionary	.....	400	160	70	7	340	330	34	34		Lancaster City, Pa.
Albert Heldmuth, Jr.	Without charge	.....	180		15	9	169	8	8	16		Maytown, Lancaster county, Pa.
Daniel Hertz	7 Ephrata	.....	150		24	13	150	1	1	1		Ephrata, do.
Isaac S. Demund	1 St. Paul	.....	150		36	30	132			31		Lancaster City, do.
John W. Hoffmeier	2 Millersville	.....	133		16	1	104			1		do.
Wm. T. Gerhart	2 Elizabethtown	.....										Elizabethtown, Lancaster co.
John Naitle	2 Lancaster City	.....										do.
Knaichel Gerhart, D. D.	President F. & M. College	.....										Lancaster City, do.
John W. Novin, D. D.	Without charge	.....										do.
Amos H. Kremer	1 1st Church, Lancaster	.....	373				9	300	6	9		do.
Theodore Appol	Prof in F. and M. College	.....										do.
Thomas C. Porter	do	.....										do.
Daniel Gans	1 Salem	.....	237	190	12	10	7	161	5	7		Harrisburg, do.
Isaac E. Graeg	1 Manheim	.....	300	376	23	26	240			12		Hummelstown, Dauphin co.
John V. Eckerl	3 New Providence	.....	230		4	4	30			1		Lancaster City, do.
P. Aug. Gaas	2 New Holland	.....	130		32	28	198			10		New Providence, Lancaster co.
	2 Reamstown and Swamp, cong. sup.	.....	250		5	14	56			2		New Holland, do.
	by Rev. T. C. Leibach	.....			21	25	173			3		Womelsdorf, do.
G. M. Albright	Licentiate	.....										Marion, do.
Charles Donce	Licentiate	.....										Millersville, do.
George Kurzman	Licentiate	.....										Middletown, do.

EAST SUSQUEHANNA CLASSIS.

MINISTERS.	CONGREGATIONS.	NAMES OF CHARGES.	Members.	Uncc. Members.	Baptized.	Confirmations.	Certificates.	Communicants.	Excom.	Dismissed.	Deaths.	S. Schools.	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
Isaac Sheilhammer	5	Union	328	240	50	185	185	185	185	185	185	185	5 Black Creek, Luzerne county, Pa.
Rudolph Dunger	2	Ashland	160	170	33	38	150	150	150	150	150	150	2 Ashland, Schuylkill county, Pa.
William Goodrich	6	Bloomsburg	475	475	42	29	11	450	1	4	8	4	6 Bloomsburg, Columbia county, Pa.
Nathaniel K. Bressler	6	Armstrong Valley	340	400	63	24	317	317	317	317	317	317	4 Fishersville, Dauphin county, Pa.
Albert G. Dole	1	Milton	113	110	30	7	163	163	163	163	163	163	1 Milton, Northumberland county, Pa.
Jared Fritzdinger	7	Maloney	520	450	92	50	430	401	401	401	401	401	7 Greenbrier, Northumb'd county, Pa.
Henry Hofmann	12	Berwick	430	470	70	48	355	355	355	355	355	355	6 Berwick, Columbia county, Pa.
Lucian Cort	2	Paradise	267	350	28	6	160	160	160	160	160	160	2 Limestoneville, Montour county, Pa.
David W. Wolf	3	Danville	520	140	17	6	450	450	450	450	450	450	1 Danville, Montour county, Pa.
Ephraim Kleffer	7	Lykens Valley	550	600	64	18	36	36	36	36	36	36	7 Millersburg, Dauphin county, Pa.
C. Z. Welsch	3	Selinsgrove	120	170	21	7	96	96	96	96	96	96	3 Pennsburg, Pa.
C. A. Rittenhouse	3	Monat Zion	48	585	24	24	288	288	288	288	288	288	2 Turbottville, Northumb'd county, Pa.
John W. Steinmetz	5	Sunbury	500	40	40	23	350	350	350	350	350	350	5 Sunbury, Northumb'd county, Pa.
Henry S. Bassler	6	Berrysburg	275	200	25	31	250	250	250	250	250	250	6 Millersburg, Dauphin county, Pa.
Isaac Steely	8	Mahontongo	450	570	143	13	398	398	398	398	398	398	5 Rough and Ready, Schuylkill county, Pa.
Vacant	3	Shamokin	210	225	197	197	197	197	197	197	197	197	3 Shamokin, Pa.

WEST SUSQUEHANNA CLASSES.

MINISTERS.	CONGREGATIONS.	NAMES OF CHARGES.	Members.	Un- bap- tized.	Confirmed.	Catechized.	Communi- cants.	Excommu- nicants.	Dismissed.	Deaths.	S. School.	S. B. School.	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
Jonathan Zellers.....	1	No charge.....											Lock Haven, Clinton county..... Pa.
Amiel S. Tobias.....	4	Rebersburg.....	303	305	21	17	95			6	14		Rebersburg, Centre county..... do.
Adolph H. Caspar.....	3	Middlebrook.....	160	50	13	132				15	4		New Berlin, Union county..... do.
Henry Wiegand.....	4	Nippawano.....	344	19	25	8	375			6	5		White Deer, Lycoming county..... do.
Samuel Gabriel.....	1	No charge.....											Freeburg, Snyder county..... do.
Frank J. Mohr.....	4	Williamsport.....	125	50	16	10	220			12	11		Williamsport, Lycoming county..... do.
David G. K. et al.....	3	Hellefonte.....	152	140	10		8	146		3	5		Mint Spring, Union county..... do.
John C. Bucher.....	1	No charge.....											Acronsburg, Centre county..... do.
Lewis C. E. Imonta.....	5	Acronsburg.....	300	10	37	4	300			3	1		Acronsburg, Centre county..... do.
William H. Groh.....	3	Boalsburg.....	410	375	25	11	330	9		12	7		Boalsburg, Centre county..... do.
Gustav W. M. Schulze.....	6	Adamsburg.....	460	400	24	32	1	300		7	22	15	Middlebrook - Snyder count..... do.
Charles H. Leimbach.....	3	Lewisburg.....	340	300	30	6	315			2	10	8	Lewisburg - Union county..... do.
Henry C. Hoyer.....	5	Liverpool.....	150	130	32	4	130			0	5		Richfield - Adams county..... do.
Israel S. Weg.....	4	Mitony.....	270	230	34	36	7	230		5	5		Wall et., Centre county..... do.
Clément Z. Woner.....	4	Selmsgrove.....	400	355	30		400	2		4	5		Pennsburg..... do.
J. K. Millet, licentiate.....	4	No charge.....											Freeburg, Snyder county..... do.
Varant.....	4	Middleburg.....	400	190	25	30	1	44	5	17	2	157	
Varant.....	2	Liberty Valley.....	299	435									
Sup. by A. G. Dole.....	1	Union.....	100			2	100						
Sup. by A. B. Caspar.....	1	Centerville.....											
Sup. by Committee.....	2	Eden and Salem.....											
Sup. by H. C. Haysar.....	3	St. Johns, &c.....	73	46			73			1			
Sup. by J. K. Mill-t.....	1	Middleburg.....											
Sup. by a Committee.....	1	St. Peters.....											

* These charges were lately constructed and the statistics are given approximately only, as no reports have been received since said construction.
 † Last year's reports.

CLARION CLASSIS.

MINISTERS.	NAMES OF CHARGES.	M.	W.	Th.	S.	S.	Com.	Facom.	Leath.	S. Rch.	S.	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
Joseph H. Apple.....	1 Rimersburg.....	62	51	6	2	51						Rimersburg, Clarion county..... Pa.
Abner Dale.....	2 Without charge.....											London, Mercer county..... do
H. Daniel.....	3 Redbank.....	300	100	40	21	3 180			3	5		Kerr's Store, Clarion county..... do
C. A. Limberg.....	4 Luthersburg.....	250	150	43	15	3 640			15	8		Troutville, Clearfield county..... do
J. S. Shade.....	5 Petersburg.....	438	31	36	3	415			8	4		Lanertine, Clarion county..... do
J. G. Shoemaker.....	6 Curtsville.....	175	70	26	170				16	3		Curtsville, Clarion county..... do
E. D. Shoemaker.....	7 Kittanning.....	180	58	30	180				6	3		Kurt Valley, Armstrong county..... do
F. Wise.....	8 South Bend.....	228	15	99	228				10	2		South Bend, Armstrong county..... do
H. M. Herman.....	9 Macentise.....	131										Rimersburg, Clarion county..... do
Varant.....	10 Tyersburg.....											

ST. PAUL CLASSIS.

MINISTERS.	NAMES OF CHARGES.	M.	W.	Th.	S.	S.	Com.	Facom.	Leath.	S. Rch.	S.	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
David B. Ernst.....	1 Saegertown.....	40	18	49	6	238			1	6		Saegertown, Crawford county..... Pa.
H. F. Hartman.....	2 West Greenville.....	200	37	9	10	400			40	4		West Greenville, Mercer county..... do
L. D. Hartman (supply).....	3 Meadville.....	200	69	19	293				6	2		Meadville, Crawford county..... do
F. W. Dechant.....	4 Harmony.....	135	58	15	183				3	6		Harmony, Butler county..... do
D. O. Shoemaker.....	5 Fairview.....	238	54	35	338				3	6		Adams P. O., Armstrong county..... do
L. J. Mavor.....	6 Mercer.....	304	35	14	230				6	3		West Greenville, Mercer county..... do
L. J. Mavor (supply).....	7 Harstown.....	30										Meadville, Crawford county..... do
S. S. Callender.....	8 Without charge.....											Hamburg, Mercer county..... do
Ph. Zeiser.....	9 Superannuated.....											West Greenville, Mercer county..... do
B. Boyer.....	10 Superannuated.....											West Greenville, Mercer county..... do

ACTS AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

SYNOD

German Reformed Church

OF

OHIO AND ADJACENT STATES,

IN GENERAL CONVENTION AT

TIFFIN, OHIO,

commencing its Session on Wednesday, the 27th of May, at 8 o'clock
P. M., and Closing on Monday Night Following.

DAYTON, OHIO.

RELIGIOUS TELESCOPE PRINT.

1863.



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ACTS AND PROCEEDINGS

Of the Synod of Ohio and adjacent States, of the German Reformed Church which met in General Convention in the First German Reformed Church of Tiffin, Ohio, on Wednesday evening, the 27th of May, at 8 o'clock, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-three, and closing its session on the following Monday night.

ARTICLE I.

THE OPENING OF SYNOD.

The Synod convened at the appointed time, and was opened with the usual religious services. The sermon was preached by the President, Rev. Geo. B. Russell, from Acts 15: 6. Subject—*The Forms and Authority of Church Government.*

ARTICLE II.

MEMBERS PRESENT.

1. MIAMI CLASSIS.

Revs. D. Winters, P. C. Prugh, I. H. Reiter, Geo. W. Williard, H. Rust, S. Mease, J. Richards, J. Schlosser, T. J. Barkley, J. Scott, G. H. Leonard, L. H. Kefauver, C. Saurie, A. Wanner, and S. Shaw.

Elders Jacob Ridnaur, Wm. Oram, Conrad Staley, Sam. Cosler, J. L. Darnier, Wm. Peters, and H. W. Schleutker.

2. LANCASTER CLASSIS.

Revs. H. Williard, J. B. Thompson, C. W. Hoyman, J. Voght, J. I. Swander, J. McConnell, J. Hefley, J. W. Alspach, A. C. Kendig, and H. M. Hockman.

Elders John Hare, H. Leonard, George Holman, George Hoy, and P. W. Daumbold.

3. WESTMORELAND CLASSIS.

Revs. C. C. Russell, D. H. Reiter, E. E. Higbee, George A. Fickes, and F. A. Edmonds.

Elders—None present.

4. SANDUSKY CLASSIS.

Revs. S. B. Leiter, William McCaughey, C. H. Reiter, and J. Hines.

Elder Adam Shilling.

ARTICLE VI.

COMMUNICATIONS.

1. Communications for Synod were referred to the Committee on Overtures.

2. The reading of the Minutes of last year, with those of the Synod of North America, was dispensed with, and referred to the Committee on Synodical Minutes.

3. The Minutes of the different Classes (except Westmoreland which failed to furnish a copy) were received with the reports of religion, and the statistical tables, and referred to the Committee on Minutes of Classes and the state of religion and statistics.

4. The reports of the different Boards (except the Board of Publication and that of Visitors of Heidelberg College, which failed to make any report) were received, read, adopted, and referred to their respective Committees.

ARTICLE VII.

RELIGIOUS EXERCISES.

The Committee on Religious Exercises reported through the Chairman, Rev. J. H. Good, that they had provided for religious service, every evening during the sessions of Synod, in both the English and German churches of the city, with the regular preparatory service on Saturday afternoon, and communion on Sabbath morning; and that they had also provided for the applications that had been received from the Presbyterian, Methodist Episcopal, Methodist Protestant, Lutheran, and Baptist churches. The report was received and adopted.

ARTICLE VIII.

ON SYNODICAL MINUTES.

Your Committee on Synodical Minutes beg leave to present the following report:

MINUTES OF SYNOD OF OHIO.

Item 1, Page 9. Has reference to devoting a part of the sessions of the present meeting of Synod to exercises, having special reference to the Ter-centenary Jubilee.

Item 2, Page 9. A Committee of which Rev. G. B. Russell is Chairman, to act in concert with a similar Committee of the Eastern Synod in selecting the place for holding the meeting of the Ter-centenary Convention.

Item 3, Page 9. A Committee, Rev. I. H. Reiter Chairman, to fix the time and place for holding the first triennial Synod.

Item 4, Page 12. Instruction of the officers of Synod to make out a call to Rev. H. Rust, German Professor elect of our Theological Seminary at Tiffin.

- m 5, Page 12. Is a request to the Trustees of Heidelberg
 ge to assume a part of the salary of the German Professor.
 m 6, Page 41. The election of the Rev. H. Rust as delegate
 Eastern Synod.
 n 7, Page 41. Election of the Board of Trustees of the
 ogical Seminary.
 n 8, Page 41. Election of the Board of Trustees of Hei-
 g College.
 n 9, Page 42. Election of the Board of Visitors to the
 ogical Seminary.
 n 10, Page 42. The election of the Board of Visitors to
 berg College.
 n 11, Page 42. Election of the Board of Missions.
 n 12, Page 42. Election of the Board of Publication.
 n 13, Page 48. Requests the Board of Education to report
 mber of students under its care.
 n 14, Page 49. Authorizes the Stated Clerk to publish the
 es of Synod in the English language.
 n 15, Page 49. Authorizes the Stated Clerk to furnish blank
 ates of licensure and ordination.

MINUTES OF SYNOD OF NORTH AMERICA.

- a 1, Page 73. This Synod has complied with the request of
 nod in reference to the proposed change of the name of the
 by referring it to the Classes for their action.
 a 2, Page 73. Is the appointment of Rev. Thomas G. Ap-
 rimarius, and Rev. Joshua H. Derr, *Secundus*, as delegates
 Synod.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. McCONNELL, Chairman of Com.

above report was received and acted upon item by item.
 a 1. This item was referred to a special Committee consist-
 of Revs. H. Williard, H. J. Rutenik, and P. C. Prugh, and
 H. Leonard, and C. D. Pipenbrink. This Committee
 quently presented the following report, which was received;
 ed by appointing the Chairman of this Committee as the
 to preside during these services, and thus adopted.
 Committee appointed to make suitable arrangements for the
 tennary Festival, submit the following report:
 r Committee are deeply impressed with the solemn import-
 f the subject referred to them, and regret that time and cir-
 cunes necessarily forbid us the privilege of spending days,
 a weeks on the vastness of the theme and the significancy
 occasion. The celebration of the three hundredth Anni-
 y of our excellent and time-honored symbol of faith—the
 berg Catechism—is an era in the history of our American
 sed Zion, and will leave its mark for future generations.
 Festival year, in its relations to the church of the past, and
 trolling influence on the future destiny and prosperity of

our beloved Zion, demands of us as a Synod a passing notice. Your Committee would therefore recommend that Friday afternoon be devoted exclusively to such exercises as may be suitable to an interesting occasion, leaving it to the option of Synod to make its own arrangements for the continuation or termination of such exercises. And as the theme for discussion is so comprehensive in its character, and so exhaustless in its nature, and the time so limited, we suggest that liberty be given to each member of Synod to select such points as are intimately connected with the general theme—he being limited to fifteen minutes in his remarks. The exercises shall be conducted alternately in the German and English, with singing and prayer in connection with opening addresses from Rev. J. Lichtenstein in the German, and the Rev. T. G. Apple in the English, the Chairman of the Committee conducting the exercises.

H. WILLIARD, Chairman.

Item 2. The Chairman reported that he had attended the duty assigned him, and that the Convention had met in Philadelphia on the 19th of last January.

Item 3. The Committee presented the following report, which was received and adopted.

The Committee appointed by Synod, at its last annual meeting to co-operate with a similar Committee of the German Reformed Synod of the United States, to make arrangements for holding the first meeting of the General Synod, would respectfully report:

That they have attended to the duty assigned them, and, in accordance with the Committee of the German Reformed Synod of the United States, have decided that said General Synod shall be held in Grace church, Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, on the 7th of Wednesday of November, 1863, at 7 o'clock P. M.

The Committees, though not fully certain whether the duty of nominating a person to preach the opening sermon devolved upon them, have also concluded to recommend the Rev. John W. Newell, D. D., *Primarius*, for this purpose, and the Rev. Moses Kieffer, D. D., as his *Secundus*.

Respectfully submitted.

ISAAC H. REITER, Chairman.

Item 4. The officers reported that they had attended to the duty assigned them,—that the Professor elect had accepted the office and entered upon his duties in the Seminary the first of November, 1862, whereupon a special Committee was appointed, consisting of Revs. M. Stern, J. J. Escher, and D. Winters; and Revs. W. Peters, and Jon. Reitzell, to make arrangements for his inauguration during the session of Synod. This Committee subsequently presented the following report, which was received and adopted:

The Committee to whom the inauguration of Rev. H. Rust

German Professor in the Seminary was referred, would report as follows:

1. That the inauguration take place Saturday night in the German Reformed Church of Tiffin.

2. That Rev. H. J. Rutenik deliver the charge to the Professor

3. That the inauguration vow, or oath of office, be administered by Rev. D. Winters.

4. That the Professor then deliver his inaugural address, after which prayer shall be offered by Rev. E. Keller.

Respectfully submitted.

M. STERN, Chairman.

Item 5. The Board of Trustees of Heidelberg College acceded to the request by agreeing to pay \$350 annually to the support of German Professor.

Item 6. The delegate presented the following report, which was received and adopted:

DEAR BRETHREN:—Your delegate to the Eastern Synod would respectfully report that he attended the meeting of that body held at Chambersburg, Pennsylvania, and was received and treated with Christian kindness. From the reports and deliberations, it was felt that the Lord had richly blessed them in their several intentions, and that they are in real earnest to build up and extend the kingdom of Christ. The subject of the Provisional Liturgy attracted the attention of the brethren during most of their sessions, and was discussed in all its bearings. Your delegate presented the sentiments of our Synod, as expressed in last year's resolutions, in regard to this subject, but circumstances prevented the brethren from complying with the request therein expressed. Your delegate was kindly assured of the deep interest which the brethren East continue to feel in the prosperity of our Zion, and invited him to bear fraternal greetings to the brethren in the West. My traveling expenses there and back were \$36 45.

Respectfully submitted.

H. RUST.

The Treasurer of Synod was authorized to pay the expenses of the delegate.

Item 7. The Board reported through Rev. Geo. W. Williard, President and Treasurer. The report was received and adopted, and will be found under Article on the Seminary.

Item 8. The Board reported through the Treasurer, N. L. Swer, Esq. The report was received and adopted, and will be found under the Article on the College.

Item 9. The Board reported through Rev. J. J. Escher, Secretary, and Rev. R. Good, Treasurer. The reports were received and adopted, and will be found under the Article on Education and Seminary.

Item 10. No report. The Board was censured for its neglect.

Item 11. The Board reported through the President, Rev. F. Prugh, and Treasurer, A. H. Baughman. The reports were received and adopted, and will be found under the Article on missions.

Item 12. No report. The Board was censured for its neglect.

Item 13. Attended to.

Item 14. They were published and distributed according to instruction.

Item 15. Attended to, and distributed among the clerks of different Classes.

Minutes of Synod of North America.

(a) Adopted.

(b) Adopted.

The report was then adopted as a whole.

ARTICLE IX.

OVERTURES.

The Committee on Overtures report as follows:

Your Committee on Overtures respectfully submit the following report:

1. CALLS—NONE.

2. PETITIONS.

1. From Rev. J. G. Zahner, desiring Synod to take the necessary steps to procure a supply of theological books from Germany for our Seminary.

2. From Rev. Zahner, to be excused from attending sessions of this Synod.

3. From Rev. G. Ziegler, asking to be excused from attending the sessions of this Synod.

4. From Elder John Duncan, to be released from a perpetual scholarship obligation to Heidelberg College by payment of a hundred dollars.

5. From the Covington Congregation, Kentucky, desiring Synod to place them under the care of the Missionary Board, and recommend their interest to the church at large.

3. COMPLAINTS.

Mr. Joseph Linebach, Samuel Bechtoll, and J. H. Reed, complain of Miami Classis for not acting constitutionally in the case of certain complaints brought against the consistory of the Mantown congregation and Rev. G. W. Williard.

Respectfully submitted.

E. E. HIGBEE, Chairman.

The above report was received and acted upon item by item. Item 1. Rev. J. G. Zahner was appointed to act as the agent of Synod in this matter.

Item 2. Referred to his classis to be excused.

Item 3. Referred to his classis.

tem 4. The petition was referred to the Board of Trustees of Adelberg College.

tem 5. The congregation was recommended to the favorable voice of the Board and the church at large.

COMPLAINT.

Was referred to a Special Committee consisting of Revs. S. Leiter, J. McConnell, and T. G. Apple; and Elders C. Myers, and Wm. Oram. This Committee subsequently presented the following report, which was received and adopted:

The Committee to whom was referred a letter of complaint against the proceedings of an adjourned meeting of Miami Classis held in Miamisburg in February last, signed by Joseph Linebach, Samuel Bechtoll, and J. H. Reed, beg leave respectfully to report that from the papers placed in their hands it does not appear that the constitutional requirements—Part 2d, Chapter 1, Article 2—the case of an appeal or a complaint, were complied with; and therefore the request for an examination into the case can not be granted.

S. B. LEITER, Chairman.

ARTICLE X.

MINUTES OF CLASSES.

The Committee on Minutes of Classes reported. The report was received and adopted, item by item.

Your Committee on Minutes of Classes would report the following:

1. IRREGULARITIES.

Westmoreland Classis failed to furnish Synod with a copy of their proceedings. This classis was censured for this neglect.

St. John's Classis dismissed licentiate V. W. Relhoff without specifying to what Classis. Adopted.

Indiana Classis received G. O. Glavis as an ordained minister without the proper credentials, permitted him to administer sacraments, and struck his name from the list without showing on the face of the minutes that his name had been regularly entered. Adopted.

All the Classes—except Sandusky, Miami and Lancaster,—failed to furnish their minutes in chapters as previously instructed by Synod. Adopted.

2. REQUESTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS.

1. Miami Classis calls attention to the fact that it did *not* fail to furnish the requisite separate report on the state of religion and statistics; and therefore did not deserve the censure of Synod. Adopted.

2. Lancaster Classis requests Synod to furnish the constitution in a complete form, with all its alterations and amendments. Adopted.

3. Tiffin and Indiana Classes complain that Synod neglects the German interests of our church in not appointing a German secretary, and publishing the minutes in the German language. They earnestly request a compliance with her wishes and wants. As far as it respects the appointment of a German secretary.

4. Tiffin Classis requests Synod to recognize their Mission Board as an important auxiliary to the General Board. Refer to the Committee on Missions.

5. Indiana Classis requests Synod to furnish the church with a suitable liturgy.

The whole subject of the liturgy was referred to a Special Committee consisting of Revs. M. Kieffer, M. Stern, S. Mease, and Rettig; and Elders W. Peters, and H. W. Schleutker. This Committee subsequently reported. The report was received and amended by the substitution of the resolutions appended in the plan one offered by the Committee, and thus adopted as a whole.

The Committee on the Liturgy respectfully report as follows: We have carefully examined the grounds upon which the request of the Indiana Classis is based; and we believe that they are solid and true. Not only within the bounds of said Classis, but our entire Church, the want of a liturgy which embodies the liturgical spirit of the *Reformation*, and which may unite and harmonize all the parts of our Church, is deeply felt. As we have but one faith, one Lord, and one baptism, and but one symbol of our faith, we also need a symbol of worship; a liturgy which shall have ecumenical authority and force in the Church. Now we have many and widely different liturgies, from the original Palatinate down to the Provisional Liturgy of the Synod of North America. All these have their excellencies and defects; and hence in different parts of the Church one form of worship is adopted, and in other parts another. Some use the Provisional Liturgy named; some the liturgy prepared by Dr. Mayer; some that prepared by Ebrard; some the Palatinate, etc., whilst the worship of God is exclusively extemporaneous. Here we have diversity without unity, i. e., we are in conflict with ourselves. It behooves us, therefore, to return to and be true to the *idea* of unity, as far as possible, restore uniformity. This end, your committee believe, can only be gained in our Church by the introduction of a symbol of worship which is in perfect harmony with the symbol of our faith; therefore,

Resolved, 1. That this Synod feels the necessity of a liturgy that can be brought into general use throughout the entire Church, so as to secure uniformity of worship.

Resolved, 2. That this Synod is opposed to the continuation of the Provisional Liturgy, as such, and would request the General Synod so to modify it as to enable us to introduce it into our congregations.

The yeas and nays being called for in connection with this resolution, it stood as follows:

Rev.—Revs. I. H. Reiter, Geo. W. Williard, H. Rust, S. Mease, J. Kefauver, G. H. Leonard, J. Scott, H. Williard, C. W. Man, J. W. Alspach, A. C. Kendig, D. H. Reiter, Geo. A. , S. B. Leiter, Wm. McCaughey, J. Hines, M. Miller, B. , J. H. Good, J. Rettig, J. G. Ruhl, J. J. Escher, J. Klingler, , I. Metzinger, J. H. Stepler, G. M. Albright, W. H. , P. Vitz, G. H. Zumppe, M. Stern, J. Pence, J. Rine- and Abr. Miller. Elders J. Ridnaur, C. Staley, W. Peters, , Schlenker, H. Leonard, A. Shilling, J. Younkman, C. D. , and F. W. Shaley.—43.

Rev.—Revs. P. C. Prugh, T. J. Barkley, A. Wanner, J. B. , J. McConnell, H. M. Hookman, C. C. Russell, E. E. , C. H. Reiter, M. Kieffer, H. Bair, S. Z. Beam, G. Weber, T. G. Apple. Elders C. Meyers, and P. Gassaman.—16.

Resolved, 3. That should the Provisional Liturgy not admit such a modification, the General Synod be earnestly requested take measure at once to provide a liturgy adapted to the wants of the Church.

Resolved, 4. That in case the General Synod does not feel prepared to act in this matter, it be requested to allow us to prepare a liturgy which in our opinion will be adapted to the wants of our Church, and that a committee of five be appointed to go forward in this work, should the contingency arise.

The committee here called for consists of Revs. H. Rust, E. , J. Bossard, H. Williard, and J. H. Kline.

3. SUBJECTS REFERRED TO CLASSIS.

1. All the Classes concur with Synod in her action with reference to the ter-centenary celebration of the Heidelberg Catechism. Adopted.

1. Miami, Lancaster, Sandusky and Illinois Classes, approve of changing the name of our church from "German" to "Evangelical Reformed," while Tiffin, St. John's, St. Joseph and Indiana do not deem it advisable.

Two-thirds of the Classes not approving of the change, it is lost.

On motion, it was resolved that the subject be again referred to several Classes for their approval.

4. RECEPTIONS AND DISMISSIONS.

1. Miami Classis dismissed Rev. H. Rust to Tiffin Classis, Rev. W. B. Sandoe to Sandusky Classis, Rev. A. C. Kendig to Lancaster Classis:—Received Rev. S. Shaw from Tiffin Classis, and licensed and ordained W. Wittenweiler to the gospel ministry.

2. Lancaster Classis dismissed Rev. J. B. Thompson to Tiffin Classis; received Rev. A. C. Kendig from Miami Classis, and licensed and ordained to the gospel ministry the licentiate, H. M. Hookman.

3. Sandusky Classis dismissed Rev. D. W. Kelley to Zion's Classis of the Synod of North America, and received Rev. W. B. Sandoe from Miami Classis.

4. Tiffin Classis dismissed Rev. J. B. Kneist to New York Classis, Rev. K. T. Martin to Indiana Classis; received Rev. R. Rettig and Rev. J. Rettig from St. John's Classis, and the licentiate, G. M. Albright, from Lancaster Classis of the Synod North America, licensed J. H. Stepler, H. Troutman, and J. L. Sibert, to preach the gospel, and ordained to the gospel ministry J. H. Stepler, H. Troutman, H. Bear, and G. M. Albright.

5. St. John's Classis dismissed Rev. E. H. T. H. Woehling the Sheboygan Classis, Rev. G. Rettig and Rev. J. Rettig the Tiffin Classis; received Rev. C. Rath from Tiffin Classis, Abraham Miller, licentiate of Synod, and licensed J. D. Lepp and G. W. Henning to preach the gospel.

6. Illinois Classis licensed W. Gilpin and Joseph Seehlem to preach the gospel.

7. St. Joseph Classis dismissed Rev. O. J. Occola to the Sheboygan Classis; received Rev. J. Kinie from Tiffin Classis, licensed P. Kohl to preach the gospel, and ordained S. Z. Beam and S. Kohl to the gospel ministry.

8. Indiana Classis received Revs. M. Stern and K. F. Maier from the Tiffin Classis.

9. Wisconsin Classis received Rev. O. J. Occola from the Tiffin Classis, and erased the name of G. Schwarz from the list of members.

10. Westmoreland Classis dismissed Rev. E. R. Eschbach to the Maryland Classis, Rev. G. B. Russell to the St. Paul's Classis and Rev. G. A. Fickes to the Tiffin Classis, and licensed Rev. Cort to preach the gospel.

5. ANNUAL MEETING OF CLASSES.

The Classis of Wisconsin will meet in Mayville, Dodge county Wisconsin, October 15th, 1863, at 9 o'clock A. M. Rev. H. Winter, President, and Rev. P. Joeris, Clerk.

Miami Classis will meet in West Alexandria on Wednesday, 22d of October, 1863, at 7 o'clock P. M. Rev. J. Schlemmer, President, and Rev. P. C. Prugh, Stated Clerk.

Lancaster Classis will meet in Thornville on the last Wednesday before the full moon in October, 1863, at 7 o'clock P. M. Rev. C. W. Hoyman, President, and Rev. N. H. Loose, Stated Clerk.

Westmoreland Classis meets in Latrobe, Westmoreland co., Pa. on the first Thursday in October, 1863, at 7 o'clock P. M. Rev. N. P. Hacke, President, and Rev. R. P. Thomas, Stated Clerk.

Sandusky Classis will meet in Wadsworth, O., Oct. 16th, 1863, at 7 o'clock P. M. Rev. S. B. Leiter, President, and Rev. W. McCaughey, Stated Clerk.

Illinois Classis will meet in West Grove on the 22d of October, 1863, at 7 o'clock P. M. Rev. H. K. Bains, President, and Rev. C. W. Seaman, Stated Clerk.

Tiffin Classis will meet in Crestline on the 30th of September, 1863, at 7 o'clock P. M. Rev. Eli Keller, President, and Rev. B. Kneist, Stated Clerk.

l. John's Classis will meet in Waynesburg, Ohio, on the last day of September, 1863, at 6 o'clock P. M. Rev. E. H. T. H. Ahler, President, and Rev. J. J. Zahner, Stated Clerk.

k. Joseph Classis will meet in Bristol, Indiana, on the 3d Tuesday of October, 1863, at 7 o'clock P. M. Rev. P. Vitz, President, and Rev. J. H. Kline, Stated Clerk.

Indiana Classis will meet in Poland the Thursday before the full moon in October, 1863, at 7 o'clock P. M. Rev. G. H. Zumpfe, President, and Rev. H. Kortheuer, Stated Clerk.

Iowa Classis will meet in Boulder, Iowa, on Thursday before the first full moon in October, 1863, at 7 o'clock P. M. Rev. J. Klas, President, and Rev. J. Riale, Stated Clerk.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Indiana Classis has expressed its willingness to cede its territory along the Ohio River for the purpose of organizing a new Classis if it can be done.

Synod referred the formation of a new Classis along the Ohio River to the Miami Classis, to see if it will consent to cede a portion of its territory for this purpose.

Respectfully submitted.

JOHN J. SWANDER, Chairman.

The report was adopted as a whole.

On motion, it was resolved that Westmoreland and Wisconsin Presbyteries be allowed to have such matters as relate to a general inter-synodical conference incorporated in the minutes of Synod, provided they furnish the same in due time to the Stated Clerk.

ARTICLE XI.

EXAMINATION, LICENSURE AND ORDINATION.

The Committee reported through the Chairman,—Rev. S. B. Foster,—that the young men referred to them had withdrawn their application, and that they had therefore no further report to make. Their report was received and adopted.

ARTICLE XII.

RELIGION AND MORALS.

The Committee on Religion and Morals presented the following report, which was received and adopted :

LOVED BRETHREN IN THE LORD :—

Another synodical year has passed away with its toils and pleasures, its trials and enjoyments, its sorrows and joys; and under the benign smiles and gracious blessings of Divine Providence, we are once more privileged to meet together in ecclesiastical convention, as a common brotherhood in Christ Jesus, united by a common principle of faith and love, having common interests to

consider, and common ends to accomplish. In reviewing the history of this synodical year, as revealed in the several reports, we can trace on its pages the shadows and lights of the fulness of life, and of the trials and triumphs of Zion. Under every aspect, the mercy, long suffering and goodness come clearly to view, and call for gratitude and devotion part.

As a branch of the Church of Christ, we have indeed ground for thankfulness to the Lord for his manifold goodness the past year. It has been a year of peculiar and severe calamity and sorrow. Civil war, with its attendant evils, has still is raging in our country, affecting the various interests and activities of life, both in State and Church. Fathers and sons, and brothers have fallen side by side in the blood; hearts have been rent with anguish and distress; sorrow and sympathy have freely flowed; homes once happy have been made desolate and cheerless; the widow's cry and the wail have been heard in mournful accents on the passing; and doubt and gloom have been overhanging the hopes of the patriot and the Christian. "In Ramah was there a voice of lamentation, and weeping, and great mourning."

Yet, in the midst of these sad and adverse circumstances we have realized tokens of God's presence, favor and blessing generally speaking, our health and lives have been precious. Disease and affliction have indeed prevailed, but of slight degree, and of short duration. None of our brethren the ministry have fallen victims to death. They are still to go in and out before their flock, breaking unto them the bread of Life, and proclaiming salvation through Christ to a sinful world. The regular service of the sanctuary has been uninterrupted, and vacant congregations and missionary stations supplied with the preached word as far as possible. The "unity of spirit" has also been preserved in the bond of love and fellowship, and while the plague of schism, distraction and division, has afflicted others, we have been thus far graciously preserved as we hold to a common symbol of faith, governed by the same constitution, and adhering to the "ancient landmarks" and mode of worship. "There is one body, and one Spirit, even as we are called in one hope of our calling; one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God, and Father of all."

Moreover, during the past year a good degree of prosperous success has attended our Reformed Zion. We have received new additions to the ministry and the membership of the churches; houses of worship have been erected and consecrated to the glory of the Lord; the channels of benevolence have been deepened and widened, and in their future aspect (as to results) look bright and promising. Our institutions of learning have become completely established and endowed, evidencing increase of purity and efficiency; and the true life and doctrinal pos-

church have been more fully developed, while perceptible improvement and progress have marked her general course. The number of baptisms and confirmations will favorably compare with that of former years; and, on the whole, the numerical increase in spiritual progress of the church have been comparatively

The divine ordinances have received a due share of attention and respect. The word of God, containing a full and complete revelation of the Divine Mind, and being the only perfect rule of faith and practice, has been faithfully preached to our congregations; and the general attendance on the services of the sanctuary, on the part of the people, has also been good and encouraging. The preached word, however, had not an equal effect upon all hearts; for whilst to some it may have been a mere empty sound, to others no doubt it has proved "the power of God unto salvation." The importance and necessity of sincere and ardent prayer have been practically realized by many of our congregations. Prayer-meetings are established in a large number of our congregations, though not as numerous and faithfully attended as they should be, continue to be regarded as invaluable aids to the spiritual interest and prosperity of the church. For, indeed in all things,

"Prayer is the Christian's vital breath,
The Christian's native air,
His watchword at the gate of death—
He enters Heaven with prayer."

Our Sunday-schools are represented as being generally in a prosperous condition; but the most of them have been more or less injuriously affected by the enlisting of many of our young men in the Union army, and some of whom now sleep in a faithful soldier's grave!

It is also worthy of notice that the church is becoming more fully conscious of the importance of *educational religion*. As we have a moral, as well as a physical and intellectual nature, we also need moral training and development. This important fact has thus far been too much overlooked in the educational system of our country, both in theory and practice. Hence the importance of a medium through which to supply (at least in a great measure) this deep-felt want, and to counteract the evils resulting from such a one-sided or semi-infidel course of training. This medium is to be found mainly in the system of parochial schools and catechetical instruction. Some parochial schools have been established with good results. But as it is somewhat difficult to establish them generally in "the present order of things," we must become more deeply impressed with the necessity of a more extended and thorough course of catechisation. To carry this into practical effect, the catechism must not only be made use of by the minister in instructing a regularly organized class of catechumens, but it must be introduced and used in the family and

Sunday-school. In this way the time-honored custom of teaching our children the fundamental doctrines, precepts and duties of Christianity, will be fully revived and perpetuated, the youth will become properly enlightened and established in truth and virtue, the corrupting influences of humanitarianism, errorism and infidelity will be overcome, the moral state of society will be improved and elevated, and many of our sons and daughters will be won to Christ and the church, and thus saved from sin, ruin and misery.

But it is not only necessary that the church have unity of spirit, soundness of doctrine, spiritual vitality, and a deep concern for the religious interest of the youth, but it is essential to her spiritual welfare, power and prosperity, that she be also possessed of the true spirit of *benevolence*. This includes the idea of liberality and love of souls; for as we love the souls of men in the spirit of Christ, will we be liberal in our contributions to the cause of Christ, and while we freely contribute of our possession to advance the Redeemer's kingdom on earth, we must feel personally induced to render all possible aid, as willing instruments under God's blessing, to promote the *spiritual* interests of men unto eternal salvation. To this end, then, we should ask ourselves in the fear and love of God, do we really and truly possess the true spirit of benevolence? It is evident from past experience and results, that while we as a church have been making gradual progress in the right direction, our benevolence-still needs much more *depth*, *strength* and *expansion*. The contributions of last year were comparatively meager, and inadequate to our wants. Has not God richly blest us with means? Yes, we have an abundance of means, but we lack in Christian liberality. We know that the wants of the church are many and great, but we have little will to lessen and lighten them. We are often free in advancing political and worldly enterprises, but we vainly excuse ourselves when the Lord demands our money, our time, and our labor. And the result is that our missionary and other benevolent operations are circumscribed, crippled and unsuccessful. O! that we would bear in mind that "the Lord loveth a cheerful giver;" that "he that giveth to the poor lendeth to the Lord;" and that "the liberal soul shall be made fat."

And why is it that, while a good degree of progress and prosperity is attending our church, we after all are doing and accomplishing so little in the sphere of Christian benevolence, missionary enterprise, church extension, moral achievements, and spiritual activity and triumph? Is it not because we still lack, to a great extent, the true spirit of Jesus Christ, and the unction of the Holy Ghost? Are we not in want of more copious showers of reviving and animating grace? Does not our piety need more depth, vitality and self-denying earnestness? Are we not too much conformed to the world, and to its order of thinking and practice? Ought we not to be the incontrovertible living exhibitions of the powers of divine grace in the soul, and of Christian humility,

consistency, devotion and prayer? And as genuine personal piety is the mainspring of the whole practical machinery of Christianity, should we not therefore be much more generally and earnestly concerned about the spiritual discipline of the heart, and in this discover the lever of power in the church, as well as the true principle of consecration, the spring of energy, the seat of impulse, the nerve of activity, the source of strength, and the true secret of success and prosperity?

There never has been a period in the history of the church in our country, when moral principle, steadfast piety, and constant spiritual watchfulness were so essential as at this time. Envy, pride, hatred, iniquity, selfishness and party animosity, are quite prevalent in the land; and war, in its very best form, is no friend to piety and moral enterprise. This has been demonstrated during the past year. The exciting interests, passions and narratives of war, have to a great extent absorbed the attention, influence and exertions of men, to the neglect of the higher claims of Christianity and eternal things. The church, even, in some measure, is carried along on the popular tide, and floats on dangerous waters, and amid threatening "breakers." Infidelity, taking advantage of the adverse state of things in State and Church, is rallying its forces, and striving in the might of its power to gain the ascendancy. And while iniquity abounds, the love of many is waxing cold. Hence the servants of God, though sorely tired, and their message much unheeded or perverted, are solemnly called upon to indicate the truth of the gospel and to sustain the interests of the Redeemer's kingdom with holy confidence in the divine promises; and while the sacramental hosts of God are giving unmistakable evidence of their love to the flag of the Union and of Liberty, they must not forget to rally with even more devotion and zeal under the glorious banner of the Cross. For in the Cross of Christ is hope, power and safety; and there is the true source of deliverance, peace, prosperity and perpetuity, both to the nation and the church. Righteousness exalteth a nation, and is its enduring bulwark of safety. Holiness is the beautiful robe and enduring power of the church. And as the church is the divinely appointed bearer of grace and salvation to men and to nations, righteousness cometh to a nation only through the church. Hence, in deep humility and faith, let us watch and pray!

Finally:—as the year 1863 is set apart for the *ter-centenary* anniversary of the formation and adoption of our symbol of faith—the Heidelberg Catechism—calling into sacred remembrance the trials and triumphs of the Reformed church, as well as the goodness of God, we should consecrate ourselves anew, in person, property and effort, to the service of the Lord. Yea, let this year be a year of grateful and cheerful offering unto God, and of spiritual aggression, missionary enterprise, earnest activity, and holy rearing. Let it be a year that will become memorable in the future history of the church for liberality, devotion and success.

Let us revere the memory and catch the spirit of the pious Reformers, who so nobly and successfully battled for the truth, in founding the Reformed church, and in preparing our venerable symbol of faith. Let us be earnest and faithful co-laborers in the blessed work before us. Let us lay aside every hindering weight and besetting sin, and manfully and perseveringly strive to achieve a great and glorious victory during this year for our Literary and Theological Institutions, and the varied interests of the church. Let our united prayers ascend to God in Christ for the peace and prosperity of Zion, hoping that this ter-centenary year, in its devotion, benevolence, activities, and general results, may prove a rich and sanctifying blessing to the church and the world. And when all our ecclesiastical convocations, and our spiritual labors and rejoicings shall finally close on earth, may we all meet to part no more in the General Assembly and the church of the first born in Heaven, to spend an everlasting ter centenary festival of peace, love and felicity!

Respectfully submitted.

ISAAC H. REITER, Chairman.

ARTICLE XIII.

THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

1.—*Report of the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary.*

The Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary would respectfully report, that they have endeavored to be true to the trust committed to their care by Synod. Having two Professors in the Seminary since last November, the responsibility of the Board has increased. We have endeavored to awaken an interest in behalf of our Seminary, by addressing appeals through the papers of the church, and in different other ways, so as to provide promptly for the payment of the salaries of the Professors, and have measurably succeeded. The salary of the German Professor has been paid for the six months he has been laboring in the Seminary, as also his removal expenses. This the Board has been able to do, as there was a considerable balance in the treasury of this fund when the Professor entered upon his duties. There is, however, a larger amount due the English Professor than there has been for several years past, which is certainly a matter of serious regret in this ter-centenary festival. This arises from the fact that only a few of our pastoral charges have taken collections for the immediate use of the Seminary, whilst a very large number have failed to pay the interest on their bonds. This should not be, as such delinquency must necessarily cripple the operations of our Seminary. A larger amount of the permanent fund of the Seminary has been paid in during the year than in any former one.

As soon as the Professor elect for the German department entered upon his duty, the Board took measures to secure an endowment, so as to give permanency to it. Thus far we have suc-

ded in raising \$3,000, which may be regarded as a good beginning. The Board contemplates raising \$15,000 by the assistance of the Agent—the Professor and others who may be enlisted in this important work—and would suggest the propriety of Synod recommending the project to the church, and aiding the Board in its accomplishment. There is no reason why this Professorship should not be fully endowed during this ter-centenary jubilee. Any of the wealthy members of the church ought to come forward and give their hundreds and thousands toward this object. For a full exhibit of the finances of the Seminary, as it respects both the German and English Professorship, we refer Synod to the report of the Treasurer.

Respectfully submitted.

GEO. W. WILLIARD, President.

2.—*Report of the Treasurer of Theological Seminary.*

Geo. W. Williard, Treasurer, in account with the Board of the Theological Seminary of the German Reformed Church.

Dr.		Dr.
IMMEDIATE USE—ENGLISH PROFESSORSHIP.		
By	To	amount on hand from last report.....
	27,	interest of J. Coblents.....
	29,	collection of Rev. B. Bauman per Rev. Kieffer.....
inc	2,	interest of Joseph Blough.....
	11,	interest of Charles Brown, per Rev. Haffley.....
	12,	interest of J. Rust, per Rev. Richards.....
sg.	8,	interest of J. B. Welter, per H. Leonard.....
	12,	interest of John Prugh.....
rv.	29,	collection in Bloomville cong, per Rev. Kieffer.....
	29,	collection in Kinnick-kinnick cong, per Rev. Swander.....
	29,	interest of H. Bolt, per Rev. Kemmerer.....
ss		interest of Jon Kutz, per Rev. G. H. Leonard.....
1863.		
ma.	10,	interest of A. and J. Mast, and Mrs. Elis. Albert.....
sh.		interest of Jos. Anderson, per Rev. Prugh.....
		interest of Rev. J. A. Leis.....
law.	7,	interest of Mrs. A. Schmertz, in full of Bond.....
	10,	interest of Rev. D. Winters, on Bond.....
	10,	interest of B. Ewry, per Rev. D. Winters.....
	10,	interest of D. H. Prugh, per Rev. D. Winters.....
	10,	interest of Rev. D. Winters on note.....
	10,	collection in Summit charge.....
	15,	interest of Geo. Brown.....
	20,	interest of E. Crider, in full of Bond.....
	21,	interest of M. Welmer, in full of Bond.....
	21,	interest of Adam Bear, in full of Bond.....
	22,	interest from the "Gottes Kasten,".....
	28,	interest of J. V. Prugh.....
	28,	interest of Wm. Marshall.....
	28,	interest of Jesse Prugh.....
pr.	9,	interest of J. Ridnaur, in full of Bond.....
lay	6,	ter-centenary free-will offering in Mt. Zion charge.....
	6,	interest of Jacob Kubn.....
	15,	collection in West Alexandria charge.....
	17,	interest of Geo. Carl, in full of Bond.....
	17,	ter-centenary free-will offering in Bethel charge.....

May 17,	To ter-centenary free-will offering in Xenia charge.....	10
21,	interest of Abr. Faaber, per Rev. Prugh.....	4
26,	interest of J. T. Blain, on note.....	25
26,	interest of Mrs. Mag. Kerahner.....	3
28,	collection in Somerset charge, Rev. C. W. Hoyman.....	16
28,	ter-centenary col. in Dayton charge, Rev. Kefauver....	3
28,	interest of Rev. J. B. Thompson.....	12
28,	interest of H. Leonard, on note.....	12
28,	interest of J. B. Welter.....	2
28,	collection of Rev. N. H. Loose.....	6
28,	interest of Jacob Rust, on Bond.....	15
28,	collection of Rev. I. H. Reiter.....	3
28,	interest of Noah Fawley, Rev. Leonard.....	12
28,	interest of George Pence.....	3
28,	interest of Maria Dressler, Rev. Hefley.....	3
28,	interest of Charles Brown.....	6
28,	interest of Rev. S. B. Leiter.....	6
28,	interest of D. Wampler.....	3
June 4,	interest of Jno. Royer, on Bond.....	12
4,	collection in Tiffin congregation.....	16
4,	interest of Rev. M. Kieffer, on note.....	6
4,	interest of S. Crist, on Bond.....	6
Total.....		\$542

1862.

CONTRA CR.

May 29,	To cash paid per order of Synod for binding books, \$38 70	
1863.		
Mar. 20,	expenses in collecting E. Crider's bond.....	2 50
21,	express charges on two packages of money.....	1 00
May 29,	cash paid Prof. Kieffer, salary in full.....	600 00
29,	cash paid Prof. Kieffer, in view of house-rent...	50 00
21,	discount on money sent.....	27
27,	postage and stationery.....	1 50
		<u>\$688</u>

SUMMARY.

To receipts during the year.....	\$542
To cash paid per order and receipts.....	688
Balance due the treasurer.....	<u>\$146 10</u>

GEO. W. WILLIARD TO ENDOWMENT FUND OF THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

1862.		Dr.
May 20,	To amount on hand (see last report).....	\$75 25
23,	cash of J. Mahenschmidt's estate, on bond.....	40 00
1863.		
Jan. 23,	cash of J. Jacoby, in full of bond.....	75 00
Mar. 2,	cash of Rev. T. H. Winters, on note.....	25 00
9,	cash of Mrs. A. Schmertz, in full of bond.....	80 00
20,	cash of E. Crider, in full of bond.....	50 00
21,	cash of Adam Bair, in full of bond.....	100 00
21,	cash of Martin Weimer, in full of bond.....	50 00
Apr. 30,	cash of Rev. T. H. Winters, on note.....	30 00
9,	cash of J. Ridnaur, in full of bond.....	80 00
May 21,	cash of Geo. Carl, in full of bond.....	50 00
29,	cash of Mrs. M. Dressler, in full of bond.....	50 00
20,	cash of Charles Brown, in part.....	25 00
Whole amount.....		<u>\$780 85</u>

CONTRA CR.

March 1, To amount loaned Rev. D. Winters.....	\$180 00
8, amount loaned Rev. D. Winters.....	400 00
	<u>\$580 00</u>

SUMMARY.

To cash during the year.....	\$780 85
By amount invested.....	580 00

Amount on hand.....	\$150 35
Rev. G. W. Williard, Treasurer, in account with Board of Theological Seminary for German Professorship.	

1882. IMMEDIATE USE—GERMAN PROFESSORSHIP.

May 23, To balance on hand at last report.....	\$75 72
Aug. 29, By cash of Rev. J. Rinehart.....	20 00
Nov. 27, cash of Rev. J. I. Swander, collection.....	10 00
27, cash of Sandusky congregation, collection.....	1 41
27, cash of a member.....	59
27, cash of St. John's Classis.....	12 00
1883.	
Jan. cash of Rev. D. W. Kelley, collection.....	10 00
" cash of Rev. J. H. Kline, collection, Ft. Wayne... ..	10 00
" cash of Rev. W. H. Fenneman, collection.....	10 00
" cash of Rev. J. H. Stepler, collection.....	2 75
Jan. 13, cash of Rev. I. Metzinger, collection.....	2 42
Mar. 18, cash of Rev. H. J. R.....	50 00
Apr. 6, interest of Weist, on bond.....	30 00
May 27, collection of Rev. Eli Keller.....	15 60
29, collection of Rev. J. H. Kline.....	10 10
29, cash.....	1 00
Total	<u>\$261 59</u>

CONTRA CR.

To cash paid Prof. Rust at sundry times.....	\$159 17
To cash paid for removal expenses of Professor to Tiffin.....	57 81
To cash p'd traveling expenses of Professor Rust on col. tour	39 82
To charges on transmission of money.....	40
To stationery and postage.....	1 00
	<u>\$258 20</u>

SUMMARY.

To receipts during the year.....	\$262 59
By paid out as per order and receipts.....	258 20

Balance on hand.....	<u>\$4 39</u>
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PERMANENT FUND.

Amount of Rud. T. Kelker, January 17th, 1863, for.....	\$500 00
Amount of Jno. Weist, April 1st, 1863.....	500 00
Amount of Christ, Gross and brothers, April 1st, 1863.....	500 00
Amount of Geo. Gelbach, April 1st, 1863.....	500 00
Amount of Charles Santee, April 20th.....	500 00
Amount of John H. Keller.....	500 00

Cash loaned to Rev. M. Kieffer.....	3,000 00
Cash on hand and bonds.....	500 00
	<u>2,500 00</u>

Respectfully submitted.

GEO. W. WILLIARD, Treasurer.

3.—*Report of the Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary*

The Board organized, after its appointment by the Synod at Dayton, by the election of Rev. J. H. Good, President, Rev. Escher, Secretary, and Rev. R. Good, Treasurer. The Board attended the examinations of the Theological Students. During the past year the following young men were in connection with the Seminary:

J. H. Stepler, James Libert, D. D. Leberman, J. Hiff, J. B. Zumpe, John B. Kieffer, S. Herring, J. Schaad, and Hofacker.—9.

The following table exhibits the operations of our Board of Education:

In the Theological Course,

In the Collegiate Course,

In the Preparatory Course,

The best hope of continued and enlarged success in our church's operations in this department, is under God in prayer. The Board strenuously reiterates its conviction that the preaching churches, looking up to the Lord of the harvest, are the training churches for the increase of the ministry.

For the receipts and expenditures of the year, we refer to the report of the Treasurer.

We earnestly commend the following resolutions to the favorable notice of Synod:

Resolved, That we lift up our hearts in thanksgiving to the Author of all good, in whose fear the work was begun, and whose blessing it has been carried forward, for his kindness in listening to our supplications, aiding us in our weakness, raising up friends for us in time of need, and giving to our enterprises home in the hearts of His people.

Resolved, That we most heartily commend our institutions, "Heidelberg College and Seminary,"—to the patronage, sympathies and prayers of all the friends of education and religion, but particularly to our ministers, elders, and membership, believing that they possess advantages of religious and moral culture. We commend them to the great Head of the Church, beseeching him that as he has blessed the labors of our hands, so now he will bless us in this new Synodical Year.

Respectfully submitted.

J. J. ESCHER, Sec'y of the Ref. Board.

4.—*Report of the Committee on the Theological Seminary*

The Committee on the Theological Seminary would respectfully report, that the following documents have been placed in their hands:

1. The Report of the Board of Visitors of the Seminary of Tiffin, from which it appears that during the past year nine young men were in connection with the Seminary, two of whom had been recommended by the Board of Visitors for licensure. T

and complain of the great want of a proper interest in the institutions by the church, and consider this as the principal reason why we have so few theological students.

2. The Report of the Trustees of the Theological Seminary, from which we learn that notwithstanding the hard times and the difficulty to collect money, a larger amount of the Permanent Fund of the Seminary has been paid in during the year than any former one.

3. We have audited the report of the treasurer, and found it correct.

Respectfully submitted.

J. VOGT, Chairman.

The report was adopted.

In connection with this subject, it was resolved that this Synod cordially approves of the project of the Board of Trustees to complete the endowment of the Theological Seminary, and commends the General Agent to the favor of the church, and would exhort the ministers to bring this matter before their people, so as to prepare the way for the accomplishment of this desirable object.

The Board of Visitors presented certain rules and regulations which it had adopted for its regulation, provided the Synod approve of them. These were read and approved, and ordered to be published in the papers of the church.

ARTICLE XIV.

HEIDELBERG COLLEGE.

1.—*Report of the Board of Trustees of Heidelberg College.*

By a resolution of the Board of Trustees, adopted at the annual meeting in June, 1862, it was made the duty of the Treasurer of the Board to make and furnish a report of the condition and prospects of Heidelberg College, to your body. By a resolution adopted by the Board at its meeting in June, 1861, it was made the duty of the Secretary and Treasurer to make such a report. Owing to a misunderstanding between the Secretary and Treasurer, no report was furnished last year. From a conversation held upon the subject, each relied upon, and expected that a report had been made by the other, until it was too late to make out and forward a report before your last annual session. Prior to June, 1861, it was not made, either by implication or direct action, the duty of any officer of the Board to prepare a report. Why it was not earlier done, I can not say.

In pursuance of that resolution, I submit the following report:

Since the organization of the College, there have been thirty-six graduates. These have been distributed amongst the professions as follows:—Ministry, 19; law, 9; medicine, 2; and six whose occupations are unknown. They have become separated

far and wide, and wherever located send words of good cheer to our beloved Institution; and it is worthy of remark, that while the students of Heidelberg College, and Theological Seminary are laboring, there the "Fisherman" meets with the greatest success.

Prior to the breaking out of the rebellion, the number of students was rapidly increasing, under the successful labors of our efficient agent, Henry Leonard. But our College had noble hearts that left the quiet study for the "tented field;" bright and glorious has been their record. Some who left in the first company' from our county, are still in the service—in the gallant Army of the Potomac; others have become disabled, and bear most honorable scars.

This, of course, has had its effect upon the College, and the number of students during the past two years has not been so large as heretofore; but even the hopes of the most sanguine have been more than realized. There were in attendance upon the College, in Collegiate and Preparatory departments during the present session, seventy students.

Perhaps it is not my duty to speak of the management, or of studies, or the qualifications of the students, as that is the peculiar province of the Board of Visitors appointed by your honorable body, who doubtless will report on that subject. Allow me, however, to suggest in reference to the selection of a Board of Visitors, that persons be selected as near to the College as possible, at least. Let some be located in Tiffin, and let each one be notified of his appointment, and requested to report at your annual session. If this be done, your Body would have an annual report, and the students have the pleasure of seeing the Board present a majority of them at the examinations. If they are appointed at a distance of several hundred miles, and compelled to bear their own expenses, very few members will ever make it their duty to present at the examinations. The same remarks are, in the main, applicable to the Board of Trustees. It is very often difficult to get a quorum for the transaction of business.

That which will most concern you is the financial condition of the College; and I am glad to be able to report to you that it has been a prosperous year for the College. More endowment fund has been received during the year than the two years previous. As you have not had a report, I purpose to give you a statement from the beginning of my office as treasurer.

The whole amount of endowment received by our Agent, Henry Leonard.....	\$39,512
Upon this there is interest due and unpaid, about the sum of.....	3,312
Notes in my hands of old endowment fund for the sum of five thousand dollars, one half of which are worthless, making.....	2,500
The College Building and campus is worth about.....	15,000
Total assets of College.....	\$59,324

The following shows the present condition of treasury:

Amount received by me from former Treasurer of Endowment Fund.....	\$6,743 44
Amount received, paid, and invested by me under order of the Board of Trustees.....	6026 37
CONTINGENT.	
Received by me from former treasurer.....	717 07
Paid as per receipts on file.....	6 874 93
	6,766 31
	108 62
Balance in treasury.....	\$825 69

DEBTS.

We are indebted to the Professors about the sum of.....\$3,490 00

This amount is as near as can now be ascertained, as my annual settlement will not be made with them until the close of the present session of College.

The Agent has received only the sum of \$1,127 93 for his services. What amount is due him, I can not determine, as his salary has never been fixed.

These are all the debts against the College, except a claim for insurance, but which, it is my opinion, it should not, and can not be compelled to pay.

The College Building has been re-painted, externally and internally, and will be in good condition for several years without much repairing.

It is desirable that some means be taken to aid the treasurer in the collection of the outstanding interest.

I have no hesitation in saying that very much of the prosperity of the College is the result of the labors of our very efficient agent, Henry Leonard. The Synod, the church, the ministers, all owe to him their united thanks and gratitude for the great labor which he has accomplished, and should be thankful that heaven has so blessed the labor of his hands. The Fisherman has been, and will be known every-where, and no greater meed of praise can be given him than the peculiar cognomen which he has assumed.

At its last annual meeting the Board of Trustees unanimously elected the Rev. H. Rust, of Cincinnati, Ohio, the Professor of the German Language and Literature in Heidelberg College.

The corps of Professors stands as follows:

Rev. M. Kieffer, D. D., President and Professor of Mental and Moral Philosophy.

Rev. J. H. Good, A. M., Professor of Mathematics.

Rev. R. Good, A. M., Professor of Natural Sciences and Rector of Preparatory Department.

Rev. H. Rust, A. M., Professor of German Language and Literature.

J. B. Kieffer, A. M., Professor of Languages.

The President of the College—the Rev. Dr. Kieffer—is also the President of Theological Seminary, and has often expressed a wish, and urged upon the Board his desire to be relieved of the

Presidency of the College. The Board has long felt the necessity for a President who can devote his whole time to the service of the College, and has only delayed securing the services of a President on account of the funds. It is desirable that a President should be secured; and the church would no doubt respond, as she has done, and the Board asks the co-operation of the Synod to secure that most desirable and important end.

The compensation paid to the present President, is only a nominal sum, and in no wise adequate to the important position. The Board looks upon this as a subject of vital importance to the College and the church. It is to be hoped that the united efforts of the Synod and Trustees may result in securing the undivided services of a President of the College.

Hoping that Trustees and Synod may be enabled to place the College on the most firm basis,—the labors of our agent combined with more abundant success, and our institutions here become a pride and ornament of the church, this report is most respectfully submitted.

N. L. BREWER, Treasurer H. C.

2.—*Report of the Agent of Heidelberg College.*

Since my last report to the Synod at Dayton, Ohio, May, 1861, I have not been able to accomplish very much in the way of collecting funds for Heidelberg College. I have, however, not altogether idle during the past year. In July, 1862, by a mutual arrangement between Dr. Kieffer, President of Heidelberg College and the Rev. Mr. Baldwin, of New York, Secretary of the "Western College Society," arrangements were entered into authorizing me to visit that city and make an effort to collect a balance due the College from said society. I found, however, very soon on my arrival, that that was not the most propitious time to operate, and I met with no success whatever, and returned to my home. My way seemed to be hedged up all around. "Wait until the war is over," was the cry.

It was not until last January, when in attendance at the "centenary Jubilee" Convention in Philadelphia,—and there unexpectedly to me,—there was opened up a new field of labor. Then, at the request of the Endowment Committee of Franklin and Marshall College, I agreed to work for a short time for that Institution; and I have the pleasure to state that my efforts were crowned with success.

The Jubilee fire, it seemed, began to burn already at the meeting in the Race Street Church; and it soon spread all over Pennsylvania and Maryland, and commenced blazing bright on the shores of New Jersey.

Even while I was soliciting funds for the Eastern Institute, one brother, after giving me \$500 in cash for Franklin and Marshall College, said, "Now I want to give you \$500 more for Heidelberg College." This was truly a very acceptable donation.

are so because he gave it unsolicited; therefore, it may be said it was a free-will offering. I think we have also unmistakable evidence that the Jubilee fire is beginning to burn in the East. I trust that by the blessing of God, and the hearty co-operation of the ministry and membership of our church, if my life and health are spared, to be able to make a favorable report next year. I was absent during the past year, while engaged in the services of the Eastern and Western Institutions, five thousand nine hundred and forty-six miles, making the total number of miles travelled since the 22d of January, 1867, twenty-six thousand three hundred and fifty.

H. Leonard, Agent Heidelberg College,	Dr.
Amount of notes due Heidelberg College for immediate payment on hand, (See report of Minutes of Synod for 1862, page 24 and 25),	\$751 04
	Cr.
Amount paid over to N. L. Brewer, Treasurer,	550 00
Balance on hand May 29th, 1863,	\$201 04
H. LEONARD, Agent Heidelberg College.	
Amount of Endowment Fund reported to the treasurer during the year,	\$800 00
	H. L.

3.—*Report of Committee on Heidelberg College.*

Our Committee beg leave to present the following report: From the documents placed in our hands, we ascertain that the College Building is now in a good condition—that the number of seats is seventy—and that the Rev. H. Rust has been elected Professor of German Language and Literature. The want of a popular President is greatly felt; and the Board of Trustees desire the co-operation of this Synod to secure this desirable and important end.

The attention of Synod is also called to the importance of electing such members to the Boards of Trustees and Visitors as may be near Tiffin, so as to be able to be present at their meetings, and also to attend the examinations.

The Endowment Fund is now about forty thousand dollars (\$40,000); of this there is interest due to the amount of over \$100, which, if secured, would materially aid the Board in its obligations to the Professors. It is therefore desirable that some steps be taken to aid the treasurer in the collection of outstanding interest.

From the report of the Agent, we learn that he has not been successful in the collections of funds as in former years. This owing partly to our national troubles, and partly that he has

been engaged in securing funds for Franklin and Marshall College. He intends soon again to resume his labors for Heidelberg College.

Your Committee would offer the following resolutions for consideration:

Resolved, 1. That this Synod concurs with the Board of Trustees in regard to the importance of electing a President who will be able to give his entire attention to the Institution, and to relieve the Professors of the Seminary.

Resolved, 2. That the attention of Synod be called to the necessity of electing such persons on the Board of Trustees and Visitors who may reside near Tiffin, so that they may be able to attend to their respective duties.

Resolved, 3. That Synod request the Classes to co-operate with the Board of Trustees in the collection of outstanding dues, and that the Board notify the different Classes, through its trustees, of the persons who are indebted, so that they may aid in the collection of these claims.

Respectfully submitted.

W. H. FENNEMAN, Chairman.

The report was adopted as a whole.

Rev. J. Scott presented the names of certain persons in charge who desired—for reasons specified—to be released from payment of their Bonds to Heidelberg College. The petitions were reported to the Board of Trustees of Heidelberg College.

ARTICLE XV.

MISSIONS.

1.—*Report of the President of the Board of Missions.*

REV. FATHERS AND BRETHREN:—

We have just passed another year of severe affliction. Rebellion, the most unnatural and cruel, is still persisting in its course of destruction, taking from their homes our young men and laying waste some of the fairest portions of our once peaceful and happy land. Yet, as a church, we have great reason for joy, and bless God that he has not permitted these wasting desolations to reach Zion, the city and heritage of the Great King.

Our missionaries have continued faithful at their posts; and at home, wherever suitable efforts were made, the church has not failed to furnish the means with which to carry forward the work intrusted to our care.

Through the Ter-centenary Celebration of the Heidelberg Catechism, in the midst of which we are now moving, the life of the church has been revived, and the spirit of true benevolence encouraged. Any failure to which the Board was subjected in extending her efforts beyond the limits of former years, is now

the result of a want of charity among the membership of the church, as it is a want of interest on the part of her ministers. In many instances they have failed almost entirely to lay this in any thing like a systematic form before their people ;—the Board has been compelled to circumscribe her work among scattered congregations, and scattered members of our church, in all every part of the West, have been loudly calling to us to send a man of God, that he might break unto them the door of Eternal Life. These calls were responded to by both old and young men just leaving our Theological Seminaries. We have said to us, again and again, "Here are we ; send us,"—but we are unable to pledge ourselves for even their partial support. The chief cause of this state of things is to be attributed to the absolute withdrawal of Tiffin, Sandusky, Westmoreland, Iowa, and Sheboygan Classes, from the support of the Board. These have forwarded their missionary work through boards created by themselves. Whether this course of things is most productive of glory, and the best interest of missions, we leave for decision to the wisdom of Synod.

At the beginning of this year, the Eastern Board proposed to the dissolution of our work in fields in which we were united. Accordingly, we gave over to their care the English mission of Seneca, and took in its stead Kenton and Lafayette, Ohio.

The following is a brief sketch of the work and condition of our mission under our care :

CORYDON, INDIANA.

This field has been under the supervision of the Board nearly ten years, during which time it has been served with much acceptance by the Rev. L. Rike. It is located in the southern part of Indiana, twenty miles west of New Albany. The work of building up the church here, as in many other places, has been comparatively slow ; but the field is important, and will, we think, in time, become an important auxiliary to the church. Here there are two organized congregations, and three preaching points, which, in time, may become congregations. The mission has 67 members ; added one during the year ; baptized one ; has two Sabbath-schools. The missionary receives \$250 from the charge, and \$150 from the Board. Collected during the year for missions, \$13. The mission is English.

COLUMBUS, IOWA.

This mission is located about twenty miles from the Mississippi River, in a most flourishing part of the state. It was organized by the Rev. J. H. Buser when he was yet in Oskaloosa. He was commissioned to this place eighteen months since, during which time he has extended his labors over a very large field. He has already three congregations, with 90 confirmed members, 40 of whom he received during the year. He has two Sabbath-schools,

and expects soon to organize the third; has no catechisms, but is endeavoring to raise a class; has no houses of worship, but regards the prospects of the mission as quite flattering. He receives from his people a salary of \$200, and \$150 from the Board; but this falls short of meeting his current expenses. The mission is English.

SHELBYVILLE, ILLINOIS.

Here the Rev. H. K. Baines has labored under the care of the Board for three years and six months; here, too, the work building up the church has been but slow, and yet the missionary feels confident of success. He has two congregations—both in the country—with a membership of 44 persons. Confirmed during the year, 1, and baptized 8; has one Sabbath-school. He receives from the mission \$250, and \$150 from the Board. Having no congregation in the town of Shelbyville, and but little prospect of soon establishing one, our missionary left the parsonage and moved into the country, nearer his congregations. The mission is English.

TERRE HAUTE, INDIANA.

The Rev. H. Kortheuer was commissioned to this place four years since. When he came here, he found the church greatly discouraged, with a membership of 35 persons. Since then he has added 26, making, in all, 61. He has one congregation; received, during the year, 12 members, and baptized 32 children; has a Sabbath-school of 100 scholars; contributed for missions \$5,000. He receives a salary of \$200 from the mission, and \$112 from the Board. We have here another evidence of the fact that large self-supporting congregations are not always gathered together in a few years. The mission is German.

DAYTON GERMAN CHURCH.

On the first of July last, the Board commissioned to this congregation, made vacant by the resignation of the Rev. Loeders, Rev. W. Wittenwieler, late of the Theological Seminary of Mercersburg. He reports the field, when he entered it, not the most inviting; but, by the blessings of God, he has been enabled to effect a better state of things. His congregation has, for a number of years, been a separate organization; but having no church of their own in which to worship, and laboring under the disadvantages incident to a frequent change of pastors, it has not yet become self-supporting. It has 140 members; added during the year, 50; baptized 22; and has one Sabbath-school. The salary is \$200 from the mission, and \$100 from the Board. The missionary writes that his prospects for the future are tolerably good. The congregation has now a good house of worship, and a faithful pastor;—hence it is to be hoped that it will soon become self-supporting. Collected for missions, \$13 26.

KENTON, OHIO.

We relieved the Eastern Board of this mission on the 1st of September, which had an appropriation of \$100. It has three congregations, one preaching point, and 136 members. Its pastor, the Rev. W. Renter, added during the year 17 by confirmation, and baptized 35 children; Sabbath-schools 3, and a class of catechumens numbering 10. After having been in the field making many sacrifices for nearly three years, the missionary resigned, leaving it in a reasonable state of prosperity. His salary from the charge has not been more than \$150 subscribed, per annum, and much less than that amount has been actually paid in. The appropriation from this Board was \$100. They have now called another pastor, and solicited further aid from the Board. But inasmuch as the mission lies within the bounds of Tiffin Classis, which is through a Board of its own, and independent of Synod's Board, it was thought best to refer the application to that Board. The field is principally Swiss.

LAFAYETTE, OHIO.

Through the division of the charge, this portion of it became a mission under the care of the Eastern Board. We received it from their hands on the 1st of last October. It has four congregations, with 100 confirmed members. The Rev. G. M. Albright, the present missionary, organized during the year one congregation; received by confirmation 24 members, and baptized 18 children; has one Sabbath-school, and a catechetical class numbering 30 members. His salary this year will amount to \$350, one hundred of which is paid by the Board. He writes that the condition of the mission is good,—that the ordinances of the church are well attended, and the people seem greatly encouraged.

LICKING COUNTY MISSION.

Last April, a year since, the Lancaster Classis sent the Rev. J. W. Alspach into this county to labor as a missionary in gathering together our hitherto neglected people. After the meeting of Synod last year, they referred him to our Board, by which he was regularly commissioned, with an appropriation of \$125. Owing to local difficulties, the mission has not proved the most encouraging. The missionary, however, writes that there is material there for a self-supporting charge, and that the mission is not without hope. At the end of the year he resigned his field, having received from it a salary of only \$100. It has one organized congregation with 16 members; received 2 during the year, and baptized 3; has no Sabbath-school, but a catechetical class of 20 members.

LANCASTER, OHIO.

This field having long since been weakened by a division of the charge, and the want of a regular pastor, was taken up by the Lancaster Classis and referred to the Board. A commission was

accordingly given to the Rev. M. H. Hookman, dated _____ with an appropriation of \$150. Will the Lord speedily revive his work amid the desolations of this part of his Zion?

ZWINGLE, IOWA.

The Rev. F. C. Bauman has been laboring here for ten years with much acceptance and success; during this time he has added to the church by confirmation, 65, by letter, 52, and baptized 15. He has now 105 members. But his salary being only \$175 a year, he asked permission to retain \$25 collected in his own charge for missions, which, under the circumstances, has been granted him.

LANESVILLE, INDIANA.

This is a small town situated midway between New Albany and Corydon. Through the earnest efforts of the Rev. Max. Stearns, missionary at Louisville, this promising field was explored, and arrangements made for the settlement of a pastor. Hence the Board commissioned to this place the Rev. Mr. Martin, with an appropriation of \$100 dated April 1st, 1863.

We are sorry that we are again compelled to report the Onalaska mission, in Iowa, without a pastor. In the month of March we received a communication from the Rev. J. J. Excell, treasurer of the Board of Missions of Sandusky Classis, stating that he had received, from the different charges within the bounds of the Classis, \$180 40, and that he had paid out the same amount to the Rev. Wm. McCaughey.

CHURCH EXTENSION FUND.

No interest seems to be taken by the church in this subject. The only amount that ever came into the treasury of the Board was \$65, which still continues as a loan to the Terre Haute mission.

THE STATE OF FINANCES.

The Board is still in debt to her missionaries to the amount of \$150. This amount may yet be met at the present meeting of Synod; for, notwithstanding the urgent appeals made by the Board upon the necessity of having all moneys paid into the treasury before the meeting of Synod, many retain their collections and bring them in only at the latest hour.

We can not close our report without again urging the church to the necessity of greater diligence in the holy cause of missions. If our beloved Zion is ever to arise and shine in the great kingdom of our blessed Lord on earth, it will only be when she shall have put on her strength and girded herself for her work,—when her priests, clothed with salvation, shall go forth bearing the peoples' offering—their gold and their silver—and present it holy unto the Lord.

Respectfully submitted.

P. C. PRUGH, President.

Report of the Treasurer of the Board of Missions.

Shuman, Treasurer, in account with the Board of Domestic Missions of the German Reformed Synod of Ohio and adjacent States.

of money received since my last report to Synod, at Dayton, Ohio, 1868:

MIAMI CLASSIS.

Wm. Mt. Zion charge.....		\$140 00
Wm. Hugh, Xenia congregation.....	\$22 68	
Wm. Hugh, Xenia Sabbath-school.....	16 25	88 88
Wm. Ritter, Miamisburg charge.....		5 00
Wm. Williard, Bethel charge.....		28 25
Wm. , 1st G. Ref. church, Cincinnati.....		68 00
Wm. , 2d G. R. C., Cincinnati.....		15 00
Wm. , 8d G. R. C., Cincinnati.....		80 00
Wm. , 1st G. R. C., Dayton.....		28 00
Wm. , 2d G. R. C., Dayton.....		19 29
Wm. Herman, West Alexandria charge.....		20 19
Wm. , Schilling, Seven-Mile charge.....		58 00
Wm. , 1st G. R. C., Union charge.....		25 00
Wm. , 2d G. R. C., Union charge.....		11 00
Wm. , St. Paris charge.....		3 69
Wm. , Corydon mission, Indiana.....		18 00
Wm. , Thomas, Springfield, Ohio.....		5 00
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		\$492 20

LANCASTER CLASSIS.

Wm. , Somerset charge.....	\$129 33	
Wm. , Lithopolis charge.....	22 00	
Wm. , 1st G. R. C., Beaver charge.....	14 75	
Wm. , mission.....	8 17	
Wm. , 1st G. R. C., of Basil charge.....	82 54	
Wm. , Sabbath-school.....	2 58	
Wm. , 1st G. R. C., Sugar Grove charge.....	42 00	
Wm. , 2d G. R. C., Kinnick-kinnick charge.....	15 00	
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		\$266 35

IOWA CLASSIS.

Wm. , Bauman, Zwingle.....	\$25 00	
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SANDUSKY CLASSIS.

Wm. , Angler, Navarre charge.....	\$18 66	
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ILLINOIS CLASSIS.

Wm. , 1st G. R. C., Orangeville charge.....	\$15 00	
Wm. , 2d G. R. C., Cedarville.....	10 00	
Wm. , 3d G. R. C., Shilbyville mission.....	21 48	
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		\$46 48

Wm. , 1st G. R. C., Classis.....	\$	
Wm. , 2d G. R. C., Classis.....	\$	

ST. JOHN'S CLASSIS.

Wm. , 1st G. R. C., Manchester charge.....	\$25 00	
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From Treasurer of Classes.....	\$15 00
Rev. D. Kemmerer, Wooster charge.....	15 00
Rev. J. Rinehart, Springfield charge.....	00 00
Ragersville Missionary Society (per Rev. Zahner).....	11 00

Total.....\$122 00

TIFFIN CLASSIS.

Rev. W. Renter, Kenton mission.....	20 00
Rev. G. M. Albright, Lafayette mission.....	0 00

Total\$15 00

Received from Rev. I. H. Reiter, Treasurer, an appropriation made by Synod.....\$100 00

ST. JOSEPH CLASSIS.

Rev. J. H. Klein, Ft. Wayne, Indiana.....	\$54 00
Rev. W. H. Fenneman, Blufton charge.....	5 00

Total.....\$59 00

INDIANA CLASSIS.

Rev. G. H. Zumpe, Poland charge.....	\$34 00
Rev. M. G. I. Stern, Indianapolis.....	12 00
Rev. H. Korthauer, Terre Haute mission.....	5 00
Rev. E. Bauman, Bowling Green.....	0 00
Margaret Willen (per Rev. G. H. Zumpe).....	5 00

Total\$31 00

Grand Total.....\$1180 00

The Treasurer credits himself as follows :

By cash paid Rev. L. Rike, missionary at Corydon, Indiana.....	\$168 00
" Rev. S. Mease, missionary at Cincinnati.....	100 00
" Rev. J. W. Alspach, missionary at Licking co., O.....	100 00
" Rev. H. K. Baines, missionary at Shelbyville, Ill.....	254 00
" Rev. J. H. Buser, missionary at Columbus, Iowa.....	150 00
" Rev. H. Korthauer, missionary at Terre Haute, Ind....	99 00
" Rev. W. Wittenweiler, missionary at Dayton, Ohio...	50 00
" Rev. G. M. Albright, missionary at Allen co. O.....	81 00
" Rev. W. Renter, missionary at Kenton, Ohio.....	65 00
" Rev. F. C. Bauman, missionary at Zwingle, Iowa.....	25 00
" Rev. J. C. Klar, missionary at Clinton co., Iowa.....	15 00
" Rev. M. H. Hookman, missionary at Lancaster, O....	25 00
" Discount on Draft from Rev. Klein.....	11 00
" President of Board for Postage and Stationery.....	7 00
" President of Board for fare to Cin. on business.....	00 00
" President of Board for fare to Dayton on business...	00 00
" For Blank Book for use of Board.....	1 00
" For Postage and Stationery for Treasurer.....	1 00

Total.....\$1,154 00

In hands of Treasurer.....26 00

\$1,180 00

Respectfully submitted.

A. H. BAUGHMAN, Treasurer B. M.

Xenia, Ohio, May 27th, 1863.

3.—*Report of Committee on Missions.*

The Committee on Missions would respectfully submit the following report :

The report of the President and Treasurer of the Board of Missions are all the documents that have been placed in the hands of your Committee. From these documents we are lead to believe that the Board has carried the work forward with encouraging success which Synod has intrusted into their hands. Through the last Synodical year, notwithstanding the difficulties that must have presented themselves to those who have been commissioned by the Board to labor in the respective fields under their care on account of our national troubles, they all are more or less encouraged to continue the work in which they are engaged. During the year, the Board had eleven missionary fields under its care, three of which were taken up during the last year—these are, however, not all the fields that should, and could receive aid from the Board. The Macedonean cry, it appears, often comes to the ears of the Board, "Come over and help us"—but the Board can only supply the wants of our destitute brethren so far as the church supplies them with the necessary means. The means, we believe, have never satisfied the demand. This is so, because we are never of one mind ; and therefore do not labor to bring about the same important end. But we hope, in this Synodical year, upon which we are now about to enter, which is the year of Jubilee in our beloved Zion, that we will make a united effort in raising funds to fill the Treasury of our Board, that they may gladden the hearts of many of our destitute who have long wanted to have the church of their fathers, and their choice, established in their western homes.

Your Committee learns, with regret, that so many separate Boards have been formed throughout the church, independent of Synod's Board. This assuredly is not calculated to work for good ; therefore, such Classes should desist in this, and work through the proper Board, for through it all can be accomplished that can possibly be accomplished through a Classical Board ; and then the benevolent operations in this direction can be properly presented before the church and the world. As we have been working, we can not possibly place the correct amount collected on record. This year it will appear in the minutes of Synod that some of our Classes did little or nothing in this direction. Let us therefore have more system in our missionary operations, and with one accord lay hold of this work, ever looking to the great Head of the church for direction, and grace to perform the duties resting upon us in this respect, and the waste places of our beloved Zion will be supplied with the means of grace.

WHEREAS, Some of our Classes have refused to work through Synod's Board ; and, whereas, Tiffin Classis has sent up a request to have their Classical Board recognized as an auxiliary Board ; therefore,

Resolved, 1. That the request of Tiffin Classis be not granted for reasons already given, and that the other Classes having such Boards be earnestly requested to dissolve them, and work through Synod's Board.

Resolved, 2. That Synod recommend the appointment of Local Agents by the Board of Missions to organize new fields, where it is thought advisable, and encourage such as have already been organized, and also that each Classis appoint an agent within their own bounds to attend to their missionary interests.

Resolved, 3. That this Synod, in this Jubilee year, make a united effort to raise missionary funds, so as to enable the Board to enlarge its operations.

Respectfully submitted.

C. W. HOYMAN, Chairman.

The report was received and adopted as a whole.

The subject of a *Church Extension Fund* was discussed by Synod, and referred to a Committee consisting of Revs. M. Stern, T. G. Apple, and P. C. Prugh; and Elders J. Reitzell, and H. Leonard, which subsequently presented the following report, which was received and adopted:

The Committee to whom the subject of a Church Extension Fund was referred, report respectfully as follows:

There is a Church Extension Fund in our midst governed by a Constitution approved by Synod. This same Board is now identical with the Board of Missions. We have, therefore, no new organization to propose; but feeling the importance of the work committed to the care of the Board, and regretting that so little has been done in our midst in the past to create a fund to assist poor churches in the erection of church edifices, we would recommend the following resolutions for adoption:

Resolved, 1. That in this year of Jubilee this cause should also be presented to our churches for the exercise of their benevolence.

Resolved, 2. That a committee be appointed to write articles on that subject in both papers of the church—the Missionary and the Evangelist. Rev. P. C. Prugh was appointed to write for the Missionary, and Rev. M. Stern for the Evangelist.

Resolved, 3. That we regard our Board as an auxiliary to our Eastern Board, and request to enter with the Eastern Board into the necessary correspondence and arrangement.

Respectfully submitted.

M. STERN, Chairman.

ARTICLE XVI.

FINANCE.

The following report was received from the Treasurer of Synod, read, adopted, and referred to the Committee on Finance:

Rev. Isaac H. Reiter, Treasurer, in account with the Synod of Ohio and adjacent States.

	Dr.
23, To balance in the treasury	\$247 75
4, To Westmoreland Classis, on Minutes of Synod for 1861, in part.....	6 50
17, To Iowa Classis, permanent apportionment for 1862, in full.....	6 00
7, To Amount received on Wisconsin Bank Bill, exchanged by Rev. C. Schiller.....	1 35
10, To St. John's Classis, per appt. for 1860, in full.....	14 00
10, To St. John's Classis, per appt. for 1861, in part.....	16 00
20, To Sandusky Classis per appt. for 1861, in full.....	14 50
2, To Miami Classis, per appt. for 1862, in full.....	45 00
2, To Miami Classis, on Minutes of Synod for 1862, in part....	46 50
2, To Lancaster Classis, on Minutes of Synod for 1862, in part.....	8 00
2, To St. John's Classis, on Minutes of Synod for 1862, in full.....	13 50
2, To Indiana Classis, on Minutes of Synod for 1862, in part.....	40
2, To Illinois Classis, on Minutes of Synod for 1861, in part..	1 20
2, To Illinois Classis, on Minutes of Synod for 1862, in part..	2 00
2, To Iowa Classis, on Minutes of Synod for 1862, in part.....	1 60
2, To Tiffin Classis, on Minutes of Synod for 1862, in part....	20
17, To St. Joseph Classis, per appt. for 1861, in part.....	12 00

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22, To Miami Classis, on Minutes of Synod for 1862, in part.....	2 00
22, To Miami Classis, on Minutes of Synod for 1862, in part....	1 40
22, To Tiffin Classis, on Minutes of Synod for 1862, in full.....	2 20
22, To Illinois Classis, on Minutes of Synod for 1862, in full....	4 50
22, To Iowa Classis, on Minutes of Synod for 1862, in full.....	1 50
22, To Sandusky Classis, on Minutes of Synod for 1862, in full.....	25 90
6, To Westmoreland Classis, on Minutes of Synod, '61, in part.....	19 25
20, To Miami Classis, on Minutes of Synod for 1862, in part....	1 00
20, To Illinois Classis, per appt. for 1862, in full.....	10 50
10, To Lancaster Classis, on Minutes of Synod for 1862, in full.....	19 50
10, To Sheboygan Classis, on Minutes of Synod for '62, in full.....	1 00
7, To Miami Classis, on Minutes of Synod for 1862, in full....	5 50
28, To Lancaster Classis, per appt. for 1862, in full.....	21 00
28, To Westmoreland Classis, on Minutes of Synod for '61, in full.....	4 25
28, To Westmoreland Classis, on Minutes of Synod for 1862, in part.....	2 00
28, To Tiffin Classis, per appt. for 1860, in full.....	38 00
28, To Tiffin Classis, per appt. for 1861, in full.....	84 50
28, To Indiana Classis, Minutes of Synod for 1862, in full.....	1 70

Total.....\$622 20

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May 26, By cash paid Rev. G. B Russell for seal of Synod.....	\$ 7 75
26, By cash paid A. H. Baughman for missions, by order of Synod.....	75 00
26, By cash paid Rev. G. W. Williard for Stated Clerk fees, for 1862, in full.....	25 00
26, By cash paid for traveling expenses to Eastern Synod, for '61.....	22 00
6, By cash paid A. H. Baughman, for missions, by order of Synod, in full.....	25 00
2, By cash paid Rev. G. W. Williard, for publishing Minutes of Synod for 1862, in full.....	190 00
2, By cash paid Rev. G. W. Williard on bill of sundries, in full.....	12 50
May 28, By balance in the treasury.....	264 85

Total.....\$622 20

The amount of funds received during the current year, according to foregoing account, is \$374 45, which, including the balance of \$247 80 the treasurer's hands at the last annual settlement, makes the total amount \$622 20; of which there has been paid out \$357 25, leaving a balance in the treasury of \$264 95.

All claims against Synod, presented for settlement during the year, have been paid in full, leaving Synod free of debt.

The amount due and unpaid by the several Classes, as will be seen by the following statement, is \$193 60, which should be paid without delay.

On Minutes of Synod from the Classis of—	
Tiffin, for 1860 (German).....	\$14 00
Tiffin, for 1860 (English).....	20 00
Iowa, for 1861.....	3 00
Westmoreland, for 1862.....	26 00
Total.....	\$62 00
On the permanent apportionment from the Classis of—	
Iowa, for 1861.....	\$3 00
St. John's, for 1861.....	5 00
St. John's, for 1862.....	24 00
Sandusky, for 1862.....	15 00
St. Joseph, for 1862.....	21 00
Sheboygan, for 1862.....	15 00
Indiana, for 1862.....	15 00
Tiffin, for 1862.....	33 00
Total.....	\$131 00

Respectfully submitted.

L. H. REITER, Treasurer of Synod.

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

Your Committee on Finance respectfully report:

The only paper placed in our hands is the Treasurer's report, from which we learn that the following Classes are delinquent:—Iowa, St. John's, Sandusky, St. Joseph's, Sheboygan, Indiana, Tiffin and Westmoreland, and that the amount due and unpaid by the above Classes is \$193 60, which delinquencies they are hereby urgently requested to pay as speedily as possible.

Respectfully submitted.

A. C. KENDIG.

ARTICLE XVII.

ELECTION.

The Committee on Nominations presented their report according to the standing rule of Synod. The report was received and adopted, and the election held with the following result:

1.—*Delegate to the Eastern Synod.*

Rev. E. E. Higbee, *Primarius*, and Rev. J. Vogt, *Secundus*.

2.—*Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary.*

Revs. D. Winters, P. C. Prugh, G. W. Williard, Messrs. C. Staley, A. H. Baughman, B. C. Taylor, G. G. Prugh.

Board of Trustees of Heidelberg College. (For four years.)

Revs. H. Rust, and J. H. Kline, and Messrs. L. Shriver, J. L. Baltzell, and Wm. Barrick.

The following are the other members of the Board:

For 3 years—Revs. J. H. Good, J. J. Escher, and J. G. Zahner, Messrs. Edward Swander, J. Kuhn, and J. Poorman.

For 2 years—Revs. G. B. Russell, G. W. Williard, P. C. Prugh, H. Z. Mechling, and Dr. J. Treon, and Wm. Snyder.

For 1 year—Revs. D. Winters, I. H. Reiter, and E. Keller; and Mr. N. L. Brewer, John Royer, and Thomas Swander.

4.—Board of Visitors of Theological Seminary.

Revs. J. B. Thompson, E. Keller, J. H. Good, J. G. Ruhl, J. Escher, R. Good, Messrs. C. Hufford, A. Burgdarfer, T. L. Linder.

5.—Board of Visitors of Heidelberg College.

Revs. L. H. Kefauver, J. J. Escher, N. H. Loose, R. Andrews, J. H. Kline, and Mr. J. Pillars.

6.—Board of Missions.

Revs. P. C. Prugh, D. Winters, I. H. Reiter, G. W. Williard, L. Kefauver, H. M. Herman, J. Schlosser, C. Wittenwieler, Mr. A. H. Baughman, D. H. Prugh, J. Haller, D. Rader, P. J. Ketterman, W. Neible.

7.—Board of Publication.

Revs. I. H. Reiter, D. Winters, P. C. Prugh, Messrs. B. Koons, L. Baughman.

ARTICLE XVIII.

PUBLICATION.

Should the Board of Publication having failed to make any report, there was nothing upon which the Standing Committee could base a report.

The Board of Publication was authorized to have the Western Messenger published weekly, provided the way be clear to do so.

ARTICLE XIX.

EDUCATION.

Should the Treasurer of the Board of Visitors of the Seminary present the following report, which was received, read, adopted, and referred to the Committee on Education:

Good, Treasurer, in account with the Board of Education of the German Reformed Church of the Synod of Ohio and adjacent States, debtor to amount of money received from May 20th, 1862, to May 30th, 1863, as follows:

ST. JOHN'S CLASSIS.

Rev. J. G. Zahner, Shanesville charge.....	\$11 00
Rev. J. Rinehart, Springfield charge.....	5 00
Rev. J. Biery, New Bedford charge.....	7 12
Rev. D. Kemmerer, Treasurer of Classis.....	24 00
Collected by Rev. J. J. Escher, in Rev. D. Kemmerer's charge.....	71 90
Collected by Rev. J. J. Escher, in P. Herbrook's charge	55 55
Collected by Rev. J. J. Escher, in J. H. Hamm's charge	33 50
Collected by Rev. J. J. Escher, in Rev. Hines, Reiter, &c.....	9 00
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	\$21

MIAMI CLASSIS.

Rev. S. Shaw, Port Jefferson charge.....	\$ 5 00
Rev. I. H. Reiter, Miamisburg charge.....	11 00
Rev. D. Winters, Mt. Zion charge (ter-centenary collection).....	70 00
Rev. Geo. W. Williard, Bethel charge.....	15 00
J. Schildknecht, \$5 00, and C. H. Sommerkamp, \$2 00, Cincinnati.....	7 00
Amount collected by Rev. J. J. Escher, in Fairfield charge.....	44 10
Amount collected by Rev. J. J. Escher of Elder Baughman, Xenia.....	5 00
Amount collected by Rev. J. J. Escher of B. C. Taylor, Dayton.....	3 00
Rev. L. H. Kefauver, Dayton, 1st Ger. Ref. church	8 00
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	\$11

TIFFIN CLASSIS.

Rev. J. Winter, Marion and Caroline charges.....	\$ 5 30
Rev. Geo. Rettig, Bucyrus charge.....	2 50
Rev. Wm. Renter, Kenton mission.....	5 00
Rev. M. Miller, Findley mission.....	3 25
Rev. J. H. Stepler, Windfall congregation.....	2 32
Rev. J. H. Good, Jacobs and Fort Seneca.....	3 11
Rev. E. Keller, Thompson's charge.....	20 36
Rev. J. J. Escher, Berwick charge.....	11 00
Rev. P. Greeding, Allen county mission.....	5 00
Rev. J. Klingler, Wyandotte mission.....	6 00
Rev. R. Good's contribution.....	6 00
From Gottes Kasten (Evangelist).....	38 15
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	\$11
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	\$4

LANCASTER CLASSIS.

Rev. J. I. Swarder, Kinnick-kinnick charge.....	\$10 00
Elder H. Leonard.....	35 00
Interest of Lancaster, Classis fund per Dr. M. Kieffer	21 25
Rev. N. H. Loose, Sugar Grove charge.....	15 00
Rev. C. W. Hoyman, Somerset charge.....	20 00
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	\$11

SANDUSKY CLASSIS.

Rev. J. J. Excell, Readburg charge.....	\$ 5 00
J. Christman, Treasurer of Classis.....	40 00
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	\$ 45 00

INDIANA CLASSIS.

Rev. E. Bauman, Bowling Green charge.....	\$ 5 25
Rev. G. H. Zumpe, Poland charge.....	5 00
Rev. M. G. I. Stern, Indianapolis charge.....	20 00
Rev. H. Korthauer, Terre Haute charge.....	5 00
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	\$ 36 25

ST. JOSEPH CLASSIS.

Rev. J. H. Klein, St. John's cong., Fort Wayne.....	\$21 08
Rev. W. H. Fennemman, Blufton charge.....	6 00
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	\$ 27 08

Total collections.....	\$702 74
Balance in the treasury May 20th, 1862.....	\$27 72
Amount received by Dr. Kieffer at the last meeting of Synod, and embodied in the last report, but not added to it.....	29 00
Interest from the Permanent Fund.....	10 00
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Total amount.....	\$769 46

CONTRA CR.

Amount paid beneficiaries, as per vouchers.....	\$431 00
Repaid amount borrowed March 11th, 1862.....	75 00
Paid interest on the same.....	3 12
Paid interest on \$160, temporary loan.....	2 10
Uncurrent money.....	6 00
Traveling expenses paid Rev. J. J. Escher.....	16 06
Post-office stamps, &c.....	65
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	\$533 92

Balance in the treasury May 30th, 1863.....	\$235 54
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PERMANENT FUND.

Amount of Permanent Fund.....	\$325 00
Of this there is on interest, secured by mortgage.....	\$125 00
Of this there is on interest, secured by Prom. Note...	15 00
The balance is loaned to Contingent Fund.....	185 00
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Total.....	\$325 00

DEBT OF THE BOARD.

Amount borrowed from the Permanent Fund, as above stated \$185 00
Respectfully submitted.

R. GOOD, Treasurer.

May 30th, 1863.

The Committee on Education presented the following report,
which was received and adopted :

Your Committee beg leave to report the following:—From the Report of the Treasurer, we learn that the Board of Education is in a much better condition—notwithstanding financial difficulties—than it was one year ago. The collection from the various Classes for the cause of education is \$99 08 more than it was last year. The loan of \$75 00 from last year has been paid; and while the Board is still indebted \$185 00 to the Permanent Fund, there is a balance in the treasury of \$235 54, leaving a balance, after all arrearages are paid, of \$50 50.

Respectfully submitted.

J. H. STEPLER, in behalf of the Com.

ARTICLE XX.

MISCELLANEOUS.

German Documents.

Rev. H. J. Rutenik having presented certain German Publications to Synod for its examination, they were referred to a Committee consisting of Revs. J. Rettig, P. Vitz, and M. Kieffer and Elders C. D. Pipenbrink, and H. Leonard. This Committee subsequently reported through the Chairman that it had examined the documents placed in its hands—such as the Calendar, Sunday school paper, &c.,—and find them such as can be introduced into our German congregations, and especially have they found the book called Lamper's Brautschmuck to be very good. They would therefore recommend that Synod encourage these brethren in the enterprise in the circulation of such books as are in harmony with the spirit of our German Reformed church, and aid in the building of Christ's kingdom.

Historical Society.

WHEREAS, The Ter-centenary Convention of the German Reformed Church, in session at Philadelphia, January, 1863, feeling the want of a *Historical Society* for the preservation of important denominational records, and the furtherance of historical research in the Reformed Churches of America, appointed a committee to initiate some action to meet such want; therefore,

Resolved, That the German Reformed Synod of Ohio and adjacent States, heartily approving of the action of said Convention do appoint a Committee to co-operate, consisting of Revs. E. Higbee, M. Kieffer, I. H. Reiter, and M. Stern.

Thanks to Dayton and Sandusky Rail-road.

The thanks of Synod were returned to the officers of the Dayton and Sandusky Rail-road for the favor extended to the members of the Convention to return free over the road as far as they had paid full fare in coming.

It was also *resolved*, in connection with this subject, that a pastor loci, and the officers of Synod, be appointed by Synod to

securing half-fare tickets on the rail-roads leading to the
of our regular meetings.

Statistical Reports.

Stated Clerks of the different Classes were instructed to
the Statistical Reports complete before sending them to

The Delegate from the East.

Rev. T. G. Apple, delegate from the Eastern Synod, took
of Synod shortly before adjournment, by expressing the
and gratification that he had enjoyed, personally, in at-
the sessions of this Synod, and assured it of the deep in-
which the Synod he represented felt in every thing that
led to the prosperity of our Zion; and expressed the hope
present ter-centenary festival, which we were now en-
would redound to the good of our Reformed church in
pects. The remarks were briefly responded to by the
nt, who assured him that the West felt the same kind feel-
ard the church East that it did to us in the West.

Publications of the Minutes of Synod.

Stated Clerk of Synod was authorized to have 1,500 copies
minutes published in the English, and the Assistant Secre-
00 in the German language. A Committee consisting of
C. Prugh and I. H. Reiter, and Elder H. Leonard, was
ed to apportion the above numbers among the several

The Minutes are to be paid for by the several Classes,
ortion to the number received. The Treasurer of Synod
y the publishers, and keep an account with the several
according to the number apportioned by the above Com-

Committee on Apportionment reported as follows :

Committee appointed to apportion 1,500 English and 1,200
copies of the Minutes of Synod, made the following re-

	English.	German.
Massis,	430	70
er Classis,	200	60
ireland Classis,	225	65
ty "	215	30
n's "	75	350
" "	60	250
ph "	50	100
" "	25	60
" "	50	40
" "	45	20
gan "	—	80
Synod,	125	75
Total,	1500	1200

Vote of Thanks.

Resolved, That this Synod tender its most hearty thanks the members of the German Reformed Churches of Tiffin, Ohio and also to the citizens of the same for their kind and generous hospitality, and that this resolution be announced from the pulpit of the German Reformed churches of Tiffin, Ohio.

ARTICLE XX.

CLOSE AND ADJOURNMENT.

Canton, Ohio, having been selected as the place of our next annual meeting, and the last Wednesday in May, in the year of our Lord, 1864, in the evening at 8 o'clock as the time, it was, motion,

Resolved, That we adjourn to meet at the above named place and time.

Synod adjourned on Monday night, the first of June, at a late hour, and dispensed with the reading of the Minutes of last session, and the calling of the roll. It was dismissed with prayer, and the apostolic benediction by the President.

H. RUST, President.

GEO. W. WILLIARD, Stated Clerk.

The above is an official copy from the original Minutes.

GEO. W. WILLIARD, Stated Clerk.

LANCASTER CLASSIS.

MINISTERS.	NAMES OF CHARGES.	No. of Cong.	Members.	Communica'ts	Baptisms.	Confirmations	By Letter.	Dismissed.	Excommuni'd or Erased.	Deaths.	S. Schools	Minutes.	Benevolent Contributions.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
H. Williard	Columbus	9	41	36	15	5	1	1	0	1	2	10	\$15 00	Columbus..... Ohio.
J. Vogt	Delaware.....	2	173	149	13	10	0	0	0	4	1	10	16 68	Delaware..... Ohio.
H. King	Union.....	3	164	110	32	16	0	0	0	10	2	10	153 00	Baltimore..... Ohio.
C. W. Hoyman	Somerset.....	4	230	210	19	3	5	0	0	3	3	35	81 90	Somerset..... Ohio.
N. H. Loose	Sugar Grove	4	221	203	20	22	10	0	0	0	3	20	52 00	Sugar Grove..... Ohio.
A. C. Kondig	Basel.....	2	169	113	53	13	4	4	0	0	0	20	100 00	Basel..... Ohio.
J. L. Swander	Kinnick-kinnick.....	4	190	150	19	16	8	1	1	6	2	25	85 00	Chillicothe..... Ohio.
J. Heffley	Lithopolis	4	200	215	204	30	15	2	1	3	2	20	54 19	Canal Winchester..... Ohio.
J. McConnell	Tarleton	4	425	391	39	24	4	0	0	12	2	20	29 75	Beavertown..... Ohio.
J. C. Henneman	Without Charge	5												Lancaster..... Ohio.
P. D. Schory	Lancaster	1												Lancaster..... Ohio.
M. H. Hoekman .....	.....	1												Defiance..... Ohio.
J. Rohl	Licking county.....	1	36	16	3								8 17	Appleton..... Ohio.
J. W. Alapach	Without Charge	1												Columbus..... Ohio.
S. S. Rickley .....	.....												

IOWA CLASSIS.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	No. of Cong.	No. Con. Members.	Members Com.	Baptisms.	Rec'd by Con.	Rec. by Let. &c	Dis. by Let.	Excommuni'd.	Deaths.	S. Schools.	Contributions for Benev.	No. of Copies of Minutes.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
F. C. Bauman	Harmony	9	110	109	110	50	5	0	0	1	2	\$25 00	10	Wingli, Duboquo county..... Iowa.
J. Hink	Beuther and Beuther.....	9	47	50	54	3	0	0	0	0	0	42 00	0	

MINISTERS.	NAMES OF CHARGES.	Aggregations.	Unconfirmed Members.	Confirmed Members.	Communicants	Baptisms.	Confirmations.	Sec. by Certif.	Dis. by Letter.	Excommuni'd.	Deaths.	S. Schools.	Minutes, Eng.	Minutes, Ger.	Benevolent Contributions.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
N. P. Hacke.....	Greensburg, Ger.....	6	.....	.....	635	120	40	.....	.....	.....	40	6	20	20	\$148 50	Greensburg, Pa.....
H. E. F. Voigt.....	Mt. Pleasant and Latrobe	4	.....	210	167	28	.....	.....	.....	.....	4	6	10	.....	.....	Mt. Pleasant, Pa.....
Wm. Conrad.....	Beam's.....	5	.....	176	164	12	9	.....	.....	.....	4	2	30	.....	160 64	Jenner X Roads, Pa.....
Benj. Knepper.....	Wellersburg.....	3	76	180	182	75	18	2 10	8 23	3 12	6	.....	.....	.....	81 56	Wellersburg, Pa.....
F. K. Levan.....	Mt. Pleasant.....	4	300	823	100	6	9	2 1	.....	.....	1 50	2 30	.....	.....	93 50	Mt. Pleasant, Pa.....
F. A. Edmonds.....	Berlin.....	5	230	240	205	60	26	.....	.....	.....	1 50	2 30	.....	.....	87 00	Berlin, Pa.....
T. J. Barkley.....	Salem.....	4	180	100	200	35	31	4	.....	.....	14	3	25	.....	100 00	Salem X Roads, Pa.....
C. C. Russell.....	Latrobe.....	1	99	88	140	16	1	2	.....	.....	10	.....	16	4	93 50	Latrobe, Pa.....
E. E. Higbee.....	Grace Church.....	5	.....	180	60	4	4	7	3	.....	8	1	10	.....	68 00	Pittsburg, Pa.....
D. H. Reiter.....	Shade.....	3	185	125	145	24	26	1	.....	.....	1	17	20	.....	25 00	Shellsburg, Pa.....
H. W. Super.....	Greensburg, Eng.....	8	.....	235	120	21	4	4	.....	.....	6	3	25	.....	100 00	Greensburg, Pa.....
A. B. Koplin.....	Grantsville.....	5	144	184	194	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10	3	25	.....	38 25	Elk Lick, Pa.....
Geo. H. Johnston.....	Somerset.....	3	.....	74	164	24	21	4	.....	.....	2	8	3	25	175 00	Somerset, Pa.....
Vacant.....	Cumberland mission.....	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Cumberland, Md.....
Cyrus Cort.....	Altoona mission.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Altoona, Pa.....
Prof. Jos. H. Johnston	Licen. Westmoreland Col.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Mt. Pleasant, Pa.....
H. Loach.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Paxinos, Pa.....
Wm. Weisel.....	Superannuated.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Leechburg, Pa.....

SANDUSKY CLASSIS.

MINISTERS.	NAMES OF CHARGES.	No. of Cong.	No. of Min.	Monies Received.	S. Schools.	Deaths.	Excommunicated.	Dismissals.	Rec'd by Let.	Confirmations.	Baptisms.	Communica'ts.	Confirmed.	Unconfirmed Members.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
E. B. Leliter.....	Tuscarawas.....	4	3	\$100 00	40	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Nawasars, Stark county..... Ohio.....
Wm. McCaughey.....	Akron.....	1	1	16 06	5	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Akron..... Ohio.....
J. Hines.....	North Union.....	4	1	43 00	50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Johnson's Corners, Summit county..... Ohio.....
J. J. Excell.....	Reedsburg.....	6	4	92 36	60	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Reedsburg, Wayne county..... Ohio.....
F. J. Spangler.....	Navarre.....	4	4	60 00	0	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	West Lebanon, Wayne county..... Ohio.....
M. A. Miller.....	Summit.....	4	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Lake, Stark county..... Ohio.....
J. M. Le Fever.....	Carrollton.....	4	2	66 50	50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Carrollton..... Ohio.....
C. H. Keller.....	Bristol.....	6	3	66 60	55	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Wadsworth, Medina county..... Ohio.....
D. R. Moore.....	Savannah.....	4	3	51 30	56	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Sankin, Ashland county..... Ohio.....
D. W. Kelley.....	Shelby.....	4	1	51 00	18	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Shelby, Richland county..... Ohio.....
W. B. Sandon.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Marshallville..... Ohio.....
J. H. Helm.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
H. Hess.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
H. Shaul.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
L. Follett.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

SHEBOYGAN CLASSIS.

MINISTERS.	NAMES OF CHARGES.	Cong's.	Uncon. Mem.	Confir. Mem.	Communica'ts.	Baptisms.	Rec'd by Confir.	Rec'd on Certif.	Dis. by Certificate.	Eacon.	Deaths.	S. Schools.	Donations for Benev. purposes.	Minutes.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
H. A. Muehlmeier.....	Immanuel and Bethel.....	2	312	200	220	50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Howard's Grove, Sheboygan county, Wis.....
H. A. Winter.....	.....	1	163	66	66	35	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Sauk City, Wis.....
J. Bossard.....	Saron.....	1	60	40	40	12	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Sheboygan, Wis.....
J. T. Kloge.....	Zion and St. Paul.....	2	109	148	158	21	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Sheboygan, Wis.....
J. J. Brecht.....	Emmanuel.....	1	75	36	75	9	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Girard, Iowa.....
C. Lienkaemper.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
P. Joeris.....	Salem and Zoar.....	2	70	57	57	17	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Medina, Outagamy county, Wis.....
N. Baustentek.....	.....	4	109	80	80	28	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Watertown, Wis.....
C. Schiller.....	.....	1	196	95	104	50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Lowell, Dodge county, Wis.....
C. Vergara.....	.....	1	124	60	70	56	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Newtownburg, Manitowish county, Wis.....
C. J. Acosta.....	.....	1	170	90	63	7	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Mayville, Dodge county, Wis.....
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Ashford, Fond du lac county, Wis.....

POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.

MINISTERS.	NAMES OF CHARGES.	No. of Cong.	Confirmed Members.	Communi- cants.	Baptisms.	Confirmations.	Confessed Confession.	is. by Cer.	commun'd	Deaths.	Schools.	Amount Paid.	Notes, Ger.	Notes, Ger.	Post-Office Address.
F. Babauer	Eremitus	1	19	38							1	\$ 2 00			Wilkin, Pa.
B. Good	Salena	230	230	300 40			10	2	10	2	10	94 60 10	2		Tiffin, Ohio
J. H. Good	Tiffin, 2d church	400	390 34	18			15	4	12	1	5	110 19 30	2		Gallion, Ohio
J. Betting	Gallion	260	103	115 14	6		15	4	1	2	5	137 00	2		Cleveland, Ohio
H. J. Rutensick	Salena	110	75	75	2		6		4	1	4	10 00	3		Herring, Allen county, Ohio
G. M. Albright	Toledo	186	117	100 30	3		6		5	1	3	62 70	2		Toledo, Ohio
M. Eschmeyer	Berwick	269	201	100 12	10		10	3	7	2	3	80 80 30	1		Marion, Ohio
A. Toomsifer	Marion	182	182	40 17			14	3	10	2	2	61 34	2		Fostoria, Seneca county, Ohio
J. J. Escher	Thompson	200	155	155	6 17				21	1	21	57	10		Bellevue, Ohio
E. Keller	Tiffin, 1st church	71	71	9 7					2		2	30 42	6		Tiffin, Ohio
M. Kieffer, D. D.	Eremitus	175	175	15 13					5		5	15 78	6		Iles, De Kalb county, Ohio
C. Walker	Upper Sandusky	91	91	23					6		6	20 00 25	1		Harris, Seneca county, Ohio
J. Klingler	Attica	153	73	72	6				10	1	10	8 29	5		Fremont, Ohio
F. Tendick	Sandusky	119	113	40	6				1		1		5		Findlay, Ohio
J. B. Thompson	Findlay	178	178	23					1		1		5		Beaverdam, Allen county, Ohio
M. Mueller	Allen county	190	190	21 22			6		21	2	21	57 00	2		N. Spoleon, Ohio
J. G. Ruhl	Wetstein	180	85	9 12					5		5	9 78	2		Gallion, Ohio
P. Greding	Bascom	46	46	7					15	2	15	21 55	2		Bascom, Ohio
W. Wittgall	Monroeville	231	135	130 16	7		8	4	21	2	21	75 04	2		Huron, Erie county, Ohio
D. Zimmerman	Marion	131	131	39 10			20		3	2	3	14 10	2		Charfield, Ohio
J. Mattinger	Bucyrus	110	110						2	1	2	5 34	2		Bucyrus, Ohio
C. Kass	Kenyon								4		4		2		Kenyon, Ohio
G. Wintet	Good Hope								2		2		2		Fostoria, Ohio
G. Rettig	Good Hope								2		2		2		Fremont, Ohio
Wm. Kentor									4		4		2		Kenosha, Ind.
H. Bair									2		2		2		Tiffin, Ohio
J. Heller									2		2		2		
H. E. Schutte									2		2		2		
Wm. W. James									2		2		2		

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ST. JOSEPH CLASSIS.

MINISTERS.	NAMES OF CHARGES.		Members.	Communicants.	Baptisms.	Confirmed.	Rec'd by Let.	Dismissed.	Excommuni'd.	Deaths.	Sub-Schools.	Contributions.	Minutes, Eng.	Minutes, Ger.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
J. H. Klein.....	1	St. John's Church...	240	250	33	11	9	6	2	13	1	\$105 00	16	10	Ft. Wayne, Ind.....
C. Cast.....	1	Zion's Church.....	125	125	46	11	20	10	2	10	2	.....	1	1	Detroit, Mich.....
P. Vitz.....	1	St. Peter's Church...	71	71	88	6	10	7	1	7	1	23 00	.....	1	Huntington, Ind.....
C. Jackel.....	2	Adams co., Charge	92	92	14	6	2	1	3	2	2	22 08	.....	1	Decatur, Adams co., Ind.....
Wm. Wasniok.....	5	Brush Creek Charge	154	154	50	16	4	.....	8	8	3	39 00	5	20	Pulaski, Williams co., Ohio.....
W. H. Fenneman.....	2	Without Charge.....	180	180	24	.....	.....	.....	.....	7	1	31 75	10	5	Bucyrus, Ohio.....
G. W. M. Schulze.....	6	Brinton Charge.....	202	202	37	32	21	.....	2	2	2	20 50	10	15	Vera Cruz, Wells co., Ind.....
Phil. Becker.....	3	Whitley co. Charge.	60	60	6	8	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	12	.....	Columbia City, Ind.....
A. Butt.....	5	Jefferson Charge...	129	91	38	4	10	.....	6	1	.....	.....	1	.....	Pulaski, Williams co., Ohio.....
J. G. Kissell.....	2	Auburn Charge.....	50	50	9	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	Anbern, De Kalb co., Ind.....
J. Knie.....	6	Union Charge.....	148	100	43	31	6	2	1	1	2	.....	5	.....	Ibea, De Kalb co., Ind.....
Jonas Michael.....	2	Winamac Charge...	100	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Winemac, Pulaski co., Ind.....
D. Kroh.....	2	St. Joseph Charge...	60	60	.....	.....	.....	.....	8	2	1	.....	5	.....	Three Rivers, Mich.....
S. Z. Beam.....	2	Neriah Charge.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Erte, Monroe co., Mich.....
Wm. Spies.....	.....	No Report.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	New Bavaria, Defiance co., O.....
E. Spangler.....	.....	Without Charge...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Edgerton, Williams co., O.....
D. Lantz.....	.....	No Report.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Constantine, St. Joseph co., Mich.....
G. A. Ficks.....	.....	No Report.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Plymouth, Ind.....
I. D. Gackenhelmer.....	.....	No Report.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
T. Winters.....	.....	Superannuated.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	West Alexandria, Ohio.....

INDIANA CLASSIS.

MINISTERS.	CONG.	NAMES OF CHARGES.	Min. Ger.	Min. Ing.	Benev. Contribu't	Day Sch.	S. Schools	Deaths.	Dismissed.	Excom.	By Letter.	Confirm's.	Baptisms.	Communi-cants.	Mem. Con-firmed.	Bap. Mem.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
G. H. Zumppe	3	Poland Charge	1 12	1 28	75	1	1	8	1	4	13	7	25	174	189	3	Poland, Clay county, Indiana.
M. G. T. Stern	1	Indianapolis	3 30	1 75	00	1	1	13	1	4	13	4	50	133	80	1	Indianapolis, Indiana.
H. Kordhauer	1	Zion's Charge	10	23	40	1	1	7	1	2	7	6	30	50	35	3	Terre Haute, Indiana.
J. Eichlin	2	Linton Charge	1	3	50	1	1	2	1	2	2	2	78	78	47	2	Linton, Green county, Indiana.
uman	2	Bowling Green Mission	1	15	00	1	1	2	1	2	2	2	50	47	36	2	Bowling Green, Owen co., Indiana.
M. Stern	1	Louisville Charge	10	94	00	1	1	4	1	2	90	13	100	92	22	1	Louisville, Kentucky.
K. F. Martin	1	Lanesville, Harrison co., Indiana	1	25	00	1	1	4	1	2	2	2	100	100	36	1	Lanesville, Harrison co., Indiana.
.....	.....	Colliflower Charge	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	.....	Vernon Charge	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
J. Leibert	.....	Dayton Charge	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
L. Biko	.....	Corydon Charge	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
J. Blagden	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
A. Boonmiller	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
J. E. Colldower	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
J. Pence	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

ILLINOIS CLASSIS.

MINISTERS.	CONG.	NAMES OF CHARGES.	No. Min.	Benevole't Contribu.	S. Schools	Deaths.	Dismissed.	By Letter.	By Confir.	Baptisms.	No. Com-municants	Confirmed Members.	Uncon. Members.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
John Hoyman	16	Orangeville	50	.....	15	1	1	4	2	37	175	300	130	Orangeville, Stephenson county, Illinois.
J. P. Decker	.....	Superannated	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
H. K. Baines	2	Shelbysville mission	15	\$14 00	2	1	1	1	14	43	74	47	22	Shelbysville, Shelby county, Illinois.
John Stoneberger	1	Astoria mission	5	8 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	40	57	37	Astoria, Fulton county, Illinois.
Geo. Weber	.....	Missionary	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
C. W. Swaman	4	Foreston	5	10 00	3	3	3	5	6	21	65	142	131	Foreston, Stephenson county, Illinois.
H. Knepper	.....	Without charge	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Yocant	2	Cedarville	10	15 00	1	1	1	1	1	9	42	51	16	Ogle's Station, Lee county, Illinois.
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Joseph Sechler
Jacob Burkholder
Wm. Gilpin	2	Hickory Creek	4	Hickory Creek, Fayette county, Illinois.

ST. JOHN'S CLASSIS.

MINISTERS.	NAMES OF CHARGES.		POST-OFFICE ADDRESS	
J. W. Hamm	6 Manchester	663	\$ 35 00	Nimissilla, Ohio
D. Kemmerer	4 Wooster	380	67 11 10	Pittsburg Pa.
P. Herbruck	Canton	919	60 45 10	Canton, Ohio.
G. Zeigler	7 Georgetown	567	28 47 10	North Georgetown, O.
J. G. Zahner	5 Shanesville	504	30 71 10	Ragersville, Ohio.
J. Beiry	6 New Bedford	288	17 15 5	New Bedford, O.
J. Ackeret	2 Mt. Eaton	51	6 60 1	Mount Eaton, Ohio.
C. Zwisler	No report.			Canfield, O.
S. N. King	3 New Lisbon	156	17 61 25	New Lisbon, O.
C. Vanks	4 New Philadelphia	269	9 79 5	New Philadelphia, O.
C. Fehr	No report.			
J. Reinhart	5 Springfield	490	110 00 40	North Lima, Ohio.
E. H. T. Woehler	2 Albion	100	18 66	Albion, Ohio.
H. K. Zinck	4 Warren	149	5 28 2	Warren, Ohio
J. B. Ruhl	3 Paradise	170	22 3	Lordstown, Ohio.
E. Koehler	2 Akron	200	5 16	Akron, Ohio.
A. Miller	Licentiate			
G. W. Henning	Licentiate			
I. D. Leeman	Licentiate			
	Congregations.			
	Minutes, Ger.			
	Minutes, Eng.			
	Benevolent Contributions.			
	Sab. Schools.			
	Deaths.			
	Dismissed.			
	Excommunicated			
	Rec. by Letter.			
	Confirmations.			
	Baptisms.			
	Communicants.			
	Mem. Confirm'd			
	Bap. Members.			

STATISTICAL SUMMARY.

NAMES OF CLASSES.	STATISTICAL SUMMARY.												
	Ministers.	Congregations.	Unconfirmed Members.	Confirmed Members.	Communicants.	Baptisms.	Confirmations.	Received by Certificate.	Dismissed by Letter.	Excommunicat'd.	Deaths.	Sab.-Schools.	Benevolent Contributions.
Miami.....	31	57	3606	4325	3654	460	215	167	64	59	113	46	\$1358 46
Lancaster.....	15	35	1033	1790	1586	229	146	37	14	10	60	27	597 69
Westmoreland.....	17	51	1163	2041	2500	423	201	26	14	7	189	37	1124 95
Tiffin.....	30	65	14 2	3341	3350	433	184	115	49	4	145	39	898 60
St. John's.....	19	63	760	1385	4981	696	320	16	12	273	38	416	59
St. Joseph.....	19	38		1611	1435	344	125	62	28	12	60	17	241 33
Sandusky.....	14	41	349	1967	1761	218	283	41	13	7	45	28	436 82
Sheboygan.....	11	15	1188	941	1086	256	72	17	29	4	44	13	439 72
Indiana.....	11	20	171	521	464	113	31	33	4	4	40	8	276 65
Illinois.....	7	17	336	522	441	88	35	36	6	16	12	47	00
Iowa.....	5	12	392	390	386	83	51	38	8			5	70 00
Total.....	179	402	10430	18734	20394	3393	1663	586	228	107	988	255	\$5907 81
Eastern Synod.....	253	741	43155	79676	66340	8575	3895	732	310	7	3638	693	\$5,079 32

STATE OF RELIGION.

Report on the State of Religion within the Bounds of the Eastern Synod for the year 1862.

The Committee on the State of Religion and Morals, within the bounds of the Eastern Synod, respectfully beg leave to submit the following report:

BELoved FATHERS AND BRETHREN IN THE LORD:—When the disciples on the mount of transfiguration, it is to be hoped, we have all had occasion, in some measure at least, during the session through which we have now passed, to say, "It is good for us to be here." Once more has the Master whom we serve permitted us to greet each other in the bonds of Christian fellowship, to mingle our counsels and prayers in behalf of the progress of His kingdom, and to labor unitedly and in the spirit of harmony and love for the glory of His name and the spiritual good of man. For this privilege, connected with all other blessings which have been made to crowd our lives during the past Synodical year, we would here, and in this solemn way, lift our hearts to God in devout gratitude, saying individually—"Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me bless His holy name; bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits."

Occasion for this feeling of gratitude has indeed not been wanting at any point between the present and our last meeting, in a similar capacity. Though we have all been made to see, and to some extent also to feel, God's severity, still His goodness has no time been wholly withheld. Justice and mercy, harmoniously related in God, have been equitably meted out to men; and even where the former seemed to have preponderated in our individual experience, it was to prepare the way for a more enlarged reception and a more comfortable enjoyment of the latter. The light of day is only the more cheering for the darkness of the night which it penetrates and drives away. As did the apostles, so we also reckon that our light afflictions, which are but for a moment, are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us hereafter. Thus we are patient in adversity, and thankful in prosperity, believing that both states look to, and, under Providence, prepare the way for a still higher, holier and more blessed condition.

In this spirit do the reports, which have been placed into our hands, generally regard the calamity which has overtaken our beloved country. God's hand is devoutly acknowledged in it; and it is believed that His purpose is to separate us from our national sins, and then to unite and elevate us again, and thus make us a stronger, more prosperous and happy people than we have ever

as before. Though the reports in this view evince a subdued spirit, it is not in any of them the spirit of despair. Hope, arising from the Christian faith and sustained by the promises of God's Word, is always the stronger feeling; and however dark the scene to the purely natural mind, for the mind of the church, looking into it from the different points from which these reports have been gathered, it is both penetrated and bordered by rays of light. Accordingly, wherever God, through this affliction, has edged up the way to fields of usefulness which seemed ready to be entered and occupied, and wherever He has modified hitherto successful activity in fields already possessed and in the process of cultivation, it is felt to be only for a time, in order to make way for a more successful, radical, and, in the end, speedy subjugation of the world to the reign of Christ—the Prince of Peace. The Lord reigneth, and the people loyal to His will, ever say—
 "Praise ye the Lord."

But for a few exceptional cases, our ministers have all been allowed to retain their positions in their charges, and to continue their efforts to advance the great interests of the Church of Christ. We express our sympathy for those brethren, who, in consequence of the war, have been excluded from this fellowship, and earnestly pray that their desires to rejoin us may be speedily gratified. It is gratifying to state that we have lost none by death, and that health and vigor have been preserved to a remarkable degree. While a few, with staff in hand, having borne the heat and burden of the day, are almost ready to impart to us their last blessing and join their companions in heaven, it is cheering to behold the large number of young men, so fully equipped for the contest, crowding around them anxious to receive their mantle, and willing to take their places. The prospect of the church, in this view, has never been better than it is at the present.

The reports all speak of silent, steady and sure progress. Notwithstanding the war, and the excitement necessarily incident thereto, the churches, generally, are well attended; the attention to the word preached is marked and solemn; and not unfrequently is it found that individuals are willing to *act now* in regard to the great matter of salvation, who were utterly incorrigible in times of peace and prosperity. A growing attachment to the church on the part of her membership, is encouragingly spoken of in most of the reports. As the light of the gospel is poured upon the Lamb's Bride, her beauties are made to appear more and more, and her attractive power, as the living, loving mother of us all, is felt more deeply. Here are provisions when famine is abroad. Here is peace when war is in the land. Here are hopes and comforts when despair and sorrow crowd upon the soul. Here are the means of grace, and here starts the hope of glory.

No one view, however, can cover the variety in the actual church of Christ. The tares are with the wheat, and both, by divine order, grow together to the harvest. Pharisaic hypocrisy, Laodicean

lukewarmness, and apostolic contention, have not exhausted energies in the past; nor have the love of mammon, the pride, and the zeal "not according to knowledge," wholly forsaken the tabernacles of the righteous. Over these things we yet we mourn not as those who have not hope. The church is going into higher degrees of spirituality. A rigid sifting process is spreading; and the genius of charity, though fettered and there, for a time, will, as we have reason to believe, soon break its bands asunder, and again act according to the meek and generous laws of its own nature.

The benevolences of the church, though somewhat diminished during the past year, have yet continued to flow into the respective treasuries. We have not, as yet, been compelled to withdraw our missionaries now in the field. Many of them, however, are greatly in need of aid which the Missionary Board finds it possible to render. With anxious hearts we inquire, How shall this cry for help be unheeded? God, in the lessons of His terrible Providence around us, is beginning to teach the church the best objects on which to expend her wealth,—if not for the reign of peace and happiness, then for that of war, devastation, and wretchedness. In the view of our benevolences, it was confessed that we have never been, and are not now, by any means what we should be; nor should any seek to rest, with a good conscience, until the last effort is made to elevate the church, in respect, to the high position to which her wealth and dignity, in other views, both call and entitle her.

The spiritual training of the young, by means of the Catechetical class and the Sunday-school, has gone forward with usual fidelity and success. Increasing confidence seems to be manifested by the ministers and members, both in this educational type of religion, and in the means thus employed, so far as they reach to cultivate and confirm it. It is felt, however, pretty generally, and in regard to the order of the Sunday-school internally, and its relation to the church, several very material improvements might be made, which would greatly increase its efficiency in the way of giving greater reliability and permanency to its influence and results. This subject has already been recommended to the early consideration of the General Synod; and it is hoped that a greater increased power for good in the case of the Sunday-school will date from that meeting.

It is an occasion of special gratitude to God that the College at Lancaster, and the School of the Prophets at Mercersburg, have both been during the year, and are now, notwithstanding the distressing troubles of the country, in a highly prosperous condition. In July the College graduated the largest class that has ever gone forth from the institution since its location in Lancaster city; what is more cheering still to the church, is the fact that one of the young men of this class have in view the gospel ministry.

is a fact also that the Seminary has been more numerously attended during the past year than at any previous period.

As a church, therefore, though in the midst of great civil and political commotion, we have much that should inspire, not only warm feelings of gratitude to God, but also hope and confidence relation to the future, and enkindle at the same time new zeal in the Master's work. All things conspire to make us humble and earnest—to impress upon us the great importance of our mission, to heralds of the cross, and to induce us to be faithful, in season and out of season, to the precious trust which has been committed to our hands.

And now, Fathers and Brethren, we are about to launch our boats once more upon the great sea of divine and human activities. The meeting has been pleasant—let the parting not be sad. Perhaps the night has never been as dark before, nor the ocean as deeply stirred and restless. We know not what tempests may break upon us, or how we shall be able to weather the storm. But standing in the vessel, with the faith of our heart fixed on Him who said to the waves of Galilee—"Peace, be still," we may have the consciousness of knowing that all will be well in the end. To the God of our fathers we here again consecrate ourselves in body, soul and spirit, praying that He will make us, Ministers and Elders, abundantly instrumental in the promotion of His glory and the establishment of His kingdom in the world. Amen.

Respectfully submitted.

D. GANS, Chairman.

STATISTICAL REPORTS—EAST PENNSYLVANIA CLASSIS.

MINISTERS.	Cong.	CHARGES.	Memb.	Un. M.	Bapt	Confir.	Certif	Comm	Exco.	Dismi.	Deaths	S. Sch.	No. of Scho's	Benev. Con.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
Charles G. Herman.....	4	Without charge ...	1400	800	164	108	1397	1397		71	10			\$ 90 00	Maxatawny, Berks county...Pa.
Joseph S. Dubs.....	6	Egypt, &c.....	1200	900	145	34	800	800		60	15				North White Hall, Lehigh co., do
John Zuelich *.....	8	Jacobs, &c.....	1500	1600	175	200	1000	1000		70	8				Steinsville Lehigh co., do
William A. Helfrich ..	8	Ziegel, &c.....	1500	1400	0	80	1250	1250		90	10				Fogelsville Lehigh co., do
J. S. Herman.....	8	Kutztown, &c.....	500	420	134	71	370	370		8	1				Kutztown, Berks county.....do
Charles Becker.....	7	Chesnut Hill, &c...	600	400	150	30	300	300		50	12	325			Fennersville, Monroe county, do
C. G. Eichenberg*.....	6	Weisport, &c.....	550	600	9	8	410	410		20	5				Weisport, Carbon county.....do
Cyrus J. Becker.....	3	Catasauqua, &c...	716	800	76	35	475	475		80	15				Catasauqua..... do
Alfred J. Herman.....	8	Zion, &c.....	670	650	56	9	400	400		27	9				Maxatawny Berks county...do
Daniel F. Brendel.....	5	Farmersville.....	600	400	53	1	500	500		28	2				Bethlehem, Northampton co., do
Isaac K. Loos.....	3	Mt. Bethel.....	450	320	85	10	260	260		15	3				Richmond, Northampton co., do
John Beck.....	1	Easton.....	400	475	73	42	300	300		25	2				Easton, Northampton county, do
Joshua H. Derr*.....	2	Allentown, &c.....	690	650	54	22	570	570		2	39	3			Allentown, Lehigh county.....do
Levi K. Derr*.....	3	Tamaqua, &c.....	900	800	80		650	650		15	4				Tamaqua, Schuylkill county...do
Daniel Y. Heisler.....	3	Bethlehem, &c.....	250	125	41		175	175		14	4				Bethlehem, Northampton co...do
E. W. Reinecke.....	4	Plainfield, &c.....	1250	1250	49	65	980	980		45	6				Nazareth, Northampton co...do
F. Straesner.....	6	Wilkesbarre, &c...	916	164	14	31	142	142		9	1				Wilkesbarre, Luzerne co...do
John Gantenbein.....		Kreidersville.....								9	1				Kreidersville, Northamp. co., do
John W. Lescher.....		Teacher.....								9	1				Easton..... do
W. R. Hofford.....		Licentiate.....								9	1				Allentown, Lehigh county.....do
George R. Daubant.....		Hamilton &c.....								9	1				Allentown, Lehigh county.....do

MINISTERS.		NAMES OF CHARGES.		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.						
Confessors	Members.	Unconformed Members.	Baptisms.	By Confession.	By Certificates.	Communicants.	Dismissed.	Deaths.	Sub. School.	
Philip Mayer.....	400	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Orwigsburg, Schuylkill county..... Pa.
Johu Gring*.....	1425	.....	86	63	.....	201	.....	35	3	Fredericksburg, Lebanon county..... Pa.
Thomas H. Leinbach.....	1300	.....	.....	.....	1215	.....	.....	.....	10	Meyerstown, Berks county..... Pa.
Isaac Miese*.....	1300	.....	325	128	.....	1200	.....	80	13	Lower Beru, Berks county..... Pa.
Augustus L. Horman.....	825	700	18	51	10	530	35	18	3	Reading, Berks county..... Pa.
Franklin W. Kramer.....	109	81	12	7	19	107	6	5	1	Lebanon, Lebanon county..... Pa.
Henry Wagner.....	346	.....	43	20	.....	584	.....	60	5	Lebanon, Lebanon county..... Pa.
Jacob Klein.....	1150	.....	148	32	.....	472	.....	123	3	Orwigsburg, Schuylkill county..... Pa.
Aaron S. Leinbach.....	100	.....	16	15	4	100	.....	13	1	Schuylkill Haven, Schuylkill county..... Pa.
Charles F. McCauley.....	700	300	10	15	.....	463	.....	5	7	Reading, Berks county..... Pa.
Jacob D. Zehring.....	48	.....	16	.....	.....	30	.....	3	2	Berks county..... Pa.
William A. Good.....	325	.....	53	18	10	235	.....	30	3	Reading, Berks county..... Pa.
Samuel Miller.....	275	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Berks county..... Pa.
Abraham Romich*.....	425	300	25	.....	.....	238	1	.....	3	Pottsville, Berks county..... Pa.
Jonathan E. Hooster.....	530	205	5	4	17	480	6	19	4	Jonestown, Lebanon county..... Pa.
George Wolff.....	650	.....	50	57	.....	450	.....	38	1	Anrville, Lebanon county..... Pa.
Thomas C. Leinbach.....	.....	.....	6	13	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Meyerstown, Berks county..... Pa.
David W. Wolf.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Womelsdorf, Berks county..... Pa.
Vacant.....	72	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Schuylkill Haven, Schuylkill county..... Pa.
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Hamburg, Berks..... Pa.

* No report

POST OFFICE ADDRESS.

MINISTERS.	NAMES OF CHARGES.		Members.	Un. Members.	Baptized.	Certificates.	Communicants.	Excommunicated.	Dismissed.	Deaths.	Subsidiary Schs.	P. of S. P.	Baltimore.
Klaus Heiner, D. D.	1	First Church, Baltimore.	310	200	13	4	310	3	11	2			Baltimore.....Md
Vacant	1	Second Church, Baltimore.	278	171	20	4	477	9	12	1			Baltimore.....do
John S. Foulk	1	Third Church, Baltimore.	330	3	130	22	28	433	30	58	1		Baltimore.....do
John Kuthing	1	Fourth Church, Baltimore.	440	300	35	8	400	5	2				Frederick city.....do
Daniel Zacharias, D. D.	1	Frederick city.	430	280	25	8	370	4	15	4			Middletown, Frederick county.....do
John H. Wagner	2	Hagerstown charges.	375	22	25	50	250	12	11	2			Hagerstown, Washington county.....do
Mortimer L. Shuford	3	St. Moriah charge.	121	82	14		1						Sharpsburg, Washington county.....do
Henry Wissler	1	Without charge.					1						Sharpsburg, Carroll county.....do
Vacant	6	Manchester charge.	643	450			6	535		6			Manchester, Carroll county.....do
Walter E. Krebs	2	Kennittsburg charge.	283	212	17	19	3	242	2	7	2		Kennittsburg, Frederick county.....do
Joseph W. Sauter	2	Cavetown charge.	330	181	16	1	380	1	86	4			Cavetown, Washington county.....do
William P. Coll'flower	2	Jenkinson charge.	330	243	16	1	3	16	1	9	4	150	Jenkinson, Frederick county.....do
Moses A. Stewart	1	Burkettville charge.	107	72	13	2	14		2	1			Burkettville, Frederick county.....do
John B. Forner	1	Silver Run charge.	375		35	49	370		21	2			Silver Run, Carroll county.....do
Peter A. Schwarz	1	Second Church, Hagerstown.	310	125			70						Hagerstown, Washington county.....do
Vacant	1	St. John's church, Frederick.	1	3			80		1				Frederick city.....do
Vacant	2	Boonsboro charge.	140				1	6		2			Boonsboro, Washington county.....do
James Stoinet	4	Glads charge.	432	413	31	7	412	2	3	2			Walkersville, Frederick county.....do
Henry A. Comfort	1	Fifth church, Baltimore.	190		176	13	00	93					Baltimore.....do
John G. Fitchey	4	Mechanistown charge.	237	215	1	1	2	21	2	11	2		Mechanistown, Frederick county.....do
Benjamin Schneider, D. D.	5	Foreston Missionary.	375	275	49	2	7	330	1	13	5		Farmington, Carroll county.....do
Emmanuel T. C. Boehringer	2	Cleary charge.	150	100	14	15	5	130	3	2	2		Clearspring, Washington county.....do
	1	Norfolk Mission.											Norfolk.....Va

Without charge—Robert Douglas, William H. Zimmerman, Geo. L. Staley. Licentiate—John A. Peters, Edmund Erb.

* Supplied by Rev. J. Sechler. † Supplied by Rev. J. Rebaugh.

VIRGINIA CLASSIS.

MINISTERS.	CONGREGATIONS.	NAMES OF CHARGES.	Members.	U. Mem.	Baptized.	Confirmd.	Certificd.	Communicants.	Examined.	Blindfold.	YOUTH.	Sub. Schools.	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
John C. Hensell.....	5	Rockingham.....	357	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	M. Crawford..... Va.....
Daniel Feole.....	3	Woodstock.....	190	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	Woodstock..... do.....
Daniel G. Brasenler.....	2	Martinsburg.....	117	117	117	117	117	117	117	117	117	117	Edenburg..... do.....
George H. Martin.....	1	London.....	110	110	110	110	110	110	110	110	110	110	Lovettsville..... do.....
Henry St. John Finker.....	4	Mill Creek.....	255	255	255	255	255	255	255	255	255	255	Hamburg..... do.....
John H. Crawford.....	2	Middlebrook.....	124	124	124	124	124	124	124	124	124	124	Middlebrook..... do.....
J. M. Tinsel.....	2	Central.....	47	47	47	47	47	47	47	47	47	47	Mechanicburg..... Pa.....
Charles Cast.....	1	Shepherdston and Winchester.....	145	145	145	145	145	145	145	145	145	145	Mechanicburg..... do.....
Vacant.....	1	Martinsburg (German).....	172	172	172	172	172	172	172	172	172	172	Hagerstown..... Md.....
Vacant.....	1	Pendleton.....	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	.....
Vacant.....	1	Central.....	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	.....

NORTH CAROLINA CLASSIS.

MINISTERS.	CONGR.	NAMES OF CHARGES.	Members.	U. Mem.	Baptized.	Confirmd.	Certificd.	Comm.	Exam.	Dis.	Deaths.	Y. Sch.	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
George Boger.....	1	No charge.....	157	157	157	157	157	157	157	157	157	157	Knitt's Tanyard..... N. C.....
John Lantz.....	2	Newton.....	154	154	154	154	154	154	154	154	154	154	Newton..... do.....
G. William Welker.....	2	Lincolnton.....	305	305	305	305	305	305	305	305	305	305	Brick church..... do.....
Jeremiah Ingrid.....	3	Gulford.....	46	46	46	46	46	46	46	46	46	46	Lincolnton..... do.....
Thornion Butler.....	3	Catawba.....	350	350	350	350	350	350	350	350	350	350	Gold Hill..... do.....
Samuel J. Fetzer.....	2	East Rowan.....	302	302	302	302	302	302	302	302	302	302	Enfau..... do.....
P. Allison Long.....	2	West Rowan.....	312	312	312	312	312	312	312	312	312	312	Enfau..... do.....
Vacant.....	2	Davidson.....	319	319	319	319	319	319	319	319	319	319	Midway..... do.....

Vacant—Newton 1; Friendship 24 members; Stoner's 49 members.

MINISTERS.	CONGREGATIONS.	NAMES OF CHARGES.	Members	Baptized.	Confirmed.	Certificates.	Communicants	Recommenced.	Dismissed.	Deaths.	Ben. Con.	N. Schools.	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.	
Samuel Helfenstein, D. D.	1	Supernannsted.	321	11 13	18	288	16	10	10	2379 84	1	Gwynedd, Montgomery county.	Pa	
J. H. A. Bomberger, D. D.	1	Race Street.	574	350	290	54	57	334	13	10	105 00	1	No. 723 Wood Street, Philadelphia.	Pa
Nicholas Gehr.	1	Zion's.	765	572	401	72	128	1078	11	197 00	1	No. 1230 North 6th Street, Philadelphia.	Pa	
J. G. Wiehle.	3	Salem.	160	150	184	1	4	63 3	3	112 26	1	No. 530 St. John Street, Philadelphia.	Pa	
Samuel G. Wagner.	4	Boehms.	150	15	6	150	1	17	16	6 00	1	Blue Bell, Montgomery county.	Pa	
Jesse B. Knipe.	1	Piteland.	540	34	18	430	1	15	15	112 26	1	Chester Springs, Chester county.	Pa	
Alfred B. Shunkle.	3	Trappe.	340	32	45	360	1	1	1	1	1	Trappe, Montgomery county.	Pa	
William Sorber.	2	Brownback.	135	5	135	1	1	1	1	1	1	Vincent, Chester county.	Pa	
N. S. Alder.	1	Pleasantville.	530	19	12	160	4	3	3	6 00	1	Pleasantville, Bucks county.	Pa	
William G. Heckman.	1	Wentz.	129	19	11	96	1	1	1	1	1	Kaipaville, Montgomery county.	Pa	
P. Seibert Davis.	1	Church of the Ascension.	25	60	1	90	76	1	4	15 00	1	Norristown, Montgomery county.	Pa	
Samuel H. Giesy.	1	Christ Church.	254	385	46	13	21	234	13	1	1	No. 9043 Wallace Street, Philadelphia.	Pa	
J. G. Neuber.	1	Bethlehem's.	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	No. 1311 Howard Street, Philadelphia.	Pa	
J. P. Pfister.	1	Zion's.	112	5	1	108	3	3	3	4 84	1	Egg Harbor city, N. J.	Pa	
Jacob Dahlinan.	1	Emanuel's.	167	6	2	84	61	70	70	1	1	Wesl Philadelphia.	Pa	
Jesse B. Knipe, supply.	1	St. Vincent.	79	14	53	1	1	1	1	1	1	Wesl Philadelphia.	Pa	
Samuel G. Wagner, supply.	1	White Marsh.	61	6	2	84	61	70	70	1	1	Wesl Philadelphia.	Pa	
N. S. Alder, supply.	1	St. Peter's.	79	14	53	1	1	1	1	1	1	Wesl Philadelphia.	Pa	
Alfred B. Shunkle, supply.	1	Phoenistille.	79	14	53	1	1	1	1	1	1	Wesl Philadelphia.	Pa	
J. G. Neuber, supply.	1	Bridleburg.	79	14	53	1	1	1	1	1	1	Wesl Philadelphia.	Pa	
Samuel Helfenstein, Jr.	1	Without charge.	79	14	53	1	1	1	1	1	1	Wesl Philadelphia.	Pa	
John S. Ermentrout.		do do											Blue Bell, Montgomery county.	Pa
Charles Lukens.		do do											Reading, Montgomery county.	Pa
E. M. Long.		do do											Frankford, Philadelphia county.	Pa
George D. Wolf.		do do											Norristown, Montgomery county.	Pa
Charles W. Schultz.		do do											Norristown, Montgomery county.	Pa
John E. Kooker.		do do											Camden, N. J.	Pa
		do do											Trappe, Montgomery county.	Pa

THE METHODIST CHURCH IN PHILADELPHIA

MERCERSBURG CLASSIS.

MINISTERS.		NAMES OF CHARGES.							POST OFFICE ADDRESS.											
Congregations.	Members.	Baptized.	Confirmed.	Certificates.	Communicants.	Dissatisfied.	Excommunicated.	Deaths.	Sub. Schools.	Congregations.	Members.	Baptized.	Confirmed.	Certificates.	Communicants.	Dissatisfied.	Excommunicated.	Deaths.	Sub. Schools.	
Philip Schaff, D. D.	Professors in Theological Seminary.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Mercersburg, Franklin county.
Bernard C. Wolff, D. D.	Professors in Theological Seminary.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Mercersburg, Franklin county.
Samuel R. Fisher, D. D.	Editor of Ger. Ref. Messenger.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Chambersburg, Franklin county.
Benjamin S. Schneck, D. D.	2nd church, (St. John's.) Chamb'g.	73	105	14	3	53	4	.....	.....	.....	Chambersburg, Franklin county.
John Rebaug.	1 Middleburg charge.	100	130	14	11	3	53	4	.....	.....	Greencastle, Franklin county.
Theobald Fouse.	5 Woodcock Valley charge.	50	67	35	95	4	495	4	.....	.....	do.
Henry Heckerman.	Bedford charge.	993	260	35	13	6	375	5	.....	.....	do.
Jacob Hasler.	3 Martinsburg charge.	180	169	16	1	167	6	.....	.....	.....	do.
William M. Deatrick.	3 Yellow Creek charge.	184	55	36	9	137	6	.....	.....	.....	do.
Samuel H. Reid.	3 Huntingdon charge.	974	333	16	5	3	374	6	.....	.....	do.
Nicholas R. Gildea.	5 St. Clairsville charge.	549	775	49	23	9	470	9	.....	.....	do.
Joseph Hannabery.	3 Shellburg charge.	305	1940	35	4	1	136	8	.....	.....	do.
Charles F. Hoffmeister.	3 McConnellsburg charge.	150	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	do.
Lease G. Brown.	2 Mercersburg charge.	933	184	17	19	13	927	4	.....	.....	do.
Thomas G. Apple.	2 Greencastle.	349	340	19	11	6	950	9	.....	.....	do.
Benjamin Hunsman.	1 Chambersburg charge.	330	400	8	2	19	75	6	.....	.....	do.
John Anil.	2 London and St. Thomas charge.	236	240	26	18	3	35	4	.....	.....	do.
William R. H. Deatrick.	4 Grindstone Hill.	96	238	35	15	8	223	4	.....	.....	do.
George E. Zacharias.	1 Strauburg charge.	170	150	44	19	7	150	2	.....	.....	do.
Vacant.	1 Shippensburg charge.	168	104	9	11	7	168	.....	.....	.....	do.
Vacant.	3 Wayneboro' charge.	300	300	7	17	1	370	8	.....	.....	do.
Vacant.	3 Friends' Cove charge.	960	300	14	15	2	360	.....	.....	.....	do.
Vacant.	4 Waterstreet charge.	316	330	40	16	1	316	.....	.....	.....	do.

Without charge—Jacob Meyer, Lock Haven, Clinton co., Pennsylvania; Daniel M. Giles, Orléans, Huntingdon co., Pennsylvania; Joseph R. Loebe, Greencastle, Pennsylvania; George W. Gleason, Shippensburg, Pennsylvania. Licentiate—C. Becher Wolf, Greencastle, Pennsylvania; Josiah May, Kainsburg, Bedford co., Pennsylvania; Jacob E. Kerschner, Gormany, Europe. Superannuated—Frederick A. Schell, Greencastle, Pennsylvania; W. D. C. Rodrock, Captain 47th Regiment P. V. Candidates for the ministry, 8.

MINISTERS.	NAMES OF CHARGES.	Members.	Unc. Members.	Baptized.	Confirmed.	Communi- cants.	Deaths	Sub. Schools.	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
Baniel Zeller.....	Supernumerated.....								Allentown, Lehigh county..... Pa.
John S. Keiser, D. D.....	3 Upper Milford, St. Peter, etc.....	109		31	9	116	7	4	Allentown, Lehigh county..... do.
Daniel Weiser.....	2 New Goshenhoppen and Swamp.....	1000	1300	80	47	3 1083	1	26	Pennsburg, Montgomery county..... do.
C. Z. Welsch.....	Assistant.....								do..... do..... do.
S. S. Fisher.....	5 Tohickon, Indianfield, &c.....	1150				918		15	Sellersville, Bucks county..... do.
Samuel Hess.....	6 St. Pauls, Jerusalem, etc.....	900		106	75	802	48	7	Bellertown, Northampton county..... do.
L. C. Herman.....	Without charge.....								New Hanover, Montgomery county..... do.
William Phillips.....	do..... do.....								Easton, Northampton county..... do.
William R. Yearick.....	9 Hilltown and Doylestown.....	558		45	7	948	1	15	Line Lexington, Bucks county..... do.
G. W. Anglinbaugh.....	2 Ringoesville and Upper Tinticum.....	80				80			Religsville, Bucks..... do.
N. S. Strasburger.....	5 Pottstown, Anny, Lingerick, &c.....	750	875	84	103	612	98	7	Pottstown, Montgomery county..... do.
A. L. Bechtel.....	4 Keokers, Boyerstown, etc.....	640	783	76	57	497	43	6	Fredrick, Montgomery county..... do.
A. J. G. Ingham.....	6 Sanson charge.....	900		143	56	673	66	10	Allentown, Lehigh county..... do.
David Kolbeck.....	4 Durham, Tinicum, etc.....	750	650	108	39	546	34	7	Buckaville, Bucks county..... do.
Robert A. Van Court.....	6 Faltner Swamp, etc.....	1150		53	34	902	54	7	Upper Hanover, Montgomery county..... do.
P. F. A. Hofman.....	2 Friedensburg and Princetown.....								Upper Berks..... do.
W. G. Engel.....	1 Hill church (Assist.).....								Boyertown, Berks..... do.
Vacant.....	3 Zion's, Ridge Road, &c.....								do..... do.
Vacant.....	1 New Williams township.....	140				100			do..... do.

*Supplied by Rev. D. F. Bredt.

1770-1880

1880-1900

1900-1910

1910-1920

1920-1930

1930-1940

1940-1950

1770-1880 1880-1900 1900-1910 1910-1920 1920-1930 1930-1940 1940-1950

NEW YORK CLASSIS.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	Members	Un. Mem.	Baptized.	Confirmed.	Certificate.	Communica.	Excommun.	Dismissed.	Deaths.	Sab.-Schools	S. Scholars.	POST-OFF. ADDRESS.
J. F. Busche	1 New York	180		100	19	1	200	1	6	10	1	130	New York city, New York
Lewis B. Schwartz	1 Boston	550					185				1	130	Boston, Massachusetts
J. B. Knies	1 Buffalo	489		32	9	10	380		5	12	1	130	Buffalo, New York
D. Willers	3 Jerusalem, Seneca Falls, &c.	230		40	14		202			5	2	60	Fayette, Seneca co., N. Y.
T. Grossheusch	1 Rochester	105	114	16	5		165			6	2		Rochester, New York
T. O. Lehr	2 Elizabethtown and Rahway	134		43	22	9	134		12	1	2	120	Elizabeth, New Jersey
A. Schroeder	1 Bridgeport	65		18	5		150			6	1	80	Bridgeport, Connecticut
H. Renz	4 Clarence	350		50	31		350		10	2	1	80	Clarence, Erie co., N. Y.
H. M. K. Stroes	1 Clymer	80		8			88		1			60	Clymer, Chautauque co., do
Charles A. Hochjung	1 New Brunswick	98					98					60	New Brunswick, N. J.

LANCASTER CLASSES.

MINISTERS.	CONG.	NAMES OF CHARGES.	Members	Un. M.	Baptisms	Confirms	Comm.	Deaths	Sch's.	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
Albert Helfenstein, Sr.	1	Without charge	40	19	4	40	1	40	1	Shamokin, Pa.
Isaac Gerhart	1	Misdonary	177	8	1	108	3	108	3	LANCASTER CITY, Pa.
Albert Helfenstein, Jr.	1	Without charge	360	175	65	31	323	30	3	Maytown, Lancaster county, Pa.
Daniel Hertz	7	Ephrata	177	8	1	108	3	108	3	Ephrata, do.
Isaac S. Demand	1	St. Paul's	954	38	35	214	17	6	6	Lancaster City, do.
Wm. T. Gerhard	6	Elizabethtown	104	14	8	116	17	9	2	Elizabethtown, Lancaster co., do.
John Kellis	3	Prof in F. & M. College	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	Lancaster City, do.
Emmanuel Gerhart, D. D.	1	do.	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	do.
John W. Nevins, D. D.	1	do.	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	do.
Theodore Appel	1	Salem	241	19	11	168	3	2	2	Harrisburg, do.
Thomas C. Porter	1	Hummelstown	305	285	18	11	240	6	4	Hummelstown, Dauphin co., do.
Daniel Gans	5	1st Church, Lancaster	495	350	4	43	325	21	1	Lancaster City, do.
Martin A. Smith	1	Manheim	60	20	0	47	1	1	1	do.
Amos H. Kremer	1	Millersville	150	21	15	140	13	3	3	do.
Isaac E. Graeff	2	New Providence	227	21	15	205	6	1	1	New Providence, Lancaster co., do.
Vacant	1	New Holland	47	16	4	47	4	1	1	New Holland, do.
John V. Eckert	1	Maytown	45	25	9	35	4	1	1	Lancaster City, do.
F. Aug. Gask	1	Middletown	40	30	30	30	30	30	30	Middletown, do.
J. G. Wolf	1									
George Kortzmann	1									
Charles Deuces, Recaptive	1									

NAME OF CHURCH	Members	Un. M.	Baptisms	Confirms	Comm.	Deaths	Sch's.
Without charge	40	19	4	40	1	40	1
Misdonary	177	8	1	108	3	108	3
Without charge	360	175	65	31	323	30	3
Ephrata	177	8	1	108	3	108	3
St. Paul's	954	38	35	214	17	6	6
Elizabethtown	104	14	8	116	17	9	2
Prof in F. & M. College	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
do.	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
do.	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Salem	241	19	11	168	3	2	2
Hummelstown	305	285	18	11	240	6	4
1st Church, Lancaster	495	350	4	43	325	21	1
Manheim	60	20	0	47	1	1	1
Millersville	150	21	15	140	13	3	3
New Providence	227	21	15	205	6	1	1
New Holland	47	16	4	47	4	1	1
Maytown	45	25	9	35	4	1	1
Middletown	40	30	30	30	30	30	30

REV. SAMUEL GERHART, D. D.

POST OFFICE ADDRESS

NAME OF CHURCH

EAST SUSQUEHANNA CLASSIS.

MINISTERS.		NAMES OF CHARGES.		Members.	Uncl. Members.	Baptized.	Confirmations.	Certificates.	Communicants.	Excom.	Dismissed.	Deaths.	S. Schools.	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.	
Isaac Shellhammer	6	Union	330	400	73	63	113	17	17	3	Black Creek, Luzerne county..... Pa.				
Edolph Dangler	2	Ashland	170	170	38	15	150	17	17	2	Ashland, Schuylkill county..... Pa.				
William Goodrich	6	Bloomburg	450	400	36	6	400	17	17	6	Orangeville, Columbia county..... Pa.				
Nathaniel E. Bressler	6	Armstrong Valley	373	450	57	29	307	49	49	4	Fishersville, Dauphin..... Pa.				
Albert G. Dole	1	Milton	163	100	16	6	163	6	6	1	Milton, Northumberland county..... Pa.				
Jared Fritzingor	8	Mahony	350	430	77	31	425	46	46	9	Greenbrier, Northumb'd county..... Pa.				
Henry Hoffman	11	Berwick	434	410	41	34	375	32	32	6	Coryngham, Luzerne county..... Pa.				
P. B. Albright	2	Paradise	40	350	8	5	300	4	4	1	Limestoneville, Montour county..... Pa.				
John W. Steinmetz	3	Danville	520	140	.....	.....	530	.....	.....	3	Danville, Montour county..... Pa.
Ephraim Kleffer	7	Lykens Valley	550	600	65	75	470	36	36	8	Millersburg, Dauphin county..... Pa.				
C. A. Rittenhouse	3	Mount Zion	450	320	41	55	355	32	32	1	Turbotville, Dauphin county..... Pa.				
Henry S. Basler	4	Berrysburg	300	300	20	15	205	30	30	4	Millersville, Dauphin county..... Pa.				
Isaac Stacey	8	Mahontongo	560	500	39	53	305	74	74	3	Rough and Ready, Schuylkill county..... Pa.				
Lucian Cort (supply)	5	Svanburg	450	360	40	.....	1	350	5	5	Lanctonsville, Montour county..... Pa.			
Vacant	3	Shamokin	360	225	197

*Recently taken charge.

The following is a list of the names of the members of the Classis, as reported by the churches, for the year ending at the close of the year 1887. The names are given in the order in which they were reported, and are not necessarily in the order of their birth or of their length of membership. The names of the members who have died during the year are given in italics. The names of the members who have been expelled from the church are given in bold type. The names of the members who have been received into the church during the year are given in plain type. The names of the members who have been received into the church during the year are given in plain type. The names of the members who have been received into the church during the year are given in plain type.

MINISTERS.	NAMES OF CHARGES	Members.	Uncl. Member.	Baptized.	Confirmed.	Communicant.	Expulsion.	Dismissed.	Deaths.	S. School.	S. S. School.	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
Jonathan Zoller	No charge											Lock Haven, Clinton county
Daniel N. Tobias	5 Rebersburg	210	208	26	27	191	6	11	14			Rebersburg, Centre county
Adolph B. Caspar	2 Middlecreek	109	40	10		90			33	3		New Berlin, Union county
Henry Wiegang	7 Nipponnose											White Deer, Lycoming county
Samuel Gutelius	Without charge											Freeburg, Snyder county
Franklin J. Mohr	5 Williamsport	360	47	19	13	215			22	1	100	Williamsport, Lycoming county
David G. Klein	5 Heliofonte	315	193	15	8	180			4	5	100	Bellefonte, Center
John C. Bucher	Without charge											Williamsport, Union county
Lewis C. Edmonds	do											Middleburg, Centre county
William H. Groh	5 Bosaburg	472	385	30	11	340	11	13	8			Rebersburg, Centre county
Gustav W. M. Schulze	6 Adamsburg	450	400	53		300		29	15	300		Middlecreek, Snyder county
Charles H. Leinbach	6 Lewisburg	380	27	19	16	350	5	1	9	300		Lewisburg, Union county
Henry C. Hoyster	6 Liverpool	180	21	8		170			9	5		Richfield, Juniata county
Jarvis S. Weiss	4 Millinburg	500	450	30	27	403	13	9	4	300		Millinburg, Union
J. K. Mullen	4 Kittany	965	132	13	6	520	8	6	5	160		Walker, Centre county
A. R. Hottenstein	5 Selinsgrove	972	885			622				5		Selinsgrove, Snyder county
Vacant	1 Aaronsburg	300	500	46		340			7			Aaronsburg, Center
A. G. Inle (supply)	1 Union	100										Union
Weiss & Guislin (sup.)	2 Croftersville & Middleburg											Croftersville
Committee	1st. Peters											Petersburg
Vacant	2 Liberty Valley											Liberty Valley

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MINISTERS.		CONGREGATIONS.		NAMES OF CHARGES.		Members.	Urb. M.	Hapl.	Confr.	Certif.	Com.	Recom.	Diam.	Deaths.	S. Sch.	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
C. A. Amberg	.....	4	.....	Lathersburg	.....	300	.....	38	32	295	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Troutville, Clearfield county, Pa.
F. Waco	.....	2	.....	South Bend	.....	235	.....	17	9	1230	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	South Bend, Armstrong county, Pa.
J. G. Shoemaker	.....	4	.....	Carlisle	.....	170	.....	15	5	4170	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Carlisle, Clarion county, Pa.
J. S. Shadle	.....	4	.....	Petersburg	.....	467	.....	42	96	2354	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Lamertine, Clarion county, Pa.
H. Daniel	.....	4	.....	Redbank	.....	323	.....	16	37	192	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Korr's Store, Clarion county, Pa.
Joseph H. Apple	.....	1	.....	Rimersburg	.....	70	.....	11	61	50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Rimersburg, Clarion county, Pa.
C. E. Diffebacher	.....	3	.....	Kittanning	.....	915	.....	23	95	300	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Rural Village, Armstrong county, Pa.
E. B. Shoemaker	.....	3	.....	Without charge	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Charlesville, Bedford county, Pa.
Vacant	.....	3	.....	Tylerburg	.....	130	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Tylerburg, Bedford county, Pa.

ST. PAUL CLASSIS.

MINISTERS.		CONGREGATIONS.		NAMES OF CHARGES.		Members.	Urb. M.	Hapl.	Confr.	Certif.	Com.	Recom.	Diam.	Deaths.	S. Sch.	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
David B. Ernst	.....	4	.....	Sagertown	.....	550	.....	57	6	7250	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Sagertown, Crawford county, Pa.
H. P. Hartman	.....	4	.....	West Greenville	.....	400	.....	32	51	12850	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	West Greenville, Mercer county, Pa.
L. D. Leberman	.....	5	.....	Meadville	.....	524	.....	104	41	594	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Meadville, Crawford county, Pa.
L. D. Leberman (supply)	.....	4	.....	Decker Run mission	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Decker Run, Mercer county, Pa.
F. W. Doebner	.....	4	.....	Harmony	.....	120	.....	26	36	2520	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Harmony, Butler county, Pa.
F. O. Shoemaker	.....	2	.....	Fairview	.....	374	.....	26	37	6274	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Adams F. O., Armstrong county, Pa.
L. J. Mayer	.....	2	.....	Clarksville mission	.....	501	.....	32	.....	180	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	West Greenville, Mercer county, Pa.
L. J. Mayer (supply)	.....	1	.....	Hartstown	.....	31	.....	5	31	90	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	London, Mercer county, Pa.
Abner Dale	.....	2	.....	Mercer mission	.....	100	.....	9	8	90	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Rochester, Beaver county, Pa.
Casper Schuel	.....	1	.....	Rochester mission	.....	21	.....	.....	.....	21	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	West Greenville, Mercer county, Pa.
S. N. Callender	.....	1	.....	Without charge	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Meadville, Crawford county, Pa.
Ph. Zeiser	.....	.....	.....	do	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Hainburg, Mercer county, Pa.
B. Boyer	.....	.....	.....	Supernannated	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	West Greenville, Mercer county, Pa.

ACTS AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
SYNOD
OF THE
GERMAN REFORMED CHURCH

OF
OHIO AND ADJACENT STATES,

CONVENED AT

CANTON, OHIO,

beginning Wednesday Evening, May 25th, and closing on Monday
Evening, May 30th, 1864.

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ACTS AND PROCEEDINGS

Of the Synod of Ohio and adjacent States, of the German Reformed Church, which met in the German Reformed Church of Canton, Stark County, O., on Wednesday Evening, the 25th day of May, at 8 o'clock, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-four, and closed its sessions on the following Monday night.

ARTICLE I.

THE OPENING OF SYNOD.

The Synod convened at the appointed time, and was opened with the usual religious services. An appropriate and instructive sermon was preached by the President, Rev. Prof. H. Rust, of Tiffin, O., from 2 Cor. 4: 13.

ARTICLE II.

MEMBERS PRESENT.

1. MIAMI CLASSIS.

Revs. I. H. Reiter, T. H. Winters, D. Winters, Geo. W. Williard and G. Z. Mechling.

Elders A. H. Baughman, J. Oldfather and Wm. Nieble.

2. LANCASTER CLASSIS.

Revs. C. W. Hoyman, J. Vogt and H. Williard.

Elders H. Leonard and Joseph Slough.

3. WESTMORELAND CLASSIS.

Revs. G. H. Johnston and T. J. Barkley.

Elders Joseph Cort and A. Beam.

4. SANDUSKY CLASSIS.

Revs. W. B. Sandoe, D. H. Reiter and J. M. Le Fever.

Elders Dr. Wm. Greenamyre and A. Shilling.

5. TIFFIN CLASSIS.

Revs. H. J. Rutenik, P. Grading, J. Rettig, J. Klingler, H. Rust and G. M. Albright.

Elders John Zulliger and D. Crisinger.

6. ST. JOSEPH CLASSIS.

Revs. C. Jackel and D. Lantz.

7. ST. JOHN'S CLASSIS.

Revs. J. G. Zahner, S. N. King and J. W. Hamm.
Elders Henry Sliffe and J. Greenamyer.

8. INDIANA CLASSIS.

Revs. H. Korthauer and J. Leibert.
Elder F. W. Shaley.

9. ILLINOIS CLASSIS.

None present.

10. SHEBOYGAN CLASSIS.

None present.

11. IOWA CLASSIS.

None present.

EASTERN SYNOD.

Rev. J. H. Derr.

ADVISORY MEMBERS.

Western Synod—Revs. T. P. Bucher, G. H. Leonard, S. S. J. McConnell, J. W. Alspach, S. B. Leiter, Wm. H. H. Snyder, W. H. Fennoman, P. Herbruck, J. B. Ruhl, G. W. Henning, H. Fair, C. H. Reiter, N. H. Loose, J. Biery, J. J. Excell and Zeigler.

Elder T. W. Chapman.

Eastern Synod—Revs. Prof. Wm. M. Reily and G. B. Rus

ARTICLE III.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The election for officers resulted as follows:

Rev. J. Vogt, *President*.

Rev. G. H. Johnston, *Corresponding Secretary*.

Rev. I. H. Reiter, *Treasurer*.

Rev. G. W. Williard is *Stated Clerk*.

Rev. J. H. Rutenik was appointed to report the proceedings of the German periodicals of the church, and Revs. T. J. Barkley and T. P. Bucher to report them for the papers of the place of meeting.

ARTICLE IV.

RULES OF ORDER.

The attention of Synod was called to the Rules of Order adopted by Synod to regulate its business transactions. The following hours were fixed upon for opening and closing the Synod.

Morning Session to commence at 8½ and close at 11½ o'clock.

Afternoon Session to commence at 2 and close at 5 o'clock.

One half hour at the opening of the sessions each morning devoted to devotional services.

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inations, Licensure and Ordination—Revs H. Wil-
M. Reily, and W. B. Sandoe. Elders Dr. Wm. Green-
J. Cort.

ce of Religion and Statistics—Revs. H. Rust, T. P. Buch-
McConnell. Elders H. Leonard and J. Cort

ological Seminary.—Revs T. H. Winters, J. W. Hamm,
H. Fenneman. Elders Dr. Wm. Greenamyer and Wm.

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Johnston. Elders H. Sliffe and J. Oldfather.

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Elders A. H. Baughman and J. Stough.

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ch. Elders A. Beam and Wm. Nieble.

ARTICLE VI.

COMMUNICATIONS.

the communications for Synod were referred to the com-
mittee on overtures.

the reading of the minutes of last year, with those of the
and the General Synod was dispensed with, and referred
to the committee on Synodical Minutes.

the minutes of the several classes were received with the

ARTICLE VII.

RELIGIOUS EXERCISES.

The Committee on Religious Exercises reported through Chairman, Rev. J. G. Zahner, that they had provided for religious service every evening during the session of Synod, with the regular preparatory service on Saturday and communion on Sabbath morning, and that they had also provided for the applications had been received from the Presbyterian, Methodist and Lutheran churches of the city, and also from the Evangelical church, Massillon.

The three hundredth anniversary of the death of John Calvin occurring during the session of Synod, it was resolved that religious services be held suitable to the occasion, and that a special committee, consisting of Revs. H. J. Rutenik, H. Williard and S. B. Lerner, and Elders J. Oldfather and A. H. Baughman be appointed to make provisions for the same. This Committee subsequently presented the following report, which was received and adopted:

WHEREAS, Friday, the 27th of May, is the three hundredth anniversary of the death of John Calvin, one of the great reformers of the 16th century; and whereas, John Calvin is one of the fathers of our church and theology, having been the teacher of one of the authors of our catechism; and whereas, the different branches of the Reformed Church in Germany, Switzerland, England and France are celebrating this day, therefore

Resolved, That Friday afternoon and evening be set apart for religious exercises appropriate to this occasion, according to the following programme:

Friday Afternoon.—Hymn and prayer by Rev. H. Rust.

Addresses in the German by Revs. J. G. Zahner and P. Gradi.
Hymn in the English by Rev. Geo. W. Williard.

Addresses in the English by Revs. J. H. Derr and T. P. Buch.
Free remarks by members of Synod.

Prayer by Rev. I. H. Reiter.

Sermon in the evening, with reference to the same subject,
Rev. H. J. Rutenik (appointed by Synod.)

Respectfully submitted.

H. J. RUTENIK, Chairman.

ARTICLE VIII.

ON SYNODICAL MINUTES.

The Committee appointed on Synodical Minutes would here submit their report. They have examined the Minutes of several Synods, and find the following items claiming the attention of this Synod:

MINUTES OF THE SYNOD OF OHIO AND ADJACENT STATES.

Item 1, Pages 12 and 13. Is a request to the General Synod either to modify the "Provisional Liturgy," or to take measures for the preparation of a new Liturgy, adapted to the wants of the church.

2, Page 13. Is the appointment of a committee, of which Rust is chairman, to engage in the work of preparing a Liturgy for the church.

3, Page 13. The subject of the change of the name of church is referred to the several Classes for their approval.

4, Page 30. Is a request of this Synod to the Classes to act with the Board of Trustees of Heidelberg College in relation of outstanding dues.

5, Page 38. Is a recommendation of Synod (1.) to the Board of Missions, and (2.) to each classis, to appoint local Missionaries.

6, Page 38. The subject of a "Church Extension Fund" from a two-fold aspect:

the appointment of a Committee, consisting of Revs. P. C. and M. Stern, to prepare articles for the "Western Missionary" and the "Evangelist" on the subject.

the entering into mutual arrangements on the subject with the Western Board of Missions.

7, Page 40. The election of Rev. E. E. Higbee as delegate to the Eastern Synod

8, Page 40, 41. The election of the several Boards under the control of this Synod, viz:

the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary.

the Board of Trustees of Heidelberg College.

the Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary.

the Board of Visitors of Heidelberg College.

the Board of Missions.

the Board of Publication.

9, Page 41. The Board of Publication was authorized to publish the Western Missionary weekly, provided the way be clear.

10, Page 44. The appointment of a committee, which is to co-operate with a similar committee, appointed by the Terry Convention at Philadelphia, in organizing a Historical

11, Page 45. The Stated Clerks of the several Classes are authorized to prepare complete Statistical Reports before sending them to the Synod.

12, Page 45. The Stated Clerk of Synod, and the Assistant, respectively, are authorized to publish the Minutes of the Synod in the English and the German language.

13, Pages 44 and 45. The Pastor *loci* and the officers of the church are requested to secure half-fare tickets on the railroads to the places of our regular Synodical meetings.

MINUTES OF THE SYNOD OF THE GERMAN REFORMED CHURCH OF THE UNITED STATES.

1, page 15. Is the appointment of Rev. Joshua H. Derr, and Rev. John Rebaugh, *secundus*, as delegates to this

III. MINUTES OF THE GENERAL SYNOD FOR 1863.

Item 1, Page 21. The General Synod's Committee on Church Property is instructed to mature an item with reference to the legal titles of our church property, and report to this Synod.

Item 2, Page 21. The General Synod holds its next regular meeting in Dayton, O., on the Wednesday before Advent Sunday, November 28th, 1866, at 7 o'clock P. M.

Item 3, Page 22. Is the organization of a Home Missions Board, so constituted as to adapt it to the present necessities of missionary work, and to commence its operations as soon as the Boards now existing shall have been dissolved by their respective Synods.

Item 4, Page 24. This Synod is requested to refer the following proposed amendments to the Constitution of the Church to the several Classes for their adoption or rejection, viz:

1. That the last clause of the 78th Article of the Constitution be so changed as to read: "Twenty-four delegates from a majority of the Classes, representing a majority of the Synods, of whom at least one-third shall be Elders, shall constitute a quorum to transact business."

2. That the second clause of Article 70th of the Constitution be so amended as to read: "Its missionary operations shall be conducted by Boards specially appointed for the purpose by the General Synod;" and that the third clause of the same article be so amended as to read: "These Boards shall be subject to the control of the General Synod, and shall each submit to it at its regular meetings, a faithful report of its transactions, and the state of the interest committed to its care."

3. That the words "Home and" be inserted before the words "Foreign Missions of the Church," at the close of the last clause of the 83d Article of the Constitution.

Item 5, Pages 25 and 26. The organization of a Sunday-school Association, under the direction of a Board of eight members with a view of improving Sunday-school literature and promoting the true interests of the Sunday-school cause, claiming the attention and co-operation of Synod.

Item 6, Page 29. The action of the General Synod on the subject of a Liturgy, granting the Synod of Ohio and adjacent States the privilege of preparing a Liturgy which in their judgment may be better adapted to the wants of the church.

Item 7, Page 29. It is proposed that our correspondence with sister churches be conducted and maintained in the future by the General Synod; without, however, preventing any of the Particular Synods opening special correspondence with other ecclesiastical bodies.

Item 8, Page 36. The apportionment of 1,000 copies of the Minutes of the General Synod for 1863, to this Synod, implicitly demanding provision for the payment of the same.

Page 37. The amount of \$200, being two-fifths of the of the General Synod, is assessed on this Synod, and pro-
to be made by this Synod for its liquidation.

Respectfully submitted.

ISAAC H. REITER, Chairman.

ove report was received and acted on, item by item.

See report on the subject of the Liturgy under the item.

The Committee on the Liturgy appointed by the Synod n 1863 beg leave to report, that they commenced their n after the meeting of the General Synod at Pittsburg, lined to modify the Provisional Liturgy according to the our Synod, and gave permission for us to go on in the on of a new one. The committee had a meeting during a of March in Tiffin, which was conducted in harmony, and satisfactory to the members and others present by in-

They adopted as the basis of the new liturgy the litur- re Reformed Church of the Reformation period, with such may be obtained from other sources. They have gath- od deal of material for future use, and have several forms acraments, which they are prepared to lay before Synod, ch it may form some idea of what the committee has done, such instructions as may suggest themselves. We would est some changes in the committee, so as to make it more

Respectfully submitted.

H. RUST, Chairman.

rms here referred to were read before Synod, whereupon wing resolution was adopted:

ed, That Synod express its gratification with the diligence ch the committee has prosecuted the work entrusted to it, e in its prayer that the committee may be assisted and di- r the Spirit of God in its future labors, so as to accomplish rtant work for which it was appointed.

ommittee was enlarged and modified as follows:

H. Rust, E. Keller, J. Bossard, Geo. W. Williard, J. H. d J. H. Good.

6. Two thirds of the Classes not favoring the change, it

See report on Minutes of Classes.

4. Acceded to.

5. Acceded to.

3. No report from the committee, which was continued, tructions to attend to their duty. Committee consists of . C. Prugh and M. Stern.

7. The delegate presented the following report, which ived and adopted:

delegate to the Eastern Synod would respectfully report attended the sessions of that body held at Carlisle, Pa, received with christian cordiality and kindness.

The sessions were very fully attended, and much earnestness manifested in the work of the Lord. The interests of the printing establishment and the election of a theological professor were considered the meeting one of much importance. Your delegate, on opportunity offered, presented the feelings and opinions of the Synod, and on leaving was kindly assured of the heartfelt interest which the Eastern Synod continues to feel toward the brethren of the West, and requested to bear christian and fraternal greetings to them. The committee to co-operate with the Eastern Synod in taking steps to organize a Historical Society, finding that similar arrangements had already been fixed upon, your delegate's committee heartily endorsed the arrangement, and expressed the opinion that the Western Synod would earnestly co-operate in the work. My travelling expenses were fifteen dollars (\$15).

E. E. HIGBER

On motion, the Treasurer was authorized to pay the expenses of the delegate.

Item 7. The Board reported through the President, Rev. G. W. Williard, and Treasurer, Rev. D. Winters. The reports were received and adopted, and will be found under the article on the Seminary.

2. The Board reported through its Treasurer, N. L. Brown, Esq. The report was received and adopted, and will be found under the article on the College.

3. The Board reported through the President, Rev. J. H. Good, and Treasurer, Rev. R. Good. The reports were received and adopted, and will be found under the articles on the Seminary and Education.

4. No report.

5. The Board reported through the Vice President, Rev. G. W. Williard, and the Treasurer, A. H. Baughman. Their reports were received and adopted, and will be found under the article on Missions.

6. The Board reported through the President, Rev. D. Winters. The report was received and adopted, and will be found under the article on Publication.

Item 9. See report of the Board of Publication.

Item 10. See report of the delegate to the Eastern Synod, under item 7.

Item 11. See report of Committee on Minutes of Classes.

Item 12. Attended to.

Item 13. Attended to.

MINUTES OF EASTERN SYNOD.

Item 1. Adopted.

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL SYNOD.

Item 1. See report of Committee on Overtures.

Item 2. Adopted.

Item 3. See report of Committee on Missions.

Item 4. Resolved that these proposed changes in the Constitution be referred down to the different Classes for an expression of their wishes at their next regular meetings.

Item 5. Resolved that this Synod approves of the action of the General Synod on the subject of Sunday-schools, and calls the attention of the different Classes to the suggestions contained therein.

Item 6. Adopted.

Item 7. Adopted.

Items 8 and 9. See report of Committee on Finance.

The report was adopted as a whole.

ARTICLE IX.

OVERTURES.

The Committee on Overtures reported as follows :

I. CALLS—NONE.

II. PETITIONS.

1. Is a request from the consistory of the Fremont charge, asking Synod to permit them to apply their ter-centenary offerings which were given for missions, to make up the deficiency of their pastor's salary.

2. Is the report of the delegate to the Eastern Synod.

3. Is a letter from Rev. P. Tendick, asking Synod to aid him in procuring a field of labor.

4. Contains several documents from the Committee of the General Synod on the subject of church property.

III. COMPLAINTS.

1. Is a complaint against Revs. J. Klingler and G. M. Albright and the officers of the Salem congregation of the Zion's charge, asking Synod to appoint a committee to investigate certain difficulties.

Respectfully submitted.

C. W. HOYMAN, Chairman.

The above report was received and acted upon, item by item.

Item 1. The Corresponding Secretary was instructed to write to the Consistory of said church, informing them that the request could not be granted, as this would be diverting the funds from the original object, and advise them to apply to the Board of Missions if they need aid.

Item 2. Adopted. See report of Committee on Minutes of Synod.

Item 3. Resolved that this Synod express its sympathy with Rev. P. Tendick in his present situation, and unite with him in prayer that God may soon direct him to a suitable field of labor.

Item 4. Was referred to a special committee, consisting of Revs. G. Z. Mechling, E. Keller and Elder J. Zulliger, which subsequently reported as follows :

WHEREAS, The committee of the General Synod on the subject of church property, to whom was propounded the question whether a change of name, viz., dropping "German," would invalidate "titles, bonds and invested funds," has reported that such change would not affect said titles, &c., provided the change is made by proper authorities, and the said change subsequently recognized in the charter of Synod, by the legislative body which granted said change in the beginning: therefore

Resolved, That this Synod request the different Classes to accede to the request of the General Synod.

Respectfully submitted.

G. Z. MECHLING, Chairman

COMPLAINTS.

1. The Corresponding Secretary was requested to write to the complainants, notifying them that this Synod cannot constitutionally act in their case, and inform them that the proper course for them to pursue is to refer their difficulties to the Tiffin Classes whose bounds they are.

The report was adopted as a whole.

ARTICLE X.

MINUTES OF CLASSES.

The Committee on Minutes of Classes reported. The report was received and adopted, item by item.

I. IRREGULARITIES.

1. Illinois Classis failed to furnish its minutes in chapters previously instructed by Synod. Adopted.

2. The statistical reports of Lancaster, Westmoreland, Illinois, St. John's Tiffin, Sheboygan and Indiana Classes are incomplete. Adopted.

Resolved, That the delegates of the different Classes here present, whose reports are incomplete, be requested to take the proper measures to have them as full as possible.

2. *Resolved*, That the attention of the different Classes be called to the importance of having their statistical reports complete before sent to Synod.

II. REQUESTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS.

1. Sheboygan Classis requests Synod as soon as possible have a suitable Liturgy prepared and published.

Referred to the action of Synod on the subject.

2. Tiffin Classis again requests permission of Synod to conduct its own missionary affairs.

Referred to the action of Synod under the head of Missions.

3. Tiffin Classis requests Synod to sanction its action in the division of its territory.

at Charge, situated in Sandusky County, and further, on that the Classes of Sandusky and St. Johns give to the proposed arrangement.

7. That this Synod does hereby request the above-classes to give their consent to the transfer of so much territory as is included in the plan of division to the Classis of Tiffin. This plan would take from Sandusky the county of Lorain, and that part of Cuyahoga which lies west of the Erie & Ohio Canal; and of St. Johns the part of said county lying east of the said canal.

Respectfully submitted.

J. G. ZAHNER, Chairman.

III. SUBJECTS REFERRED TO CLASSES.

Westmoreland and Illinois Classes approve of changing the name of the church from "German" to "Evangelical Reformed," and the Lancaster, Iowa, Sandusky, Sheboygan, St. Joseph, Tiffin and Indiana Classes oppose it: Adopted.

As two-thirds of the Classes do not approve of it, Westmoreland, Sandusky, Illinois and Lancaster Classes request of Synod to assist the Board of Trustees in the collection of outstanding dues. Adopted.

IV. RECEPTIONS AND DISMISSIONS.

Westmoreland Classis received Rev. J. Lichtenstine, from New York; and dismissed Rev. T. P. Bucher from the Classis of Zion. Dismissed Rev. T. J. Barkley to the Classis of Westmoreland. Westmoreland Classis received Rev. T. J. Barkley from the Classis of Westmoreland (formerly of the Western Synod), H. H. W. Hibschan, Licentiate from Lancaster (formerly of the Western Synod), and John A. Peters, Licentiate from Meriden. Dismissed Rev. D. H. Reiter and Rev. A. B.

5. St. Joseph Classis dismissed Rev. J. Kneea to Iowa Classis, and Rev. W. H. Fenneman to Tiffin Classis. Received Rev. G. A. Fickes from Westmoreland Classis, and Rev. H. Shuttee from Tiffin Classis.

6. Indiana Classis dismissed Rev. F. Wahl to Iowa Classis, J. Blatgan to Sheboygan Classis, Rev. A. Toensmeir to Tiffin Classis, and ordained J. Leifert, J. B. Zumpe and R. Lusohen.

7. St. John's classis licensed and ordained J. M. Grethner, and G. W. Henning, and received Rev. F. Hunsche from Lutheran church.

8. Tiffin classis received Rev. L. H. Kefauver and Rev. H. from Miami classis, Rev. A. Toensmeier from Indiana classis, and ordained W. W. James, E. Benzing and S. E. Herring. Dismissed Rev. I. Matzinger to Sheboygan classis, and the licentiate J. Berber to Indiana classis. Received Rev. W. H. Fenneman from Joseph classis, and erased the names of Rev. F. Rahausen and Weiler.

On motion, it was resolved that the erasure of the name of Father F. Rahausen by Tiffin classis from its list of names was improper under the circumstances, and referred back again to classis.

The action of the same classis in the case of Rev. C. Weber was also referred back for reconsideration.

9. Lancaster classis received Rev. J. Hannabery from Meridenburg classis, and dismissed Rev. N. H. Loose to Sandusky classis.

V. ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CLASSES.

Miami classis will meet in the Church of the Cross, Cincinnati, O., on the second Thursday of October, 1864. Rev. G. Z. Meacham, President, and Rev. P. C. Prugh, stated clerk.

Westmoreland classis will meet in Berlin, Somerset county, on the first Thursday in October, 1864. Rev. E. E. Higbee, President, and Rev. T. J. Barkley, stated clerk.

Sandusky classis will meet in New Jefferson congregation, Madison county, O., on the first Friday after the second Tuesday of October, 1864. Rev. J. M. Le Fever, President, and Rev. I. Reiter, stated clerk.

Lancaster classis will meet in Canal Winchester, O., on Wednesday, October 12th, 1864, at 7 o'clock P. M. Rev. J. McCook, President, and Rev. M. H. Hockman, stated clerk.

Illinois classis will meet at Silver Spring congregation on the first Thursday in October. Rev. Henry Knepper, President, and Rev. G. Weber, stated clerk.

Iowa classis will meet at Wilton, Iowa, on Tuesday, before the first full moon in September, 1864. Rev. F. C. Bauman, President, and Rev. J. Riale, stated clerk.

St. John's classis will meet at Hartville, Stark county, O., on Tuesday, the 9th of September, 1864. Rev. S. King, President, and Rev. J. G. Zahner, stated clerk.

and Rev. M. Miller, stated clerk.

Respectfully submitted.

D. LANTZ, Chairman.

Report was adopted as a whole.

ARTICLE XIII.

THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

Report of the President of the Board of Trustees.

With much pleasure the Board reports that the past year has been one of unusual success. More money has been paid in, as seen by the report of the Treasurer, than in any previous year that the Board has been able to pay the salaries of both teachers promptly. This is as it should be, and gives the best evidence of the interest of the church in the success and prosperity of her institutions. The reason why the contributions have been thus large and free, is perhaps attributable to two things: the abundance of money in the country, and the interest shown in the church by the ter-centenary celebration. The following shows what may be done by a united effort

Whilst the Board reports thus favorably in reference to its operations at the present time, it would also impress upon the Synod the importance of renewing its efforts for the coming year. The amount of contributions is as yet entirely insufficient to meet the current expenses.

Besides, much of what we have in the shape of Plainfield property is unproductive, being in the hands of such persons as have died or are unable to pay the interest thereon regularly. The efforts of the church should be continued to complete theowment of the Seminary: and until this is done, the Synod

For a full account of the finances of the Board, and of the vestment it has made of the money received for the endowment of our Seminary, we refer the Synod to the report of the Treasurer Respectfully submitted.

GEO. W. WILLIARD, President

2. Report of the Treasurer of the Theological Seminary.

Rev. D. Winters, Treasurer, in account with the Board of the Theological Seminary of the German Reformed Church.

1863.

FOR IMMEDIATE USE.

Jan. 19,	To	cash from former Treasurer (see min. of Syn. 1863.)....	1
19,		interest of Rev. J. A. Leis on note	1
19,		interest of A. H. Baughman on Bond.....	1
19,		interest of Mary Baughman on Bond.....	1
19,		interest of G. G. Prugh on Bond.....	1
19,		interest of Joseph Coblentz on Bond.....	1
19,		interest of J. M. & W. Rader on Bond.....	1
19,		cash of Mrs. M. Kershner	1
22,		interest of Miss Catherine Weikel on note	1
23,		interest of Rev. J. Richards on Bond.....	1
July 4,		ter-centenary contribution of Highland charge.....	1
15,		interest of J. P. Mahnschmidt on Bond.....	1
21,		interest of John Prugh on Bond	1
Aug. 12,		interest of T. Schaeffer on note.....	1
12,		interest of H. Zeigler on Bond.....	1
13,		collection of Saron's congregation.....	1
20,		interest of H. Bott on Bond	1
24,		ter-centenary contribution from Miamisburg charge... 1	
26,		tercentenary contribution from Rev. W. B. Sandee for his charge..... 1	
Sept. 13,		interest of Jacob Ragle on note.....	1
14,		ter-centenary contribution of New Madison charge.... 1	
Oct. 4,		ter-centenary contribution of Immanuel's cong. 1	
12,		ter-centenary contrib. of Rev. J. B. Ruhl for charge.... 1	
23,		ter-centenary contribution of Port Jefferson charge.... 1	
23,		ter-centenary contrib. of Caesar's Creek charge..... 1	
23,		interest of Abel Peterson on Bond.....	1
23,		ter-centenary contribution of Germantown cong. 1	
23,		ter-centenary contribution of West Alexandria cong. . 1	
23,		ter-centenary contribution of Union charge.....	1
23,		ter-centenary contribution of Kinnick-Kinnick chg. . . 1	
Nov. 2,		interest and premium on U. S. Bonds.....	4
3,		interest of B. Shumaker on Bond.....	1
5,		ter-centenary contribution of Delaware charge.....	1
13,		ter-centenary contribution of Tarlton charge.....	1
19,		interest of Rev. E. V. Gerhart on Bond.....	1
20,		ter-centenary contribution of First church of Cin'ti. . 2	
26,		ter-centenary contribution of North Georgetown chg. . 4	
26,		ter-centenary contribution of Akron congregation (German)	1
Dec. 4,		interest of Joseph Coblentz on Bond.....	4
10,		ter centenary contribution of Tuscarawas charge.... 1	
20,		ter-centenary contribution of Basil charge.....	1
20,		interest of J. V. Prugh on Bond.....	1

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Jan.	5,	interest of A. & J. Mast on Bond.....	4 00
	20,	interest of John Kutz on Bond.....	3 00
	21,	ter-centenary contribution of Shelby charge.....	8 00
	21,	interest of Bazil Ewry on Bond.....	8 00
	21,	interest of D. H. Prugh on Bond.....	5 00
	21,	interest of Rev. D. Winters on note.....	16 98
	28,	ter-centenary contribution of West Alexandria chg.....	19 00
	30,	ter-centenary contribution of Manchester charge.....	10 00
	30,	ter-centenary contribution of Thompson charge.....	20 00
Feb.	8,	ter-centenary contribution per Rev. E. Keller, for charge.....	25 00
	8,	interest of J. Sounedesker on Bond.....	4 00
	8,	interest of J. Abie on note.....	3 00
	8,	ter-centenary contribution of St. Joseph cong.....	15 00
	12,	interest of R. F. Kelker on note.....	32 50
Mar.	1,	interest of H. Bott on Bond.....	3 00
	24,	ter-centenary contribution of Good Hope charge.....	25 00
	24,	interest of Rev. J. A. Leis on note.....	12 00
	28,	interest of Rev. T. H. Winters on Bond.....	7 00
	28,	interest of Rev. Prof. M. Kieffer on note.....	30 00
	28,	interest of J. Urbin on Bond.....	5 50
	31,	interest on U. S. Bonds.....	90 00
April	4,	interest of George Gelbach on note.....	30 00
	4,	interest of Christ. Gross & Brothers on note.....	30 00
	5,	interest of Rev. D. Winters on notes and Bond.....	40 80
	9,	interest of Wm. Marshall on Bond.....	3 00
	13,	ter-centenary contribution of Caesar's Creek charge.....	11 00
	20,	ter-centenary contribution of J. B. Heister, Lebanon, Penn.....	20 00
May	2,	ter-centenary contribution of Xenia charge.....	20 00
	3,	interest of G. G. Prugh on Bond.....	6 00
	3,	interest of T. Shaeffer on note.....	28 13
	4,	interest of Rev. J. A. Leis on note.....	11 75
	4,	interest of Rev. M. Kieffer on Bond.....	6 00
	4,	cash of Stenger and V. Schneider per Rev. Rust.....	10 00
	17,	interest of J. T. Blain on note.....	25 00
	17,	interest of Smeyers on note.....	2 52
	17,	interest of A. Fauber on Bond.....	4 80
	17,	interest of A. H. & Mary Baughman on Bonds.....	12 00
	19,	ter-centenary contribution of Seven Mile charge.....	15 50
	19,	ter-centenary contribution of J. Michael Winamack charge.....	25
	23,	ter-centenary contribution of Rev. L. H. Kefauver's congregation, Tiffin.....	25 00
	26,	Rev. S. B. Leiter, interest on Bond.....	6 00
	26,	H. Leonard, interest on Bond.....	6 00
	26,	Rev. C. W. Hoyman, Somerset charge, ter-centenary offering.....	15 00
	26,	Joseph Slough, interest on Bond.....	6 00
	26,	John Weist, Philadelphia, interest on note.....	30 00
	26,	Joseph B. Welter, interest on note.....	3 00
	26,	Prof. H. Rust, ter-centenary offering.....	10 00
	26,	John, Mary and Herman Rust, ter-centenary offering.....	1 00
	27,	contrib. of Rev. J. Rettig, Galion charge (German).....	7 00

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Paid old Treasurer in full.....	\$148 16
Paid Prof. Keiffer in full of salary.....	600 00
Paid Prof. Rust in full of salary to May, 1864.....	215 83
Paid Prof. Rust traveling expenses, &c.....	27 31
Paid on repairs of house.....	43 55
Paid on Bonds and incidental expenses.....	15 40
To Postage and stationery.....	1 00
Paid Prof. Keiffer in full of house rent.....	125 00

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SUMMARY.

To receipts during the year.....	\$1,36
To cash paid per order and receipts.....	1,17
Balance on hand.....	19

REV. D. WINTERS TO ENDOWMENT FUND, DR.

1863.

ENGLISH.

June 14,	Cash of old Treasurer (see min. of Synod).....	\$15
19,	Mrs. M. Karahner in full of note.....	5
19,	J. M. & W. Rade in full of Bond.....	5
July 21,	J. P. Mahnenschmidt in full of Bond.....	6
Nov. 3,	B. Shumaker in full of Bond.....	4
Dec. 5,	Joseph Coblenz in full of Bond.....	10
30,	A. W. Mowery ter-centenary offering..	21
1864,		
Jan. 28,	Rev. T. H. Winters in full of Bond	104
Feb. 8,	J. Sonnedecker in full of Bond.....	5
8,	Jacob Aebie in full of note.....	2
Mar. 10,	Henry Botts in full of Bond ..	5
28,	Rev. T. H. Winters in full of note	4
29,	J. Urbin in full of Bond.....	5
May 4,	Rev. J. A. Leis in full of notes.....	15

\$25

1863.

GERMAN FUND.

June 3,	Cash of former Treasurer.....	\$50
July 3,	First German Reformed Church of Cincinnati	54
Aug. 14,	Galion charge.....	6
Oct. 21,	Canton charge.....	13
21,	Manchester charge.....	6
21,	Jacob Riegle in full of note.....	1
28,	John Strohn, ter-centenary contribution.....	4
Nov. 19,	Bucyrus charge.....	10
26,	New Lisbon charge.....	4
Dec. 24,	Canaan cong ter-centenary contribution.....	1
24,	Michael Houk.....	5
24,	F. Fetzer.....	5
24,	St. Paul's congregation.....	
24,	Botts' congregation.....	
24,	Mt. Eaton congregation.....	4
1864.		
Jan. 20,	Shelby charge, ter-centenary contribution.....	1
Feb. 8,	A. W. Smith.....	5
Mar. 11,	R. F. Kelker in full of note.....	50
24,	St. John's cong., Ft. Wayne, Indiana.....	10

George Gelbach in full of note.....	500 80
English Fund.....	955 85
Smeyers in full of note.....	25 00
A. H. & Mary Baughman on Bond.....	200 00
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	\$3,997 01

CONTRA CR.

n U. S. Bonds, Five-twenties.....	\$3,400 00
ov. D. Winters on security.....	200 00
on U. S. Bonds.....	80 00
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	\$3,680 00

SUMMARY.

during the year.....	\$3,997 01
per order and receipts.....	8,680 00
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nce on hand.....	817 01

Respectfully submitted,

D. WINTERS, Treasurer.

Report of the Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary.

Board organized, after its appointment by the Synod of
by the election of Rev. J. H. Good as President, Rev. Eli
as Secretary, and Rev. R. Good as Treasurer.

Board attended the examinations of students in the Theo-
Seminary two times during the year, and are happy to re-
at the examinations were satisfactory. It is regretted that
y young brethren show an inclination to cut short their
in Theology. The calls from the church are so many that
aptation is great to enter upon the active duties of the min-
fore full preparation has been made.

Board is of the opinion, also, that the students in the Sem-
oo much undervalue the importance of being "ready in the
Scriptures. Where this is the result of defective early
g, the deficiency should be made up during the Seminary
as there is ample time therefor.

following young men have been in attendance upon the in-
ms of the Theological Seminary during the year: D. D.
an, J. Hillhurst, J. B. Zumpe, S. E. Herring, F. Schadd, J. S.
G. Kublen, E. D. Miller and O. E. Lake.

these, Messrs. Leberman, Hillhurst, Zumpe, Herring and
have entered upon the active work of the ministry.

number of students in the Seminary at the present time is
re but small. Should not the church awake to the impor-
f calling out its young men for the work of the ministry?
rofessors, Library, funds, &c., have been provided; but
re of no avail unless the *men*, active, pious, devoted men,
found, who will be ready to devote themselves to the cause
aiming Christ. At the present rate, the number is no
an merely sufficient to make good the annual loss in the

ministry: no increase of ministerial force in the Synod can be expected, at least from this source, until the number of Theological students is increased. Respectfully submitted.

J. H. GOOD, Pres. Board of Visitors

4. *Report of the Committee on the Theological Seminary*

The committee on the Theological Seminary would respectfully report that the following documents have been placed in their hands:

1. The report of the Board of Visitors of the Seminary of this year. From this we learn that during the past year nine young men were in connection with the Seminary, four of whom have entered upon the active duties of the ministry. The Board expresses regret that the church seems to take so little interest in calling her young men for the important work of the ministry.

2. The report of the Trustees of the Theological Seminary. From this report we have the gratifying intelligence that notwithstanding these times of national distress, there has been an increase in the collection of money, so as to enable the Board to pay the salaries of both Professors promptly. Whilst the Board, however, reports thus favorably, in reference to its finances, it desires to impress upon this Synod the importance of renewed efforts for the coming year in lifting special collections to meet current expenses.

3. Treasurer's Report. We have audited the report of the Treasurer, and find it correct.

In view of the several items contained in the above report, claiming the attention of this Synod, the committee would recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

1. *Resolved*, That in view of the small number of students attending our Theological Seminary, we would earnestly and respectfully request the co-operation of the church as a whole, and especially of parents, congregations and classes, in searching out and raising young men of piety and promise with the important duty of consecrating themselves to the Gospel ministry, and of attending to the instructions of our Seminary.

2. *Resolved*, That Synod expresses its regret in hearing of so many of the students leave the institution without taking the usual course of study, and express its strong disapprobation, and would urge the Classes to discourage such applications.

3. *Resolved*, That the several Classes be earnestly requested to urge upon every congregation within their bounds, to lift at least one collection during the present year, for the immediate support of the Seminary.

Respectfully submitted

T. H. WINTERS, Chairman

ARTICLE XI.

EXAMINATION, LICENSURE AND ORDINATION.

The committee reported through the chairman, Rev. H. WINTERS, that there had been no applications. Report received and adopted.

ARTICLE XII.

RELIGION AND MORALS.

The committee on religion and morals presented the following report which was received and adopted :

TO OUR FATHERS AND BRETHREN IN CHRIST : —

In the providence of our faithful heavenly Father, it has been our privilege once more to assemble as a Synod, in brotherly love and unity; and by the conscientious performance of important business to prove ourselves obedient and faithful servants of Jesus Christ in the Reformed Church. If in the past, happy years of our life, we always felt our dependence upon the Giver of all good things, for his perfect gifts, and found innumerable causes for praise and thanksgiving, how much more now, since he has hitherto conducted us safely in this fearful time of war, and has so visibly blessed us with his grace and truth! O, give thanks unto the Lord, for his good, for his mercy endureth for ever.

All the reports of the different Classes, on the state of religion, were full of the Lord's praise for the manifestations of his grace in their respective bounds. Contrary to all expectation, some of them experienced a large increase of ministers and members; others rejoiced in the establishment of new congregations, in the improvement of their old, and in the successful erection of new houses of worship, and still others expressed their sincere thanks for the deliverance from threatening disturbances and divisions in their congregations, which, especially during the last year, were plotted by godly political partizans. And we rejoice this day, with all our ministerial brethren, elders and members, thanking God for the wonderful preservation of peace, and for the manifold blessings of his merciful hand. Men designed evil against us, but the Lord has been our deliverance. To our Reformed Zion in this country, it was certainly not by chance or accident, that the birth-day of the Heidelberg catechism returned just in the midst of this terrible war; and happy was the thought of celebrating, not only the day, but the entire year, for the joyful commemoration of this blessed event, and the benevolent support of our institution. The salutary influence of this celebration, for the most of our congregations, is gratefully acknowledged in nearly all the classical reports. The many profound sermons and lectures on this most excellent symbol of our church, have inspired all those members, to whom the kingdom of God is precious, with a deeper knowledge, warmer love and Christian activity. The practical result of this celebration shows itself in the double and three fold contributions, which were set apart and contributed for the different benevolent objects; as the Seminary, College, Missions, Beneficiary, Education, Orphans, &c., &c. In this respect, it was perhaps the most prosperous year which our church has hitherto experienced, and we have reason to expect, that the awakened spirit of benevolence

—this noble fruit of Christian faith, will not only continue to flourish, but also develop to the full power and activity of our reform in Zion. For this hope, let the word of the Lord be our pledge.

The attendance on public worship, the participation in the celebration of the Lord's supper, Christian instruction in the Sabbath school and the catechetical class, are represented as very satisfactory in most of the classes. Some, however, complain also bitterly of the destructive influence of the ruling political party spirit, and express the fear that many a precious soul may thereby be led astray, and many a congregation become entirely divided. This would be sad indeed! May the Lord in mercy prevent this! O that all our ministers, elders and members would stand aloof from all selfish, deceitful politicians, whose object it is to scatter the seeds of discord in our midst. One is our master, Christ; and from His love, neither the present nor the future; neither height nor depth, neither war nor peace, nor any other creature dare separate us.

With the brethren of St. Joseph Classis, we lament the early death of the beloved and faithful Bro. Schultze, who was suddenly called away in the midst of his prosperous and hopeful labors; and with them, we thank God for the peaceful end of that aged servant of Christ, father Thomas Winters, who, as a pioneer and founder of our church in the West, has rendered himself so honorable. In his long and active life in the vineyard of the Lord, he had become prepared for the rest in heaven. With the brethren of Westmoreland classis we all lament the early departure of the young Rev. J. H. Johnston, who, by his admirable talents, by his zeal in the work of the Lord, and by his Christian prudence, had gained for himself the respect and love of all who knew him. And with the brethren of Lancaster classis, we deeply lament the unexpected death of our amiable and much beloved brother, Adam C. Kendig, who labored among us with much success during the past, and from whom we had expected still more for the future. They have gone home—these four brethren—to reap eternally the rich reward of their labors in faith! They have followed one another quickly in the short space of one year. We are this day still here, and with the help of God, enter upon the course of another synodical year. But will we all reach the end of the same? The times are serious now, and may become still more so in the future. As our fathers have been so often, and so severely persecuted; so persecutions may also soon arise against us, their children. Shall we, in that case, be found as firm and sound in faith and doctrine; in confession and practice? Our Lord and Master grant us his grace to this end!

As we have assembled in peace, and have now transacted our business harmoniously, so we will separate in peace and fraternal unity, and prosecute the work of the Lord entrusted to our hands, with Christian courage. And whilst we are building up our congregations, let us not forget the necessary support, for the firmer

HEIDELBERG COLLEGE.

1. *Report of the Treasurer of Heidelberg College.*

Treasurer of Heidelberg College, N. L. Brewer, Esq., is of Co. A, 49th Regiment Ohio National Guards, and was called suddenly and unexpectedly, about the 1st of May, into the service of the country for one hundred days. He requested the undersigned, as one of the Executive Committee, to act as Treasurer *pro tem.*, during his temporary absence. He found it necessary, in the three days' interval, to prepare the usual report, and, having a large amount of legal business to put in proper order, as to work as little injury to his clients, as possible, during his absence. It was his expectation, however, to obtain a furlough of ten days, before the meeting of Synod, at which time he was preparing his report. As the meeting of Synod is now at hand, and he has not obtained leave of absence, I have thought it best to submit a brief and imperfect report.

Immediately after the last meeting of Synod, the Board with great unanimity elected to the office of President of Heidelberg College Rev. G. W. Aughinbaugh, A. M., of Pennsylvania. The Board of Trustees has not yet made a formal acceptance of the trust, but has intimated that he purposes doing so, and will enter upon the discharge of his duties by the opening of the next Session. As soon as his formal acceptance will come to hand before the meeting of Synod. This is a great event for the College, as it has not since its organization had a resident who could devote his whole time to the interests of the institution, since it was founded. It involves, however, an increase of expense, and a new call to the ministers and laity of the Synod to come forward promptly to the support of the college, especially in respect to its pecuniary resources. Let Synod make an appeal to all upon all who have given notes, to pay up as promptly as

Rev. R. Good, A. M., Professor of Natural Sciences and Rector of the Preparatory Department.

Rev. H. Rust, A. M., Professor of History and German Language.

J. B. Kieffer, A. M., Professor of Latin and Greek Languages.

The past year has been a severe one for Heidelberg College, as well as for other colleges, as so many calls have been made by the country upon our patriotic young men. Many of our best and most advanced students have entered the army.

The number of graduates, since its organization, is 36. Of these, 19 are in the ministry, 9 practising law, and 2 in the practice of medicine. During the past year, the average attendance has been about 70.

In respect to finances, the past year has, however, been favorable to our institution.

All the books, papers and notes have been placed under my control for the time being by the Treasurer, and I am happy to say that they are all in perfect order. The Treasurer deserves credit for the excellent manner in which the finances are managed.

The following figures are as near an approximation to the full and correct statement, as my limited time enables me to make out:

ENDOWMENT FUND.

Amount received by the Treasurer during the year.....	\$4,000
Endowment received from Agent, Henry Leonard, since the commencement of his agency.....	39,512
Interest on this due and unpaid, about.....	8,500
Old Endowment Fund notes.....	2,500
Value of College campus and buildings, about.....	15,000
Endowment Funds invested, about.....	8,000
Debts due the Professors on salary, about.....	4,000

CONTINGENT FUND.

Amount received during the year.....	\$2,246
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The Eastern College Society has promised to Heidelberg College the sum of \$2,000, to be applied to contingent expenses, which will probably be paid over in a year or two.

It is proper, I presume, to remind Synod, that the time of Mr. Brewer, as a member of the Board of Trustees, expires with the present year; and if it is desired to retain his services as Treasurer, it will be necessary for Synod, at its present meeting, to re-elect him as Trustee; since, by the Constitution of the College, the Treasurer can be elected only from among the members of the Board.

Any monies that may be ready at Synod to be paid over for the College, will be taken in charge by Professors Kieffer and Rust.

Respectfully submitted.

J. H. GOOD, for N. L. BREWER, Treas.

2. Report of the Agent of Heidelberg College.

Another year has expired since my last report to the Synod at Ma, Ohio, 1863.

This year again, my labors have been divided between the Eastern and Western Synods. My efforts were, however, mainly directed to the Eastern College, where I was successful in even raising more than the *thirty thousand dollars first contemplated!* Although not having much time to attend to the western institutions, yet it will be seen while I was so successful in the East, that at the same time something was done towards the endowment of Heidelberg College, the most of which amount came from our Eastern brethren. Then our Theological Seminary in the west was not entirely forgotten by our Eastern and Western brethren during our jubilee year. I traveled during the year six thousand three hundred and sixty-seven miles. Total miles traveled since the 22nd of January, 1857, *thirty-two thousand seven hundred and seventeen miles.*

H. Leonard, Agent Heidelberg College, Dr.

Amount of notes due Heidelberg College for immediate use on hand (see report of Minutes of Synod for 1863, page 29).....	\$201 04
Collected in "Crumbs" from the young people (to No. 1457).....	7 00
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	\$208 04

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Added J. H. Riley	\$12 10
Do in full	90
Traveling expenses	22 68
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Balance on hand, May 26, 1864.....	\$172 41
Endowment Fund handed over to the Treasurer, which was raised during the year.....	\$2 200 00

H. LEONARD, Agent Heidelberg College.

3. Report of the Committee on Heidelberg College.

From the papers given into the hands of the committee, the College, with its appurtenances, are found in good condition. Early in the past Synodical year the Board of Trustees elected the Rev. G. W. Aughinbaugh to the Presidency of the College with great unanimity; and it has since learned that he has accepted of the position thus tendered him; so that ere long the college will have a full corps of teachers, by which the prosperity of the institution will be the better insured. The report also desires Synod to urge all who have given their obligations by note or otherwise, to come to its help promptly, since its expenses will necessarily be greater than heretofore; and also to urge a greater interest in behalf of the College by efforts to increase the number of its students.

The number of graduates since its organization is 36. Of these, 19 are in the ministry, 9 practising law, and 2 practising medicine. The number of students in attendance last year was 70.

The Agent of Heidelberg College reports two thousand two hundred dollars raised during the year for the endowment of the

College. The reason why the Agent secured this comparatively small amount, is owing to the fact that during the greater part of the year his labors were confined to the Eastern portion of the church, engaged in behalf of the College and Seminary located in the Synod of North America.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

P. GRADING, Chairman.

ARTICLE XV.

MISSIONS.

1. *Report of the Vice President of the Board of Missions.*

BELoved BEETHREN:—

In the absence of the President who was unexpectedly called from home to attend to an important Christian duty in connection with the wounded and suffering soldiers in the army of the Potomac, it has become my duty as Vice President, to prepare a report of the operations of the Board of missions during the current year. And in doing so, we are pleased to bear testimony to the zeal and fidelity of the Missionaries in the employment of the Board. The lives and health of all have been mercifully preserved so that they have prosecuted their labors with very slight interruptions. All the missions under the care of the Board have had some accessions to their number during the year, whilst in some instances the increase has been very considerable, thus showing the favor with which God regards our work, and the good that has been accomplished by our contributions to this cause. Considering the amount of funds expended by the Board, the results are most gratifying, and should lead us to extend our operations for the future and increase our contributions to this blessed cause which is so intimately connected with the prosperity of the church.

The field which belongs to us as a church in the great missionary work that is to be done in this country, is very wide and extensive, and at the same time full of promise, embracing some of the fairest portions of our land. Had we only the men and means we might easily extend our operations ten-fold, and take under our care points that would in a short time yield a rich harvest of fruit. As it is, the Board is often greatly perplexed to know which points, out of the many that appeal for help, should be selected.

In view of the great work before us, it is a matter of much encouragement to know that our contributions during the current year have exceeded those of former ones, thus enabling the Board to take up several new missions which promise to become self-supporting in a short time. The influence of the ter-centenary festival which has just closed, has been of a salutary nature, awakening feelings of gratitude to God for his great goodness to us as

during our past history, which has evinced itself in an inspirit of liberality, as will be seen by the report of the

the Synod may see that the Board has been true to its ing the year, and has judiciously expended the funds its disposal, we herewith give a short report of the differ- as to which aid has been extended.

CORYDON, INDIANA.

v. L. Rike continues his labors in this mission, and serves ceptance. He has been persevering in his efforts to field self-supporting, but has not as yet been able to ac- it. The mission was considerably effected by the fa- organ raid" last fall. Many of the members lost horses r property by it, whilst the Pastor was held a prisoner it, and had his saddle taken from him. Subsequently a gnant disease raged with great severity in the town and country, of which several members of the mission fell which reduced its numerical strength somewhat. There eight baptisms and several confirmations during the e labors of the missionary have been arduous, but by sistance he has been enabled, although feeble in health, ll the demands that have been made upon him in this re- he ter-centenary contributions of the charge amounted . With the consent of the missionary, his appropria- een reduced to \$125 00. The mission is English.

TERRE HAUTE, INDIANA.

ission has been under the care of the Board for six years. as has been slow, owing to a variety of causes. Yet the es not feel justifiable in abandoning it, as it still enter- hope, that by the blessing of God, it may yet succeed, urch be permanently established. The Rev. H. Kortheuer to labor at this post, and has hopes that he will succeed k. It numbers 65 members, five of whom were received e past year. The missionary reports 24 infant baptisms e year. There is still a debt of \$800 resting on the lface. The collections during the year for the different benevolence amounted to \$143 00. The Sunday-school about 120 children, which may be regarded as hopeful tare. The mission not being able to pay the pastor e \$200 per annum, he has been under the necessity of school a part of his time, so as to provide for the support ily. The school is, however, confined mostly to the con- . The appropriation continues at \$100. The mission is

COLUMBUS CITY, IOWA.

mission is served by Rev. J. H. Busor, who has entered third year in this important field. Last fall he requested

the Board to release him for a time from his labors, and secure the services of another missionary. But as his labors were acceptable to the mission, and as such changes are often attended with bad results, the Board was unwilling to grant his request. Having purchased a small tract of land near the city, his situation may be regarded more permanent. Though compelled to cultivate a few acres of land for the support of his family, we trust it will not affect his efficiency in his pastoral labors. There was a considerable accession to the church during the year, whilst others are now going through a course of catechisation, with a view of connecting themselves with the church at an early day. The appropriation has been continued at \$150 00. This mission is English.

THE SECOND CHURCH, DAYTON, OHIO.

This mission has been very prosperous under the zealous and faithful labors of the Rev. W. Wittenweiler. Its membership has greatly increased, so that there are strong hopes that it will become self-sustaining. The debt upon the church edifice has been reduced, and will, if the congregation still continues to prosper, be all paid before long. This is one of the most prosperous missions under the care of the Board. The accessions during the year have been numerous, whilst the prospects for the future are encouraging. Seventy-five dollars have been contributed by this mission for benevolent objects during the year. The appropriation has been reduced to \$75 00. This mission is German.

LANESVILLE, INDIANA.

The Board has recently taken this mission under its care and commissioned the Rev. C. T. Martin to labor in it with an appropriation of \$100. The missionary writes, that the Lord has blessed his labors, and that the preaching of the gospel has been attended with its appropriate fruits. The mission consists of two regular organized congregations, and two other preaching points, at one of which, the congregation is about to transfer its connection with the Synod. A church edifice was built during the year near Lanesville, where the prospects seem encouraging for a good ingathering in the future, and another will be commenced shortly in another part of the mission. The missionary writes, that he has had a day-school during the last three months of 20 scholars, and he had examined them on Sunday afternoon in the catechism, histories of the Bible, which proved highly satisfactory to the parent. There are two Sabbath-schools, and a third one will soon be started. There were during the year eight baptisms, and two received into the church by letter and confirmation. The whole number of members is 49. The mission pays \$220 to the support of the Pastor. It is also German.

LANCASTER, OHIO.

The appropriation to this field was made by the Lancaster Conference, subject to the approval of the Board. The missionary, Rev-

kman, says in his late report, that the last communion was a most interesting and delightful one yet held in the congregation. Four persons were added to the church by the rite of confirmation. The attendance upon the preaching of the gospel has greatly improved, so that it is now double what it was when the missionary began his labors in this field, thus inspiring the hope that a brighter day will soon dawn upon this church, and that it may attain to strength and efficiency. The appropriation to the church, which is English, is \$50.

COVINGTON, KENTUCKY.

This mission, which is under the pastoral care of Rev. C. J. Smith, has been greatly prospered during the past year, having an accession of 42 members by letter and confirmation. Confidence upon the means of grace has also increased. The School is in a much more prosperous condition than it has ever been. The congregation also contemplates purchasing a new organ, which seems to be an almost indispensable article in our congregations. As this mission is yet in its infancy the missionary has been compelled to teach school in connection with his work, so as to obtain a support for his family. This has not added greatly to his labor, but has at the same time required of him which ought to have been devoted to the spiritual instruction of the congregation. There is also a debt of some \$4000 upon their church edifice which greatly impedes the growth of the mission. In view of these things, the missionary asks an appropriation of \$100, so that he may be relieved from the necessity of teaching, and devote his whole time to the upbuilding of the congregation, hoping thereby to make it self supporting, and thus relieve the church of its support. This mission is exclusively German.

LICKING COUNTY MISSION.

J. McConnell took charge of this mission under the direct appointment of the Lancaster Classis which has pledged his support through the Board. The committee of Classis has made any report to this Board, it is impossible to give account of it here. We may however add, that the prospects of the mission, according to a letter received from the missionaries are encouraging, and that there is reason to hope for success which can be extended to it for a short time.

LAFAYETTE, OHIO.

G. M. Albright labored with acceptance in this mission since the first of March, when he received and accepted a call to this charge, since which time it has been vacant. The church, as we learn from the periodicals of the church, has extended a call to the Rev. Mr. May, so that it is to be hoped it will soon be supplied with the regular services of a pastor.

SHELBYVILLE, ILLINOIS.

This mission became vacant by the removal of Rev. H. K. Baines to Cedarville, where he is now laboring under the direction of the Board. The Rev. W. W. James of Tiffin, Ohio, has visited the field, and received a call subject to the approval of the Board. The prospects of the mission seem encouraging, as an opening now seems to present itself for the organization of a congregation in the town of Shelbyville, which if successful, as we believe it will be, if properly managed, will contribute greatly to its speedy establishment. To aid in the accomplishment of this desirable object, the Board has concluded to send one of its members to this point as soon as possible, to give all the encouragement in its power to this important movement.

NEW MISSIONS—MARSHALL COUNTY, INDIANA.

This field has long since been imploring the Board to send them a man to labor among them. Lying as it is, remote from any other pastoral charge, it suffered for the want of more pastoral labor. In view of this, and the urgent entreaties of our destitute brethren in this field, the Rev. G. A. Fickes was commissioned to labor here with an appropriation of \$100 the first of last January. The mission is composed of three organized congregations and one preaching point, which it is hoped with proper cultivation and attention, will become self-supporting in a few years.

CEDARVILLE, ILLINOIS.

After repeated failures to get a minister for this field which has been vacant for some time, the Board commissioned the Rev. H. K. Baines, at the urgent request of the mission, on the first day of January 1864, with an appropriation of \$150. The field was necessarily scattered, having been without a minister for some time, and will require a few months labor before every thing can be made to assume its regular form. Hence the missionary cannot at this early date give a full report of its numerical strength and future prosperity.

UPPER SANDUSKY, OHIO.

From statements made to the Board in reference to the encouraging prospects of our church in and around Upper Sandusky, Ohio, the Rev. J. Klingler was commissioned to this field the first of last April, with an appropriation of \$150. As there seemed to be an urgent desire on the part of a number of prominent citizens for us to occupy this field, the Board entertains the hope that it will soon become self-supporting.

DEFIANCE, OHIO.

An urgent request having been made to the Board, with the assurance that help would be needed only for a comparatively short

ble the missionary to continue his labors. It is expected the charge will hereafter be self-supporting if nothing occurs to interrupt its prosperity.

GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT IN AND AROUND FREEPORT ILLINOIS.

The classis of Illinois at its last annual meeting, feeling the importance of having some one to superintend our interest in and about Freeport, embracing several counties, recommended such a person to the Board, and suggested the name of Rev. George W. Weber as a suitable person. At their recommendation and earnest request, the Board commissioned Rev. Geo. Weber, the first of January, 1864, as general superintendent for this district, with a salary of \$400, including what has been raised by the classis for the object. The Forreston and Cedarville charges being vacant, it was necessary for the superintendent to labor for a short time in these fields until they could be supplied with regular pastors. A desirable object was accomplished in the early part of spring, at which time the superintendent has organized a congregation at Park, Carrol county, Illinois, and secured the settlement of John H. H. H. H., a student from our Seminary at Tiffin, Ohio, who is a regularly licensed and ordained as the pastor of this congregation, which, with other points near at hand, has promised sufficient support, so that the charge is self sustaining. Other charges have also been visited, at which it is thought congregations may soon be organized. The superintendent has also devoted considerable attention to the city of Freeport, where we have a large amount of material that should long since have been gathered into the church. From his report it would seem that he has been indefatigable in his labors, and has the prospect of gathering together a large portion of our scattered membership.

CHURCH EXTENSION FUND.

The Church Extension Fund remains as reported last year, contributions having been given for this object. It is certainly a matter of regret, that nothing has been done for this object on this tercentenary year, when our people have been challenged to increased liberality, in view of the goodness of God to our church for the last 300 years. Past experience proves that one of the greatest difficulties in the way of our missionary operations, especially in large cities, is the want of a fund from which help may be obtained by weak points in the erection of churches, until material may be gathered together. A few hundred or a thousand dollars loaned to such points for a few years at a time when they most need assistance free of interest, would be of incalculable benefit. It is to be hoped therefore, that the church will soon act up to the importance of this subject, and that those who are blessed with an abundance of this world's goods, will contribute largely to create a church extension fund, as has been done by other churches who have engaged largely in the missionary work.

GENERAL REMARKS.

There have been a number of promising points brought before the Board at which we ought to have missionaries laboring, but we have not felt justifiable in taking up more fields than we have men to meet our obligations to the missionaries who are now in the employment of the Board. It is sad however, that the people have in many cases to wait so long before the Board obtain the men and means to supply their wants.

The contributions during the past year have been greater than during any previous one, which is a matter of encouragement, yet they have not been anything like what they ought to have been in view of the circumstances in which we have been placed. Considering our wealth as a church, and the prosperity which has attended us, our contributions ought to have been much greater, especially as we have been reviewing and commemorating the goodness of God to us during the past three hundred years of our existence. Some congregations and individuals, it is true, have brought noble offerings of thankfulness, which will be remembered with delight by coming generations, when they review the history of the tercentenary festival which has just closed. Yet it must be confessed that there are men who have made no proper account of this interesting occasion. A number of classes, viz: Tiffin, dusky, Westmoreland and Wisconsin, have failed to co-operate with the Board, notwithstanding the earnest recommendation of the Synod on this subject a year ago, thus leaving the weighty burden of our missionary operations rest upon the Miami. This is a matter of regret, as it must necessarily cripple our work whilst so many of the classes act in an independent and selfish way. Hence the Board would again refer the subject to the

with the hope, that some action may be taken that will secure united action throughout the church.

Before closing our report, we would call the attention of Synod to the action of the general synod in Pittsburgh last November, as calculated in the judgment of the Board, to give efficiency and success to our missionary operations. The subject is one that should claim the serious consideration of Synod in view of its great importance and intimate connection with our future growth as a church. What we do to occupy the territory that rightfully belongs to us as a church, and which has in many cases for years been making earnest appeals for men to come and break unto them the bread of life, must be done soon, or else others will rise up and possess the land, which would be a serious reflection upon our missionary spirit and Christian activity. Let us then devote ourselves to this great and blessed work in earnest, and do with all our might what our hands find to do.

For a full statement of the finances of the Board, we refer Synod to the report of the Treasurer.

Hoping and praying that the blessing of God may rest upon the synod, and that it may be guided in all its deliberations by His spirit, so as to arrive at right conclusions, this report is respectfully submitted.

GEO. W. WILLIARD, Vice Pres't.

2. Report of the Treasurer of the Board of Missions.

L. H. Baughman, Treasurer, in account with the Board of Domestic Missions of the German Reformed Church of Ohio and adjacent States. To amount of money received since my last report to Synod at Tiffin, Ohio, May 27th, 1868.

MIAMI CLASSIS.

lev. T. H. Winters, Caesar Creek charge.....	\$15 00
" P. C. Prugh, Xenia charge.....	39 60
" I. H. Reiter, Miami burg charge.....	158 10
" G. W. Williard, Bethel charge.....	11 50
" J. Lichtenstein, Cincinnati First church.....	96 60
" C. Saure, Cincinnati Third church.....	37 18
" T. P. Bucher, Dayton First ".....	3 00
" B. C. Taylor, " " ".....	5 00
" W. Wittenweiler, " 2d ".....	14 00
" H. M. Herman, West Alexandria charge.....	73 75
" G. Z. Meehling, Seven Mile charge.....	52 89
" J. Richards, Union charge.....	25 30
" J. Schlosser, Fairfield.....	49 25
" " Supply to Beaver congregation.....	28 95
" J. A. Leis, St John's charge.....	14 60
" J. Stuck, Dallas charge.....	41 65
" G. H. Leonard, Highland charge.....	50 00
" P. H. Kroh, Anna charge.....	7 00
" R. Schweetes, Covington, Ky. Mission.....	7 00
" J. Scott, Clayton congregation.....	2 50
" S. Shaw, Port Jefferson charge.....	35 55

Mr. Leonard Hawk, Bakersville.....
 Mr. J. H. Osling, Cincinnati.....
 New Madison charge.....
 Rev. Wm. McCaughey and Family.....
 Mrs. Wilthoff, Cincinnati.....

LANCASTER CLASSIS.

Rev. J. Hefley, Lithopolis charge.....
 Rev. H. King, Union charge.....
 Rev. J. Vogt, Delaware charge.....
 Rev. J. I. Swander, Kinnick-kinnick charge.....
 Rev. J. Hannaberry, Sugar Grove charge.....
 Rev. H. M. Hockman, Lancaster charge.....
 Treasurer of Basil charge.....
 Rev. C. W. Hoyman, Somerset charge.....

WESTMORELAND CLASSIS.

Rev. F. A. Edmonds, Berlin charge.....
 Rev. H. H. W. Hibsham, Beam's charge.....
 Mr. Johnathan Hay and Family, Somerset charge.....

SANDUSKY CLASSIS.

Rev. N. H. Loose, Shelby charge.....

TIFFIN CLASSIS.

Rev. L. H. Kefauver, Tiffin church.....
 Rev. H. Bair, Good Hope charge.....
 Rev. G. M. Albright, Lafayette Mission.....

Iowa Classis.....
 Sheboygan Classis.....

ST. JOSEPH CLASSIS.

Rev. H. Schulze, Bluffton charge.....
 Rev. G. A. Fickes, Marshall county charge.....
 Rev. J. D. Gackenheimer.....
 Rev. Jonas Michael, Winamac charge.....
 Rev. S. Z. Beam, Neriah charge.....

INDIANA CLASSIS.

Rev. H. Korthauer, Terre Haute charge.....
 Rev. Levi Rike, Corydon Mission.....
 Rev. M. G. I. Stern, Indianapolis.....
 Rev. C. T. Martin, Lanesville Mission.....
 Bethel and Boundary, City Congregations.....

ILLINOIS CLASSIS.

Rev. J. Stoneberger, Astoria Mission.....	\$10 00
Rev. J. Kercher.....	5 00
London charge.....	18 00
Rev. A. W. Mowry, Dongola, Illinois.....	25 00
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	\$58 00

ST. JOHN'S CLASSIS.

Rev. S. N. King, New Lisbon charge.....	\$25 00
" " " St. Jacobs congregation.....	7 30
Rev. J. Reinhart, Springfield charge.....	120 00
Rev. J. W. Hamm, Manchester charge.....	40 00
Rev. D. Kemmerer, Wooster charge.....	50 68
Rev. J. Ackeret, Mt. Eaton.....	15 00
Treasurer of St. John's Classis.....	80 00
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	\$287 98

From a friend to missions.....	10 00
In hands of Treasurer at last report.....	28 08
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	\$38 08

Grand total.....\$1905 16

The Treasurer credits himself as follows:

aid Rev. Eike, Missionary, at Corydon, Ia.....	\$151 05
" " W. Wittenweiler, Missionary, Second Church, Dayton...	97 50
" " O. T. Martin, Missionary, Lanesville, Indiana.....	100 00
" " G. M. Albright, Allen county Mission, Ohio.....	69 00
" " H. K. Baines, Shelbyville Mission, Illinois.....	106 50
" " J. H. Buser, Columbus City Mission, Iowa.....	170 00
" " H. Korthauer, Terre Haute Mission, Ia.....	109 00
" " R. Schwedes, Covington Mission, Ky.....	100 00
" " H. Williard, as per order of Lancaster Classis.....	50 00
" " M. H. Heckman " " " ".....	85 96
" " J. McConnell, Licking county Mission, O.....	20 00
" " J. B. Thompson, Pastor of the Fremont charge.....	75 00
" " G. A. Ficke, Marshall county Mission, Ia.....	25 00
" President of Board for two trips to Dayton—expenses on business of the Board.....	1 20
" President of Board for postage and stationery.....	6 00
" Express charges on money packages.....	50
" For Eastern draft.....	45
" Postage stamps, and stationery for Treasurer.....	1 25
Uncurrent money received.....	8 00
In the hands of the Treasurer.....	792 74
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	\$1905 16

Respectfully submitted,

A. H. BAUGHMAN, Treasurer.

Xenia, Ohio, May 27, 1864,

3. Report of the Committee on Missions.

The Committee on Missions respectfully offer the following report: From the documents placed in the hands of your Committee, we learn that the work of Missions has been carried forward during the last Synodical year with more than usual success. Withstanding our national troubles, and the fluctuation of our currency, the amount raised for this noble cause has been larger during any previous year—a fitting monument for our tercentenary year. The Treasurer's report shows that over \$1900 00 have been contributed. Several new fields have been taken under care of the Board during the year, promising soon to be self-supporting. God has truly blessed our Missionary labors. But we have much to encourage us, there are still many dark clouds hovering over our spiritual sky, often causing sorrowful feelings. Some of the Classes are still operating through their own auxiliary Board, notwithstanding the earnest request of the Synod to disband and report through the Parent Board.

It is a matter of much regret to your Committee, that nothing has been done during this tercentenary year for the church extension fund. With an existence of three hundred years, this fund should be numbered by thousands of dollars. And until such a fund can be properly established in the church, we lose many valuable points where our church should be permanently established.

During this tercentenary year, many important changes have been made in the church, and whereas, we now have one general Synod of the German Reformed church in the United States and whereas, it is desired that this general Synod shall control the Missionary operations of the church, therefore, be it

Resolved, That we the Synod of Ohio and adjacent States, do acquiesce in the action of the general Synod in the organization of the general Board of Missions for the whole German Reformed church in America.

Resolved, That our Board of Missions, in accordance with the request of the Gen. Synod, shall be regarded dissolved, as soon as the Eastern Synod shall have dissolved its Board, and unite in the organization of one general Board as recommended by the General Synod at its late meeting.

Resolved, That Synod earnestly reiterates its request to all the Classes as are still acting in an independent capacity, notwithstanding its action last year, to dissolve their Classical organizations, and cooperate through the parent Board.

D. H. REITER, Chairman

The Missionary Anniversary was held on Sabbath evening when addresses were delivered by Revs. E. Keller and Geo. Williard, the former in German and the latter in English; and collection taken of over \$40.

ARTICLE XVI.

FINANCE.

The following report was received from the Treasurer of the Synod, read, adopted and referred to the Committee on Finance:

Rev. Isaac H. Reiter, Treasurer, in account with the Synod of Ohio and adjacent States.

1863.		Dr.	
	To	balance in the Treasury	\$254 95
July 23,		Illinois Classis on Eng. Minutes of Synod for 1863 per Rev. H. K. Baines.....	5 16
Sept 12,		Indiana Classis, permanent appt. for 1862, in full per Rev. M. G. I. Stern.....	13 50
Oct 23,		Miami Classis, permanent appt. for 1863, in full per Rev. D. Winters.....	39 00
Nov 23,		Miami Classis on Ger. minutes of Synod for 1863 in part.....	6 00
Dec 23,		Miami Classis on Eng. minutes of Synod for 1863 in part.....	4 00
Jan 3,		Iowa Classis per appt. for 1861, in full Rev. J. Riale.....	3 00
Feb 3,		Iowa Classis per appt. for 1863 in full, Rev. J. Riale.....	7 50
Mar 4,		Miami Classis, Eng. Minut. of Synod for 1863, in part per Rev. G. W. Williard.....	34 70
Apr 4,		Indiana Classis, Eng. Minutes of Synod for 1863, in full, per Rev. G. W. Williard.....	2 50
May 4,		St. John's Classis, Eng. Min. of Synod for 1863, in full, per G. W. Williard.....	7 50
Jun 4,		St. Joseph Classis, Eng. Min. of Synod for 1863, in full, per G. W. Williard.....	50
Jul 4,		Iowa Classis, Eng. Min. of Synod for 1863, in full, per G. W. Williard.....	60
Aug 5,		St. Joseph Classis per appt. for 1862, in full, per Rev. P. Vitz.....	21 00
Sept 5,		St. Joseph Classis per appt. for 1863, in full, per Rev. P. Vitz.....	24 00
Oct 20,		Sandusky Classis per appt. for 1863, in full, per Rev. C. H. Reiter.....	15 00
Nov 20,		Sandusky Classis, Eng. Min. of Synod for 1863, in full, per Rev. C. H. Reiter.....	21 50
Dec 20,		Lancaster Classis, Eng. Min. of Synod for 1863, in part, per Rev. J. McConnell.....	60
Jan 20,		St. Joseph Classis, German, Min. of Synod for 1863, in part, per Rev. J. H. Klein.....	90
Feb 30,		St. John's Classis per appt. for 1861, in full per Rev. D. Kemmerer.....	5 00
Mar 30,		St. John's Classis, per appt. for 1862, in full, per Rev. D. Kemmerer.....	24 00
Apr 30,		St. John's Classis, per appt. for 1863, in full, per Rev. D. Kemmerer.....	24 00
May 30,		St. John's Classis, Ger. Min. for 1863, in part, per Rev. D. Kemmerer.....	75
Dec. 14,		Illinois Classis, Ger. Min. for 1863, in part, per Rev. H. J. Buetenik.....	2 00

Jan. 2,	Tiffin Classis, Ger. Min. for 1860, in full, per Rev. E. Keller.....
2,	Tiffin Classis, English Min. for 1860, in full, per Rev. E. Keller.....
3,	Tiffin Classis, per appt. for 1862, in full, per Rev. E. Keller.....
Ap. 14,	Lancaster Classis, per appt. for 1863, in full, per Rev. G. W. Williard.....
May 6,	Illinois Classis, per appt. for 1863, in full, per Rev. J. Stoneberger.....
26,	Miami Classis, Eng. Min. for 1863, in part, per Revs. Bucher and Winters.....
27,	Lancaster Classis, Eng. Min. for 1863, in part, per Rev. H. Williard.....
27,	Indiana Classis, per appt. for 1863, in full, per Rev. H. Kortheuer.....
27,	Indiana Classis, Ger. Min. for 1863, in full, per Rev. H. Kortheuer.....
	Total.....

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May 29,	By cash paid Rev. Bust for traveling expenses as delegate to Eastern Synod for 1862.....
29,	" Messrs. Robbins & McClelland for printing tickets for use of Synod.....
June 1,	" for Telegram to and from Pittsburgh per Rev. E. E. Higbee.....
2,	" Rev. G. W. Williard for publishing Eng. Min. of Synod for 1863.....
16,	" H. J. Ruetenik for publishing Ger. Min. of Synod for 1863.....
16,	" on Express charges on last above amount for stationery, postage, &c., for 1862.....
Nov. 4,	" Rev. G. W. Williard for mailing and postage on Minutes to E. S.....
4,	" Rev. G. W. Williard for stated Clerk fees for 1863.....
4,	" Rev. G. W. Williard for stationery and postage.....
4,	" Rev. H. J. Ruetenik for translating Ger. Minutes for 1863.....
4,	" on Rail-road Express charges.....
Dec. 14,	" Rev. H. J. Ruetenik for postage on 75 Ger. Min. sent to E. S.....
14,	" discount on \$10 Indiana Bank bill from Sandusky Classis.....
May 18,	" for stationery, postage, &c., for 1863.....
28,	By balance in the Treasury.....
	Total.....

It will be seen from the foregoing account, that the amount received in the current year, is \$301 71, which, including the balance of \$ in the Treasury at the last annual settlement, makes the total a \$666 66, of which there has been paid out \$395 13, leaving a balance Treasury of \$271 53.

amount due and owing by the several Classes, as will be seen by the following statement, is \$252 95:

the permanent apportionment from the Classis of

Westmoreland for 1863.....	\$18 00
do for 1863.....	33 00
Sheboygan for 1862.....	15 00
do for 1863.....	15 00
Total.....	\$81 00

the Minutes of Synod from the Classis of

do for 1863, (English),	\$1 50
do " " (German),	1 00
Lancaster for 1863, (English),	10 00
do " " (German),	6 00
Westmoreland for 1862, (English),	26 10
do " " 1863, "	22 50
do " " (German),	6 50
Sandy " " "	3 00
do " " (English),	6 00
do " " (German),	25 00
St. John's " " "	34 25
St. Joseph " " (English),	4 50
do " " (German),	9 10
do " " "	2 00
do " 1862 (English),	2 00
do " 1863 "	2 50
do " " (German)	2 00
Sheboygan " " "	8 00
Total.....	\$171 95

However, as two hundred dollars of the expenses of the General Synod have been assessed on the Synod of Ohio and adjacent States, it will be necessary for this Synod to determine how this amount shall be paid. It is the opinion of the Treasurer, that there will be sufficient funds in the Treasury of the Synod, by the time all arrearages are paid, to cancel the whole amount, and to meet all other claims. And in order to reach this fully and punctually, the Synod should impress all the delinquent Classes with the importance and duty of at once liquidating their indebtedness to the Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

ISAAC H. REITER, Treasurer of Synod.

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

Our Committee on Finance respectfully report. The only document placed in our hands is the report of the Treasurer, from which we learn that the following Classes are delinquent on the permanent apportionment, viz: Westmoreland, Tiffin, and Sheboygan, in all, on apportionment \$81 00.

On minutes of Synod, Miami, Lancaster, Westmoreland, Sandy, Tiffin, St. John, St. Joseph, Illinois, Iowa, and Sheboygan. Total on minutes \$171 05. Total of all delinquencies \$252 95.

Our Committee suggest that the Classes be urged to the immediate payment of all their delinquencies; and, whereas the general

Synod apportioned 1000 copies of its minutes to this body and charged us with \$200 00, your Committee would suggest the Synod accede to this apportionment, and that the Treasurer of the Synod be instructed to pay said \$200 out of the funds in his hand as soon as he can.

Respectfully submitted,
J. KLINGLER, Chairman.

ARTICLE XVII.

ELECTIONS.

The Committee on nominations presented their report according to the standing rules of Synod. The report was received and adopted, and the election held with the following result:

1. *Delegate to the Eastern Synod.*

Rev. J. Vogt, *Primarius*, and Rev. T. H. Winters, *Secundus*.

2. *Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary.*

Revs. D. Winters, Geo. W. Williard and P. C. Prugh, Messrs. A. H. Baughman, B. C. Taylor, Thomas Schaeffer and G. G. Prugh.

3. *Board of Trustees of Heidelberg College for four years.*

Revs. L. H. Kefauver, W. H. Fenneman, E. Keller, Messrs. M. L. Brewer, John Royer and Thomas Swander.

The following are the other members of the Board for three years: Revs. H. Rust, and J. H. Kline, and Messrs. L. Shriver, J. Bunn, L. Baltzell, and Wm. Barrick.

The following are the other members of the Board:

For 2 years—Revs. J. H. Good, N. H. Loose, and J. G. Zahner, and Messrs. Edward Swander, J. Kuhn, and J. Poorman.

For 1 year—Revs. G. B. Russell, G. W. Williard, P. C. Prugh, and G. Z. Mechling, and Dr. J. Treon, and Wm. L. Snyder.

4. *Board of Visitors of Heidelberg College.*

Revs. D. H. Reiter, J. M. Le Fever, J. Rinehart, J. Rettig and J. Klingler.

5. *Board of Visitors of Theological Seminary.*

Revs. J. H. Good, J. G. Ruhl, H. J. Rutenik, R. Good, E. Keller and P. Herbruck.

6. *Board of Publication.*

Revs. I. H. Reiter, T. P. Bucher and D. Winters; Messrs. S. G. Crumbaugh and T. Schaeffer.

7. *Board of Missions.*

Revs. I. H. Reiter, T. P. Bucher, P. C. Prugh, D. Winters, G. W. Williard, A. Wanner, H. M. Herman and T. H. Winters.

Messrs. A. H. Baughman, P. Cost, D. H. Prugh, D. Rader, T. Schaeffer, Wm. Nieble and S. C. Crumbaugh.

ARTICLE XVIII.

PUBLICATION.

Report of the Board of Publication.

The Board of Publication elected by the last Synod, organized, and during the year held several meetings to consider the feasibility of making the Western Missionary a weekly paper, the Synod having instructed the Board to do so, provided, "it found its way clear." The Board is well satisfied that a weekly issue is not only needed, but that by many, it is demanded. And yet, the way has not been clear—paper, work, and material, have all risen with the advance of the crisis, and without *united, strong, vigorous* exertions on the part of the whole church; such as has not yet manifested itself to the Board, it cannot be sustained as a weekly paper. Therefore, the Board has, during the past year, continued its publication in the old form. In that form, it has been, we believe, faithfully edited and regularly published by the Rev. G. W. Williard; its subscription list is about the same as last year, perhaps a little increased. Its weekly issue the Board now submits to the wisdom of the Synod.

DAVID WINTERS, Pres't.

After long discussion and frequent interchanges of views, the report of the Committee on Publication was amended and adopted as follows:

The Committee on Publication have had the subject of the weekly issue of the Western Missionary under serious consideration. From the remarks and suggestions of the brethren who have spoken on the subject, the Committee is of the opinion, that the time has now arrived for definite action. The wish that has long been expressed for a weekly issue, has become so general, that to delay action on this subject, would result injuriously to the enterprise. Hence, the Committee has come to the conclusion to recommend the matter to the favorable notice of the Synod. In adopting this change, however, the Committee would call the attention of the Synod to the importance of a united effort to carry it out, as there has been a great advance in the price of paper, and all that pertains to its publication. And as much has been lost during the past by carrying forward delinquent subscribers from year to year, we would recommend so as to guard against this in the future, that the Board of Publication be instructed to adopt the cash system in the future publication of the Missionary, and that the ministers of the Church be requested to co-operate in this matter, and report from year to year, such subscribers as may be fully relied on. Therefore,

Resolved, That this Synod refer this whole interest to the Board of Publication, authorizing it to have the Western Missionary published weekly after the 1st of January, 1865, at one dollar per annum, on the cash system, in as large a form as it can be done with the subscription at that time.

Respectfully submitted,

S. KING, Chairman.

ARTICLE XIX.

EDUCATION.

1. *Report of the President of the Board of Education.*

During the past year the number of young men under the care of the Board and assisted by its funds, has been ten, as follows:

In the Theological course,	5
In the Collegiate course,	2
In the Preparatory course,	3

The receipts and expenditures for the year, will be furnished by the Treasurer in his report. The receipts have been very encouraging, and have enabled us to discharge the debts that had accumulated during the several past years. It is to be hoped, that the streams flowing into the Treasury will not diminish, or rapidly dry up with the end of the present year, but rather continue to flow on for the future with increased volume. We have applications to assist additional worthy and pious young men, and considering the actual wants of our Synod, it would be a pity if we were compelled to refuse assistance in any case.

Properly considered, the work of Beneficiary education may be regarded as *the most important interest* of the church at the present day. It is the centre from which the other interests and movements of the church derive their vitality and power. Of what value were the Seminary, or the College, or the Missionary Board, if it were not that by means of the Education Society, the church is enabled to furnish the men to educate for the missionary and pastoral work. We must not forget that three-fourths at least of all that enter the ministry in our church, are such as are assisted in whole, or in part, by this, or some similar society. The Board has observed, with great regret, that some brethren who have obtained their education through its assistance, fail to interest themselves in the cause after they enter the ministry, either in obtaining pecuniary contributions to its support, or repaying their loans when able, or seeking out pious young men for the ministry. This should not be so. If every one who has in this manner been assisted, would make it a sacred duty, to aid the work, in *every possible way*, zealously and continuously, the operations of the Synod's Board could soon be doubled, or even quadrupled.

Respectfully submitted.

J. H. GOOD, Pres't. of the Board.

Report of the Treasurer of the Board of Education.

treasurer, in account with Board of Education of the German Re-
 church of the Synod of Ohio, &c.

Dr

amount in the Treasury..... \$285 54

MIAMI CLASSES.

Walter, Miamisburg charge.....	\$80 85	
Williard, Germantown, 5 50, N. Madison 7 40	12 90	
Wards, Union charge	25 00	
Wheeler, Fairfield charge	34 75	
Wheeler, Cincinnati, 1st church.....	24 75	
Wright, Port Jefferson charge	48 45	
Wright, Xenia charge.....	20 00	
Wright, Leonard, Highland charge.....	25 00	
Wright, Herman, West Alexandria charge.....	20 00	
Wright, Meehling, Seven-mile charge.....	18 75	\$305 45

TIFFIN CLASSIS.

Wagoner, Berwick charge.....	7 00	
Wagoner, Toledo charge.....	10 00	
Wagoner, Marion charge.....	6 00	
Wagoner, Knies	1 85	
Wagoner, Upper Sandusky charge.....	15 00	
Wagoner, Kenton charge.....	15 00	
Wagoner, Sandusky City charge.....	6 78	
Wagoner, Kefauver, Tiffin, 1st church.....	50 00	
Wagoner, Albright, Salem charge.....	8 00	
Wagoner, Lar, Thompson charge.....	22 00	
Wagoner, Stepler.....	14 70	
Wagoner, R, Good Hope charge..	5 00	
Wagoner, Kasten, (Evangelist),.....	80 00	\$190 78

SANDUSKY CLASSIS.

Wagoner, Tuscarawas charge.....	28 00	
Wagoner, Reiter, Union charge.....	17 45	45 45
		<u>\$777 22</u>

ST. JOHN'S CLASSIS.

Wagoner, New Lisbon charge.....	\$20 65	
Wagoner, Chart, Springfield charge.....	20 00	
Wagoner, Wagoner, Wooster charge.....	61 74	
Wagoner, Kamm, Manchester charge.....	10 00	
Wagoner, Wagoner, New Bedford charge.....	7 00	\$129 39

LANCASTER CLASSIS

Wagoner, Wagoner, Kinnick-kinnick charge.....	\$20 00	
Wagoner, Leese, Sugar Grove charge.....	20 00	
Wagoner, Wagoner, Delaware charge.....	15 00	
Wagoner, Connell, Tarlton charge.....	15 50	
Wagoner, Kendig, Basil charge.....	27 00	
Wagoner, Wagoner, Mt of Classical Fund, per M. Kieffer, D. D.....	21 24	
Wagoner, Wagoner, Heyman, Somerset charge.....	15 00	
Wagoner, Wagoner, Wagoner, Sugar Grove charge.....	22 88	\$156 12

• INRIANA CLASSIS.

Rev. G. H. Zump, Poland charge.....	\$3 00
" M. G. I. Stern, Indianapolis charge.....	10 00
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ST. JOSEPH CLASSIS.

Rev. S. Z. Beam, Neriab charge.....	
Interest of Permanent Fund of the Board.....	

Total..... \$12

CONTRA CR.

Amount in full refunded to Permanent Fund.....	\$125 00
" paid Beneficiaries as per vouchers.....	49 00
Counterfeit Bank note.....	3 00
Postage, Stationery and discount.....	3 65

Balance in the Treasury, May 24, 1864.....
 Of this balance \$300 are on interest bearing 5 and 6
 per cent interest.

PERMANENT FUND.

The amount of the Permanent Fund is \$325, of which \$300 are invested
 in 5-20 United States Bonds, according to directions of the Board.
 Respectfully submitted,

B. GOOD, Treasurer

Tiffin, Ohio, May 24, 1864.

3. *Report of the Committee on Education.*

From the report of the President and of the Treasurer of the Board of Education we learn with pleasure, that the results of the last year exceed those of the preceding year by about one-third. The spirit of benevolence elicited by our ter-centenary celebration seems to have extended to this important branch of our mission operations, and for this, we owe our thanks to God, from whom comes every good and perfect gift. We are sorry, however, that the number of beneficiary students has decreased, there being only ten this year, whilst there were fifteen last year. In order to carry out more fully the idea and spirit of the year of Jubilee we would suggest to Synod the propriety of erecting some permanent monument of this revival of benevolence in our church. Our students, especially our German students, have often felt the want of a home, where they could dwell together under the care and supervision of a competent teacher, and if possible, a father. It seems to us, that such an establishment would be much favored with our congregations, and that it would, to a considerable extent, help to attract young brethren to our Seminary, suggesting to them the idea of a home, ready to receive and labor them during their stay at the Seminary.

The following action therefore is proposed:

Resolved, That we give thanks to God who has inclined the hearts of our people to this particular object of benevolence.

ter-centenary reports were ordered to be handed over to a Reporting Committee, consisting of Revs. T. J. Barkley, I. H. T. H. Winters and Elders A. H. Baughman and J. to report on the subject. This Committee subsequently submitted the following report, which was received and adopted:

Report of the Committee on the Ter-centenary Reports.

The Committee to whom were referred the reports of the tercentenary enrollment of the different charges within the bounds of the Synod, beg leave to report, that they have carefully examined the reports placed in their hands, and regret to state that on the part of the ministers and Classes have fully carried out the objects of the Synod. Many of the reports are very imperfect, and are so badly written as to make it difficult to understand them. Hence it is evident, from the above statement, that the specific objects of the Ter-centenary Celebration, viz: the furnishing of a report to Synod of all the confirmed and baptized members of the church, with the amount of each one's contribution, has been wholly neglected by many charges, and even Classes. In view of this fact, your committee submit the following preamble and resolutions for adoption:

Resolved, That the celebration of the Ter-centenary Anniversary of the formation and adoption of the Heidelberg Catechism, as recorded by Synod, requires a full report from each pastoral charge in which the number of the confirmed and baptized members to be given together with the Ter-centenary thank-offering received; and,

Resolved, Many charges and whole Classes, within the bounds of the Synod, have failed to furnish such reports; and,

Resolved, It is of the utmost importance that the objects speci-

enroll, without further delay, all the members of their congregations and also to give to each one the opportunity of presenting a offering to the Lord.

Resolved, That a committee of three ministers be appointed to whose hands the whole matter shall be placed, whose duty shall be to carefully transcribe all the reports, and have them bound in one volume, and that Synod allow them a proper remuneration for their labors.

Resolved, That the Classes, through their stated Clerks, be requested to co-operate with the committee in carrying out the laudable object.

Resolved, That the reports thus prepared be placed in the library of the Theological Seminary, at Tiffin, Ohio, for preservation until otherwise ordered by Synod.

Resolved, That the committee be requested to have the work completed by the next annual meeting of Synod.

Resolved, That Sunday afternoon be devoted to the formal closing of the Ter-centenary Jubilee, with exercises appropriate to the occasion, to commence at 3 o'clock, P. M., according to the following programme :

1. Introductory anthem by the choir.
2. Prayer by Rev. H. Williard, of Columbus, O.
3. An address in the German language, by Rev. Prof. H. of Tiffin, Ohio.
4. An address in the English language, by Rev. J. McC... of Johnstown, Ohio.
5. Hymn, by Rev. T. H. Winters, of Xenia, Ohio.
6. Free remarks by members of Synod.
7. Doxology and benediction, by Rev. I. H. Reiter, of ... burg, Ohio.

The committee called for in the above report consists of I. H. Reiter, Geo. W. Williard and T. P. Bucher.

ARTICLE XXI.

MISCELLANEOUS.

The Wächter.

Rev. H. J. Rutenik, having presented Synod with several copies of the "Wächter," a German periodical of our church, were referred to a special committee, consisting of Revs. E. K. J. Rettig and G. H. Johnston, and Elder Jos. Cort and Dr. Greenamyer. This committee subsequently presented the following report which was received and adopted.

Your committee has examined this periodical, issued by "German Evangelical Reformed Book-Union," and printed in Cleveland, Ohio. It is now published as a quarterly, with the intention, however, of making it a monthly as soon as the number of subscribers will admit. Nos. I and II have been placed in

hands, the former containing 43 and the latter 112 pages. The mechanical part, paper, type &c., is executed in a style well calculated to insure a favorable reception. The moral design in view is thus stated :

“ Our object is, by theological researches to build up ourselves and others, on the foundation of the confession of our church, and to bring into a scientific and systematic form, and thus to clear consciousness, whatsoever knowledge of Divine things be given us. God grant that we may succeed, thus to furnish ourselves with a good weapon of the truth, in a time full of manifold notions and strong delusions ! ”

The committee would recommend the following action :

Resolved, That this undertaking is a worthy one, and that, as a Synod, we recommend the same to the favorable notice of the church, with the expectation that polemical discussions will be carried on in this periodical in none other than a spirit of true charity.

ELI KELLER, Chairman.

The Delegate from the East.

The Rev. J. H. Derr, delegate from the Eastern Synod, took his leave of Synod shortly before the adjournment, by expressing the gratification he had in attending the present meeting ; that he had seen so many familiar faces before him, that he had felt at home among us, especially as he had come to labor in our midst ; that he was proud to bear testimony to the interest which the East has in the prosperity of the church West, and that the last year had been one of great prosperity to his Synod, there having been over \$100 000 raised by the ter-centenary effort. The remarks were briefly responded to by the President, who assured him that the West felt no less interest in the prosperity of the church East, and that we cordially welcomed him in our midst as a co-laborer, and desired the blessing of heaven to accompany him in all his efforts to build up the church, which we all in common love.

Publication of the Minutes of Synod.

The stated clerk was authorized to publish 1200 copies of the minutes of Synod, duly authenticated in the English language. The Rev. W. Wittenweiler was requested to translate the minutes into the German language, for which service the Treasurer was authorized to pay him \$15. The Rev. H. J. Rutenik was authorized to publish 1000 copies of the minutes in the German language.

The President, Rev. J. Vogt, having obtained leave of absence on Saturday, in consequence of sickness in his family, Rev. I. H. Reiter was appointed President pro. tem., who in connection with the stated clerk, was appointed a committee to apportion the above number of minutes in the English and German languages among the several Classes.

The following is the apportionment:

	DOLLARS.	
Miami Classis.....	350	.....
Lancaster Classis	160	.....
Westmoreland Classis.....	180	.....
Sandusky "	170	.....
St. John's "	50	.....
Tiffin "	50	.....
St. Joseph "	40	.....
Indiana "	20	.....
Illinois "	35	.....
Iowa "	20	.....
Sho-boygan "	125	.....
Eastern Synod.....	125	.....
	1200	

Vote of Thanks.

Resolved, That this Synod hereby tenders its most hearty to the members of the German Reformed Church of Canton and also to the citizens of the same, for the kind and hospitality manifested toward its members during our stay in their midst, and that the pastor *loci*, be requested to read the same from his pulpit, and offer the same for publication in the local papers.

ARTICLE XXII.

CLOSE AND ADJOURNMENT.

Miamisburg, Montgomery county, O., having been selected the place of our next annual meeting, and the last Wednesday, May, in the year of our Lord, 1865, in the evening at 8 o'clock as the time, it was on motion

Resolved, That we adjourn to meet at the above named place and time.

Synod adjourned on Monday night, May 29th, at a late hour and dispensed with the reading of the minutes of the last session and the calling of the roll. It was dismissed with prayer by D. Winters, and the apostolic benediction by the President Pro.

Rev. I. H. REITER, Pres't. Pro. &c

GEO. W. WILLIARD, Stated Clerk.

The above is an official copy from the original minutes.

GEO. W. WILLIARD, Stated Clerk

MINISTERS' NAMES.	NAME OF CONGREGATIONS OR CHARGES	No. of charge.	No. of unconfirmd members.	No. of confirmed members.	No. of commun.	Baptisms.	Received by confirmation.	Rec'd by Letter, or ren. of Con.	Dismissed.	Income, or estimate of names.	Deaths.	Sabbath Schools.	General Benevo. Socco.	Minutes, Eng.	Minutes, Germ'n	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
David Winters.....	Mt. Zion Charge.....	4	260	350	350	59	96	8	9		4	4	\$506 00 00	10	10	Dayton, O.....
T. H. Winters.....	Caesar Creek.....	1	50	80	75	10		4	1		3	1	70 00 10	10	10	Xenia, O.....
P. C. Frugh.....	".....	1	94	121	104	10		4	1		4	1	\$346 65 30	10	10	Xenia, O.....
I. H. Reiter.....	Miamisburg.....	3	295	344	300	37	32	11	4		8	3	\$825 00 30	8	8	Miamisburg, O.....
G. W. Williard.....	Bethel.....	3	90	185	155	15	6	6	4		6	3	175 00 35	10	10	Dayton, O.....
J. Lichtenstein.....	1st Ger. Ref. cong., Cincinnati	1	270	436	426	101	15	24	2		2	1	\$708 38	10	10	Cincinnati, O.....
E. Monse.....	".....	1	41	41	34	4	9	4	1		1	1	75 00 19	10	10	".....
T. P. Bucher.....	".....	1	308	471	471	143	23	70	1		7	1	573 80 10	10	10	Dayton, O.....
W. Wittenweller.....	".....	1	150	150	132	32	16	96	1		5	1	140 00 10	10	10	".....
H. M. Herman.....	West Alexandria Charge.....	3	124	248	240	32	12	3	3		6	1	\$189 10 30	10	10	West Alexandria, O.....
G. Z. Mecklin.....	".....	1	176	150	131	11	28	6	2		8	3	135 64 10	10	10	Seven Mile, Butler County, O.....
J. Richards.....	Union.....	5	110	365	300	101	123	10	2		2	4	151 30 20	10	10	North Hampton, O.....
J. Schlosser.....	Fairfield.....	2	90	223	200	5	5	5	2		16	4	77 00 40	10	10	Fairfield, O.....
A. Wanner.....	Bear and Elk Creek.....	2	66	113	60	16	3	3	2		12	2	24 00 00	10	10	Germanstown, O.....
T. H. Winters (supply).....	".....	3	101	149	149	8	4	9	2		3	2	325 00 12	10	10	St. Paris, O.....
J. Scott.....	St. John's.....	4	48	116	85	13	16	9	3		30	4	365 00 00	10	10	Miamisburg, O.....
J. A. Leila.....	".....	1	218	223	162	42	7	18	10		2	2	18 00 00	10	10	Arabsburg, O.....
C. Pless.....	Brown County.....	5	96	53	47	36	8	5	9		16	3	56 00 50	10	10	Greenville, O.....
J. Stuck.....	".....	1	66	142	133	24	8	1	1		11	4	118 30 25	10	10	Hillsboro, O.....
G. H. Leonard.....	Highland.....	2	130	190	120	15	4	1	2		2	1	158 30 25	10	10	Sidney, O.....
E. Shy.....	Port Jefferson.....	3	43	65	80	13	4	1	2		2	1	107 00 1	10	10	Anas, Ill.....
E. H. Kroh.....	".....	3	74	27	27	17	4	15	1		1	1	25 00 10	10	10	Covington, Ky.....
R. Schwedes.....	Annas.....	1	63	73	60	10	11	2	5		6	1	10 00	10	10	Lacon, Ill.....
G. W. Williard (supply).....	1 Germantown congregation.....	1	35	70	65	37	10	11	2		1	1	\$127 85 15	10	10	Grandview, O.....
J. Schlosser (supply).....	Beaver Creek.....	1	300	370	360	37	5	5	5		5	1	10 00	10	10	West Alexandria, O.....
J. Kercher.....	Lacon.....	3	300	370	360	37	5	5	5		5	1	10 00	10	10	Nevas, O.....
J. C. Weaver.....	With't'chig. supplies sov't cong.	1	300	370	360	37	5	5	5		5	1	10 00	10	10	
S. K. Denalus.....	".....	1	300	370	360	37	5	5	5		5	1	10 00	10	10	
G. Shafer.....	".....	1	300	370	360	37	5	5	5		5	1	10 00	10	10	

*Ter-tentenary offerings included.

LANCASTER CLASSIS.

MINISTERS.	Cong.	NAMES OF CHARGES.	Uncon. Members.	Members.	Communicants.	Baptisms.	Confirm's.	By Letter	Dismissed.	Excom.	Deaths.	S. Schools.	Minutes.	Benev. Contributions.	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.					
H. Willard.....	2	Columbus.....	46	42	36	3	1	1	5	1	10	15	90	Columbus.....	Ohio					
H. King.....	3	Union.....	68	211	143	24	13	1	5	12	1	10	114	00	Baltimore.....	do.				
J. Vugt.....	1	Delaware.....	169	176	136	8	11	6	1	1	3	1	15	100	00	Delaware.....	do.			
J. McConnell.....	1	Licking.....	36	16	36									35	00	Johnstown.....	do.			
G. M. Albright.....	4	Tar-Hom.....	260	185	180	24	2							198	45	Stoutsville.....	do.			
J. C. Henneman.....	5	Beaver.....	150	400	330	40	14	2						15	00	Beavertown.....	do.			
C. W. Hoyman.....	4	Somerset.....	220	262	240	31	34	10						6	4	35	Somerst.....	do.		
J. Heffley.....	4	Canal Winchester.....	216	110	105	16	9	3	8					9	30	96	00	Canal Winchester.....	do.	
J. L. Swander.....	4	Kinnick-Kinnick.....	135	159	140	30	4							2	30	125	00	Chillicothe.....	do.	
Vacant.....	2	Basel.....	102	125	112	3								4	20	445	95	Basel.....	do.	
J. Hambery.....	4	Sugar Grove.....	156	215	200	35	19	4	1					7	4	20	78	70	Sugar Grove.....	do.
M. H. Hoeknach.....	1	Lancaster.....	46	45	37	8	1	3	1					10	50	00	00	Lancaster.....	do.	
J. W. Alspach.....		Without Charge.....																	Lancaster.....	do.
F. D. Schory.....		Without Charge.....																	Columbus.....	do.
E. S. Rickety.....		Without Charge.....																	Lancaster.....	do.
J. Rahl.....		Without Charge.....																	Defiance.....	do.

IOWA CLASSIS.

MINISTERS.	Cong.	NAMES OF CHARGES.	Uncon. Members.	Confirmed Mem.	Members Com.	Baptisms.	Confirm's.	By Letter.	Dismissed.	Excom.	Deaths.	S. Schools.	Contributions.	Minutes.	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.	
F. C. Bauman.....	2	Harmony.....	130	107	75	37	10	2	9		6	1	\$50.10	2	Swinglb, Dubuque county.....	Iowa
J. Biab.....	2	Boulder.....	76	74	68	9	4	9	1		2	2	31	5	Independence.....	do.

MINISTERS.	NAMES OF CHARGES.	Unconfirmed members	Confirmed members.	Communicants	Baptisms.	Confirmations.	Sec. by Certif.	Dis. by Letter.	Excommuni'd.	Deaths.	S. Schools.	Minutes, Eng.	Minutes, Ger.	Benevolent	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
N. F. Hacke	6 Greensburg, German	600	700	635	120 40	120 40	...	...	...	...	6	...	...	\$250 00	Greensburg, Pa.
H. E. F. Voigt	9 Mt. Pleasant and Latrobe	150	180	167	23	23	...	...	...	...	3	...	...	...	Mt. Pleasant, Pa.
Benj. Knepper	5 Wellersburg	186	131	131	94 23	94 23	...	...	...	...	13	...	...	20 00	Wellersburg, Pa.
F. K. Levan	5 Mt. Pleasant	75	130	100	6	6	...	...	...	...	5	...	...	50 00	Mt. Pleasant, Pa.
F. Wall	4 Berlin	328	240	240	54 18	54 18	1	1	1	15	3	20	20	129 00	Berlin, Pa.
T. J. Barkley	4 Salem	225	240	220	22 9	22 9	3	3	3	2	4	40	...	275 00	Salem X Roads Pa.
C. C. Russell	4 Latrobe	185	200	175	13 21	13 21	7	2	13	16	4	...	...	165 00	Latrobe, Pa.
E. E. Higbee	1 Grace Church	110	88	69	11 31	11 31	6	3	3	1	10	...	...	1296 00	Mercersburg, Pa.
H. W. Super	3 Greensburg, English	228	208	164	24 10	24 10	12	...	...	...	1	3	25	112 00	Greensburg, Pa.
W. A. Gring	5 Grantsville	250	300	290	20 15	20 15	1	...	...	...	1	4	3	97 00	Elk Lick, Pa.
Geo. H. Johnston	3 Somerset	153	180	150	11 4	11 4	...	...	...	...	12	3	25	134 20	Somerset, Pa.
Vacant	1 Cumberland mission	74	74	74	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	10	10	...	Cumberland, Md.
Cyrus Cort	1 Altoona mission	44	50	33	13 5	13 5	...	...	...	...	3	15	5	700 00	Altoona, Pa.
H. H. W. Hisehman	4 Beam's	200	210	164	15 10	15 10	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Jenner X Roads, Pa.
Vacant	5 Shade	150	180	180	4 7	4 7	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	Stoystown, Pa.
Wm. Conrad	Without charge .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Berlin, Pa.
Prof. J. A. Peters	Licen. Westmoreland Col. ....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Mt. Pleasant, Pa.
Wm. Weinel	Superannuated .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Lechburg, Pa.

SANDUSKY CLASSIS.

MINISTERS.	CONG.	NAMES OF CHARGES.	Uncon. Members.	Confirmed Mem.	Communicants.	Baptisms.	Confirm's.	By Letter.	Dismissed.	Excom.	Deaths.	S. Schools.	Benevolent objects.	No. Min.	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.	
S B Letter.....	4	Tuscarawas.....	144	190	100	17	1	6	3	1	4	2	\$233 04	40	Navarro, Stark county.....	Ohio
J J Excell.....	6	Reedsburg.....	307	60	300	10	8	2	6	1	3	1	150 00	40	Reedsburg, Wayne county.....	do
D H Reiter.....	4	North Union.....	67	170	300	3	1	2	1	1	1	1	79	40	Wadsworth, Medina county.....	do
P J Spangler.....	4	Navarro.....	150	160	300	58	40	5	7	1	1	1	51	00	West Lebanon, Wayne county.....	do
J M LeFever.....	4	Carrollton.....	305	236	200	92	40	2	1	1	1	1	673	00	Carrollton, Carroll county.....	do
M A Miller.....	4	Summit.....	309	292	181	41	8	7	1	1	1	1	181	75	Lake, Stark county.....	do
C H Reiter.....	3	Union.....	925	905	175	30	26	1	1	1	1	1	166	17	Wadsworth, Medina county.....	do
D B Moore.....	4	Savannah.....	130	100	120	11	17	1	1	1	1	1	83	45	Nankin, Ashland county.....	do
W B Sandob.....	4	Britol.....	230	220	191	31	30	1	1	1	1	1	109	80	Marshallville, Wayne county.....	do
N H Loose.....	4	Shelby.....	309	159	149	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	78	90	Sueby, Richland county.....	do
J F Helm.....		Without Charge.....													Animas.....	do
H Hess.....		No Report.....													Shelby, Richland county.....	do
J Hines.....		do.....													Johnson's Corners.....	do
Wm McCaughey.....		Without Charge.....													Springfield.....	do
A B Koplun.....		do.....													Defiance.....	do

SHEBOYGAN CLASSIS.

MINISTERS.	CONG.	NAMES OF CHARGES.	Uncon. Members.	Confirmed Mem.	Communicants.	Baptisms.	Confirm's.	By Letter.	Dismissed.	Excom.	Deaths.	S. Schools.	Benevolent objects.	Minutes.	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.		
H A Muehlner.....	2	Immanuel and Bethel.....	205	535	235	48	3	2	1	1	1	1	920	00	3	Howard's Grove, Sheboygan county.....	Wis
H A Winter.....	3	First Reformed Church.....	140	150	80	25	1	1	1	1	1	1	20	00	1	Stank City.....	do
James Rosard.....	2	Sharon and Zion.....	45	74	70	5	27	1	1	1	1	1	22	00	1	Sheboygan.....	do
J T Kluge.....	2	St. Paul and Zion.....	125	167	167	20	7	15	17	1	1	1	45	06		do	do
J J Brecht.....	4	Immanuel.....	35	50	50	10	5	2	1	1	1	1	12	00		Clear, Clayton county.....	Iowa
C Lienkaemper.....	2	do.....	75	85	75	15	6	2	1	1	1	1	12	00		Medina, Outagamy county.....	Wis
P Jouris.....	3	Salom and Zion.....	51	65	65	15	6	2	1	1	1	1	12	00		Sturgis, C.....	Mich
N Botonick.....	1	do.....	125	130	75	23	0	1	1	1	1	1	12	00		Marshallville, Dodge county.....	Wis
J Vergara.....	1	do.....	65	50	50	10	4	1	1	1	1	1	11	00		Madison.....	do
			102	102	102	124							11	00			

TIFFIN CLASSIS.

MINISTERS.	CONG.	NAMES OF CHARGES.	Uncon. Members.	Confirmed Mem.	Communi-cants.	Baptisms.	Confir.	By Cov.	Dismissed.	Excom.	Deaths.	S. Schools.	Benav. Contribus.	Min. Ger.	Min. Eng.	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
K. Good.	3	Professor.	930	810	301	31	38	6	94	2	12	9	\$ 49	10	10	Tiffin, Ohio
J. H. Good.	3	3d Tiffin.	421	320	32	30	4	4	4	4	3	2	283	48	30	Crestline, Ohio
J. Rettig.	3	Gallion Charge.	77	154	154	35	54	3	4	4	3	2	94	15	30	Chesapeake, Ohio
H. J. Rippeck.	3	Cleveland.	50	130	112	34	35	7	7	7	1	1	41	74	4	Stonsville, Ohio
G. M. Albricht.	4	Zion's Charge.	136	180	160	10	10	2	2	2	2	2				Stonsville, Ohio
H. Eschmeier	4	1st Marion Charge.	229	301	290	30	30	2	2	2	2	2				Marion, Ohio
W. Strassner	3	Herrick Charge.	220	231	210	48	18	2	14	4	14	4	217	50	20	Bellevue, Ohio
M. Keller, D. D.	3	Thompson Charge.	120	100	100	12	35	1	2	2	2	2	64	42	1	Tiffin, Ohio
M. Klotter, D. D.	3	Professor.	190	157	92	14	12	11	21	2	3	2	48	60	3	Herring, Allen county, Ohio
J. Tendick.	3	No Charge.	190	157	92	14	12	11	21	2	3	2	48	60	3	Attica, Seneca county, Ohio
J. B. Thompson.	3	Upper Sandusky.	190	157	92	14	12	11	21	2	3	2	48	60	3	Fremont, Ohio
M. Mueller.	3	No Charge.	73	74	68	8	4	4	4	4	2	2	5	68	12	Sandusky, Ohio
C. Rath.	3	Sandusky.	110	100	94	15	4	13	4	4	15	1	12	70	35	Hessville, Sandusky county, Ohio
J. G. Bahl.	3	Hessville.	60	65	60	10	12	4	4	4	8	2				Findlay, Ohio
J. Greding.	3	Findlay Mission.	71	122	122	17	9	2	2	2	15	3				Beavertown, Allen county, Ohio
W. Wittgall.	3	Allen county Charge.	84	153	155	6	8	2	2	2	3	2				Napoleon, Ohio
D. Zimmerman.	3	No Report.	100	100	100	10	12	4	4	4	2	2				Gallion, Ohio
D. Zimmerman.	3	Whetstone.	84	153	155	6	8	2	2	2	15	3				Vacant, Ohio
C. Kuss.	3	Bascom Charge.	100	100	100	10	12	4	4	4	2	2				Monroeville, Ohio
J. Winter.	3	Monroeville.	100	100	100	10	12	4	4	4	2	2				Monroeville, Ohio
George Rettig.	3	Caroline.	100	100	100	10	12	4	4	4	2	2				Chasfield, Crawford county, Ohio
William Wenter.	3	Lima Mission.	90	130	100	26	12	2	2	2	2	2				Lima, Allen county, Ohio
H. Bear.	3	Kenton.	90	130	100	26	12	2	2	2	2	2				Kenton, Ohio
J. Heiler.	3	Good Hope.	90	130	100	26	12	2	2	2	2	2				Benton, Ohio
H. Trautmann.	3	No Charge.	90	130	100	26	12	2	2	2	2	2				Fremont, Ohio
W. H. Fenselman.	3	Vermillion.	111	100	100	5	5	5	5	5	1	3	45	60	5	Cleveland, Ohio
E. H. Kaufner.	3	Bucyrus.	70	100	100	3	3	3	3	3	2	2	108	00	5	Bucyrus, Ohio
J. H. Stuppler.	3	1st Tiffin Charge.	125	140	140	8	2	2	2	2	2	2	200	00	20	Tiffin, Ohio
W. W. James.	3	2d Marion.	150	190	190	30	45	45	45	45	1	3	110	53	3	Shelbyville, Ohio
A. Tuensmeier.	3	Bloomville.	150	190	190	30	45	45	45	45	1	3	110	53	3	Shelbyville, Ohio
S. E. Herring.	3	Toledo.	150	190	190	30	45	45	45	45	1	3	110	53	3	Toledo, Ohio
E. Benzing.	3	Fosteria Charge.	150	190	190	30	45	45	45	45	1	3	110	53	3	Fosteria, Ohio
H. Ruat.	3	2d Cleveland.	150	190	190	30	45	45	45	45	1	3	110	53	3	Cleveland, Ohio
H. Ruat.	3	Professor.	150	190	190	30	45	45	45	45	1	3	110	53	3	Tiffin, Ohio

filled out after last year's report, no report being made by these charges.

ST. JOSEPH CLASSIS.

MINISTERS.	NAMES OF CHARGES.		Members.	Communicants.	Baptisms.	Confirmed.	Rec'd by Let.	Dismissed.	Excommunic'd.	Deaths.	Sab. Schools.	Contributions.	Min. English.	Min. German.	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
J. H. Klein.....	1	St. John's Church.....	274	274	43	19	16	2	1	25	1	\$75 00	..	..	Fort Wayne, Indiana.....
C. Cast.....	1	Zion's charge.....	180	170	70	13	..	14	..	12	1	..	..	..	Detroit, Michigan.....
Peter Vitz.....	1	St. Peters.....	110	109	18	7	19	4	..	8	1	17 00	..	..	Huntington, Indiana.....
Ch. Jackel.....	2	Adams county.....	195	94	7	..	3	..	..	4	2	19 45	..	..	Decatur, Adams county, Indiana.
W. Wasnich.....	5	Brush creek.....	160	160	36	17	..	..	..	6	3	41 00	2	10	Pulaski, Williams county, Ohio.
Philip Becker.....	5	Whitley county.....	257	253	38	6	8	..	..	25	1	16 71	10	15	Columbia City, Indiana.....
W. Spiess.....	2	Henry county.....	150	150	28	4	14	1	..	8	2	..	..	..	New Bavaria, Defiance county, O.
J. D. Gackenheimer.....	..	No report.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5 00	..	..	Three Rivers, Mich.....
H. E. C. Schuette.....	6	St. Paul's charge.....	57	57	18	17	6	..	..	7	1	10 00	..	..	AI, Fulton county, O.....
Peter Kohl.....	2	Fulton county mission.....	60	58	4	..	3	..	..	4	1	..	..	..	Pulaski, Williams county, Ohio.
A. Butt.....	..	Without charge.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Auburn, De Kalb county, Ind....
J. G. Kissel.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Winemac, Pulaski county, Ind....
Jonas Michael.....	3	Winemac.....	100	95	36	27	3	3	..	..	2	10 75	3	..	Three Rivers, Michigan.....
D. Kroh.....	2	Three rivers.....	60	..	6	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	Erie, Monroe county, Michigan..
S. Z. Beam.....	2	Neriah.....	79	56	10	7	1	..	..	6	1	50 62	10	..	Edgerton, Williams county, Ohio.
L. Spangler.....	..	Without charge.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Constantine, St. Joseph co., Mich.
D. Lantz.....	3	Bristol.....	180	180	36	14	..	..	..	30	..	..	..	..	Plymouth, Indiana.....
G. A. Fikes.....	3	Marshall co. mission.....	60	50	7	1	..	..	..	4	2	11 00	..	..	..
Vacant.....	..	Bluffton charge, no report.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..

INDIANA CLASSES

MINISTERS.		NAMES OF CHARGES.		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.	
	Cong.				
G. H. Zumppe	1	Poland	100	113	130 23
M. C. F. Stearn	1	Indianapolis	100	130	110 32
H. Kortheier	1	Zion's Ch.	44	60	40 23
J. Kochin	2	Linton Ch.	100	86	86 12 11
M. Stern	1	Zion's Church	80	100	100
J. Leiber	2	Dayton Charge	100	105	95 12
L. Rike	2	Corydon Mission	30	70	68 3
C. T. Martin	2	Lanesville	50	96	50 13 7
C. R. Leasber	2	Bowling Green Mission	56	47	50 9 0
J. R. Zumppe	1	Evansville Mission			
J. D. Colldower					
E. Baumann					
J. Pence					

ILLINOIS CLASSES

MINISTERS.		NAMES OF CHARGES.		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.	
	Cong.				
John Hoyman	6	Orangeville	170	180	140 37
J. P. Decker	3	Superannated	40	50	14 2
H. K. Baines	1	Cedarville	60	50	60 5
John Stoneberger	1	Astoria			
George Weber	1	Missionary			
C. W. Seaman	1	Freeport			
H. Knepper	4	Without Charge			
F. A. Edmunds	2	Forreston	90	104	92 14
William Gilpin	2	Hickory Creek	34	34	36
Joseph Schlor	1	Lancaster			
Frederick Hallhorst	1	St. James	40	30	40 12
Jacob Burkholder	1	Licentiate			
W. W. James	2	Shelbyville	44	33	44 7 1

Min. Ger.	Min. Eng.	Benev. Contribu'ts.	Day Sch.	S. Schools.	Deaths.	Dismissed Excom.	By Letter.	Confir'm's.	Baptisms.	Communi-cants.	Mem. Confirmed.	Rep. Mem.
1	12	\$11	1	1	2	2	1	23	130	23	100	113
2	11	70	1	1	1	1	1	9	100	32	44	60
3	13	00	1	1	1	1	1	8	60	40	23	8
4	10	60	1	1	1	1	1	11	100	86	100	100
5	6	50	1	1	1	1	1	17	80	100	100	100
6	25	00	1	1	1	1	1	3	100	105	95	12
7	2	75	1	1	1	1	1	2	30	70	68	3
8	2	18	1	1	1	1	1	7	50	96	50	13
9	11	75	1	1	1	1	1	9	56	47	50	9
10	12	00	1	1	1	1	1	0				

No. Min.	Benev. Contribu'ts.	S. Schools.	Deaths.	Excom.	Dismissed.	By Letter.	By Confir.	Baptisms.	Communi-cants.	Uncon. Members.	Confirmed Members.
20	\$15	5	13	4	4	2	3	140	37	40	170
1	10	3	1	1	1	1	1	14	2	50	40
2	12	1	1	1	1	1	1	60	5	50	60
3	8	1	1	1	1	1	1	50	60	50	60
4	5	1	1	1	1	1	1	50	60	50	60
5	5	1	1	1	1	1	1	50	60	50	60
6	28	2	4	1	1	1	1	104	14	104	90
7	16	1	1	1	1	1	1	34	36	34	34
8	15	1	1	1	1	1	1	30	12	30	40
9	29	2	2	1	1	1	1	44	7	44	44

NAMES OF CHARGES.		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.	
Poland, Clay county	Indiana	Indianapolis	do
Ferre Haute	do	Linton, Green county	do
Louisville	do	Louisville	do
Dayton, Tippecanoe county	Kentucky	Dayton, Harrison county	Indiana
Lanesville, Harrison county	do	Lanesville	do
Evansville	do	Evansville	do
Galena, Delaware county	Ohio	Basel	Switzerland
Tramont	Ohio		

NAMES OF CHARGES.		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.	
Orangeville, Stevenson county	Illinois	Freeport, do	do
Cedarville, do	do	Astoria, Fulton county	do
Freeport, Stevenson county	do	Freeport, Stevenson county	do
Ogle's Station, Lee county	do	Ogle's Station, Lee county	do
Forreston, Ogle county	do	Hickory Creek, Fayette county	do
Lena, Stevenson county	do	Lena, Stevenson county	do
Lancaster, Carroll county	do	Lancaster, Carroll county	do
Shelbyville, do	do	Shelbyville, do	do

ST. JOHN'S CLASSIS.

MINISTERS.	NAMES OF CHARGES.		Minutes, Ger.	Minutes, Eng.	Contributions for Benev. pur.	Sab. Schools.	Deaths.	Excommunicated or eras. names.	Dis. by Letter.	Rec. by Let. or renewal of Con.	Rec. by Confr.	Baptisms.	Mem. Com.	Confirmed members.	Unconfirmed members.	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
J. W. Hamm.....	5	Manchester.....	760	800	641	71	34	41	5	\$227 60	5	41	5	800	760	Nimissilla, O.....
J. H. Derr.....	4	Wooster.....	350	400	380	131	70	4	2	250 87	2	4	2	680	350	Wooster, Ohio.....
P. Herbruck.....	4	Canton charge.....	540	680	671	61	31	4	2	216 00	2	4	2	626	540	Canton, O.....
G. Ziegler.....	6	North Georgetown.....	973	626	573	61	31	40	3	81 33	60	40	3	400	973	North Georgetown, Ohio.....
J. G. Zahner.....	5	Shanesville.....	400	527	497	40	64	31	5	815 00	5	31	5	400	400	Ragersville, Tusca. Co., O.....
J. Biery.....	6	New Bedford.....	450	470	355	72	41	26	3	61 73	3	26	3	450	450	New Bedford, O.....
J. Acheret.....	2	Mt. Eaton.....	150	250	200	150	150	2	1	128 86	1	2	1	200	150	Mt. Eaton, Wayne Co., O.....
C. Zwisler.....	3	New Lisbon.....	187	187	160	12	5	2	1	18 25	1	2	1	290	187	Canfield, Mahon. Co., O.....
S. N. King.....	3	New Philadelphia.....	290	290	290	84	25	11	8	608 00	40	11	8	290	290	New Lisbon, O.....
C. Banks.....	4	Youngstown.....	75	80	80	6	5	14	3	5 00	3	14	3	420	75	New Philadelphia.....
C. Fehr.....	1	Springfield.....	420	450	440	80	80	10	3	30 29	3	10	3	190	420	Youngstown, Mah. Co., O.....
J. Rinehart.....	4	Warren.....	190	180	164	36	24	8	4	36 66	4	8	4	185	190	North Lima, O.....
H. K. Zink.....	4	Paradise.....	185	225	200	23	17	8	3	12 51	3	8	3	195	185	Warren, Ohio.....
J. B. Ruhl.....	3	Akron.....	50	80	75	5	7	5	1	10 51	1	5	1	50	50	Lordstown, Ohio.....
R. Koehler.....	2	Licentiate.....	43	53	51	7	7	5	1	10 51	1	5	1	43	43	Akron, O.....
A. Miller.....	1	Black Creek.....	350	800	300	300	300	10	10	10 51	10	10	10	350	350	Louisville, Stark Co., O.....
G. W. Henning.....	1	Black Creek.....	350	800	300	300	300	10	10	10 51	10	10	10	350	350	Paris, Stark county, O.....
J. D. Leeman.....	1	Black Creek.....	350	800	300	300	300	10	10	10 51	10	10	10	350	350	Black Creek, Hol. Co., O.....
F. Hunsche.....	1	Black Creek.....	350	800	300	300	300	10	10	10 51	10	10	10	350	350	Pittsburgh, Pa.....
D. Kemmerer.....	1	Black Creek.....	350	800	300	300	300	10	10	10 51	10	10	10	350	350	Pittsburgh, Pa.....

STATISTICAL SUMMARY.		Ministers.	Congregations.	Unconfirmed Members.	Confirmed Members.	Communicants.	Baptisms.	Confirmations.	Received by Certificate.	Dis. by Letter.	Excommunic't'd & Erased.	Deaths.	Sab. Schools.	Benevolent Contributions.
Miami.....	29	63	3500	5164	4431	783	355	303	45	112	218	42	\$6,309	87
Lancaster.....	15	35	1522	1937	1678	935	100	32	20	5	66	20	1,293	10
Westmoreland.....	17	51	2370	3346	2762	439	208	29	6	2	78	28	3,222	29
Tiffin.....	34	68	3446	3716	3300	430	210	198	36	11	126	51	1,661	63
St. Johns.....	19	66	5658	6555	5467	547	279	5	4	4	287	40	2,541	79
St. Joseph's.....	18	34	1700	1957	1756	357	132	73	23	1	143	17	256	55
Sandusky.....	15	41	1768	1929	1968	254	132	21	20	5	46	28	1,782	57
Sheboygan.....	13	22	1187	1051	996	234	80	70	50	9	42	19	368	00
Indiana.....	13	17	660	766	579	133	40	33	7	45	13	45	262	58
Illinois.....	13	21	499	479	434	77	6	5	4	7	18	13	107	75
Iowa.....	5	13	450	351	361	90	29	17	15	12	12	6	168	00
Total.....	191	431	22760	27251	23723	3579	1571	766	226	149	1081	277	\$17,974	15
Eastern Synod.....	268	697	46821	50041	66977	8349	3887	772	324	12	3691	639	\$13,621	03
.....	459	1128	65581	107292	90700	11926	6460	1558	550	161	4772	916	\$31,595	18

STATE OF RELIGION.

Report on the State of Religion within the Bounds of the Eastern Synod for the year 1863.

The Committee on the State of Religion and Morals, within the bounds of the Eastern Synod, respectfully beg leave to submit the following report :

Through the great goodness of God, our Heavenly Father, we have been permitted to assemble ourselves together once more at Synod, to review the labors of the past year, to point out the deficiencies of the Divine Presence in our churches, humbly to confess our sins and shortcomings, and devoutly to thank God that we are still permitted to labor as co-workers with Christ, in building his kingdom on earth.

In all the reports on the state of religion, as they have come to us from the different Classes, reference is made to two facts, the War and the Jubileum of the Catechism. These are represented as having exerted an important influence on the churches and the cause of religion generally among us. They, no doubt, have been important factors concerned in modifying the general progress of the Church, and as such, must be regarded as permanent points of view, from which we may make a survey of our history during the past year.

Owing to the civil war, we have no delegates among us from the Classes of Virginia and North Carolina, and no communication of any kind to inform us of the condition of our congregations in those States. Sufficient is known to fill us with sorrow, in view of the moral blight which has fallen upon them, and of the severe trials through which they have passed. It is hoped that they may yet emerge from the deep tribulation into which they have fallen, and again become flourishing branches of our Reformed Zion. It is gratifying to know, that at least some of our brethren south of the Potomac, sigh over their separation from us, and, in solitude, mourn that they are not enabled to unite with us in the festivities of the present year.

The remainder of our churches, which are farther removed from the seat of war, have been permitted, with slight exceptions, to continue their appointed work, but, in the nature of the case, they have suffered more or less in consequence of the commotions, which have been convulsing our land from one end to the other. The Classes, generally, complain of the evil, which the churches have suffered in this way. In times like these, when the very foundations on which we stand are shaking and threatening to give way, many of the restraints which men are accustomed to respect in ordinary times, are too weak to keep them within the bounds of ordinary morality. Thus one of the Classes says that

ofanity, intemperance, Sabbath desecration, and kindred sins, have been on the increase in the community, and, in general, created an unfriendly atmosphere on the outside of the Church, which has seriously interfered with the progress of the gospel. Men now swear and get drunk, who, at other times, would have been ashamed to have been found guilty of such vulgar sins. This hostile atmosphere of the world, has, moreover, in many cases, entered the Church, and polluted the Sanctuary. The general excitement in the public mind, the intense interest aroused by the stirring events of the day, as well as the evil passions elicited by political or partisan rancor, have kept many from the house of God and carried them along in the whirlwind excitement of the hour. A morbid taste, a never satisfied thirst for sensational news has been formed, and the peaceful, lovely ways of Zion have lost their attractions. The newspaper and the bulletin-board have in many cases, supplied a more acceptable aliment for the mind and the heart, than the ministrations of God's house. Political feeling has been allowed to divide and lacerate the body of Christ, and, as we are told, some of our ministerial brethren have been severely tried in their efforts to preserve the unity of the spirit in the bonds of peace.

But however great the temptations may be, such and other evils that might be mentioned, ought not to be the results of the fearful struggle through which the nation is at present passing. As Christians, we are bound to regard the war as a judgment sent upon us for our sins, as a means of our purification, and as a way for the future progress of the Redeemer's kingdom on earth. "When these things begin to come to pass," says Christ, "then look up, and lift up your heads: for your redemption draweth nigh."

The troubles and calamities, that have come upon us as a nation, should be the means of humbling all true Christians in the dust, in view of our sins as a people; should draw them nearer to Christ, and more frequently to the sanctuary, as the most blessed retreat from the passing storm, and should call into active exercise all the graces of the Christian life. This is a time when the most expansive charity should abound, when the lamp of faith should be bright and burning, and when the churches of the land should be more intensely engaged in their Master's work than in ordinary times. Whilst we should discharge our duties faithfully as citizens, as Christians we ought to be especially engaged in prayers and supplications to Almighty God, that he may remove the scourge from us, and open up the way for the return of peace and harmony to our distracted land. There could be no better occasion for the exercise of faith and prayer, and we know that there is no agency which can accomplish more for the suppression of the present rebellion and the restoration of civil order, than ardent, united, persevering prayer in the churches. If the night be dark, the storm high, and fearful waves dash upon our vessel, we are not to suppose that Christ has forsaken His Church, or that it is

destined to be swallowed up by the yawning billows; on the contrary, we are rather to believe that He is nearer to us than at other times, and that with a sleepless eye, He stands ready to interpose in our behalf, and, with a word, to calm the troubled elements of discord and confusion. But He will not interpose in our behalf, except as we are duly exercised by our afflictions, and so feel the pressure of the occasion, as to be compelled to exclaim in our anguish, Lord! save us or we perish! This is a Christian land, and we have become a mighty nation, because God has assigned to us a great work to perform, and not that we should simply realize certain favorite political theories of our own. Hence as Christians, not as politicians or statesmen, or political theorists, we cannot fail to feel and believe, that the Church has at this crisis a most responsible work to perform, greater than that of the army or navy, to stand in the breach, and by humble supplications and prayers to save us from anarchy, and restore to us the civil order. How far our own denomination has been exercised in this way, and how far we as a people have brought forth the peaceable fruits of righteousness in consequence of our afflictions, it is difficult for us to say. From the general progress of the Church, which is noticeable in all the reports from the Classes, we may hope that our public calamities have in many cases been overruled for good; that if some have relaxed in their zeal for Christ and His cause, others have been drawn nearer to him, and sought a higher standard of faith and devotion. In any view of the case, there is no doubt good reason that the Church should send out from this our annual assembly an urgent entreaty to our brethren everywhere to watch and pray.

If the duties of loyalty and patriotism have called forth the highest exemplifications of heroism, of courage, of zeal and love for the principles which lie at the foundation of our government, why should there not be in the churches some corresponding manifestations of a noble and generous devotion to the cause of Christ, which in these times suffer with the civil order?

The other fact, to which we have adverted as having made a decided impression on the Church during the year, is the Tercentenary Celebration of the formation and adoption of the Catechism. It is something remarkable, that we have been brought providentially to celebrate this interesting event in the midst of war and trials of every kind. It might appear at first view as if the year set apart for this purpose was unsuitable and uncongenial. So it was supposed by many when it commenced, but our fears have not been realized. Whilst in the affairs of the nation God has hidden himself behind a frowning Providence, in the Church He has lifted upon us the light of His countenance, and caused us to rejoice in His favor and smiles. All the Classes have united in this joyous festival, and they all speak of its happy effect upon our people. Only one Classis complains of a want of interest in it.

This is doubtless owing to a misunderstanding of its nature and design.

We are not using the language of exaggeration, we think, when we say, that no event has occurred in our Reformed Zion since it was planted in this western world, that has exerted such a wide reaching influence. Never before have our people united so generally or so cheerfully in the same good work. The full fruits of this festive year will no doubt be seen after many days. Thus far, we may hope, we have only gathered the first fruits and devoted them to the Lord. The occasion has served to excite a lively interest in our own branch of the Reformed family. It has made us familiar with its origin and history, with its doctrines and customs, with its heroes and saints, and especially with the spirit and genius of our venerated Catechism. This has had the effect to a greater or less extent to create a proper Church-consciousness, and made us to feel that we have a distinct work and mission to accomplish among other Churches of the land. In tracing back our history to the Reformation period, we have also learned how closely we are related to other Churches of the Reformation, and we have been drawn closer to our sister Churches in the same great Protestant family. The celebration has thus far been kept remarkably free from a sectarian character or bias, and our brethren of other denominations have witnessed this whole movement with interest and bidden us God-speed: so that love for the Church of Christ generally is, we hope, promoted, rather than retarded by this revival of denominational love and attachment. The truth is, its direct tendency is towards a greater unity among the divided members of the Christian family, for which we should continually strive and pray.

It is with pleasure we advert to the part which the children of the Church, especially in our Sabbath-schools, are permitted to take in this solemnity. No doubt the impressions made on their youthful minds during the present year will be as good seed cast into good soil, which will spring up and bring forth fruit abundantly in years to come.

The occasion, as is well known, has been employed for the purpose of calling into active exercise the liberality and benevolence of the Church. An opportunity is extended to our entire membership, old and young, to present a free-will offering to the Lord. A fair beginning has already been made in this way. The liberal contributions which have been made towards the permanent endowment of Franklin and Marshall College by some of the more wealthy members of the church, has taken many of us by surprise. When we remember how difficult it was, not many years ago to induce our people to devise liberal things for our Literary and Theological Institutions, it is truly refreshing to hear of the prompt responses which have been made to the appeals of the College Agent. We thank God and take courage by the way. The other institutions of the Church are also receiving attention, but it

is to be feared that thus far they have not been remembered with such enlarged and liberal views as they deserve. The College is secondary in importance to the Seminary, and was established in order that the latter might render a more efficient service. It is hoped, therefore, that the Seminary, as well as other general interests, may become the object of similar munificent benefactions. In order that this may be the happy result, much labor must be performed, so as to call forth the charity of every part of the Church, before the close of this year of thanksgiving and rejoicing. Our wealthier members have shown a noble example of benevolence, the little children are bringing up their offerings to the Lord; now let all others follow in their footsteps, so that rich and poor, young and old, may be united in the same good work.

Thus whilst the dark cloud of civil war has been hanging over our beloved land, and our ears have become familiar with reports from the battle-field, the lamps in the sanctuary have been trimmed and burning, and the Great Head of the Church has been passing by diffusing throughout our borders the odor of his presence, and calling us as a denomination to rest safely under his protection. Truly He giveth us signs in the night. Beautiful for situation, the joy of the whole earth, is Mount Zion, the city of the great king. God is known in her palaces for a refuge. Mark well her bulwarks, consider her palaces, that ye may tell it to the generation following. Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits.

Apart from the leading facts in our history during the year, which have been considered, the general progress of the Church has been very much of the same kind as it has been for a number of years past. There has been no decline, but rather an onward movement. The Classes report an increased interest in the means of grace, especially as it regards the sacraments of Baptism and the Lord's Supper. The importance of these sealing ordinances has been generally urged by our pastors and with good effect. Infant Baptism, it seems, is more generally attended to than formerly, and has been a source of comfort to parents, and of spiritual advantage to their children. The religious education of the rising generation, which flows as a necessary consequence from the covenant relation established in baptism, has been faithfully urged by our pastors; still complaints are made of the want of proper religious training in the family, so that many of our youth are not sufficiently prepared to receive the full benefit of catechetical instruction from the pastors. It is, therefore, to be feared, that however correct our views may be in regard to the religious training of our children, the duty itself is not by any means as generally discharged as it should be. This is a vital point to our existence and prosperity as a denomination, and it doubtless calls for increased attention on the part of pastors and congregations.

The additions to the churches by confirmation has been encouraging, showing that whilst the turbulence of the times and other

... have diminished our membership, or caused the love of
 to grow cold, others in the youth and vigor of life have come
 to take their places. The progress, however, of which we
 think, is not so general as it should be. There are still portions
 of the Church, in which the true light shines but dimly, and
 where the evidences of a new life are only beginning to manifest
 themselves. There are also many in all parts of the Church, who
 have the form of godliness, but are without its power. Many have
 not yet learned to answer, experimentally and practically, the first
 question of the Catechism, that they belong to the Lord Jesus
 Christ, in body and soul, in life and death.

If the past year has been one of growth and prosperity in the
 midst of trials and tribulations in Church and State, it has been a
 year of suffering as well as of rejoicing. Many of our youth, and
 others of riper years, have perished on the field of battle, in de-
 fence of our civil and religious institutions. Many of our families
 have been clothed in the habiliments of mourning. We sympathize
 with them in their severe trials, and pray that they may enjoy the
 presence of the great Comforter, and that the widow and father-
 less may find protection and rest under the shadow of His wings.
 Faith has been more than usually active in our congregations.
 Sorrows in this way constitute a part of the great affliction
 which now rests on this land, and ought, therefore, to be taken so
 much more seriously to heart.

The reports of the Classes mention the departure of only two of
 our ministerial brethren. The first is the Rev. J. B. Kooker, of
 the Classis of Philadelphia. This brother, on account of failing
 health, was compelled, a number of years ago, to relinquish the
 active duties of the ministry, and to seek for some other sphere of
 labor. For a while he was engaged as a teacher, afterwards as
 United States Consul at Trinidad de Cuba, but at the outbreak of
 the war, he returned to this country and offered his services to
 the government in the suppression of the rebellion. Having some
 military knowledge, he became the captain of a company of volun-
 teers from this State. He fell at the head of his company on the
 sanguinary battle field at Fredericksburg, as a brave officer, leav-
 ing many to deplore his untimely death. Rev. E. H. Hoffheins
 has also taken up his pilgrim staff and taken his journey to the
 other land. He was called away from the midst of his ministerial
 labors, and with the prospect of much usefulness before him. He
 was faithful and diligent as a laborer in the vineyard of the Lord,
 and his death is deplored alike by his congregations and his brethren
 in the ministry.

Respectfully submitted.

THEODORE APPEL, Chairman.

STATISTICAL REPORTS.—EAST PENNSYLVANIA CLASSIS.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	Mem.	U. M.	Bap.	Con.	Cer.	Com.	Exc.	Dis.	D'ths	S. S.	No. of z.	Ben. Con.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
Joseph S. Dubbs.....	5 Egypt, &c.....	1420	820	164	108	1410			71	110			\$ 90	90 N. White Hall, Lehigh co.... Pa
John Zuelich.....	6 Jacobs, &c.....	1215	918	145	34	810			60	15				Steinsville, do..... do
William A. Helfrich.....	8 Ziegel, &c.....	1563	1530	141	67	62106			50	9			118	25 Fogelsville, do..... do
J. S. Herman.....	8 Kutztown, &c.....	1565	1625	170	100	61478			60	16			50	90 Kutztown, Berks county..... do
Charles Becker.....	6 Chesnut Hill, &c.....	550	425	110	60	400			50	12	325			Fennersville, Monroe county... do
O. G. Eichenber [Sus.]..	6 Weisport, &c.....	600	400	150	30	300			20	5			50	00 Weisport, Carbon county... do
Cyrus J. Becker.....	3 Catauaqua, &c.....	550	600	79	8	400			18	15			22	00 Catauaqua, Lehigh county... do
Alfred J. Herman.....	8 Zion, &c.....	950	420	160	50	900			1	26	6		119	67 Maxataway, Berks county... do
Daniel F. Brandel.....	5 Farmersville.....	576	800	77	24	480			3	14	9	540	102	00 Bethlehem, Northampton co. do
Isaac K. Loos.....	3 Mt. Bethel.....	700	650	68	50	2 420			5	19	2	392	350	39 Richmond, do..... do
John Beck.....	1 Easton.....	600	450	59	13	4 500			17	4	420		142	60 Easton, do..... do
Joshua H. Derr.....	3 Allentown, &c.....	500	345	25	29	320			2	33	2		136	00 Allentown, Lehigh county... do
Levi K. Derr.....	3 Tamaqua, &c.....	470	450	64	9	370			2	33	2		644	49 Tamaqua, Schuylkill county... do
Daniel Y. Heisler.....	3 Bethlehem, &c.....	750	700	52	36	8 590			2	26	3		124	00 Bethlehem, Northampton co. do
E. W. Reinecke.....	3 Plainfield, &c.....	900	800	80	60	650			17	12	4			Nazareth, do..... do
F. Strasser.....	4 Wilkesbarre, &c.....	250	100	26	14	200			6	52	6		28	00 Wilkesbarre, Luzerne co.... do
John Gantenbein.....	6 Kreidersville.....	1260	1200	60	58	985								Kreidersville, Northamp. co. do
John W. Lescher.....	Teacher.....													Bloomsburg, Columbia co. do
W. R. Hofford.....	2 Lower Saucon.....	400	380	25	25	350							42	00 Allentown, Lehigh county... do
George B. Dechant.....	3 Hamilton.....	240	175	21	14	150			12	3			10	31 Fennersville, Monroe county... do
Abraham Bartholomew,	1 St. Pauls.....	50	40	5	15	46			3	1				Newhart, F. O., do..... do
J. F. Jahnsen.....	1 Oxford Furnace.....	100	110	15	8	4 62			7					Oxford Furnace..... N. J.
N. S. Strassburger.....	1 Allentown.....	310	300	69	36	5 310			2	61	1	410		Allentown, Lehigh county... Pa.
Robert Lisberger.....	As. to J. S. Herman.....													Kutztown, Berks county..... do
Paul Wald.....	Miss. in Goldsboro.....													Allentown..... do
John Sykes.....	Licentiate.....													Allentown, Lehigh county... do
Vacant.....	1 Old Williams.....	90	90	22	9	73			6	6				..... do

MARYLAND CLASSES.

MINISTERS.	NAMES OF CHARGES.		Members.	Unb. Members.	Baptized.	Confirmed.	Certificate.	Communicants.	Excommunicated.	Dismissed.	Deaths.	Sabbath Schools.	P. of S. S.	Benev. Con.	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.	
Elias Helmer, D. D.	1	First Church, Baltimore.	310	250	12	6	310	310	2	15	2	2	200	\$150	00	Baltimore.
E. B. Eschbach, Assistant	do	do	do	do	do	do	do	do	do	do	do	do	do	do	do	Baltimore.
Vacant.	1	Second Church, Baltimore.	242	183	15	4	0	301	4	6	1	1	808	70	00	Baltimore.
John S. Fouk.	1	Third Church, Baltimore.	470	300	155	43	40	480	21	62	1	0	41	00	00	Fredrick city.
John Knilling.	1	Fourth Church, Baltimore.	483	73	10	483	73	10	1	76	2	330	300	00	00	Middletown, Frederick county.
Daniel Zacharias, D. D.	1	Fredrick city.	309	386	21	4	2	310	12	3	4	250	73	00	00	Jefferson, Frederick county.
Frederick A. Ruple.	2	Middletown.	309	386	21	4	2	310	12	3	4	250	73	00	00	Jefferson, Frederick county.
William F. Collifower.	3	Carverton charge.	308	175	50	19	1	385	17	2	1	140	65	00	00	Carverton, Washington county.
Joseph W. Santee.	4	Tanxetown charge.	375	200	45	20	1	350	10	1	1	150	50	00	00	Tanxetown, Washington county.
John G. Fritchey.	5	Hagerstown charge.	290	220	22	16	2	114	15	2	2	200	132	90	00	Hagerstown, Washington county.
John H. Wagner.	3	Mt. Moriah charge.	133	87	12	2	114	133	2	12	2	114	132	90	00	Manchester, Carroll county.
Mortimer L. Shuford.	6	Manchester charge.	645	59	35	535	25	3	25	3	3	350	30	00	00	Emmitsburg, Frederick county.
Jesse Steiner.	4	Gladco charge.	451	438	25	9	415	2	8	2	30	30	44	00	00	Burkettsville, Frederick county.
John M. Tuzel.	2	Emmitsburg charge.	253	212	13	10	3	242	1	10	1	45	10	00	00	Manchester, Carroll county.
Moses A. Stewart.	1	Burkettsville charge.	101	62	8	3	2	100	1	10	1	45	10	00	00	Manchester, Carroll county.
Henry Wissler.	1	Without charge.	965	220	23	11	2	217	2	15	2	123	43	00	00	Beanesboro, Washington county.
Henry I. Comfort.	4	Mechanicstown charge.	140	100	14	6	125	1	1	1	1	40	41	00	00	Clearspring, Washington county.
Vacant.	2	Boonsboro charge.	150	100	14	6	125	1	1	1	1	40	41	00	00	Boonsboro, Washington county.
Benjamin Schneider, D. D.	1	Foreign Missionary.	500	169	3	130	365	500	1	7	1	1	30	93	00	Baltimore.
William Ida.	1	Fifth church, Baltimore.	144	3	3	130	365	144	3	3	1	1	30	93	00	Hagerstown, Washington county.
Without charge.	1	St. John's church, Frederick.	365	35	35	365	365	365	20	2	2	2	30	93	00	Fredrick city.
Without charge.	1	Silver Run charge.	365	35	35	365	365	365	20	2	2	2	30	93	00	Fredrick city.
Without charge.	1	St. C. Boehringer, Philadelphia, Pa.	365	35	35	365	365	365	20	2	2	2	30	93	00	Westmoreland county, Pa.
Without charge.	1	Robert Douglas, without charge, Shepherdstown, Va.	365	35	35	365	365	365	20	2	2	2	30	93	00	Westmoreland county, Pa.
Without charge.	1	William H. Zimmerman, without charge, Frederick City, Md.	365	35	35	365	365	365	20	2	2	2	30	93	00	Frederick City, Md.
Without charge.	1	George L. Staley, without charge, M.L. Washington, Baltimore county, Md.	365	35	35	365	365	365	20	2	2	2	30	93	00	M.L. Washington, Baltimore county, Md.
Without charge.	1	George L. Staley, without charge, M.L. Washington, Baltimore county, Md.	365	35	35	365	365	365	20	2	2	2	30	93	00	M.L. Washington, Baltimore county, Md.
Without charge.	1	Peter A. Schwartz.	365	35	35	365	365	365	20	2	2	2	30	93	00	Baltimore city.
Without charge.	1	Rev. J. Seelher.	365	35	35	365	365	365	20	2	2	2	30	93	00	Baltimore city.
Without charge.	1	Rev. J. Rebaugh.	365	35	35	365	365	365	20	2	2	2	30	93	00	Baltimore city.
Without charge.	1	Rev. J. Seelher.	365	35	35	365	365	365	20	2	2	2	30	93	00	Baltimore city.
Without charge.	1	Rev. J. Seelher.	365	35	35	365	365	365	20	2	2	2	30	93	00	Baltimore city.

* Supplied by Rev. J. Rebaugh. † Supplied by Rev. J. Seelher. ‡ Geo. Seibert.

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MINISTERS.	Cong.	CHARGES.	Mem.	U. M.	Bap.	Con.	Con.	Dis.	Ex.	D'ths	S. S.	P. S. S	Benev.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
Daniel Ziegler.....	3	Creutz Creek.....	400			325					4	\$130 00	York.....	York..... Pa
Jacob Sechler.....	4	Littlestown.....	500	300	48	33	1 465	2	29	3	3	30 00	Littletown, Adams county.....	do
Fred'k W. Vandersloot.....	4	Windsor.....	300	250	41	46	2 260	2	18	4	300		York.....	do
Daniel Riegel.....	5	Dillsburg.....	350	200			347						Dillsburg.....	do
George Laidy.....		Without charge.....										70 00	Carlisle.....	do
Jacob Zeigler.....	4	Conowago.....	331	250	24	37	4 317		34	4	150		Gettysburg.....	do
Wm. C. Bennett.....		Without charge.....											Boiling Springs, Cumberland co..	do
D. W. Kelley.....	6	Bloomfield.....	375	229			280			5		21 93	Bloomsfield, Perry county.....	do
David Bossler.....	5	Liverpool.....	138		21	7	138		16	5			York.....	do
W. F. P. Davis.....	5	Abbotstown.....	550	400			525						New Oxford, Adams county.....	do
Jacob O. Miller.....	1	York (English).....	450				445		16	6	325	135 00	York.....	do
Daniel Gring.....	6	Shrewsbury.....	480	325	47	22	426					611 00	Shrewsbury, York county.....	do
Julius Kurtz.....	4	Emanuel.....	500				490		2	42	3 248		Hanover, do.....	do
Theo. P. Bucher.....	3	Gettysburg.....	558	242	49	23	16 558	4				193-20	Dayton.....	Ohio
Wm. M. Reily.....		Tutor in Theo. Seminary.....											Mercersburg.....	Pa.
Wm. K. Zieber.....	3	Hanover.....	630	500	48	18	2 500	1	27	5	300		Hanover, York county.....	do
Jeremiah M. Mickleoy.....		Without charge.....											Oashtown, Adams county.....	do
John Ault.....	5	Mechanicsburg.....	150	175			110			4	100	35 00	Mechanicsburg.....	do
Geo. E. Addams.....	3	Sulphur Spring.....	207	144	19	10	2 168	3	16	7	150	83 41	Carlisle.....	do
Henry Mosser.....	4	Landisburg.....	391	65	33	37	11 330	5	19	4	140	250 00	Landisburg, Perry county.....	do
Samuel Phillips.....	1	Carlisle.....	357	290	32	28	19 282	4	2	7	1 232		Carlisle.....	do
Jacob Kehm.....	4	Paradise.....	750	550			580						York.....	do
David E. Klopp.....	2	Zions.....	315				271						Blain, Perry county.....	do
Wm. K. Zieber, supply.....	2	Bartholomews.....	37				37							do
Wm. C. Bennet, ".....	3	Chestnut Grove.....	45				45							do
W. A. Gring.....		Licentiate.....												Shrewsbury, York county..... Pa.

MINISTERS.	NAMES OF CHARGES.	Members.	Members.	Confirmed.	Discipline.	Communicants.	Uncommunicated.	Unemployed.	Missed.	Schools.	of S. S.	ev. Con.	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.	
Edgar Hettner, D. D.	1 First Church, Baltimore.....	310	250	12	8	310	9	15	2	1	200	150	Baltimore.....Md	
E. B. Eschbach, Assistant }	do do do.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Baltimore.....do
Vacant.....	1 Second Church, Baltimore.....	242	183	15	4	242	4	6	1	1	808	70	Baltimore.....do	
John G. Foutle.....	1 Third Church, Baltimore.....	470	300	135	43	480	21	62	1	60	41	60	Frederick city.....do	
Daniel Zacharias, D. D.....	1 Frederick city.....	483	.....	73	16	483	1	76	2	350	300	60	Middletown, Frederick county.....do
Frederick A. Ripley.....	1 Middletown.....	416	386	40	30	370	5	21	4	250	73	60	Jefferson, Frederick county.....do	
William F. Collinower.....	3 Jefferson charge.....	309	286	21	4	310	12	3	159	45	57	60	Cavetown, Washington county.....do	
Joseph W. Santee.....	2 Cavetown charge.....	395	175	59	19	355	17	3	140	65	60	7	Taneytown, Carroll county.....do	
John G. Fritchey.....	2 Taneytown charge.....	375	200	45	25	4	200	2	12	5	170	52	Hagerstown, Washington county.....do	
John H. Wagner.....	2 Hagerstown charge.....	290	250	22	16	4	250	10	15	2	900	132	60	Boonsboro, Washington county.....do
Mortimer L. Shuford.....	2 Mt. Moriah charge.....	123	87	12	12	114	10	1	1	150	50	60	Manchester, Carroll county.....do	
John W. Hoffmeier.....	6 Manchester charge.....	645	59	35	535	25	3	25	3	350	30	60	Walkersville, Frederick county.....do	
Jesse Steiner.....	4 Glade charge.....	451	438	25	9	415	8	9	30	30	44	60	Kemnitzburg, Frederick county.....do	
John M. Titze.....	2 Kemnitzburg charge.....	283	212	13	10	292	1	10	1	45	10	60	Emmitsville, Frederick county.....do	
Moses A. Stewart.....	1 Emmitsville charge.....	101	62	8	3	100	2	15	2	123	43	60	Manchester, Carroll county.....do	
Henry Wisler.....	1 Without charge.....	365	256	23	11	2	2	15	2	123	43	60	Rehobothtown, Frederick county.....do	
Vacant.....	4 Mechanistown charge.....	146	.....	.....	.....	100	1	40	1	40	41	60	Boonsboro, Washington county.....do
Benjamin Schneider, D. D.....	2 Boonsboro charge.....	130	100	14	6	135	1	7	1	1	40	41	Clearspring, Washington county.....do	
William Ida.....	2 Foreign Missionary.....	500	109	.....	.....	250	76	3	1	.....	.....	.....	Baltimore.....do
.....	1 Fifth church, Hagerstown.....	144	3	.....	.....	144	3	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	Hagerstown, Washington county.....do
.....	1 Second Church, Hagerstown.....	144	3	.....	.....	144	3	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	Frederick city.....do
.....	1 St. John's church, Frederick.....	305	.....	.....	.....	305	26	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	Frederick city.....do
.....	1 Silver Run charge.....	305	.....	.....	.....	305	26	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	Frederick city.....do

Without charge:—Emanuel T. O. Boehringer, Philadelphia, Pa.; John A. Peters, Leconteville, Mt. Pleasant, Westmoreland county, Pa.; Robert Douglas, without charge, Shepherdstown, Va.; William M. Zimmerman, without charge, Frederick City, Md.; George L. Staley, without charge, Mt. Washington, Baltimore county, Md.; J. E. Foerner, Chap. U. S. Chris. Com., Baltimore city, Peter A. Schwartz.

* Supplied by Rev. J. Rebaugh. † Supplied by Rev. J. Sechler. ‡ Geor. Seibner.

VIRGINIA CLASSIS.

MINISTERS.	NAMES OF CHARGES.	Members.	Unc. Members	Baptized.	Confirmed.	Certificate.	Communicants.	Excommunicated.	Dismissed.	Deaths.	Sab. Schools.	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
John C. Hensell.....	5) Rockingham.....	357		100							4) Mt. Crawford.....	Va.....
Daniel Feste.....	2) Woodstock.....	190		190							5) Philadelphia.....	Pa.....
Daniel G. Bragdon.....	2) Martinsburg.....	137		137							1) Edinburg.....	do.....
George H. Martin.....	4) London.....	116		116							1) Lovettsville.....	do.....
Henry St. John Hiker.....	4) Mill Creek.....	955		253							3) Hamburg.....	do.....
John H. Crawford.....	3) Middlebrook.....	138		138							1) Middlebrook.....	do.....
.....	2) Central.....	43		43							1).....	do.....
.....	2) Shepherdstown and Winchester.....	145		135							2) Mechanicsburg.....	do.....
.....	1) Martinsburg (German).....	112		112							1) Hagerstown.....	Md.....
Vacant.....	1) Pendleton.....										.....	.....
Vacant.....	1) Central.....										.....	.....

NORTH CAROLINA CLASSIS.

MINISTERS.	NAMES OF CHARGES.	Members.	U. Mem.	Baptized.	Confirm.	Certific.	Commun.	Excom.	Diam.	Deaths.	S. Sch.	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
George Boger.....	No charge.....											Klatt's Tanyard.....
John Lantz.....	3) Newton.....	157		157								Newton.....
.....	2) Lincolnton.....	154		154								.....
G. William Walker.....	2) Guilford.....	305		305								Brick church.....
Jeremiah Ingold.....	3) Catawba.....	99		99								Lincolnton.....
Thornbush Butler.....	3) East Rowan.....	950		950								Gold Hill.....
.....	5) West Rowan.....	392		392								Kaufa.....
P. Allison Long.....	6) Davidson.....	312		312								Midway.....

Vacant; Newton; Friendly, 14 members; Stoners, 40 members.

MINISTERS.		NAMES OF CHARGES.		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.	
Congregations.		Members.		Ben. Con.	
Samuel Helfenstein, D. D.	Supernannated	344	4,037	\$4140 05	Gwynedd, Montgomery county, Pa.
J. H. A. Bomberger, D. D.	1 Race Street	398	1,275	175 47	No. 439 N. 4th st. Phila.
Nicholas Gehe	1 Zion's	398	1,275	175 47	No. 1280 North 6th Street, Phila.
J. G. Wiehle	1 Salem	1850	3,490	335 75	No. 530 St. John Street, Philadelphia, Pa.
Samuel G. Wagner	1 Boehms	254	8	44 17	Blue Bell, Montgomery county, Pa.
Jesse B. Knipo	2 Pikeland	150	1	235 00	Chester Springs, Chester county, Pa.
Alfred B. Shenkle	3 Trappo	522	58	112 00	Trappe, Montgomery county, Pa.
William Sorber	3 Brownsbacks	310	9	28 50	Vincent, Chester county, Pa.
N. S. Aller	9 Pleasantville	135	4	15 00	Pleasantville, Bucks county, Pa.
William G. Heckman	1 Wentz	530	1	1100	Kulpaville, Montgomery county, Pa.
P. Selbert Davis	1 Church of the Ascension	140	3	1120	Norristown, Montgomery county, Pa.
Samuel H. Giesy	1 Christ Church	490	4	1100	No. 5043 Wallace Street, Philadelphia, Pa.
J. G. Namber	1 Bethlehem's	251	24	180 00	No. 1393 Howard Street, Philadelphia, Pa.
Jacob Dahman	1 Emanuel's	79	4	109	109 63 Box No. 800, Phila.
J. P. Fisher	1 Zion's	75	2	1 80	Egg Harbor city, N. J.
Jacob Dahman, Sen.	1 Bethlehem's	64	1	54	2 35 Glasboro', Gloucester county, N. J.
Jesse B. Knipo, supply	1 St. Vincent	122	2	9 52	Reading, Pa.
Samuel G. Wagner, supply	1 White Marsh	132	1	5 20	Blue Bell, Montgomery county, Pa.
N. S. Aller, supply	1 St. Peter's	61	4	4 60	Reading, Pa.
Alfred B. Shenkle, supply	1 Phoenixville	70	2	1 200	Frankford, Philadelphia county, Pa.
Samuel Helfenstein, Jr.	1 Bridenbarg	75	7	1 200	Norristown, Montgomery county, Pa.
John S. Ermentrout	Without charge	75	1	4 60	Norristown, Montgomery county, Pa.
Charles Lukens	do do	75	1	4 60	Canadon
B. M. Long	do do	75	1	4 60	Canadon
George D. Wolf	do do	75	1	4 60	Canadon
Charles W. Schults	do do	75	1	4 60	Canadon
Henry Miller	do do	75	1	4 60	Canadon
A. Bomig	Missionary	75	1	4 60	Scheykill, P. O.
					Philadelphia, Pa.

MERCERSBURG CLASSIS.

POST OFFICE ADDRESS.

MINISTERS.	CONGREGATIONS.	NAMES OF CHARGES.	MEMBERS.	UNC. MEMBERS.	BAPTIZED.	CONFIRMED.	CERTIFICATE.	COMMUNICANTS.	DISMISSED.	EXCOMMUNICATED.	DEATHS.	SAB. SCHOOLS.	S. S. S.	BENEV. CON.	No. 5 Bible House,.....N. Y.
Philip Schaff, D. D.....	1	Professor in Theological Seminary.	30	17	12	6	2	75	3		13	1			.....N. Y.
Bernard C. Wolf, D. D.....	2	Professor in Theological Seminary.	519	685	68	28	7	500	2		13	4	350		Mercersburg, Franklin county.....Pa
Samuel R. Fisher, D. D.....	3	Editor of Ger. Ref. Messenger.....	570	230	34	7	1	965	3		5	2	90		Chambersburg, Franklin county.....do
Benjamin S. Schneek, D. D.....	4	Editor of Kirchenzeitung.....	168	104	4	5	1	130		1	5	1	100		Chambersburg, Franklin county.....do
John Rebugh.....	5	Woodcock Valley charge.....	330	270	14	28	6	930	2		11	3	150		Greencastle, Franklin county.....do
Theobald Fouse.....	3	Bedford charge.....	989	966	39	11	7	930	2		3	4	150		James Creek, Huntington county.....do
Hony Heckerman.....	3	Friends' Cove charge.....	473	450	48	36	4	600	9		3	4	75		Bedford, Bedford county.....do
Jacob Haessler.....	3	Huntingdon charge.....	323	300	14	14	6	115	4		15	3	175		Charlestown, Bedford county.....do
William M. Dentrick.....	6	St. Clairsville charge.....	341	185	18	7	9	535	4		3	4	75		Huntingdon, Huntingdon county.....do
Samuel H. Held.....	3	McConnellsburg charge.....	340	340	18	6	7	269	3		3	2	75		St. Clairsville, Bedford county.....do
Nicholas W. Gilda.....	2	Greencastle.....	330	340	18	6	7	269	3		3	2	75		St. Clairsville, Bedford county.....do
Charles F. Hofmeyer.....	2	Greencastle.....	341	185	18	7	9	535	4		3	2	75		St. Clairsville, Bedford county.....do
Isaac G. Brown.....	2	Greencastle.....	330	340	18	6	7	269	3		3	2	75		St. Clairsville, Bedford county.....do
Thomas G. Apple.....	2	Greencastle.....	330	340	18	6	7	269	3		3	2	75		St. Clairsville, Bedford county.....do
Benjamin Bauman.....	1	Chambersburg charge.....	330	340	18	6	7	269	3		3	2	75		St. Clairsville, Bedford county.....do
William R. H. Dentrick.....	4	Grindstone Hill.....	280	284	31	18	4	260	7		21	4	127		Reading.....do
Walter E. Krebs.....	3	Waynesboro' charge.....	276	235	8	11	9	40	5		30	1	128		Fayetteville, Franklin county.....do
John W. Love.....	3	Waterstreet charge.....	254	268	20	13	3	240	2		5	2	126		Waynesboro, do do.....do
Abner R. Kramer.....	3	Yellow Creek charge.....	170	230	12	5	1	10	2		12	2	100		Alexandria, Huntingdon county.....do
Richard P. Thomas.....	2	London and St. Thomas charge.....	935	934	2	12	2	925	3		8	1			Patonsville, Bedford county.....do
George Seibert, D. Ph.....	1	Stad church, Chamb'g.....	73	106											London, Franklin county.....do
Nehemiah H. Skyles.....	3	Shellsburg charge.....	306	310											Newark.....N. J.
A. C. Whitmer.....	3	Martinsburg charge.....	196	180	23	12	4	182			6	1	60		Schellsburg, Bedford county.....Pa
E. B. Wilson.....	4	Shtrasburg charge.....	170	169	10	13	3	195			4	3	150		Martinsburg, Blair county.....do
Cyrus Cort.....		Allegha Mission.....	45	40	16	5									Upper Strasburg, Franklin co.....do

Without charge: Frederick A. Scholl, Superannuated, Greencastle, Pa.; W. D. C. Rodrock, Chap. in the U.S. Army, G. B. Zacharias, U. Strasburg, Pa.; G. W. Glesener, Shippensburg, Pa.; J. S. Luce, Greencastle, Pa.; J. Mayer, Lock Haven, Pa.; A. S. Vengheim, Mt. Washington, Md.; Licentiate, O. B. Wolf, Johnstown, Pa.; J. May, New Enterprise, Pa.; J. B. Kerchner, Germany.

LANCASTER CLASSES.

MINISTERS.		NAMES OF CHARGES.		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.										
Cong.				Members.	Unc. M's.	Baptisms.	Confirma.	Certific'to.	Commu.	Excom.	Dismissed.	Deaths.	S. Sch'rs.	Ben. Con
	Albert Helfenstein, Sr.	Without charge	Shamokin, Pa	40		2		40					\$ 3 00	Shamokin, Pa
	Isaac Gerhart	Missionary	Lancaster City	370	180	68	20	325	1			33	3	Lancaster City
	Albert Helfenstein, Jr.	Without charge	Ephrata	180	7	7	2175	7				9	1	Lancaster county
	Daniel Hertz	Second Reformed Church	Ephrata	533	37	31	115	52				52	6	Ephrata
	Isaac S. Demund	Supply	Elizabethtown	175	110	14	6	114				18	51	Lancaster City
	Wm. T. Gerhard	Elizabethtown	Elizabethtown											Lancaster co.
	John W. Nevih, D. D.	Prof. in F. and M. College	Elizabethtown											Lancaster co.
	J. G. Wolf	Maytown	Maytown	33		8	1	94				2	1	Lancaster City
	Anos H. Kremer	1st Reformed Church	Maytown	430	305	53	35	13	335			7	59	Lancaster City
	Emacuel V. Gerhart, D. D.	President F. & M. College	Maytown											Lancaster co.
	Theodore Appel	Prof. in F and M College	Maytown											Lancaster co.
	Thomas C. Porter	do	Maytown											Lancaster co.
	Daniel Gans	Salem church	Millersville	241		4		2	194			3	2	Harrisburg
	Isaac E. Gragg	do	Millersville	215		15	5	147				1	3	Lancaster City, Lan. county
	Martin A. Smith	do	Millersville	310	300	31	16	240				1	3	Hummelstown, Dauphin co.
	John V. Eckerl	do	Hummelstown	230		34	8	306				1	5	New Providence, Lancaster co.
	F. Aug. Gask	do	New Providence	100		12	4	70				6	1	New Holland
	George Karizman	do	New Holland	49		23		5	30			3	8	Harrisburg, Dauphin county
		do	Middletown											Harrisburg, Dauphin county
		do	Columbia congregation	41		7		20				1	1	Millersville, do
		do	Columbia congregation											Columbia, do

*Supplied by Rev. Prof. T. Apple and John G. Wolf.

NEW YORK OLDSIS.

MINISTERS.		CHARGES.		POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.	
J F Busche.....	1 New York.....	200	300	New York, Station B.....	N. Y.
L B Schwartz.....	1 Boston.....	550	7 300	Boston.....	Mass
J B Knifst.....	1 Buffalo.....	300	33	Buffalo.....	N. Y.
D Willers.....	3 Fayette.....	153	38	Fayette, Seneca county.....	do
T Grosshach.....	1 Rochester.....	61	35	Rochester.....	do
O J Loar.....	2 Elizabeth.....	126	95	Elizabeth.....	N. J.
A Schroder.....	1 Bridgeport.....	66	19	Bridgeport.....	Conn
H Remig.....	2 Tonawanda.....	350	60	Catsville, Erie county.....	N. Y.
H M K Sirpos.....	1 New Glymer.....	32	1	New Glymer, Chataque county.....	do
A O Hohing.....	1 Yew Brunswick.....	101	105	Yew Brunswick.....	N. J.
E Erb.....	1 Danville.....	117	117	Danville.....	N. Y.
Congregations.					
		1140	1140		
		130	130		
S. Schools.		14	14		
Deaths.		7	7		
Dismissed.		10	10		
Excommunicated.					
Communi.					
Certificate.					
Confirmed.					
Baptised.					
Un. Mem.					
Members.					
Benev. Con.			\$10.00		

MINISTERS.		NAMES OF CHARGES.		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.										
Cong.				Members.	Unc. M's.	Baptisms.	Confirms.	Certific' to.	Commu.	Excom.	Dismissed.	Deaths.	S. Sch's.	Ben. Con
Albert Helfenstein, Sr.	Without charge.	40				2			40					\$ 3 00
Isaac Gerhart.	Missionary.													
Albert Helfenstein, Jr.	Without charge.	370			180	68 20	325	1	325	1		32 3	30 00	
Daniel Hertz.	Ephrata.	180			180	7 7	9 175		175			2 1	45 00	
Isaac S. Demund.	Second Reformed Church.	533			533	27 21	115		115			22 6		
Wm. T. Gerhard.	Supply.	175			175	14 6	114		114			18 2	11 00	
John Nagle.	Elizabethtown.	33			33	8 1	94		94			2 1		
John W. Nevils, D. D.	Prof. in F. and M. College.	430			365	53 35	13 330		330		7 29	1 200 00		
J. G. Wolff.	1st Reformed Church.													
Amos H. Krenner.	Prof. in F. and M. College.													
Emmanuel V. Gerhart, D. D.	do.													
Theodore Appol.	do.													
Thomas C. Forster.	do.													
Daniel Gans.	1 Salem church.	241			241	4	194		194			3 2		
Isaac E. Graggy.	3 Millersville.	215			215	15 5	147		147			1 3	24 79	
Martin A. Smith.	5 Hummelstown.	310			300	31 16	240		240			11 6	70 46	
John V. Zakert.	2 New Providence.	270			270	14 8	200		200			1 5 4	34 00	
F. Aug. Gust.	1 New Holland.	109			109	12 4	70		70			6 1	21 61	
George Kurtzmann.	1 Middletown.	40			40	53	5 20		20		3 8 1			
	1 Columbia congregation.											1 1		

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ACTS AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

SYNOD

OF THE

GERMAN REFORMED CHURCH

OF

OHIO AND ADJACENT STATES,

CONVENED AT

MIAMISBURG, MONTGOMERY CO., O.

opening its Sessions on the 31st of May, 1865, at 8 o'clock P. M.,
and Closing on Tuesday Night Following.

DAYTON, OHIO:

UNITED BROTHERN PRINTING ESTABLISHMENT,

1865.

ACTS AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

IN SENATE,
January 13, 1913.

REPORT

ACTS AND PROCEEDINGS

Of the Synod of Ohio and Adjacent States, of the German Reformed Church, which met in Miamisburg, Montgomery County, Ohio, on Wednesday Evening, the 31st of May, at 8 o'clock, P. M., in the Year of our Lord, One Thousand Eight Hundred and Sixty-five, and closed its Sessions on the following Tuesday Night.

ARTICLE I.

THE OPENING OF SYNOD.

The Synod convened at the appointed time, and was opened with the usual religious services. A sermon appropriate to the occasion was preached by the President, Rev. J. Vogt, of Delaware, Ohio, from Matt. iv., 1—11—subject, The Temptation of Christ in its Relation to the Church.

ARTICLE II.

MEMBERS PRESENT.

MIAMI CLASSIS.

Revs. D. Winters, T. P. Bucher, P. C. Prugh, W. McCaughey, H. M. Herman, G. Z. Mechling, and Geo. W. Williard. Rev. I. H. Reiter occupied a seat most of the time, in the absence of some of the *Primarii*.

Elders.—A. H. Baughman, M. Shearer, J. Oldfather, P. Cost, J. Ryder, and Wm. Neible.

LANCASTER CLASSIS.

Revs. J. McConnell, J. Vogt, and C. W. Hoyman.

Elders J. Slough and H. Sliffe.

WESTMORELAND CLASSIS.

Rev. J. A. Peters

Elder Benjamin Kemp.

SANDUSKY CLASSIS.

Revs. D. H. Reiter, C. H. Reiter and J. M. LeFever
Elder A. Funk.

TIFFIN CLASSIS.

Revs. H. Rust and F. Strassner.
Elder Lewis Keller.

ST. JOSEPH CLASSIS.

Revs. S. Z. Beam and J. H. Klein.
Elder S. Rauch.

INDIANA CLASSIS.

None present.

ILLINOIS CLASSIS.

Revs. W. W. James and F. A. Edwards.
Elders—None present.

ST. JOHN'S CLASSIS.

Revs. J. Rinehart and A. Miller.
Elders D. Thoman and J. Greenmyer.

IOWA CLASSIS.

Rev. J. Riale.
Elders—None present.

HEIDELBERG CLASSIS.

Revs. W. H. Fenneman and J. Klingler.
Elder C. Foucht.

ERIE CLASSIS.

Rev. H. J. Butenick.
Elders.—A. Heuck.

EASTERN SYNOD.

Rev. S. H. Giesy.

ADVISORY MEMBERS.

Revs. S. Shaw, I. H. Reiter, G. H. Leonard, S. Mease,
Noss, J. May, J. I Swander, Geo. Rettig, L. H. Kefauw
Wall, and R. P. Thomas.

Licentiate.—S. S. Miller.

Elders.—J. H. Dryden, and F. Oldfather.

ARTICLE III.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The election for officers resulted as follows :

Rev. J. Riale, *President*.

Rev. P. C. Prugh, *Corresponding Secretary*.

Rev. I. H. Reiter, *Treasurer*.

Rev. Geo. W. Williard is *Stated Clerk*.

Rev. H. J. Rutenick was appointed to report an abstract of the proceedings of the Synod for publication in the German periodicals of the church.

ARTICLE IV.

RULES OF ORDER.

The attention of Synod was called to the Rules of Order, adopted by Synod, to regulate its business transactions. The following hours were fixed upon for opening and closing the sessions of Synod :

Morning Session.—To commence at 8½, and close at 11½ o'clock.

Afternoon Session.—To commence at 2, and closed at 5 o'clock.

ARTICLE V.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

Religious Exercises.—Revs. I. H. Reiter, G. Z. Mochling, and H. M. Herman ; and Elders J. Oldfather and J. Slough.

Minutes of Synod.—Revs. C. H. Reiter, J. H. Klein, and J. Rinehart ; and Elders L. Keller and H. Sliffe.

Overtures.—Revs. W. McCaughey, J. A. Peters, and F. Strassner ; and Elders C. Foucht and A. Houck.

Minutes of Classes.—Revs. G. Z. Mochling, F. Strassner, and C. W. Hoyman, and Elders A. Houck and W. Neible.

On Examination, Licensure, and Ordination.—Revs. T. P. Bucher, J. McConnel, J. A. Peters, and S. H. Giesy ; and Elders A. H. Baughman and J. Greenameyer.

On State of Religion and Statistics.—Revs. P. C. Prugh, W. McCaughey, J. Vogt, and A. Miller ; and Elders J. Oldfather and M. Shearer.

[Rev. J. Vogt was excused from serving as Chairman of this Committee, according to the standing rule of Synod, on account of indisposition.]

Theological Seminary.—Revs. J. McConnell, D. Winters, Geo. W. Williard, and F. Strassner; and Elders Wm. Neible and Benjamin Kemp.

Heidelberg College.—Revs. J. A. Peters, D. H. Reiter, and C. W. Hoyman; and Elders D. Thoman and H. Sliffe.

Missions.—Revs. H. J. Rutenick, Geo. W. Williard, F. A. Edmonds, and W. H. Fenneman; and Elders Benjamin Kemp and M. Shearer.

On Finance.—Revs. J. M. LeFever, F. Strassner, and A. Miller; and Elders P. Cost, and S. Rauch.

On Publication.—Revs. H. M. Herman, J. I. Swandor, G. Z. Beasly, and Elders S. Rauch, and A. Funk.

On Nominations.—Revs. J. Vogt, J. M. LeFever, and J. Klingler; and Elders A. H. Baughman and H. Sliffe.

On Education.—Revs. J. Rinehart, J. H. Klein, and I. H. Reiter; and Elders J. Slough and J. Greenmyer.

ARTICLE VI.

COMMUNICATIONS.

1. All communications designed for Synod were referred to the Committee on overtures.

2. The reading of the Minutes of last year, with those of the Eastern Synod, was dispensed with, and referred to the Committee on Synodical Minutes.

3. The minutes of the several Classes, except that of Iowa, were received, with the Reports on Religion and Statistics, and referred to the Committee on the Minutes of Classes, and the State of Religion and Statistics.

4. The Reports of the different Boards, except the Board of Visitors of Heidelberg College, which failed to make any Report, were read, received, and referred to their respective committees.

ARTICLE VII.

RELIGIOUS EXERCISES.

The Committee on Religious Exercises presented the following Report, which was received and adopted.

Thursday evening, Sermon on Humiliation and Prayer, by Rev. G. W. Aughinbaugh.

[A portion of Thursday morning was spent in devotional exercises.]

Friday evening, Theological Alumni Sermon, by Rev. W. M. Caughey.

Saturday, 2, P. M., Preparatory Sermon, by Rev. J. A. Peters.

Saturday evening, Sermon, by Rev. G. H. Leonard.

Sunday, 10, A. M., Communion Sermon, by Rev. Chas. W. Angell.

Sunday, 10, A. M., preaching in Lutheran Church, by Rev. Wm. LaCaughey.

Sunday, 10, A. M., preaching in Methodist Church, by Rev. J. L. Inchart.

Sunday, 3, P. M., Sermon in German, by Rev. Prof. H. Rust.

Sunday, 6, P. M., preaching in Methodist Church, by Rev. P. C. Prugh.

Sunday evening, Missionary Festival, &c.

Monday evening, Sermon, by Rev. S. H. Giesy.

Tuesday evening, Sermon, by Rev. J. H. Dorn.

[AT SPRINGBORO, IN REFORMED CHURCH.]

Sunday, 3, P. M., English Sermon, by Rev. D. H. Reiter.

Sunday, 3, P. M., German Sermon, by Rev. C. H. Reiter.

Respectfully submitted,

ISAAC H. REIFERS, *Chairman*

ARTICLE VIII.

ON SYNODICAL MINUTES.

The Committee on Synodical Minutes presented the following Report of items claiming the attention of Synod:

MINUTES OF THE SYNOD OF OHIO AND ADJACENT STATES.

Item 1, Page 9. Is the appointment of a committee, of which the Rev. H. Rust is chairman, on the subject of the Liturgy.

Item 2, Page 9. Is the appointment of a Committee consisting of Revs. P. C. Prugh and M. Stern, to write articles for the periodicals of the church on "Church Extension Funds."

Item 3, Page 11. Is the reference of certain changes in the Constitution to the different Classes.

Item 4, Page 11. Synod calls the attention of the different Classes to the action of the General Synod, on the subject of Sunday-schools.

Item 5, Page 11. The Corresponding Secretary was instructed to write to the Consistory of the Fremont Church in reference to the request said church made of Synod.

Item 6, Page 12. The Corresponding Secretary was requested to write to certain complainants in Salem Congregation, that their wishes cannot be constitutionally granted.

Item 7, Page 13. Has reference to a division of Tiffin Classis.

Item 8, Page 36. Synod acquiesced in the dissolution of its Missionary Board, as recommended by the General Synod, provided the Eastern Synod do the same.

Item 9, Page 39. Certain Classes, delinquent in paying their apportionments into the Treasury of Synod, are exhorted to do so at once.

Item 10, Page 40. Has reference to the payment of the minutes of the General Synod, apportioned to this Synod, by the Treasurer of Synod.

Item 11, Page 40. Refers to the delegate to the Eastern Synod. *Primarius*, Rev. J. Vogt; *Secundus*, Rev. T. H. Winters.

Item 12, Page 40. Is the election of the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary.

Item 13, Page 40. Election of the Board of Trustees of Heidelberg College for four years, &c.

Item 14, Page 40. Election of the Board of Visitors of Heidelberg College.

Item 15, Page 40. Election of the Board of Visitors of Theological Seminary.

Item 16, Page 40. Election of the Board of Publication.

Item 17, Page 41. Has reference to the publication of the *Western Missionary* as a weekly, by the Board of Publication.

Item 18, Page 45. The establishment of a home for Beneficiary Students is referred to the Board of Education, &c.

Item 19, Page 46. Refers to the Committee of Ter-centenary Reports, to transcribe said reports, &c.

Item 20, Page 47. Has reference to the publication of the Minutes of Synod in English and German.

FROM MINUTES OF EASTERN SYNOD.

Item 1, Page 18. Refers to the Delegates of said Synod to the Synod of Ohio and adjacent States. *Primarius*, Rev. S. H. Giesy; *Secundus*, Rev. Isaac E. Graeff

Respectfully submitted,
C. H. REITER, *Chairman*.

The above report was received and acted upon item by item.

Item 1. The Committee presented the following report:

The Committee on the Liturgy respectfully report, that the important subject entrusted to their hands, has received due attention during the past synodical year. As the result of our labors we present to Synod a number of the principal formulas which will give some idea of what the work will be.

We have much matter still on hand, which has not yet been put in proper form, for the want of time. We felt it of the utmost importance, for the accomplishment of our object, to present our Report in a published form, and, therefore, had 350 copies struck off in English and 300 in German, which we here hand over to Synod for its examination. The Committee will be pleased to receive any instructions Synod may see fit to give in the furtherance of this most important work. The expense to which the

Committee has been subject in the publication of its Report, in traveling to and from the place of meeting, amounts to:

Publication of German, 300 copies.....	\$31 00
" " English, 350 "	75 00
Traveling expenses of Rev. J. H. Klein.....	8 50
" " " Rev. G. W. Williard.....	12 00
Stationery, Express Fees, &c.....	10 00
Total.....	\$136 50

Hoping that what we have done will meet the approbation of Synod, and subscribe the important purpose in view, we respectfully submit our Report.

H. RUST, *Chairman.*

This Report, together with the printed Report referred to was received and referred to a special Committee, consisting of Revs. I. H. Reiter, J. A. Peters, J. Vogt, J. Rinehart, and G. W. Argenbaugh; and Elders W. Neible and A. H. Baughman. This Committee subsequently presented the following Report, which was received and adopted:

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON THE LITURGY.

The special Committee appointed on the subject of the Liturgy, would report:

That we, as far as time and circumstance permitted, have examined the Report of the Liturgical Committee placed in our hands, and are pleased to bear testimony to the diligence with which they have prosecuted the work entrusted to them. From the examination we have been able to give the Report, which embodies forms for the regular Lord's Day service, baptism, the Lord's Supper, &c., we are favorably impressed; and believe that they, after a little correction in phraseology and arrangement, will meet with general approbation, and if introduced in the church, will secure a greater uniformity in our worship than exists at the present time.

Being thus favorably impressed with the Report of the Committee, as far as they have gone with the work, and having still much matter in their hands, which has not yet been put in proper form by them, we would recommend to the Synod to re-commit the whole subject to the Committee, requesting them to go forward with the work as rapidly as possible, and submit a report to Synod during its next annual meeting.

Moreover, in order that the church, as a whole, may be able to form a proper judgment of the work, and that the Synod may be eventually able to arrive at a correct conclusion in the case as to the Liturgy to be adopted, we would suggest that our ministers be permitted to introduce the forms embodied in the report in our worship, and that the printed report of the Committee be referred to the several Classes for examination, and that they be required to report a minute thereon to the next Synod.

And, in order to place one copy of the printed report in the hands of each minister and congregation within the bounds of our Synod, we would recommend that 600 copies be apportioned among the Classes. And, as the Liturgical Committee, in the prosecution of their work, have incurred \$186 50 expenses, we would also recommend that of this amount \$144 (being the cost of printing 600 copies of the report) be apportioned among the Classes, and that the balance of \$42 50 be paid out of the Synodical Treasury.

In view of this, we would submit the following apportionment:

CLASSES.	ENGLISH.	GERMAN.	AMOUNT.
Miami.....	75	18	\$22 32
Lancaster.....	35	13	11 53
Westmoreland.....	40	20	14 40
Sandusky.....	38	7	10 90
St. John's.....	28	66	22 58
Tiffin.....	22	10	7 08
St. Joseph.....	20	32	13 48
Indiana.....	6	20	6 24
Illinois.....	24	8	7 08
Iowa.....	12	3	3 00
Sheboygan.....	5	28	7 92
Heidelberg.....	10	25	8 48
Erie.....	10	25	8 40
Total.....	325	275	\$144 00

Respectfully submitted,

ISAAC H. REITER, *Chairman.*

J. A. PETERS,

J. VOGT,

JAS. RINEHART.

- Item 2. The Committee made no report and was discharged.
- Item 3. See the action of the Classes on the subject in the Report of the Committee on the Minutes of the Classes.
- Item 4. Most of the Classes acted on the subject.
- Item 5. Attended to.
- Item 6. Attended to.
- Item 7. The instructions of Synod were complied with, and the division made.
- Item 8. *Resolved*, That we reaffirm our action of last year on this subject, and regret that the Eastern Synod took no action in the case.
- Item 9. See Report of Treasurer of Synod, where all delinquent Classes are urged to pay all indebtedness at once.
- Item 10. Attended to.
- Item 11. The Delegate reported that he was unable to attend to the duty assigned him, from bodily indisposition; that as soon as he found that he could not go, he notified his alternate, who, in like manner, failed to represent Synod. The Delegate *primarily* was excused for the reason assigned.

The Board reported through their President, Rev. Williard, and Treasurer, Rev. D. Winters. These reports and referred to the Committee on the Theological Seminary will be found under the article on the Seminary.

The Board reported through its Treasurer, N. L. q. The Report was read, together with the Report of H. Leonard, and referred to the Committee on Heidelberg, and will be found under the article on the College. k. The President reported that the members of the s unable to attend for the want of time and means to were excused.

The Board reported through Rev. J. H. Good, and Rev. R. Good. These reports were received and referred to the Committee on Theological Seminary, and referred to the Committee on Education, under which article will be found.

The Board reported through their President, Rev. h. The Report was read and referred to the Committee on Publication, and will be found under the article on publication.

See the Report of the Board of Publication.

See the Report of the Board of Visitors of the Seminary, and the action of Synod thereon.

The Committee reported. The Report was received and read, and the Treasurer authorized to pay the expenses of the Committee. The Report is as follows:

The Committee appointed to record, in proper form for future use, the Ter-centenary Reports of the several congregations in the bounds of the Synod of Ohio and adjacent States, and to present a full and faithful report:

Since the adjournment of the last Synod, the Committee have adopted preliminary arrangements for the vigorous and immediate prosecution of the work assigned them; and, in order to arouse all delinquents to prompt action, and to secure the regular operation of all the ministers and Classes, appeals were published through the columns of the *Western Missionary*, and by advertisement forty letters to as many different persons, urging prompt attendance and necessity of immediately responding. A few have responded, but others have never been heard from.

From these facts, as well as from the fact that some reports were received during this meeting of Synod, and others are still pending, the Committee is only enabled to report progress, and to be continued another year.

The Committee would also report that they incurred expenses for stationery, sheets on which to record the reports, and for stationery, to the amount of \$15 05.

Respectfully submitted,

ISAAC H. REITER, *Chairman.*

The Committee on Overtures beg leave to offer the following Report, viz :

1. CALL FROM VACANT CONGREGATIONS—NONE

2. PETITIONS.

1. Is a letter containing a request from the Pastor of the Church of the Cross, Cincinnati, O., to Synod, praying that Agent Elder H. Leonard, be permitted to engage for assistance to solicit aid for the liquidation of the debt resting upon the building of said church.

3 APPEALS AND COMPLAINTS—NONE.

4. LETTERS OF APOLOGY FROM ABSENT MINISTERS

1. Contains a regret on the part of Rev. A. H. Winters, Synod appointed its meeting on Whitsuntide.

2. A request that Synod excuse the Delegates of the Classis, as its present meeting is on this church festival, and that they have its meeting at a different time.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. McCAUGHEY, *Chairman*

The above Report was received and acted upon at the meeting of Synod by Item 1. The following preamble and resolutions were adopted in reference to this item:

WHEREAS, Synod has been requested, in behalf of the English Mission, Cincinnati, O., to grant the services of its Agent, Elder H. Leonard, for a time, in order to collect funds for the payment of its church debt, so that its property may be permanently secured, its success established, and the mission relieved from the necessity of asking missionary aid, as soon as possible; and,

WHEREAS, We believe this service would result in a benefit to the church, as well as the mission; and,

WHEREAS, The Agent would in a short time accomplish his object, would require on the part of another a much longer time, and risk to the mission itself, therefore,

Resolved, That this Synod grant said request, and permit its agent, H. Leonard, to aid said church, in so far as it may not conflict with his duties to the institutions of the church.

Resolved, That in prosecuting this work, he is hereby heartily commended to all persons interested, able, and liberal; with the hope that he may receive such contributions as will speedily give access to this important interest of the Reformed Church.

Item 2. The Delegates were excused.
The Report was adopted as a whole.

ARTICLE X.

MINUTES OF CLASSES.

The Committee on Minutes of Classes reported. The Report received and acted on, item by item.

IRREGULARITIES.

. Iowa Classis failed to furnish Synod with a copy of its minutes.

Resolved, That Iowa Classis be censured for this neglect, and the Corresponding Secretary be instructed to write to its stated Clerk and urge him to notify the Stated Clerk of Synod the time and place of its meeting, reception and dismission of members, if there have been any, and furnish a statistical report for publication in the Minutes of Synod.

Item. Indiana Classis failed to report the time and place of next annual meeting. Adopted.

2. REQUESTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS.

. Miami Classis requests Synod to revise our Hymn Book, and incorporate a more complete index of the headings of Hymns. This item was adopted, and the Eastern Synod requested to cooperate with us in petitioning the General Synod on this subject.

. Westmoreland Classis requests Synod to call the attention of the Stated Clerk to the fact that he inserted two names of ministers of this Classis, (Rev. F. Wall and W. A. Gring) before they had been received into this Classis, and to see to it that such errors can be avoided in the future. Adopted.

. Sheboygan Classis requests Synod to permit them to continue on their own missionary operations until the meeting of the General Synod.

This Classis was referred to the action of Synod under the report of the Committee on Missions.

. Sheboygan Classis requests Synod to petition the General Synod to equalize the traveling expenses of Delegates to Synod. acceded to.

5. Indiana Classis requests Synod to allow its officers of Classis to be a standing committee during the classical year, to receive, ordain and install, &c., &c., &c.

Not acceded to, as it would be in conflict with former action on this subject.

6. Bucyrus Classis requests Synod to change the name of their Classis to Heidelberg Classis. Granted.

3 SUBJECTS REFERRED TO CLASSES.

1. Change of name from "German Reformed" to "Reformed." Acceded to by Miami, Westmoreland, Sandusky, and Illinois. Not acceded to by Lancaster, Sheboygan, Tiffin, St. Joseph, Indiana, and St. John's. Lost.

2. Proposed changes of the Constitution. Acceded to by Lancaster, Westmoreland, Sandusky, Sheboygan, Tiffin, Illinois, and Indiana Classes.

Changes acceded to by this Synod, as there is a constitutional majority of the Classes in favor of it.

3. The request of Synod to Classes to dissolve their missionary organizations and operate through the Parent Board. Not acceded to by Westmoreland, Sandusky, Sheboygan, and Tiffin Classes.

The attention of these Classes was called to the action of Synod again on this subject, in the Report of its Committee on Missions.

4. The request of Synod that a portion of the territory of Sandusky Classis be transferred to Tiffin Classis, was granted. Adopted.

5. Sandusky Classis refuses to pay for German Minutes of Synod of 1863, as they were not received. Classis was not excused; but affectionately urged to pay its delinquency.

6. The request of Synod to divide Tiffin Classis acceded to. Adopted.

7. A request of Synod to give a part of the territory of Sandusky Classis to Erie Classis (that all the territory north of the counties of Summit, Portage, and Trumbull, belong to Erie Classis) was granted. Adopted.

8. The request of the Synod on the subject of Sabbath-schools, referred to the different Classes, acceded to by Miami, Lancaster, Westmoreland, and Sandusky Classes.

Adopted, and the attention of those Classes that have not taken any action, was called to the subject.

4. RECEPTIONS AND DISMISSIONS.

1. Miami Classis received Rev. Wm. McCaughey from Sandusky Classis.

2. Lancaster Classis received Rev. G. M. Albright from Tiffin Classis, and dismissed Rev. J. Ruhl to St. Joseph Classis; Rev. H. M. Hockman to Clarion Classis.

2. Westmoreland Classis received Rev. John H. Wagner, from Maryland Classis, and dismissed Rev. H. H. W. Hibeckman to the last Susquehanna Classis. Received licentiate W. A. Gring, from Zion's Classis, and ordained him to the gospel ministry; received Rev. E. D. Shoemaker from Clarion Classis; received the centiate A. J. Heller from West Susquehanna Classis, and ordained him to the gospel ministry, and dismissed licentiate J. F. Snyder to the Clarion Classis.

4. Sandusky Classis received and ordained W. H. H. Snyder from Mercersburg Classis; dismissed Rev. A. B. Hoplin to St. Joseph, and Rev. Wm. McCaughey to Miami Classes; received S. Herring from Tiffin Classis; and licensed and ordained O. E. like.

5. Sheboygan Classis licensed Christian H. Schoepfle; licensed and ordained Solomon Elliker; and dismissed Rev. P. Joeris to Joseph Classis.

6. Tiffin Classis dismissed Rev. G. M. Albright to Lancaster Classis, and Rev. W. W. James to Illinois Classis; received J. Gray from Mercersburg Classis, and ordained him to the gospel ministry; licensed and ordained J. Bippus; received S. Strassner from East Pennsylvania Classis; licensed and ordained G. Kuhlen; dismissed Revs. J. H. Stepler and H. Bair to St. Joseph Classis; received Rev. A. Toensmeier from Indiana Classis, and dismissed Rev. S. E. Herring to Sandusky Classis.

7. St. Joseph received Rev. A. B. Koplin from Westmoreland Classis; Rev. H. Bair, from Tiffin Classis; Rev. P. Joeris, from Sheboygan Classis; received Rev. S. Reutlinger from Basil Miami House; Rev. J. H. Stoppler from Tiffin Classis; Rev. J. G. Jones from the Synod of North America; Rev. H. Wiegand from the West Susquehanna Classis.

8. Illinois Classis received Rev. W. W. James from Tiffin Classis; received H. K. Baines from the gospel ministry; dismissed Rev. W. Seamen to the Newark Presbytery.

9. Indiana Classis dismissed H. Korthauer to St. John's Classis; received Rev. George Long from the Presbyterian Church, (Old School).

10. St. John's Classis received H. Korthauer from Indiana Classis, licensed and ordained Fred. Schaad.

5. ANNUAL MEETING OF CLASSES.

1. Miami Classis will meet in Germantown, Ohio, the first Sunday after the second Tuesday in October, 1865. Rev. H. M. German, President; Rev. P. C. Prugh, Stated Clerk.

2. Lancaster Classis will meet in Sugar Grove, Ohio, October 14, 1865. Rev. J. I. Swander, President; Rev. J. Hannaberry, Stated Clerk.

3. Westmoreland Classis will meet at Mt. Pleasant, Pa., the

7. Illinois Classis will meet in Shelbyville, Illinois, wedn
October 25th, 1865 _____, President; Rev. Geo
Stated Clerk

8. St John's Classis will meet at Louisville, Starke Co
October 13th, 1865 Rev. J. B Ruhl, President; Rev.
Zahner, Stated Clerk.

9 Tiffin Classis will meet in Findley, Ohio, August 16th
Rev. L. H. Keafauver, President; Rev. F. Strassner, Stated

10 Heidelberg Classis will meet at Salems congregatio
cock Co, O, on the 26th of October, 1865. Rev. J. K
President; Rev J. Winter, Stated Clerk.

11. Erie Classis will meet at Bellvue, O., on the 28th of S
ber, 1865. Rev. C. Kuss, President; Rev. M. Miller, Stated

12. Iowa Classis will meet in Tipton, Cedar Co., Iowa,
21st day of September, 1865.

13. Indiana Classis not reported.

Respectfully submitted,

G Z. MECHLING, *Chair*

The Report was adopted as a whole.

ARTICLE XI.

THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

1 — *Report of the President of the Board of Trustees o
Seminary.*

The Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary on
shortly after the meeting of the last Synod, by the appoint
Rev G. W. Williard, President, and Rev D Winters, Tre
It affords us pleasure to state that the Board has been able
all its liabilities promptly during the year. It is also we
note that the sum of \$500 has been contributed during t

L. Schmertz, Esq., of Pittsburg, Pa., to increase our Library. For this act of liberality the thanks of this due We refer the Synod to the Report of Treasurer statement of the finances of the Board.

Respectfully submitted,
GEO W. WILLIARD, *President.*

Secretary of the Treasurer of the Board of the Theological Seminary.

Winters, Treasurer, in account with the Board of the Theological Seminary of the German Reformed Ohio.

IMMEDIATE USE

Dr.

Balance Treasury at meeting of Synod of 1864.....	\$194 07
Received of Jacob Kuhn (interest).....	3 00
v. M. G. I. Stern, Indianapolis collection.....	12 50
H. & S. H. Baughman, per Leonard (interest).....	34 00
Zeigler, interest on Bond.....	6 00
Christ, " " "	6 00
Brown, per Rev. Hefley.....	4 00
Interest on money loaned.....	8 00
v. J. Rinehart, interest on (German) Bond.....	6 00
E. Dutterer, " " "	6 00
John Prugh, interest on Bond.....	6 00
Jacob Rudy, interest on German Bond.....	12 00
David Waltz " " " "	3 00
Al Treesh " " " "	3 00
Wm'l Borgner " " " "	3 00
Wm'l Wampler, interest.....	3 00
v. J. Michael, "	10 00
v. J. Lichtenstein, 1st Church Cin., Ter-centenary offering.....	35 00
Michael Saunders, interest.....	25 00
1st Church of Tiffin, Ter-centenary offering.....	15 00
Jacob Kuhn, interest.....	1 00
Interest and premium on U. S. Bond.....	183 00
Wm. Brown's estate, interest.....	6 00
Hamer, interest.....	5 00
Peterson, interest.....	3 00
v. T. H. W., New Madison collection.....	6 00
v. Reiter, Miamisburg collection.....	3 00
Rinehart, collection.....	5 00
C. Prugh, Xenia charge.....	10 00
P. Myers, per Rust, interest.....	1 50
Zeigler, interest.....	3 00
1st Zion charge collection, per D. W.....	60 00
Wm. Marshall, interest.....	3 00
V. Prugh, "	3 00
Kutz, "	3 00
H. Prugh, "	5 00
1st Cong. col., per Rev. Kefauver.....	5 00
& J. Mast, and Wm. Albert, interest.....	3 93
Wm. S. Hivling, interest.....	6 00

Feb. 8,	Lewis Miller's estate, interest.....	79 00
14,	Rev. F. Strassner, Berwick charge.....	10 00
14,	H. J. Rutenick, (Gottes Kasten of the Evangelist).....	35 45
Apr. 11,	Chas. Gross & Bros., Philadelphia, interest, (German).....	30 00
22,	Rev. W. H. Fenneman, Bucyrus charge.....	2 00
22,	B. Kwry's estate, interest.....	2 25
22,	Rev. Zahner, Shanesville charge, Jubilee Interest Fund (German).....	33 11
22,	Jno. Weist, Phila., (German) interest.....	30 00
May 10,	Interest and premium on U. S. Bonds.....	142 80
10,	Bethel charge collection, per Rev. G. W. Williard.....	5 00
12,	Rev. T. P. Bucher, (Dayton).....	2 00
17,	G. G. Prugh, interest, (Dayton).....	6 00
17,	Thos. Schaeffer, interest, (Dayton).....	28 12
17,	Rev. I. H. Keiter, collection.....	1 24
22,	J. T. Blain, interest.....	25 00
June 1,	Rev. C. W. Hoyman, Somerset charge.....	15 00
1,	Joseph B. Welter, interest.....	3 00
2,	H. Leonard, interest.....	6 00
3,	A. Fauber, interest.....	4 00
3,	Rev. H. Williard, interest.....	12 00
3,	Joseph Slough, interest.....	6 00
	Balance in Treasury.....	71 80
	Whole amount received.....	\$1,137 89
	Amount paid out.....	1,066 00
	Amount on hand.....	\$ 71 89

CONTRA

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IMMEDIATE USE—PAID OUT.

To Rev. M. Kieffer, D. D., salary as Professor in Seminary, to May 1st, 1865, in full.....	\$600 00
To Rev. H. Rust, German Professor, salary in full to May 1st, '65.....	260 00
" " " " in excess for coming year.....	17 56
To repairs and improvements on Professor's House.....	72 52
To Expressage on Package.....	90
To Postage.....	20
July 17. To Prof. Kieffer, House Rent.....	125 00
Total.....	\$1,066 00

ENDOWMENT FUND.

To balance on hand, (see Report to Synod of 1864.).....	Da. 4 \$317 01
1864.	
July 20, C. Brown's Bond.....	75 00
Aug. 11, Jacob Rudy's Note, (German).....	100 00
Sept 19, Michael Saunder's Bond.....	50 00
27, Jacob Kuhn's Bond.....	50 00
Oct. 3, George Brown's Bond.....	50 00
12, Samuel Harner's Note.....	15 00
Dec. 20, Henry Zeigler's Bond.....	100 00
1865.	
Jan. 1, T. W. Chapman.....	50 00
6, Lewis Miller's Bond.....	100 00

Apr. 11, P. Wallis's Note, (German).....	59 00
25, A. Every's Bond.....	50 00
June 2, Robert Exchange's Note.....	5 00

Whole amount received.....\$1,012 36

Amount paid out.....\$1,025 00

Whole amount received.....1,012 36

Amount due Treasurer.....\$12 64

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1865.	Cr.
March 1, By Investment in Bonds.....	\$500 00
April 21, " " " ".....	500 00
31, Premium on Bonds.....	25 00
Total.....	\$1,025 00

LIBRARY FUND.

Feb. 24, 1865, Received of W. E. Schmerts.....	\$250 00
Mar. 25, 1865, " " " ".....	250 00
Total.....	\$500 00

3.—Report of Board of Visitors of Theological Seminary.

The Board organized, after its appointment by the Synod of Canton, by the election of Rev. Eli Keller as President, Rev. R. Good as Treasurer, and Rev. J. H. Good as Secretary.

The members of the Board attended the examinations of the students in the Theological Seminary two times during the year; and it gives us pleasure to report that these examinations gave evidence of zeal and industry on the part of the Professors, and commendable diligence on the part of the students.

It is very greatly to be regretted that the number of students in our Seminary is at the present time so small, and unless some means be obtained from unexpected quarters, the number is likely to be smaller yet during the coming year. The church has labored for years to obtain funds to sustain a Faculty of two Professors; but of what avail is this, unless the number of candidates for the ministry becomes larger? There seems to be a great waste of means in carrying on a Seminary at such great expense, if the number of pupils is to remain permanently so small. We would earnestly invoke the attention of Synod and the churches to this matter; since it is to be feared that we all think enough is done, we collect the funds to support the Seminary; when, after all, the most important point, namely, the obtaining of pious young men, who will consecrate themselves to the work of the ministry, is entirely overlooked. There surely must be something wrong somewhere, if the number of students shall permanently remain so small as at present.

The following young men have been in attendance upon the instructions of the Theological Seminary during the year: F. Schaad, Jos. S. Keller, O. E. Lake, E. D. Miller, Charles Schaf, S. C. Goss, S. P. Meyers, Em. Shultz, and J. B. Shoemaker. Of this number, Messrs. Schaad and Lake have entered upon the active work of the ministry. Mr. Myers has been compelled to stop on account of his health, and may not be able to return again. Three others expect to leave the Seminary in a short time. There will remain then but three students for the coming year.

The Board think that some decided measures are imperatively required from the Synod, in order that our School of the Prophets may fulfill the purposes of the Church in founding and supporting it.

Respectfully Submitted,

J. H. GOOD,
Sec'y Board of Visitors.

4.—Report of the Committee on the Theological Seminary.

Your Committee of the Theological Seminary would respectfully present the following Report:

The papers placed in our hands are the report of the Board of Trustees, the Board of Visitors, and Treasurer.

From these papers we learn that the finances of the Seminary are in a prosperous condition. The salaries of our Professors have been regularly met during the year, leaving a balance in the Treasury of \$71 80.

We have examined the Treasurer's Report and find it correct.

The Committee takes great pleasure in noticing the benevolent contribution of Five Hundred Dollars, to the Library of the Seminary, by Wm. H. Schmertz, Esq., of Pittsburg, Pa. It is trustfully hoped that this example may find many imitators during the coming year.

From the Report of the Board of Visitors, we learn the sad fact that the Seminary is almost destitute of students, the number being so very small that the time and toil of the Professors, and the expenditure of the funds of the church, in this direction, are to a great extent in vain.

This deplorable fact is, doubtless, owing, in part, to the peculiar state of things in our country during the last four years; to the inadequate provisions to sustain the beneficiary students of the church; and also, partly, to the fact that our Professors confine themselves so exclusively to their more immediate duties in the Seminary, as to omit, to a great extent, suitable efforts to create a deeper interest in, and enlarged views of our Seminary operations, on the part of the membership of the church, but more particularly and emphatically to the dependent, suffering state of our ministers in regard to their pecuniary support.

In view of all which, your Committee present the following resolutions for adoption :

1. *Resolved*, That this Synod tenders its heartfelt thanks to Wm. E. Schmertz, Esq., for his liberal donation to the Theological Library.

2. *Resolved*, That a Committee be appointed to prepare and publish a suitable circular, addressed to our congregations, pastors, classes, and pious young men, calling their special attention to it.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN McCONNELL.

In behalf of the Committee.

The Board of Trustees was constituted the Committee called for in the above Report.

The Report was adopted as a whole.

ARTICLE XII.

EXAMINATION, LICENSURE AND ORDINATION.

The Committee reported through their Chairman, Rev. T. P. Baehner, that they had one applicant before them, Mr. T. F. Stauffer, from the Theological Seminary at Mercersburg, Pa., and that they had examined him in all the different branches required by the Constitution of the church, which examination was found satisfactory.

The Report was adopted, whereupon it was resolved that the applicant, T. F. Stauffer, be licensed to preach the gospel; that the officers of Synod give him his certificate to this effect, upon his signing the constitutional formula; and that he be placed under the Tiffin Classis, in whose bounds he expects to labor.

ARTICLE XIII.

RELIGION AND MORALS.

The Committee on Religion and Morals presented the following Report, which was received and adopted :

In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

In presenting a Report on the State of Religion and Morals in our midst, as a church, during the year, it becomes us to acknowledge the power of that grace with which the Great Head of the Church has sustained us, amidst the severe conflicts and trials

through which our Government has been called to pass. The church and state, two distinct institutions of God, but, like trees spring from one and the same germ, are so united in life and labor, that the sufferings of one are essentially felt and realized by the other.

This truth is faithfully acknowledged by nearly all the reports that came into our hands; hence they speak of the terrible conflict through which our Government has been called to pass, in maintaining itself and its principles against that wicked rebellion which sought the destruction of both. They tell us of the absence of many of the church's choicest sons, who, with hearts full of Christian patriotism, counted their lives not too dear to lay upon their country's altar; of the cries and tears of many widows and orphans, because those whom they loved, and upon whom they leaned for support, "are not;" of some of our people, who, failing to apprehend the true relation between the Government and the Church, permitted their love toward the latter to "wax cold." But, thanks be to the God of battles, who, seeing the humiliation and hearing the cries of our people, crowned their efforts to preserve their Government with success, and brought peace, with its anticipated blessings, again to our nation. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost, for the comfortable assurance vouchsafed to Christian parents and friends, that their sons and brothers, who, with faith in the Redeemer, fell, whether in our own hospitals, upon the battlefield, or starved to death in Southern prisons, entered with shouts of victory over the last enemy, the triumphal procession above! Blessed be his holy name, that amidst all the dangers of a war the most cruel and bloody, protracted for four long years, hundreds and thousands of our Christian brethren, having escaped the shafts of death, were permitted to return again to the church and to their homes.

The reports refer us also to the preached gospel and its success to the administration of the sacraments, to Sabbath-schools, and catechetical instruction. Upon these the state and growth of the church depend. The sacraments faithfully administered, and properly apprehended add new strength and vigor to the Christian view and cause it to bring forth much fruit; while upon the preaching of the gospel, Sabbath-schools, and catechetical instruction depend development and outward growth. That the church is becoming more beautiful and vigorous might be inferred from the faithfulness with which the former have been administered. But we know more than mere inference before us. The reports all testify to the fact that our people are becoming more and more confirmed in the doctrines and principles of our holy religion, and that their love to the church, and for religion is increasing. Love being itself beautiful, always adds new beauty to the object to which it attaches itself. The church being then the object of this love, is itself becoming more beautiful. Two thousand three hundred and fifty-two

persons were, during the year, added to the church by confirmation and by letter. But 1,464 were again lost by deaths, removals, and excommunications, thus leaving as an actual increase to the church, only 885. If what we have already said be true, then may not the small increase to the church have resulted, at least in part, from a want of faithfulness on our part to declare, in these times of trouble and trial, the whole truth of the gospel.

Three thousand one hundred and forty-eight children were baptized, and only 1,409 persons were confirmed, thus leaving a balance of 1,739. Deducting again the difference between the number now baptized and the number baptized from fourteen to eighteen years since, and the number is still quite too large for a supposition that all these died in childhood. But, to make the calculation still more accurate, we must again add to this, the number of those who were received by letter, and from families outside of the church, who were never before baptized. From this it is to be feared that there are very many baptized children of the church selling their precious birthright for even less than a mess of pottage, while at the same time they themselves are feasting upon the husks of sin. This may result from a want of faithfulness on the part of parents or of pastors, or of both. Whilst we rejoice that increased attention is being paid to catechetical instruction, yet it is to be feared—awfully feared—that very many of our precious youth are growing up in unbelief and sin, without ever having impressed upon their minds and hearts the fact that they are in the church—that, in view of their baptism, they are the property of the church, and subject to its care and discipline, and that they have upon themselves not only the sign of God's covenant, but also the seal of his promise and grace.

The reports speak of the Sabbath-schools of the church as being full of promise and hope. But with all this apparent confidence, one can hardly fail to mark the misgivings of many of her more devout and intelligent members. There is no complaint that Sabbath-schools are wanting in interest, or that the children refuse to attend them; but the complaint is rather that with all this, too many regard the Sabbath-school as above the catechetical class, and equal to the church, and the religion there taught sufficient to satisfy all the wants of the soul. As a remedy for this, we would suggest that the church should supply the Sabbath-school with a literature based upon the Lord's Prayer as a form of prayer, the Apostle's creed as a rule of faith, and the ten commandments as a rule of life.

We regret very much to find in the reports so little reference to family worship, and to weekly meetings of prayer and praise. Religion, to be sound and vigorous, can not do without the sanctifying influence of these particular forms of worship.

We are glad to learn that the spirit of alms-giving and of Christian charity is being still more and more cultivated; yet the

wants of the church with respect to this subject are still in advance of her supplies. To remedy this, we want a higher standard of Christianity, one which will lead us to feel that in view of the consecration of ourselves to God, through the church, the things which we possess are no longer ours, but his. We need to recognize more fully that great principle so prominently presented by the Apostle James, "Faith without works is dead."

With all these apparent defects in the development of Christianity in our church, the tardiness with which many of our members come up to the true standard of Christian piety, and the small increase of church membership, yet we have great reason to lift up our heads and rejoice that in the midst of the severe afflictions of our Government, that part of the church represented by us has not only, under Christ, its Great Head, maintained its original piety and strength, but is even now stronger and more active than it was at any previous period of its history. The Lord prepare her for a faithful discharge of her part in the great and glorious work that now seems to be before the church of this country

We can not close our Report without referring to the departure of one of our number. The Rev. G. A. Fickes, of the St Joseph Classis, having finished his work in the church militant, was called into the enjoyment of the church triumphant. May the mantle of his faithfulness fall upon us.

P. C. PAUGH, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE XIV.

HEIDELBERG COLLEGE.

1. *Report of the Board of Trustees of Heidelberg College.*

Agreeable to the resolution of the Board of Trustees of Heidelberg College, I beg leave to submit the following Report of the condition and prospects of the College :

At the call of the Governor of Ohio, on the 2d of May, 1864, I became a member of Company A, One Hundred and Sixty-fourth Ohio National Guards, and on the fourth of the same month, left my home for Camp Cleveland. I had but a very few days to make arrangements for my family, and such business as it was absolutely necessary to transact. I had hoped to obtain a furlough at Cleveland, to allow time to make my annual Report. This was denied me. The Synod will accept my thanks for the indulgence granted me. The Report furnished by Prof. J. H. Good is, in the main, correct, and is the best that could have been furnished with the limited time at his disposal.

5. The amount of \$2,700 has come into the possession of the Board of Trustees from the estate of Jonas Long, Esq., deceased, of Wadsworth, Medina County, Ohio.

6. The financial condition of the Institution, from the statement made by the Treasurer, we do not think is as good as it ought to be for the welfare of the College. The indebtedness to the Professors for services rendered, is yearly increasing.

7. The average attendance of students during the past year, has been seventy-four.

8. The General Agent of the Institution, H. Leonard, Esq., in consequence of serious affliction in his family, has not been able for some time to prosecute his labors.

For the welfare of the Institution, we would offer to the consideration of Synod the following resolutions:—

1. *Resolved*, That as a new era seems to have dawned in the history of the College, by the entrance of President Auginbaugh upon his office, that we specially enjoin it upon the present Board of Visitors, that they *visit* the Institution, ascertain its wants, and at the next annual meeting of Synod, report its condition in every feature, in order that such steps may be taken by Synod as shall conduce to the further prosperity of the Institution.

2. *Resolved*, That we encourage the Faculty in the enforcement of strict Christian discipline in the government of the College.

3. *Resolved*, That the ministers of the church be urged to use their influence to increase the number of students in the Institution.

4. *Resolved*, That we once more appeal to all delinquent Classes to secure the payment of the interest on the outstanding endowment fund.

5. *Resolved*, That we enjoin upon the Treasurer of the Board of Trustees, to make special effort to decrease as much as possible, the indebtedness to Professors for services rendered.

6. *Resolved*, That the condolence of the Synod be tendered to Elder H. Leonard, the General Agent, in the severe family affliction with which he has been visited.

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. PETERS,
D. H. REITER, } *Committee.*
C. W. HOYMAN, }

The Report was adopted as a whole.

Rev. H. Rust, Professor of the German Language having made certain statements respecting his duties in the College, and asked to be relieved from certain duties, the subject was referred to a Special Committee, consisting of Revs. S. Mease, J. A. Peters, and

The following is a statement of the condition of the finances:

Endowment Fund received, Henry Leonard, Esq.,.....	\$39,517
Old Endowment Notes,.....	2,500
Farm of Jonas Long, Dec'd, about.....	2,500
College Buildings and Campus,.....	15,000
Outstanding Interest,.....	2,500

LIABILITIES.

To Professors,.....	\$ 4,500
Endowment Fund received during two years,.....	7,500
Investment in first class Mortgage Securities and U. S. Bonds,....	11,000

CONTINGENT FUND.

Amount received during past two years,.....	\$4,150
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[I make the Statement for two years, to correct mistake in last Report.]

The attendance upon the College is becoming more regular, notwithstanding the immense drain upon the young men of our Sem. The average attendance during the year, is seventy four.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

N. L. BREWER, *Treas., &c. for Trustees*

Tiffin, O., May 29, 1865.

2. *Report of the Agent of Heidelberg College.*

Since my last Report one year ago, at the Synod at Canton, O., I have been providentially prevented from leaving my home, on account of severe affliction in my family. I hope now, however, soon to be able to resume my labors again for the College. For I feel as willing now as ever, to work for the institutions of our church.

Very respectfully, &c.,

H. LEONARD, *Agt. H. College*

3. *Report of the Committee on Heidelberg College.*

The Committee on Heidelberg College reports as follows:

Two documents have come into our hands,—a Report from the Treasurer of the Board of Trustees, and one from the General Agent. From these Reports we learn the following items, which we deem worthy of the attention of the Synod.

1. Rev. Geo. W. Aughinbaugh, A. M., has entered upon his duties as President of the Institution, under encouraging prospects.

2. The corps of Professors is now complete; the course of instruction in the Institution is thorough; Christian morality is taught, and discipline enforced.

3. The appeals hitherto made by Synod to the church for the payment of the interest upon the outstanding endowment fund have, to a very great extent, not been complied with.

4. The Western College Society has promised the Institution the amount of \$2,000, which the Board of Trustees will have collected by the General Agent as soon as possible.

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H. J. Rutenick; and Elder J. Oldfather. The Committee quently presented the following Report, which was adopted

WHEREAS, It is the sense of Synod that the German Professor should not be so burdened with labors as to interfere with his duties in the Theological Seminary; and that the study of the German language is of great importance to the interests of the church, and should be encouraged by every possible means therefore,

1. *Resolved*, That the Boards of the Seminary and Colleges be instructed to assign to the present German Professor only the classes in the language, and secure the services of another instructor for the lower classes, arranging accordingly the compensation for such services.

2. *Resolved*, That the Board of Trustees submit to the action of the Faculty the study of the German language in the case of each student; and, further, that the Faculty use every endeavor to encourage a general and thorough study of the language on the part of the students.

3. *Resolved*, That Synod, by this action, expresses its intention to make every possible provision to supply the wants of the church, and further her interests in fostering the language of our fathers in the Reformation.

S. MEASE, *Chairman*

ARTICLE XV.

MISSIONS.

I.—*Report of the President of the Board of Missions to the Synod of the German Reformed Church of Ohio and adjacent States.*

REV. FATHERS AND DEAR BRETHREN IN THE LORD:

We desire to acknowledge, with profound gratitude, the goodness of God, in sparing our lives, and in blessing the labor of our hands during another year.

Soon after the meeting of Synod the members of the Board in Dayton, and effected an organization, by electing Rev. Prugh, President, Rev. G. W. Williard, Vice President, Rev. Bucher, Secretary, and A. H. Baughman, Treasurer.

The Executive Committee held frequent meetings in order for the transaction of such business as was, from time to time, properly brought before it, all of which was sanctioned by the Board at its regular meetings.

Considering the number of missions now under the care of the Board, a Report to be acceptable to Synod, can, of course,

by a brief sketch of each one. Such we propose the following will be:

OLD MISSIONS.

CORYDON, IND.

Here, the Rev. L. Rike is now in the sixth year of his labor, under the care of the Board. The progress of the mission seems to be comparatively slow, but by no means discouraging. Although no congregation has been organized in the town of Corydon, yet the missionary has been laboring here regularly from the beginning. The prospects, however, now seem to be somewhat bright; so that it is possible another year may find them with an organized congregation, and worshipping in a house already built, which they contemplate purchasing. The Board has always urged the necessity of an organization in town, but the way, hitherto, has not been opened for accomplishing this desirable object. In the country around Corydon there are two congregations and several other preaching points, with a membership of 73 persons. There were confirmed during the year, and four baptized. They are engaged in building a new church edifice near the parsonage, three miles from town. The Board has reduced the appropriation to \$1,000. In addition to this, \$350 is realized from the mission. The missionary reports no missionary money collected. Collections, however, will be lifted during the present month. The people seem greatly attached to their pastor, and under no circumstances have they been willing to run the risk of making a change.

TERRE HAUTE, IND.

The Rev. H. Kortheuer having resigned this mission, the Rev. F. Martain received and accepted a call to it, and entered upon his duties on the first of December, with an appropriation, from the Board, of \$75, the greater part of which will be collected by the mission itself. This field was visited by the President of the Board, who found it in a condition of much promise. With the exception of its interesting Sabbath-school the missionary meets twice a week for instruction and prayer. Upon the church lot is a parsonage and school house. In the school the missionary is the teacher, thus devoting a part of his time in giving instruction in the common branches of an education, as well as in Biblical history and Christian doctrine. The congregation is small, only fifty-one persons participating in the last communion.

COLUMBUS CITY, IOWA.

At the close of his year, the Rev. J. H. Buser notified the Board, that it gave him much pleasure to be able to relieve the Board from any further appropriation.

SECOND CHURCH, DAYTON, OHIO.

The Rev. W. Wittenwieler resigned this congregation at the close of his year. Fortunately, for this mission, it was without a pastor but for a short time. The Rev. Geo. Rettig received and accepted a call here, and entered upon his labors on the first of November. Since then he has received 24 members into full communion, and baptized 16 children. The mission has been in existence eight years, with a small appropriation from the beginning. Its present appropriation is \$75, most, if not all of which the mission itself proposes to collect. It has now a membership of 200 persons, all of whom were in regular attendance at the last communion. Quite a number in the catechistical class will soon be ready for confirmation. The missionary writes that his prospects are truly encouraging; that if his congregation continues to increase they will soon be under the necessity of enlarging their house. His salary, including missionary aid, is \$600. This is quite too small to support a family in the city of Dayton.

LANCASTER, OHIO.

This field was also made vacant, for a short time, by the resignation of Rev. M. H. Hockman. By the action of Lancaster Classis, the Rev. J. I. Swander became his successor, with an appropriation from the Board, of \$150.

The missionary writes that he is not too sanguine of success, but the Board feels assured that the choice of a pastor for the place, was a happy one; and that, through his earnest efforts and the hearty co-operation of his people, this church, so long in a state of comparative weakness, will yet arise and shine among the churches of that city.

COVINGTON, KY.

The Rev. R. Sweedes has just closed his third year in this mission. He began here with 16 members. The whole now numbers 90; 33 of whom were received within the last year. Baptized 17; collected for missions, \$17 25. The Sabbath-school is now in a most flourishing condition, with an excellent corps of young teachers, prepared for their work by the pastor himself. Bro. Sweedes receives from the congregation a salary of \$275. This, with the appropriation of \$100, by the Board, make a salary entirely too small for him to live upon; hence he is compelled to continue teaching a day school, that he has been teaching for the past three years. With the increase of the congregation, his labors are becoming entirely too arduous. The bright prospects before the congregation should lead them, with the aid of the Board, at once to absolve their pastor from further labor in the school; leaving him to simply catechise their children, and teach

them Christian doctrines and practical religion. This, in connection with his preparation for the pulpit, and his regular pastoral duties, is enough for the mind and body of any one man. All this, however, our faithful, toiling missionary is willing to endure yet another year, if only at the end of that time, the way can be opened up for a separation between the work of teaching in a common school and preaching the gospel.

LICKING COUNTY MISSION.

The Rev. J. McConnell still continues in this field, under the appointment of Lancaster Classis. Having received no official report of this year, we are unable to sketch its condition and prospects. No appropriation, however, was asked for, hence none was given.

LAFAYETTE, OHIO.

The success of the Lafayette mission has been greatly retarded, by a series of troubles through which it has just passed. But now that a new morning has dawned upon it, we trust that it will become ready for every good word and work. It has four organized congregations, some of which, however, are very weak. The whole membership numbers about 100. Five were added in the year, by confirmation, and 16 were baptized. Collected for missions, \$7 84. The salary paid by the mission is only \$300; hence the Board has lately renewed the commission to the Rev. Josiah May, with an appropriation of \$100. The mission has three church edifices. The missionary thinks the prospects for building up the Church of Christ in this section of the country are much better, now than they were; and that with the aid of a parsonage, which they already have, the charge will soon become self-supporting.

SHELBYVILLE, ILL.

This mission was organized about five years since. The Rev. W. W. James has lately been re-commissioned to it, with an appropriation of \$150. When he entered this field, one year since, it had but two organized congregations, and these were both in the country. The Board has frequently urged upon the former missionary the necessity of organizing in the growing town of Shelbyville; but all to no purpose. Finally, the appropriation was conditioned upon an attempt, at least, at such an organization. We knew the time had come for such a work to be done; and had our missionary proved as true to his own, as he did to another denomination, we might long since have had a church unsurpassed by any other in the place.

Bro. James, however, is trying to redeem that which was lost. He has succeeded in organizing a congregation in town. Lately they dedicated a very neat and comfortable church edifice, which

has just been completed. The mission is composed of 53 members, 13 of whom were added within the year. It pays a salary of \$280. It was visited by the President of the Board last fall, and by another of its members this spring, who assisted at the dedication of their church. Both of these report that they were much pleased with the mission, that its prospects are encouraging, and that it is a field which promises to be of much importance to our church.

MARSHALL COUNTY, IND.

The Rev. G. A. Fioles, lately deceased, resigned this charge on the first of last October. Since then its members have failed to correspond with the Board; hence, but little or nothing is known of its condition.

CEDARVILLE, ILL.

At the earnest request of the missionary at Cedarville, the President of the Board, at the close of last November, paid the mission a visit. The missionary had become somewhat discouraged, because, as he urged, of the limited territory to which the mission was confined, as well as on account of the necessity of increasing his salary. We, however, found the mission in a good condition. Confidence had been restored to our church in the community. Prospects for its future growth were bright, and the people seemed to delight in doing honor to their new pastor. We succeeded, without any difficulty, in getting the consistories to promise to raise, in addition to the \$100 appropriated by the Board, quite a sufficient amount of salary to justify him in remaining with them. But, oh! the depravity of our human nature and the deceitfulness of the heart. Their brightest hopes and fondest anticipations were all suddenly struck down, by the fall and deposition from the gospel ministry of their under shepherd, H. K. Baines. In this the mission has received a shock, from which, it is feared, it will not soon recover. It has two organized congregations and one preaching point. The people are kind hearted and devoted to the church. They deserve a good missionary, but the Board has, as yet, failed to secure one for them. They are, however, supplied for the time by an arrangement of Illinois Classis.

UPPER SANDUSKY.

The first year of the Rev. J. Klingler, missionary in this field, ended April 1st. Since then the appropriation has been reduced from \$150 to \$100. This reduction seemed to disturb the mind of the missionary, to such an extent, as to lead him to think seriously of resigning. His whole support he reports at \$375. Living, however, as he does, upon his farm, the Board failed to see its way clear to make a larger appropriation. He reports the field in

preparations made. It has three organized congregations, and two other preaching points. Its membership numbers 140 souls, 33 of whom were received just before the last year began. Since then three more were added by confirmation, and thirteen children were baptized. The Board feels that a charge composed of 140 members should pay a larger salary than \$225; hence, at this meeting, one of its members was appointed to visit it, with a view of accomplishing this desired object.

DEFIANCE, OHIO.

The Rev. A. B. Koplin still continues the pastor of this mission; but unless the German and English interests can be separated, he thinks he will feel himself compelled to resign. The former interest can be supplied with preaching without aid from the Board; but the latter will require an appropriation of \$300. Without an appropriation the Board, on account of its limited means, is compelled to decline. One of its members has lately been appointed to visit this field also. It has four congregations, with a membership of 115 persons. Confirmed, 14; baptized, 12. Its appropriation has been \$200, in addition to \$300 paid by the mission.

FREMONT, OHIO.

Without taking this church regularly under the care of the Board, it, according to the instruction of Synod, appropriated to support \$47 43.

GENERAL SUPERINTENDENCY IN AND AROUND FREEPORT, ILL.

The Illinois Classis failing to renew their request for the re-appointment of such a Superintendent, the Board did not realize the necessity of its continuance.

NEW MISSIONS.

THREE RIVERS, MICHIGAN.

The Rev. H. E. C. Shutte was commissioned to this field, with an appropriation of \$100, dated May 1st, 1864. At the close of the year he resigned; but not until he had secured a supply for the mission people. The field is promising.

GREENVILLE, OHIO.

The Board at length turned its attention toward this long neglected place, and after several months of labor succeeded in organizing a charge, and in securing for it the service of the Rev. W. Daughy, with an appropriation of \$250. The commission is dated October 1st, 1864. With the congregation organized in the town of Greenville are connected two old organizations, lying

short distance in the country. These afford sufficient labor to occupy the whole time of a minister; but the New Madison charge becoming vacant, it was thought advisable to permit our missionary to supply them for the time. The town congregation was organized with 11 members. Since then 6 more have been added to this church, 17 to Beamsville, and 12 to Greager's congregation, thus making a membership in the mission of 111 persons. Baptized since then, 18 infants. The missionary reports that he has two large catechetical classes. Salary from the mission, besides the amount received as supply, \$300. Its prospects for future growth are truly encouraging. No missionary money collected has yet been reported.

FINDLAY MISSION.

"The Board finally succeeded in getting a missionary again for this field. The Rev. J. G. Ruhl was commissioned, with an appropriation of \$80, dated January 1st, 1865. Since then no success has been all that could have been anticipated. Number of members, 139; received into full communion, 3; and baptized children. The mission pays a salary of \$200.

KENTON.

This mission has again been re-occupied. The Rev. G. Kubler received and accepted a call, with an appropriation, from the Board, of \$100. This Brother has labored under many discouragements, and his prospects, even now, are not the most flattering. "Some unwilling to hear the truth," have refused to subscribe to his salary for the second year. The mission is in such a condition that he has not yet been able to give a full statistical report. It pays him a salary of \$171.

LANESVILLE, IND.—WITHOUT A PASTOR.

This promising field was vacated by the resignation of the Rev. C. T. Martain, which resignation took effect at the end of November last. Not being in correspondence with any of its members, we know but little of its condition since then.

CIRCLEVILLE, OHIO.

This long neglected field of work, and of usefulness, at length received the attention and action of Lancaster Classis. This body having explored and organized the mission, appointed as its missionary the Rev. H. Williard, and petitioned the Board for an appropriation of \$250. The petition was granted, and a commission issued, dated April 1st, 1865.

GENERAL REMARKS.

From the above it will be seen that the Board has had under its care twenty missionaries, with an appropriation of over \$2,000.

This is an advance over any previous year of its history. And yet, there are many other fields, all over our land, which, at this very hour, are calling loudly for help. Had we the means, we would have no difficulty in planting our church in almost every city and county town in the West—especially among the German population. One, in traveling through our country, cannot but be struck with the neglect which our church has suffered itself to fall into with respect to its scattered members. We often find in cities and places in the country, where we have no church, congregations of other churches, composed largely of persons either confirmed or baptized in the Reformed Church. Many of these will never come back to us again; but there are hundreds of others who are continually changing their homes, yet would gladly remain in their own church could they but find one in which to worship. Does it then not become us, Dear Brethren, to bestir ourselves and redeem the time we have lost, and the many precious opportunities of doing good which we have so long neglected? Especially now should we gird on the whole armor for the interesting work before us. Our beloved country has just passed through a baptism of blood. For four long years it has been called to grapple with a rebellion as formidable as it was iniquitous. For magnitude and fierceness history furnishes no parallel in any country. The heart of every Christian patriot, as well as the minds of all true lovers of their country, was turned toward this terrible struggle, with the most intense interest. During all this time—and how could it have been otherwise—we have lived in a state of constant excitement; no matter whether we were at home or in the field, it was all the same. But the God of battles, who reigns not only in heaven, but who also controls and governs the nations of the earth, signally blessed his own instrumentalities, and peace has again taken the place of war. For this let us praise and magnify the Lord. Our thousands and hundreds of thousands of soldiers are already coming back from the field. They will soon mingle with us again in the scenes of home and home life. But can the patriotic mind and heart of this great nation of ours at once settle down again into the quietude of common life? No; never! When war ceases to become the field of action, of thought and of excitement, whither will it turn for relief? Whither, but to the religion of Jesus Christ and to His Church, whose cause is aggressive, whose whole life is a warfare, and whose banner is the cross.

The Lord stir up "the camp of His Saints," that they may be lead at once to send forth their recruiting officers and fill up the army, so that the triumphs of the Redeemer's kingdom may speedily be complete. In this revival of religion, which the church is now anticipating, and for which we most earnestly pray, our missionaries will have an important part to perform. Let us send them forth fully equipped for their work.

Emigration from the North, too, which is already beginning to pour itself down into the South, will open up to our church a new field of usefulness. Having no churches in many of the Southern States, we ought to be able to send our missionaries at once with those who emigrate.

If we have at all properly interpreted the signs of the times, we will need next year at least \$3,000. We can find young men who have just completed their academical course, as well as tried men of strength, who are willing to go anywhere, at the call of the church; but this call, to be regarded as earnest and real, must be accompanied with a proper support. Will the Lord open our eyes to behold the magnitude of the work which he has committed to our hands?

DELINQUENT CLASSES.

We cannot close our Report without again referring to the fact, that in the face of all the resolutions and recommendations of Synod, there are several Classes which still refuse to co-operate with Synod's Board of Missions. They seem to regard the interests of self as paramount to the interests of the whole, thus reversing the very order of Christ's kingdom.

"The powers that be" carry with them no authority for them. They are slow to acquire wisdom from the great lesson which our country has just learned. And even now, when we so much need union of effort to accomplish the work before us, they are found spending their labor and means upon what may, with propriety, be called sectional interests. Perhaps it would be well, if the church has any jurisdiction, to exercise it toward these delinquent Classes.

ACTION OF THE GENERAL SYNOD AT PITTSBURG.

From our experience, of the past year especially, the conclusion forces itself upon our minds, that the action of that Synod was characterized with wisdom. And we only regret that the Eastern Synod overlooked it altogether, thus preventing the Board, then elected, from going into an organization. No minister can serve a charge, attend to all the correspondence of one of the Boards, and absent himself from his people as often as his position would require him, and yet do justice to all. Our missionary work is assuming a magnitude and importance sufficiently great to claim the whole time and service of the President or Secretary of the Board. It is to be hoped that such service will soon be secured for it, as it needs only the action of the Eastern Synod to complete this arrangement.

CHURCH EXTENSION.

No funds for this object came into our hands during the year. The small amount at the disposal of the Board is still invested in the church at Terre Haute.

FINANCES.

For a full exhibit of the finances of the Board we refer Synod the Report of the Treasurer.

P. C. PRUGH,

President of the Board.

2.—*Report of the Treasurer of the Board of Missions.*

H. BAUGHMAN, Treasurer,

In account with the Board of Domestic Missions of the German Reformed Synod of Ohio and adjacent States.

amount of money received since my last Report to Synod at Canton, Ohio, May the 27th, 1864:

MIAMI CLASSIS.

v. D. Winters, Mt. Zion charge.....	\$100 00
v. P. C. Prugh, Xenia charge.....	44 75
v. I. H. Reiter, Miamisburg charge.....	27 10
v. G. W. Williard, Bethel charge.....	25 00
" " supply to Germantown congregation.....	13 85
v. J. Lichtenstein, 1st G. R. Church, Cincinnati.....	81 00
v. C. Saure, 3d G. R. Church, Cincinnati.....	40 15
v. T. B. Bucher, 1st G. R. C., Dayton.....	25 00
v. _____, 2d "	30 00
v. H. M. Herman, West Alexandria charge.....	40 20
v. A. Warner, Bear Creek congregation.....	6 00
v. S. Shaw, Port Jefferson charge.....	16 00
v. R. Schwedes, Covington, Kentucky.....	17 25
v. Wm. McCaughey, Greenville charge.....	7 10
v. G. Z. Mechling, Seven-Mile charge.....	30 00
Total	\$513 50

LANCASTER CLASSIS.

w. J. Voght, Delaware charge.....	\$ 64 00
w. J. Hemley, Lithopolis charge.....	72 84
L. John Giesey.....	4 00
w. G. M. Albright, Tarlton charge.....	27 00
w. C. W. Hoyman, Somerset charge.....	102 00
w. J. I. Swander, Kinnick-kinnick charge.....	55 90
w. J. Hannabery, Sugar Grove charge.....	38 75
" " Lancaster congregation.....	9 25
Total.....	\$373 74

IOWA CLASSIS.

None.

WESTMORELAND CLASSIS.

None.

SHERBOGAN CLASSIS.

None.

SANDUSKY CLASSIS.

Rev. N. H. Loese, Shelby charge.....	\$1
Rev. A. B. Hoplin, St. John's and Webb congregations.....	\$1
Total.....	\$2

TIFFIN CLASSIS.

Rev. L. H. Kefauver, 1st G. R. Church, Tiffin.....	\$1
Rev. W. H. Ferneman, Bucyrus charge.....	\$1
Rev. J. Winter, Caroline charge.....	\$1
Rev. F. Strassner, Berwick charge.....	\$1
Rev. J. Klingler, Upper Sandusky charge.....	\$1
Rev. Josiah May, Ada, Ohio.....	\$1
Total.....	\$6

ST. JOHN'S CLASSIS.

Rev. J. G. Zahner, Shanesville charge.....	\$1
Canton congregation.....	\$1
Rev. J. Binchart, Springfield charge.....	\$1
Rev. J. H. Derr, Wooster charge.....	\$1
Treasurer of St. John's Classis.....	\$1
Total.....	\$5

ST. JOSEPH'S CLASSIS.

Rev. J. H. Klein, St. John's Church.....	\$1
Rev. J. G. Kissell, Auburne charge.....	\$1
Rev. H. E. C. Schutta, Three Rivers, Michigan.....	\$1
Rev. J. H. Stepler, Bluffton charge.....	\$1
Total.....	\$4

INDIANA CLASSIS.

Rev. G. H. Zumpa, Poland charge.....	\$1
Rev. H. Korthauer, Terre Haute Mission.....	\$1
Rev. C. T. Martain, Lanesville Mission.....	\$1
Rev. J. B. Zumpa, Evansville Mission.....	\$1
Rev. J. Leibert, Dayton charge.....	\$1
Rev. J. Kercher.....	\$1
Rev. J. G. Noss, Huntington charge.....	\$1
Total.....	\$7

ILLINOIS CLASSIS.

Cedarville Mission.....	\$1
John Ruth, Cedarville.....	\$1
Illinois Classis.....	\$1
J. W. Baker.....	\$1
Total.....	\$4
In my hands at last Report.....	\$1
Collected during the year.....	\$1
Grand total.....	\$9

The Treasurer credits himself for moneys paid out during the year as follows:

To Rev. H. Kortheuer, Miss'y, Terre Haute.....	\$ 50 00
" G. Weber, Miss'y, Freeport, Illinois.....	243 00
" J. Klingler, Miss'y, Upper Sandnsky.....	150 00
" H. K. Haines, Miss'y, Shelbyville Ill.....	75 00
" H. E. C. Schutte, Miss'y, Three Rivers, Mich.....	100 00
" B. Schweedes, Miss'y, Covington, Ky.....	100 00
" C. T. Martain, Miss'y, Lanesville, Ind.....	71 15
" A. B. Koplin, Miss'y, Defiance, O.....	220 00
" G. A. Ficke, Miss'y, Plymouth, Ind.....	50 00
" J. H. Ruser, Miss'y, Columbus City, Iowa.....	87 50
" W. W. James, Miss'y, Shelbyville, Ill.....	150 00
" Josiah May, Miss'y, Ada, O.....	100 00
" W. Wittenweiler, Miss'y, 2d Church, Dayton.....	50 40
" L. Rike, Miss'y, Corydon, Ind.....	83 33
" H. M. Hockman, Miss'y, Lancaster, O.....	39 04
" J. McConnell, Miss'y, Licking county, O.....	194 25
" W. McCaughey, Miss'y, Greenville, O.....	112 50
" J. G. Ruhl, Miss'y, Findlay, O.....	20 00
" J. I. Swander, Miss'y, Lancaster, O.....	65 16
" G. Kohler, Miss'y, Kenton, G.....	41 70
Paid President of the Board for postage and stationery.....	9 65
" " " expenses to Cincinnati on business of Board.....	2 00
Same expenses to Dayton on same business.....	1 00
" " " Cedarville, Ill.....	41 00
Discount on money received.....	15
Postage and Stationery for Treasurer.....	2 00
To Rev. H. Williard, Circleville Mission.....	75 00
Balance in my hands.....	124 14
Total.....	\$2,257 98

Respectfully submitted,

A. H. BAUGHMAN, *Treasurer.*

Xenia, O., January 1st, 1865.

3. Report of the Committee on Missions.

The Committee on Missions presented the following Report, which was adopted with great unanimity:

We have in our hands a full Report of the President on the different missions under the care of the Board, and of the Treasurer on the financial affairs, both of which are very satisfactory, and go to show that the Board has been diligent and conscientious in the discharge of its duties.

The amount contributed for this object during the year is, according to the Treasurer's Report, \$1,465 22, which is \$440 less than the preceding year, owing, no doubt, to the fact that the receipts of the preceding year were unusually augmented by the tercentenary festivities. The number of missions, however, has been increased from fifteen to twenty. As a natural consequence, there is

but a small balance (\$124) in the hands of the Treasurer, so that becomes our duty earnestly to call upon our people for an increase of their contributions.

The Board still complains, as it has been doing for a number of years, that a number of Classes continue their own missionary operations independent of, and unconnected with, the Synodical Board. We can not suppose that there is a real difference of opinion on the subject. All that is wanting seems to be to adopt a plan harmonizing the views of the brethren on this subject. The wishes of Synod need only to be understood to be appreciated. All Synod wishes is to have advisory committees substituted for the Classical Boards, with this understanding, that the General Board will make no missionary appointments or changes in the several Classes without the advice of such Classical Committees. We would, therefore recommend the following action:

Resolved, That the Classes of Iowa, Westmoreland, Sheboygan, and Sandusky are requested not to make any new missionary appointments within their bounds, but to refer all such applications to the General Board, with a full statement of their views and desires respecting them. And, furthermore, that said Classes be requested annually to report to the General Board those missions that they desire to retain under their care, with the receipts and expenditures connected with the same.

Regarding the formation of a General Board of Missions, the sentiment in favor of such a Board, controlling the missionary operations of the whole church, East and West, is general. Nothing, therefore, remains for us but to recommend the following action:

Resolved, That our delegate to the Eastern Synod be instructed to inform that body that we had last year resolved to dissolve our Board of Missions in favor of the General Board, provided the Eastern Board takes the same course, and to request them, as soon as possible, to complete this arrangement.

Respectfully submitted,

H. J. RUTENIK, *Chairman.*

The missionary anniversary was held on Sabbath evening.

The Report was adopted as a whole.

ARTICLE XVI

FINANCE.

The following Report was received from the Treasurer of Synod, and referred to the Committee on Finance :

W. I. H. REITER, TREASURER, in Account with the Synod of Ohio and Adjacent States.

	Dr.
1864.	
May 28, To balance in the Treasury.....	\$271 53
" 30, " premium on Demand Notes, per Rev. H. J. Rutenick...	2 00
June 4, " Sheboygan Classis, per appt. for 1862, in part, Rev. J. T. Kluge.....	12 50
Nov. 5, " St. John's Classis, English Minutes of Synod for 1864, in part, per Rev. J. Rinehart.....	2 00
" 5, " St. John's Classis, per appt. for 1864, in part, per Rev. J. Rinehart,.....	3 00
" 22, " St. Joseph Classis, English Minutes of Synod for 1863, in full, per Rev. P. Vitz,.....	4 50
" 22, " St. Joseph Classis, German Minutes of Synod, for 1863, in full, per Rev. P. Vitz.....	9 10
Dec. 29, " (Old) Tiffin Classis, German Minutes of Synod for 1863, in full, per Rev. E. Keller,.....	25 00
" 29, " (Old) Tiffin Classis, English Minutes of Synod for 1863, in full, per Rev. E. Keller,.....	6 00
" 29, " Tiffin Classis, appt. for 1863, in full, per Rev. E. Keller,.....	13 20
" 31, " St. Joseph Classis, English Minutes of Synod for 1864, in full, per Rev. P. Vitz,.....	4 00
" 31, " St. Joseph Classis, German Minutes of Synod for 1864, in full, per Rev. P. Vitz,.....	7 50
" 31, " St. Joseph Classis, per appt. for 1864, in part, per P. Vitz,.....	50
1865.	
Jan. 5, To St. John's Classis, German Minutes for 1863, in full, per J. Greenamyier,.....	34 25
" 5, " St. John's Classis German Minutes for 1864, in full, per J. Greenamyier,.....	27 50
" 5, " St. John's Classis, English Minutes for 1864, in full, per J. Greenamyier,.....	3 00
Jan. 12, " Sheboygan Classis, German Minutes for 1863, in full, per Rev. J. T. Kluge,.....	8 00
" 12, " Sheboygan Classis, per appt. for 1863, in part, per Rev. J. T. Kluge,.....	4 50
" 14, " St. John's Classis, per appt. for 1864, in part per J. Greenamyier,.....	2 00
" 30, " St. John's Classis, per appt. for 1864, in part, per J. Greenamyier,.....	18 00
March 1, " St. Joseph Classis, per appt. for 1864, in full, per Rev. P. Vitz,.....	21 50
" 1, " St. John's Classis, per appt. for 1864, in part, per Rev. G. W. Williard,.....	2 60
Total,.....	\$482 18

Amount brought forward.....		
March 1,	"	Indiana Classis, English Minutes for 1864, in full, per Rev. G. W. Williard,.....
" 1,	"	Sandusky Classis, English Minutes for 1864, in part, per Rev. G. W. Williard,.....
" 1,	"	Iowa Classis, English Minutes for 1864, in part, per Rev. G. W. Williard,.....
" 1,	"	Miami Classis, English Minutes for 1864, in part, per Rev. G. W. Williard,.....
" 1,	"	Miami Classis, German Minutes for 1864, in part, per Rev. G. W. Williard,.....
April 1,	"	Miami Classis, German Minutes for 1863, in full, per Rev. D. Winters,.....
" 1,	"	Miami Classis, English Minutes for 1863, in full, per Rev. D. Winters,.....
" 1,	"	Miami Classis, per appt. for 1864, in full, per Rev. D. Winters,.....
" 7,	"	Illinois Classis, German Minutes for 1863, in full, per J. Reitzell,.....
" 7,	"	Illinois Classis, English Minutes for 1864, in full, per J. Reitzell,.....
" 7,	"	Illinois Classis, German Minutes for 1864, in full, per J. Reitzell,.....
" 7,	"	Illinois Classis, per appt. for 1864, in full, per J. Reitzell,.....
" 7,	"	Illinois Classis, per appt. for 1865, in part, per J. Reitzell,.....
" 7,	"	Miami Classis, English Minutes for 1864, in part, per Rev. J. Richards,.....
" 7,	"	Miami Classis, Postage on above Minutes, per Rev. J. Richards,.....
May 8,	"	Miami Classis, English Minutes for 1864, in part, per Rev. J. A. Leis,.....
" 17,	"	Miami Classis, English Minutes for 1864, in part, per Rev. J. Stuck,.....
" 17,	"	Miami Classis, English Minutes for 1864, in part, per Rev. T. H. Winters,.....
" 19,	"	Sheboygan Classis, per appt. for 1863, in part, per Rev. J. T. Kluge,.....
" 19,	"	Sheboygan Classis, per appt. for 1862, in full, per Rev. J. T. Kluge,.....
" 31,	"	Tiffin Classis, final appt. of (Old) Tiffin Classis, per Rev. F. Strassner,.....
June 1,	"	Erie Classis, final appt. of (Old) Tiffin Classis, per Rev. H. J. Rutenick,.....
" 2,	"	Sandusky Classis, per appt. for 1864, in part, per Rev. D. H. Reiter,.....
" 2,	"	Sandusky Classis, English Minutes for 1864, in full, per Rev. C. H. Reiter,.....
" 2,	"	Sandusky Classis, German Minutes for 1864, in full, per Rev. C. H. Reiter,.....
" 2,	"	Lancaster Classis, English Minutes for 1863, in full, per Rev. C. W. Hoyman,.....
" 2,	"	Lancaster Classis, German Minutes for 1863, in full, per C. W. Hoyman,.....
Carried forward,.....		\$673

Assessment brought forward.....	\$673 87
2 " Lancaster Classis, English Minutes for 1864, in full, per Rev. C. W. Hoyman,.....	16 00
2 " Lancaster Classis, German Minutes for 1864, in full, per Rev. C. W. Hoyman,.....	5 00
2 " Lancaster Classis, per appt, for 1864, in full, per Rev. C. W. Hoyman,.....	19 50
2 " Westmoreland Classis, English Minutes for 1862, in full, per Rev. J. A. Peters,.....	26 10
2 " Westmoreland Classis, English Minutes for 1863, in part, per Rev. J. A. Peters,.....	11 00
2 " St. John's Classis, per appt. for 1864, in full per J. Greenamyer,.....	1 40
2 " Miami Classis, English Minutes for 1864, in part, per Rev. T. P. Bucher,.....	1 00

Total.....\$753 87

1864.

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30, By cash paid for printing tickets for Synod, per John Saxton,.....	\$ 1 50
30, " Cash paid Jacob Shilling for sexton services to Synod,.....	5 00
31, " Cash paid John Weist, Treasurer, General Synod's Assessment for 1863,.....	105 00
1, " Cash paid Rev. E. E. Higbee, for traveling expenses as Delegate to Eastern Synod in 1863,.....	15 00
31, " Cash paid for Express on money received from St. Joseph Classis, per Rev. P. Vitz,.....	75

1865.

10, " Cash paid Rev. Geo. W. Williard for publishing En- glish Minutes of Synod of 1864,.....	231 23
14, " Cash paid Rev. H. J. Rutenick, for publishing Ger- man Minutes of Synod of 1864,.....	103 00
14, " Cash paid Rev. H. J. Rutenick, for translating Ger- man Minutes for 1864,.....	15 00
14, " Cash paid as express charges on money sent to Rev. H. J. Rutenick,.....	36
1, " Cash paid as express charges on money received from P. Vitz,.....	37
1, " Cash paid to Rev. G. W. Williard, for Stated Clerk fees for 1864,.....	25 00
1, " Cash paid to Rev. G. W. Williard, on bill of Sun- dries, postage, &c.,.....	11 53
2, " Cash paid for stationery and postage,.....	3 87

Balance in the Treasury.....\$236 27

Total.....\$753 87

The amount received during the current year, is \$481 34, which, includ-
ing the balance in the Treasury at the last annual settlement, makes the
total amount \$753 87, of which there have been paid out 517 60, leaving
a balance in the Treasury of \$236 27

The several Classes here designated are still in arrears to Synod as follows:

On the permanent apportionment from the Classis of	
Westmoreland, for 1863,.....	\$18 00
" " 1864,.....	19 50
Sandusky " 1864,.....	16 50

Indiana	" 1864	24 00
Iowa	" 1864	4 30
Sheboygan	" 1863	4 30
"	" 1864	15 00
Tiffin (new)	" 1864	15 00
Bucyrus	" 1864	12 00
Erie	" 1864	15 00
Total		\$147 30

On the final apportionment of the indebtedness of Tiffin Classis among the three Classes growing out of the division of said Classis, Bucyrus Classis is in arrear \$15 30.

On the Minutes of Synod, from the Classis of

Miami, for 1864, (English)	\$ 1 00
" " 1864, (German)	3 00
Westmoreland, 1863, (English)	11 00
" 1853, (German)	4 00
" 1864, (English)	18 00
" 1854, (German)	6 00
Sandusky, 1863, (German)	3 00
Indiana, 1864, (German)	5 50
Iowa, 1863, (English)	2 00
" 1863, (German)	2 00
" 1864, (English)	1 20
" 1864, (German)	1 00

From this statement of arrearages, it will be seen that there is still due and owing to Synod, the sum of \$227 23, which ought to be paid without further delay.

Respectfully submitted,

ISAAC H. REITER,
Treasurer of Synod.

The Committee on Finance reported through the Chairman, Rev. J. M. LeFever, that they had examined and audited the Report of the Treasurer, which was the only document placed in their hands and found it correct.

The Report was adopted, and the delinquent Classes urged to pay at once the amount of their indebtedness.

ARTICLE XVII.

ELECTIONS.

The Committee on Nominations presented their Report through the Chairman, Rev. J. Vogt, according to the standing rule of Synod. The Report was received and adopted, and the election held with the following result:

1. *Delegate to the Eastern Synod.*—Rev. Geo. W. Williard, *Primarius*; and Rev. S. B. Leiter, *Secundus*.

Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary—Revs. D. Winters, Geo. W. Williard, and P. C. Prugh; and Messrs. A. H. Baughman, B. C. Taylor, T. Schaeffer, and G. G. Prugh.

Board of Trustees of Heidelberg College for Four Years.—Revs. I. H. Reiter, G. W. Aughinbaugh, Geo. W. Williard, and A. Mechling; and Elder Wm L. Snyder and Dr. John Treon. The following are the other members of the Board:

For Three Years.—Revs. L. H. Kefauver, W. H. Fenneman, and A. Keller; Messrs. N. L. Brewer; John Royer, and Thomas Swan-

For Two Years.—Revs. H. Rust, and J. H. Klein; Messrs. L. W. Winters, J. Bunn, L. Baltzell, and W. Barrick.

For One Year.—Revs. J. H. Good, N. H. Loose, and J. G. Winters; Messrs. Edward Swander, J. Kuhn, and J. Poorman.

Board of Visitors of Heidelberg College.—Revs. T. P. Bucher, A. H. Strassner, C. H. Reiter, and J. Rinehart; Mr. S. C. Crumbaugh.

Board of Visitors to Theological Seminary.—Revs. J. H. Good, B. Good, G. W. Williard, E. Keller, and J. B. Thompson.

Board of Missions.—Revs. I. H. Reiter, T. P. Bucher, P. C. Prugh, D. Winters, G. W. Williard, A. Wauner, H. M. Harman, T. H. Winters; Elders A. H. Baughman, M. Shearer, P. Cost, G. G. Prugh, D. Rader, T. Schaeffer, and W. Neible.

Board of Publication.—Revs. I. H. Reiter, T. P. Bucher, and D. Winters; Messrs. S. C. Crumbaugh, and T. Schaeffer.

ARTICLE XVIII.

PUBLICATION.

1. *Report of the Board of Publication.*

The Board of Publication in making its Annual Report, respectfully states, that, soon after its organization, there was a full meeting of its members, to consider the important enterprise committed to its supervision, by the Synod at Canton, Ohio, *to wit*: The publication of the *Western Missionary* as a weekly after the 1st of January, 1865, at one dollar per annum.

At that meeting it was found to be altogether unadvisable to publish the *Missionary* according to the letter of the Synod's instructions. At one dollar a year, owing to the high prices of paper, composition, and press-work, it could not be issued of a size to meet the expectation of the church.

Under a solemn view of its duty in the premises, which, whatever the difficulties surrounding the movement, demanded a forward step, the Board resolved to advance the subscription price to one dollar and a half, and issued an Explanatory Circular and

Appeal, inviting both ministers and laymen to interest themselves in running up the subscription list to 3,000. This appeal met with some very favorable responses. And, inasmuch as it appeared to be the only feasible alternative, an arrangement was made in December, with the present Editor and Publisher of the *Missionary* to publish it weekly for the ensuing year, at one dollar and fifty cents.

Up to this time about five hundred new subscribers have been added, making the total number to the paper about 3,000. But the old lists had need to be purified. One hundred names have been dropped, and there are a hundred more of whom nothing can be expected, leaving the whole number of *bona fide* subscribers about 2,800. The cost of publishing the paper, at present price is \$3,540—losses and incidental expenses about \$160—making total in round numbers of 3,800, which deducted from 2,800 subscribers at \$1 50, leaves a margin of \$400 for the labors of the Editor. Three thousand *bona fide* subscribers would not net him more than \$600. These figures need no comment. One thing is clear, that there should be a very considerable increase of paying subscribers, so as to render the business part of the enterprise successful.

It is also manifest that the church wants the *Missionary* week—wants it larger and proportionately better. Its present size is felt to be too small. Serving, however, to indicate what is wanted, and what will be satisfactory to our people, it may help the Synod to take definite action now in regard to this very important interest.

At \$2 00 per annum, the size of the *Missionary* can be increased one column in width, and in length corresponding; and with 5,000 subscribers its prosperity and usefulness can be immeasurably enhanced. The Board would recommend to Synod this increase in size and in subscription price, believing that such action will materially assist in extending its circulation.

Respectfully submitted,

T. P. BUCHER, *President*

2. Report of the Committee on Publication.

The Committee on Publication would respectfully beg leave to report that they have examined the Report of the Board, placed in their hands, from which they learn that the interests of the Board have been successfully carried forward during the past year.

In accordance with Synod's instructions, the *Missionary* was published weekly, but owing to the great advance of every thing pertaining to publishing the paper, it was deemed advisable to advance the subscription price to one dollar and fifty cents, so as to prevent, if possible, a failure financially. The Committee regret

That the subscription list is entirely too small, and the cash recommended by Synod has not been fully carried out. The following items claim the attention of Synod.

That Synod would sanction the action adopted by the Board in publishing the *Missionary* during the last year.

II. That Synod adopt the suggestions of the Board in reference to enlarging the *Missionary* one column in width, and in length depending, and to increase the subscription price to two dollars annum.

III. That Synod would adopt some measures by which it may promote the increase of subscribers, and of collecting the dues due on subscription. And for the purpose of accomplishing the object contemplated, the Committee would offer the following suggestions to the consideration of Synod:

That every minister of this Synod be an authorized agent to the subscribers and collect monies due the paper.

That it be enjoined upon every minister, by virtue of his appointment, to carry out the interest of the church in this particular of his duty.

That the Board of Publication be authorized to have a proof of the paper printed, and a number sent to each minister for distribution among the people.

Respectfully submitted,

H. M. HERMAN.

The above Report was adopted as a whole.

ARTICLE XIX.

1. *Report of the Board of Education.*

The number of young men under the care of the Board during the past year, has been greatly diminished through the operations of the war, and on account of the unsettled state of the country. If the present Report, therefore seems discouraging, we hope that it will be the last one of the kind; and that with returning peace, not only those young men absent in the army will return, but that a large accession of new students may be reported in the next year.

The number of young men assisted by this Board, during the year, has been seven, as follows:

In the Theological Course,.....	6
In the Collegiate Course,.....	1
In the Preparatory Course.....	0

Several other young men made application to the Board for assistance, and were accepted; but the various drafts prevented their entering upon their studies.

The statement of the receipts and expenditures of the Board for the past year will be found in the Report of the Treasurer accompanying this Report.

We take the liberty of again repeating the following statement which, although contained in our last year's Report, can not be often brought to the attention of the church:

"Properly considered, the work of beneficiary education is regarded as the most important interest of the church at the present day. It is the center from which the other interests and movements of the church derive their vitality and power. Of great value were the Seminary or the College, or the Missionary Society if it were not that by means of the Education Society, the church is enabled to furnish the men to educate for the missionary and pastoral work. We must not forget that three fourths, at least all that enter the ministry in our church are such as are educated in whole or in part, by this or some similar society. The Board has observed with great regret that some brethren who have obtained their education through its assistance, fail to interest themselves in the cause, after they enter the ministry, either in making pecuniary contributions to its support, or repaying their debt when able, or in seeking out pious young men for the ministry. This should not be so."

At the last Synod the following resolution of the Committee on education was adopted:

Resolved, That the establishment of a home for our beneficiary students is referred to the Board of Education, with the request to report to the next Synod, should they deem it advisable.

The members of the Board have given mature consideration during the year, to the subject thus referred to them, and to report to Synod, that in their opinion, the project is eminently feasible, desirable, and under the blessing of God, would do much toward the upbuilding of the cause of Christ in our Zion.

By authorizing some person or Committee to watch desirable properties as they are thrown into market, it is not doubted that within two or three years an opportunity will be offered to purchase a suitable property (say five or ten acres of land and a suitable house) that would serve as a home for the Theological students, materially lessen their expenses, and promote their intercourse and edification. About \$2,000 would be needed. At the commencement of this fund, there is already in the hands of the Board a permanent fund of \$325, that could be applied to the object. The Lancaster Classis has also an Education Fund of \$350, on interest, that could be applied in the same way. Should the Synod determine to go forward with the enterprise, it should: 1st, authorize the Board to apply the permanent fund of \$325 to the purpose; 2d, request Lancaster Classis to apply its fund of \$350 to the same purpose; 3d, authorize some person or Committee to collect

aining \$1,275 in advance, so as to purchase the property when an opportunity offers. There will, doubtless, in two or three years, be a material decline in the prices of real estate, at which time the Home should be secured.

Can the above amount be collected from the benevolent in the West? The Synod is as well able to judge in this regard as the East; but we have not the least doubt it could easily be done, as the object is one that would commend itself to many hearts.

As to the proper party to purchase and Superintend such a Home, we would suggest that the best arrangement would probably be to have it done by the Trustees of the Synod, (who could hold the title to the property by the charter), to be managed by Professors in the Theological Seminary (or either one of them), and a Committee, to report annually through the Board to Synod. This would be much better than to place it in the hands of the Board of Visitors; since the latter body is one elected annually, whereas the former are, in a measure, permanently in office, and would conduct the Home with more unity of purpose and watchful maintenance than our Board. Indeed, the collection of the sum of \$1,275, which is necessary before it can be commenced, should be entrusted to the Professors in the Seminary.

With this brief exposition of our views, we commend the subject to the decision of Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. GOOD,

Sec'y Board of Education.

2. Report of Treasurer of the Board of Education.

GOOD, TREASURER, In Account with the Board of Education of the Synod of Ohio and Adjacent States.

	Dr.
24, To Balance in the Treasury,.....	\$433 58
To Amounts received as follows:	
21, Rev. J. G. Zahner, Shanesville Charge,.....	10 00
21, Rev. M. G. I. Stern, Indianapolis Charge,.....	14 00
20, Rev. W. H. H. Snyder, Akron ".....	2 25
21, Rev. D. H. Reiter, Bristol ".....	3 10
22, Rev. J. Riale, Boulder ".....	10 00
22, Rev. W. Renter, Vanlue ".....	8 50
14, Rev. J. Winter, Caroline ".....	10 25
24, Interest of Permanent Fund,.....	20 25
21, Rev. I. H. Reiter, Miamisburg Charge,.....	20 00
18, Rev. J. Knie, Evansville ".....	3 00
11, Rev. S. Shaw, Port Jefferson ".....	14 00
11, Rev. N. H. Loose, Shelby ".....	10 00
8, Rev. G. W. Williard, Bethel ".....	5 40
12, Rev. L. H. Kefauver, 1st Church, Tiffin,.....	23 00
21, Rev. J. Rinehart, Springfield Charge,.....	10 00
21, Rev. D. Winters, Mt. Zion ".....	36 75
21, St. John's Classis, per J. Greenmyer, Treasurer,.....	12 00
1, Walnut Creek Congregation, per Casper Helmback Treas.,..\$	8 00
1, Xenia Charge per A. H. Baughman, Treas.,.....	7 10
8, Rev. F. Strassner, Berwick Charge,.....	25 00

"	11,	Gottes Kasten, Evangelist,	.....	\$100 00
"	11,	Interest on temporary loans,	.....	100 00
Mar.	15,	Rev. F. C. Bowman, Zwingli Charge,	.....	100 00
"	25,	Rev. J. B. Zumppe, Evansville,	.....	100 00
"	28,	Interest on temporary loans,	.....	100 00
April	5,	A Friend of Beneficiary Education,	.....	100 00
May	3,	Walnut Creek Congregation, per O. Heimbach,	.....	100 00
"	3,	Interest on Permanent Fund,	.....	100 00
"	3,	Int. of Education Fund, Lancaster Classis, per M. Kleffer,	.....	100 00
"	3,	Rev. I. H. Reiter, Miamisburg Charge,	.....	100 00
June		Rev. C. W. Hoyman, Somerset	.....	100 00
Total,				\$1,000 00

CONTRA, CR.

By	Amount paid Beneficiary Students,	\$468 00
"	"	Postage, Exchange, &c.,	2 25
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	Balance in Treasury June 2d, 1865,	\$1,000 00

PERMANENT FUND.

The amount of this Fund is \$325 00, of which \$300 00 are invested in United States Bonds.

Respectfully submitted,

R. Good, Treasurer

3. Report of the Committee on Education.

The documents, placed in the hands of your Committee, as Reports of the President and Treasurer of the Board of Education. From the first of these we learn, that the number of young men under the care of the Board has been greatly diminished account of the past troubled state of our country. During the past year, there have been but seven young men under the care of the Board; six in the Theological, and one in the College Course. In view of this, the Board would again direct the attention of Synod to the important work of beneficiary education which it believes to stand in very intimate connection with the various operations of the church. The Board also regrets that so many who received its benefits failed, after they entered the ministry, to do anything for the support of the Board, or to repay their loans from the Board, after they were able to do so. The Board also reported on the establishment of a home for Beneficiary Students. It thinks that something of this kind is very desirable, and also attainable. Two thousand dollars is a sufficient amount with which to purchase this home. It is thought that there is a permanent fund of \$325 in its own hands, and that Lancaster Classis has an Education Fund of \$350 on its hands, both of which amounts, it thinks, (with the consent of Lancaster Classis as to the latter) might be used for the purpose of purchasing the proposed home. The remaining sum of \$1,275 the Board thinks might be easily collected from benevolent members of the church. The Board suggests that the Trustees of Synod be very suitable persons to purchase the home and hold the trust for the church.

From the Treasurer's Report we learn the sad fact, that the amount contributed for Beneficiary Education during the present year, is much less than it was during the previous one. The spirit of the Ter-centenary Year has to a great extent died out, and it is to be feared that some, as to their benevolence, have even fallen below what they were before the Ter-centenary effort. Surely this is wrong; for it is the duty of each one to do what he can for the cause of Christian education. In view of what is here presented, your Committee would propose the following action:

Resolved, 1. That Synod regards it as an important duty, resting especially on the ministry, but also on the laity, to do all they possibly can to have our institutions filled with young men who may be trained up for future usefulness in the church.

2. *Resolved*, That the establishment of a Home for our Beneficiary Students be laid over till the next meeting of Synod, when we may be better prepared to take some action in the case.

Respectfully submitted,

J. RINEHART, *Chairman*.

The Report was adopted as a whole.

ARTICLE XX.

MISCELLANEOUS.

PUBLICATION OF THE SYNODICAL SERMON.

A copy of the Sermon preached at the opening of the Synod, by Rev. J. Vogt, President of last year, was requested for publication, and a committee, consisting of Revs. I. H. Reiter, G. Z. Mechling, and Geo. W. Williard, was appointed to have it published, in case the request of Synod be complied with.

THE STATISTICAL TABLES—CHANGE IN PUBLISHING.

Resolved, That, in order to curtail expenses, and especially as there seems to be no particular necessity for it, this Synod omit in its published Minutes, the Statistical Tables and Report on Religion of the Eastern Synod, merely publishing a summary of the same; and that the Delegate to the Eastern Synod be instructed to give an explanation of the matter, so that they may acquiesce in it.

RESOLUTIONS RESPECTING THE ATTENDANCE OF DELEGATES.

WHEREAS, It has been the embarrassing practice on the part of some delegates to this Synod, for years past, either to withdraw without excuse, or retard the process of its business by asking to be excused without sufficient reasons; therefore be it

Resolved, That the Classes be respectfully requested to select such delegates only who purpose to remain till the close of Synod, except for valid reasons.

2. *Resolved*, That the Classes be requested to require of their delegates a report as to their compliance with their wishes.

DELEGATE FROM THE EAST.

The Rev. S. H. Giesy, Delegate from the Eastern Synod, took his leave of Synod shortly before the adjournment, in some appropriate remarks, in which he referred to his interest in the church of the West, having been born and reared in our midst, and attended the meeting of this Synod in Cincinnati in 1848, when it was yet in its infancy, having at that meeting established its Secretary and church paper; that it afforded him great pleasure to see the substantial proofs of advancement in the West; and that he was glad to be able to say that the Synod which he represents feels a deep interest in every-thing that pertains to our prosperity. His remarks were briefly responded to by the President, who assured him that the West felt no less interest in the prosperity of the church East, many of its ministers having been born and educated there, and that we cordially welcomed him in our midst, to participate in our deliberations, and desired him to carry with him our best wishes for himself personally, and for the Synod which he represented.

PUBLICATION OF THE MINUTES OF SYNOD.

The Stated Clerk was authorized to publish 1,200 copies of the Minutes of Synod, duly authenticated, in the English language, and Rev. H. J. Rutenick was authorized to publish 800 in the German language, all of which are to be paid for by the Treasurer of Synod, who was authorized to apportion them among the different Classes, and charge them at the rate of ten cents per copy.

The Committee appointed to apportion the Minutes of the Synod among the several Classes, would submit the following as the Report called for by Synod:

CLASSES.	ENGLISH.	GERMAN.
Miami,.....	340	55
Lancaster,.....	150	45
Westmoreland,.....	170	55
Sandusky,.....	160	10
St. John's,.....	45	20
Tiffin,.....	45	20
St. Joseph,.....	40	60
Indiana,.....	20	45
Illinois,.....	30	10
Lowa,.....	20	5
Sheboygan,.....		70
Heidelberg,.....	15	60
Erie,.....	15	60
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	1,050	720
Eastern Synod,.....	150	80
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	1,200	800

REV. H. J. BUTENICK'S VISIT TO EUROPE.

Rev. H. J. Butenick, having notified Synod of his intention to visit Europe, a Committee, consisting of Revs. H. Rust, J. H. Klein, and F. Strassner, was appointed to send the congratulations of Synod through him, to our Reformed Brethren of Europe, and give them the assurance of our desire of a closer union with them.

COLUMN FOR SUNDAY-SCHOOL SCHOLARS.

It was resolved that a column be opened in our statistical tables of the number of children in our Sunday-schools.

CHURCH ENTERPRISE IN GREENVILLE, O.

Rev. Wm. McCaughey having made remarks in reference to the purchase of a church in Greenville, Ohio, which is offered for sale on very reasonable terms, Synod encouraged the purchase of it, and recommended the enterprise to the benevolence and liberality of our people and congregations.

VOTE OF THANKS.

Resolved, That this Synod hereby tender its hearty thanks to the members of the German Reformed congregation and citizens of Miamisburg, O., for the kind and Christian hospitality shown us during our stay in their midst, and that the *Pastor loci* be requested to read this resolution from his pulpit at his next regular appointment.

ARTICLE XXI.

CLOSE AND ADJOURNMENT.

Lancaster, Fairfield county, Ohio, having been selected as the place of our next annual meeting, and the first Wednesday after Whitsuntide, in the year of our Lord, 1866, in the evening at 8 o'clock, as the time, it was, on motion,

Resolved, That we adjourn to meet at the above named place and time.

Synod adjourned on Tuesday night, June the sixth. The Minutes were approved, the roll called, and all the members of Synod found present except those who had been excused. Synod was closed with prayer and the apostolic benediction by the President.

J. RIALE, President.

GEO. W. WILLIARD, Stated Clerk.

The above is an official copy from the original Minutes.

GEO. W. WILLIARD, Stated Clerk.

WESTMORELAND CLASSIS—1464

MINISTERS.	Congregations.	NAMES OF CHARGES.	Confirmed Members.....	Unconfirmed Members.....	Communicants.	Baptisms.....	Received by Confirmation ...	Rec'd by Letter or Renewal of Confession.....	Dism'd by Let.	Kecum.....	Deaths.....	\$ Schools.....	Min. English...	Min. German...	Benevolent Contributions...	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
N. P. Hackey.....	6	Greensburg, (Ger.).....	.....	.....	149 20	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Greensburg.....Pa.
H. E. F. Voigt.....	8	Mt. Pleasant.....	.....	.....	156 72	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Mt. Pleasant.....Pa.
B. Knepper.....	6	Wellersburg.....	163	247	156 72	2	3	8	.....	.....	8	3	12	.....	\$41 83	Wellersburg.....Pa.
J. A. Peters.....	5	Mt. Pleasant.....	207	226	176 12	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	7	2	25	.....	205 15	Mt. Pleasant.....Pa.
T. J. Barkley.....	4	Berlin.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Berlin.....Pa.
E. D. Shoemaker.....	4	Salem.....	223	270	250 24	30	19	5	.....	.....	9	4	40	.....	300 00	Salem X Roads.....Pa.
J. H. Wagner.....	4	Latrobe.....	185	209	195 10	5	5	.....	.....	.....	1	1	25	5	.....	Youngstown.....Pa.
H. W. Supf.....	3	Grace Church.....	.....	.....	138 20	6	3	12	.....	.....	6	3	20	.....	60 00	Pittsburgh.....Pa.
W. A. Gring.....	5	Greensburg, (Eng.).....	256	213	138 20	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Greensburg.....Pa.
Geo. H. Johnston.....	5	Grantsville.....	148	199	147 19	10	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	15 67	Ellick.....Pa.
Vacant*.....	3	Somerset.....	156	216	152 11	16	6	.....	.....	.....	8	3	40	.....	344 88	Somerset.....Pa.
Vacant*.....	1	Cumberland Mission.....	74	74	74	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	1	10	.....	.....	Cumberland.....Md.
J. A. Heller.....	5	Shade.....	150	186	180 4	7	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Stoytown.....Pa.
Wm. Conrad†.....	4	Beams'.....	.....	.....	164 15	10	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Jenner X Roads.....Pa.
Prof. F. K. Levan.....	.....	Without Charge.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Berlin.....Pa.
C. C. Russell.....	.....	Westmoreland College.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Mt. Pleasant.....Pa.
Wm. Weinl.....	.....	Ligonier Valley Mission.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Ligonier.....Pa.
.....	.....	Supernannated.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Leesburg.....Pa.

* Report of last year. † Deceased.

MINISTERS.	NAMES OF CHARGES.	No. Con.	Members	Uncon. Members	Com'n'ts.	Baptisms	Confir'ss.	By Let.	Dismiss'd.	Excom...	Deaths...	S. Sch'ls.	Benevolent Contrib'ns.	Minutes.	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
H. Williard.....	2 Columbus.....	42	36	6	1	Circleville.....	Ohio								
H. King.....	3 Union.....	120	140	42	3	Baltimore.....	Ohio								
J. Vogt.....	1 Delaware.....	182	153	18	13	2	1	86	81	10	Delaware.....	Ohio			
C. W. Hoyman.....	4 Somerset.....	230	270	248	47	16	6	5	4	160	00	40	Somerset.....	Ohio	
J. McConnell.....	1 Leiking.....	37	15	9	1	1	1	1	1	18	32	5	Johnstown.....	Ohio	
J. C. Henneman.....	2 Beaver.....	120	100	92	10	1	1	1	1	17	00	5	Beavertown.....	Ohio	
J. J. Heffley.....	4 Canal Winchester.....	208	174	24	3	6	1	1	2	116	80	30	Canal Winchester.....	Ohio	
J. L. Swander.....	4 Kinnick-kinnick.....	120	150	130	20	5	5	2	1	2	20	20	Lancaster.....	Ohio	
G. M. Albright.....	4 Tarlton.....	180	185	120	10	5	1	1	10	3	39	50	30	Stoutsville.....	Ohio
J. Hannabery.....	4 Sugar Grove.....	190	246	235	9	8	5	1	4	2	212	88	20	Sugar Grove.....	Ohio
M. H. Hockman.....	1 Lancaster.....	51	46	37	11	5	1	1	5	10	96	8	South Bend.....	Pa	
Vacant.....	2 Basil.....	102	112	100	2	13	1	1	2	8	00	10	10	Basil.....	Ohio
Vacant.....	1 Salem.....	5	11	11	1	1	1	1	1	8	00	Salem.....	Ohio

SANDUSKY CLASSIS.

S. B. Leifer.....	4 Tuscarawas.....	161	202	202	18	17	5	1	4	4	\$26	40	40	Navarre, Stark Co.....	O	
J. J. Excell.....	3 Reedsburg.....	52	163	160	16	19	5	21	1	3	2	9	30	30	Wadsworth.....	O
P. J. Spangler.....	4 Navarre.....	160	160	28	40	2	7	3	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	West Lebanon.....	O
M. A. Miller.....	4 Summit.....	135	222	181	41	8	7	8	3	9	2	50	00	20	Lake, Stark Co.....	O
J. M. Le Fever.....	3 Carrollton.....	95	235	210	13	8	6	3	5	1	239	00	20	Fairfield.....	O	
C. H. Reiter.....	3 Union.....	193	200	175	14	.....	22	9	1	52	46	15	Wadsworth.....	O	
W. B. Sandoe.....	3 Bristol.....	265	263	200	21	23	6	5	5	1	38	00	30	Marshallville.....	O	
D. R. Moore.....	4 Mohicanville.....	183	170	19	24	11	2	2	1	46	50	30	Mohicanville.....	Mich		
D. H. Reiter.....	3 North Union.....	60	180	150	18	4	12	2	2	2	30	00	15	Berrien.....	O	
S. S. Miller.....	1 Akron.....	41	84	1	6	11	9	2	1	3	25	5	Akron, Summit Co.....	O		
H. Hess.....	40 Evangelical.....	40	.....	10	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3 Mansfield.....	O
N. H. Loose.....	4 Shelby.....	100	145	130	19	2	1	8	1	81	80	15	Shelby, Richland Co.....	O		

WASHER CLASS.—Without Charges—J. W. Aispach, New Salem O.; P. D. Sebery, Steer. O.; S. S. Rickly, Columbus, O.; J. Ruhl, Defiance, O.
 SUNDAY CLASS.—No Report—J. Hines, Akron, O.; J. F. Helm, Greenburg, O.

WESTMORELAND CLASSES--1864.

MINISTERS.	NAMES OF CHARGES.	Congregations.	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
N. P. Hackey	Greensburg, (Ger.)	6	Greensburg..... Pa.
H. E. F. Voight	Mt. Pleasant	8	Mt. Pleasant..... Pa.
B. Knepper	Wellersburg	6	\$41 83 Wellersburg..... Pa.
J. A. Peters	Mt. Pleasant	5	205 15 Mt. Pleasant..... Pa.
	Berlin		Berlin..... Pa.
T. J. Barkley	Salem	4	300 00 Salem X Roads..... Pa.
E. D. Shoemaker	Latrobe	4	1 25 5 Youngstown..... Pa.
J. H. Wagner	Grace Church	1	Pittsburgh..... Pa.
H. W. Wagner	Greensburg, (Eng.)	3	60 00 Greensburg..... Pa.
W. A. Gring	Grantsville	5	3 25 10 15 67 Ellick..... Pa.
Geo. H. Johnston	Somerset	3	344 88 Somerset..... Pa.
Vacant *	Cumberland Mission	1	Cumberland..... Md.
Vacant *	Shade	5	Stoytown..... Pa.
J. A. Heller	Beams'	4	Jenner X Roads..... Pa.
Wm. Conrad †	Without Charge		Berlin..... Pa.
Prof. F. K. Levan	Westmoreland College		Mt. Pleasant..... Pa.
C. C. Russell	Ligonier Valley Mission		Ligonier..... Pa.
Wm. Weinel	Superannuated		Leechburg..... Pa.

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MINISTERS.	NAMES OF CHARGES.	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.														
		Min. English...	Min. German...	Benevolent Contributions...	S. Schools.....	Deaths.....	Excom.....	Dismissed.....	Rec'd by Letter.	Confirmations...	Baptisms.....	Communicant Members.....	Confirmed Members.....	Unconfirmed Members.....		
H. A. Mulhmeister...	Immanuel and Bethel.....	2	204	204	17	10	3	12	2	19	2	\$300	00	2	Howard Grove..... Wis	
H. A. Winter.....	1 First German Reformed...	1	57	61	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	Milwaukee..... Wis
Dr. James Bossard...	2 Saron and Zoar.....	2	74	103	19	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	Sheboygan..... Wis
J. T. Kluge.....	2 Zion and St. Paul.....	2	142	205	119	31	37	10	24	...	...	...	...	2	Sheboygan..... Wis
J. J. Brecht.....	3 Sauk, Helena, Harrisburg..	3	173	137	137	44	10	24	13	...	...	...	...	2	Sauk City..... Wis
C. Lienkemper.....	2 Lowell and Portland.....	2	...	...	50	24	8	3	...	...	...	...	...	2	Lowell..... Wis
N. Rutenick.....	2 G. R. & W. M., N. Berlin..	2	90	60	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	Waukesha..... Wis
J. F. Vergenz.....	2 Mayville and Horizon.....	2	144	79	79	25	5	7	...	...	...	...	...	2	Mayville..... Wis
J. O. Accola.....	... Traveling Missionary.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	Watertown..... Wis
John Bladtgen.....	2 Ebenezer and Salem.....	2	53	22	12	5	6	8	...	...	...	...	...	6	Watertown..... Wis
E. H. Woehler.....	6 Medina and Appleton.....	6	100	...	90	25	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	5	Newtownsburg... Wis
L. Martzinger.....	4 Rochester Mission.....	4	...	...	...	15	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	Appleton..... Wis
J. Romeis.....	St. John's Mission.....	...	101	83	66	20	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	Howard Grove... Wis
L. Prakschatis.....	2 Trinity and St. Peter's.....	2	90	62	62	13	8	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	Kiel..... Wis
W. Wittenwielier.....	2 Salem and Zoar.....	2	81	83	82	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	Watertown..... Wis
S. Elliker.....	2 Ebenezer and Talmons.....	2	68	82	82	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	Waukon..... Iowa
S. Reutlinger.....	1 Ashford Congregation.....	1	80	79	62	10	2	9	...	...	...	...	...	2	Auburn Chare... Wis
C. Fehr.....	2 Immanuel and Zion.....	2	50	50	50	8	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	Giard..... Iowa
Jean Grob.....	1 Ebenezer and St. John's...	1	102	107	107	24	8	...	...	...	...	...	...	5	Newtownsburg... Wis
G. Kurtzmann.....	2 LaCrosse & Mormon Cooly	2	59	59	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	Sparta..... Wis
C. Schiller.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	Lima ville..... Ohio
H. C. Schopfle, (lic't).	2	Howard Grove... Wis

ST. JOSEPH CLASSES.

MINISTERS.	CONGREGATIONS.	NAMES OF CHARGES.	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.											
			German Min...	English Min...	Benevolent Contributions...	S. Schools.....	Deaths	Excom.....	Dis. by Letter.	Rec'd by Letter.	Confirmations..	Baptisms	Communicants.	Confirmed Members.....	Baptized Mem- bers.....
J. H. Klein.....	1	St. John's Church.....	115		\$100 00	17	1	2	2	13	286	286	225	Fort Wayne..... Ind
C. Cast.....	1	Detroit ch'ge.....				17	1	2	2	13	170	170	93	Detroit..... Mich
C. Jackel.....	2	Adams Co. ch'ge.....				24	1	2	2	8	93	93	93	Decatur, Adams Co..... Ind
P. Vitz.....	1	Huntington ch'ge.....				3	2	2	2	22	123	123	188	Huntington..... Ind
W. Waanick.....	1	Brush Creek ch'ge.....				9	1	2	2	7	160	160	112	Pulaski, Williams Co..... O
D. Kroh.....	2	Three Rivers ch'ge.....				10	2	2	2	4	82	82	235	Three Rivers..... Mich
D. Lantz.....	3	Bristol ch'ge.....				5	1	2	2	16	170	170	116	Constantine..... Mich
Phil. Becker.....	5	Whitley' ch'ge.....				12	1	2	2	31	294	294	204	Columbia City..... Ind
J. H. Steppler.....	.....	Bluffton ch'ge.....				6	3	2	2	41	164	164	156	Vera Cruz, Wells Co..... Ind
J. G. Kissell.....	.....	Auburn ch'ge.....				6	.....	2	2	39	54	54	84	Auburn, DeKalb Co..... Ind
S. Z. Beam.....	2	Neriah ch'ge.....				2	.....	3	2	6	3	3	100	Erio, Monroe Co..... Mich
J. Michael.....	3	Winamac.....				2	.....	2	2	31	50	50	110	Winamac, Pulaski Co..... Ind
H. Schuette.....	3	Park Grove.....				4	.....	2	2	1	40	40	71	Elkhart..... Ind
P. Kuhl.....	2	Fulton ch'ge.....				4	.....	2	2	2	70	70	90	Al, Fulton Co..... O
G. A. Fickes.....	4	Plymouth.....				5	.....	2	2	1	74	74	55	Defiance..... O
A. B. Koplin.....	2	Defiance Mission.....				34	.....	2	2	3	55	55	6	New Bavaria, Henry Co..... O
W. Spies.....	.....	No Report.....				.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

Without Charge—A. Butt, Pulaski, Williams Co., Ohio; E. Spangler, Edgerton, Williams Co., Ohio; J. Brakesfeld, Pauldings Corner, Paulding Co., Ohio. No Report—J. D. Gackenhelmer, Lealia, Van Wert Co., Ohio. Lately taken Charge—P. Jorris, Sturgis, Michigan; H. Baer, Goshen, Indiana; J. G. Noes, Huntington Mission, (English) Huntington, Indiana; H. Wiegandt, White Pigeon, St. Joseph Co., Michigan.

MINISTERS.	CONGREGATIONS.	NAMES OF CHARGES.	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.												
			Min. German ...	Min. English...	Benevolent Contributions...	Paroch. Schools	Schools.....	Deaths	Dis. by Letter.	Excom.....	Rec'd by Letter.	Confirmations...	Baptisms.....	Communicants.	Members Confirmed.....	Baptized Members.....
G. H. Zumppe.....	1	Poland Church.....	1	1233	92	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	128	157	Poland, Clay Co..... Ind
M. G. I. Stern.....	1	Indianapolis Church..	1	187	25	3	20	1	1	1	1	1	160	50	Indianapolis..... Ind
H. K. Kortheuer.....	1	Zion's Church.....	0	80	00	0	0	1	1	1	1	62	50	Massilon..... O	
J. Kiehn.....	2	Linton ch'ge.....	0	16	00	0	0	2	2	2	2	81	81	Linton, Green Co..... Ind	
M. Stern.....	1	Zion's Church.....	1	248	00	0	0	1	1	1	1	116	185	Louisville..... Ky	
J. Leibert.....	3	Dayton ch'ge.....	5	72	75	5	5	2	2	2	2	114	61	Dayton, Tippecanoe Co., Ind	
L. Rike.....	2	Corydon Mission.....	6	64	15	6	1	1	1	1	1	74	185	Corydon, Harrison Co... Ind	
C. T. Martain.....	2	Lanesville Mission.....	5	5	65	0	0	1	1	1	1	70	61	Terre Haute..... Ind	
R. Luscher.....	4	Bowling Green Mis... 1	12	12	90	0	0	1	1	1	1	100	30	Centre Point, Clay Co... Ind	
J. B. Zumppe.....	3	Evansville Mission... 1	48	48	06	0	0	1	1	1	1	38	30	Lafayette..... Ind	
Vacant.....	1	Boundary City ch'ge.* 1	22	22	10	0	0	1	1	1	1	96	37	Greenville, Dark Co..... O	
E. Bauman.....	2	Salem's Church, f..... 1	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	2	2	24	28	Sydney, Shelby Co..... O	
C. Plus.....	1	Vernon ch'ge..... 1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Terre Haute..... Ind	
J. Pence.....	1	Without Charge..... 1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Crothersville..... Ind	
J. D. Colliflower.....	1	Without Charge..... 1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Tremont, Clark Co..... O	
J. J. Knie.....	1	No Report.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Evansville..... Ind	
J. J. Simon.....	1	No Report.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Lafayette..... Ind	

* Supplied by Rev. J. Stuck. † Supplied by Rev. J. Weaver.

ILLINOIS CLASSES.

MINISTERS.	NAMES OF CHARGES.	POST-OFFICES.												
John Hoyman.....	4 Orangeville.....	160	150	140	22	7	3	13	5	\$	5	00	10	6 Orangeville, Illinois.....
Vacant.....	2 Cedarville.....	23	38	38	3	6	1	1	1	10	00	10	6 Cedarville, Illinois.....	
John Stoneberger.....	1 Astoria.....	91	57	57	4	6	4	1	1	2	00	5	6 Astoria, Illinois.....	
F. A. Edmonds.....	4 Forreston.....	100	138	130	5	5	22	6	1	15	75	9	12 Forreston, Illinois.....	
W. W. James.....	3 Shelbyville.....	42	58	58	3	15	1	1	1	10	00	5	6 Shelbyville, Illinois.....	
Frederick Hullhorst.....	1 St. Jacobs.....	11	57	36	11	33	...	...	...	...	...	...	6 Freeport, Illinois.....
J. P. Decker.....	Superannuated.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6 Freeport, Illinois.....
Geo. Weber.....	Missionary.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6 Central City, Iowa.....
Wm. Gilpin.....	Hickory Creek.....	40	58	56	14	2	18	...	...	...	...	...	6 Hickory Creek, Illinois.....
C. W. Seaman.....	Freeport (German).....	30	40	40	10	5	6	...	...	...	...	...	6 Patterson, N. J.....
Joseph Sechler.....	Licentiate.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6 Ler a, Illinois.....
Jacob Burkholder.....	Licentiate.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6 Huntington, Ind.....

ST. JOHN'S CLASSIS.

MINISTERS.	CONGREGATIONS..	NAMES OF CHARGES.	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.																
			Unconfirmed Members.....	Confirmed Members.....	Communed. Members.....	Baptisms.....	Received by Confirmation...	Rec'd by Letter.	Dismissed by Letter.....	Excom.....	Deaths.....	S. Schools.....	Benevolent Contributions...	Min. English...	Min. German...				
J. W. Hamm.....	3	Manchester.....	350	600	510	55	56	2	...	...	36	3	\$18	25	10	20	Nimissilla.....	0
J. H. Derr.....	...	Wooster.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Wooster.....	0
P. Herbruck.....	3	Canton Charge.....	400	640	629	116	49	...	...	...	92	2	80	00	10	20	Canton.....	0
G. Zeigler.....	4	North Georgetown...	350	600	530	68	51	2	2	35	3	47	90	10	50	...	Paris.....	0	
J. G. Zahner.....	5	Shanesville.....	...	527	480	49	37	...	...	...	26	5	72	75	...	...	Ragersville.....	0
J. Biery.....	5	New Bedford.....	...	350	65	41	...	...	...	...	19	2	18	00	...	...	New Bedford.....	0
J. Acheret.....	2	Mt. Eaton.....	...	...	200	35	24	...	...	...	15	2	11	40	...	...	Mt. Eaton.....	0
C. Zwiler.....	3	Canfield.....	205	260	195	39	...	...	...	...	15	...	10	00	...	...	Canfield.....	0
S. N. King.....	4	New Lisbon.....	...	186	180	21	...	...	...	...	3	1	...	...	...	...	New Lisbon.....	0
C. Banks.....	4	New Philadelphia.....	...	325	320	30	15	8	...	...	21	4	...	...	...	...	New Philadelphia.....	0
C. Fehr.....	1	Youngstown.....	...	...	40	5	...	...	...	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	Youngstown.....	0
J. Rinehart.....	4	Springfield.....	325	340	300	20	2	...	...	...	8	1	85	00	30	10	North Lima.....	0
H. K. Zinck.....	3	Warren.....	...	...	136	48	1	...	...	...	22	2	12	36	...	...	Warren.....	0
J. B. Kuhl.....	4	Paradise.....	...	225	200	23	21	...	...	...	22	1	10	24	...	...	South-West.....	Ind
B. Kochler.....	...	Chap in the Army...	0
A. Miller.....	3	Louisville.....	150	175	160	43	25	21	2	21	2	30	31	10	5	...	Louisville.....	0	
G. W. Henning.....	2	St. Peter's.....	...	...	62	4	16	...	...	...	1	3	00	10	...	...	Canton.....	0
J. D. Lechman.....	1	Black Creek.....	...	78	80	68	28	...	...	...	7	1	...	...	...	...	Akron.....	15
F. Hunshe.....	3	Without Charge.....	...	...	250	25	...	...	...	...	12	3	10	13	...	...	Black Creek.....	0
D. Kennerer.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Pittsburg.....	Pa
J. N. Grether.....	4	Homerville.....	100	119	...	14	10	...	...	...	5	2	24	94	...	...	Homerville.....	0

ACTS AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

SYNOD

OF THE

German Reformed Church

OF

OHIO AND ADJACENT STATES,

In General Convention at

GALION, OHIO,

Wednesday, the 23d of May, 1866, at 8 o'clock P. M., and Closing
on the Following Wednesday.

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Synod of Ohio and adjacent States, of the German Reformed Church, which met in General Convention, in Galion, O., on Tuesday, the 23d of May, at 8 o'clock P. M., in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-six; and closed sessions on the following Wednesday afternoon.

ARTICLE I.

THE OPENING OF SYNOD.

Synod met at the appointed time, in the German Reformed Church of Galion, O., and was opened with the usual religious services, by the Stated Clerk, in the absence of the President. Eli Keller was chosen President, *pro tem.*, after which the opening sermon was preached by Rev. Prof. H. Rust, of Tiffin, O., Acts 10: 44-48.

ARTICLE II.

MEMBERS PRESENT.

MIAMI CLASSIS.

1. T. P. Bucher, J. Lichtenstein, P. C. Prugh, I. H. Reiter, Winters, T. H. Winters, Geo. W. Williard, J. M. Le Fever, Lettig, J. Heller, S. Mease, S. Shaw and J. Weaver.
2. C. Staley, A. H. Baughman, D. Wilkins and P. Bat-

LANCASTER CLASSIS.

1. H. Williard, C. W. Hoyman, J. McConnell, J. I. Swanwick, M. Albright, J. Hannaberry, J. Vogt and J. Hefley.
2. Wm. C. Finkle, Israel Zartman and Joseph Slough.

WESTMORELAND CLASSIS.

1. T. J. Barkley and G. H. Johnston.
2. Wm. E. Schmertz.

SANDUSKY CLASSIS.

Revs. J. J. Excell, C. H. Reiter, W. B. Sandoe, D. R. W. &
D. H. Reiter, N. H. Loose, S. E. Herring and O. E. Lake.
Elders T. W. Chapman, Jacob Kuhn, Jos. Lane and H. E.
Dillier.

TIFFEN CLASSIS.

Revs. H. Rust, L. H. Kefauver, P. Tendick, J. G. Ruhl, T. J.
Stauffer, M. Kieffer, D. D. and F. Strassner.
Elders J. Fenstermacher, C. Meyers, T. Swander and Geo.
Robb.

HEIDELBERG CLASSIS.

Revs. J. Rettig, D. Zimmerman, W. H. Fenneman, Josiah M.
J. Bippus, Jos. Kester, C. Weiler, J. Klingler and J. Winter.
Elders H. Knickle, Lewis Kaltsmith, J. Shoemaker, F. J.
horn and D. Stuckey.

ERIE CLASSIS.

Revs. Eli Keller, M. Miller, J. B. Thompson, H. J. Rat
and U. Kuss.
Elders Geo. Schook, Michael Foucht and W. Becker.

IOWA CLASSIS.

None present.

ST. JOSEPH CLASSIS.

Revs. P. Jorris, J. G. Noss, P. Grading, E. D. Miller, H. B.
J. H. Stepler and I. Matzinger.
Elders—None present.

INDIANA CLASSIS.

Revs. Max Stern, J. Leibert and C. T. Martin.
Elder F. W. Schaley.

ILLINOIS CLASSIS.

Rev. J. Hoyman.
Elders—None present.

ST. JOHN'S CLASSIS.

Revs. J. W. Hamm, J. H. Derr, J. M. Grether, Wm. Bea
and S. N. King.
Elders Jonas Bachman and Henry Bott.

SHEBOYGAN CLASSIS.

Revs. J. T. Kluge, N. Rutenik, J. O. Accola, W. Witt
weiler and H. Muhlmier.
Elders—None present.

EASTERN SYNOD.

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Rev. Geo. B Russell.

ARTICLE III.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The election for Officers resulted as follows :

Rev. J. H. Derr, Wooster, O., *President*.

Rev. Eli Keller, Bellevue, O., *Corresponding Secretary*.

Rev. I. H. Reiter, Miamisburg, O., *Treasurer*.

Rev. Geo. W. Williard, Dayton, O., *is the Stated Clerk*.

Rev. P. Grading was appointed to translate and publish the Minutes in German.

The Stated Clerk having stated in the name of the officers of Synod of last year, the reasons why they had, according to the Standing Rule of Synod in such special cases, changed the place of meeting from Lancaster to Galion, Ohio, their action was approved.

ARTICLE IV.

RULES OF SYNOD.

The Rules of Order adopted by Synod for the regulation of its business transactions, were read by the Stated Clerk, and the following hours fixed upon for opening and closing the session of Synod :

Morning Session to commence at 8 $\frac{1}{2}$, and close at 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ o'clock.

Afternoon Session to commence at 2, and close at 5 o'clock.

ARTICLE V.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

Religious Exercises.—Revs. D. Winters, J. Bippus and J. McConnell. Elders, T. W. Chapman and H. Bott.

Minutes of Synod.—Revs. T. J. Barkley, C. H. Reiter, T. F. Stouffer and H. Rust. Elders, Geo. Schook and Jos. Lane.

Overtures.—Revs. C. H. Hoyman, O. E. Lake, D. Winters and G. M. Albright. Elders, C. Staley and I. Zartman.

Minutes of Classes.—Revs. E. Keller, G. H. Johnston, Geo. Rettig and W. Wittenwieler. Elders, W. C. Finkle and J. Shoemaker.

On Examination, Licensure, and Ordination.—Revs. J. Vogt, M. Stern, H. Williard and Geo. B. Russell. Elders, A. H. Baughman and C. Meyers.

On State of Religion and Statistics.—Revs. J. Lichtenstein, T. H. Winters, J. M. Le Fever, C. H. Reiter and C. T. Martin. Elders, J. Kuhn and J. Fenstermacher.

Theological Seminary.—Revs. T. P. Bucher, J. W. Hamra, J. J. Excell and J. Rettig. Elders, Jos. Slough and F. W. Shaley.

Heidelberg College.—Revs. I. H. Reiter, W. H. Fenneman, P. Jorris and J. G. Noss. Elders, Michael Foucht and L. Kalt-smith.

Missions.—Revs. M. Miller, P. Grading, N. H. Loose and D. H. Reiter. Elders, D. Wilkins and H. Knickle.

On Finance.—Revs. J. B. Thompson, J. G. Ruhl, J. Leibert and G. M. Albright. Elders, C. Meyers and H. Bott.

On Publication.—Revs. P. C. Prugh, D. R. Moore, W. B. Sandoe and D. Zimmerman. Elders, W. C. Finkle and J. Slough.

On Nominations.—Revs. J. I. Swander, I. H. Reiter, J. Keester and J. Hannaberry. Elders, C. Staley and J. Fenstermacher.

On Education.—Revs. L. H. Kefauver, J. Heller, Jos. May and S. E. Herring. Elders, J. Kuhn and D. Wilkins.

ARTICLE VI.

1. All communications designed for Synod were referred to the Committee on Overtures.

2. The reading of the Minutes of last year, with those of the Eastern Synod, was dispensed with, and referred to the Committee on Synodical Minutes.

3. The Minutes of the several Classes, except those of Illinois, which Classis failed to furnish a copy of their Minutes, were received, with the Reports on Religion and Statistics, and referred to the Committee on the Minutes of Classes and the Committee on the State of Religion and Statistics.

4. The reports of the different Boards were read, received and referred to their respective Committees.

5. Rev. J. I. Swander read a memorial from the Alumni of the Theological Seminary, respecting Heidelberg College and the Seminary located at Tiffin, Ohio. The memorial was received, and referred to the Committees on the College and Seminary.

ARTICLE VII.

The Committee on Religious Exercises presented their report, which was received and adopted. The report provided for religious services each evening of the session of Synod till Monday. The anniversary of the Alumni was held on Friday evening. Service preparatory to the Communion on Saturday afternoon. The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered Sunday morning. The Missionary anniversary was held Sunday night; and the different pulpits of the place and vicinity filled by members of the Synod.

ARTICLE VIII.

The Committee on Synodical Minutes presented the following report of items claiming the attention of Synod :

MINUTES OF THE SYNOD OF OHIO AND ADJACENT STATES.

Item 1, page 9 Is the re-committal of the subject of the Liturgy, with the request that the Committee go forward with the work, and report at this meeting of Synod.

Item 2, page 9. Is a request that the several Classes examine the printed report of the Committee on the Liturgy, and report a Minute thereon.

Item 3, page 10. Is an expression of regret that the Eastern Synod failed to take any action toward dissolving its Missionary Organization.

Item 4, page 11. Refers to the continuation of the Committee appointed to record, in proper form, the Ter-centenary Reports.

Item 5, page 13. Refers to instruction given to the Stated Clerk of Synod, to correspond with the Stated Clerk of Iowa Classis, and urge him to furnish the time and place of their next annual meeting, the reception and dismissal of ministers, and a full Statistical Report.

Item 6, page 14. Is a request that Sandusky Classis pay its indebtedness to Synod for German Minutes.

Item 7, page 14. The attention of those Classes that have failed to comply with the request of Synod, with regard to Sunday-schools, is called to that subject.

Item 8, page 21. Is the appointment of a Committee, consisting of the Board of the Trustees of the Theological Seminary, to prepare and publish a suitable circular, addressed to our congregations, pastors, classes and pious young men, calling their special attention to the small number of students in the Seminary.

Item 9, page 27. Is a request that the Board of Visitation of Heidelberg College visit the College, ascertain its true condition and its wants, and report at this meeting of Synod.

Item 10, page 27. Is a request that the ministers of the Church use their influence to increase the number of students in Heidelberg College.

Item 11, page 27. Is an appeal to all delinquent Churches to secure the payment of the interest on the outstanding endowment fund of Heidelberg College.

Item 12 page 28. Is a request that the Boards of the Churches and Seminary assign to the present German Professor of the higher classes in the language, and secure the services of a German instructor for the lower classes.

Item 13, page 40. Is a request that the Classes of Western Iowa, Sheboygan and Sandusky, make no more new missionary appointments, but refer all such applications to the General Board; and that the said Classes report annually to the General Board, those missions they desire to retain under their care, together with all receipts and expenditures connected therewith.

Item 14, page 40. Refers to instructions given to the Classes of the Eastern Synod, respecting the dissolution of our Board of Missions in favor of the General Board.

Item 15, page 44. Is the election of Rev. Geo. W. Williams as delegate primarius to the Eastern Synod, and Rev. S. B. Linn as secundus.

Item 16, page 45. Election of the following Board, visitors of the Theological Seminary; Trustees of Heidelberg College; Visitors of Heidelberg College; Visitors of the Theological Seminary; Missions; Publication.

Item 17, page 47. Is a request that each minister act actively in securing subscribers and collecting money for the Western Missionary.

Item 18, page 47. Refers to authority granted to the Board of Publication, to have a prospectus of the Western Missionary printed and distributed throughout the Church.

Item 19, page 51. Refers to the establishment of a Board of our Beneficiary Students, laid on the table till the present meeting of Synod.

Item 20, page 51. Is the appointment of a Committee, consisting of Revs. I. H. Reiter, G. Z. Mechling and Geo. W. Williams, to request a copy of the opening sermon, preached by the Rev. J. Vogt, for publication.

Item 21, page 51. Refers to instructions given to the Classes of the Eastern Synod, with regard to a different arrangement of the publication of the Statistical Tables in the Minutes of the Synod.

Item 22, page 52. Refers to the publication of 1,200 copies

2. The Eastern Synod heartily concurs in the several resolutions of this Synod, in regard—1. To the Revision of the English Book 2. The dissolution of its particular Missionary with a view of organizing the Missionary Board of the Synod. 3. And in the requests to omit the Statistical Tables from the published Minutes.

Respectfully,

T. J. BARKLEY, *Chairman.*

The above report was received and acted on, item by item.

1. The Committee on the Liturgy reported as follows: That the progress has been made during the year in the work of the Committee. Though the favorable action of the Synod of Miami has afforded us sufficient encouragement to continue our labors, which we are resolved to do, yet the subsequent action of a number of the members was of such a discouraging nature, that the Chairman of the Committee came to the conclusion that he could spend his time more profitably in the immediate duties of his calling, and therefore declined to take any further active part with the Committee. Several forms, however, one for the regular Lord's Supper, and one for the burial of the dead, were prepared by the members of the Committee. The Chairman would respectfully request Synod to relieve him from the Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

H. RUST, *Chairman.*

The report, with the action of the different Classes on the subject of the Liturgy, was referred to a special Committee, consisting of H. Williard, J. Lichtenstein and W. H. Fenneman, and

Chairman desires to be relieved from the Committee in case Synod continued it.

In looking upon the subject in its various bearings upon the interests of the church, and in view of the desirableness of securing harmony and uniformity in our worship, your Committee feel convinced that to abandon all further effort to provide a Liturgy for the church, in the present posture of things, would prove detrimental to the future well-being of our Reformed Zion, and would therefore, recommend the continuance of the Committee on the Liturgy, and the appointment of other members in the place of those who ask to be relieved; and that the Committee report to the General Synod, at its approaching meeting, what has been done thus far and revised by this Synod, and request of it that we be allowed to continue our labors.

Respectfully submitted,

H. WILLIARD, *Chairman.*

The Committee, as reconstructed and enlarged, now consists of Revs J. H. Kline, E. Keller, G. W. Williard, J. Bossard, J. Lichtenstein, M. Kieffer, H. J. Rutenik, J. H. Derr and M. Stern.

Item 2. See report on Minutes of Classes.

Item 3. Adopted.

Item 4. The Committee presented the following report, which was received and adopted; and the Committee continued.

The Committee appointed (in 1864) and continued (in 1865) to complete a record of the Ter-centenary operations, as reported by congregations and charges, within the bounds of the Synod of Ohio and Ajaent States, would respectfully report:

That, with all their efforts, they have not succeeded in obtaining the number of reports that they had reason to expect. Only seventy-four charges have sent in reports, leaving over one-half of the charges, within the bounds of the Synod, unreported. While the most of the reports were found satisfactory, there were some that were imperfect and incomplete, owing, in a great measure, to a lack of proper system and practical definiteness in the general plan of the Synod, and to the carelessness and indifference of pastors of charges.

With the view of fully carrying out the instructions of Synod, respecting the Ter-centenary reports, the Committee, consisting of Revs. I. H. Reiter, G. W. Williard and T. P. Bucher, purchased paper of a proper quality, had it ruled and head-lined, and engaged in the work of transcribing the reports on the prepared sheets. This part of the work is not yet fully completed; but the whole volume will soon be finished and bound, according to Synodical direction. And, on the whole, the labors of the Committee on this work have been arduous and somewhat perplexing, requiring

considerable of their time and attention for a number of months during the year.

As regards the Ter-centenary free-will offerings or contributions, it may be stated, that while a few churches reported no such offerings, several others gave merely the sum total, without designating the particular objects to which they were to be devoted. The statistics accompanying this report, are not as full and complete as they should be. The fault of this rests not with the Committee, but with those who, after having been repeatedly requested, neglected to furnish the necessary statistical material. In any inaccuracy or incompleteness in the tabular statement of contributions, the Committee do not hold themselves responsible.

They felt desirous to make the tables full and satisfactory, thus give a true exhibit of the offerings made in grateful remembrance of the goodness and blessing of God bestowed upon a church, during the three hundred years of our existence.

As far as free-will offerings have been reported to the Committee, they evinced a commendable spirit of liberality, and furnish just ground for gratitude and encouragement. This spirit, as an essential element of vital piety and moral earnestness, and as awakened practical self-denial and devotion during the Ter-centenary, needs to be constantly cultivated and employed. In this way people will be kept properly alive in the sphere of Christian volence, and become fully impressed that it is their duty to give to the Lord according to their ability. The Lord is honored and pleased with such a spirit; and the wants and prosperity of the church demand it. Hence, let us as a church, cultivate such a spirit, and give it form and manifestation in our moral and spiritual enterprises. Then God's favor will be with us, and the blessing of peace and prosperity will attend our labors of love in the

tabular statement of all the free-will offerings, as far as reported to the Committee, is hereunto annexed

Respectfully submitted,

ISAAC H. REITER, *Chairman.*

In view of the fact, as stated in the above report, that no reports have been sent the Committee from a number of the pastoral charges within the bounds of Synod, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the special attention of all the Classes be again called to this subject, and that they be instructed at their approaching annual meetings to inquire of all the ministers if they have sent their Ter-centenary Reports to Synod's Committee, and request those who have not as yet done so, to forward them without delay to Rev. I. H. Reiter, of Miamisburg, O., that the Committee may complete its work, and have all the reports bound, as intended by Synod.

MIAMI CLASSIS.									
CHARGES.	MINISTERS.	General Benevolence.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Beneficiary Education.	Theological Seminary.	Heidelberg Collega.	Mission Institute, Wis.	Orphan Home.
Mt. Zion.....	Rev. D. Winters.....	\$294 63	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
1st Eng. Ref., Dayton.....	" T. P. Bucher.....	205 00	108 00		3 00	2 00			
Xenia.....	" P. C. Prugh.....		108 15		29 85	138 25			
Cassar Creek.....	" T. H. Winters.....		15 00		10 00	25 00			
Miamishurg.....	" I. H. Reiter.....		158 10	20 00	40 00	50 00	500 00		
Seven Mile.....	" G. Z. Mechling.....	15 50	52 00		18 75	88 05			
Bethel.....	" G. W. Williard.....		35 35		17 67	17 67			
Germanatown.....	" " (Sup.).....	22 50							
Bear Creek.....	" A. Wanner.....								
West Alexandria.....	" H. M. Herman.....		1,085 57		534 28	33 35			
New Madison.....	" ".....		14 85		7 40	7 45			
St. John's.....	" J. A. Leis.....		14 50		62	74 00	300 00		
Union.....	" J. Richards.....	102 75							
Port Jefferson.....	" S. Shaw.....		35 55		43 75	29 65			
Dallas.....	" J. Stuck.....		41 55						
1st Church, Cincinnati.....	" J. Lichtenstein.....	6 12	71 57		36 00	507 60			
Church of the Cross, Cin.	" S. Mease.....		75 95						
Highland.....	" G. H. Leonard.....		67 50		25 00	25 00			12 93.
Total.....		\$646 51	\$1893 73	\$20 00	\$806 32	\$998 02	\$800 00		\$12 93

SHEBOYGAN CLASSIS.	
Sharon.....	Rev. J. Bosard.....
Total.....	
	\$ 13 00
	\$ 13 00.

LANCASTER CLASSIS.

Farlow.....	\$158 55	\$ 19 75		\$ 14 50	\$ 9 25
Somerset.....	97 77				
Beal.....	58 00	22 40		47 45	2 25
Sugar Grove.....	52 25	96 60			
Total.....	\$966 57	\$138 75		\$ 61 95	\$ 11 50

WESTMORELAND CLASSIS.

Mt. Pleasant.....	\$ 24 10	\$ 58 00		\$ 21 00		\$ 20 75
Wellerburg.....	27 21					
Grace Church.....						
Grantaville.....	11 50	27 00		19 50		11 85
Latrobe.....	67 86	200 45		102 35		
Somerset.....	5 00	119 53				
Salem.....						
Beam's.....						
Total.....	\$135 67	\$404 98		\$142 85		\$ 5 50

SANDUSKY CLASSIS.

Tuscarawas.....	\$	\$ 67 28	\$ 36 34	\$ 36 22	\$ 77 16
Navarre.....		12 00		3 10	5 00
Carrollton.....					
Union.....		86 22	11 10	17 45	
Bristol.....		30 80	18 26	14 75	24 20
North Union.....		28 05	6 75	3 10	
Shelby.....		10 75			
Savannah.....					
Total.....	\$ 87 75	\$214 60	\$ 87 55	\$ 92 62	\$105 36

Foland.....	Rev. G. H. Zumppe.....	\$	\$ 25 85	\$ 26 90	\$ 15 70	\$ 15 67	\$ 9 95	\$ 26 50
Indianapolis	" M. G. I. Stern.....		40 25	5 00	14 00	12 50	37 00	15 00
Dayton.....	" Jas. Leibert.....		31 55				11 75	
Terre Haute.....	" H. Korthauer.....		30 00	16 00	18 00	3 00	7 50	
Bluffton.....	" J. H. Stepler.....	8 25						
Evansville.....	" J. B. Zumppe.....		2 25	4 85	3 70		3 95	
Corydon.....	" Levi Eike.....		52 80					
Boundary City.....	" J. Stuck, (sup.).....		11 05					
Total.....		\$ 8 25	\$193 75	\$ 53 25	\$ 51 40	\$ 33 17	\$ 70 15	\$ 41 50

ST. JOSEPH CLASSIS.

Neriah.....	Rev. S. Z. Beam.....	\$	\$ 28 00	\$ 11 14	\$ 22 00			
Total.....			\$ 28 00	\$ 11 14	\$ 22 00			

ILLINOIS CLASSIS.

Cedarville		\$			\$ 8 50			
Foreston.....	Rev. C. W. Seaman.....	2 50	22 17					
Astoria.....	" J. Stoneberger.....							
Total.....		\$ 2 50	\$ 22 17		\$ 8 50			

IOWA CLASSIS.

Wheatland	Rev. J. C. Khar.....		\$ 39 65	\$			\$	
Zwingle.....	" F. C. Bauman.....		85 40					18 80
Tipton	" J. Kiale.....		74 65	6 76	12 25			
Total.....			\$199 70	\$ 6 76	\$ 12 25			\$ 18 80

TOTAL STATISTICAL SUMMARY.

CLASSES.	No. of Rep'ts.	General Benevolence.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Beneficiary Education.	Tiffin Theol. Seminary.	Heidelberg College.	Mission Institute, Wis.	Orphan Home.	Total by each Classis.
Miami.....	18	\$646 51	\$1883 73	\$ 20 00	\$806 32	\$998 02	\$800 00	\$	\$ 12 93	\$5167 51
Lancaster.....	4	366 57	138 75		61 95	11 50				578 77
Westmoreland.....	8	135 67	404 92		142 85		5 50		102 60	791 60
Sandusky.....	8	86 75	264 60	87 55	92 62	106 36				637 88
Tiffin.....	14		392 67	22 40	144 48	295 75				855 30
St. John's.....	6	11 51	237 30	60 00	61 79	1884 14		70 15	41 80	2254 74
Indiana.....	8	8 25	193 75	52 25	51 40	32 17				449 77
St. Joseph.....	1		28 00	11 14	22 00					61 14
Illinois.....	3	2 50	22 17		8 50					33 17
Iowa.....	3		199 70	6 76	12 25				18 80	237 51
Sheboygan.....	1								13 00	13 00
Total	74	\$1267 76	\$3765 65	\$ 250 10	\$1404 16	\$3327 94	\$ 805 50	\$ 70 15	\$ 189 13	\$11080 39

- a 5. Attended to.
 n 6. Request complied with.
 n 7. See report on Minutes of Classes.
 n 8. The Board attended to the duty assigned it.
 n 9. The Board reported that they had attended to their
 See report under Heidelberg College. The report was
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 n 10. See report on Minutes of Classes.
 n 11. See report on Minutes of Classes.
 n 12. Referred to Committee on Heidelberg College.
 n 13. See report on Minutes of Classes, and on Missions.
 n 14. Attended to duty assigned him.
 n 15. Rev. Geo. W. Williard, the delegate to the Synod of
 America, presented the following report, which was adopted:
 ur delegate would report that he attended the meeting of
 ynod, and that he was present during the greater part of its
 na. The Synod was largely attended, and much interest was
 ested in the general interests of the Church, especially its
 nary operations.

carried, as we were instructed, the congratulations of this
 to our Eastern brethren, and laid before them the matters
 which we were intrusted. The recommendation of the Gen-
 synod in reference to the consolidation of the Boards of Mis-
 in one general Board, was cordially acquiesced in by the
 rn Synod, as it was by us the former year; having been
 y overlooked by them at their meeting after the General
 l. The request of this Synod in regard to the omission of
 tistical tables was also concurred in, so that hereafter the
 al summary will merely be published as suggested. The re-
 in regard to the revision of the Hymn-Book was also con-
 ad.

our delegate was requested by our Eastern brethren to bring
 their congratulations and kind wishes for our prosperity and
 na, in our efforts to build up our common Zion.
 ur expenses in attending the Eastern Synod were fifteen dol-

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. W. WILLIARD.

re Treasurer of Synod was authorized to pay the above bill.

- m 16. The Boards all reported.
 m 17. Adopted.
 m 18. Attended to the duty assigned.
 m 19. Referred to a special Committee, consisting of Revs.
 . Rutenik, Geo. W. Williard and M. Miller; and Elders J.
 and J. Shoemaker. This Committee subsequently presented
 following report, which was adopted.

During the Ter-centenary of the Heidelberg Catechism the idea was suggested of establishing a Home in Tiffin, where indigent students might live together under the supervision of a Professor, to secure cheaper boarding and spiritual progress. The thought was new to most of the brethren, which has delayed the execution of the project. It seems, however, that the want of such a home is being more seriously felt, especially by the Professors, who desire that something of the kind may be provided for our students. We would therefore propose the following resolution :

Resolved, That this interest be committed into the hands of a Committee, consisting of Dr M. Kieffer, Prof. H. Rust, Prof. J. H. Good, Rev. F. Strassner and Elder Geo. Robb, to report to the next Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

H. J. RUTENIK, *Chairman*.

Item 20. The Committee reported that they had attended to their duty; but failed to procure a copy of the sermon for publication.

Item 21. Attended to the duty assigned.

Item 22. Attended to the duty assigned.

Item 23. Attended to the duty assigned. Rev. H. J. Rutenik visited Europe as contemplated, and made a full report to Synod which was submitted to a special Committee, consisting of Rev. M. Stern, M. Kieffer, D. D. and Geo. B. Russell; and Elders Fenstermacher and W. Becker, which Committee subsequently presented the following report, which was adopted :

1. That we express our gratitude to God for his protecting care over our Brother in his journey, and 2. That we thank our Brother for his self-denying exertions.

That the Church may reap the benefit of this visit, the Committee recommend, 1. That we request a copy of the report for publication in the papers of the Church, so that all may have an opportunity to read it

2. That the Stated Clerk of Synod make a faithful extract of the same and incorporate it in our Minutes.

3. That we appoint a Committee to open a correspondence with the churches in Germany which have sent us their Christian salutations.

4. That we call the attention of the General Synod to the report, with the request that it devise some means for supplying our vast German missionary field, either by securing well qualified ministers and teachers directly from the old country, or by establishing there a theological school in which they may be trained, so that our wants may be supplied.

Respectfully submitted.

M. STERN, *Chairman*.

The Committee called for in the above report consists of Revs. H. J. Rutenik, J. Lichtenstein and C. Kuss; and Elders W. Becker and Geo. Schook.

The following is the extract of the report above referred to:

DEAR BRETHREN:—At the last meeting of Synod, I requested you to give me a letter of greeting to our Reformed Brethren in Germany, which I intended personally to present to them. This request I made more from a sense of politeness than from any expectation of permanent results. For I had been lead to believe, with most of our Brethren, that we could hardly expect to form a regular connection with our Brethren in Germany, because again and again we had been assured that in reality there was no Reformed Church left in Germany, but that it had been absorbed entirely in the union established there of the Lutheran and Reformed Churches. But to my great joy and astonishment I found that these preconceived ideas are not in this general sense sustained by facts. Although the union of the Lutheran and the Reformed Church has been accomplished in most places, and although other tendencies of the age have done a great deal to obliterate the distinctive features of the Reformed Church, there is still left a considerable number of congregations that call themselves Reformed, and are acknowledged as such by the Government. They number more than four hundred. It is true, that many of them are Reformed more in name than in spirit, but I have also found large communities which cling to the symbols of their Reformed fathers with a full consciousness and with heartfelt affection. And these have received our greetings with deep interest and with the most lively sympathies.

The faith of these truly Reformed ministers and congregations has rather gained than otherwise by their being forced into the opposition against a union, which they had to reject. By these struggles their convictions have been so deepened and strengthened, that to me communion with them was a constant source of joy, and often when I heard their decided testimonies against the errors of modern theology, did the desire arise within me, that all my American Brethren could be present with me and partake in this communion. It is, after all, a privilege of incalculable value to be deeply rooted and grounded in doctrine and in discipline upon a historical foundation. And the more we grow conscious of this living connection between our present Church and that of our forefathers, the richer we feel ourselves over against the subjective innovations and artificialities of the modern Church, which has so frequently sold territory defended by our fathers' blood for ingenious speculations of human origin.

These Reformed Brethren in Germany attach special importance to the doctrine of sovereign grace. They love to confess that man does not accept of salvation by his own will, but only through the

mercy of God, according to His eternal counsel; and that it is this mercy alone that preserves him in the communion of grace. In their forms of worship they love simplicity above all things; they avoid pomp and outward ornament, and they look upon the preaching of the living Word as the most important and prominent feature of all religious exercises. They prefer free prayers to liturgies; and it is only after severe struggles that some of them have yielded to forms of prayer forced upon them by their State Government. In their government they lay great stress on a strict discipline, and they look upon this as an essential qualification of a truly Reformed Church.

When I reported to our Reformed Brethren in Germany that the American Government does not interfere with the administration of Church discipline; that here we are not necessitated to admit unworthy persons to the sacrament of the Lord's supper, or to confirm, indiscriminately, multitudes of children; that we may preach and pray according to the dictates of our conscience, and the Holy Word of God, they would often lift up their voices in thanksgiving and praise to a merciful Lord who has granted us the privileges of such immeasurable value, and they would ardently pray for the time to come when they would enjoy similar mercies.

They received, with special interest, the account I gave them of our Presbyterian form of Government. When they understood how firmly our Churches are organized, and how by our Board of Domestic Missions we are enabled to plant amongst our German people congregations that do not consist of disorderly and unassimilated multitudes, but are carefully gathered into a communion of men who fear God and love his law; and when I further informed them how urgently we need more faithful fellow laborers in the missionary work, they assured me that they were both able and willing to supply us with pious young Brethren, who might be us, be educated for the gospel ministry. For this purpose, and in order to carry on a regular correspondence with our Church in the country, commissions have been formed at different central places. Thus the Presbytery of Elberfeld, representing more than 24,000 members of the Reformed Church, have, after mature deliberation, elected a Committee of the most influential men for this purpose. In the principality of Lippe a similar Committee was formed, consisting of the chief officer of the Church there, and other men of high standing. The same was done in the cities of Bremen and Emden. In Mulheim on the Ruhr, Pastor Strusburg has promised to act in a similar manner; in Halle, Pastor A. Zahn; in Vienna, Prof. E. Boöhe. The Northern Lloyd, a mercantile company in trade between Bremen and New York, have agreed to furnish their steamers transportation to all the young men, to be sent out by these commissions, at one-half of their rates.

It remains now to thank the Lord for His great mercies shown

us in this enterprise, and to take such measures, that we may, as a Church, follow up these advantageous openings in order to reap their benefits.

Respectfully,

H. J. RUTENIK.

EASTERN SYNOD.

Item 1. Adopted.

Item 2. Adopted.

The report was adopted as a whole.

ARTICLE IX.

OVERTURES.

The Committee on Overtures beg leave to offer the following report, which was adopted:

1. CALL FROM VACANT CHARGES.

Is a request from the Marion Charge, asking Synod to aid them in getting a Pastor.

The petitioners were referred to Heidelberg Classis, in whose bounds the charge lies, with the request that it provide them a suitable Pastor, as soon as possible.

2. PETITIONS.

Item 1. Is a letter from the President of the General Board of Domestic Missions, asking Synod to take some action to awaken a greater interest in raising funds to extend our missionary interests.

See the report of the Committee on Missions.

Item 2. Elder John J. Bushong, of Syracuse, Indiana, prays Synod to release him from the payment of a note held against him by the Trustees of Heidelberg College.

Referred to the Board of Trustees of Heidelberg College, with the request that they give his petition a careful consideration, in view of his age and reverses in life.

Item 3. O. J. Accola, in the name of the congregation at Freeport, Illinois, prays Synod for the use of eight hundred dollars, from the Church Extension Fund, for the erection of a church building in the above named place.

Referred to the Board of Church Extension.

Item 4. Rev. H. A. Winter urgently requests Synod to give immediate help in the erection of a church building in Milwaukee.

Adopted, and the enterprise commended to the favor and liberality of the Church.

Item 5. The Theological Alumni Association requests the Synod to adopt some plan of systematic benevolence, and instructs the ministers to carry it out.

Referred to a Committee, consisting of Revs. M. Kieffer, D. and T. J. Barkley, and Elder Wm. E. Schmertz, to perfect some plan that may commend itself to the favor of the Church, and report at the next meeting of Synod.

3. APPEALS AND COMPLAINTS.

None.

4. LETTERS OF APOLOGY FROM ABSENT MEMBERS.

Item 1. Rev. J. G. Zahner asks to be excused for not attending the meeting of this Synod, for reasons assigned. Excused.

Item 2. Rev. S. E. Herring asks to be excused for leaving the Synod without permission, for reasons assigned. Excused.

Item 3. Is a Parochial Report from the Shelbyville congregation.

Referred to the Committee on Statistics.

Respectfully submitted,

C. W. HOYMAN, *Chairman*

ARTICLE X.

MINUTES OF CLASSES.

The Committee on the Minutes of Classes reported. The report was received and acted on, item by item.

IRREGULARITIES.

Item 1. Iowa Classis fails to give time or place of their next annual meeting. Adopted.

Item 2. Indiana Classis received a minister (Rev. Z. Geckler) from the Evangelical Synod of Chicago, "on probation," after having "conscientiously examined" his views, &c., and recommended him to the Linton charge.

Adopted, and the matter referred back to the Classis, calling their attention to the constitutional requirement in the case.

Item 3. Indiana Classis resolved, That Rev. H. Eschmeier be considered a member of their body, as soon as he would forward his dismission from Heidelberg Classis, and appointed a Committee of Installation. Adopted.

Item 4. Indiana Classis received Rev. J. J. Simons through their officers. Adopted.

Item 5. St. John's Classis cedes a congregation to the St. Paul's Classis, to strengthen the Sharon charge, under the pastoral care of Rev. S. J. Meyer. Adopted.

stenstein, J. Vogt, G. H. Johnston, J. J. Excell, H. Rust, G. E. Keller, P. Grading, M. Stern, J. Hoyman, J. M. R. and H. Muhlmier; and Elders D. Wilkins, W. E. Metz and J. Kuhns. This Committee subsequently reported. The report gave rise to a long and earnest discussion, which resulted in the adoption of the following resolution, as a substitute report:

Resolved, That in answer to the requests of the several Classes, this Synod gives its consent to the formation of a District consisting of Erie, Indiana, Sheboygan, Heidelberg and Joseph Classes, to be called the North Western Synod of the Reformed Church, and recommends them to the General Synod, which alone has the power to create such bodies.

2. Heidelberg Classis desires, through this Synod, to request the General Synod to determine boundary lines, in such way that the different German Classes may constitute themselves into a District Synod. Referred to the above committee.

3. Lancaster Classis requests Synod to apportion such portions of Synodical Minutes as they ask for—neither more nor less according to Constitution Art. 72, item 6. Request granted.

4. Lancaster Classis asks Synod to request all ministers to unite themselves with the Classes, in whose bounds they

are appointed, and the attention of ministers called to the constitutional requirements in the case.

5. Erie Classis requests Synod to aid in carrying out the proposed plan to aid poor and disabled ministers, stating that the English charges have proved deficient.

Resolved, and referred to a special Committee, consisting of

Resolved, That Synod appoint a Board of Directors, and they make an apportionment of said amount.

Respectfully submitted,

M. MILLER

The report was adopted. The present Board of Directors constituted Synod's Board till the next meeting of Synod.

The following is the apportionment made and adopted by Synod of the above amount:

Miami Classis, \$175; Lancaster, \$75; Westmoreland, \$100; Sheboygan, \$50; Tiffin, \$80; Erie, \$120; Iowa, \$30; St. John's, \$110; Indiana, \$70; Illinois, \$50; St. John's, \$150. The amount thus apportioned, Synod requests the Classes to raise as soon as possible, as it is now greatly needed to meet the payment due, and forward to Rev. Eli Keller, of Bellevue, O., who is Treasurer of the Board.

Item 6. Erie Classis favors the formation of a German Synod properly constituted. Referred to the Committee on German Synod.

Item 7. Indiana Classis requests the formation of a German Synod. Referred to the same Committee.

Item 8. St. John's Classis requests Synod to take the preliminary steps for the formation of a north-western Synod, to be composed of German or prevalingly German Classes, and to make necessary constitutional changes thereto. Referred to the same Committee.

Item 9. St. John's Classis requests to have the Minutes of the General Synod in pamphlet form; and the Minutes of the Synod, in extract, published in our church papers, which copies are to be printed in large numbers for distribution. Request granted.

Item 10. Sheboygan Classis requests Synod to equalize traveling expenses of all its attending members, so as to enable those who live at a distance to attend the sessions of Synod, as well as those who live in central portions.

Referred to a special Committee, consisting of Revs. H. J. Kenik and I. H. Reiter, and Elder W. C. Finkle. This Committee subsequently submitted the following report, which was adopted.

The request of Sheboygan Classis to have provision made for an apportionment of the traveling expenses of the delegates or members of Synod, is of considerable importance. It has often given us pain to see that brethren living at a distance were unable, owing to their heavy expenses, to attend regularly all the meetings of Synod. We need their advice, and we feel a hearty desire to see them face to face. And they need that encouragement which is derived from a regular intercourse with the brethren of Synod. And this the more so, since those brethren living at a distance have, proportionally, the heaviest work to do, and are exposed

the greatest tribulations. The Constitution of our church, in its present form, does not allow Synod to defray the traveling expenses of delegates, but leaves this to be provided for by the several Classes. Neither does it seem advisable, at this time, to propose a change of the Constitution on this question, in as much as a division into district Synods seems near at hand, by which the above complaints would be remedied to a great extent. Nevertheless, we can hardly persuade ourselves to pass over the matter without any action. We feel that we ought to leave nothing undone, that might serve to promote a general feeling of harmony amongst all the brethren, from the Rocky Mountains to the Alleghanies. We would, therefore, respectfully propose the following resolution, as an extraordinary measure :

Resolved, That this Synod instruct its Treasurer, until a subdivision into district Synods is effected, to pay half of the traveling expenses of all those delegates living west of Indiana.

Item 11. Sheboygan Classis earnestly requests Synod to aid the Chicago Mission to pay their church debt; and the Milwaukie Mission in the erection of a church. Referred to the Board of Church Extension.

Item 12. Westmoreland Classis respectfully requests Synod to be dismissed to the Eastern Synod. The request was laid on the table till the next meeting of Synod.

3. SUBJECTS REFERRED TO THE CLASSES.

Item 1. Iowa Classis objects to the plan of the provisional Liturgical forms, on account of the absence of responsive service. Referred to the special Committee on the Liturgy.

Item 2. Lancaster and Miami Classes hail with joy the efforts of the Liturgical Committee, and desire the same to continue, so that a Liturgy may eventually be provided that will meet our wants. Referred to the same Committee.

Item 3. Sheboygan Classis desires Synod not to have the Liturgical labors carried any further, on account of their deviations from the old Reformed formulas. Referred to the same Committee.

Item 4. Indiana Classis considers the Liturgical forms reformed in spirit, but defective in form, hence recommends a revision. Referred to the same Committee.

Item 5. Erie Classis is not prepared, as yet, to give judgment with regard to the Liturgical formulas. Referred to the same Committee.

Item 6. Heidelberg Classis expresses hearty thanks to the Liturgical Committee for their labors; yet, in view of the fact that the provisional Liturgy of the East is under revision, requests Synod that her Liturgical Committee be discharged. Referred to the same Committee.

Item 7. Tiffin Classis wishes to be excused for not giving judgment as regards the prepared Liturgical formulas. Referred to the same Committee.

Item 8. St. Joseph Classis encourages the Liturgical labors of our Committee, yet recommends more care in the use of language. Referred to the same Committee.

Item 9. Westmoreland Classis re-affirms their approval of the provisional Liturgy of the Eastern Synod; desire its revision, but wish to have all its essential parts retained. Referred to the same Committee.

Item 10. Sandusky Classis requested its Board of Missions to lay the request of Synod, together with the condition of the American Mission, before the General Board of Missions. Adopted.

Item 11. Sandusky Classis instructed their Treasurer to pay the amount due to Synod for their German Minutes. Adopted.

Item 12. All the Classes acquiesce in Synod's request to encourage pious young men to devote themselves to the gospel ministry.

Item 13. All the Classes acquiesce in Synod's request in reference to Sunday-school statistics. Adopted.

Item 14. Synod's request as regards delinquencies in the interest on Endowment Fund was adopted, by Miami, Sandusky, St. Joseph, Westmoreland, Heidelberg, St. John's, Indiana, and Tiffin Classes. Adopted.

Item 15. In regard to the classical Boards of Missions, Westmoreland Classis accedes to the wishes of Synod. Shelby County Classis intimates that they will soon do the same. Iowa Classis passed the matter by without action. Adopted as it respects the first two Classes, whilst the attention of Iowa is called to the subject of Synod on this subject.

Item 16. Sandusky Classis finds the Liturgy defective, and requests the Committee to make such alterations as to meet the wants of the church. Referred to the Committee on the Liturgy.

4. RECEPTIONS AND DISMISSIONS.

Item 1. Heidelberg Classis licensed and ordained Joseph Renter to the gospel ministry; dismissed Rev. H. Eschmeier to the Indiana Classis; and Rev. Kahlen to the Erie Classis, and P. Grammer to the St. Joseph Classis.

Item 2. Lancaster Classis received Rev. Geo. H. Leonard from the Miami Classis, and A. B. Koplín from the St. Joseph Classis.

Item 3. St. John's Classis excommunicated the licentiate D. Lehman, on account of immoral conduct and contempt of authority; received Rev. W. Renter from Tiffin Classis, and dismissed Rev. J. B. Ruhl to St. Joseph Classis.

Item 4. Erie Classis dismissed Rev. J. Heller to Miami Classis.

Item 5. St. Joseph Classis licensed and ordained E. D. Miller of the Theological Seminary, to the holy ministry; erased

ev. J. Brakefield, after having failed for three successive years to appear himself or to send in any report; dismissed Rev. Wm. Renter to Sheboygan Classis, and A. B. Koplin to Lancaster Classis; received Rev. C. Jackel to the Lutheran Synod of Pittsburgh; and Rev. J. B. Ruhl from St. John's Classis, and Rev. P. C. Prugh from Heidelberg Classis.

Sheboygan Classis received the Rev. T. Kunzler from the Evangelical Synod of Chicago; Rev. H. Hanhart of the same Synod; Rev. A. Leipp from the Lutheran Synod of Wisconsin; Rev. Kurzman from the Lancaster Classis of the Eastern Synod; and Rev. Prof. H. Kurtz from the Evangelical Assembly of Prussia; dismissed Rev. C. Schiller to St. John's Classis, and Rev. Wm. Renter to Lancaster Classis, Pa., and Rev. I. Matzinger to Joseph Classis; licensed and ordained J. Grob to the ministry, and ordained the licentiate H. C. Schopple; and received Rev. Helming and J. Gehring to preach the gospel.

Tiffin Classis received and ordained the licentiate T. J. Seipel from the Tiffin Classis; and dismissed Rev. Wm. Renter to St. John's Classis; and received and ordained the licentiate T. J. Seipel from the Tiffin Classis.

Miami Classis received Rev. J. Heller from Erie Classis; Rev. J. M. Le Fever from Sandusky Classis, and Rev. H. C. Schopple from the Maryland Classis; and dismissed Rev. G. H. Johnston to Lancaster Classis, and Rev. T. H. Winters to Sandusky Classis.

Iowa Classis received Rev. F. Hilhurst, of the Illinois Synod; and dismissed Rev. F. Wall to Westmoreland Classis.

Westmoreland Classis received Rev. F. Wall from the Iowa Synod; and Rev. Jno. Baumgartner from the German Reformation of Switzerland; dismissed Rev. F. Wall to Miami Classis.

Sandusky Classis received Rev. J. R. Shepler from the First Brethren Church; ordained the licentiate O. E. Lake, of the Theological Seminary at Tiffin; received and ordained the licentiate S. S. Miller; dismissed Rev. J. M. Le Fever to the Iowa Synod, and deposed the Rev. J. Hines from the gospel ministry.

5. ANNUAL MEETING OF CLASSES.

Miami Classis will meet at Greenville, Darke Co., O., on Wednesday evening at 7 o'clock, October the 18th, 1866. Rev. T. H. Winters, President; Rev. P. C. Prugh, Clerk.

Lancaster Classis will meet on Wednesday, October the 19th, at 7 o'clock P. M., in Kinnick-kinnick. President, Rev. J. Hannabery; Clerk, Rev. J. Hannabery.

Westmoreland Classis will meet in Somerset, Pa., September the 20th, 1866, at 7½ o'clock P. M. Rev. G. H. Johnston, President; Rev. T. J. Barkley, Clerk.

4. Sandusky Classis will meet on the first Thursday after second Tuesday in October, 1866, at 7 o'clock P. M. in Shelby, President, Rev. S. B. Leiter; Rev. N. H. Loose, Clerk.

5. Tiffin Classis will meet at Salems Church, Seneca county, on the third Friday in August, 1866, at 8 o'clock P. M. Rev. M. Kieffer, President; Rev. F. Strassner, Clerk.

6. St. Joseph Classis will meet the 18th of October, 1866, 7 o'clock P. M., in the St. John's Church, Marshall county, I. Rev. P. Vitz, President; Rev. J. H. Klein, Clerk.

7. Indiana Classis will meet in Mullberry congregation, Clinton county, Ind., providing said congregation then have a regular minister, otherwise, at Terre Haute, at 7½ o'clock P. M., on first Thursday after full moon, in September, 1866. Rev. Stern, President; Rev. C. T. Martin, Clerk.

8. Illinois Classis not reported or sent in time.

9. Iowa Classis will meet at Tipton, Iowa, Sept. 20, 1866, 4 o'clock. Rev. F. C. Bauman, President; Rev. J. Riale, Clerk.

10. St. John's Classis will meet at Canfield, Mahoning county, O., on Friday, before full moon in October, at 7 o'clock, P. M. 1866. Rev. G. Ziegler, President; Rev. J. G. Zahner, Clerk.

11. Sheboygan Classis will meet in the Emanuel's Church, Sheboygan county, Wisconsin, on the 16th of October, 1866, 7 o'clock P. M. Rev. M. A. Muhlmeier, President; Rev. H. Winter, Clerk.

12. Heidelberg Classis will meet on the 20th of September, 1866, at 7 o'clock P. M., in the Windfall congregation, Crawford county, O. Rev. J. Rettig, President; Rev. W. H. Fennem, Clerk.

13. Erie Classis will meet on the 25th of October, 1866, in the Second German Reformed Church, Cleveland, O., at 7 o'clock P. M. Rev. C. Kuas, President; Rev. M. Miller, Clerk.

The report was adopted as a whole.

ARTICLE XI.

EXAMINATION, LICENSURE AND ORDINATION.

Application having been made in behalf of Messrs. Charles Schaff and Sebastian C. Goss, students of the Theological Seminary, for examination and licensure, they were referred to the Committee on Examination, &c., which Committee subsequently reported, through their chairman, Rev. J. Vogt:

That they had examined the applicants in the different branches taught in our Seminary and required by the Constitution of the Church, and were pleased to say it was satisfactory.

The report was adopted, whereupon it was *Resolved*, That

ts, Charles Schaff and Sebastian C. Goss, be licensed to the gospel, and that the officers of Synod furnish them testimonials of licensure, upon their signing the constitution, which was done in the presence of Synod, the licentiates, Charles Schaff was placed under the Tiffin, and Sebastian C. Goss under that of the Lantassiss.

ARTICLE XII.

RELIGION AND MORALS.

Committee on Religion and Statistics presented the following, which was adopted:

ed Fathers and Brethren:—From the various classical on religion and morals, we are convinced that, by the assistance of our Great Head and Shepherd, Jesus Christ, the past Synodical year, the work of preserving and up- his holy church has progressed with trowel and sword, anied with rich and visible blessings. The Lord has ful- is comforting promise, "Lo I am with you alway" Our and hearty thanks are due for his Divine favor. At the me we confess and pray, "Lord, we are unworthy servants; ot into judgment with us." Unto Thee belongeth all the

trated thus with humility and gratitude, we are better pre- o portray the state of religion and morals within the bounds part of our beloved Zion to which we belong.

time like ours, when the seriousness of life is recognized ; when a superficial and materialistic age, with its debasing ; of Mammon, and increasing sensuality, is unable to ap- d the wonderfully mysterious counsel of Divine judgment rey ; when places of amusement are preferred to the courts Most High, and worldly sentimentality to the preaching of nce and faith ; when so many false prophets cry, "let us d drink, for to-morrow we die;" when so many apostat- m the pure word of doctrine through that poisonous color- ick makes enjoyment and pleasure the only end of human ce—in such a time, that God's fidelity to his promise, "my hall not return unto me void," has been so signally mani- in many of our congregations, is a matter for devout grati- nd praise. The gospel has been preached with marked ; the sacraments have been administered, quickening be- in the new life by the blessings of his grace ; the banner t that was crucified and rose again, has remained with us to y, and by a firm adherence to the right on our part, the as given it victories, and extended the boundaries of his

kingdom through our instrumentality. True, proud and haughty spirits, in their vanity, have despised the call of Divine grace, still the dews of Divine grace have descended upon us like the refreshing rain upon the grass, and the ambassadors of Christ have not been allowed to faint in their labors of love; but in season and out of season, they have not ceased to invite sinners to follow Him who opens the blind eyes, who clothes the naked with garments of his righteousness, and nourishes the weak with bread and water of life.

The reports are not altogether free from complaint, however, notwithstanding the richness of the blessings offered in the means of grace, and manifold manifestations of the Holy Spirit in awakening, converting and sanctifying sinners, there is a languor over the lukewarmness and dead formalism of many. A showy zeal and activity exists. Much is done because it has to be done. The activity, in too many cases, is not prompted by the Holy Spirit from within—by a conscious love to God and his Church, but by a mere outward pressure. Furthermore, there are open sins and vices to some extent in vogue. The Lord's Day, which should be a day of blessing, is degraded by being made to serve the pleasures of the heart and the lust of the flesh. Licentiousness and dissipation, which ought not to be named amongst us, are but too often thrown up by some, so as to withstand the progress of the work. Then, also, there is such a great want of liberality and interest in the cause of missions, and too scanty a support provided for those who labor in word and doctrine. Oh that there were no cause for such complaint amongst us! Oh that there were more of the spirit of prayer, of family worship, of the anxious catechism and regard for church discipline. This would remedy many of the evils deprecated, to some extent. And then, too, when we glance at the extensive fields which the Lord of the harvest would have us to till—fields both at home and in heathen lands, and when we hear the cry of those who have to live without the means of grace, who are yet in darkness and in the shadow of death, saying "Come over and help us!" and when we hear the Lord calling upon us to become co-workers in the sowing and reaping, surely we should lay aside apathy and lingering deliberation, as though Christ did not call us, and the work were not his work, and the command which we are to obey were not his command. We should come up more to the help of the Lord against the mighty. Who are the young men of the Church who are willing to prepare for the gospel ministry, and devote themselves to that sacred service and office? We find no such joyful information in the reports before us. Yet we will not despair. The arm of the Lord is not suddenly shortened. We know his ways and means are always in his hand, and that he will provide.

On the other hand, it is very encouraging to know that a livel

Interest is taken in Catechetical instruction—that the young people of the Church are indoctrinated in the pure word of truth, and our ecclesiastical Confession. The Lord grant that we, his faithful servants, may be so faithful in this respect, that our sons and daughters may grow up in piety and in the knowledge of our Church doctrines, and never turn their backs upon the mother that bore them. Our Sunday-schools appear to be in a flourishing condition. The Good Shepherd cares for the lambs of the flock. Why should we not strive to keep them from the seductive influences of the world in their early life, fortify them against temptation, and prepare them to resist the falsehoods of the world's wisdom, and enable them to walk firmly in the ways of God, in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation. Parochial schools, properly conducted, would render efficient service to our church in this direction, and promote its extension. On the whole, the good Lord has given us peace and harmony and an increasing zeal for the cause of Christ. May he make our prospects more hopeful, as we have the pledges of success in word and work, in his suffering and victory!

We are called upon to mourn the departure of three ministerial brethren from the ranks of the church militant to the church triumphant, to-wit: The Rev. J. Stoneberger, a faithful and devoted missionary of seventeen years' experience and labor; the Rev. W. Conrad, who has served the Church, with efficiency and zeal, for many years; and Rev. F. Rahausser, who, in a good old age, and after a long and faithful service, has entered upon the rest of God's people.

The ministers of the Word may die, but their work and testimony live after them. May the Captain of our salvation, Jesus Christ, the Great Head of the Church, fill their places with those who will walk before the Lord blameless, in charity, in the spirit, in faith and chastity.

Respectfully submitted,

J. LICHTENSTEIN, *Chairman.*

The Statistical Report was prepared and read by Rev. T. H. Winters, and adopted by Synod. It will be found in its appropriate place, after the regular proceedings. There being no report from the Illinois Classis, the Corresponding Secretary was instructed to write to its Clerk, and have him forward it at once to the Stated Clerk of Synod, so that it may be incorporated in the published Minutes; and as the reports of some of the Classes are still defective, notwithstanding all the requests of Synod in the past, it was

Resolved, That the attention of the different Classes be again called to the necessity of having their Statistical Reports full and complete, and that if any fail to do so in the future, they be publicly censured.

ARTICLE XIII.
THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

The Committee on the Theological Seminary, to documents pertaining to this subject were referred, following report, through the Chairman, Rev. T. P. J was received and adopted:

FINANCES.

From the report of the President and Treasurer of Trustees of the Theological Seminary, we learn that all financial engagements for the year have been met, the salaries of the Theological Professors paid in full, and a balance remaining in the Treasury.

Also, that the funds coming into their hands, during the year, from such sources as paid up bonds and net proceeds from the sale of the Professor's house, amounting to \$1,289 17, have been properly invested. The property which was proving an unprofitable investment, was sold and the balance secured by mortgage on

The following report of the Treasurer of the Board, Rev. D. Winters, will exhibit the finances in detail:

IMMEDIATE USE.

1865.	
Jan. 3,	To cash in the Treasury at the last Synod.....
" 13,	" Cash Library Fund, by W. Schmertz.....
July 10,	" Rev. J. Rinehart, on German Bond.....
" 10,	" Rev. J. Rinehart for Michael E. Dutterer, Ges.....
" 27,	" D. Winters, interest.....
" 27,	" M. Kieffer, D. D., interest.....
" 31,	" Joel Trish, interest.....
Aug. 1,	" Rev. J. Leibert, Zion congregation collection..
" 1,	" D. Wampler, interest.....
" 26,	" John Prugh, per Rev. D. Winters, interest.....
" 30,	" U. S. Bonds, interest.....
" 31,	" Rev. J. W. Hamm, col. in Emanuel congregati
" 31,	" Rev. J. W. Hamm, for Sam'l Burgnor's intere
Sept. 9,	" C. Crist, interest.....
" 26,	" Rev. D. Winters, col. in Mt. Zion charge.....
Oct. 12,	" Rev. N. H. Loose, col. in Shelby charge.....
" 13,	" Rev. T. H. Winters for Abel Peterson, interest
" 13,	" S. B. Leiter, col. in Tuscarawas charge.....
" 13,	" New Madison charge col.....
" 13,	" St. Paris charge col., per Rev. J. Richards.....
" 17,	" Rev. B. S. Schneck, D. D., Trustee for Mrs. J Duffield, interest on note for Ger. Professors
" 17,	" U. S. Bonds, interest and premium.....
" 17,	" Greenville charge, per Rev. McCaughey.....
" 17,	" Rev. G. W. Williard, Bethel charge.....
Nov. 15,	" Rev. I. H. Reiter, Miamisburg.....
" 28,	" Rev. Hannabery, Sugar Grove col.....

Dec. 31,	"	Rev. D. Winters from D. H. Prugh, interest.....	5 00
" 31,	"	Rev. D. Winters from J. V. Prugh, interest.....	3 00
1866.			
Jan. 5,	"	Rev. W. H. Fenneman, Lima Mission.....	3 50
" 17,	"	A. & J. Mast and Eliza Abe. interest.....	3 93
Feb. 3,	"	Paid back by Rev. Rust on deeds.....	2 00
" 8,	"	Rev. P. C. Prugh, col., Beaver congregation.....	8 29
" 8,	"	Rev. P. C. Prugh from Miss Sarah Hivling, interest...	6 00
" 12,	"	Rev. D. Winters, interest.....	69 78
Mar. 1,	"	U. S. Bonds, interest.....	16 62
" 16,	"	Rev. L. H. Kefauver, Tiffin col.....	10 00
" 21,	"	Rev. H. Rust for B. F. Meyers, interest.....	3 50
Apr. 6,	"	Rev. M. Kieffer, D. D., interest.....	36 00
" 19,	"	John Weist, Phila., Int., Ger. Professorship.....	30 00
" 23,	"	Messrs. O. Gross & Bro., Phila., Ger. Professorship....	30 00
" 29,	"	Rev. D. Winters, col. in Mt. Zion Charge.....	52 00
May 1,	"	Rev. J. A. Peters, for Rev. B. Knepper's charge.....	5 70
" 1,	"	U. S. Bonds, interest and premium.....	151 29
" 3,	"	Rev. P. C. Prugh, col., Xenia.....	5 00
" 3,	"	Rev. P. C. Prugh for A. Fauver, interest.....	5 00
" 7,	"	Thos. Shaeffer, interest.....	28 10
" 8,	"	M. Keiffer, D. D., interest col.....	1 50
" 22,	"	B. S. Schneck, interest on note.....	10 00
" 24,	"	Rev. T. P. Bucher, Dayton col.....	5 00
" 24,	"	Rev. H. Williard, interest.....	6 00
" 24,	"	Rev. Hoyman, Somerset charge col.....	5 00
Total.....			\$1,577 83

CONTRA CR.

1866.			
Aug. 1,	Express charges on money.....	\$	80
Nov. 18,	Paid Rev. G. W. Williard the Library Fund.....	500	00
Dec. 8,	Paid Lahr's bill of repairs on house....	42	61
1866.			
Jan. 5,	Deeds and stamps on house.....	6	75
Apr. 3,	Premium on U. S. Bonds.....	9	00
" 6,	Collecting money on check.....	1	50
	Paid Prof. M. Kieffer, D. D., salary and house rent, in full, to May 1, 1866.....	725	00
	Paid Rev. H. Rust, German Professor, salary.....	250	00
May 14,	Postage stamps.....	1	50
			\$1537 16
Leaving a balance in the Treasury, May 24, 1866.....			\$ 40 67

ENDOWMENT FUND.

1865.		Dr.
July 31,	Received of Joel Treesch	\$ 50 00
1866.		
Feb. 3,	Received of Rev. H. Rust, on sale of house.....	200 00
Mar. 18,	Received of B. F. Meyers, in full of note.....	25 00
Apr. 6,	Received of Rev. M. Kieffer, D. D., in full of note.....	600 00
May 22,	Received of Rev. B. S. Schneck, D. D., Trustee of Mary Ann Duffield, on note.....	500 00
Total.....		\$1375 00

CONTRA CR.

1865.

Due Treasurer on last settlement, (see Minutes of last Synod).....	\$12 64
April 3, Invested in U. S. Bonds.....	200 00
May 21, " " " ".....	463 53
May 22, " " " ".....	625 64
Total,.....	<u>\$1301 81</u>

Leaving a balance in the Treasury, May 24, 1866, of.....\$ 73 19

In regard to certain of these financial transactions, the Committee recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That Synod ratify the sale of the aforesaid real estate.

Resolved, That Synod approves the management of the finances for the past year.

Resolved, That our thanks are due to the friends of the Seminary, who have paid their bonds and notes so timely.

INCREASE OF SALARY.

The Board of Trustees recommend an increase of the Professors' salaries. Both the credit of the Church and justice to "the laborer," who "is worthy of his hire," would seem to demand this forward step. The Committee, therefore, submit in this connection, the following.

Resolved, That a sufficient endowment be added to the present fund, so as to meet, by the accruing interest, an increase of salary equal to \$175 to each Professor.

DUTIES OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

In this report, also, the Synod is requested to define the duties and obligations of the Board of Trustees to the Seminary, whether they refer merely to the finances, or embrace also a supervision over the institution itself. The request is made in view of an interruption in the recitations of the Seminary, through the protracted illness of one of the Professors. The loss was sensibly felt by the students; but, in the effort to provide a temporary Professor, there was no authority found to do so outside of the Synod. Hence, this Board wishes to have its duties defined, and if the legitimate Body to provide for any such-like contingency which may hereafter occur, that it be empowered to act accordingly. The Committee would, therefore, suggest the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the Board of Trustees is judicial and executive, not only in financial matters, but also, in connection with the Faculty of the Seminary, in providing for necessary teaching force, and such other wants of the Seminary as may providentially arise between the intervals of Synod.

Resolved, further, That the interests of the Seminary require the full services of the German Professor, as soon as the arrangements can be made therefor, and that the attention of the Board of Trustees be called to this matter.

INCREASE OF ENDOWMENT.

From the report of this Board, we learn, also, the great need of increasing the Endowment Fund, and of urging upon pastors promptness in taking collections for the immediate use of the Seminary.

The present endowment pays little more than the 2d and 4th quarters' salaries, the 1st and 3d installments being necessarily dependent upon collections taken for immediate use of the Seminary, which may be seen from the following exhibit of her financial condition :

Investment in U. States Bonds and Loans.....	\$8,600 00
(a) Plainfield bonds and notes, regarded available.....	2,400 00
On which there is \$850 interest unpaid.	
(b) Plainfield bonds and notes, not available and worthless.....	2,000 00
On which there is \$1,500 interest due.	

Some of this unavailable fund, by judicious effort, may be collected. It is in the hands of our own people. They are now unable and unwilling to pay, but some of them may yet be able to discharge part of their indebtedness, at least. There is a reasonable expectation of realizing \$100 per annum from this quarter. Now, taking this, with the interest on the \$11,000 available endowment, and the \$850 of interest back-standing on bonds and notes of the first class, the Seminary has an annual income from these sources, sufficient, perhaps, to meet the salary of one Professor.

The Synod may see from this, that to meet the salaries of two full Professors, the necessity of urging upon the various pastoral charges prompt and liberal collections for the "immediate use," or, what is more desirable, a large increase of the endowment fund, so as to place the Seminary on a solid financial basis.

Under this topic of the report, the Committee would suggest, for adoption, the following resolutions :

Resolved, That all our pastors take up collections for the immediate use of the Seminary, and that they remember with fresh interest the claims which the Theological Seminary has upon the liberality of our people.

Resolved, That the Faculty of the Seminary and Board of Trustees, be authorized to make such efficient efforts to increase the Endowment Fund, as to them may be most expedient and desirable.

INCREASE OF CANDIDATES FOR THE MINISTRY.

From the report of the Board of Visitors, we learn that the examinations in the Seminary were satisfactory. Eight young men, Messrs. E. D. Miller, Em'l Shultze, W. C. B. Shulenberger,

Chas. Schaaf, S. C. Goss, J. B. Shumaker, L. Crist and F. Merckens, were in attendance during the year; one of whom has entered upon the work of the ministry, and two others were licensed to preach the gospel by this Synod.

The lamentation of last year over the paucity of candidates for the gospel ministry, is repeated, and the attention of Synod called to it. Provision has been made for the theological training of pious young men, yet but few of them are found preparing for this department of Christian labor. Our College and Seminary are languishing for the want of young men looking forward to the ministry—just that class of students to fill their halls as will make these institutions best subserve the interests of the Church.

The main features of this report may be embodied in the following resolutions, which the Committee submit for adoption :

Resolved, That the earnest attention of our churches be called to the small number of candidates in course of preparation for the gospel ministry.

Resolved, That our ministers and elders should seek out young men of piety and talents, and urge upon them personally to consecrate themselves to the service of God in this highest of all callings.

Resolved, That we beseech the Great Head of the Church, in fervent prayer, in behalf of our Institution, that the Theological Seminary may become a center of attraction, as a school of the prophets, a fountain of blessedness for our Western Zion; and that the spirit of God may be so graciously poured out upon all our congregations, that not only may our sons prophesy, and our young men see visions, as on Pentecost, but that from their number may be brought into the College and Seminary many who shall become priests of priests and prophets of prophets.

LIBRARY.

We are also pleased to learn, from the report of the President of the Board of Trustees, that a valuable addition to the Theological Library, of standard English and German works, has been made during the year. Three hundred dollars have been expended for this purpose, and it is thought wisely expended.

Therefore, Resolved, In view of the importance of a full Theological Library, and of additions being made thereto from year to year, we commend this matter to the friends of the Seminary, for their favorable consideration and contributions.

Rev. M. Kieffer, D. D., at his request, was relieved from further duties in the Seminary for the remainder of the present session, in order that he might rest, so as to regain his health, which, for some months past, was so feeble as to prevent him from attending to his duties.

ARTICLE XIV.

HEIDELBERG COLLEGE.

The Committee, to which all the documents pertaining to Heidelberg College were referred, presented the following report:

That the documents placed in their hands were the report of the Board of Trustees; the report of the Board of Visitors; and certain resolutions respecting our institutions, prepared by the Theological Alumni of the West. The report of the Board of Trustees, prepared by the Treasurer, N. L. Brewer, Esq., and containing important information to the Church, is herewith submitted:

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, OF HEIDELBERG COLLEGE.

A few weeks after the annual meeting of the Board, in June, 1865, Rev. Geo. W. Aughinbaugh, President of the College, tendered his resignation, alledging as reasons therefor, insufficient salary, (\$700) and the delicate health of wife and family.

The Board desiring to retain his service, at a special meeting called for the purpose, offered an increase of salary, and gave him leave of absence, to try the effect of change of climate, &c., with the understanding, that if the change were beneficial, that he would withdraw his resignation.

Some weeks thereafter he insisted upon an acceptance of his resignation at once. A special meeting of the Board was, therefore, called, and his resignation accepted.

At the same special meeting, Prof. J. F. Kieffer tendered his resignation, although he had taught a week or ten days, at the beginning of the Fall session of 1865, and left his Classes unsupplied. After deliberation his resignation was also accepted.

Thus, at the opening of the Fall session, 1865, the College was, at once, deprived of the services of a President and Professor of Languages.

The Board at once endeavored to fill these vacancies. Accordingly, Rev. Geo. W. Williard, of Dayton, O., was unanimously elected President.

A Committee of five was appointed to make an immediate effort to raise the sum of \$15,000, to furnish the proper salary for the President. The President elect is chairman of that Committee, and I leave him to report his action to Synod.

The place of Prof. J. B. Kieffer has been well supplied during the year, by Joseph A. Keller, A. M.

The services of the President are very much needed, and it is hoped that Synod and the Church will enable the Board at once to provide the proper salary, and secure his personal presence and direction.

The number of students in attendance upon the College during the year, has been larger than for several years past; and the

Board feel assured that the number would be largely increased if a larger corps of Professors were secured.

The situation of the Endowment Fund remains the same as last year. Some has been paid in and invested. The amount does not vary from last year.

There has been a marked improvement in the payment of interest upon the out-standing Endowment Fund. Special efforts have been made by the Treasurer, and many have responded in full. There is still a large amount outstanding. Each one has been notified during the year of the amount due from each. We will be able, from present indications, to reduce the indebtedness to the Professors during the year. We refer to last year's report for the amount and condition of the Endowment Fund, value of coupons, &c., and the indebtedness to Professors.

Bro. Henry Leonard is still unable to operate as our agent, owing to the sickness of his wife. May a kind providence soon restore her to health, and him to the important labor of endowing our College.

The Board of Visitors having been appointed and requested by Synod, at its last annual meeting, to visit the College and inquire into its general character and condition, it is proper that the following report, made through its President, Rev. T. P. Bucher, should be published in full

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF VISITORS OF HEIDELBERG COLLEGE.

Three members of the Board made an official visit to Tiffin, at the close of the collegiate year, and attended the examinations in Languages, Natural Sciences and Mathematics, and would report that they were generally well sustained by the students, and satisfactory.

The Commencement exercises passed off with considerable éclat. An address before the Literary Societies occupied Tuesday evening, and on Wednesday evening a large and enthusiastic audience was present to listen to the speeches and essays of the graduating class (four in number), and witness the Inauguration of the President of the College.

As to the internal condition of the Institution, which was also made the subject of inquiry by the Synod, the Board feels unable to express any satisfactory opinion. A superficial visit of a few days, at the examinations, precludes anything like a thoughtful view of the cultus, discipline, etc., lying back along the avenue of the past year's life. Of this we were quite well satisfied, that the condition of the College, internal and external, was much better than was anticipated, even by the more careful members of the Board.

As affording some sort of ground upon which this Synod may

judge of the condition of Heidelberg College, during the present year. we offer the following report;

The average number of students in attendance is 89, a number greater than has been in attendance for many years. Of this number, the Senior class has five, Junior class two, Sophomore class five, Freshman class seven, and the rest are Preparatorians.

Their conduct and studiousness is reported by the acting President, to be a very decided improvement over the previous year. After having been relieved of one or two disorderly young men, the discipline of the College has been administered with vastly more success, and the moral bearing and studiousness proportionately advanced. It is not apparent how many of these students are looking forward to the gospel ministry.

This success is the more remarkable when the teaching force of the College is rightly understood, and the fact that there has been no proper governmental officer at its head for an entire year. The Professors have been in turn discharging the duties of the Presidency, and dividing his classes among them, in addition to their other labors. They have been burthened thus during a whole year, and yet have reached results that are worthy of being noticed by those who are accustomed to think that to teach in, and watch over, the interests of a College is a mere sinecure.

The chair of Mathematics is filled by Rev. Prof. J. H. Good. The chair of Natural Science is occupied by Rev. Prof. R. Good. The chair of German and History by Rev. Prof. H. Rust, and Languages by Mr. J. A. Keller, A. M., a graduate of the Institution. The Board incorporate the Faculty of the College in their report, with a view to draw the attention of Synod to the limited teaching force now in the Institution. Four Professors are doing the work usually committed to six Professors in other Colleges; and these four Professors are expected to maintain the reputation, as well as to advance the interests of the College. But can this be done? If Synod can do anything to make the way open, and the path of duty clear for the Rev. G. W. Williard, President elect, to accept and assume the duties of the position to which he has been elected by the Board of Trustees, it will in so far add an efficient and essentially necessary member to the Faculty. And an additional Professorship should be provided for before we have, as a Synod, a right to claim for our Institution that efficiency and success which, for the last few years, have been so generally unadverted upon. There is a duty we owe to the College, as well as a service which the College owes to the Church.

In concluding this report. the Board suggests the importance of cherishing the Institution with a fresh interest and affection. It has already been a great benefit to the Church, notwithstanding its short-comings and defects, which, of itself, is a guaranty of what yet may be done, when properly nourished by the Synod, whose child it is.

It also suggests the importance of moderating our expectations with respect to its immediate success. Rome was not built in a day. Yale, nor Harvard, nor Princeton were not first-class Institutions at once. They became such only in a long process of years. We must expect to move slowly. The addition of a President and of another Professor will be valuable; but even then we must not dream of raising it in a year or two to the height of prosperity. Our expectations will be realized the sooner, however, if the Professors themselves will work a little more for the Institution outside of their professorial duties, and the Church will cherish it the more with a constant and careful effort on their part to promote its prosperity.

From these papers it appears that the average attendance of students during the year was eighty-nine. This number is larger than that of several years previous. The general condition of the College, both as regards the conduct and application of the students and the discipline and moral bearing of the Institution, is considered in advance of the former year.

But, notwithstanding, there is still room for improvement, and the wants and deficiencies existing demand the earnest attention and mutual co-operation of the Synod, the Trustees, and the Church. The services of a regular President are imperatively needed; the teaching force should be enlarged; the amount of \$15,000, proposed to be raised for the endowment of the Presidency, should be secured without delay; and efforts should not be wanting to perfect that which is incomplete, to correct that which is wrong, and to supply that which is deficient, with the view of making Heidelberg College a first-class Institution, and fully adapting it to the wants of the Church.

In view of the premises deduced from the documents placed in the hands of the Committee, and with a sincere desire of elevating Heidelberg College to the position of a first-class Institution, so as to meet the reasonable wants and expectations of the Church, the following action is recommended to Synod:

Resolved, 1. That the Professors should give their undivided attention to all the duties to which they have been called by the Synod and the Trustees.

Resolved, 2. That it be regarded the duty of the Professors, not only to teach the various branches prescribed in the College, but also to pay particular attention to the Christian morality and social training of the students.

Resolved, 3. That we, as a Synod, approve the action of the Trustees of Heidelberg College respecting the election of the Rev. George W. Williard, A. M., to the Presidency, and, having full confidence in him as an earnest Christian, an efficient governor, and a practical worker, hope that he may see his way clear soon to

he call, and enter upon the duties of the responsible

ed, 4. That the Presidency of Heidelberg College can, at to, be immediately endowed, and that a commencement at once on the floor of Synod.

ed, 5. That the Synod recommend Prof Geo. W. Ruby, of the York Academy, Pennsylvania, as well qualified to Professorship of Languages in Heidelberg College.

ed, 6. That it is desirable to have another Professorship ed in the College at the commencement of the College

ed, 7. That the College is entitled to the sympathy and of the Church, and that all our ministers and members be urged to unite in a strong effort to complete the endowment secure for the Institution the patronage of the Church community at large, and especially of such students as e ministry in view, so that our College may meet the and expectations of the Church.

ed, 8. That this action be transmitted to the Board of of Heidelberg College, and that their earnest and immed- iation be called to the matters referred to in the foregoing ins.

Respectfully submitted,

I. H. REITER, *Chairman.*

bove report was adopted.

Effort made to secure the endowment for the Presidency, or in the fourth resolution of the above report, resulted in and subscriptions to the amount of about \$1,600, some of bers of Synod having previously subscribed to the Chair- the Financial Committee, appointed by the Board of s of the College, making the full amount secured for this bout \$6,000.

ARTICLE XV.

MISSIONS.

Committee, to whom all the documents and matters pertain- the Missionary operations of the Church were referred, l: That the documents placed in their hands were, the of the President and Treasurer of Synod's Board appointed s; the report of the Treasurer of Lancaster Classis, in e to its Missionary contributions; a letter from the Presi- the General Board of Missions; several notes, bonds and es, &c. The following is the report of the President of Board, Rev. P. C. Prugh:

Rev. Fathers and Dear Brethren:—Immediately after the annual meeting of Synod, the members elect of the Board of Missions, met and organized by the re-election of the officers of the previous year.

The Board continued its usual work of collecting funds, sustaining and encouraging old fields, exploring and establishing new Missions, until in the month of November. At this time your Board was notified that the Synod of the East, in compliance with the request of the General Synod, had resolved to dissolve the particular Board. This opened up the way for the organization of the Board of the General Synod. Accordingly, the members of that Board met in Philadelphia, on the 25th of November, and effected an organization, by the election of Rev. J. H. A. Bonberger, D D, President; Rev. P. C. Prugh, Vice President; Rev. S. Giesy, Secretary, and Charles Santee, Treasurer. Following the instructions of Synod, your Board now handed over all her moneys and liabilities to the officers of that Board, acquainting them, at the same time, with the number of her Missions, and with the condition of each one, and then dissolved its organization.

Three of the members elected, from the Western Synod, were present and participated in the organization and other business of the new Board. The meeting was a spirited and harmonious one, each member realizing the fact that additional responsibilities were now rested upon him.

After adopting a Constitution for its government, the Board proceeded to carry out the instruction of the General Synod, by the election of a Corresponding Secretary, whose chief duty should be, 1. To visit the different parts of the Church, and as many Classical and Synodical meetings as possible, for the purpose of awakening a deeper and more ardent spirit of Missions in the Church; and also for the purpose of maturing plans, and collecting funds for the use of the Board. 2. To explore new fields and locate Missionaries, and to visit old Missions, wherever and whenever his presence may be required.

It was readily felt by the Board, that this work was entirely too vast and laborious to be accomplished by one man; but as the movement was, to some extent, experimental, it was decided to appoint but one such Corresponding Secretary or Superintendent for the present. After addressing a throne of Heavenly Grace, for wisdom to direct in the choice of such an officer, the Board elected the Rev. L. D. Leberman, of Meadville, Pa., who has since accepted his appointment, and entered upon his work, with encouraging prospects of success.

The missionary work of our Church being now concentrated, throws double the amount of labor upon the new Board; hence, it is to be hoped, that each Synod and Classis, with all their respective pastors and charges, will, to the utmost of their ability, aid the Board in accomplishing that work. These, by giving the Board

their influence and hearty co-operation, can do much in carrying forward this great interest of our Church in this country. The Board has now under its care seventy-five Missions. These are scattered over Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, Virginia, North Carolina, New York, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Michigan, Wisconsin and Iowa. From this it may be inferred that no Mission or part of the Church will be left to suffer, if it be in the power of the Board to relieve it; but to do this, it must be furnished with the means. The present year will require not less than \$16,000. This amount in advance of any previous call; but it is not in advance of the demand.

May the Lord, who is King of Zion, stir us all up to a redoubting of our diligence, in the work of extending the Redeemer's Kingdom, until we shall all come in the "unity of the faith," to enjoy the rich fullness of this, our plaudit, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joy of thy Lord." Fully conscious of your continued forbearance towards us, and of our own many shortcomings, as Synod's servants, we humbly submit this, our final report.

The following is the report of the Treasurer, of moneys received for Missionary purposes, from the last meeting of Synod, in Miami, O., June the 1st, 1865, to the 25th of November, when the Board was dissolved:

TREASURER'S REPORT.

MIAMI CLASSIS.

r. D. Winters, Mt. Zion Charge.....	\$ 82 25
r. P. C. Prugh, Xenia Congregation.....	\$9 00
r. P. C. Prugh, Beaver Congregation supply.....	6 83
r. T. P. Bucher, 1st Church, Dayton.....	100 00
r. Geo. Rettig, 2d Church, Dayton.....	40 00
r. J. Lichtenstein, 1st Church, Cincinnati.....	50 00
r. Wm. McCaughey, Greenville Charge.....	38 26
r. L. H. Reiter, Miamisburg Charge.....	92 10
r. G. W. Williard, Bethel Charge.....	13 36
r. H. M. Herman, West Alexandria Charge.....	15 61
r. A. Warner, Bear Creek Charge.....	5 35
r. S. Shaw, Union Charge.....	21 00
r. J. Richards, St. Paris Charge.....	25 25
r. R. Schweeders, Covington, Ky.,.....	10 00
r. W. Maddison Charge.....	60 00
Total,.....	\$569 01

SANDUSKY CLASSIS.

r. P. J. Spangler, Navarre Charge.....	\$ 12 00
r. M. Miller, Summit Charge.....	5 00
Total,.....	\$ 17 00

ST. JOSEPH CLASSIS.

r. H. Wiegandt, White Pigeon, Michigan.....	\$ 5 00
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TEFFIN CLASSIS.

Rev. J. G. Buhl, Findlay Mission..... \$ 1
Rev. Wm. Renter, Liberty Congregation

Total,..... \$ 1

HEIDELBERG CLASSIS.

Rev. J. Winter, Caroline Charge..... \$ 4
Rev. Josiah May, Zion's Charge.....
Rev. G. Kuhlen, Kenton Mission.....

Total,..... \$ 4

IOWA CLASSIS.

Rev. F. C. Bauman, Harmony Charge..... \$ 1

INDIANA CLASSIS.

Rev. J. Leibert from Mother Miller..... \$
Rev. C. T. Martin, Terre Haute, Ind.,.....
Rev. Phillip Becker, St. Jacob's Church.....
Rev. H. Bair, Elkhart Mission, Ind.....
Rev. L. Rike, Corydon Mission, Ind.....

Total,..... \$

ST. JOHN'S CLASSIS.

Rev. P. Herbruck, Canton Congregation..... \$
Rev. J. W. Hamm, Manchester Charge.....

Total,..... \$

ERIE CLASSIS.

Rev. Eli Keller, Thompson Charge..... \$ 1
Rev. J. B. Thompson.....

Total,..... \$ 1

ILLINOIS CLASSIS.

Rev. H. Daniel, Cedarville Mission..... \$ 1

LANCASTER CLASSIS.

Nothing.

WESTMORELAND CLASSIS.

Nothing.

SHEBOYGAN CLASSIS.

Nothing.

Mr. L. A. Furnee..... \$ 2
Mrs. Furnee..... 1
Miss S. M. Furnee, (per Rev. G. W. Williard)..... 1
Rev. J. H. Buser, money refunded..... 50
Balance in my hands at last report..... 124

Total,..... \$1,012

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paid out during the year, as follows:

Rev. Levi Rike, Miss'y, Corydon, Ind.....	\$ 50 00
" A. B. Koplin, Miss'y, Defiance, O.....	25 00
" J. Klingler, Miss'y, Ada, O.....	50 00
" Wm. McCaughey, Miss'y, Greenville, O.....	112 50
" G. Kuhlen, Miss'y, Kenton, O.....	50 00
" J. I. Swander, Miss'y, Lancaster, O.....	9 85
" J. G. Rubl, Miss'y, Findlay, O.....	40 00
" W. W. James, Miss'y, Shelbyville, Ill.....	50 00
" R. Schweedee, Miss'y, Covington, Ky.....	50 00
" Josiah May, Miss'y, Ida, O.....	50 00
" F. F. Simons, Miss'y, Lanesville, Ind.....	20 00
" J. B. Thompson, Freemont, O.....	85 00
" H. Daniel, Miss'y, Freeport, Ill.....	25 00
" C. T. Martin, Miss'y, Terre Haute, Ind.....	37 50
" Geo. Rettig, Dayton, O.....	75 00
President of Board for postage and stationery.....	4 50
President of Board for expenses in visiting different portions of missionary fields, and attending to the business of the Board,	40 65
Mr. Charles Santee, Treasurer of the Board of Home Mis- sions.....	238 17
Total,	\$1,012 67

CHURCH EXTENSION FUND.

Received from the Trustees of German Reformed Church, Terre Haute, Ind., interest on \$65 85 to July 1, 1865.....	\$ 19 75
Received of Trustees of German Reformed Church, of Galion, O., July 22, 1865.....	108 00
Total,	\$127 75

1865.

Nov 25, Paid John Wiest, Treasurer of the Church Extension Fund.....	\$127 75
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I hold in my hands a note against the Trustees of the German Reformed Church, at Terre Haute, Ind., for \$65 85, Church Extension Fund, and made payable to the Executive Board of Domestic Missions of the German Reformed Synod of Ohio and Adjacent States, and is secured by mortgage on their church property in Terre Haute, Ind.

I also hold two bonds, of \$500 each, for missions, payable at the death of the parties named in said bonds.

These papers I submit with my report, to be disposed of as Synod, in its wisdom, may deem best.

Respectfully submitted,

A. H. BAUGHMAN, *Late Treasurer.*

KEVIA, O., May 23, 1866.

The Treasurer of Lancaster Classis, Rev C. W. Hoyman, makes the following report of moneys received and paid out by order of said Classis :

recommended that in all pastoral charges Missionary Festivals be held at least once a year; also, that each pastor be requested to adopt some systematic plan of collecting funds in his charge; and that the Classes be requested to see that this plan is carried out.

WHEREAS, In the present operation of the Board of Missions it being only responsible to the General Synod; and,

WHEREAS, That body only meets once in three years, this Synod would therefore only get a report once in that time; therefore,

Resolved, That this Synod respectfully requests the Board of Home Missions of the General Synod of the German Reformed Church, to send a yearly report to Synod through the members of the Board from this Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

A. MILLER, *Chairman*.

The following resolution was also passed, respecting the publication and circulation of Missionary Tracts, to awaken a deeper interest throughout the Church in this important work:

Resolved, That the General Board of Missions be, and is hereby requested, to take into consideration the publication of suitable tracts, on the important and far-reaching subject of Domestic Missions, to be published from time to time, in the English and German languages, to be distributed in our charges and churches generally, and especially in connection with Missionary Festivals.

ARTICLE XVI.

FINANCE.

The following report was received from the Treasurer of Synod, read and referred to the Committee on Finance:

TREASURER'S REPORT.

1865.	Dr.
June 3, To balance in the Treasury.....	\$230 37
“ 6, “ Indiana Classis for per appt. for 1864, in full, per Rev. M. G. I. Stern.....	24 00
Aug. 25, “ Westmoreland Classis, postage on English Minutes for 1865, per Rev. J. A. Peters.....	2 00
Sept. 13, “ Iowa Classis, per appt. for 1864, in full, per Rev. J. H. Buser.....	4 50
“ 13, “ Iowa Classis, English Minutes for 1863, in full, per Rev. J. H. Buser.....	2 50
“ 13, “ Iowa Classis, German Minutes for 1863, in full, per Rev. J. H. Buser.....	2 00
“ 13, “ Iowa Classis, English Minutes for 1864, in full, per Rev. J. H. Buser.....	1 50
“ 13, “ Iowa Classis, German Minutes for 1864, in full, per Rev. J. H. Buser.....	1 00
“ 13, “ Iowa Classis, English Minutes for 1865, in full, per Rev. J. H. Buser.....	2 00

" 13,	" Iowa Classis, German Minutes for 1865, in full, per Rev. J. H. Bauer.....	50
Oct. 16,	" Miami Classis, German Minutes for 1864, in full, per sundry persons.....	5 50
" 16,	" Miami Classis, English Minutes for 1864, in full, per sundry persons.....	1 68
" 16,	" Miami Classis, German Minutes for 1865, in part, per Rev. I. H. Reiter.....	80
" 16,	" Miami Classis, English Minutes for 1865, in part, per Revs. Mechling, Prugh and Mease.....	4 20
" 19,	" Miami Classis, per appt. in full, per Rev. D. Winters,	39 00
" 19,	" Miami Classis, appt. of expenses of Lit. Com., in full, per Rev. D. Winters.....	22 32
" 23,	" Westmoreland Classis, per appt. for 1863, in full, per Rev. J. A. Peters....	18 00
" 23,	" Westmoreland Classis, per appt. for 1864, in full, per Rev. J. A. Peters.....	19 50
" 23,	" Westmoreland Classis, English Minutes for 1863, in full, per Rev. J. A. Peters.....	11 50
" 23,	" Westmoreland Classis, German Minutes for 1863, in full, per Rev. J. A. Peters.....	6 50
" 25,	" Sheboygan Classis, per appt. for 1863, in full, per Rev. J. T. Kluge.....	4 75
Nov. 9,	" St. Joseph Classis, appt. of expenses of Lit. Com., in full, per Wm. Faust.....	12 48
" 9,	" Sandusky Classis, per appt. for 1864, in full, per Rev. C. H. Reiter.....	16 50
" 9,	" Sandusky Classis, German Minutes for 1862, in full, per Rev. C. H. Reiter.....	3 00
" 9,	" Sandusky Classis, German Minutes for 1865, in full, per Rev. C. H. Reiter.....	1 00
" 9,	" Sandusky Classis, English Minutes for 1865, in full, per Rev. C. H. Reiter.....	16 00
" 9,	" Sandusky Classis, postage on German Minutes for 1865, per Rev. C. H. Reiter.....	24
" 9,	" Sandusky Classis, appt. of expenses of Lit. Com., per Rev. C. H. Reiter.....	10 80
" 15,	" Miami Classis, English Minutes for 1865, in part, per Ministers of Classis.....	16 30
" 28,	" St. Joseph Classis, German Minutes for 1865, in full, per W. Faust.....	6 00
" 28,	" St. Joseph Classis, English Minutes for 1865, in full, per W. Faust.....	4 00
" 28,	" St. Joseph Classis, postage on English Minutes, in full, per W. Faust.....	55
" 20,	" Heidelberg Classis, appt. of (old) Tiffin Classis, per Rev. D. Zimmerman.....	15 30
" 20,	" Heidelberg Classis, per appt. for 1864, in full, per Rev. D. Zimmerman.....	15 00
Dec. 1,	" Miami Classis, English Minutes for 1865, for Farmersville congregation, per L. K. Basore.....	1 00
" 27,	" Miami Classis, German Minutes for 1865, in part, per Rev. C. Saure.....	1 00
1866.		
18,	To St. Joseph Classis, per appt. for 1865, in full, per Rev. P. Vits, for W. F.....	21 00
1,	" Sheboygan Classis, per appt. for 1864, in part, per Rev. J. T. Kluge.....	11 00

May 9,	"	Westmoreland Classis, per appt. for 1865, in full, per Rev. J. A. Peters.....	19 1
" 9,	"	Westmoreland Classis, per appt. for 1866, in full, per Rev. J. A. Peters.....	19 1
" 9,	"	Westmoreland Classis, English Minutes for 1864, in full, per Rev. J. A. Peters.....	18 0
" 9,	"	Westmoreland Classis, German Minutes for 1864, in full, per Rev. J. A. Peters.....	6 0
" 9,	"	Westmoreland Classis, English Minutes for 1865, in full, per Rev. J. A. Peters.....	17 0
" 9,	"	Westmoreland Classis, German Minutes for 1865, in full, per Rev. J. A. Peters.....	5 0
" 24,	"	Indiana Classis, German Minutes for 1864, in full, per Rev. M. G. I. Stern.....	5 5
" 24,	"	Indiana Classis, German Minutes for 1865, in full, per Rev. M. G. I. Stern.....	4 5
" 24,	"	Indiana Classis, English Minutes for 1865, in full, per Rev. M. G. I. Stern.....	2 0
" 24,	"	Indiana Classis, appt. of expenses of Lit. Com., per Rev. M. G. I. Stern.....	6 2
" 24,	"	Ladiana Classis, per appt. for 1865, in full, per Rev. M. G. I. Stern.....	22 5
" 24,	"	Indiana Classis, per appt. for 1866, in part, per Rev. M. G. I. Stern.....	2
" 24,	"	Tiffin Classis, per appt. for 1864, in full, per Rev. F. Strassner.....	15 00
" 24,	"	Tiffin Classis, per appt. for 1865, in full, per Rev. F. Strassner.....	15 00
" 24,	"	Miami Classis, English Minutes for 1865, in part, per Rev. J. M. Le Fever.....	2 00
" 24,	"	Miami Classis, German Minutes for 1865, in part, per Rev. J. Lichtenstein.....	1 20
" 24,	"	Miami Classis, English Minutes for 1865, in part, per Rev. S. Shaw.....	1 20
" 24,	"	Sheboygan Classis, German Minutes for 1865, in full, per Rev. J. T. Kluge.....	7 00
" 24,	"	Lancaster Classis, German Minutes for 1865, in full, per Rev. C. W. Hoyman.....	4 50
" 24,	"	Lancaster Classis, English Minutes for 1865, in full, per Rev. C. W. Hoyman.....	15 00
" 24,	"	Lancaster Classis, per appt. for 1865, in full, per Rev. C. W. Hoyman.....	21 00
" 24,	"	Lancaster Classis, appt. of expenses of Lit. Com., per C. W. Hoyman.....	11 50
" 24,	"	Heidelberg Classis, per appt. for 1865, in full, per Rev. D. Zimmerman.....	15 00
Total,.....			\$795 00

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1865.

June 6,	By cash paid Rev. G. W. Williard, for publishing 350 Liturgical Report, English.....	\$ 75-0
" 6,	" Cash paid Rev. H. J. Rutenik, for publishing 300 Liturgical Report, German.....	81 0
" 6,	" Cash paid G. W. Williard, traveling expenses Lit. Committee.....	12 0

" 6,	"	Cash paid H. Best, traveling expenses Lit. Committee,	10 00
" 6,	"	Cash paid I. H. Reiter for Ter-centenary Blanks, postage, &c.,	15 05
" 6,	"	Cash paid for stationery used by Synod at Miamisburg,	1 65
" 6,	"	Cash paid Daniel Weidner for Sexton service to Synod at Miamisburg.....	10 00
" 7,	"	Cash paid John Wiest, Treasurer of General Synod, on acct. for 1863.....	25 00
Oct. 19,	"	Cash paid G. W. Williard for publishing English Minutes for 1865.....	61 32
" 23,	"	Cash paid H. J. Rutenik for publishing German Minutes for 1865.....	55 50
" 31,	"	Cash paid J. H. Klein for traveling expenses Lit. Committee.....	8 50
Nov. 9,	"	Cash paid Express charges on money received.....	1 17
" 14,	"	Cash paid Rev. H. J. Rutenik for publishing German Minutes for 1865, in full.....	28 92
" 15,	"	Cash paid Rev. G. W. Williard for publishing English Minutes for 1865,	66 20
1866.			
Jan. 18,	"	Cash paid Express charges on money received.....	37
" 20,	"	Cash paid Rev. G. W. Williard for publishing English Minutes for 1866, in full.....	38 78
" 20,	"	Cash paid Rev. G. W. Williard for Stated Clerk fees for 1866.....	25 00
" 20,	"	Cash paid Rev. G. W. Williard for bill of sundries, postage, stationery, &c.....	14 25
" 30,	"	Cash paid H. J. Rutenik for translating Minutes of Synod for 1865.....	15 00
" 30,	"	Cash paid for Railroad Express on said money sent to H. J. Rutenik.....	30
May 17,	"	Cash paid John Wiest, Treasurer of General Synod, for acct. of 1863, in full.....	70 00
" 24,	"	Cash paid for stationery, postage, &c.....	3 00
" 25,	"	Balance in the Treasury.....	177 65
Total,.....			\$795 66

The amount received during the current year is \$559 39, which, including the balance in the Treasury at the last annual settlement, makes the total amount \$795 66, of which there have been paid out \$618 01, leaving a balance in the Treasury of \$177 65.

The several Classes here designated, are still in arrears to Synod, as follows:

1. On the permanent apportionment from the Classis of			
St. John's,	"	for 1865.....	\$27 00
Illinoi,	"	"	12 00
Iowa,	"	"	4 50
Embeygan,	"	1864.....	4 00
"	"	1865.....	25 50
Idi,	"	"	13 50
Total,.....			\$86 50

2. On the Minutes of Synod, from the Classes of

St. John's, for 1865, (English)	\$ 4 00
" " " (German)	22 00
Tiffin, " " (English)	4 00
" " " (German)	3 00
Illinois, " " (English)	3 00
" " " (German)	1 00
Heidelberg, " " (English)	1 00
" " " (German)	6 00
Erie, " " (English)	1 00
" " " (German)	6 00
Total,	\$53 00

3. On the apportionment of the expenses of the Liturgical Committee in 1865:

Westmoreland Classis	\$14 00
St. John's Classis	22 00
Tiffin Classis	7 00
Illinois Classis	7 00
Iowa Classis	3 00
Sheboygan Classis	7 00
Heidelberg Classis	8 00
Erie Classis	8 00
Total,	\$80 00

From the delinquencies reported above, it will be seen that there is still due from the Classes to Synod, the sum of \$220 14, which should be paid without delay.

It may yet be added, that the indebtedness of this Synod to the General Synod, in the apportionment of 1863, amounting to \$200, has been paid in full to the Treasurer of said Synod, during the present year.

Respectfully submitted,

ISAAC H. REITER,

Treasurer of Synod.

The Committee on Finance, to which the above report was referred, reported through the Chairman, Rev. J. B. Thompson, that they had examined the Treasurer's report, the only document that had been placed in their hands, and that they found it correct, and recommended its adoption, which was done.

ARTICLE XVII.

ELECTIONS.

The Committee on nominations reported through the Chairman, Rev. J. I. Swander, according to the rule of Synod. The report was received and adopted, and the election held with the following result:

1. *Delegate to the Eastern Synod*—Rev. J. Lichtenstein, *Primarius*, and Rev. E. Keller, *Secundus*.

Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary—Revs. Geo. Willard, D. Winters, and P. O. Prugh; and Elders B. C. Taylor, Benj. Kuhns, A. H. Baughman and T. Schaeffer.

Board of Trustees of Heidelberg College, for four years—Revs. P. O. Prugh, T. P. Bucher, N. H. Loose and J. McConnell; and Elders Wm. E. Schmertz and A. H. Baughman.

The following are the other members of the Board:

For Three Years—Revs. I. H. Reiter, G. W. Williard and G. Z. Kling; and Messrs. Benj. Kuhns, Wm. L. Snyder, and Dr. J. M. Troon.

For Two Years—Revs. L. H. Kefauver, W. H. Fenneman and Wm. Swander.

For One Year—Revs. H. Rust and J. H. Kline; and Messrs. L. J. Bunn, L. Baltzell and W. Barrick.

Board of Visitors of Heidelberg College—S. C. Crumbaugh, and Messrs. E. Keller, F. Strassner, J. G. Noss and J. H. Derr.

Board of Visitors of the Seminary—Revs. J. Vogt, J. H. Derr, I. Reiter, S. Mease, T. P. Bucher and Eli Keller.

Board of Publication—Revs. I. H. Reiter, T. P. Bucher, G. Z. Kling and D. Winters; and S. C. Crumbaugh.

ARTICLE XVII.

PUBLICATION.

The Committee on Publication reported as follows:

The papers which came into the hands of your Committee, were reported to the Board of Publication by the President, Rev. T. Schaeffer, and a bill of \$28 50, incurred by the Board in printing prospectus to aid in the circulation of the *Western Missionary* in accordance with the instructions of Synod. The following is the report of the Board of Publication, which it is deemed proper to present to the Church.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF PUBLICATION.

In presenting the Annual Report of the Board of Publication, I call attention to the resolutions of the last Synod touching the *Western Missionary*.

Synod adopted the suggestions of the Board in reference to increasing the price of subscription. Ministers were made authorized agents to extend its circulation and collect moneys due, and the Board was empowered to issue prospectus for the new year.

In the first of these resolutions the Board of Publication has resolved to comply to the letter. The *Missionary* has been many enlarged, its General style improved, and taking into con-

sideration its limited patronage, we think there is no cheap church paper extant. Entering upon the eighteenth year of its existence, and the second year of the "Weekly," under these favorable indications, it was justly entitled to the generous support of the Church.

By the second of the above resolutions, Synod provided a way for it to reach this support. Ministers were made the "authorized agents," to bring it favorably before the notice of their people and the Board issued the contemplated prospectus in order to facilitate their efforts in this direction.

The circulation of the *Missionary* being thus fairly placed in the hands of the ministry and their co workers in the several charges the Synod has a right to know with what fidelity this responsibility has been met.

About 350 new subscribers have been obtained up to this date which would have swelled the whole number to 3,150 had there been no discontinuances. But including, with the latter, the necessary pruning of the lists, we have really gained but little on the subscription list of last year. Where the ministry and laymen made efforts to circulate the paper, such efforts as were enjoined by the last synodical action, the results have been encouraging where indifferent in this important duty, unfavorable. The legitimate inference from these facts must be apparent to all; and the point now is, for the future, shall we or shall we not deserve satisfaction by taking this whole subject into more serious consideration?

That the *Missionary* is generally acceptable to its readers, need be granted. It enjoys a hearty welcome in many families of the Church, whose wish, as often expressed, is that it might have a wider circle of readers, and that a larger number of ministers would take a live interest in extending its circulation.

Some of its cordial friends have brought to the notice of the Board and the Editor, "room for improvement in the columns of obituaries, of marriages and donations," arguing that other religious papers make these columns readable by charging a small sum for "such notices" as are not of general interest to the Church. The Board has felt it to be its duty to take no further notice of these suggestions, than to refer this matter to the Synod for any action it may deem advisable and promotive of the usefulness of the *Missionary*.

From the foregoing your Committee would respectfully submit the following preamble and resolutions for the consideration and adoption of Synod:

WHEREAS, The reading of the regular church periodical is of the highest importance to the development and growth of an active church life; and,

WHEREAS, The *Western Missionary* seems admirably adapted

to the wants of that part of the Church which it represents; and
 its wider circulation depends almost entirely on the
 activity of the ministry and eldership of the Church; there-

Resolved, That we will not cease our efforts until we shall have
 secured the *Western Missionary* in every family of the Church.

Resolved, That the report of the Board of Publication, which
 is herewith submit, be adopted.

Resolved, That the Treasurer of Synod be instructed to pay
 the sum of \$28 50, the amount of the bill incurred in publishing
 supplement as instructed by Synod.

P. O. PRUGH, *Chairman*.

The above report was adopted.

The Synod having unanimously endorsed the election of Rev.
 W. Willard editor of the *Western Missionary*, to the Presidency
 of Heidelberg College, he tendered the following resignation, so
 as to be enabled to act freely in considering the call given him by
 the Board of Trustees of the College, and not put the Synod in
 any embarrassment in case he should consider it his duty to accept
 the Presidency.

RESIGNATION OF THE EDITOR OF THE WESTERN MISSIONARY.

DEAR BRETHREN:—Your action in endorsing my election to
 the Presidency of Heidelberg College, in the harmonious way in
 which your worthy President has assured me you have done, makes
 it necessary for me to resign my position as editor of the *Western
 Missionary* in order that I may act more freely in deciding what
 my duty is in the premises, and also that the Synod may not be
 involved in any embarrassment, should I feel constrained to accept the
 call tendered me. I may here say that I have not sought the ardu-
 ous and responsible position to which I have thus been called; but
 have endeavored in various ways to throw it off, and be left where
 I can enjoy the comforts growing out of the pleasant relations
 resulting from a residence of eleven years in the community in which
 I now find myself. To break these tender ties at my present period
 of life, and enter upon such a new and responsible position, calls
 for a little sacrifice. Yet, as you have been pleased to press it
 upon my prayerful consideration, it seems to me that proper respect
 for your action requires the step I here take. I have now had
 the charge of the editorship of the *Missionary* for nearly thirteen
 years, during which time I have endeavored to discharge faithfully
 the duties devolving upon me, and make it contribute to the full-
 est extent to the peace and prosperity of our beloved Zion. And
 it affords me no little pleasure, in the review of the past, to retire
 from my present position, knowing that the *Missionary* is now
 more deeply rooted in the affections of our people, and stands
 upon a better basis than it has ever done. Should anything have

occurred during my editorship, wounding the feelings or inj any one, I sincerely ask pardon and forgiveness. Having will to any one, but sincerely thanking all the friends and ps of the *Missionary* for their patience and indulgence toward personally, and for the co-operation and support they have me, I herewith resign my editorship, to take effect the first of January, 1867, at which time most of the subscriptions begin

Respectfully,

GEO. W. WILLIAMS

The above resignation was referred to the Board of Public with power to accept it should it be pressed, or the editor s the call to the Presidency of the College, and in this event vide for the publication of the *Western Missionary* until a p nent editor can be chosen, and as may seem best, in their ment, to subserve the interests of the Church

ARTICLE XIX.

BENEFICIARY EDUCATION.

The Committee to whom the documents pertaining to this ject were referred, presented the following report, which adopted. Your Committee has examined the papers placed in hands, and would here present the report of the Treasurer, R. Good, in full, that the Church may see what contributions been given for this object during the last year :

REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF BENEFICIARY EDUCATION

1865,			
June 2,	To balance in the treasury.....		\$ 3
" 2,	Rev. P. H. Kroh, per Rev. G. Aughenbaugh.....		
" 27,	" I. H. Reiter, Miamisburg charge,.....		
July 24,	" J. H. Stepler, Bluffton charge,.....		
Aug. 31,	" F. Herbruck, Canton charge,.....		
Sept. 8,	" J. Leibert, Dayton charge, Ind.,.....		
" 9,	" N. H. Loose, Shelby charge,.....		
" 26,	" D. Winters, Mt. Zion charge,.....		
" 28,	Interest of Permanent Fund,.....		
" 29,	" W. Renter, Youngstown charge,.....		
Oct. 1,	" J. Winter, Caroline charge,.....		
" 8,	" P. J. Spangler, Navarre charge,.....		
" 13,	" F. C. Bowman, Harmony charge,.....		
" 18,	" New Madison charge, per Rev. D. Winters.....		
" 18,	" Wm. McCaughey, Greenville charge,.....		
" 30,	" J. Richards, St. Paris charge,.....		
" 23,	" J. H. Klein, Fort Wayne charge,.....		
Nov. 3,	" Elder A. H. Baughman collected in Xenia chg.,		
" 22,	" F. C. Bowman, Harmony charge,.....		
" 22,	" J. H. Stepler, Bluffton charge,.....		

" G. H. Leonard, Basil charge,.....	\$1 00
" Miss Anna Keller,.....	2 00
" " G. H. Leonard, Basil charge,.....	3 00
" " J. Reinhart, Springfield charge,.....	20 00
" " A. Miller, Louisville charge,.....	10 00
" Elder A. H. Baughman collected in Xenia chg.,	7 00
" " Casper Heinbuck, Walnut Creek Church,	14 75
" Per Rev. C. H. Hoyman, Treasurer of Lancaster,	
" " from Rev. J. Hannaberry, Sugar Grove,	45 53
" " " G. M. Albright, Tarlton,.....	13 50
" Interest from temporary loans,.....	2 82
" Rev. G. W. Williard, Chambersburg charge,.....	1 44
" Interest of Lancaster Classis B. E. Fund,.....	26 55
" Rev. J. G. Zahner, Shanestown charge,.....	8 00
" Mr. Heffer, Berwick charge,.....	4 63
" Rev. G. H. Leonard, Basil charge,.....	20 00
" " D. Whetters, Mt. Zion charge,.....	38 00
" " F. Schead,.....	3 00
" Interest of the Permanent Fund,.....	11 25
" J. Hefley, Winchester charge,.....	18 62
" C. W. Hayman, Somerset charge,.....	20 00
" J. H. Durr, Wooster charge,.....	5 00
" L. E. Kelsover, 1st Church, Tiffin, Ohio,.....	7 25
al,.....	\$856 06

CONTRA CREDIT.

\$ Amount paid beneficiaries, as per vouchers,....	\$806 00
" " " for postage, exchange, &c.,.....	3 45
al paid out,.....	\$809 45
ance in Treasury,.....	\$ 48 61

PERMANENT FUND.

amount is \$325, mostly invested in Government Bonds.

As to the foregoing documents, the reports of the Secretary and members of the Board of Visitors to the Theological Seminary, it is reported that there were twelve students, during the year, connected with the Theological Seminary and College, receiving material aid in the prosecution of their studies. Owing to the high prices for books, etc., the Board increased the annual appropriation to \$100. It is the opinion of the Board that the number of beneficiary students could be greatly increased if the annual appropriation would be increased still more.

The receipts of the past year did not meet the expenditures; and it has not been for a surplus in the Treasury, as the result of the ter-centenary efforts, the Treasury would now be in arrears to the amount of over \$300. The total amount of receipts for the year is \$492 89, while the amount paid out is \$809 45. These are the facts in the case, notwithstanding the earnest appeal made by the Synod last year for support in this direction.

The cause of education should receive greater attention by us as a Church, than it has heretofore; and while there seems to be laudable emulation how to increase the facilities for educating the youth of our Church, at our own institutions, your Committee would respectfully offer the following resolutions, as a stimulus, to increase the number of students in our College and Seminary, as well as to secure the material aid for the support of those in urgent circumstances:

Resolved, 1. That the action of the Board, by which the annual appropriation to the beneficiary students was increased to \$10,000, received the sanction of this Synod.

Resolved, 2. That in view of the manifest indifference to the earnest appeals of the Synod in the past, and the absolute necessity of a deeper interest in the cause of education for the promotion of the welfare of our Zion, we renew our former requests to the different Classes, to enjoin it upon their ministers and elders, to impress this subject on the minds of our young men in such a way as to compel them to yield to its just demands.

Resolved, 3. That, as the poor show a greater willingness than the rich to consecrate their sons to the Gospel ministry, and material aid is needed from the Church that their desires may be gratified, we earnestly appeal to the Classes to make diligent efforts to satisfy the demands on the Treasury of the Board of Education.

Respectfully submitted.

L. H. KEFAUVER.

ARTICLE XX.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Resolutions respecting a union with the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church, passed unanimously:

WHEREAS, The unity of the Christian Church is a fundamental principle of Christianity, and is alike taught in the word of God and the Apostles' creed; and,

WHEREAS, Division in the Church, the mystical body of Jesus Christ, is an acknowledged barrier to her progress in the world, as well as an occasion of stumbling to many souls; and,

WHEREAS, It is the Scriptural duty of all Christians to labor in every possible way, to promote the unity and harmony of the Church; and,

WHEREAS, In the providence of God, the tendencies of the present age, as well as the formal action of some denominations, are towards a closer Christian union; and,

WHEREAS, The German Reformed and Reformed Protestant Dutch Churches have a common origin, history and ecclesiastical polity, and alike cherish and use the same venerable symbol of faith, the Heidelberg Catechism; and believing there is no good reason why they should not be ONE Church, under the proper and revered name, REFORMED; and that by such a union, efficiency in Christian labor would be greatly promoted, especially in the sphere of Church extension in our vast territory, and thus become, under the blessing of God, a well organized agency in the blessed work of human salvation; therefore,

Resolved, That the Synod of Ohio and Adjacent States would most heartily concur in any movement or action, having for its object the formal union of the German Reformed and Reformed Protestant Dutch Churches

Resolved, That we, as a Synod, do hereby respectfully request the General Synod to take into consideration the propriety of adopting such measures, at its next triennial meeting, as may best promote, and most speedily bring about, such a desirable result.

RESOLUTION RESPECTING THE GENERAL SYNOD.

Resolved, That, as it is desirable to have the General Synod meet annually, instead of triennially, the subject of such annual meeting of said Synod be referred to the consideration of the the Classes, at their next annual meetings.

COMMITTEE ON LEAVE OF ABSENCE.

Rev. P. C. Prugh reported in behalf of the Committee on leave of absence. The report was adopted.

RAIL ROAD PASSES.

The Atlantic & Great Western, Cleveland & Columbus, Sandusky, Mansfield & Newark, and the Indianapolis and Bellefontaine Railroads, having granted the privilege of free return passes to those members of Synod who paid full fare in going, the thanks of Synod were returned to said roads for the favor thus shown.

The Treasurer of Synod was authorized to pay the Stated Clerk \$3, for the printing of blank certificates.

The Treasurer was also authorized to pay Rev. J. H. Good \$5 35, the amount of funds spent by him in purchasing books used in the Liturgical Committee.

RESOLUTION OF SYMPATHY.

Resolved, That Synod express its sympathy with Rev. P. Tendiak, in his long continued affliction, and assure him that he is affectionately remembered in our prayers, and that we will render him such aid as we can.

RESOLUTION RESPECTING A CONSOLIDATION OF THEOLOGICAL SEMINARIES.

WHEREAS, The consolidation of the two Theological Seminaries of our Church, in some central locality, would be, in the minds of many of her most active ministers and laymen, very beneficial to both Institutions; and,

WHEREAS, The judicatories of our Church now center in one common head, thus making such a union entirely practical; therefore,

Resolved, That this Synod petition the General Synod to take such steps, at its next annual meeting, as will most speedily and effectually accomplish this much desired end.

RESOLUTION RESPECTING A UNION OF CHURCH PAPERS.

Resolved, That we request the General Synod to take into consideration the propriety of uniting the German Reformed Messenger and Western Missionary; the Kirchen Zeitung and the Evangelist, and the German Sunday school papers.

A PROPER OBSERVANCE OF THE LORD'S DAY.

Resolved, That in view of the growing and shameful desecration of the Lord's Day, in some portions of our Church, the ministers of this Synod be requested to preach on the subject during the year, and use their influence in all proper ways to promote a better observance of Sunday.

DELEGATE FROM THE EAST.

According to a resolution, the Rev. Geo. B. Russell, delegate from the East, presented on Saturday morning, the congratulations of his Synod, and the various objects of general interest connected with it. He also made some appropriate remarks shortly before the adjournment of Synod, testifying to the deep interest he felt in the West, especially as the first years of his ministry were spent in connection with it, and his present residence is on the border of this Synod. He also gave assurances of the interest which the Eastern, as the older Synod, feels in the Western; and closed by wishing us great prosperity in all our plans for the upbuilding of the Church, alike dear to all. His remarks were briefly responded to by the President, who assured him of the interest we feel in everything pertaining to the prosperity of the Church in the East; that we had cordially welcomed him in our midst, and desired him to carry with him our best wishes for himself personally, and the Synod he represented.

PUBLICATION OF THE MINUTES OF SYNOD.

tated Clerk was authorized to publish 1,500 copies of the of Synod, in the English language, and distribute them to the requests of the Classes; and Rev. P. Grading was ed to publish 800 in German, to be distributed in the y; and to charge for each at the rate of ten cents per hich amount is to be paid by the several Classes to the r of Synod, who is hereby authorized to pay the bills in their publication; and also pay Rev. P. Grading \$25, amount paid the Stated Clerk, for services.

llowing is the apportionment of the Minutes among the Classes, as made and adopted by the Synod:

	ENGLISH.	GERMAN.
.....	395	40
.....	161	20
land,	218	50
.....	200	
.....	50	50
.....	35	80
.....	156	210
.....	3	40
.....	20	45
.....	20	10
.....	20	5
.....	42	60
.....	30	70
.....	1,350	680
Synod,.....	150	120
	1,500	800

VOTE OF THANKS.

ed, That this Synod tender its most hearty thanks to the of the congregation, and citizens of Galion, O., and for the kind and Christian hospitality shown towards its during our abode in their midst; and that the *Pastor* requested to announce the same from his pulpit at his next appointment; and also have it published in the paper of B.

ARTICLE XXI.

CLOSE AND ADJOURNMENT.

land, Ohio, having been selected as the place of our next

annual meeting, and Wednesday, 23d of May, in the year of our Lord, 1867, at 8 o'clock P. M., as the time, it was, on motion

Resolved, That we adjourn to meet at the above named place and time.

Synod adjourned on Wednesday afternoon, the 30th of May. The Minutes were read and approved. The roll called, and all the members present and excused, excepting Rev. O. Kuss and E. F. Eichorn, who left without being excused. The Synod was closed by all uniting in repeating the Apostles' creed, prayer and the apostolic benediction, by the President.

J. H. DERR, *President*.

GEO. W. WILLIARD, *Stated Clerk*.

The above is an official copy from the original Minutes.

GEO. W. WILLIARD, *Stated Clerk*.

MINISTERS' NAMES.	NAMES OF CHARGES.	No. of Charges.	of Unconfirmed Members.	of Confirmed Members.	of Communicant Members.	Communications.	Received by Letter.	Services.	Communicated.	Sabbath-Schools.	Sabbath-School Scholars.	Contributions for Benevolence.	Sabbath Minutes.	Sunday Minutes.	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
D. Winters,	Mount Zion,	4	225	443	62	109	11	12	10	5	150	235	50	50	Dayton, Ohio.
P. C. Prugh,	Xenia,	2	120	180	17	14	5	10	3	5	5	25	20	20	Xenia, Ohio.
T. H. Winters (sup.),	Cesar Creek,	1	40	67	33	5	1	3	4	3	14	40	10	10	Carrollton, Ohio.
G. W. Willard,	Bethel,	2	100	175	19	6	12	4	7	1	60	60	25	25	Dayton, Ohio.
T. P. Bucher,	First Church, Dayton,	2	188	331	18	4	12	4	27	1	155	423	60	10	Dayton, Ohio.
L. H. Belfer,	Miamisburg,	2	185	321	18	4	12	4	27	1	155	423	60	10	Miamisburg, Ohio.
G. Z. Meehling,	Seven Mile,	2	131	229	23	14	19	4	5	2	432	128	60	15	Seven Mile, Ohio.
H. M. Herman,	West Alexandria,	2	42	60	55	5	12	6	9	1	180	285	00	00	West Alexandria, Ohio.
S. Mease,	Sabbath School, Cross,	1	311	514	125	42	26	9	18	5	1	137	00	00	Cincinnati, Ohio.
C. Sauer,	First Church, Cincinnati,	1	205	447	455	45	10	26	11	27	12	127	00	29	Cincinnati, Ohio.
J. E. Richards,	East Reform Church, Cin'di,	1	65	290	165	34	62	21	6	2	11	137	00	10	Cincinnati, Ohio.
R. Schaefer,	Tremont,	1	77	102	87	24	14	25	1	6	80	53	00	10	St. Paris, Ohio.
J. H. Le Fever,	Covington, Ky.,	2	100	155	150	2	3	3	4	1	21	49	00	10	Covington, Ky.
Geo. Ruffin,	Fairfield,	2	207	290	25	25	12	4	13	5	1	49	00	10	Fairfield, Ohio.
J. Heller,	Port Church, Dayton,	1	130	150	16	1	3	2	3	1	51	60	12	10	Dayton, Ohio.
Wm. McCaughey,	Greenville,	2	86	82	76	21	15	6	2	1	10	60	15	6	Greenville, Ohio.
J. A. Lela,	St. John,	2	191	225	150	21	15	2	1	24	6	20	00	15	North Hampton, Ohio.
S. Shaw,	Union,	2	50	157	99	16	18	5	6	1	23	25	00	60	Greenwood, Ohio.
J. Stuck,	Dallas,	2	23	114	45	14	5	2	3	2	6	6	00	10	Germanstown, Ohio.
A. Wanner,	Bear Creek,	2	69	137	50	8	5	3	1	11	1	10	00	12	Sidney, Ohio.
J. Weaver,	Anna, Hillsbols,	1	62	120	17	31	4	3	14	2	1	10	00	12	Anna, Hillsbols.
P. H. K. Roh,	New Madison,	2	50	150	96	4	9	6	2	2	22	00	10	10	Germanstown, Ohio.
H. J. Comfort,	Highland,	2	135	152	64	5	1	2	4	1	1	22	00	10	Hillaboro, Ohio.
D. R. Doore,															West Alexandria, Ohio.
C. K. Dennis,															Grand View, Ohio.
B. F. Loeber,															Ladyette, Ind.
J. P. Loeber,															Piqua, Ohio.
J. Scott,															

THE METHODIST CHURCH IN OHIO

LANCASTER CLASSIS.

MINISTERS.	No. Con.	NAMES OF CHARGES.		Uncon. Members	Member	Com'ts	Baptisms	Confr's.	By Let.	Dismiss'd.	Excom.	Deaths.	S S Schol	S. Sch'ls.	Benevolent Contribut'ns.	Eng. do.	Ger. Min	POST-OFF. ADDRESS.
H. King.....	3	Union.....	120	180	140	29	11	8	5	1	20	00	5	10	Baltimore.....	O.		
J. Vogt.....	1	Delaware.....	136	184	184	19	5	2	2	3	184	00	10	1	Delaware.....	O.		
C. W. Hoyman.....	4	Somerset.....	285	285	265	36	21	8	3	4	340	00	35	4	Somerset.....	O.		
J. I. Swander.....	1	Lancaster.....	50	52	52	3	2	14			1	20	00	6	Lancaster.....	O.		
H. Willard.....	1	Circleville.....	30	20	15	3	3	4			1	12	00	5	Circleville.....	O.		
G. M. Albright.....	4	Tarlton.....	200	210	150	30	19	2	14		3	150	00	20	Stoutsville.....	O.		
J. Hefley.....	4	Canal Winchester.....	160	210	183	22	16	2	1	10	2	214	00	20	Canal Winchester.....	O.		
A. B. Koppin.....	4	Kinnick kinnick.....	120	150	130	6					2	75	00	20	Chillicothe.....	O.		
J. Hannaberry.....	4	Sugar Grove.....	194	173	147	22	5	2	1	9	315	4	89	00	16	Sugar Grove.....	O.	
J. McConnell.....	1	Licking.....	38	15	15	1	2				8	00	5		Johnstown.....	O.		
J. C. Henneman.....	3	Beaver.....	110	160	153	9	15	10			3	25	60	5	Beavertown.....	O.		
G. H. Leonard.....	2	Basil.....	80	125	85	8	1	8			2	102	00	15	Basil.....	O.		
Vacant.....	2	Columbus.....	40	42	36									1	Columbus.....	O.		
J. W. Alspach.....		Without Charge.....												1	Columbus.....	O.		
P. D. Schery.....		do												1	New Salem.....	O.		
S. S. Rieky.....		do												1	Lancaster.....	O.		
		do												1	Columbus.....	O.		

ERIE CLASSIS.

H. J. knetenik.....	2	1st Cleveland.....	166	166	170	8		8	2	10	2	259	09	20	105, Fulton st., Clave.....	O.
Eli Keller.....	3	Thompson.....	228	235	235									6	Bellevue.....	O.
J. E. Thompson.....	3	Fremont.....	106	140	124	15	10	2			2	44	03	10	Fremont.....	O.
M. Miller.....	2	Sandusky.....	126	117	112	13	7	16	1	4	2	44	03	12	Sandusky.....	O.
Ang. Toensmeir.....	2	Toledo.....	190	190	190	33	11				2				Toledo.....	O.
H. Trutmann.....	2	Vermillion.....	138	145	145	19	9	16	9	6	2	142	87	12	Cleveland.....	O.
C. Kuss.....	2	Monroeville.....	61	39	39	7		11	3	1	2	64	50	12	Monroeville.....	O.
E. Bentzing.....	1	2d Cleveland.....	26	35	35	11		7	5	1	1	30	90	6	Cleveland.....	O.
O. Rath.....	51	Elmville.....	51	51	51										Elmville.....	O.

MINISTERS.	NAMES OF CHARGES.	Congregations..	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
N. P. Hacke	Greensburg, (Ger.)	5	Greensburg, Pa.
H. E. F. Voight	Mt. Pleasant	8	Mt. Pleasant, Pa.
B. Knopper	Waltersburg	6	Waltersburg, Pa.
J. A. Peters	Mt. Pleasant	4	Mt. Pleasant, Pa.
F. Wall	Berlin	4	Berlin, Pa.
T. J. Barkley	Salem	4	Salem Roads, Pa.
K. D. Shoemaker	Latrobe	3	Youngstown, Pa.
J. H. Wagner	Grace Church	1	Pittsburgh, Pa.
Vacant	Greensburg, (Eng.)	3	Greensburg, Pa.
W. A. Gring	Paradise	5	Elklick, Pa.
Vacant	Somerset	3	Somerset, Pa.
Vacant	Cumberland-Mission	1	Cumberland, Md.
Vacant	Shade	5	Stoystown, Pa.
A. J. Heller	Beams	4	Jenner Roads, Pa.
F. K. Levan	Westmore'd College		Mt. Pleasant, Pa.
O. C. Russell	Ligonier Val. Mission		Ligonier, Pa.
H. W. Super	Without Charge		Lancaster, Pa.
Geo. H. Johnston	Without Charge		Lebanon, Pa.
Wm. Weinald	Superannuated		Leeburg, Pa.

MIN. GERMAN...	MIN. ENGLISH...	BENEVOLENT CONTRIBUTIONS...	S. SCHOOLS.....	DEATHS.....	EXCOMMUNICATED...	DISSIDENT BY LET..	RECEIVED BY CONFIRMATION...	REC'D BY LETTER OR RENEWAL OF CONFESION....	REC'D BY LET...	BAPTISMS.....	COMMUNICANTS.	CONFIRMED MEMBERS.....	UNCONFIRMED MEMBERS.....
5	1	61	6	17		40	1			120	700	254	201
8	12	17 00	3	12		21	3			60	143	176	160
4	15	82 49	2	6		25	3			11	254	215	160
4	15			3		38	3			20	325	325	240
3	30	75 61	4	7	3	11	3			18	273	215	190
1	15	128 79	1	2		22	5			18	190	215	120
3	15	1,857 00	3	4		3	3			10	98	74	256
5	10		3	6		6	12			20	213	138	163
3	15	119 00	2	6		11	4			19	208	160	160
15	25	121 00	4	12		19	1			20	170	154	160
25	25			4		1	2			74	74	74	150
	25		1	5		1				14	186	130	165
	1					2				14	218	149	165

* Report of 1864. † Report of last year. ‡ Report of 1864. § Supplies Stoystown Congregation. † Deceased.

SANDUSKY CLASSIS.

MINISTERS.	NAMES OF CHARGES.	No. of Cong...	Confirmed Members.....	Unconfirmed Members.....	Communicants.	Baptisms.....	Confirmations...	Rec'd by Let...	Dismissed.....	Excom'nicated.	Deaths.....	S. Schools.....	Benevolent Contributions...	Number of Minutes, Eng...	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
S. B. Leiter.....	Tuscarawas.....	4	207	176	207	15	5	2	12		3	2	\$ 54 34	20	Navarre, Stark Co.....O.
J. J. Excell.....	North Union.....	4	125	60	110	12	5	3	12		3	2	74 65	30	Wadsworth, Medina Co.....O.
F. J. Spangler.....	Navarre.....	4	160	160	160	28	40	2	7		3	2		30	West Lebanon.....O.
M. A. Miller.....	Summit.....	4	93	44	93	44	1	6	21		8	2		30	Lake, Stark Co.....O.
T. H. Winters.....	Carrollton.....	3	235	95	210	13	8	6	3		5	1		15	Carrollton.....O.
C. H. Reiter.....	Union.....	3	192	201	175	21	9	12	11		11	2	56 80	30	Wadsworth.....O.
W. B. Sandoe.....	Bristol.....	3	283	290	250	23	20	1			17	1	60 00	15	Marshallville, Bristol, Wayne.
D. R. Moore.....	Mohicanville.....	3	160	160	146	5	13	5	16		1	1	50 00	15	Hillsboro.....O.
S. E. Hering.....	Sayannah.....	4	175	75	140	5	33	4	8		6	15	94 15	15	Nankin.....O.
S. S. Miller.....	Akron.....	1	37	38	25		1	3	3		2	1	7 31	6	Akron.....O.
H. Hess.....	Evangelical.....	2	60					1	4						Mansfield.....O.
N. H. Loose.....	Shelby.....	3	130	110	125	16	11	4	7		2	3	133 50	15	Shelby.....O.
E. O. Lake.....	Reedsburg.....	3	158	52	150	1	2	4	4		5	3	50 00	20	Reedsburg, Wayne Co.....O.
D. H. Reiter.....	Without charge.....														Berrian Springs.....Mich.
J. R. Shepler.....	" "														Navarre, Stark Co.....O.
J. F. Helm.....	" "														Kidder, Caldwell Co.....Mo.

MINISTERS.	NAMES OF CHARGES.	Members.	Adm'd Mems.	Communicants.	Baptisms.	Confirmations.	Exp'd by Let.	Dismissed.	Com'municated.	Sabbaths.	Ch-Schools.	Contributions.	Benevolent	Minutes, Ger...	Minutes, Eng...	POST-OFFICES.	
J. H. Good.....	3| Second Tiffin.....	250	225	190	27	22	25	16	24	2	\$ 95	65	3	10	Tiffin.....	O.	
R. Good.....	Professor.....													1	1	Tiffin.....	O.
M. Kieffer, D. D.....	Professor.....													1	1	Tiffin.....	O.
H. Rust.....	Professor.....													1	1	Tiffin.....	O.
L. H. Kefauver.....	1| First Church, Tiffin.....	134	181	166	12	15	8	1	7	1	128	39	20			Tiffin.....	O.
F. Strasner.....	4| Berwick.....	200	250	225	40	28	10	7	10	4	126	77	10	10	Berwick.....	O.	
J. G. Ruhl.....	3| Findlay.....	100	89	75	10	4	2	3	2	17	20	17	20	1	10	Findlay.....	O.
T. F. Stauffer.....	Kostoria.....													6	5	Fosteria, Seneca Co., O.	O.
T. J. Seiple.....	1| Van Lue.....	30	30	3	7				1	18	00	4	2			Napoleon.....	O.
W. Witzgall.....	.....															New Bavaria.....	O.
W. Spies.....	No Charge.....															Huron, Erie Co.....	O.
P. Tendick.....	.....															.....	O.
Vacant.....	2| Ft. Seneca.....														10	.....	O.

IOWA CLASSIS.

F. C. Baumah.....	2| Harmony.....	135	110	107	12	5	23	5		2	\$ 20	00	5	Zwingle.....	Iowa.
J. Riale.....	3| Tipton.....	47	65	65	7	6	2		1	25	00	5	5	Tipton.....	Iowa.
J. H. Buser.....	3| Columbus City.....	125	100	100	4	3	4		1	12	50	5	5	Clifton.....	Iowa.
F. Hullhorst.....	1| Wheatland.....	68	55	55	6				1	29	00	5	5	Wheatland.....	Iowa.
	2| Boulder.....	69	94	90	16	1	7		1	2	29	00	5	.....	.....
	2| Oskaloosa.....	35	30	30										.....	.....

INDIANA CLASSIS.

MINISTRES.		NAMES OF CHARGES.		Members Unconfirmed...	Members Confirmed.....	Communicants.	Baptisms.....	Confirmations...	Rec'd by Letter...	Dis. by Letter...	Deaths.....	S. Schools.....	Paroch. Schools	Benevolent Contributions ...	Ministers, Eng.	Ministers, Ger.	POST-OFF. ADDRESS
G. H. Zumpfe.....	1	Poland Congregation....	142	117	132	14	1	1	2		6	1	1	\$46 00	1	13	Poland, Clay Co.,.....Ind.
M. G. I. Stern.....	2	Without Charge.....	75	171	76	4	2	12	6	2	6	2		26 00	1	12	Indianapolis.....Ind.
J. Eichen.....	1	Linton Scotland.....	190	180	110	20	7	10	7	1	7	1	1	120 00	1	12	Linton, Green Co.....Ind.
M. Stern.....	4	Zion's Church.....	76	83	122	34	20	23	2	1	6	1	1	48 80	3	3	Louisville.....Ky.
James Leibert.....	2	Dayton Charge.....	126	65	70	15	10	2	1	2	3	3	1	34 85	7	1	Rossville, Clinton Co Ind.
L. Rike.....	1	Corydon Mission.....	126	65	67	45	7	6	6	1	6	1	1	95 40	1	6	Coryden, Harrison Co Ind
C. T. Martin.....	3	Zion's Church.....	40	65	54	36	8		1	7	1	1	1	6 00	1	6	Terre Haute.....Ind.
R. Luschner.....	1	Clay Co. Mission.....	126	65	80	20	2	5	5		8	1	1	20 00	1	6	St. Joseph,.....Mo.
J. B. Zumpfe.....	3	Lafayette Congregation.															Lafayette.....Ind.
.....	3	Boundary City Charge ..															
.....	1	Salem's Congregation....															
E. Bauman.....	1	Book Agent.....															Cleveland.....O.
C. Pluss.....	1	Crothersville Mission....															Crothersville Jack. Co Ind
J. Pence.....		Without Charge.....															Tremont, Clark Co.....O.
J. D. Collflower.....	No	Report.....															
J. Knic.....	2	Lanesville Charge.....	40	65	19	19			1	5	1			20 20		1	Linton, Green Co.....Ind.
I. I. Simon.....	1	Indianapolis Cong.....												7 00		1	Lanesville.....Ind.
G. Long.....	1	Missionary.....															Indianapolis.....Ind.
G. Gackler.....		.....															Waldbonding.....O.

ST. JOSEPH CLASSIS.

MINISTERS.	CONGREGATIONS.	NAMES OF CHARGES.	MEMBERS.		Communicants.	Baptisms.....	Confirmations...	Rec'd by Let...	Dis. by Letter..	Excom.....	Deaths.	S. Schools.....	Contributions...	Benevolent	Minutes, Ger...	Minutes Eng...	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
			Confirmed Members.....	Unconfirmed Members.....													
J. H. Klein.....	1	St. John's Church.....	303	303	303	40	26	11	2	13	1	\$125 00	10	1	1	Fort Wayne.....Ind.	
C. Cast.....	1	Zion's Church.....	199	199	175	72	12	20	25	27	1						Lebanon.....O.
P. Gradingf.....	2	Adams Co. ch'ge.....	93											5			Decatur, Adams Co.....Ind.
P. Vitz.....	1	St. Peter's Church.....	103	125	125	22	7	6		3	1		32 00	10	1		Huntington.....Ind.
J. G. Noss.....	2	St. Paul's ch'ge.....	14	46	36	10	5	6		1	1		31 28		4		Huntington.....Ind.
W. Wasinch.....		No report.....													5		Pulaski, Williams Co.....O.
D. Kroh.....	2	No report.....															Pulaski, Williams Co.....O.
D. Lantz.....	2	Bristol ch'ge.....			176	18	20			17	1						Elkhart.....Ind.
Phil. Becker.....	5	Whitley ch'ge.....	151	293	283	40	7	6		17	1		21 17				Constantine.....Mich.
J. H. Stepler.....	3	Bluffton ch'ge.....	120	217	200	40	40	32	13	8	2		72 53	20	2		Columbia City.....Ind.
J. G. Kissell.....	5	Union ch'ge.....	261	225	197	36	6	1		6	2		5 00		1		Vera Cruz, Wells Co.....Ind.
S. Z. Beam.....	2	Neriah ch'ge.....	73	48	48	2				3	1		32 65		5		Auburn, DeKalb Co.....Ind.
J. Michael.....	3	Winamac ch'ge.....	118	90	90	19	8	10		1	3				5		Winamac, Pulaski Co.....Ind.
P. Kuhl.....	4	Brush Creek ch'ge.....	150	145	145	12	7	6	2	2	12	3					Ai, Fulton Co.....O.
P. Jorris.....	2	Sturgis.....													4		Sturgis.....Mich.
A. Butt.....	2		32	32	32	11	6	12		2	2		10 00		6		Pulaski, Williams Co.....O.
H. Baer.....	2	Elkhart ch'ge.....	46	40	40	7	5			5			12 25	5	5		Millersburg, Elkhart Co., Ind.
J. B. Ruhl.....		Without field.....															South West, Elkhart Co., Ind.
E. Spangler.....		No report.....															Edgerton, Williams Co.....O.
W. Spies.....		No report.....															New Bavaria, Henry Co.....O.
J. Ruhl.....		Ruhl.....															Defiance.....O.
H. Wiegandt.....		Park Grove.....															White Pigeon.....Mich.

† Lately taken charge.

ILLINOIS CLASSIS.

MINISTERS.	NAMES OF CHARGES.		POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.										
	No. of Cong...		Orangeville.....	Defiance.....	Sumnum.....	Forreston.....	Shelbyville.....	Freeport.....	Freeport.....	Hickory Creek.....	Lena.....	Lacon.....	Charleston.....
John Hoyman.....	4	Orangeville.....	145	12	5	5	00	15	5	Orangeville.....	Illinois.		
H. Daniel.....	3	Cedarville.....	23	38	38	3	6			Defiance.....	Ohio.		
Geo. Weber.....	2	Astoria.....	91	57	57	4	1	5		Sumnum.....	Illinois.		
F. A. Edmonds.....	3	Forreston.....	113	145	101	13	14	21	6	Forreston.....	Illinois.		
Vacant.....	3	Shelbyville.....	45	51	45	5	2	10	00	Shelbyville.....	Illinois.		
J. O. Accola.....	1	St. Jacobs.....	11	57						Freeport.....	Illinois.		
J. P. Decker.....		Superannuated.....								Freeport.....	Illinois.		
Wm. Gilpin.....	3	Hickory Creek.....	44	60	54	4	1	2	4	Hickory Creek.....	Illinois.		
Joseph Sechler.....		Licentiate.....								Lena.....	Illinois.		
John Karcher.....	5	Washburn.....	200	175	135	33	4	10	10	Lacon.....	Illinois.		
W. W. James.....		No Charge.....								Charleston.....	Illinois.		

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ST. JOHN'S CHURCH

MINISTERS.	NAMES OF CHARGES.		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.	
J. W. Hamm.....	3	Manchester.....	3	Nimissilla..... O.
J. H. Derrf.....	4	Wooster.....	2	364 00 49 40 Wooster..... O.
P. Harbruck.....	3	Canton.....	3	190 25 10 24 Canton..... O.
G. Zeigler.....	4	North Georgetown.....	2	4 158 53 8 16 Paris..... O.
J. G. Zahner.....	5	Shanesville.....	5	146 00 5 25 Bagersville..... O.
J. Biery.....	5	New Bedford.....	5	64 65 5 20 New Bedford..... O.
J. Acheret.....	2	Mt. Eaton.....	1	20 93 4 6 Mt. Eaton..... O.
C. Zwisler.....	4	Canfield.....	7	1 15 00 Canfield..... O.
S. King.....	4	New Lisbon.....	3	54 65 10 3 New Lisbon..... O.
C. Bank.....	4	New Philadelphia.....	4	New Philadelphia..... O.
W. Renter.....	4	Youngstown.....	3	33 33 Youngstown..... O.
J. Rinehart.....	4	Springfield.....	10	4 220 00 30 10 North Lima..... O.
A. Miller.....	4	Louisville.....	9	53 76 15 3 Louisville..... O.
F. Hunsche.....	2	Black Creek.....	6	7 Black Creek..... O.
J. M. Grether.....	4	Homer and Ashland.....	1	2 47 60 6 15 Polk, Ashland Co..... O.
H. K. Zinck.....	3	Warren.....	2	2 50 Warren..... O.
F. Schaad.....	3	Beth. Mis.....	6	3 31 30 1 7 Navarre..... O.
H. Korthuefer.....	1	St. John's Church.....	20	1 125 00 2 10 Massillon..... O.
C. Schiller.....	3	Hardville.....	16	3 47 00 3 Lima..... O.
J. Rinehart, (sup.).....	1	Boardman.....	1	10 00 4 2 Lima..... O.

Without Charges.—R. Koehler, Akron, O.; D. Kemmerer, Wooster, O.; G. W. Henning, Canton, O.

† J. H. Derr's report includes one year and a half.

SHEBOYGAN CLASSES.

MINISTERS.	No. Con.	NAMES OF CHARGES.	Uncon. Memb's.	Con. Memb's.	Com'ts.	Bapt'ms.	Confir's.	By Let.	Dismiss'd	Excom.	Deaths.	S Sch'l's.	Benevo- lent Con- tribut'ns	Min Ger	Min Eng	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
																Howard Grove Sheb. Co Wis Milwaukie..... Sheboygan..... Sheboygan..... Sauk City..... Lowell Dodge Co..... Waukesha..... Aub'n Clare Fon du Lac Co " Freeport..... Sheboygan..... Appleton..... Young America..... Rhine Sheboygan Co..... Watertown..... Waukon..... Girard..... Newtonsburg..... Chicago..... Waukesha..... La Crosse..... Sauk City..... Waukon..... Mayville..... Howard Grove..... do do
H. A. Muhlmeier	1	Lamauel	215	165	165	18	3	40	1	1	3	1	\$243 90	1	1	Howard Grove Sheb. Co Wis
A. A. Winter	1	First Germ. Reformed.	58	61	61	10	6	5	4	1	2	1	45 00	4	1	Milwaukie.....
Dr. James Bossard	2	Saron and Zoar	82	124	103	7	11	5	1	3	2	2	30 00	2	2	Sheboygan.....
J. T. Cluge	2	Zion and St. Paul	141	265	263	30	11	25	5	2	2	2	78 00	2	2	Sheboygan.....
J. J. Brecht	3	Sauk Helena HARRISB'G	138	140	75	12	12	5	5	2	5	2	16 00	2	2	Sauk City.....
C. Lienkemper	3	Lowell Reesville Pl'd	130	140	103	12	3	11	3	1	1	1	70 00	2	2	Lowell Dodge Co.....
N. Rutenik	2	First G R & N Prairie	70	63	63	7	3	13	3	2	2	1	5 00	2	2	Waukesha.....
J. F. Vergenz	1	Ashford charge	62	66	60	3	5	13	1	1	1	1	9 94	2	2	Aub'n Clare Fon du Lac Co " Freeport.....
O. J. Accola	2	Zion											5 00			Sheboygan.....
John Bluetgen	1	Salem Ebenezer	58	58	20	24	8			4	1					Sheboygan.....
E. H. Woehler	5	Medina and Appleton Carver Mission	197	100	100	24	13									Appleton.....
J. Romeis	2	Trinity and St. Peters	82	77	60	11	17			1	2		43 12	2	2	Young America.....
L. Fraikschatis	2	Zoar and Salem	39	81	81	2	10	4	2	2	2		28 00	2	1	Rhine Sheboygan Co.....
W. Wittenwieler	1	Ebenezer	185	98	98		15			2	5		37 00	1	1	Watertown.....
S. Elliker	2	Immanuel and Zion	28	36	27	4				1	1					Waukon.....
C. Febr	1	Ebenezer St. Johns	128	75	75	33	4	33	16	1	1			1	1	Girard.....
Jean Grob	1	First Ger. Reformed		50	42	15				2			6 50	1	1	Newtonsburg.....
Fr. Kuenzler	6	1st G R Bohemian Mis.		75	75	33				11	1					Chicago.....
Prof. H. Kurtz	1	St. Johns & Trinity								2						Waukesha.....
H. Hanhart	2	Swiss G R Sauk Prairie	145	75	45	15	8			7	1					La Crosse.....
A. Leupp	1	Zalmona	66	29	14	4	4			2						Sauk City.....
H. C. Schoopie	2	Mayville & Horicon								3	2					Waukon.....
H. Helming (lic't.)	1	Bethel											52 73	1	1	Mayville.....
J. Gehring																Howard Grove..... do do

STATISTICAL SUMMARY.

NAMES OF CLASSES.	Ministers.....		Congregations.....		Members Unconfirmed.....		Members Confirmed.....		Communicants.....		Baptisms.....		Confirmations.....		Received by Certificate.....		Dismissed by Letter.....		Excom. and Erasures.....		Deaths.....		S. Schools.....		S. S. Scholars.....		Benevolent Collections.....		English.....		German.....			
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30				
Miami.....	28	54	2721	4903	4248	587	424	265	89	128	142	43	997	\$2197	87	391	40																	
Lancaster.....	15	34	1563	1806	1555	188	100	50	22	59	21	315	1115	60	161	20																		
Westmoreland.....	15	57	2405	3246	2653	335	180	29	31	3	76	32	2416	56	218	46																		
Sandusky.....	15	41	1141	1922	1785	188	48	46	76	22	72	20	570	85	196																			
Tiffin.....	12	14	684	775	686	92	72	47	25	1	44	10	380	81	47	50																		
St. Joseph.....	22	37	1125	1950	1850	329	144	115	42	2	114	19	1658	30	157	194																		
St. John's.....	19	59	3774	5865	4968	718	378	25	30	268	49																							
Sheboygan.....	24	46	1569	1900	1555	229	107	105	114	4	51	23	670	19	3	26																		
Indiana.....	17	23	650	1026	728	153	69	50	14		53	13	434	20	14	41																		
Illinois*.....	4	13	469	464	457	45	15	36	5		1	7																						
Iowa.....	9	17	902	1136	1105	106	37	60	7	10	36	13	541	39	10	68																		
Erie.....	10	34	982	1475	1172	176	47	15	27	14	55	21	541	48	62	48																		
Heidelberg.....	190	428	17980	26468	22763	3146	1620	843	482	184	971	270	1312	\$11050	63	1314	608																	
Total.....	267	700	50792	80836	65600	8439	3517	1224	653	19	3332	615	23104	6271	08																			
Eastern Synod.....	440	1105	68127	105278	87634	11432	5069	2027	1121	203	4250	873	24416	\$46888	51																			
Sum total.....																																		

* Not received in time to be included.

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ACTS AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

SYNOD

OF THE

GERMAN REFORMED CHURCH

OF

Ohio and Adjacent States,

CONVENED AT

FAIRFIELD, GREENE CO., O.

*Commencing its Sessions on the 22nd of May, 1867, at 8 o'clock
P. M., and closing on Tuesday Night Following.*

CINCINNATI, OHIO:
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ACTS AND PROCEEDINGS

Of the Synod of Ohio and adjacent States, of the German Reformed Church, which met in Fairfield, Ohio, (the place of meeting having been changed from Cleveland to Fairfield, according to the standing rule,) on Wednesday, the 22^d of May, at 8 o'clock P. M., in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-seven, and closed its sessions at a late hour on the following Tuesday night.

ARTICLE I

THE OPENING OF SYNOD.

In the absence of the President, the synod was opened with the usual religious exercises by the Stated Clerk, whereupon Rev. P. C. Prugh was appointed President *pro tem.*, and the Rev. T. P. Bucher preached by request. The President, who had been unavoidably detained, appeared and took his seat at the opening of Synod on Thursday morning, and by request preached the sermon he had prepared for the opening of Synod in the evening.

ARTICLE II.

MEMBERS PRESENT.

MIAMI CLASSIS.

Revs. D. Winters, P. C. Prugh, H. M. Herman, T. P. Bucher, J. M. Le Fever and Geo. W. Williard. (This seat was subsequently occupied by Rev. J. Richards.

Elders—P. Cost, A. H. Baughman, A. Hawker, J. Haller, J. Oldfather and W. Hoff.

LANCASTER CLASSIS.

Revs. A. B. Koplín, (seat occupied the first day by his second, Rev. G. H. Leonard) J. McConnell and J. Hannabery.

Elders—H. Leonard and Sol. Riegle.

WESTMORELAND CLASSIS.

Revs. J. H. Sykes and C. C. Russell.

Elders—J. Truxel and T. L. Benford.

SANDUSKY CLASSIS.

Revs. S. C. Goss S. B. Leiter and S. Shaw.

Elders—None present.

TIFFIN CLASSIS.

Revs. H. Rust and F. Strassner.

Elder—J. Poorman.

IOWA CLASSIS.

Rev. F. C. Bauman.

Elder—None present.

ILLINOIS CLASSIS.

Rev. Geo. Weber.

Elder—None present.

ST. JOHN'S CLASSIS.

Revs. J. H. Derr, J. Rinehart and Wm. Renter.

Elder—A. Boucsien.

EASTERN SYNOD.

No delegate present.

ADVISORY MEMBERS.

Revs. S. E. Herring, Dr. M. Kieffer, Dr. Geo. W. Willi
 J Vogt, H. Williard, C. W. Hoyman, I. H. Reiter, J. I. S
 dor, S. Mease, J. H. Buser, J. Heller, G. Z. Mechling, O
 Accola, J. Leibert, H. Knepper, F. Wall, J. B. Shoemake
 M. Mickly, J. Pence, J. H. Good. *Licentiate*—Mr. Knepp

ARTICLE III.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The election of officers resulted as follows:

Rev. S. B. Leiter, Navarre, O. *President*.Rev. P. C. Prugh, Xenia, O., *Corresponding Secretary*.Rev. I. H. Reiter, Miamisburg, O., *Treasurer*.Rev. Geo. W. Williard, L.D., Tiffin, O., is the *Stated Cle*.

ARTICLE IV.

RULES OF SYNOD.

The rules of order adopted by Synod for the regulation of
 business transactions, were read by the Stated Clerk, and
 following hours fixed upon for opening and closing the sess
 of Synod:

Morning Session to commence at 8½, and close at 11 o'clock
 A. M.

Afternoon Session to commence at 2, and close at 5 o'clock
 P. M.

ARTICLE V.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

Committee on Religious Exercises—Revs. J. M. LeFever, D. Winters and J. Hannabery; Elder, P. Cost.

Minutes of Synod—Revs. H. Rust, J. Hannabery; Elder, P. Cost.

Overtures—Revs. F. C. Bauman, Dr. M. Kieffer; Elder, J. Truxel.

Minutes of Classes—Revs. T. P. Bucher, J. Hannabery, J. Keller, S. C. Goss; Elder, J. Poorman.

On Examination, Licensure, &c.—Revs. D. Winters, H. Williard, H. Reiter and J. H. Good; Elders, A. Hawker and T. L. Benford.

On State of Religion—Revs. J. H. Derr, Geo. Weber, J. I. Swander; Elders, H. Leonard and A. Boucsien.

On Theological Seminary—Revs. F. Strassner, P. C. Prugh and J. H. Good; Elders, J. Haller and J. Truxel.

On College—Revs. H. M. Herman, J. Vogt and J. H. Buser; Elders, A. H. Baughman and J. Poorman.

On Missions—Revs. P. C. Prugh, W. Renter, C. W. Hoyman; Elder A. Boucsien.

On Finance—Revs. J. McConnell, S. E. Herring; Elder, T. L. Benford.

On Nominations—Revs. G. H. Leonard, H. Williard and J. H. Sykes; Elder, A. Baughman.

On Publication—Revs. J. Rinehart, J. H. Buser, H. M. Herman; Elder, J. Poorman.

On Education—Revs. J. H. Sykes, G. Z. Mechling, G. H. Leonard; Elder, J. Haller.

ARTICLE VI.

COMMUNICATIONS.

1. All communications designed for Synod were referred to the Committee on Overtures.
2. The reading of the minutes of Synod of last year, with those of the Eastern and General Synod was dispensed with, and referred to the Committee on Synodical minutes.
3. The minutes of the several Classes were received with the Reports on Religion and Statistic, and referred respectively to the Committee on Minutes of Classes and the Committee on the State of Religion and Statistics.
4. The Reports of the different Boards were read, received and referred to their respective Committees.

ARTICLE VII.

RELIGIOUS EXERCISES.

The Committee on Religious Exercises presented their report, which was received and adopted. The report provided for religious service each evening of the session till Monday, when the Synod held regular sessions for the transaction of its business. Service preparatory to the Communion was held on Saturday afternoon, and the Lord's Supper administered to a very large number of persons on Sunday morning. The Missionary anniversary was held on Sunday night, when short addresses were delivered. The pulpits of the town, as well as those of Osborn, were filled by request, by members of Synod.

ARTICLE VIII.

MINUTES OF SYNODS.

The Committee on Synodical Minutes presented the following report of items claiming the attention of Synod.

MINUTES OF THE SYNOD OF OHIO AND ADJACENT STATES.

- Item 1. Is the continuation of the Committee on the Liturgy. Page 8.
- Item 2. Is the continuation of the Committee on the Tercentenary operations. Page 10.
- Item 3. Is the appointment of a Committee on the subject of a student's home at Tiffin. Page 18.
- Item 4. Is the appointment of a Committee on Correspondence with the churches in Germany, consisting of Rev. H. J. Baetenick and others. Page 19.
- Item 5. Is the subject of some plan of systematic benevolence referred to a committee. Page 22.
- Item 6. Is the action of Synod, respecting a home for disabled Ministers, and the appointment of a Board of Directors. Page 23.
- Item 7. Is a resolution, instructing the Treasurer to pay half of the traveling expenses of the Delegates from the far West. Page 25.
- Item 8. Is the request of Westmoreland Classis for a dismission to the Eastern Synod. Page 25.
- Item 9. Is a resolution directing the attention of the classis to the necessity of having their Statistical Reports full and complete. Page 31.
- Item 10. Is the instruction to the Treasurer of Lancaster Classis, to pay the funds in his hands to the Treasurer of Home Missions. Page 47.
- Item 11. Is the appointment of classical committees on missions. Page 47.
- Item 12. Is a request to the General Board of Missions to

and a yearly report to this Synod through the members of the board belonging to this synod. Page 48.

Item 13. Is a resolution respecting the publication of Tracts by the General Board of Missions. Page 48.

Item 14. Is the election of a delegate to the Eastern Synod. Page 52.

Item 15. Is the publication of the minutes of Synod. 1500 copies in English, and 800 in German.

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL SYNOD.

Item 1. Is a resolution requiring the payment of \$290 by this Synod toward the expenses of the General Synod Page 69.

Item 2. Is a resolution that the Classes of Clarion, St. Pauls, West New York and Westmorland, be authorized to form themselves into a district Synod. Page 77.

Item 3. Is a request to the district Synods to urge through their Classes upon all the ministers and congregations the duty of devoting the regular collections in Divine service, either to the poor, or other benevolent objects. Page 84.

H. RUST, *Chairman.*

The above report was received and acted upon item by item.

Item 1. The Committee on the Liturgy reported as follows :

At the last Synod, the Committee on the Liturgy was somewhat changed, in consequence of several members resigning, and others being added thereto, and instructed to prosecute the work assigned it? Under the peculiar circumstances, however, which the Committee was placed, but little has been accomplished. A meeting of the Committee was called in Dayton, Ohio, last August; but in consequence of the prevalence of cholera, the chairman and several other members could not attend, so that there was no quorum present. Those who met, spent a short time in consultation as to what the Committee should do, and agreed to give a thorough revision of the forms previously prepared, so as to make them better adapted for the use of the Church, prepare new forms, and report the result thereof at a subsequent meeting. In the mean time, the Chairman of the Committee, having received and accepted a call to another Church, resigned his position, and withdrew from the Committee; so that no meeting was held for some months, when several members agreed to call a meeting in Tiffin, Ohio, on the 14th of May, to further the object of their appointment, and prepare a report for Synod. At this meeting Rev. J. H. Klein was appointed Chairman in the place of Rev. J. Lichtenstein, who had resigned; whereupon it was agreed to make the following recommendations to the two district Synods interested in this work :

1. That the Synod be requested to go forward with the preparation of a Liturgy for our Church as rapidly as possible, upon the basis upon which the work has been begun; and

2. That a Committee of six members be appointed, three from each Synod, to whom this important work be intrusted, and that care be exercised in their selection, so that they may be able to meet as often as necessity may require, and also act with as much harmony as possible.

The traveling expenses of the different members of the Committee, in attending its sessions during the year, amount to \$20.00
J. H. KLEIN, *Chairman*.

The report was adopted, and the old members of the Committee, in the bounds of this Synod, were constituted the Committee on the part of the Synod of Ohio and adjacent States, viz: Revs. George W. Williard, D.D., M. Kieffer, D.D., and J. H. Derr.

Item 2. The following report was received from the Committee and adopted; the bill of expenses ordered to be paid, and the Committee discharged.

The Committee appointed in 1864, and subsequently continued, to transcribe the tercentenary reports, as furnished by congregations and charges, within the bounds of the Synod of Ohio and adjacent states, would ask to submit their final report.

That they, during the last synodical year, continued their labors, but in response to Synod's request, received only thirteen additional reports, and a few of these were very incomplete, making the total number of reports furnished for record, eighty-seven, and leaving about one half of the pastoral charges unreported.

The thirteen additional reports received, together with the amounts of free will offerings, are as follows:

MIAMI CLASSIS.	
Fairfield charge, Rev. J. Schlosser.....	\$70 75
Beaver Creek " " "	120 00
Greenville, Rev. Wm. McCaughy.....	9 10
Brown County, Rev. C. Pluss.....	—
LANCASTER CLASSIS.	
Kinnickinnick charge, Rev. J. I. Swander.....	\$114 94
Canal Winchester, Rev. J. Hefley.....	84 85
WESTMORELAND CLASSIS.	
Berlin charge, Rev. William Rupp.....	\$—
Greensburg (English), Geo. H. Johnston.....	—
TIFFIN CLASSIS.	
Caroline charge, Rev. J. Winter.....	\$40 00
ST. JOHN'S CLASSIS.	
Canton charge, Rev. P. Herbruck.....	\$135 00
New Lisbon, Rev. S. N. King.....	95 88

ILLINOIS CLASSIS.

Creek Mission, Rev. Wm. Gilpin..... ———

HEIDELBERG CLASSIS.

in charge, Rev. D. Zimmerman..... \$135 00

Total..... 805 52

dition to this, the free-will offerings of the Carrollton in Sandusky Classis, Rev. J. M. LeFever, pastor, being in the tabular statement of the previous year, amount \$70.

After having made a few corrections in the statistics appended to the last annual report of the Committee, it is ascertained that the tercentenary free-will offerings reported within the bounds of the Synod of Ohio and adjacent states, in the aggregate, amount to \$12,318.97. This amount, had the reports furnished of *all* the offerings *actually* given, would have been swelled to \$14,000 or \$15,000.

Work of transcribing has been completed, and in accordance with the instruction of Synod, the sheets containing the same were placed, on the 19th day of April in the hands of the printer and bound in one volume, which is hereby presented for the inspection of Synod. This volume is prefaced with a historical outline of Synod's action respecting the tercentenary movement in the West, and closes with a general summary and index.

The labors of the Committee bestowed on this volume have been somewhat arduous and perplexing, and required some portion of their time and attention, not to say anything of the labors relating thereto written by the chairman. But the work is now finished; and the Committee endeavored to conform to the wishes of Synod, and subserve the interests of the Church.

The only thing that they regret, is that they, after all their efforts and labor, are not enabled to submit something more full, complete and better, containing a satisfactory report of every pastoral charge. They, however, can only present it as it is, and not according to their wishes. Yet they have the hope, that though incomplete and imperfect, it may in some measure prove a grateful *memorial* of the past efforts and fidelity of the Reformed Church, and of her devotion to the fundamental principles and spirit of the Heidelberg catechism. It may also serve some good purpose in the sphere of history and

expenses incurred by the Committee in the prosecution of their labors are as follows:

For assistance in transcribing reports.....	\$13 00
" binding volume.....	2 50
" stationery and postage during three years.....	5 00
Total.....	20 50

Respectfully submitted,

ISAAC H. REITER, *Chairman.*

In connection with the above report, it was resolved that the thanks of Synod be tendered the Committee on the Tercentenary operations and that the treasurer be authorized to pay the Chairman, Rev. I. H. Reiter, \$25 as a small compensation for his valuable labors in this respect.

Item 3. The Committee, consisting of Rev. Dr. M. Kieffer, Prof. H. Rust, Prof. J. H. Good, Rev. F. Strassner, and Elder Geo. Robb, reported that about fifteen hundred dollars have been secured toward this object in subscriptions. The Committee was continued.

Item 4. As no report was made, the item was laid on the table.

Item 5. The Committee presented the following report which was received and referred to the several Classes for their consideration and action, so that this Synod, knowing the views and wishes of the Church, may be able to take such action as will meet the wants of the case.

The Committee on Systematic Benevolence respectfully report:

After a careful and impartial study of the subject in hand, we have come to the conclusion that no plan of systematic benevolence can be proposed, that can lawfully take the place in the church of the divinely appointed custom of alms-giving, which has the sanction of the Savior, the Apostles, and the Primitive Church, as well as the Church of the Reformation. No scheme of mere human invention, however feasible it may appear, can find its genus relation in the Lord's Sanctuary; consequently it must always be regarded as a down-right intruder by the people of God. They will ever regard it as an effort to get the money, which in their opinion, they have a perfect right to withhold. The history of the benevolent operations in our own church is an ample verification of this statement. The study of congregations is to have this intruder visit them as rarely as possible, whilst it is the study of those to whom the benevolent interests of the church are intrusted to get as much out of the people as they can by *special agencies*, by appeals for *special collections*, and by *special ecclesiastical apportionments*. Yet the cry is loud and long for more, whilst the response from

gregation is: "*Die Leute sind dass betten bald ledig,*"—
 ple are tired of this begging." As a people we have
 it many inventions for getting money for the Lord's
 i just as many apologies for withholding the "Lord's

True, there are liberal men and women in our church
 largely every year; but the aggregate result only
 at the great mass of our people only give nothing at
 is an evil which, it is supposed, can be removed by
 tematic plan of benevolence. There is a remedy for
 but it is not one of mere human discovery. Your Com-
 l not originate the plan which we now propose. It is
 e system of alms giving which is sanctioned and en-
 God's holy word. Here we are plainly taught that
 ng is a part of Christian worship, and is inseparably
 l with it. (See Matt, Chap. vi; Luke x, 41; Acts ii,
 i; Acts xi, 29, xii, 25; Rom. xii, 7; xv, 25; 1 Cor., xvi.
)

the Scriptures we find no dualism between a communion
 ship of spiritual gifts and a fellowship of temporal
 hey are placed in the same category, and require the
 it of holy devotion. A mere lip service of prayer and
 thout the disposition to offer ourselves and all that we
 is a sacrifice to God is an abomination in his sight.
 y prayer and praise, but also the gold of Sheba, are to
 l unto the Lord."

eing laid down as canonical, there is but one "system-
 of benevolence" for us to adopt, and that is the Scrip-
 if the term is preferred, the Apostolic plan. This was
 of the Primitive Church, and also of the Reformed
 of the 16th century, and in some parts of our Zion, it
 become obsolete even to this day. From personal obser-
 e know enough of its feasibility to justify us in giving
 eference before all others. If adopted, or rather revived
 urch, it will yield more pecuniary fruit than any plan
 n invention, to say nothing of the rich spiritual bless-
 sh God promises to the cheerful giver. But for both
 sons, and others that might be named, it will commend
 our people. We therefore recommend the following:
 it it be enjoined upon the Classes to make it the duty
 minister to preach to his people as soon as possible on
 ect, and use every lawful means to introduce this apos-
 tom of alms-giving among his congregation.

it in every congregation within the bounds of our Synod
 y of the minister and the contingent expenses of the
 such as fuel, light, and sexton's wages, be provided for
 scription, or in any other way that the consistory may
) that the alms of the congregation may not be diverted
 ir proper design.

3. That whenever the people meet together to worship God in his sanctuary, whether on the Lord's day or during the week, it be enjoined upon them to bring their offerings, according as the Lord has prospered them, to be placed on the Lord's altar, and in the Lord's treasury.

4. That the deacons collect the offerings in suitable vessels prepared for the purpose, and whilst they are doing so, the minister may encourage the people by suitable words of promise to the cheerful giver, etc.

5. The offerings shall be placed on the altar, and then in the treasury, which shall be known as the Lord's treasury.

6. The alms shall be distributed according to the direction of the consistory to the poor, to the Boards of Missions, of Education, and to the Theological Seminary till its endowment can be effected by bequests or otherwise, etc., and the aggregate result shall be reported yearly to Classis.

7. That the children of the church be taught the true idea of alms giving, it is enjoined that the above plan be introduced, as far as practicable, in the Sunday school.

Your committee are of the opinion that this plan can be introduced and carried into effect with the best practical results.

In the bounds of our small Synod we have about 150 ministers. Suppose they average three services a week only, and the offerings do not amount to more than one dollar for each service, the aggregate amount at the end of the year, would be the nice sum of \$23,400. Then let the other Synods do likewise, and at least \$200,000 will flow into the Lord's treasury in our Church yearly, and all this without any expense for agencies, without any criminations or complainings about apportionments, begging, etc. The whole, more than five times the amount our church has been giving, would be the free outflow of Christian charity, that grace which if a man do not possess, he is but a sounding brass and a tinkling cymbal.

Respectfully submitted,

M. KIEFFER, *Chairman.*

Item 6. See action of Synod under item 4 in the report of Committee on Overtures.

Item 7. Attended to.

Item 8. See action of Synod under Item 2, in this report, referring to items in the minutes of the General Synod.

Item 9. See reports on Classical minutes.

Item 10. Attended to.

Item 11. See reports on minutes of Classes.

Item 12. The request was renewed, and the Corresponding Secretary instructed to notify the Board of our action. A letter in this connection was read from the Corresponding Secretary

of the Board of Missions urging the importance of increased efforts in this great cause. The letter was referred to the Committee on missions.

Item 13. The request was renewed, and the Corresponding Secretary instructed to notify the Board of this action.

Item 14. No report.

Item 15. Attended to.

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL SYNOD.

Item 1. Adopted, and the Treasurer of Synod authorized to pay said amount. In connection with this subject, the following resolutions were adopted.

Resolved 1. That the Commissioner appointed to the Synod of the North West be instructed to lay this matter before said Synod and get it to pay its just proportion of said amount.

Resolved 2. That in case the Synod of the North West consents to pay its proportion of said sum, that the following be suggested as a fair and just apportionment, according to numerical strength of the above \$200, putting \$135 to the Synod of Ohio and adjacent states, and \$65 to the Synod of the North West, distributed among the several classes as follows:

Ohio Synod.—Miami Classis, \$32; Lancaster, \$15; Westmoreland, 21; Sandusky, \$13; St. Johns, \$28; Tiffin, \$12; Illinois, 9; Iowa, \$5.

Synod of the North West.—St. Joseph Classis, \$21; Indiana \$12; Sheboygan, \$12; Heidelberg, \$10; and Erie 10.

Item 2. See action on report of minutes of Classes under the head of Requests.

Item 3. The request was granted.

The report was adopted as a whole.

ARTICLE IX.

OVERTURES.

The Committee on Overtures beg leave to present the following report:

Item 1. (a) Is a copy of three special meetings of the classis of Illinois convened for the purpose of investigating certain charges preferred against the Rev. H. Knepper.

(b) Are papers bearing testimony for and against the accused.

Item 2. Is a letter from the Rev. Samuel G. Wagner, delegate elect, to represent the Synod of North America on the floor of this synod, stating that circumstances rendered it absolutely im-

possible for either of the delegates to be with us, and at the same time communicating to this Synod the warm congratulations of the Eastern Synod with the earnest prayer that the Great head of the Church may so overrule our deliberations and actions as to promote the unity and prosperity of our whole Reformed Zion.

Item 3. Is a report from Rev. E. Keller, President and Treasurer of Invalid Fund, requesting Synod to enjoin anew upon the delinquent Classes the necessity of immediate payment, and to take cognisance of the fact that two classes, viz., the Sausdusky and Heidelberg, were omitted in the apportionment, and further, that these papers, together with Synod's action with reference to this matter, be referred without delay to the North West Synod.

Item 4. Is a donation to Synod by Samuel Jackson of the right and title of a certain important discovery, for the benefit of the institutions of the Church.

Respectfully submitted,

F. C. BAUMAN, *Chairman.*

The above report was received and acted upon item by item.

Item 1. Referred to a special Committee, consisting of Rev. H. Rust, J. Hannaberry, J. Rinchart, J. H. Sykes, J. H. Derr, and Elder H. Leonard. This committee subsequently presented the following report, which was received and adopted :

Your Committee, to whom the case of the Rev. Henry Knepper, together with the reference of the Illinois Classis has been entrusted, would respectfully report :

That they have investigated the proceedings of said Classis in the case, and have found them regular. Rev. Knepper waiving some points of order, we therefore recommend to Synod that the case be taken up and acted upon in the following order :

1. Reading of the charges by H. Leonard.
2. Reading of the evidences by Rev. J. H. Sykes and G. Weber.
3. That Rev. J. H. Derr be appointed counsel in behalf of Rev. H. Knepper, and Rev. J. H. Sykes, counsel in behalf of the Classis of Illinois, according to the request of the respective parties.

4. That after the pleading on both sides is done, each member of Synod be allowed to express his views, after which the vote shall be taken by calling the roll.

H. RUST, *Chairman.*

The following is the action of Synod on the above case.

Resolved, That having heard the evidence in the case of the Rev. H. Knepper, referred to this Synod by the classis of Illinois, and having given it a fair and impartial consideration, this

Synod relieves him of the temporary silence imposed on him by said Classis, and fully restores him to his ministerial functions.

The vote on the above resolution was as follows :

Yeas.—Revs. D. Winters, H. M. Herman, Geo. W. Williard, J. M. LeFever, A. B. Koplín, J. McConnell, J. Hannabery, C. C. Russell, S. B. Leiter, H. Rust, F. Strassner, F. C. Bauman, J. H. Derr, and J. Rinehart ; Elders P. Cost, A. Hawker, J. Oldfather, H. Leonard, S. Riegle, J. Truxel, T. L. Benford, and J. Poorman, 22.

Nays.—Rev J. H. Sykes, and Geo. Weber.

Non-liquet.—Rev. William Reuter.

Item 2. Adopted.

Item 3. Referred to a special Committee consisting of Revs. F. Strassner, P. C. Prugh, and Elder J. Poorman, which Committee subsequently presented the following report which was adopted :

The Committee to whom the documents referring to the Invalid Home were referred, beg leave respectfully to report :

The financial engagements could not be met fully on account of the Classes not having paid the whole amount of their apportionment. There is still due on the Invalid Farm \$755.59. The Treasurer received \$929 70, and paid on various accounts for the improvements of the Invalid Farm \$929.70. The vouchers are herewith returned. By some oversight, the apportionment of the Sandusky and Heidelberg Classes was omitted in the published report of last year, amounting to \$135.00.

The Home is not yet what it was intended to be viz., a source of permanent relief to invalid ministers, and especially to Rev. P. Tendick. However, the plan has been well laid, so that in a few years the object contemplated will be accomplished. The Report of the President of the Invalid fund is herewith submitted.

The Committee recommend the following resolutions for adoption.

Resolved, That the delinquent Classes, including Sandusky and Heidelberg, be urged to pay the apportionment on the "Invalid Fund" without delay.

Resolved, That the Classes request each pastor to take up a collection in their respective congregations or charge, for the benefit of Bro. P. Tendick. Respectfully submitted.

F. STRASSNER, *Chairman*.

Item 4. Resolved that Synod express its thanks to Mr. Samuel Jackson, for his generosity, and that the Stated Clerk be instructed to notify him of this action.

The report was adopted as a whole.

ARTICLE X.

MINUTES OF CLASSES.

The Committee on the minutes of Classes reported through Rev. J. Hannabery. The report was received and acted on item by item.

IRREGULARITIES.

Item 1. Iowa Classis neglected to disconnect their report on the state of religion and statistics from their other minutes. Adopted.

Item 2. Illinois Classis neglected to disconnect their report on the state of religion and statistics from their other minutes. Adopted.

Item 3. Sandusky Classis dismissed a member of that Classis when under censure. Adopted.

REQUESTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS.

Item 1. Westmoreland Classis requests Synod to grant them their dismissal from this body, that they may constitute the Synod of Pittsburg in connection with the Classes of Clarion, St. Paul, and West New York, according to the action of the late General Synod.

Resolved, That in view of the request of Westmoreland Classis, to be dismissed from the Synod of Ohio and adjacent States permission be granted said Classis to enter into the organization of the Pittsburg Synod.

This resolution was passed by the following vote.

Yeas.—Revs. D. Winters, P. C. Pugh, T. P. Bucher, J. M. LeFever, J. Richards, A. B. Koplín, S. C. Goss, S. B. Leiter, H. Rust, F. Strassner, F. C. Bauman, Geo. Weber; Elders P. Cost, A. H. Baughman, A. Hawker, J. Haller, J. Oldfather, Wm. Hoff, H. Leonard, S. Riegle, J. Truxel, T. L. Benford, J. Poorman and A. Bouscein, 24.

Nays.—Revs. J. McConnell, J. Hannabery, J. H. Sykes, C. C. Russell, S. Shaw, J. H. Derr, and J. Rinehart, 7.

Non-liquet.—Rev. Wm. Renter.

Item 2. Illinois Classis requests Synod to have the territory of Miami Classis within the State of Illinois ceded to the Illinois Classis. Referred to the Miami Classis with the request that it acquiesce therein.

Item 3. Illinois Classis requests Synod to call the attention of those Classes, which have ministers in their connection, who are laboring within the bounds of other classes to dismiss them to the bodies within whose bounds they reside. Adopted.

Item 4. Illinois Classes has silenced the Rev. H. Knepper, and refers his case to this Synod for investigation and final action. See action under item one in report of Committee on Ventures.

SUBJECTS REFERRED TO CLASSES.

Item 1. Iowa and Sandusky Classes approve of, and the Classes of Lancaster, Tiffin and Illinois disapprove of the General Synod meeting annually. Westmoreland, Miami and St. John's Classes failed to take any action. Two Classes approve; three disapprove, and three take no action.

Item 2. Lancaster, Iowa, Westmoreland, Miami, Tiffin, Sandusky and Illinois Classes made provision to pay their appropriation of the "Invalid Fund." Adopted.

Item 3. All the Classes complied with the request of Synod to appoint Classical Committees on Missions to co-operate with the General Board, save St. John and Illinois Classes, which failed to take any action. Adopted, and the attention of the delinquent Classes called to their neglect.

Item 4. St. John's neglected to take any action whatever on the subjects referred to it by the Synod at Galion, Ohio.

Resolved, That the attention of St. John's Classis be called to their neglect.

RECEPTIONS AND DISMISSIONS.

Item 1. Lancaster Classis dismissed the licentiate Sebastian Goss to the Classis of Sandusky, Rev. J. I. Swander to the Classis of Miami, Rev. G. M. Albright to the Classis of St. John, and Rev. A. B. Koplin to the Classis of Westmoreland.

Item 2. Westmoreland Classis licensed Mr. H. F. Keener; dismissed Rev. W. Aug. Gring to the Classis of Lancaster (eastern Synod); Received Rev. Wm. Rupp from the Lebanon Classis; Rev. J. H. Sykes from the East Pennsylvania Classes; Rev. T. F. Stauffer from the Tiffin Classes; and Rev. A. Wanner from the Miami Classis.

Item 3. Tiffin Classis received Rev. J. May from the Heidelberg Classis, and dismissed Rev. T. J. Seiple to Sandusky Classis, Rev. T. F. Stauffer to the Westmoreland Classis, and the licentiate Chas. Schaaf to Heidelberg Classis.

Item 4. Miami Classis received Rev. F. Wall from the Westmoreland Classis; Rev. D. R. Moore from the Sandusky Classis; Rev. B. P. Thomas, from the Mercersburg Classis; Rev. J. I. Swander from the Lancaster Classis; Rev. J. Kuelling from the Maryland Classis; licensed and ordained J. B. Shoemaker; dismissed the, Rev. S. Shaw to the Sandusky Classis; Rev. A. Wanner to the Westmoreland Classis; Rev. D. B. Moore to the Ohio Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and Rev. J. Lichtenstein to the Presbytery of Cincinnati (N. S.)

Item 5. Sandusky Classis received Rev. J. M. Mickly from the Classis of Zion (eastern Synod); Rev. J. C. Klar from the Iowa Classis; Rev. T. J. Seiple, from the Tiffin Classis; the licentiate, S. C. Goss, from the Lancaster Classis, and ordained him to the Gospel Ministry; and the Rev. Thos. Ferrell from the United Brethren Church, after a satisfactory examination upon the Heidelberg catechism; and dismissed the Rev. D. R. Moore to the Classis of Miami; Rev. J. J. Excell to the Methodist Episcopal Church; Rev. P. J. Spangler to the Classis of St. Joseph; and received Rev. S. Shaw and Rev. T. H. Winters from the Classis of Miami; and enrolled the name of Rev. H. Shaul upon the roll of Classis, which had been erased, and then dismissed him to the Classis of Virginia.

Item 6. Illinois Classis dismissed Rev. H. Daniels to the Classis of St. Joseph; Rev. J. Hoyman to the Classis of Heidelberg; licentiate J. Burkholder to the Classis of St. Joseph; and received the Rev. O. E. Lake, from the Classis of Sandusky; Rev. H. Aurand, from the Classis of Montgomery, of the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church.

Item 7. St. John's Classis received Rev. G. Gackler from the Indiana Classis.

ANNUAL MEETING OF CLASSES.

1. Miami Classis in Winchester, Preble County, Ohio, Oct. 10th, 1867, at 7 o'clock P. M. President, Rev. A. Wanner; Clerk, Rev P. C. Prugh.

2. Lancaster Classis will meet in St. Paul's Church Perry County, Ohio, October 9th, 1867, at 7 o'clock, P. M. President, Rev. G. M. Albright; Clerk, Rev. J. Hannabery.

3. Westmoreland Classis will meet at Salem, Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania, October 9th, at 8 o'clock P. M. President, Rev. J. H. Wagner; Clerk, Rev. A. J. Heller.

4. Sandusky Classis will meet in Akron, October 24th, 1867, at 7 o'clock P. M. President, Rev. J. M. Mickley; Clerk, N. H. Loose.

5. Tiffin Classis will meet in Olive Church, Ohio, the third Friday in August, 1867, at 8 o'clock P. M. President, Prof. H. Rust; Clerk, Rev. F. Strassner.

6. St. John's Classis will meet at Mt. Eaton, Wayne County, Ohio, October 11th, 1867, at 6 o'clock, P. M. President, Rev. P. Herbruck; Clerk, Rev. J. G. Zahner.

7. Illinois Classis will meet at Rock Grove, Illinois, October 9th, 1867, at 7 o'clock, P. M. President, Rev. F. A. Edmonds; Clerk, Rev. Geo. Weber.

8. Iowa Classis will meet at Clifton, Louisa County, Iowa, September 4th, 1867, at 8 o'clock, P. M. President, Rev. J. H. Buser; Clerk, Elder D. Cort.

The report was adopted as a whole.

ARTICLE XL

EXAMINATION, LICENSURE AND ORDINATION.

Application having been made in behalf of Mr. Lewis Christ, a student of the Theological Seminary at Tiffin, Ohio, for examination and licensure, he was referred to the Committee on Examination, etc., which Committee subsequently reported through Rev. D. Winters,

That they had examined the applicant in the different branches taught in our Seminary, and required by the constitution of the Church, and are pleased to say it was satisfactory.

The report was adopted, whereupon, it was

Resolved, That the applicant, Lewis Christ, be licensed to preach the Gospel, and that the officers of Synod furnish him his testimonial of licensure, upon his signing the constitutional formula, which was done in the presence of Synod.

On motion the licentiate was placed under the care of the Tiffin Classis.

ARTICLE XII.

RELIGION AND MORALS.

The Committee on Religion and Statistics presented the following report, which was adopted :

May grace, mercy and peace from God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Ghost, be multiplied among us, and abide with us all, now and forever, world without end, Amen.

REV. FATHERS AND BROTHERS IN THE LORD :

The report on the subject entrusted to our consideration, is generally looked forward to by the members of Synod and the Church, with great interest. This is entirely natural. As ministers of our Lord Jesus Christ, co-workers with him and workmen upon the walls of Zion, we are often so entirely absorbed in the details of our immediate labors, and so covered and blinded by the dust of toil, that we do not observe the progress of our own work, nor the beautiful proportions it is assuming, nor the human defects which, by reason of our manifold infirmities, cleave to it. It is only when the various portions, wrought out separately, are brought together, and the whole is fitly framed, that we can see fully what we have accomplished under God, and how far we have realized our divine Redeemer's promise: "Son, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world." We watch for this report in the hope that it will furnish us the evidence of the divine faithfulness, and the encouragement needed for the endurance of future toils and trials. Your committee, in this view, is happy to be able to

say in advance that it can present an encouraging view of the results of our last year's labors and efforts. The reports of the various classes have been carefully read, their contents analyzed, and an effort has been made to bring the whole together into appropriate paragraphs.

First, then, it may be noted that all the reports breathe the spirit of gratitude to God, for his mercies shown to our ministers and people generally. The lives of all our ministers have been mercifully spared. Only in two instances, it would seem, were ministers prevented, for any considerable time, by sickness, from actively prosecuting their great work, and in these instances, God has mercifully granted restoration. Special mention is made of the blessings of health granted to all our missionaries. The ratio of mortality among the people, too, seems to have been less the past year, than during some former years. When we consider our widely extended fields, our destitutions, our vacancies, and the relative thinness of our ministerial ranks, it is truly a cause for gratitude, that the great Shepherd has mercifully spared our under shepherds. All likewise testify their gratitude to God for grace to advance in spiritual growth of both minister and people.

The Gospel was faithfully preached by our ministers. A growing clearness in the apprehension of the great fundamental and historical doctrines of our church seems to obtain, and the firm attachment of ministers and people to these doctrines, is declared. Love for the "old landmarks," such as the old creeds, old customs and old worship, is expressed. Great self-denial in the promotion of these happy tendencies, and in the proclamation of the word, has been manifested.

The sacraments have been faithfully administered. It is especially mentioned, as a favorable indication, in this direction, that the ratio of infant baptism is on the increase. The number of hearers of the word, and the relative attendance upon the holy sacrament of our Lord's body and blood, has also increased. These facts give evidence of the power of the gospel, and of the growth of faith in the gracebearing ordinances, and thanks are expressed for this manifestation of God's presence with his ministers and people.

Political divisions and alienations are happily abating, former wounds are being healed, and strife between brethren, which resulted from these sources, is made to cease. Inward peace and unity, with few exceptions, are coming to prevail.

The catechization of the young, seems to receive universal attention. Greater faithfulness and earnestness, in this direction, are coming to prevail. There is a growing disposition on the part of parents, to co-operate with the pastors in this matter. This springs from an increasing conviction of the efficacy of this means, in awakening and developing the new life comma-

nicated or implanted in holy baptism, and from a growing consciousness on the part of children that the church is their true spiritual mother.

In close connection with this subject, the cheering fact of the increase and great efficiency of Sunday schools is reported. The introduction of the catechism, in some instances, as a text book, is mentioned as a favorable circumstance, and as having the happy effect of making these more immediately nurseries of the church.

As a still further and very important means for the promotion of the religious education of the rising generation, Parochial schools are, in some cases, maintained, and the necessity of such is coming to be still further felt. This attention bestowed upon the religious education of the young, is truly a cheering evidence of progress in the great interests entrusted to our care. These efforts cannot but be fruitful of great good, and we should labor for the restoring and invigorating, everywhere, of these evangelical, tried and time-honored means.

Another of the great means of promoting the interests of the kingdom of Christ, is free, confiding intercourse, in the family, between pastors and people. In this manner, ties of the strongest kind are formed, and blessings inconceivable dispensed. The true sense of the relation of minister to people, shepherds to the flock, can in this way alone be brought to a full realization. The desponding are cheered, the children are drawn toward the pastor, the sick and dying are comforted in the midst of their sufferings and in their approaching dissolution. In this respect, also, our pastors have been faithful and the results have been happy.

Family altars, also, are being erected, where heretofore the morning and evening orisons did not arise. The cheering results upon the inmates of households, brought under such influences, are evident on every hand, and we should never cease laboring in this direction, until every household should be turned into a Church of God, and all fathers and mothers into priests and priestesses in their families. From this source, influences would flow out to bless the state and especially the Church of God. Many a herald of the cross would be awakened, and our spare ranks of reapers in our fields, white for the harvest on every hand, would be filled up.

As a further result of the more faithful use of the means of grace, it is only natural to hear all the reports bear testimony to an increase of piety and individual devotion to God. The sanctifying power of the Holy Ghost, is evidently doing its gracious work among our people, through the divinely appointed channels.

This is still further manifested, in the increase of our benevolent contributions, and in the prayers which are continually

being offered up by our people for the success of our educational and missionary operations. The subject of beneficiary education is receiving far more attention than heretofore. As a part of the happy fruits, the report of the Treasurer of the Board of education, shows a decided increase of funds on previous years, and a handsome amount has also been secured toward the erection of a home for our beneficiary students. Contributions are also flowing more liberally into our missionary treasury than heretofore. These twin subjects are of the highest importance and it cannot but be regarded as a good omen, when these continue to receive the increased and more prayerful and liberal attention of our people.

Quite an accession to the number of our congregations has been made during the year. This is an evidence that God has blessed the means employed on our part, in various directions, for the extension of his kingdom in the world, and is also an encouragement to all, for entering upon the year of toil next before us, with good heart. The number of our ministry has also increased. Though the increase is small, and falls far short of our actual wants, something, nevertheless, has been accomplished in this direction.

There is also an evident improvement among us in Christian architectural taste. It is more and more coming to be felt among our people, that the place for the common worship of God should be appropriate for its design. This is leading our people to build tasteful and appropriate houses of worship. They are becoming far more willing than formerly, to devote their means to the erection of substantial and becoming temples to the living God, in which they and generations after them may worship Him. This adds to the permanency and solid strength of our church, and is to be regarded as a favorable evidence, inspiring hope for the future. A number of the classes report progress in this direction. New churches have been erected during the year, even by small missionary congregations, and many others have been repaired and remodeled.

No allusion is made in any of the reports to an increase of candidates for the ministry. This your committee regard as an unfavorable omen. It is true, we know from other sources that the number of candidates has considerably increased during the year, but the reports of the classes are silent on this subject. It would seem that the fruits of our labor and Christian life should also be looked for in this direction just as much as in any other, and we would surely have cause for rejoicing, could we report a large increase of candidates. It is to be hoped that all our congregations and classes will hereafter look to this source for fruits and evidence of progress in all our Christian activities.

Here and there, too, complaints are made on account of the still too inadequate contributions to the benevolent objects of

the Church, especially to the cause of missions. Want of missionary zeal is lamented, and surely this is still too much a cause for lamentation. In almost every state of this great nation, the children of our church are wandering about without shepherds, and are perishing for want of the bread of life, or standing out to view like waving harvest fields, ripe for the sickle. Where these circumstances do not yet appeal to the heart, as to move to deeds of benevolence and acts of self-sacrifice, the love of God cannot yet be fully shed abroad in the heart. Here is cause for humiliation and prayer.

Some of the reports also complain of unhappy strife and division existing in some congregations. We are thus reminded that the Church as compared with her future perfection, still dwells in the tents of Keder. Her true glory and beauty are still often obscured by the shadow cast upon her from the empire of darkness. This should cause her true children to mourn and the more earnestly to pray for the peace of Jerusalem.

Some of our overburdened workmen, too, sigh for the bread for themselves and theirs. Too many, still, are overburdened with cares of this life, because those to whom they minister in holy and eternal things, do not minister to them in temporal things as they should. This in many instances, is evidently a great hindrance to the progress of the Gospel. It consumes a large portion of the precious time, and of the physical, mental and spiritual strength of many of our ministers, causes frequent changes and vacancies, and losses thereby to the church of precious materials, and causes brethren to spend their strength in extended fields, in which the houses of worship are thus closed almost three fourths of the year. This is a great hindrance to the inward and outward progress of our beloved Zion. Our congregations certainly would find it to their great and unspeakable benefit, should they but take courage, in reliance on the presence with them of the Great Head of the Church, and in obedience to the repeated injunctions of his holy word, and attend more liberally to the wants of those who labor among them in holy things, and would endeavor to divide their charges so as to confine the labors of their pastors to narrower limits.

Lastly, all the reports look forward hopefully into the future. Whatever the trials, difficulties and discouragements of the past may have been, all feel that they have unmistakable evidence in the encouraging facts stated, that the Lord has been with us and has helped us hitherto. We are all authorized to look forward to a better state of things in store for us in the future than the past has yet brought us. Greater labors and trials, indeed, we may be called to endure, but greater victories and triumphs are awaiting us. That same pillar of cloud by day and of fire by night, which has hitherto guided the fortunes of our Church, will also guide her in the future. This is the spirit

of confidence and hope which animates all the reports of the Classes.

From the foregoing review, we as a Synod, have also abundant reason for unfeigned thanks to almighty God, Father, Son and Holy Ghost, for his great goodness to us. Our growth in all directions, both outwardly and inwardly, is unmistakable. We are authorized to say, that the advances in all departments of Christian life and activity of the past, far surpass that of any previous year, especially in solid, substantial results. The voice of complaint, it is true, is also still heard, but this becomes far more faint, than heretofore. Our imperfections and manifold shortcomings, cannot be denied nor concealed, but our gracious Lord has also given us grace to amend our ways in many respects. All advances and improvements are due to his sovereign grace helping us, and to him shall be all the glory; to him let all thanks and praises be given.

Let us also humble ourselves before God on account of our infirmities, shortcomings and willful neglects, that seeing our contrition, he may have mercy upon us and not withhold his favor in the future, but may grant us his merciful presence as he has done in the past.

Important and far reaching subjects will claim our attention as a church for years to come, such especially, as relate to the general question of the church, and our own cultus as a branch the Holy Catholic Church of Christ. These subjects cannot help but deeply engage earnest and thinking minds among us, as well as lay a deep hold upon the hearts and minds of our people. Deep and earnest thought must be given to these subjects in the study, the committee room, and in the family. Discussion and investigation of a more public character, on the floors of our Classes and Synods, and in the periodicals of our Church, will have to be expected. Differences of opinion will arise, as long as even christian men are burdened with the imperfections of this life, and continue in that state in which they see things darkly as in a glass. Strong and powerful convictions may come to exist in precisely opposite tendencies. Under all these circumstances already beginning to exist among us, and still more to arise in the future, let us only earnestly seek for the truth. Let us be truthful in the representation of each other's views. Let all mere appeals to prejudice be far from us. Let all passion, and bitterness, and proscription for opinions' sake, as long as we know each other as *brethren* holding fast to the great fundamental doctrines of the christian system, be turned away from us, as with a "Satan get thee behind me." Let us guard with sleepless jealousy against the erection of mere parties, and tumult and din of party strife, amid which the voice of truth is silenced and the spirit of love is banished. Let us not grieve God's Holy Spirit, and let us not lay unsanctified

offerings and strange fire upon our altars, only to be consumed thereby. Let us go forth from this place with the eye of faith lifted to the Great Head of the Church, and with the spirit of prayer in our hearts, and the voice of supplication in our lips, that God may grant unto us the Spirit of His dear Son, and guide us in the way everlasting, so that, having passed the waves of this troublesome world, we may be received into glory, where perfect peace forever reigns.

Respectfully submitted, on behalf of the Committee,
 JOSHUA H. DEBB, *Chairman*.

The statistical report was prepared and read by Rev. George Weber and adopted by Synod. It will be found in its appropriate place after the regular proceedings.

ARTICLE XIII.

THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

The Committee on the Theological Seminary to which all the documents pertaining to this subject were referred, presented the following report:

1. FINANCES.

The financial engagements of the year have been fully met, and a balance of \$65 25 remains in the Treasury for the next year. The salary of Prof. Rust has been fully paid up, and that of Dr. Kieffer was also settled, in full, up to the time of his resignation, on November 1st, 1866. The Endowment Fund has been increased during the year in the amount of \$173 19. The Committee regret that the Treasurer of the Board did not report the amount of Endowment Fund on hand, and its increase in notes during the year. The Synod is to be congratulated that the financial affairs of the past year have been so prosperous; and with renewed activity and energy we hope this state of things may be continued in the future.

The following is the report of the Treasurer in detail.

REV. D. WINTERS, *Treasurer, in account with the Theological Seminary of the Synod of Ohio.*

1866.	Dr.
May 25. To balance in the Treasury at Galion.....	\$40 17
25, Joseph Slough, interest	6 00
27, Rev. I. H. Reiter, col. Miamisburgh charge.....	3 00
27, J. Vogt of I. B. Welter.....	3 00
July 10, S. B. Leiter, interest.....	12 00
10, " " for Dan'l Wampler.....	3 00
17, U. S. Bonds, interest.....	9 00
5, Rev. P. C. Pugh for Abel Peterson, interest.....	3 00
Aug. 10, Henry Leonard, interest, per Rev. G. H. Williard D. D.	6 00

Aug.	13.	John Prugh, interest.....	6
	15.	U. S. Bonds, interest.....	18
	21.	S. Christ, interest, per Rev. Hefley.....	6
	22.	G. G. Prugh, interest.....	6
	24.	Rev. J. Rinehart, interest.....	6
	24.	" " " for E. Dutterer, interest.....	6
Sept.	5.	U. S. Bonds, interest.....	17
	8.	Wm. Marshall, interest.....	3
	12.	Rev. H. Rust, from Miss Ann Keller.....	2
	12.	" " " " Miss Susan Keller.....	5
	12.	" " " " Rev. Tensmeier, col.....	34
	18.	Daniel Thomas, interest.....	18
Oct.	12.	Rev. H. Rust from Windfall Cong.....	18
	12.	Rev. E. V. Gerhart, D.D., per Rev. G. W. Williard, D.D interest.....	12
	19.	Rev. J. Heller, Port Jefferson charge.....	5
	20.	Jesse Peterson, interest.....	9
	20.	Rev. G. Z. Meckling, seven mile charge.....	5
	22.	Rev. J. A. Leis, <i>ter con</i>	5
	22.	Rev. J. Richards, St. Paris charge.....	6
	22.	J. M. Lefever, Fairfield charge.....	1
	22.	Geo. Besore per Rev. M. Kieffer.....	5
	22.	Neriah charge collection per M. Kieffer.....	11
	22.	Christian Santschi per M. Kieffer interest in advance..	6
	22.	John Royer per M. Kieffer.....	3
	22.	Samuel E. Epler ".....	3
Nov.	1.	U. S. Bonds, interest and premium.....	190
	2.	Rev. H. Rust, interest on notes.....	65
	5.	Jacob Kuhn, interest per Rev. M. Kieffer, D.D.....	6
	5.	Wm. Hawk " " " ".....	6
	5.	Michael Crum " " " ".....	3
	5.	Geo. Dick " " " ".....	3
	5.	Samuel Sutter, cash " " " ".....	5
	5.	Daniel Crum " " " ".....	7
	5.	Thos. Sherrick " " " ".....	1
	5.	John Drake " " " ".....	10
Dec.	5.	Rev. J. G. Zahner, per Rev. Prof. Rust.....	33
	5.	F. W. Shaley " " " ".....	5
	5.	Rev. Hess, col " " " ".....	12
	5.	Rev. Rust, from a friend.....	8
	8.	M. Kieffer, D. D., from Bristol charge.....	156
	8.	" " " " Rev. H. Williard, interest.....	2
	8.	" " " " G. Stotler ".....	5
	8.	" " " " B. Wigand ".....	5
	8.	" " " " Lydia Musser ".....	6
	8.	" " " " Henry Miller ".....	6
	8.	" " " " Joseph Musser ".....	27
	8.	Rev. Moore, Highland charge, collection.....	5
	28.	H. Leonard on collection.....	20
1867.			
Jan.	5.	Rev. E. Keller, collection Zion's congregation.....	3
	5.	" " " " Salem's ".....	5
	5.	" " " " St. Paul's ".....	5
	15.	U. S. Bonds, interest.....	9
	15.	A. Mast and E. Abe, interest.....	1

Jan. 23	Rev. M. Kieffer, D.D., from sundry persons.....	20 00
23	" " " " " Samuel McCreery.....	100 00
23	" " " " " a "devoted lady".....	100 00
23	" " " " " Jacob Myers, interest.....	30 00
23	" " " " " Chris. Zumdahl, interest..	18 00
23	" " " " " Jacob Myers, "	1 00
23	" " " " " Peter Myer "	3 00
23	" " " " " Simon Gross, "	3 00
23	" " " " " Heinrich Myers "	6 00
23	" " " " " Jacob Meese, "	7 00
23	" " " " " Ernst Flota, "	6 00
23	" " " " " John Zollinger "	12 00
23	" " " " " Chris. Paul "	3 00
32	Rev. A. Miller collection, Louisville.....	10 00
Feb. 1	Rev. P. C. Pugh, collection, Beaver congregation.....	3 50
1	" " " " " Xenia congregation.....	3 50
1	" " " " " from Miss Sarah Hivling, interest..	6 00
1	" " " " " Joseph Anderson "	1 00
Mar. 4	Rev. D. Winters, interest.....	69 78
4	U. S. Bonds "	18 25
26	Rev. M. Kieffer, D.D., from Sam'l Bair.....	50 00
27	Rev. H. Rust, from John Weist, interest, a donation...	96 00
29	Rev. G. W. Williard, D.D., from John Strook, interest.	3 00
Apr. 21	John Weist Phil. interest, German Professorship.....	30 00
23	Rev. M. Kieffer, D.D., collection in Bethel charge.....	11 00
27	Rev. G. W. Williard, D.D., from I. B. Welters, interest.	2 00
27	Rev. P. C. Pugh, from A. Fauber, interest.....	5 00
27	Rev. H. Rust, from Windfall congregation, collection.	6 50
May 1	" " " " " interest on notes.....	39 00
1	U. S. Bonds interest and premium.....	192 18
3	John Weist, from C. Gross & Bro., Phd. interest.....	30 00
4	G. G. Pugh, interest	6 00
6	Rev. H. Rust, a donation.....	60 00
23	Rev. H. M. Hermann, collection, West Alexander charge.....	25 00
23	Joseph Anderson, interest	7 50
23	Joseph Slough, per Rev. J. Vogt interest	6 00
Total amount received.....		\$1906 25
Total amount paid out.....		1841 00
Balance in treasury.....		65 25

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	Dr.	Cr.
1867.		
May 1.	By cash paid Professor Rust, salary in full.....	\$900 00
1.	" " " Professor Kieffer, his half year's salary, up to Nov. 1, 1866, time of his agency.....	450 00
1.	Paid Prof. Kieffer on agency.....	472 00
1866.		
Feb. 28.	Paid Rev. G. W. Williard, D.D., Money due the College which was paid to Seminary, from Highland charge by mistake, and now paid back.....	15 00
Sept. 4.	Prof. Rust's expenses to Toledo.....	4 00
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		1841 00

ENDOWMENT FUND.

On hand at last Synod at Gallion.....	873 12
1867.	
Jan. 23. Of Joseph Musser, his bond.....	75 00
May 22. Joseph Anderson, note.....	25 50
Total.....	973 12

D. WINTERS, Treasurer.

2. RESIGNATION OF DR. M. KRIFFER AND FINANCIAL AGENT:

The following report of the President of the Board of Trustees has been referred to the Committee by the Synod :

Report of the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary, to the Synod of Ohio and Adjacent States.

The Synod having, at its last meeting in Gallion, Ohio, given this Board a general supervision over the Theological Seminary, it is proper that we should embrace in our report, not only a statement of its finances, but a full account of its operations during the year. No interest can be of more importance, or have a more direct bearing upon the prosperity of any denomination, than an efficient and well-conducted Seminary, as it is here that the men, who are to occupy its various fields of labor, are to be trained. And when we look at the pressing demand there is in our own church, for an increase of ministerial labor, it must be apparent to all, that new zeal and interest ought to be awakened in every part of our Zion to increase the number of young men in our school of the prophets. It is indeed sad to contemplate the small number that are now in a course of preparation for this work, when we think of the vast numbers that are needed to occupy all our vacant and destitute places. It is to be feared that the church has become remiss, and failed to come up to the full measure of her duty in this respect; so that it may be well for the Synod to call special attention to the subject and urge all our ministers and people to renewed zeal and efforts in behalf of our Seminary, so that instead of having four, we may have at least a score of young men within its walls. In this respect it is gratifying to know that the prospect for an increase the coming year is encouraging.

As the number of students in the Seminary during the year has been so small, there is little that the Board has to report other than to express the hope that there may soon be a marked improvement in this respect.

As a matter belonging properly to this Board, in view of the late action of the Synod, it becomes our duty to notify you of the action taken upon the resignation of the Rev. M. Kriffer, D. D., Senior Professor, which he handed in during the month of September, 1866, to take effect the following November. The Doctor having for some time previous been indisposed, and fear-

; that a resumption of his labors might result in a complete prostration of his system, urged upon the Board his resignation, to take effect at the above named time, so that he might be free to enter upon some pastoral charge, or other sphere of usefulness, less confining and laborious, with the hope of recruiting his health. After mutual consultation the Board consented to his withdrawal from the Seminary as requested, without a formal renunciation to the constitutional requirements in the case, as the number of students in the Seminary was small and could easily be attended to by the remaining Professor, and resolved to refer his resignation to Synod for its final action through the President; to whom said resignation was addressed as its organ.

Shortly after the above transaction, the Doctor feeling that he might advance the interest of the Seminary by increasing its endowment, suggested to the Board a willingness to act as a financial agent in its service, receiving a certain per centage on moneys received. The suggestion was favorably received by the Board, and accepted, the result of which is that about \$5,000 have been added to the endowment of the Seminary in interesting notes.

The receipts of the Board have not been as large during the past year as usual, owing in a measure, perhaps, to the fact that there were only one Professor in the Seminary, and that there was not therefore as much need for collections for its immediate use, as formerly. There is still a very large amount of interest due on notes and bonds given years ago to the Seminary. The Board has in various ways urged the payment of the dues, with comparatively little effect. It is sad to see the little interest which any take in meeting their just obligations to the church, as though they might be disregarded with impunity.

For a full exhibit of the finances, the Synod is referred to the report of the Treasurer.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. W. WILLIARD, *President of Board.*

In view of the fact that Dr. Kieffer, by consent of the Board of Trustees, under the peculiar circumstances of the case, carried into practical effect his resignation, (by settling in full and closing his account as Professor with the Treasurer, by entire cessation of the performance of all his duties in the Seminary since that time, and by accepting and still holding the position of Financial Agent of the Board,) your committee are of the opinion that it is necessary for this Synod to decide the question whether that resignation shall be accepted. For the purpose, therefore, of bringing it up in a definite form, we recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the resignation of Dr. M. Kieffer, as Senior Professor in the Theological Seminary, at Tiffin, be, and is hereby accepted, and said Professorship declared vacant.

We recommend, also, the adoption of the following additional resolutions :

Resolved, That the Board of Trustees be directed to make the necessary provision, that a proper teaching force be maintained in the Theological Seminary, until this Synod is able to fill all the professorships necessary for an efficient Theological Seminary.

Resolved, That we hail with joy the indications that the school of the prophets will soon increase in the number of its students ; and to this end it be urged upon all the classes, and through them upon the pastors and churches, that continued and earnest efforts be made to seek out properly gifted young men who will devote themselves to the work of the Gospel Ministry.

3. BOARD OF VISITORS.

From the Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary a report has been received. It is understood that individual members of the Board attended the Theological Examination, but that no quorum has at any time been present to adopt a formal report. Your Committee are of the opinion that great care in the election of members of the Board of Visitors should be taken by this Synod, so that brethren who live in or near Tiffin, and are able and willing to attend, be selected. This is the more necessary, as this Board is also the Board of Education, a Board whose operations are of vital and fundamental importance to the success of our cause.

ADDENDA :—Since the preceding report was adopted by this Committee, a report from the Board of Visitors has been referred to this Committee, which is hereby inserted as a part of this report.

The report was presented through Rev. J. H. Derr, President of the Board.

The Board held two meetings during the year. At the first meeting, held in June last, at Tiffin, there was no quorum present, and consequently, no business could be transacted in a legal way. As, however, the interests of Beneficiary Education required immediate attention, those in attendance assumed the responsibility of providing for this cause, as far as in their circumstances they could. The members present attended the examination in the Seminary. Dr. Kieffer having obtained leave of absence at the Synod of Galion, was not in attendance, giving attention to the increase of the endowment fund of the Seminary. Prof. Rust examined the only two students in attendance, in Church History and Catechetics, and the young men acquitted themselves well, the Board regarding the examinations satisfactory. It was evident that the Professor's time was too much taken up to do full justice to his duties as Theological Professor. This difficulty, however, is now removed, and he devotes his time

relatively to the Seminary, and we have reason to hope that the change will result beneficially to the Church, and especially to the interests of the institution.

As a Board of Education, we have to report to this Synod, that several beneficiaries were received under its care at the meeting in Tiffin, and several more at its meeting in this place, making the whole number now receiving aid in this manner, twelve. The increased expense of living making the former appropriation to beneficiaries wholly inadequate, the Board increased the amount of annual appropriation to one hundred dollars for each beneficiary student. This will require for this year at least twelve hundred dollars. The Board, upon auditing the account of its Treasurer, Rev. J. H. Good, found it correct. The amount of receipts from all sources was \$956 58. The disbursements of the Board were \$851 35, leaving a balance in the treasury of \$105 23, at the close of the second term.

On account of the important relation in which the operations of our beneficiary system stand to our missionary work, and the wants of our Church generally, as far as filling up and increasing the ranks of its ministry is concerned, it should receive the most earnest and active attention of the various pastors and congregations; and it is to be hoped that the Synod will adopt means to bring this subject to the earnest attention of all concerned.

The Board, at its recent meeting, during the sessions of this synod, at which a quorum was in attendance, having perfect knowledge of the circumstances under which its members acted in June last, approved their action, and assumed the same as its own.

The Board would further add, that through the personal efforts of Prof. Rust, a handsome amount has been secured for the erection of a home for our beneficiary students. We hope this amount will soon be so increased as to enable those concerned to go forward in the erection of such a home.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSHUA H. DEER, *President of Board.*

Respectfully submitted,

F. STRASSNER,
J. H. GOOD,
J. TRUXEL,
J. HALLER.

The above report was received and acted upon, item by item.

Item 1. Including all under the head of Finance was adopted;

Item 2. Including all down to the resignation of Dr. M. Kieffer was reported.

Item 3. Includes that part of the report which refers to the resignation of Dr. M. Kieffer. On the motion to adopt this part of the report, the following amendment was offered:

Resolved, That that part of the report of the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary, referring to the resignation of Dr. Zeller, be referred back to the Board of Trustees with instructions to settle the said part of it referring said resignation to this Synod.

The Yeas and Nays being called for on this resolution which was debated at great length are as follows :

Yeas—Revs. P. C. Pratt, A. B. Koplin, J. McConnell, J. Haanabery, J. H. Sykes, C. C. Russell, S. C. Goss, S. Shaw, F. C. Bauman, Geo. Weber, J. H. Derr; Elders S. Ringel, T. Trund, T. B. Benford, and J. Poorman.—15.

Nays—Revs. D. Winters, H. M. Herman, Geo. W. Williard, J. M. LeFever, J. Richards, S. B. Leiter, H. Rust, F. Strassner, Wm. Reuter; Elders P. Cost, A. H. Baughman, A. Hawker, D. Haller, J. Oldfather, H. Leonard, and A. Boscien.—16.

Non-liquet.—Rev. J. Rinehart.

As the whole subject was encumbered with peculiar difficulties, and as the Synod did not wish to press these to an issue, the report was laid on the table till the next annual meeting of Synod.

ARTICLE XIV.

HEIDELBERG COLLEGE.

The committee to which all the documents pertaining to Heidelberg College were referred, reported as follows ;

The report of the Board of Trustees of Heidelberg College, prepared by N. L. Brewer, Esq., containing valuable information for the Church, is herewith submitted :

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF HEIDELBERG COLLEGE.

According to the requirement of the Board of Trustees of Heidelberg College, I herewith submit my annual report to your reverend Body, and in doing so it affords me pleasure to say, that the past year has been one of more than usual success, both as it respects the number of students in attendance, and the finances of the institution. The Rev. Geo. W. Williard, D. D., President elect, entered upon his duties at the beginning of the College year, and has, by constant and close attention, in connection with the other members of the Faculty, greatly improved the general character of the institution, so that we have good reason to hope for the future. The good order, gentlemanly deportment, and studious habits of students, during the year, have been very commendable. The attendance upon the institution has been larger than in any previous year, as appears from the catalogue of 1867, according to which there

There have been one hundred and seventy-eight students in the several departments of the College, with an average attendance of about one hundred and six. It is also to be noted that the number of students in the Classical and Scientific Departments is greater than at any previous time, which affords reason to hope that higher views are entertained of the importance of a thorough collegiate education. From present indications, there will be a goodly number of applicants for the Freshmen class next year.

The Board of Trustees did all in its power to carry out the commendations of the Synod at Galion, in reference to increasing the teaching force of the institution. Prof G. W. Ruby, of York, Pa., was called to a Professorship, but declined. Subsequently several other gentlemen were elected, but likewise declined, mostly, we presume, for the reason, that the finances of the College did not allow the Board to offer as high a salary as could be obtained in other positions. Being thus foiled in securing a regular Professor, the Board, in connection with the Faculty, employed Mr. Fred. Moyer, a student of the institution, as a Tutor, and thus met the pressing wants of the case. The arrangement has worked well, and proved satisfactory all around.

The greatest want now felt, and which should, if possible, be provided for at once, is a regular Professor for the German department. Considering the large German membership of our Church, and the importance of a thorough acquaintance with the German language and literature, the Board has requested the President of the College to open correspondence with the leading German ministers of the Church, and to endeavor, in all suitable ways, to enlist their interest and co-operation in establishing a German department in organic connection with the College. Inasmuch as far the project meets with the hearty concurrence of many who have long since felt the need of more thorough provision for this important and growing interest of the Church. The measure, it is true, will add considerably to the current expenses of the College, but it is believed that its adoption will bring such favor and support to the institution that will more than meet the increased liabilities that will be incurred thereby. It is, at least, worthy of a fair trial, in view of the importance of the interest contemplated. The Professor who may be elected to this department, can afford great assistance in securing an endowment sufficient to meet the increased expenses of such a department.

The endowment contemplated for the Presidency of the College, it is hoped, will be completed by the close of the present collegiate year. The greater portion of the amount thus far raised, has been secured by the President, in connection with his other duties. Our indefatigable agent, H. Leonard, has also contributed to this object, as will be seen by his report; but has been employed mostly in the collection and settlement of out-

standing dues, and in the collection of what is yet due to the College from "the society of the East, for the promotion of collegiate and theological education in the West." Several months were spent in New York and other places East for the accomplishment of this object, which was done only in part from the pressure in financial quarters, and the demands which they had for their benevolence at home.

In consequence of having had no agent in the field for some three or four years past, occasioned by the severe and protracted domestic afflictions of the general agent, the finances suffered considerably, and the indebtedness of the College was increased. Much has been done by the President and agent during the past year in the improvement of the finances, and making what endowment we have as productive as possible. At least \$3,000 of the debt of the College will be paid by the close of the present year, in addition to the increase that has been made to the endowment, besides meeting all the current expenses.

A large amount of the endowment of the College, consisting in notes given for scholarships, has been unproductive, as the interest has not been paid. These notes are scattered all over the Church, making it very difficult for the officers of the Board to collect the interest without incurring considerable expense in so doing. If the ministers of the Church would take the matter in hand, and see to the collection of these dues in their respective charges, as some have done, they would in this way render an important service to the institution. The College greatly needs what is thus due, amounting to thousands of dollars, and, were it paid, it would of itself go far towards meeting all our liabilities.

For a more general detail of matters pertaining to the College, a catalogue for the year 1867, which has just been published, is herewith submitted.

The finances of the institution, are about the same as reported last year, with the addition to the endowment as above reported.

Respectfully submitted,

N. L. BREWER, *Treas. of Heid. College.*

REPORT OF AGENT H. LEONARD

Three years have now elapsed since I made my last report to the Synod, at Canton, Ohio. It is well known to this body, that, owing to the severe and continued afflictions of my family, I have not been able to prosecute my agency for the College until last fall, after the death of my wife.

An abstract of the result of my labors since the 12th of October last is herewith submitted. I have traveled, since the 12th of October, *four thousand, three hundred and eighty-six miles.* Total number of miles traveled since I have been in this agency, being *thirty-seven thousand one hundred and three miles*

Considerable time was spent last fall and winter in the collection of old accounts for interest due the College.

The following is the result of my labors :

HENRY LEONARD, Agent, in Account with Heidelberg College.
Dr.

Notes and moneys received from October 12, 1866, to May 21st. 1867.....	\$3,428 45
"Crumbs" from the young people.....	106 90
Eastern contributions from the Society in the East, "for the promotion of Collegiate and Theological education in the West".....	334 00
Proceeds of Baker Silver Mining Stock.....	2,149 00
Do from H. Leonard (in same balance).....	90 00
Total.....	\$6,108 35
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Notes handed over to Treasurer.....	\$3,295 00
Cash to John Wiest.....	199 00
For Stock settlement (with board).....	2,149 00
Agent's traveling expenses.....	142 72
Books and two desks on subscription.....	95 00
	\$5,880 72
Balance due the College.....	227 63

The report of the Board of Visitors is herewith submitted :

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF VISITORS.

The Board had two meetings during the year. At the first meeting were present, Revs. J. H. Derr, F. Strassner, and J. G. Noss. The Board organized by choosing Rev. J. G. Noss, Chairman, and Rev. J. H. Derr, Secretary. This meeting took place in connection with the Commencement Exercises in June last. The students were examined in the presence of the Board on Natural Sciences, Mathematics, History, and the German, Latin and Greek languages; the examinations were all satisfactory, showing diligence on the part of the Professors, and application on the part of the students. The usual Commencement Exercises were also observed in the presence of the Board, and of a large and interested auditory. A Biennial Oration was delivered before the Literary Societies of the Institution. Two young ladies and three young gentlemen were graduated at this time, all of whom closed their academic course with a highly creditable public literary effort.

The second meeting of the Board was held in March last, in connection with the close of the winter session of the College. The students were again examined in the usual College Branches; the examinations on this occasion were also satisfactory, evidencing very commendable progress. This being the first occasion on which examinations were conducted by the new

President of the College, it may not be out of place to remark that his examinations in Psychology and Moral Philosophy, were highly satisfactory, and very creditable to him, as evincing his faithfulness, and also to his student.

The number of students in attendance during the year is 178, distributed among the various departments and classes as follows: Seniors 4, Juniors 4, Sophomores 12, Freshmen 21, Classical Preparatory 23, English course 114. The fact that the lower classes in College are well filled up, gives the friends of the College hope that we shall soon see an increased number of graduates going forth for usefulness into all spheres of professional life.

The behavior of the students is represented by the faculty as having been very commendable. No complaints have come before the Board in this report. Regular divine worship is observed every Sabbath in the College Chapel, which has been fitted up by the introduction of seats and a pulpit suitable for this purpose. The work of every day is commenced with divine worship. A well attended weekly prayer-meeting is held among the students. From all the religious influences thrown around our rising youth in our College, much good is to be hoped for. About twenty-five of the young men in our Institutions, Seminary included, expect to enter the holy ministry.

The faculty of our College is still too small in numbers to meet the wants of the Institution and the Church. A Professor of the German Language and Literature is especially needed at this time. Prof. Keller, professor of ancient languages, at present, discharges the duties which should be fulfilled by such a special incumbent. The department of Natural Sciences, and of the Latin language should each be committed to a separate professor. At present Mr. Frederick Moyer, by request of the Board of Trustees, and at the suggestion of the Faculty, is supplying the position of Tutor in the lower classes in the languages.

In conclusion, we would say that we are glad to be informed that the Board of Trustees of the College has in contemplation and in hand now, the election of a German Professor.

The above report is prepared at the request of the President of the Board, Rev. J. G. Noss.

J. H. DEER, *Secretary.*

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON THE ABOVE.

From the documents placed in our hands, we learn that the institution is in a most flourishing condition. The average attendance of students during the year has been 106; a number far in advance of any previous year, whilst the discipline and moral bearing, industry and interest of the students manifested

is highly encouraging, giving unqualified testimony to the ability and efficiency of the Faculty.

The President-elect entered upon his duties with the commencement of the Collegiate year, since which time he has labored with signal success in the immediate duties of his office, as well as in securing the endowment of his chair.

The Agent, too, has been, by the providence of God, permitted to labor in behalf of the College, in securing its endowment, in which effort he met with encouraging success.

There is, notwithstanding the present prosperous and flourishing condition of affairs, a felt want of greater improvement, and a more earnest and hearty co-operation of the Synod and Church in behalf of the College.

The teaching force is insufficient, especially so in view of the large and important interest of the German portion of the Church.

In order to satisfy this pressing want, the endowment must be largely increased; and, at the same time, means be devised by which the large amount of interest due the College on the present secured endowment be made available.

In order to accomplish the end in view, viz.: a sincere desire to elevate the College to a first-class institution, so as to merit the full confidence of the Church, and to be commensurate to the great wants of the Church, in her great and pressing wants, the Committee would offer the following suggestions for the action of Synod:

Resolved, 1. That the report herewith submitted be adopted.

Resolved, 2. That Synod sanction the action taken by the Board of Trustees in reference to the election of a German Professor.

Resolved, 3. That earnest efforts be made to fully endow the said Professorship.

Resolved, 4. That Synod enjoin upon the several Classes of the Synod to call the attention of the ministers to the necessity of collecting the interest due the College in their respective fields.

Resolved, 5. That the College merits the entire confidence and sympathy of the Church, and she should, therefore, extend its influence and means to advance its interests and place it upon a permanent basis.

Respectfully submitted,

H. M. HERMAN, *Chairman*.

The above report was adopted as a whole.

MISSIONS.

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

From a general survey of our missionary work, and from the papers which came into our hands, we find ourselves again confronted with the solemn fact that the church, in her missionary work, has claims upon us which we have never yet met; that her demand in extending the Redeemer's Kingdom have been in every respect much greater than the supplies with which we have furnished her.

The Great Head of the Church has entrusted us as a denomination with a work upon this continent which cannot well be done by any other. To us have been given peculiar talents and resources for this end, and we stand responsible to Almighty God for the faithful improvement of the same. Thousands of immortal souls have been gathered through our missionary efforts, and organized into congregations which need continued help, and will continue to need it until they are able to become self-supporting. Thousands are still uncared for, who are also committed to our care by affinity of blood and a common Christian life. They, like we, need and are entitled to means of grace. The relation which they sustain to us as a branch of Christ's Church should call forth our warmest sympathy in their behalf. Every minister, church officer and member, should have a heart and a hand for this great and important work. The mission work is the life work of our church. When this ceases stagnation and death will result.

It is very true that our church is just now engaged in an internal missionary work—the work of establishing herself more firmly and surely in the older parts of the country, and also in determining and fixing her order of worship and her doctrine and life. But the special work upon which we should fix our eyes and apply our efforts, without ignoring the others for years yet to come, is the outward growth of our Zion, the lengthening of her cords. Our work does not consist merely in retaining the territory already wrested from the power of darkness. Christianity, in its very nature, is aggressive as well as defensive. One of the very objects of Christ's mission into this world was to destroy the works of the devil; hence we, as his servants, must strive to invade the kingdom of darkness, pull down its strong towers, and erect upon their ruins the temples of the living God, and from there unfurl the banner of the cross.

No period in the history of our church in this country called louder for activity than does the present. Doors are opening for us all over our country and the "Macedonian cry" is coming up

in every quarter. But we want men properly qualified and means with which to send and sustain them.

The great question then is, how are these wants to be met and satisfied? We are glad to learn that out of the number of students who lately graduated in our Theological Seminary at Newburg, several are willing and ready to enter western missionary fields. Will the great and good Shepherd qualify richly imbue others with the same spirit? But what we need most, are funds. The Board has nearly one hundred souls under its care. The very existence of many of these depends upon the means received from the Board. Hence, the Executive Committee have been unwilling to allow any of their members to remain without their regular quarterage. This liberality on their part, which is surely praiseworthy, has not entirely exhausted the treasury, but left it deficient to the extent of about three thousand dollars. This debt has been incurred in the hope that the church would not allow the Board to fail. But it has been compelled to carry the debt, which is to be gradually increasing, much too long already. What, must be done? We answer: The Board must be relieved, the treasury replenished, and new commissions must be given, all to the honor and praise of God's glorious grace.

Our church is not poor. We have the means in our possession, but they have not yet been dedicated to the Lord for the accomplishment of his purpose. Our people, when properly instructed into the true spirit of alms-giving, are not illiberal. The great difficulty lies in the want of proper instruction. We, shepherds of Israel, and teachers of God's people, do not possess the true spirit of missions. We ourselves are greatly deficient in the real life of this divine work.

In the East, through the labors of the Corresponding Secretary, acting for the time as collecting agent, an increased interest has been awakened, and a larger amount of funds have flowed into the Board's treasury. But in the West, since the two Boards have been consolidated, we seem to have lost much of the interest we had before. The only remedy for all this would be to be the entire awakening of all our ministers and elders in this important work, that they may encourage the people to adopt some efficient and systematic plan by which every member of the church may be induced to give not only a small mite, or as much as they may feel willing to give away, but to the Lord according as he has prospered them. We who are in self-supporting fields, should not be willing that the laboring missionary should make all the sacrifice and enjoy, eventually, the glory which the Great Master is ever ready to bestow as a reward of true faithfulness. But we should rather labor that we may share a part in the final triumphs of their rejoicing.

Only as we are true to the church, can the church be true to her solemn mission.

To properly conduct the general correspondence of missions, visit mission fields occupied as well as those unoccupied, as necessity may require, and by every means in his power create an increased interest in this cause over the entire church, we still feel the necessity of having a Corresponding Secretary in fact. In view of the whole subject now under consideration, your committee offer the following resolutions:

Resolved 1, That we recognize the cause of Missions to be of paramount importance in the development and permanent life of the church.

2, That the past efficiency of the Board of Home Missions is our guaranty that our confidence will not be misplaced in the future.

3, That this Synod earnestly recommends the several Classes within her bounds to take into serious consideration the claims of the missionary cause, and put into operation, as soon as possible, some systematic plan whereby every member of the Reformed Church, (within our bounds,) may regularly contribute to this noble cause.

4, That the Board be requested, as soon as practicable, to carry into effect the instruction of the General Synod and elect a Corresponding Secretary, whose time shall be devoted exclusively to the duties of his office, and thus allow the present corresponding officer to continue his work of collecting funds.

P. C. PRUGH, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE XVI.

FINANCE.

The following report was received from the Treasurer of Synod, read and referred to the Committee on Finance:

ISAAC H. REITER, *Treasurer in account with the Synod of Ohio and adjacent States.*

To balance in the Treasury.....Dr.
\$177 65

The amounts received from May 28th, 1866, to May 1867, from the several Classes, are as follows:

MIAMI CLASSIS.

Permanent apportionment for 1866.....	38 50
English minutes for 1866.....	25 88
German " " "	3 70
Postage on minutes.....	36

LANCASTER CLASSIS.

English Minutes for 1866, in full.....	16 10
German " " " "	2 00
Permanent apportionment for 1866.....	

WESTMORELAND CLASSIS.

Expenses of Liturgical Committee in 1865.....	14 40
English Minutes for 1866.....	21 80
German " " " "	5 00
Permanent apportionment for 1867.....	19 50

SANDUSKY CLASSIS.

English Minutes for 1866, in full.....	20 00
Permanent apportionment for 1865.....	
" " " 1866.....	

TIFFIN CLASSIS.

English Minutes for 1865, in full.....	4 50
German " " " "	3 00
Expenses of Liturgical Committee in 1865, in full.....	7 68
Permanent apportionment for 1866	
English Minutes for 1866.....	6 00
German " " " "	6 00

ST. JOSEPH CLASSIS.

English Minutes for 1866, in full.....	3 50
German " " " "	8 00
Permanent apportionment for 1866, in full.....	21 00

ST. JOHN'S CLASSIS.

English Minutes for 1865, in full.....	4 50
German " " " "	22 00
English " " 1866, "	15 60
German, " " " "	21 00
Permanent apportionment for 1865 in full.....	27 00
Expenses of Liturgical Committee in 1865, in full.....	22 56

SHEBOYGAN CLASSIS.

Expenses of Liturgical Committee in 1865, in full.....	7 92
Permanent apportionment for 1864, in full.....	4 00

ILLINOIS CLASSIS.

Expenses of Liturgical Committee in 1865, in full.....	7 68
Permanent apportionment for 1865, in full.....	12 00
" " " 1866, "	9 00
English Minutes for 1865, in full.....	3 00
German " " " "	1 00
English " " 1866, "	3 00
German " " " "	1 00

IOWA CLASSIS.

Expenses of Liturgical Committee in 1865, in full.....	3 60
English Minutes for 1866, in full.....	2 00
German " " " "	50
Postage on Minutes.....	40
Permanent apportionment for 1865, in full.....	4 50

Total.....\$575 83

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By amount paid, as per vouchers, from May 29, 1866 to May 29, 1867, as follows:		
Rev. G. W. Williard, for printing supplements.....		\$28 50
“ “ “ “ for Stationery, and printing tickets for use of Synod at Galion.....		4 50
Rev. Prof. J. H. Good for expenses on Lit. Com.....		5 36
Mr. Fred. Holl for sexton service to Synod at Galion.....		10 00
Rev. P. Greding for services as German Secretary to Synod.....		25 00
“ J. T. Kluge for half traveling expenses to Synod at Galion.....		12 00
“ H. Muhlmeier “ “ “ “ “ “ “ “ “		13 00
“ J. O. Accola “ “ “ “ “ “ “ “ “		12 90
“ W. Wittenwieler “ “ “ “ “ “ “ “ “		12 15
“ N. Ruetenik “ “ “ “ “ “ “ “ “		15 00
“ Dr. G. W. Williard, for traveling expenses to Eastern Synod in 1865.....		15 00
“ “ “ “ “ “ printing blanks.....		3 00
“ “ “ “ “ “ publishing English Minutes in 1866 in full.....		278 16
“ “ “ “ “ “ mailing and postage on Minutes....		18 76
“ “ “ “ “ “ Stated Clerk fees.....		25 00
“ “ “ “ “ “ Stationery and Postage.....		2 00
“ H. J. Ruetenik for publishing German Minutes in 1866..		88 83
“ I. H. Reiter for Express charges.....		70
“ “ “ “ “ “ Stationery and postage.....		3 89
Balance in the Treasury.....		11 96
Total.....		\$675 88

The several Classes here designated are still in arrears to Synod as follows:

1. On the apportionment of expenses of the Liturgical Committee in 1865 from the Classes of

Heidelberg.....	\$3 40
Erie.....	8 40
Total.....	\$16 80

2. On the permanent apportionment, requiring \$1 50 from each minister, from the Classes of

Lancaster for 1866.....	\$19 50
Sandusky “ 1865.....	16 50
“ “ 1866.....	16 50
Tiffin “ “.....	15 00
Indiana “ “.....	20 64
St. John's “ “.....	27 00
Sheboygan “ 1865.....	25 50
“ “ 1866.....	30 00
Iowa “ 1866.....	6 00
Heidelberg “ 1866.....	15 00
Erie “ 1865.....	13 50
“ “ 1866.....	13 50
Total.....	\$218 64

4. On the Minutes of Synod from the Classes of

Miami for 1866,	English.....	\$12 60
Indiana for 1866,	English.....	2 40
" " "	German.....	4 50
Sheboygan " "	English.....	30
" " "	German.....	4 00
Heidelberg " "	English.....	4 00
" " "	German.....	6 00
Wis " "	English.....	3 00
" " "	German.....	7 00
Total.....		\$43 80

From this statement, it will be seen that there is still due and owing from the aforesaid Classes to Synod, the amount of \$279-24, which in the present wants, should be paid without delay.

Respectfully submitted,

ISAAC H. REITER, *Treasurer*.

The Committee on Finance to which the above report was referred, reported that they have examined the Treasurer's report and found it correct, and recommend its adoption.

The report also shows the Treasury to be entirely empty, as also the fact of indebtedness on the part of various Classes, to the amount of \$279 24, in view of which the Committee offer the following:

Resolved, That the various delinquent Classes be earnestly urged to meet their obligations without delay.

Respectfully submitted in behalf of Committee,

J. McCONNELL, *Chairman*.

The report was adopted.

ARTICLE XVII.

ELECTIONS.

The Committee on nominations reported through the Chairman, Rev. G. H. Leonard, according to the rule of Synod. The report was received and adopted, and the election held with the following result:

Delegate to the Eastern Synod.—Rev. J. Vogt, *Primarius*, and Rev. S. B. Leiter, *Secundus*.

Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary.—Rev. I. H. Reiter, Rev. P. C. Prugh, Rev. D. Winters, Benjamin Kuhns, B. C. Taylor, T. Schaeffer, and A. H. Baughman.

Board of Trustees of Heidelberg College for four years.—L. Shriver, L. Baltzell, Esq., Wm. Barrioh, J. Bunn, Rev. H. East, and Rev. S. Mease.

The following are the other members of the Board :

For three years.—Rev. P. C. Prugh, Rev. T. P. Bucher, Rev. N. H. Loose, Rev. J. McConnell, Wm. E. Sewartz, and A. L. Baughman.

For two years.—Rev. I. H. Reiter, Rev. G. W. Williard, Rev. G. Z. Mechling, Benjamin Kuhns, Wm. L. Snyder, and Dr. A. Treon.

For one year.—Rev. L. H. Kefauver, Rev. W. H. Fennema, Thomas Swander, Rev. E. Keller, N. L. Brewer, Esq., and J. Royer.

Board of Visitors of Heidelberg College.—S. C. Crumbaugh, Rev. J. H. Wagoner, Rev. T. P. Bucher, Rev. J. Hefley, and T. J. Craig.

Board of Visitors of Theological Seminary.—Revs. L. H. Kefauver, T. P. Bucher, I. H. Reiter, S. Mease, P. C. Prugh, and N. H. Loose.

ARTICLE XVIII.

PUBLICATION.

The Committee on Publication reported as follows :

The only document which came into our hands, is the report of the Board of Publication which is as follows :

The Board at their first regular meeting, November 9, 1866, took into consideration the matter referred to them by Synod, respecting the publication of the *Western Missionary*. At this meeting, agreeably to Synodical instruction, and his own request, the resignation of the Editor, Rev. George W. Williard, D. D., was accepted, and he, by the close of the year, retired from the editorial management of the paper, with the "hearty good-wishes" of the Board, and general favor of the Church, to devote his undivided attention to the duties of the Presidency of Heidelberg College.

At an adjourned meeting of the Board, November 23d, the whole subject involving the publication of the *Western Missionary* until a permanent editor could be chosen, was still further considered, with the view of arriving at conclusions that might operate for the welfare of the Church. It was ascertained that no financial arrangement, properly subserving the interests of the paper, could be made for a shorter period than one year; nor was it regarded advisable for the Board, as a whole, to assume the editorial control thereof. Hence, after due deliberation, and the best course to be adopted, the Board unanimously elected Rev. Theodore P. Bucher, as editor of the *Western Missionary* for the entire year 1867. He formally accepted the position on the 13th of December, and, having entered upon the practical

ties thereof, issued the first number in quarto form on Thursday, the 3rd of January, 1867, regularly continuing the weekly one ever since.

As may be seen, the size, style, and general appearance of the paper, bearing the impress of adapted ability, and worthy enterprise, have been greatly improved, and the amount of reading matter much increased. All this, too, has been done without additional expense to the subscribers. The paper now ranks among the best and cheapest of the religious periodicals of the land, and while it is heartily welcomed in many families of our "household of faith," it is deserving of a more extensive circulation and the generous support of the Church.

As regards the financial condition of the *Western Missionary*, it may be stated that it has been sustaining itself as well as could be expected under the financial embarrassment of the country. The statement here given embraces a period of four months, extending from the first of January to the first of May. In the first of May the weekly issue numbered 3,600 copies. The increase of subscriptions in four months was 1,050 copies, and the discontinuances and erasures, 250, leaving an actual gain or net increase of 800 copies. The expenses of issuing the paper per week are \$120, making the actual cost of publishing it per annum, a little over \$6,000; and, so far, there are about 1,000 actual paying subscribers with which to meet current expenditures, leaving the increase of subscription between the first of May and the first of next January as forming the basis of salary for the editor, together with the small income from advertising.

Finally, taking the foregoing statements as a basis, with the view of making the *Western Missionary* an amply self-sustaining paper, we would respectfully ask the earnest attention of the Synod to the following items:

1. That the Board request the Synod to confirm their action respecting the election of Rev. T. P. Bucher as Editor for 1867, and the publishing arrangement adopted.

2. That we recommend to the Synod the election of a Permanent Editor of the *Western Missionary*, and that he be required to devote his whole time to the paper and its interests.

3. That, in view of the decided and valuable improvements made in its size, appearance and style, as well as of its general adaptation to the wants of the Reformed Church, we heartily commend the *Western Missionary* to the special attention and fostering care of the Synod, and to the favor and patronage of the Church.

4. That, inasmuch as it will require about 4,000 paying subscribers to make it a properly self-sustaining paper, there should be agencies and efforts set in motion to increase its circulation

to at least that number, and thereby give the seal of permanent encouragement and prosperity to the whole enterprise.

Respectfully submitted,

ISAAC H. BERTER, *President*

From the foregoing your committee would report that only document placed in the hands of your committee is report of the Board of Publication. This report relates entirely to the publication of the *Western Missionary*. It gives satisfactory evidence that the publication of this paper is carried forward quite successfully; and also, on account of its valuable improvements, is worthy of our increased patronage and foster care. In view of the items contained in the report of the Board your committee would propose the following action:

Resolved, That the report of the Board be adopted.

Resolved, That Synod confirm the action of the Board electing the Rev. T. P. Bucher Editor of the *Western Missionary* for the year 1867, and also the publishing arrangements adopted at the same time.

Resolved, That Synod elect a permanent Editor of the *Western Missionary*, who shall devote all his time to the interests of the paper.

Resolved, That in view of the decided improvements of the paper, and its adaptation to the wants of the Church, and view also of the fact that the subscription list is not nearly large as it should be, properly to support it, Synod request the various Classes within its bounds to take such action as will, if possible, place a copy of this paper in every family within their respective bounds.

Resolved, That the thanks of the Synod are due the Rev. P. Bucher for the able manner in which he has thus far conducted the editing of the *Western Missionary*.

Respectfully submitted,

J. REINHART, *Chairman*.

The above report was adopted as a whole, after which the Synod proceeded to the election of a permanent Editor, the result of which was that Rev. T. P. Bucher received a large majority of all the votes cast on the first ballot.

The election was then declared *unanimous*, and the President appointed to notify the Rev. T. P. Bucher of his election, which he did in a few pertinent remarks, which were appropriately responded to by the Editor elect, acknowledging the honor conferred on him and accepting the appointment, giving this Synod the assurance that he would do all in his power to make the paper, in every respect, worthy of the patronage of the Church.

Rev. T. P. Bucher called the attention of Synod to the importance of uniting the *Missionary* with certain other religious periodicals in a joint Publishing Establishment in Cincinnati, Ohio, as an opportunity for so doing now offered itself. 7

suggestions were favorably received, and referred to a special committee, consisting of Rev. D. Winters, S. Mease, J. H. Good, P. C. Prugh, and Elder J. Poorman; which committee, subsequently submitted through the Chairman, the following report, which was adopted:

Inasmuch as Rev. T. P. Bucher has laid before the Synod the plan of establishing a joint Publishing Establishment in Cincinnati, for five religious periodicals; and as the success of this enterprise would be of great benefit to our church,

Resolved, that the Board of Publication be requested through the Editor, to make an effort to obtain sufficient stock subscriptions to secure an equal share in said enterprise; and that we recommend to the liberal friends of the church to take stock in the same.

ARTICLE XIX.

BENEFICIARY EDUCATION.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF BENEFICIARY EDUCATION.

R. GOOD, *Treasurer, in account with Board of Education of the Synod of Ohio and adjacent States.*

1866.		Dr.
May 26.	Balance in the Treasury.....	\$46 61
June 27.	Dr. G. W. Williard, from Cath. Schiff.....	5 00
27.	“ “ “ “ First Church, Cincinnati.....	13 00
27.	Rev. P. C. Prugh, Xenia charge.....	12 10
27.	Rev. S. King Calcutta congregation.....	5 00
Aug. 14.	Sandusky Classis per Rev. C. H. Reiter, Treasurer.....	15 00
14.	Rev. S. Strassner, Salem cong.....	4 53
26.	S. Schmitd, Cedaraville, Illinois.....	5 00
Sept. 5.	Rev. L. H. Kefauver, First Church, Tiffin.....	19 00
5.	Rev. G. W. Williard, contribution.....	5 00
5.	Miss Anna Keller.....	1 00
5.	Rev. C. H. Reiter, Union charge.....	10 63
5.	Rev. J. Winter, Caroline charge.....	6 50
5.	Prof. H. Rust, contribution.....	5 00
5.	Mrs. M. Giesy “	5 00
Oct. 21.	Rev. J. Richards, St. Paris charge.....	6 25
24.	Rev. J. M. Lefever, from P. F. Cost.....	5 00
24.	Miss S. A. Hiveling, collected in Xenia.....	20 00
24.	Rev. J. A. Leis, St. John's congregation.....	5 00
28.	Rev. S. G. Goss, North Union charge.....	13 95
28.	A Friend, per Dr. Williard	10 00
28.	Ganges congregation, per Dr. Williard.....	2 00
28.	Rev. N. H. Loose, Shelby charge.....	25 00
28.	“ G. H. Leonard, Basil “	24 25
28.	“ J. I. Swander, Lancaster “	4 44
28.	“ H. King, Union.....	16 60
28.	“ S. S. Rickley, contribution.....	10 00
28.	“ C. W. Hoyman, Somerset.....	29 76

Nov.	1	Interest of Permanent Fund.....	1
	1.	Rev. C. Schaaf, Kenton mission.....	1
	1.	" H. Hess, Ohio congregation.....	1
Dec.	8.	Amount collected by Dr. Williard from members of General Synod at Dayton.....	97
	8.	L. Hawk, Bakersville	1
	8.	Rev. W. McCaughey, Greenville, Ohio	1
	8.	Rev. J. Heller, Port Jefferson charge.....	1
	8.	C. H. Good, contribution.....	1
	8.	S. Puterbaugh.....	1
	8.	"A Friend"	1
	8.	Second German Reformed Church, Dayton, per Prof. Rust.....	13
	8.	Dr. G. W. Williard, Fort Seneca congregation.....	1
	8.	Rev. J. May, St. John's congregation.....	1
	8.	Rev. C. M. Heilman, St. Clairville, Pa.....	1
	8.	Sanv. Miller.....	1
1867.			
Jan.	29.	Leonard Hawk, contribution.....	5
	29.	Rev. F. Strassner, Berwick charge.....	8
	29.	Geo. Souders, contribution.....	25
Feb.	16.	Rev. J. H. Good, Second Church, Tiffin, Ohio.....	1
	16.	Benevolent society, First " " "	4
	16.	Jacob Zeigler & wife, Shelby, Ohio.....	1
	16.	Daniel Thoman, East Lewistown, Ohio	10
	28.	Rev. P. J. Spangler.....	6
	28.	Rev. H. M. Herman, West Alexandria, Ohio.....	12
	28.	Rev. F. C. Bowman, Zwinli, Iowa.....	5
	28.	Rev. F. Strassner, contribution.....	3
	28.	Sandusky Classis, per Rev. C. H. Reiter, Treasurer.....	16
	28.	Rev. S. C. Gosa, Manchester congregation	11
	28.	John Weist, contribution, Philadelphia, Pa.....	24
	28.	Rev. Eli Keller, St. Paul's, congregation.....	6
	28.	Rev. J. B. Thompson, Fremont, Ohio.....	5
	28.	Rev. T. Winters, Carrolton charge.....	37
	28.	Rev. T. B. Bucher, contribution.....	5
	28.	Geo. Robb, contribution.....	5
	28.	Rev. J. Hannaberry, Sugar Grove charge.....	3
	28.	Rev. C. W. Heilman, contribution.....	50
	28.	" " " " collected in St. Clairville charge, Pa.	50
April	20.	Interest of Lancaster Classis, B. E. Fund.....	21
	22.	Rev. S. Shaw, Mohicanville charge.....	6
	22.	" J. Klingler, Upper Sandusky charge.....	9
	24.	" J. Richards, Tremont charge.....	4
	23.	" W. B. Sandoe, Neriah "	3
	23.	" H. Hess.....	5
	23.	" I. H. Reiter, Miamisburg charge.....	9
May	1.	Interest of Permanent Fund.....	12
	1.	From Wooster charge, Rev. Derr.....	30
	1.	" Basil charge, Rev. Leonard.....	14
	1.	" Bethel Charge, Rev. Shoemaker.....	9
	1.	" C. U. Heilman, St. Clairville, Pa.....	30
Total.....			\$354

CONTRA.

1867.	Cr.
May 21. Amount paid beneficiaries as per vouchers...\$845 00	
21. Post Office and Government stamps.....	3 75
21. Interest on money borrowed.....	2 60
	\$851 35
Balance in the Treasury, May 22, 1867.....	105 23

PERMANENT FUND.

The Amount is \$325 invested in Government Bonds.

R. GOOD, *Treasurer.*

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BENEFICIARY EDUCATION.

Fathers and Brethren: The Committee on Beneficiary Education, to whom was referred the report of the Treasurer of Beneficiary Education Funds, (the *only* document that has been referred to your Committee), beg respectfully to report that they have carefully examined this report, and believe it to be correct. The report shows that the total income, from all sources, from May 26th, 1866, to May 22d, 1867, was nine hundred and fifty-eight dollars and fifty-eight cents, (\$956 58); of which eight hundred and fifty-one dollars and thirty-five cents (\$851 35) have been paid to the beneficiary students in the College and Seminary, for the first two terms of the present year, leaving a balance of one hundred and five dollars and twenty-three cents, (\$105 23), towards paying the appropriations of the last term.

When it is borne in mind that at the beginning of the period above referred to, viz., on the 26th of May, 1866, there was found in the Treasury \$46 61, (forty-six dollars and sixty-one cents;) it will readily be seen and understood that this Treasury is now only fifty-eight dollars and sixty-two cents richer than it was one year ago. When it is also borne in mind that the Synod was informed yesterday, through Dr. Williard, that there will be needed by this Board, within six weeks from this date, between three and four hundred dollars, or roundly stated, four hundred dollars, to meet certain engagements; it will readily be seen, and ought not to be ignored nor forgotten, that there is great and urgent need that the friends of Beneficiary Education within the bounds of this Synod, should bestir themselves, and that without delay, in order that these pressing obligations be promptly and fully met. The poor students have difficulties enough which they must encounter; their appropriations are scarce enough as things are; they ought to receive their appropriations on the day on which they are due, in order that the "hope deferred" may not "make their hearts sick," and constant and oft repeated disappointment may not utterly extinguish the hot spark of ardor and determination which are so essentially necessary to their success.

Your Committee would, therefore, recommend that the Synod

take such action as will secure the needed funds at an early day, and within the specified time. It is not sufficient to secure the "promise of aid" at some dimly distant and future day. It is not the "promise of aid," but the aid itself, and that in a tangible and current form, that is needed.

All of which is respectfully submitted,
JOHN H. SYKES, *Chairman of Committee.*

The above reports were adopted by Synod.

ARTICLE XX.

MISCELLANEOUS.

ARTICLES OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE SYNOD OF OHIO AND ADJACENT STATES AND THE SYNOD OF THE NORTH WEST.

It being desirable that proper relations be established and maintained between this Synod and the Synod of the North West, a Committee of one from each classis was appointed to draw up articles of agreement. The following is the Committee appointed for this purpose: Revs. G. Weber, J. McConnell, I. H. Reiter, J. H. Good, F. C. Bauman, and S. C. Goss, Elders J. Truxel, and A. Boucsien.

The Committee presented the following report which was adopted:

Inasmuch as the Classes and Churches heretofore constituting the Synod of Ohio and adjacent States have now been divided into two bodies by the establishment of the North Western Synod, and the various enterprises in which they have heretofore been conjointly engaged will still be, in a great measure, it is hoped, carried forward by united and harmonious co-operation, it is proper that a clear and definite arrangement should be made between the Synods, so that no difficulties may hereafter arise as to the rights, privileges and duties of the two bodies in relation to the work prosecuted in common for the upbuilding of our Reformed Zion.

The respective Synods will consist of the following number of ministers and members, according to the last Synodical Report, viz.:

THE SYNOD OF OHIO, ETC.

<i>Classes.</i>	<i>Ministers.</i>	<i>Members.</i>
Miami.....	28	4 908
Lancaster.....	15	1 800
Westmoreland.....	15	3 200
Sandusky.....	15	1 925
Tiffin.....	12	775
St. John.....	19	5 800
Illinois.....	10	760
Iowa.....	4	464
	<hr/> 118	<hr/> 19 728

THE NORTH-WESTERN SYNOD.

	Ministers.	Members.
.....	22	1,950
.....	17	1,026
.....	24	1,900
.....	10	1,475
.....	9	1,136
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	82	7,487

ommended that the following be adopted by the Synod and adjacent States, and that Rev. Isaac H. Reiter be sed as a delegate by this body to lay the same before Western Synod, at its meeting in Fort Wayne, to examine, and when accepted and ratified by that body, it l as the mutual agreement between the Synods :

HEIDELBERG COLLEGE.

Synod of Ohio, as at present, shall elect annually six of Heidelberg College, each one to hold office for four he North Western Synod, in addition to this number, ut changing the number necessary for a quorum, shall six Trustees annually, each one to hold office for the ur years.

never any Professor, Tutor, or Instructor of the Ger- ment of the College is to be elected, the North West ll nominate one or more persons, from among whom of Trustees shall elect to the office to be filled. The an and arrangement of the German Department to be l out by the trustees, as to agree as far as possible, iews of the North Western Synod; and said Synod as sible, to contribute the funds to sustain the depart- rding to their own views and wishes.

l Synod shall elect annually a Board of Visitors, who rt to the Synods by whom they are chosen respectively. Reports made by the officers of Heidelberg College to ll be made in duplicate, and forwarded to both Synods. arrangement to hold good until the North Western cides to establish a college within its own bounds; h event this agreement cannot be abrogated, amended d except by mutual agreement between the Synods.

THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

never any Professorship or Tutorship in the Theologi- ary at Tiffin, Ohio, becomes vacant, and is to be filled, l of Trustees is to notify both Synods; whereupon that ich first meets or acts upon the notification can elect a or Tutor in the constitutional mode; and when this , confirmed by the other Synod. it shall be valid, and a be made out and signed by the officers of both Synods.

When a Professor or Tutor proposes to resign, he shall hand in his resignation to the Board of Trustees (giving the Board of Visitors six months notice previously) who shall transmit the same to both Synods, and when accepted by both, his resignation shall be valid and complete.

2. The Board of Trustees shall make its Annual Report in duplicate, and forward the same to both Synods.

3. The Board of Trustees to have the power of providing for the necessary teaching force in the Seminary, and such other wants of the Seminary as may arise in the interval of the Synodical meetings, or from a failure of the same to act or to agree.

4. Whenever a new Professorship or Tutorship is to be instituted, either of the Synods can proceed to do so, and to elect the incumbent, and when confirmed by the other Synod, said action shall be valid.

5. Each Synod shall elect annually a Board of Visitors to the Theological Seminary, who shall report to the Synod by whom they are chosen respectively.

6. This arrangement to hold good until the North Western Synod proceeds to establish a Theological Seminary within its own bounds; until which event this agreement cannot be abrogated, amended or changed, except by mutual agreement between the Synods.

WESTERN MISSIONARY.

1. Whenever an Editor of the Western Missionary is to be elected, the Board of Publication shall notify both Synods. Whenever the Synod of Ohio and adjacent States shall elect as Editor, and the North Western Synod confirm the same, the election shall be valid.

2. This arrangement to hold good until the North Western Synod shall proceed to establish an English Religious Newspaper under its own control; until which event this agreement cannot be abrogated, amended or changed, except by mutual agreement between the Synods.

EDUCATION.

1. Each Synod shall elect its own Board of Education. But the North West Synod, if it so desires, can carry forward this work, in whole or in part, through the Board of Education of the Synod of Ohio.

INVALID FUND.

1. The two Synods shall have equal power in the administration of the Invalid Fund, and each Synod shall elect annually three Directors for this purpose.

GEO. WEBER, *Chairman.*

PUBLICATION OF THE MINUTES.

The Stated Clerk was instructed to make arrangements, if possible, with the Synod of the North West to publish the minutes of the two Synods together, and have 1500 copies in English, and 400 in German, for the use of the Synod of Ohio and adjacent States; and distribute according to the orders of the several classes.

VOTE OF THANKS.

Resolved, That this Synod tender its most hearty thanks to the members of this congregation, citizens of Fairfield, O., and surrounding community, for their marked Christian hospitality extended to the members of this Synod whilst in their midst; and that the pastor *loci* be requested to read from his pulpit at his next regular appointment, this resolution.

PAY TO SEXTON.

The Treasurer was authorized to pay the sexton of the congregation in Fairfield, Ohio, \$10, for his services during the session of Synod.

ARTICLE XXI.

CLOSE AND ADJOURNMENT.

Shelby, Richland County, O., having been selected as the place of our next annual meeting, and the first Wednesday in June, in the year of our Lord 1868, in the evening at 8 o'clock, at the time, it was on motion,

Resolved, That we adjourn to meet at the above named time and place.

Synod adjourned on Tuesday night, the 28th of June, at a late hour. The minutes were read and approved, the roll called, and all the members found present except such as had been excused. The Synod was closed with prayer and the Apostolic benediction by the President.

S. B. LEITER, *President*.

GEO. W. WILLIARD, *Stated Clerk*.

The above is an official copy from the original minutes.

GEO. W. WILLIARD, *Stated Clerk*.

NOTE—On the 44th page, in the article on Elections, the Board of Publication was inadvertently omitted. It is as follows:

Board of Publication.—Rev. S. Mease, B. H. Rover, G. G. Prugh, R. R. Collord, V. C. Tidball.

LANCASTER CLASSIS.

NAMES OF MINISTERS.	No. Congre'nals...	NAMES OF CHARGES.	Unconfirmed Members.....	Confirmed Mem- bers.....	Communicants..	Baptisms.....	Confirmations..	By Letter.....	Dismissed.....	Excommunicat'd	Deaths.....	Sunday Schools	Sunday School Scholars.....	Benevolent Con- tributions.....	Eng. Minutes....	Ger. Minutes....	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
H. King.....	3	Union.....	100	130	120	27	7	3	8	4	4	1	1	\$80 00	6	10	Baltimore..... Ohio
J. Vogt.....	1	Delaware.....	126	193	186	5	16	12	4	1	4	1	104	140 40	10	10	Delaware..... Ohio
C. W. Hoyman.....	4	Somersetl.....	300	300	277	17	19	9	7	1	6	4	275	275 00	35	...	Somersetl..... Ohio
H. Williard.....	1	Circleville.....	24	20	19	1	2	...	3	1	1	1	...	13 75	5	...	Circleville..... Ohio
G. M. Albright.....	4	Tarleton.....	190	210	150	38	20	1	1	15	2	125	116	116 33	20	...	New Lisbon..... Ohio
A. B. Koplitz.....	4	Kinni-kinnick.....	126	151	115	7	1	...	6	4	2	2	...	80 00	15	...	Elklick..... Pa
J. Hefley.....	4	Canal Winchester..	180	220	200	27	8	15	6	...	8	2	...	123 00	25	...	Canal Winchester... Ohio
J. Hannabery.....	4	Sugar Grove.....	199	187	174	12	18	6	6	4	3	250	178	178 00	16	...	Shanesville..... Ohio
J. McConnel.....	...	Without Charge.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Corydon..... Ind
J. C. Henneman	2	Beaver.....	76	112	104	17	2	13	3	1	3	1	...	20 24	5	...	Beaver..... Ohio
G. H. Leonard.....	2	Basil.....	112	150	133	15	27	5	2	1	3	2	...	153 68	20	...	Basil..... Ohio
J. W. Alspach.....	...	Without charge.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	New Salem..... Ohio
P. D. Schory.....	...	Without charge.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Lancaster..... Ohio
S. S. Rickley.....	...	Without charge.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	22 00	1	...	Lancaster..... Ohio
Vacant.....	1	Lancaster.....	50	75	65	10	6	8	...	...	1	1	50	50 00	4	...	Columbus..... Ohio
Vacant.....	1	Licking.....	38	15	13	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	.....
Vacant.....	2	Columbus.....	40	42	36	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....

WESTMORELAND CLASSIS.

NAMES OF MINISTERS.	No. Cong.....	NAMES OF CHARGES.	Unconf'd Mem- bers.....	Confirmed Mem- bers.....	Communicants.	Baptisms.....	Rec'd by Con....	By Letter	Dismissed	Excom	Deaths	Sunday Schools	Sunday School Scholars.....	Benevolent Con- tributions.....	Eng. Minuses...	Ger. Minutes....	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
N. P. Hacke, D. D.	5	Greensburg (Eng.)...	.....	.....	567	.....	49	.....	.....	.....	37	8	.....	\$273 00	.....	.....	Greensburg.....Pa
H. E. F. Voight, ...	6	Without charge	.....	.....	173	.....	62	17	8	3	1	.....	.....	16 00	10	16	Mt. Pleasant.....Pa
B. Knepper 1.....	4	Wellersburg	208	264	173	62	17	8	3	1	7	.....	.....	295 49	20	.....	Wellersburg.....Pa
J. A. Peters.....	4	Mt. Pleasant.....	160	240	205	36	31	3	3	3	3	4	100	.....	.....	.....	Mt. Pleasant.....Pa
Wm. Rupp.....	4	Berlin.....	.....	325	125	20	28	3	3	3	6	4	.....	89 50	15	.....	Berlin.....Pa
T. J. Barkley.....	4	Salem.....	240	250	220	10	11	4	4	4	4	4	.....	159 85	40	.....	Salem X Roads.....Pa
E. D. Shoemaker...	3	Latrobe.....	190	160	145	26	40	7	4	4	2	.....	90	95 00	25	.....	Youngstown.....Pa
J. H. Wagner.....	1	Grace Church.....	117	113	104	8	13	21	8	2	1	100	.....	2376 21	30	.....	Pittsburg.....Pa
G. H. Johnston.....	3	Greensburg (Eng)...	201	238	214	35	46	40	.....	3	3	200	.....	229 00	50	.....	Greensburg.....Pa
W. A. Gring	3	Paradise.....	120	180	130	34	7	7	.....	9	2	.....	.....	220 17	.....	.....	Elklick.....Pa
J. H. Sykes	4	Somerset.....	170	144	144	10	.....	4	3	4	3	.....	.....	56 00	30	.....	Somerset.....Pa
A. J. Heller 2.....	4	Beams.....	215	281	227	28	43	4	12	2	2	3	.....	200 00	25	.....	Sipesville.....Pa
C. C. Russell.....	2	Ligonier Val. Mis....	60	51	43	11	18	2	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	28 00	8	.....	Latrobe.....Pa
J. Baumgarten.....	1	Pitts. German Mis...	16	18	18	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Pittsburg.....Pa
Vacant 3.....	2	Cumberland Mission	.....	74	74	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Cumberland.....Md
Vacant	5	Shade	150	186	130	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Stoytown.....Pa
F. K. Levan.....	.....	Westmoreland Col....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Mt. Pleasant.....Pa
H. W. Super.....	.....	Without charge.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Lancaster.....Pa

1. Supplies Solomon and Fichtner's Congregation. 2. Supplies Stoytown Congregation. 3. Report of 1864.

SANDUSKY CLASSIS.

NAMES OF MINISTERS.	Congregations.....	NAMES OF CHARGES.	Members.....	Communicants....	Baptisms.....	Confirmations....	Rec'd by Letter....	Dismissed.....	Excommunicated	Deaths.....	Sunday Schools...	Benevolent Con- tributions	Eng. Minutes.....	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
S. C. Goss.....	4	North Union.....	139	111	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	\$36 18	24	Wadsworth..... Ohio
S. E. Herring.....	5	Savannah.....	135	150	8	12	4	6	4	15	3	50 00	15	Nankin..... Ohio
H. Hess.....	2	.....	92	92	21	6	6	11	1	1	1	12 00	4	Mansfield..... Ohio
O. E. Lake.....	3	Reedsburg.....	156	138	10	11	3	4	2	3	3	40 30	25	Congress..... Ohio
S. B. Leiter.....	4	Tuscarawas.....	194	216	19	13	2	1	1	1	4	.....	.....	Navarre..... Ohio
N. H. Loose.....	3	Shelby.....	100	175	165	36	49	8	9	1	2	75 08	15	Shelby..... Ohio
J. C. Klar.....	4	Navarre*.....	160	160	6	2	2	1	4	4	4	44 54	10	Navarre..... Ohio
J. M. Mickle.....	1	Akron Mission.....	43	38	2	1	12	1	.....	.....	.....	37 25	6	Akron..... Ohio
M. A. Miller.....	2	Summit.....	148	137	16	39	6	5	2	1	.....	.....	.....	Lake..... Ohio
C. H. Reiter.....	3	Union.....	223	180	165	52	12	10	2	7	2	73 50	15	Wadsworth..... Ohio
S. Shaw.....	3	Mohicanville.....	133	102	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	15 00	15	Mohicanville..... Ohio
T. J. Seiple.....	3	Bristol.....	280	272	250	9	.....	11	.....	8	3	.....	20	Marshallville..... Ohio
T. H. Winters.....	3	Carrollton... ..	78	295	19	80	10	8	1	9	1	64 20	30	Carrollton..... Ohio
D. H. Reiter.....	.....	Without charge.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Berrian Springs..... Mich
T. J. Spangler.....	.....	Without charge.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Farmer's Centre..... Ohio
J. R. Shepler.....	.....	Without charge.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Navarre..... Ohio
J. F. Helmn.....	.....	Without charge.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Kidder..... Mo
Thomas Ferrel.....	.....	Without charge.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Carrollton..... Ohio
J. J. Excell.....	.....	Without charge.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Kent..... Ohio

*Last Years' Report.

ST. JOHN'S CLASSIS.

NAMES OF MINISTERS.		NAMES OF CHARGES.		POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.													
No.	Cong.	No.	Cong.	Unconfirmed Members	Confir'd Members	Communicant Members	Baptisms	Confirmat'ns	Rec'd by Let.	Dismissed	Excom	Deaths	S. Schools	Benevolent Contributions	Eng. Min.	Ger. Min.	
J. W. Hamm	3	Manchester	3	195	300	280	5215	6	4	12	3	845	75	10	10	Nimissilla	Ohio
J. H. Derr	5	Wooster	5	350	490	370	2727	4	6	13	5	133	26	40	40	Wooster	Ohio
P. Herbruck	3	Canton	3	380	620	659	8344	...	...	44	3	136	60	10	24	Canton	Ohio
G. Zeigler	4	New Georgetown	4	...	580	470	4128	...	2	21	3	59	93	20	10	Paris	Ohio
J. G. Zahner	5	Rogersville	5	...	450	390	3940	...	...	18	5	122	00	5	25	Rogersville	Ohio
J. Biery	3	...	3	159	65	52	...	...	...	1	46	00	...	5	...	Wathers	Ks.
J. Acheret	2	Mt. Eaton	2	250	225	3121	...	...	...	15	2	40	50	4	6	Mt. Eaton	Ohio
C. Zwiler	3	Canfield	3	127	372	31037	...	...	...	7	...	54	44	20	10	Canfield	Ohio
S. N. King	4	New Lisbon	4	130	189	184	38	...	2	1	...	36	00	1	...	...	Ohio
C. Banks	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	New Philadelphia	Ohio
W. Reuter	3	Youngstown	3	97	97	1015	...	...	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
J. Reinhart	4	Springfield	4	360	360	320	3014	5	...	8	3	190	00	35	10	North Lima	Ohio
A. Miller	4	Louisville	4	200	300	267	2114	...	...	5	...	39	00	20	6	Louisville	Ohio
G. Geckler	2	Black Creek	2	...	...	200	11	...	...	5	2	...	...	...	10	Wall Hunting	Ohio
J. M. Grether	4	Homer and Ashland	4	130	133	133	186	35	...	2	3	73	32	6	15	Folk	Ohio
H. K. Zink	...	New Bedford	...	...	...	225	24	...	...	12	...	32	00	...	...	New Bedford	Ohio
F. Schadd	3	Walnut Creek	3	193	235	216	11	...	...	4	3	43	92	1	5	Weinsburg	Ohio
H. Korthner	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	35	00	...	...	...	...
C. Schiller	...	Lima	...	230	...	175	1912	...	...	9	2	38	36	...	12	Lima	Ohio
J. Rinehart (Sup)	1	Boardman	1	15	30	30	1	...	...	1	35	50	...	...	...	...	...

Without Charge.—F. Hunshe, Black Creek, O.; D. Kemmerer, Wooster, O.; G. W. Henning, Canton, O.

NAMES OF CLASSES	Teachers.....	34	64	5312	4666	675	476	368	94	157	166	53	\$6583	413	56	
	Delegations.....	14	33	1795	1592	175	118	60	47	6	65	20	804	160	25	
	Members Uncon-	16	51	2524	2519	280	263	106	37	1	85	29	490	4038	12	
	ferred.....	19	42	2197	2020	179	239	72	43	20	52	28	448	17	
	Members Confirmed.	11	20	867	885	126	47	80	35	4	32	11	831	357	60	
	Teachers.....	23	53	4471	4603	458	261	21	19	1	175	43	1235	31	
	Delegations.....	9	24	809	700	57	22	40	1	1	18	11	179	50	
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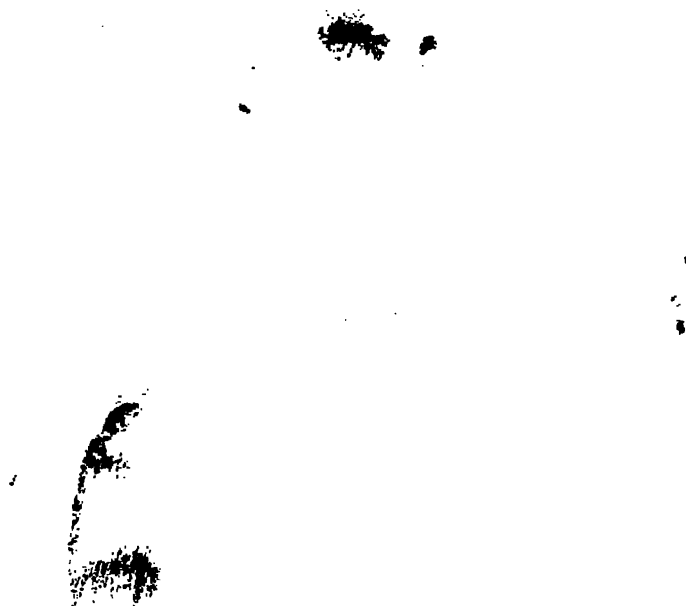
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Of the Synod of Ohio and adjacent States, of the German Reformed Church, which met in Shelby, Richland County, Ohio, on Wednesday, the 3d of June, at 8 o'clock P. M., in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-eight, and closed its sessions on the following Monday Evening.

ARTICLE I.

The opening of Synod.

The opening sermon was preached by the Rev. S. B. Leiter, President, from Ephesians, chapter 5: 30—33. The sermon was earnest, practical, and adapted to the occasion.

ARTICLE II.

Members Present.

MIAMI CLASSIS.

Revs. H. M. Herman, D. Winters, G. Z. Mechling, P. C. Prugh and I. H. Reiter.

Elders—R. Miller and A. H. Baughman.

LANCASTER CLASSIS.

Revs. C. W. Hoyman, H. Williard and Geo. H. Leonard.

Elders—Jos. Slough, H. Leonard and Wm. A. Julian.

WESTMORELAND CLASSIS.

Revs. Wm. Rupp, A. J. Heller, T. J. Barkley and J. A. Peters.

Elders—M. Zimmerman, J. Brindle, and T. J. Craig.

SANDUSKY CLASSIS.

Revs. S. B. Leiter, J. R. Shepler and T. H. Winters.

Elders—T. W. Chapman, Geo. Sonder and Wm. S. Winings.

TIFFIN CLASSIS

Rev. H. Rust and Prof. J. H. Good.

Elders—Edward Swander and B. Zimmerman.

ILLINOIS CLASSIS.

Rev. O. E. Lake.

Elder—J. Zollinger.

IOWA CLASSIS.

Rev. J. H. Buser. *Elder*—None present.

ST. JOHN'S CLASSIS.

Revs. G. M. Albright and J. Hannaberry.
Elders—H. Bott and J. Williard.

SYNOD OF THE NORTH-WEST.

Rev. W. Wittenwieler.

SYNOD OF NORTH AMERICA.

Rev. W. E. Krebs.

ADVISORY MEMBERS.

Revs. S. C. Goss, S. Shaw, S. E. Herring, Geo. W. Williard,
T. P. Bucher, J. W. All-pach, N. H. Loose, F. Strassner,
J. Winter, J. Leibert, J. B. Shoemaker and J. C. Klar.
Elders—J. Kuhn, D. Ristine, C. Myers and J. Kenney.

ARTICLE III.

Election of Officers.

The election of officers resulted as follows :

Rev. I. H. Reiter, Miamisburg, O., *President*.

Rev. G. Z. Mechling, Seven Mile, O., *Cor. Secretary*.

Rev. Prof. J. H. Good, Tiffin, O., *Treasurer*.

Rev. Geo. W. Williard, D. D. Tiffin, O., is the *Stated Clerk*.

ARTICLE IV,

Rules of Synod.

The Rules of Order adopted by the Synod were observed in the transaction of its business, and the following hours fixed upon for opening and closing the sessions of Synod.

Morning Session to begin at 8½ and close at 11½ o'clock, A. M.

Afternoon Session to begin at 2 and close at 4½ o'clock, P. M.

ARTICLE V.

Standing Committees.

On Religious Exercises—Revs. N. H. Loose, D. Winters, J. Hannaberry; and Elder Jos. Slough.

On Minutes of Synod—Revs. P. C. Prugh, Prof. H. Rust and G. M. Albright; and Elder H. Leonard.

On Overtures—Revs. T. J. Barkley, T. H. Winters and O. E. Lake; and Elder M. Zimmerman.

On Minutes of Classes—Revs. G. Z. Mechling, G. H. Leonard, F. Strassner, A. J. Heller; and Elder T. W. Chapman.

On Examination, Licensure, &c.—Revs. H. Williard, S. B. Leiter, D. Winters, Dr. G. W. Williard, H. M. Herman; and Elders A. H. Baughman and J. Zollinger.

On State of Religion—Revs. S. B. Leiter, T. P. Bucher and J. A. Peters; and Elders, R. Miller and J. Williard.

On Theological Seminary—Revs. H. M. Herman, S. C. Goss and H. Williard; and Elders, E. Swander and G. Souder

On Heidelberg College—Revs C. W. Hoyman, P. C. Prugh and G. Z. Meehling; and Elders H. Leonard and H. Bott.

On Missions—Revs. Wm Rupp, J. H. Buser, P. C. Prugh; Elders, J. Brindle and W. A. Julian.

On Finance—Revs. J. H. Buser, J. R. Shepler; Elder J. Williard.

On Nominations—Revs. T. H. Winters, G. W. Williard, D.D. and F. Strassner; Elders R. Miller and E. Swander.

On Publication—Revs. Prof. J. H. Good, H. M. Herman and N. H. Loose; Elders B. Zimmerman and H. Leonard.

On Education—Revs. J. A. Peters, J. Leibert. and S. E. Herring; Elders A. H. Baughman and T. W. Chapman.

ARTICLE VI.

Communications.

1. All communications designed for Synod were referred to the Committee on Overtures.

2. The reading of the minutes of last year, with those of the Synod of the North West and of the Eastern Synod, was dispensed with and referred to the Committee on Minutes of Synod.

3. The Minutes of the several Classes were received with the reports on Religion and Statistics and referred respectively to the Committee on Minutes of Classes, and the Committee on the State of Religion and Statistics.

4. The reports of the different Boards, except the Board of Visitors of Heidelberg College, which furnished no report, were read, received and referred to their respective Committees.

ARTICLE VII.

Religious Exercises.

The Committee on Religious Exercises presented their report, which was received and adopted. The report provided for religious service each evening of the session of Synod. Services preparatory to the Communion were held on Saturday afternoon, and the Lord's Supper administered on Sunday morning to a large number of communicants. The occasion was one

of much interest. The different pulpits of the town, as well as those near the place of meeting were filled by request, by members of the Synod.

The Missionary Anniversary was held on Monday Evening.

ARTICLE VIII.

Synodical Minutes.

The Committee on Synodical Minutes presented the following report of items claiming the attention of Synod.

MINUTES OF THE SYNOD OF OHIO AND ADJACENT STATES.

Item 1. Page 8. Is the appointment of a Committee on the Liturgy.

Item 2. Page 13. The Commissioner to the North-Western Synod was instructed to lay certain matters before that Body.

Item 3. Page 15. Sandusky and Heidelberg Classes are urged to pay without delay their apportionment to the "Invalid Fund."

Item 4. Page 16. Miami Classis is requested to acquiesce with Synod's action in ceding to Illinois Classis, all the territory within said State, hitherto belonging to Miami Classis.

Item 5. Page 32. That part of the report of the Committee on the Theological Seminary referring to the resignation of Prof. Kieffer, D. D., President of the Theological Seminary, was laid on the table until the present meeting of Synod.

Item 6. Page 37. The different Classes are enjoined to call the attention of their ministers to the necessity of collecting the interest due the college in their respective fields.

Item 7. Page 43. Is the election of Rev. J. Vogt, *Primarius*, and Rev. S. B. Leiter, *Secundus*; delegates to the Eastern Synod.

Item 8. Pages 43 and 44. Is the election of the different Boards.

Item 9. Page 10. Is the continuation of a Committee on Student's Home, of which Rev. Dr. Kieffer is the Chairman.

SYNOD OF NORTH AMERICA.

There are no items claiming action on the part of this Synod.

SYNOD OF THE NORTH-WEST.

Item 1. Page 6. Are resolutions respecting the Liturgy.

Item 2. Page 7. Is a resolution respecting a closer union with the Reformed Dutch Church.

Item 3. Page 21. The Synod of the North West agrees to the resignation of Rev. Dr. M. Kieffer as Professor in the Theological Seminary at Tiffin, Ohio.

Item 4. The Synod of the North-West desires the continuation of Rev. J. H. Good as Professor in the Theological Seminary, under the arrangement adopted by the Board of Trustees. But if this Synod feels the necessity of electing a Theological Professor at this meeting, the Synod of the North-West in this event nominates Rev. J. H. Good as their choice.

Item 5. The Synod of the North-West asks this Synod to unite with them in bringing the subject of the division of the Classes according to language before the General Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

P. C. PRUGH, *Chairman.*

The above report was received and acted on item by item.

Item 1. The following report from the joint Committee on the Liturgy, was received and adopted.

The joint Committee of the Synod of Ohio and Adjacent States, and of the Synod of the North-West, had two meetings in Tiffin, Ohio, during the year, and have given the attention to the subject which its importance demands. At the first meeting, which was held in the fall, the general outline of the work was agreed upon, and portions of it assigned to the different members of the Committee, so as to gather the material necessary for its construction.

At the second meeting which was held in the early part of May, but few of the members of the Committee were in attendance. Those present had labored faithfully in the work assigned them, whilst a few of the members made no report. Feeling the importance of the work assigned us, and knowing that the Synods interested in it, expected us to go forward with it as rapidly as possible, we have given much labor and attention to it, and have now collected most of the material necessary for the completion of the work. We have also learned by the investigations we have made, that there is material enough in Reformed Liturgies, which, if properly reproduced, will enable us to complete the work on the basis laid down in the beginning, and approved by the Synod.

We have now the prayers for the Lord's day, and for the different festival occasions; also formulas for infant and adult Baptism, Confirmation, Preparatory Service, the Lord's Supper, Ordination and Installation, nearly completed; whilst the remaining part of the work is in such a state of progress as to lead us to entertain the hope of completing it in the Fall or Winter. As some of the members of the Committee have not labored with us, it might be well for the Synod, in view of the difficulty and responsibility of the work, so to change the Committee as to have such persons on it as will unite in accomplishing the work as speedily as possible.

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. KLEIN, *Chairman of the Committee.*

This report, and all matters pertaining to the Liturgy, were referred to a Special Committee consisting of Revs. H. Williard, S. B. Leiter and Elder, A. H. Baughman. This Committee subsequently presented the following, which was received and adopted.

Your Special Committee to whom were referred all documents and items touching the subject of the Liturgy, submit the following as their report: We have seriously considered the subject in all its important bearings upon the present and future interests of our beloved Zion. We have learned with pleasure that the important labors assigned the Liturgical Committee have during the past synodical year been pushed forward with progress. Yet as a Synod we cannot but feel the necessity of urging to a speedy completion the work of the Liturgy now in progress under the auspices of the Synods. A reconstruction of the Committee being called for, we submit the names of the following persons to constitute that portion of the Liturgical Committee from the Synod of Ohio, viz.: George W. Williard, D. D., Prof. J. H. Good, Revs. T. P. Bucher and I. H. Reiter.

We confidently anticipate that under the present arrangement, the work of the Liturgy will be brought to as rapid a completion as possible.

Respectfully submitted,

H. WILLIARD, *Chairman.*

Item 2. The following is the report of the Commissioner, which was received and adopted, and the Treasurer authorized to pay the traveling expenses.

The undersigned Commissioner, as your first delegate to the North-Western Synod of the Reformed Church, would respectfully report:

That he attended the North-Western Synod, held in Fort Wayne, Indiana, commencing on Tuesday, May 28th, and continuing in session until June 1, 1867. This, as authorized by the General Synod, was its first meeting, and, on the day after its convening, it was formally organized by the election of officers.

Your delegate met with a cordial and corteous reception, and was made to feel that he was among brethren, who cherished the same faith, and whose hearts were pervaded with the same love and zeal for the peace and prosperity of our Zion. The attendance was tolerably full, and there was a commendable interest and earnestness manifested in the work of the Lord.

Your delegate, according to instruction, laid the *Articles of Agreement*, prepared and adopted by our last Synod, before the North-Western Synod, and explained that the object thereof was to establish and maintain a proper relation between the

Synod of Ohio and Adjacent States and the North-Western Synod. These Articles, after having been duly considered, were all adopted, excepting those relating to the cause of education, and the publication of the Western Missionary (now Christian World), which were laid on the table until their next annual meeting. And as proper mutual relations of an ecclesiastical and fraternal character, are now formally established between the two Synods, it is believed that if these relations are reciprocally maintained, the most happy results will be realized.

The brethren of the North-Western Synod have not only an extensive territory to possess, and an important field to cultivate, but, with God's blessing upon them, they have, on the whole, an encouraging and hopeful future before them. They have already accomplished a good work, especially in the way of church extension and missionary labor. And, while there still remains much to be done, the dawn of a brighter and better day is approaching.

On leaving that reverend body, with assurances of our fraternal feelings and of our interest in their welfare, I was requested by the President to assure our Synod of their brotherly love and abiding interest in our success and prosperity, and to bear back with me to you their kind Christian greetings. Traveling expenses, \$10.00.

Respectfully submitted,

ISAAC H. REITER.

Item 3. See report of Committee on Minutes of Classes.

Item 4. Adopted.

Item 5. This item was taken from the table and referred to the Committee on the Theological Seminary.

Item 6. See report of Committee on Minutes of Classes.

Item 7. The delegate reported that he was not able to attend on account of indisposition, and that he had notified his *Secundus* when he found his health would not admit of his going, but the time was too short for him to make his arrangements to go.

The delegate was excused for non-attendance.

Item 8. All the different Boards reported, except the Board of Visitors of the College.

Item 9. The Committee presented the following report:

In the absence of the Chairman of the Committee, I beg leave to report to the Synod that, during the past synodical year, the building of the Students' Home has been pushed forward as rapidly and successfully as circumstances permitted. In reliance on the promises and providence of God, and trusting to the good will and liberality of the members of our church, we bought a suitable lot of good land, containing nearly eleven acres, at a cost of \$2,280.00. At the beginning of August, we made a con-

tract with Seemuth & Stern for the erection of the back building of the Home, which they promised to finish before the opening of the Winter Session in the College, for the sum of \$1,289.50, including all the material, except the brick, and the digging of the cellar and well. In consequence of unfavorable weather, they were unable to fulfill their promise, but have finished the house in a satisfactory manner early this Spring. Four of the rooms have been occupied by Beneficiary Students since last fall; the fifth room was taken possession of this Spring, and the sixth would also have been occupied, if the promised furniture had come to hand. The young brethren living there are so well pleased with their new home, that many others have made application for admission, and it has often made us feel sorry to refuse them; but we had to do so, for want of room. Instead of six rooms, we ought to have at least fifteen, which would all be filled in a short time, and then one of the Professors, or some disabled minister could live there, and furnish the students with cheap boarding, and keep the whole establishment in proper order. This was the original plan, and it has been our aim all along to carry it out. But we cannot undertake the building of the front house, until we can see our way clear to pay for it. If Synod can give us some light on this subject, and devise means by which this important enterprise can be carried to full completion, we shall be very thankful, and will cheerfully follow the instructions that may be given.

MONEY RECEIVED FROM DIFFERENT CONGREGATIONS, FEMALE BENEVOLENT SOCIETIES AND INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS OF THE CHURCH.

First, toward the payment of the Land.....	\$760.00
Second, toward the Building Fund.....	\$1,028.44
Third, for furnishing the Rooms.....	\$131.25
Whole amount received.....	\$1,919.69

AMOUNT PAID OUT AS PER VOUCHERS.

To first payment on the land.....	\$760.00
To payment in full for building.....	\$1,703.92
To payment for furniture, fence lumber and making 600 feet ditching, expressage, drayage, percentage, nails, blank books, etc.....	\$327.64
Whole amount paid out.....	\$2,791.56
Whole amount received.....	\$1,919.69

Leaving a debt of..... \$871.87

Besides this there is a furniture bill, lumber bill, hardware bill, lightening rod bill, and a few other small bills still unpaid, so that the whole indebtedness will run up to about \$950.00. The greater portion of this amount is covered by subscriptions, mostly in small sums, many of which will, however, not be paid before September, 1869. Hence it is very desirable that some

provision should be made to liquidate this debt, and also to provide for the erection of the front building. The Lord grant that this may be done.

Respectfully submitted,
H. RUST.

The above report was received and referred to a Special Committee, consisting of Revs. P. C. Prugh, Geo. W. Williard, D. D., T. P. Bucher, and Elder H. Leonard; which Committee subsequently presented the following, which was received and adopted.

The Special Committee to which the report on the Students' Home was referred, would state that it appears from the report placed in their hands, that this institution, as far as completed, is in full operation. A valuable lot of eleven acres has been purchased, and a brick building of six rooms and good cellar has been erected upon it. The students living in the Home have, to some extent, improved the grounds around it, and everything is beginning to assume a cheerful and happy aspect. The whole amount of money already expended upon it is, in round numbers, \$3,000; and the amount received, \$2,000; thus leaving a balance of \$1,000. This is covered in part by subscriptions, which will, however, come due in the latter part of 1869.

But the original plan of Synod has thus far been carried out only in part. The main building which should contain at least twelve or fifteen additional rooms, in order to meet future, as well as present existing wants, is yet to be erected. Indeed all the beneficiary students, as well as any others studying for the gospel ministry who might desire to avail themselves of its advantages, should be provided with comfortable rooms and boarding in the Home. This would give life and character to it, and at the same time enable many with limited means to prepare for the gospel ministry. That this may prove a *Home*, indeed, to many students of the present and future generation, and that the original design of Synod may be met, we would append the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Committee be continued with such changes in it as may be necessary, and that the cause be, and is hereby, heartily recommended for sympathy and support to the entire Church.
P. C. PRUGH, *Chairman*.

The Committee on the Students' Home consists of Revs. H. Rust, J. H. Good, L. H. Kefauver, R. Good, and Elders, G. Robb and Ed. Swander.

SYNOD OF THE NORTH-WEST.

Item 1. Adopted.

Item 2. *Resolved*, That we unite with the Synod of the North-West, in requesting the General Synod to take such action as will be calculated to bring about a closer union between the two churches referred to.

Item 3. Adopted.

Item 4. Adopted.

Item 5. See action on this item under No. 3, in the report of the Committee on Overtures.

The report was adopted as a whole.

ARTICLE IX.

Overtures.

The Committee on Overtures beg leave to offer the following report:

1. A communication from Rev. Joshua H. Derr, in which he expresses his regrets that circumstances over which he has no control, prevent him from attending the sessions of this Synod; that he informed his *Secundus*, Rev. J. W. Hamm, and invokes the blessing of God upon our deliberations.

2. The resignation of Rev. Joshua H. Derr, as a member of the Liturgical Committee.

3. A communication from the Synod of the North-West, containing the actions of the said Synod, that have reference to this Synod.

4. A communication from Rev. J. Vogt, stating that owing to sickness, he was unable to attend the meeting of the Eastern Synod, and asking this Synod to excuse him.

5. Is the report of the President and Treasurer of the Invalid Fund, Rev. Eli Keller.

Respectfully submitted,

T. J. BARKLEY, *Chairman.*

The above report was received and acted on item by item.

Item 1. Adopted.

Item 2. The resignation of Rev. J. H. Derr was accepted, and the Committee reconstructed, as will be seen in the report on Synodical Minutes under item one.

Item 3. See report on Minutes of Synod under items 2 and 3 of Synod of North-West. That portion referring to a division of territory according to language was referred to a Special Committee, consisting of Revs. J. H. Good, T. P. Bucher, and Elder B. Zimmerman; which Committee subsequently reported. The

report was received, amended and adopted in the following form, by referring the subject to the General Synod, without committing itself in favor of said division.

The Special Committee to whom was referred the request of the North-West Synod that this Synod should co operate with them in requesting the General Synod to provide for a division of Classis according to languages, beg leave respectfully to report.

That they understand the wish of the North-West Synod to be this : that the necessary changes be made in the constitution of the Church, so that within the same territory it may be possible to have both a German and an English Classis. We would therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution.

Resolved, That we unite with the Synod of the North-West in referring this subject to the attention of the General Synod.

Respectfully,

J. H. GOOD, *Chairman*.

Item 4. Excused.

Item 5. The report of the President and Treasurer of the "Invalid Fund" was adopted, and is as follows.

The following report on the *Invalid Fund* was read, and referred to a Special Committee.

Your Board adopted measures more than a year ago, to make the "Invalid Home" a permanent relief to invalid ministers. To reach that object, *time* and *means* are necessarily required, as all know, who are acquainted with the grape culture. Hence, we were compelled to contract still more debts during the past year. The investment, however, is secure, and (we believe) fully justified. And not only were we necessitated to make investments in the way of converting the land into a vineyard, but we also had to build a house for our tenant, which cost, notwithstanding the greatest economy, the sum of \$369.74.

On the apportionment made by your Synod in May, 1866, \$385.07 are still unpaid. Of this amount, \$204 32 are apportioned within the bounds of your Synod, as at present constituted, viz.:

Tiffin Classis.....	\$24 38
St John's Classis	126.00
Sandusky Classis.....	53.94

Your Synod, at the last annual meeting, passed a resolution, requesting each pastor to take up a collection for the benefit of Bro. Tendick. This was in response to our request. Our suggestion was, that such collections be forwarded to the brother *through our treasurer*, in order that you might learn what had been done. Whether that part of our suggestion was adopted, your Minutes say not; from the fact, however, that several

Classes of your Synod have thus sent in contributions in aid of Bro. T, we infer that the request was granted. The following moneys have been thus forwarded:

Tiffin Classis.....	\$20.30
Lancaster Classis.....	20.00
	\$40.30

A more full report might be acceptable; but since it will devolve upon your Synod to elect from your midst three directors, who, together with a like number from the North-Western Synod, will take charge of this interest, it is not now deemed necessary to say more.

It must be evident that old apportionments should have been paid in *long ago*—also, that Bro. Tendick, in his much afflicted condition, should receive all necessary aid, especially in the way of imparting comfort to him personally, and intercession at the throne of grace in his behalf.

Respectfully submitted,

ELI KELLER, *Pres. and Treas.*

The Special Committee, to whom this report was referred, consisting of Revs. J. H. Good, W. E. Krebs and T. W. Chapman, and raised to recommend some action for the Synod to take upon this important measure, submitted the following:

That a communication from Rev. E. Keller, President and Treasurer of the Fund, was placed in their hands, but at so late an hour on the last day of the sessions of Synod, that we could not devote to it such attention as its importance demands.

We believe, however, that every necessary end will be reached by the following resolutions:

1. That this Synod recognizes the fact that the disabled ministers of the church should be properly provided for by the church.

2. That the report of the President of the Invalid Fund be commended to the several Classes of this Synod for such action in the case as will cover past deficiencies, and place the Fund in a proper working condition for the future.

3. That Prof H. Rust, Rev. L. H. Kefauver, and Rev. J. Hannaberry be, and are hereby, elected as directors of the Invalid Fund on the part of this Synod.

WHEREAS, the brethren E. D. Miller and P. Tendick are in necessitous circumstances, and whereas the North-Western Synod has taken measures to provide immediate assistance for them.

Resolved, That the matter be commended to the kind attention and christian sympathies of our Pastors and Churches, and that they be requested, as far as possible, to assist in the support of these brethren.

J. H. GOOD, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE X.

Minutes of Classes.

The Committee on Minutes of Classes reported through their Chairman, Rev. G. Z. Mechling. The report was received and adopted, item by item.

IRREGULARITIES.

1. Minutes of Miami Classis are not reported in proper form. Adopted.

2. The same Classis, on item 8 of the minutes of Synod, having reference to the adoption of a plan of beneficence by which every member may be brought to contribute, reports that the item was committed to a committee which reported action, but omits the report for the reason that it is German. It at the same time does not state that the report was read and adopted. Hence we report, no action taken on the subject. Adopted.

3. In minutes of Sandusky Classis, a contradictory statement concerning the dismissal of a minister under censure (page 16). Adopted.

4. Same Classis, minutes not certified to by the Clerk. Adopted.

5. Same Classis, minutes not presented under proper heads. Adopted.

6. Iowa Classis requests Synod to sanction the reception of Rev. D. S. Fouse without a quorum being present. Adopted, and approved of under the circumstances of the case.

REQUESTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS.

1. Miami Classis reports the following action, (page 294,) on Dr. Kieffer's resignation, etc.

Referred to the Committee on Theological Seminary.

2. Lancaster Classis requests the Synod to reconstruct that portion of the Committee on the Liturgy which represents the Synod of Ohio, that the manifest views of the Western Church may be carried out, and that progress may be made in the important work entrusted to the Committee.

Referred to special committee on the subject of the Liturgy.

3. Westmoreland Classis asks Synod to be relieved from taking up collections for the support of Rev. P. Tendick. (See minutes, page 9.) Adopted.

4. Tiffin Classis asks the Synod of Ohio to request its officers to comply with a request of Elder Myers to assist him in getting a small piece of land which he had deeded to the Trustees of Synod for the benefit of Good Hope Church (now abandoned), deeded back to him again.

Adopted, and the Board of Trustees of the Synod instructed to take the necessary measures to deed the property back to Col. C. Myers.

5. Sandusky Classis requests Synod to send down a Liturgy to the different Classes as early as possible for adoption. Adopted.

6. St. John's Classis requests Synod to publish its minutes in the German language, and send no more than requested by Classis. (See action of Synod on the publication of the minutes.)

7. The Westmoreland Classis requests to be relieved from complying with instructions of Synod in reference to the collection of outstanding dues to Heidelberg College, and refers the matter to the Treasurer of College. Adopted.

SUBJECTS REFERRED TO CLASSES.

1. Systematic benevolence complied with by Miami, Sandusky, Westmoreland, Lancaster, Tiffin in part, Illinois, and St. John's. Adopted.

2. Apportionment of General Synod adopted by Miami, Lancaster, Westmoreland. Adopted.

3. Invalid Fund complied with by Miami, Lancaster and Tiffin. Adopted.

4. Request to take up missionary collections adopted by Miami, Lancaster, Iowa and Westmoreland. Adopted.

5. Miami Classis adopted the request of Synod to cede its territory within the State of Illinois to Illinois Classis. Adopted.

6. Delinquent Classes on minutes of Synod are requested to pay up. Adopted.

7. Having reference to "Christian World," adopted by Miami and Lancaster. Adopted.

8. The following Classes complied with the Synod's request to drop the word "German" from the title of the Church: Miami, Lancaster, Tiffin, Westmoreland, Sandusky, Illinois and Iowa; and it was rejected by St. John's. Adopted.

RECEPTIONS AND DISMISSIONS.

1. Miami Classis dismissed Rev. P. H. Kroh to Illinois Classis, Rev. Geo. Rettig to Tiffin Classis, Rev. J. Heller to Lancaster Classis, Rev. H. I. Cowfort to Maryland Classis, Rev. J. A. Leis to Lebanon Classis, Synod of N. A., and received the Rev. O. J. Accola from the Classis of Sheboygan.

2. Lancaster Classis received Rev. F. Strassner from Tiffin Classis, and Rev. J. Heller from Miami Classis.

3. Illinois Classis received the Licentiate, Charles Knepper, from the East Pennsylvania Classis, ordained and installed him as pastor of the Reformed church at Forreston, Ill., and ordained the licentiate, Joseph Heller.

4. Westmoreland Classis ordained and installed Rev. H. F. Keener.

5. Sandusky Classis dismissed Rev. J. F. Helm to Iowa Classis, Rev. D. H. Reiter to St. Joseph Classis, Rev. C. H. Reiter to Susquehanna Classis of Synod of N. A., Rev. P. J. Spangler to

St. Joseph Classis, Rev. H. Hess to Goshenhopper Classis, Synod of N. A., and Rev. S. E. Herring to Zion's Classis, Synod of N. A., and restored Jesse Hines to the gospel ministry.

6. St. John's Classis received Rev. G. M. Albright and Rev. J. Hannaberry from Lancaster Classis, Rev. J. Naille from Lancaster Classis, Synod of N. A., and Rev. J. Baumgardner from Westmoreland Classis, and dismissed Rev. R. Kœhler to St. Paul Classis, Synod of N. A., and Rev. C. Banks to New York Classis, Synod of N. A.

7. Iowa Classis received Rev. D. S. Fouse from Mercersburg Classis, Synod of N. A., and Rev. J. Rettig from Heidelberg Classis.

ANNUAL MEETINGS OF THE CLASSES.

Miami Classis holds its next annual meeting in Tremont, Clark county, Ohio, on the first Thursday after the second Tuesday in October, 1868. Rev. Wm. McCaughey, President; Rev. P. C. Prugh, Stated Clerk.

Tiffin Classis holds its next annual meeting in Zion, Bloom Church, near Van Lieu, Hancock county, Ohio; on the third Friday in August, 1868, at 8 P. M. Rev. R. Good, President; Rev. J. H. Good, Stated Clerk.

Sandusky Classis holds its next annual meeting at Ashland, Ohio, October 22, 1868, at 7 P. M. Rev. T. H. Winters, President; Rev. N. H. Loose, Stated Clerk.

Lancaster Classis meets in Delaware, Ohio, Wednesday, October 28, 1868, at 7 P. M. Rev. J. Vogt, President; Rev. G. H. Leonard, Stated Clerk.

Illinois Classis meets on Tuesday, September 29, 1868, at 7 P. M., in Lacon, Marshall county, Illinois. Rev. O. E. Lake, President; Rev. Geo. Weber, Stated Clerk.

Westmoreland Classis meets in Berlin, Somerset county, Pa., Wednesday Evening, at 8 o'clock, September 23, 1868. Rev. C. C. Russell, President; Rev. A. J. Heller, Stated Clerk.

Iowa Classis meets in Zion Reformed Church in Spring Valley, Dubuque county, Iowa; on Thursday, October 29, 1868, at 7 P. M. Rev. J. H. Buser, President; Rev. F. C. Bauman, Stated Clerk.

St. John's Classis meets at Uniontown, Stark county, Ohio; the last Friday in September, 1868. Rev. C. Banks, President; Rev. J. G. Zahner, Stated Clerk.

Respectfully submitted,

G. Z. MECHLING, *Chairman.*

The above report was adopted as a whole.

ARTICLE XI.

Examination, Licensure and Ordination.

Application having been made in behalf of Samuel B. Yockey and Jacob Kuhn, students of the Theological Seminary at Tiffin, Ohio, for examination and licensure, they were referred to the Committee on Examination, &c., which Committee subsequently reported through the Chairman, Rev. H. Williard—

That they had examined the applicants in the different branches taught in our Seminary, and required by the Constitution of the Church, and are pleased to say that the examination was satisfactory.

The report was adopted and the following resolution passed.

Resolved, That the applicants, Samuel B. Yockey and Jacob Kuhn, be and hereby are licensed to preach the gospel, and that the officers of Synod furnish them their testimonials of licensure, upon their signing the constitutional formula, which was done in the presence of Synod.

On motion Samuel B. Yockey was placed under the care of the Lancaster Classis, and Jacob Kuhn under that of the Tiffin Classis.

Application was also made in behalf of Rev. E. Sauvain of the French Reformed Church, for admission into Synod. His application with all the papers pertaining thereto was referred to a Special Committee, consisting of Revs. H. Rust, J. H. Good, and Elder H. Leonard, which Committee subsequently presented the following report, which was adopted.

Your Committee have carefully examined the different papers presented to them by Mr. Sauvain. From these it is evident that he was educated in the Pilgrim Mission Institute at St. Chrislona, near Brasil, and was regularly ordained as a missionary in 1856; that as such he labored successfully for ten years in South America, principally in the French Language. It appears also from these papers that he comes well recommended by Rev. J. Emanuel Voelter, Inspector of the Mission House, and several other prominent christian men in different parts of the world. And, besides this, he has a letter from the Consistory of the Mt. Eaton congregation, addressed to this Synod, praying for the reception of Rev. Sauvain into our connection, in order that they may keep him as their pastor.

In consideration of these facts, your Committee would recommend the following:

Resolved, That the Rev. Eugene Sauvain be received as a member of this Synod, and that he be placed under the care of Classis of St. John's, to be by them properly installed in his present field of labor.

Respectfully submitted,

H. RUST, *Chairman*.

ARTICLE XII.

Religion and Morals.

The Committee on the State of Religion and Statistics presented the following report which was adopted.

DEAR BRETHREN IN THE LORD:

God in his goodness has permitted us once more to assemble together in Synodical capacity. His holy name be praised for this mount of privilege.

From the Classical reports we learn:

That the lives of the ministers in our territory have all been spared, and health and strength given each one to labor at his post in the Master's vineyard. Their zeal for the prosperity of Zion has not abated in the least, and their fidelity to her interests has not come behind that of former years.

That the membership generally has been blessed with a large measure of health, and so enabled to be active in their efforts in behalf of the Church, and to attend upon the precious means of grace. Our membership, we are happy to report, is becoming more and more devoted to God, and deeply interested in the welfare of Zion. In the language of one of the reports "there is visible a firmer attachment to the doctrines of the Church, greater love for the old landmarks and customs of the fathers."

We would also mention the indication that the holy sacraments are receiving more of that attention which their importance demands, and that, as a Church, we are arriving at a deeper consciousness of what our venerable symbol of faith declares, when it says that "we are made partakers of Christ and all his benefits, by faith only, which faith the Holy Ghost works in our hearts by the preaching of the gospel, and confirms it by the use of the sacraments;" and that these sacraments "are holy visible signs and seals appointed of God for this end, that by the use thereof, he may the more fully declare and seal to us the promise of the gospel; namely, that he grants us freely the remission of sin and life eternal, for the sake of that one sacrifice of Christ accomplished on the cross."

In this connection, why should we not speak of the attention which the catechizing of the children is receiving, both on the part of parents and pastors, and again commend to them an increased fidelity to this important time-honored and greatly blessed custom of the Church; and why should we not rejoice

in the increased number of young men who are becoming inclined to the gospel ministry, and are now entering the schools of the prophets with the view to prepare themselves for this high and holy calling. Let the leaven of benevolence, which is gradually working amongst us, more thoroughly pervade our people, and we may hope for still greater prosperity in those interests so vital to the extension and upbuilding of the Church of Christ. Something has already been accomplished in the cultivation of benevolence and the application of its offerings; but there is room for improvement in both directions. We need greater love for Christ and his cause.

In view of these facts gleaned from the Classical reports placed in our hands, auspicious as they are in the main, let us take courage and go forward in the work of the Lord, entrusted to our stewardship, and let us unite here in a solemn record of thanksgiving to the Great Head of the Church, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, for his mercy and goodness vouchsafed during the past year. Let us praise him for the constant verification of his promise, "Lo! I am with you always, even unto the end of the world."

S. B. LEITER, *Chairman.*

The statistical report was adopted, and will be found in its appropriate place after the regular proceedings.

ARTICLE XIII.

The Theological Seminary.

The following documents pertain to this subject.

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

The Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary held a meeting immediately after their election at the last annual meeting of Synod, and organized by the election of the Rev. P. C. Prugh as President, the Rev. I. H. Reiter, Secretary, and the Rev. D. Winters, Treasurer.

In the month of January, a communication was received from Rev. M. Kieffer, D. D, dated January 7th, 1868, notifying the Board of his intention to vacate his Chair as President of the Seminary on the first of February. A meeting of the Board was then called, which convened in Xenia, January 24th. There were present at this meeting P. C. Prugh, I. H. Reiter, A. H. Baughman, B. Kuhns and B. C. Taylor. A communication had also been received by the Treasurer from Prof. H. Rust, asking for an assistant teacher for the time, whereupon the Board placed the government and instruction of the Seminary under the care and supervision of Rev. Prof. H. Rust, from February 1st, until the next annual meeting of Synod. The Board also,

at the same meeting, elected and appointed Rev. Prof. J. H. Good to render the required assistance in teaching *ad interim*, with a salary of one hundred dollars. Rev. Prof. J. H. Good subsequently notified the Board of his acceptance of the appointment, and accordingly entered upon the discharge of his duties on the 3d of February, 1868.

The annual meeting of the Board was held in Dayton, May 13th, at which time the following resolution was adopted :

Resolved, That inasmuch as the endowment fund of the Seminary, amounting to \$15,000, will, at most, not yield over \$1,200 interest; and in view of the limited number of students now in attendance at the Seminary, the Board will leave with the Synod the whole subject of the propriety of electing a professor at the present time to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Prof. M. Kieffer, D. D.

For an exhibit of the financial condition of the Board, the Synod is directed to the subjoined report of the Treasurer.

Respectfully submitted,

P. C PRUGH, *President*.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES,

REV. D. WINTERS, TREASURER, *in account with the Theological Seminary of the Synod of Ohio.*

1867.		Dr.
May 23,	To balance in Treasury at the Synod of Fairfield,.....	\$65.25
23,	S. B. Leiter, interest,.....	6.00
June 5,	John Shannon's estate, per A. H. Baughman.....	30.52
8,	Joel Peterson's estate, per Rev. P. C. Prugh.....	48.00
July 1,	U. S. Bonds, interest and premium,.....	155.17
11,	Rev. J. Klinger, Upper Sandusky col.....	10.75
31,	Daniel Frantz, per M. Kieffer, D. D.....	6.00
31,	John Klicker, ".....	6.00
31,	John Hartzel, ".....	6.00
31,	Daniel Woodring, ".....	3.00
31,	M. Kieffer, D. D., collected in Stephenson county, Ill.....	269.00
Aug. 6,	Daniel Wampler, interest.....	3.00
11,	John Prugh, per Rev. D. Winters.....	6.00
11,	D. H. Prugh, ".....	5.00
16,	Samuel Crist, interest, per Rev. Hefley.....	6.00
20,	Mt. Zion charge col., per Rev. D. Winters.....	37.00
Sept. 2,	Thomas Schaeffer, interest.....	28.13
16,	U. S. Bonds, interest and premium.....	17.00
Oct. 11,	James Tampler, interest.....	5.00
11,	Abel Peterson, interest.....	5.00
11,	Rev. J. Michael, interest.....	10.00
Nov. 1,	Prof. H. Rust, interest.....	39.00
1,	Borrowed of Endowment Fund to pay Professors.....	186.00
1,	Rev. J. I. Swander, col. in Union charge.....	20.00
1,	L. H. Kefauver, col. in Tiffin.....	10.00
Nov. 26,	J. Weaver, collection.....	2.50
Dec. 6,	H. Leonard, interest.....	6.00
19,	Jacob Kuhn, per Rev. N. H. Loose.....	6.00
19,	Jacob Crum, ".....	3.00

Dec. 19,	Geo. Bowman, per Rev. N. H. Loose.....	3.00
19,	Jacob Briner, ".....	1.50
29,	D. H. Prugh, interest, per Rev. D. Winters.....	5.00
29,	J. V. Prugh, " ".....	3.00
29,	Wm. Marshall " ".....	3.00
1868.		
Jan. 3,	U. S. Bonds, interest and premium.....	209.08
4,	Rev. J. Hannaberry, Shanesville col.....	5.00
23,	D. Thoman, interest, per G. W. W.....	6.00
8,	Rev. M. Kieffer, D.D., per Wm. Glasser, Freeport, Ill.	50.00
23,	John Zollinger, Forreston, Ill., interest from various persons, collected by him.....	46.50
Feb. 3,	Rev. D. Winters, interest,.....	65.15
3,	Rev. T. J. Seiple, interest on notes from various persons in his field.....	41.30
6,	Rev. W. B. Sandoe, from him and Mr. Eldeny.....	6.00
6,	Philip Kratz, interest, per Rev. W. B. Sandoe.....	6.00
6,	Geo. Spilter, " ".....	3.00
6,	Jacob Peterson's estate, per Rev. P. C. Prugh.....	71.00
6,	Jesse Peterson, interest, ".....	3.00
Mar. 3,	H. Rust, interest.....	16.71
3,	U. S. Bonds, interest.....	17.50
11,	G. G. Prugh, interest.....	6.00
13,	Chris. Gross & Bro., Philadelphia, interest.....	30.00
13,	John Wiest, Phila., interest, (in advance).....	30.00
25,	Miss Sarah Hivling, interest, per Dr. Williard.....	6.00
Apr. 22,	Thos. Schaeffer, interest.....	28.13
May 3,	John Wiest, donation.....	100.00
13,	Rev. I. H. Reiter, col. Miamisburg.....	3.00
13,	J. Mast and E. Able, per D. Winters.....	3.90
22,	John Prugh, interest.....	6.00
June 3,	Abr. Fauber, per Rev. P. C. Prugh.....	5.00
3,	Joseph Slough, interest.....	6.00
3,	H. Leonard, interest.....	6.00
3,	Henry Bates, per Rev. J. B. Shoemaker.....	6.00
3,	Michael Brenner.....	6.00

\$1804.09

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1867—8.		Cr.
Paid Prof. Rust on Salary.....	:	\$705.71
Paid M. Kieffer, D. D., his full salary up to Nov. 1, 1867, when he left.....		675.00
Paid Rev. J. H. Good his salary as Professor <i>ad interim</i> , per order of Board.....		100.00
1868.		
Jan. 3,	Paid back the amount borrowed of Endowment Fund...	186.00
3,	Paid for Expressage, Stamps, etc.....	2.50
May,	Paid Prof. Rust in full.....	194.29
Whole amount expended.....		\$1863.50
Whole amount received.....		1804.09
Due Treasurer.....		\$58.41

ENDOWMENT FUND.

	DR.
1867.	
May 23, To Amount on hand at the Synod of Fairfield.....	\$173.19
23, Shannon & Peterson, per Rev. Prugh.....	100.00
23, John Stowe, Shelby.....	25.00
Nov. 1, Returned from current funds.....	186.00
I, Geo. Dick's note.....	50.00
1868.	
Jan. Sheerer's note, per Dr. Williard.....	100.00
Feb. 3, Rev. Sieple, from Wygard \$5, Wiemer \$20, Miller \$50	75.00
18, Jacob Peterson's note, per Rev. P. C. Prugh.....	100.00
Mar. 3, Rev. H. Rust, on note.....	114.00
Whole amount received.....	<u>\$923.19</u>
Invested in U. S. Bonds.....	<u>909.19</u>
Balance on hand.....	\$14.00

Respectfully submitted, D. WINTERS, *Treasurer.*

REPORT OF BOARD OF VISITORS OF THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

The Board was organized on the 26th of June, 1867, at Tiffin, by electing Rev. L. H. Kefauver, President, and Rev. T. P. Bucher, Secretary.

There were present at the annual meeting the Revs. N. H. Loose, T. P. Bucher, and L. H. Kefauver, of the Synod's Board, and the Rev. J. B. Thompson, representing the Erie Classis.

According to the Catalogue recently published, there have been nine students connected with the Seminary during the last year. The most of these are taking an irregular course of studies. Their names are as follows: Emanuel Schultz, J. Kuhn, F. Moyer, S. B. Yockey, Ed. Herbruck, L. M. Karshner, S. N. L. Kessler, H. D. Houtz, and C. Doerner. Messrs. Schultz, Kuhn and Yockey have been regularly dismissed from the Seminary, with the view of being licensed to the ministry. On account of some unpleasant relations growing out of some irregularities by Mr. Doerner, he withdrew from the Seminary during the winter session. This leaves but five students in the Seminary. The prospects for comparatively large accessions next term, are favorable. The Professors report the students, for the most part, as being diligent, and as making commendable progress. This was manifest to the Board at the examinations. The branches usually taught in similar institutions are taught in our Seminary.

During the year the Rev. M. Kieffer, D.D., resigned the chair of Didactic Theology, which has been filled temporarily, with acceptance, by Prof. J. H. Good. In accordance with a resolution passed at the last meeting of Synod, the Board of Trustees are to provide the teaching force in the Seminary, and we consequently leave it with them to offer suggestions in this important matter.

Notwithstanding the extreme need of ministers, the Board would recommend to the Synod to devise some more stringent measures by which candidates for the ministry would feel the necessity of taking the full course recommended. There are but few who prosecute their studies the full time required.

The theological Library numbers at present 2,094 volumes. Prof. J. A. Keller is the Librarian, and discharges the duties of his office with fidelity. The Library room is opened once a week for the distribution of books, etc. No rules have yet been adopted with respect to the library, as to who shall have access to it, and on what conditions. As some complaints have been made by the Seminary students, that there are encroachments made on the library by persons not connected with the Seminary, we would recommend that Synod either adopt, or instruct the Board of Trustees of the Seminary to adopt, rules by which the Librarian may be governed in conducting the affairs of the library.

Respectfully submitted,

L. H. KEFAUVER, *Pres. of Board.*

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

Your Committee would suggest, in view of the facts contained in the above documents, the propriety of Synod devising such means as will further the efficiency of our Theological Seminary, so that it may more fully answer the end for which it was established. The teaching force is inadequate, and the endowment not sufficient to meet the Professors' salaries; besides, the course of studies as laid down in the catalogue seems to be rather indefinite.

Dr. Kieffer tendered his resignation about one year ago, since which time, by the request of the Board of Trustees, the Chair was filled by Rev. Prof. J. H. Good.

The Committee would offer the following suggestions:

1. That Synod sanction the action of the Board of Trustees in appointing Prof. Good to fill the vacancy during the year, occasioned by the resignation of Dr. Kieffer.

2. *Resolved*, That the resignation of Dr. Kieffer be accepted, and his chair declared vacant.

3. That hereafter, the Professorship now vacant be denominated the Professorship of Dogmatic and Practical Theology.

4. That the Chair now filled by Prof. Rust shall be known as the Professorship of Exegetical and Historical Theology.

5. *Resolved*, That the vacant Professorship be filled by an election at this Synod.

6. That the Board of Trustees be instructed to take measures to have the Professorship of Exegetical and Historical Theology fully endowed as soon as possible.

7. That the Faculty of the Seminary be authorized to lay down a more definite course of studies, subject to the approval of the Board of Visitors and the Synod.

8. That the ministers be requested (until the second Professorship be fully endowed) to appropriate a portion of the funds devoted to benevolence to this object, so as to meet the deficiency in salary.

9. That the Professors of the Seminary be authorized to raise a permanent fund for the regular increase of the Theological Library, the proceeds of this fund to be appropriated under their supervision for the purchase of books.

Respectfully submitted,

H. M. HERMAN, *Chairman.*

This report was acted on item by item.

Items 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7, were all adopted.

Item 8. The yeas and nays being called for on this item, are as follows:

Yeas.—Revs. H. M. Herman, D. Winters, G. Z. Mechling, P. C. Prugh, I. H. Reiter, C. W. Hoyman, H. Williard, G. H. Leonard, S. B. Leiter, J. R. Shepler, T. H. Winters, H. Rust, J. H. Good, O. E. Lake, J. H. Buser, G. M. Albright; Elders, B. Miller, A. H. Baughman, Jos. Slough, H. Leonard, Wm. A. Julian, T. W. Chapman, Geo. Souder, Wm. S. Wining, E. Swander, B. Zimmerman, H. Bott and J. Williard.—28

Nays.—Revs. Wm. Rupp, A. J. Heller, T. J. Barkley, J. A. Peters and J. Hannabery; Elders, M. Zimmerman, J. Brindle, J. Zollinger and T. J. Craig.—9

Item 9. Adopted.

The election of a Professor called for in the fifth item of the above report was made the order of the day for Saturday morning, when, after solemn prayer for divine guidance, Synod proceeded to the election. The following nominations were made: Revs. J. H. Good, Dr. J. H. A. Bomberger and Dr. D. Gans.

Rev. J. H. Good receiving a majority of all the votes on the first ballot, he was declared duly elected.

The officers of Synod in connection with the officers of the Synod of the North-West were instructed to make out a call to the Professor elect, and the Stated Clerk instructed to notify the Synod of the North-West of the result of the above vote.

On motion the Synod of the North-West was requested to call a special meeting to act in the case as called for by the articles of agreement.

The officers of this Synod, with such persons as may be appointed by the Synod of the North-West, are to constitute the Committee for the inauguration of the Professor elect, in case he accepts.

The report of the Committee, with those of the President and Treasurer of Board of Trustees, and the report of the Board of Visitors, were all adopted.

ARTICLE XIV.

Heidelberg College.

The Committee to which all the documents pertaining to Heidelberg College were referred reported as follows:

The reports of the Board of Trustees of Heidelberg College, and that of the Agent, H. Leonard, are herewith presented as containing important information concerning our institution.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF HEIDELBERG COLLEGE.

The College year which closes the 24th of June has been one of unusual prosperity. The number of students in attendance has been larger than in any preceding year, as will be seen by a reference to the catalogue which has just been published, from which we gather the following facts: In the senior class there are 18 students, 9 of whom will graduate, the others being irregular; in the junior class, 2; in the sophomore, 16; in the freshman, 40; in the classical preparatory, 32; and in the English course, 124; making 227 in attendance during the year.

The general deportment of the students has been good, and their progress in their studies commendable.

The teaching force the past year has been the same as it was during the last, except that we employed a tutor in the German department a part of the year. The Board has not felt itself justifiable in calling any additional professors, much as it might be desired to have a professor for the German department, and also one for History and Elocution, in view of the inadequate endowment of the College, and the indebtedness incurred during former years. The expenses during the year, including the salary of the Agent, will be about \$5,000. This amount we hope to realize, and so meet all the current expenses. We have also paid about \$600 of the indebtedness of the College, so that the finances are gradually improving.

The Agent, H. Leonard, has met with very good success during the year, as will be seen by a reference to his report. Should he meet with equal success the coming year, the Board may feel itself justified in calling an additional professor. The Synod may rest assured that the Board will do all in its power to meet the increasing demands of the College, and make it subserve the best interests of the Church and of the cause of education in general. As it is we have much reason for thankfulness in view of the success that has thus far attended our efforts.

The Board is compelled to express its regret, as it was done in former years, that there are so many who do not pay the interest as it becomes due on their notes to the College. In consequence of this there is a large amount of the endowment which is unproductive, making it impossible, notwithstanding all our efforts, to state in exact terms what the endowment of the College is. A comparatively small amount of interest has been collected on the notes of former years. Were the ministers of the Church to take the matter in hand much valuable assistance could be given. Some have rendered valuable service in this way, for which the Board returns its thanks. We hope by the close of another year to give some proximate estimate of what the endowment is.

Were all those who have taken scholarships to pay the interest on their notes punctually as it becomes due, the College could in this case meet its current expenses as they become due with the present teaching force; but as it is the salaries of the professors is not always sure, small as it is. There are, perhaps, \$15,000 of the endowment on which no interest is punctually paid. Not a few have never paid any interest at all, so that a large portion of the endowment is not productive. The Board intends employing the Agent the coming year in assisting to collect the interest now due the College, so as to make the entire endowment productive if possible.

For a full statement of the financial condition of the College, the Board will ask the attention of Synod to the report of its Treasurer, which will be made at its regular annual meeting, the 23d inst., a synopsis of which will be published in the periodicals of the Church for the information of those whom it may concern.

Respectfully submitted in behalf of the Board.

GEO. W. WILLIARD, *Pres. Heid. College.*

N. L. BREWER, *Treasurer.*

REPORT OF THE AGENT.

It is through the mercy and goodness of Almighty God that my life and health have been spared during another year, for which I have great reason to be thankful to my Lord and Master.

I traveled during the year *five thousand six hundred and sixty-five miles*. What made my work more burdensome this year was, I was sent out also to hunt up a number of old delinquents who neglected to pay the interest due the College. This took time and money, all of which might have been saved had these brethren who are in arrears been more punctual to pay as they promised, to wit: "*Interest to be paid annually.*" It would be well if the several pastors were to call the attention of such delinquents to this important matter. As it is we may have a *large paper endowment fund based on broken promises to pay*; and it will not be any more benefit to our institution than to lock up so many dry leaves in the Treasurer's iron safe at Tiffin.

I am often asked: "Leonard, what in this world are you going to do with all this money you are raising for the College?" I hope and pray that soon some rich brethren will follow the example of some of our sister denominations and give largely. I am still willing to continue in the work assigned me.

In conclusion, I would return thanks in behalf of the College to all the pastors and people who have been so kind to the Agent.

Total miles traveled since the 22d day of January, 1857, *forty-two thousand seven hundred and sixty-eight*.

I shall be pleased if the brethren and friends of our institution will still continue to welcome the Agent to their homes and prepare the way for him to find access to the hearts and pockets of rich men.

Appended to this report is the following financial statement:

	Dr.
Collections for immediate use.....	\$290.00
Crumbs from the young people.....	245.33
Collections on old notes and interest.....	730.86
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	\$ 1,266.19
Endowment notes and moneys secured during the year.....	13,000.00
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	\$14,266.19
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Remitted to Treasurer and President.....	\$ 497.00
Notes for immediate use.....	159.00
Financial endowment notes.....	13,000.00
Traveling expenses during the year.....	201.42
Paid to Messrs. Gibson & Co, for printing.....	20.00
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	\$13,877.42
Balance in hands of Agent.....	389.36

Respectfully submitted,

H. LEONARD.

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON THE ABOVE REPORTS.

The Committee to whom the foregoing documents were referred, would report that the College is in a prosperous condition. The last year has been one of more than usual success, the attendance having been larger than in any previous year. The finances also seem to be improving. The Board has been able from its various sources to meet the current expenses, and also to pay a part of the indebtedness of the College. The expenses of the present year, which will end the 24th of June, are put down at about \$5,000. This includes the salary of the Agent, H. Leonard, as well as that of the professors and incidental expenses of the institution. The endowment has also been considerably increased, as will be seen by the report of the General Agent, which has been read before this Synod.

From the above it will be seen that the Synod and Church have great reason to rejoice in the growing prosperity of our institutions at Tiffin, Ohio. For years past the Church has

looked with interest at the prospects of our College, having to depend upon it to a great extent for a supply of ministers to fill her waste places in the West. Its past history, like most colleges, has been one of financial trouble, and at times of financial struggle. So that there were periods when its friends had serious fears whether it would be able to weather through the storms that assailed it, or be involved in hopeless embarrassment. Your Committee, therefore, take pleasure in stating that a hopeful and bright future opens for our College, such as ought to encourage its friends, and lead to renewed and united efforts to establish it upon as broad and permanent basis as that of any other college around us. It is true our numerical strength and wealth are not equal to that in some other churches; but by continued and persevering efforts we may hope to add gradually to our endowment as we have done in the past. Our position in this respect seems different from that of some of our sister churches; whilst their institutions are endowed by large contributions from wealthy and liberal-minded men, our lot seems to be to secure this end by a gradual and slow process, so that there is great need of persevering efforts on our part.

Too much importance cannot be attached to the institutions of a Church. Past experience proves that they are always great centers of influence and power, and perhaps contribute more to the growth of the particular churches under whose auspices they are established than any other single cause. Had we taken measures to establish a college and seminary in the West years before we did, and then done what we might in our limited circumstances, it is easy to see that our condition as a Church would to-day be greatly in advance of what it is, which should teach us the great importance of coming to the support of our College as a brighter day begins to dawn upon us.

Your Committee would suggest the following resolutions for adoption:

Resolved, That we rejoice in the evidence we have of the growing prosperity and usefulness of our College, and pledge our continued support and co-operation.

Resolved, That the Synod extend its thanks to Agent H. Leonard, for self-denying and persevering efforts to endow the College, and pray that his life and health may be spared to complete this desirable end.

Resolved, That we will aid all we can in collecting the outstanding dues of the College, and by increasing its endowments.

C. W. HOYMAN, *Chairman*.

The report was acted on item by item, and adopted as a whole.

ARTICLE XV.

Missions.

The Committee on Missions presented the following report, which was received, discussed at considerable length, and adopted in the following form :

The only document placed in the hands of the Committee is a letter from the Corresponding Secretary of the Board of Home Missions, Rev. L. D. Leberman, calling the attention of this Synod to the present financial condition of the Board. From this communication, and from the report of the Treasurer of the Board of Home Missions, presented to the Synod of the German Reformed Church of North America, at its last annual meeting at Baltimore, to which the Secretary makes reference in this communication, we learn the following facts :

The missionary work of the General Board extends (or at least did extend in the month of October, 1867) over fifteen States of the Union, from Massachusetts to Minnesota, and from the Canada line to North Carolina. Within these limits nearly one hundred missionaries are employed. Of these we think we may say that the larger number is laboring within the limits of this and the North-Western Synod.

The operations of the Board are, however, at present very much embarrassed by the want of funds. The treasury is, at this time, not only exhausted, but indebted to the treasurer to the amount of \$4,000. The Board has reached a financial crisis, and must receive immediate help, or be obliged to discontinue many of the missions now under its care.

One statement of the Corresponding Secretary seems to demand our special attention, namely, that within the last year only a little over \$1,000 were contributed to the treasury by the two Western Synods together. Referring to the report of the treasurer, as presented to the Synod of Baltimore last fall, we see that there were contributed during the year \$11,547.35. Of this money, 10,109.96 were contributed by the Eastern Synod, while only \$1,437.39 were contributed by the two Western Synods together. This is certainly a humiliating fact, especially so, since the larger number of missionaries are laboring within the bounds of these two Synods. Evidently the cause of missions has not received the attention that it demands. The church has not done her duty in this solemn matter. Much more could have been done, and should have been done, for this cause. The Committee does not undertake to say why this has been so; but the Committee does say, that, if we would be able to stand in the day of judgment, this must be so no more. While the past is past, and while we cannot now make that better, we must now resolve to do better in the future.

The Committee, in conclusion, would offer the following resolutions for adoption :

1. *Resolved*, That we acknowledge with deep humility and shame, our past neglect of the important work of Home Missions.

2. *Resolved*, That we, as a Synod, in the fear and by the help of God, will do all in our power to raise men and means for the furtherance of this great cause, and that we commend this matter to the earnest attention of the Classes.

3. *Resolved*, That the different Classes be instructed either to carry on their missionary work through the General Board of Home Missions, or to enter into an arrangement with the Board to have their contributions acknowledged by the treasurer thereof.

4. *Resolved*, That during the present sessions of Synod an hour be devoted to the discussion of the general subject of Missions.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. RUPP.

It is due to remark, in connection with the above, that a considerable amount has been raised and appropriated to Missions, that does not appear in the report of the treasurer, several Classes having supported missions in their own bounds, which were not under the care of the Board.

WHEREAS, There are many persons who were or would have been members of our Reformed Zion in the Eastern and Middle States of the Union, who have become by removal citizens of the great Mississippi valley, and are to a great extent destitute of the means of grace ;

AND WHEREAS, The longing eyes of many of them are turned toward the church East, from which they still expect and pray to receive the public ministrations of the means of grace and the ordinances of the church of Christ, by ministers of the church of their fathers, and of their own choice and adoption ;

AND WHEREAS, We cannot yet send them ministers to break unto them the bread of life ; therefore,

Resolved, That this Synod expresses its most tender and devoted sympathies with all such children of the church, and would assure them, and the toiling frontier missionaries of the church, that they are still remembered by their former pastors and Christian friends at a throne of grace, and that the members of this Synod will exert themselves to do all they can to have the great West, in all its waste places, speedily occupied by faithful servants of the church, to minister to the wants of our dear Christian friends who have waited so long and so patiently for these great privileges and blessings.

ARTICLE XVI.

Finance.

The following report was received from the Treasurer of Synod, read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

ISAAC H. REITER, TREASURER, *in account with the Synod of Ohio and adjacent States:*

To balance in the treasury..... DR. \$11 75

The amounts received from May 24, 1867, to June 3, 1868, from the several Classes, are as follows:

MIAMI CLASSIS.

General Synod's assessment, 1866.....	32 00
Minutes of Synod for 1866.....	3 60
“ “ 1867.....	26 95
Permanent apportionment, 1867.....	39 00

LANCASTER CLASSIS.

Permanent apportionment, 1866... ..	19 50
General Synod's assessment, 1866.....	15 00
Minutes of Synod, 1867.....	16 00

WESTMORELAND CLASSIS.

General Synod's assessment, 1866.....	21 00
Minutes of Synod, 1867.....	27 30
Permanent apportionment, 1868.....	28 50

SANDUSKY CLASSIS.

Permanent apportionment, 1865.....	16 50
“ “ 1866.....	16 50
General Synod's assessment, 1866.....	13 00

TIFFIN CLASSIS.

Permanent apportionment, 1866.....	15 00
General Synod's assessment, 1866.....	12 00
Minutes of Synod, 1867.....	6 00

ST. JOHN'S CLASSIS.

Permanent apportionment, 1866.....	27 00
General Synod's assessment, 1866.....	28 00
Minutes of Synod, 1867.....	18 10

IOWA CLASSIS.

Permanent apportionment, 1866.....	6 00
General Synod's assessment, 1866.....	5 00
Minutes of Synod, 1867.....	2 50

INDIANA CLASSIS.

Permanent apportionment, 1866.....	20 64
English Minutes of Synod, 1866.....	2 40
German “ “	4 50

SHEBOYGAN CLASSIS.

English Minutes of Synod, 1866, in full.....	30
German “ “	4 00
Permanent apportionment, 1865.....	25 50
“ “ 1866, in part.....	15 00

HEIDELBERG CLASSIS.

Expenses of Liturgical Committee, 1865.....	8 40
Permanent apportionment, 1866.....	15 00
English Minutes of Synod, 1866.....	4 00
German " " " ".....	6 00

ERIE CLASSIS.

Expenses of Liturgical Committee, 1865.....	8 40
Permanent apportionment, 1865.....	13 50
English Minutes of Synod, 1866, in part.....	1 10

Total.....\$534 94

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By amount paid, as per vouchers, from May 24th, 1867, to June 3d, 1868, as follows:	
Amount over-paid on Minutes of 1866.....	\$8 00
Rev. H. J. Ruetenik, for traveling expenses to meeting of Litur- gical Committee, 1867.....	8 10
Committee on Tercentenary reports for expenses of record, etc.....	20 50
V. C. Tidball, for publishing Minutes of Synod for 1867.....	180 00
" " postage on Minutes.....	8 00
Mrs. S. Hoyman, for traveling expenses of Rev. J. Hoyman, dec'd, to Synod at Galion, 1866.....	15 00
Rev. Dr. G. W. Williard, for fee advanced to Sexton at Fairfield,	10 00
Rev. Geo. Weber, for traveling expenses to Synod at Fairfield....	20 15
Rev. F. C. Bauman, " " " ".....	18 50
Rev. Dr. G. W. Williard, for Stated Clerk fees for 1867.....	25 00
Mr. John Wiest, Treasurer of General Synod, on assessment, 1866,	67 00
Rev. I. H. Reiter, for labors on Tercentenary Records.....	25 00
Railroad Express charges.....	1 25
Stationery, postage, etc.....	5 00
Mr. John Wiest, Treasurer General Synod, assessment 1866, in full,	68 00
Balance in the Treasury (paid to Prof. J. H. Good).....	55 44
	<u>\$534 94</u>

INDEBTEDNESS TO SYNOD.

The several Classes named in the following statement are still in arrears to Synod as follows:

1. On permanent apportionment, requiring \$1.50 from each minister, from the Classes of

Lancaster for 1867.....	\$19 50
Sandusky ".....	18 00
Tiffin ".....	16 50
St. Johns ".....	37 50
Illinois ".....	9 00
Iowa ".....	6 00
Sheboygan for 1866, balance.....	15 00
Erie ".....	13 50
	<u>\$135 00</u>

2. On General Synod's assessment for 1866.

Illinois Classis.....	9 00
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3. On Minutes of Synod, from the Classes of

Miami for 1866.....	6 00	
“ 1867.....	10 00	
Sandusky for 1867.....	18 90	
Illinois for 1867.....	3 60	
Erie for 1866.....	8 90	
		47 40
Total.....		\$191 14

In presenting his final report, after serving in the office for twelve consecutive years, the Treasurer is enabled to state with much pleasure that the Synod is entirely *free* of debt. The whole amount of the General Synod's assessment for 1866, apportioned to this Synod after deducting \$65 thereof assumed by the North-Western Synod, together with all other claims against our Synod, has been settled; and there remains a balance of \$55.44 in the Treasury.

It will be seen from the foregoing statement, that there is due and owing from delinquent Classes, the sum of \$191.40, which should be paid without delay.

Respectfully submitted,

ISAAC H. REITER, *Treas. of Synod.*

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

The Committee on Finance, to which the above report was referred, report that they have carefully examined the report, and find it correct, and would therefore recommend its adoption. From the exhibit of the report it appears that there are but \$55.44 in the treasury, but that there is still due the Synod from different Classes, the sum of \$191.40. The committee would recommend the following resolution:

Resolved, That the various delinquent Classes be earnestly urged to meet their obligations without delay.

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. BUSEB, *Chairman.*

The report was adopted.

ARTICLE XVIII.

Elections.

The Committee on Nominations reported through the Chairman, Rev. T. H. Winters, according to the rule of Synod. The report was received and adopted, and the election held with the following result:

Delegate to the Eastern Synod.—Rev. T. P. Bucher, *Primarius*; and Rev. P. C. Prugh, *Secundus*.

Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary.—Revs. P. C. Prugh, I. H. Reiter, D. Winters; Benj. Kuhns, A. H. Baughman, G. G. Prugh and B. C. Taylor.

Board of Trustees of Heidelberg College.—For four years—Rev. I. Kefauver, Prof. J. H. Good, N. L. Brewer, Esq., E. Swander, Wren P. Noble, Esq., and G. P. Williard, M. D.

The following are the other members of the Board :

for three years—L. Shriver, L. Baltzell, Esq., Wm. Barrick, Junn, Rev. H. Rust and Rev. S. Mease.

for two years—Rev. P. C. Prugh, Rev. T. P. Bucher, Rev. H. Loose, Rev. J. McConnell, Wm. E. Schmertz and A. H. Baughman.

for one year—Rev. I. H. Reiter, Rev. Geo. W. Williard, G. Z. Mechling, Benjamin Kuhns, Wm. L. Snyder and Leon, M. D.

Board of Visitors of Heidelberg College.—Rev. T. P. Bucher, J. May, Rev. N. H. Loose, Rev. L. H. Kefauver and S. C. Mbaugh.

Board of Visitors of Theological Seminary.—Revs. H. Williard, H. Kefauver, J. M. Le Fever, T. P. Bucher and J. B. Emaker.

Board of Education.—Revs. R. Good, Geo. W. Williard, I. Kefauver, S. C. Goss and J. Vogt.

Board of Publication.—Rev. S. Mease, Rev. G. Z. Mechling, C. Tidball, A. H. Baughman and B. Kuhns.

ARTICLE XVIII.

Publication.

The Report of the Board of Publication did not, by some means, reach the Synod until nearly the close of its session, when the Committee on Publication had reported, and its report adopted. The Synod, however, adopted the report of the Board, and ordered it to be published in its proceedings. It is as follows.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF PUBLICATION.

Soon after the adjournment of Synod last year, the Board of Publication held a meeting in Cincinnati, and organized by appointing V. C. Tidball President, and N. B. Collord Secretary. The subject of taking an interest in a Printing and Publishing Company in connection with several other religious papers, was presented to the Board by the Editor of the *Western Messenger*, Rev. T. P. Bucher, for their consideration; and also a proposition for changing the name of the paper.

At a subsequent meeting of the Board the following resolution was adopted :

Believing that the plan proposed by the Editor and by Synod presented to this Board, of securing stock in a Printing and Publishing Company in Cincinnati, is safe and judicious, therefore :

Resolved, That the Editor, Rev. T. P. Bucher, be recommended to secure the amount of \$3,000 for said purpose, and that his application be commended to the favorable regard of those having means to advance."

After the consideration of many different names proposed for the *Western Missionary*, it was decided to change the name of the paper, and "*The Weekly Christian World*" was selected as its future title.

The paper has enjoyed a good degree of prosperity during the past year, its circulation having been considerably extended, and its advertising patronage largely increased, until it now stands financially on a comparatively independent basis.

The present circulation of the CHRISTIAN WORLD is 4,248; actual increase of subscribers during the year, 1,018.

It will be observed that the circulation of the paper fixed by the Board of last year, as necessary to make it self-sustaining (4,000), has been reached, and its advertising patronage and revenue have been increased. The expenses, however, have been swelled by the new arrangements in its publication.

It is indeed gratifying to the Board to be able to make so favorable a report respecting the prosperity and permanent success of the CHRISTIAN WORLD. It is looking upward. But there is still room for further improvements and greater success. It is now very desirable that the subscription list of the paper be made large enough to sustain it independent of advertising as much as possible, that the Editor may be able still further to improve the character of the WORLD and enhance its value to the reader by devoting only a limited space to advertisements, and by admitting none but short ones, and those of general interest and utility.

Respectfully submitted,
V. C. TIDBALL, *Chairman*.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLICATION.

The Committee on Publication beg leave respectfully to report:

That owing to some peculiar circumstance the annual report of the Board of Publication failed to reach this Synod. We have ascertained, however, that during the past year marked and gratifying progress in our publication operations has taken place. The circulation of the CHRISTIAN WORLD is now 4,248 copies, being an increase during the past year of 1,018 copies. And all must admit that in respect to its neat form, ample contents and its cheapness, the paper is an honor to our denomination, and an index of the growing strength and efficiency of our Western Church.

In our day and in our age, the importance of the press, of a sound religious literature, and of a weekly diffusion of the news

of the churches cannot well be overestimated. Not as a substitute of the preached word, but as an auxiliary of the same; as a means of awakening the whole church to a proper self-consciousness of its missions; as a medium of diffusing the blessed teachings of the gospel on a wide and enlarged scale; and as a bond of union between christians, do we give this department of our work our warmest sympathies and most earnest prayers for its continued success.

We think the time is near at hand when the work of publication in our Western Church should be still further enlarged so as to embrace the publication of Catechetical and Doctrinal Works, Hymn and Sunday school books, such as shall be true exponents of our ancient faith, and shall enable us to supply our growing field readily and properly, and under our own supervision and control. There is no sound reason, for instance, why the hymn books for our Western Church should not be published in our own office. And we think the time has fully come when our Board should take into consideration the propriety of issuing an English Edition of the Heidelberg Catechism, with the proof texts printed in full. At any rate we think the Board of Publication should keep this end steadily in view, and whenever it can be done without incurring pecuniary risks, they should not hesitate to issue such works.

We recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

1. *Resolved*, That the thanks of this Synod be returned to the Editor and Publisher of the CHRISTIAN WORLD for his enterprise in pushing forward the permanent establishment and increased circulation of our Church Paper.

2. *Resolved*, That the CHRISTIAN WORLD be commended to the confidence and support of the Church, and since it is now on a fair basis, and is eminently a paper that meets the wants of the Church, and is generally read with interest and profit by the people, we urge that every exertion should be used to still further increase its circulation, and so also its means of usefulness.

3. *Resolved*, That this Synod expects the paper by its growing patronage and circulation to become a tower of strength in defense of the well-established historical doctrines and usages of the German Reformed Church.

4. *Resolved*, That to increase the efficiency of our paper, it is deemed highly desirable to enlarge as rapidly as its means will allow the amount of its Editorial and original matter.

J. H. GOOD, *Chairman*.

The above report was acted on item by item.

Resolution 1. Was adopted.

Resolution 2. The yeas and nays being called for on the adoption of this resolution; they are as follows:

Yeas.—Revs. H. M. Herman, D. Winters, G. Z. Mechling, P. C. Prugh, I. H. Reiter, C. W. Hoyman, H. Williard, G. H. Leonard, S. B. Leiter, N. H. Loose, J. B. Shepler, H. Rust, J. H. Good, O. E. Lake, J. H. Buser, G. M. Albright, J. Hannabery; Elders, R. Miller, A. H. Baughman, J. Stough, H. Leonard, W. A. Julian, T. W. Chapman, Geo. Souder, W. S. Winings, E. Swander, H. Butt, J. Williard.—28

Nays.—Revs. W. Rupp, A. J. Heller, T. J. Barkley and J. A. Peters; Elders, J. Brindle, T. J. Craig and J. Zollinger.—7

Resolution 3. Whilst the motion for the adoption of this resolution was pending the following was offered as a substitute:

Resolved, That this Synod does not approve of the use that has been made of the columns of the Church's paper, *The Christian World*, in puffing into notice Editorially and otherwise, any stock speculation, whether the institutions of the church are to be apparently benefitted by the sale of such stocks or not, as all such use of the columns of our paper is foreign to the design in establishing such papers, and will result in injury to the Church.

On motion it was resolved that this resolution be laid on the table. The yeas and nays being called for; they are as follows:

Yeas.—Revs. H. M. Herman, D. Winters, G. Z. Mechling, P. C. Prugh, I. H. Reiter, C. W. Hoyman, H. Williard, G. H. Leonard, S. B. Leiter, J. R. Shepler, N. H. Loose, H. Rust, J. H. Good, O. E. Lake, J. H. Buser, G. M. Albright; Elders, A. H. Baughman, R. Miller, H. Leonard, W. A. Julian, T. W. Chapman, George Souder, W. S. Winings, E. Swander and H. Butt.—25

Nays.—Revs. W. Rupp, A. J. Heller, T. J. Barkley, J. A. Peters, J. Hannabery and W. E. Krebs; Elders, J. Brindle, T. J. Craig and J. Zollinger.—9

The original resolution was then adopted.

Resolution 4. Adopted.

The report was adopted as a whole.

ARTICLE XIX:

Beneficiary Education.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF BENEFICIARY EDUCATION.

This Board held its annual meeting on the 26th of June, 1867, at Tiffin. The Rev. L. H. Kefauver was elected President; Rev. T. P. Bucher, Secretary; and Prof. R. Good, Treasurer. There are at present twenty-seven beneficiary students in our College and Seminary. Three of these are supported by the "Boston Board of Education," leaving twenty-four to be provided for by our Church Board.

Although the amount paid into the Treasury exceeds that of previous years by several hundred dollars, still it is in debt \$382. In addition to this, there will be required about \$550 to meet the appropriations up to the close of the summer term of the college and seminary.

Special efforts have been made during the year to collect funds to supply the demand in this direction. A circular was addressed to all the pastoral charges throughout the Synod, besides many to private individuals, which received favorable responses in some instances, while in others it failed. The church must either increase her contributions to this cause, or allow some of the beneficiary students to withdraw from the Board, and seek aid from some other quarter.

The field still grows whiter for the harvest, and if parents, possessed with an abundance of this world's goods, will not educate their sons for the ministry, to reap this harvest, the church has no alternative than to seek out worthy young men in her communion, and educate them for this important work. We should, therefore, not only "pray the Lord of the harvest that he will send forth laborers into his harvest," but also do something that they may be properly qualified for the responsible work.

Respectfully submitted,

L. H. KEFAUVER, *Pres. of Board.*

REPORT OF TREASURER OF BOARD.

L. H. GOOD, TREASURER, *in account with the Board of Education of the Synod of Ohio and adjacent States.*

1867.		DR.
May 22,	To balance in treasury	\$105 23
June 12,	Rev. H. Williard, Chillicothe.....	7 50
12,	Rev. F. G. Ruple.....	25 00
Aug. 23,	Rev. D. Winters, Mt. Zion charge.....	50 00
23,	Rev. H. M. Herman, West Alexandria charge ..	14 00
23,	Rev. S. H. Reed, St. Peter's charge, Pa.....	9 50
Sept. 5,	Rev. H. Rust, Bascom charge.....	5 35
10,	Rev. J. B. Shumaker, Bethel charge.....	7 50
10,	Rev. P. C. Prugh, Cæsar's Creek charge.....	7 00
10,	Benevolent Society 1st Church, Tiffin.....	10 00
25,	Rev. S. Strassner, Sugar Grove charge.....	11 10
25,	Prof. Joseph Keller, contribution.....	25 00
Oct. 1,	Rev. I. R. Reiter, Miamisburg charge.....	22 00
1,	Rev. P. Herbruck, Canton charge.....	10 00
1,	Rev. J. H. Good, Fort Seneca, etc.....	5 00
1,	Sandusky Classis, per Rev. C. Reiter.....	37 00
18,	Rev. J. Hefley, Winchester charge.....	20 00
18,	Rev. G. H. Leonard, Basil charge.....	28 45
18,	Rev. C. H. Hoyman, Somerset charge.....	61 10
18,	Elder S. Hollman, Kinikinnick.....	5 00
18,	Rev. S. S. Rickly.....	23 50
18,	Rev. H. King, Union charge.....	15 00
18,	Rev. J. Vogt, Delaware charge.....	37 22
18,	Rev. Dr. Williard, Winchester charge.....	16 10
18,	Rev. I. H. Reiter, Miamisburg charge.....	2 00
18,	Elder D. Sturgeon, Northampton charge.....	10 00

Oct. 18,	• Rev. S. King, New Madison charge.....
18,	C. H. Good, contribution.....
18,	Interest of Permanent Fund.....
18,	Rev. J. H. Good, Second church, Tiffin, O.....
18,	Rev. P. C. Prugh, Xenia, O.....
18,	Rev. T. H. Winters, Carrollton, ch. per J. M. Mickle
18,	Rev. S. B. Leiter, Tuscarawa, " "
Nov. 13,	Rev. G. Z. Mechling, Seven Mile.....
20,	Rev. M. Stern, Zion church, Louisville, Ky.....
27,	Rev. J. Weaver.....
28,	Rev. W. B. Sandoe, Neriah charge.....
28,	F. Strassner, contribution.....
30,	Sandusky Classis, per Mr. Schrop.....
Dec. 7,	Rev. W. H. Fenneman, Lima.....
7,	Rev. Eli Keller, Thompson charge.....
23,	Rev. H. M. Herman, West Alexandria.....
25,	Elder W. E. Schmertz, Christmas Gift.....
25,	Mrs. E. Giesy, ".....
25,	Mrs. Mary Jane Good, ".....
25,	Mr. C. J. Geiger, ".....
25,	Elder J. Wiest, ".....
30,	Rev. G. W. Williard, Fort Seneca.....
30,	Rev. T. P. Bucher.....
30,	Rev. John G. Noss, Huntington, Ind.....
30,	Rev. J. Riale, Columbus, Iowa.....
1868.	
Jan. 15,	Elder E. Booth, per J. Wiest.....
16,	Rev. J. W. Hamm, St. Jacobs Cong.....
16,	Rev. G. Z. Mechling, Seven Mile.....
16,	A female member.....
29,	Rev. G. H. Leonard, Basil.....
29,	Rev. J. Voght, Delaware.....
29,	Rev. F. C. Bowman, Singli, Iowa.....
29,	Rev. G. Wolf, Myerstown, Pa.....
29,	Rev. J. G. Rule, Findley mission.....
Feb. 20,	Rev. F. Kremer, Sabbath School, Lebanon, Pa.....
20,	Dr. W. Gloninger, contribution.....
20,	Dr. G. W. Williard and Family.....
20,	Rev. J. May, Heidelberg charge.....
20,	Rev. L. H. Kefauver, First church, Tiffin.....
20,	Per John Wiest, from sundry persons.....
24,	Rev. G. M. Albright.....
24,	Rev. H. M. Herman, West Alexandria.....
Mar. 6,	Rev. C. Hoyman, Stoutsville cong.....
6,	Rev. W. H. Fenneman, Lima.....
6,	J. B. Shumaker, Bethel charge.....
6,	Rev. E. D. Miller, St. Matthews charge.....
6,	Rev. Wm. Reuter.....
11,	Rev. I. H. Reiter, Miamisburg.....
11,	Rev. J. Hefley, Canal Winchester.....
11,	Rev. J. Hamm, Nimisilla.....
11,	Rev. P. Jerris.....
19,	Rev. J. G. Rule, Findley mission.....
20,	Rev. J. Rinehart, Mt. Olivet charge.....
20,	Sundry members of Xenia and Berea cong.....
20,	Christ's Evangelical church, Philadelphia.....
20,	Mrs. Ann Ossman, Bucyrus.....
20,	North Clayton cong.....
20,	Germantown cong.....

ar. 20,	Neriah cong., per H. H. Sandoe.....	15 50
20,	Rev. P. J. Spangler.....	1 25
pr. 16,	Elder Jacob Ohl, Greensburg, O.....	124 50
13,	Collection by S. Ream.....	3 00
24,	Dr. Williard.....	1 00
24,	Delilo Frederick.....	2 00
ay 1,	Abraham Hawker.....	3 00
1,	Rev. G. H. Leonard.....	20 00
1,	Three friends in Harrisburg, Pa.....	15 00
1,	Sandusky Classis, T. H. Winters, Carrolton ch.....	10 00
1,	" " S. C. Goss, North Union.....	2 50
1,	" " N. H. Looce, Shelby.....	18 02
1,	" " S. Shaw, Mohicanville.....	5 80
1,	Interest Lancaster Classis B. E. Fund, per C. Hoyman,	21 25
1,	Interest of Permanent Fund.	12 42
1,	Rev. W. H. Fenneman, Lima, O.....	3 50
1,	Elder Rudolph Kelker, Harrisburg, Pa.....	20 00
1,	Rev. S. Shaw, Mohicanville.....	4 00
1,	Rev. S. C. Goss, North Union.....	4 65
1,	Sandusky Classis, per G. W. Andrews.....	6 00
1,	Rev. C. Schaaf, Kenton mission.....	4 50
1,	Mr. J. Kuhn, Bascom.....	2 55
une 2,	Rev. J. W. Alspach, Stoutsville cong.....	9 43
2,	Rev. H. Williard, Kinnikinnick cong.....	15 10
2,	Rev. J. Kueling, B. E. Soc. 1st Church, Cincinnati...	10 00
	Total.....	\$1,678 05

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une 2,	By amount paid beneficiaries, as per vouchers,	\$1749 50
2,	Express charges.....	1 87
2,	Interest on money borrowed.....	3 00
2,	Counterfeit money received.....	1 00
2,	Stamps and incidental expenses.....	7 75
2,	Publishing Circulars.....	8 75
	Amount expended.....	\$1,771 87
	Amount received.....	1,678 05
	Due Treasurer.....	\$93 82

PERMANENT FUND.

The amount is \$325, of which \$300 is invested in Government bonds.

R. GOOD, *Treasurer*.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

Your Committee on Beneficiary Education would beg leave to report the following report:

We have carefully examined the report of the President, and so that of the Treasurer of the Board of Education; the only reports submitted to our consideration. From these documents, it appears that during the past year the Board has had twenty-seven students under its care; twenty-four of whom have been provided for by the Board, the remaining three being sup-

ported by the Boston Board of Education." It also appears that the income of beneficiary funds during the year from all sources has been \$1,678.05; the outlay \$1,771.87; thus leaving a balance due the Treasurer of \$93.82. The amount of the permanent fund is \$325, of which the amount of \$300 is invested in Government Bonds. We further learn that in addition to the above mentioned deficiency in the Treasury of \$93.82, there will be needed to cover the expenses of the scholastic year soon about to close the amount of \$550.

To facilitate the benovolent operations of the Church in the direction of Beneficiary Education, we would recommend to Synod the following action:

1. *Resolved*, That we authorize the Board of Education to make a temporary loan to cover the total deficiency of the present year.

2. *Resolved*, That in the opinion of this Synod at least \$3,000 should be raised for the cause of Beneficiary Education during the coming year; and that the Classes and Ministers be requested to keep this aim steadily in view.

3. *Resolved*, That, in addition to the above recommendation, we respectfully request the members of the Synod of the North-West, as well as other friends of the Beneficiary cause beyond our bounds, to help forward this good work under our care by their prayers and their material aid.

4. *Resolved*, That we again urge upon the several Classes the necessity of keeping before the people the duty of consecrating their sons to the work of the Gospel Ministry.

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. PETERS, *Chairman*.

The above report was received and acted on item by item, and finally adopted as a whole, as well as the reports of the Board and Treasurer.

ARTICLE XX.

Miscellaneous.

EXCHANGE OF DELEGATES.

The following resolutions respecting our exchange of delegates with the Eastern Synod and the Synod of the North-West were offered, but as there was a diversity of opinion about the propriety of passing them at this Synod, action on them was deferred to the next Synod, and the attention of the Synods referred to, called to the subject, so that there may be harmony of action.

WHEREAS, the plan of union entered into 1842, between the Ohio Synod and the Synod of North America, and which provided for a mutual interchange of delegates, has been superseded

by the formation of the General Synod, and there does not seem to be any warrant in the Constitution for the continuance of this arrangement in its present form; and whereas such arrangements are likely to become a great pecuniary burden on the Church in consequence of the growing increase of the Synods:

1. *Resolved*, That we elect no further delegates to the Eastern Synod, or the North-Western Synod, believing that all the benefits of the former arrangement have been fully met by the formation of the General Synod, and on special occasions can be met by the appointment of special commissioners, who shall have the *right* only of Advisors Members.

2. *Resolved*, That the Eastern Synod and the Synod of the North-West be kindly requested to agree with this action.

NEW STANDING RULE.

The following Standing Rule was adopted:

In addition to a Board of Visitors, Synod shall annually elect a Board of Education, consisting of five members, whose duty it shall be to superintend the educational operations of the Church. The Professors in the Theological Seminary shall ex-officio be members of this Board. This Board shall annually report to Synod.

PUBLICATION OF THE MINUTES.

The Stated Clerk was instructed to have 1,400 copies of the Minutes published in the English, and 700 in the German language. He was also authorized to secure some one to translate them into the German.

THE DELEGATES FROM THE EAST AND FROM THE NORTH-WEST.

The Delegates from the East and from the Synod of the North-West, each took his leave of the Synod with appropriate remarks, expressing the pleasure they had by their presence and their participation in the transactions of the Synod, and gave assurances of the kind and fraternal feelings of the Bodies they represented. Their remarks were responded to by the President, who, in the name of the Synod, expressed the pleasure experienced by their presence, and assured them of the interest felt in the success and prosperity of their respective Synods.

VOTE OF THANKS.

On motion it was *resolved*, That we tender our sincere thanks to the members of the Reformed Congregation and citizens of Shelby and vicinity, for the kind hospitality with which they entertained the Synod during our stay in their midst, and that

the *Pastor Locci* be requested to read this resolution from the pulpit at his next regular appointment.

PAY TO THE SEXTON.

The Treasurer of the Synod was authorized to pay ten dollars for services rendered by the Sexton, and printing tickets.

RAILROAD PASSES.

Rev. T. P. Bucher was appointed to secure, if possible, free return passes for the members of Synod on the different Railroads over which they paid full fare in coming. He reported subsequently that no road granted the favor.

ARTICLE XXI.

CLOSE AND ADJOURNMENT.

Delaware, Ohio, having been selected as the place of the next annual meeting of Synod, and the first Wednesday after Whitsuntide, in the year of our Lord, 1869, as the time; it was, on motion,

Resolved, That we adjourn to the above named time and place.

The Synod adjourned on Monday afternoon, the 8th of June, after a pleasant and harmonious session. The Minutes were read and approved; the roll called and all the members were found present, except such as had been excused. The Synod was closed with prayer by Rev. D. Winters, and the Apostolic Benediction by the President.

I. H. REITER, *President*.

GEO. W. WILLIARD, *Stated Clerk*.

The above is an official copy from the original minutes.

GEO. W. WILLIARD, *Stated Clerk*.

Statistical Reports.—Miami Classis.

MINISTERS' NAMES.	NAMES OF CHARGES.	No. of Congreg...	No. of unconfir- med Members	No. of Confirmed Members.....	No. Communi- cant Members....	Baptisms.....	Confirmations....	Rec'd by Letter..	Dismissals	Excommunicat- ed.....	Deaths	Sabbath Schools.	Sabbath School Scholars	Contributions for Benevolence.	Fng. Minutes....	Ger. Minutes....	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.	
D. Winters.....	Mt. Zion.....	4	950	460	445	23	32	2	6	12	6	290	908	37	40	Dayton.....	Ohio	
F. C. Frugh.....	Xenia.....	2	100	105	165	6	8	1	1	4	2	250	254	00	25	Xenia.....	Ohio	
F. C. Frugh.....	Cassars Creek.....	1	88	48	47	4	1	3	3	1	1	20	675	00	10	Xenia.....	Ohio	
T. P. Bucher.....	Bethel.....	3	100	186	170	4	1	3	3	5	3	125	35	00	25	Dayton.....	Ohio	
T. P. Bucher.....	First Church, Dayton.....	1	100	172	148	9	3	7	3	1	2	1	170	4	00	10	Cincinnati.....	Ohio
O. J. Accola.....	Second Church, Dayton.....	1	180	131	10	10	7	1	1	1	2	1	35	33	1	Dayton.....	Ohio	
J. H. Reiter.....	Miamisburg.....	2	330	240	300	14	9	14	1	5	2	223	254	00	20	Miamisburg.....	Ohio	
G. Z. Reehling.....	Seven Mile.....	3	178	166	159	11	35	9	1	10	1	85	100	60	15	Seven Mile.....	Ohio	
H. M. Herman.....	West Alexandria.....	3	78	354	330	15	23	7	2	6	13	11	180	314	00	30	West Alexandria.....	Ohio
J. Kuehling.....	First Church, Cincinnati.....	1	250	350	300	43	11	22	34	6	13	11	180	356	00	1	Cincinnati.....	Ohio
S. Mease.....	Second Church, Cincinnati.....	1	330	606	606	122	43	30	10	35	1	1	320	383	33	10	Cincinnati.....	Ohio
C. Saure.....	First Church, Covington.....	1	104	171	164	35	18	28	10	5	1	1	100	34	50	10	Covington.....	Kentucky
R. Schweedes.....	Union.....	4	60	116	106	12	14	8	3	10	1	4	150	55	00	10	North Hampton.....	Ohio
J. I. Swander.....	St. Paris.....	2	80	250	225	8	18	5	2	2	3	2	180	15	1	St. Paris.....	Ohio	
J. Richards.....	Fairfield.....	2	112	200	200	25	26	13	3	4	2	2	20	25	00	15	Fairfield.....	Ohio
J. M. Le Fever.....	Bear Creek.....	4	120	165	90	10	1	1	1	2	2	1	150	1	1	Bear Creek.....	Ohio	
J. Weaver.....	Germanstown.....	1	87	175	127	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	150	1	1	Germanstown.....	Ohio	
J. B. Thompson.....	Port Jefferson.....	4	166	157	30	37	1	1	1	1	1	2	80	10	00	8	Sidney.....	Ohio
W. McCaughey.....	Greenville.....	3	131	118	14	11	1	1	1	3	1	1	130	27	00	10	Greenville.....	Ohio
J. Stuck.....	Dallas.....	4	85	156	149	15	19	6	4	8	2	3	150	18	38	40	Hillgrove.....	Ohio
S. S. King.....	New Madison.....	2	50	156	100	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	150	1	1	New Madison.....	Ohio	
F. Wall.....	Highland.....	2	75	120	90	8	1	1	1	1	1	1	80	1	1	Hillsborough.....	Ohio	
C. Cast.....	Brown County.....	2	75	60	6	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	80	1	1	Georgetown.....	Ohio	
G. W. Williard, D. D.....	Lebanon.....	2	143	135	36	6	3	1	1	5	2	2	80	1	1	Lebanon.....	Ohio	
	President of College.....	2														Tiffin.....	Ohio	

WITHOUT CHARGE.—S. K. Dennis, Germantown, Ohio; C. Berantz, Grandview, Ohio; E. F. Loaders, Lafayette, Indiana; J. Scott, Piqua, Ohio; E. F. Thomas, Springfield, Ohio.

LANCASTER CLASSIS.

NAMES OF MINISTERS.	No. Congreg.....	NAMES OF CHARGES.	Unconfirmed Members.....	Confirmed Members.....	Communicants.	Baptisms.....	Confirmations..	By Letter.....	Dismissed.....	Excommunicat'd	Deaths.....	Sunday Schools	Sunday School Scholars.....	Benevolent Contributions...	Eng. Minutes...	Ger. Minntes...	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
H. King.....	3	Union.....	130	130	120	18	6	.....	3	.....	11	1	50	\$50 00	6	6	Baltimore.....Ohio
H. Williard.....	2	Circleville.....	70	80	47	6	5	1	1	.....	1	1	75	36 00	10	.....	Circleville..... Ohio
J. Vogt.....	1	Delaware.....	131	213	206	12	20	3	.....	.....	1	1	104	139 00	10	10	Delaware.....Ohio
C. W. Hoyman.....	4	Somerset.....	300	300	280	31	18	4	2	1	5	4	275	215 00	30	.....	Somerset.....Ohio
J. Hefley.....	4	Winchester.....	190	215	198	19	13	.....	8	.....	8	1	140	118 23	24	.....	Canal Winchester...Ohio
G. H. Leonard.....	2	Basil.....	115	160	150	13	10	13	4	3	9	2	272	115 00	20	.....	Basil.....Ohio
J. Heller.....	3	Tarleton.....	.....	105	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	100	.....	15	.....	.....	Tarleton.....Ohio
S. B. Yockey.....	3	Kinni-kinnick.....	80	100	75	12	.....	.....	3	.....	4	2	60	30 00	10	.....	.....
Vacant.....	1	Union Cong.....	28	.....	24	1	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	50	12 00	.....	.....	.....
J. C. Henneman.....	2	Beaver.....	84	110	102	12	12	.....	12	.....	6	1	.....	9 63	.....	5	Beavertown.....Ohio
F. Strasser.....	2	Lancaster.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Lancaster.....Ohio
J. W. Alspach.....	1	Stoutsville.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Stoutsville.....Ohio
S. S. Rickley.....	.....	Without charge.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Columbus.....Ohio
P. D. Schory.....	.....	Without charge.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	22 00	.....	.....	Lancaster.....Ohio
Vacant.....	1	Licking Mission.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Vacant.....	3	Jerusalem, Etc.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	8 45	.....	.....	.....
J. McConnell.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Corydon.....Indiana

WESTMORELAND CLASSES.

NAMES OF MINISTERS.	No. Cong.....	NAMES OF CHARGES.	Unconfirmed Members.....	Confirmed Members.....	Communicants.	Baptisms.....	Confirmations..	By Letter.....	Dismissed	Excommunicat'd	Deaths	Sunday Schools	Sunday School Scholars	Benevolent Contributions...	Eng. Minutes...	Ger. Minutes ..	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
N. P. Hacke, D. D.	4	Greensburg (Ger.)..	500	570	500	85	14	11	7	30	30	3	.....	\$440 18	.....	.....	Greensburg.....Pa
B. Knepper.....	5	Wellersburg	254	209	166	45	31	11	7	7	3	.....	.....	53 00 10	.....	.....	Wellersburg.....Pa
F. K. Levan.....	2	Miss Bishop.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Pittsburg.....Pa
C. C. Russell.....	2	Ligonier Val. Mis..	70	66	53	2	1	3	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	37 75 10	.....	.....	Latrobe.....Pa
G. H. Johnston ..	4	Somerset.....	164	160	159	16	19	1	2	4	3	.....	.....	192 50 30	.....	.....	Somerset.....Pa
T. J. Barkley.....	4	Greensburg (Eng)..	210	240	220	26	17	7	1	2	3	200	200	222 00 40	.....	.....	Greensburg.....Pa
J. A. Peters.....	4	Mt. Pleasant.....	150	230	195	22	11	2	12	1	4	2	100	498 23 20	.....	.....	Mt. Pleasant.....Pa
J. H. Wagner.....	1	Grace Church.....	125	108	106	12	7	4	2	3	1	100	100	1771 33 26	.....	.....	Pittsburg.....Pa
A. J. Helfer.....	5	Beans'.....	287	295	213	17	18	1	.....	6	1	30	30	248 50 25	.....	.....	Pipesville.....Pa
J. H. Sykes.....	4	Westmoreland Col.	288	319	250	34	23	3	5	7	3	.....	.....	530 23 25	.....	.....	Mt. Pleasant.....Pa
Wm. Rupp.....	2	Berlin.....	118	157	122	33	14	6	2	3	2	206	206	196 00 40	.....	.....	Berlin.....Pa
T. F. Stauffer.....	3	St James.....	227	245	221	27	16	17	5	4	3	280	280	205 11 30 10	.....	.....	Appollo.....Pa
J. F. Snyder.....	3	Salen.....	250	200	200	21	4	.....	.....	2	1	55	55	16 02 5 15	.....	.....	Salem X Roads.....Pa
A. Wanner.....	3	Cumberland, Mis..	120	182	145	4	.....	.....	.....	1	2	.....	.....	67 00 20 10	.....	.....	Cumberland.....Md.
A. B. Koplin.....	2	Paradise.....	28	60	47	4	5	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Elklick.....Pa
H. F. Keener.....	2	Latrobe, Mia.....	150	186	130	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Latrobe.....Pa
Vacant.....	2	Southampton.....	162	113	100	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Nacant.....	5	Shade.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Supplied.....	2	St Lukes.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	161 78	.....	.....	.....

Wm. Rupp — II. E. S. Voigt, Mt. Pleasant, Pa.; H. W. Luker, Kutztown, Pa.; E. D. Shoemaker, Irwin Station, Pa.

SANDUSKY CLASSIS.

NAMES OF MINISTERS.	No. Cong.....	NAMES OF CHARGES.	Unconfirmed Members.....	Confirmed Members.....	Communicants..	Baptisms.....	Confirmations..	By Letter.....	Dismissed.....	Excommunicat'd	Deaths.....	Sunday Schools	Sunday School Scholars.....	Benevolent Contributions...	Eng. Minutes...	Ger. Minutes...	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.	
S. B. Leiter.....	4	Tuscarawas.....	192	225	226	15	2	2	1	2	2	4	4	86	60	40	5	Navarre.....Ohio
T. J. Seiple.....	3	Bristol.....	260	250	200	11	10	12	3	2	10	2	150	1159	34	18	20	Marshallville.....Ohio
C. H. Reiter.....	3	Union.....	232	194	160	11	13	3	2	5	5	2	100	62	24	15	10	Wadsworth.....Ohio
N. H. Loose.....	3	Shelby.....	100	170	158	13	3	2	3	2	3	2	150	100	00	15	3	Shelby.....Ohio
Thos. H. Winters..	3	Carrollton.....	88	300	290	10	32	1	4	3	7	3	180	389	30	30	10	Carrollton.....Ohio
S. E. Herring.....	6	Savannah.....	100	200	175	5	45	11	4	5	5	5	400	100	00	30	...	Ashland.....Ohio
Samuel Shaw.....	3	Mohicanville.....	30	140	119	9	7	4	1	1	1	2	100	55	40	20	1	Mohicanville.....Ohio
Vacant.....	3	Reedsburg*.....	50	156	138	10	11	3	4	2	3	3	...	...	...	...	...	Congress, Wayne co. Ohio
J. C. Klar.....	4	Navarre.....	...	...	55	28	22	...	1	...	9	3	225	74	40	...	...	Navarre.....Ohio
S. C. Goss.....	4	North Union.....	57	186	161	20	39	32	6	2	3	4	150	62	29	18	3	Wadsworth.....Ohio
J. M. Mickley.....	1	Akron.....	57	64	59	9	1	20	2	...	1	1	90	234	92	6	1	Akron.....Ohio
J. R. Shepler.....	1	Salem.....	...	18	18	1	3	...	...	...	...	...	75	80	00	6	...	Navarre.....Ohio
M. A. Miller.....	2	Summit.....	29	184	175	30	50	9	14	1	12	2	200	400	00	10	6	Lake, Stark co.....Ohio
Thomas Ferrell.....	3	East Union.....	...	110	100	26	...	4	...	...	2	...	60	...	...	...	...	Carrollton.....Ohio
D. H. Reiter.....	...	Without charge	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Berrien Springs.....Mich
Jesse Hines.....	...	Without charge	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Akron.....Ohio
J. F. Helmn.....	...	Without charge	Kidder.....Mo
H. Hess.....	2	Emanuel.....	...	92	92	...	21	6	6	11	1	1	...	12	00	4	...	Mansfield.....Ohio

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TIFFIN CLASSIS.

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J. H. Good.....	3	Seminary, Tiffin.....	Tiffin.....Ohio																																																								
H. Good.....	1	Professor.....	Tiffin.....Ohio																																																								
M. Kieffer, D. D.....	1	Professor.....	Sandusky.....Ohio																																																								
L. H. Kefauver.....	1	1st, Tiffin.....	Tiffin.....Ohio																																																								
F. Strasser.....	4	Berwick.....	Lancaster.....Ohio																																																								
J. G. Ruhl.....	3	Findlay.....	Findlay.....Ohio																																																								
Geo. Rettig.....	3	Fostoria.....	Fostoria.....Ohio																																																								
W. Witzgall.....	3	Napoleon.....	Napoleon.....Ohio																																																								
Jos. May.....	4	Heidelberg.....	Findlay.....Ohio																																																								
Vacant.....	1	Fort Seneca.....Ohio																																																								
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J. W. Hamm	3	Manchester	135	310	275	37	2	1	22	3	22	3	3	\$67 00	10	15	Nimisilla	Ohio
J. H. Derr	5	Wooster	370	447	315	25	6	1	1	7	2	2	2	228 00	40	40	Wooster	Ohio
P. Herbruck	3	Canton	727	727	97	47	6	38	3	3	38	3	3	202 29	40	40	Canton	Ohio
G. Zeigler	4	Georgetown	450	390	2	2	18	3	18	3	18	3	3	45 59	30	30	Paris	Ohio
J. G. Zahner, D. D.	5	Rogersville	520	506	52	44	20	5	20	5	20	5	5	97 62	40	40	Rogersville	Ohio
J. Acheret	2	Mt. Eaton	300	300	47	12	7	2	7	2	7	2	2	60 55	20	20	Mt. Eaton	Ohio
C. Zwisler	3	Canfield	205	289	250	39	23	1	7	1	7	1	1	167 25	5	5	Canfield	Ohio
G. M. Albright	4	Lisbon	160	140	7	6	1	6	1	6	1	6	1	40 24	10	10	New Lisbon	Ohio
C. Banks	3	New Philadelphia	200	254	251	29	8	35	16	13	7	2	2	51 00	25	25	New Philadelphia	Ohio
W. Reuter	2	Youngstown	100	150	130	10	15	12	3	2	3	2	2	72 40	10	25	Youngstown	Ohio
J. Reinhart	3	Mt. Olivet	300	392	349	44	3	1	12	4	12	4	4	100 00	20	20	North Lima	Ohio
A. Miller	6	Uniontown	150	150	18	3	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	40 00	30	20	New Berlin	Ohio
G. Geckler	2	Black Creek	125	97	12	1	2	3	20	3	20	3	3	8 79	10	15	Wall Hunting	Ohio
J. M. Grether	3	Warren	315	315	56	35	5	2	5	2	5	2	2	21 00	10	10	Warren	Ohio
H. K. Zink	2	Zion and Jacob	113	170	158	20	8	7	6	4	2	85	85	101 12	5	25	Stone Creek	Ohio
F. Schaad	2	Walnut Creek	180	160	19	4	12	3	12	3	12	3	3	30 00	5	5	Winesburg	Ohio
H. Korthur	3	Limaville	36	80	66	9	9	1	4	1	4	1	1	28 00	10	10	Masillon	Ohio
C. Schiller	3	Springfield	180	108	25	10	6	1	6	1	6	1	1	21 44	17	5	Limaville	Ohio
J. Naille	3	Shanesville	163	84	76	24	9	5	3	5	3	5	5	15 00	20	20	Petersburg	Ohio
J. Hannabery	1	Akron	136	18	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	55 00	...	...	Shanesville	Ohio
J. Baumgartner	4	Missionary	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	8 00	...	...	Akron	Ohio
J. Biery	4	Homer and Ashland	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	...	...	...	Wathena	Kan
D. Zimmerman (sup)	4	Homer and Ashland	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	...	...	...	Wathena	Kan

WITHOUT CHARGE—D. Kemmerer, Wooster, O.; G. W. Henning, Canton, O.; F. Hunsche, Marshalltown, Iowa.

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	German Minutes		24
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	Contributions to Benevolence... ..	\$3483 61	35
	Sunday School Scholars.....	3719	69
	Sunday Schools..	51	20
	Deaths	120	20
	Excommunicat'd and Erasures....	49	22
	Dismissed by Letter	84	22
	Received by Certificate	167	22
	Confirmations ...	290	22
	Baptisms	427	22
	Communicants...	4320	22
	Members Confirmed.....	5095	22
	Members Unconfirmed.....	2446	22
	Congregations...	59	22
	Ministers	27	22
	Miami.....	14	22
	Lancaster	19	22
	Westmoreland	17	22
	Sandusky	13	22
	Tiffin.....	25	22
	St. John's.....	10	22
	Illinois	5	22
	Iowa.....	130	22
	Total.....	17426	20069
		1261	595
		331	102
		535	217
		10470	18349
		44	1198607

GENERAL CONVENTION.

ACTS AND PROCEEDINGS

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ERRATA.*

On page 4, Delegates from WESTMORELAND CLASSIS, Rev. G. H. Johnson and Elder J. Cori, were omitted.

On page 8, Rev. J. G. Good, D. D. should read Rev. J. H. Good, D. D.

On page 44, S. May should read J. May.

On page 46, Isaac Reiter should read Isaac H. Reiter.

*Reading the proof but once, in the haste to get the Minutes ready for the German Translator, the foregoing omissions and errors occurred.

ACTS AND PROCEEDINGS

The Synod of Ohio and Adjacent States, of the German Reformed Church, which met in GENERAL CONVENTION, at Delaware, Ohio, on Wednesday, May 21st, at 8 o'clock, P. M., in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-nine, and closed its sessions on the following Monday evening.

ARTICLE I.

OPENING OF SYNOD.

The Synodical sermon was preached by the President, I. H. Reiter, from Galatians vi. 14: "God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ." Sessions were then opened with singing and prayer.

ARTICLE II.

MEMBERS PRESENT.

MIAMI CLASSIS.

Ministers.—D. Winters, P. C. Prugh, J. B. Shumaker, T. Bucher, O. J. Accola, I. H. Reiter, H. M. Herman, J. Kling, S. Mease, J. I. Swander, W. McCaughey, D. Van der, J. Pence, Levi Rike, J. B. Thompson, J. Richards and M. Kerschner.

Elders.—J. Jackson, J. Haller, Wm. Hoff, John Ryder, A. Schindler, J. Heck and Benjamin Kuhn.

SYNOD OF THE

LANCASTER CLASSIS.

Ministers.—J. Vogt, C. W. Hoyman, J. Heffley, G. H. Leonard, J. Heller, S. B. Yockey, F. Strassner, J. W. Alspach, H. Williard and S. S. Rickli.

Elders.—Jos. Slough, E. Beachler* and J. F. Vandemark.

SANDUSKY CLASSIS.

Ministers.—S. B. Leiter, N. H. Loose, S. C. Goss, J. R. Coffman, J. C. Klar and S. Shaw.

Elders.—Abm. Koplín, Jacob Kuhn, S. Markle, D. Waltz, and Jonathan Harsh.

TIFFIN CLASSIS.

Ministers.—J. H. Good, D. D., Josiah May, J. G. Ruhl, G. W. Williard, D. D., H. Rust, Jacob Kuhn and S. N. L. Kessler.

Elders.—E. Swander, Lewis Keller, G. W. Alspach, Philip Fry and Geo. Robb.

ILLINOIS CLASSIS.

Ministers.—H. Knepper and O. E. Lake.

ST. JOHN'S CLASSIS.

Ministers.—J. M. Grether and J. Naille.

Elder.—John Warner.

IOWA CLASSIS.†

Ministers.—F. C. Bauman, J. Rettig, Geo. Rettig, D. S. Fouse and J. Riale.

Elder.—J. E. Young.

MINISTERS OF OTHER CHURCHES.

Bishop Thompson, Revs. F. Merrick, D. D., J. D. Shaad and H. Z. Adams, of the M. E. Church; Revs. O. H. Newton, D. Kingery and J. Fitch, of the Presbyterian Church, and Rev. J. F. Harcourt, Agent of the American Tract Society.

* His *secundus*, Elder Henry Leonard, took his seat on Monday morning.

† The name of Rev. C. Cort was announced as a member of this Classis. His enrollment was promptly objected to, and the grounds of objection given: whereupon the President declared the appeal in his case stayed proceedings until it was decided; but that Rev. Mr. Cort could be admitted as an advisory member from Mercersburg Classis. This Mr. Cort declined.

ARTICLE III.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

Rev. S. MEASE, Cincinnati, O., was chosen *President*.

Rev. W. McCAUGHEY, Greenville, O., *Cor. Secretary*.

Rev. T. P. BUCHER, Cincinnati, O., *Stated Clerk*.*

Rev. J. H. GOOD, D. D., Tiffin, O., *Treasurer*.

ARTICLE IV.

RULES OF SYNOD.

The Rules of Order adopted by the Synod were observed in the transaction of its business, and the following hours fixed for opening and closing its sessions:

Morning Sessions to open at 8½ o'clock, and close at 11½ o'clock.

Afternoon Sessions to open at 2 and close at 4½ o'clock.

An evening session was held on Monday night, which closed at 10½ o'clock.

ARTICLE V.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

On Religious Exercises.—Revs. J. Vogt, J. I. Swander, J. G. Ruhl, and Elders J. Slough and J. Heck.

On Minutes of Synod.—Revs. P. C. Prugh, O. J. Accola, J. M. Greether, and Elders W. Hoff and E. Beachler.

On Overtures.—Revs. G. Rettig, S. C. Goss, H. Knepper, and Elders J. Jackson and Geo. Robb.

*Rev. G. W. Williard, D. D., who for many years occupied this position, resigned the office.

On Minutes of Classes.—Revs. N. H. Loose, S. N. L. Kessler, J. Kuhn, and Elders A. Koplín and G. W. Alspach.

On Examination and Licensure.—Revs. T. P. Bucher, Prof. H. Rust, D. Winters, G. H. Johnson, H. Williard, and Elders E. Swander and D. Waltz.

On State of Religion.—Revs. I. H. Reiter, W. McCaughey, J. Heffley, and Elders J. Kuhn and J. E. Young.

On Theological Seminary.—Revs. S. B. Leiter, G. H. Leonard, J. Rettig, and Elders S. Markle and J. Ryder.

On Heidelberg College.—Revs. D. Van Horne, J. B. Shumaker, J. May, and Elders J. Schindler and L. Keller.

On Missions.—Revs. J. Kuelling, C. W. Hoyman, J. Naille, and Elders J. Cort and J. Harsh.

On Publication.—Revs. J. H. Good, D. D., L. Rike, J. Heller, and Elders W. Hoff and J. E. Young.

On Education.—Revs. G. W. Williard, D. D., S. B. Yockey, F. C. Bauman, and Elders G. W. Alspach and J. Jackson.

**On Nominations.*—Rev. F. Strassner.

ARTICLE VI.

COMMUNICATIONS.

1. All communications designed for Synod were referred to the Committee on Overtures.

2. The Minutes of the Synod of Ohio, Synod of the Northwest, and Synod of the United States, were referred to the Committee on Minutes of Synod.

3. Minutes of the Classes of Miami, Lancaster, Westmoreland, Sandusky, Tiffin, Illinois, Iowa and St. John's, were referred to the Committee on Minutes of Classes, and their several reports on Religion and Statistics to the Committee on State of Religion.

4. The reports of the different Boards were received and referred to their respective committees.

* This Committee was not inserted on the list of Standing Committees and we have but the name of the Chairman given in the Minutes.

ARTICLE VII.

RELIGIOUS EXERCISES.

The Committee on Religious Exercises reported the following appointments:

Thursday Evening.—Sermon, in Reformed Church, by Rev. D. Van Horne.

Friday Evening.—Sermon by Rev. H. M. Herman.

Saturday Afternoon.—German Preparatory Sermon, by Rev. O. J. Accola.

Saturday Evening.—Sermon by Rev. S. B. Leiter.

Sunday Morning.—Dedication Sermons; German by Prof. Rust; English by Rev. G. W. Williard, D. D. Appeal for the removal of the church debt, by Rev. D. Winters. Dedication Services by Rev. I. H. Reiter.

Sunday Afternoon.—Communion Addresses; English by Rev. S. Mease; German by Rev. J. Kuelling.

Sunday Evening.—Sermon by Rev. J. H. Good, D. D. William Street M. E. Church: Rev. S. B. Leiter, Sunday morning; and Rev. T. P. Bucher, evening.

First Presbyterian Church: Rev. J. I. Swander, morning, and Rev. D. S. Fouse, evening.

Second Presbyterian Church: Rev. S. C. Goss, morning, and Rev. G. H. Johnson, evening.

German Methodist Church: Rev. G. Rettig, morning, and Rev. J. C. Klar, evening.

Welsh Congregational Church: Rev. L. Rike, morning.

African Church: Rev. S. N. L. Kessler, morning.

Respectfully submitted,

J. Voet, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE VIII.

MINUTES OF SYNOD.

The Committee on Synodical Minutes presented the following report, which was received and disposed of item by item:

Item 1. Page 8. Is the continuation of the Liturgical Committee.

Item 2. Page 11. Continuation of Committee on Students' Home.

Item 3. Page 14. Is the election of Directors of Invalid Fund.

Item 4. Page 34. Is the election of Rev. T. P. Bucher Delegate to the Synod of the United States.

Item 5. Page 34. Is the election of the different Boards of Synod.

Item 6. Page 43. The publication of 1,400 copies of Minutes of Synod, English, and 700 German.

Item 7. Page 25. The officers of the Synod, in connection with the officers of the Synod of the Northwest, were instructed to make out a call to Rev. J. G. Good, D. D., Professor elect in the Theological Seminary, and inaugurate him into office.

Item 8. Page 20 of Minutes of Eastern Synod. The Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States acquiesces in discontinuing the interchange of delegates.

Respectfully submitted,

P. C. PRUGH, *Chairman.*

The disposition of the report, item by item, is as follows:

Item 1. The Committee on the Liturgy made the following report:

That they have been diligently engaged during the year upon the work to which they have been appointed. They have had as many meetings as the necessities of the case required, and are pleased to say that they have so far been of one mind in what they have done. The Synod is aware that the preparation of a work of this kind is one of great difficulty and magnitude, and that considerable time is necessary to complete it properly, especially as the members of the Committee have had much to do in their respective spheres of labor. Very considerable progress has, however, been made during the year, so that the Committee is nearly prepared to make a final revision.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. W. WILLIARD, J. H. GOOD,
T. P. BUCHER, I. H. REITER.

After the adoption of this report, Synod authorized its officers to call a special meeting of Synod to examine the work of the Committee, in case they can have it ready for presentation, in book form, before the meeting of the General Synod.

Item 2. The Committee on Students' Home presented their report as follows:

The Committee on this benevolent Institution have held one meeting during the past Synodical year, in the month of August, at which the Revs. H. Rust and L. H. Kefauver were appointed a Committee of Overseers, to keep the internal affairs of the house in proper order, and to prevent the occupation of any of the rooms by unworthy young men. And the Rev. H. Rust and Elder Edward Swander were appointed a Committee on Finance, to collect as much money as possible for the liquidation of the debt and the completion of the building. It gives us pleasure to state that all the rooms have been, and still are, occupied by worthy and promising young brethren who will be, with the help of God, of great service to the Church. But, instead of twelve, we ought to be able to accommodate twenty-five or thirty young men, and for this reason the front building ought to be erected, which can, however, not be done without the necessary means.

Money received since the last meeting of Synod:

First, toward the payment of the lot	\$ 760 00
Second, toward the building fund.....	170 90
Whole amount received.....	\$ 930 90,

Amount paid out as per vouchers:

To second payment on the lot.....	\$ 805 60
To payment of different bills.....	58 83
Whole amount paid out.....	\$ 864 43
Debt of last year.....	693 66
Making.....	\$1,558 09
Whole amount received.....	930 90
Leaving a debt of.....	\$ 627 19

Respectfully submitted,
H. Rust.

The whole report was referred to a special committee, consisting of G. W. Williard, D. D., J. Richards and J. F.

Vandemark, which subsequently reported as follows, and their report adopted item by item:

The Committee to whom the report on the Students' Home was referred would report that they have carefully examined the document placed in their hands, and recommend the following action in regard to it:

1. That the report be adopted.
2. That the Committee be continued, and urged to do all in their power to provide the means necessary to pay the debt still resting upon the Home.
3. That the enterprise be cordially recommended to the liberality of the Church, in the hope that the present debt may soon be canceled, and the means provided for its completion as speedily as possible, that the full benefit designed thereby may be secured. Respectfully submitted,
GEO. W. WILLIARD.

Item 3. The report of the Directors of the Invalid Fund was presented in the following paper:

As one of the Directors of the Invalid Fund, I would submit the following report:

The 6th day of January last was appointed for a meeting of the Directors of the Invalid Fund, to be held at the Invalid Home, near Huron. I made an effort to meet the directors representing the Northwestern Synod, but failed in the attempt through bad railroad arrangements. I then wrote to one of the members of the Board to know if a meeting had been held, and, if so, what had been done; and also to call another meeting, if he thought the case demanded one. To this I received no reply, in consequence of which I can not communicate any information to the Synod on the subject in hand. Respectfully submitted,
L. H. KEFAUVER,

The report was adopted, and the Directors continued in office.

Item 4. The Delegate to the Eastern Synod submitted his report as follows:

As the delegate of this body, to represent it at the Annual Meeting of the Synod of the Reformed Church of the United States, convened at Hagerstown, Maryland, I respectfully report:

That I attended the duty assigned me. I was present at

a number of its sessions, and on the evening of the fifth day took occasion to present the salutations of the Synod, together with the general statement of the progress of the work in our portion of the Church. The President responded in a cordial address, asking me to convey their greetings, and expressing a desire that the future of our work in the West may be equally prosperous.

The Synod convened on the 21st of October, and continued in session to the morning of the 30th. The regular Synodical business was transacted. Among the progressive movements of the Eastern Church were the enlargement of the endowment of Franklin and Marshall College, and the transfer of the Theological Seminary from Mercersburg to Lancaster, Pennsylvania. A large missionary meeting was held on Monday evening, in which the Church, both East and West, was represented.

The action of the Synod in regard to the interchange of delegates is found on page 20 of the printed Minutes.

Traveling expenses, \$21 50.

Respectfully submitted,

T. P. BUCHER.

Item. 5. The Committee on Nominations were instructed to have a sufficient number of tickets printed, and the time for holding the election fixed for Monday morning session.

Item 6. Adopted.

Item 7. The report called for by this item is from the late President of the Synod:

In behalf of the officers of the Synod of Ohio and Adjacent States, I would report that it was found inconvenient, and not absolutely necessary, to call a special meeting of the Northwestern Synod to confirm the election of Rev. J. H. Good, D. D., as Professor in the Theological Seminary at Tiffin, and, therefore, no call could be properly made out to the professor elect. And as the Northwestern Synod, now in session at Howard's Grove, Wisconsin, will doubtless take the required action in the case, I would recommend that the present officers of our Synod be authorized to make out a regular call, in connection with those of the Northwestern Synod, to the professor elect.

Respectfully submitted,

ISAAC H. REITER.

Report adopted, and the recommendation indorsed by the Synod.

Item 8. Adopted.

ARTICLE IX.

OVERTURES.

The Committee on Overtures reports:

That but a single item came into their hands, viz.: a communication from Messrs. F. Kortman, J. Lynn, A. Straub and G. Craver, members of Southington Congregation, Trumbull County, Ohio, asking Synod to return them their notes given to the Agent of Heidelberg College. The petitioners offer to make a free-will contribution to the college. Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE RETTIG, *Chairman.*

In adopting this report, Synod referred the petitioners to the Trustees of Heidelberg College, who have full power to act in the case.

ARTICLE X.

MINUTES OF CLASSES.

The Committee on Minutes of Classes submitted their report at an early day. It was disposed of by items:

IRREGULARITIES.

1. Minutes of Miami Classis are not under proper heads.
Adopted.
2. The same Classis' Minutes not certified to by the Stated Clerk.
Adopted.
3. Lancaster Classis has not presented a separate report on the State of Religion and Statistics as required.
Adopted.
4. The Minutes of same Classis are not certified to by the Stated Clerk.
Adopted.
5. Also Minutes of Lancaster Classis not recorded under proper heads.
Adopted.

6. Iowa Classis has not certified its Minutes by its Stated Clerk.

Adopted.

7. Minutes of same Classis are not recorded under proper heads.

Adopted.

8. Iowa Classis also elected delegates to this Triennial Convention.

Adopted.

9. Iowa Classis transacted business in a special meeting not contained in the President's call, as seen on page 3 of Special Meeting. *First*. In resolutions passed in reference to the "Christian World," and its Editor; *Second*, The appointment of additional members to its Missionary Board.

The first part of this item adopted as an irregularity, and referred back to Classis. The second part of the item adopted as an irregularity.

10. Westmoreland Classis fails to have its Minutes recorded under proper heads.

Adopted.

11. Same Classis elected delegates to the Triennial Convention.

Adopted.

12. Illinois Classis does not attest its Minutes by its Stated Clerk.

Adopted.

13. Minutes of St. John's Classis are not recorded under proper heads.

Adopted.

14. Minutes of same Classis are not attested by its Stated Clerk.

Adopted.

REQUESTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS.

1. Is a joint petition of Sandusky and St. John's Classes for division and reconstruction of said Classes, as follows:

Resolved, 1. That the counties of Trumbull, Portage, Mahoning, Columbiana, Carroll, and as much of Jefferson and Harrison counties as is not included in the bounds of Lancaster, and that portion of St. Paris charge which lies in Stark County, be constituted into a new Classis, under the name of the Classis of Eastern Ohio.

Resolved, 2. That the boundaries between Sandusky and St. John's Classes shall be as follows: Between Mansfield and the western line of Stark County to the Pittsburg, Ft. Wayne and Chicago Railroad shall be the boundary line;

from thence the boundary line shall follow the line between Wayne and Stark counties south to the southern line of Stark County; eastward to a point due south of Canton; thence the boundary line shall run due north through Canton to the southern line of Erie Classis.

Resolved, 3. That the charges of Wooster, Orville and Canton be included in the territory of St. John's Classis.

Resolved, 4. That the charges of Rev. J. W. Hamm, the German Church of Akron, and the German minister of Massillon shall constitute exceptions to the above defined boundary, and that the ministers of said charges shall continue to hold their connection with the St. John's Classis.

Resolved, 5. That we mutually recommend to our respective Classes the adoption of the above recommendations, and to unite in requesting Synod to sanction the same, and constitute the boundaries as herein defined.

On part of Sandusky Classis,

S. B. LEITER, *Chairman*.

On part of St. John's Classis,

J. G. ZAEHNER, *Chairman*.

Adopted.

Sandusky Classis asks Synod for change of name, and offers the following memorial to Synod:

WHEREAS, The Sandusky country no longer constitutes any portion of our territory, so that the title—Sandusky—to us is without significance; therefore,

Resolved, 1. That our name be changed to that of *Tuscarawas*.

Resolved, 2. That we pray Synod to sanction and confirm the same.

Adopted.

3. Tiffin Classis requests the publication of the Minutes of Synod at an earlier date.

Adopted.

4. Iowa Classis inquires of Synod why it was not furnished with its portion of Minutes of Synod; and requests that the proper officers of Synod send to each minister of Iowa Classis his stated portion of Minutes.

Adopted.

5. Westmoreland Classis respectfully requests to be excused from contributing to Synod's Invalid Fund; assigning as the reason their provision for invalid ministers within their own bounds.

Adopted.

6. WHEREAS, Westmoreland Classis has literary institutions within its own bounds; and *whereas*, all its theological students are pursuing their studies in Eastern institutions, therefore, said Classis respectfully requests to be relieved from contributing to the pecuniary support of the Theological Seminary at Tiffin, as enjoined by Synod's action.

Adopted.

7. Westmoreland Classis requests to be relieved from Synod's requisition to circulate the *Christian World*, giving

as the reason for said course the *Christian World's* antagonism to the doctrines of General Synod.

A special committee, consisting of G. W. Williard, D. D., D. Van Horne and Elder J. Cort, was appointed to prepare a minute on this item, whose report was as follows:

Resolved, That we disapprove of the action of the Westmoreland Classis, in deciding that the *Christian World*, the organ of this Synod, is in antagonism to the General Synod on the fundamental *principles* of Reformed Theology; thus attempting to define the position of this body itself, and thereby showing its disrespect to this Synod which is the higher judicatory.

Adopted without a dissenting voice.

8. Westmoreland Classis requests Synod for dismissal, for the purpose of uniting with Clarion, St. Paul's and West New York Classes, of the Eastern Synod, so as to unite in petitioning General Synod for the formation of a District Synod out of the above-mentioned Classes.

Adopted.

9. St. John's Classis earnestly requests the publishing of the Minutes at an earlier date than heretofore.

Adopted, and the attention of the Stated Clerk called to this subject.

SUBJECTS REFERRED TO CLASSIS.

1. WHEREAS, the records of Sandusky Classis show the payment of the Invalid Fund within a small amount; and *whereas*, Synod charges said Classis with an indebtedness of \$58, Synod is informed that the said indebtedness is more fully paid than the amount demanded, p. 256, and instructs the Treasurer of Classis to make final settlement.

Adopted, and the Treasurer of Classis instructed to correspond with Directors of Invalid Fund.

2. Sandusky Classis also adopts Synod's instructions to collect all interest due Heidelberg College.

Adopted.

3. Sandusky and Miami Classes cordially indorse the action of Synod in the election of Rev. J. H. Good, D. D., as Professor of Dogmatic and Practical Theology in the Theological Seminary at Tiffin, Ohio.

Adopted.

Sandusky, Miami and Lancaster Classes adopt Synod's instructions to carry on its missionary operations through the General Missionary Board.

Adopted.

5. Illinois Classis desires to carry on its operations in its own way, as hitherto.

Adopted.

6. Iowa Classis desires to carry on its missionary operations through its own Classical Board, and instructs said Board to make the necessary arrangements to report through the Treasurer of the General Board of Missions.

Adopted.

RECEPTIONS AND DISMISSIONS.

1. Sandusky Classis licensed, ordained and installed Mr. W. A. Hale as pastor of the Summit Charge; received the Rev. J. R. Coffman from the United Brethren Church, and installed him pastor of the Carrollton Charge.

2. Miami Classis received Rev. David Van Horne from the Synod of the Reformed Church of America; Rev. J. B. Thompson from Erie Classis; Revs. H. F. Miller, Levi Rike and J. Pence from Indiana Classis; Licentiate L. M. Kerschner from Lancaster Classis, and ordained him; and dismissed Dr. G. W. Williard to Tiffin Classis; Revs. R. Schwedes and C. Cast to St. Joseph Classis; Rev. E. F. Loeders to Indians Classis; Rev. R. P. Thomas to the Congregational Church, and Rev. F. Wall to St. Paul's Classis.

3. Lancaster Classis received the licentiate, S. B. Yockey, placed under its care by Synod, ordained and installed him pastor of the Kinnickinnick Charge; ordained and installed Mr. J. E. Dieckman pastor of the congregation at Ironton, Ohio; and dismissed the licentiate, L. M. Kerschner, to Miami Classis.

4. Tiffin Classis dismissed Dr. M. Kieffer to the Presbytery of Huron (N. S.); received Rev. George Rettig from Miami Classis, and dismissed the same to Iowa Classis; received Dr. George W. Williard from Miami Classis; licensed and ordained Mr. S. N. L. Kessler, of the Theological Seminary; and licensed Mr. F. Moyer, of the Tiffin Seminary, and dismissed him to Sandusky Classis; dismissed the licentiate, L. Crist, to Clarion Classis; ordained and installed the licentiate, Jacob Kuhn, pastor of the Berwick Charge.

5. Iowa Classis received Rev. C. Cort from Mercersburg Classis, and Rev. A. Bletch from the Methodist Episcopal Church.

6. Illinois Classis licensed and ordained Mr. H. F. Long to the Gospel Ministry.

ANNUAL MEETINGS OF THE CLASSES.

Tuscarawas Classis meets in annual session at Wadsworth, Ohio, October 13, 1869, at 7 o'clock P. M. Rev. T. H. Winters, President; Rev. N. H. Loose, Stated Clerk.

Miami Classis holds its annual meeting at Salem's Church, Cincinnati, Ohio, on the 14th of October, 1869, and 7 o'clock P. M. Rev. J. B. Shumaker, President; Rev. P. C. Prugh, Stated Clerk.

Lancaster Classis meets in annual session at Basil, Ohio, Wednesday evening, October 13, 1869. Rev. F. Strassner, President; Rev. George H. Leonard, Stated Clerk.

Tiffin Classis holds its next annual sessions at Fort Seneca, Ohio, on the third Friday in August, 1869, at 7½ o'clock P. M. Rev. L. H. Kefauver, President; Rev. J. H. Good, D. D., Stated Clerk.

Westmoreland Classis holds its next annual sessions at Irvin Station, the last Wednesday in September, 1869, at 8 o'clock P. M. Rev. T. J. Barkly, President; Rev. A. J. Heller, Stated Clerk.

Illinois Classis meets in annual session at St. Paul's Reformed Church, Hickory Creek Mission, Fayette County, Illinois, on the first Tuesday following the 21st Sunday after Trinity, at 7 o'clock P. M., 1869. Rev. O. E. Lake, President; Rev. George Weber, Stated Clerk.

St. John's Classis meets at Akron, on the 15th of October, 1869, at 7 o'clock P. M.

Iowa Classis meets at Brandon, Buchanan County, Iowa, October 13, 1869, at 7 o'clock P. M.

Eastern Ohio Classis meets in the Reformed Church Columbiana, Columbiana County, Ohio, September 17, 1869, at 7 o'clock P. M.

APPEALS AND COMPLAINTS.

1. Rev. George Rettig announced his intention to appeal to Synod from the action of Iowa Classis in reference to the reception of Rev. C. Cort.

2. Iowa Classis notifies Synod, and any Classis, of ungentlemanly conduct and insinuations in the persons of Aug. Schade and Gustav. Zipf, and calls the attention of Synod to such conduct, in case they apply for licensure.

3. Rev. George Rettig gave notice that he would appeal to Synod against the action of Classis with reference to the preceding resolution.

4. On motion, Revs. J. Riale, C. Cort and Elder D. Cort were appointed a Committee to defend action of the Iowa Classis on this appeal, and all others that may come up.

Respectfully submitted,

N. H. Loose, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE XI.

A P P E A L S .

The items 1, 2, 3 and 4 of the report of the Committee on Minutes of Classes, under the head of Appeals and Complaints, were referred to a special committee consisting of Revs. S. B. Leiter, J. H. Good, P. C. Prugh, G. H. Johnson and Elder J. Ryder.

The Committee in submitting their report announced that they were divided in their apprehensions of the subject committed to them. The majority of the Committee presented the following report:

In the case of Appeal of Rev. Geo. Rettig and others against the action of Iowa Classis with reference to the reception of Rev. C. Cort, your Committee, without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case itself, would report that they have found in order only so much of the Appeal as relates to the justice and constitutionality of the action of Classis in the circumstances of the case, and give it as their opinion that nothing in the nature of a process or trial against Rev. C. Cort is in order at this time. A process and trial can not be instituted by the Synod into whose bounds he may have come, but such process and trial can be instituted only by the Classis, in the first case, to which he has been dismissed (see Sec. II. Art. 53); and that in presenting their evidence and arguments both the appellants and the counsel for Iowa Classis shall confine themselves strictly to the merits of the Appeal itself. Your Committee recommend that after the documentary and verbal evidence has been presented, both parties shall have one hour for argument, the appellants to open the case, and the time to be distributed by the parties themselves. When the arguments are concluded the votes shall be taken by the Synod without discussion.

1. The Committee furthermore recommend that the Appeal No. 2 be taken up in the following order:

(a) The minutes of Classis, the letters of the candidates, and such other evidence as the parties may desire, shall be read and given. (b) The appellants shall have fifteen minutes to open. (c) The respondents shall have thirty minutes in which to reply. (d) The appellants shall be permitted to close with fifteen minutes. (e) The vote shall be taken without discussion.

2. The Committee furthermore recommend that the items referring to irregularity of action in that Classis is charged in taking action on subjects not included in the call for the special meeting, be referred to the Committee on Classical Minutes.

3. And the Committee further recommend that all the items, complaints and documents, referring to the application of the candidates for examination and licensure, be referred to the Committee on Examination and Licensure for decision, as to whether the examination shall proceed or not.

Respectfully submitted,

G. H. JOHNSON,
P. C. PRUGH,
JOHN RYDER.

The minority presented their report, as follows:

A minority of the Committee to whom were referred the various items of the special meeting of Iowa Classis, referring to appeals, report, that after a careful examination they find Appeals No. 1 and No. 2 to be in order. Appeal No. 3 does not appear to be in order, inasmuch as the Minutes contain no evidence of an appeal having been announced at the time of the action complained of.

1. The Committee recommend that Appeal No. 1 be taken up in the following order:

(1.) That the same be made the order of the day for _____. (2.) That all the documents, documentary and other evidence on both sides, be read and brought forward before Synod. (3.) That the case be opened by the appellants, and that for this purpose they be allowed thirty minutes. (4.) That they be responded to by the Committee of Classis for sixty minutes. (5.) That the appellants be permitted to reply for thirty minutes. (6.) When they have concluded the vote shall be taken without any discussion upon the appeals and specifications.

2. The Committee further recommend that Appeal No. 2 be taken up in the following order:

(1.) The minutes of Classis, the letters of the candidates, and such other evidence as the parties may desire, shall be read and given. (2.) The appellants shall have fifteen minutes to open. (3.) The respondents shall reply for thirty minutes. (4.) The appellants shall be permitted to reply for fifteen minutes. (5.) The vote shall be taken without discussion.

3. The Committee further recommend that all the items referring to irregularity of action in that Classis is charged with taking action on subjects not included in the call for the special meeting, be referred to the Committee on Classical Minutes.

4. And the Committee further recommend that all the items, complaints and documents referring to the application of the candidates be referred to the Committee on Examination for decision, as to whether the examination shall proceed or not. Respectfully submitted,

S. B. LEITER,
J. H. GOOD.

On the motion to adopt the majority report, it was moved to substitute the report of the minority, which, after an earnest discussion, was adopted by a vote of 52 yeas to 17 nays, and 2 *non liquet*. A record of the yeas and nays being called for is:

YEAS—D. Winters, T. P. Bucher, O. J. Accola, I. H. Reiter, H. M. Herman, J. Kuelling, S. Mease, W. McCaughey, D. Van Herne, J. Pence, L. Rike, J. Richards, L. M. Kerschner, J. Jackson, J. Haller, W. Hoff, J. Shindler, B. Kuhns, J. Heck, J. Vogt, C. W. Hoyman, G. H. Leonard, F. Strassner, H. Williard, J. C. Klar, J. Slough, E. Beachler, S. B. Leiter, N. H. Loose, S. C. Goss, J. R. Coffman, A. Koplin, J. Kuhn, D. Waltz, J. Harsh, J. H. Good, J. G. Ruhl, G. W. Williard, E. Swander, L. Keller, H. Rust, J. Kuhn, S. N. L. Kessler, P. Fry, E. Robb, H. Knepper, J. M. Grether, J. Naille, J. Warner, J. Rettig, G. Rettig and J. E. Young.

NAYS—P. C. Prugh, J. I. Swander, J. B. Thompson, J. Ryder, J. Heffley, J. Heller, J. W. Alspach, S. B. Yockey, G. H. Johnson, J. Cort, S. Shaw, J. May, G. W. Alspach, O. E. Lake, F. C. Bauman, D. S. Fouse and J. Risale.

NON LIQUET—J. B. Shumaker and S. Markle.

Rev. G. H. Johnson gave notice of an appeal from this action, in reference to the minority report, to the General Synod.

[The President rendered the following decision, based upon Article 37, Chapter I., of Part Second, of the Constitution, namely: that the Appeal of Rev. G. H. Johnson did not stay process of action contemplated in the minority report.]

In this connection the following preamble and resolutions were offered and adopted:

WHEREAS, An appeal has been taken from the action of this Synod in adopting the report laying down the order

to be observed in considering the Appeals of Rev. G. Rettig, and others, from the action of the Classis of Iowa.

Resolved, That Revs. J. H. Good, D. D., Geo. W. Williard, D. D. and I. H. Reiter, be appointed a Committee of Synod to defend the action of this Synod before the General Synod.

Resolved, That in consequence hereof, further action upon these Appeals of G. Rettig and others be postponed until the next meeting of the Synod of Ohio.

ARTICLE XII.

EXAMINATION AND LICENSURE.

The Committee on Examination and Licensure report:

That four applicants, J. J. Janett, John Ardueser, E. F. Augustus Schade and Carl G. Ziph, recently under the tuition of Rev. Geo. Rettig, of Dubuque, were referred to it for examination. In the case of E. F. A. Schade and Carl G. Ziph, who were resting under some implied censure on the part of Iowa Classis, the Committee, to whom the case was referred for decision, by the action of Synod, having read the papers bearing on the matter, and heard statements from different members of Classis, resolved to admit these two gentlemen to examination.

The Committee examined the applicants in Dogmatics, Church History, Homiletics and Catechetics, the principal branches taught in our Seminary, and required by the Constitution of the Church, and are pleased to say that the examination was satisfactory.

Respectfully submitted,

T. P. BUCHER, *Chairman.*

The report was adopted and the following resolution passed:

Resolved, That the applicants, J. J. Janett, John Ardueser, E. F. Augustus Schade and Carl G. Ziph, be, and are hereby, licensed to preach the Gospel, and that the officers of Synod furnish them their testimonials of licensure upon their signing the constitutional formula.

On motion, the four brethren were placed under the care of Iowa Classis.

ARTICLE XIII.

RELIGION AND MORALS.

The Committee on the State of Religion and Statistics presented their report, which was adopted:

Beloved Brethren in the Lord:

Grace be unto you and peace from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ, and from the Comforter the Holy Ghost. Amen.

Through the kind guardian care of our Heavenly Father, we, as an ecclesiastical body, have again been permitted to assemble ourselves in annual session to recount the mercies of our Lord, to review our labors of love, and to unite our hearts and voices in rendering praise unto God for his manifold goodness.

From the several reports of Classes placed in our hands, it appears that we have much cause for gratitude to God for both temporal and spiritual blessings; and for the general progress and prosperity of the interests and enterprises of the Reformed Church within our Synodical bounds.

Outwardly considered, our borders are enlarging, and new and promising territory is being taken possession of. "Waste places" and neglected points are being sought out and occupied. New houses of worship have been erected and consecrated; old ones remodeled and beautified; and others are either being planned or in course of erection. New congregations have also been organized and old ones reconstituted.

Inwardly contemplated, it may be stated that there have been no extraordinary manifestations of the Spirit, yet, in view of his abiding presence with the Church, his sanctifying power has been experienced, to the peace and joy of the heart, the deepening of piety, the growth of the Church and the quickening of Christian life and activity.

But, more particularly and broadly, the internal state of a Church at any given time will mainly depend upon the nature of the general Church spirit and life that are existing in the communion. For the blessing of God always rests upon the Church when she comes up to the proper measure of her duty and her privileges. The founding of the Reformed Church in the West was commenced (and for a while carried forward) by *pioneer ministers*, who inherited in a traditional way much of the original spirit of the age of the Reformation. They were churchly, faithful to the

customs of the Church, to catechisation, to the use of the means of grace; and they sought for growth in the new life, through the appointed ordinances of the Church. With a deep antipathy to the errors and corruptions of the *Popish system*, and far removed from the disease of ultra *High Churchism*, they were yet equally removed from the errors of the *opposite extreme*—from sectarianism, new measurism, and unchurchism, in all its forms. But, through influences incident to a new country, and originating from outside of our Church, a period of considerable fermentation succeeded. Nearly a quarter of a century has now elapsed since the highly necessary work of establishing Literary and Theological Institutions, Church papers and Church enterprises of various kinds was commenced; and the great and blessed results of developing the original life of our Church, and of overcoming foreign influences, are now apparent throughout all our borders, and in the reports of the Classes generally.

On the one hand, we have fairly outgrown the unchurchly spirit. We recognize the value of the historical "Church of the living God." The disease of sectarianism, with all its symptoms of subjectivism, has lost its vitality. We are an educational Church, attached not only to the Heidelberg Catechism and its well-tried doctrines in the historical sense of the Fathers, but to the system of catechisation, of churchly worship, and of the order of salvation, as understood by the Fathers of the Reformation age.

And while this is the case on the one side, we have reasons for devout gratitude to God that we have been measurably saved from falling in the opposite and worse extreme. For the history of the Church proves that no state can well be worse than where a Church, proud of her mere churchliness, and holding on to her outward forms only, and being satisfied thereby, neglects and contemns the inward work of the Spirit in calling forth and preserving vital religion. The reports of the Classes and the state of our congregations prove that we have lost no confidence in the scriptural conception of religion, as revived in the Confessions of the Reformation period, and especially of the Heidelberg Catechism. The Reformed Church of the West has no idea that the work of the Reformation, either in the sphere of doctrine, government, or worship, was incomplete and defective, and it is now necessary greatly to modify the original principles of that movement. We have the presbyterial and scriptural organizations of the Church, wherein the rights of the elders, deacons, and private members, as well as the ministers, are not only theoretically but practically recognized, and the effort is constantly made to call forth and maintain a healthful and vigorous congregational

life. We rest upon the doctrines of grace, the central position of the atonement, of justification by faith, and of the sacraments as the seals of the covenant of grace. And we think we do not err in saying that a healthful liturgical spirit, such as was embodied in the Liturgies of the age of the Reformation, is the ruling spirit in our midst. For proof of this, we point to the fact that the Western Synods have for six years been engaged in the preparation of a Liturgy, based upon the Reformation conception of a Liturgy, and that not only almost the entire body of our churches await this work with anxiety, but not a single voice has been raised in opposition to the propriety of the preparation of such a work. The chief festivals of the Church, such as Christmas, Easter and Whitsunday, we recognize heartily and almost unanimously observe, though not in such a form as to make an idol of the Church year, and to exalt the institutions of men to a par with the institutions of God.

Moreover, we congratulate the Synod upon the very general harmony that exists among us in respect to doctrine, government and worship, not only throughout our own churches, but also the churches of our sister Synod of the Northwest.

The ordinances of divine appointment are generally appreciated, and the attendance upon the means of grace is commendable. The word is faithfully preached, and the sacraments are regularly administered. Family religion is spoken of as being on the increase, but there are still many families where Christian nurture and religious instruction are much neglected, and where the voice of prayer and praise is not heard! The Sunday-schools, existing in connection with many of our congregations, are mostly in a good condition and carried forward with happy results; and the Catechism has been introduced with profit in many of them.

We have a great work to accomplish, and we have not only a number of vacant congregations, but a wide and inviting field before us. The Macedonian cry, "Come over and help us," is heard from different points. The harvest is truly plenteous, but the laborers are few. Our trust and help are in God. Let us have confidence in our well-tried educational, churchly system; and as the Lord has hitherto blest us, brethren, let us take courage, labor faithfully, fulfill a good mission, and stand firmly by the landmarks our fathers set us.

In conclusion, we regret to report that during the past year, *Licentiate Frederick Moyer*, one of our most promising and devoted young brethren, just ready to enter upon the practical duties of the ministry in an important charge, was

suddenly called away by death. The ways of Providence are mysterious, and it becomes us to be resigned to the divine will. He has gone on before to his rest, having exchanged the cross for the crown. Let us all be ready also, for in an hour when we think not, we may hear the cry, "Behold, the Bridegroom cometh!"

Respectfully submitted,

ISAAC H. REITER, *Chairman.*

The Statistical Report was adopted, and will be found in its place after the regular proceedings.

ARTICLE XIV.

THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

Annual Reports.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

Reverend Fathers and Brethren:

Immediately after the election of the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary by the last annual meeting of Synod, the members convened and organized. The Rev. P. C. Prugh was chosen President; Rev. I. H. Reiter, Secretary; and Rev. D. Winters, Treasurer.

Nothing has occurred during the year to make our report of special interest to the Synod. The professors' salaries have been promptly paid. The property of the Seminary remains, since the last meeting of Synod, unchanged. Through the earnest efforts of our worthy Treasurer, some of the notes and bonds falling due have been collected and judiciously invested; and with the same earnest effort in the future, that has been given to this subject in the past, our Theological Seminary may be kept entirely free from embarrassment.

We would, however, call the attention of Synod to the necessity of completing, as soon as possible, the endowment scheme, so that the burden of keeping the Board free from debt may not continue to rest upon the few charges that have always shown themselves willing to work for our institutions.

The Board feels that too much credit can not be given to its Treasurer for his untiring and efficient efforts in collecting interest on notes, and in urging pastors to the dia-

charge of their duty in lifting special collections for the immediate use of the Seminary.

Respectfully submitted, in behalf of the Board,
P. C. PRUGH, *President.*

TREASURER'S REPORT.

REV. D. WINTERS, TREASURER, *in account with the Theological Seminary of the Synod of Ohio and Adjacent States:*

	Dr.
1868.	
June 6, To cash of Wm. Hawk, interest.....	\$6 00
15, Rev. J. Heffley, of Samuel Crist.....	6 00
21, Rev. J. Rinehart, per Rev. H. Rust, interest.....	12 00
22, " " E. Duttner, interest,.....	6 00
23, Rev. J. B. Shumaker, of A. Darst, interest.....	3 00
26, Rev. H. Knepper, Illinois, interest, from various persons.	21 00
July 6, " " " " " " " " " " " "	12 00
8, U. S. Bonds, interest and premium.....	240 00
15, Rev. H. Knepper, Illinois, interest, from various persons..	6 50
28, L. H. Diehl, Sumnum, Illinois, various persons.....	16 25
29, Rev. H. Knepper, Illinois, various persons, interest.....	7 50
Aug. 27, Rev. D. Winters, col. in Mt. Zion charge.....	36 25
24, S. Hagenbaugh, interest on bond.....	18 00
28, Henry Smith, Astoria, Illinois, int. from various persons.	7 50
Sept. 1, Samuel Wampler, interest.....	3 00
11, Jesse Prugh, interest on bond.....	20 00
11, U. S. Bond, interest.....	15 50
14, Rev. P. C. Prugh, col. in Cæsar's Creek congregation.....	5 00
28, Daniel Thomas, interest, per Leonard.....	6 00
29, Peter Batdorff, interest on bond.....	18 00
Oct. 17, Rev. J. Richards, interest.....	18 00
17, Rev. J. Kuelling, Female Benev. Soc., 1st Ch. Cincinnati	5 00
17, Rev. S. King, New Madison charge, col.....	7 00
17, Rev. J. B. Thompson, col. in Port Jefferson charge.....	4 30
17, Rev. J. M. Lefever, col. in Fairfield.....	1 00
Nov. 11, Rev. N. H. Loose, Shelby charge, from various persons..	21 30
16, Wm. Betz's estate, interest.....	86 00
20, George Spitler, Erie, Mich., interest.....	3 00
Dec. 3, S. H. and D. H. Baughman, interest on bonds.....	36 98
11, Rev. Geo. D. Wolf, Norristown, Pa., interest on bond.....	30 00
26, Rev. D. Winters, of D. H. Prugh, interest.....	5 00
26, " " J. V. Prugh, ".....	3 00
26, " " Wm. Marshall, ".....	3 00
31, Rev. J. H. Good, D. D., col. in 2d Church, Tiffin.....	7 00
1869.	
Jan. 2, U. S. Bond, interest and premium.....	264 00
25, John Zollinger, Forreston, Ill., int. from various persons.	115 00
Feb. 1, Rev. H. Rust, interest on notes.....	60 00
Mar. 1, A. Mast, interest.....	4 00
5, U. S. Bond, interest.....	16 00
5, Rev. D. Winters, interest.....	65 50
9, Rev. W. B. Sandoe, int. from Gindlesperger and Weygant.	5 60
15, W. C. Gross & Bros., Philadelphia, interest.....	30 00
29, J. Zollinger, Ill., interest from various persons.....	17 25
April 8, G. G. Prugh, interest.....	6 00
8, Rev. P. C. Prugh, from Jesse Peterson, interest.....	6 00
12, Rev. Eli Keller, col. in Zion's charge, per H. Rust.....	6 00
12, Rev. L. H. Kefauver, col. in 1st Church, Tiffin.....	14 00
12, Rev. G. W. Willard, D. D., from Miss Sarah Hiving....	6 00

GERMAN REFORMED CHURCH.

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Henry Bates, interest.....	6 00
Rev. J. B. Shumaker, from M. Brenner.....	6 00
S. O. and E. Rixstina, interest on bonds.....	50 00
Interest on snort loan.....	2 50
Rev. W. B. Sandoe, from H. Miller, interest.....	8 00
Jesse Prugh, interest.....	20 00
Rev. J. B. Shumaker, col. in Bethel charge.....	5 00
Rev. L. Rike, col. in Farmersville charge.....	12 00
Rev. P. C. Prugh, col. in Beaver.....	7 50
Rev. G. H. Leonard, Basil.....	10 00
Rev. H. M. Herman, West Alexandria charge.....	7 50
H. Leonard, interest.....	6 00
Jos. Slough.....	6 00
Rev. J. B. Shumaker, from O. Darst.....	3 00
Rev. I. H. Reiter, Miamisburg charge.....	5 00
J. B. Welter, interest.....	10 00
Rev. J. I. Swander, col. in North Hampton charge.....	8 00
Rev. S. B. Leiter, interest.....	12 00
Eld. H. Leonard, interest.....	6 00

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CONTRA.

	Dr.
balance due Treasurer of Synod, at Shelby.....	\$59 31
Cash paid Professor Good, salary.....	500 00
Express charges and stamps.....	3 00
Paid Professor H. Rust, full salary up to May 1, 1869.....	900 00
	<u>\$1462 31</u>
Balance on hand.....	38 62

ENDOWMENT FUND RECEIVED.

	Dr.
On hand.....	\$14 00
J. Hartzell, note.....	100 00
D. Woodring, note.....	50 00
T. Schaffer, note.....	469 00
E. Marion, note.....	25 00
Sarah Wagner, note.....	25 00
Elizabeth Worman, bequest, New Lisbon, Ohio.....	208 00
Wm. Betz, note.....	100 00
I. H. & A. H. Baughman, note.....	134 00

Rev. H. Knepper, from ladies of his congregation, and self..	10 00
E. L. Hamilton, note, per J. Zollinger, Ill.....	75 00
Henry Miller, note, per Rev. W. B. Sandoe.....	100 00

1310 00

INVESTED.

In U. S. Bonds.....	\$164 00
“ “.....	432 00
“ “.....	114 00
“ “.....	500 00
	<u>\$1210 00</u>

On hand.....\$100 00

Respectfully submitted,

D. WINTERA, Treasurer.

REPORT OF BOARD OF VISITORS.

The newly-elected Board of Visitors held a meeting in the college chapel on the 24th of June last. It was organized by electing the Rev. L. H. Kefauver, President, and the Rev. J. B. Shumaker, Secretary.

The Board attended the examinations during the year, which were quite satisfactory. The students are making proficiency in their studies, and are commended by the professors for their diligence, and, for the most part, their Christian deportment.

There have been, during the year, connected with the Seminary twenty students in the various classes, four of whom have been regularly dismissed. For their names and the respective classes they are in, we refer you to the catalogue accompanying this report.

The Seminary faculty adopted a course of studies, as suggested by the Synod at its last annual meeting, which meets the approval of the Board, and we recommend the same to the Synod for adoption.

There have been intimations from some of the theological students that to have but one session during the year, with a long vacation, would be more desirable than the present arrangement. The Board has nothing to suggest on this subject, and refers to it only to bring it to the notice of the Synod, which seems to be the wish of some interested.

Respectfully submitted,

L. H. KEFAUVER, *Pres. of Board.*

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE.

From the papers placed in our hands, we learn that the professors in the Seminary have been faithful in the discharge of their duties, and that the students have made proficiency in their studies, and are, for the most part, commended by the professors for their diligence and Christian deportment.

The number of the students in the Seminary, during the current Synodical year, is twenty, some of whom have already left, and are now engaged in the active duties of the ministry.

By the untiring efforts of the Treasurer, the salaries of the professors have been fully paid, with prospects that, by similar efforts, the same may be done in the future. The prospects for our school of the prophets look more encouraging now than at any former period in its history.

The Synod, at its last annual meeting, suggested a course of studies to the Board, which met their approval, was also

adopted by the Seminary faculty, and is now recommended by the Board to this Synod for adoption.

Resolved, That Synod adopt the course of studies suggested to the Board at its last annual meeting.

S. B. LEITER.

Report adopted.

ARTICLE XIV.

HEIDELBERG COLLEGE.

The documents appertaining to this subject are:

1. REPORT OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

The undersigned present the following report of the state and condition of Heidelberg College in order that the Synod may see how the Board has fulfilled the trust committed to its care. As the collegiate year will not close before the 29th of June, at which time the Board will hold its regular annual meeting and balance its accounts, it will not be possible to give a full statement of the receipts and expenditures for the present year. As these will not vary much from those of last year, we will here state that the receipts of the contingent fund, ending June 24, 1868, were \$3,887 22, whilst the disbursements were \$4,606 47; leaving a balance against the Treasury of \$719 22. This deficiency, it may be proper to state, arose mostly in consequence of the Board having during the year paid a portion of the old debts of the college. It is believed that the deficiency will be mostly, if not altogether, made up during the present year.

The Agent, H. Leonard, has been indefatigable in his work, and has met with encouraging success, as his report to Synod will show. It is a matter of congratulation to the Board, and will doubtless be such also to the Synod, that the financial condition of the college is improving. The endowment has been increased very considerable during the last three years, during which time the Board has met all the current expenses of the institution.

Not wishing to incur any debt the Board has not appointed any additional professors during the year, but has, in connection with the Faculty, employed tutors for the lower classes, which arrangement we are pleased to say has worked well and given general satisfaction. The professors

have willingly performed a very large amount of labor, at low salaries, in view of the comparatively small income of the institution. As soon as the finances will justify, the Board will increase the teaching force, and so relieve the professors of some of their extra labor.

The attendance during the year has been very encouraging, there having been 182 students enrolled, as will be seen by the catalogue which accompanies this report.

It is to be regretted that so many of those who have given notes for the endowment of the college fail to pay the interest accruing thereon. It is in consequence of this that the Board is embarrassed as it is for the want of funds. Were all the interest punctually paid as it becomes due, the college might be made much more efficient. As it is a very large number of students are on scholarships, and a considerable portion of the endowment unproductive, so that the income of the institution is comparatively small, which makes it necessary for the Board to exercise great economy, not to incur any debt. If the Synod could in any way aid the Board in the collection of its dues, scattered all over the Church, it would be very gratifying. Much of the time of the Agent will necessarily be consumed in the collection of the college dues. We ask for him, in his self-denying and laborious work, a cordial welcome.

The Board is also pleased to inform the Synod that a house for the President of the college has been erected during the past year, on the *campus*, well-adapted to the purpose for which it is intended. This has been accomplished wholly by the President of the college, who has, by appeals, and visits in different pastoral charges, raised more than half of the funds necessary for this improvement. The balance will have to be raised hereafter, as the endowment is too small to allow any funds to be taken from it for such purposes. The Board would commend the enterprise to the Synod, with the hope that wherever an effort is made for this desirable purpose a liberal response will be given.

For an account of the operations of the Agent, H. Leonard, the Board refer Synod to the report which he will make, in accordance with his usual custom.

GEO. W. WILLIARD, *Pres. Heid. College.*

N. L. BREWER, *Treasurer.*

2. REPORT OF BOARD OF VISITORS.

The Board of Visitors of Heidelberg College report that it had a meeting at Tiffin in June last, and organized by the election of L. H. Kefauver, President, and T. P. Becker, Several of the members of the Board attended

the examinations of the college. They also made inquiry **into** the morals of the students and their diligence, especially **of** such as were looking forward to the Gospel Ministry.

From the general facts collected, as well as from actual notes made of the examinations, etc., the Board is prepared **to** reiterate its opinion that the College at Tiffin is in a prosperous condition, and the Church has good reason for congratulating herself on the auspicious results flowing from **the** establishment of her literary institutions and the jealous care with which she has fostered them up to this the **time** of their success and usefulness.

Respectfully submitted,
T. P. BUCHER.

3. AGENT'S REPORT.

Another Synodical year having rolled around it devolves upon me once again to report the result of my labors.

This was a year of varied success. I received subscriptions for the college in seven different States during the year. I met many old friends who greeted me kindly, several of whom increased their subscription. One brother had his fifty-dollar note exchanged, or reconstructed, into a three hundred-dollar obligation. Another dear brother, without my soliciting him first to do so, said: "I want to give you *two hundred dollars* in addition to the one hundred paid some time ago, so as to secure a perpetual scholarship."

I have the pleasure now to state that this came to hand while here at this meeting. There seems to be a growing feeling in this direction, that is, to give again.

I am glad to find that the people are growing more and more in favor of Heidelberg College.

I have great reason to be thankful to God for the continued good health which I am blessed with. And my heart feels to rejoice that I have reason to believe that I have the confidence of not only the ministers of the Gospel, but also the membership in general. And I pray God that it may never be said that I have proved untrue to my calling.

May the good Lord keep and preserve me by his Almighty power to go forth in his fear, and enable me to continue in the work assigned me thirteen years ago by the Church.

I traveled, during the year, *five thousand one hundred and seventy-six miles*; of this I traveled one hundred and forty-four miles on foot. Total miles traveled since the 22d day of January, 1857, is *forty-seven thousand nine hundred and forty-four*.

I have three requests to make: *First*, Brethren, remember me in your prayers. *Second*, Let all the ministers add

the college in collecting or urging delinquents to pay their interest promptly. *Third*, Make renewed efforts to get the Church papers into every family. This will greatly aid me in my work.

To collections for immediate use.....	\$ 365 65
" Crumbs from the young people.....	178 51
" Interest received.....	822 95
" Collections of Endowment (old).....	1,250 00
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	\$ 2,617 11
" Endowment notes (new) during the year.....	8,250 00
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	\$10,867 11
Remitted to Treasurer and President Endowments.....	\$1,250 00
Remitted call for immediate use (new).....	345 65
By Notes for immediate use.....	20 00
Remitted interest (old) for immediate use.....	822 95
Traveling expenses during the year.....	268 23
Remitted Endowment notes.....	8,250 00
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	\$10,956 83
Balance due the Agent.....	\$ 89 72

Respectfully submitted,
H. LEONARD.

4. STANDING COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

The Committee on Heidelberg College beg leave to report that they have considered the items contained in the reports of the President and Agent of the College, and the Boards, and are gratified at the result. Though the attendance and the finances did not appear to be in as prosperous a condition as they were at the time of last year's report, still, when the matter was more fully investigated, it was found that there was no material decrease. There has been a smaller attendance in the primary department, but not in the College proper. And as this primary department is dependent upon local patronage and so liable to fluctuation, the Committee consider that this is no evidence of lack of success in the Institution. On the other hand, the attendance in the College proper shows a slight increase over that of last year. And when it is remembered that the last year was one of unprecedented enlargement, it will be gratifying to the friends and patrons of the Institution to learn from this year's report that the increase was not transient, but indicated a healthy and permanent growth. The same is true with respect to the finances. As the fiscal year is not yet closed, it is impossible to forecast what the total receipts will be. But it appears upon comparison that the returns are considerably less at the present time than they were at the meeting of

the last Synod. But as the future financial condition of the Institution must be decided by the new endowments secured each year, there is good ground for encouragement. Through the exertions of the faithful and experienced Agent the endowment has again been increased upward of eight thousand dollars. To obtain this he has traveled far and labored hard, as his report will show. And he has endured many things not set forth in his written statement, which might be sufficient to discourage a less determined and faithful solicitor.

The Committee desire to express their approval of the management of the College as it is set forth in these reports. The College has never, in its previous history, enjoyed the prosperity that it has attained during the past two years. A few more years of earnest effort and the Institution will be placed upon a firm basis, and all doubts in reference to its permanent success will be set aside.

It is to be noted that Heidelberg College is not sustained by the munificence of a few wealthy men; it is the Institution of the Synod and the Classis, and the congregations own the stock. Many hardly-earned and "widows' mites," consecrated by faith and prayer, have, in the main, filled the treasury, and these engage the continued interest of its friends. Still there is more to be done. The President and Agent both request that the Synod lend assistance in collecting the dues scattered all over the Church. And there is still opportunity before the close of the fiscal year to increase the receipts, so that the income may be as great as it was in the year 1868. Therefore, the Committee suggest the following resolutions for adoption:

Resolved, That we indorse the management, and are greatly encouraged at the prospects of our College at Tiffin, and recommend its appeals to the ministers and churches of this Synod.

Resolved, That we extend our thanks to Agent Henry Leonard, and pray for his safety and success; while we will regard his requests in respect to the assistance he needs in his work, and the introduction of the Church papers into every family.

Resolved, That to the best of our ability we will aid in the collection of College dues, and labor for the enlargement of the Endowment Fund.

Respectfully submitted.

D. VAN HORNE; *Chairman.*

Report adopted.

ARTICLE XVI.

EDUCATION.

1. GENERAL REPORT.

The Board of Education called a meeting on the 24th of June, 1868. The following officers were elected: Rev. L. H. Kefauver, President; Rev. S. C. Goss, Secretary; and Prof. R. Good, Treasurer.

There were several meetings of the Board held during the year, for the purpose principally of receiving new applicants, and arranging for the payment of appropriations.

The whole number of beneficiary students that have received aid from the Board during the present year is twenty-three. In addition to this number, three more have been added recently that have not yet received assistance. And if the means could be had, the list of beneficiary students might be greatly increased. The Board has been compelled to turn a deaf ear to some applications that have been made.

The Treasurer's Report that accompanies this will give a statement of the finances of the Board.

In the aggregate, the amount received during the year is	\$1,426 22
Amount paid out	1,858 23
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Balance due Treasurer last year	\$433 01
	93 82
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Whole amount due Treasurer	\$525 83

At the close of the present college session, which will take place in the latter part of June next, \$600 more will be required in order to meet the appropriations. Unless the Church comes up to the help of the Board, its work must be necessarily limited to a smaller sphere of usefulness than at present. The Synod should take such measures as will not only relieve the Board of its embarrassment, arising from a depleted treasury, but also place at its disposal the means by which to enable it to take under its care other indigent young men that have the ministry in view.

Respectfully submitted,

L. H. KEFAUVER,

President of Board of Education.

2. TREASURER'S REPORT.

R. GOOD, TREASURER, in account with the Board of Education of the Synod of Ohio and Adjacent States.

		Dr.
1868.		
June.—	To amount received as follows:	
	Rev. N. H. Loose, Shelby charge.....	\$ 10 00
	Rev. E. Keller, Zion, \$6 00; Salem, \$3 37.....	9 37
	Rev. G. Kahlen, per Dr. H. J. Rutenick.....	13 94
	Rev. J. Riale, Tipton charge, Iowa.....	8 00
	Rev. H. Williard, Werner's Church.....	6 60
July.—	To Rev. J. Klingler, Upper Sandusky.....	10 00
	Rev. J. Kuhn, Salem.....	9 04
	Rev. L. H. Kefauver, First Church, Tiffin.....	11 50
	Rev. D. Winters, Mt. Zion's charge.....	36 25
	Rev. C. M. Heilman.....	101 00
	Rev. J. May.....	5 00
	Rev. J. C. Klar, Richville, Stark County.....	5 00
Aug.—	To Rev. E. Keller, St Paul's.....	11 50
	Rev. E. Benzing, Cleveland.....	8 00
Sept.—	To Rev. J. Heller, Tarlton charge.....	15 00
	Rev. C. W. Hoyman, Somerset charge.....	50 00
	Mrs. Sandau.....	5 00
	Dr. J. H. Good, 2d charge Tiffin and Jacobs.....	12 60
Oct.—	To Rev. J. Leibert, Fremont.....	10 00
	Rev. J. Kuelling, First Cincinnati.....	5 00
	Rev. J. Richards, St. Paul's.....	10 00
	Rev. N. H. Loose.....	3 00
	Mrs. A. Reichenbacher.....	1 00
Nov.—	To Rev. J. Heffley, Winchester charge.....	20 00
	Rev. S. B. Yockey, Kinnickinnick charge.....	5 00
	Rev. J. W. Alspach, Stoutsville.....	10 00
	Rev. J. Heneman, Beaver.....	7 00
	Rev. S. King.....	5 00
	Rev. G. W. Williard, Central.....	5 00
	A Widow.....	3 00
	Rev. D. Kemmerer, Treasurer St. John's Clasais.....	21 00
	Rev. J. Klingler, Upper Sandusky.....	10 00
	Sandusky Classis.....	60 00
	Rev. J. C. Klar.....	16 00
	A Friend, per Rev. J. C. Klar.....	15 00
	Mrs. Mary Giesy.....	5 00
Dec.—	To Rev. Geo H. Leonard, Union charge.....	10 00
	Rev. J. Heffley.....	5 80
	Rev. W. B. Sandoe, Canal Fulton.....	13 00
	Rev. J. I. Swander.....	10 00
	Mrs. R. Good.....	3 00
1869.		
Jan.—	To Ladies' Society, Second Reformed Church, Dayton.....	16 00
	Dr. Williard, Fort Seneca.....	5 55
	Mrs. P. Orzman.....	2 00
	Miss Susan Keller.....	5 00
	Rev. L. H. Kefauver, First Church Tiffin.....	14 28
	A Friend.....	65 35
	Dr. C. Geiger.....	5 00
	Joseph Isenberg, McConnellstown Congregation.....	10 00
	A Friend, Miamisburg.....	5 00
	A Layman of Pennsylvania.....	40 00
	Rev. J. Winter, Crestline.....	3 00

	Dr.
1869.	
Jan.—To Rev. J. F. Dieckman, Baseline Congregation.....	\$ 4 10
Rev. A. S. Vaughan, Third Church, York.....	16 35
Feb.—To G. M. Shumaker, Indians.....	2 00
Rev. William McCaughey, Covington, Ohio.....	5 00
A Friend.....	75 00
Rev. E. Keller, Salem Congregation.....	10 25
Rev. H. Rust and Dr. Williard.....	10 00
Dr. John E. Fackler, Webster, Darke County.....	5 00
Rev. C. Schaaf, Sandusky.....	5 00
Jacob Kuhn, Shelby.....	5 00
Rev. J. Vogt, Delaware.....	40 00
Rev. G. Kuhler.....	10 35
Rev. S. Shaw, Mohicanville.....	5 00
Rev. George H. Leonard, Basil.....	25 00
Rev. T. H. Winters, Treasurer Sandusky Classis.....	25 00
Wilson Lindsay.....	5 00
Rev. J. G. Ruhl, Mission Society, Findley.....	5 00
Rev. S. C. Goss, N. Union charge.....	5 00
G. L. Poland, Indiana.....	3 00
Rev. J. Kuelling, First Church, Cincinnati.....	24 00
Mar.—To A Friend.....	5 00
Rev. F. Strassner, Lancaster.....	3 60
Rev. J. B. Shumaker, Bethel.....	15 00
Mrs. C. Sandau, per Rev. J. Kuelling.....	10 00
Rev. G. W. Williard, contribution.....	34 00
Rev. T. P. Bucher.....	5 00
Sarah M. Wolf, Lancaster, Pa.....	2 00
Rev. F. Moyer, deceased.....	31 00
Rev. J. H. Reiter, Springboro Congregation.....	24 00
Rev. I. Hoffman, Carrollton.....	7 00
April—To Miss S. A. Hivling, Xenia, Ohio.....	5 00
A Friend of the Cause.....	5 00
Rev. H. M. Herman, West Alexandria.....	7 00
Amount collected by C. G. A. Hulhorst in the Thompson charge.....	44 50
Rev. C. W. Hoyman, Somerset charge.....	27 00
Philip Orzman, per Prof. Keller.....	2 00
Amount collected by J. H. Carson in Fairfield charge.....	23 00
Nicholas Reis, per Professor Rust.....	50 00
Dr. Williard, collection at Fort Seneca.....	5 60
Rev. J. Kuhn, Berwick.....	6 60
Error in Rev. J. Kuelling's collection, June 8, 1868.....	5 53
Rev. G. M. Allbright, New Lisbon.....	5 00
Rev. J. F. Dieckman.....	5 00
Rev. S. B. Yockey, Kinnickinnick charge.....	10 00
Rev. G. H. Leonard, Basil charge.....	25 00
Rev. C. W. Hoyman, interest on money loaned.....	19 50
Rev. I. H. Reiter, collection in Miamisburg charge.....	15 00
Rev. L. M. Kerschner, Bloom Center charge.....	3 70
Rev. P. C. Prugh, Caesar's Creek charge.....	7 40
Total collections.....	\$1,440 87
Amount borrowed from Permanent Fund.....	325 00
Interest and premiums from same.....	65 95
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	\$1,831 82
Balance due Treasurer, May 21.....	190 23
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	\$1,952 05

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1888. By balance due the Treasurer, June 2.....	\$ 93 83
Amount paid Beneficiaries.....	1,853 00
Amount paid for Postal Orders.....	1 50
Amount paid for Postage and Government Stamps.....	3 73
	\$1,952 05

Respectfully submitted,
R. Good, *Treasurer*.

The report adopted item by item.

3. REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE.

The Committee on Education respectfully report:

That the only documents placed in their hands are the reports of the President, Rev. L. H. Kefauver, and the Treasurer, Rev. R. Good, of the Board of Education. From the former it appears that the Board has had twenty-three young men under its care during the year, and has recently taken three more, making the present number twenty-six; that the want of funds has prevented the Board from receiving other young men who would give their attention to the ministry, if they could be assisted in their preparation for the work; and that about \$600 will be necessary to meet the obligations of the Board at the end of the present collegiate year.

From the report of the Treasurer we learn that the receipts of the Treasury for this special object during the year from collections and individual contributions, were \$1,440 87, which although a larger amount than usual, is not sufficient to meet the obligations of the Board.

From these statements, although in some respects encouraging, it is apparent that the Church is not sufficiently awake to the importance of the cause of beneficiary education. The great scarcity of ministers in view of the vast territory and wants of the Church gives special importance to this department of benevolent operation; for should we fail to raise up a ministry in the course of a few years to supply our many vacant charges, together with the vast missionary field that stretches out before us, the Church will necessarily suffer serious loss. Hence new interest should be awakened in this cause, and the means provided for the support of every pious indigent young man that is willing to give himself to the work of preaching the Gospel. The Church is doubtless able to provide the means if only all will do their duty. The reason why we fall so far short in our funds for this object, is because there are so many members and congregations that do nothing for it. It is certainly *and to be under the necessity of reporting such*

dereliction of duty on the part of some of our old and established charges for several years in succession. This is not as it should be, and requires the special attention of Synod, so that measures may be adopted, if possible, to enlist the interest and liberality of our people generally. If we could only secure an average contribution of fifty cents from each member, within the bounds of this Synod, the Board would be enabled to enlarge its operations greatly, and might thus soon provide a ministry adequate to our wants.

Your Committee would, in view of these things, recommend the following resolutions:

Resolved, 1. That this Synod indorse the course of the Board in its management of the educational interests of the Church during the past year.

2. That we continue our efforts and prayers that the great Head of the Church may incline the heart of many more of our pious, indigent young men to devote themselves to the ministry.

3. That the different Classes be requested to take such action at their approaching annual meetings as will be calculated to create a more general interest in reference to this cause, and give all our people by some feasible plan an opportunity to contribute to this object, so that the necessary funds be provided to enable the Board to enlarge its operations.

4. That the report of the Treasurer of the Board be incorporated in the proceedings of Synod, so that those who have given to this object may see that their contributions have been properly applied.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE W. WILLIARD, *Chairman*.

The report was adopted item by item.

ARTICLE XVII.

MISSIONS.

The Committee on Missions respectfully report:

That no documents came in our hands, but in consideration of the present condition of our work of Home Missions we would offer the following preamble and resolutions:

WHEREAS, The work of Home Missions is of vital importance to our Reformed Church, and requires all our strength and energy; and whereas, we know from published statements of the Treasurer of the General Board of Home Missions that the present contributions of our membership do not meet its urgent wants; therefore,

Resolved, That we instruct the different Classes of this Synod to take such measures at their next annual meetings as will tend to awaken a more lively spirit for this cause, and secure such material aid to it as will raise the work above its present crippled condition.

Resolved, That we would especially remind each individual minister of the Church that by virtue of his office and position in the Church he ought

to feel himself morally bound to do all in his power to assist the General Board, in whose judgment and operations we have full confidence, to carry on this great work in the most successful manner.

JOHN KUELL NG, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE XVIII.

PUBLICATION.

1. REPORT OF THE BOARD.

The Board of Publication appointed by the last Synod have transacted no special business during the past year. But a single meeting was held, at which only three members were present, viz: Rev. S. Mease, Elders A. H. Baughman and V. C. Tidball. From a report of the Editor of the *Christian World*, Rev. T. P. Bucher, the following facts respecting the paper were gathered: Its total circulation amounts to 4,472, which is a gain over last year of 254 subscribers. In the early part of the year there were some falling off in subscriptions. The controversies existing at the time occupying so large a space in the paper exerted an unfavorable influence upon its circulation. But the present prospects are not discouraging. Since the opening of the year 1869 the number of new subscribers is in handsome excess of the number of discontinuances.

The greatest drawback upon that prosperity to which the *Christian World* is justly entitled, by reason of its vigorous editorial management, is the slowness with which subscriptions are paid. A larger amount of outstanding subscriptions remain on the books this year than last. The price of the paper is so small that there ought to be much greater promptness in payment. The Board are of opinion that if an arrangement were made whereby every minister became a regular agent of the paper, not only for extending its circulation, but also for collecting and forwarding the money of old subscribers, receiving a stipulated compensation therefor, it would result to the benefit of the publisher, be much more equitable than the premium system, and increase the usefulness of the paper to the Church. That the *Christian World* is a power for good in our Western Zion is felt by all who read its well-filled and instructive columns.

Respectfully submitted,

V. C. TIDBALL, *Chairman.*

CINCINNATI, May 18, 1869.

2. REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE.

The Annual Report of the Board of Publication, which is hereby appended and made a part of this report, presents some encouraging features.

The total circulation of the *Christian World* amounts to 4,472, being a gain of 254 over the number of subscribers of last year. The publisher manifests great energy and industry, and really publishes a very handsome sheet, and deserves great credit for having been able to place our Church paper upon a permanent basis, under such comparatively unfavorable circumstances and surroundings.

The Board of Publication are of opinion that the Publication Cause could be materially aided by some system of appointing the ministers agents in their respective fields, as a substitute for the present plan of premiums. If some good and practical plan could be devised by the Board, your Committee believe that it would meet the general approbation of the Church.

The Committee are of opinion that the time has fully come when the Ohio Synod should make a decided advance in its general publication interests and enterprises. There seems to be no good reason why the profits of the publication of the hymn-books and catechisms used in the Western Church should not inure to the benefit of the Western Synod instead of to the Eastern Synod exclusively, as has been the case for more than thirty years. We think the measure is one of such obvious justice that the Eastern Synod, if requested, would readily give its consent to the publication of these works by the Western Board of Publication.

We recommend, therefore, the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, 1. That the Eastern Synod be requested, through the General Synod, to give to this Synod the right to publish or republish the hymn-books and catechisms in general use in the Church.

Resolved, 2. That the Board of Publication, including the Editor of the *World*, be authorized, whenever they deem the step judicious, to commence collecting funds, according to such plan as they may deem judicious, for a permanent Publication Fund; and to appoint an agent or agents for the collection of the same.

Resolved, 3. That we renewedly commend the *Christian World* to the confidence and support of the Classes and the members of the Church.

Resolved, 4. That the Editor be instructed to make the paper, as far as possible, a positive power for the inculcation and defense of the true, historical faith of the Reformed Church.

Resolved, 5. That the Board of Publication be authorized to mature and put in operation some plan for the appointment of pastors and others as agents of the publications of the Western Church.

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. Good, *Chairman*.

The report was adopted item by item.

It was resolved in this connection that a Committee of three be appointed to draw up a Constitution for the Board of Publication, covering its advanced movements, and report the same at the next meeting of Synod. The Committee called for consists of J. H. Good, D. D., T. P. Bucher and V. C. Tidball, Esq.

ARTICLE XIX.

FINANCE.

The following report was received from the Treasurer of Synod, and referred to the Committee on Finance:

1. TREASURER'S REPORT.

J. H. GOOD, TREASURER, *in account with the Synod of Ohio and Adjacent States :*

	Dr.
To balance in the treasury, June 5, 1868.....	\$ 55 44

The amounts received from June 5, 1868, to May 17, 1869, from the several Classes, are as follows:

MIAMI CLASSIS.

Minutes of Synod, 1867.....	\$ 4 60
Permanent apportionment, 1867.....	40 50
English Minutes, 1868.....	28 80
German " ".....	2 40

LANCASTER CLASSIS.

Permanent apportionment, 1867.....	19 50
" " 1868.....	21 00
English Minutes, 1868.....	12 50
German " ".....	2 10

WESTMORELAND CLASSIS.

English Minutes, 1868.....	29 50
German " ".....	5 25
Permanent apportionment, 1869.....	28 50

SANDUSKY CLASSIS.

On account, by T. W. Chapman, Treasurer.....	20 00
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TIFFIN CLASSIS.

Permanent apportionment, 1867.....	18 50
English Minutes, 1868.....	10 00
German " ".....	2 00

SYNOD OF THE

ST. JOHN'S CLASSIS.

Permanent apportionment, 1867.....	\$ 37	50
“ “ “ 1868.....	37	50
English Minutes, 1868.....	15	20
German “ “.....	26	80

IOWA CLASSIS.

Permanent apportionment, 1867.....	6	00
“ “ “ 1868.....	7	50
English Minutes, 1868.....	2	00
German “ “.....	1	00

SHEBOYGAN CLASSIS.

From Rev. J. T. Kluge, for Milwaukee Classis.....	4	50
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ERIE CLASSIS.

Permanent apportionment, 1866.....	13	50
Minutes of Synod, 1866.....	8	00

ILLINOIS CLASSIS.

Permanent apportionment, 1867.....	9	00
General Synod's apportionment, 1866.....	9	00
Minutes of Synod.....	3	60

Total..... \$475 89

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By amount paid, from June 5, 1868, to May 17, 1869, as follows:

	Dr.	Cr.
Rev. I. H. Reiter, traveling expenses to Synod at Ft. Wayne.....	\$ 10	00
Rev. T. P. Bucher, for printing Certificates.....	1	09
“ “ “ “ Tickets at Synod of Shelby.....	1	50
Paid Sexton at Synod of Shelby.....	8	50
Rev. J. H. Buser, half of traveling expenses to Synod.....	18	00
V. C. Tidball, printing English Minutes of Synod of 1868.....	153	00
Express charges on money from Lancaster Classis.....		75
Rev. Dr. Rutenik, printing German Minutes of 1868, and translating the same.....	121	12
Treasurer, for Stationery and Postage.....	5	00
J. H. Good, for expenses, Express charges, Stationery and Postage, as member of the Liturgical Committee for three years.....	15	00
Dr. G. W. Williard, Stated Clerk fees, \$25 00; Traveling expenses and Stationery, \$5 00.....	30	00
Balance in the Treasury.....	111	93
Total.....	\$475	89

INDEBTEDNESS TO SYNOD.

The several Classes named in the following statement are still in arrears to Synod, as follows:

ILLINOIS CLASSIS.

Permanent appropriation, 1868.....	\$ 15	00
English Minutes, 1868.....	5	50
German “ “.....	2	20

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ST. JOHN'S CLASSIS.

Balance on German Minutes..... \$ 34 10

MIAMI CLASSIS.

Minutes of Synod, 1866..... 6 00
Balance on Minutes, 1867..... 5 40

SANDUSKY CLASSIS.

Permanent apportionment, 1867..... 18 00
" " 1868..... 25 50
Minutes of Synod, 1867..... 18 90
English Minutes, 1868..... 21 00
German " " 10 35
(Less \$20, advanced by T. W. Chapman, Esq.)

TIFFIN CLASSIS.

Permanent apportionment, 1868..... 16 50

SHEBOYGAN CLASSIS.

Permanent apportionment, 1866, balance..... 10 50

Total..... \$188 95

The Treasurer would recommend that this last item, viz: the balance of \$10 50 due from the Old Sheboygan Classis, and in dispute between the Classes formed out of it, be presented as a donation to the Mission House at Howard's Grove, Wisconsin. Respectfully submitted,

J. H. GOOD,
Treasurer of Synod.

2. STANDING COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

The Committee on Finance beg leave to report that they have carefully examined the report of the Treasurer of Synod, and find it correct, and would therefore recommend its adoption.

From this report it appears there are only \$111 73 in the Treasury, and there is still due the Synod from different Classes, \$188 95.

In view of this delinquency, therefore be it

Resolved, That the delinquent Classes be requested to pay their dues at their earliest convenience.

The Committee also recommend the adoption of the recommendation of the Treasurer, and the attention of the parties concerned be called to this action,

Respectfully submitted,
O. E. LAKE, *Chairman.*

Adopted.

ARTICLE XX.

ELECTIONS.

The Committee on Nominations reported through its Chairman, Rev. F. Strassner, according to rule of Synod. The report was received and adopted, and the election held, with the following result:

Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary.—Revs. D. Van Horne, I. H. Reiter, D. Winters; Messrs. Benj. Kuhns, A. H. Baughman, G. G. Prugh, Lewis Keller.

Board of Trustees of Heidelberg College.—Revs. I. H. Reiter, G. W. Williard, D. D., G. Z. Mechling; Messrs. Benj. Kuhns, W. L. Snyder, J. Treon, M. D.

The following are the members of the Board holding over:

For three years.—Rev. L. H. Kefauver, J. H. Good, D. D.; Messrs. N. L. Brewer, E. Swander, Warren P. Noble and G. P. Williard, M. D.

For two years.—Messrs. L. Schriver, L. Baltzell, William Barrick, J. Bunn; Professor H. Rust and Rev. S. Mease.

For one year.—Revs. P. C. Prugh, T. P. Bucher, N. H. Loose, J. McConnell; Messrs. W. E. Schmertz and A. H. Baughman.

Board of Visitors of Heidelberg College.—Revs. T. P. Bucher, S. May, N. H. Loose, L. H. Kefauver; Mr. S. C. Crumbaugh.

Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary.—Revs. H. Williard, L. H. Kefauver, J. M. Le Fever, T. P. Bucher, J. B. Shumaker.

Board of Education.—Revs. R. Good, G. W. Williard, L. H. Kefauver, S. C. Goss, J. Vogt.

Board of Publication.—Revs. S. Mease, G. Z. Mechling; Messrs. V. C. Tidball, A. H. Baughman and B. Kuhns.

ARTICLE XXI.

COMPLAINTS.

Rev. J. Riale gave notice of his intention to complain to the General Synod of the non-admission of Rev. C. Cort as a member of this body, and of the manner in which his case was disposed of.

Rev. J. Riale also gave notice, in another paper of similar import, of his intention to complain to the General Synod of the action of this body in Rev. C. Cort's case.

The President took from his table the following paper, bearing the date of May 24, 1869, and presented it to Synod:

The undersigned, having given notice to the Synod of Ohio and Adjacent States, at its morning session in Delaware, Ohio, on the 21st of May, 1869, that they would complain to the General Synod against the action in the matter of the indefinite postponement of a motion to correct the Minutes of the preceding day by inserting the following words: "The President, with the acquiescence of Synod, decided that the Rev. C. Cort could not be recognized as a member of this body until after hearing an appeal from the action of the Iowa Classis, of which notice had been given in an informal way;" also that "Rev. C. Cort gave notice of his intention to appeal from that decision to the General Synod," would respectfully submit the following as the reasons of their complaint:

1. This action of Synod violates Articles 26, 65 and 75 of the Constitution of the German Reformed Church.
2. This action of Synod served to embarrass, if not prevent, the Rev. C. Cort from bringing up the matter of his appeal to the General Synod in the regular way provided for in the Constitution. See Articles 29, 30, 36 and 37.

JOHN I. SWANDER,
CYRUS CORT,
D. S. FOUSE,
J. RIALE.

This paper was referred to a Special Committee, which subsequently made the following report, which was adopted:

The Special Committee to whom was referred the notice

of Complaint of Rev. John I. Swander and others, would report that certain facts are therein incorrectly stated.

1. In the process of organizing the Synod of Ohio and Adjacent States, some member announced that Rev. Cyrus Cort, from the Classis of Iowa, was present. Whereupon Rev. John Rettig, a member of Iowa Classis, arose and objected to the enrollment of his name, on the ground that an *appeal* from the act of the Classis receiving him was at Synod, and that the same had been already published officially in the *Christian World*, and appeared in the Minutes of the Classis (and was seen by the President of this Synod before his decision). Thereupon the President ruled that "the Rev. Cyrus Cort could not take a seat as a regular member until after the decision of Synod in respect to the appeal."

2. Thereupon the Rev. Cyrus Cort announced that he would appeal from that decision to the *General Synod*. The President ruled that this appeal was out of order, at this stage of the proceedings, on the ground—1. That it was irregular to take an appeal from the decision of a President of a Synod to the General Synod, without first having taken an appeal from such a decision of the Synod; and, 2. That the Rev. Cyrus Cort was not a member of this Synod. The Stated Clerk, therefore, did not record the appeal.

3. With reference to the complaint, notice of which is said to have been given on the 21st of May, 1869, your Committee are of opinion that no such notice of complaint was given, although something may have been said about an appeal, but not to any definite or positive form or shape.

4. The name of Rev. Cyrus Cort appears among the signers of the document containing the complaint. The Synod has repeatedly decided that Rev. Cyrus Cort is not a member of this body. This additional effort to act as a member is regarded as not respectful to the proper authority of this Synod. The fact that his name is allowed to stand on the document is not to be taken as a recognition of his right to a seat.

Respectfully submitted,

ISAAC REITER,
J. H. GOOD,
J. E. YOUNG.

All matters belonging to appeals and complaints were referred to the Committee appointed to defend the action of this Synod at the General Synod.

ARTICLE XXII.

MISCELLANEOUS.

1. SPECIAL PAPERS.

The following paper was sent up to the President's table by Rev. Dr. Merrick, President of the Ohio Wesleyan University at Delaware:

FRIDAY MORNING, May 21, 1869.

Rev. S. MEASE:

Rev. and Dear Bro:—I take great pleasure in extending to you, and the body over which you preside, our earnest and Christian salutation. May the great Head of the Church be with you, and guide you in all your deliberations and devotions.

Should the convention, or any of the members of it, desire to visit our library and cabinet hall, it will afford us pleasure to open them at such time as you may be pleased to designate.

Truly yours in behalf of the Faculty,
F. MERRICK, *President.*

Synod responded to the invitation by resolving to visit University Hall in a body at 3 o'clock on Saturday afternoon.

2. RESOLUTIONS.

NEW CLASSES.—*Resolved*, That so soon as the constitutional requirements can be met, the ministerial brethren residing and laboring within the State of Missouri be authorized to organize a *Classis of Missouri*; and that the ministerial brethren residing within the State of Kansas be authorized to organize a *Classis of Kansas*.

Resolved, That until such organizations be effected, the ministers residing and laboring within the States of Missouri and Kansas be directed to connect themselves with the *Classis of Iowa*.

LANGUAGE.—*Resolved*, That upon more mature consideration, we recede from our action of last year, uniting with the Northwestern Synod in a request to the General Synod respecting the division of Classes according to language.

COMPLIMENTARY.—**WHEREAS**, Rev. G. W. Williard, D. D., for many years the Stated Clerk of this Synod, was, by his own request, relieved from office; therefore,

Resolved, That we, as a Synod, return our most sincere thanks to the retiring Stated Clerk for the able and Christian manner in which he so long conducted the arduous duties of that laborious and trying position.

MINUTES.—The Stated Clerk was authorized to have 1,300 English and 700 German copies of the Minutes of Synod published.

THANKS.—*Resolved*, That we, as a Synod, return our sincere thanks to the citizens of Delaware for their kindness and hospitality in entertaining this body, and that the *pastor loci* be requested to read this resolution at his next appointment.

Resolved, That we, as a Synod, return our thanks to the *Cincinnati, Columbus and Cleveland*, and the *Columbus, Chicago and Indiana Central*, and *Little Miami Railroads*, for their favor in returning members of Synod over their roads at half-fare rates.

ORDERS.—The Treasurer was instructed to pay the printing of tickets, the sexton of the church for services rendered, and the traveling expenses of the delegate to the Eastern Synod.

ABSENCES.—The Committee on Leave of Absence, through Rev. J. Heffley, Chairman, reported those who were excused, and on motion the Committee was discharged.

ARTICLE XXIII.

CLOSE AND ADJOURNMENT.

Tiffin, Ohio, having been selected as the place for the next annual meeting of Synod, and the last Thursday in June, A. D. 1870, at 9 o'clock A. M., as the time; it was

Resolved, That we adjourn to meet at the above time and place.

The Minutes were read and approved; the roll called and none of the members found absent without excuse.

The Synod closed with singing and prayer, and the Apostolic Benediction by the President.

S. MEASE, *President*.

T. P. BUCHER, *Stated Clerk*.

Official copy from the original Minutes.

T. P. BUCHER, *Stated Clerk*.

STATISTICAL REPORTS—MIAMI CLASSIS

MINISTER'S NAMES.	No. Congreg.	NAMES OF CHARGES.	No. unconfirm ed Members.	No. Confirmed Members	No. Communi cant Members	Baptisms.....	Confirmations.	Rec. by Letter.	Dismissals.....	Excom.....	Deaths.....	Sunday Sch'l's.	Sunday School Scholars.....	Contributions for Benevolence.	Eng. Minutes.	Ger. Minutes..	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
D. Winters.....	4	Mt Zion.....	300	475	460	42	30	11	10	1	5	5	275	\$ 385 00	30	15	Dayton.....Ohio.
P. C. Prugh.....	2	Xenia.....	100	300	180	13	27	7	10	1	8	2	309	291 10	15	15	Xenia.....Ohio.
F. C. Prugh.....	1	Cesar's Creek.....	35	50	42	2	2	2	2	1	1	1	15	30 10	10	10	Dayton.....Ohio.
J. B. Shumaker.....	3	Bethel.....	130	165	150	11	8	4	1	1	3	3	50	60 00	10	10	Dayton.....Ohio.
I. H. Reller.....	3	Miamisburg.....	170	230	230	36	21	16	6	2	3	3	310	89 61	25	25	Miamisburg.....Ohio.
G. Z. Meehling.....	3	Seven Mile.....	63	78	70	6	2	2	2	1	4	2	62	1064 73	15	15	Seven Mile.....Ohio.
G. Z. Meehling (Sup)	1	Millville.....	103	87	85	9	5	3	2	1	5	3	165	598 30	10	10	West Alexandria.....Ohio.
H. M. Herman.....	3	West Alexandria.....	98	265	320	16	16	1	1	1	5	3	350	314 00	30	30	Dayton.....Ohio.
D. Van Horne.....	1	First Church, Dayton.....	100	184	145	6	3	6	2	3	1	1	140	931 93	10	10	Dayton.....Ohio.
O. J. Accola.....	1	Second Church, Dayton.....	153	183	155	15	6	33	6	2	4	1	130	418 00	10	10	Cincinnati.....Ohio.
J. Kuehling.....	1	First Church, Cincinnati.....	230	320	280	23	16	25	17	3	16	1	340	68 00	15	15	Cincinnati.....Ohio.
E. Mease.....	1	Second Church, Cincinnati.....	47	90	84	14	4	5	1	1	1	1	200	339 68	10	10	Cincinnati.....Ohio.
C. Sauer.....	3	First Church, Covington, Ky.....	335	635	633	114	32	43	5	11	1	1	109	37 60	10	10	Covington.....Kentucky.
H. Getzendanner.....	1	Union.....	104	171	167	25	18	25	12	5	1	2	150	40 00	10	10	North Hampton.....Ohio.
J. I. Swander.....	2	St. Paris.....	80	130	130	37	12	13	4	2	4	2	180	75 00	10	10	St. Paris.....Ohio.
J. Richards.....	2	Fairfield.....	180	250	300	16	30	30	10	5	7	2	290	56 00	15	15	Fairfield.....Ohio.
J. M. Le Fever.....	2	Germanstown.....	87	175	137	10	13	1	1	1	3	2	100	13 13	10	10	West Alexandria.....Ohio.
L. Rike (Sup).....	1	Bear Creek.....	6	98	87	10	3	1	1	1	1	1	80	15 30	10	10	Sidney.....Ohio.
L. Weaver.....	1	Salom.....	31	30	30	5	3	1	1	1	1	1	98	11 85	10	10	Sidney.....Ohio.
J. B. Thompson.....	3	Port Jefferson.....	166	167	15	17	11	3	1	1	2	1	80	15 30	10	10	Greenville.....Ohio.
Wm. McCaughey.....	1	Greenville.....	32	32	32	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	98	11 85	10	10	Greenville.....Ohio.
Wm. McCaughey (Sup).....	1	Covington, Ohio.....	85	913	180	41	58	1	3	4	4	4	280	91 30	40	40	Hill Grove.....Ohio.
J. Stuck.....	3	New Madison.....	50	150	148	10	3	2	1	1	3	3	154	23 00	10	10	Astoria.....Illinois.
J. King.....	2	HIGHLAND.....	75	120	60	8	6	1	1	1	2	2	80	23 00	10	10	Lebanon.....Ohio.
H. Hachart.....	2	Brown County.....	105	142	115	32	6	1	1	1	5	1	60	41 30	23	23	Cincinnati.....Ohio.
H. F. Mueller.....	2	Editor Christian World.....	3736	5291	4730	560	350	264	97	57	95	53	4054	\$4136 23	285	39	
T. F. Bucher.....	1																
Total.....	62																

WITHOUT CHARGE.—J. Pence, Tremont, Ohio; S. K. Denius, Germanstown, Ohio; C. Berents, Grandview, Ohio; E. F. Loeders, Lafayette, Indiana; J. Scott, Piqua, Ohio; F. Wall (dismissed), Greenville, Pennsylvania.

LANCASTER CLASSIS.

NAMES OF PASTORS.	NAMES OF CHARGES.	No. Congregations	Unconfirmed Members	Confirmed Members	Communicants	Baptisms	Confirmations	By Letter	Dismissed	Excommunicated.	Deaths.	Sunday Schools	Sunday School Scholars	Benevolent Contributions	Eng. Minutes	Ger. Minutes	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.	
H. Willard	Lancaster (supply)	2	200	160	100	18	14	12	2		4	2	200	\$75 00	12		Lancaster Ohio.	
J. Vogt	Delaware.	1	141	226		11	10	14	3	3	5	1	115	202 00		5	Delaware "	
J. W. Hoyman	Somerset	4	302	303	281	20	15	10			2	3	275	402 00	25		Somerset "	
J. Hefly	Winchester	4	215	202	202	31	5	4	6		3	3	250	123 00	15		Canal Winchester. "	
J. H. Leonard	Basil	2	80	182	176	25	22	10	2	1	4	2	275	147 00	25	5	Basil "	
G. Heller	Tarlton	3	127	127	127	17	39	3	5	3	3	3	100	49 75	10		Tarlton "	
J. B. Yockey	Kinnickinnick	3	100	74	5	5	3	1			2	2	133		12		Kingston "	
S. Strasser	Union Charge.	3	95	130	120		6	4		4	5	1	30	57 98	8		Baltimore "	
F. W. Alspach	Stoutsville	1	78	56	43	3					2	1	116	75 50		2	Stoutsville "	
J. C. Henneman	Beaver	1	94	104	101	16	8		2		2	2					Beavertown. "	
J. C. Dieckman	Ironton.	1	95	95	5	9					1	1					Ironton. "	
F. King	Jerusalem, etc. (supply)	2															East Rushville "	
H. S. Rickli	Without Charge.																Columbus. "	
S. D. Schory	Without Charge.																Lancaster. "	
S. D. McConnell	Union Congregation.		23	24	24						1	1	40				Corydon Ind.	
Cent.	Circleville Mission.	2	60	65	40	6	4						45	40 00	10			
			1168	1787	1193	161	126	43	35	7	34	22	1579	\$1179 23	117	12		

WESTMORELAND CLASSIS.

NAMES OF MINISTERS.	NAMES OF CHARGES.	No. Congreg.	Unconfirmed Members	Confirmed Members	Communicants	Baptisms	Confirmations	By Letter	Dismissed	Excom.	Deaths	Sunday Schools	Sunday Scholars	Benevolent Contributions.	Eng. Minutes	Ger. Minutes	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
N. P. Baerke, D. D.	4 First Greensburg	4	*530	600	520	75	30				25			\$ 364 14			Greensburg, Pa.
H. E. F. Voigt.	Without charge				4												Mt. Pleasant
R. Knepper	5 Wellersburg	5	230	231	159	43	7	5	8		7	3		72 30	12		Wellersburg
F. K. Levan	Mrs. Bishop	2		158	134	21		1			1	1	45	208 47	10		Latrobe
C. C. Russell	2 St. Luke's	2	130	200	185	37	19	5	5		1	4	150	391 00	12		Somerset
G. H. Johnston	4 Somerset	4	190	203	187	28	12	21	3		2	2	203	418 50	13		Greensburg
T. J. Barkley	2 Second Greensburg	2	120	210	190	19	14	1	3		9	2	100	344 72	12		Mt. Pleasant
J. A. Peters	4 Mt. Pleasant	4	127	129	90	8	17	8	3		3	1	100	917 27	6		Pittsburg
J. H. Wagner	1 Grace Church	1	240	267	210	27	17				6	1		415 25	15		Sipesville
A. J. Heller	4 Beams'	4	30	45	26	2					2	1		25 00	4		Mt. Pleasant
J. H. Sykes	1 Zahner's Cong	1	314	355	270	26	18	3	1		3	2		535 80	12		Berlin
Wm. Rupp	4 Berlin	4	130	207	148	42	36	11	4		4	2	230	244 00	10		Apollo
T. F. Stauffer	2 St. James	2	341	327	302	41	30	23	3		3	3	281	335 50	20		Salem X Roads
J. F. Snyder	3 Salem	3									2	1	40	43 15	10		Cumberland
A. Wanner	1 Cumberland Miss	1	25	40	35	4	2				2	2		1087 00	10		Elklick
A. B. Koplin	2 Paradise	2	125	224	193	12	32	12			3	2	60	57 05	4		Latrobe
H. F. Keener	3 La. and Johnston	3	45	88	72	11	10	2			2	2		24 10			Irwin Station
Sup. by B. Knepper	2 Southampton	2	117	67	48	23	33	6	1		2	6					
Sup. by L. B. Leasure	6 Stoystown	6	200	140	36	10	69				1						
Sup. by C. C. Russell	2 Lig. Val. Miss	2	64	67							1						
Sup. by A. Wanner	2 Frostburg	2	165	200				13			2						
Total		54	3038	3228	2549	321	274	183	45	2	50	33	1619	\$5520 75	157	10	

*From Minutes of last year. WITHOUT CHANGE.—H. W. Super, Kutztown, Pa, and E. D. Shoemaker, Altoona, Pa.

SANDUSKY CLASSIS.

NAMES OF MINISTERS.	NAMES OF CHARGES.	No. Congreg.	Unconfirmed Members.	Confirmed Members.	Communicants	Baptisms	Confirmations	By Letter	Dismissed	Excommunicated.	Deaths	Sunday Schools	Sunday Scholars.	Benevolent Contributions.	Eng. Minutes	Ger. Minutes	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.		
S. B. Leiter	3 Union.	3	242	194	160	10	10	12	2		1	3	150	\$ 67 80	10 10	Wadsworth	Ohio.		
T. J. Seiple	3 Bristol*	3	260	250	200	11	10	12			10	2	150	1159 34	18 20	Marshallville	"		
T. H. Loose	3 Shelby	3	105	186	168	20	17	2	2		2	3	200	104 91	15 3	Shelby	"		
N. H. Winters	4 East Union	4	130	230	230	13	56	78	2	3	3	3	200	50 12		Nimissella	"		
T. Shaw	3 Mohicanville	3	34	122	109	11	6	8	4	23	4	1		81 21	15	Mohicanville.	"		
S. C. Klar.	1 Charity.	1	39	38	30	2	2	2	1		1	1		155 55	10	Navarre	"		
J. C. Goss	4 North Union	4	49	166	155	19	28	22	13	2	1	4		133 70	10	Wadsworth.	"		
S. E. Shepler.	4 Navarre	4	75	75	75	8	30	20			1	3		98 09	4	Navarre.	"		
J. A. Miller.	1 Jefferson.	1	110	99	4	1	12				3	1		34 00	10	Germano.	"		
M. A. Hale	2 Summit	2	80	175	172	10	4	20	2		4	2		20 00	20	Lake	"		
Vacant	1 Akron.	1	57	64	59	9	1	3			1	1	90	234 92	6	Akron	"		
J. R. Coffman	2 Carrollton.	2	167	162	95	3	3				3	3	100	40 00	15	Carrollton	"		
Vacant	4 Shenandoah	4	30	140	135	5	16				3	3	250	27 00	15	Ashland	"		
Vacant	4 Polk.	4	40	120	100	5	20	2			10	3	400	86 60	20	Navarre	"		
Vacant	4 Tuscarawas	4	192	226	226	15	16	2	2		1	2	100	38 05	15	Reedsburg.	"		
Vacant	3 Reedsburg.	3	20	100	100	5	5	2			2	2				McKnightstown	Pa.		
J. M. Mickle	Without charge.																Carrollton	Ohio.	
Thomas Ferrell	"																Akron	"	
Jeese Hines	"																	"	"
Total.		46	1278	2363	2161	152	215	181	26	41	39	37	1550	\$2465 54	188 33				

Total. Last year's report.

TIFFIN CLASSIS.

NAMES OF MINISTERS.	No. Congregations	NAMES OF CHARGES.	Unconfirmed Members	Confirmed Members	Communicants	Baptisms	Confirmations	Received by Letter.	Dismissed	Excommunicated	Deaths	Sunday Schools.	Sunday Scholars	Benevolent Contributions	English Minutes	German Minutes	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
L. H. Kefauver	1	First Tiffin	162	224	205	18	11	15	3		4	2	210	\$149	87	15	Tiffin, Ohio.
J. G. Ruhl	3	Findlay	148	198	100	15	13	17			2	1	204	49	39	5	Findlay
J. H. Good, D. D.	2	Second Tiffin	230	205	190	38	50	31	15		5	1	206	175	95	10	Tiffin
J. May	4	Heidelberg	196	196	160	50	39	20			1	2	60	40	36	15	Findlay
J. Kuhn	4	Berwick	200	200	175												Berwick
R. Good		Prof. in Heidel. College.															Tiffin
H. Rust		Prof. in Theol. Sem															"
W. W. Williard, D. D.	1	Fort Seneca	30	60	50	3	2				1	1	120	15	00	10	"
G. Witzgall	2	Napoleon		44	40												"
N. L. Kessler	3	Liberty Center		120	100	12		2			4						"
S. Tendick		Invalid															"
	2	Fostoria		130	100	17	5	6									"
Total	22		966	1307	1120	153	120	81	18		17	7	590	\$445	57	54	7

ILLINOIS CLASSIS.

NAMES OF MINISTERS.	NAMES OF CHARGES.	No. Congreg.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
Vacant	3 Cedarville	3	
H. Knepper	2 Orangeville	110	Orangeville.....Ill.
C. Knepper	1 Foreston	150	Foreston....." "
O. E. Lake	3 Shelbyville	391	Shelbyville....." "
William Gilpin	2 Mt. Zion	83	Macon....." "
J. Kercher	3 Washburn	206	Lena....." "
J. Sechler	2 Kent, etc.	25	Hickory Creek....." "
H. F. Long	2 Hickory Creek	35	
Vacant	3 Astoria	93	
Vacant	1 Freeport	10	
F. A. Edmunds	Without charge		Forreston....." "
J. P. Decker	Superannuated		Freeport....." "
H. Aurnand	Without charge		Warren....." "
P. H. Kroh	No report		
George Weber	Missionary		Sterling....." "
Total		754	

VI.

IOWA CLASSIS.

F. C. Bauman	3 Harmony	176	Zwingle.....Iowa.
J. Riide	3 Tipton	54	Clifton....." "
J. H. Buser	4 Clifton	167	Central City....." "
D. S. Foush	2 Boulder	67	Wheatland....." "
J. Rettig	1 Wheatland	75	Dubuque....." "
George Rettig	1 Dubuque	70	Blairtown....." "
G. Cort		25	
Vacant	2 Oskaaloosa	512	
Total		691	

Ger. Minutes.	18	12	12
Eng. Minutes.	15	12	12
Benevolent Contributions.	\$ 10 30	\$ 85 60	\$ 10 10
Sunday Scholars	80	125	60
Sunday Schools	3	2	2
Deaths	1	2	1
Excom.	1	1	1
Dismissed	1	1	1
By Letter	12	16	12
Confirmations	17	28	12
Baptisms	12	30	12
Communit's.	36	42	30
Confirmed Members	96	87	97
Un-confirmed Members	18	754	807

Ger. Minutes.	10	10	12
Eng. Minutes.	10	10	10
Benevolent Contributions.	\$ 60 10	\$ 475 10	\$ 475 10
Sunday Scholars	10	125	60
Sunday Schools	2	2	2
Deaths	2	2	2
Excom.	2	2	2
Dismissed	2	2	2
By Letter	16	16	12
Confirmations	16	28	12
Baptisms	16	30	12
Communit's.	16	42	30
Confirmed Members	145	87	97
Un-confirmed Members	176	754	807

NAMES OF MINISTERS.	No. Congreg.	NAMES OF CHARGES.	Unconfirmed Members.	Confirmed Members.	Communicants.	Baptisms.	Confirmations.	By Letter.	Dismissed.	Excom.	Deaths.	Sunday Schools.	Sunday Scholars.	Benevolent Contributions.	Eng. Minutes.	Ger. Minutes.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
J. W. Hamm	3	Manchester.	76	300	271	26	1	3	1		14	3		\$ 67 00	10	15	Nimistilla, Ohio.
J. H. De.r.	4	Wooster.	237	400	315	30	12	5	1		5	2	180	100 00	40	40	Wooster.
J. Herbruck	3	Canton.	500	710	81	30	53	4			16	3	160	187 00	16	40	Canton.
G. Zelgier	4	Georgetown.	350	435	43	52	34				10	1	210	133 17	10	30	Paris.
J. G. Zahner, D. D.	3	New Philadelphia.	250	290	26	24					10	1	80	37 50	8	25	New Philadelphia.
J. Ackeret	1	Millersburg.	250	239	43						14	1	8	8 80	1	5	Millersburg.
C. Zwissler	2	Canfield.	90	268	20	22	10				4	1		16 00	15	10	Canfield.
C. M. Albright.	4	New Lisbon.	115	175	150	24	25	12			7	3	300	108 00	20	10	New Lisbon.
J. Reinhart.	5	Mt. Olivek.	300	347	330	56	29	7			24	4		101 00	30	20	Youngstown.
A. Miller.	4	Uniontown.	120	140	120	24	13				4	3		28 30	10	5	Columbiana, Col. Co.
G. Geckler.	3	Evangellal.	120	140	120	24	13				4	3		40 50	10	25	Lake Stark Co.
J. H. K. Grether	3	Phillipsburg.	305	365	365	53	27				15	2	205	64 50	10	30	Warren, Trumb. Co.
H. K. Zink	3	Rogersville.	175	175	175	20	24				5	2	108	41 00		10	Stone Ck., Tus. Co.
K. Korthauer	2	St. John's.	85	46	83	33	46	108	2		3	1	85	10 00		30	Rogersville, Tus. Co.
K. Schilper.	2	Springfield.	211	223	146	24	7	108	2		3	1	85	10 00		20	Mansillon.
J. Natlie.	1	Shanesville.	126	165	146	43	24				1	1		125 00		10	Lima, Stark Co.
J. Hannaberry	1	1st. Ger. Ref. Church, Akron	150	155	155	18	11	2			5	2	85	5 00	2	20	Petersburg.
J. Baumgartner	1	Kan. and Mo. Misson.	150	155	155	18	11	2			5	2	85	5 00	2	20	Shanesville, Tus. Co.
J. Berry	1	Oreville	150	155	155	18	11	2			5	2	85	5 00	2	20	Akron, Summit Co.
J. Kemmerer	2	St. Paul's.	150	155	155	18	11	2			5	2	85	5 00	2	20	1 Wathena, Kansas.
D. W. Henning	1	Walnut Creek.	150	155	155	18	11	2			5	2	85	5 00	2	20	Wooster, Ohio.
Vacant	1	Mt. Eaton Fr. Cong.	250	250	70	6					3	1	35	9 50		20	Canton.
Vacant	1	Mt. Eaton, German									3	1	35	9 50		20	Mt. Eaton, Wayne.
Vacant	1	Youngstown									3	1	35	9 50		20	
Vacant	1	New Bedford, German									3	1	35	9 50		20	
Vacant	1										3	1	35	9 50		20	
Total	60		2130	4433	4507	622	434	147	15	7	128	44	1585	\$1446 12	195	434	

* without charge.

STATISTICAL SUMMARY.

NAMES OF CLASSES.	Number of Ministers	Congregations..	Members un-confirmed..	Members Confirmed	Communicants.	Baptisms.....	Confirmations..	Rec. by Letter..	Dismissals	Excommunica-tions	Deaths	Sunday Schools	Sunday Scholars	Benevolent Contributions..	Eng. Minutes...	Ger. Minutes...
Miami	28	62	2726	5291	4720	560	350	264	97	57	95	52	4054	\$ 4126	23	39
Lancaster.....	15	23	1168	1787	1193	161	126	43	35	7	34	22	1579	1172	23	12
Westmoreland	19	54	3038	3228	2549	321	274	183	45	2	50	33	1619	5520	75	10
Sandusky.....	14	46	1278	2363	2181	152	215	181	26	41	39	37	1550	2465	54	33
Tiffin.....	11	22	976	1247	1070	141	120	78	18	.....	17	7	590	445	57	7
St. John's.....	24	60	2130	4433	4507	662	424	147	15	7	182	44	1586	1446	12	195
Illinois.....	12	26	754	807	660	42	21	30	12	.....	17	19	925	222	09	12
Iowa.....	7	15	512	661	503	77	69	39	.....	.....	2	12	475	476	10	32
Total, 8 Classes...	130	308	12582	19815	17383	2116	1599	965	248	114	436	236	12378	\$15874	63	1040
CLASS OF THE NORTHWEST	89	159	6194	9357	7512	1041	435	657	147	45	310	83	2726	5190	27	
TOTAL OF TWO SYNODS	219	467	18776	29172	24895	3157	2034	1622	395	159	746	319	15104	\$21064	90	
CLASS OF NORTH AMERICA	286	706	50391	86087	71046	8765	4738	1543	873	17	2675	691	31239	63744	38	
SYNODS	505	1173	69167	115259	95941	11922	6772	3168	1268	176	3421	1010	46443	\$84809	18	

Forty-Seventh Annual Sessions.

ACTS AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

SYNOD

OF THE

REFORMED CHURCH

OF

Ohio and Adjacent States,

AT

TIFFIN, OHIO, JUNE 30, 1870.

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ACTS AND PROCEEDINGS

Of the Synod of the Reformed Church of Ohio and Adjacent States, which convened in the First Reformed Church at Tiffin, Ohio, on Thursday, June 30th, at nine o'clock in the morning, in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Seventy, and closed its sessions on the following Monday evening, at eleven o'clock.

ARTICLE I.

OPENING OF SYNOD.

The sessions of Synod were opened with appropriate religious services, after which, in the absence of the Stated Clerk, the Rev. Isaac H. Reiter was appointed Stated Clerk *pro tem.*, and the roll of delegates was made out. The synodical sermon, by order of Synod, was preached on the evening of the first day of the sessions by the President, the Rev. Samuel Mease, from 2 Thessalonians i. 10: "*When he shall come to be glorified in his saints, and to be admired in all them that believe (because our testimony among you was believed) in that day.*"

ARTICLE II.

MEMBERS PRESENT.

MIAMI CLASSIS.

Revs. David Winters, D. D., Joseph B. Shumaker, David Van Horne, Isaac H. Reiter, Peter C. Prugh and Samuel Mease.¹

Elders.—Andrew H. Baughman and Benjamin Kuhns.

¹His seat was occupied during the sessions of the second and third day, by Rev. J. M. Le Fever, *regular secundus.*

LANCASTER CLASSIS.

Rev. Jos. V. Alspach, Frederick Strassner and Samuel

S. ~~LUKEY.~~

~~Mr. Henry Leonard.~~

TUSCARAWAS CLASSIS.

Rev. ~~Samuel C. Jones~~ and Samuel Shaw.¹

~~Mr. James Holman~~ and Thomas W. Chapman.²

TIFFIN CLASSIS.

Rev. ~~Prof. Reuben Good~~, J. G. Ruhl³ and George W. ~~Village, J. D.~~

~~Mr.~~ Philip Fry.⁵ Thomas Swander⁴ and Frederick ~~Smith.~~

ST. JOHN'S CLASSIS.

Rev. Christopher Schiller, Frederick Schaad and Her- ~~man Korthauer.~~

~~Mr.~~ John Zimmerman.

ILLINOIS CLASSIS.

Rev. Orange E. Lake.

IOWA CLASSIS.

Rev. John H. Buser, John Rettig⁸ and Augustus Blotsch.

EASTERN OHIO CLASSIS.

Rev. George M. Albright⁹ and Gottlieb Ziegler.¹⁰

~~Mr.~~ Henry Brinker¹¹ and Jacob Greenameier.

~~He~~ obtained leave of absence on the afternoon of the last day of the sessions.

~~He~~ took his seat on the evening of the last day of the sessions.

~~His~~ seat was occupied at different times during the sessions, by Rev. Dr. J. H.

~~the~~ delegate secundus.

~~He~~ took his seat at the opening of the afternoon session, of the first day of the

~~He~~ obtained leave of absence during the afternoon of the last day of the sessions.

~~He~~ took his seat at the opening of the afternoon session of the first day of the

~~He~~ and obtained leave of absence during the afternoon of the last day of the

~~He~~ took his seat on the morning of the second day of the sessions.

~~His~~ seat was occupied during a part of the last day of the sessions, by Rev. C.

~~the~~ delegate secundus.

~~He~~ obtained leave of absence on the evening of the last day of the sessions.

~~He~~ took his seat on the third day, and obtained leave of absence on the afternoon

~~the~~ last day of the sessions.

~~He~~ obtained leave of absence on the evening of the last day of the sessions.

MEMBERS FROM CORRESPONDING BODIES.

FROM THE NORTH-WESTERN SYNOD.

Rev. Eli Keller.

ADVISORY MEMBERS PRESENT.

FROM THE SYNOD OF OHIO, ETC.

Miami Classis.—Revs. Henry M. Herman, Fred. Wm. Berleman, Jacob M. Le Fever and Joseph B. Thompson.

Lancaster Classis.—Revs. Henry Williard, Charles W. Hoyman and Frederick R. Dieckman.

Tiffin Classis.—Revs. Prof. Herman Rust, Dr. J. H. Good, Wm. H. Fenneman and Lewis H. Kefauver.

Tuscarawas Classis.—Revs. Nathaniel H. Loose and W. A. Hale.

St. John's Classis.—Revs. Jacob Spoerri and Joshua H. Derr.

Iowa Classis.—Revs. Joshua Riale and Carl G. Ziph.

Eastern Ohio.—Rev. James Reinhart.

FROM THE NORTH-WESTERN SYNOD.

St. Joseph's Classis.—Revs. Daniel Lantz, Henry Wiegandt, Henry Bair and Edward D. Miller.

Heidelberg Classis—Revs. John D. Gehring and John F. H. Dieckman.

Erie Classis.—Revs. Charles Schaaf and John B. Zumpe.

FROM THE SYNOD OF THE UNITED STATES.

Virginia Classis.—Rev. Hiram Shaull.

MINISTERS FROM OTHER CHURCHES.

Rev. John M. Ferris, D. D., Reformed Church in America.
 Rev. W. H. Seely, Methodist Episcopal Church.
 Rev. J. C. Ogle, Protestant Methodist Church.
 Rev. J. C. Goodlin, Evangelical Lutheran Church.
 Rev. R. B. Moore, Presbyterian Church.

ARTICLE III.

THE ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

REV. REUBEN GOOD, Tiffin, O., was chosen *President*.
 REV. ISAAC H. REITER, Miamisburg, O., *Stated Clerk*.
 REV. PETER C. PRUGH, Xenia, O., *Cor. Secretary*.
 REV. J. H. GOOD, D. D., Tiffin, O., *Treasurer*.

ARTICLE IV.

RULES OF SYNOD.

The Rules of Order adopted by the Synod were observed in the transaction of its business. The reading of the Minutes of the last Synod was dispensed with, and they were referred to the Committee on Synodical Minutes. The President defined the bar of the house. The following hours were fixed upon for opening and closing the sessions of Synod:

The *Morning Sessions* to open at 8½, and to close at 11½ o'clock; and the *Afternoon Sessions* to open at 2, and to close at 5 o'clock.

ARTICLE V.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

The following Standing Committees were appointed by the President:

On Religious Services.—Revs. S. B. Yockey, Prof. H. Rust, L. H. Kefauver, and Elder A. H. Baughman.

On Minutes of Synod.—Revs. I. H. Reiter, O. E. Lake, J. Reinhart, and Elder J. James Hofman.

On Minutes of Classes.—Revs. S. C. Goss, Dr. J. H. Good, F. Strassner, and Elder John Zimmerman.

On Overtures.—Revs. D. Van Horne, P. C. Prugh, H. Williard, and Elder Philip Fry.

On Examination, Licensure, and Ordination.—Revs. D. Winters, D. D., D. Van Horne, and Elder Henry Leonard.

On the State of Religion and Statistical Reports.—Revs. S. Mease, G. M. Albright, and Elder Henry Brinker.

On Theological Seminary.—Revs. F. Strassner, Dr. G. W. Williard, S. Shaw, L. H. Kefauver, and Elder Jacob Greenameier.

On Heidelberg College.—Revs. Dr. J. H. Good, F. Strassner, W. H. Fenneman, and Elder A. H. Baughman.

On Education.—Revs. O. E. Lake, Dr. G. W. Williard, C. Schiller, and Elder Jacob Greenameier.

On Missions.—Revs. P. C. Prugh, O. E. Lake, Prof. H. Rust, and Elder Philip Fry.

On Finance.—Revs. J. W. Alspach, F. Schaad, and Elder H. Leonard.

On Nominations.—Revs. S. Shaw, F. Schaad, and Elder Philip Fry.

On Publication.—Revs. J. B. Shumaker, I. H. Reiter, Dr. G. W. Williard, and A. H. Baughman.

ARTICLE VI.

COMMUNICATIONS.

1. The Minutes of the Synod of Ohio, of the North-Western Synod, of the Synod of the United States, and of the General Synod, were received and referred to the Committee on the Minutes of Synod.

2. The Minutes of the Classes of Miami, Lancaster, Tuscarawas, Tiffin, St. John's, Illinois, Iowa and East Ohio, were received and referred to the Committee on the Minutes of

Classes, and their several reports on Religion and Statistics to the Committee on the State of Religion.

3. Sundry communications, designed for Synod, were referred to the Committee on Overtures.

4. The reports of all the different Boards of this Synod were received and referred to their respective Standing Committees.

ARTICLE VII.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES.

The following religious services were observed during the sessions of Synod :

1. The sessions of each day were opened and closed with religious services.

2. The Committee on Religious Services submitted the following report, which was received, amended and adopted:

Your Committee would recommend the following appointments :

1st. Reformed Church.—Rev. D. Winters, D. D., Saturday afternoon; Rev. J. Reinhart, Saturday evening; Rev. D. Van Horne, Sunday morning; Rev. P. C. Prugh, and Elder H. Leonard, Sabbath-school, Sunday evening.

2d. Reformed Church.—Rev. F. W. Berleman, Thursday evening; Rev. C. Schaaf, Friday evening; Rev. C. Schiller, Saturday afternoon; Rev. J. G. Ruhl, Saturday evening; Rev. F. Strassner, Sunday morning; Rev. F. Schaad, Sunday evening.

Meth. E. Church.—Rev. C. W. Hoyman, Sunday morning; Rev. E. Herbruch, Sunday evening.

Presbyterian Church.—Rev. I. H. Reiter, Sunday morning; Rev. S. C. Goss, Sunday evening.

Prot. Meth. Church.—Rev. J. M. Le Fever, Sunday morning; Rev. J. Riale, Sunday evening.

Court-House Yard.—Rev. P. C. Prugh, Sunday afternoon.

Evan. Lutheran Church.—Rev. O. E. Lake, Sunday morning; J. H. Buser, Sunday evening.

United Evan. Church.—Rev. J. Spoerri, Sunday morning.

Respectfully submitted,

S. B. YOCKEY, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE VIII.

MINUTES OF SYNOD.

The Committee on Synodical Minutes submitted their re-

port, which was received, and disposed of item by item ; and is as follows :

The Committee on Synodical Minutes would report the following items, as claiming the attention of the Synod, namely :

MINUTES OF THE SYNOD OF OHIO, ETC.

Item 1. Page 10. Is the continuation of the Committee on the Students' Home.

Item 2. Page 10. Is the continuation of the Directors of the Invalid Fund.

Item 3. Page 11. The officers of Synod, in connection with those of the North-Western Synod, were authorized to make out a call to Rev. J. H. Good, D. D., Professor elect in the Theological Seminary.

Item 4. Page 21. Is the appointment of a Committee, consisting of Revs. J. H. Good, D. D., G. W. Williard, D. D., and I. H. Reiter, to defend the action of this Synod in the case of the appeals of Rev. Geo. Rettig, and others, from the action of Iowa Classis, before the General Synod.

Item 5. Page 21. Is the postponement of further action on the appeals of Rev. Geo. Rettig and others, until the present meeting of this Synod.

Item 6. Page 38. The different Classes are requested to take such action, as will advance the true interest of the Beneficiary Cause.

Item 7. Page 38. The several Classes are instructed to adopt measures for the better promotion and the more successful operation of the cause of Home Missions.

Item 8. Page 40. The Board of Publication, including the Editor of the "Christian World," is authorized to commence collections for a permanent Publication Fund.

Item 9. Page 40. The Board of Publication is authorized to mature and put in operation some plan for the appointment of pastors and others as agents of the publications of the Western Church.

Item 10. Page 41. Is the appointment of a Committee consisting of Revs. Dr. J. H. Good, T. P. Bucher, and V. C.

Tidball, Esq., to draw up a Constitution for the Board of Publication.

Item 11. Page 46. Matters of appeals and complaints, having reference to the Iowa Classis case, were referred to the Committee appointed to defend the action of this Synod at the General Synod.

Item 12. Page 48. The Stated Clerk was authorized to have 1,300 English and 700 German copies of the Minutes of Synod published.

MINUTES OF THE NORTH-WESTERN SYNOD.

Minutes of 1869.

Item 13. Page 16. Is the confirmation of the election of Rev. J. H. Good, D. D., as Professor in the Theological Seminary at Tiffin.

Item 14. Page 16. Is the appointment of the officers of the North-Western Synod, in connection with the officers of the Synod of Ohio, to make out a call to Rev. J. H. Good, D. D., Professor elect in the Theological Seminary at Tiffin.

Item 15. Page 16. Is the appointment of a Committee, consisting of Revs. Eli Keller and Martin Mueller, to unite with a similar Committee of the Synod of Ohio, in the inauguration of Rev. J. H. Good, D. D., as Professor of Dogmatic and Practical Theology in the Theological Seminary at Tiffin.

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL SYNOD FOR 1869.

Item 16. Page 19. The next triennial meeting of the General Synod is to be held in the First Reformed Church, Cincinnati, Ohio, Nov. 27, 1872, at 8 o'clock P. M.

Item 17. Page 44. The amount of \$500.00, for current expenses of the General Synod, was apportioned to the Synod of Ohio.

Item 18. Page 45. Is the action respecting the omission of the word "*German*" from the official title of the Church, and the official announcement of the consequent change of the title of the Church, from the German Reformed, to that of "*The Reformed Church in the United States.*"

Item 19. Page 65. Permission is given by the General

Synod, to the Synod of Ohio, to insert in its Liturgy a selection of hymns and chants.

Item 20. Page 92. Is the action of the General Synod, in regard to the Ohio Synod's request to the Eastern Synod, through the General Synod, to give it the right to publish or republish the hymn books and catechisms in use in the Church, declining to accede to the request.

Respectfully submitted,

ISAAC H. REITER, *Chairman.*

The disposition of the report item by item is as follows :

Item 1. The Committee on the *Students' Home* submitted the following report, which was received and adopted :

When we presented our last report to the Synod of Delaware, about a year ago, it was our sincere hope that during the past year not only the debt then resting on this Institution would be removed, but that we should be enabled, by additional contributions, to make preparations for the erection of the main building. But in this expectation we have been sadly disappointed. The notes which we had obtained in 1867, and which were all due on the first of Sept., 1869, are still unpaid, notwithstanding the repeated efforts to have them collected. Not being able to visit the different contributors in their distant homes, I sent the notes to a ministerial brother, a warm friend of the Home, who had given me the promise that he would cheerfully collect them, thinking that it would be easy for him to do so, because they were of small amounts, and were given by reliable Christian men. But the scarcity of money has been so great in that region of the country, that he has thus far collected only about \$50, and has assured me in several letters, that nothing more could be done before harvest, but he confidently hopes that after harvest the good friends will soon fulfill their promises.

A collecting trip during our last summer's vacation resulted in the collection of \$79.50. Financially the Institution stands now as follows :

Balance of Debt, 1869.....	\$627 19
To cash to Mrs. Hunter, in full for the Lot.....	851 20
“ “ Interest, from Sept. 4, 1868, to June 25, 1870..	61 65
“ “ to Taxes, Traveling expenses, etc.....	56 29

\$1596 33

Receipts.

By Cash collections.....	\$146 00
“ “ from Produce and Rent.....	85 75
“ “ “ Notes paid.....	80 00
“ “ “ Good Friend.....	760 00
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	\$1071 75
Balance of Debt.....	\$524 58

A robbery at the Post-office at Bellefontain, has deprived the Students' Home of \$25, sent by Mr. John Shultz.

The Home has been in active operation during the past year, having been occupied by eleven young men last fall and winter, four of whom have entered the ministry at the beginning of the spring session of the Theological Seminary.

With the help of God we will try to liquidate the debt before another meeting of the Synod takes place.

Respectfully submitted,
H. RUST.

Item 2. The Directors of the Invalid Fund reported. The report was received and adopted ; and is as follows :

The Board of Directors representing the Synod of Ohio and Adjacent States, of the Invalid Fund for Disabled Ministers, beg leave to report as follows: Our report is substantially the same as offered to the Synod of the North-West at its late annual meeting.

I. The money invested in certain grape lands in the town of Huron, O., as a home for disabled ministers of the Reformed Church, has proven to be a sad failure, for the following reasons :

1st. The moneys required to make it a success were not furnished as promptly as they should have been.

2d. Additional expenses had to be incurred. (a) A new street had to be opened through the land. (b) Railroad bonds, given by the corporation of Huron, had to be canceled, and we had to bear our part. (c) The old house being in a dilapidated condition, a new one had to be built. Heavy interest on the remaining debt largely consumed the principal.

II. In order to meet the pressing claims of our creditors, we were compelled to sell a portion of the land, for which

we received \$550 cash. This sale is valid only on the conditions that the Synods interested give it their sanction.

III. A debt of about five hundred dollars is still resting on the property, which could be sold now for eight hundred dollars. If the present year will be a successful one in the grape culture, as appearances now indicate, we may realize more than this amount.

Your Board of Directors would ask the sanction of the sale already affected, and also permission to sell the balance of the property as soon as, in our judgment, we deem it advisable. This has been granted by the North-Western Synod as we have learned through one of the members of the Board representing her interests.

Respectfully submitted,
L. H. KEFAUVER,
in behalf of Board of Invalid Fund.

On motion, the Directors of the Invalid Fund were continued.

Item 3. Adopted.

Item 4.

The Committee called for under this item presented the following report, which was received and adopted:

The Committee appointed to defend the action of the Synod of Ohio and Adjacent States before the General Synod at Philadelphia, in the matter of the appeal of Rev. G. H. Johnson and others, beg leave to report:

That the General Synod postponed all the cases of appeal and complaint, and therefore the services of your Committee were not required at that time.

Respectfully submitted,
J. H. Good, *Chairman.*

On motion, the Committee, consisting of Revs. J. H. Good D. D., G. W. Williard, D. D., and I. H. Reiter, was continued.

Item 5. On motion, the further action on this item was postponed until the General Synod shall dispose of the item on which this depends.

Item 6. Referred to the Committee on Minutes of Classis.

Item 7. Referred to the same Committee.

Item 8. Laid on the table until the Board of Publication reports.

Item 9. Laid on the table until the same Board reports.

Item 10. The Committee called for under this item submitted their report, which was received and referred to a Committee of five, consisting of Revs. Dr. G. W. Williard, H. Kortheuer, S. Mease, J. M. Le Fever, and Elder A. H. Baughman.

Item 11. Attended to.

Item 12. Attended to.

Item 13. Adopted.

Item 14. Adopted.

Item 15. Adopted.

On motion, Revs. Samuel Mease and David Winters, D. D., were appointed a Committee to unite with the Committee of the North-Western Synod in the inauguration of Rev. J. H. Good, D. D., as Professor of Dogmatic and Practical Theology in the Theological Seminary at Tiffin, during the meeting of this Synod.

Item 16. Adopted.

Item 17. Adopted, and referred to the Committee on Finance, with instructions to apportion the said amount of \$500 among the several Classes.

Item 18. Adopted.

In this connection the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed to report a title for this Synod, more in accordance with its geographical character than the one by which it is at present known.

The Committee consists of Revs. P. C. Prugh, Dr. G. W. Williard, J. Reinhart, and Elders A. H. Baughman and Philip Fry.

This Committee subsequently submitted the following report, which was received and its adoption moved:

The Committee appointed to report on the change of the name of our Synod, would report for adoption the following resolution:

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed to procure from the Legislature of the State of Ohio, the following change in the title of this Synod, namely: from that of "The Synod of the Reformed Church of Ohio and Adjacent States,"* to "*The Ohio Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States.*"

Respectfully submitted,
P. C. PRUGH, *Chairman.*

After some discussion, it was, on motion,

Resolved, That further action on the foregoing report be indefinitely postponed.

ARTICLE IX.

MINUTES OF CLASSES.

The Committee on Minutes of Classes submitted their report, which was received and disposed of item by item; and is as follows:

I. REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MINUTES OF CLASSES.

Your Committee to whom were referred the Minutes of Classes, beg leave to report as follows:

I. IRREGULARITIES.

1. St. John's Classis omits the names of absentees from a special meeting.

**Note.*—This title, namely: "*The Synod of the Reformed Church of Ohio and Adjacent States,*" is not the proper corporate title of this Synod, as assumed here, and as perpetuated in the Minutes since the year 1842. The correct corporate title as established by the Synod itself in the adoption of its Constitution in 1832 and in 1838, and also by the amended Charter obtained from the Ohio Legislature in 1839 (and never annulled or repealed by any subsequent action of the Synod or of the Legislature), is: "*The (German) Reformed Synod of Ohio, and the Congregations in connection with it in other States.*" This title would have been adopted in the preparation of the present Minutes, if it had not been thought that such a resumption of it, without some formal synodical action, would call forth the charge of captiousness or unwarranted authority. This subject of title and incorporation merits the earnest attention of the Synod at its next meeting.

Stated Clerk.

2. The same Classis does not separate minutes from the minute book.
3. Iowa Classis fails to have its minutes appear under proper heads.
4. Illinois and Eastern Ohio Classes fail to furnish their reports on the State of Religion and Statistics, separate from minutes of Classis.

II. REQUESTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS.

1. Eastern Ohio Classis requests Synod to order the headings of the statistical tables, in the German minutes, be printed in the German language.

2. Illinois Classis requests Synod to constitute its territory into two Classes, to be called the Northern Illinois and the Southern Illinois Classes—the boundary line between them to run directly east and west through Blomington. And that if said changes be effected, Synod appoint a President for each. That Northern Illinois Classis meet at Foreston, Ogle County, Illinois, October 4th, 1870, at 7 o'clock P. M. And that the Southern Classis meet in Sum-

mum, Fulton County, Illinois, the time to be fixed by Synod.

3. St. John's Classis requests the formation of a Classis including the brethren in Missouri and Kansas, and that Synod name the same.

III. SUBJECTS REFERRED TO CLASSES.

1. Lancaster and Tiffin and Eastern Ohio Classes comply with Synod's request regarding the circulation of the "Christian World."

2. Eastern Ohio Classis complies with Synod's request regarding the subject of Missions and Beneficiary Education.

3. Illinois Classis complies with Synod's request regarding the subject of Missions.

4. The same Classis acknowledges its indebtedness to Synod and instructs the Treasurer to pay.

5. Iowa Classis accedes to Synod's request in reference to Missions.

6. Same Classis recommends the "Christian World" and "Evangelist."

RECEPTIONS AND DISMISSIONS.

1. Tiffin Classis licensed to the gospel ministry E. Herbruck, Alfred Houtz, Henry Wegert, H. A. Keyser, Harvey Wilson, H. H. Sandoe, Aaron Spangler and Jacob Spoerri.

2. The same Classis received Rev. D. Kroh from St. Joseph Classis of the North-Western Synod, and Rev. W. H. Fenneman from Heidelberg Classis.

The same Classis dismissed Licentiate E. Herbruck to Tuscarawas Classis; Rev. S. N. L. Kessler to Indiana Classis; Licentiate J. Spoerri to St. John's Classis; Licentiate A. Houtz to East Susquehanna Classis, Eastern Synod; Rev. J. Kuhn to Iowa Classis; Licentiate H. A. Keyser to Lebanon Classis; and Licentiate Aaron Spangler to Zion's Classis.

4. Lancaster Classis dismissed Rev. John McConnell to the Indiana Classis, North-Western Synod.

5. Eastern Ohio Classis received Rev. L. B. Perkins from United Brethren Church; received from the same body, the licentiate, J. Meckley, and ordained him to the gospel ministry. The licentiate, Isaac A. Sites, from Tiffin Classis, and ordained him to the gospel ministry.

6. The same Classis dismissed Rev. J. R. Coffman to the Tuscarawas Classis, and Rev. J. Naille to the St. Joseph Classis, North-Western Synod.

7. Illinois Classis dismissed Rev. F. A. Edmonds to Iowa Classis, and received Rev. H. Wilson from Tiffin Classis.

8. Iowa Classis ordained J. J. Janett, C. G. Ziph and Aug. Schade; and licensed J. E. Young and J. Ardueser.

9. The same Classis received Rev. F. A. Edmonds from Illinois Classes, and Rev. S. Elliker from Minnesota Classis.

10. Tuscarawas Classis received the licentiate, E. Herbruck, from Tiffin Classis, and ordained him to the gospel ministry; and licensed John A. Smith.

11. The same Classis received J. R. Coffman from the Eastern Ohio Classis, and dismissed Rev. J. M. Mickley to Zion Classis, Eastern Synod; and T. J. Seiple to West Susquehanna Classis of the same Synod.

12. St. John's Classis licensed Th. Müller, and received the licentiate, J. Spoerri, from Tiffin Classis, and ordained him; and received Rev. Philip Becker from St. Joseph Classis, North-Western Synod; and dismissed Revs. W. Renter and G. Geckler to the Erie Classis, and Rev. J. Hannabery to Lancaster Classis, Eastern Synod.

13. Miami Classis licensed and ordained Frederick W. Berleman, Hiram Shumaker and O. L. Ashenfelter; and ordained L. M. Kershner; received Rev. H. Hanhart from Milwaukee Classis, Rev. H. Getzendanner from Virginia Classis, Rev. Geo. Stechow from Milwaukee Classis; and dismissed H. F. Miller to the Indiana Classis, and Rev. S. King to the Illinois Classis; and dropped the name of Rev. J. Scott from roll.

ANNUAL MEETING OF CLASSES.

Tiffin Classis will meet in Findlay, on the third Friday

in August, 1870, at 7½ o'clock P. M.; Josiah May, President, and J. H. Good, S. C.

Linnecaster Classis will meet in Winchester, Ohio, on Wednesday, October 5, 1870, at 7 o'clock P. M.; H. Williard, President, G. H. Leonard, S. C.

Eastern Ohio Classis will meet in Jefferson, Harrison Co., Ohio, on the first Thursday in October, 1870, at 7 o'clock P. M.; G. M. Albright, President, J. Reinhart, S. C.

Iowa Classis will meet in Marengo, Iowa, on the 28th of September, 1870, at 7 o'clock P. M.; John Rettig, President, Aug. Bletsch, S. C.

Tuscarawas Classis will meet in Uniontown, Ohio, in Rev. J. R. Coffman's church, on the first Wednesday after the 2d Tuesday of October, 1870, at 7 o'clock P. M.; S. B. Leiter, President, N. H. Loose, S. C.

Miami Classis will meet in the Second Church of Dayton, October 13, 1870, at 7½ o'clock P. M.; J. Kuelling, President, P. C. Prugh, S. C.

St. John's Classis will meet at Ragersville, Ohio, September 30, 1870, at 7 o'clock P. M.; C. Schiller, President, J. Zahner, S. C.

Illinois Classis will meet at _____ on _____, 1870,
at _____ o'clock; _____ President, Geo. Weber,
S. C.

APPEALS AND COMPLAINTS.

1. Rev. G. Ziegler appeals to this Synod from the action of St. John's Classis, etc.

Respectfully submitted,
S. C. GOSS, *Chairman.*

The foregoing report was disposed of as follows:

I. IRREGULARITIES.

Item 1. Adopted.

Item 2. Adopted.

On motion, in this connection, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the Stated Clerk of the Synod be required to deposit the copies of the Minutes of the different Classes presented to Synod each year, in the Library of the Theological Seminary at Tiffin, to be preserved among the archives of Synod.

Item 3. Adopted.

4. Adopted.

II. REQUESTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS.

1. Disposed of by the adoption of the following motion:

Moved, That this request be not granted, as it would necessarily increase the expense of the publication of Synodical Minutes.

2. Referred to a Special Committee (together with 2d in report of Overtures, which had been laid on the 1, consisting of Revs. D. Van Horne, J. Reinhart, and Thomas Swander.

3. Committee subsequently submitted the following resolution which was received and adopted:

4. Special Committee to whom the petition of certain members of Illinois Classis was referred, would report as follows:

Resolved, It appears that a majority of the members of Classis, do not deem it necessary to divide the Classis according to the previous request; and,

Resolved, The petition asks only for postponement of action in the case,

Resolved, That all action in relation to the division of Illinois Classis be postponed, and the whole matter be referred back to the Classis for settlement.

Respectfully submitted,

D. VAN HORNE, *Chairman*.

3. The request was not granted, as provision has already been made in the matter. (*See Minutes, 1869 page*

III. SUBJECTS REFERRED TO CLASSES.

1. Adopted.

2. Adopted.

3. Adopted.

4. Adopted.

5. Adopted.

6. Adopted.

IV. RECEPTIONS AND DISMISSIONS.

the thirteen items coming under this head were read.

V. ANNUAL MEETINGS OF CLASSES.

All the items under this heading were adopted.

VI. APPEALS AND COMPLAINTS.

Item 1. Referred to Special Committee (for which, see Article XXI, under Appeals).

II. REPORT OF COM. ON CONTESTED SEATS OF IOWA CLASSIS.

In making out the roll of delegates, when Iowa Classis was reached, credentials for two sets of delegates were presented. The disposal of this matter, by common consent, was deferred until after the permanent organization of the Synod, when the following action was adopted :

Resolved, That all the documents purporting to be the Minutes of the Iowa Classis, and all the credentials of all persons purporting to be the credentials of delegates from Iowa Classis, be referred to a Special Committee, to report as early as possible : 1st. Which are the Minutes of Iowa Classis; and 2d, who are the properly elected delegates from that Classis.

The Committee consists of Revs. S. C. Goss, J. B. Shumaker, and Elder A. H. Baughman.

The Special Committee on the Contested Seats of Iowa Classis subsequently submitted their report, which was received, and its adoption moved. The question involved was discussed. The previous question was called for and sustained. The vote was taken, and the report was unanimously adopted. The report is as follows :

Your Committee, to whom was referred the case of contested seats of Iowa Classis, begs leave to report :

After a careful examination of such documents, as seem to have bearing upon the case in controversy, they have arrived at the following conclusion :

1. That the action of the General Synod recommending a convention of Iowa Classis to convene in Wheatland, Iowa, on the 20th of April, 1870, was complied with by the two divisions of the Classis ; that both parties met at the time and place specified ; and that by the united action of

the two parties thus regularly assembled, Articles 2 and 3 of the Paper of Compromise were seemingly in good faith complied with.

2. That the facts, as brought to view in such official documents as are at hand, do not warrant the Brandon party in charging the Wheatland party with non-compliance to the Paper of Compromise; and that the controversy which arose subsequently during the sessions of the Classis, was not essential in the sense of being contrary to the Philadelphia agreement.

3. That the only organization of Iowa Classis which has or can have any authority or succession, is that which convened at Wheatland, Iowa, on the 20th of April, 1870; and that, therefore, the Minutes of that meeting are the only Minutes which shall pass into the hands of the Committee on Classical Minutes; and that the delegates appointed at that meeting are the only persons entitled to a seat on the floor of this Synod.

Respectfully submitted,
SEBASTIAN C. GOSS,
JOSEPH B. SHUMAKER,
ANDREW H. BAUGHMAN,
Committee.

ARTICLE X.

OVERTURES.

The Committee on Overtures submitted the following report, which was received and disposed of item by item:

The Committee on Overtures report that six items have come into their hands, viz:

Item 1. An appeal from the Paris charge, complaining of the action of St. John's Classis, taken August 17th and 18th, 1869, refusing to allow the Rev. Gottlieb Ziegler to withdraw his resignation of the pastorate of said charge.

Item 2. A petition of Illinois Classis requesting Synod to postpone action on a former request made by them for a division of Classis.

Item 3. A letter from Rev. T. P. Bucher resigning the office of Stated Clerk of this Synod.

Item 4. The North-Western Synod requests this Synod to co-operate in securing the publication of the Western Liturgy in the German language.

Item 5. The North-Western Synod also requests this Synod to co-operate in securing the services of Rev. Max Stern, D. D., as Missionary Superintendent, as well as in the missionary work generally.

Item 6. A request from the pastor relating to the Second Reformed Church of Cincinnati.

Respectfully submitted,
D. VAN HORNE, *Chairman.*

DISPOSITION OF THE REPORT :

Item 1. Referred to a Special Committee, for which see Article XXI. under Appeals.

Item 2. Laid on the table until the same subject comes up in the report on the Minutes of Classis.

Item 3. The following action was adopted :

Resolved, That the resignation of Rev. Theodore P. Bucher be accepted, and that this Synod tenders him its thanks for the efficient manner in which he has discharged the duties of his office.

The vacancy occasioned by the aforesaid resignation was subsequently filled by Synod by the election of the Rev. Isaac H. Reiter, as Stated Clerk.

Item 4. Referred to the Committee on Publication.

Item 5. Referred to the Committee on Missions.

Item 6. Referred to the Committee on Missions of Miami Classis.

ARTICLE XI.

CORRESPONDENCE WITH SISTER CHURCHES.

The following action was adopted by Synod, in relation to fraternal correspondence with the Reformed Church in America, by the inter-

WHEREAS, It appears that the General Synod of the Reformed Church in America has taken some action in regard to the propriety of opening fraternal correspondence with this Synod, and to this end appointed a delegate to represent it in this body ; and,

WHEREAS, The Reformed Church in America and the Reformed Church in the United States are intimately related to each other in their history, doctrine, government and cultus, and it seems desirable that this relation should be fostered and strengthened by the interchange of delegates ; therefore,

Resolved, That we enter into correspondence with the Reformed Church in America, and, with this end in view, elect two delegates, one *primarius* and one *secundus*, to represent this Synod in the sessions of the General Synod of said Church.

Thereupon, the following persons were elected as delegates to the General Synod of the Reformed Church in America : Rev. Henry Williard, *primarius*, and Rev. Isaac H. Reiter, *secundus*.

ARTICLE XII.

EXAMINATION, LICENSURE AND ORDINATION.

The Committee on Examination, Licensure and Ordination, submitted the following report, which was received and adopted :

The Committee on Examination, Licensure and Ordination, report that no application came before them.

Respectfully submitted,
D. WINTERS, *Chairman*.

ARTICLE XIII.

RELIGION AND MORALS.

The Committee on the State of Religion and Statistical

Reports, submitted their report, which was received and adopted; and is as follows:

TO THE SYNOD OF OHIO AND ADJACENT STATES :

Brethren in the Lord,—According to the progress of “pure and undefiled religion” among men, are we to judge of the efficiency of the service rendered in our Master’s cause, and also to judge of the measure of success which must attend such service in the future. It is to this end that the Church exists with all her provisions and means. From the documents placed in the hands of your Committee, and from facts known to us through other channels, we are authorized in making the following presentation of the “State of Religion” within the bounds of our Synod :

A considerable number of new congregations have been organized in different parts of our territory, which new stand in proper ecclesiastical relation with us. This fact is significant, not merely as adding numerically to our congregations and membership, but as expressive of an active zeal for the onward progress of the Church. A disposition of indifference to denominational claims has long been a matter of complaint, and certainly not without great reason. In the past it has permitted much of our material, especially in new localities or where our Church was weak in numbers and influence, to add to the strength of other denominations rather than prompt it to the establishing and encouragement of our own. This seems to be gradually counteracted. It will be in proportion as an earnest religious life and culture are awakened and disseminated. These beget an attachment to the Church to which they are due and naturally excite a preference for her fellowship and a zeal for her welfare. One of the best evidences of increasing piety in the Church is Church Extension. It is necessarily followed by a reconstruction and division of Charge and Classes, all of which are recorded in the Minutes of our Classical proceedings.

We are correct in affirming that in the history of our Synod no single year was marked by so general and numerous an accession to our membership as the past. Nearly all the Classical reports speak encouragingly in view of the numbers who through the influence of the gospel have been brought to a profession of faith in Christ. Since these reports were prepared, religious interests have been still more prevalent throughout our charges, in many instances resulting in accessions of unusual numbers to the household of faith. The Lord made bare his arms, subduing the strong, giving strength to the weak, and tenderly enfolding little children as lambs of the flock. The simple but divinely ap-

pointed means which at other times seem powerless for the accomplishing of their designed purpose, were seen to be all-sufficient for awakening conviction of sin and affording comfort in believing.

We have reason to believe this gracious work has tended in no small measure to check the rising of differences in our midst, and to aid in directing all things to the end of prevailing agreement and peace. While not in every locality we can say "peace reigns supreme," yet, generally speaking, there are but few scenes and sounds of disorder and discord. Congregations and charges mostly have remained free from strifes and disagreement in spirit and council. The lesson which man is so little able to teach and so inapt to learn, to-wit, that good-will, peace and love are requisite to the accomplishing of God's work, grace may instill silently and irresistibly. It is gratifying that in this period of our history as a denomination we can contemplate so largely prevailing agreement respecting the doctrine and worship of the Reformed Church. To no considerable extent do we see a desire to advocate and press forward a theory or practice to the disturbing of unanimity among ministers and people. God grant that it may continue so in the future, and that difference of view, if it must exist, may be held subject to the well-being of the Church and the advancement of Christ's cause.

The increase of our ministerial force has also been considerable. This is due to no great extent to accessions from other ecclesiastical bodies, but mostly to the consecration of young men to the "Ministry of the Word." Congregations have been more "fruitful in good works" in the form of sending out young men willing to assume the solemn responsibilities of the ministerial office. The presence of a proper religious character and life must show itself by directing the minds of young men to this means of usefulness in the Church. We have reason to be thankful for this favorable sign of future good, and to hope the time is past when it will be possible for congregations and charges to enjoy the services of a minister years upon years without themselves encouraging young men, gifted, educated and set apart to the work of preaching the gospel of the Son of God.

Our literary and theological institutions have made progress fully commensurate with our religious life. They are in a healthy and growing condition, which reflects much credit upon the Church, not only for its liberal contributions, but also for its increasing patronage. A large number of students are availing themselves of their advantages to acquire an education fitting them for various callings and positions

of usefulness and honor. During the last year the Theological Seminary has sent out a goodly number of ministers to labor in the vineyard of the Lord, who already occupy promising and important field of usefulness. Both the seminary and college have open before them an encouraging future.

Other benevolent enterprises in the Church's work, while they have been in part sustained, have not received that increased attention which their importance demands. Beneficiary Education, Home and Foreign Missions, which are vital interests in the Church, have been left to languish to a degree that causes us to express our sincere regret, and to make confession of a sense of shame and guilt. Especially the few missionaries we have been able to send into the field, the manner they are left to suffer in their work, the many localities that are destitute, and the great loss of advantage entailed on the Church, ought to be sufficient to arouse at once throughout the entire Synod a zeal and liberality more becoming and corresponding to the means with which God has blessed us. Would we could say a word sufficient to remedy this sorest evil of which we have to lament—unwillingness to give to the Lord.

To sum up : let us say that as a Church during the past year God has highly favored us. We have received abundantly good at his hands. Far beyond our deserts he has prospered the work of our hands whereof we are glad and exceedingly rejoice. On our part much is yet lacking. Unprofitable servants are we, ever failing to come up to the measure of our privileges and responsibilities. It is our part to be better, do better, and seek by prayer the abounding mercy of God and his all-sufficient help to direct us in his service to the advancement of his kingdom among men, and to his eternal glory.

It yet remains for us in sadness to record the fact that during the past year several of our brethren in the ministry, having finished their work on earth, have been called to their reward in heaven. The Minutes of St. John's Classis inform us of the death of Rev. John Acker-t, a faithful and efficient laborer in the vineyard of the Lord. Since the annual meeting Rev. E. F. Loeders, of the Classis of Miami, is also numbered with the departed. Just a few days before our assembling here in synodical meeting, Rev. William Witzgall, of the Classis of Tiffin, was called away to that greater assembly of the saints above. The rest of us are yet spared a little longer to bear witness among men of the grace which is in Christ Jesus. How long none can tell. Let us continue to labor till our work is done, that we, too, with joy may enter into the heavenly rest, where "the smile of the Lord is the feast of the soul."

Respectfully submitted,
S. MERRASE, Ch'n.

[For Statistical Tables see Appendix.]

ARTICLE XIV.

THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

I. THE ANNUAL REPORTS.

1. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

The Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary would submit the following report:

The Board convened at Dayton, Ohio, June 7, 1869, and organized by electing Rev. Isaac H. Reiter, *President*, Rev. David Van Horne, *Secretary*, and Rev. David Winters, D. D., *Treasurer*. Several meetings were subsequently held.

As regards the property of the Seminary, there have been no changes made during the year. The *Students' Home* remains the same as heretofore. It has been used by some of the students, but, in its present limited capacity, it can accommodate only about ten of the young men preparing for the ministry. It stands in need of additional buildings, but there are no funds at hand for this purpose. Its entire cost thus far has been about \$4,500, including the land and the improvements.

It is believed that the time has come, when the Theological Seminary, as a separate and distinct institution, should endeavor to occupy an advanced position, and when a new impetus should be given to its various interests, its vital forces, and its practical operations. It is doing a good work, but it should be placed in a position and endowed with facilities to do more. Its present accommodations in the College building are insufficient. It should have its own building. But how is this desirable object to be accomplished? There are two ways in which it may be reached:

1. A Seminary building may be erected on the lot on which the *Students' Home* stands, and in connection with it. In this event, the total amount of funds required for the erection of the building would have to be in some way provided by the Church, which, at present, when different interests are pressing their claims, would perhaps be difficult to accomplish. Hence, the feasibility of this plan is involved in doubt.

2. There is another plan suggested, by which a Seminary building might be erected. It is this: The whole of the *Students' Home* property might be sold, and the entire proceeds invested in the erection of a suitable building on the *College Campus*, by permission of the proper authority.

This building could be so constructed as to contain a sufficient number of recitation or lecture rooms, and, also, if

deemed necessary, rooms for the accommodation of theological students. As the Students' Home is half a mile distant, which is rather too far away from the recitation rooms in the College building, and as it is thought that the said property can be sold within a year or two at an advance of at least fifty per cent., this plan is regarded feasible, and is presented to the earnest consideration of the Synod.

During the whole of the past year, for the first time in the history of the Theological Seminary, we have had the full services of two professors. This is an encouraging fact. But, as the second professorship is only endowed in part, requiring an additional amount of at least \$6 000 to complete it, the annual proceeds of our endowment fund lack about \$600 of being sufficient to meet the payments of the salaries of the professors. How is this deficiency to be made up? The Synod has requested special collections for this purpose in all our pastoral charges, but it is found that this plan is carried into effect by but few of the charges, and therefore furnishes inadequate means. Hence, during the year, it required special and laborious efforts on the part of our efficient Treasurer to pay the salaries as they became due. He did not only urge the importance of special collections, but he put forth renewed endeavors to collect the interest on notes and bonds, especially on such as were given years ago to the Seminary. Thus, through his laudable efforts, notwithstanding the difficulties in the way, the professors' salaries were paid for the last year, except about \$150, which it is hoped the Board will be able to meet before long. The plan of special collections should be continued during the next year, and its importance urged upon our congregation.

It is, however, very obvious, viewed in the light of facts and experience, that the only safe and reliable plan by which to meet the current expenses of the Theological Seminary, is to establish a *complete endowment fund*. To this end, the Board of Trustees of the Seminary, believing it to be the best and most economical plan, have formally entered into arrangements with the Board of Trustees of Heidelberg College to raise a joint endowment for the Seminary and College, to the amount of twenty-six thousand dollars, through Elder Henry Leonard as Agent, with the proviso that one-fourth of all the moneys and notes collected shall revert to the Theological Seminary, and that one-fourth of the expenses of the Agent shall be deducted from the Seminary funds. This plan, it is confidently believed, will speedily secure the needed endowment. The Agent has already commenced the work, and is meeting with encouraging success.

We have been gratified to learn, that during the past year

a liberal donation of valuable books, numbering 528 volumes, has been made to our Theological Library, by the Rev Albert Helffenstein, Jr., of North Wales, Pa. This venerable servant of the Lord and devoted friend of the Reformed Church, now near the close of his labors of love on earth, has felt moved by a generous Christian impulse to assist the rising generation of ministers by this excellent gift, which is very commendable on his part, and worthy of imitation by others.

It is also encouraging to learn that other friends of our institutions are thinking of devising liberal things in aid of their efficiency and success. There ought to be many more such. There is no reason why many of the comparatively rich men of our Church should not awaken to a true sense of the privilege and duty of efficiently aiding in this way in carrying out the noble spirit and practical design of the great commission of our Lord: "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature."

It may be proper yet to state here, that the Theological Seminary has still further needs, which may not require immediate attention, but which should be kept steadily before the mind of the Synod and of the Church, namely:

1. The Theological Seminary stands in need of *its own building*. We have already pointed out a plan by which this end may be probably reached.

2. The Seminary needs a *Library Fund*, for the regular and steady increase of its Library. The Library has been materially increased during the past year by the donation of Rev. A. Helffenstein, Jr., but, while such noble gifts are always acceptable, a permanent fund is needed, in order that a reasonable number of theological works, as they issue from the press, may be brought in reach of the professors and students.

3. The mind of the Synod and of the Church should be solemnly impressed, that the Seminary will need, at no distant time, the services of *two additional professors*, and therefore, also, the endowment of two additional professorships, in order to keep pace with other institutions, and with the general progress of Theological Science. It is with pleasure that we here record the fact, that the third professorship is in a fair way of being fully endowed ere long through the kind liberality of devoted friends of our institutions.

4. And above all, our Seminary needs a *larger number of theological students*. It is perhaps forgotten by many, that during the late war we had a very small number of students, and, therefore, but a slight increase in our ministry. Hence, since that time, there have always been many vacant charges and missions, and the more so as a large number of new congregations and charges have been organized. We

still have a number of vacant charges, and encouraging openings in new fields. And though the number of students, in the preparatory stages of education for the ministry, is now larger than ever, it appears that the number is yet insufficient. It therefore becomes a solemn question for the Synod: *What can be done to increase the number of candidates for the gospel ministry, and to secure the necessary means for their support?*

Respectfully submitted,

ISAAC H. REITER, *President.*

2. REPORT OF THE TREASURER.

REV. D. WINTERS, D. D., *Treasurer, in account with the Theological Seminary of the Synod of Ohio and Adjacent States.*

1869.		DR.	
May		To balance on hand at Delaware Synod.....	\$ 38 63
June	6	" Cash of A. Fauber, per Rev. P. C. Prugh.....	5 00
	18	" " John Wiest, interest on German Professorship.....	30 00
July	1	To Cash on U. S. Bonds, interest and premium.....	271 25
	11	" " John Prugh, interest per Rev. D. W.....	6 00
	15	" " M. E. Duterer, interest.....	12 00
	26	" " H. Smith, Astoria, Ill., different persons.....	7 50
	30	" " interest on short loan.....	10 00
	30	" " Rev. H. Knepper, interest from sundry persons.....	45 00
August	1	" " " Dr. G. W. Williard, from Noah Fawley, interest.....	20 00
	1	To Cash Rev. J. Hefley, from S. Crist, interest.....	6 00
Sept.	1	" " U. S. Bonds, interest.....	16 25
	10	" " H. Leonard, Agent of S. K. Epler, interest.....	6 00
	10	" " " Geo. Spittler, ".....	3 00
	10	" " " Philip Kratz, ".....	12 00
	10	" " " Christian Sautsch.....	12 00
	10	" " A. McEldowny, Supt. S. S.....	1 02
	13	" " Rev. D. Winters, D. D., Mt. Zion's Charge, Harvest Home.....	50 00
	14	To Cash L. H. Diehl, Sumnum, Ill., interest, sundry persons.....	16 25
	21	" Cash Daniel Wampler, interest.....	3 00
	27	" Rev. J. H. Good, Jacob's Congregation.....	3 20
	30	" Jacob Gindelsperger, interest.....	2 64
	30	" J. W. Gindelsperger, interest.....	2 36
Oct.	18	" Rev. I. H. Reiter, col. Miamisburg Charge.....	7 95
	18	" Rev. Jacob Weaver, collection.....	3 50
	1	" Interest on short loan.....	10 00
Nov.	1	" Rev. J. H. Good, collections, Second Church, Tiffin.....	7 00

Dec.	5	"	Cash Rev. W. B. Sandoe, interest from sundry persons.....	30 50
	23	"	Cash Rev. E. V. Gerhart, D. D., interest.....	12 00
	25	"	" D. H. Prugh, \$5, and J. V. Prugh, \$3, per Rev. D. W.....	8 00
	29	"	Cash Rev. N. H. Loose, Shelby, O., interest, sundry persons.....	18 30
	29	"	Cash Geo. Feightner, interest, per B. Kuhns.....	4 50
1870				
Jan.	3	"	Cash interest on U. S. Bonds, and premium.....	235 41
	4	"	" Rev. J. I. Swander, collections, Union Charge.....	5 00
	9	"	" Wm. Marshall, interest, per D. W.....	3 00
	14	"	" A. and J. Mast, etc., interest.....	3 95
Feb.	1	"	" Rev. Prof. H. Rust, interest.....	60 00
	1	"	" Interest on short loan.....	10 00
	1	"	" Interest on short loan.....	65 05
March	8	"	" Interest on Bond.....	13 75
	29	"	" Rev. G. W. Williard, D. D., from Miss Sarah Bivling.....	6 00
April	1	"	Cash C. Gross & Bro., Philadelphia, interest German Professorship.....	30 00
May	2	"	Cash interest on notes per D. W.....	18 00
	2	"	" John Prugh, interest.....	3 75
	18	"	" John Zollinger, Ill., interest, sundry persons.....	67 50
	29	"	" Rev. J. Leibert, per Rev. Dr. Good, collection, Salem Congregation.....	7 40
June	1	"	Cash G. G. Prugh, interest.....	6 00
	20	"	" Jesse Prugh, interest, per H. Leonard.....	10 00
	20	"	" Thomas Schaeffer, donation, H. Leonard.....	10 00
	20	"	" Catharine Prugh " ".....	5 00
	20	"	" Jesse Prugh " ".....	2 50
	20	"	" Joseph Gottshall " ".....	5 00
	20	"	" Rev. L. Rike, collections, Winchester Congregation.....	4 69
	20	"	Cash Mr. Basore, Farmersville, donation per H. Leonard.....	1 00
	20	"	Cash Rev. Dr. G. W. Williard, collections, Fort Seneca Congregation.....	7 25
	25	"	Cash John Wiest, Philadelphia, interest on German Professorship.....	30 00
	25	"	Cash Rev. H. Knepper, Ill., interest, sundry persons.....	43 50
	27	"	Cash interest and premium on U. S. Bonds.....	219 45
	28	"	" S. Hagenbach, per H. Leonard.....	6 00
	28	"	" P. Baddorf " ".....	3 00
	30	"	" Rev. H. Williard, interest.....	12 00
	30	"	" Rev. J. Reinhart " ".....	12 00
	30	"	" Rev. H. Wiegandt, collections, Michigan.....	7 00
	30	"	" Jesse Peterson, per Rev. P. C. Prugh.....	3 00
July	2	"	" Reformed Church, Lancaster, O., per Rev. H. Williard.....	140 00
			Total.....	\$ 1,737.04

1869		CONTRA.	CR.
	By	Cash paid Rev. Prof. H. Rust on salary.....	\$ 675 00
	"	" paid Rev. Prof. J. H. Good, D. D., on salary.....	582 40
Nov.	1	" for printing notes.....	6 00
Dec.	11	" Rev. W. B. Sandoe, horse hire in collecting.....	6 75
	11	" for stamps and paper during the year.....	3 00
June	20	" Rev. Prof. H. Rust, Fort Seneca Congregation per G. W. W.....	7 25

	27	"	Cash paid Rev. Prof. H. Rust on salary.....	142 75
	27	"	" " Rev. Prof. J. H. Good, D. D., on salary.....	142 60
July	2	"	" " Rust and Good in full.....	150 00
	2	"	Balance in Treasury.....	21 25
Total.....				\$ 1,737.04

ENDOWMENT FUND RECEIVED.

1869.				
May	30		On hand at last report.....	\$ 100 00
July	30		Joseph Kramer, per Rev. H. Knepper.....	100 00
	30		Jacob Ashenfelt, per Rev. H. Knepper.....	25 00
			Joseph Gindelsperger, note.....	50 00
Sept.			Jacob Kuhn, Shelby, O., note.....	100 00
Nov.	17		Jacob Kuhn, Shelby, O., note.....	100 00
Dec.	11		Rev. W. B. Sandoe, from Weygandt, \$18. 50, Greiner, \$7. 50, and Peter Hohn, \$20. 00.....	44 00
	29		Geo. Feightner, per B. Kuhn, note.....	25 00
1870.				
April	4		John Prugh, per D. W., note.....	100 00
May	18		Jacob Mees, per J. Zollinger, note.....	100 00
June	22		John Wheatly, donation.....	25 00
Total.....				\$ 669 00

INVESTED.

1869.				
Dec.	11		Rev. W. B. Sandoe, horse hire in collecting.....	8 00
1870.				
			Invested.....	400 00
April	15		Invested.....	125 00
July	2		Balance in Treasury.....	136 00
Total.....				\$ 669 00

Respectfully submitted,
D. WINTERS, *Treasurer.*

3. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF VISITORS.

The Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary, respectfully submit the following as their annual report:

A meeting of the Board was held June 30th, 1869, at which were present Revs. T. P. Bucher, J. B. Shumaker, and L. H. Kefauver. T. P. Bucher was elected President, and L. H. Kefauver, Secretary. At this meeting it was

Resolved, That the examinations of the Theological Seminary, hereafter be held on Wednesday, the last day of the Spring term, commencing at 9 o'clock A. M. and continue during the day. The Rev. J. B. Shumaker was instructed to report to the Synod the propriety of having but one term, and consequently but one vacation each year.

At another meeting of the Board, held June 22d, 1870, the following business was transacted: In the absence of the President, the Rev. H. Williard was called to the chair. Members present, Revs. H. Williard, J. B. Shumaker and L. H. Kefauver. Having attended the examinations of the students in the various branches of Dogmatic and Historical Theology and Hermeneutics, the Board expressed its satisfaction with the examinations.

There have been connected with the Seminary during the year, twenty-one students, only seven of whom are remaining. The others have been called to fields of labor and are now in the ranks of the ministry. While the Board rejoices in the fact that the demand of the Church for ministers are being met from our Seminary, it can not but regret that so many are leaving it without having complied with the requirements of Synod in two particulars, viz:

1. The resolution adopted by the Synod of Dayton, "That Synod should make it a rule, that all recommendations for licensure on the part of the Faculty of the Seminary should be referred to the Board of Visitors for confirmation, and that no student be allowed to enter the Seminary without permission of the Board."

2. The time that is required of the students, in order to go over the full course of studies as prescribed by the Synod. Out of the fourteen that have been recommended for licensure by the Faculty, but three of those have been regularly dismissed by the Board. And the time that they were in the Seminary varies from six months to two years (the last but seldom reached), when the time required is two and three-fourth years.

Another evil which is very perceptible is the want of proper intellectual culture on the part of many, which doubtless results from students entering the Seminary while they are yet prosecuting their collegiate course. This evil exists to the extent that when the students graduate in the collegiate department they are almost, and, in some instances, entirely ready, in point of time, to leave the Seminary.

Respectfully submitted,

L. H. KEFAUVER, *Chairman.*

II. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

The Standing Committee on the Theological Seminary, to whom the foregoing reports were referred, submitted their

report, which was received, and taken up item by item, and adopted.

The Committee on the Theological Seminary, to whom all the documents pertaining to this subject were referred, would present the following report:

That the past year has been one of encouragement and progress, as is evident from the report of the President of the Board of Trustees.

In reference to the above reports, your Committee would suggest the following action on the different items presented:

1. *The Seminary Building.*

Upon this point the Board proposes, as the most desirable plan, for reasons which it gives, the sale of the Students' Home, so as to secure the funds necessary for the erection of a building more conveniently situated. As this is a matter of great importance, and requires much care and consultation, your Committee recommend that it be placed in the hands of a committee of three, in connection with the Board of Trustees, to suggest such action as in their judgment will most effectually subserve the interest of the Church, and that they report at the next annual meeting of the Synod.

2. *The Endowment.*

As the increase of the Endowment of the Theological Seminary is greatly to be desired in order that the Board may promptly meet the salary of the professors without the special collections of the Church, which should be devoted to other objects, the plan referred to in the report of the President of the Board should be indorsed by the Synod, and the Agent, Henry Leonard, recommended to the favor and liberality of the Church, in the hope that the full amount specified be speedily secured.

3. *The New Professorship.*

As the Synod has already taken action upon the liberal donation of Valentine Hay, Esq., who has generously given his obligation for a large amount (\$5 000), of the funds necessary to endow a new professorship in our Theological Seminary, your Committee deem no further action necessary than to call the attention of the wealthy portion of our membership to this subject, in the hope that others may be stimulated by this noble example to do likewise, and thus complete the endowment of this professorship at an early day.

4. *The Library.*

It is gratifying to know that the Library of the Theological Seminary has been so kindly remembered during the year. As the Synod has already expressed its thanks to the donor for this timely gift, your Committee does not regard it necessary to report any further action. The interest, however, is one that should not be overlooked, as the increase of our Library has an important bearing upon the efficiency and prosperity of the institutions of the Church. It would, therefore, be desirable could there be an addition of several hundred volumes annually to the Library.

5. *Finances.*

As the report of the Treasurer gives a full account of the finances, it is hereby recommended that it be printed in full in the Minutes of Synod.

According to the Treasurer's report, it appears that there was a deficiency in the Treasury at the time he made his report. Your Committee, however, is glad to learn that funds have since come into the hands of the Treasurer, so that he has been able to pay the Professors in full, with a balance of some twenty dollars still in the Treasury; a result very gratifying to this Synod.

6. *Report of the Board of Visitors.*

From the report of the Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary, it appears that there were twenty-one students in attendance, a number of whom have been dismissed and licensed by the different Classes, and are now in the active duties of the ministry.

From the same report, it also appears that the rule adopted by this Synod some years ago, in regard to the dismissal of students from the Seminary and their recommendation for licensure, has, for reasons not necessary to refer to, not been properly observed. Your Committee, therefore, would recommend that hereafter all dismissals from the Seminary for licensure be referred by the Professors to the Board of Visitors.

Respectfully submitted,

FREDERICK STRASSNER,
GEO W. WILLIARD,
LEWIS H. KEFAUVER,
SAMUEL SHAW,
JACOB GREENAMEIER,
J. JAMES HOFMAN,

Committee.

The Committee asked for in the foregoing report, to cooperate with the Board of Trustees, in suggesting the best course of action in regard to the erection of a Seminary building, consists of Rev. Prof. H. Rust, S. C. Goss, and Elder J. James Hofman.

III. LIBRARY AND ENDOWMENT OF THIRD PROFESSORSHIP IN THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

The following report, pertaining to the Theological Library and the Endowment of the Third Professorship in the Theological Seminary at Tiffin, was received and adopted; and then referred for further consideration to a Special Committee, consisting of Revs. D. Van Horne, H. M. Herman, and Elder A. H. Baughman:

1. *Report of Rev. J. H. Good, D. D., on Library and Endowment:*

At the meeting of the Synod of Ohio, in 1868, at Shelby, a resolution was adopted authorizing the Professors in the Seminary to raise a Library Fund, for the regular increase of the Library of the Theological Seminary.

During the first year after the passage of this resolution the way did not seem open for successful operations. But during the past year a very handsome addition to the Seminary Library has been made.

In March of the present year I received a letter from Rev. Albert Helffenstein, Jr., of North Wales, Montgomery Co., Pa., conveying the gratifying intelligence that he had made a donation of 300 volumes of valuable books to our Library. In his first letter he wrote:

"I inclose in this letter a list of books to be the property of your institution. I have long held them in reserve for that purpose, thinking that you would prize them on account of their contents and spirit. I purchased them at first with a view of aiding young men in the ministry. I now leave them to the disposal of a kind and wise Providence, for further use I have more volumes which in due time you may expect to receive, by the permission of the great Head of the Church."

This led to a further correspondence, in which Rev. Mr.

Helffenstein expressed the liveliest interest in the prosperity and success of our Western Institutions. He also increased his donation, as intimated in his first letter. These books have now all been received, in good order, and are on the shelves of our Library. They number 528 volumes.

They are valuable works, and fill up a want that really existed in our Seminary Library. The Synod will see that they form especially a large and excellent collection of Sermons in the English language. The donation is a very liberal one, as many of the works would now be difficult to obtain at any price. It is hoped that the pious wishes of the kind donor will be reached, in the use that will be made of them by our young men preparing for the ministry. If we wish our young men to be *thoroughly furnished* for their work, they must have a good library at hand during the whole of their years of preparation.

It is hoped that this donation may stir up other friends, and especially ministers, not to forget that the shelves of our Theological Library are the proper place where their valuable theological works will do most good, when they themselves have ceased making use of the same.

It may not be improper to mention, in this connection, that Rev. Mr. Helffenstein is now one of our oldest ministers, having been born March 14th, 1801; that he pursued his studies in the University of Pennsylvania, graduating in the year 1820, and that he proposes devoting the means, with which a kind Providence has favored him, to the support of the institutions of the Reformed Church.

The following is the list of books received from Mr. Helffenstein:

1. Collection of Sermons.

Tillotson's Sermons	12 vols.	The Pulpit	2 vols.
Saurin's	8 "	The British Preacher	3 "
National Preacher	8 "	Haggitt's Country	
S. Clark's Sermons	10 "	Sermons	2 "
Burder's Village	4 "	Griffin's Sermons	2 "
Doddridge's	4 "	Walker's	3 "
Dwight's	2 "	Meeker's	1 "
Pittman's	2 "	Cooper's	2 "
Tappan's	1 "	Kolloch's	4 "
The Pulpit	24 "	Davies'	3 "
Summerfield's Serm'ns	1 "	Lathrop's	4 "
The Scottish Pulpit	5 "	Fathergill's	1 "
Finney's Sermons	1 "	Bradley's	1 "
The Preacher	3 "	Stillman's	1 "

Village Sermons	1 vol.	Dodd's Sermons to Youths	3 vols
Penny Pulpit	16 "	J. M. Mason's "	4 "
The English Preacher	8 "	The American Pulpit	2 "
Elliot's Sermons	1 "	Harman's Pulpit Assistant	5 vols
Mc Whorter's "	2 "	Whiteman's Village Sermons	1 "
Bellamy's Family Sermons	2 vols.	Faith and Practice	2 "
Gallaudet's Sermons	1 "	Orton's Discourses	1 "
Blair's "	1 "	Sermons and Tracts	1 "
Bradley's "	1 "	Family Sermons	1 "
Engle's "	1 "	Barnes' Practical Sermons	1 vol.
The Evangelical Preacher	3 vols	Seed's Sermons	2 "
Matt. Clark's Sermons	1 "	McLeod's Sermons	1 "
Cecil's Sermons	1 "	Benson's "	7 "
Doddridge's "	3 "	Pulpit Encyclopedia	1 "
Sherlock's "	1 "	Evan's Christ. Temper	1 "
New Irish Pulpit	4 "	Cook's Preacher's Assistant	1 vol.
Scotch Preacher	4 "	Simeon's Skeletons	5 "
Sermons on Moral and Religious Subjects	1 "	The Preacher	8 "
Owen's Sermons	1 "	Domestic Preacher	2 "
Price's Sermons	1 "	Smalley's Discourses	1 "
Stennett's Discourses	1 "		
Shank's Sermons	1 "		
Watts' "	1 "		
The Preacher	2 "		222

2. Theological Works.

Stackhouse's History of the Bible	1 vol.	Daniel Clark's Works	2 vols.
Dick's Theology	2 "	Toplady on Predestination	1 vol.
Ridgley's Divinity	4 "	Bulkley on the Parables	1 "
Gill's Body of Divinity	3 "	Calvin's Institutes	3 "
Dwight's Theology	4 "	Buck's Works	6 "
Charnock's Works	9 "	Boston's Divinity	3 "
Jay's Works	3 "	Horne's Introduction	4 "
Newton's Works	6 "	Bray on the Miracles	4 "
Bates' Works	4 "	Wilson's Evidences of Christianity	2 "
Mc Dowell's Theology	2 "	Erskine's Evidence	1 "
Horæ Solitaræ	2 "	Scott's Works	6 "
Beveridge's Thesaurus Theologicus	2 "	Theologia Moralis in (MSS.)	1 vol.
Proudfit's Works	4 "	Miller on Baptism	1 "
Bishop Horne's Works	4 "	Leland on Revelation	2 "
Wardlaw on Infant Baptism	1 vol.	Potter on Church Government	1 "
Owen on Temptation	1 "		

Magee on the Atonement 2 vols.	Orton on Church Govern- ment 1 vol.
Hawes' Lectures to Young Men 1 "	Drew on the Resur'tion 1 "
Ely on Faith 1 "	Newton on the Prophecies 3 vols.
Emerson on the Millenium 1 vol.	Dick on Inspiration 1 "
Doddridge's Lectures 1 "	Channing on Fallen Spirits 1 vol.
Alexander on the Canons 1 vol.	Robinson's Scripture Biog- raphy 4 "
Beattie on Truth 1 "	Adams' view of all Relig- ions 2 "
Typus Theologiæ Practicæ 1 vol.	Macknight on the Epistles 6 vols.
Religious Magazine 3 "	Mosheim's Ecc. His- tory 6 "
Hunter's Biography 4 "	Parker on Universal- ism 1 "
Prideaux's Connections 4 "	Old Paths 1 "
Campbell's Four Gospels 4 "	Voice and Policy Rome of 1 "
Mediatorial Reign 1 "	Simpson's Plea for Re- ligion 1 "
Mc Elroy's Presb. Case Church 1 "	Papal Rome 1 "
Cruden's Concordance 1 "	Booth's Reign of Grace 1 "
Hall's Contemplation 1 "	Watts' Hymns 1 "
Sanctification of the Sabbath 1 "	Dibbin's Sunday Libra- ry 6 "
Brown's Jewish Antiqui- ties 2 "	Paxton's Illustrations 2 "
Leifchild's Chr. Temper 1 "	Harrison Missions 1 "
Macbeth on the Sab- bath 1 "	Christian Charity 1 "
Old German Hymn Book 1 "	Mourner Comforted 1 "
Rambach's Meditations 2 "	Edwards against Chauncey 1 "
Winslow on the Holy Spirit 1 "	Finney on Revivals 1 "
Universalism Exposed 1 "	Woods' on Infant Baptism 1 "
Christian Fellowship 1 "	Frank's Guide 1 "
Family Monitor 1 "	Owen on Redemption 1 "
Hinton on the Holy Spirit 1 "	Sprague's Lectures on Revivals 1 "
Bickersteth on Prayer 1 "	Student and Pastor 1 "
Miller's Letters 1 "	Confession of Faith 1 "
Religious Tracts (German.) 1 "	Kidd on the Trinity 1 "
Griswold's Prayers 1 "	Boston's Posthumous Works 3 "
Morning Exercises 6 "	Erasimi Colloquia Selecta 1 "
Instruction in Christian Religion 2 "	
Keach on the Parables 4 "	

Boston on the Covenants	2 v's	Plea for Religion	1 vol
Flavel's Sacramental Meditations	1 "	Barnes' Notes on Acts	2 "
Watts' on Passions	1 "	Barnes' Notes on Job	1 "
Bush's Notes on Johsua	1 "	Barnes' Notes on Daniel	1 "
Bush's Notes on Genesis	1 "	Barnes' Notes on Revelation	1 "
Theological Review	1 "	Simpson's Deity of Jesus	1 "
Paley's Works	5 "	Flavel's Fountain of Life	1 "
Rupp's Hist. of Denominations	1 "	Edwards on the Will	1 "
Leusden's Testament	1 "	Cases of Conscience	1 "
Robinson's Bib. Researches	3 "	Fenelon's Existence and Att. of God	1 "
Campbell's Lectures (Ch. Hist.)	1 "	Butler's Analogy	1 "
Campbell's Lectures (Theology.)	1 "	Alexander's Ev. of Christianity	1 "
Edwards on the Affections	1 "	Lavater's Gebet Buch	1 "
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3. *Miscellaneous Works.*

Adams' Antiquities	1 vol.	Life of Math. Henry	1 vol.
Adams' View	3 "	Nicholson's Philosophy	1 "
Clark's Homer	2 "	Watts' Logic	1 "
Mc Calla in Texas	1 "	Introduction to Phrenology	1 "
Trentii Comœdiæ	1 "	Longinus	1 "
Davies' Calculus	1 "	Fowler and Kirtland's Phrenology	1 "
Tytler's History	1 "	Ross' Latin Grammar	1 "
Greek Article	1 "	Natural Philosophy	1 "
Staughton's Virgil	1 "	Porter's Analysis	1 "
Hutton's Mathematics	2 "	Draper's Natural Philosophy	1 "
White's Universal History	1 "	Ashley's Xenophon	1 "
Jerusalem Destroyed	1 "	Horace Delphinii Mathematical Solutions (in MSS. and beautifully executed)	3 "
Ross' Græcæ Grammaticæ	1 "	Voyages and Travels	1 "
Davies' Algebra	1 "	Walker's Rhetorical Grammar	1 "
Bonnycastle's Algebra	1 "	Barton's Botany	1 "
Campbell's Rhetoric	1 "		
Elements of Elocution	1 "		
Practical Geometry	1 "		
Vince's Fluxions	1 "		

Blair's Lectures	1 vol.	Legislative Manual	1 vol.
Smith's Moral and Political Philosophy	1 "	Henkinson's Xenophon	1 "
Key to Bonnycastle	1 "	Davies' Bourdon	1 "
Witherspoon on the Stage	1 "	Greek Exercises	1 "
Memoir of Dr. Livingstone	1 "	Juvenal Delphinii	1 "
Chambers' Nat. Philo- sophy	1 "	Blake's Botany	1 "
Longinus	1 "	Græca Minora	1 "
Greek Latin Lexicon	1 "	Hutton's Recreations in Mathematics	1 "
Locke's Human Understanding	1 "	Davies' Surveying	1 "
Ovid Delphonii	1 "	Willard's Universal History	1 "
Davies' Analytical Geometry	1 "	Hebrew Latin Lexicon	1 "
Duncan's Logic	1 "	Animal Magnetism	1 "
Ross' Latin Grammar	1 "	Blair's Lectures	1 "
		Harvey's Algebra	1 "
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Total number of Volumes 528.

In response to an appeal for funds to pay for the transportation of these books, we have received the following donations, per Rev. Dr. F. W. Kremer :

R F. Kelker	\$2.00	
Im. Kelker	\$2.00	
J L. Lemberger	\$2.00	
Rev. Dr. F. W. Kremer	\$2.00	\$8.00
The expenses for Expressage, &c., were		\$23.40

2. In addition to the above donation by Rev. Mr. Helfenstein, it gives me unfeigned pleasure to include in this report, although not strictly belonging to it, another most liberal donation to our Theological Seminary, by Val. Hay, Esq., of Somerset, Somerset County, Pa. Mr. Hay has for some time felt an earnest desire to aid in the great work of our Reformed Church. He has felt that a favorable time has arrived for giving a new impetus to our institutions and to the cause of education in our midst. He is anxious that our Church should not continue to move at so slow a pace, but come up more fully to the measure of her duty. He is willing to do as the Lord has prospered him. I am authorized, therefore, on his behalf, to make the following offer :

" If the Synod will establish a Professorship of Exegetical Theology in the Seminary, and elect a third Professor to fill this post, either at this Synod or at the next annual Synod, he will obligate himself to furnish the sum, of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) toward its endowment

paying the interest annually (\$300) until the principal be paid. And furthermore, that he will make use of every exertion, in connection with other members of the Hay connection, to obtain the full sum necessary for the endowment of the Professorship within the present synodical year. And that during the first year of the incumbency of this Professor, if the endowment be not fully made up, he will stand personally responsible for the full salary (\$900) for one year. It is his hope and expectation that in the course of the year he will be enabled to place the Professorship upon an independent basis."

The Synod will perceive, that this is the largest sum ever contributed by any one individual to any of our institutions. That we shall ultimately need four Professors in our Seminary, to fill the Professorships, respectively, of Dogmatic Theology, Practical Theology, Historical Theology and Exegetical Theology is evident enough. Most of the Theological Seminaries of the land have this number of Professors. When one year ago the Synod succeeded in obtaining the full services of two Professors, it was little expected that the way would so soon be opened for the founding of a third Professorship. We should all greatly rejoice in this result. And if some other individual or family shall be moved to endow the fourth Professorship, within a year or two, doubtless the hearts of all would greatly rejoice.

The idea of this gift is certainly a noble one. It grows out of the conviction that the time has arrived when the Reformed Church should receive some gifts in large amounts. And this gift is in fact not from a superabundance of means but from an earnest desire to do something valuable and permanent. I earnestly hope, therefore, that Synod will not only accept this proposition, but that its influence will be such as to stir up the pure minds of others by way of remembrance, so that our different institutions and enterprises will continually grow in prosperity and power, until the Reformed Church, once small and weak and comparatively inefficient, will take the place rightfully belonging to her, as one of the pillars of our Protestant Christianity.

In this connection, it seems to me to be no more than proper to put upon record here some extracts from private letters from the donor, expressive of his feelings, sentiments, and hopes with reference to our Church, as explanatory of this donation. He remarks :

"It has been my heart's desire for some time to see our institutions at Tiffin fully endowed. I should like to see fifty ministers go out from the Seminary annually, instead of five or ten at most. We have been content to move along at a snail's pace in the past. It is time that we arouse

ourselves and throw off the lethargy that has shackled our movements. If the subject is properly presented and pressed upon our members within the bounds of the Synod of Ohio, our institutions at Tiffin can be converted into a University before three years have elapsed."

In a subsequent letter he remarks :

"I have not yet broached the subject to any of my friends, except one, that I expect to join in the project, and therefore do not know what sum they would be willing to contribute, and that is another reason why I can not at this time, fix upon the precise form of the donation. But whether they join me or not, I have determined to dedicate a specific fund for the permanent benefit of the Church, not from the superabundance of my means, but because of a sense of duty to give to the utmost of my ability. It occurs to me that much more might be done in the Church if some systematic plan were pursued with regard to benevolent operations. Many persons could and would give their hundreds and thousands who give nothing worth mentioning now, were the importance of the subject pressed home upon them in the proper manner. They see calls through the Church organs, from week to week, for contributions to benevolent purposes, but they regard them as calls to the Church at large, and not to them as individuals, and in consequence nobody responds.

"Now, if instead of this impracticable mode of operations, men could be induced to set apart a certain portion of their annual means, whether it be the Jewish portion or any other, to a specific purpose, the matter of giving would become a pleasure, instead of a burden, for then *it would seem that they were living to some purpose in the world*; they would have an ever present consciousness that they were instrumental in doing some good for the cause of Christ and his Church."

There are many generous and noble-hearted men in our Church, who have the welfare of the Church at heart, and would give liberally for her benefit if they were made to see, that by dedicating or setting apart a specific fund for the permanent use of the Church, the interest of which alone should be used, and the principal remain intact, that they would be the instruments in the hands of God for doing much good not only while they live to see the fruits of their labors, but after they are gone to receive their eternal reward . . . I wish your Seminary would turn out fifty ministers every year. The question of the strength or weakness of an institution rests altogether with the Church. She could have fifty students at the Seminary all the time, as well as twenty. There is a large amount of latent strength in our

Church, and whenever a systematic plan is put into operation to arouse and develop that strength, the small German Reformed Church, that in the past has been stigmatized for its smallness, will spring forth like a giant in strength.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

J. H. GOOD.

2. Report of the Special Committee on Library and Endowment:

The Special Committee on the Theological Library and the Endowment of the Third Professorship in the Theological Seminary, submitted their report, which was received and adopted:

Your Committee take great pleasure in responding to the communication made by Rev. J. H. Good, D. D., stating that the Library of our Theological Seminary had increased by the donation of a large and valuable collection of books, by a venerable and beloved minister in the Church.

It is also a most welcome duty to acknowledge the commencement of the endowment of a new professorship in our Seminary, through the liberality of an Alumnus of Heidelberg College, who assures us that he expects to secure the whole amount needed for the endowment of this chair.

In view of these encouraging facts, your Committee would respectfully suggest the following resolutions for adoption by Synod:

I. WHEREAS, This Synod has been apprised by Valentine Hay, Esq., of an intention on his part to contribute the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000), toward the endowment of a third professorship in the Theological Seminary; and, whereas, some action is necessary on the part of the Synod to meet his conditions; therefore,

Resolved 1. That we accept this endowment, and return our sincere thanks to the brother for his beneficence.

Resolved 2. That a Professorship of Exegetical Theology be established, and a third theological professor be elected to this chair at the next annual meeting of Synod, in case the professorship be fully endowed.

Resolved 3. That this example of self-sacrificing benevolence be commended to the whole membership of the Church for imitation and practical regard.

II. WHEREAS, The Rev. Albert Heffenstein, Jr., of North Wales, Pa., has presented to the Theological Seminary at Tiffin, Ohio, a very valuable collection of books, amounting to 528 volumes of choice literature; and, whereas, this gift meets a long-felt want in our Seminary; therefore,

Resolved 1. That we receive these books and return our heartfelt thanks to Bro. Helffenstein for his timely aid to our beloved institution.

Resolved 2. That this collection of books be placed in the hands of the Librarian of the Theological Seminary, to be properly arranged and numbered for the use of the professors and students.

Resolved 3. That as our Library is still greatly in need of enlargement, we commend the generous act of Rev. Mr. Helffenstein to the notice of the ministry and membership of the Church, in the hope that many donations of books or funds may speedily follow for this most worthy object.

Respectfully submitted,

D. VAN HORNE, *Chairman.*

IV. INAUGURATION OF REV. J. H. GOOD, D. D., AS PROFESSOR IN THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

The formal inauguration of Rev. Jeremiah H. Good, D. D., as Professor of Dogmatic and Practical Theology in the Theological Seminary at Tiffin, took place in the First Reformed Church, on Friday evening, during the sessions of Synod, according to the arrangement of the Joint Committee, as follows:

1. Invocation.
2. Hymn, 146.
3. Prayer by Rev. D. Winters, D. D.
4. Address and constitutional questions by Rev. S. Mease.
5. Charge to the Professor by Rev. Eli Keller.
6. Inaugural address by the Professor.
7. Singing by the Choir.
8. Doxology and benediction by Rev. Dr. Winters.

The Synod subsequently adopted the following action in regard to the publication of the Inaugural Address:

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed to solicit a copy of the Inaugural Address, together with those of the other addresses, and have them published in pamphlet form.

The Committee consists of Revs. S. Mease, I. H. Reiter, and Elder A. H. Baughman.

ARTICLE XV.

HEIDELBERG COLLEGE.

I. THE ANNUAL REPORTS.

1. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

The Board of Trustees of Heidelberg College, in presenting their report to the Synod of Ohio and Adjacent States, do not deem it necessary to be as particular as in former years, in view of your meeting in Tiffin, where the College is located, which affords all present an opportunity to see for themselves the working of the institution.

The Board rejoices in the growing prosperity of the College, and the gradual improvement of its finances. All the expenses of the College were paid for the current year, with a small amount in the Treasury. The receipts on the contingent fund were \$4,985.66, of which amount \$4,808.51 were expended, including a balance of \$287.25 against the Treasury last year, leaving a balance of \$177.15 on hand for the next year.

The Board elected at its late meeting the Rev. P. Greding, of Detroit, Mich., to the Professorship of the German Language and Literature, which it is hoped will be gratifying to the German portion of the Church, as well as meet what has, for years past, been regarded as a pressing want in the institution itself. Looking at the great importance of the study of the German language and literature as it respects our Church, this must be regarded as a step in the right direction.

It is also gratifying to report that the Alumni of the College have undertaken to establish, at as early a period as possible, a professorship in the College to be known as the *Alumni Professorship*. Considering the interest and zeal with which the Alumni have undertaken this important work, there is good reason to believe that it will be completed at no very distant day.

The Agent, H. Leonard, is prosecuting his work with much zeal and success as will be seen by his report.

The Board, in connection with the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary, has undertaken to raise the sum of \$26,000, the one-fourth of which is to be added to the Endowment of the Seminary, and the remainder to that of the College; which, if the scheme is successful, will raise the Endowment of the College to about \$80,000, a result devoutly to be desired.

The attendance during the year was one hundred and

eighty one, according to the catalogue, a copy of which is herewith presented to the Synod. There were ten graduates at the commencement, on the 29th of June: five in the Classical, and five in the Scientific department.

Looking at the progress which has been made during the last few years, there is much reason to hope for the future. The Board feels thankful to the Synod for its co-operation in the past, and hopes to enjoy it to a still greater extent in the future, which, with the blessing of God upon our efforts, can not fail to place our institutions, in the end, upon a solid and sure foundation, such as will realize the hopes of their friends.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

GEO. W. WILLIARD,
President of Heidelberg College.

2. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF VISITORS.

The Board of Visitors of Heidelberg College, respectfully report as follows:

The Board takes pleasure in being able to state to the Synod, that Heidelberg College is in a growing and healthy condition. The professors are laboring earnestly to increase its efficiency. The students under their charge are making progress in their studies, as is plainly manifest from their examinations and the late commencement exercises. The number of students in attendance during the past year is encouraging. From the catalogue we learn that there are eighty-five in the College proper. Thirteen of these are Seniors, seven Juniors, twenty-five Sophomores, and forty Freshmen. There are ninety-six in the Preparatory department; twenty-eight of which are in the Classical course, and sixty-eight in the English course. The number of Classical students is greatly on the increase. The total number in attendance during the past year is one hundred and eighty-one.

At the late meeting of the Board of Trustees, provisions were made for additional teaching force, which will greatly increase the efficiency of the College, and be calculated, also, to increase the number of its students. We commend the College to the prayers and sympathies of its patrons and friends, hoping that it may receive from them the patronage it justly merits.

Respectfully submitted,

L. H. KEFAUVER,
Secretary of Board.

3. REPORT OF AGENT OF HEIDELBERG COLLEGE.

I have the pleasure once more to report the result of my labors for the past year.

In the first place I desire to return my sincere and devout thanks to my Heavenly Father; not only for the continued good health and success in my mission, but more especially would I try to be thankful for the comforting presence and influence of the Holy Spirit, leading and guiding me often in a most mysterious way. Indeed, sometimes what at first would seem to be a disappointment, the Lord overrules it for good. So that I never have more precious hours than when I can put my trust in my Savior and say, "*Thy will be done.*"

I begin to put less confidence in myself, and try to look more to the Lord to open the hearts and hands of the people. I have abundant reason for so doing, for I trust I am His servant, and called by the Church to this work; and then my past experience, too, has taught me that I must not be indolent, but must work; I try as much as in me lies to ascertain what is my duty, then go and do it. O, that I could always, by faith, lean John-like on the Master's bosom! How much easier my work would be. True, I often go and tell Him my troubles, and by so doing have found Him near.

Beloved brethren, the work is progressing. The people here and there are beginning to take more interest in Christian and Classical Education.

When I first entered upon this work, over thirteen years ago, it was then a comparatively new enterprise. In fact, many persons then did not know but what this College might "*go down*;" consequently, what they paid would be lost.

But now Heidelberg is a fixed fact. And so long as our Church exists our institutions at Tiffin will live. Whether the Fisherman is "*on top or underneath the ground*," and when the *Master* calls him home, the Lord will send another into the field.

The new scheme of Rev. Dr. Williard, President of Heidelberg College, seems already to meet with favor. That is, that we, in the shortest period possible, raise \$26,000. And, according to an arrangement entered into between the two *Boards of Trustees* of the College and Theological Seminary, that one-fourth of this amount be for the Seminary, and three-fourths go to the College.

The brethren of the *Miami Valley* have the honor to lay the foundation. So far our most sanguine expectations have been realized. True, it is only a little over a month since this new "*ball*" has been set in motion. I found during

the past year that a number of aged persons were willing to subscribe more largely, payable after death and without interest. One of these subscriptions amounts to *three thousand* dollars. Three hundred dollars of this amount only is interest bearing.

I would again refer to the fact that the *Christian World* is a great help to me. It is a *forerunner* or messenger going before me preparing the way.

Persons who read the Church papers are most enlightened in Church matters and more approachable. Yes; and I might say, most liberal too. The paper should be in every family.

I traveled during the year, four thousand eight hundred and ninety miles. Total miles traveled since the 22d of January, 1857, *fifty-two thousand eight hundred and thirty-four*.

I hope that the people will welcome the Fisherman this coming synodical year and contribute liberally.

O, that we might soon hear the glorious news that some rich individual or family would feel constrained by the love of God to endow a professorship; that is, a sum large enough, that the interest of the same would support one professor. How easy we could find a suitable name for such a *big fish*.

It will be seen that the amount subscribed this past year exceeds the amount of the former year, not even including the Seminary subscriptions.

On the other hand, I have not been as successful in collecting outstanding interest this year as I was the previous one. Your Agent would here call the attention of ministers and elders, who might, in each Charge, take the matter in hand and put the delinquents in remembrance of this fact, and save the Agent much time and money. The sums each are, comparatively speaking, small. But then if each one would pay when due, it would relieve the different Boards of much embarrassment.

In behalf of Heidelberg, then, I return my sincere thanks to all who have remembered our College and Seminary during the year with their liberal contributions.

In conclusion, I feel grateful to the friends and brethren for their continued confidence in my integrity, and by the help of God I shall always endeavor to maintain the same. Hoping to receive the continued prayers of the Church and good will of the people.

THE AGENT'S FINANCIAL REPORT.

Dr.

Collections for immediate use, in notes and cash.....	\$402 00	
Crumbs from the young people during the year.....	332 84	\$734 84
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Collections on old Endowment notes during the year.....	\$477 50	
Collections of interest for immediate use.....	387 91	
	<hr/>	865 41
New Endowment notes.....		9,600 00
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		\$11,200 25

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Old Endowment collections paid over.....	\$477 50	
Interest paid over.....	387 91	
Paid Gibson & Co., for printing 500 plates and retouching stone.....	60 00	
Traveling expenses of the Agent, including printing circulars and notes.....	224 75	
Notes for immediate use.....	95 00	
Bonds paid over this day.....	307 00	
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	\$1,552 16	
Endowment notes (new).....	9,600 00	
	<hr/>	\$11,152 16
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Balance due the College.....		\$48 09
Balance paid to Rev. Dr. Williard, President.....		48 09

HENRY LEONARD, *Agent*.

June 27, 1870.

II. REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON HEIDELBERG COLLEGE.

The Standing Committee on Heidelberg College, to whom the several reports pertaining thereto had been referred, submitted their report, which was received and adopted; and is as follows:

The Committee on Heidelberg College beg leave respectfully to report:

That the reports of the President of the College, of the General Agent, of the Catalogue of the Institution, recently issued, personal attendance upon the examinations, and investigation into the actual condition and working of the institution, all testify to the fact of growing prosperity in this school of the Church. We have reason to feel greatly encouraged in view of the operations of the past year and the promises for the future.

The College is now twenty years old. It was commenced on a very small scale, by a Church comparatively weak, surrounded with unusual difficulties, and inspiring at the time but little confidence in its ultimate success, except in the case of those who, in faith, were looking into the future, and saw the evident indications of Providence, that the Western Reformed Church should go forward and found independent institutions. Should this not be done, it was plain that the Western portion of the Church would rapidly disintegrate and be swallowed up by surrounding churches.

Now, after a period of struggling against difficulties, of great self-denial on the part of the professors, and of perseverance on the part of both the Church and the authorities of the College, we may regard it as standing upon a stable basis. It is no longer an experiment, but an established institution.

The College has a good property and buildings. Its endowment funds amount to about \$60,000, not all of which has, however, been paid in. It has supported five professors and teachers, and instructed one hundred and eighty-one students, during the past year, without incurring any debt.

Among the gratifying facts of solid progress in the case of our College, the following are to be noted:

1. The election of Rev. P. Greding, of Detroit, Mich., to be Professor of German Language and Literature. The filling of this professorship has long been desired from many quarters. The North-Western Synod has hesitated in the matter, because of fear of becoming involved in pecuniary liabilities. It is true that this department has not been unattended to, and that it has at times had the services of different professors and teachers; but it has been felt all along that it needed the services of one who would devote his whole and undivided time to its duties. Many, if not most of the future ministers of the German churches must here obtain their preparatory training. There is a demand for the thorough study and teaching of our noble mother-tongue by a large number of our students. Although in a land prevailingly English, yet it is desired and desirable

that this study should be diffused as far as possible among all the students, as far as time will permit. The problem hitherto has been, to obtain the services of one thoroughly qualified for the post, having the full confidence of the German portion of the Church, and willing to fall in with the general design and policy of the institution. The election of Rev. P. Greiding, now President of the Synod of the North-West, it is hoped, will meet all these requirements, and as there seems to be no obstacle in the way of his immediate entrance upon the duties of his office, it is confidently believed that the hopes of the Church will be realized by his election and labors.

2. The resolution of the Alumni to endow a full professorship (to be designated hereafter), is also an event of great significance. It is believed that this body has sufficient strength and sufficient force of will to carry out this project to a successful issue, at a day not distant. If so, a great deal will be gained for the institution, and it will show that their *Alma Mater* lives in the hearts of her children.

3. The success which has attended the efforts of H. Leonard, Esq., thus far, in securing the sum of \$20,000 at once, for the endowment of the College, under the combined arrangement with the Seminary Board, is very encouraging. It proves that those persons and congregations who were instrumental in contributing the first of the Endowment Fund, have still a disposition to crown their original contributions and sacrifices by additional gifts, and that they will continue to aid until the work be brought to a higher measure of success.

We would, therefore, offer the following resolutions:

1. *Resolved*, That we express our gratitude to the great Head of the Church, for the manifest blessings and favors vouchsafed to this important enterprise of our Western Church.

2 That we earnestly commend our general Agent, H. Leonard, Esq., to the confidence and support of the Classes and Congregations, and request the Classes to take such action as will further him in his work.

3. That we extend the thanks of the Synod to the Alumni, for the determination at which they have arrived to endow a full professorship in Heidelberg College.

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. GOOD, *Chairman*.

WM. H. FENNEMAN,

FRED. STRASSNER,

A. H. BAUGHMAN,

Committee.

ARTICLE XVI.

EDUCATION.

I. THE ANNUAL REPORTS.

1. REPORT OF BOARD OF EDUCATION.

The Board of Education would respectfully offer the following as their annual report:

During the past year the Board had quite a number of meetings, which were held principally for the purpose of receiving applicants and making appropriations. Special efforts were made to secure funds, which met with only partial success. From the report of our Treasurer, you will learn that the Board is in debt to the amount of \$561.95. There were received during the year \$2,358.08; and paid out \$2 739.80.

In order that this debt may be canceled, the following resolution is recommended to the Synod, by the Board:

Resolved, That the Synod be requested to ask the Classes to increase their contributions to the cause of Beneficiary Education.

As the subject of systematic benevolence, in a general way, has already been referred to the Standing Committee on Education, we will offer no suggestions on the best method of meeting our financial wants, hoping that the Committee will be enabled to recommend such a plan as will result in filling the depleted treasuries of the different Boards.

In order that the different Classes, under whose care the beneficiary students have been placed, may be kept posted as to the progress they are making in their studies, and, also, in religion and morals, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the attention of Synod be called to the importance of adopting some rule, which will apply to all students that are under the care of the Board, and which shall require the Faculties of the College and Theological Seminary to report the progress and conduct of the Beneficiaries to the Classis to which they belong.

Respectfully submitted,

L. H. KEFAUVER,
President of Board.

2. REPORT OF THE TREASURER.

R. GOOD, *Treasurer, in account with Board of Education of the Synod of Ohio and Adjacent States.*

1869.		<i>Dr.</i>
June 3	Rev. F. Schaad, Ragersville	\$20 00
"	" S. E. Herring.....	11 00
"	" Jacob Weaver, Salem.....	12 00
"	" L. H. Ketsauver, First Church, Tiffin..	16 40
28	" E. D. Miller, collected in Indiana.....	10 00
"	" M. Mueller, Galion.....	10 00
30	" G. W. Williard, contribution.....	20 00
"	" J. Winter, Crestline.....	3 50
"	" D. Zimmerman, Whetstone.....	3 00
"	Mrs. Elizabeth Finnefrock.....	1 50
Aug. 13	Rev. J. B. Shumaker, Bethel.....	12 70
"	Dr. J. Weimer, Akron.....	5 00
"	Excelsior "	1 00
"	Rev. S. C. Goss.....	1 00
15	" J. W. Hamm, Jacob's cong.....	16 53
"	" " " Manchester cong.....	3 96
16	Mrs. Hamm.....	5 00
"	Rev. J. C. Klar.....	5 00
26	" I. Matzinger	1 00
"	" S. H. Reid, Milton, Pa.....	18 00
31	" J. Getzendanner, Highland Charge....	50 00
"	" S. N. L. Kessler, Dayton, Ind.....	21 25
"	" J. Reinhart, Columbiana.....	32 50
"	" G. M. Albright, West Fork.....	5 50
"	Mr. F. Bates.....	2 00
"	Mrs. F. Bates.....	10 00
"	Mrs. Ann Oszman.....	2 00
Sept. 1	A Friend, per Dr. J. H. Good.....	30 00
"	Rev. L. M. Kershner, Bloom Center.....	3 80
"	" Eli Keller, Salem.....	5 64
"	" J. Weaver.....	6 00
13	Dr. G. W. Williard, Fort Seneca.....	11 45
"	" D. Winters, Mt. Zion.....	52 50
"	Rev. J. C. Klar, Charity Charge.....	13 53
"	" " " Bethlehem "	15 00
"	Rev. J. W. Hamm, Manchester.....	20 00
"	" L. M. Kershner, Bloom Center.....	2 85
"	" J. Kuhn, Bascom.....	4 67
"	" A. Toensmeier, Toledo.....	17 78
24	" J. G. Ruhl, Findlay	10 00
25	" L. H. Ketsauver, First Church, Tiffin..	25 00

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	<i>Brought forward,</i>	\$518 06
	A Friend, per Dr. G. W. Williard.....	25 00
	" — Richards, St. Paul's.....	20 00
	" N. H. Loose, Shelby.....	25 00
	" P. C. Prugh, Beaver.....	5 00
Lancaster Classis, per Rev. C. W. Hoyman, as follows:		
	Rev. F. Strassner, Union Charge.....	\$8 86
	" J. W. Alspach, Stoutsville.....	15 00
	" J. Heller, Tarlton.....	20 00
	" S. B. Yockey, Kinnickinnick..	6 96
	" C. W. Hoyman, Somerset.....	50 00
	" G. H. Leonard, Basil.....	10 00
	" J. Heffley, Winchester.....	23 00
	" J. W. Alspach, Circleville.....	5 15
	" H. King, Jerusalem.....	2 60
	" J. C. Henneman, Beaver.....	6 84
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		148 40
	" H. Knepper.....	10 00
Oct. 28	" J. Klingler, Upper Sandusky.....	18 00
Nov. 11	Dr. Weimer, Akron Cong.....	7 00
	" Rev. I. H. Reiter, Miamisburg.....	8 00
15	" W. A. Helfrich, per Rev. J. H. Good..	40 00
26	Gottes Kasten.....	5 00
	" Rev. Alfred Houtz.....	9 75
	" Dr. G. W. Williard, contribution.....	25 00
Dec. 10	Friend of the cause, per Dr. Williard.....	50 00
	" Rev. Eli Keller, Thompson Charge.....	23 61
24	" J. Kuelling, Fem. Soc., F'st Ch., Cin..	14 00
27	Dr Williard, Fort Seneca.....	10 00
	" A Friend, Pittsburg, per Dr. Williard.....	25 00
	" Mr. John Balliet.....	3 00
Jan. 1	Rev. J. I. Swander, Northampton.....	5 00
	" Leonard Hawk.....	3 00
27	Rev. C. W. Hoyman, St. Paul's S. School..	13 86
	" " J. B. Shumaker, Bethel.....	4 40
	" " H. Rust, contribution.....	5 00
Feb. 1	" G. H. Leonard, Basil.....	25 00
	" Mr. T. W. Chapman, Tr. Tuscarawas Cl'sis.	20 00
7	Rev. G. M. Albright.....	5 05
	" " S. E. Herring.....	10 00
14	Mrs. M. Keller.....	5 00
	" Dr. F. W. Kremer, S. S., First Church, Leb- anon, Pa.....	100 00
	" Rev. D. Van Horne, First Church, Dayton.	18 00
22	Dr. G. W. Williard, contribution.....	47 00
	" Rev. F. A. Rupley, Middletown, Md.....	50 00

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		<i>Brought forward,</i>	\$1,301 13
Mar.	1	Mr. H. Hoffman, Tiffin.....	1 00
	2	Rev. L. Christ.....	5 00
	5	" S. B. Yockey, Kinnickinnick.....	15 75
	8	Mr. T. W. Chapman, Tuscarawas Classis...	20 00
		Rev. J. Reinbart, Mt. Olivet Charge.....	11 75
	10	East Ohio Classis, per Mr. J. Greenameier..	10 00
		Rev. J. Reinbart, Paradise Congregation...	6 25
		Mr. C. B. Best, Jefferson Charge.....	7 25
		Rev. J. Leibert, Fremont.....	3 50
April		Mr. J. Wiest, Phila, Pa., for partic. student.	150 00
		Rev. C. W. Hoyman, Somerset.....	19 38
		Mr. John Drake, Shelby.....	5 00
	10	Rev. G. H. Leonard, Basil.....	25 00
		Mr. T. W. Chapman, Tr. Tuscarawas Classis.	40 00
		Rev. Geo. Wolf, Myerstown, Pa.....	25 00
	19	" L. M. Kershner, Bloom Center, O.....	2 90
		" H. Wilson, Shelby, Ill.....	4 20
		" J. Leibert, Fremont.....	9 87
		" Dr. Williard, Salem.....	50
		Reformed Church, Xenia, per Mr. A. H. Baughman.....	7 00
May	5	Amount refunded by Mr. F. Krug, per Rev. Bensing.....	185 00
	19	Rev. G. M. Albright.....	5 00
	24	Mr. T. W. Chapman, Tr. Tuscarawas Cl'ssis.	20 00
		Rev. H. Shumaker, Springboro.....	7 25
		Mr. Leonard Hawk, per Dr. Williard.....	2 00
June	6	Rev. A. B. Shenkle, Millersville Charge Pa. A member of St. John's Congregation, Chambersburg, Pa.....	35 00
			5 00
	9	Mr. T. W. Chapman, Tr. Tuscarawas Cl'ssis.	12 00
		Rev. Fred. W. Berleman, Millville Charge.	28 00
May	5	" J. Kuelling, First Church, Cin.....	20 00
June	13	" Wm. H. Fenneman.....	10 00
	16	" A. Houtz, Orangeville, Pa.....	5 00
		" H. Shumaker, Springboro.....	3 25
		" Prof. H. Rust, contribution.....	30 00
	26	" Dr. G. W. Williard, ".....	45 00
	27	" J. Reinbart, Mt. Olivet Cong.....	25 00
	28	" L. Rike, Farmersville ".....	10 00
		" S. B. Yockey, Kinnickinnick.....	10 00
		" J. W. Alspach, Stoutsville.....	13 85
		Amount paid by T. W. Chapman, Treasurer of Tuscarawas Classis, to a certain Beneficiary.....	40 00
		Mr. David Prugh.....	1 00

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	<i>Brought forward,</i>	\$2,182 83
Mr. Jacob Prugh.....		1 00
Rev. J. Heffloy, Winchester		20 00
" F. Strassner, Union Charge.....		9 65
" G. H. Leonard, Basil.....		25 00
" F. Strassner, contribution.....		3 00
" Dr. G. W. Williard, "		38 00
Interest Lancaster Classis B. E. Fund.....		21 00
Rev. S. C. Goss, Wadsworth.....		6 00
" I. H. Reiter, Miamisburg.....		10 00
" C. Schaaf, contribution.....		5 00
East Ohio Classis, per Elder Greenameier..		10 00
Rev. F. Schaad.....		8 50
Mr. I. Isinger.....		5 00
Rev. T. P. Bucher.....		10 00
" H. Wilson.....		3 10
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June 3 Due Treasurer.....		\$120 23
Amount paid Beneficiaries, per vouchers.....		2,699 00
Government and postage stamps.....	10 15	
Interest of money bor- rowed.....	19 45	
Exchange and incidental expenses	11 20	
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June 30, 1870, Bal. due Treasurer...		501 95
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		\$2,358 08

Respectfully submitted,
R. GOOD, *Treasurer.*

II. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

The Standing Committee on Education, to whom the foregoing reports, together with a resolution on the subject of General Benevolence, were referred, submitted their report; which was received and adopted:

The Committee, to whom all the documents relating to the subject of Beneficiary Education were referred, would respectfully report as follows:

That they have properly examined the report of the Board and of the Treasurer, and given the general subject due consideration.

As to the finances of the Board, they would suggest that the Treasurer's report be printed in full in the Minutes of Synod, in order that the Synod and the Church generally may see what has been done for this particular object.

From the report of the Treasurer it will be seen that the receipts of the Board of Education during the year were \$2,358.08, and that its disbursements were \$2,860.03, leaving a deficiency in the Treasury of \$501.95, which amount the Board had to borrow to pay the appropriations of the Beneficiary students. The Synod should, if possible, provide for this deficiency before its adjournment, so that the Board may be free from all embarrassment in entering upon a new year. Your Committee would suggest the propriety of different members of Synod voluntarily assuming the debt, or of the Synod apportioning it among the different Classes.

It is also evident, in view of this deficiency, that some action should be taken that will increase the contributions to this particular object; for should this not be the case, we will hereafter be met with the same difficulty that now stares us in the face. There is also a necessity for this, as the number of indigent young men under the care of the Board is larger than at any previous time, with the probability of still more applications at the beginning of the Fall Term of the College and Seminary. To refuse support to any worthy young men, when the Church is needing ministers so much as at present, would be a shameful dereliction of duty. The only alternative, therefore, is for this Synod to adopt such measures as will, in all probability, provide the funds necessary for this object. The Church is doubtless able to meet the demand in the case, if all will only contribute as they should. There are many individuals and congregations that give nothing at all from year to year to this cause. Were those who do nothing to give equally with those whose sympathies are enlisted in behalf of our indigent young men, the funds would be sufficient to meet all our present liabilities. It should, therefore, be the object of this Synod to awaken a new interest in this cause, and to secure such united action as will hereafter embrace the entire membership of the Church, and wipe away the reproach of non-contributing members and congregations. To secure this end, we would recommend the following resolutions for adoption:

Resolved, That we commend this cause anew to the liberality and support of our people, in the hope that each member of the Church will make a contribution according to his or her means.

Resolved, That each Consistory solicit some one of its members, or of the congregation, with whom the Board of Education may enter into correspondence whenever it may be necessary.

Resolved, That the Treasurer of the Board of Education open an account with each congregation in this Synod; and that when no contribution is received from it by the close of the first of January of each year, he forward a circular to the Consistory, reminding them of the fact and exhorting them to their duty.

Resolved, That the ministers and Classes that have no definite plan of action for this cause, be requested to co-operate with the Board of Education, by forwarding to its Treasurer (Rev. R. Good, Tiffin, Ohio), the name and post-office address of some one that will act as agent in the coagregation.

Resolved, That any student, who has received aid in the prosecution of his studies, shall be entitled to a credit on his obligation to the Board, equal to whatever amount he may contribute individually to this cause, or collect from his Charge.

The following resolutions are recommended to this Synod by the Board of Education:

Resolved, That the attention of this Synod be called to the importance of adopting some rule which will apply to all the students under the care of the Board, making it the duty of the Faculty of the College and Seminary to report to the several Classes the progress and conduct of the beneficiaries, whenever it may be requested by the Classes.

Resolved, That the Synod be requested to ask the Classes to increase their contributions to the cause of Beneficiary Education.

As your Committee deem the adoption of these resolutions calculated to advance the cause of Beneficiary Education, they hereby recommend them to the favorable notice of Synod.

Hoping and praying that the great Head of the Church may direct the Synod in its deliberations to such plans as may most effectually promote the cause of Beneficiary Education, we respectfully submit the above report.

ORANGE E. LAKE,
CHRISTOPHER SCHILLER,
GEO. W. WILLIARD,
JACOB GREENAMEIER,

Committee.

Subsequent to the final disposition of the foregoing report, the Board of Education was merged into the Board of Visitors, by the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Board of Education and the Board of Visitors be re-united, as formerly, under the title of "the Board of Visitors."

ARTICLE XVII.

MISSIONS.

1. REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON HOME MISSIONS.

The Standing Committee on Missions, to whom was referred item fifth in the report on Overtures, asking this Synod to co-operate with the North-Western Synod in securing the services of Rev. Dr. M. Stern as Missionary Superintendent, as well as in the missionary work in general, submitted their report, which was received, amended and adopted, and is as follows:

The Committee on Missions would respectfully report that the only item which came into their hands is the one from the North-Western Synod, through its delegate, asking this Synod to co-operate with them in the call of a Superintendent of Missions, and the work of Missions generally.

We need not say again to this Synod that which it so well knows, but hardly acknowledges, that the great cause to which our Church, in the spirit of her Heavenly Father, should direct her efforts, is the work of Missions. The whole far West is reaching out to us her hands imploringly for help, while many organized Missions, in our very midst, some of which are of much importance, not only to a part, but to the whole Church, are suffering for want of proper support to such an extent even as to endanger their very existence. Other interests of the Church seem to have received their proper attention, while this has been almost entirely neglected.

In view of the above facts, your Committee would offer for adoption the following resolutions:

Resolved, That this Synod expresses its willingness to co-operate with the North-Western Synod in the work of Home Missions by welcoming into our German fields the Missionary Agent appointed by the General Board from their Synod.

Resolved, That we very much regret that the Board of the General Synod has failed to acquaint, in any way, this Synod with the condition and operation of its work within our bounds.

Resolved, That the cause of Home Missions be earnestly recommended to the attention of each Classis, and that they be requested not only to meet its claims within their own respective bounds, but that they also endeavor, by every

available means, to meet the urgent calls and claims of the General Board.

Resolved, That we appoint a Board of Home Missions, consisting of four ministers and two elders, as auxiliary to the General Board.

Respectfully submitted,

P. C. PRUGH, *Chairman*.

2. REPORT OF COMMITTEE NOMINATING BOARD OF MISSIONS.

On the adoption of the report of the Committee on Missions, a Special Committee was appointed to nominate a Board of Home Missions. This Committee, consisting of Revs. Dr. J. H. Good, J. W. Alspach and J. H. Buser, subsequently presented their report, which was received and adopted and is as follows:

Your Committee appointed to nominate a Board of Home Missions would respectfully report.

That they propose the following named persons to constitute said Board, namely: Revs. George W. Williard, D. D., Peter C. Prugh, William H. Fenneman, David Van Horne, and Elders Lewis Keller and Philip Fry.

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. GOOD, *Chairman*.

3. STATEMENT AND ACTION RESPECTING FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The Rev. John Mason Ferris, D. D., Corresponding Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions of the Reformed Church in America, appeared in Synod during the first day of its sessions, and asked permission to make some statements on the subject of Foreign Missions. The hour of three o'clock in the afternoon of that day was fixed for that purpose. At the appointed hour, he made some interesting statements in regard to the work of Foreign Missions, as prosecuted by the Board of Foreign Missions of the Reformed Church in America, and solicited this Synod to co-operate with them in this special work.

On motion, the subject involved in his statements was

referred to a Special Committee to submit a report thereon. The Committee consists of Revs. Dr. G. W. Williard, C. Schaaf and J. Reinhart.

This Committee subsequently submitted the following report, which was received, amended and adopted:

The Committee to whom the subject of Foreign Missions, presented in the statements of Rev. Dr. Ferris of the Reformed Church in America, was referred, respectfully submit the following resolutions for adoption:

Resolved, That we have heard, with much pleasure, the remarks of Rev. Dr. Ferris respecting the success of the Foreign Missionary operations of the Reformed Church in America, and of the indications of still more extensive usefulness in the future.

Resolved, That this Synod expresses its thanks to the Board of Foreign Missions of the Reformed Church in America, for the invitation it has extended through its Corresponding Secretary to co-operate with it in this branch of Christian activity.

Resolved, That we petition the General Synod at its next triennial meeting to change its action on this subject, so as to carry on its Foreign Missionary operations in the future in conjunction with our brethren of the Reformed Church in America, and that in case it does not see its way clear to do so, in its synodical capacity, it grant permission to this Synod to do it.

Respectfully submitted,
GEO. W. WILLIARD.

ARTICLE XVIII.

ELECTION OF BOARDS.

The Committee on Nominations, on the morning of the second day of the sessions, presented its report through its chairman, Rev. S. Shaw, which was received, amended and adopted. The election was ordered to be held on the morning of the third day of the sessions, at 10 o'clock, and the Committee on Nominations instructed to have a sufficient number of tickets printed for the use of Synod. At the appointed time the election was held. The Revs. J. Reinhart and C. W. Hoyman were appointed tellers, who received and counted the ballots, and reported to the Synod the following as the result of the election:

Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary.

Revs. David Winters, D. D., Isaac H. Reiter, David Van Horne, and Messrs. Gideon G. Prugh, Benj. Kuhns, Andrew H. Baughman and Lewis Keller.

Board of Trustees of Heidelberg College.

Revs. Nathaniel H. Loose, James Reinhart, David Winters, D. D., Jacob M. Lefever, Peter C. Prugh, and Mr. Andrew H. Baughman.

The following are the members of the Board holding over:

For three years.—Revs. Isaac H. Reiter, Geo. W. Williard D. D., Geo. Z. Mechling, and Messrs. Benj. Kuhns, Wm. L. Snyder and John Treon, M. D.

For two years.—Revs. Lewis H. Kefauver, Jer. H. Good, D. D., Nelson L. Brewer, Edward Swander, Warren P. Noble and Geo. Parker Williard, M. D.

For one year.—Revs. Prof. Herman Rust, Samuel Mease, and Messrs. Lewis Schriver, Lewis Baltzell, William Barrick and Jacob Bunn.

Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary.

Revs. Lewis H. Kefauver, David Van Horne, Jacob M. Lefever, Joseph B. Shumaker, Henry Williard, Prof. Reuben Good, Geo. W. Williard, D. D., Sebastian C. Goss and John Vogt.

Board of Visitors of Heidelberg College.

Revs. Jacob M. Lefever, Lewis H. Kefauver, Nathaniel H. Loose, William H. Fenneman, and Mr. Simon C. Crumbaugh.

Board of Home Missions.

Revs. Geo. W. Williard, D. D., Peter C. Prugh, Wm. H. Fenneman, David Van Horne, and Messrs. Lewis Keller and Philip Fry.

Board of Publication.

Revs. Samuel Mease, George Z. Mechling, and Messrs. Valentine C. Tidball, Andrew H. Baughman, and Benjamin, Kuhns.

ARTICLE XIX.

APPEALS.

1. The Committee on the Minutes of Classis, Item 1st, under the heading of Appeals and Complaints, and the Committee on Overtures, Item 1st, reported that an appeal had been taken by Rev. Gottlieb Ziegler and his Joint Consistory, from the decision of St. John's Classis, refusing to allow said Rev. G. Ziegler to withdraw his resignation of the Paris charge. The aforesaid items were referred to a Special Committee, consisting of Revs. J. G. Ruhl, John Rettig, Joseph B. Thompson, and Elders Henry Leonard and J. James Hoffman.

This Committee subsequently submitted the following report, which was received and adopted:

Your Committee to whom was referred the appeal of Rev. Gottlieb Ziegler and his Joint Consistory, from the decision of the St. John's Classis, refusing to allow said Rev. G. Ziegler to withdraw his resignation of the Paris charge, would report as follows:

That the appeal, as directed to the present Synod, is in order, and in accordance with the constitution.

Respectfully submitted,

J. G. RUHL, *Chairman.*

On motion the following was adopted as the order in which the above case of appeal was to be considered:

Resolved, That the appeal be heard on Monday at 10 o'clock, A. M., and the following order be observed:

1. The reading of all the documents in the case.
2. That the appellant be allowed half an hour to argue his case, with sufficient time to translate the same into German.
3. That the Classis be allowed forty minutes, with sufficient time to translate the same into German.
4. That the appellant have ten minutes to reply.

The Rev. Joshua H. Derr acted as counsel in behalf of the appellant, and Revs. Herman Kortheuer, Christopher Schiller and Frederick Schaad, as counsel in behalf of the Classis.

The consideration of the case then proceeded according to the order adopted, and, after hearing the documentary evidence and pleading on both sides, the vote of Synod was taken by calling the roll, and the appeal was sustained.

2. In regard to the action of this Synod respecting the appeals of Rev. George Rettig and others from the action of Iowa Classis, which had been postponed by the last Synod until its present annual meeting, see Article VIII., Report on Synodical Minutes, and action on Items 4 and 5.

ARTICLE XX.

COMPLAINTS.

On the adoption of the report of the Special Committee on Contested Seats of Delegates from Iowa Classis, recognizing and acknowledging the minutes of the meeting of Iowa Classis, held at Wheatland, Iowa, April 20, 1870, as the only minutes of the Iowa Classis which should pass into the hands of the Committee on Classical Minutes, and the delegates elected by that body, as the only delegates from Iowa Classis entitled to seats in this Synod, the Rev. Joshua Riale arose and stated that he would appeal to the General Synod from the action of this Synod, in adopting the aforesaid report.

The President of Synod ruled that the appeal was out of order, inasmuch as the vote adopting the report did not involve a *judicial* process; but that he could enter a *complaint*.

The Rev. Joshua Riale then announced that he, in behalf of himself and the body he represented, would *complain* of this action to the General Synod.

The President announced the names of Revs. John H. Buser, John Rettig and Augustus Bletsch, would now be enrolled as delegates from Iowa Classis.

The Rev. Joshua Riale then stated that he would also enter a *complaint* to the General Synod against this action.

ARTICLE XXI.

FINANCE.

The following report was received from the Treasurer of Synod, and referred to the Standing Committee on Finance :

I. REPORT OF THE TREASURER.

J. H. Good, Treasurer, in account with the Synod of Ohio and Adjacent States.

Dr.

To balance in the Treasury, May 19, 1869.....\$111 93

The amounts received from May 19, 1869, to June 30, 1870 from the several Classes are as follows:

Miami Classis.

Balance on Minutes of Synod for 1866.....	\$ 6 00
" " " " 1867.....	5 40
Permanent apportionment for 1869.....	42 00
English Minutes for 1869.....	28 50
German " "	5 85

Lancaster Classis.

Permanent apportionment for 1869.....	22 5 ⁰
English Minutes for 1869.....	11 70
German " "	1 80

Sandusky (and Tuscarawas).

On account by T. W. Chapman, Treasurer.....	91 85
" " by Rev. S. C. Goss.....	12 20

[Note.—The account of Sandusky Classis was \$118.50.
There remains a balance due of \$13.45.]

St. John's Classis.

On account by Rev. D. Kemmerer, Treasurer.....	60 00
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Illinois Classis.

Permanent apportionment of 1868.....	15 00
English and German Minutes of 1868.....	7 70
Permanent apportionment for 1869 (in part).....	12 06

Tiffin Classis.

Permanent apportionment of 1868.....	16 50
" " of 1869.....	16 50
English Minutes of 1869.....	5 40
German " of 1869.....	1 05

Iowa Classis.

On account (on order to Rev. F. C. Bauman).....	4 50
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Westmoreland Classis.

None.

Eastern Ohio.

None.

\$478 44

CONTRA.

By amounts paid from May 19, 1869, to June 30, 1870, as follows:

Rev. F. Strassner, for printing tickets.....	\$ 1 50
Paid Sexton at Delaware.....	10 00
Delegates from Iowa Classis—	
Rev. John Rettig.....	15 00
“ D. S. Fouse.....	15 00
“ J. Riale.....	15 00
“ Geo. Rettig.....	15 00
Elder J. E. Young.....	15 00
Rev. F. C. Bauman (in part).....	4 50
Delegate from Illinois Classis—	
Rev. O. E. Lake.....	10 00
Printing English and German Minutes of Synod for 1869.....	258 40
Rev. T. P. Bucher, for postage on Minutes.....	19 00
Treasurer of General Synod, W. D. Gross (in part)...	12 50
Amount advanced on express charges on donations of books by Rev. A. Helffenstein, Jr.....	16 00
Paid Rev. H. Knepper, delegate of Illinois Classis....	10 00
Balance in the treasury.....	61 54
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INDEBTEDNESS TO SYNOD.

The several Classes named in the following statement are still in arrears to Synod, as follows:

Illinois Classis.

Balance of permanent apportionment of 1869.....	\$ 4 44
English Minutes of 1869.....	12 12
German “ “	1 80

Iowa Classis.

Balance of permanent apportionment of 1869.....	6 00
English Minutes.....	3 20
German “	1 50

St. John's Classis.

Balance on German Minutes of 1868.....	\$34 10
Permanent apportionment of 1869.....	36 00
English Minutes of 1869.....	19 50
German " "	65 10
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	\$154 70
Less \$60.00 paid by Rev. D. Kemmerer.....	60 00
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	\$94 70

Westmoreland Classis.

English Minutes of 1869.....	15 70
German " "	1 50

Sandusky Classis.

Balance due.....	13 45
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It will be noticed from the above that there is a balance due from Sandusky (or Tuscarawas) Classis of \$13.45; and from St. John's of \$94.70. Also that nothing has been paid in directly from Eastern Ohio Classis. It will be remembered that Eastern Ohio Classis was formed out of the other two one year ago. It is probable that a portion of the balance due from the two Classes ought to be paid by Eastern Ohio; yet *how much* your Treasurer is unable to say. From the imperfect data in his possession the Treasurer is of opinion that Eastern Ohio Classis ought to pay \$17.25 of the debt reckoned to St. John's, and \$5.50 of that reckoned to Sandusky. It will be necessary for the delegates from those Classis, or the Committee on Finance, or the Synod itself, to settle this point definitely.

The Treasurer would also direct the attention of Synod to the fact that the General Synod (see Minutes, page 44) has assessed the Synod of Ohio in the sum of \$500, and that it will be necessary to apportion this amount among the Classes.

The Treasurer would also call attention to the fact that the translation of the last Minutes into the German language was made by Rev. J. Kuelling, and that Synod should decide upon the compensation to be allowed for this service.

It would also aid greatly in the prompt publication of the German Minutes, if Synod would at once designate a translator.

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. GOOD,
Treasurer of Synod.

II. REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

The Standing Committee on Finance submitted their report, which was received, amended and adopted, and is as follows:

Your Committee on Finance beg leave to report that they have carefully examined the report of the Treasurer of Synod, and found it correct.

Item 1. From this report it appears that there is still due the Synod, from the different Classes, \$154.41. In view of this delinquency, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the delinquent Classes be requested to pay their dues as early as possible.

Item 2. The Committee would also recommend the adoption of the following, viz:

WHEREAS, The Eastern Ohio Classis was formed about one year ago out of the St. John's and Sandusky Classes; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the East Ohio Classis be requested to pay \$17.25 of the debt reconed to St. John's Classis, and \$5.50 of the debt reckoned to Sandusky Classis.

Item 3. Your Committee to whom was also referred the assessment of the \$500 by General Synod, for contingent expenses, would suggest the following apportionment of the amount among the Classes:

Miami Classis	\$150 94
Lancaster "	43 45
Tuscarawas "	72 05
Tiffin "	37 98
St. John's "	106 65
Illinois "	22 97
Iowa "	26 59
East Ohio "	51 87

Item 4. Refers to the translation of the Minutes of Synod into the German language; therefore,

Resolved, That the Rev. J. Kuelling be paid the sum of \$12.50 to translate the Minutes of Synod into the German language.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. ALSPACH, *Chairman of Com.*

III. ACTION AUTHORIZING PAYMENTS BY TREASURER.

On motion the following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That the delegates of Iowa Classis, who remained during the sessions of Synod, be allowed out of the synodical treasury ten dollars each, for traveling expenses.

Resolved, That the Treasurer of Synod be authorized to pay Messrs. Lockes and Blymyer \$2.00 for printing tickets for the use of Synod.

Resolved, That the Treasurer be instructed to pay the Sexton of the First Reformed Church of Tiffin the sum of \$10.00 for his services during the sessions of Synod.

ARTICLE XXII.

PUBLICATION.

I. THE ANNUAL REPORTS.

1. *Report of the Board of Publication.*

The report of the Board of Publication was received, read and referred to the Committee on Publication. The report is as follows:

The members of the Board of Publication held a meeting in Cincinnati, October 16, 1869, and organized by the election of V. C. Tidball, President, and Rev. G. Z. Mechling, Secretary.

The Rev. T. P. Bucher, editor of the *Christian World*, then presented his resignation, as follows:

CINCINNATI, Oct. 15, 1869.

To the Board of Publication of the Synod of Ohio:

BRETHREN—It is known to some of you that months ago I contemplated resigning the editorship of the *Christian World*. A recent threatened pulmonary attack has hastened my purpose to tender my resignation; and I do this with the greater freedom at this time, that such opportune and favorable arrangements can be made for carrying forward our publication matters. Three years ago the Board intrusted into my feeble hands our Western Church paper, an investiture of responsibility which the Synod afterward confirmed with remarkable unanimity, and which the people have indorsed with generous support and co-operation. The complex duties and peculiar labors of the position are much to my liking, though heavier in the present enlarged condition of our publication matters than anticipated. Among the perplexities of the post, the controversies in which we are engaged are the least to my taste, interfering, as they do, so

much with the actualization of that ideal of a Church paper which I had proposed in the beginning. But the paper has grown in size, widened its circulation and influence, and today stands as one of the cherished interests of Zion. For this we are thankful to the great Head of the Church, who has smiled upon our efforts, and to the body of the elect, who have rendered such efficient service in its behalf.

Gentlemen, in giving over to you again the interest you were pleased to commit to my charge, I am glad to report that the *Christian World* has attained its largest subscription list and widest circulation. Hoping that you will foster its interests in the future as in the past, I remain,

Yours in the Church,
T. P. BUCHER.

The resignation of Bro. Bucher was accepted, and in view of the business interests involved, it was determined to appoint an editor to the position until the close of the year 1870. Rev. S. Mease was then chosen as editor.

At a subsequent meeting of the Board, held October 18, the following resolutions were adopted.

Resolved, That in accepting the resignation of Rev. T. P. Bucher as editor of the *Christian World*, the Board of Publication deeply regret the circumstances which have compelled him to offer it. The success of the *Christian World* during the term it has been under the conduct of Bro. Bucher has been unprecedented in the history of our Western Church paper, and has exceeded the most sanguine expectations of its friends; and it is with great reluctance that the Board of Publication now yield to the imperative demands of his impaired health, under the arduous labors of the position.

Resolved, That the Board tenders to Bro. Bucher their sincere thanks in behalf of the Church represented in the paper; hoping that his services may still be available to her interests, and in whatever capacity these may be rendered, we shall wish and pray for his success.

Bro. Mease presented to the Board a formal acceptance of his appointment, and immediately entered upon its duties.

The *Christian World* has continued to make steady progress, the circulation being one hundred and twenty-eight more than it was one year ago; the number of papers now sent out weekly is four thousand six hundred. The Board, as well as the editor, are of opinion that our publication interests should be conducted upon sound business principles, and accordingly a just compensation is now charged for publishing marriage and obituary notices.

Hoping that a more efficient organization may be estab-

lished at an early day, with greater resources at its command for carrying forward the publication interests of the Reformed Church in the West, the present Board have taken no steps in the direction indicated by the last Synod for extending its operations; and trusting our action may meet the approval and ratification of the Synod, this report is respectfully submitted.

V. C. TIDBALL, *Chairman.*

2. REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PUBLICATION.

The Committee on Publication submitted their report which was received, taken up item by item, and adopted and is as follows:

The Committee on Publication would respectfully report:

That the only document placed in their hands is the report of the Board of Publication. In regard to their report, your Committee would recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the report of the Board be adopted, and that the course pursued by the Board, in the acceptance of the resignation of Rev. T. P. Bucher, as editor of the *Christian World*, and in the appointment of Rev. Samuel Mease as editor temporarily, be approved.

Resolved, That this Synod proceed to elect an editor for the *Christian World*.

Resolved, That this Synod commends anew the *Christian World* to the support and increased patronage of the Church.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. W. WILLIARD,

In behalf of Committee.

II. ELECTION OF EDITOR OF "CHRISTIAN WORLD."

Immediately after the adoption of the report of the Committee on Publication, the Synod, in accordance with the recommendation of the report, proceeded to the election of an editor of the *Christian World*.

On motion the Rev. Samuel Mease was elected to that position by acclamation.

III. WESTERN REFORMED PUBLICATION SOCIETY.

The Committee on the Publication Interest of the Reformed Church submitted the following report, which was received and taken up item by item and adopted:

The Committee to whom the documents pertaining to the publication interest of the Church were referred, would respectfully report:

That they have given the subject the serious consideration which its importance demands, and have concluded to recommend the formation of a publication society. After consulting with different brethren on the subject, we find that there is a feeling widely prevalent in the western portion of the Church that this matter should be delayed no longer, and that such preliminary steps as may be necessary to inaugurate the movement should be taken by this Synod.

Your Committee have also come to the conclusion, after discussing the different ways in which this interest might be carried forward, that it can the most effectually be done by a voluntary association, and they are glad to report that a sufficient number of persons have expressed a willingness to enter into such an association. That this Synod may give proper encouragement to the movement, your Committee would suggest that it recommend the following articles as proper to be incorporated in the constitution of said association.

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I.

This organization shall be called the Western Reformed Publication Society of the Reformed Church.

ARTICLE II.

The object of this Society shall be the publication and sale of religious books, tracts and papers, suitable for circulation in the families and Sunday-schools of the Reformed Church. In the selection of works to this end the Society shall be true to the historical faith of the Reformed Church.

ARTICLE III.

The officers of the Society shall be a President, a Secretary, and a Treasurer, who shall be elected annually and perform the duties usually belonging to these offices.

ARTICLE IV.

There shall be a Board of Directors, three of whom shall be elected by this Synod at its present meeting, one to serve one year, one two years, and one three years, and annually thereafter one shall be elected to serve three years, or until their successors are appointed. These Directors, in connection with others who shall be elected by the Society as it shall provide for, shall constitute the Board of Directors, who shall invest and hold the funds of the Society, declare dividends, publish and sell books, tracts and papers, and establish depositories through such agencies as the Society or they may employ, adopt by-laws, and have the general control and supervision of the officers of the Society, so that

it may provide a suitable religious literature for the Church, and thus accomplish the end of its organization.

ARTICLE V.

To add still greater efficiency to the Society, it shall elect a Superintendent who shall devote his whole time to its interest in the publication and sale of books, under the direction of the Board of Directors, to whom he shall make a quarterly report of his operations, and an annual report by the Society, or whenever he shall be requested to do so to the Directors or President of the Society.

ARTICLE VI.

The Society shall hold its annual meeting during the early part of the annual meeting of the Synod of Ohio, or at such time and place as the stockholders may prefer, and shall make out a report of its operations, which it shall submit to the Synod in order that it may give such advice and direction as may further the interest of the Society, and secure the good will and co-operation of the Church.

ARTICLE VII.

The capital stock of the Society shall consist of 100 shares of fifty dollars each. Members shall be entitled to as many votes as they hold shares of stock, and the profits of the association shall be divided *pro rata* among the stockholders. As soon as \$2,000 of stock are taken the Society shall organize and proceed with its work.

ARTICLE VIII.

The Board of Directors shall hold regular quarterly meetings on the first Monday evening of the months of January, April, July and October, or at such times as may be most convenient for them for the transaction of such business as may claim their attention. A majority of the Board shall constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE IX.

No book shall be published at the expense of the Society unless approved by the Directors and Superintendent, or Book Agent, or by a Committee whom the Directors may appoint to examine it.

ARTICLE X.

This constitution may be altered, or amended, at any regular meeting of the stockholders by a majority of the votes cast.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. W. WILLIARD,
In behalf of Committee.

IV. ACTION RESPECTING THE PUBLICATION OF HYMN-BOOKS
AND CATECHISMS.

The Committee, to whom was referred Item 20 in the report on Synodical Minutes, having reference to the action of the General Synod, in regard to this Synod's request to the Eastern Synod, through the General Synod, to give it the right to publish or republish the hymn-books and catechisms in use in the Church, submitted the following report, which was received and adopted:

Your Committee to whom was referred the action of the General Synod, in regard to the request of this Synod to be allowed the privilege to publish or republish the hymn-books and catechisms in use in the Church, would submit the following minute expressive of the sense of this Synod:

WHEREAS, The above-named books are published by one Synod of the Church to the exclusion of the right to the other Synods, and that Synod being distantly located and allowing the books to be deposited for sale only on its own terms, when perhaps they might be furnished more conveniently and cheaply; and

WHEREAS, This Synod has in contemplation, as soon as the way is properly open, to establish a Publication Interest, which it is believed the circumstances of the Church require, needs the advantage which the privilege asked for would afford; therefore

Resolved, That this Synod regret the action of the General Synod not acceding to its request, regarding it a discrimination in favor of one Synod to the disadvantage of the others,

Resolved, That the request of the last annual Synod, respecting the publication of these books, be renewed.

Respectfully submitted,

S. MEASE, *Chairman.*

V. PUBLICATION OF HYMNS IN LITURGY.

The following action was adopted in regard to the publishing of a selection of Hymns and Psalms in the Liturgy:

Resolved, That a Committee of three be appointed by this Synod to make a selection of Hymns and Psalms, not to exceed three hundred or four hundred in number, for provisional use in the Church in connection with the Liturgy, according to the action of the General Synod of Philadelphia, as recorded on its Minutes, page 65.

Resolved, That, should the Board of Publication deem it desirable, they be authorized to publish the present Liturgy

with the addition of these Hymns; and also to publish a proper selection from the Liturgy in connection with these Hymns, for provisional use in the Church.

Resolved, That the North-Western Synod be requested to appoint two additional members to the Committee.

The Committee consists of Revs. J. H. Good, D. D., Isaac H. Reiter and David Van Horne.

VI. PUBLICATION OF LITURGY IN GERMAN.

The Rev. Eli Keller, delegate from the North-Western Synod, having stated that said body had made arrangements to bring out the Western Liturgy in the German language, and requested this Synod to co-operate in this enterprise; it was, on motion,

Resolved, That we unite with the North-Western Synod in bringing out the German Liturgy, and that the Revs. Herman Kortheuer and John Kuelling be appointed members of the Committee.

ARTICLE XXIII.

MISCELLANEOUS.

1. GENERAL BENEVOLENCE.

On the reading of the report of Rev. J. H. Good, D. D., on Theological Library and the Endowment of the Third Professorship in the Theological Seminary at Tiffin, and its Reference to a Special Committee, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That Valentine Hay, Esq., of Somerset, Pa., being present in Synod, be invited to address the Synod on the subject of General Beneficence, this (Thursday) afternoon, at 3 o'clock.

At the appointed time, Valentine Hay, Esq., appeared and entertained the Synod with an appropriate and suggestive address on the subject of General Beneficence, urging its claims upon the attention and liberality of the Synod and the Church; after which, on motion, the subject of General Beneficence, as presented in his address, was referred to the Standing Committee on Education.

2. PERTAINING TO THE LITURGY.

The Committee on the Liturgy having verbally stated, through one of its members, that a large number of copies of the work was still on hand; it was, on motion,

Resolved, That the attention of the ministry and membership of the Church be called to this fact, and urged to make renewed efforts for its wider circulation.

3. TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING OF SYNOD.

During Monday evening session, the Synod decided on the time and place for its next annual sessions. The places proposed were Wheatland, Iowa; Canal Winchester, Columbus, Fairfield and Germantown, Ohio. The roll was called, the election proceeded, and the result was, that the Reformed Church in Fairfield, Greene County, Ohio, was chosen as the place; and Wednesday evening, the 17th of May, 1871, at half past seven o'clock, was fixed as the time.

ARTICLE XXIV.

RESUMPTION AND CLOSE.

The following resolutions were adopted:

1. *Publication of Minutes.*

Resolved, That the Stated Clerk be authorized to have 200 copies of the Minutes of Synod, duly authenticated, published in the English, and 500 in the German language.

2. *Vote of Thanks.*

Resolved, That the thanks of this Synod be tendered to the membership of the First and Second Reformed congregations, as well as to the citizens of Tiffin, for their kindness and hospitality in entertaining its members during its recent sessions, and that this resolution be read from the pulpit of said congregations and published in the papers of the place.

The roll was called, and the following members were found absent without permission, viz: Revs. D. Winters, D. D., P. C. Prugh, J. M. Lefever, C. Schiller, F. Schaad, H. Korthauer, A. Bletsch, and Elder John Zimmerman.

The Minutes were read and adopted, and ordered to be engrossed.

ARTICLE XXV.

ADJOURNMENT.

Resolved, That we adjourn to meet again in annual sessions in the Reformed Church at Fairfield, Greene County, Ohio, on Wednesday, the 17th of May, A. D. 1871, at 7½ o'clock, P. M.

The Synod closed its sessions on Monday evening at 11 o'clock, with singing and prayer by Elder Henry Leonard, and the Apostolical Benediction by the President.

REUBEN GOOD, *President*.

ISAAC H. REITER, *Stated Clerk*.

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ISAAC H. REITER, *Stated Clerk*.

AN OMISSION.

The action of Synod on Items 19 and 20, in the report of the Committee on Synodical Minutes, pages 10, 11 and 15, was omitted in these Minutes. The action was this:

Item 19. Adopted.

Item 20. Referred to a special committee, consisting of Revs. S. Mease, I. H. Reiter, and Elder H. Leonard.

For the final disposition of the subjects coming under these Items, see page 75.

STATED CLERK.

MIAMI CLASSIS.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	Uncon- firm'd Members.	Confirmed Members.	Communi- cants.	Baptisms.	Confirma- tions.	Certificates.	Dismissals.	Excommu- nications or exsurs of Members.	Deaths.	S. Schools.	S. School Scholars.	Courtship for Mar- riage.	Minutes Eng.	Germ of Synod.	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
David Winters, D. D.,	4 M. Zion,	250	465	440	12	11	2	6	4	6	4	280	320	30		Dayton, Ohio.
Feter C. Frugh,	2 Xenia and Beaver,	98	202	190	3	11	3	8	8	4	4	300	148	30		Xenia, Ohio.
" "	1 Casser's Creek,	34	51	43									20	6		" "
Isaac H. Reiter,	34 Miami,	275	333	285	20	17	8	10				310	151	15		Miami, Ohio.
Joseph B. Shumaker,	3 Springboro,	165	125	6	3	10	7	9	1	5	5	130	37	10		Springboro, Ohio.
George Z. Meehling,	3 Bethel,	68	75	70	4	3	2	7	15	5	5	75	45	10		Nimishella, Summit Co., Ohio.
Fred Wm. Berlieman,	3 Hamilton,	98	85	70	4	5	3	9	10	7	5	800	150	30	5	Hamilton, Ohio.
Henry M. Hernan,	3 West Alexan- dria,	127	375	300	34	14	3	3	3	1	1	150	102	10		Millsville, Ohio.
David Van Horna,	3 First Church, Dayton,	115	185	180	15	7	13	3	5	1	1	150	219	10		Dayton, Ohio.
Oswald J. Acola,	1 Second Church, Dayton,	149	181	170	12	11	19	3	4	4	4	200	227	5		Dayton, Ohio.
John Kuehling,	1 First Church, Cincinnati,	260	385	310	61	21	21	6	4	3	3	300	69	18		Cincinnati, Ohio.
Oliver L. Ashenfelter,	1 Church of the Cross, Cin'ti,	57	94	87	6	8	4	3	4	4	1	365	343	12	1	501 Sycamore St., Cincinnati, Ohio.
Conrad Saure,	1 Salem, Cincinnati,	365	685	635	117	52	31	4	2	17	3	80	10	5		" "
William McCaughey,	3 Greenville,	110	90	9	2	1	3	3	2	3	1	80	14	5		Greenville, Ohio.
" "	4 Grace Cong., Covington,	43	40	7	8	5	3	1	1	1	1	160	65	10		Lairrobe, Pa.
John I. Swander,	4 Union,	100	150	140	12	10	3	1	1	4	3	220	66	15		St. Paris, Champaign Co., Ohio.
Jesse Richards,	3 St. Paris,	70	200	200	40	35	18	24	11	13	5	220	112	10		Fairfield, Greene Co., Ohio.
Jacob M. Lefever,	2 Fairfield,	140	260	260	50	41	5	5	5	5	5	153	52	10		Farmersville, Mont. Co., Ohio.
Levi Kiko,	3 Winchester,	130	217	195	22	13	7	7	7	5	5	153	52	5		Sidney, Ohio.
Joseph B. Thompson,	2 Sidney,	98	98	20	26	2	2	2	2	2	2	90	50	10		" "
Vacant,	3 Highland,	60	90	65	8	3	3	1	1	3	3	90	109	20		Hillgrove, Darke Co., Ohio.
Vacant,	3 New Madison,	50	150	148	10	3	3	1	1	7	2	50	36	4		Covington, Ky.
Vacant,	2 Lebanon,	84	230	185	37	39	4	7	8	4	4	108	17	3		Sidney, Ohio.
John Stuck,	4 Mt. Pleasant,	94	268	263	18	10	14	11	11	4	4	108	17	0		Germanstown, Ohio.
Henry Hunhart,	1 Covington, Ky.,	31	31	5	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	50	10	8		Marcy, Fairfield Co., Ohio.
Jacob Weaver,	2 Salem,	81	31	5	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	50	10	8		Georgetown, Brown Co., Ohio.
Joseph H. Apple,	2 Germanstown,	55	52	9	5	6	6	2	20	2	2	80	10	8		" "
Lewis M. Kerabner,	2 Bloom Center,	45	80	45	3	1	3	3	3	3	3	80	10	8		" "
George Stecho,	2 Brown County,	75	75	60	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	80	10	8		" "
Total, 31.		2669	6289	4717	573	363	183	110	86	127	51	3536	82,602	55	263	

Samuel Mease, Ed. Christian World, 176 Elm St., Cincinnati, Ohio.
 Harrison Getzendanner, without charge, Union City, Ind.
 Sol. E. Deaulia, without charge, Gratis, Preble Co., Ohio.
 Etich Fred. Leodera, deceased, Lafayette, Ind.
 Theodore F. Bucher, without charge, 37 John St., New York.
 John Pence, without charge, Tremont, Ohio.
 Christian Berents, without charge, Grandview, Ohio.
 *Statistics included in Miamiburg charge.

LANCASTER CLASSIS.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	Congregat'ns.	Unconfrmed Members.	Confrmed Members.	Communiqants.	Baptisms.	Confrmat'ns.	Certificates.	Dismissals.	Excommunicats.	Deaths.	Sunday Schools.	Sunday School Scholars.	Benevolent Contributions.	Exp. Minutes.	Ger. Minutes.	POST-OFFICE A
Henry Williard,	Lancaster,	1	248	218	197	3	5	3	5	5	1	1	105	251 00	20	3	Lancaster, Ohio.
John Vogt,	Delaware,	4	305	304	282	18	14	2	4	5	3	3	275	150 00	20	5	Delaware, Ohio.
Charles W. Hoyman,	Somerset,	2	80	216	195	30	35	12	1	2	2	2	275	85 43	20	5	Somerset, Ohio.
George H. Leonard,	Basil,	4	210	209	209	22	4	4	10	6	3	3	250	60 00	8	8	Basil, Ohio.
James Hefley,	Winchester,	3	120	112	114	3	1	9	1	2	2	2	90	55 00	12	8	Canal Winchester,
Jeremiah Heller,	Tarleton,	3	106	80	80	3	5	1	1	2	2	2	133	37 25	8	8	Tarleton, Ohio.
Samuel B. Yockey,	Kinnickinnick,	3	100	115	90	12	9	7	1	3	3	1	100	50 71	8	8	Kingston, Ohio.
Frederick Strasser,	Union Charge,	3	79	63	44	9	7	1	1	1	1	1	100	50 71	8	8	Baltimore, Ohio.
Joel W. Alspach,	Heidelberg Charge,	2	90	110	105	15	13	2	3	9	2	2	40	13 28	2	2	Stoutsville, Ohio.
J. C. Henneman,	Beaver,	1	135	135	53	5	1	10	1	1	1	1	60		8	2	Beavertown, Ohio.
Fred. R. Dieckman,	Ironton,	2								4	2	2	90				Ironton, Ohio.
Henry King, (sup.)	Jerusalem & Zwingli,																Bremen, Ohio.
Samuel S. Rickli,	Without charge,																Columbus, Ohio.
Peter D. Scobry,	" "																Lancaster, Ohio.
vacant,	Union Cong.,	1															
vacant,	Circleville,	1															
Total, 14.		28	902	1597	1358	152	97	38	34	5	33	21	1478	\$702 67	104	31	

TUSCARAWAS OLASSIS.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	Unconfirmed Members.	Confirmed Members.	Communicants.	Baptisms.	Confirmations.	Certificates.	Dismissed.	Recommunicated.	Deaths.	Sunday Schools.	Sunday School Scholars.	Benevolent Contributions.	Eng. Minutes.	Ger. Minutes.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
Samuel B. Leiter,	4 Union,	253	174	161	13	19	2	6	1	1	1	160	\$38 45	10	10	Wadsworth, O.
Nathaniel H. Loose,	3 Shelby,	100	194	185	13	12	18	4	2	2	2	160		15		Shelby, O.
J. R. Shepler,	4 Navarre,		90	8	6	12	4			2	2		32 00	10		Navarre, O.
Sebastian C. Goss,	4 N. Union,	84	182	175	15	16	23	11	5	4	4	325	84 00	18		Wadsworth, O.
W. A. Hale,	4 Tuscarawas,	160	155	20	18	14				4	4		96 00	40		Massillon, O.
Edward Herbruck,	1 Grace Ch., Akron	51	51		3						1	160	48 70	10		Akron, O.
Thomas H. Winters,	3 Polk.	50	120	120	2		14	3		1	3		63 63	10	10	Folk, O.
John O. Klar,	1 Charity,	52	48	41	5	2	3			1	1	165	28 20	15		Navarre, O.
J. R. Coffman,	2 Summit,	250	250	200	148	95	8		8		2		12 80	20		Lake, Summit County, O.
Vacant,	3 Bristol,	308	400	400	63	48	13			4	4	400	37 43	10		Lake, Summit County, O.
Abraham Miller,	5 Uniontown,	20	102	102	2	2	2			2	2	150	68 01	10		Reedsburg, O.
Samuel Shaw,	3 Reedsburg.	44	120	111	12	3	8	3		1	1	125				
Vacant,	3 Mohican,	100	230	230	13											
Vacant,	4 E. Union,	140	135	135	1											
Jesse Hines,	4 Shenandoah,												45 90	10		Hiawatha, Kansas.
Total, 12		1401	2323	2251	172	127	109	31	16	22	26	1485	\$555	12	223	20

TIFFIN CLASSIS.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	Unconfirmed.	Confirmed.	Communicants.	Baptisms.	Confirmations.	Certificates.	Dismissed.	Excommunicated.	Deaths.	Sun. Schools.	S. S. Scholars.	Benevolent Contributions.	Eng. Minutes.	Ger. Minutes.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
Lewis H. Kefauver,	1 First Tiffin.	169	243	224	5	12	13	6	1	1	1	180	\$126	08	18	Tiffin, O.
Jer. H. Good, D. D.,	2 Second Tiffin.	233	208	191	42	14	8		6	1	1	120	212	00	10	Tiffin, O.
Prof. Reuben Good,	Professor in Heidelberg College,															Tiffin, O.
Prof. Herman Rust,	Professor in Theological Seminary.															Tiffin, O.
J. G. Ruhl,	3 Findlay,	170	142	110	17	2	14	3		2	1	50	78	70	8	Findlay, O.
Josiah May,	5 Heidelberg,	174	231	200	18	6	20	7		2	3	75	19	82	20	Findlay, O.
Wm. H. Fenneman,	4 Berwick,	140	105	125	9	3	6	2		1	1	65	110	00	10	Tiffin, O.
Geo. W. Williard, D. D.,	1 Fort Seneca,	30	66	60	4	3	6	2			1	90				Tiffin, O.
Henry Weger,	2 New Bavaria,	50	70	50	8	6							2	00	4	New Bavaria, O.
William Witzgall,*	2 Florida,	40	50	47	8	6										Napoleon, O.
Daniel Kroh,	2 Fostoria,		80	80	6					2	1				8	Eric, Mich.
Henry H. Sandoe,	2 Liberty Center,		100	100											5	Liberty Center, O.
Peter Tendick,	Invalid,														1	Attica, O.
Total, 13		1006	1355	1187	109	29	67	26		14	9	580	\$548	60	79	24

ST. JOHN'S CLASSIS.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	Members Unconfirmed.	Members Confirmed.	Communicants	Baptisms.	Confirmations.	Certificates.	Dismissals.	Excom.	Deaths.	S. Schools.	Sunday School Scholars.	Benevolent Contributions.	Eng. Minutes.	Ger. Minutes.	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
John W. Hamm,	4 Manchester,	60	321	37	31	1	4	13	4	18	4	180	56	00	6	Nimissilla, Summit Co., O.
Joshua H. Derr,	4 Wooster,	173	295	37	4	4	2	2	2	2	2	180	67	63	25	Louisville, Stark Co., O.
Peter Herbruck,	3 Canton,	696	696	120	33	33	56	3	3	56	3	215	199	53	15	Canton, Stark Co., O.
John G. Zahner, D. D.,	3 New Philadelphia,	240	270	260	27	13	16	3	3	16	3	215	266	00	5	New Philadelphia, O.
A. Jacob Spoorri,	1 Millersburg,															Millersburg, Holmes Co., O.
Henry K. Zinck,	3 Philipsburg,	507	507	59	11	11	6	2	2	6	2	120	108	00		Stonecreek, Tusca. Co., O.
Frederick Schaad,	3 Ragersville,	385	388	52	31	25	12	25	3	25	3	250	672	50	5	Ragersville, Tusca. Co., O.
Herman Kortheuer,	1 St. John's (cong.),												30	00	6	Massillon, Stark Co., O.
Christopher Schiller,	3 St. John's,	160	160	13	31	1	8	2	2	8	2	150	37	00	12	Lima, Stark Co., O.
Joseph Hannabery,	5 Shanesville,*	189	215	183	14	31	1	1	1	1	1	80	61	19	5	Lancaster Co., Pa.
John Baumgartner,	1 First Ref. Church,	193	192	170	21	70							22	02	15	Akron, Summit Co., O.
John Biery,	Kansas Mission,												189	00		Wathena, Ironphan Co., O.
David Kaemmerer,	1 Orrville Mission,	20	70	7	7								5	00		Wooster, Wayne Co., O.
Geo. W. Henning,	1 St. Paul (supply),			4	4								5	00		Canton, Stark Co., O.
Eugene Sauvain,	2 Mt. Eaton (French)	350	100	19	8								289	13	3	Mt. Eaton, Wayne Co., O.
Philip Becker,	2 Mt. Eaton (Germ'n)	218	260	260	30	10	9	14	2	14	2	147	289	13	3	Mt. Eaton, Wayne Co., O.
Frederick Hunsche,	(No report,)												25	00	2	Swanton, Fulton Co., O.
Frederic Geckler,	(No report,)			8	1										1	Swanton, Fulton Co., O.
Vacant,	4 New Bedford,†															Cleveland, O.
William Renter,	Without charge,															Cleveland, O.
Total, 18.		1478	3724	3383	448	176	109	19	156	26	1185	\$2928	00	85	157	

*Supplied in German by Rev. J. G. Zahner, D. D. †Supplied in part by Rev. F. Schaad.

ILLINOIS CLASSIS.

MINISTERS.	Congregations.	CHARGES.	Unconfirmed Members.	Confirmed Members.	Communicants.	Baptisms.	Confirmations.	Certificate.	Dismissed.	Recommunicated.	Deaths.	Sunday Schools.	Sunday School Scholars.	Contributions.	Eng. Minutes.	Ger. Minutes.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
Vacant.	3	Cedarville,	18	25	25	15	7	8	2	5	4	4			18	9	Orangeville, Ill.
Henry Knepper,	3	Orangeville,	125	139	119	15	14	18	1	2	2	2	142	\$52 00	8	8	Foreston, Ill.
Charles Knepper,	4	Foreston,	109	144	114	8	14	18	1	2	2	2	60	35 00	25		Shelbyville, Ill.
Harvey Wilson,	3	Shelbyville,	35	46	40	6	9	9	2	2	2	2	60		6		Macon, Ill.
William Gilpin,	2	Mt. Zion,	80	125	90	3	9	6		1	2	2	120	1149 30	6		Lacon, Ill.
John Kercher,	3	Washburn,	120	110	100												Lena, Ill.
Joseph Sechler,	2	Kent,	20	30	28												Vandalia, Ill.
Henry F. Long,	2	Hickory Creek,	40	70	66	9	5	5		3	2	2	60	24 00	8		Astoria, Ill.
Solomon N. King,	3	Astoria,	98	88	85	9	5	5									Freeport, Ill.
Vacant,	1	Freeport,	15	31	31	8											Warren, Ill.
John P. Decker,		Supetannuated,															Anna, Ill.
Henry Auran,		Without charge,															Anna, Ill.
Philip H. Kroh,		No report,															Anna, Ill.
Thornton Butler,		Anna,															Sterling, Ill.
George Weber,	2	Missionary,	20	24	20	8								11 50	1		Mohican, O.
Orange E. Lake,																	
Total, 13	98		680	832	718	66	35	51	7	13	14	462	\$1301 80	66	9		

IOWA CLASSIS.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	Unconfirmed Members.	Conf. Membrs.	Communicants.	Baptisms.	Confirmations.	Certificates.	Dismissals.	Excommunicates.	Deaths.	S. S. Scholars.	Benevolent Contributions.	Eng. Minutes.	Ger. Minutes.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
Fred. C. Bauman,	2 Harmony,	175	160	145	27	18	4	6		1	2	150	3		Zwingli, Iowa.
Joshua Riale,	3 Tipton,	95	121	115	9	5	12			2	1	50	2		Tipton, "
John H. Buser,	1 Clifton,	120	90	80	5	8	5	1		1	1	62	5		Clifton, "
Dewald S. Fouse,	2 Brandon,	70	110	95	13	7	8	6		1	2	60	5		Central City, Iowa.
John Rettig,	1 Wheatland,	98	100	91	11	12	14			2	1	30	5		10 Wheatland, "
George Rettig,	1 Wheatland,	100	80	75	6	6	10			3	1	60	2		10 Monticello, "
Augustus Bietsch,	2 Boonesboro,	80	60	40	3					1	1	40	1		5 Boonesboro, Boone Co., Iowa.
Cyrus Cort,	1 St. Paul,	18	16	16	1							20	4		Blainstown, "
J. J. Janett,	2 Fort Dodge,	100	60	60	2					1	1	20	1		1 Fort Dodge, "
Carl G. Ziph,	2 Marengo,	133	61	61	4								2		10 Marengo, "
E. F. Augustus Shade,	2 Omaha,	18	32	61	1					1	1	16	5		Omaha, "
Jacob Kuhn,	2 Orono,	70	60	50											5 Orono, "
John Ardueser,	1 Polk City,									1	1	25	5		Port Allen, Louisa Co., Iowa.
John E. Young,	Without charge,														Plainfield, Bremer "
Solomon Elliker,	1 Newton,														Oskaloosa, "
Francis A. Edmonds,	No report,	25													Newton, Jasper "
Vacant,	1 Oskaloosa,														" "
	Total, 16.	1102	964	828	82	56	53	13		9	14	451			\$2908 35 35 41

Those marked with a star (*), Classis does not doubt the correctness of the sums given, but is of the opinion that a large amount is not strictly benevolent, and not entitled to credit. By order of Classis, Stated Clerk.

EASTERN OHIO CLASSIS.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	Members Unconformed.	Members Conformed.	Communicants.	Baptisms.	Confirmations.	Certificates.	Dismissed.	Excommunicated.	Deaths.	Sunday Schools.	Sunday School Scholars.	Benevolent Contributions.	English Minutes.	German Minutes.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.	
George M. Albright,	4 New Lisbon,	92	270	174	17	8	3	6	1	80	25	\$101	20			New Lisbon, O.	
Michael A. Miller,	2 Carrollton,	50	222	151	10	35	10	4	9	2	2	70	15			Carrollton, Carroll Co., O.	
John M. Grether,	4 Warren,	140	141	125	20	15	20	6	3	100	16	58	15	25		Warren, Trumbull Co., O.	
Isaac A. Sites,	1 Jefferson,	25	132	100	15	19	9	2	1	92	10	15	50	11	5	Germano, Harrison Co., O.	
John Naille,	2 Springfield,	160	225	220	12	14	1	12	1	40	11	90	85	15	10	Bluffton, Wells Co., Ind.	
James Reinhart,	3 Mt. Olivet,	500	374	55	10	6	4	35	3	250	20	273	00	20	50	Columbiana, Col. Co., O.	
Gottlieb Ziegler,	4 Georgetown,	250	335	29	3	3	2	5	1	50	16	00	5	20	20	Paris, Stark Co., O.	
Charles Zwister,	2 Canfield,	20	23	18	3	3	2	9	74	16	1057	572	89	111	115	Canfield, Mahoning Co., O.	
Vacant,	1 Youngstown,*															Youngstown, "	
Thomas Ferrell,	Without charge,															Carrollton, O.	
Total, 9		487	1763	1621	163	85	38	11	9	74	16	1057	572	89	111	115	

*Supplied by Rev. J. M. Grether last year.

STATISTICAL SUMMARY.

NAMES OF CLASSES.	Ministers.	Congregations.	Members Uncon- firmed.	Members.	Communicants.	Baptisms.	Confirmations.	Certificate.	Dismissals.	Recommunica- tions.	Deaths.	Sunday-Schools.	Sunday-School Scholars.	Benevolent Con- tributions.	English Minutes.	German Minutes.
Miami,	31	63	2 669	5 289	4 717	573	363	183	110	84	127	51	3 386	\$ 2602 55	263	38
Lancaster,	14	28	902	1 597	1 358	152	97	38	34	5	38	21	1 478	702 67	104	21
Tuscarawas,	12	48	1 401	2 323	2 251	172	127	109	31	16	22	26	1 485	555 12	233	20
Tiffin,	13	24	1 006	1 355	1 187	109	29	67	26		14	9	580	548 60	79	24
St. John's,	18	41	1 478	3 734	3 333	448	176	109	19		156	26	1 185	2028 00	85	157
Illinois,	13	28	680	832	718	66	35	51	7		13	14	462	1301 80	66	9
Iowa,	16	24	1 102	964	828	82	56	53	13		9	14	451	2008 35	35	41
Eastern Ohio,	9	23	487	1 763	1 621	163.	85	38	11	9	74	16	1 057	572 80	111	115
TOTAL . . . 8 Classes. . .	126	278	9 735	17 847	16 013	1 765	968	648	251	114	453	177	10 084	\$11,119 98	968	425
N. W. Synod, 7 "	97	161	6 734	10 337	8 552	1 286	763	671	309	65	314	95	4 000	9954 35		
TOTAL of Two Synods, 15 Classes	223	439	17 867	28 245	24 565	2 551	1 608	1 259	560	179	804	272	14 019	21075 98		
Synod of United States, 13 Classes,	248	581	41 812	78 900	64 012	8 534	4 214	1 752	977	2	2 909	606	31 259	46365 70		
Pittsburg Synod, 4 Classes,	51	122	6 605	9 384	7 142	938	566	256	101	2	156	81	4 353	8558 96		
TOTAL; Synods, 4; Classes, 32.	522	1 141	60 284	116 529	95 719	12 023	6 388	3 267	1 638	183	3 869	956	49 631	\$76000 64		

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Forty-Eighth Annual Sessions.

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OF THE
REFORMED
SYNOD OF OHIO,

AND THE

Congregations in connection with it in other States,

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Forty-Eighth Annual Sessions.

ACTS AND PROCEEDINGS

Of the Reformed Synod of Ohio, and the Congregations in connection with it in other States, which convened in the Reformed Church at Fairfield, Greene County, Ohio, on Wednesday, May 17th, at seven and a half o'clock in the evening, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy-one, and closed its sessions on the following Monday afternoon at five o'clock.

ARTICLE I.

OPENING OF SYNOD.

The Synod having convened according to appointment, the opening services, in the absence of the President, were conducted by the Stated Clerk, and the synodical sermon, by the order of Synod, was preached by the Rev. Prof. Herman Rust, from John xxi. 15-17 inclusive: "So when they had dined, Jesus saith to Simon Peter, Simon, son of Jonas, Lovest thou me more than these? He saith unto him, Yea, Lord; thou knowest that I love thee. He saith unto him, Feed my sheep," etc.

ARTICLE II.

MEMBERS PRESENT.

MIAMI CLASSIS.

Revs. Isaac H. Reiter, David Van Horne, David Winters, D. D.,¹ John Kuelling² and Peter C. Prugh.

Elders.—Andrew H. Baughman, William H. Wilson, Adam Hawker and Levi K. Basore.

¹His seat was occupied, during Thursday afternoon session, by Rev. Levi Rike del. secundus.

²His seat was occupied, during Thursday forenoon session, by Rev. L. Rike, del. secundus.

LANCASTER CLASSIS.

Revs. James Heffley, Samuel B. Yockey and John Vogt.
Elders.—George Hollman, George W. Tussing and Abraham B. Alspach.

TUSCARAWAS CLASSIS.

Revs. Nathaniel H. Loose, Samuel B. Leiter and John R. Shepler.
Elders.—Jacob Kuhn, Thomas W. Chapman, and John Bolender.

TIFFIN CLASSIS.

Revs. Prof. Herman Rust and Lewis H. Kefauver.¹
Elders.—Lewis Keller and Frederick Bloom.

ST. JOHN'S CLASSIS.

Revs. Peter Herbruck and Herman Kortheuer.

ILLINOIS CLASSIS.

Revs. Francis A. Edmonds and Harvey Wilson.
Elder.—Charles Hart.

IOWA CLASSIS.

Rev. Ernest Fred. Aug. Schade.

EASTERN OHIO CLASSIS.

Revs. Joshua H. Derr and Michael A. Miller.
Elder.—Paul Geiger.

ADVISORY MEMBERS.

Miami Classis.—Revs. Levi Rike, Jacob M. Le Fevre, Jesse Richards, John Pence, Oswald J. Accola, Samuel Mease, and Elder David Rader.

Lancaster Classis.—Revs. Charles W. Hoyman, George H. Leonard, and Elder Henry Leonard.

Tiffin Classis.—Rev. George W. Williard, D. D.

¹His seat was occupied, during a part of Saturday afternoon and a part of Monday forenoon session, by G. W. Williard, D. D.

MINISTERS FROM OTHER CHURCHES.

Rev. Francis M. Clemans, Methodist Episcopal Church.
Rev. Solomon Ritz, Evan. Lutheran Church.
Rev. Geo. B. Ort, " " "

ARTICLE III.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

REV. PETER C. PRUGH, Xenia, O., was chosen *President*.
REV. ISAAC H. REITER, Miamisburg, O., is *Stated Clerk*.
REV. DAVID VAN HORNE, Dayton, O., *Cor. Secretary*.
REV. JER. H. GOOD, D. D., Tiffin, O., was continued *Treasurer*.

ARTICLE IV.

RULES OF SYNOD.

The Rules of Order adopted by Synod were observed in the transaction of business. The reading of the last annual Synodical Minutes was dispensed with, and they were referred to the Committee on the Minutes of Synod.

The following hours were fixed upon for opening and closing the sessions of Synod, namely:

The *Morning Sessions* to open at 9, and to close at 11½ o'clock; and the *Afternoon Sessions* to open at 2, and close at 5 o'clock.

ARTICLE V.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

The President appointed the following Standing Committees:

On Religious Services.—Revs. D. Winters, D. D., J. M. Le Fevre, H. Wilson, and Elder John Bolender.

On Minutes of Synod.—Revs. John Vogt, E. F. A. Schade, P. Herbruck, and Elders Paul Geiger and Charles Hart.

On Minutes of Classes.—Revs. D. Van Horne, H. Kortheuer, S. B. Leiter, and Elders Wm. H. Wilson and John Bolender.

On Overtures.—Revs. J. H. Derr, F. A. Edmonds, J. B. Shepler, and Elders Levi K. Basore and Geo. Hollman.

On Examination, Licensure and Ordination.—Revs. Isaac H. Reiter, S. B. Leiter, M. A. Miller, J. H. Derr, D. Van Horne, and Elders Charles Hart, Lewis Keller and George W. Tussing.

On State of Religion and Statistical Reports.—Revs. Prof. H. Rust, J. Vogt, Dr. D. Winters, and Elders Henry Leonard and Levi K. Basore.

On the Theological Seminary.—Revs. S. B. Yockey, C. W. Hoyman, N. H. Loose, and Elders Andrew H. Baughman and Adam Hawker.

On Heidelberg College.—Revs. J. Heffley, G. H. Leonard, P. Herbruck, and Elders John Bolender and Lewis Keller.

On Missions.—Revs. N. H. Loose, H. Wilson, J. Vogt, and Elders Charles Hart and George W. Tussing.

On Finance.—Revs. S. B. Leiter, J. Richards, G. H. Leonard, and Elders Frederick Bloom and George Hollman.

On Nominations.—Revs. J. Kuelling, L. Rike, C. W. Hoyman, and Elders Andrew H. Baughman and Abraham B. Alspach.

On Publication.—Revs. F. A. Edmonds, G. H. Leonard, N. H. Loose, and Elders Wm. H. Wilson and Adam Hawker.

ARTICLE VI.

COMMUNICATIONS.

1. The Minutes of the Synod of Ohio, of the Northwestern Synod, and of the Pittsburg Synod, were received and referred to the Committee on the Minutes of Synod.

2. The Minutes of the Classes of Miami, Lancaster, Tuscarawas, Tiffin, St John's, Illinois, Iowa and Eastern Ohio, were received and referred to the Committee on Minutes of Classes, and their several Reports on Religion and Statistics to the Committee on the State of Religion.

3. Sundry communications were received and referred to the Committee on Overtures.

4. The reports of the different Boards of this Synod, including the reports of their respective Treasurers, as well as that of the Treasurer of Synod, were received and referred to the proper Standing Committees.

ARTICLE VII.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES.

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

1. The sessions of each day were opened and closed with appropriate religious services.
2. The Committee on Religious Services submitted the following report, which was received, amended and adopted:

Your Committee would recommend the following preaching appointments:

Reformed Church.—Rev. G. H. Leonard, Thursday evening; Rev. D. Van Horne, Friday evening; Rev. N. H. Loose, Saturday, 3 P. M., preparatory sermon; Rev. G. W.; Williard, D. D., Saturday evening; Rev. S. B. Leiter, Sunday morning, communion sermon; Rev. D. Winters, D. D., Sunday evening, and Rev. H. Wilson and Elder H. Leonard, Sunday, 3 P. M., Sunday-school addresses.

Meth. E. Church.—Rev. J. Richards, Sunday morning, and Rev. M. A. Miller, Sunday evening.

Respectfully submitted,

DAVID WINTERS, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE VIII.

MINUTES OF SYNOD.

The Committee on the Minutes of Synod presented the following report, which was received and disposed of item by item; and is as follows:

Your Committee on Synodical Minutes, respectfully submit the following report:

I. MINUTES OF THE SYNOD OF OHIO.

Item 1. Page 13. Is a continuation of the Board of Directors of the Invalid Fund.

Item 2. Page 17. Is a resolution directing the Stated Clerk of the Synod to deposit copies of the Minutes of the different Classes presented to the Synod each year in the Library of the Theological Seminary.

Item 3. Page 22. Is the appointment of Revs. H. Williard, prim., and I. H. Reiter, Sec., delegates to the General Synod of the Reformed Church in America.

Item 4. Pages 34–36. Is the appointment of a Committee to suggest measures in regard to erection of suitable buildings for the Theological Seminary.

Item 5. Page 44. The election of a Professor of Exegetical Theology in the Theological Seminary, at this Synodical Meeting.

Item 6. Page 45. The appointment of a Committee to solicit a copy of the Inaugural Address of Dr. Good for publication.

Item 7. Page 52. A resolution requiring the Classes to take action to further the work of our General Agent, H. Leonard.

Item 8. Page 59. Several resolutions assigning certain duties to the Treasurer of the Board of Education to raise funds for Educational purposes.

Item 9. Page 60. A resolution recommending the cause of Home Missions to the favorable notice of the Classes.

Item 10. Page 69. A resolution requiring the Eastern Ohio Classes to pay their proportion of the former indebtedness of the Classes to which they formerly belonged.

Item 11. Page 69. Is the assessment of \$500.00 among the Classes for Contingent Expenses of General Synod.

Item 12. Page 75. The appointment of a Committee to make a selection of Hymns to be published in the Liturgy, and to publish a selection of the Liturgy for provisional use.

Item 13. Page 76. Is a resolution in connection with the Northwestern Synod to bring out the Liturgy in the German language.

Item 14. Page 77. A resolution directing the Stated Clerk to publish a certain number of copies of the Minutes of the Synod.

II. MINUTES OF THE NORTHWESTERN SYNOD.

Item 15. Page 12. A resolution requesting this Synod to co-operate in the publication of the Liturgy in the German language.

Item 16. Page 47. An expressed desire to co-operate with this Synod to advance the work of the General Board of Missions.

Item 17. Page 48. The expression of a desire to permanently unite in employing Dr. M. Stern as Missionary Agent.

III MINUTES OF EASTERN AND PITTSBURG SYNODE.

Item 18. No copy of the Minutes of the Eastern Synod could be obtained by your Committee; and the Minutes of the Pittsburg Synod contain nothing claiming the attention of this Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

J. VOGT, *Chairman.*

The disposition of the foregoing report :

Item 1. The following report was received and adopted :

The Board of Directors of the Invalid Fund would submit the following as their annual report :

It is the opinion of the Board that it would not be judicious to sell the land designed as a home for disabled ministers, at present:

1. Because it could not be disposed of to any advantage, and the income, in the way of rents, more than pays the expenses : and
2. There are prospects of the property increasing in value, and unless sold at a greatly advanced price, the Synod will sustain a serious loss.

Respectfully submitted,

LEWIS H. KEFAUVER,

In behalf of the Board of Directors.

Item 2. Reported, attended to.

Item 3. Inasmuch as, since the election of the delegate, there has been no meeting of the General Synod of the Reformed Church in America, the duty imposed by Synod could not as yet be fulfilled.

Item 4. Laid on the table until the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary reports.

Item 5. Laid on the table until the Committee of the Theological Seminary reports.

Item 6. The following report was received and adopted :

In compliance with the instructions of Synod, the able and valuable Address of Rev. Jeremiah H. Good, D. D., delivered at his inauguration as Professor of Dogmatic and Practical Theology in the Theological Seminary at Tiffin, was published in connection with the accompanying addresses in pamphlet form.

The pamphlet, containing thirty five pages, neatly printed on good paper and bound, costs a slight fraction over ten cents per copy. It was, however, thought that by disposing of it at ten cents it might find the more ready sale and distribution. One thousand copies were issued, a considerable portion of which remain on hand and at Synod's disposal. This Address, so well suited to the times, and affording information respecting our Theological Seminary, should be disseminated and read throughout the Church. Your Committee hope that the copies remaining on hand will at once be called for, and employed in behalf of the Institution and our Reformed faith.

Respectfully submitted,

SAMUEL MEASE,

Chairman.

Item 7. Laid on the table until the Committee on Minutes of Classes reports.

Item 8. Laid on the table until the Treasurer of Beneficiary Education reports.

Item 9. Laid on the table until the Committee on Minutes of Classes reports.

Item 10. Laid on the table until the Committee on Minutes of Classes reports.

Item 11. Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Item 12. The following report was received and adopted :

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON A SELECTION OF HYMNS.

At the last Synod (see Minutes, page 75), the undersigned were appointed a Committee "to make a selection of Hymns and Psalms, not to exceed three hundred or four hundred in number, for provisional use in the Church, in connection with the Liturgy, according to the action of the General Synod, at Philadelphia."

The Committee have labored diligently during the year, and their work is now in such a state of forwardness, that a single meeting of the Committee for a week would probably complete it if the Synod is prepared to go forward at once with the enterprise.

They have endeavored from the wide field of Hymnology to select the best Hymns of all ages for the use of the congregation. The collection numbers about five hundred Hymns and Psalms.

It has not been an easy task to make this selection.

Before making a full report of our labors, some preliminary points ought, perhaps, to be settled by the Synod itself. As the General Synod has declined to allow the Western Synod the privilege of publishing the present Hymn-book, and as the necessity of a revision of this book is now universally recognized, it will become necessary to determine upon the *form* in which the proposed publication shall be made. Three modes have been suggested:

1. To print the Liturgy in full, as at present, and to annex to it a suitable selection of Hymns. If this plan should be adopted, the selection of Hymns will hardly need to be more than one hundred in number, since it could not be used in the regular Sunday service, but only on special occasions. The Committee could not recommend this plan.

2. To print a collection of four or five hundred Hymns, with selections from the Liturgy, including also some Family Prayers. We believe such a book could be prepared, that would be far superior to our present Hymn-book, and that would not exceed it in size or price. In this case, the collection should be a very complete one, ample provision being made for all the services of the

Church. The Liturgy and Prayers would be annexed to the Hymns, as was the custom in the early Hymn-books of the Reformed Church.

3. A third plan, and probably the best of all, would be the same as number two, with this addition, that the tunes should also be printed in the book, to the number of about one hundred. Such a book as this would be a decided advance on anything we have had in our Church for a century; though it would be nothing more than a return to a very old custom of the Reformed Church. Other denominations of later years, in their zeal for congregational singing, have adopted this old Reformed plan, and it is becoming very popular. We believe that such a book could be prepared that would be almost universally acceptable to our Churches, including five hundred Hymns and Psalms, one hundred tunes, selections from the Liturgy, and Family Prayers, the whole not materially exceeding the present Hymn-book in size and price. But the publication of such a book would require at least \$1,500 capital to commence with, and the sales could not be expected to pay expenses in less than five or ten years.

We would suggest that Synod continue the Committee, and that in the meantime it be decided which of the above plans Synod proposes to adopt.

Respectfully submitted,

JER. H. GOOD,
ISAAC H. REITER,
DAVID VAN HORNE,
Committee.

In connection with the adoption of the foregoing report, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the Committee be continued, with instruction to go forward with their labors, and report their work at the next meeting of Synod in as complete a form as possible, in order that it may be properly examined before its publication.

Item 13. Laid on the table until the Committee be prepared to report. (See action on item 15.)

Item 14. Reported, attended to according to the instruction of Synod.

Item 15. In connection with this item, item 13 was taken up, and they together considered. The following report was received and adopted:

Your Committee, which was appointed to unite with a similar Committee of the Northwestern Synod in bringing out the German Liturgy, would respectfully submit, that they are not yet able to

report the completion of their work. After the book was translated, or reproduced in the German language by a member of the Committee of the Northwestern Synod, a joint meeting of the two Committees was called at Crestline, Ohio, on the 17th of January, 1871. The Joint Committee after having examined, in part, the manuscript of the translation, did not want to assume the responsibility of having it published in that form, and divided the different sheets of the manuscript among its members for such corrections and suggestions as each member would have to make. The results of this labor of the individual members ought to have been compared and settled in a final meeting of the Joint Committee, which, however, has not yet taken place. It will therefore be necessary to continue the Committee to co-operate with the one of the Northwestern Synod, in order to have the book published.

The traveling and postage expenses of your Committee were \$16.50.

Respectfully submitted,

HERMAN KORTHEUER,
JOHN KUELLING,

Committee.

Item 16. Adopted.

Item 17. Laid on the table until the Board of Missions of this Synod reports.

Item 18. Adopted.

ARTICLE IX.

MINUTES OF CLASSES.

The Committee on Minutes of Classes submitted their report, which was received and disposed of, item by item; and is as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MINUTES OF CLASSES.

Your Committee to whom were referred the Minutes of Classes, beg leave to report as follows:

I. IRREGULARITIES.

1. Miami Classis reports a special meeting held previous to the last meeting of Synod.

2. Lancaster Classis fails to send a copy of its Minutes separate from its Minute book.

3. Illinois Classis sends a copy of Minutes written on wrong size of paper.
4. The same Classis does not separate the report of State of Religion from its Minutes.
5. Iowa Classis does not state the year when its annual meeting shall be held.
6. St. John's Classis fails to state the day of the month of its annual meeting.

II. REQUESTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS.

1. A request from the Illinois Classis for the earlier publication of Minutes after Synodical meetings.
2. Iowa Classis asks General Synod through the Synod of Ohio and Adjacent States to change Art. L. Sec. 2, of the Constitution.
3. The same Classis requests Synod to constitute its territory into two Classes, with boundaries defined.
4. St. John's Classis asks that the Synod discontinue the publishing of the Minutes in the German language.

III. SUBJECTS REFERRED TO CLASSES.

1. Miami Classis complies with Synod's requests regarding Agent of Heidelberg College, Beneficiary Education, Home Missions, and payment of Synodical dues.
2. Lancaster Classis complies with above requests regarding Beneficiary Education, Home Missions and College Agent.
3. Tuscarawas Classis complies with Synod's request regarding Beneficiary Education, Home Missions, circulation of *Christian World*, and payment of Synodical dues.
4. Tiffin Classis complies with Synod's requests relating to Beneficiary Education, Home Missions, Agent of College, circulation of *Christian World*, Liturgy, and payment of Synodical dues.
5. Illinois Classis complies with above requests regarding Beneficiary Education, and payment of Synodical dues.
6. Iowa Classis complies with the request of Synod in behalf of Home Missions, Beneficiary Education, Agent of College, circulation of *Christian World*, payment of Synodical dues, Liturgy, and desires it in the German language.
7. Eastern Ohio Classis complies with requests of Synod on Home Missions and Beneficiary Education.
8. St. John's Classis complies with request of Synod regarding the Liturgy, and desires it in German, without special cost to themselves, and also regarding payment of Synodical dues.

IV. RECEPTIONS AND DISMISSIONS.

1. Miami Classis received Revs. H. Shaull and J. W. F. Graham from Virginia Classis, and dismissed Rev. L. M. Kerschner to St. Joseph's Classis.

2. Tuscarawas Classis received Revs. E. D. Miller, from St. Joseph's Classis, O. E. Lake, from Illinois Classis, J. B. Shumaker, from Miami Classis. Dismissed Licentiate J. A. Smith to Illinois Classis, Rev. Thos. H. Winters to Miami Classis. Deposed from the ministry, and names stricken from the roll, Abraham Miller and J. R. Coffman.

3. Tiffin Classis ordained as Missionaries, Revs. H. H. Sandoe and H. Wilson. Received Rev. H. Daniels, from St. Joseph's Classis. Dismissed Revs. H. H. Sandoe and Daniel Kroh to St. Joseph's Classis.

4. Illinois Classis ordained Licentiate J. A. Smith. Received Rev. F. A. Edmonds, from Iowa Classis, Rev. S. N. King, from Miami Classis; Licentiates C. O. Knepper, from Westmoreland Classis, and J. A. Smith, from Tuscarawas Classis. Dismissed Rev. O. E. Lake to Tuscarawas Classis.

5. Iowa Classis dismissed Rev. F. A. Edmonds to Illinois Classis.

6. Eastern Ohio Classis received, upon examination, Rev. Henry Hilbish, from U. B. Conference, Illinois, and Rev. Joshua H. Derr, from St. John's Classis.

7. Lancaster Classis ordained G. H. Meiboom. Dismissed Rev. F. R. Dieckman to Heidelberg Classis.

8. St. John's Classis received Licentiate J. A. Novinger, from Mercersburg Classis. Dismissed Rev. J. Baumgartner to St. Joseph's Classis, and Rev. J. H. Derr to Eastern Ohio Classis.

V. ANNUAL MEETING OF CLASSES.

1. Miami Classis will meet in Farmersville, O., Thursday, October 12, 1871, at 7½ o'clock P. M.; D. Van Horne, President, P. C. Prugh, S. C., A. H. Baughman, Treasurer.

2. Lancaster Classis will meet in Mt. Carmel Church, Tarlton charge, October 25, 1871, at 7 o'clock P. M.; J. Heller, President, G. H. Leonard, S. C., C. W. Hoyman, Treasurer.

3. Tuscarawas Classis will meet in Reedsburg, O., October 25, 1871, at 7 o'clock P. M.; S. C. Goss, President, N. H. Loose, S. C., T. W. Chapman, Treasurer.

4. Tiffin Classis will meet in Liberty Center Church, Henry Co., August 18, 1871, at 7½ P. M.; H. Rust, President, W. H. Feneman, S. C., J. H. Good, Treasurer.

5. St. John's Classis will meet at St. Jacob's Church, Stark Co., O., on Friday, after the State election, 1871, at 7 o'clock P. M.; P. Herbruck, President, J. G. Zahner, S. C., D. Kemmerer, Treasurer.

6. Illinois Classis will meet at Astoria, Fulton Co., Ill., on the first Tuesday before the full of the moon, in October, 1871, at 7 o'clock P. M.; H. Wilson, President, Joseph Sechler, S. C., Wm. Gilpin, Treasurer.

7. Iowa Classis will meet at Boonesboro, Iowa, on the first Wednesday before the fall of the moon, in October, at 7½ P. M.; J. H. Buser, President, A. Bletsch, S. C., Jonas Diehl, Treasurer.

8. Eastern Ohio Classis will meet at Warren, Trumbull Co., on the first Thursday after the second Tuesday in October, 1871, at 7½ P. M.; G. Ziegler, President, Jno. M. Grether, S. C., Jacob Greeseier, Treasurer.

Respectfully submitted,

D. VAN HORNE,
H. KORTHEUER,
S. B. LEITER,
W. H. WILSON,
JOHN BOLENDER,
Committee.

The foregoing report was disposed of as follows:

I. IRREGULARITIES.

All the six items coming under this head were adopted.

II. REQUESTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS.

Item 1. Adopted.

Item 2. Disposed of by the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That Synod does not deem it expedient to grant the request.

Item 3. The whole subject involved under this item, was referred to a Special Committee, consisting of Revs. F. A. Edmonds, J. Hefley, G. H. Leonard, and Elders Thomas W. Chapman and Geo. W. Tussing.

This Committee afterward presented the following report, which was received and adopted:

Your Committee appointed to investigate the propriety of dividing Iowa Classis, would respectfully report, that after due consideration, they are constrained to say, that the contemplated division, under existing circumstances, would be impracticable.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANCIS A. EDMONDS,
Chairman.

Subsequent to the adoption of the foregoing report, the following preamble and resolution in regard to the division of Iowa Classis were adopted, namely:

WHEREAS, Application was made by that portion of our ministers and elders in the State of Iowa, claiming to be the Classis of Iowa, for a division of their territory into two Classes; and,

WHEREAS, This Synod could not see its way clear to comply with this request, in its present form, therefore,

Resolved, That this Synod urges all its ministers in the State of Iowa to meet, together with a delegate elder from each pastoral charge, at Wheatland, Iowa, on the last Tuesday in July (25th), in 1871, the afternoon, at four o'clock, for the purpose of mutually agreeing on such a division as will remove the unhappy state of strife existing in said Classis; and said division to be subject to such Synodical revision and sanction as is prescribed in the Constitution of the Church.

Item 4. Laid on the table until the subject of the publication of the Minutes be considered.

III. SUBJECTS REFERRED TO CLASSES.

All the eight items coming under this head were adopted.

IV. RECEPTIONS AND DISMISSIONS.

All the eight items coming under this head were adopted

V. ANNUAL MEETINGS OF CLASSES.

All the items under this heading were adopted.

ARTICLE X.

OVERTURES.

The Committee on Overtures presented the following report, which was received and disposed of item by item:

The Committee on Overtures would respectfully report as follows:

Twelve letters and documents were placed in our hands, the nature and contents of which are as follows:

Item 1. Is a letter from the Rev. George Rettig, in which he expresses his regret for inability to be in attendance on the meetings of this Synod, and calls especial attention to that portion of the Minutes of the Classis of Iowa, which refers to a division of said Classis.

Item 2. Is a letter from the Consistory of the Freeport congregation, Illinois, setting forth the condition and prospects of said congregation, and asking missionary aid toward the support of their pastor.

Item 3. Is an interesting paper, addressed to this Synod by the Rev. E. V. Gerhart, D. D., as President of the "Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows, of the Reformed Church in the United States," setting forth the present condition and future prospects of said Society, and asking the active co-operation of this Synod in extending its usefulness.

Item 4. Is the report of the Rev. Prof. J. H. Good, D. D., on the Library and on the Endowment Fund of the Theological Seminary.

Item 5. Is a letter from Rev. Prof. J. H. Good, D. D., in which he urges the recording the names of the Treasurers of the various Classes in the item under the heading of the Annual Meetings of Classes.

Item 6. Is the report of the President of the Joint Board of Home Missions for the current year.

Item 7. Is a paper addressed to the Synod by the Rev. J. Riale, in which he gives his reasons for appealing from decision of the Synod of Tiffin to the General Synod, in refusing to receive him as rightful delegate from the Iowa Classis.

Item 8. Is a paper signed by the Rev. J. Riale, as President, and F. C. Bauman, as Stated Clerk, of what is claimed by these brethren to be the Classis of Iowa, giving reasons for appealing to the General Synod from the decision of the Synod of Ohio, convened at Tiffin, June 30, 1870, in not admitting the delegates appointed by the Classis they claim to represent, and in admitting the delegates of another body claiming to be said Classis.

Item 9. Is a letter signed by Revs. Cyrus Cort and F. C. Bauman, inclosing copies of appeals and complaints against the action of a special meeting of Iowa Classis, at Wheatland, Iowa, August 25, 1869, in the matter of their exclusion from the right of membership in said Classis, and explaining that said appeals and complaints had been forwarded to the Synod of Tiffin, but, for some cause or other, were not brought forward.

Item 10. Is an appeal from the decision of the action of Iowa Classis at the meeting of said Classis, and in the matter referred to in the preceding Item 9th of this report, signed by Cyrus Cort.

Item 11. Is an appeal from the decision of Iowa Classis, to this Synod, and reasons for it, the same in substance as the matter referred to in Item 9th of this report, signed by F. C. Bauman.

Item 12. Is a letter addressed to this Synod, by the Rev. S. Mease, calling attention to a Hymn and Tune Book, entitled the "Companion of Praise," prepared by Rev. D. Van Horne, asking the Synod to recommend its use to our ministers and congregations, and presenting a copy for the inspection of this Synod.

Respectfully submitted,
JOSHUA H. DERR, Chairman.

Disposition of the foregoing report.

Item 1. Referred to the Committee on Minutes of Classes.

Item 2. Referred to the Committee on Missions.

Item 3. Referred to a Special Committee, consisting of Revs. Prof. H. Rust, J. Vogt, D. Van Horne, and Elders Andrew H. Baughman and Lewis Keller.

This Committee subsequently submitted the following report, which was received, amended, and adopted:

REPORT ON RELIEF OF MINISTERS AND THEIR WIDOWS.

Your Committee on the Letter of Rev. E. V. Gerhart, D. D., President of the Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows of the Reformed Church in the United States, would report:

That they have carefully considered the important subject urged upon the attention of your Synod, and feel, with the President of said Society, "that there is no object that commends itself more directly to the hearts and consciences of Christians, because the sufferings of the widows and the fatherless touch the Christian sympathies, and call forth a free and liberal response." It is, therefore, to be hoped that this truly benevolent Society will receive every possible encouragement, and that ere long every superannuated minister, and every suffering family of a minister, may enjoy that temporal support which this Society is anxious to afford.

This Society consists of regular members and life-members. It is desired that the ministers of our Synod shall be made life-members by their respective pastoral charges, and that the pastors may explain to their congregations the character and aims of this Society established by our fathers, and to give them an opportunity to contribute to its funds. In view of all this, we would recommend the following to be adopted by the Synod:

Resolved, That we heartily recommend the importance and claims of this Society to the serious attention of our ministers.

Resolved, That we recommend to the people of our charges the propriety of making pastors life members of this Society.

Resolved, That we appoint a Committee of five elders to address the different Consistories within the bounds of this Synod, upon this important subject.

Respectfully submitted,

HERMAN RUST,
Chairman.

The Committee called for in the third resolution of the foregoing report, consists of Elders Thomas W. Chapman, Paul Geiger, Frederick Bloom, Adam Shultz, and Andrew H. Baughman.

Item 4. Referred to the Committee on the Theological Seminary.

Item 5. Adopted; and on motion,

Resolved, That the Committee on the Minutes of Classes be instructed to add the names of the Classical Treasurers, and that the different Classes be requested hereafter to give the names of their Treasurers as well as of the Presidents and Stated Clerks.

Item 6. Referred to the Committee on Missions.

Item 7. Referred to a Special Committee. See Article XIX., under Complaints.

Item 8. Referred to the same Committee.

Item 9. Referred to a Special Committee. See Article XIX., under Complaints.

Item 10. Referred to the same Committee.

Item 11. Referred to the same Committee.

Item 12. Referred to a Special Committee, consisting of Revs: G. W. Williard, D. D., D. Winters, D. D., J. M. Le Fevre, and Elders Levi K. Basore and Frederick Bloom.

This Committee subsequently presented the following report, which was received and adopted:

The Committee to whom the "Companion of Praise" was referred, would respectfully report:

That they have examined the book with as much care as their time would allow, and find that it possesses some merits and advantages, which recommend it to special favor. The selection of hymns and tunes has been carefully made, so as to include only such as are of acknowledged merit, and of a truly devotional character, making it, as its name imports, a Companion of Praise.

Your Committee would therefore recommend it to the Church as deserving of a wide circulation for family and devotional purposes, and calculated to do good.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. W. WILLIARD, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE XI.

CORRESPONDENCE WITH SISTER CHURCHES.

Nothing occurred requiring action.

ARTICLE XII.

EXAMINATION, LICENSURE AND ORDINATION.

Application having been made in behalf of Mr. Peter H. Dippell, a student of the Theological Seminary, at Tiffin, Ohio, for examination and licensure, he was referred to the Committee on Examination, etc., which Committee subsequently reported as follows:

Your Committee would report:

That they have examined the applicant in the different branches taught in our Theological Seminary, and required by the Constitution of the Church, and are pleased to say that the examination was satisfactory.

Respectfully submitted,

ISAAC H. REITER, *Chairman.*

The report was adopted, and it was

Resolved, That the applicant, Peter H. Dippell, be, and hereby is, licensed to preach the gospel, and that the officers of Synod furnish him with testimonials of licensure, upon his signing the constitutional formula.

Resolved, That he be placed under the care of the Tiffin Classis.

ARTICLE XIII.

RELIGION AND MORALS.

The Committee on the State of Religion and Statistical Reports presented their report, which was received and adopted; and is as follows:

TO THE SYNOD OF OHIO AND ADJACENT STATES.

Dear Brethren in Christ:—As often as it is our privilege by the grace of our Divine Master to convene in the capacity of a Synod, we feel it our solemn duty first and above all to express our heartfelt gratitude for the preservation of our lives, and for all the countless temporal and spiritual blessings which we have so undeservedly enjoyed. Especially is this the case on the present occa-

sion, for we have behind us a year of extraordinary excitement and unexpected results; a year of wars and rumors of wars; a year of severe trial as well as of the most glorious triumph for our precious Protestant Christianity. Who would not rejoice and give thanks to God that during the past year He has so unexpectedly and so effectually checked the unbounded arrogance of presumed Papal infallibility, which, if left to carry out its own designs, would undoubtedly have caused incalculable trouble to the entire Protestant household of faith. This great providential victory has suddenly put to shame all those who but a short time previous had openly proclaimed Protestantism a failure, and has infused new life, new courage, and new hopes into all the true spiritual descendants of the great Reformers of the sixteenth century, especially in those countries where the mighty struggle has taken place. The chains of religious intolerance by which Romish jealousy and exclusiveness have for centuries past hindered the true development of Reformed Christianity in Italy, Spain, and France, have at last been broken, so that our spiritual brethren in those countries will now enjoy the blessed privilege to propagate their faith without the fear of civil and religious persecution. In view of these wonderful changes during the past year, we, as a Synod, may well exclaim with the Psalmist: "Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits." Standing in very intimate relation with those people, whom God has thus raised up from the dust, and united them into one of the mightiest nations of the earth, we must naturally and necessarily become more or less affected by their elevated position. Our God-appointed missionary work among the Germans will not only grow in importance, but also in interest and success. An abundant harvest may be expected from this field if only our Church performs her duty faithfully.

In examining the reports of the different Classes, we find in all of them many warm expressions of grateful acknowledgments for the divine goodness and forbearance manifested by the Good Master toward his servants and the churches over which they have been called to preside. Indeed, it is plainly evident from the happy spirit and rich contents of these reports, that the past year has been one of unusual interest in almost every one of our charges. Whilst some of them praise God that all the ministers of the Classes were sustained by Him to preach the gospel without interruption, and that their labors have been crowned with much visible success; others express their gratitude for the abundant prosperity with which the Lord has accompanied their efforts in catechetical instruction; and others still record their thankfulness for the growing interest and participation in the use of the Holy Sacraments; for a marked increase in true piety and devotion to the cause of Christ, and for enlarged feelings and a more lively spirit of disinterested benevolence. Thus the great Head of the Church, ever true to his solemn promise: Lo, I am with you alway—has been with our ministers and people, and has again, by his continued grace and

blessing, proved unto us that in Zion he makes his grace and glory known. Yes, he has bestowed his grace and blessing not only upon our charges, but also upon our institutions of learning, causing professors and students to rejoice in the apparent prosperity. All this is encouraging to every member of our beloved Church, and should fill the whole Synod with new determination and zeal in the prosecution of our future labors, for the end is not yet reached. By grace we are what we are, but neither we ministers nor our dear people are what we should and might be. Though we have made progress in our great work, yet we have by far not done our duty. As all the Classical reports also confess, with all the rich blessings of God, and the consequent improvement, there are visible also many faults and great infirmities. The powers of darkness have by far not yet vanished from our borders, and much less have we entirely overcome the world. We must, therefore, again and again put on the armor of truth, and with the sword of the Spirit must take our position under the glorious banner of our great Redeemer till our eyes shall be closed in death, like our dear Bro. J. Reinhart, who thus equipped and determined went forth from last year's Synod into his field of labor with very bright prospects before him, but unexpected to us all the Lord soon called him to his reward. So also in the case of our beloved, faithful Bro. Thornton Butler. We all feel their loss, because, as the brethren of their Classes testify, they were workmen approved of God, and their labors were crowned with success. Many now living will hold them in grateful remembrance as the messengers from God to their souls, and who in the last day will call them blessed. Though young in years, they have fought their last battles, they have kept the faith and gone to inherit their crown. With these exceptions all the ministers of our Synod have been permitted to live and labor through the past year. In reliance upon the sure promises of our Lord and Master, we, together with all our absent brethren, will enter upon this new Synodical year of Christian labor with hope and confidence of still greater success.

Respectfully submitted,

H. RUST.

ARTICLE XIV.

THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

I. THE ANNUAL REPORTS.

1. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

The Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary would submit the following as their annual report:

The Board, having convened at Dayton, Ohio, July 30, 1870, was organized by the election of Rev. Isaac H. Reiter, *President*, Rev. David Van Horne, *Secretary*, and Rev. David Winters, D. D., *Treasurer*.

In view of the fact that the Board, during the last annual sessions of the Synod, submitted a full and detailed report respecting the condition, wants and prospects of the Theological Seminary, they will briefly confine their statements to a few general facts.

The general financial condition of the Seminary is gradually improving. Under the energetic and persevering labors of our Agent (Mr. Henry Leonard), the endowment has been considerably increased during the year, as will appear by reference to his report. There should be no cessation of effort until the endowment is completed; for until this desirable end is accomplished, we shall be more or less embarrassed in the regular liquidation of the Professors' salaries.

Our efficient Treasurer has continued his valuable services in urging special collections, and in collecting the interest on notes and bonds. But with all his endeavors, he has not been able to meet the claims of the Professors as promptly as desired. Hence the importance of continuing the system of special collections on the part of congregations and individuals, as well as of putting forth renewed efforts to complete the endowment fund.

It is with pleasure that the Board would state in this connection, from information received, that Valentine Hay, Esq., confidently expects to have the entire endowment of the third Professorship in the Theological Seminary, requiring \$15,000, made up by the next annual meeting of Synod; and that the whole enterprise will then be in such a state of completeness, as to make it proper for the Synod at that meeting to elect a Professor of Exegetical Theology.

In accordance with the instructions of the last annual Synod, the Board, in connection with the Chairman of Synod's Committee, had a meeting at Dayton, Ohio, March 23, 1871, in regard to the sale of the Students' Home, and the location and erection of a building for the Theological Seminary. After considering the whole subject, as to its importance, expediency and general bearing, the following resolutions embodying the conclusion arrived at, were adopted, namely:

Resolved, That we, the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary of the Reformed Church, at Tiffin, in conjunction with the Committee of the Synod, in view of the present condition of things, and the opposition on the part of contributors to the sale or removal of it, deem it inexpedient either to sell or change the Students' Home.

Resolved, That, in consequence of the pressing claims of other interests of the Church, and believing that the proper time has not arrived to commence practical operations, we regard it best to defer the erection of a Seminary building for the present.

Resolved, That the interests of the Theological Seminary, together with the interests of the Students' Home, under the management of Prof. Herman Rust, be earnestly commended to the favor and liberality of the Church."

Respectfully submitted,
ISAAC H. REYER, President.

2. REPORT OF SYNOD'S COMMITTEE.

The Committee, to whom, in connection with the Board of Trustees, was referred the matter pertaining to the sale of the Students' Home and the enterprise of a building for the Theological Seminary, would report:

That they, through their Chairman, had a conjoint meeting with the Board of Trustees, and the results of the deliberations are embodied in the resolutions contained in the foregoing annual report of the Board; in which we concur.

Respectfully submitted,

HERMAN RUST,
SEBASTIAN C. GOSS,
J. JAMES HOFMAN,
Committee.

3. SUMMARY REPORT OF THE AGENT.

The Agent, Mr. Henry Leonard, operating in behalf of the financial interests of the Theological Seminary, reported in summary form:

That, as the result of his labors, from July 1, 1870, to May 21, 1871, he had secured from sundry persons in notes the amount of \$3,175 00 for the endowment, and variously collected \$42.00 for the immediate use of the Theological Seminary, making a total of \$3,217.00. The notes and money collected were passed into the hands of the Treasurer.

4. REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF BOARD.

REV. D. WINTERS, *Treasurer, in account with the Theological Seminary of the Reformed Synod of Ohio.*

1870.		DR.
To balance in the Treasury at the Tiffin Synod, 1870.....		\$21 19
July 5 Rev. E. V. Gerhart, D. D., interest.....		12 00
6 S. Rixtine, post-office order, "		20 00
8 Dr. Hockett, for Jacob Rust, "		40 00
9 John Zollinger, for A. H. Smith, "		7 00
9 " " Zuindal \$18, C. Saul \$3 "		21 00
13 Rev. Hefley, for S. Crist. "		6 00
22 Rev. P. C. Prugh, for A. Fauber, "		5 00
Aug. 1 D. W. Winters and Bro., "		18 00

\$150 19

	<i>Brought forward,</i>	\$150 19
ig.	3 H. Smith, \$1.50; J. B. Myers, \$1.50, Astoria, Ill.	3 00
	16 Daniel Wampler interest.....	3 00
	23 L. H. Diehl, Ill., \$6; Spangler, \$3; Horn, \$1.50; Brillhart, \$1.50; S. Horn, \$1.50; Parr, \$1.50; Bricker, \$1.50; Homan, \$1.50	18 00
	23 H. Smith, for Bair and Swope, each \$1.50.....	3 00
	29 Rev. D. Winters, collected Mt. Zion Charge, Har- vest Home.....	53 00
pt.	2 U. S. Bond interest.....	14 31
t.	11 Rev. D. Van Horne, collected 1st Church, Dayton	20 00
	16 " J. Stuck, collected Mt. Pleasant Charge.....	3 00
	18 " L. H. Kefauver, collected 1st Church, Tiffin	7 80
	29 " J. Rinehart, rec'd interest.....	1 25
	29 M. E. Duterer, per G. Greenameier, "	6 00
v.	3 D. W. Winters and Bro., "	18 00
	8 Rev. N. H. Loose, for Strack, \$3; M. Crum, \$3; Briner, \$1.50; Haislet, \$1.80; Hawk, \$6; Bowmen, \$6; J. Crum, \$3.....	24 30
	14 Rev. I. H. Reiter, "Free will offering at the Semi- Centennial Anniversary of Miamisburg Con."	10 00
c.	14 Rev P. C. Prugh, for Abel Peterson, int'st.....	5 00
	25 D. H. Prugh, per Dr. Winters, "	5 00
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1.	1 Dr. Williard from Mast. Abie and "	3 90
	3 U. S. Bonds, interest and premium.....	215 00
	3 Rev. D. Winters, interest.....	51 50
	11 Rev. J. Ruhl, Frostburg, Md., "	10 00
	18 J. V. Prugh, per D. Winters, "	3 00
	26 Rev. F. Schaad, int'st on Jubilee Fund in Ragers- ville cong., for German Professorship.....	28 35
b.	3 D. W. Winters and Bro., interest.....	18 00
	3 Rev. H. Rust, "	60 00
	19 Elder Jno. Zollinger, Ill., int. from various persons	106 25
rch	1 U. S. Bonds, interest.....	13 75
	9 Mrs. John Christman, Goldfien, \$20, premium \$1.50, per Ag't L.....	21 50
	9 Dr. Williard, for Miss S. A. Hivling.....	6 00
	9 Rev. S. E. Herring, for Sal. Shoemaker.....	5 00
	15 Ag't Leonard, from Jacob Donat, \$5; Geo. Crid- er, \$10; John Ott, \$5; Lewis Lesich, \$5; Susan Altland, \$1; H. Cristan, \$1; G. Sites, \$2; Anna Sites, \$1; Mary S. Sites, \$1; Rhoda Sites, \$1	32 00
	31 Henry Bates, 2 years' interest.....	12 00
	11 Ag't Leonard, from W. S. Winings, \$6; E. Winings \$5; Elizabeth Schnedeker, \$5, all in advance..	16 00
	11 Wm. H. and D. Winters, interest.....	38 00
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		\$985 10

<i>Brought forward,</i>		\$985 10
11	Christian Gross and Bro., Theo'l German Prof'ship	30 00
11	Rev. S. C. Goss, Wadsworth charge, col.....	5 00
13	Michael Brenner's estate, per S. Allen, interest...	12 00
20	Agt. Leonard, from Gindlesperger, \$2.14; Gonder, \$4; Fisher \$6; Tramp, \$3.50; J. Miller, \$11.80; F. Williams, \$3 50; J. Ault, \$9; J. Williams, \$1.80; Susan Kieffer, \$5; Sanders, \$2; Mary Kieffer, \$6; Lydia Musser, \$1.50; J. Williams, \$4.50; V. W. Ault, \$3.50.....	63 74
20	John Zollinger, Ill., from A. Kimbal, \$6.28; J. Willier, \$6; C. Reber, \$6; J. Malone, \$6; J. E. Keller, \$3; H. W. Myers, \$6; C. Faul, \$3.....	36 28
22	Ag't Leonard, from Jacob Stotlar, interest.....	7 00
25	Rev. W. H. Fenneman, Berwick charge.....	10 00
26	Rev. I. H. Reiter, from H. Brehm, \$1.50; J. Gep- hart, \$1.50; G. F. Medlar, \$1.50; L. W. Mease \$6, interest.....	10 50
May 4	D. W. Winters and Bro., interest.....	18 00
17	J. T. Blain, per Ag't Leonard, interest.....	25 00
18	Joseph Slough, per Rev. Vogt, interest.....	12 00
18	J. B. Welter, per Rev. Vogt.....	5 00
19	Rev. D. Van Horne, col. 1st Church, Dayton.....	6 00
20	H. Leonard, interest.....	9 00
Total		\$1234 62

1870-71	CONTRA.	CR.
	Cash paid Rev. J. H. Good, D. D., on salary.....	\$625 00
	“ “ “ H. Rust (German Prof.), on salary	600 00
	“ “ for stamps and premiums on drafts, etc..	4 25
	“ “ H. Leonard, on Agency.....	9 00
		\$1238 25
Amount received.....		1234 62
		\$3 63

The Board is indebted to the two Professors

On Salary, due May 1, 1871.....	\$575 00
viz: To Prof. Good.....	\$275 00
“ “ “ Rust.....	300 00

ENDOWMENT FUND.

1870	Balance in the Treasury at Tiffin Synod.....	\$136 00
July 9	Rec'd of A. H. Smith, per Elder Zollinger.....	50 00
Aug. 1	“ “ I. C. Kleckner, Ill.,.....	100 00
		\$286 00

		<i>Brought forward,</i>	\$286 00
Oct. 29	Rec'd of	Rev. J. Rinehart, Dec'd, pr I. Greenameier	100 00
Nov. 8	" "	Michael Crum, per Rev. N. H. Loose.....	50 00
1871			
Jan. 13	" "	Christina Louck, Canal, Winchester, per Ag't Leonard.....	100 00
April 12	" "	Michael Brenner's Estate, per J. Allen...	100 00
20	" "	W. Tromp, \$15; F. Willing, \$20; Susan Keiffer, \$25; E. F. Souders, \$25; per Ag't Leonard.....	85 00
	" "	A. Kembal, per J. Zollinger.....	50 00
25	" "	Henry Brehm, per Rev. I. H. Reiter.....	25 00
		Total	\$796 00

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PAID OUT.

July 1	Attorneys' fees in Illinois.....	\$ 3 00
Aug. 1	Invested.....	200 00
1871		
Jan. 11	Invested.....	300 00
Apr. 25	Invested.....	200 00
		<u>703 00</u>
	On hand.....	\$ 93 00

Respectfully submitted, \$796 00

D. WINTERS, *Treasurer.*

5. REPORT OF BOARD OF VISITORS.

The Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary would respectfully report:

That they have endeavored to be faithful to the important interest committed to their care. By the action of the Synod of last year the Board of Visitors of the Seminary, and that of Education, were combined so that we have not only had to provide for the indigent young men who are prosecuting their studies with the view of entering upon the ministry, but also, in connection with the theological professors, of superintending the general interests of the Seminary.

By a reference to the Catalogue, which has just been published, it appears that there were sixteen young men in the Seminary. Two of these have entered upon the active duties of the ministry, and a third dismissed and recommended for examination and licensure at your present meeting. This, although a larger number than usual, is not what it ought to be in view of the great demand there is for ministers in the Church. If the proper efforts were put forth to interest the pious and talented young men of the Church in the ministry there is no reason why we might not have three times the number we now have. Looking at the destitution that

prevails on every side it is surely high time for us to awake to a sense of our duty as a Church, and do all in our power to raise up a ministry equal to the demands that are made upon us. If this be not done we must in the nature of the case lose a large portion of the territory that rightfully belongs to us as a denomination.

The students have been diligent in their studies, and have commended themselves to their teachers and the Board by their gentlemanly deportment and Christian conduct.

The greatest difficulty the Board has had to contend with has been the want of funds to pay the appropriations of the students as they became due. Having had a debt of several hundred dollars, according to the report of last year, to provide for in addition to the appropriations of this year, it has been with great difficulty that we have been able to retain all the students now on the Board. By making constant appeals to the Church through the *Christian World*, and to those who take a special interest in our indigent young men, we have been able, by borrowing a few hundred dollars, to pay all the appropriations to the close of the Winter Term. But as the present session will close the 23d of June, at which time \$600 more will be needed, your Board is greatly perplexed to know how to provide for the emergency. The Church owes a lasting debt of gratitude to the American Education Society for the help they have generously afforded us. Had it not been for this timely aid it would not have been possible for us to have retained all our students, the entire number of whom is at present twenty-six. Your Board is of the firm belief that the Church is abundantly able to provide fully for this and every other interest connected with its prosperity, and would do so if the proper efforts were put forth to awaken a general interest, as it is only a portion of the Church contributes to this object, as will be seen by a reference to the Treasurer's report. Quite a number of congregations never contribute anything to this important interest. Were the congregations and members that give nothing to do in proportion to those from whom we have contributions we would not only be able to support the young men now on the Board but greatly increase the number.

We would, therefore, suggest that the Synod adopt such measures as will in its judgment secure united action in every part of our territory. The interest is too important to be permitted to drag as it has done for the last few years. The voice of God and duty calls upon us to go forward in this work with a zeal and energy never before manifested.

The library of the Seminary, as well as the College, needs to be increased, and made more attractive for the students. We would suggest the propriety of the Synod recommending to the College and Seminary Board to appropriate each \$50 toward the improvement of the library room, so as to adapt it more fully to the purpose for which it is intended.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. W. WILLIARD,
President of Board.

6. REPORT OF TREASURER OF EDUCATION.

R. GOOD, Treasurer, in account with Board of Education of the Synod of Ohio, of Reformed Church.

DR.

To amount received as follows :

Tuscarawas Classis.

Per T. W. Chapman, Treasurer, and other members
of Classis..... \$324 00

Lancaster Classis.

Rev. F. Strassner,	Union	charge.....	\$ 10 00
" C. W. Hoyman,	Somerset	"	101 18
" H. Williard,	Jerusalem	"	10 46
" J. Heller,	Tarlton	"	6 00
" S. B. Yockey,	Kinnickinnick	"	48 00
" J. Vogt,	Delaware	"	35 00
	Union	cong.....	2 16
	Ringold	"	10 00
Rev. J. W. Alspach,	Stoutsville	"	13 78
" G. H. Leonard,	Basil	"	75 00
" C. W. Hoyman,	Interests L. Classis Fund,		21 25
			<hr/> 332 83

Miami Classis.

Rev. J. Richards,	Paris	charge.....	10 00
" D. Winters,	Mt. Zion	"	54 00
" H. M. Herman,	West Alexandria.....		27 00
" I. H. Reiter,	Miamisburg ch'rg.....		20 00
" O. J. Accola,	2d church, Dayton....		22 35
" J. H. Apple,	Germantown ch'g.....		13 17
" J. Weaver,	Salem	cong.....	4 00
" D. Van Horne,	1st church, Dayton....		6 00
" J. Kuelling,	1st cong., Cincinnati...		12 50
Female Society,	" " "	"	11 00
Sabbath School,	" " "	"	11 00
Rev. J. Le Fevre,	Fairfield	cong.....	7 00
Mr. Jacob Thomas,.....			2 00
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Tiffin Classis.

Rev. L. H. Kefauver,	1st church, Tiffin.....		61 93
" W. H. Fenneman,	Berwick	charge.....	30 00
" G. W. Williard,	Fort Seneca.....		11 17

\$856 85

<i>Brought forward,</i>			\$856 8
Rev. J. B. Ruhl,	Findley	5 40	
Mrs. E. J. Williard.....		10 00	
Mr. C. W. Good.....		1 50	
Sabbath-School, First Church, Tiffin.....		5 00	
			125 00

Erie Classis.

Rev. E. Keller,	Thompson charge.....	35 85	
" C. Schaaf,	Sandusky "	12 00	
Mr. C. G. A. Hullhorst,	Fremont "	55 00	
			102 85

Heidelberg Classis.

Rev. J. Klingler,	Upper Sandusky ch'rg.	33 00	
	Baseline "	6 75	
Rev. J. Winter,	Crestline "	6 00	
Mrs. Osman and Mrs. Shumaker.....		4 00	
Mr. C. Foucht.....		2 00	
			51 75

Eastern Ohio Classis.

Rev. J. Reinhart,	Columbiana ch'rg.....	10 00	
" G. M. Albright,	New Lisbon "	18 50	
Mrs. Lizzie Reinhart.....		5 00	
" Bates and Mrs. Bell.....		7 00	
Rev. J. M. Grether,	Warren charge.....	5 00	
" M. A. Miller,	Carrollton "	16 50	
			62 00

St. John's Classis.

Rev. D. Kemmerer,	Wooster charge.....	13 00	
Dr. C. J. Geiger,	Canton "	18 00	
Rev. H. Kortheuer,	Massillon "	5 00	
" J. H. Derr.....		1 00	
			37 00

Indiana Classis.

Rev. J. H. Klein,	Louisville charge.....	10 00	
" H. F. Mueller,	Lafayette "	10 00	
A Friend, Louisville, Ky.....		10 00	
			30 00

St. Joseph's Classis.

Rev. W. B. Sandoe,	Springfield ch'rg.....	9 40	
" H. H. Sandoe,	Winnemac and Fulton	10 50	
Mr. Peter Mise,	Auburn charge.....	5 65	
			25 55

\$1291 04

Brought forward, \$1291 00

Illinois Classis.

Rev. H. Wilson, Shelbyville ch'rg..... 9 29

Received from Various Sources.

Rev. J. Niehoff, Whitehouse congregation	2 00	
“ H. Hess.....	54 00	
Mrs. H., Dayton, O.....	6 00	
A. Member, Toledo, O.....	1 00	
Rev. A. Houtz, Orangeville charge.....	8 10	
Mr. W. E. Schmertz.....	25 00	
Rev. C. Scheel, Christ's Church, Pa.....	20 00	
“ A. B. Shenkle, Millerville, Pa.....	21 00	
Mr. H. Wegert.....	6 00	
“ I. M. Kelker.....	65 00	
“ Leonard Hawk.....	3 00	
Miss Sallie and Sophia Hivling.....	10 00	
Rev. J. Spoerri.....	8 61	
Mr. John Steele.....	5 00	
Elder Wahl.....	8 35	
Amount refunded by a former student.....	10 00	
Proceeds of H. Leonard's Lectures.....	27 18	
Rev. F. A. Rupley, Middletown.....	40 00	
A Member of the Reformed Church.....	50 00	
Mr. J. Wiest.....	25 00	
	395 24	
Balance due the Treasurer May 20, 1871.....	236 67	
	\$1932 20	

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By Am't due the Treasurer June 30, 1870.....	501 95	
“ “ paid 23 Beneficiaries as per vouchers....	1390 00	
“ “ Interest, Heid. College, on \$200 loan...	31 50	
“ “ “ Bank “ 200 “ ...	3 30	
“ “ “ “ “ 150 “ ...	2 73	
“ “ Exchange	25	
“ “ Stamped Envelopes.	2 47	
	1932 20	

By the above it will be seen that the debt of the Board at this date is \$235.79, and at the close of the present session, June 22, 1871, about \$600 more will be due the Beneficiaries, making the debt \$835.79.

Respectfully submitted,

R. GOOD, *Treasurer.*

7. REPORT ON LIBRARY AND ENDOWMENT FUND.

In continuation of my report of last year I beg to report to the Synod this year as follows :

1. *Library Fund.*—After receiving from Rev. Albert Helffenstein, Jr., the donation of 528 volumes for the Library of our Seminary, as reported to the last Synod, a correspondence continued between us, in which he expressed the liveliest interest in our Western enterprises, and in the course of which he expressed the desire to donate to our Western institutions the greater portion of his property, amounting to about \$15,000 or \$18,000. In pursuance of this intention he executed a note of \$4,000 in favor of the Trustees of the Seminary, as a Library Fund, the interest to be annually devoted to the purchase of books for the Seminary Library. While deliberating as to the mode and form in which the remainder of his intended donation should be made, he suddenly expressed an anxious desire that Val. Hay, Esq., should visit him personally (if I were unable to do so), in order to execute the necessary documents. Mr. Hay started to visit him, as soon as it was possible for him to do so ; but on arriving at his residence found that the good brother had suddenly been called away by death and was already buried, and that without having been able to put his well-considered plans into execution. Bro. Helffenstein died on the 12th of September, 1870. It is greatly to be regretted that he postponed until too late an hour the disposal of his property according to his pious wishes. Even if Mr. Hay had been able to meet him a week or two earlier, it would have availed nothing, as by the laws of Pennsylvania a donation by will for benevolent purposes must be made one month before the decease of the party, in order to be valid. *Let this be a warning to all friends who are purposing in their hearts to aid the institutions of the Church with a portion or the whole of their property. No one ought to postpone so important a matter until the last moment, if he desires to have his wishes carried out in the disposal of the property with which the Lord has blessed him.*

The note of \$4,000 will be due in June, of this year, and has been placed in the hands of Mr. Hay for collection. I understand that the heirs intend to resist its payment. I hope, however, and expect, that the wishes of Bro. Helffenstein in this matter will not be frustrated.

The Board of Trustees of the Seminary last year authorized the undersigned to purchase books for the Library, in cost not to exceed the interest of the \$4,000 Fund for the first year. In pursuance of this authority the undersigned has purchased 89 volumes, at an expense of \$120.25. He received a donation from Rev. H. H. Sandoe, of Liberty Center (who I think had the slenderest support of any minister in the Reformed Church), of one dollar toward this fund. The remainder (\$119.25) has been drawn tempora-

rily from the Synodical Treasury, and will be refunded, as soon as the Helffenstein note is collected.

2. *Endowment of Third Professorship in the Seminary.*—The Church will be gratified to learn, that the promised endowment of a Professorship of Exegetical Theology in our Seminary by the exertions of Val. Hay, Esq., is likely to prove a success. I am advised by him, under date of April 24, 1871, "that the project is progressing favorably, and that within this Synodical year he confidently expects to raise the necessary funds for the complete endowment of the Professorship." He further requests me to say that, God willing, it shall be an accomplished fact by that time; that Synod may rely upon it, and be prepared to act in the premises. He would also remind Synod and the Church that he is centering all his energies to the accomplishment of this object, and as he does not claim that he is doing more for the Church than he ought to do, or than God requires at his hand, he fondly hopes that the Church at large will evince more beneficence; that many good and liberal minded men may rise up in the Church and throw a due share of their means into the Lord's Treasury, and thereby advance his kingdom upon earth.

The delay of one year in the carrying out of this enterprise, rests, to my knowledge, upon a good and proper basis, not necessary to refer to more particularly here. If any other friends feel like-minded with Bro. Hay to present a large donation to the Church, I would suggest the importance of a fund of 10,000 or 15,000 dollars for the erection of a Theological Seminary Building, which is greatly needed at Tiffin, and was recommended in last year's report of the President of the Board of Trustees. It was expected that Bro. Helffenstein's intended further donation would be available for this purpose, but the funds must now come from some other source, if ever we are to have a Seminary Building.

3. *Alumni Professorship in the Seminary* (that of Practical Theology).—The suggestion that the Alumni of the Seminary should undertake the enterprise of endowing a fourth professorship in the Seminary, has been favorably received, and a number have pledged their hearty and generous co-operation. But to my mind it seems advisable to wait in this matter until the College Alumni Professorship is mainly endowed and out of the way, since a great many of the Alumni of the Seminary are Alumni of the College also. Bro. Hay, who has done very liberally for this College Professorship, suggests that I should make a plea to the Alumni to push on this College enterprise more rapidly; that the College and Seminary must go hand in hand, and that the Alumni of the Seminary should take an active part in this project. I fully agree with him on this point, and hope that the College enterprise, so fairly and hopefully begun, will not be left to languish at this point.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

J. H. GOOD.

II. REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

The Standing Committee on the Theological Seminary, to whom the seven foregoing reports were referred, submitted their report, which was received, and taken up item by item, and adopted.

The Standing Committee on the Theological Seminary respectfully submit the following report :

1. *The Endowment.*

The endowment of the Theological Seminary, under the agency of Henry Leonard, has continued successful, so far as the enterprise has been carried forward ; yet the available endowment fund leaves an annual indebtedness of five hundred dollars. This must be lamented by all the friends of the Seminary. In the present prosperous condition of the College and the number of beneficiary students, who intend entering the Seminary, the teaching force should be increased so that we may not only hold our own students, but that our Seminary be placed upon such a foundation as to attract students from other localities. We would, therefore, recommend concert of action on the part of the ministry with the Agent, so that an adequate endowment fund be placed at the disposal of the Board of Trustees.

2. *Library.*

Your Committee learns with pleasure that Rev. Albert Helffenstein, Jr., of North Wales, Pa., has manifested additional interest in the Theological Library at Tiffin, by donating the handsome sum of four thousand dollars, the interest of which is to be used in purchasing books. (Since the above donation has been made, and while contemplating other and more liberal donations, we regret to say that Rev. Helffenstein has been called home.)

As a good library is of essential importance in our institutions, we would therefore offer the following resolutions :

Resolved, That as the library is still in need we commend the generous act of Rev. Helffenstein to the notice of the ministry and membership, in the hope that many may come forward in this good work and give their assistance.

Resolved, That Synod recommend an appropriation of fifty dollars from each of the Boards of Trustees of the College and the Seminary to repair the library room.

3. *Professorship of Exegetical Theology.*

As the endowment of this professorship has not been completed during the past year, but as we learn with pleasure that Valentine Hay, Esq., confidently expects that before another annual meeting of Synod he will be able to raise the requisite amount, fifteen thousand dollars, for the full endowment of this professorship ; therefore,

Resolved, That the election of a Professor to the Chair of Exegetical Theology be postponed until the next annual session of Synod.

4. Education.

There are at present twenty-six beneficiary students in attendance at the College and Seminary. Those receiving the greatest appropriation get one hundred dollars; the amount is determined by their actual necessities. But, nevertheless, with all possible economy there will be an indebtedness of eight hundred dollars at the close of the spring session.

In order that this debt may be canceled we recommend the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the attention of those Classes, which promised a definite sum and have thus far failed to comply with their pledges, be called to their delinquency.

Resolved, That a special collection be taken in the different congregations, for this purpose, by the close of the present collegiate year, the 23d of June, or as soon thereafter as possible.

Resolved, That this action be published in the *Christian World* and in the *Evangelist*, and that the editors call special attention to these resolutions.

5. Increase of Students.

There have been sixteen students in regular attendance during the past year, two of whom have entered the gospel ministry, and another has been dismissed and recommended for licensure to the present Synod. While the number in attendance has been larger than heretofore, it is yet not equal to the demand. There should be increased interest manifested in this matter, for the growth of the Church materially depends upon the number of her ministers.

In view of the great want of ministers in the Reformed Church we would suggest the following resolution:

Resolved, That the ministry be urged to use their influence to induce young men of piety and earnestness of character to consecrate themselves to God in the gospel ministry.

6. Finances.

We regret to say here that there is a deficiency in the Treasury of five hundred and seventy-five dollars, for the payment of which the necessary means must be devised. Hence, following the former course, we recommend the adoption of the following:

Resolved, That we urge the taking up of special collections throughout our bounds for the immediate use of the Theological Seminary.

Resolved, That the different Classes belonging to this Synod be requested to ascertain at their next annual meetings whether the above request of Synod has been complied with.

Respectfully submitted,

SAMUEL B. YOCKEY, Chairman.

ARTICLE XV.

HEIDELBERG COLLEGE.

I. THE ANNUAL REPORTS.

1. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

In making our annual report to the Synod of Ohio, it affords us pleasure to say that the college has been in a prosperous condition during the past year. The attendance of students has been very encouraging, there having been 182 during the year in the several departments and classes. The graduating class consists of eight, five in the classical and three in the scientific department.

The Board congratulates the Synod in having secured the services of Rev. P. Greding, who was elected last June to the Professorship of the German Language and Literature, and entered upon the duties of his calling at the beginning of the present collegiate year. It will thus be seen that the long talked-of German Professorship has been filled, which it is hoped will give general satisfaction throughout the Church, and especially to our German brethren, who have long desired a professor in Heidelberg College that would give his entire time to this department. The professor elect has given good satisfaction, and found enough to do, as quite a number of students have given special attention to the German.

There have been five professors and two tutors employed in giving instruction during the year, from which it will be seen that the position which the college now occupies is far in advance of what it has ever been, so that it feels free in asking the patronage of the Church and community in general, as the advantages which it affords for obtaining a liberal education are equal to those of other and older institutions. The Board contemplates, as soon as its funds will justify, to call another professor to the department of History and Belles-Lettres, so as to relieve those who are now performing double duty.

We are also pleased to report that the Board has been able to meet the increased expenditures of the college, so that the endowment fund has remained untouched for the last five years, and has been steadily increasing through the persevering and energetic labors of our agent, H. Leonard, to whom the Church owes a debt of gratitude for his toil and self-denial in behalf of her institutions. For a full account of his labors during the past year we refer the Synod to his report, which we submit along with this. We may also add, as an evidence of the favor in which the college is held, that a contribution of \$10,000 was made to the President, to become available and paid over to the Treasurer on the death of the esteemed donor. May the number of such friends greatly increase. We have many more in the Church, who might greatly advance her educational and other interests, if they were to follow the above example, in giving as the Lord has blessed them.

The college greatly needs an increase in its library and cabinet, with such instruments as are necessary to make certain studies in the curriculum interesting and thorough. We think the time has now come when the wealthy and liberal-minded members of the Church should come forward and provide for these interests. We would be glad if the Synod would in some way call the attention of the Church to these wants, and aid the Board in meeting them. A few thousand dollars donated for these objects would add greatly to the prosperity and efficiency of our institutions. It also affords us pleasure to report that the scheme adopted by the Boards of the Seminary and College for the increased endowment of these institutions is succeeding very well, and will no doubt be eventually completed.

Important and necessary repairs have been made to the college building during the year. Others should also be made at an early day.

For a full and particular report of the state and condition of the college, a copy of the catalogue for the year 1870-71 is herewith presented.

Hoping to enjoy the continued favor and patronage of the Synod, we respectfully present the above report.

GEO. W. WILLIARD,
Pres't of Heid. College.

2. REPORT OF THE FINANCIAL AGENT.

I have again the pleasure to state that my life and health have been spared during another year.

Although my work, having been considerably interrupted during the year on account of the last illness and death of a dear brother, yet, notwithstanding this, I have met with encouraging success in my agency, both for College and Theological Seminary. Some of our people feel more alive on the subject of giving more liberally. Old contributors have enlarged their subscriptions.

There seems to be a steady, growing confidence among our people in our Institutions at Tiffin, because they now see what they have given to this object "*has not been thrown away.*"

I have traveled during the year twelve hundred and ninety-five miles. Total miles traveled from the 22d of January, 1857, to May 17, 1871, fifty-four thousand one hundred and twenty-nine miles.

I have great reason to feel thankful to God for his goodness and mercy to me. And also express my thanks to the brethren for their continued confidence in me.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

DR.

Collections for immediate use.....	\$397 00	
Crumbs from the young people.....	201 23	
Amount of old collections including interest in advance	440 25	
		<u>\$1038 48</u>
Amount of notes taken (new).....		8564 50
		<u>\$9602 98</u>

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Traveling expenses during the year, up to April 24, 1871, including printing, mailing, photographs and circulars.....	93 61	
Paid over to President of Heidelberg College old collections and interest in advance....	440 25	
		<u>\$ 533 86</u>
New endowment notes.....	8564 50	
		<u>9098 36</u>
		<u>\$504 62</u>
Balance paid to Rev. Dr. Williard, President of Heidelberg College.....	\$504 62	
May 19, 1871.		HENRY LEONARD, Agent.

II. REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON HEIDELBERG COLLEGE.

The Standing Committee on Heidelberg College submitted their report, which was received and adopted; and is as follows:

Your Committee on Heidelberg College beg leave to submit the following report:

The papers referred to this Committee consist of a report of the President of the College in behalf of the Board of Trustees, a report of the Financial Agent, and a catalogue of the Institution just published. From these documents your Committee have been able to learn the following facts:

1. That the attendance of students during the last year has been large, a fact that seems to indicate a growing desire on the part of many of our members and friends to educate their sons and daughters. This fact gives your Committee much pleasure inasmuch as it recognizes the truth that the more intelligent our membership is, the more useful it will be in building up the Church. Beside this, it is natural to expect that many now present at the College will feel it a duty to enter the ministry.

2. The course of study as laid down in the catalogue seems to us to meet a want that has long since been felt. With such a course of study in connection with a corps of efficient instructors we trust that the day is not distant when Heidelberg College will offer advantages equal to those of any other Institution in the State.

3. We are pleased to learn that the financial condition of the Institution is such as to relieve it of much of the embarrassment that has attended it in the past. During the last year a contribution of \$10,000 was received from one person. This is the largest contribution that has ever been made by any one individual to the College. The name of this individual is, at his own request, withheld, showing that what was thus given was given out of love to God and his Church, and not from selfish motives. May this act lead many of our wealthy members to ask themselves the question, "Have we given as we ought to give?"

All this must be gratifying to every minister of Synod, especially when we look at its history during the past ten years, and thus call to mind its trials and struggles, and the perseverance, patience and faith of its founders.

Your Committee would recommend the following resolutions for adoption :

Resolved, (1.) That we indorse the management and are much encouraged at the prospects of our College at Tiffin.

Resolved, (2.) That we extend our thanks to Elder H. Leonard, and pray that his health may be continued and his work abundantly blessed.

Resolved, (3.) That we will labor for the increase of the endowment funds, that we will do what we can in the collection of outstanding dues, and to induce the youth of the Church as far as we can to enter the College.

Respectfully submitted,

J. HEFFLEY, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE XVI.

MISSIONS.

1. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF MISSIONS OF OHIO SYNOD.

DEAR BRETHREN:—The report which we herewith present will necessarily be short. This does not arise from any want of interest or activity on our part in the important work committed to our trust. In this respect your Board has endeavored to do all in its power with the limited means at its disposal; having had two regular meetings, and carried on an extensive correspondence in reference to this great work in our Church. We have indeed been deeply impressed with the importance of more zeal and liberality in be-

half of missions, and have addressed several earnest appeals to the membership of the Church in our different periodicals. Looking at the great destitution that meets us on every side, and the urgent requests that are made for help by those who are destitute of the stated means of grace, it is easy to see that we have come far short of doing our duty as we should have done.

Having only been appointed to this work the first of last July, the operations of your Board have just properly begun. Most of the Classes, too, it should be remembered, have had missionary boards of their own and have not as yet dissolved them, or made them auxiliary to the Synod's Board. We would suggest that the Synod take such action in this respect as will secure united action in this work. As it is, it is hard to tell what is done for this cause in the Synod, as the operations of the particular boards are not reported. In this way wrong is done to the Church, as it appears that little or nothing has been done for the cause of missions, whereas some of the Classes have done well. It is also believed by your Board that the different classes can as effectually attend to the vacant and destitute fields in their respective bounds by operating through Synod's Board as is done by their independent organizations.

According to an arrangement entered into with the General Board, and the recommendation of the North Western Synod, the Rev. Dr. M. Stern has been employed to superintend the missionary interest of our Church in the West at a salary of \$1,000, to be paid by the three Boards as per agreement. As he has given an interesting report of his labors in the periodicals of the Church we deem it unnecessary to repeat it here.

Applications for aid have been made from different parts of the Church, but no appropriations have been made except to Liberty Center, Ohio, and Boonesboro, Iowa, as our funds did not justify.

For the state of the finances of the Board we refer the Synod to the report of the Treasurer.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. W. WILLIARD, *President.*

2. REPORT OF TREASURER OF HOME MISSIONS.

REV. WM. H. FENNEMAN, *Treasurer, in account with the Board of Home Missions of the Synod of Ohio.*

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J. Greenamcier.....	\$ 10 00
Rev. J. B Ruhl, Findlay charge.....	25 00
“ L. H. Kefauver, First Church, Tiffin.....	41 34
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	\$76 34

<i>Carried forward,</i>	\$76 34
" N. H. Loose, Shelby charge.....	11 00
" A. B. Shenkle (per Dr. J. H. Good), collected in the Millerstown charge, Pa., for Omaha Mission	20 00
" W. H. Fenneman, Berwick charge.....	10 00
" M. A. Miller, Carrollton charge.....	18 00
" S. B. Yockey, Kinnickinnick charge.....	22 20
Ladies' Society, Second Church, Tiffin.....	15 00
Rev. E. D. Miller, Manchester charge.....	7 30
Samuel Disinger, Fostoria charge.....	3 55
Rev. H. Hilbish, Columbiana charge.....	11 75
J. U. Giesy, Lancaster, Ohio.....	1 00
Rev. G. H. Leonard, Basil charge, " for Missions in Iowa."	100 00
M. Weimer, Bristol charge.....	5 10
Rev. S. C. Goss, Wadsworth charge.....	5 00
" H. Wegert, Bavaria charge.....	19 70
" D. Kemmerer.....	5 50
From a Friend of Missions.....	50 00
Total.....	\$381 44

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Paid to Rev. H. H. Sandoe, missionary in Henry Co., O....	\$ 47 25
Rev. A. Bletsch, missionary in Boone Co., Iowa.....	100 00
Rev. Dr. M. Stern, Missionary Superintendent.....	150 00
To express charges on money received.....	50
Minute Book.....	50
Balance in the Treasury.....	83 19
Total.....	\$381 44

Respectfully submitted,

W. H. FENNEMAN,

Treasurer of the Board of Missions.

3. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MISSIONS.

The Committee on Missions presented their report, which was received, amended and adopted; and is as follows:

The Standing Committee on Missions would respectfully offer the following as their report:

A mere glance at the manifest mission and true destiny of the Reformed Church suggests the necessity of an intelligent and earnest zeal in the missionary work. Our large cities, as centers of commercial importance, with their rapidly increasing population, both native and foreign, plainly indicate the necessity of establish-

ing our Reformed Zion in them, in order to maintain our ecclesiastical position among other denominations of the household of God, and to do our part well and according to the measure of our talent in the great work of human redemption.

Especially does the German population of our country require the particular attention of our branch of the Reformation Churches. The lately constituted German Empire is not only rising in the scale of national importance in the Old World, but is as rapidly advancing as an acknowledged element of national importance in our own country. Other churches around us are not slow in this discovery, and in activity to win to themselves this important element of strength which by nationality, faith and cultus naturally belongs to us, and as naturally knocks at our doors for admission, nurture and spiritual communion. Shall these repeated and earnest calls longer pass by unheeded by a Church so amply able as ours, in its wealth and adaptation, to this particular work? Shall the Church longer go begging with its empty treasuries and self-denying missionaries? Surely such a result is altogether unworthy of our calling when reviewed in the light of Christian charity, obligation and duty so evidently devolving upon us.

Your Committee would further report that the following documents came into their hands, viz: The President's report of the Missionary Board, and the Report of its Treasurer. Also the report of the Joint Missionary Board of the Synod of Ohio and Synod of the Northwest, and a letter from the Consistory of the Reformed congregation at Freeport, Illinois. The two latter referred as items from the report on Overtures.

The President's report of the Board of Missions declares a want of means in the Treasury, and co-operation in this grace-extending work of the faithful of all ages, notwithstanding that the usual public appeals to the liberality of our people have been made through the periodicals of our Synods.

The same report also brings to view that some Classes have not dissolved their Classical Missionary Boards, notwithstanding that Synod has repeatedly so requested. This prevents unity of action, and also often prevents correct reports of benevolent contributions, which at best are small enough, so that wrong is done to the Church.

The Treasurer's report shows that but little of the funds, if contributed, have passed through the properly constituted channel, thus miserably paralyzing the legitimate work of the Board. The whole amount received by the Treasurer is only \$381.44.

The report of the Joint Missionary Board of the Synod of Ohio and the Northwest refers the attention of Synod to two special items, viz:

1. To bring about a more full and satisfactory understanding as regards our missionary organization—from the Classical Committee up to the General Board.
2. To make our general superintendency, as now vested in the person of Dr. Stern, a success.

The Joint Board of our Western Synods felt itself as holding a medium position in our missionary organization, endeavoring to lay hold with one hand on the shoulders of the Classical Committee, and the other on that of the General Board, feeling all along that its efforts in this way were little better than a failure; having been scarcely recognized by the General Board, and little co-operated with by the Classical Missionary Committee.

In view of the above, the Joint Board, at its last meeting, held April 18, resolved to submit the following suggestions and recommendations to the consideration of this Synod:

1. *Resolved*, That we recommend a continuation of the present arrangement in the appointment of separate Boards that shall unite in the direction of the labors of our Missionary Superintendent, and in the general work.

2. *Resolved*, That we call the attention of the Synods to the importance of requiring the different Classes to co-operate with their respective Boards in conducting their missionary affairs.

3. *Resolved*, That we recommend the appointment of a financial agent (or certain agents) to attend to the collection of missionary funds within the bounds of each Synod.

4. *Resolved*, That we recommend the subject of the specific duties of the Missionary Superintendent to the consideration of the separate Synods.

The last paper referred to your Committee is a petition from the Consistory of the Freeport Church, Ill., asking for an appropriation of \$400.00 to the support of its missionary. Said congregation applied for aid to the General Board, which, for want of means, referred its application back to the Synodical Board under whose jurisdiction it lies.

In view of the above statements, your Committee offers the following resolutions for adoption:

1. *Resolved*, That Synod requests, either the dissolution of all Classical Missionary Boards, or if continued, that they co-operate as auxiliaries through the Synodical Boards so as to procure concentration of effort in this important work.

2. *Resolved*, That Synod, at the request of the Joint Board, authorize its Board to employ the Superintendent of Missions in conjunction with his other duties or any other agent or agents to raise the funds necessary to carry forward successfully the missionary work within our bounds, especially in those Classes, charges, or localities as may not come up to the measure of duty in this respect.

3. *Resolved*, That we refer the application for aid from the Freeport Mission to the earnest attention of the Missionary Board of this Synod, as a point in all respects well worthy of the support of our Church.

4. *Resolved*, That each Classis be earnestly solicited to increase its missionary contributions so as to meet all claims, at home and abroad, and thus efficiently aid the work of missions under the jurisdiction of the General Board of the Reformed Church in the United States. Respectfully submitted,

NATHANIEL H. LOOSE,

Chairman.

ARTICLE XVII.

ELECTION OF BOARDS.

The Committee on Nominations, on the afternoon of the second day of the sessions, submitted their report through their chairman, Rev. John Kuelling, which was received, amended and adopted. The election was ordered to be held on Monday morning at 10 o'clock, and the Committee was instructed to post up two lists of the names of the proposed candidates. At the appointed time the election was held. Revs. George H. Leonard and Harvey Wilson were appointed tellers, who received and counted the ballots, and subsequently reported to Synod the following as the result of the election :

Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary.

Revs. David Winters, D. D., Isaac H. Reiter, David Van Horne, and Messrs. Gideon G. Prugh, Lewis Keller, Andrew H. Baughman and Benjamin Kuhns.

Board of Trustees of Heidelberg College.

Revs. Prof. Herman Rust, Samuel Mease, and Messrs. Louis Baltzell, Lewis Shriver, William Barrick and Lewis Keller.

The following are the members of the Board holding over :

FOR THREE YEARS.—Revs. Nathaniel H. Loose, Samuel B. Leiter, David Winters, D. D., Jacob M. Le Fevre, Peter C. Prugh, and Mr. Andrew H. Baughman.

FOR TWO YEARS.—Revs. Isaac H. Reiter, Geo. W. Williard, D. D., Geo. Z. Mechling, and Messrs. Benj. Kuhns, William L. Snyder and John Treon, M. D.

FOR ONE YEAR.—Revs. Lewis H. Kefauver, Jer. H. Good, D. D., Nelson L. Brewer, Esq., Edward Swander, Warren P. Noble and George Parker Williard, M. D.

Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary.

Revs. Lewis H. Kefauver, John Vogt, Geo. W. Williard, D. D., David Van Horne and Reuben Good.

Board of Visitors of Heidelberg College.

Revs. Nathaniel H. Loose, William H. Fenneman, Lewis H. Kefauver, Jacob M. Le Fevre, and Mr. Simon C. Crumbaugh.

Board of Home Missions.

Revs. George W. Williard, D. D., Peter C. Prugh, William H. Fenneman, David Van Horne, and Messrs. Lewis Keller and Philip Fry.

Board of Publication.

Revs. Samuel Mease, George Z. Mechling, and Messrs. Valentine C. Tidball, Andrew H. Baughman and Benjamin Kuhns.

ARTICLE XVIII.
APPEALS.

See action, Article XIX., under Complaints.

ARTICLE XIX.
COMPLAINTS.

1. The Committee on Overtures, Item 7, reported that Rev. Joshua Riale assigned reasons for appealing from the decision of the Synod of Ohio, convened at Tiffin, Ohio, in 1870, to the General Synod, in refusing him a seat as a rightful delegate of Iowa Classis; and Item 8, that Rev. Joshua Riale, as *President*, and Rev. Frederick C. Bauman, as *Stated Clerk*, of what they claimed to be the Classis of Iowa, presented reasons for appealing to the General Synod from the decision of the Synod of Ohio, convened at Tiffin, Ohio, June 30, 1870, in not admitting the delegates appointed by the Classis they claim to represent, and in admitting the delegates of another Classis claiming to be the Iowa Classis.

The aforesaid items were referred to a Special Committee, consisting of Revs. John Kuelling, Lewis H. Kefauver, Chas. W. Hoyman, and Elders Levi K. Basore and Lewis Keller.

This Committee subsequently submitted the following report, which was received, amended and adopted:

Your Committee to whom the so-called appeals of sundry ministers of Iowa Classis, were referred, in order to examine their regularity, would respectfully report :

That the first paper, which came into our hands, contains the reasons of a so-called appeal of Rev. J. Riale against an action of the Synod of Ohio and Adjacent States, convened at Tiffin, Ohio, July, A. D. 1870.

Whilst this so-called appeal is actually no appeal at all, but a complaint, we find that it was made according to constitutional requirements, and your Committee would therefore recommend the following action :

Resolved, That we appoint a Committee of three to defend the action of this Synod before the General Synod of our Church.

The second paper contained complaints and so-called appeals to General Synod of the Brandon faction of the Iowa Classis, signed by Revs. J. Riale and F. C. Bauman, as pretended officers of said Classis.

The complaints and so-called appeals in this paper, your Committee find to be made in an unconstitutional manner, for the following reasons :

1. The paper claims that the Brandon faction of Iowa Classis, convened in annual session at Brandon, Buchanan County, Iowa, October 13, 1869, has given notice, through Rev. J. Riale, of appeal against an action of the Ohio Synod, which convened only on June 30, 1870, anticipating an action of Synod that can not be proper nor constitutional.

2. The reasons of complaints and so-called appeal against an action of the Ohio Synod, convened at Tiffin, and rising on the fourth day of July, 1870, were approved at the special meeting of the so-called Iowa Classis, convened at Tipton, Iowa, July 12, 1870, which meeting could not have been constitutionally called, inasmuch as the constitution of the Church requires two weeks' notice to be given previous to a special meeting of Classis.

But whilst your Committee find these complaints and so-called appeals to be made unconstitutionally, yet we would recommend to Synod to refer them to the same Committee of Defense, which is called for in connection with the first paper.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN KUELLING,
Chairman.

The Committee called for in the foregoing report, consists of Revs. Dr. J. H. Good, Dr. G. W. Williard, and I. H. Reiter.

2. Furthermore, the Committee on Overtures, under Items 9, 10 and 11, reported that Revs. Cyrus Cort and Frederick C. Bauman had forwarded copies of appeals and complaints against an action of a special meeting of Iowa Classis, convened at Wheatland, Iowa, August 25, 1869, in regard to their exclusion from the right

of membership in said Classis, stating that said appeals and complaints have been forwarded to the Synod of Ohio, at Tiffin, in 1870, but for some cause or other were not presented to Synod; and that they assigned reasons for appealing from the decision of the said action of Iowa Classis.

The aforesaid items were referred to a Special Committee, consisting of Revs. Lewis H. Kefauver, Nathaniel H. Loose, Levi Rike, and Elders Adam Hawker and Charles Hart.

This Committee afterward presented the following report, which was received and adopted:

Report of the Committee on Appeals and Complaints of Revs. F. C. Bauman and C. Cort, from certain action taken by the Iowa Classis.

The Committee to whom was referred the papers containing appeals and complaints from the Revs. Frederick C. Bauman and Cyrus Cort, examined the same, and would respectfully present the following report:

1. The appeals and complaints are found to be in order.

2. But as the constitutional notice given by the appellants, to the President of the Iowa Classis, with the view of bringing their case before this Synod at its last annual meeting for adjudication, was, for some cause or other (on the part of the agent of the appellants), not attended to at the proper time; and further, that the said appellants in the intervening time did not renew their intention of appealing and complaining against the decisions of the Iowa Classis at the present meeting of Synod, thereby leaving said Classis without any one to defend it in its decision; therefore

Resolved, That the said appeals and complaints can not be entertained by Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

LEWIS H. KEFAUVER,
Chairman.

ARTICLE XX.

FINANCE.

The following report was received from the Treasurer of Synod, and referred to the Standing Committee on Finance:

I. REPORT OF THE TREASURER.

J. H. GOOD, *Treasurer, in account with the Synod of Ohio and Adjacent States.*

To balance in the Treasury, July 1, 1870.....	Dr.	\$ 61 54
The amount received from July 1, 1870 to May 18, 1871, from the several Classes, as follows:		

Miami Classis.

English Minutes for 1870, 250 copies.....	25 00
German " " " 38 "	4 94
Permanent apportionment for 1870..	46 50
Apportionment for General Synod (in part).....	94 56

Lancaster Classis.

English Minutes for 1870, 100 copies.....	10 00
German " " " 21 "	2 73
Permanent apportionment for 1870.....	21 00
Application for General Synod.....	43 42

Tuscarawas Classis.

English Minutes for 1870, 200 copies.....	20 00
German " " " 20 "	2 60
Permanent apportionment for 1870.....	18 00
Apportionment for General Synod.....	72 05
Old Account in full.....	7 95

Tiffin Classis.

English Minutes for 1870, 85 copies.....	8 50
German " " " 24 "	3 12
• Permanent apportionment for 1870.....	19 50
Apportionment for General Synod.....	37 98

St. John's Classis.

Balance due on old account.....	77 45
English Minutes of 1870, 85 copies.....	8 50
German " " " 147 "	19 11
Permanent apportionment for 1870 (in part).....	27 00
Apportionment for General Synod (in part).....	2 94

Illinois Classis.

None.

Iowa Classis.

PER REV. FOUSE.

Old account (in part).....	3 00
Permanent apportionment of 1870 (in part).....	6 00
Apportionment for General Synod (in part).....	10 50

Eastern Ohio Classis.

Old account.....	22 75
English Minutes, 1870, 100 copies.....	10 00
German " " 105 "	13 65
Permanent apportionment, 1870.....	13 50
Apportionment for General Synod (in part).....	10 10

Westmoreland Classis.

English Minutes of 1869.....	15 70
German " "	1 50
Total Receipts.....	741 09

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By amounts paid from July 1, 1870, to May 1, 1871,
as follows:

For printing tickets at Synod.....	2 00
Paid Sexton at Tiffin.....	10 00
Rev. Ziph, delegate from Iowa.....	10 00
Rev. J. H. Buser, delegate from Iowa.....	10 00
Rev. F. C. Bauman, on order of 1869.....	7 50
W. C. Gray, for printing English Minutes of 1870.....	240 75
W. C. Gray, for printing German Minutes of 1870, in part (the whole bill is \$175.00).....	70 25
Rev. T. P. Bucher, traveling expenses, as delegate to the Synod of Hagerstown, in 1868.....	21 50
Rev. T. P. Bucher, clerk fees for 1869.....	25 00
Rev. T. P. Bucher, postage and stationery bill for 1869,	3 50
Rev. J. Kuelling, translating Minutes of 1869.....	12 50
Rev. J. Kuelling, " " 1870.....	12 50
Bill of Rev. I. H. Reiter, Stated Clerk, as follows:	
W. C. Gray, for stamps, mailing, etc.....	15 00
Rev. J. Kuelling " "	4 50
For stamps.....	6 40
Mailing, railroad expenses, etc.....	4 75
Traveling expenses to Cincinnati.....	4 00
Stated Clerk fees for 1870.....	25 00
Postage and stationery.....	3 50
Treasurer for postage, stationery, etc.....	5 00
Paid Rev. S. Mease, Chairman of Committee on Pub- lication of Inaugural Addresses.....	72 01
Advanced to J. H. Good, on Library Fund (to be re- funded when said Fund becomes available).....	119 25
Balance in the Treasury May 1, 1871.....	56 18
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	741 90

INDEBTEDNESS TO SYNOD.

The several Classes are still in arrears to Synod as follows:

Miami Classis.

Balance due on app. for General Synod.....	56 38
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St. John's Classis.

Balance due on app. for General Synod.....	103 71
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Illinois Classis.

Old account (see Minutes of 1870).....	18 36
English Minutes of 1870, 60 copies.....	6 00
German " " 4 "	52
Permanent apportionment of 1870.....	19 50
Apportionment for General Synod.....	22 97

Iowa Classis.

Old account (see Minutes of 1870).....	7 70
English Minutes of 1870, 35 copies.....	3 50
German " " 41 "	5 33
Permanent apportionment of 1870 (balance).....	18 00
Apportionment for General Synod (balance).....	16 09

Eastern Ohio Classis.

Balance due on app. for General Synod.....	41 77
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	\$319 83

THE DEBTS OF SYNOD.

Balance due to W. C. Gray for printing the English and German Minutes of 1870.....	104 75
Balance due to General Synod.....	487 50

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. GOOD, *Treasurer.*

II. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

The Committee on Finance submitted the following report, which was received, amended, and adopted:

Your Committee beg leave to report:

That on examination of the Treasurer's report they find it to be correct.

As there is a deficiency in the Treasury, and as the Treasurer is consequently unable to meet the liabilities of Synod without some further provision; therefore,

Resolved, That the several Classes still in arrears to Synod be urged to pay their dues as soon as possible.

Resolved, That each minister pay, the current year, two dollars on the permanent apportionment, instead of one dollar and fifty cents, as heretofore.

Respectfully submitted,

SAMUEL B. LEITER,

Chairman.

III. ACTION AUTHORIZING PAYMENT BY TREASURER.

The following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That the Treasurer of Synod be instructed to pay the Sexton of the Reformed Church, at Fairfield, Ohio, the sum of ten dollars for his services during the sessions of the Synod.

Resolved, That the Stated Clerk be authorized to draw an order on the Treasurer for the amount of printing the blank statistical tables for the use of Synod.

ARTICLE XXI.

PUBLICATION.

I. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF PUBLICATION.

To the Synod of Ohio, Etc:

The Board of Publication appointed by the Synod of 1870, have held but one meeting during the year, and have transacted no business further than to receive a report from the Editor of the *Christian World*, which is herewith submitted for the information of the members of the Synod.

It will be perceived that the circulation of our paper is steadily increasing, and we believe it is now larger than that of any other periodical published by the Reformed Church, East or West. This is certainly gratifying to all the friends of the *Christian World*, and proves that it is a live paper, adapted to meet the wants of our Church. It is evident, also, that its subscribers might be still greatly multiplied if its character and interests were properly presented to the members of the Church. This will appear more clearly by reference to some statistics drawn from the records of the Church.

In the three Synods of the West, estimating five members (confirmed and baptized) to each family, there are twelve thousand fami-

lies, and in the Eastern Synod, twenty-four thousand families, making a total of thirty-six thousand families. This is rather under than over the actual number. The aggregate circulation of the five papers (three East and two West) is about nineteen thousand. After allowing for a large number which take more than one paper, it will be seen that more than one-half of the families in our Church are without any paper published under its auspices. The *World* also circulates to a considerable extent outside of our own Church, and this may likewise be extended in the same proportion.

It was recommended last year both by the Board of Publication and the Synod itself, that the Editor endeavor to secure regular agents in all the charges, to advance the interests of the paper. It will be seen by the Editor's report, that this has been accomplished to some extent, and that the plan works well wherever carried out. It is to be hoped that pastors will assist the Editor in this work, and recommend suitable persons when they can not act themselves, until the *World* shall have a representative in every charge.

Respectfully submitted,

V. C. TIDBALL,
Chairman.

II. A STATEMENT OF THE PUBLICATION OF THE LITURGY.

The Rev. Geo. W. Williard, D. D., a member of the Committee on the Liturgy, made the following summary statement of the financial condition in regard to the publication of the Liturgy, which was referred to the Committee on Publication :

Cost of publishing one thousand cloth, and two hundred leather copies		\$1,073 00
Expenses for expressage.....	\$13 15	
Interest on funds advanced, May, 1871.....	36 00	49 15
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		\$1,122 15
Total receipts on sales of Liturgies.....		601 11
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Due Rev. Dr. G. W. Williard.....		\$521 04

III. REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PUBLICATION.

Your Committee on Publication would respectfully report:

That the documents placed in their hands, were the statement of the Editor of the *Christian World*, the report of the Board of Publication, and the financial report in regard to the publication of the Western Liturgy.

From these documents it appears that the *Christian World*, under the editorial supervision of Rev. Samuel Mease, is in a prosperous

condition, having received an accession of nearly five hundred new subscribers during the year, and its total issue numbers, now, five thousand one hundred copies, which gives it the largest circulation of any of the weekly religious periodicals published by the Reformed Church. In its editorial department it has received a valuable acquisition in the person of Mr. Louis Melius, the children's friend, as Assistant Editor. The Contributing Editors have also rendered valuable service by their timely contributions.

As it seems, from calculations made, based on reliable statistics, that about one-half of the families of our Church do not take any of our church papers, the circulation of the *Christian World* ought to be greatly extended. Indeed, at the low price of \$2.00, it ought to find a place in a large majority of our families. Efforts to this end should be put forth on the part of the ministry and officers of the Church. It is very evident that the general circulation of a good, live religious paper proves an excellent aid to the success of the labors of the watchmen on the walls of Zion.

The system of payment on subscriptions, as well as promptness in renewing subscriptions and meeting dues, are regarded as important.

Your Committee suggest the following resolutions for adoption:

Resolved, That this Synod appreciates the efficient labors of the Editors of the *Christian World*.

Resolved, That this Synod commends the *Christian World* to the members of the Reformed Church in the United States as a faithful exponent of the doctrines and truths of the Reformed Church.

Resolved, That Synod calls the attention of all of its ministers to the condition of the Treasury through a printed circular, and urge upon them the importance of the circulation and sale of the Western Liturgy, so as to liquidate the remaining debt.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANCIS A. EDMONDS,
Chairman.

ARTICLE XXII.

MISCELLANEOUS.

I. TITLE OF SYNOD AND INCORPORATION, ETC.

The following preamble and resolutions, respecting the title of the Synod of Ohio, and the incorporation of the Synod, and of our Institutions at Tiffin, were adopted:

WHEREAS, It is important that the true official and legal title of this Synod should be clearly defined and permanently maintained; and

WHEREAS, from some cause or other, errors do exist in the title; therefore,

Resolved, That until a change or modification in the title be made by the proper authority, the Stated Clerk be directed, henceforth, in the official transactions, and in the printed Minutes of this Synod, to observe the correct designation thereof, namely: "*The Reformed Synod of Ohio, and the Congregations in connection with it in other States.*"

Resolved, That the Synod desires that this title may be legally changed, so as to read: "*The Ohio Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States.*"

AND, whereas, in a matter of so much importance, it is highly essential that the proper steps be taken to make the change; therefore,

Resolved, that a Committee of three be appointed to report to the next Synod, on the following points:

1. How this change or modification may be legally effected.
2. How the Charter of the Synod may be changed, and what the amended Charter should include.
3. How a Charter for the Theological Seminary may be obtained, and what this Charter should include.
4. How the Charter of Heidelberg College may be changed, and what its amended Charter should include.

The Committee called for in the foregoing action consists of Revs. Isaac H. Reiter, Jer. H. Good, D. D., and Lewis H. Ke-fauver.

II. MODIFICATION OF STATISTICAL TABLES.

The following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That the form of our Statistical Tables be so modified as to have the several items appear in the following order, namely:

1. Ministers; 2. Congregations; 3. Members; 4. Members unconfirmed; 5. Baptisms; 6. Confirmations; 7. Certificate; 8. Communicants; 9. Excommunications, or erasure of names; 10. Dismissions; 11. Deaths; 12. Sunday Schools; 13. Sunday-school Scholars; 14. Contributions for Benevolence; 15. English Minutes, and 16. German Minutes.

Resolved, That the attention of the Classes is hereby called to this modification, and that they be requested, hereafter, to observe this order in the preparation of their Statistical Tables.

Resolved, That in order to secure a greater degree of perfection and uniformity in our statistics, the Stated Clerk be instructed to have a suitable number of blanks printed, in accordance with the aforesaid modified form, for the use of Synod.

III. CHURCH OF THE CROSS, CINCINNATI.

On motion, the following action was adopted:

WHEREAS, This Synod has learned that the Church of the Cross, in Cincinnati, Ohio, through its Financial Agent, is engaged in an effort, and has made encouraging progress, to remove the debt hitherto embarrassing it; therefore,

Resolved, That this Synod expresses its approval of the efforts of the Financial Agent, and recommends ministers and members to aid him in completing his work according to the plan adopted.

IV. BOARD OF VISITORS OF THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

The number of its members was defined by the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary shall consist of five members.

V. STANDING COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION DISPENSED WITH.

The following action was adopted:

Resolved, That in view of the action of the Synod at its last annual meeting, consolidating the Boards of Visitors of the Theological Seminary and of Education, under the title of the Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary, the Standing Rules of Synod be so changed that the Standing Committee on Education be dispensed with, and that the Standing Committee on the Theological Seminary be required to perform the duties which heretofore devolved on said Committee.

VI. SALARY OF STATED CLERK.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Standing Rules of Synod, in regard to the salary of the Stated Clerk, be so modified, that henceforth he shall be allowed forty dollars per year for his services.

ARTICLE XXIII.

RESUMPTION AND CLOSE.

The following resolutions were adopted:

I. PUBLICATION OF MINUTES.

Resolved, That the Stated Clerk be authorized to publish 1,200 copies of the Minutes of the Synod in the English, and 500 in the German language.

Resolved, That Rev. John Kuelling be requested to translate the Minutes of Synod into the German language, and that he be allowed twenty dollars for his services.

II. VOTE OF THANKS.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Synod be tendered to the members and friends of the Reformed Church of Fairfield, Ohio, for their kind hospitality in entertaining its members during its present sessions, and that this resolution be read by the pastor loci at the next regular meeting of the congregation.

The roll was called, and none were found absent without permission.

The Minutes were read and adopted, and ordered to be engrossed.

ARTICLE XXIV.

ADJOURNMENT.

Resolved, That we now adjourn to meet in General Convention in the Reformed Church, at Canton, Stark County, Ohio, on Wednesday, May 1, 1872, at 7½ o'clock in the evening.

The Synod closed its sessions on Monday afternoon, at 5 o'clock, with singing, and prayer by Rev. Samuel B. Leiter, and the repetition of the Creed and the Lord's Prayer, and was dismissed with the Apostolic Benediction by the President.

PETER C. PRUGH, *President*.

ISAAC H. REITER, *Stated Clerk*.

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ISAAC H. REITER, *Stated Clerk*.

MIAMI CLERGY

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	Members.	Unconf'd Members.	Baptisms.	Conf'tions.	Certificates.	Communi- cants.	Excom'ms of mem- bers.	Deaths.	Sunday, S. S. Scholars.	Con'tribu- tions for benevo- lence.	Eng. Min'ies.	Ger. Min'ies.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.	
David Winters, D. D.,	1 Mt. Zion,	575	216	91	164	820	4	280	40	12	11	4	280	Dayton, Ohio.	
Peter C. Frugh,	2 Xenia and Reaver,	254	80	52	4	220	4	220	2	10	2	280	Xenia, Greene Co., O.		
" "	1 Cassar's Creek,	62	30	11	2	54	54	54	18	2	3	140	" "		
Isaac H. Reiter,	1 Mansbours,	204	145	94	18	180	7	66	2	2	6	360	Miamisburg, O.		
George Z. Meehling,	3 Hamilton,	369	102	17	13	330	8	330	2	2	2	215	Hamilton, Butler Co., O.		
Henry M. Herman,	2 West Alexandria,	267	38	28	91	28	228	180	2	4	3	140	West Alexandria, O.		
David Van Horn,	1 Mt. Church, Dayton,	201	165	15	7	22	180	180	12	16	1	200	Dayton, O.		
Oswald J. Accola,	1 Mt. Church, Cincinnati,	402	27	54	16	20	330	61	17	23	1	385	Cincinnati, O.		
Oliver L. Ashenfelter,	1 Church of the Cross, Cin'ti,	732	382	119	51	36	732	40	2	2	8	120	Lancaster, Pa.		
Conrad Saure,	3 Salem, Cincinnati,	135	45	29	43	9	100	40	2	2	3	120	Greenville, Darke Co., O.		
William McCaughey,	1 Grace Cong'tion, Covington	44	20	2	5	5	40	5	20	16	7	3	180	St. Paris, Champaign Co., O.	
Jesse Richards,	3 St. Paris,	250	70	30	40	8	260	260	10	12	5	4	350	Fairfield, Greene Co., O.	
Jacob M. Le Fovre,	3 Fairfield,	390	180	120	130	26	390	390	3	7	3	160	Farmersville, Montgomery Co., O.		
Levi Ilke,	4 Farmersville,	222	100	22	16	7	188	70	8	5	8	6	70	Hillgrove, Darke Co., O.	
" "	2 Sidney,	85	45	5	8	6	70	100	6	5	3	230	" "		
John Stuck,	4 Mt. Pleasant,	925	80	36	27	13	185	185	6	1	100	120	00	Covington, Ky., Box 473.	
" "	1 Zion's (Bradford),	42	87	15	14	28	198	31	6	1	60	8	00	Sidney, Shelby Co., O.	
Henry Hanhart,	1 Covington, Ky.,	231	33	20	5	6	300	300	1	1	100	19	88	Germanatown, Montgomery Co., O.	
Jacob Weaver,	1 Salem,	83	50	50	2	87	50	50	4	1	2	107	13	84	Springboro, Warren Co., O.
Joseph H. Apple,	2 Germanatown,	85	50	50	2	87	50	50	4	1	2	24	20	10	Millville, Butler Co., O.
Hiram Shumaker,	1 Springboro,	93	65	9	1	15	75	75	7	1	2	70	17	41	Arnheim, Brown Co., O.
Fred. Wm. Berleman,	1 Millville,	144	60	18	12	107	107	107	4	4	240	10	10	" "	
William Stechow,	2 Brown County,	143	70	2	1	116	116	116	4	2	90	15	15	" "	
" "	3 Bethel,	150	85	11	135	65	65	65	3	3	150	5	5	" "	
John W. F. Graham,	4 Union,	110	60	60	145	145	145	145	3	3	150	5	5	" "	
" "	2 Highland,	150	55	14	22	17	445	445	110	90	125	75	45	66	2848
" "	3 New Madison,	80	30	30	50	50	50	50	110	90	125	75	45	66	2848
" "	2 Lebanon,	75	45	45	45	45	45	45	110	90	125	75	45	66	2848
" "	2 Bloom Center,	75	45	45	45	45	45	45	110	90	125	75	45	66	2848
Total, 31.		5955	27	7	68	773	283	5198	110	90	125	75	45	66	2848

John Pence, Superannuated, Tremont, Clar's Co., O.
 Solomon K. Denius, Camden, Preble Co., O.
 Christian Berentz, Grandview, O.
 Samuel Messer, Editor *Christian World*, 176 Elm Street, Cincinnati, O.
 Joseph B. Thompson, Butner Orphan Home, Butler, Butler Co., Pa.
 Theodore F. Bucher, 37 John Street, New York.
 Harrison Getzendanner, Union City, Ind.
 Lewis M. Kershner, Wakeshua, Mich.
 Hiram Shammill, 176 Elm Street, Cincinnati, O.

LANCASTER CLASSIS.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	Members.	Members Unconfrmed.	Baptisms.	Confirmations.	Certificates.	Communicants.	Excommunications, or erasure of names.	Dismissals.	Deaths.	Sunday-Schools.	Sunday-School Scholars.	Benevolent Contributions.	English Minutes.	German Minutes.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
H. Williard, (sup.)	1 Jerusalem Cong.,	228	247	17	17	1	213	3	4	1	121		\$29478	1	1	Lancaster, Ohio.
John Vogt,	1 Delaware,	315	305	22	30	9	290		2	3	275		230 30	10		Delaware, Ohio.
Charles W. Hoyman,	4 Somerset,	232	130	12	12	9	228	2	5	2	275		133 00	20	5	Somerset, Ohio.
Geo. H. Leonard,	2 Basil,	215	30	21	207		207		3	8	150		186 00	20		Basil, Ohio.
James Hedley,	4 Winchester,	130	12	6	1	118			5	4	150		25 62	5		Canal Winchester, Ohio.
Jeremiah Heller,	3 Tarlton,	109	109	5	7	2	95		4	2	150		68 00	10		Tarlton, Ohio.
Samuel B. Yockey,	3 Kinnickinnick,	150	125	20	5	4	135		5	4	2	100	39 49	8		Kingston, Ohio.
Frederick Strasser,	3 Union,	61	90	14	4	43	2		10	1	100		34 95	8		Baltimore, Ohio.
Joel W. Alspach,	1 Heidelberg,	120	30	4	110		53		1	1	20		5 90			Stoutsville, Ohio.
Henry King,	2 Beaver,	60	5	1	10		80		1	1	90					Beavertown, Ohio.
Geo. H. Melboom,	1 Zwingle,	80	13	11					1	1	40					Bremen, Ohio.
Samuel S. Rickli,	1 Ironton,															Ironton, Ohio.
Peter D. Schory,	Without Charge,															Columbus, Ohio.
Vacant,	1 Union Cong.,															Lancaster, Ohio.
Vacant,	2 Lancaster,															
Total, 14.		1690	977	186	109	36	1492	7	23	32	16	1371	\$1078 04	104	24	

TUSUANA'S MASSAGE

MINISTERS.	Congregations.	CHARGES.	Members.	Members Unconfirmed.	Baptisms.	Confirmations.	Certificates.	Communicants.	Excommunicants of former names.	Dismissals.	Deaths.	Sun. Schools.	S. S. Scholars.	Benevolent Contributions.	Eng. Minutes.	Ger. Minutes.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
Samuel B. Leiter,	3	Union,	180	257	13	2	1	170	7	4	1	1	10	\$87	30	10	Wadsworth, O.
Nathaniel H. Loose,	3	Shelby,	204	110	14	4	10	190	2	4	3	3	200	101	26	15	Shelby, O.
W. A. Hale,	4	Tuscarawas,	254	40	86	8	254	2	2	4	3	3	300	175	00	20	Massillon, O.
Sabastian C. Goss,	4	Wadsworth,	194	116	9	6	12	189	7	4	4	4	335	60	00	21	Wadsworth, O.
Edward Herbruck,	1	Grace Ch'h, Akron	68	8	3	4	68	1	7	1	1	1	80	60	00	10	Akron, O.
Samuel Shaw,	3	Reedsburg,	107	53	9	6	4	100	7	2	2	2	100	75	27	20	Reedsburg, O.
John R. Shepler,	2	Summit,	167	9	26	6	136	1	9	1	2	2	200	47	25	15	Lake, Stark Co. O.
Jos. B. Shumaker,	3	East Union,	150	1	1	125	125	1	9	2	1	2	75	50	00	10	Canton, O.
Orange E. Lake,	3	Mohicanville,	132	49	6	4	1	120	1	6	2	2	140	62	17	25	Ashland, O.
Vacant,	4	Uniontown,	200	150	18	10	200	50	2	2	3	3	300	81	75	10	Ashland, O.
John C. Klar,	1	Charity,	50	52	16	2	125	135	2	1	1	1	60	20	00	5	Navarre, O.
Vacant,	3	Manchester,	205	250	16	2	200	74	2	2	2	2	100	25	00	5	Navarre, O.
"	5	Bristol,	135	140	135	135	135	74	2	2	2	2	100	25	00	5	Navarre, O.
"	4	Shenandoah,	74	74	74	74	74	74	2	2	2	2	100	25	00	5	Navarre, O.
"	2	Navarre,	55	55	55	55	55	55	2	2	2	2	100	25	00	5	Navarre, O.
"	2	Emanuel,	60	60	60	60	60	60	2	2	2	2	100	25	00	5	Navarre, O.
Edward D. Miller,	2	Canaan,	60	60	60	60	60	60	2	2	2	2	100	25	00	5	Navarre, O.
Thomas H. Winters,	2	Without Charge.															[Co., O.
Jesse Hines,	2	"															Canaan, Wayne
		"															Xenia, Gre'neCo. O.
		"															Akron, Sum'tCo. O.
Total, 13.	50		2435	1177	143	149	46	2246	6	37	30	25	1890	\$743	10	166	20

TIFFIN CLASSIS.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	Members.	Members Unconformed.	Baptisms.	Confirmations.	Certificates.	Communicants.	Excommunication or erasure of names.	Dismissals.	Deaths.	Sunday-Schools.	Sunday-School Scholars.	Benevolent Contributions.	English Minutes.	German Minutes.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
Jer. H. Good, D. D., Herman Rust, Geo. W. Williard, D. D., Reuben Good, Lewis H. Kefauver, John G. Rubl, Josiah May, Wm. H. Fenneman, Henry Weger, Henry H. Sandoe, Horatio Daniel, Peter Tendick, Supplied by Dr. Williard, " " Dr. Good, " Prof. Rust,	Prof. Theo. Sem'y, Prof. Theo. Sem'y, Pres. Heidelberg Col., Prof. Heidelberg Col., 1 First Tiffin, 4 Findlay, 5 Heidelberg, 4 Berwick, 3 New Bavaria, 3 Liberty Center, 3 Fostoria, Superannuated, 2 Fort Seneca, 1 Jacob's, 1 Second Tiffin,	221 143 242 215 311 44 80 95 34 174	179 177 118 125 125 31 31 40	12 8 34 7 31 10 10	11 8 11 18 17 6 21 30 10 1 1 1	9 2 2 5 7 6 4 80	212 1035 229 187 238 40 80		9 3 3 3 4 1	6 1 3 2 2 2 1	1 1 2 2 2 1 1	165 50 50 100 100 100 27	\$159 87 50 32 30 1	17 86 00 00 00 00	20 2 15 8 8 4	Tiffin, Ohio. Tiffin, Ohio. Tiffin, Ohio. Tiffin, Ohio. Tiffin, Ohio. Findlay, Ohio. Findlay, Ohio. Tiffin, Ohio. New Bavaria, Ohio. Liberty Center, Ohio. Fostoria, Ohio. Attica, Ohio.
Total, 12.		1559	1028	134	114	75	1403	12	20	25	11	512	\$568	23	72	27

ST. JOHN'S

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	Congregations.	Members.	Members Unconfrmed.	Baptisms.	Confirmations.	Certificate.	Communicants.	Excommunications or excommunication of names.	Dismissals.	Deaths.	Sunday-Schools.	Sunday-School Scholars.	Benevolent Contributions.	English Minutes.	German Minutes.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
John W. Hamm,	3 Manchester,	3	280	60	31	9		280			13	2	180	\$ 31 00	1		Nimissilla, Summit Co., Ohio.
Peter Herbruck,	2 Wooster,	2	210	114			200				46	2	15		15		Canton, Stark Co., O.
John G. Zahner, D. D.,	3 Canton,	3	505		76	34	28	505			21	3	215	321 00	15		New Philadelphia, O.
Henry K. Zineck,	3 New Philadelphia,	3	270	240	24	22	260				6	2		73 70	5		Stonycreek, Tusca. Co., O.
Frederick Schaad,	4 Philipsburg,	4	294		39	32	294				14	3	260	18 00	10		Ragersville, Tusca. Co., O.
Herman Kortheuer,	3 Ragersville,	3	460	350	53	31	400				11	2		35 00			Massillon, Stark Co., O.
Christopher Schiller,	3 St. John's,	3	189		28	14	242				4	2	75	91 50	1		Akron, Summit Co., O.
John Biery,	3 Kansas Mission,	3	185	145	38		172			2	2	1	70	100 00	1		Wathena, Doniphan Co., Kan.
David Kemmerer,	1 Orrville,	1	90	20	20	13	37	90			3	1	43	60 00	3		Wooster, Wayne Co., O.
Geo. W. Henning,	1 St. Paul's,	1		4							3	1	35	17 50	1		Canton, Stark Co., O.
Vacant,	2 Walnut Creek,*	2	300		10	12	68				8	1	30	16 50	1		Mt. Eaton, Wayne Co., O.
Eugene Sauvain,	1 Mt. Eaton (French),	1	300		24		30				9	2	126	234 00	4		Mt. Eaton, Wayne Co., O.
Philip Becker,	2 Mt. Eaton (German),	2	307	275	31	43	9	307			1	1	80				Millersburg, Holmes Co., O.
Jacob Spoorri,	1 Akron (1st. Ref.),	1	192	193			170				4	1	50	50 00	6		New Bedford, O.
Jonathan A. Novinger,	2 Millersburg,	2									2	1	100	9 00	10		Marshalltown, Iowa.
Frederick Hunsche,	3 New Bedford,	3	116	95	20	1	98				1	1	150	39 00	10		Canton, Stark Co., O.
Theodore Huber,	2 St. Jacob & St. Pet.,†	2	215	180	14	9	183										
	3 Shanesville.‡	3															
Total, 16.		41	3713	1652	412	253	753	3299			143	26	1334	\$1280	00	\$84	

*Supplied by Rev. E. Sauvain.

†Supplied by Rev. J. H. Derr.

‡Supplied by Rev. Dr. J. G. Zahner.

ILLINOIS CLASSIS.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	Members.	Members Unconfirmed.	Baptisms.	Confirmations.	Certificates.	Communicants.	Excommunicants or renouncers of names.	Dismissals.	Deaths.	Sun. Schools.	S. S. Scholars.	Benevolent Contributions.	Eng. Minutes.	Ger. Minutes.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
John Kercher,	2 Washburne,	115	100	25	10	105				4	4	125	\$32 00	6	5	Lacon, Ill.
Henry Knepper,	3 Orangeville,	124	125	15	7	70				5	2	110	20 00	5	5	Orangeville, Ill.
William Gilpin,	2 Mt. Zion,	119	90	17	2	80		8		2	3	125	57 12	6	9	Macon, Ill.
Henry F. Long,	4 Rock Grove,	92	108	1	5	82				2	2	50	49 00	4	1	Rock Grove, Ill.
Vacant,	4 Foreston,	150	130	6	5	120				4	2	50		30		Shelbyville, Ill.
Harvey Wilson,	4 Shelbyville,	81	100	8	11	22	81			2	2	100		10		Sterling, Ill.
George Weber,	2 Mission,	99	98	13	8	93				2	2	60		4		Astoria, Ill.
Solomon N. King,	3 Astoria,	70	40	3	2	66				3	1	50		12		Vandalia, Ill.
John A. Smith,	2 Hickory Creek,	85	46	5		70				1	1	50		12		Anna, Ill.
Philip H. Kroh,	4 Anna,	45	62			30										Freeport, Ill.
Andrew Schroeder,	1 Freeport,															Freeport, Ill.
John P. Decker,	Superannuated,															Warren, Ill.
Henry Aurand,	Without Charge,															Lena, Ill.
Joseph Sechler,	"															
Total, 13.		980	899	93	43	44	797	8	18	17	670	\$158 12	83	27		

IOWA CLASSIS.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	Congregations.	Members.	Members Unconformed.	Baptisms.	Contributions.	Certificates.	Communicants.	Excommunications or erasure of names.	Dismissals.	Deaths.	Sunday-Schools.	Sunday-School Scholars.	Benevolent Contributions.	English Minutes.	German Minutes.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
Fred. C. Bauman,	2 Harmony,	2	160	175	27	18	4	145		6	1	2	150				Zwingli, Iowa.
Joshua Riale,	3 Tipton,	3	121	95	9	5	12	115		1	2	1	50				Tipton, "
John H. Buser,	2 Clifton,	2	90	120	5	8	5	80		6	1	1					Clifton, "
Deward S. Fouse,	2 Brandon,	2	110	70	13	7	8	95				2	60				Central City, Iowa.
John Rettig,	1 Wheatland,	1	100	98	11	12	14	91		2	1	30					Wheatland, "
George Rettig,	1 Monticello,	1	80	90	6	6	10	75		3	2	80					Monticello, "
Augustus Bletsch,	2 Boonesboro,	2	60	80	8	3	4	45				1	40				Montana, "
Cyrus Cort,	1 St. Paul's,	1	16	18	1			16									"
J. J. Janett,	1 Fort Dodge,	1	60	100	2			60			1	20					Houserton, Iowa.
Charles G. Ziph,	2 Marengo,	2	61	133				61			1	1					Marengo, "
Ernest F. A. Schade,	2 Omaha,	2	32	18							1	16					Alliance, Ohio.
Jacob Kuhn,	2 Orono,	2	60	70				50			1	25					Fort Allen, Iowa.
John Ardueser,	2 Charles City,	2	40														Charles City, "
John E. Young,	No report,																Oskaloosa, "
Solomon Elliker,	1 Newton,	1	40	50													Newton, "
Francis A. Edmonds,	1 Oskaloosa,	1		25													Harmony, Butler Co., Pa.
Vacant,																	
Total, 16.		25	1030	1142	77	56	53	833		13	10	14	471				

EASTERN OHIO CLASSIS.

MINISTERS.	Congregations.	CHARGES.	Members.*	Members Unconfrmed.	Baptisms.	Confirmations.	Certificates.	Communicants.	Excom's of mem's.	Dismissals.	Deaths.	S. Schools.	S. S. Scholars.	Benevolent Contributions.	Eng. Minutes.	Ter. Minutes.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
George M. Albright,	4	New Lisbon,	250	75	7	12	3	160			4	1	85	\$108 11.	20		New Lisbon, Ohio.
Michael A. Miller,	2	Carrollton,	169	75	5		116	116			3	2		30 00	10		Carrollton, O.
John M. Grether,	4	Warren,	147	150	11	5	105	105		1	2	2		39 83	15	25	Warren, Trumbull Co., O.
Isaac A. Sites,	1	Jefferson,	113	32	2	2	85	85		5	1	1	45	90 75	10		Germano, Harrison Co., O.
J. Meckly,	2	Springfield,	205	102	4	18	125	125				5	1	75 00	10	5	Petersburg, Mahoning Co., O.
Henry Hilbish,	3	Mt. Olivet,	360	168	28	134	358	358		3	3	3	353	80 00	20	10	Columbiana, O.
Gottlieb Ziegler,	3	Georgetown,	500	320	63	32	389	389			28	3		73 42	15	15	Paris, Stark Co., O.
Charles Zwister,	2	Canfield,*	200	120	10	10	240	240			5	1	50	34 50	5	20	Canfield, Mahoning Co., O.
Joshua H. Derr,	2	Louisville,	330	200	32	35	14	200	1		1	2	260	14 00	20	10	Louisville, Stark Co., O.
L. B. Perkins (sup.),	1	Berlin Mission,	20	24	1	1	23	23			1	1	68	29 75	7		Columbiana, O.
Vacant,	3	Youngstown,†	69	61	4	8	64	64			2	1	25	5 47	3	10	Youngstown, O.
Thomas Ferrell,		Without Charge													1		Carrollton, O.
Total, 11.	27		2429	1319	157	257	21	1865			7	54	18	\$580 83	136	95	

* Last year's report.

† Supplied in part by Rev. J. M. Grether.

STATISTICAL SUMMARY.

Synod of Ohio of the Reformed Church in the United States.

NAMES OF CLASSES.																
	Ministers.	Congregations.	Members.	Members Unconfirmed.	Baptisms.	Confirmations.	Certificate.	Communicants.	Excommunications or erasure of names.	Dismissals.	Deaths.	Sunday-Schools.	Sunday-School Scholars.	Contributions for Benevolent Purposes.	English Missions.	German Missions.
Miami,	31	64	5,955	2,747	687	773	263	5,198	110	90	122	57	4,546	\$ 2,848	76,200	39
Lancaster,	14	29	1,690	977	180	109	36	1,492	7	23	32	16	1,371	1,078	04,104	24
Tuscarawas,	13	50	2,435	1,177	143	149	46	2,246	6	37	39	25	1,890	743	10,166	20
Tiffin,	13	27	1,559	1,028	134	114	75	1,403	12	20	25	11	512	568	23 72	27
St. John's,	16	41	3,713	1,652	421	253	75	3,299	2	2	143	26	1,334	1,200	00 84	
Illinois,	14	31	980	899	93	43	44	797	8	18	17	17	67	158	12 83	27
Iowa,	16	25	1,030	1,142	77	56	53	833	13	10	14	14	471	32	19	
Eastern Ohio,	11	27	2,429	1,319	157	257	21	1,865	7	54	18	18	946	580	83,130	95
Ohio Synod, 8 Classes,	128	294	19,791	10,941	1,892	1,754	613	17,133	135	200	434	184	11,740	\$ 7,257	08,937	251
N. W. " 7	108	177	11,222	9,066	1,450	794	532	9,167	52	181	299	120	3,500	5,840	46	
Synod of U. S., 13 Classes,	274	643	83,280	45,987	8,882	5,102	1,812	67,931	10	1,156	3,224	611	34,110	66,901	60	
Pittsburg Synod, 4 Classes.	50	128	9,841	8,110	1,019	545	277	7,773		108	295	80	4,935	6,043	97	
TOTAL:	560	1242	124,143	73,144	13,243	8,195	3,224	101,894	197	1,645	4,182	995	54,985	\$86,043	11	

CENSUS OF THE REFORMED CHURCH IN OHIO, 1870.

Prepared by REV. ISAAC H. REITER.

Counties.	Congregations.	Church Edifices.	Sittings.	Value of Church Property.	Church Members.
Allen.....	3	2	500	7,000	200
Ashland.....	9	10	3,000	24,000	410
Brown.....	2	1	200	1,200	114
Butler.....	4	5	1,950	25,000	177
Carroll.....	2	2	800	4,000	175
Champaign...	2	2	800	6,000	135
Clark.....	5	5	1,850	16,000	265
Columbiana...	6	7	2,200	21,000	810
Crawford.....	12	10	2,800	34,000	1,138
Cuyahoga.....	3	3	1,300	21,000	340
Darke.....	11	9	3,100	22,000	532
Defiance.....	5	2	500	3,000	160
Delaware.....	2	2	800	11,000	262
Erie.....	4	3	1,000	15,000	277
Fairfield.....	16	15	4,150	38,000	900
Franklin.....	2	2	500	4,000	125
Fulton.....	2	2	500	2,500	88
Greene.....	2	2	3,700	62,000	266
Hamilton.....	3	3	2,150	160,000	1,206
Hancock.....	2	5	1,300	15,000	112
Hardin.....	4	4	1,200	7,000	148
Harrison.....	1	1	400	2,500	120
Henry.....	6	3	800	2,500	232
Highland.....	2	2	600	5,000	110
Holmes.....	5	4	1,600	5,000	310
Huron.....	1				30
Lawrence.....	1	1	350	4,000	135
Licking.....	2	1	250	2,000	100
Logan.....	1	1	300	1,000	39
Logan.....	1	1	275	2,000	91
Lorain.....	1	1	425	10,000	190
Lucas.....	2	2	2,100	21,000	521
Mahoning.....	2	2	1,300	6,500	250
Marion.....	4	6	1,800	15,000	201
Medina.....	3	3	800	7,500	147
Miami.....	3	3	800	7,500	147
Montgomery...	12	12	4,750	112,200	1,395
Perry.....	4	4	1,500	15,000	369
Pickaway.....	4	4	1,000	8,000	150
Pike.....	2	2	500	2,500	110
Portage.....	1	1	200	2,000	99
Preble.....	4	1	1,300	16,000	421
Richland.....	5	8	3,000	18,000	400
Ross.....	3	3	900	10,000	120
Sandusky.....	6	5	1,600	25,000	320
Seneca.....	13	11	4,450	35,000	1,047
Shelby.....	3	4	1,100	6,800	130
Stark.....	21	21	10,800	50,000	2,300
Summit.....	12	9	3,500	45,500	820
Trumbull.....	4	4	1,200	6,000	180
Tuscarawas...	14	11	4,600	18,300	1,103
Warren.....	3	2	650	9,000	125
Wayne.....	13	12	3,800	45,000	1,250
Williams.....	2	2	500	3,000	100
Wood.....	2	1	300	2,000	40
Wyandot.....	3	2	500	6,000	250
	288	238	91,450	\$1,018,300	22,185

Forty-Ninth Annual Sessions.

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Of the Reformed Synod of Ohio, and the Congregations in connection with it in other States, which convened in the First Reformed Church at Canton, Stark County, Ohio, on Wednesday, May the first, at seven and a-half o'clock in the evening, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy-two, and closed its sessions on the following Tuesday afternoon, at half past five o'clock.

ARTICLE I.

OPENING OF SYNOD.

The Synod convened according to appointment, and, in the absence of the President,* was called to order by the Stated Clerk, and after singing and prayer, the Rev. Henry Williard was appointed President *pro tem*; and the Rev. Jeremiah H. Good, D. D., by order of Synod, preached the synodical sermon, from John I: 1:—“*In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.*”

ARTICLE II.

MEMBERS PRESENT.

MIAMI CLASSIS.

Revs. David Winters, D. D., Peter C. Prugh, Isaac H. Reiter, David Van Horne, Oswald J. Accola, John Kuelling, Jesse Richards, William Stechow, Samuel Mease and Austin Henry (licentiate):

Elders.—John Jackson, Moses Marquis, Peter Cost and Benjamin Kuhns.

LANCASTER CLASSIS.

Revs. Henry Williard, Charles W. Hoyman, Jeremiah Heller, Samuel B. Yockey, Frederick Strassner and Joel W. Alspach.

Elders.—Peter H. King.

TUSCARAWAS CLASSIS.

Revs. Samuel B. Leiter, D. D., Nathaniel H. Loose, Sebastian C. Goss, Edward Herbruck, Joseph B. Shumaker, Orange E. Lake, John C. Klar and Edward D. Miller.

Elders.—Alfred Schneider, Jacob Kuhn, J. James Hofman, Levi Bolender, Thomas W. Chapman, Philip Treash, Levi Stump, Gottlieb Burry, Jeremiah Wert, Henry Dilliers and Lewis Gibbs.

*The retiring President, Rev. P. C. Prugh, appeared in Synod on Thursday morning, and, owing to his unavoidable detention, was excused.

TIFFIN CLASSIS.

Revs. Jeremiah H. Good, D. D., Prof. Herman Rust, Geo. W. Williard, D. D., Lewis H. Kefauver, John G. Ruhl, Josiah May, William H. Fenneman and Joseph A. Keller.

Elders.—Frederick Bloom, Lewis Keller and Geo. W. Alspach.
ST. JOHN'S CLASSIS.

Revs. Peter Herbruck, Herman Kortheuer, Christopher Schiller, Geo. W. Henning, Ernest F. A. Schade, John G. Zahner, D. D., David Kæmmerer and Amos F. Zartman.

Elders.—Dr. Conrad J. Geiger, Jacob Petri, John Unger and Charles Kartz.

ILLINOIS CLASSIS.

Revs. Harvey Wilson, Henry F. Long, John A. Smith, Joseph Sechler, Henry Knepper and Charles G. A. Hullhorst.

Elders.—Frederick Bolender.

IOWA CLASSIS.

Rev. Cyrus Cort.

EASTERN OHIO CLASSIS.

Revs. George M. Albright, Michael A. Miller, John M. Grether, Henry Hilbish, Charles Zwisler, Lemuel B. Perkins, John Meekly, Gottlieb Ziegler, Joshua H. Derr and John M. Kendig.

Elders.—James Frantz, Joseph Lane, Reuben Bailey, Jacob Greenameier, Paul Geiger, Robert Bell and Christian A. Newhouse.

MEMBERS FROM CORRESPONDING BODIES.

FROM THE REFORMED CHURCH IN AMERICA.

Rev. Edward P. Livingston and Rev. Philip Peltz, D. D.

ADVISORY MEMBERS.

Rev. Jesse Steiner, Maryland Classis, Synod of the U. S.
Rev. Philip A. Long, N. Carolina " " " " "
Rev. Thos. J. Barkley, Westmoreland Classis, Pittsburg Synod.
Rev. John A. Hoffheins, St. Paul's " " " "
Rev. Prof. Peter Greiding, St. Joseph's " N. W. "

MINISTERS FROM OTHER CHURCHES.

Rev. Peter W. Hahn, Evangelical Association.
Rev. Samuel B. Kring, " " "
Rev. E. Buckingham, D. D., Presbyterian Church.
Rev. Lewis M. Kuhns, Evan. Lutheran "
Rev. Henry Voegle, " " "
Rev. Nathan Paltzgraff, " " "

ARTICLE III.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

REV. HENRY WILLIARD, Lancaster, O., *President*.
REV. ISAAC H. REITER, Miamisburg, O., is *Stated Clerk*.
REV. LEWIS H. KEFAUVER, Tiffin, O., *Cor. Secretary*.
REV. JEREMIAH H. GOOD, D. D., Tiffin, O., *Treasurer*.

ARTICLE IV.

RULES OF SYNOD.

The Rules of Order adopted by Synod were observed in the transaction of business. The reading of the Minutes of the last Synod was dispensed with, and they were referred to Committee on Synodical Minutes. The President defined the bar of the house.

The hours fixed upon for opening and closing the sessions of Synod were as follows:—The *Morning Sessions* to open at 9, and to close at 11 $\frac{1}{4}$ o'clock; and the *Afternoon Sessions* to open at 2, and close at 5 o'clock.

ARTICLE V.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

The President appointed the following Standing Committees:
On Religious Services.—Revs. P. Herbruck, J. B. Shumaker, Dr. G. W. Williard, and Elder Levi Stamp.

On Minutes of Synod.—Revs. Dr. S. B. Leiter, Prof. H. Rust, J. Heller, and Elders Jacob Kuhn and Frederick Bolender.

On Minutes of Classes.—Revs. J. Knelling, F. Strassner, H. Hilbish, and Elders Thomas W. Chapman and Moses Marquis.

On Overtures.—Revs. Dr. J. H. Good, G. M. Albright, S. B. Yockey, and Elders J. James Hofman and Dr. Conrad J. Geiger.

On Examination, Licensure and Ordination.—Revs. Dr. D. Winters, H. Kortheuer, J. Sechler, D. Van Horne, and Elders Lewis Keller and John Jackson.

On State of Religion and Statistical Reports.—Rev. P. C. Prugh, Prof. H. Rust, J. Richards, and Elders Fred. Bloom and Jacob Kuhn.

On Theological Seminary.—Revs. D. Van Horne, G. W. Henning, J. W. Alspach, and Elders Robert Bell and Philip Treash.

On Heidelberg College.—Revs. S. B. Yockey, E. Herbruck, C. Zwisler, and Elders Paul Geiger and Jacob Petri.

On Missions.—Revs. H. Wilson, C. Cort, J. A. Smith, and Elders J. Greenameier and Joseph Lane.

On Finance.—Revs. Joseph A. Keller, G. M. Albright, L. B. Perkins, and Elders James Frantz and Reuben Bailey.

On Nomination.—Revs. C. W. Hoyman, N. H. Loose, M. A. Miller, and Elders Peter H. King and A. Schneider.

On Publication.—Revs. S. C. Goss, E. D. Miller, E. F. A. Schade, and Elders J. Wert and G. Burry.

ARTICLE VI.

COMMUNICATIONS.

1. The Minutes of the Synod of Ohio, of the North-Western Synod, of the Synod in the United States and of the Pittsburg

Synod, were received and referred to the Committee on the Minutes of Synod.

2. The minutes of the Classes of Miami, Lancaster, Tuscarawas, Tiffin, St. John's, Illinois, Eastern Ohio and Iowa, including those of the Wheatland Convention, July 25, 1871, were received and referred to Committee on Minutes of Classes, and their several Reports on Religion and Statistics to the Committee on the State of Religion.

3. Sundry communications were received and referred to Committee on Overtures.

4. The Reports of the several Boards of this Synod, including those of their respective Treasurers, as well as that of the Treasurer of Synod, were received and referred to the proper Standing Committees.

ARTICLE VII.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES.

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

1. The sessions of each day were opened and closed with suitable religious exercises.

2. The Committee on Religious Services submitted the following report, which was received, amended and adopted :

REPORT ON RELIGIOUS SERVICES.

Your Committee would report the following appointments :

1st Reformed Church. Rev. F. Strassner. Thursday evening; Rev. Prof. H. Rust. Friday evening; Rev. J. M. Grether. Saturday evening; Rev. J. G. Zahner. D. D., Sunday morning; Rev. J. Kuelling, Sunday evening.

2d Reformed Church. Rev. P. C. Prugh. Thursday evening; Rev. J. H. Good, D. D., assisted by Rev. D. Van Horne, Friday evening; Rev. S. Mease, assisted by Rev. H. Wilson. Saturday evening; Rev. S. B. Leiter, D. D., assisted by Revs. D. Winters, D. D., and Isaac H. Reiter, Sunday morning; Rev. D. Winters, D. D., ordination sermon, Sunday evening.

Presbyterian Church. Morning, Rev. D. Van Horne; evening, Rev. N. H. Loose.

Evan. Lutheran Church. Morning, Rev. C. W. Hoyman; evening, Rev. S. Mease.

2d Methodist Episcopal Church. Rev. Jesse Steiner.

Presbyterian Church, Massillon, O. Rev. Dr. Good.

Reformed Church, Louisville. Rev. Dr. Williard.

Paris. Revs. P. C. Prugh and O. J. Accola.

Osnaburg. Rev. E. D. Miller.

Akron, O. Rev. H. Rust, morning, German; evening, English.

Zion's Church. Afternoon, Rev. L. H. Kefauver.

Orville, O. Rev. J. May.

Evangelical Association. Morning, Rev. J. M. Grether; evening, G. M. Albright.

Respectfully submitted,

PETER HERBRUCK, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE VIII.

MINUTES OF SYNOD.

The Standing Committee on the Minutes of Synod presented their report, which was received and taken up item by item; and is as follows:

REPORT ON SYNODICAL MINUTES.

Your Committee on Synodical Minutes respectfully submit the following report:

I. MINUTES OF THE SYNOD OF OHIO.

- Item 1.* Page 9. Relates to the Invalid Fund.
- Item 2.* Page 11. Is a continuation of the Committee to make a selection of hymns, and report at this meeting.
- Item 3.* Page 11. Is a report, continuing the Committee, to co-operate with the one of the North-Western Synod to translate and publish the Liturgy in German.
- Item 4.* Page 11. Is a resolution giving instructions to the ministers of Iowa Classis relative to a division thereof.
- Item 5.* Page 18. Is a resolution appointing a Committee to address the different Consistories within the bounds of this Synod on the relief of disabled ministers and their widows.
- Item 6.* Page 34. Is a resolution recommending an appropriation of fifty dollars from each of the Boards of Trustees of the College and the Seminary to repair the library room.
- Item 7.* Page 35. Is a resolution postponing the election of a Professor to the Chair of Exegetical Theology to the present meeting of Synod.
- Item 8.* Page 54. Relates to changes to be made in our different Charters, etc.
- Item 9.* Page 7. Is the appointment of Revs. H. Williard, prim., and I. H. Reiter, sec., delegates to the General Synod of Reformed Church in America.

MINUTES OF THE NORTH-WESTERN SYNOD.

- Item 10.* Page 9. Relates to the translation and publication of the Liturgy.

Respectfully submitted,

SAMUEL B. LEITER, *Chairman.*

The foregoing report was disposed of as follows:

- Item 1.* The following report was received and adopted:

REPORT ON INVALID FUND.

The Board of Directors of the Invalid Home beg leave to submit the following as their Annual Report:

During the last year the proceeds arising from the rents have just about met the expenses. The prospects of this property growing in value are very poor, and the losses arising from part improvements afford a sufficient reason why none should be made in the future with the view of making it more profitable.

The Board has been trying, for the past three or four years, to dispose of the Home, but without success. It was about to effect a sale a few weeks ago, but upon reviewing the deed, found that it contains provisions which make the Erie Classis, to which it originally belonged, or its Board of Directors, the owners of the property, and said Board alone can order the sale of it and the execution of a good deed.

In view of the circumstances in the case, we would recommend the following action:

Resolved, That this Synod acknowledges the benevolent design of the Erie Classis in donating to it an equal share with the North-Western Synod in the property under the title of the Invalid Home.

Resolved, That inasmuch as it is to the best interests of the Church to dispose of said property, which can be done only by the aforesaid Classis, we do hereby relinquish all our claims upon it, and that the Board of Directors be discontinued.

Respectfully submitted,

L. H. KEFAUVER, *Chairman*.

Item 2. Report received and adopted, as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON HYMNS.

Your Committee, which was continued from the last year, report, that they have not judged it advisable to go forward with their work during the past year. The Synod, last year (see Min., p. 10 and 11), failed to decide which of the plans there suggested is to be adopted. Until such decision be made, the Committee cannot well proceed with their work. As the General Synod meets this year, and the question of a new hymn book comes before the higher body, we would suggest, that this Synod simply continue this Committee for the present. Probably this Synod is not now itself in a position to decide finally as to the form which the proposed collection shall take. Our work is so far advanced, that whenever Synod is ready to decide as to the form, and to act in the matter of publication, it will take but a short time to have the MSS ready for Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. GOOD, *Chairman*.

Item 3. The Committee submitted their report, which was received, amended and adopted, viz.:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON GERMAN LITURGY.

The Committee, which was continued by the Synod of last year to co-operate with a Committee of the North-Western Synod in translating and publishing the new German Liturgy of the two Synods, would respectfully submit the following:

The North-Western Synod appointed, at its last annual meeting at Cleveland, O., in the place of its former large Committee,

a smaller one of but two members. This committee, in connection with yours, held two joint meetings during the year, at Cincinnati. At the first of these joint meetings the work of translating, or rather revising, was subdivided among the different members of the joint Committee, with instructions to report to the Chairman as soon as each member's work was completed.

Under this arrangement the translation is now ready for publication, with the exception of a few formulas of the Lord's Supper, which have yet to be revised.

But while we are enabled to report this state of the work, your Committee has to call the attention of this Synod to several resolutions of the North-Western Synod, on page 9 of its published Minutes of 1871, which will impede the further co-operation of this Synod so long as they remain in force. No. 3 of these resolutions requires that the Faculty of the Mission House in Wisconsin shall examine the new translation, and, in case of its approval, shall publish it, a requirement which your Committee regard as unwise and impolitic. And No. 4 says, that the Committee appointed by the Synod of Ohio shall be consulted, thus practically subordinating your Committee to theirs, which your Committee also regard unwise and impolitic.

Your Committee would therefore recommend, that the North-Western Synod be requested to revoke these resolutions, at its approaching annual meeting at Galion:

It is the opinion of the joint Committee that 800 copies of the book ought to be struck off, when it is published, and not only 200, as required by a resolution of the North-Western Synod, as the last-named number would not be sufficient to meet the immediate want of the Church.

Believing that the expenses of publishing the first edition will within a short time be covered by sales of the same, we would suggest that this Synod appoint a Committee of two to unite with a similar Committee on the part of the North-Western Synod to proceed with the publication, and report at the next annual meeting.

To facilitate the circulation of an order of worship according to the standard of our Church, and also to supply a long felt want, it is the opinion of this Synod that prayers suitable for the family should be embodied in the German Liturgy.

Respectfully submitted,

HERMAN KORTHEUER,
JOHN KUELLING,

Committee.

The Committee called for in the foregoing report consists of Revs. John Kuelling and Herman Kortheuer.

Item 4. Referred to the Committee appointed on same subject. *Item 5.* No report received. *Item 6.* No further action was taken respecting the matter, as the expenses are provided

for in another way. *Item 7.* The election was postponed until the next Synod. *Item 8.* For action on, see Article XX, Church Government. *Item 9.* For report required, see Article XI, Correspondence with Sister Churches. *Item 10.* Adopted.

ARTICLE IX.

MINUTES OF CLASSES.

The Committee on Minutes of Classes presented their report which was received, and disposed of item by item; and is as follows:

REPORT ON MINUTES OF CLASSES.

Your Committee, to whom were referred the Minutes of Classes, would respectfully report the following:

I. IRREGULARITIES.

1. Lancaster Classis does not give the name of its Treasurer in connection with its President and Stated Clerk; omits to mention the date of its last annual meeting, nor does it state whether the constitutional questions were proposed to the Elders in connection with the reading of the parochial reports.

2. Iowa Classis states only the date, not the hour of its last annual meeting. Same Classis gives no evidence in its Minutes of the fact, that the regular constitutional questions were proposed to the Elders in reading the parochial reports, nor does it separate the report of State of Religion from its Minutes.

3. Tuscarawas Classis does not state that its sessions were opened and closed with religious services.

4. Illinois Classis does not present its proceedings under proper heads, and dismissed Rev. G. Weber conditionally.

5. St. John's Classis organized a congregation on the territory of the East Ohio Classis, and authorized the erection of a church building within a short distance of one of the congregations of said East Ohio Classis.

II. REQUESTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS.

1. Illinois Classis requests Synod, a,) to overture the North-Western Synod on the subject of gross irregularities and encroachments upon its jurisdiction perpetrated for years by Milwaukee Classis; b,) referred Rev. C. G. A. Hullhorst's case to the Synod of Ohio to determine the validity of his ordination on account of certain irregularities connected with the same.

2. Miami Classis requests Synod to instruct the Boards of our institutions at Tiffin, O., to make such arrangements that the monies collected and notes taken for endowment be equally divided between the College and Seminary.

3. Lancaster Classis requests Synod to give an opinion regarding the ecclesiastical standing of a minister not engaged in the active duties of the ministry, and not in regular church connection with one of its congregations.

4. Iowa Classis, *a*,) recommends the Boonesboro Mission to this Synod with the request that \$150 be allowed the same instead of \$100—\$50 to be raised by Classis; *b*,) same Classis requires Synod to severely rebuke and condemn the arbitrary action of the Wheatland Convention, and asks to remain undivided for the present.

5. Eastern Ohio Classis asks Synod's permission to organize a Classical Missionary Board, within its bounds, auxiliary to Synod's Board.

6. St. John's Classis requests to lay before Synod certain difficulties existing between said Classis and the East Ohio Classis.

III. APPEALS AND COMPLAINTS.

1. Rev. H. Knepper appeals from action of Illinois Classis on deposition.

2. St. John's Classis complains of being misrepresented by Synod, *a*,) concerning the discontinued publication of the Minutes in the German language; *b*,) regarding the translation of the Liturgy without special cost to Classis.

IV. SUBJECTS REFERRED TO CLASSES.

1. Tuscarawas Classis accedes to the requests of Synod respecting Missions, giving the name of the Treasurer, taking up special collections for the immediate use of the Theological Seminary and the support of the Students' Home.

2. Illinois Classis accedes to the requests of Synod regarding Missions and giving the name of the Treasurer.

3. Miami Classis complies with the requests of Synod regarding the name of Treasurer of Classis, urging special collections for the immediate use of the Seminary, and ascertaining whether this request has been complied with by the charges, also regarding the Classical Missionary Board and increased missionary contributions.

4. Lancaster Classis complies with the requests of Synod regarding the raising of funds for beneficiary education and special collections for the immediate use of the Theological Seminary, as also respecting the relation of the Classical Missionary Boards to the Board of this Synod.

5. Iowa Classis accedes to the requests of Synod to give the name of the Treasurer and increased missionary contributions.

6. Tiffin Classis complies with Synod's requests regarding the relief of Ministers and their widows, also special collections for the Theological Seminary.

7. Eastern Ohio Classis complies with Synod's requests regarding the relief of Ministers and their widows, also special collections for the immediate use of the Theological Seminary.

V. RECEPTIONS AND DISMISSIONS.

1. Miami Classis licensed and ordained Adam Hawker, dismissed Revs. O. L. Ashenfelter to Lancaster Classis, Pa., J. B. Thompson to St. Paul's Classis, Pittsburg Synod and received Rev. T. H. Winters from Tuscarawas Classis.

2. Tuscarawas Classis licensed and ordained John S. Gough and dismissed Rev. Wm. A. Hale to Lancaster Classis of this Synod.

3. Iowa Classis dismissed Revs. E. F. A. Schade to St. John's Classis and J. J. Janett to Indiana Classis.

4. Illinois Classis, *a*.) dismissed Revs. F. A. Edmonds to St. Paul's Classis, George Weber to Iowa Classis, licensed and ordained S. W. McClure and C. G. A. Hullhorst; *b*.) deposed Rev. H. Knepper from the Gospel Ministry and excommunicated him.

5. Tiffin Classis dismissed Rev. H. Daniel to East Susquehanna Classis and Licentiate P. H. Dippell to the Classis of St. Joseph, and licensed Jos. A. Keller.

VI. ANNUAL MEETING OF CLASSES.

1. Miami Classis will meet in Bradford, Miami Co., O., on Thursday, October 10th, 1872, at 7½ o'clock, p. m. O. J. Accola, President, P. C. Prugh, S. C., S. Mease, Treasurer.

2. Lancaster Classis will meet in Ironton, Lawrence Co., O., Wednesday, October 9th, 1872, at 7 o'clock, p. m. S. B. Yockey, President, G. H. Leonard, S. C., C. W. Hoyman, Treasurer.

3. Tuscarawas Classis will meet in Akron, O., Monday, Oct. 14th, 1872, at 7 o'clock, p. m. J. B. Shumaker, President, N. H. Loose, S. C., T. W. Chapman, Treasurer.

4. Tiffin Classis will meet in the Salem congregation of Zion's charge, in Seneca Co., O., on the next to the last Friday in August, 1872, at 7½ o'clock, p. m. W. H. Fenneman, President, J. H. Good, S. C. and Treasurer.

5. St. John's Classis will meet in Limaville, Stark Co., O., October 11th, 1872, at 7 o'clock, p. m. H. Kortheuer, President, J. G. Zahner, S. C., D. Kammerer, Treasurer.

6. Illinois Classis will meet in Altamont, Ill., on the second Tuesday in October, 1872, at 7 o'clock, p. m. S. N. King, President, Jos. Sechler, S. C. and Treasurer.

7. Iowa Classis will meet in the Reformed church, at Bethania, Jasper Co., Iowa, October 10th, 1872. Geo. Rettig, President, Aug. Bletsch, S. C., H. Keye, Treasurer.

8. Eastern Ohio Classis will meet in North Lima, Mahoning Co., O., Oct. 10th, 1872, at 7½ o'clock, p. m. H. Hilbish, President, John M. Grether, S. C., Jacob Greenameier, Treasurer.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN KUELLING, *Chairman.*

The foregoing report was disposed of thus:

I. IRREGULARITIES.

Items 1, 2, 3 and 4, adopted. *Item 5*, laid on the table for the present.

II. REQUESTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS.

Item 1. a.) Adopted; and *b.)* referred to a special committee, and for result, see Article XX, Church Government. *Item 2* was referred to the Boards of Trustees of the College and of the Theological Seminary. *Item 3*, for action on, see Article XX, Church Government. *Item 4, a.)* referred to Synod's Board of Missions; and *b.)* for action adopted, see Article XX, Church Government. *Item 5* was adopted. *Item 6*, together with *Item 5* under Irregularities, was referred to a committee, consisting of Revs. C. Cort, J. May and Elder A. Schneider.

This Committee subsequently presented their report, which was received and adopted:

Your Committee, to whom the request of St. John's Classis was referred, together with the general subject of dispute between that Classis and the Eastern Ohio Classis, would report:

We are happy to announce that the brethren, representing these two Classes, have mutually agreed to adjust their difficulties among themselves in an amicable way. We therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That this Synod does not deem it necessary to take any action on this subject at this time.

Respectfully submitted,

CYRUS CORT, *Chairman.*

III. APPEALS AND COMPLAINTS.

Item 1. Referred to special committee. See Article XVIII, under Appeals. *Item 2*, laid on the table.

IV. SUBJECTS REFERRED TO CLASSES.

All the seven *Items* coming under this head were adopted.

V. RECEPTIONS AND DISMISSIONS.

Items 1, 2, 3 and 5, adopted; and *Item 4, a.)* adopted, and *b.)* referred to the special committee appointed in the case.

VI. ANNUAL MEETINGS OF CLASSES.

All the *Items* under this heading were adopted.

ARTICLE X.

OVERTURES.

The Committee on Overtures submitted the following report, which was received, and considered, item by item.

The Committee on Overtures would respectfully report as follows; the following letters and documents were placed in our hands:

Item 1. A call from the Wooster charge to Mr. A. F. Zartman, of the Theological Seminary, to become their pastor.

Item 2. A request from the same charge to examine, license and ordain Mr. A. F. Zartman, and to confirm his call and to appoint a committee to install him.

Item 3. A call from the Columbiana charge to Mr. J. M. Kendig, of the Theological Seminary, to become their pastor.

Item 4. A request from the same charge to examine, license and ordain Mr. J. M. Kendig.

Item 5. A letter from the Emanuel's charge, Ashland Co., stating why no Elder can be present from that charge.

Item 6. A letter from Father S. K. Denius, asking *a*,) to be excused from attending Synod on account of his advanced age (73 years) and ill health, and making *b*,) some suggestions with reference to a union with the Reformed (Dutch) Church.

Item 7. A printed circular from the Chairman of the Conference of German Ministers and Elders, held in Philadelphia, on the 23rd of January, 1872, transmitting to this Synod two resolutions of that Conference, having reference to the general subject of organizing German Classes and Synods.

Item 8. A letter from Rev. S. Shaw, requesting to be excused from attendance upon Synod, on account of affliction in his family.

Item 9. A letter from Rev. D. A. Kuhn, delegate from the Wittenberg Synod of the Lutheran Church, expressive of his regret that he cannot attend the sessions of this body, conveying the Christian greetings of his Synod, and asking this Synod to appoint a similar delegate to attend their Synod, which expects to meet in Nevada, Wyandot Co., O., August 14th, 1872.

Respectfully submitted,

JER. H. GOOD, *Chairman.*

The foregoing report was disposed of as follows:

Items 1, 2, 3 and 4 was referred to the Committee on Examination, &c.

Item 5. Excused.—*Item 6.* *a*,) Excused; *b*,) laid on the table until the subject of union shall come up for consideration.

Item 7. Referred to a special committee, consisting of Revs. O. J. Accola, L. H. Kefauver, F. Strassner, and Elders F. Bloom and T. W. Chapman.

This Committee subsequently reported. The report was received, and its adoption moved, when, on motion, the following substitute was adopted:

Whereas, this subject has been brought before us in an unauthorized way; and, whereas, the matter properly belongs to the General Synod, therefore,

Resolved, That, notwithstanding our cordial respect for the brethren from whom the circular originates, we can not see our way clear to take any action in the case.

Item 8. Excused. Item 9, for disposition of, see Article XI, Correspondence with Sister Churches.

ARTICLE XI.

CORRESPONDENCE WITH SISTER CHURCHES.

I. REPORT FROM DELEGATE TO THE GENERAL SYNOD OF THE REFORMED CHURCH IN AMERICA.

The following report was received, and ordered to be embodied in the minutes, viz:

The undersigned, as the first Corresponding Delegate from this Synod to the General Synod of the Reformed Church in America, would respectfully report:

That he attended the annual meeting of that Synod, held at Albany, New York, commencing its sessions on Wednesday, June 7th, 1871, and was present from Thursday morning until the following Monday evening. He was cordially welcomed, hospitably entertained, and courteously treated while in attendance. He was made to feel that he was among brethren of a common faith, and found it pleasant to be in their midst.

The most of the subjects claiming the attention of that Body were of an important and interesting character, and, while the deliberations were conducted with dignity and orderly dispatch, the discussions were possessed of ability, animation and interest. And it appeared, from the various reports and discussions, that the benevolent, educational and publication enterprises of our sister Church were in a growing and prosperous condition.

In his address before that Synod, your delegate tendered the fraternal salutations of this Synod, and, in the light of history, gave a statement of the present condition and prospects of the Reformed Church in the United States in general, and of the portion included within the bounds of the Ohio Synod in particular. He also briefly referred to the intimate historical relations of our two Churches, and to the desirableness and importance of a closer or organic union of them. There appeared to prevail, as at the time manifested in open Synod, a decided sentiment in favor of union. The Synod subsequently adopted some action on the subject of union, but as that action was taken after your delegate had left Albany, and as that Synod is officially represented here, it is not deemed necessary to add anything further on the subject in this report.

His address was kindly responded to by the President of that Body, who requested your delegate to bear back with him the Christian greetings and sympathy of the Reformed Church in America to our own, with the assurance that they have a profound interest and lively concern in the prosperity and welfare of the Reformed Church in the United States.

Respectfully submitted,

ISAAC H. REITER.

II. DELEGATES FROM CORRESPONDING BODIES.

1. *From the Reformed Church in America.*

On the morning of the third day of the sessions, the Rev. Edward P. Livingston, delegate from the General Synod of the Reformed Church in America, appeared in Synod, and, having presented his credentials, took his seat as a Corresponding member. He subsequently addressed the Synod in an appropriate and fraternal manner. His address was cordially and properly responded to by the President.

In connection with the delegate, the Rev. Philip Peltz, D. D. appeared as a Commissioner from that Body to this Synod, and, after presenting his credentials and laying on the table of Synod a copy of the Minutes of the Body he represented, stated in a written address "the aspects of the subject of union which strikes their Synod."

Thereupon, on motion, it was

Resolved. That a Committee of one Minister and one Elder from each Classis represented be appointed, to whom the whole subject of union between our Church and the Reformed Church in America, together with all documents pertaining thereto, be referred.

The Committee consists of Revs. S. Mease, C. W. Hoymar, Dr. S. B. Leiter, Dr. G. W. Williard, Dr. J. G. Zahner, H. Wilson, C. Cort, G. M. Albright, and Elders B. Kuhns, P. H. King, L. Keller, Dr. C. J. Geiger, F. Bolender and J. Greenameier.

This Committee subsequently submitted the following report, which was received, amended and adopted:

The Committee to whom was referred the subject of union between the Reformed Church in America and the Reformed Church in the United States, submit the following report:

That the Synod has heard with pleasure the Rev. Philip Peltz, D. D., who was appointed by the General Synod of the Reformed Church in America, held at Albany, N. Y., in June, 1871, a special Commissioner, in connection with its delegate, the Rev. Edward P. Livingston, to state to this Body the aspect of union as it presented itself to their Synod. Having heard the Commissioner, we would say in return, that we regard the union of these two branches of the Church as most important for our common Reformed faith as maintained in our venerable symbol, the Heidelberg Catechism, and that we are ready to co-operate in any and all measures calculated to secure this desirable end, which we believe to be in conformity with the prayer of the great Head of the Church, the spirit of our holy religion, and the wish of all who love the Lord Jesus Christ in sincerity and truth.

The Synod is also entirely satisfied with the Christian spirit and sincerity of our brethren of the Reformed Church in America touching the movement, especially since it is assured by the

worthy Commissioner that the Synod of Albany had no design to ignore or show disrespect to any Judicatory of our Church, and that the action assumed the shape it did because they were not able at the time to ascertain the exact relation of our District Synods to the General Synod, as our delegate had left before the action was taken. That the movement did not start with the General Synod, is no just reason why it should not be fairly considered in all its aspects, and meet with a hearty co-operation for a satisfactory termination.

Being thus relieved of the difficulties which some supposed to exist at first, and seeing how the Lord seems to be moving the different portions of the Church to seek a closer union, it is believed that the present movement is under His direction, and should be cordially seconded; therefore,

Resolved, That the subject of union, as presented by our brethren of the Reformed Church in America, be referred to our General Synod for its consideration at its approaching meeting at Cincinnati, Ohio.

Resolved, That the delegate from this Synod to the General Synod of the Reformed Church in America be instructed to lay this action before that body with proper explanations, and request the appointment of a Commissioner to our General Synod, with the view of furthering the object of union.

Resolved, That the union here contemplated meets with the cordial favor and approval of this Synod, and that it earnestly requests the General Synod to adopt such measures as will be calculated to effect it as early as possible, upon such a basis as will be just and honorable to all concerned.

Resolved, That we request the North-western Synod to consider the question of union between the two Churches, and that, if it meet their favor, they unite with us in overturing our General Synod to this end.

Respectfully submitted,

SAMUEL MEASE. *Chairman.*

2. *From the Evangelical Lutheran Church.*

a.) *Letter from the Delegate.*

NEVADA, OHIO, May 2nd, 1872.

To the President and members of the Reformed Synod of Ohio, now in session at Canton, Ohio.

Brethren: At the last meeting of the Wittenberg (Lutheran) Synod of Ohio, in August, 1871, a resolution was presented and unanimously passed by that Body, to send a delegate to your Synod, at its next session, to convey the fraternal greetings of that body to yours.

That pleasant duty was assigned to me, and I expected to go, up to the time of your meeting, when circumstances were such that I could not be with you in person and discharge my duty.

I therefore by letter convey to your Synod the Christian greetings of the Wittenberg Synod, and in return ask your Synod to send a similar delegate to our body, which expects to convene in Nevada, Wyandot Co., O., on Wednesday evening, Aug. 14th, 1872.

Fraternally yours in Christ.

D. A. KUHN, *Delegate.*

b.) *Report from Committee thereon.*

Your Committee to whom was referred the letter addressed to this Synod by the Rev. D. A. Kuhn, the delegate appointed by the Wittenberg Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, would respectfully suggest the following for adoption:

First, That the letter above referred to be read and embodied in the minutes of this body.

Second, That we highly appreciate the fraternal feelings of the Wittenberg Synod expressed towards this Synod through its delegate, and that we sincerely reciprocate the same toward our Lutheran brethren of said Synod.

Third, That we at once elect a delegate to attend the next annual meeting of said Synod, at Nevada, Ohio, and to convey to it our Christian salutations.

Respectfully submitted,

PETER C. PRUGH, *Chairman.*

III. ELECTION OF DELEGATES TO CORRESPONDING BODIES.

To the General Synod of the Reformed Church in America.

—Rev. George W. Williard, D. D., *primarius*, and Rev. David Van Horne, *secundus*.

To the Wittenberg Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church.

—Rev. Lewis H. Kefauver, *primarius*, and Rev. Nathaniel H. Loose, *secundus*.

ARTICLE XII.

EXAMINATION, LICENSURE AND ORDINATION.

Application having been made in behalf of John M. Kendig, Amos F. Zartman and Austin Henry, students of the Theological Seminary at Tiffin, for examination and licensure, they were referred to the Committee on Examination, &c., which Committee subsequently presented the following report, which was received and adopted:

Your Committee report, that they have examined the applicants, and that their examination was satisfactory.

Respectfully submitted,

DAVID WINTERS, *Chairman.*

On motion,

Resolved, That the aforesaid applicants are hereby licensed to preach the Gospel, and that the officers of Synod furnish them with certificates of licensure, upon their signing the *Formula*, as prescribed by the Constitution.

Resolved, That the calls, tendered respectively from the Columbiana and the Wooster charge to John M. Kendig and Amos F. Zartman, being found in order, be confirmed, and that these brethren be ordained on Sunday evening to the Gospel Ministry.

The officers of Synod, together with the Chairman of Committee on Examination, were appointed a Committee of Ordination; and John M. Kendig was referred to the Eastern Ohio,

Amos F. Zartman to the St. John's, and Austin Henry to the Miami Classis.

The Committee (Revs. H. Williard, I. H. Reiter, L. H. Kefauver and Dr. D. Winters) appointed by Synod to ordain the Licentiate, John M. Kendig and Amos F. Zartman, attended to the duty assigned them, on Sunday evening, May 5th, in the Second Reformed Church at Canton, O.

ARTICLE XIII.

RELIGION AND MORALS.

The Committee on the State of Religion and Statistical Reports submitted their report, which was received, amended and adopted; and is as follows:

To THE SYNOD OF OHIO and Congregations in connection with it in other States: "Grace be unto you and peace from God our Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ."

Dear Brethren in the Lord:

From the reports that came into our hands we can form only a very general idea of the condition of the Church. This much, however, we have learned in the beginning, that there are very many and great reasons why we should thank the Lord for His goodness, in the constant fulfillment of His great and precious promises given to His Church and people.

But two watchmen from among our entire number, and both from the St. John's Classis, have been called away from their labors by death during the year. The one, Rev. John W. Hamm, only after a long life, great trials, and rich gifts and graces had ripened for the superior heights of that glory which remaineth for the faithful ambassador of the Lord Jesus; and the other, Rev. Eugene Sauvain, after having reached the meridian of life, giving evidence of fidelity and usefulness in the service of his Divine Master, and experiencing great bodily afflictions, entered upon his eternal reward.

The reports speak favorably of the general fidelity of ministers and elders to their great trust in tending the flock over which the Great Shepherd has placed them, using, with a good measure of diligence, the means appointed to this end—such as preaching of the Gospel, administering the sacraments, catechising the youth and pastoral visitation.

They also speak of the general appreciation of these means for the edification and spiritual growth of God's children and of the gradual diminution of the disparagement between the non-communicant and the communicant members of the church. These things are encouraging, especially in these days of infidelity and of want of faith in the grace-bearing ordinances of the Church.

Some of the reports speak encouragingly of the additions made to the Church by the rite of confirmation, of the erection

of new church edifices and the organization of new congregations and pastoral charges; and others of growing interest in the Sabbath-school work, and of increased piety in the family.

One notices, especially, the effects of missionary festivals, in awakening the church, not only to increased efforts in the work of missions, but also, to holier zeal and greater fidelity in the cause of Christ, in general.

It is also worthy of note that both of the reports coming from the Iowa Classis, in which discord so long abounded, now speak of peace and harmony as much more abounding.

The statistics show too, that several candidates have been ordained to the gospel ministry, and that one thousand, eight hundred and eighty members have been received by holy baptism, and one thousand, four hundred and seventy by the rite of confirmation.

But while in these particulars, we have pleasing and encouraging evidences of the presence and power of the Spirit in the Church, it must not be concealed that there are evils existing which should arrest our attention, and call for deep humiliation as well as for earnest effort to remove. With scarcely an exception, the reports find occasion to state that there has been no marked out-pouring of the Holy Spirit within their bounds, during the year. Many fields are without pastors, while there are pastors without fields. Some reports attempt to account for this upon the ground of insufficient salaries. One thing is sure, these flocks, without shepherds to defend and nourish them, cannot long withstand the evils to which they are constantly exposed.

In many places, the prayer-meeting is habitually neglected and officers of the church fail to meet their responsibilities "in watching for souls and in exercising the proper discipline of the church." "Parents neglect to imbue the minds of their children with Bible truth, by giving line upon line and precept upon precept, according to the abundant opportunities, responsibilities and baptismal engagements."

There is also a growing tendency of allowing the Sunday school to take the place of the catechetical class, thus placing our children under the instruction of, at best, but partially competent teachers, to impart to them a knowledge of the doctrines of our Holy Christianity.

What now is our duty in view of these existing evils, but to humble ourselves under the mighty hand of God, and pray for a permanent revival of religion—a revival throughout our whole bounds, in all our congregations, in the hearts of all our ministers, elders and people; a genuine God-sent revival produced not by human effort or human devices, but by the power of the Spirit through the instrumentality of truth, in answer to believing prayer and the diligent use of the means of divine appoint-

ment. O, that this revival might begin in our hearts, that it would banish all discord and give us peace.

The Church does not need a new ministry, but it does need a ministry full of faith and of the Holy Ghost—a primitive ministry with the true martyr spirit.

It is true we are few and our churches, for the most part, are small and widely scattered and can do, in a temporal way, but little for us. Almost everywhere our work is a missionary work, and almost everywhere we are spoken against. But let us be satisfied in the midst of privation to labor in a good cause, looking to the great and exceeding precious promises of a great and covenant-keeping God, and we shall triumph.

Respectfully submitted,

PETER C. PRUGH, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE XIV.

THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

I. THE ANNUAL REPORTS.

1. *Report of the Board of Trustees.*

The Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary hereby present their annual report:

The Board convened at Dayton, O., July 5th, 1871, and organized by electing Rev. Isaac H. Reiter, *President*, Rev. David Van Horne, *Secretary*, and Rev. David Winters, D. D., *Treasurer*.

By authority of the Board, the Treasurer during the year disposed of the United States Bonds, amounting to \$7,150 00, and invested \$7,000 00 in Dayton City Bonds at the rate of eight per cent interest, to be paid semi-annually. The premium derived from this sale amounted to \$365 00, which were appropriated in payment of the Professors' salary. This change of investment is believed to be to the interest and advantage of the Seminary.

The Board appropriated \$50 00 of the fund for the immediate use of the Seminary, for the purpose of properly fitting up the room, which the College Board of Trustees granted to the Seminary for its use; and also \$15 00, on certain conditions, to defray the expenses of publishing the annual Catalogue of the College and Seminary for the current year.

The Board, for want of means, could not see their way clear to comply with Synod's recommendation in regard to the appropriation of \$50 00 for repairing the Library Room in the College Building.

Preliminary negotiations have been commenced with the Mansfield, Coldwater and Lake Michigan Railway Company, respecting the right of way through the Students' Home lot at Tiffin, but as yet no definite conclusions have been reached.

The amount of the endowment of the Theological Seminary has been further increased through the efficient operations of our Agent, Mr. Henry Leonard, and our faithful Treasurer has continued his labors in collecting out-standing dues. The premium received on the sales of bonds and the amounts derived from all other available resources have enabled the Treasurer to meet the claims of the Professors for the current year. But, as there can be no premium on bonds expected during the next synodical year, and as the amount of endowment is

still insufficient to pay the whole of the Professors' salary, it will be necessary to continue the system of special collections and to push forward the endowment enterprise.

For a financial exhibit, the Synod is referred to the Treasurer's report.

Respectfully submitted,
 ISAAC H. REITER, President

2. Summary Report of the Agent.

Mr. Henry Leonard, Agent, collected during the year for the Theological Seminary the sum of \$862 25, and paid over the same to the Treasurer.

3. Report of the Treasurer of the Board.

REV. D. WINTERS, Treasurer, in account with the Theological Seminary of the Reformed Synod of Ohio.

		DR.	
1871.			
May	22 To collections at Fairfield Synod for immediate use	\$	00
	31 per Agent H. Leonard, from Brosier, Berleman, Huber, Eichhorn and Huber, interest		00
Jun	1 G. G. Prugh, int. \$6 00; S. Crist, int. \$6 00		00
	1 Daniel Wampler, interest		00
	12 John Royer, per Dr. Good,		00
	22 Rev. H. Knepper, from various persons		50
	22 H. Leonard, from Rev. T. J. Seiple		00
	30 U. S. Bonds and premium		95
	30 Rev. H. Shumaker, from Siegfried, \$1 50; Reichel, \$1 50; Miller, \$1 50; Null, \$1 50		00
July	3 Kuhns and Winters, interest		00
	5 Catharine Fauver, int. \$3 00; Wm. Marshall's estate, int. \$3 75		75
	8 Rev. L. H. Kefauver, per Prof. Rust, 1st ch., Tiffin col.		00
	23 Thos. L. Prugh, \$1 50; D. W. Winters & Bro., int. \$18 00		50
Aug	15 Henry Smith, Ill., various persons, interest		50
	29 Dr. Williard collected from Union charge		00
Sept	4 Rev. D. Winters, col. in Mt. Zion char. "Harvest Home,"		00
	4 U. S. Bonds, interest		87
	6 Dr. Good,		00
	8 Rev. J. Kuelling, 1st ch., Cincinnati col.		25
	12 Rev. H. Wegert, per Dr. Good. New Bavaria charge		50
	12 2nd church, Tiffin, per Bloom		20
	12 H. Leonard, from Elias Recher, "crumbs"		00
	27 L. H. Diehl, Sunnium, Ill., various persons, interest		30
	30 John Wiest, Philadelphia interest		00
	30 H. Leonard, from Shoublin, \$3 00; Eliz. Hug, \$1 50, int.		50
Oct	5 1st church of Dayton, per Treasurer of Miami Classis		74
	9 Dr. Williard, from M. Wolf, interest		50
	14 Rev. J. Kuelling, 1st ch., Cincinnati		75
	14 " J. Richards, St. Paris charge		00
	14 " H. M. Herman, West Alexandria charge		20
	14 " D. Van Horne, 1st ch., Dayton		75
Nov	2 " D. W. Winters & Bro. interest		00
	4 " N. H. Loose, various persons, Shelby, O., interest		30
	23 H. Leonard collected in Dr. W. A. Helfrich's charge, Pa.		25
Dec	2 Interest and premium on U. S. Bonds sold		03
	8 H. Leonard, from M. Dutterer interest		00

\$1643 17

		<i>Brought forward,</i>	DR. \$1643 17
ec	8	Interest on City Bonds gained	40 66
	8	Dr. Good, from Phillip Heilman (donation)	150 00
	8	" " interest	24 00
	8	Prof. Rust,	56 25
	8	Elder J. Zollinger, Ill., from J. Myers and Nicodemus	9 50
	25	D. H. Prugh, \$5 00; J. V. Prugh, \$3 00; per D. W.	8 00
72			
in,	8	Rev. Naille, from Mast & Albert	3 90
	11	Interest on short loan	10 00
	16	Treasurer of Miami Classis, from Rev. Kuelling, 1st ch., Cincinnati	24 75
ib	1	D. W. Winters & Bro., interest	18 00
	1	Rev. D. Winters, on various notes	48 64
	22	" H. Wegert, per Dr. Good, New Bavaria charge	6 00
	22	" L. H. Kefauver, per Prof. Rust, 1st ch., Tiffin	11 45
	26	Henry Bates, int., \$6 00; H. Leonard, from Dr. Long, Walbert & Co., int., \$12 13	18 13
	29	Rev. P. C. Prugh, from Abel Peterson	5 00
ar	8	" S. Mease, Treasurer of Miami Classis, from Rev. H. Shumaker, Springboro, O.	4 35
	8	M. Marquis, West Alexandria charge	9 00
	8	Rev. I. H. Reiter, Miamisburg, O.	2 50
	8	" J. Weaver, Salem ch.	2 34
	8	" J. Kuelling, 1st ch., Cincinnati	10 00
	12	" Samuel Moyer, Ridott, Ill.	6 00
	20	" D. Winters, interest	38 40
pr	2	H. Leonard, from W. H. Tuechter, (crumbs), Cincinnati	10 00
	4	Rev. J. H. Good, D. D., interest	16 00
	15	C. Gross & Bro., Philadelphia	30 00
	22	Rev. I. H. Reiter, collected in Miamisburg, \$5 00; L. W. Mease, int. \$6 00; J. Gephart, \$1 50; G. F. Medlar, \$1 50	14 00
	23	A. A. Unger, per Dr. Good	1 50
	30	D. W. Winters & Bro., interest	18 00
ay	2	H. Leonard, from Mary Kieffer	3 75
	2	" " Sebastian Leonard, in advance	6 00
	2	" " J. T. Blain, interest	25 00
	2	H. Leonard,	9 00
	2	Rev. C. G. A. Hullhorst, int. various persons, Ill.	84 00
	2	" H. Williard, interest	6 00
	2	Jacob Greenmeier, from D. Thomas,	24 00
		Total	\$2397 29
71		CONTRA.	CR.
		Amount due Treasurer at Fairfield Synod	\$ 3 75
		Cash paid back on salary to Dr. Good, due at last Synod	275 00
		" " " " Prof. Rust, " " "	300 00
ib	28	" " H. Leonard, int. on note	9 96
	28	" " for Stamps, Expressage, &c.	4 22
ov	28	" " Seminary Room in College	50 00
72		" " Rev. J. H. Good, D. D., salary to May 1, 1872.	900 00
		" " H. Rust,	900 00
			\$2442 55
mount received			\$2397 29
		Due the Treasurer	45 26
			\$2442 55

ENDOWMENT FUND.

		DR.	
1871	May 31 Balance at Fairfield Synod		\$93 00
	31 Daniel Brosier, per H. Leonard	10 00	
Jun 23	Rev. T. J. Seiple, " " "	10 00	
July 5	Wm. Marshall's estate, per Rev. D. Winters	10 00	
	30 John Castanian, per H. Leonard	10 00	
Dec 15	Rev. H. Rust, on notes	50 00	
	15 Interest on U. S. Bonds sold	15 00	
1872	Feb 28 Jacob Banninger, per H. Leonard	20 00	
May 2	Mary Kieffer, " " "	10 00	
	Total		\$126 00
1872	Jan 1 Investments	CONTRA.	CR.
	On hand		\$1100 00
			168 00
			\$126 00

Respectfully submitted,
DAVID WINTERS, Treasurer.

4. Report of Board of Visitors.

General Statements.

The training of young men for the gospel ministry should claim the serious attention of the Synod, especially in view of the great destitution which prevails all around us. It may indeed be said that the most pressing want of the church at the present time is that of men to occupy our vacant charges and missionary points. In this view of the subject it is gratifying to know that the Seminary is rising in favor with the church, and that the prospects for the future are very encouraging.

The attendance has been larger during the year than it has ever been in the history of the Seminary. Twenty-two students have been connected with the institution. Of these, seven have been dismissed to the different Classes and Synod for licensure and ordination, and are either in the active duties of the ministry or ready to enter thereon, viz: C. G. A. Hullhorst, J. S. Gough, S. W. McClure, M. Hoernlein, J. M. Kendig, A. F. Zartman and A. Henry.

The examinations evinced diligence and studiousness on the part of the young men, leading the Board to indulge the hope that they will become efficient laborers in the vineyard of our Lord.

The pressing want of the church made it necessary, in the case of several of the young men here referred to, to dismiss them before they had gone through the entire course of study. It is gratifying, however, to know that their examinations were reported as satisfactory by the different Classes to which they were referred. Your Board entertains the hope that the vacant fields which are calling so loudly for laborers will soon be supplied, and that the Treasury of the Education cause will be better provided for, so as to avoid the necessity here referred to.

Beneficiary Education.

The cause of Beneficiary Education is most intimately connected with the prosperity of the Church. The history of the past confirms the fact that the great majority of those who are called to preach the gospel are from among the poor. It was so in the days of Christ and his apostles, and in all subsequent ages. Not many of the great and rich of the world are called, but God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the mighty. Such being the state of the case, it becomes the solemn duty of the church to give aid and support to those who are willing to devote their talent and energies to her advancement, if they are not able to bear the expense necessary to fit themselves for the work of preaching the gospel. The wants of the church as well as the age in which we live demand an educated ministry.

For years past, the great difficulty with which we have had to contend, as a denomination, has been a scarcity of ministers. If we had our missionary treasury full, at the present time, we would still not be able to occupy our territory, as we have not the men to send. The most pressing want of the church, therefore, at the present time, is the men that are needed to occupy the ground that rightfully belongs to us. The harvest is great but the laborers are few. How then can a sufficient number of pious and talented young men be secured to meet this present and pressing want? Your Board is pleased to say that it can to a great extent be provided for, if the means are furnished to support those who are willing to devote themselves to the work. It seems as if God has answered our prayers in disposing quite a number towards the ministry of the gospel. The applications for aid during the last few years have been more numerous than our means would justify, so that it becomes us, if we would be true to ourselves and the interest at stake, that we enlarge our operation.

There have been twenty-five young men under the care of your Board during the last year receiving aid. Five have been assisted by the American Education Society, making thirty in all.

The Board has had great difficulty to meet the appropriations of the young men in view of the small contributions that have been made to this object. The church is slow in coming up to the full measure of its duty. \$600 will be needed by the 20th of June to pay the appropriations of the young men in full for the year; this should by all means be provided for. Considering the number of delegates present at this Synod, there ought to be no difficulty in raising the amount in contributions and pledges before our adjournment. The Board would strongly recommend that an effort be made for this purpose.

For a full statement of the finances of the Board, we refer the Synod to the report of the Treasurer.

Respectfully submitted.

GEO. W. WILLIARD, *President.*

5. Report of Treasurer of Education.

R. GOOD, Treasurer, in account with Board of Education of Synod of Ohio, of Reformed Church.

To amount received as follows:	DR.	
<i>Lancaster Classis.</i>		
Rev. G. H. Leonard, Basil charge.....	\$300 00	
“ C. W. Hoyman, Treasurer.....	163 62	
“ S. B. Yockey, Kinnickinnick.....	33 53	
“ F. Strassner, Baltimore.....	10 50	
	<hr/>	\$507 65
<i>Tuscarawas Classis.</i>		
Rev. S. C. Goss, Wadsworth ch.....	12 00	
“ J. S. Gough, Shenandoah ch.....	18 00	
“ J. B. Shumaker, Canton, O.....	15 00	
T. W. Chapman, Treasurer of Classis.....	309 10	
Jacob Kuhn, Shelby.....	10 00	
	<hr/>	364 10
<i>Miami Classis.</i>		
Rev. H. M. Herman, West Alexandria.....	17 00	
“ J. Pence, Tremont.....	29 50	
“ F. W. Berleman, Millville.....	26 50	
“ D. Van Horne, 1st ch., Dayton.....	23 74	
“ John Kuelling, “ “ Cincinnati.....	19 75	
“ I. H. Reiter, Miamisburg ch.....	5 00	
“ J. Richards, St. Paris.....	10 00	
Jacob Thomas.....	5 00	
Simonton Family, Miamisburg, O.....	5 00	
Dr. D. Winters.....	60 00	
A. H. Baughman, Xenia ch.....	10 00	
Mt. Carmel congregation.....	3 00	
	<hr/>	215 39
<i>Eastern Ohio Classis.</i>		
Rev. H. Hilbish.....	75 00	
“ Geo. M. Albright, New Lisbon.....	24 00	
“ J. M. Grether, Warren.....	10 00	
“ J. H. Derr, Louisville, O.....	8 50	
“ M. A. Miller, Carrollton, O.....	15 00	
Mrs. Bates, and Bell, Wallace & Esterly.....	35 00	
J. Miller, Jefferson charge.....	7 00	
	<hr/>	174 50
<i>Tiffin Classis.</i>		
Rev. W. H. Fenneman, Berwick.....	14 00	
“ J. A. Keller.....	19 29	
“ R. Good and L. H. Kefauver.....	6 00	
“ L. H. Kefauver, 1st ch., Tiffin.....	27 38	
“ H. Wegert, New Bavaria.....	25 25	
“ J. May.....	11 15	
“ John G. Ruhl, Findlay.....	5 00	
Dr. G. W. Williard, Fort Seneca.....	11 26 ¹	
Prof. H. Rust.....	10 00	
Fostoria charge, per Dr. Williard.....	7 25	
	<hr/>	136 58
<i>St. John's Classis.</i>		
Rev. E. D. Miller.....	10 00	
“ Peter Herbruck, Canton.....	8 00	
Apple Creek Church.....	3 00	
	<hr/>	21 00
		<hr/> \$1419 22

	<i>Brought forward,</i>	DR.	\$1419 22
	<i>Illinois Classis.</i>		
Rev. H. Wilson, Shelbyville.....			38 30
	<i>Erie Classis.</i>		
Rev. C. Schaaf, Sandusky.....		\$ 7 00	
“ E. Keller.....		23 08	
Fremont charge.....		3 84	
		<hr/>	33 90
	<i>Indiana Classis.</i>		
Rev. C. Borchers, Lafayette charge.....		10 00	
“ J. H. Klein, Louisville, Ky.....		8 00	
		<hr/>	18 00
	<i>St. Joseph Classis.</i>		
Rev. L. M. Kerschner.....		1 00	
“ W. B. Sandoe.....		3 75	
“ “ “ “ Auburn charge.....		10 05	
		<hr/>	14 80
	<i>Heidelberg Classis.</i>		
Rev. J. Winter, Crestline.....		5 00	
Mrs. Keller.....		5 00	
Peter Rieckert, Galion.....		5 00	
		<hr/>	15 00
			<hr/>
			\$1539 22

Received from Various Sources.

Rev. F. Schaad.....	\$ 15 00		
“ J. B. Kniest.....	16 33		
“ C. Baum.....	20 00		
“ A. B. Shenke.....	12 00		
B. B. Reynolds.....	5 00		
Elder H. Leonard, lectures.....	27 90		
I. M. Kelker.....	80 00		
L. C. Rickenbaugh, S. S. col.....	3 00		
W. E. Schmertz.....	125 00		
D. B. Sneckfeuer.....	10 00		
E. Romich.....	50		
J. Wiest.....	25 00		
Miss Hivling.....	10 00		
Refunded by F. Bolender.....	59 05		
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			408 78
Amount borrowed from Heidelberg College.....			300 00
Balance due the Treasurer, April 30th, 1872.....			30 45
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			\$2278 45

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Amount due the Treasurer, May 20th, 1871.....	\$235 79		
“ paid 26 Beneficiaries as per vouchers.....	2031 00		
Interest on \$300 00.....	10 00		
Postage.....	1 66		
		<hr/>	
			\$2278 45
The debt of the Board at the present time, is			
To Heidelberg College.....	300 00		
“ Treasurer.....	129 80		
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Total.....			\$429 80

• Respectfully submitted,

REUBEN GOOD, *Treasurer.*

6. *Report on Theological Library, &c.*

In continuation of my report of last year, I beg to report to the Synod this year the following:

1. *The Alumni Professorship in the Seminary.*—One of the Alumni of the Theological Seminary, who desires his name to be withheld for the present, has placed in my hands a note of \$300 00, duly executed, which is to serve as a foundation stone for the proposed Alumni Professorship. It bears interest from date. The way does not yet seem fully open to press this interest; still, if any of the Alumni have a mind to work in the matter, I will cheerfully take charge of all that may be contributed.

2. *The Library Fund.*—No additional moneys for this fund have been received during the past year. The note of \$4000 00 for our Library Fund, executed by the late Rev. Albert Helfenstein, Jr., has not yet been paid. The Executors of the estate would have preferred paying the note, but the heirs of the estate resist its payment. Mr. Hay, into whose hands the whole matter has been placed, is of the opinion that we shall succeed in obtaining the money, but it requires certain legal procedures, and may take yet a year or two before a final decision can be had. The matter will be pressed as rapidly as the law will allow.

3. *Endowment of the Third Professorship in the Seminary.*—With reference to the project of V. Hay, Esq., to endow this professorship, I have to report, that he still hopes, in good faith, to complete it, and that he feels quite disappointed that he has not been able to do it as yet. Under date of April 20th, 1872, he writes, "I am sorry to say, that owing to the dullness of the times and the tightness of the money market, I have been unable to put it into practical operation. I have risked a great deal for the sake of it and I still hope to be able to accomplish my purpose at no distant day, the Lord willing. My object and desire is, to have the professorship endowed by the end of another year."

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. GOOD.

II. REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

The Standing Committee on the Theological Seminary, to whom the foregoing reports were referred, presented their report, which was received and adopted:

Your committee have examined the reports of the President and Treasurer of the Theological Seminary, and also those of the President and Treasurer of the Board of Visitors.

We would, from them, call your attention particularly to the fact that a suitable room in the College building has been granted by its Board of Trustees for the use of the Seminary. The room, which is on the second floor, is large, properly fur-

nished and adapted to the present wants of the Seminary in regard to recitations and homiletical exercises. This has been accomplished at a cost to the Seminary treasury of only \$50 00, while at least an equal amount was contributed to it by the professors, students, and other friends.

The regular endowment fund is still inadequate. During the year the Treasurer has been able to meet the arrearage on the Professors' salaries only by a transfer of bonds, thereby gaining a premium. This expedient cannot be resorted to again, and the deficiency must now be met by special collections from the churches. It is evident, to all acquainted with the facts in the case, that this deficiency in making up the salary of our two professors, occurring as it does, year after year, is a great hindrance to the success of the institution; and on the other hand, it is an encroachment upon the cause of beneficiary education and missions, to make this deficit an object of benevolence equal to the above objects in its claims upon the churches. We suggest the following resolution:

Resolved, That as the Seminary endowment fund is inadequate for the support of the two professors, we urge an earnest and immediate effort for its increase.

As to *Beneficiary Education*, it appears that a greater number of young men have made application for assistance than the Board could help.

Twenty-five young men have been under the care of the Board receiving aid, and five others have been assisted by the American Education Society. Complaint is made by the officers in their reports that the churches have not come up to the help of the Board in its emergency. The Board now owes the College \$300 00, and the Treasurer \$130 00, and it will need for these debts and other expenses \$600 00 by the 20th of June.

In view of this indebtedness, we recommend the following:

Resolved, That the suggestion of the Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary, in regard to raising the funds necessary to meet the appropriation of the students at the end of the year, be adopted by this Synod and that an earnest and immediate effort be made for this purpose.

Respectfully submitted,

DAVID VAN HORNE, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE XV.

HEIDELBERG COLLEGE.

I. THE ANNUAL REPORTS.

1. *Report of the Board of Trustees.*

In making the annual report of the Board of Trustees of Heidelberg College to the Synod, we are glad that we can say that considerable progress has been made in our educational interests during the year. The Church has long and anxiously watched the growth of her Institutions. Much solicitude has been felt at different times in regard to

their full establishment. In these circumstances it is but reasonable to suppose that the annual report will be looked for with special interest.

The Catalogue for 1871-72, which is ready for distribution, gives a full exhibit of the present condition and wants of the College. According to this, there have been 144 students in attendance during the year, in the several departments.

A number of improvements have been made in and around the College building at an expense of several hundred dollars. Many of the rooms have been papered and painted, making them much more attractive and comfortable for the students occupying them. Walks have been constructed in the Campus, pavements laid, and flower beds made by the Excelsior and Heidelberg Literary Societies, which have added greatly to the general appearance of things. A Microscope and Telescope of large magnifying power have been purchased, which will enable the Professors to add new interest to a number of the recitations. The cost of these instruments is about \$550, a very large proportion of which has been secured by special effort on the part of the Professors. The library room is being fitted and arranged so as to hold the Libraries of the College and Seminary, together with those of the Excelsior and Heidelberg Literary Societies, making in all nearly 5,000 volumes. The expense of this improvement, when completed, including shelving, alcoves, carpets, blinds, painting &c., will probably amount to \$300, which the Professors and students have resolved to raise by special efforts in different parts of the Church during the coming vacation. Much praise is due to those who have engaged in these improvements for the labor they have voluntarily performed, and the cheerfulness with which they have done it at times that did not interfere with the regular studies of the Institution.

The coming commencement will be one of more than ordinary interest, as the class that will graduate will be the largest in the history of the College, including as it does fifteen members, a majority of whom have the ministry in view. It is also a gratifying feature in connection with the College that the number of students in the regular classes is larger than usual.

The endowment, though it has been increased very much within the last few years, is not what it ought to be. A majority of the students being on scholarships, the income of the Institution from tuition is comparatively small so that we are to look mainly to the endowment for the funds with which to pay the salaries of the Professors. The reliable endowment of the College is about \$80 000. Of this not more than \$50 000 is yielding interest, the balance being payable at the death of the donors. As might be expected, many of the notes given at different times to the College have proven worthless, owing to a change in the circumstances of those who gave them.

The sum total of the expenditures of the College for the last year, including the salaries of the Professors and Agent H. Leonard, with the necessary incidental expenses of repairs on the building, &c., was \$5,556.99. Those of the present year will fall short of this amount, from which it will be seen that the greatest economy has been practiced in the management of the College. And yet with all this economy and retrenchment, there was a deficiency last year of \$258 50. There is danger that we may fall short this year also, unless those who have given notes to the College are very prompt in the payment of the interest due thereon by the 20th of June, when the current year closes.

From this statement of the current expenses of the College, it is apparent that the endowment must be increased still further, in order that we may provide promptly for all its wants. The only way to do this is to encourage the Agent, H. Leonard, in his arduous and self-denying labors. The Church owes him a debt of gratitude for what he has already done, and as he is willing to continue his efforts until

the College and Seminary are both endowed, he should receive a welcome wherever he goes.

Those who have given their notes for the endowment, and have not found it convenient to pay the principal, should in all cases pay the interest thereon punctually as it becomes due. The amount in each case being small, it can easily be paid, and if all would do so, it would be a great relief.

There are at least 1,000 scholarships owned by members of the Church. These should not remain unoccupied as is the case with a majority of them. The College would be glad if those who have aided it with their means would reap the advantages to which they are entitled. A little effort on their part would in all probability secure the attendance of some of their descendants that would be glad to go on them.

The most pressing want of the College, at the present, is a boarding house on the Campus, where the students might get their boarding at reduced figures, and so avoid the necessity of boarding themselves. This might be so arranged as to contain a sufficient number of rooms to accommodate the ladies that come from abroad, and also provide for the boarding of such students as room in the College building. The suggestion is made in the hope that it will meet the views of the Synod and members of the Church generally.

We would also request the Synod to make such arrangements as to secure the attendance of a Committee or Board of Examiners at least at the close of each collegiate year. This it is believed would have a very desirable effect both upon the Institution and the Church.

We would also call the attention of the Synod to the fact that the Alumni of the College have undertaken the endowment of a Professorship. As quite a number of the Alumni are members of the Synod, it is hoped the project will be warmly recommended and carried to a successful termination at an early day.

The Synod is referred to the report of the Agent, Henry Leonard, for an account of his operations during the year.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. W. WILLIARD, *President.*

2. *Report of Financial Agent.*

Fifteen years have elapsed since I entered upon the agency of Heidelberg College, and yet the work assigned me is not completed. This is a matter that I have long since wished to see accomplished. But unless the ministers and membership of the Church will speedily and earnestly lay hold of the matter and aid me in this work, it is to be feared it will not be accomplished during my life-time.

I have sometimes thought that the brethren place too much confidence in me; that is, too many seem to think that I can do the work without any aid. The truth is, at no time did I stand in need of aid more than now. It is well known that the territory has been tolerably well canvassed, but there are still many persons that have never contributed, and others who have given will give again, if the matter is properly presented to them.

I would yet add, that during the winter and spring, while detained at my home, I have been sending out by mail several thousand photographs to our people, and from this source I have a fair prospect of realizing several hundred dollars after all expenses are paid.

I traveled during the year, 3,689 miles. Total number of miles traveled since the 22nd day of January, 1857, is 57,318.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.		DR.
Collections for immediate use, from old folks.....	\$32 00	
By letters, in return for photographs.....	249 00	
		\$281 00
"Crumbs," from young folks.....	107 70	
By letter, for photographs.....	125 10	
		233 80
		513 80
Amount of new Endowment notes.....		4700 00
		5213 80
Collections for interest during the year.....	239 80	
Endowment.....	140 00	
		379 80
Total collections, old and new, during the year.....		\$5593 60
	CR.	
Old collections paid over.....	\$379 80	
Traveling expenses, during the year.....	89 48	
For photographs.....	168 38	
For printing circulars, postage and envelopes.....	108 25	
Endowment notes handed over.....	4700 00	
		5443 91
		\$149 69

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY LEONARD, *Agent.*

3. *Report of Board of Visitors.*

The Board of Visitors of Heidelberg College beg leave to submit the following as their annual report:

In view of circumstances over which most of the members had no control, they were not able to attend the examinations of the College which occurred during the last year. We have already learned from the report of the Board of Trustees the number of students at the College, the progress they have made in their studies, their deportment, and the native talent they possess, all of which is encouraging. As to the manner in which the students of the several classes sustained themselves in their examinations, you are informed by a member of the Board, competent of judging, who attended them at the close of the winter term. He says, "We were pleased to observe an improvement in the general appearance of the students. There is a life and energy about their recitations and examinations which do credit to the professors. They seem to think for themselves, and to questions calculated to bring out original thought, we received the most satisfactory answers—showing that professors and students are cutting loose from a slavish use of text books and training the higher faculties of the mind, rather than merely cultivating the memory so as to call up in a mechanical manner the matter studied."

Respectfully submitted,

LEWIS H. KEFAUVER, *President.*

II. REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON HEIDELBERG COLLEGE.

The Standing Committee on Heidelberg College submitted their report, which was received, amended and adopted; and is as follows:

Your Committee respectfully presents the following report:

All the facts in the history of the college for the past year are enumerated in the report of the Trustees, to which all desiring more extensive information than is given in this report are referred.

We rejoice in all the indications of prosperity, and may, with propriety, congratulate the ministry and membership of our Zion on the present usefulness and prospective prominence of our college.

The gratitude of the church is due the President and Professors, together with the students who have applied themselves with such commendable zeal, and so effectually succeeded in the improvement of the college and its surroundings.

In view of these indications of general prosperity, as given in the report already referred to,

Resolved, That this Synod endorses the management of the college and promises it its sympathy and prayers.

Resolved, That we extend a helping hand to the Agent of the college, and co-operate with him until we shall have placed in the hands of the Trustees an adequate endowment fund.

Resolved, That the gratitude of the church is due Elder Henry Leonard for his arduous labors performed in behalf of our college.

Respectfully submitted,

SAMUEL B. YOCKEY, *Chairman*.

ARTICLE XVI.

MISSIONS.

1. *Report of Board of Missions of Ohio Synod.*

The cause of missions is one that should lie near the heart of every true Christian; its object being the spread and upbuilding of the Church. Christianity, although adapted to the wants of man and his fallen condition, and possessing power sufficient to elevate him to his true position, must be made known and brought into contact with those for whom it is designed. Christ himself when here upon earth was diligent in proclaiming the great truths of His kingdom. To do the will of his Father in heaven was not only his great delight, but also his constant work. The spirit which he manifested in the work of saving men is that which should characterize all his people. No church can be true to itself nor faithful to its great Head, if it is not pervaded and animated by the spirit of missions, which is the spirit of Christ.

There are reasons which make it right and proper for our own branch of the church to take a special interest in the cause of missions. Much of our prosperity in the past is to be attributed to the self-denying efforts of our ministers, who have labored with much perseverance

among the poor and destitute. Those who first came to the West and planted congregations over the territory now occupied by our Synod, as well as those who first came from Europe to America, were men of true missionary spirit. To-day we are enjoying the fruit of their labors.

Our success in the future depends in like manner, to a great extent, upon the interest we take in the cause of missions. Much of our territory remains yet unoccupied. The membership, or material that rightfully belongs to us, is unorganized and not able to employ the services of a regular pastor. If aided for a few years, until congregations can be organized and churches built, flourishing charges can in many cases be formed, which will soon return into the treasury of the church all they have received.

It is also the duty of the church to provide the means of grace for those who belong to her, where they are not able to bear the entire burden themselves. The true principle of the gospel is that the strong should help the weak, and that all should unite their means and energies so that every want may be provided for.

In this view of the case, it is to be regretted that so little interest has been felt in the cause of missions by many of our old and wealthy congregations and charges. There is surely wealth enough in the church to carry on successfully all its benevolent operations, if all give according to their ability. The Board has endeavored, by private correspondence and appeals in the periodicals of the church, to enlist our people more fully in the missionary work, but are sorry to report that we have not succeeded to the extent we desired. It seems to take time to unite our forces. Different views have prevailed among brethren, and it would also seem among Classes, as to the best mode of operation, the result of which is that there has not been the concentration of effort which there ought to have been. We are pleased, however, to be able to report that there now seems to be a more general feeling on the part of the Classes to unite with Synod's Board, so that there is every reason to hope for increased activity and liberality in missions in the future.

Aid has been given during the year, to Rev. A. Bletsch, of Boone, Iowa, Rev. A. Schroeder, of Freeport, Ill., Rev. J. A. Smith, of Altamont, Ill., Rev. J. Michael, Liberty Centre, O., Rev. J. H. Apple, Germantown, O., and the Church of the Cross, Cincinnati, O., and also to the Rev. Dr. Stern, as General Superintendent of Missions, who retired from the work at the close of the year.

The General Board of Missions also referred to the Board of this Synod all the missions within its bounds, the transfer taking effect on the 1st of January, 1872. The missionaries were all notified of the action, and the appropriations made by the General Board continued to the end of the year in the case of each missionary, so as to keep the faith of the church. None of these missionaries have, however, reported to the Board, and have in consequence, as yet, received no aid, not having complied with the rules of the Board.

To avoid any collision in our operations, your Board, in acceding to the transfer of the missions of this Synod to its care by the General Board, resolved that hereafter no missions should be undertaken within our bounds without our approval and consent. This action seemed necessary, in order to insure harmony and success in the work, as well as being just and proper in the nature of the case.

The Board, to secure the co-operation of the different Classes in the work of missions, appointed brethren in the older Classes to aid it in its work. As the field in the West is large and may require some one to give special attention to it at certain times, Rev. H. Wilson was appointed to this work. The plan, it is hoped, will meet with general favor and reach the end desired.

The time has now come for greatly extended operations. The field

is ripe for the harvest. Many are calling to us for help. If we do not go in and possess the land it will be irretrievably lost to us, which would involve a dereliction of duty and reproach that would be a lasting disgrace to us as a church. The Lord, by His providence, seems to say to us, go up and possess the land; I will go with and bless thee, and prosper thee in all thy doings.

We refer the Synod to the Treasurer's report for an account of the finances of the Board.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. W. WILLIARD, *President.*

2. Report of Treasurer of Home Missions.

REV. WM. H. FENNEMAN, *Treasurer, in account with the Board of Home Missions of the Synod of Ohio.*

	DR.	
Balance in the Treasury	\$ 83 19	
Rev. E. D. Miller, Canaan charge	20 00	
" H. Wegert, New Bavaria charge	37 15	
" J. W. Alspach, Heidelberg charge	35 00	
" J. G. Ruhl, Findlay charge	15 00	
" G. W. Williard, D. D., Fort Seneca charge	4 15	
" L. H. Kefauver, First Church, Tiffin	20 37	
" O. J. Accola, Second Church, Dayton	18 00	
" C. W. Hoyman, Treasurer of Lancaster Classis	300 00	
" J. A. Keller, Zion's charge	21 18	
" W. B. Sandoe, Auburn charge	2 89	
" F. Strassner, Union charge	10 50	
" H. Hilbish, Mount Olivet charge	11 30	
" S. Mease, Treasurer of Miami Classis	238 74	
Mr. Charles Gerber, Emanuel's congregation, Auburn charge	8 55	
" John Otto, St. John's " " "	4 55	
" Andrew Schappach, Springfield " " "	7 82	
" Solomon Elser, Mount Olivet Sunday School	6 80	
" E. P. Coulter, Treasurer of North Carolina Classis	2 40	
" B. B. Reynolds	5 00	
" John B. Walburn, per Rev. J. A. Keller	1 00	
" M. J. Kistler, " " "	2 00	
" Samuel Neikerk, " " "	2 00	
Total	\$857 59	
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Cash paid Rev. M. Stern, D. D., Superintendent of Missions	\$ 75 00	
" " " J. A. Smith, Missionary, Altamont, Ill.	30 00	
" " " J. Michael, " Liberty Centre, O.	75 00	
" " " A. Schroeder, " Freeport, Ill.	150 00	
" " " A. Bletsch, " Boone, Iowa	100 00	
" " " O. J. Accola, Traveling expenses	8 95	
" " the Church at Germantown, O., per S. Mease	34 00	
" " the Church of the Cross, Cin'tl. " " "	195 79	
Balance in the Treasury	188 85	
Total	\$857 59	

Respectfully submitted,

WM. H. FENNEMAN, *Treasurer.*

3. *Report of Committee on Home Missions.*

The Committee on Home Missions submitted their report, which was received and adopted; and is as follows:

Missionary work is the fulfilling of the new commandment of Christ—the natural expression of His Church towards a fallen humanity.

If the pulsations of the true life be strong and vigorous, the mission work, having the Divine blessing, will be truly glorious in its increasing preparations and results. Its prevalence will be like the luxuriant vine, climbing over all obstacles and making them beautiful monuments to the honor and glory of the all-prevailing power of Jesus' name.

As members of the Reformed Church in particular, we should not ignore our specific name which has been made sacred by martyr prayer and blood. We should be the leaders of all the other church families in missionary enterprise.

Senior of all the Reformation branches of the Church, and preserving still our identity, we have much of which to boast in this, the Divinely blessed work of our fathers. But their mantle is falling from our shoulders. There is recorded, even now, on the pages of ecclesiastical history, the accusing record that the Reformed Church is among the hindmost in missionary activity. When the press tells to the world that brethren in another church family, near to us in faith and dear in sympathy, have done seven times as much, per member, as we, in the cause of Christian benevolence, the record is as that on Belshazzar's wall. It is a time for us to pause and think!

The report of your synodical Board of Home Missions, including that of its Treasurer, as referred to us, regrets the fact that so little has been done through it by the majority of our churches, and that there is not yet that union of effort, between the Classes and Synod, which should exist.

For the specific items of the work done, together with the missionaries employed and the fields occupied, during the past year, the Synod is referred to the accompanying report of the Board. The work accomplished indeed appears to be a mere nominal one, when compared with what the resources of the church membership laid it under obligation to do. Your Committee, being in the actual experience of the missionary life, would ask your indulgence of a few additional remarks, in order to define some of the more salient features of what they deem a successful missionary work.

The error, that the least educated of our ministry will answer for the specific work in the West, is happily becoming less prevalent. Where this error prevails or such a mistake has been made, the church pays the tuition of such a ministry with the blood of souls.

The West is the great battle-ground where the Church is called to meet, in an especial manner, the great army of Unbelief as it is there boldly marshalled under the various forms of error, from gross, stolid Atheism up to those finer subtleties which are the fruits of intellectual pride. Therefore we must send to the West not only a Christian-hearted, but a well-drilled soldiery. For the Church is and must be aggressive, buckling on the sword of truth, if indeed it would prevail.

A missionary must have a thorough knowledge of the principles of the doctrine of Christ, and dare to stand before all the world in their defense. Yes, he must have above all, the love of one who feels that he himself is a ransomed soul, paid for with the price of Jesus' blood.

The world acknowledges the strength of such, and calls them "live men." It will stop to listen to such men, where the wavering will fail to get a hearing. Indeed, the vaporings of the hirelings, and of the inefficient in the ministry, have but prepared the way for those large results of true missionary labor.

A starving people crowd around the true ambassador of Christ, who, with a little blessed provision, feeds to spiritual satisfaction, a great multitude, and contradicts a flaunting infidelity which would presume to affirm that all the missionary enterprises in their sum total have been a failure.

But the chief cause of our weakness as a church in the missionary work, lies at our own doors. It is a lack of individual Christian liberality, on the part of a great portion of our members.

And your Committee think that until *systematic benevolence* is explained, exemplified and faithfully preached, we will remain a droning, poverty-stricken church. If we are stewards of the Lord, and have a right to all things in Him, then this waiting until our boards and church institutions come to our doors begging verily for life, should make us blush with shame in the presence of our brethren of sister churches.

Brethren, we are in a stupor; we must arouse! Let us not be dazzled, though we may rejoice at the additions in membership which are being made to our churches. These results are small—the additions few, compared with that natural growth which our Savior has taught us would follow the use of those means and privileges which every one has who has the least hungering or thirsting after righteousness. Let the entire membership of our churches in this Synod, which is roundly estimated at 30,000, give but five cents a week to church benevolence, and with this small sum, we as a Synod may start with \$75,000 00 the first year to its credit. As it is now, our membership gives less than one cent per week.

Again would your Committee emphatically affirm that our Reformed Church will drone and be weak until systematic giv-

ing be plainly taught by faithful preaching. The few examples of this Christian way of giving in our church stand by our side ready to prove our doctrine. The fruits of such a liberality grow wherever they can, and if the tree is barren the fault lies at our own doors.

In order to insure the prosperity of this work, your Committee would recommend the appointment, for at least a year or two, of a General Superintendent of this work of missions. And if he is a "live man," you can well afford to pay him a living salary. Put the plan of *systematic benevolence* into his head and heart, and with our Father's blessing, he'll accomplish wonders for you. Let him come into *every charge* and encourage those that work, and set the work in motion where it is needed. Let him visit the missions too, in a systematic way if you please, and thus he will have room for constant employment in his office.

But all this planning will be useless unless the members of this Synod stand up, as it were, in a solemn vow to God, that they will, by His grace, endeavor to carry out the plan of systematic benevolence. It must be a conscience matter, in order to succeed.

Your Committee would suggest the eminent propriety of this Synod adopting the following resolution:

Resolved, That this Synod now elect a General Superintendent of its missionary work in the West, with instructions to visit as far as possible, every pastoral charge and mission under its control, with an aim to their encouragement, and the seconding of the efforts of the pastors thereof, in the introduction and practice by their members of the plan of systematic benevolence.

Respectfully submitted,

HARVEY WILSON, *Chairman*.

4. *Appointment of General Superintendent of Missions.*

On motion, a committee of five was appointed to nominate a person for General Superintendent of Home Missions, consisting of Revs. J. H. Derr, L. H. Kefauver, Dr. G. W. Williard, and Elders J. J. Hofman and J. Greenameier.

This Committee subsequently submitted the following report, which was received and adopted:

Your Committee, on the nomination of a Missionary Superintendent, would report:

That they have unanimously agreed to nominate the Rev. Henry Hilbish for election to said office.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSHUA H. DERR, *Chairman*.

Thereupon, the Rev. Henry Hilbish was unanimously elected by Synod, as General Superintendent of Home Missions.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Board of Home Missions be requested to agree with the Superintendent of Missions, respecting the salary to be paid him; and that the Board solicit every minister to subscribe personally towards raising this salary, and if possible, secure the entire amount in this way.

Resolved, That we respectfully request the North-Western Synod to co-operate with us in the employment and work of our Superintendent of Home Missions.

ARTICLE XVII.

ELECTION OF BOARDS.

The Committee on *Nominations*, on the morning of the third day of the sessions, presented their report through the Chairman, Rev. C. W. Hoyman, which was received and adopted. The election was made the special order of the day for Saturday morning at 10 o'clock, and Rev. J. B. Shumaker and Rev. E. Herbruck were instructed to have a sufficient number of tickets printed for the use of the Synod. At the time appointed, the election was held. Revs. J. May and S. C. Goss were appointed tellers, who received and counted the ballots, and subsequently reported to Synod the following, as the result of the election:

Board of Trustees of Theological Seminary.

Revs. David Winters, D. D., Isaac H. Reiter, David Van Horne, and Messrs. Benjamin Kuhus, Gideon G. Prugh, Andrew H. Baughman and Lewis Keller.

Board of Trustees of Heidelberg College.

Revs. Lewis H. Kefauver, Jer. H. Good, D. D., and Messrs. Nelson L. Brewer, Geo. P. Williard, M. D., Warren P. Noble, and Rezzin W. Shawhan.

The following are the members holding over:

For three years.—Revs. Prof. Herman Rust, Samuel Mease, and Messrs. Louis Baltzell, Lewis Shriver, William Barrick and Lewis Keller.

For two years.—Revs. Nathaniel H. Loose, Samuel B. Leiter, D. D., David Winters, D. D., Jacob M. Le Fevre, Peter C. Prugh and Andrew H. Baughman.

For one year.—Revs. Isaac H. Reiter, Geo. W. Williard, D. D., Geo. Z. Mechling, and Messrs. Benj. Kuhus, William L. Snyder, and John Treon, M. D.

Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary.

Revs. Lewis H. Kefauver, David Van Horne, Charles W. Hoyman, Samuel Mease and Nathaniel H. Loose.

Board of Visitors of Heidelberg College.

Revs. Isaac H. Reiter, Lewis H. Kefauver, Joseph A. Keller, Wm. H. Fenneman, and Mr. Simon C. Crumbaugh.

Board of Missions.

Revs. Geo. W. Wilbard, D. D., Lewis H. Kefauver, Wm. H. Fenneman, Jer. H. Good, D. D., and Messrs. Lewis Keller and Philip Fry.

Board of Publication.

Revs. David Van Horne, Samuel Mease, and Messrs. Andrew H. Baughman, Valentine C. Tidball and Benj. Kuhns.

ARTICLE XVIII.

APPEALS.

The Committee on Minutes of Classes, Item 1st, under Appeals and Complaints, reported that an appeal had been taken by Rev. Henry Knepper, from the decision of the Illinois Classis, deposing him from the gospel ministry, &c. The said Item was referred to a special Committee, consisting of Revs. L. H. Kefauver, D. Van Horne and Elder John Jackson. This Committee subsequently presented the following report, which was received, amended and adopted:

Your Committee, to whom was referred the appeal of Rev. Henry Knepper, from the decision of the Illinois Classis, "deposing him from the office of the gospel ministry and from the privilege of communicant membership in the Reformed Church," report as follows:

That the appeal is found to be in order, and would recommend the following order in the consideration of the same:

1. That the appeal be made the order of the day for Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock.
2. That all the documents in the case be read.
3. That the counsel for the appellant and the Classis be allowed half an hour each to argue the case.
4. That five minutes be given to each member of the Synod to discuss the matter.
5. That the Rev. Joshua H. Derr be the counsel for the appellant, according to his own request, and that the Revs. Cyrus Cort and Joseph Sechler be the counsel of the Classis involved, in compliance with its own resolution.

Respectfully submitted,

LEWIS H. KEFAUVER, *Chairman.*

The consideration of the case then proceeded according to the proposed order. After the reading of the documentary evidence in the case, and statements being made by the counsel, the following preamble and resolution were moved for adoption by Rev. Derr:

Whereas, in the case of the Illinois Classis against the Rev. Henry Knepper, important testimony has been presented which was not before the Classis when this case was investigated, and as this testimony might materially change the action of Classis, therefore,

Resolved, That the whole case be sent down to the Classis of Illinois for reinvestigation and readjudication at its next annual meeting.

It was objected by Rev. C. Cort, that, at this stage of the proceedings, such a resolution could not be entertained. After some discussion, the President decided the resolution in order. Thereupon, an appeal was taken by the Rev. C. Cort from the decision of the Chair, and the yeas and nays were called for. The decision of the Chair was sustained by a vote of 46 to 13, namely:

Yeas.—Revs. Dr. Winters, I. H. Reiter, D. Van Horne, J. Kuelling, J. Richards, S. Mease, C. W. Hoyman, J. Heller, J. W. Alspach, Dr. S. B. Leiter, N. H. Loose, E. Herbruck, J. B. Shumaker, O. E. Lake, E. D. Miller, Dr. J. H. Good, Prof. H. Rust, Dr. G. W. Williard, W. H. Fenneman, J. A. Keller, P. Herbruck, G. W. Henning, A. F. Zartman, H. Wilson, C. G. A. Hullhorst, M. A. Miller, H. Hilbish, J. H. Derr, and Elders J. Jackson, M. Marquis, P. Cost, P. H. King, A. Schneider, J. Kuhn, J. J. Hofman, L. Bolender, G. Burry, L. Keller, G. W. Alspach, Dr. C. J. Geiger, F. Bolender, J. Frantz, J. Lane, J. Greenameier and R. Bell.

Nays.—Rev. P. C. Prugh, O. J. Accola, F. Strassner, S. C. Goss, L. H. Kefauver, J. G. Ruhl, J. May, Dr. J. G. Zahner, J. A. Smith, J. Sechler, C. Cort, L. B. Perkins and Elder C. A. Newhouse.

Non-liquet.—Revs. H. Kortheuer, G. M. Albright and J. M. Grether.

When the vote had been announced, Rev. C. Cort gave notice that he would complain to the General Synod against this action of the Synod of Ohio.

The motion to send down the case to Illinois Classis for readjudication was now argued by the counsel on both sides. Before the motion was put to the house, the question was asked of the presiding officer, (Rev. Dr. J. H. Good), as to what would be the effect of the passage of the resolution in respect to the status of Rev. Henry Knepper. The President decided that its passage would place the Rev. Henry Knepper in the same position in which he was before the passage of the sentence of deposition by the Illinois Classis at Freeport. The decision of the President was acquiesced in without dissent.

The vote was then taken, on the motion of reference, resulting in 46 yeas to 16 nays, viz:

Yeas.—Revs. Dr. D. Winters, I. H. Reiter, D. Van Horne, J. Kuelling, J. Richards, S. Mease, H. Williard, C. W. Hoyman, J. Heller, J. W. Alspach, Dr. S. B. Leiter, N. H. Loose, E. Herbruck, J. B. Shumaker, O. E. Lake, E. D. Miller, Dr. J. H. Good, H. Rust, Dr. G. W. Williard, W. H. Fenneman, J. A. Keller, P. Herbruck, G. W. Henning, A. F. Zartman, H. Wilson, C. G. A. Hullhorst, M. A. Miller, H. Hilbish, J. H. Derr, and Elders J. Jackson, M. Marquis, P. Cost, P. H. King, A. Schneider, J. Kuhn, J. J. Hofman, L. Bolender, G. Burry, F. Bloom, G. W. Alspach, Dr. C. J. Geiger, F. Bolender, J. Frantz, J. Lane, J. Greenameier and R. Bell.

Nays.—Rev. P. C. Prugh, O. J. Accola, F. Strassner, S. C. Goss, J. G. Ruhl, J. May, L. H. Kefauver, Dr. J. G. Zahner, H. Kortheuer, J. A. Smith, J. Sechler, C. Cort, G. M. Albright, J. M. Grether, L. B. Perkins, and Elder C. A. Newhouse.

Non-liquet.—Elder L. Keller.

Rev. C. Cort, in behalf of the counsel of Illinois Classis, now gave notice that the Classis would appeal to the General Synod from this decision of the Synod of Ohio. He further gave notice of a complaint to the General Synod, in behalf of himself and Rev. J. Sechler.

It was ordered that the Stated Clerk record the notices of these appeals and complaints.

The Revs. J. H. Derr and Dr. J. H. Good were, on motion, appointed to defend the action of the Synod of Ohio in the whole case before the next General Synod.

ARTICLE XIX.

COMPLAINTS.

See article XVIII, under Appeals.

ARTICLE XX.

CHURCH GOVERNMENT.

The Committee appointed to report on certain points in regard to *Charters* submitted the following report, which was received and adopted:

The Committee appointed by the last Synod, respecting the incorporation of the Synod and our Institutions at Tiffin. (Minutes, 1871, page 54), would report:

That they have to a certain extent investigated the legal points there indicated; but, as the matters involved are of great importance, and deserve mature consideration and further investigation, they think it advisable to continue the Committee for another year, at least.

Respectfully submitted,

ISAAC H. REITER, *Chairman*.

The Committee appointed in regard to the validity of Rev. C. G. A. Hullhorst's ordination, consisting of Revs. Dr. J. H. Good, L. H. Kefauver and Elder J. J. Hofman, presented the following report, which was received and unanimously adopted:

The Special Committee on the reference from the Illinois Classis in respect to the validity of the ordination of Mr. C. G. A. Hullhorst, of the Foreston charge, beg leave to report:

That they have carefully inquired into the whole matter and have come to the conclusion that the ordination of Bro. Hullhorst must be pronounced valid. He had received a regular call to the Foreston charge, and the Special Classis was regularly called and convened "to license and ordain him," and he was duly "set apart" by the laying on of hands by a proper judicatory. That the Classis made his examination short, and neglected or overlooked the duty of passing a formal note giving him license, before the act of ordination was completed, was

irregularity, for which the Classis deserves censure, but for which neither Mr. Hullhorst nor the Foreston charge was in any way responsible. But surely this cannot make the solemn act of ordination itself invalid. We therefore recommend the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the ordination of Rev. C. G. A. Hullhorst, and hereby is confirmed.

Resolved, That the officers of Illinois Classis be authorized and directed to deliver to him a certificate of licensure and ordination.

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. GOOD, *Chairman.*

The Committee raised on the request of Lancaster Classis, respecting the official status of a minister, under certain contingencies, consisting of Revs. J. H. Derr, P. C. Prugh and Elder Kuhn, submitted their report, which was received and adopted; and is as follows:

Your Committee appointed to report a minute on the request Lancaster Classis to this Synod, to deliver an authoritative opinion on the question, "Can a minister, not engaged in the active duties of the ministry, and not in regular church connection with one of its congregations as a member, still hold his place in the ecclesiastical judicatories of the Reformed Church as a minister in good and regular standing?" would respectfully report as follows:

The question submitted to this body in the aforesaid request involves two points:

The *first* is this: Does a minister hold any congregational membership at all, according to the polity of the Reformed Church? This question we must answer in the negative. His connection with the church in general is through the ecclesiastical bodies to which he belongs, and to which he is amenable in his moral and Christian conduct. His not holding connection with a congregation, as a member, being not involved in the nature of his office, cannot invalidate his right to regular connection with the ecclesiastical judicatories of the Church.

The *second* point involved in the request, is this: Does a minister's right to membership in the judicatories of the church cease with his cessation of regular labor as a minister? This question we must also answer in the negative. He holds his place as a member of Classis, as long as he is not constitutionally deposed from office. As to the propriety of laying down the active duties of the ministry, his Classis must, in the premises, be the judge. If he ceases to labor in the ministry and engages in a secular employment, without permission of his

Classis, or neglects to attend upon the communion of our Lord, it becomes the duty of Classis to inquire into his case and call him to account, according to the constitution of the Church. Until such procedure be had, or until such procedure shall result in deposition or excommunication, he holds his seat in his ecclesiastical judicatory.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSHUA H. DERR, *Chairman.*

The Committee appointed to report on the division of the Iowa Classis and certain actions pertaining thereto, consisting of Revs. Dr. J. G. Zahner, F. Strassner, Dr. D. Winters, P. C. Prugh, and Elder M. Marquis, presented their report, which was received and adopted, namely:

The Committee to whom were referred the various items from the Iowa Classis, the proceedings of the Wheatland Convention of July 25, 1871, &c., beg leave to report:

That they have carefully investigated all the items bearing upon the unhappy and deplorable divisions existing in Iowa Classis, which have thus far baffled all synodical efforts to heal them, recommend the adoption of the following action:

Resolved, That this Synod earnestly requests all our ministers and people within the bounds of the original Iowa Classis, to exercise mutual forbearance and brotherly love toward each other, in the full confidence that ere long a proper and constitutional solution of their difficulties will be found.

Resolved, That this Synod, in the belief that the solution will be found in the General Synod's declaration of the adoption of the constitutional amendment authorizing Classes to divide on the basis of language, advises the brethren of Iowa Classis quietly to remain *in statu quo* until the next meeting of the General Synod.

Resolved, That this Synod hereby sanctions and confirms the division of the Iowa Classis on the basis of language, to take effect immediately upon the declaration of the amendment of the Constitution by the General Synod.

Resolved, That the statistical tables of both parties be incorporated in the Minutes of Synod under the common head of Iowa Classis, in order to show the full strength of our Church in the State of Iowa.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN G. ZAHNER, *Chairman.*

On motion,

Resolved, That the following sums be paid to those delegates from Illinois and Iowa Classes, who remain until the close

of Synod, namely, \$15 to each delegate from Iowa, and \$10 to each from Illinois, with the distinct understanding on the part of Synod, that for the future this Synod will not obligate itself to pay any portion of the traveling expenses of any of its members.

ARTICLE XXI.

FINANCE.

The following report was received from the Treasurer of Synod, and referred to the Standing Committee on Finance:

1. Report of the Treasurer.

J. H. GOOD, Treasurer, in account with the Synod of Ohio and the congregations in connection with it in other States.

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To balance in the Treasury, May 1st, 1871.....		\$ 56 18
The amount received from May 1st, 1871, to April 15th, 1872, from the several Classes, as follows:		

Miami Classis.

Amount paid by S. Mease, Treasurer, in part.....	126 66
" from Bloom Centre charge.....	75

Lancaster Classis.

Amount paid by C. W. Hoyman, Treasurer, in full.....	52 20
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Tuscarawas Classis.

Amount paid by T. W. Chapman, Treasurer, in full.....	62 66
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Tiffin Classis.

Amount paid by J. H. Good, Treasurer, in full.....	43 44
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St. John's Classis.

Amount paid by D. Kæmmerer, Treasurer, in full.....	163 41
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Illinois Classis.

Amount paid by J. Sechler, Treasurer, in part of old account.....	17 00
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Iowa Classis.

Amount received from Henry Keye, Treasurer, in part.....	50 00
" " " J. Diehl, for Marengo charge.....	6 42
" " " D. S. Fouse, for Brandon wing.....	12 06

Eastern Ohio Classis.

Amount paid by J. Greenameier, Treasurer, in full.....	110 22
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Total Receipts.....	<u>\$701 02</u>
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By amounts paid from May 1st, 1871, to April 15th, 1872, as follows:	
Paid the Sexton, for services at Fairfield.....	\$ 10 00
" Rev. H. Korthauer, expenses as member of the Committee on the German Liturgy.....	4 00
" " J. Kuelling, expenses as member of the Committee on the German Liturgy.....	12 50
" " F. C. Bauman, balance on order of 1869.....	3 00
" Elm St. Printing Company, balance on Minutes of 1870.....	98 75
" " " " " 1200 English " 1871.....	198 40
" " " " " 500 German " " 1871.....	29 53
" (\$117 10) in part.....	29 53
" Bill of Rev. I. H. Reiter, Stated Clerk, as follows:	
Traveling expenses to Cincinnati.....	\$ 3 50
Boxes and Railroad Express.....	4 25
Postage stamps.....	14 20
Mailing, wrapping paper, &c.....	6 75
Printing Statistical blanks.....	3 50
Clerk's fees for 1871.....	40 00
Postage and stationery.....	3 80
	76 00
" " of Rev. J. Kuelling, Translator of the Minutes into the German language.....	20 00
" Treasurer, for postage and stationery.....	5 00
	\$ 457 18
Balance in the Treasury, April 15th, 1872, applicable to the debt due General Synod.....	243 84

Indebtedness to Synod.

The several Classes are still in arrears to Synod, as follows:

Miami Classis.

Balance due for 1871..... \$ 42 48

Iowa Classis.

Balance due for 1871..... 24 90

Illinois Classis.

Balance still due for 1870..... 50 33
 Bill for 1871, Synod's apportionment..... 26 00
 English Minutes..... 13 60
 German " "..... 7 20
 Postage on Minutes..... 2 04

\$166 57

The Debts of Synod.

Balance due Elm St. Printing Company, for Minutes..... \$ 87 57
 " " General Synod..... 487 50

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. GOOD, *Treasurer.*

2. *Report of Committee on Finance.*

Your committee beg leave to report that they have examined the Treasurer's report, and have found the same correct, Inasmuch as the indebtedness of Synod should be met,

shortly, and there is a deficit in the treasury above all the credits of Synod, therefore.

Resolved. That the classes still in arrears to Synod be again urged to pay their dues as soon as possible.

Resolved. That the Treasurer be authorized, temporarily, to borrow a sufficient amount of funds to pay the liabilities of Synod.

Resolved. That the Classical apportionment be raised, permanently, from \$1,50 to \$2,00 per minister.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSEPH A. KELLER, *Chairman.*

3. *Payments by Treasurer authorized.*

The Treasurer of Synod was authorized to pay Rev. I. H. Reiter \$37, for traveling expenses as delegate to the General Synod of the Reformed Church in America, at Albany, N. Y., in June, 1871, and fifty cents for blank book, procured for use of Synod.

ARTICLE XXII.

PUBLICATION.

1. *Report of Board of Publication.*

Your Board held but one meeting during the year, and organized by the election of V. C. Tidball, President, and Rev. G. Z. Mechling, Secretary.

The publication work, under the auspices of the Board, is yet limited entirely to that of Synod's organ, the CHRISTIAN WORLD. From our own observation of the paper during the year, and from the report of the editor, we feel enabled to congratulate the Synod upon its continued success. A large number of new subscribers has been received during the year; but this number has been largely counterbalanced by discontinuances, resulting mainly from an effort to prune the list of such as had become far in arrears. This, of necessity, caused a heavy loss to the publisher, and it is very desirable that such attention be secured on the part of pastors, agents and friends of the paper, that such loss may be less in the future.

We take pleasure, notwithstanding these disadvantages, in calling attention to various improvements made in the CHRISTIAN WORLD since our last report, such as better system in arrangement of contents, new heading, new and some smaller type, increasing the amount of reading, and a better quality of paper. There has also been given an increased amount of editorial labor. These have added considerably to the cost of publication, and furnish another reason for increased effort on the part of its friends to extend its circulation.

From an examination of the list of subscribers we have evidence that the CHRISTIAN WORLD represents the views and sentiments of the Church quite largely in other Synods, in which its circulation is quite considerable and increasing. It should be an object to make it truly a paper of the Church, maintaining her doctrines and promoting her interests, and give it a place in all the families of the Church.

In the minutes of the last Synod we find an approving notice of the employment of Mr. Louis Melius as assistant editor, in which capacity he has continued to serve the interests of the paper in an acceptable manner.

Respectfully submitted,
VALENTINE C. TIDBALL, *Chairman.*

2. *Report of Committee on Publication.*

The Committee on Publication submitted the following report, which was received and adopted:

Your Committee on Publication beg leave to report that the only document placed in their hands was the Report of the Board of Publication. From this report it appears that the CHRISTIAN WORLD has met with continued success under the management of its efficient editor, Rev. S. Mease, aided by Mr. Louis Melius, who still continues to serve with acceptance, in the capacity of assistant editor. While a large number of new subscribers have been received during the year, there has at the same time been a larger number of discontinuances than usual, resulting largely from an effort to prune the list of such as have been long in arrears. A little observation must enable every one to see how much remains to be done before the paper, as should be the case, is found in every English-reading family within our bounds. Our duty, then, in this direction, should be self-evident, when we consider the fact that a live religious paper, representing the true interests of the Church in its own denominational life, is the *most efficient co-worker* which the pastor may call to his aid.

Your Committee would therefore recommend the following:

Resolved, That we commend this organ of our Synod to the members of the Church everywhere, as the faithful exponent of the doctrines and usages of our Reformed Zion.

Resolved, That this Synod again call the attention of our pastors and people to the importance of lending every possible assistance in the effort to secure a much larger list of *permanent patrons and readers* of the CHRISTIAN WORLD, and that we will not cease to join our efforts with the untiring energies of the editors, until the work is accomplished.

Respectfully submitted,
SEBASTIAN C. GOSS, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE XXIII.

MISCELLANEOUS.

1. *Action on proposed German Institution.*

On the second day of the sessions, the Rev. Prof. Herman Rust made a statement respecting the German Institution, which the North-western Synod proposes to establish, and the desirableness of having it located at Tiffin, O. Thereupon, it was, on motion,

Resolved, That the whole subject involved in the statement presented be referred to a Committee, and that the consideration of their report be made the special order of the day for Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

The Committee consists of Revs. Prof. H. Rust, Dr. J. H. Good, J. Kuelling, J. Heller, P. Herbruck, and Elders J. Jackson and Dr. C. J. Geiger. This Committee, at the specified time, submitted their report, which was received, discussed and adopted; and is as follows:

The Committee on the location of the German Institution, which the North-western Synod proposes to establish, would respectfully report:

That in their opinion, this important subject deserves the serious consideration and unanimous action of this Synod. It will be readily agreed by all, that union and harmony in doctrine and practice are most important and desirable, and that, therefore, it is our solemn duty to prevent as much as possible all measures that might tend to cause misunderstanding and separation; and, on the other hand, to improve every opportunity and employ every means to unite all the powers of the Church more firmly for the effectual upbuilding of the Redeemer's kingdom. Your Committee would, therefore, propose the following action:

Whereas, our brethren of the North-western Synod have resolved to establish a collegiate and theological institution for the proper training of German students; and,

Whereas, we have reason to believe that they are able to found such an institution, which shall be second to none in the land, and which will be an honor and blessing to the Church; and,

Whereas, the interest and prosperity of the Church, as well

as principle and wisdom, demand a concentration and more harmonious exercise of our teaching forces; and,

Whereas, the Lord seems to have put it in the power of the Synod of Ohio to do much toward the accomplishment of this desirable object, inasmuch as He has given us the Students' Home property, which in all probability will more fully subserve the purposes of the donors by making it the nucleus of this proposed German Institution; therefore,

Resolved, That we kindly invite the North-western Synod to locate their proposed institution at Tiffin, and bring it into harmonious relation with our present institutions.

Resolved, That to encourage them in their laudable undertaking we authorize and direct the Trustees of this Synod to transfer the said Students' Home property to the Trustees of the North-western Synod, with this proviso: that legal provision be made, either in the deed or by mortgage, that in case said proposed institution should ever be removed from Tiffin, or changed into anything else, then the North-western Synod shall pay the Synod of Ohio the sum of six thousand dollars, the present worth of the property, without interest.

Respectfully submitted,

HERMAN RUST, *Chairman*.

2. *Interests of Institutions and Missions.*

During the session on Thursday forenoon, the attention of Synod was called to the advantage of having the various benevolent interests of the Church properly presented, on specified evenings during the sessions of Synod by different speakers. On motion, the matter was referred to the Committee on Religious Services, and through it, carried into effect on Friday and Saturday evenings.

3. *The American Bible Society.*

On motion, the following action was adopted:

Whereas, the more general diffusion of the Word of God, both in our own country and in foreign lands, is a matter of paramount importance, and the chief means by which the great work of man's salvation is to be accomplished; therefore,

Resolved, That this Synod heartily endorses the endeavors of the American Bible Society, in its important mission, to secure this great end.

Resolved, That the American Bible Society meets with our cordial approval; and that we have confidence in the work and management of the Society in carrying out its plans and purposes.

4. *Documents for North-western Synod.*

The Stated Clerk was instructed to furnish copies of all the actions of this Synod, which are designed for the consideration of the North-western Synod at its next annual meeting.

5. *Committee on Leave of Absence.*

On Thursday morning, Revs. N. H. Loose, O. E. Lake, and Elder P. Cost were appointed a Committee to report the names of Advisory members present, and to whom all applications for leave of absence were to be made. This Committee reported from time to time the names of persons to whom leave of absence had been granted, and their action was approved.

ARTICLE XXIV.

RESUMPTION AND CLOSE.

The following resolutions were adopted:

1. *Publication of Minutes.*

Resolved, That the Stated Clerk be authorized to have 1,200 copies of the Minutes of the present sessions of Synod, duly authenticated, published in the English, and 500 in the German language.

Resolved, That the Rev. John Kuelling be requested to translate these Minutes into the German language.

2. *Vote of Thanks.*

Resolved, That we as a Synod express our cordial thanks to the people of our two congregations, and to other citizens of Canton, for their kind reception and generous entertainment of the members of Synod during its sessions, and that the *pastores loci* be requested to read this resolution from their respective pulpits.

Resolved, That the thanks of Synod are hereby tendered to the Editor of the Stark County Democrat, for gratuitously printing the necessary tickets for the use of Synod.

The calling of the roll was dispensed with. The Minutes were read, and adopted, and ordered to be engrossed.

ARTICLE XXV.

ADJOURNMENT.

Resolved, That we now adjourn to meet in annual sessions, in the Reformed Church, at Shelbyville, Shelby County, Illinois, on Wednesday, May 14th, 1873, at 7½ o'clock in the evening.

The Synod closed its sessions on Tuesday afternoon, at half past five o'clock, with singing, and prayer by Rev. David Winters, D. D., and the repetition of the Apostles' Creed and the Lord's Prayer, and was dismissed with the Apostolic Benediction by the President.

HENRY WILLIARD, *President.*

ISAAC H. REITER, *Stated Clerk.*

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ISAAC H. REITER, *Stated Clerk.*

LANCASTER CLASSIS.

MINISTERS.	Congregations	CHARGES.	Members	Members Unconfirmed	Baptisms	Confirmations	Certificate	Communicants	Excommunications, or Erasure of names	Dismissed	Deaths	Sunday-Schools	Sunday-School Scholars	Benevolent Contributions	English Minutes	German Minutes	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
Chas. W. Hoyman	4	Somerset	315	318	19	18	8	300	1	3	3	4	325	\$ 235 00	35		Somerset,
Jeremiah Heller	3	Tarleton	120		10	7	14	117	8	5	4	2	75		6		Tarleton,
Geo. H. Leonard	2	Basil	281	128	32	50	14	270	4	2	7	2	300	235 17	20	5	Basil,
John Vogt	1	Delaware	234	235	16	7	3	209	2	1	2	1	117	122 00	10		Delaware,
Joel W. Aispach	1	Heidelberg	72	102	4	10	2	56					75	54 65	8		Stoutsville,
Samuel B. Yockey	3	Kinnickinnick	130		12	20	2	120	3	2	1	1	100	99 75	12		Kingston,
James Hefley	4	Winchester	220	203	21	24	21	210	3	8	8	1	150	150 00	20		Canal Winchester,
Fred. Strasser 1.)	3	Union Chge 2.)	280	280	160	32	24	190					100	75 00	8		Orrville,
J. C. Henneman	7	Beaver	113	100	15	6	27	89	2		14	2	55	63 72		2	Beaver,
G. H. Metboom	1	Ironton	37	30	4	6	2	37					50	5 00		1	Ironton,
Henry King (sup.)	1	Mt. Zwingli												10 00	4	2	Bremen,
Henry Williard (sup.)	1	Jerusalem						30						20 55	4	2	Canal Winchester,
Samuel S. Rickil		Without Charge															Columbus,
Peter D. Schory		"															Lancaster,
Vacant	1	Union Cong.															
"	2	Lancaster															
			150														
Total 14.	34		2185	1273	202	212	100	1856	20	24	57	20	1497	\$1070 84	127	20	

1) Recently dismissed to St. John's Classis. 2) Recently taken charge of by Rev. Wm. Gilpin.
 3) Recently taken charge of by Rev. Wm. A. Hale.

TUSCARAWAS CLASSIS.

MINISTERS.	Congregations	CHARGES.	Members	Members Unconfrmed	Baptisms	Confirmations	Certificate	Communicants	Exemptions, or Erasure of names	Dismissed	Deaths	Sunday-Schools	Sunday-School Scholars	Benevolent Contributions	English Minutes	German Minutes	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
Samuel B. Letter, D.D.	3	Union	192	269	12	12	6	192		4	1	2	2	\$ 74 57	10	10	Wadsworth, O.
Nathaniel H. Loose	3	Shelby	205	120	14	2	6	190		5	2	3	200	90 00	10	10	Shelby, "
Sebastian C. Goss	4	Wadsworth	238	110	10	27	24	236	3	3	3	4	300	76 54	22	22	Wadsworth, "
Wm. A. Hale, (1.)	4	Tuscarawas	275		25	30	10	275		17	2	4		76 00	10	10	Lancaster, "
Edward Herbruck	1	Grace C'h, Akron	85		11	18	14	68		3	1	1	90	8 00	10	10	Akron, Summit Co., "
Samuel Shaw	3	Reedsburg	120	53	13	9	11	109		7	2	2	100	72 81	20	20	Reedsburg, "
John R. Shepler	2	Summit	159		12	26	7	113		3	2	2	205	186 86	10	10	Lake, Stark Co., "
Vacant	3	East Union	150					125	1	2	21	3	202	30 00	20	20	Ashland, "
Orange E. Lake	3	Mohicanville	135		35	2	6	130						15 30			
Vacant	4	Uniontown	200	150	4	15		200		9		2					
"	3	Manchester	205		250			200									
"	3	Bristol	200	250	60	3	6	125		6	2	3	130	60 34	20	20	Bradford, Miami Co., "
John S. Gracch, (3.)	5	Shenandoah	439					74						29 04	15	15	Navarre, Stark Co., "
Philip A. Long, (sup.)	4	Navarre	74					30						10 68	5	5	Ashland, "
O. E. Lake, (su)	2	Emmanuel	37					80		1	1	2	50	118 00	10	10	Canaan, Wayne Co., "
Edward D. Miller	2	Canaan	100	75	12	1		69		1	1	2	60				Canton, Stark Co., "
Jos. B. Shubaker	2	Canton	69	70	3			32				1	50				Akron, Summit Co., "
Jesse Hines		Without Charge															Navarre, Stark Co., "
John C. Klar		"															
Total, 15.	51		2583	1192	121	152	114	2341	4	57	38	31	1387	\$883 14	172	18	

1) Recently dismissed to Lancaster Classis. 2) Recently taken charge of by Rev. Henry F. Long.

3) Recently dismissed to Miami Classis.

TIFFIN CLASSIS.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	Members	Members Inconformed	Baptisms	Confirmations	Certificate	Communicants	Excommunications, or Dismissals	Deaths	Sunday-Schools	Sunday-School Scholars	Benevolent Contributions	English Minutes	German Minutes	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
Jer. H. Good, D. D.	Prof. Theo. Sem'Y.														Tiffin,
Reuben Good	Prof. Heidel'g Col.												2		"
Herman Rust	Prof. Theo. Sem'Y.														"
G. W. Williard, D. D.	Pres. Heidel'g Col.	167	192	15	12	12	130	1		1	50	\$ 92 22	3	8	Findlay,
John G. Ruhl	1 First Tiffin	262	180	16	24	22	240	2	5	1	175	167 50	18		Tiffin,
L. H. Kefauver	4 Heidelberg	261	127	20	3	3	235	1	4	200	47 50	15			Findlay,
Josiah May	4 Berwick	200	120	17			190	5	1	50	65 00	9	8		Tiffin,
Henry Wegert	2 New Bavaria	245	190	25	9	4	245	9	2	125	94 17		10		New Bavaria,
Jonas Michael	3 Liberty Centre	59		2	1				1	69			5		Liberty Centre,
H. Daniel	2 Fostoria	50		13	6	1			2	60			8		Fostoria,
Jos. A. Keller	3 Zion	193		6	1	4	140	9	6	2	140	63 22	8		Republic,
Prof. Rust	(sup.) 1 Second Tiffin	172	115	21	39	32	172	36	5	1	140	390 00	1	15	
Dr. Good	1 Jacobs	36	28	8	1	6	36		2	1	35	11 00	9	2	
Dr. Williard	2 Fort Seneca	110	50	12	7	9	105		2	2	150	139 00	10		
Rev. H. Wegert	2 Florida	55	22	1			40					3 25			
Peter Tendick	Superannuated														Attica,
Total, 13.		1810	1024	156	102	94	1533	37	11	37	1194	\$1075 86	80	51	

1) Dismissed to the East Susquehanna Classis.

ST. JOHN'S CLASSIS.

MINISTERS.	CONGREGATIONS	CHARGES.	Members	Members Unconfrmed	Baptisms	Confirmations	Certificate	Communicants	Excommunicants or erasure names	Dismissed	Deaths	Sunday Schools	S. S. Scholars	Benevolent Contributions	English Minutes	German Minutes	PORT-OFFICE ADDRESS.
John W. Hainm*	2	Manchester	110	35	32	3	3	92			11	1	41*	\$ 22 20	3	2	Nimlilla, Stark Co. O.
Amos F. Zartman	1	Wooster	120	100	20	7	8	120			3	1	85	40 00	8	8	Wooster, Wayne "
Peter Herbruck	2	Canton	626	75	52	30	626		5		51	1	200	320 00	6	8	Canton, Stark "
John G. Zahner, D.D.	3	New Phila'a.	245	210	26	18	4	245			21	2	120	73 30	5	10	Shanesville, Tus. "
Henry K. Zink	4	Phillipsburg	340	42	12			280			15	2	130	23 00			Stone Creek, Tus. "
Frederick Schaad	3	Ragersville	475	460	63	27	425				9	3	255	126 00	5	20	Ragersville, " "
Herman Kortheter	1	Akron	229	206	53	33	38	300			16	1	130	38 00		4	Massillon, Stark "
Christopher Schiller	3	Kansas Mission	195	145	27	20	175				4	2	40	75 00			Akron, Summit "
John Blevy	1	Orrville 1)	80	30	15	11	9	76			5	4	1	18 00	5	10	Wathens, Beniphan " Kn
David Kammerer	1	St. Paul's	21		3	5		21			3	1		6 20	3	2	Canton, Stark "
Geo. W. Henning	1	Mt. Eaton (Fr)	200	231	13	13	293				5	2	150	34 00			Mt. Eaton, Wayne "
Eugene Sauvain*	2	Mt. Eat'n (Ger)	293	300	72	95	1	250			9	3	200	125 00	10	5	New Bedford, Cosb "
Philip Becker	3	New Bedford	300	260	12	38	8	270		1	4	4	293	74 00	1	60	Lima, Stark "
J'n't'n A. Novinger	4	Jacob's & St. P.	332	145	110	16	19	114			9			54 85	10	8	Lima, Stark "
Ernest F. A. Schade	1	Walnut Creek	54		4	22					3	1	40	9 00			
Vacant	2	Shanesville															
"	1	Millersburg															
"	2	Millersburg															
Total, 14.	37		3725	2087	473	375	102	3187	5	10	167	25	1684	\$1076 55	56	137	

*Deceased.

1) Recently taken charge of by Rev. Fred. Strassner.

ILLINOIS CLASSIS.

MINISTERS.	Congregations	CHARGES.	Members	Members Unconfirmed	Baptisms	Confirmations	Certificate	Communicants	Excommunications, or Erasure of names	Dismissed	Deaths	Sunday-Schools	Sunday-School Scholars	Benevolent Contributions	English Minutes	German Minutes	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
Harvey Wilson	5	Shelbyville	120	150	28	18	35	120	2	5	1	1	150	\$ 64 00	30	5	Shelbyville, Ill.
John Kercher	2	Washburne	145	130	31	17	10	100				1	60	30 00	10		Lacon, "
Solomon N. King	3	Astoria	105	105	7	2	5	98			1	2	100	100 13	8		Astoria, "
Henry F. Long 1.)	4	Rock Grove	105	108	10	10	5	70			2	3	125	25 00	6		Massillon, Ohio,
Andrew Schroeder	1	Freeport	45	62	7	6	1	31	2		1	1	50	7 00	2		Freeport, Ill.,
Chas. G. A. Hullhorst	4	Forreston	155	136	6	4	120				1	3	80		5		Forreston, "
John A. Smith	3	Hickory Creek	75	33	12	19	2	67			8	3	125		6		Altamont, "
Henry Knepper	5	Orangeville	80	50	4	18	3	75			2	4	100	60 00	4		Orangeville, "
Sylvester W. McClure	2	Mt. Zion	70	90	4	5	5	60			2	1	100		4		Mt. Zion, "
Philip H. Kroh	4	Anna	85	46	5			70			1				12		Anna, "
Joseph Sechler		Without Charge													2		Lena, "
Henry Aurand		"															Warren, "
William Gilpin		"															Baltimore, Ohio,
John F. Decker		Superannuated															Freeport, Ill.,
Total, 14.	33		985	910	110	90	70	811	4	5	16	20	790	\$286 13	90	17	

1) Recently dismissed to Tuscarawas Classis. 2) Recently dismissed to Lancaster Classis.

IOWA CLASSIS.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.		CONGREGATIONS										POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.			
	Members	Members Unconfirmed	Baptisms	Confirmations	Certificate	Communicants	Resurrections or Erasure of Names	Dismissed	Deaths	Sunday Schools	S. S. Scholars	Benevolent Contributions	English Minutes	German Minutes		
Fred. C. Bauman	165	185	27	17	7	150	3	1	2	125	\$102 00	3		Zwingli, D'buque Co Iowa		
Jonas B. Shontz	128	105	13	4	110	1	3	2	3	90	100 00	5		Wilton, Muscatine "		
Deward S. Fouse	69	48	5	3	3	65	3	1	1	40	150 00	5		Central City, Linn "		
Joshua Riale	14	16	3	14	14	14		1			10 00	1		Lisbon, "		
Cyrus Cort	57	31	1	6	3	50	2	1			41 80	3		Vinton, Benton "		
Vacant	16	23	6		16											
John H. Buser }	250	80	25	20	240	3	10	1	3	200	50 00	10		Clifton, Louisa "		
John E. Youngy	117	126	20	13	5	90		5	2	100	124 70	1		W. Liberty, Mus.		
John Rettig	85	25	10	18	5	80	4	7	2	80	43 50	3		Wheatland, Clinton "		
George Rettig	45	20	8	3	25	1	1	1	1	25	16 50	1		Monticello, Jones "		
Augustus Bletsch	31	30	8	6	5	20				15	16 50	1		3 Boone, Boone "		
Charles G. Ziph	46	45	3	3	6	37	1		1	20	87 50	1		3 Marengo, Iowa "		
Solomon Ellicker	60	100	2		60	60		1	20	1		5		3 Newton, Jasper "		
J. J. Janett	60	70			50					25				1 Houserton, "		
Jacob Kuhn	40													1 Fort Allen, "		
John Ardueser														1 Charles City, "		
Vacant																
"																
"																
Total, 15.	1183	904	131	70	71	1007	8	24	19	18	740	\$723 00	39	25		

*Supplied by Rev. J. Riale.

EASTERN OHIO CLASSIS.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	Congregations	Members	Members Uncounted	Baptisms	Confirmations	Certificate	Communicants	Excumcations, or Erasure of names	Dismissed	Deaths	Sunday-Schools	Sunday-School Scholars	Benevolent Contributions	English Minutes	German Minutes	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
George M. Albright	New Lisbon	3	237	30	5	6	1	147		2	6	1	85	\$ 76 80	26		New Lisbon, O.
Michael A. Miller	Carrollton	2	202	47	31	29	4	150		1	1	2	120	65 00	10		Carrollton, Carr'l Co ^o
John M. Grether	Warren	4	145	161	11	1	4	106		1	7	1	60	26 62	15	25	Warren, Trumbull " "
Isaac A. Siles	Jefferson	1	120	37	8	4	2	75		2	1	1	50	26 00	10		Germano, Harris'n " "
John Meckly	Springfield	3	301	116	26	51	5	237		1	1	3	300	51 28	7	6	Petersb'g, Mahon'g ^o " "
Henry Hilbish	Mt. Olivet	3	435	170	22	46	15	375		4	8	3	435	115 35	15	5	N. Lima, " " "
Gottlieb Ziegler	Georgetown	2	180	130	45	13	2	169		4	22	2	160	36 45	10	20	Paris, Stark " " "
Charles Zwister	Canfield	2	260	120	31			239		4	0	1	100	18 92	5	10	Canfield, " " "
Joshua H. Derr	Louisville	2	260	280	26	19	8	220		12	2	2	270	35 50	20	15	Louisville, Stark " "
Lemuel B. Perkins	Berlin Mission	1	25	24				25		1	1	1	62	7 25	6	1	Columbiana, Col'a " "
Vacant	Youngstown*	3	73	72	11		4	73		1	1	1	25	20 85	5	10	Youngstown, " " "
"	St. Bethel	1	150	40	20	1		110		2	1		50	7 63	4	8	Carrollton, " " "
Thomas Ferrell	Without Charge																
Total, 11.		26	2388	1287	236	170	45	1926		14	81	19	1717	\$487 35	132	100	

*Supplied by Rev. J. M. Grether.

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

NAMES OF CLASSES.	Ministers	Congregations	Members	Members Unconfirmed	Baptisms	Confirmations	Certificate	Communicants	Excommunications, or Erasure of names	Dismissed	Deaths	Sunday-Schools	Sunday-School Scholars	Benevolent Contributions	English Minutes	German Minutes	
Miami	30	66	5678	2688	454	299	201	4800	178	88	151	51	4300	\$ 2720	24	250	40
Lancaster	14	34	2185	1373	202	212	100	1856	20	24	57	20	1497	1070	84	127	20
Tuscarawas	15	51	2583	1192	121	152	114	2341	4	57	38	31	1387	883	14	172	18
Tiffin	13	28	1810	1024	156	102	94	1533	37	11	37	18	1194	1075	86	80	51
St. John's	14	37	3725	2087	473	375	102	3187	5	10	167	25	1684	1076	55	56	137
Illinois	14	33	985	910	110	90	70	811	4	5	16	20	790	286	13	90	17
Iowa	15	27	1183	904	131	70	71	1007	8	24	19	18	740	723	00	39	25
Eastern Ohio	11	26	2388	1287	236	170	45	1926		14	81	19	1717	487	35	132	100
Ohio Synod, 8 Classes	126	302	20537	11365	1883	1470	797	17461	256	233	566	202	13309	\$ 8323	11	946	408
N. W. " 7 "	117	188	11604	6157	1610	896	696	10070	56	178	404	124	4000	5029	71		
Synod of U. S., 13 "	279	663	86879	43797	8818	6207	1731	71733	28	980	2992	582	37425	45561	29		
Pittsburg Synod, 6 "	52	131	9751	7632	1006	652	236	8065		123	228	89	5103	8056	19		
Total: Synods, 4; Classes, 34.	574	1290	128771	71951	13317	8225	3400	107329	340	1514	4190	997	59837	\$66970	30		

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Fiftieth Annual Session.

ACTS AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
REFORMED
SYNOD OF OHIO,

AND THE
Congregations in Connection With it in Other States,

AT

SHELBYVILLE, ILLINOIS, MAY 14, 1873.

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Fiftieth Annual Sessions.

ACTS AND PROCEEDINGS

Of the Reformed Synod of Ohio, and the Congregations in connection with it in other States, which convened in the Reformed Church at Shelbyville, Shelby County, Illinois, on Wednesday, the fourteenth of May, at half past seven o'clock in the evening, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-three, and closed its sessions on the following Monday forenoon, at half past eleven o'clock.

ARTICLE I.

OPENING OF SYNOD.

The Synod convened agreeably to appointment, and, in the absence of the President, was called to order by the Stated Clerk; and, after singing, the Rev. Nathaniel H. Loose was appointed President *pro tem*; and, by order of Synod, the Rev. Peter C. Prugh preached the opening sermon, from Psalm 20: 5:—"In the name of our God we will set up our banners."

ARTICLE II.

MEMBERS PRESENT.

CLASSES.	MINISTERS.	ELDERS.
<i>Miami.</i>	Samuel B. Yockey. Thomas H. Winters. Henry M. Herman. Levi Rike. Peter C. Prugh. Isaac H. Reiter,	Moses Marquis. Jacob Herring. Wiley Jenkins.
<i>Lancaster.</i>	William Gilpin. Charles W. Hoyman.	
<i>Tuscarawas.</i>	Nathaniel H. Loose. Edward D. Miller.	Fred. W. Fetzer. George Souder.
<i>Tiffin.</i>	Lewis H. Kefauver. Herman Rust, D. D.	Lewis Shriver.
<i>St. John's.</i>	Amos F. Zartman. Ernest F. A. Schade.	

<i>Eastern Ohio.</i>	John M. Kendig.	Jacob Greenameier.
<i>Illinois.</i>	Chas. G. A. Hullhorst.* Harvey Wilson. Simon P. Myers.†	Charles Hart. Jacob Leighty. Allen Julian.
<i>English Iowa.</i>	Cyrus Cort.	
<i>German Iowa.</i>	(None present.)	

ADVISORY MEMBERS.

Miami Classis.—Rev. Samuel Mease.

Eastern Ohio Classis.—Rev. George M. Albright.

Illinois Classis.—Revs. Andrew Schroeder, Daniel K. Fulcannon, Elders John Runkle, Daniel Swander, John Martz, S. P. Hursh, C. P. Miller, Daniel Yantea, Peter Poorman.

German Iowa Classis.—Rev. John H. Buser.

St. Joseph's Classis, North-Western Synod.—Rev. Lewis M. Kerschner.

MINISTERS FROM OTHER CHURCHES.

Rev. Nathaniel Williams,	Presbyterian Church-
" Lucius I. Root,	" "
" John Arthur,	" "
" Charles K. Smoyer,	" "
" R. N. Davies,	Methodist E. Church-
" J. H. Philips,	Baptist Church.

ARTICLE III.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

Rev. Nathaniel H. Loose, *President*, Shelby, O.
 Rev. Isaac H. Reiter, *Stated Clerk*, Miamisburg, O.
 Rev. Lewis H. Kefauver, *Cor. Secretary*, Tiffin, O.
 Rev. Jeremiah H. Good, D. D., *Treasurer*, Tiffin, O.

ARTICLE IV.

RULES OF SYNOD.

The Rules of Order adopted by Synod were observed in the transaction of business. The reading of the Minutes of the last Synod was dispensed with, and they were referred to the Committee on Synodical Minutes.

The following hours were fixed upon for opening and closing the present sessions of Synod, namely :

The *Morning Sessions* to open at 9 and to close at 11½ o'clock; and the *Afternoon Sessions* to open at 2 and to close at 5 o'clock.

*His seat was occupied during a part of Monday morning session, by Rev. Andrew Schroeder, *secundus*.

†His seat was occupied during a part of Monday morning session, by Rev. Daniel K. Falkner, *secundus*.

ARTICLE V.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

The following were appointed by the President:

On Religious Services.—Revs. H. Wilson, J. M. Kendig, and Elder Charles Hart.

On Minutes of Synod.—Revs. P. C. Prugh, H. M. Herman, E. D. Miller, and Elder George Souder.

On Minutes of Classes.—Revs. C. W. Hoyman, T. H. Winters, A. Schroeder, and Elder Jacob Greenameier.

On Overtures.—Revs. H. M. Herman, S. B. Yockey, A. F. Zartman, and Elder Charles Hart.

On Examination, Licensure and Ordination.—Revs. L. H. Kefauver, I. H. Reiter, P. C. Prugh, L. Rike, and Elders Moses Marquis and Lewis Shriver.

On State of Religion.—Revs. H. Rust, D. D., H. M. Herman, C. Cort, and Elder Fred. W. Fetzer.

On Theological Seminary.—Revs. S. B. Yockey, C. W. Hoyman, L. Rike, and Elder Wiley Jenkins.

On Heidelberg College.—Revs. J. M. Kendig, L. H. Kefauver, N. H. Loose, and Elder Moses Marquis.

On Missions.—Revs. C. G. A. Hullhorst, C. W. Hoyman, T. H. Winters, and Elder George Souder.

On Finance.—Revs. C. Cort, J. M. Kendig, S. P. Myers, and Elder Jacob Herring.

On Nomination.—Revs. T. H. Winters, W. Gilpin, H. M. Herman, and Elder Lewis Shriver.

On Publication.—Revs. A. F. Zartman, L. Rike, and Elder Jacob Leighty.

ARTICLE VI.

COMMUNICATIONS.

1. The Minutes of the General Synod, of the Synod of Ohio, of the North-Western Synod, of the Synod in the United States and of the Pittsburg Synod, were received and referred to the Standing Committee on Synodical Minutes.

2. The Minutes of the Classes of Miami, Lancaster, Tuscarawas, Tiffin, St. John's, Eastern Ohio, Illinois, English Iowa and German Iowa, were received and referred to the Standing Committee on Minutes of Classes, and their several Reports on Religion and Statistics to the Committee on the State of Religion.

3. The Reports of the Boards of Trustees of the Theological Seminary and of Heidelberg College, and of the Board of Visitors of the Seminary, including those of their respective Treasurers, were received and referred to the Standing Committees on the Seminary and College.

4. The Report of the Board of Home Missions, together with that of its Treasurer, and of the Treasurer of the Board of Home Missions of Lancaster Classis, was received and referred to the Standing Committee on Missions.

5. The Report of the Treasurer of Synod was received and referred to the Standing Committee on Finance.

6. A Circular from the Executive Committee of the Board of Foreign Missions was received, and referred to the Committee on Overtures.

7. A Communication, accompanied by five printed Circulars, was received from Rev. Samuel S. Schmucker, D. D., Gettysburg, Pa., and referred to the Committee on Overtures.

8. Several other communications were received and referred to the Committee on Overtures.

9. The Report of the Board of Publication was received and referred to the Committee on Publication.

ARTICLE VII.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES.

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

1. The sessions of each day were opened and closed with appropriate religious services.

2. The Standing Committee on Religious Services presented their report, which was received, amended and adopted; and is as follows:

REPORT ON RELIGIOUS SERVICES.

Your Committee would offer the following report:

I. REFORMED CHURCH.

Shelbyville Church.—Thursday evening, Rev. E. D. Miller; Friday evening, Rev. Wm. Gilpin; Saturday afternoon, preparatory service, Rev. T. H. Winters; Saturday evening, missionary meeting, Rev. C. Cort and others; Sunday morning, communion sermon, Rev. H. Rust, D. D.; Sunday afternoon, Sunday School services, Revs. S. Mease and P. C. Prugh; and Sunday evening, ordination sermon, Rev. N. H. Loose, and charge to candidates and prayer, Rev. I. H. Reiter.

On Sunday, in the congregations of *St. Paul's*, Rev. A. Schroeder; *Heidelberg*, Rev. L. M. Kerschner; *St. John's*, Rev. T. H. Winters; *Pickaway*, Rev. E. D. Miller; *Jones' School House*, Rev. M. Loucks.

Sycamore Charge. Revs. A. F. Zartman, L. Rike, E. F. A. Schade, H. M. Herman, C. Cort, S. B. Yockey and J. H. Buser.
Centre Charge. Revs. W. Gilpin and J. J. Leberman.

II. OTHER CHURCHES IN SHELBYVILLE.

Presbyterian, morning, Rev. I. H. Reiter, evening, Rev. L. H. Kefauver; *Methodist Episcopal*, morning, Rev. C. W. Hoyman, evening, Rev. P. C. Prugh; *Baptist*, morning, Rev. N. H. Loose, evening, Rev. S. Mease; *Christian*, morning, Rev. J. M. Kendig.

Respectfully submitted,

HARVEY WILSON, *Chairman*.

The religious services, as appointed by the Committee, were severally observed.

ARTICLE VIII.

MINUTES OF SYNOD.

The Standing Committee on Synodical Minutes submitted the following report, which was received, and disposed of item by item :

REPORT ON SYNODICAL MINUTES.

The Committee on Synodical Minutes beg leave to offer the following report :

I. MINUTES OF THE OHIO SYNOD.

Item 1. Page 8. Is the continuation of a Committee on Hymn Book.

Item 2. Page 9. Is the appointment of a Committee to act with a similar Committee of the North-Western Synod on German Liturgy.

Item 3. Page 10. Is the postponement of the election of a Professor to the Chair of Exegetical Theology, to the present Synod.

Item 4. Page 18. Is the appointment of a delegate to the General Synod of the Reformed Church in America.

Item 5. Page 18. Is the appointment of a delegate to the Wittenberg Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church.

Item 6. Page 39. Is the election of Rev. H. Hilbish as General Superintendent of Home Missions.

Item 7. Page 41. Is the sending back to the Classis of Illinois, for reinvestigation and readjudication at its next annual meeting, the deposition of Rev. H. Knepper from the gospel ministry.

Item 8. Page 42. Is the appointment of Revs. J. H. Derr and J. H. Good, D. D. to defend the action of Synod against certain appeals and complaints in the Knepper case.

Item 9. Page 42. Is the continuation of a Committee on Charters for the Synod and our Institutions.

Item 10. Page 50. The Trustees of Synod are authorized, upon certain conditions, to transfer the Students' Home property to the Trustees of the North-Western Synod.

II. MINUTES OF THE NORTH-WESTERN SYNOD.

Item 11. Page 7. Is a resolution in which Synod declines

to accept of the Students' Home property on the terms offered to it by this Synod.

III. MINUTES OF THE GENERAL SYNOD, 1872.

Item 12. Page 29. Is a resolution asking this Synod to appoint a Committee of three members to act with similar Committees of the different Synods upon the subject of Union with the Reformed Church in America.

Item 13. Page 63. Is a resolution apportioning the indebtedness of the Board of Home Missions among the different district Synods.

Item 14. Page 81. Is the action of the General Synod in which it "resolves that the judgement passed by the Illinois Classis in the case of Rev. H. Knepper holds, and that the said Knepper stands deposed from the holy ministry and excommunicated from the Church, and that the ruling of the President of the Ohio Synod in session at Canton, Ohio, May 1—7, 1872, restoring H. Knepper to the ministry was erroneous."

Item 15. Page 85. Is a resolution directing that each district Synod shall appoint a Committee of three members to draft a new Constitution for the Church.

Item 16. Page 95. Is the apportionment of \$450 00 to this Synod, by the Committee on Finance of the General Synod.

Your Committee find nothing in the Minutes of the Synods in the United States and Pittsburgh claiming the attention of this Synod. All of which is

Respectfully submitted,

PETER C. PRUGH, *Chairman.*

Disposed of as follows:—Item 1, no report received; Item 2, no report, and Committee continued, with request to report to next Synod; Item 3, election postponed until next Synod; Item 4, no report received; Items 5 and 12, for action on, see Article XI, Correspondence with Sister Churches; Items 6, 13 and 14, adopted; Items 7, 9 and 15, for action on, see Article XXI, Church Government; Item 8, duties attended to; Items 10 and 11, for disposition of, see Article XIV, Theological Seminary; and Item 16, for disposition of, see Article XXII, Finance.

ARTICLE IX.

MINUTES OF CLASSES.

The Standing Committee on Minutes of Classes presented their report, which was received and taken up item by item; and is as follows:

REPORT ON MINUTES OF CLASSES.

Your Committee, to whom were referred the Minutes of Classes, would respectfully report the following:

I. IRREGULARITIES.

1. Lancaster Classis does not furnish a separate copy of its Minutes, according to the standing rule.

2. English Iowa Classis failed to furnish the report on the State of Religion and Statistics on a separate sheet, and did not name the hour for its next annual meeting.

3. Tiffin Classis dismissed Rev. Horace Daniel, without stating to what Classis.

4. a,) Eastern Ohio Classis failed to name the hour for holding its next annual meeting. b,) The same Classis defined the constitution to mean that female members of the Church have no right to vote.

5. Illinois Classis did not record the call of the special meeting held in Shelbyville, Ill., and also failed to record the evidence on which the restoration of Henry Knepper was based.

6. German Iowa Classis does not state the hour for holding its next annual meeting.

7. St. John's Classis enrolled Rev. F. Strassner as a corresponding member from Tuscarawas Classis, whilst he was dismissed from Lancaster Classis to St. John's Classis.

II. REQUESTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS.

8. English Iowa Classis requests Synod to take immediate steps to equalize the traveling expenses of all delegates attending its sessions.

9. Eastern Ohio Classis requests Synod to adjust difficulties between it and St. John's Classis.

10. St. John's Classis requests Synod to sustain it in its relation to the independent Salem's Evangelical congregation, and to accept that congregation according to their request.

11. Same Classis requests to be dismissed, in order to form a German Synod as soon as the Heidelberg, Erie and Indiana Classes of the North-Western Synod comply with its request to form such Synod.

12. Same Classis requests the Synod to supply in the future a more careful translation of the German Minutes, and that the printing be done at the Reformed Book Concern at Cleveland, Ohio.

III. COMPLAINTS.

13. Illinois Classis complains of the indifference which Synod manifested in regard to the complaint against the Milwaukee Classis, North-Western Synod.

14. St. John's Classis complains that the Synod did not notice the striking out of the name of Rev. H. Hunsche from the roll of its members.

15. Same Classis complains of the deficiency of the German Minutes.

16. German Iowa Classis complains that the apportionment

of the Ohio Synod was not just in comparison with that of the (Brandon) English Iowa Classis.

IV. SUBJECTS REFERRED TO CLASSES.

17. Miami Classis accedes to the request of Synod in regard to the circulation of the Christian World.

18. Tiffin and Lancaster Classes attended to the request of Synod to come to the help of the Board of Education.

V. RECEPTIONS AND DISMISSIONS.

19. Miami Classis received Rev. S. B. Yockey and Rev. J. Heller from Lancaster Classis, ordained Nicholas Wiers, and dismissed Rev. John W. F. Graham to the Presbyterian church, and Rev. J. H. Apple to the Classis of St. Paul's, Pittsburg Synod.

20. Lancaster Classis received Rev. W. A. Hale from Tuscarawas Classis, Rev. W. Gilpin from Illinois Classis, and Rev. Eli Keller from the Erie Classis, North-Western Synod; dismissed Rev. F. Strassner to Tuscarawas Classis, Rev. S. B. Yockey and J. Heller to Miami Classis, and Rev. J. W. Alspach to the Somerset Classis, Pittsburg Synod; received the licentiate Austin Henry from Miami Classis and ordained him to the ministry.

21. English Iowa Classis received Rev. George Weber from Illinois Classis.

22. Tiffin Classis licensed and ordained Simon P. Myers and Theodore J. Bacher; ordained Joseph A. Keller, and licensed Charles W. Good; dismissed Rev. Horace Daniel to _____, Rev. S. P. Myers to Illinois Classis, and Rev. T. J. Bacher to Erie Classis, North-Western Synod.

23. Tuscarawas Classis ordained John S. Gough, received Rev. J. Steiner and Rev. H. F. Long from Illinois Classis, Rev. P. A. Long from North Carolina Classis, and Rev. Casper Scheel from Zion's Classis, of the Synod in the United States.

24. Illinois Classis received S. P. Myers from Tiffin Classis and Rev. I. A. Sites from Eastern Ohio Classis; licensed and ordained D. K. Fulcason.

25. Same Classis restored Henry K. Baines and Henry Knepper who had been deposed from the gospel ministry and excommunicated from the Church.

26. Same Classis erased the name of Rev. J. P. Decker and suspended Rev. Sylvester W. McClure from the ministry; dismissed Rev. H. F. Long to Tuscarawas Classis, and received Rev. J. Steiner from Maryland Classis, Synod in the United States, and dismissed him to Tuscarawas Classis, and dismissed Rev. W. Gilpin to Lancaster Classis.

27. St. John's Classis received Rev. P. Greding from the St. Joseph Classis, and dismissed Rev. John Biety to the Eastern Ohio Classis.

28. German Iowa Classis dismissed Rev. John Ardueser to Indiana Classis, North-Western Synod.

VI. ANNUAL MEETINGS OF CLASSES.

29. Miami Classis will meet in West Alexandria, Ohio, Thursday, Oct. 16th, 1873, at 7½ o'clock P. M.; Rev. J. Richards, President, Rev. P. C. Prugh, S. C., Rev. S. Mease, Treasurer.

30. Lancaster Classis will meet at Mt. Zion's Church, Fairfield Co., Ohio, on the 1st of Oct., 1873, at 7 o'clock P. M.; Rev. P. D. Schory, President, Rev. G. H. Leonard, S. C., Rev. C. W. Hoyman, Treasurer.

31. Tuscarawas Classis will meet in Canaan, Wayne Co., Ohio, on the 9th of Oct., 1873, at 7 o'clock P. M.; Rev. J. R. Shepler, President, Rev. N. H. Loose, S. C., T. W. Chapman, Treasurer.

32. Tiffin Classis will meet in the Olive church, near Fostoria, Ohio, on the 22nd of Aug., 1873, at 7½ o'clock P. M.; Rev. G. W. Williard, D. D., President, Rev. J. H. Good, D. D., S. C., and Treasurer.

33. St. John's Classis will meet at New Bedford, Ohio, Sept. 26th, 1873, at 7 o'clock P. M.; Rev. P. Herbruck, President, J. G. Zahner, D. D., S. C., Rev. H. Kortheuer, Treasurer.

34. Eastern Ohio Classis will meet at St. Jacob's church, New Lisbon charge, on the 1st of Oct., 1873, at 7 o'clock P. M.; G. M. Albright, President, Rev. J. M. Kendig, S. C., Jacob Greenameier, Treasurer.

35. Illinois Classis will meet in Foreston, Ogle Co., Ill., on the 8th of Oct., 1873, at 7 o'clock P. M.; Rev. H. Wilson, President, Rev. C. G. A. Hullhorst, S. C., Rev. S. P. Myers, Treasurer.

36. English Iowa Classis will meet at Brandon, Iowa, on Wednesday, Oct. 1st, 1873, at 7½ o'clock P. M.; Rev. J. Riale, President, Rev. D. S. Fouse, S. C. and Treasurer.

37. German Iowa Classis will meet at Monticello, Iowa, on the second Thursday in Oct., 1873; Rev. G. Rettig, President, S. Ellicker, S. C., H. Keye, Treasurer.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES W. HOYMAN, *Chairman.*

The foregoing report was disposed of as follows:—Items 1, 2, 3, 6, 7, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36 and 37 were adopted; in Item 4, a,) adopted, and b,) for disposition of, see Article XXI, Church Government; in Items 5, 8, 11, and 25, for action on, see also Article XXI, Church Government; in Items 9 and 10, for action on see, Article XX, Complaints; in Item 12, see Article XXIII, Publication; and in Item 13, for action on, see Article XX, Complaints.

ARTICLE X.

OVERTURES.

The Standing Committee on Overtures presented their report, which was received, and considered item by item.

REPORT ON OVERTURES.

The Committee on Overtures would respectfully submit the following report:

Item 1. A letter from the Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary, Tiffin, Ohio, stating that the following students had been regularly dismissed from the Seminary, recommending them to Synod for licensure, namely: Fred. P. Hartmetz, John H. Beck, John J. Leberman and Michael Loucks.

Item 2. A letter from Rev. Samuel S. Schmucker, D. D., Gettysburg, Pa., accompanied with five printed circulars, requesting Synod to consider the plan therein proposed to establish an American Branch Alliance, and to appoint delegates to the World's Evangelical Alliance to meet in the City of New York, October 2d, 1873.

Item 3. A Circular from the Executive Committee of the Board of Foreign Missions of the Reformed Church in the United States, urging this Synod to take into earnest consideration the matter therein referred to.

Item 4. A Communication from the Eastern Ohio Classis, in which are set forth certain complaints, asking Synod to take action thereon.

Item 5. Is a statement from Mr. W. C. Heyman in relation to the Invalid Home Fund.

Item 6. Is a letter from Rev. George Rettig, a delegate from the German Iowa Classis, asking to be excused from attendance upon the sessions of this Synod because of sickness.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY M. HERMAN, *Chairman.*

Disposed of thus:—In Item 1, for disposition of, see Article XII, Examination, Licensure and Ordination; in Item 2, for action on, see Article XI, Correspondence with Sister Churches; in Item 3, for action on, see Article XVI, Missions; in Item 4, for action on, see Article XX, Complaints; and in Item 5, for action on, see Article XXI, Church Government; and in Item 6, the request was referred to the German Iowa Classis.

ARTICLE XI.

CORRESPONDENCE WITH SISTER CHURCHES.

The following matters claimed the attention of the Synod:

I. REPORT OF DELEGATE TO WITTENBERG SYNOD.

The following report was received and adopted:

Your corresponding delegate attended the sessions of the Wittenberg Synod of Ohio of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, which convened on the 14th day of August, 1872, at Nevada, Wyandot Co., Ohio. He bore to that body the Christian salutations of this Synod, which met a hearty response from the former. The short time he had to spend with them was passed pleasantly and profitably. The reports of their Boards, &c., showed a prosperous condition of their Literary and Theological Institutions, as well as of their missionary and educational operations.

Through your delegate they send their fraternal greetings, and a desire for the continuance of the correspondence, which has been so happily inaugurated.

Respectfully submitted,

LEWIS H. KEFAUVER, *Delegate.*

The Rev. Samuel Mease was appointed a delegate to the Wittenberg Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church.

II. COMMITTEE ON UNION OF REFORMED CHURCHES.

On the second day of the sessions, the Committee on Synodical Minutes reported, in Item 12, that the General Synod requested this Synod to appoint a Committee of three members to act with similar Committees of the different District Synods upon the subject of union with the Reformed Church in America.

Thereupon, the Revs. Isaac H. Reiter, Samuel Mease and Geo. W. Williard, D. D., were appointed as said Committee.

III. DELEGATES TO THE WORLD'S EVANGELICAL ALLIANCE.

During the morning session of the second day (Thursday) of the sessions, the Committee on Overtures reported a communication from Rev. Samuel S. Schmucker, D. D., accompanied by five printed circulars, claiming to set forth "a safe and practical Plan for an Advisory Union among all Evangelical Denominations," which, in its organized character and form, is to be a Branch of and auxilliary to the World's Evangelical Alliance, and requesting the Ohio Synod to appoint delegates to the World's Evangelical Alliance, to meet in the City of New York, on the 2nd of October, 1873.

The aforesaid papers, together with the general subject involved, were referred to a special Committee, consisting of Revs. Peter C. Prugh, Isaac H. Reiter and Elder George Souder.

This Committee, on the third day of the sessions, (Friday), submitted the following report, which was received and adopted:

The Committee appointed to report upon the proposed Ameri-

can Branch Alliance, auxiliary to the World's Evangelical Alliance, have carefully examined the papers and documents placed in their hands, and would offer for adoption the following:

Whereas, A closer union of the different Evangelical Churches of this country is a subject worthy the most profound attention and earnest prayers of all true Christians; and,

Whereas, The plan proposed, and signed by eminent ministers of most of the evangelical denominations in this country, for the creation of an "American Branch Alliance," appears perfectly feasible, safe and important; therefore,

Resolved, That we adopt said plan, and proceed to appoint, according to the basis of representation, five delegates, three clerical and two lay members, to attend the meeting of the "World's Evangelical Alliance," to be held in the City of New York, on the 2d of October next.

Respectfully submitted,

P. C. PRUGH, *Chairman*.

After the adoption of the foregoing report, the following named persons were elected as delegates from this Synod to the World's Evangelical Alliance:

Primarii.—Revs. Peter C. Prugh, Nathaniel H. Loose, Isaac H. Reiter, and Elders Lewis Shriver and Jacob Greenameier.

Secundi.—Revs. Samuel B. Yockey, Samuel Mease, Lewis H. Kefauver, and Elders Jacob Leighty and Moses Marquis.

ARTICLE XII.

EXAMINATION, LICENSURE AND ORDINATION.

Application having been made in behalf of Frederick P. Hartmetz, John H. Beck, John J. Leberman and Michael Loucks, students of and regularly dismissed from the Theological Seminary at Tiffin, for examination and licensure, they were referred to the Standing Committee on Examination, Licensure and Ordination, which Committee, during the Saturday morning session, (May 17th), submitted the following report, which was received and adopted:

The Committee on Examination, Licensure and Ordination beg leave to submit the following report:

That they have examined the applicants referred to them in the various branches prescribed for the course of studies in the Seminary. It affords us pleasure to report the results of the examination *satisfactory*.

Messrs. J. H. Beck and F. P. Hartmetz, having commissions from the Board of Missions of this Synod, the former to Hiawatha, Brown Co., Kansas, and the latter to Denver, Colorado, and desiring to be ordained by this Synod at its

present sessions, we recommend them for ordination to the Holy Ministry.

Upon calls presented by Messrs. M. Loucks, from the Reformed Church, at Akron, Ohio, and by J. J. Leberman, from the Louisville charge of the Eastern Ohio Classis, and these calls being found in order, your Committee recommend these brethren also for ordination at this Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

LEWIS H. KEFAUVER, *Chairman.*

On motion,

Resolved, That the said applicants are hereby licensed to preach the Gospel, and that the officers of Synod furnish them with certificates of licensure, upon their signing the *Formula*, as prescribed by the Constitution.

Resolved, That the calls, respectively tendered from the charges designated in the report of the Committee, to Michael Loucks and John J. Leberman, being found in order, be confirmed.

Resolved, That Michael Loucks and John J. Leberman, and also John H. Beck and Frederick P. Hartmetz, who have been regularly commissioned as missionaries, be ordained on Sunday evening to the Gospel Ministry.

On motion, the Officers of Synod were appointed a Committee of Ordination; and Michael Loucks was referred to Tuscarawas Classis, John J. Leberman to Eastern Ohio Classis, and John H. Beck and Fred. P. Hartmetz to Tiffin Classis.

Immediately after the adoption of the second resolution, following the report of the Committee on Examination, Licensure and Ordination, the Rev. E. F. A. Schade gave notice that he would for himself complain of the action of Synod, confirming the said calls, to the General Synod.

The Committee, (Rev. Nathaniel H. Loose, preaching the sermon, and Rev. Isaac H. Reiter, delivering the charge and prayer), appointed by Synod to ordain the aforesaid licentiates, attended to the duties assigned them, on Sunday evening, May 18th, in the First Reformed Church at Shelbyville, Illinois.

ARTICLE XIII.

RELIGION AND MORALS.

The Standing Committee on the State of Religion and Statistical Reports, presented their report, which was received and adopted; and is as follows:

Report of the State of Religion within the bounds of the Synod of Ohio.

Rev. and dear Brethren in the Lord: Every annual meeting of Synod, which we, by the Providence of God, are permitted

to attend, constitutes in reality an important epoch in our ministerial life; it is a certain resting-point which bids us to review all the active and passive experience of a whole year, and also to prepare for the solemn responsibilities of the future, And in doing this we are not concerned with our own individual interests, but with the interests of the whole Synod, as they are brought to our notice in the reports of the different Classes within its bounds. To some this may appear an easy task, but whoever truly desires to furnish a full representation of all the realized events, will readily acknowledge, and will never claim to have performed his duty satisfactorily, at least not to himself. It is simply impossible to present in a short report a perfect exhibition of all the occurrences throughout the whole Synod during an entire year. Only in the most general way can we touch upon a few of the most important subjects that have claimed the attention of our Classes, and which deserve the attention of every Christian.

All the Reports on the State of Religion placed in our hands, begin with expressions of devout gratitude to the Lord Jesus Christ, the great Head of the Church, for the goodness and mercy vouchsafed to His ministering servants, and for the apparent success with which their labors have been crowned. This is a glorious fact! because it proves beyond a doubt that our ministerial brethren in the different Classes are fully conscious of their heaven-born relation to the only begotten Son of God, our Lord, and that they fully know and acknowledge their dependence upon His divine grace, and are willing to be used as instruments in His kingdom. Let us rejoice in this glorious fact that the Sun of righteousness has risen upon us as a Church, and that we, together with all our ministerial brethren, are the honored and richly blessed servants of one and the same Lord and Master, whose divine promise: "Lo, I am with you alway," has been verified during the past Synodical year to the fullest extent.

It is true indeed, as several of the classical reports have recorded, that some of our brethren have passed through serious danger, and others have experienced sore afflictions in person, family and charges, but in all of them they have realized also the presence and help of the Lord, so that their temporal and light afflictions have in most cases been turned into spiritual joy. All our watchmen have been permitted to hold their position on the walls of Zion, and as they have raised their voices boldly in proclaiming the sweet and everlasting gospel of salvation to a perishing world, and have administered the holy ordinances of their glorious Commander faithfully, their labors have been crowned with great success, far surpassing, in some instances, their most sanguine expectations. Even from the far distant frontiers, where our zealous missionaries are

toiling to gather immortal souls into the fold of Christ, we have the encouraging intelligence, that during the past synodical year their self-sacrificing labors have received favor and prosperity from on high. Nearly all the reports from the different Classes express satisfaction and pleasure in view of the fact, that their pastors and elders have performed their sacred duties in a proper churchly spirit and manner, preaching and teaching the truth in accordance with our excellent symbol, the Heidelberg Catechism, and administering the Sacraments with a livelier consciousness of their Christ-appointed use and power, to reign over and seal to every believing soul the grace and communion of God. And in consequence of this, "the confirmed membership of the Church"—we are told—"with devout aspirations after higher and higher attainments in the divine life, have sought and obtained spiritual nourishment and strength in the Sacrament of the body and blood of our blessed Saviour *Jesus Christ*."

It is also gratifying to learn from the reports that the pastors and people of our Synod have become more deeply interested, during the past year, in the proper religious training of the youth, and that consequently in some charges unusually large numbers of catechumens have been instructed, and the blessed work of the Sabbath school has received increased attention and resulted in larger benefits to the rising generation. It is being felt more clearly on all sides, that the solemn petition of the Lord's prayer: "*Thy Kingdom come!*"—must proceed from fervent, loving hearts, and be accompanied with open, active hands, and hence the divine work of missions, at home and in foreign lands, is claiming the attention of our pastors and charges to a greater extent than in years past. The loud and earnest cry:—let us have men and means; comes up to us from every Classis, and in order to have the growing demand satisfied, the Classes take a deeper interest in the support of beneficiary students, and in the upbuilding of our Literary and Theological Institutions.

In all these and other evidences of spiritual life, we, as a Synod, have great reason to rejoice. The Lord has answered the prayers of his servants, and has abundantly blessed the work of his handmaids, which is a sure sign that greater, more happifying results may be expected from our faithful labors of love during the present synodical year. Let us depart, therefore, to our respective fields of labor, with the firm confidence in the pledged help of our Divine Master, and in the regenerating and sanctifying power and efficacy of His Holy Spirit and means of grace. Let us, as a band of Christian brethren, pray with each other and for each other, and pray and labor hand in hand for the temporal and eternal welfare of all the precious souls entrusted to our care. For whilst we have reason to rejoice over much prosperity, we find also

abundant reason for sadness in view of still existing adversity. The peace and harmony in and between some of our charges and Classes have been greatly disturbed; selfish interests and blind party prejudices are still actively at work in various ways, endeavoring to separate and keep apart those that ought to be of one mind and spirit in the great cause entrusted to their care. The graces of love, faith and hope; the virtues of devotion, order, liberality, &c., are by far not yet as strong and extensive as they ought to be. And then, there are also providential afflictions that cause us to lament. With our brethren of Miami Classis, we have to lament the affliction of one of their most active and efficient members, the Rev. Conrad Saure.* "May the good Lord give him grace sufficient, and soon restore him to health."

Respectfully submitted,

HERMAN RUST, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE XIV.

THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

I. THE ANNUAL REPORTS.

1. *Report of the Board of Trustees.*

The Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary would here submit their annual report:

The Board met at Dayton, Ohio, July 2, 1872, and organized by the election of Rev. Isaac H. Reiter, *President*, Rev. David Van Horne, *Secretary*, and Rev. David Winters, D. D., *Treasurer*; and subsequently held several meetings during the year.

The attention of the Synod has been at different times directed to the subject of the Students' Home property at Tiffin. The total cost of the property, including the land, improvements and contingent expenses, reached the amount of \$4,826 78. The investment, financially, proved profitable to the Seminary, but the main object in securing the property was never fully realized, and the railroads passing through the lot have in a great measure frustrated the benevolent design of the whole enterprise.

Hence, after due consideration, and believing it to be for the best interests of the Seminary, the Board sold the Students' Home property to Nelson L. Brewer, Esq., for the sum of \$7,000, and executed a deed for the same to him, dated March 24th, 1873. The special terms of sale are \$2,000 in cash, and the balance of \$5,000 is to be paid in three equal annual payments, with 8 per cent. interest, secured by notes and mortgage, dated April 1st, 1873. At the time of the sale, there was resting

*He died May 31st, only two days after Synod had adjourned.

on the property a debt of \$174 00, which was paid out of the \$2,000 cash received.

There are still some notes in favor of the Students' Home, which the Board will endeavor to collect, but the most of these will in all probability prove unavailable.

In regard to the funds realized from the sale of the Students' Home property, the Board, at their annual meeting at Dayton, April 28th, 1873, adopted the following action:

Resolved, That the Treasurer of this Board be, and is hereby, instructed to hold in trust, for the purpose for which it was donated, the \$7,000 realized from the sale of the Students' Home property, less \$174 00, the amount of indebtedness on the property when sold.

Resolved, That the Treasurer be instructed to invest the funds now in hand from the said sale, in Dayton City Bonds bearing 8 per cent. interest, payable semi-annually.

Resolved, That the Treasurer be further instructed to apply the interest money, realized from the bonds and notes obtained from the sale of the Students' Home property, for the immediate use of the Theological Seminary."

Under this arrangement, the special collections heretofore applied to the *immediate use* of the Seminary, in view of the incompleteness of the endowment of the second Professorship, will not be required for that purpose, as the accruing interest will be sufficient to pay the German Professor; and hence these special collections raised by the congregations can be devoted to the beneficiary cause and missions, and thus afford a larger amount of aid to these important benevolent enterprises.

The Board has agreed to contribute annually ten dollars towards defraying the expenses of publishing the annual Catalogue of the College and Seminary, with the understanding that 100 copies, if desired, shall be placed at the disposal of the Board.

The financial Agent, Mr. Henry Leonard, during the past year, along with his operations for Heidelberg College, has collected "a few special crumbs" for the benefit of the Theological Seminary.

Our efficient Treasurer, during the year, has been diligently engaged in looking after delinquents and in collecting outstanding dues, and has done a good work in promoting the financial interests of the Seminary.

For a financial exhibit of the condition of the Treasury, the Synod is referred to the Treasurer's report, which is herewith submitted.

Respectfully submitted,

ISAAC H. REITER, *President*.

2. Report of the Treasurer of the Board.

REV. D. WINTERS, D. D., Treasurer, in account with the Theological Seminary of the Synod of Ohio.

1872.		DR.	
May	3	To cash from S. Hivling, \$6; W. S. Winings, \$6	\$ 12 00
	9	City Bonds interest	290 00
	16	Elder Loose, from Epler & Spittler, Mich., each \$7 50	15 00
Jun	3	G. G. Prugh \$6, Daniel Hampler \$3	9 00
	14	Berleman \$1 50, Eichof \$1 50, Huber \$1 50, Miller \$1 50	6 00
	17	Shumaker, from Seigfried \$1 50, Null \$1 50, Reichel \$1 50	6 00
	18	Dr. Winters \$3, T. L. Prugh \$1 50, C. Fauber \$3	7 50
	24	A. Fauber, dec'd. per G. W. Fauber, interest	9 85
	26	Dr. Good, int. \$16, col. at Fremont \$11 50, J. Royer, int. \$6	33 50
July	5	Rev. H. Knepper, Ill., various persons, int.	28 50
	21	Rev. F. Schaad, Ragersville, Jubilee fund, int.	15 00
Aug	1	D. W. Winters & Bro., int. \$18. H. Smith, Swope, Myer, Bricker and Bair, each \$1 50	25 50
	15	Dr. Good, from Rev. J. A. Keller col. Salem's ch. \$5 73, Zion's \$8 77	14 50
	25	Elder L. H. Diehl, Illinois, various persons	16 35
Sept	5	Rev. D. Winters, D. D., Harvest Home col., Mt. Zion charge	41 00
	6	S. Crist per Dr. Rust \$6, M. E. Dutterer per Rev. Hilbish \$7	13 00
	11	Dr. Good per Rev. J. A. Keller, Bloomville congregation \$4 75, Rev. Loose from J. Crum \$2 75	7 50
	17	Rev. J. Kuelling from C. Sandau \$12, B. Kuhns, int. \$6	18 00
Oct	17	Rev. S. Mease, Treas. Miami Classis from West Alexandria charge \$14 24, New Madison, Rev. McCaughey \$3, Springboro, Rev. Shumaker \$5 85	23 09
	17	Xenia \$9 06, St. Paris \$7, Sidney \$6 25, Bloom Centre \$5 20, Salem 66c., Mt. Carmel \$2 50, New Madison \$3 89, Farmersville \$18 05, First Church, Dayton \$25, Church of the Cross, Cincinnati \$7 50	85 11
Nov	1	City Bonds, int. \$280 00, M. A. Winters, int, \$48, D. W. Winters & Bro., int. \$18	346 00
	9	Rev. P. C. Prugh per J. Peterson \$3, Agt. Leonard, from Mt. Zion (a crumb) \$2	5 00
Dec	5	Elder T. Loose, Mich. from C. Santsiche \$18, P. Kratz, deceased \$18	36 00
	5	Rev. J. Klinger, from Kipfer \$1 50, J. D. Faucht \$1 50, Togenbach \$1 50	4 50
	19	Rev. N. H. Loose, various persons in Shelby, O. int.	13 50
1873			
Jan	1	Rev. Dr. Winters from J. V. Prugh \$3, Rev. C. G. A. Hullhorst, int. \$2 10, A. & J. Mast per Rev. Naille \$3 90	9 00
	22	Dr. Good from Peter Ruth, Pa.	15 00
	29	Ag't H. Leonard from S. Helfrich \$3, C. Klinger \$3	6 00
	31	Dr. Good, int. \$24, D. W. Winters & Bro. \$18, Dr. Rust \$30, Dr. Winters \$40 65	112 65
Feb	10	Elder J. A. Nicodemus, Ill. from Meyers \$30, Zundahl \$18, Zollinger \$12, Meyers \$6, Flota \$6, Glass \$12, Reber \$6, Maloynne \$6, Heller \$3, Faul \$3, J. Meyers \$3, in all, \$105, less 25c for draft	104 75
	18	J. G. Byers interest	9 00
	28	Elder Chapman from J. S. Bretz \$11 40, J. Shorb \$5 95	17 35
			\$1345 15

		<i>Brought forward,</i>	DR. \$1345 15
Mar	8	Geo. W. Fuuber, int. in advance	18 00
	28	Rev. I. H. Reiter from Mease \$6, Medlar \$1 50, Gehart \$1 50	9 00
	31	C. Gross & Bro. \$30, J. Wiest \$30, interest	60 00
Apr	1	W. H. and D. Winters,	48 40
May	1	City Bonds, interest, 6 months	280 00
	1	M. A. and D. W Winters & Bro. interest, 6 months	66 00
	1	Dr. J. H. Good, interest	16 00
	1	Rev. S. Mease, Treas. Miami Classis from Xenia charge \$2 84, Springboro \$2 56, First Church, Cincinnati \$9, Highland \$2 13, Millville \$4 50, Church of the Cross \$4 52, West Alexandria \$8 42	33 87
		Advanced by the Treasurer	45 73

 \$1922 25

Balance due the Treasurer, May 6th, 1873 \$45 73

		CONTRA.	CR.	
1872	May	1	By balance due the Treasurer at the Canton Synod	\$ 46 26
		31	Paid to S. C. Mauger for printing Catalogues	15 50
Oct	7	Rev. D. Van Horne, expenses to the East	40 00	
	7	Overpaid by Treasurer Mease, and paid him back again	1 00	
	7	Paid for stamps and expressage during the year	6 00	
1873	May	1	Paid interest already accrued on City Bonds	13 49
		1	" Dr. J. H. Good, in quarterly payments	900 00
		1	" Dr. H. Rust, " " "	900 00
			being their full salaries up to May 1st, 1873	900 00

 \$1922 25

		ENDOWMENT FUND.	DR.	
1872	May	2	To balance in the Treasury at the Canton Synod	\$ 168 00
		2	Cash of D. W. and M. A. Winters paid back	1000 00
Jun	24	"	" A. Fauber's Estate	80 00
Sep	11	"	" on E. A. Dutterer's note	100 00
	24	"	" " Jacob Crum's Note	50 00
1873	Feb	18	" of J. G. Byers	50 00
	28	"	" " J. S. Bretz, per T. W. Chapman	100 00
May	1	"	" on Sale of Students' Home, per N. L. Brewer	2000 00

 \$3548 00

		INVESTED.	CR.	
1872	May	13	To M. A. Winters, at 8 per cent.	\$1100 00
1873	May	1	City Bonds, at 8 per cent., semi-annually	2000 00
		1	Paid Dr. Rust balance due on Students' Home	163 00
		1	" Rev. I. H. Reiter expenses to Tiffin	\$ 10 00
		1	" Rev. R. Good for recording mortgage	84
			Balance on hand, May 5th, 1873	274 16

 \$3548 00

Respectfully submitted,

DAVID WINTERS, Treasurer.

3. Report of the Board of Visitors.

The Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary had a meeting on the 18th of June, 1872, at which time the examinations of that institution were held. Members present, Revs.

S. Mease, N. H. Loose, C. W. Hoyman, L. H. Kefauver, of the Synod of Ohio. None of the Board of the Synod of the North-West were present. The examinations continued throughout the day. They were interesting and proved satisfactory to the members of the Board. During the last year twenty-four students have been in attendance at the Seminary; seven of these have been regularly dismissed, viz: Charles W. Good, Theodore J. Bacher, William Herr, John H. Beck, John J. Leberman, Michael Loucks, and Frederick P. Hartmetz. The last four have been recommended to this Synod for licensure.

In view of the fact that frequent meetings of the Board would be necessary, an executive committee, to attend to the business requiring attention, was appointed, consisting of Reva. J. H. Good, D. D., H. Rust, D. D., G. W. Williard, D. D., R. Good, and L. H. Kefauver. This executive committee held quite a number of meetings during the year, for the purpose of receiving applicants into, and dismissing students from, the Seminary.

From the facts just stated, it will be seen that the Theological Seminary is in a flourishing condition, and is doing a good work. From it the ranks of the ministry are filling up, and the Church is reaping the fruits of her investments in this direction.

Beneficiary Education.

The cause of Beneficiary Education is also entrusted to this Board. The whole number of students under our care during the last year is twenty-two. Over two thousand dollars have been appropriated to students now on the Board. The amount due the Treasurer for money advanced, and to students who have not received their full appropriations, is \$663.75. To meet the appropriations for the present term will require about \$600. This added to the above deficiency, will amount to \$863.75, which amount should be paid into the treasury by the 18th of June next. And should this not be done, the Board will be greatly embarrassed, and will be compelled to borrow the money which will be due the beneficiaries at that time, thus requiring us to pay interest from our already depleted treasury. As the Church gets most of her ministers from this source, her liberality in this direction should be greatly increased. Were it not for a few friends of this cause, the Board would be compelled to refuse support to any further applicants who might wish to be taken under its care, and what would be still more humiliating, to drop some who are now receiving support from its treasury.

In view of our indebtedness we would respectfully request the Synod to take some immediate steps towards having it removed.

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

4. Report of Treasurer of Education.

R. GOOD, Treasurer, in account with Board of Education of Synod of Ohio, of Reformed Church.

To amount received, as follows: DR.

<i>Tuscarawas Classis.</i>		
T. W. Chapman, Treasurer.....	\$ 426 76	
Rev. S. C. Goss, Wadsworth.....	12 16	
“ E. D. Miller.....	1 31	440 22
<i>Lancaster Classis.</i>		
Rev. J. Vogt, Delaware charge.....	79 51	
“ G. H. Leonard, Basil “.....	75 00	
“ C. W. Hoyman, Somerset “.....	67 50	
“ F. Staasner, Union “.....	33 60	
“ J. W. Alspach, Heidelberg “.....	25 30	
“ H. Williard, Jerusalem “.....	18 95	
“ “ Winchester “.....	9 21	
“ “ Beaver “.....	5 00	314 07
<i>Miami Classis.</i>		
Rev. Dr. D. Winters, Mt. Zion charge.....	50 00	
“ D. Van Horne, 1st ch., Dayton.....	35 00	
“ T. H. Winters, Union charge.....	30 00	
“ O. J. Accola, 2nd ch., Dayton.....	25 00	
“ J. Kuelling, 1st “ Cincinnati.....	25 00	
“ H. M. Herman, West Alexandria.....	24 25	
“ S. B. Yockey, Xenia charge.....	19 82	
“ I. H. Reiter, Miamisburg “.....	15 00	
“ L. M. Kerschner, Salem “.....	7 20	
“ J. Richards, St. Paris “.....	7 00	238 27
<i>Tiffin Classis.</i>		
Rev. J. A. Keller, Zion charge.....	38 70	
“ Dr. G. W. Williard, Fort Seneca “.....	25 00	
“ L. H. Kefauver, 1st ch., Tiffin.....	20 00	
“ Eli Keller, Bellevue ch.....	15 00	
“ W. H. Fenneman, Berwick charge.....	7 50	
“ Dr. J. H. Good, Jacobs “.....	5 52	
“ J. Ruhl, Findlay “.....	4 00	
“ “ Hopewell “.....	4 40	
P. Fry, Contributions.....	8 09	
D. Klingler, “.....	5 00	
Rev. R. Good, “.....	5 00	138 21
<i>St. John's Classis.</i>		
Rev. A. F. Zartman, Wooster ch.....	46 50	
“ P. Herbruck, Canton “.....	22 00	
“ H. Kortheuer, Massillon “.....	10 00	
“ C. Schiller, Akron “.....	10 00	
“ G. W. Henning, St. Paul “.....	6 00	94 50
<i>Eastern Ohio Classis.</i>		
Rev. G. M. Albright, New Lisbon ch.....	17 00	
“ H. Hilbish, Mt. Olivet “.....	8 83	25 83
		\$1251 10

<i>Brought forward,</i>		DR.	\$1251 10
<i>St. Joseph Classis.</i>			
Rev. W. B. Sandoe, Auburn charge.....		10 82	
" F. R. Schwedes, St. John		8 50	
" H. H. Sandoe, Winamac		6 20	
		<u>25 52</u>	
<i>Erie Classis.</i>			
Rev. C. Schaaf, 1st ch., Sandusky.....			12 00
<i>Received from Various Sources.</i>			
German Book Concern.....	\$	3 21	
Rev. A. Houtz		17 20	
" D. H. Reiter, contribution.....		10 00	
" Joseph Sechler.....		5 00	
A friend.....		50 00	
A friend, of Louisville.....		5 00	
N. Moyer.....		1 00	
Dr. Welmer.....		2 00	
Refunded by S. Nonamaker.....		38 00	
" " J. J. Bonstein.....		10 00	
" " F. Holender.....		8 00	
" " G. K. Hart.....		27 00	
		<u>176 41</u>	
Total amount of collections.....			1465 03
Amount borrowed from bank, May 6th, 1873.....			200 00
Balance due Treasurer, May 12th, 1873.....			163 75
			<u>\$1828 78</u>

CONTRA.		CR.	
Balance due Treasurer in last report.....	\$	30 45	
Amount paid Beneficiaries.....		1571 00	
Principal paid Heidelberg College.....		200 00	
Interest " " ".....		19 00	
" on \$60 for 4 months.....		1 60	
Postal orders and postage.....		3 23	
Interest paid bank on \$200.....		3 50	
		<u>\$1828 78</u>	
The debt of the Board at this date is, as follows:			
To Heidelberg College, a balance.....	\$	100 00	
To First National Bank, Tiffin.....		200 00	
To R. Good, Treasurer.....		163 75	
		<u>\$ 463 75</u>	

Respectfully submitted,

REUBEN GOOD, *Treasurer.*

5. *Report on Library and Professorial Fund.*

The undersigned has nothing new to report this year to the Synod in regard to these Funds. The matters are still in *statu quo*. We must allow further time to bring them to a proper conclusion.

Respectfully submitted,

JER. H. GOOD.

II. REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

The Standing Committee on the Theological Seminary, to whom the foregoing reports had been referred, submitted the following report, which was received, amended and adopted :

Your committee have examined all reports coming into their hands. The reports will be incorporated in the minutes of Synod, so that our only duty is to report items for synodical action.

We congratulate the Synod and Church on the prosperous condition of the Seminary. Twenty-four students have been in attendance, seven having been dismissed, and some of these have entered upon the active duties of the ministry. It is a matter of regret, however, that the beneficiary students have not been paid. There is a deficiency of eight hundred dollars. We recommend the following resolutions :

Resolved, That all the different charges be requested to take collections for beneficiary education before the close of the present college year.

Resolved, That the editor of the "Christian World" call the attention of the Church to this action of Synod.

Resolved, That no applicant for admission into the Seminary, or as a beneficiary student, be received unless coming under the care, and with the recommendation, of some particular Classis.

Resolved, That the different Classes be instructed to comply with Art. 3, of the Constitution, licensing none who have not been regularly connected with them during their theological training.

Resolved, That the professors be directed to report annually, in full, the standing of all the theological students, to the different Classes under whose care and supervision they respectively are.

Respectfully submitted,

SAMUEL B. YOCKEY, *Chairman*.

III. RESPECTING THE STUDENTS' HOME PROPERTY.

The Committee on Synodical Minutes, on the second day of the sessions, reported in item 10, that the Trustees of the Synod of Ohio were authorized, upon certain conditions, to transfer the Students' Home property at Tiffin to the Trustees of the North-Western Synod. The same committee reported, in item 11, that, as appeared from its Minutes, the North-Western Synod declined to accept of the Students' Home property on the terms offered to it by this Synod.

Thereupon the following resolution was adopted :

Resolved, That this Synod expresses its regret that the North-Western Synod could not see its way clear to accept the offer

of the Students' Home property, made to it by the unanimous vote of this Synod in 1872, and that its request for an unconditional surrender of the property could not be complied with.

ARTICLE XV.

HEIDELBERG COLLEGE.

I. THE ANNUAL REPORTS.

1. *Report of the Board of Trustees.*

To the Synod of Ohio:—

Having given a full exhibit of the operations and finances of Heidelberg College in our report a year ago, we do not deem it necessary to enter into particulars in the statements we now make. The attendance upon the College has been very encouraging, being a few more than we reported last year. The students have made commendable progress in their studies, and have deported themselves so as to gain the esteem of the Faculty.

The Agent has not been able to devote much time to the endowment of the College, in consequence of domestic afflictions. What little time he was able to operate he spent in the city of Tiffin and vicinity, endeavoring to raise the funds necessary for the erection of a Boarding Hall upon the campus, which is felt to be a necessity in the present posture of things. The beginning that has been made has been encouraging. If nothing interferes, the Hall will be erected in the course of the summer. The funds necessary to complete it will, in all probability, be contributed by the city of Tiffin and county of Seneca.

We are pleased to report a most magnificent and timely gift made to the College a few weeks ago by Mr. R. W. Shawhan, a prominent and highly respected citizen of Tiffin, of 6080 acres of land in Missouri, mostly in the counties of Reynolds and Carter. The object of the respected donor is to found a Professorship in the College. The land was estimated by Mr. Shawhan at \$15,000, which amount the Board of Trustees hopes to be able to realize from it. The sooner the land can be sold and the proceeds put upon interest, according to the intention of the donor, the better it will be for the College, as the endowment is not sufficient to pay the Professors the salaries they ought to have. Members of the Church who may have funds which they desire to invest in some safe and profitable way, may benefit themselves and the College by purchasing this land.

The Synod and Church at large are under many obligations to Mr. Shawhan for the timely and generous gift he has made. Those who intend to remember the educational and other interests of the Church by contributions, would do well to follow

the example of Mr. Shawhan by giving in their life time, so that they can see that their donations are applied as they desire they should be.

We are also pleased to state that the expenses of the College, by great economy and self-denial, have all been provided for, for the last seven years, so that the endowment has remained untouched, and has been steadily increasing. Should the Church continue its support to the College in the future as it has in the past, there is every reason to hope that it will not be long until it will be placed upon a basis equal to that of the other Colleges of the State.

There is much interest due on the scholarships that have been sold by the Agent in different parts of the Church. As the College is depending in a large measure upon the prompt payment of the interest on these notes to meet its current expenses, it is of great importance that there be no delinquency here. Anything which the Synod may be able to do to aid the Board of Trustees in the collection of these outstanding dues will be thankfully received. Some ministers and laymen have rendered important service in this respect, by collecting the interest in their respective charges as it becomes due; whilst others do but little for the College, and allow the interest to accumulate from year to year.

The Board of Trustees, at the recommendation of the Alumni Association, elected Prof. Charles O. Knepper, A. M., an alumnus of the College, who has been engaged in teaching for a number of years, and has therefore much experience in the work, to the Professorship of Belles Lettres. It is hoped that he may see his way clear to accept the position, and enter upon his work by the beginning of next year, thus adding to the teaching force of the College.

The Synod is referred to the report of the Agent, H. Leonard, for an account of his operations during the year.

In behalf of the Board of Trustees,

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. W. WILLIARD, *President.*

2. *Report of the Financial Agent.*

During the past Synodical year I have not been able to accomplish much for our Institutions at Tiffin, O.

Immediately after the meeting of our Synod at Canton, Ohio, in May, 1872, I went east, and labored three months for Ursinus College at Freeland, Montgomery County, Pa., where I caught some large fish.

After this I spent one month in the city of Tiffin, O., and vicinity, soliciting subscriptions for the purpose of erecting a *Boarding Hall* on the College Campus. The result was that,

with the aid of our worthy President, and Professors, and other good friends, I succeeded in raising about two thousand dollars for this object, including three perpetual scholarships.

Afterwards I took a severe cold which kept me at home. After I recovered, I left home to operate again; but took a relapse, and had to return home again; then, on account of the very severe cold weather, I did not think it advisable to leave home. And when I would have been able to travel again, my son Charles came home, sick, in the month of January, and as his sickness has been of a lingering character, I have been detained at home ever since.

And yet, while detained at home I have not been idle. It is known to many that I have been engaged in sending out, by mail, many thousand photographs. The result was, that I have realized from this source, for the benefit of Heidelberg College, over and above all expenses, for printing circulars, papers, postage stamps, envelopes, and photographs, the net sum of \$397,35, besides a few special crumbs for our Theological Seminary.

And I would here add, if all those persons who have received a package of my pictures, but who have not yet answered my "silent call," will only do like all those good friends who have favored me with "crumbs" and kind letters, the result will be that I will be able to pay the entire indebtedness of the College, including the Professors' salaries. But this will depend entirely on the free and good will of the people.

It would be cheering news to all the friends of our Institutions at Tiffin, to learn what great things these small sums did when brought together. Let others do likewise.

I would yet add for the encouragement of the children and young people, that the amount of crumbs received by letter, alone from the children and young people, during the year, was \$418,05. The balance of \$759,55 came from parents and old folks.

I traveled during the year, east and west, 2,625 miles. Total number of miles traveled, from the 22nd day of January, 1857, to May, 1873, is 60,543.

Cash received during the year, in return for photographs sent by mail, from old and young	\$1177 60
Paid out for photographs, postage stamps, envelopes and printing	780 25
	\$ 397 35
Amount of my traveling expenses during the year....	27 40
Balance due the College.....	\$ 369 95

The Boarding Hall notes and subscriptions I handed over to the President.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY LEONARD, Agent.

II. REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON HEIDELBERG COLLEGE.

The Standing Committee on Heidelberg College submitted the following report, which was received, amended and adopted :

Your Committee beg leave to submit the following report :

That, from the documents referred to the Committee, we learn that the College is in a prosperous condition. There has been an encouraging increase in the number of students. The progress and deportment of the students have been such as to merit and receive the approval of the President and Professors of the College.

The finances of the College are well managed. The Agent reports that he has secured an additional amount of funds during the year for the College. Especial mention is made of the liberal donation of Mr. Rezzin W. Shawhan, of Tiffin, Ohio, of 6,080 acres of land, situated in the State of Missouri, and valued at \$15,000. This timely gift will do much towards placing the College on a more substantial basis, and increase its facilities to prosecute its work.

For full particulars of the several matters pertaining to the College, the Synod is referred to the reports herewith submitted.

We would recommend the following action for adoption :

Resolved, That we, as a Synod, cordially recommend Heidelberg College to the continued favor and liberal patronage of the Church.

Resolved, That, while we highly commend the liberality of Mr. R. W. Shawhan, we would also endeavor to impress upon the minds of our wealthy men in the Church the importance and obligation of giving liberal contributions or donations, to our Institutions, during their life-time.

Respectfully submitted.

JOHN M. KENDIG, *Chairman*.

ARTICLE XVI.

MISSIONS.

I. HOME MISSIONS.

1. *Report of Board of Missions of Ohio Synod.*

As the time has again arrived for the Board of Missions of the Reformed Synod of Ohio to make its annual report to Synod, and to render an account of its stewardship, we may say that we discharge this duty with mingled feelings of regret and joy. Regret, that our congregations have done so little, during the past year, in the way of contributing towards this sacred object; but at the same time, joy, that we have been en-

abled to make a material advance on former years, and that so many of our ministers are devoting their time and energies to this work, without special compensation or appointment.

All must admit, that the experiment of conducting the work of Home Missions through the General Synod, and by means of the General Board, was not a success in the end, and that when in 1870, the two western Synods resolved to revive Synodical Boards, and so also the Eastern Synod in 1872, it was high time for these bodies to do so, if the whole interest was to be revived and carried forward more successfully.

The difficulty which our Board has had to encounter in the way of *reviving the work* has been very great. In such matters our Church moves slowly, far too slowly. But there has been a steady advance during the last three years, as the following statement will show:

Contributions in 1870—71.....	\$ 381,44
“ “ 1871—72.....	857,50
“ “ 1872—73.....	2050,50

In estimating the work done in the missionary field, by the Ohio Synod, we must not stop by contemplating merely the small sum of \$2,050 50, as representing the sum total of the work of the year. If this were so, it would be proper for us as a Synod to sit down in sackcloth and ashes, in view of our lukewarmness and inefficiency. But the following must also be taken into account:

1. Of the one hundred and twenty-eight ministers of which our Synod is composed, fully one-half are really missionaries, doing missionary work, and serving, in reality, missionary fields. That is, although they are receiving no aid from Missionary Boards, they are faithfully devoting their lives to the work of the ministry for salaries fully less, on an average, by \$300, than what they would justly be entitled to receive. Thus we may say, that each one of these sixty ministers makes a voluntary, annual contribution, amounting, on an average, to \$300, to the cause of missions. These brethren ought to be honored for their sacrifices. Their contributions to the cause of missions, in the aggregate amount to a large sum, not less than \$18,000, annually. Would that the congregations could be induced to contribute in like proportion! They would certainly not be doing more than their duty.

2. It must be remembered, further, that the amount reported by our Treasurer does not include all that has been contributed during the year by the Ohio Synod. The Ohio Synod consists of nine Classes. Fully one-half of these have thus far carried forward their work by Classical Boards, and their contributions are, on this account, not included in our report. The Tuscarawas, Eastern Ohio, St. John, Lancaster, German Iowa and English Iowa Classes, have in this way done an excellent work; the details we are not able to report.

3. Our wealthiest Classis, Miami, formerly carried on its missionary work in the same way. One year ago it resolved to operate through the Synodical Board; yet thus far we have received almost no help from this Classis, because it was deeply in debt to its own missions, and it has taken almost the whole of their collections thus far to pay off past dues. These debts, we understand, are now about all discharged, and for the future we can reasonably expect to receive at least \$1,000 annually from this Classis alone.

We would report to Synod that, as a Board, we have labored hard, and we believe faithfully, during the year. We have devoted much time and attention to the subject. We have held eight meetings during the year, and contributed a number of articles to the Church paper. The President has written 250 letters connected with the work of the Board. We are only sorry that these letters, circulars and meetings have not met with a more prompt and liberal response from the pastors and congregations.

The Board reports that the Missions under our care are all believed to be very promising, with possibly two exceptions. Some of them will become self-supporting within the year, and we think *all* of them will become so in the course of three years.

The following are Missions that have been under our care :

1. *Liberty Centre, Henry Co., O.*—Rev. J. Michael. This mission has now become a self-supporting charge. It illustrates very well what fine openings the Reformed Church has, and how with a very little help, and that for only a brief period, our Church can be securely established in some places. An assistance of \$100 a year, continued for three years only, has served to establish three congregations where there were none before, in a new district, from which as a centre our Church will extend itself in different directions. Yea, Bro. Michael has done more than to establish this charge: his missionary activity has extended itself to Michigan, where two congregations were organized by him, not far from Lansing.

2. *Brown County, Ohio.*—Rev. Wm. Stechow. The appropriation here has been only \$100 a year, and will be needed, we think, only for the present year. The field is in a prosperous condition.

3. *Church of the Cross, Cincinnati.*—An old, but highly important mission, that ought, if possible, to be carried through to a successful issue. The Board has made every possible effort during the year to obtain a regular pastor for this station, but thus far without success. In the meantime it has been supplied by the Rev. S. Mease, and for a short time by Licentiate C. W. Good. Rev. P. C. Prugh has now been appointed to the station, and the Board are encouraged to hope that he will accept. Appropriation, \$500.

4. *Galion, Ohio.*—Rev. H. Williard. A new mission, commenced within the year, with very good prospects, and thus far reasonably successful. Appropriation, \$300.

5. *Germantown, Ohio.*—Rev. J. H. Apple. The appropriation for the past year was \$200, paid by the Miami Classis. The charge will now be self-supporting, from the 1st of April.

6. *Hamilton, Butler Co., O.*—Rev. G. Z. Mechling. This comparatively new, but important enterprise, became involved in pecuniary difficulties, so that the Board, to save the interest, was compelled to come to its assistance. The appropriation is \$200, which we think will be needed only for a year or two.

7. *Bradford, Darke Co., O.*—A new mission, recommended by the Miami Classis, and supplied for a while by Rev. J. S. Gough. The mission is now vacant, as the health of the missionary failed, so that he could not supply so laborious a field. Bro. Gough very generously declined to receive any assistance for the time he devoted to this mission.

8. *Heidelberg Charge, Hancock Co., O.*—Rev. J. May. This charge became self-supporting about the commencement of the year, and has received no assistance from the Board. It is worthy of mention, that this brother spread his labors over a large territory, so that a second charge is now about to be organized from a part of his field, and that probably without any missionary assistance.

9. *Freeport, Ill.*—Rev. A. Schroeder. This is a German mission in a large city, where an old German Mission had gone down entirely, some years ago. Appropriation \$200. The missionary seems to labor faithfully, but the progress toward a self-supporting charge seems to be rather slow.

10. *Centre Charge, Ill.*—Rev. S. P. Myers. This is an off-shoot of the Shelbyville Mission, which latter became self-supporting a year ago. The appropriation is \$300 for the first year. The Board expects the charge to become self-supporting very soon.

11. *Sycamore Mission, Ill.*—Rev. D. K. Fulcason. This is another off-shoot from the old Shelbyville Mission. The appropriation is \$100.

12. *Altamont, Ill.*—This mission, last year under the care of Rev. J. A. Smith, is understood to be self-supporting now. Rev. L. M. Kerschner has recently taken charge, and has appealed to the Church for help towards building a church at Altamont, which we hope will be liberally responded to.

13. *Boonsboro, Iowa.*—Rev. A. Bletsch. This mission was understood to be quite successful; but the Board has extended no help during the past year.

14. *Greenville, Darke Co., Ohio.*—Rev. W. McCaughey. In this county seat an excellent Reformed church has been erected by a small band of Reformed people. On the recommendation of Miami Classis the Board resolved to make an appropriation of

\$200 per annum. This will be needed, we think, for but a short time.

15. *Denver City, Colorado.*—From this large, growing and enterprising city at the foot of the Rocky Mountains a call came to the Board for help. We made an appropriation of \$300 per annum, but after long searching and much correspondence, we have thus far been unable to secure a missionary suited to the field. At the urgent request of the Board, Rev. J. A. Keller made a visit to the field during the winter, and spent three months in Denver. His people generously gave him leave of absence for that period, giving that as a part of their contributions to the cause of missions. Rev. Keller gave his three months' service gratuitously, giving that as his contribution to the work of home missions. On application, we secured half fare on all the railroads, and we may regard the money saved thus as a contribution also to this cause. There are some difficulties yet in the way of immediate success in Denver, but we regard the mission as highly promising, and if we can only secure the proper man for the place, it will not be a burden to the Board for any length of time. On his return, as well as on his way out, Rev. Keller did all that lay in his power to visit promising and important points.

16. One of the points to which he was led was in *Brown Co., Kansas*, near Hiawatha. At this place the opening is so encouraging that the Board has resolved at once to plant a missionary there. Very little, and probably no missionary aid will be needed.

Since the preceding was written, the Board has selected two brethren from the Theological Seminary, in whom they have the fullest confidence, to take charge of these missions, namely: F. P. Hartmetz for Denver, and John H. Beck for Hiawatha. The appropriation for the latter point is not yet definitely fixed, but it will be quite small, and will not be needed for more than one year. If these brethren obey the call of the Church, which we hope and expect, they will present themselves at Synod for licensure and ordination, and at once proceed to their respective fields of labor.

At the last Synod much interest was manifested in the matter of the election of a General Superintendent of Missions; far more interest indeed than has since been manifested, in the work of supporting the missions already established. The brother who was elected to the post found it impossible to accept the situation. We are sorry that this was the case, because we believe that he had special qualifications for the work. Still, it is a question, whether the supply of properly qualified ministers is yet sufficient to make it expedient to enter upon such extended operations. A missionary superintendent may succeed in causing greater streams to flow into the treasury of the Lord, in calling forth a greater interest in the whole cause,

in founding many missions, but all these are of little avail unless we have active, devoted, self-denying men to fill the places. We think that when the *fullness of time* has arrived, such a superintendent should certainly be set at work. But it is plain that Synod should not elect any brother to such a post, induce him to sever his pastoral connection, and then leave him to work on without financial support. This matter should be properly considered beforehand.

In conclusion, we would refer the Synod to the report of the Treasurer, which is herewith annexed.

We may remark yet, that the success and economy of Rev. Jos. A. Keller's tour to Kansas and Denver City, (which has cost the Board not more than about \$100 in all), suggests that it may be advisable for the Board from time to time to secure the services of regular pastors in this way, at least until a superintendent of missions be obtained. But the Synod will see also the necessity of more funds *without delay*, so that these missions may be sustained. At the date of closing this report, (April 26th, 1873), we have appropriations due to our missionaries, which we cannot meet, amounting to about \$500. In other words, there is a deficiency in the missionary treasury of that amount, at this date.

Respectfully submitted,

JER. H. GOOD, *President.*

2. Report of Treasurer of Synod's Board of Home Missions.

REV. WM. H. FENNEMAN, *Treasurer, in account with the Board of Home Missions of the Synod of Ohio.*

	DR.	
Balance in the Treasury at last report.....	\$	188 85
Rev. J. B. Shumaker, Canton charge.....		20 23
“ D. S. Fouse, Boulder charge.....		30 00
“ J. A. Keller, Zion's charge.....		37 06
“ H. Wilson, Shelbyville charge.....		28 35
“ F. Strassner, Orrville charge.....		73 72
“ G. W. Williard, D. D., Fort Seneca charge.....		10 80
“ S. B. Yockey, Xenia charge.....		45 84
“ J. G. Ruhl, Findlay charge.....		22 00
“ D. Van Horne, First church, Dayton.....		35 00
“ W. Stechow, Brown county Mission.....		14 00
“ S. P. Myers.....		3 82
“ L. H. Kefauver, First church, Tiffin.....		55 00
“ H. Williard, Gallion Mission.....		17 46
“ W. H. Fenneman, Berwick charge.....		40 71
“ J. H. Good, D. D., St. Jacob's congregation.....		2 00
“ G. Wolff, Meyerstown, Pa.....		25 00
“ I. H. Reiter, Miamisburg charge.....		15 00
“ H. Shumaker, Springboro charge.....		14 50
“ H. Wegert, Bavaria charge.....		31 50
“ L. K. Derr, Slatington, Pa.....		10 00

\$720 84

<i>Brought forward.</i>		DR. \$720 84
" S. N. L. Kessler, Dayton charge, Ind.		21 00
" G. Wolff, Womelsdorf, Pa.		9 00
" P. D. Schory		15 00
" J. M. Grether, Randolph congregation		10 00
" H. Korthauer, Walnut Creek and Shanesville cong'ns.		8 00
" F. Schaad, Ragersville congregation		17 00
" T. J. Bacher, Fremont and Fostoria charge		25 21
" J. G. Wiehle, Salem church, Phila		15 00
" E. D. Miller, Canaan congregation		14 00
" J. H. Derr, Thompson charge		22 00
Elder W. E. Schmertz, Pittsburg, Pa.		100 00
" M. Greenawald, Massillon, O.		3 00
" Jacob Thomas, Springfield, O.		5 00
" C. J. Geiger, M. D., Canton, O.		20 00
" H. Isenberg, McConnelstown, Pa.		5 00
Reformed congregation at Denver, Col., per Rev. Keller		58 35
Martin Bender		2 00
D. Hockman		3 00
J. Krebs		1 00
R. Jausl		1 00
J. Schober		75
Master Frank Holland's missionary box		1 50
Elder David Dunn, Huntingdon charge, Pa.		20 00
Received of Rev. S. Mease, Treasurer of Miami Classis		964 79
Due the Treasurer, per funds advanced		5 78

\$2056 20

CONTRA.		CR.
Rev. J. A. Smith, Missionary at Altamont, Ill.		\$ 58 50
" D. S. Fouse, " in Iowa		30 00
" S. P. Myers, " at Shelbyville, Ill.		137 00
" A. Schroeder, " Freeport, Ill.		150 00
" J. May, " Findlay, O.		37 15
" J. Michael, " Liberty Centre, O.		25 00
" G. Z. Mechling, " Hamilton, O.		99 77
" H. Williard, " Gallon, O.		150 00
" W. McCaughey, " Greenville, O.		50 00
" W. Stechow, " Brown Co., O.		75 00
" Charles W. Good, " Church of the Cross, Cin.		40 00
" J. A. Keller, " Denver, Col.		115 66
R. R. tickets for Rev. J. A. Keller		10 00
Circulars and express charges		8 35
Dr. Good, for postage and stationery		14 28
Rev. J. Wernley, Missionary in California		14 00
" J. H. Beck, " Hiawatha, Kansas		10 00
" D. K. Fulcason, " Shelbyville, Ill.		25 00
R. R. fare for Revs. John H. Beck and F. P. Hartmetz		11 70
Rev. F. P. Hartmetz		40 00
" S. Mease to Germantown, O.		151 34
" " " Church of the Cross, Cin.		625 00
" " " Brown Co., O.		48 45
" " " California Missions, per N. W. Synod		132 00

\$2056 20

Respectfully submitted,
W. H. FENNEMAN, Treasurer.

3. Report of Treasurer of Home Missions of Lancaster Classis:

REV. CHARLES W. HOYMAN, Treasurer, in account with the Board of
Home Missions of Lancaster Classis.

From May 15th, 1872, to May 15th, 1873.		DR.
To balance in the Treasury		\$ 356 55
Rev. Geo. H. Leonard, Basil	charge	50 00
" Chas. W. Hoyman, Somerset	"	96 00
" John Vogt, Delaware	"	91 16
" Henry King, Zwingle congregation	"	10 00
" Gregory H. Melboom, Ironton	"	20 00
" Wm. Gilpin, Union	charge	12 10
" John C. Henneman, Beaver	"	7 06
" Wm. A. Hale, Lancaster	"	38 00
Emanuel Giesy, Esq., "	"	6 28
Winchester	"	17 86
Clearport congregation, per Rev. W. A. Hale		13 00
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		\$ 718 01
	CONTRA.	CR.
Cash paid Rev. G. H. Melboom, missionary at Ironton, O		\$ 225 00
" " " W. A. Hale	"	250 12
Balance in the Treasury		242 89
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		\$ 718 01

Respectfully submitted,
CHARLES W. HOYMAN, Treasurer.

4. Report of Committee on Home Missions.

The Committee on Home Missions presented the following report, which was received, amended and adopted:

Your Committee on Home Missions begs leave to make the following report:

That only three documents have come into our hands, namely: the report of the President of the Synod's Board, the report of its Treasurer, and the report of the Treasurer of Home Missions of Lancaster Classis.

When we look at the history of the Reformed Church in this country we are forced to acknowledge that she has been slow, very slow, in extending her borders throughout the land. This sad fact is brought out more prominently when we institute a comparison between our Church and some other denominations. We, however, would not be blind to the fact that the slow growth of our Church in the past is better in kind and quality than that of some other denominations, whose progress and expansion have been more rapid. While her growth has been somewhat slow and gradual, we have reasons to believe that it is of a firm and substantial character; and, in this respect, may not very improperly be compared with the growth of Christianity taken as a whole. This view of the subject affords encouragement and deserves earnest consideration.

There is another fact which should encourage us in this work. From the report of the President of Synod's Board, it appears that the contributions during the past year are about six times as large as they were only two years ago. If the increase in the future be in the same ratio, then our work will be in a few years about what it ought to be.

Moreover, it seems that the Board has been unusually active and efficient during the year; and the members and constituents of this Synod should manifest their approbation and appreciation of the labors of the Board in the way of larger and more prompt contributions.

It further appears that one-half of the ministers in this Synod (*i. e.*, about sixty) are missionaries, and that each one of them is virtually giving \$300 to the cause of missions. It seems to us that if this fact, or view of the matter, were more definitely and emphatically presented to the people, the result would be a great increase in the contributions, unless, indeed, the hearts of our people be as hard and cold as a stone—which God forbid!

Another point in the report, which demands the immediate attention of the Synod, is the statement that the indebtedness of the Board to the missionaries amounts to about \$500.

For a financial exhibit of the Synod's Board and of the Board of Lancaster Classis, we refer the Synod to the reports of the respective Treasurers, which are herewith submitted.

In reference to the fact that about one-half of the Classes connected with this Synod (Lancaster, Tuscarawas, St. John's, Eastern Ohio, English Iowa and German Iowa) have their own Boards of Home Missions, we suggest that it would be perhaps better if at least the older Classes would dissolve their own Boards and labor conjointly with the Board of Synod. The one great objection to the present arrangement seems to be that, whilst the waste places within the bounds of those Classes can thus be built up, the other points in the far West are necessarily neglected.

Your Committee offers the following action:

1. **WHEREAS**, The Board of Home Missions is now in debt to the amount of \$500, which must be paid soon in order to avoid great embarrassments to the self-denying missionaries; therefore,

Resolved, That the Synod respectfully requests all our pastors to make special efforts in their congregations to relieve the Board of its financial embarrassments.

2. **WHEREAS**, We deem it better for the welfare of the whole Church, in all her branches, that all the different Classes should in some way work through the Synod's Board; therefore,

Resolved, That the Classis of Lancaster, Tuscarawas, St. John's and Eastern Ohio, be respectfully requested to report promptly to the Synod's Board, in order to have their reports incorporated in the annual report of the Board to this Synod.

Resolved, That the Freeport Mission, Freeport, Ill., be commended anew to the favorable consideration of the Board of Home Missions of this Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

C. G. A. HULLHORST, *Chairman*.

II. FOREIGN MISSIONS.

On the second day of the sessions, the Committee on Overtures reported, in Item 3, that a Circular had been addressed to the Ohio Synod by the Executive Committee of the Board of Foreign Missions of the Reformed Church in the United States, urging this Synod to take into earnest consideration the matter therein referred to. The Circular was referred to a special Committee, consisting of Revs. Isaac H. Reiter, Lewis H. Kesauver and Elder Jacob Herring. This Committee, on the last day of the sessions, presented the following report, which was received and adopted:

Report of Committee on Foreign Missions.

The special Committee to whom was referred the Circular of the Executive Committee of the Board of Foreign Missions, under Item 3 in the Report on Overtures, would report:

That they have duly considered the subject. They find that, according to the instructions of the General Synod, the Board of Foreign Missions, in considering the importance of the work and the selection of a proper place, expresses the decided opinion that *Japan* presents the most promising field for foreign missionary effort on the part of the Reformed Church. The Board is also endeavoring to obtain the information necessary to enable it to make an intelligent selection of a base of operations, and to secure suitable persons to engage in the work. It is also urged to be of importance to adopt immediate and energetic measures to raise funds in all our charges, with the view of vigorously inaugurating the blessed work of missions in Japan, which is now providentially open to Christianity.

Your Committee would therefore suggest the adoption of the following action:

Resolved, That we, as a Synod, hail with pleasure the revived interest of the Reformed Church in the United States in the cause of Foreign Missions, and do most heartily approve of the Foreign Missionary work.

Resolved, That we approve of the action of the General Board of Foreign Missions, based upon the action of the General Synod on this subject, and accept the recommendations and suggestions of the Board.

Resolved, That we call the special attention of the Classes to the importance of the Foreign Missionary cause, and earnestly

urge upon all our charges to raise collections in aid of it; and wherever practical to establish the monthly concert of prayer, to organize missionary societies, and to encourage individual donations and legacies.

Respectfully submitted,
ISAAC H. REITER, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE XVII.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

On the morning of the third day of the sessions, the publisher, Rev. Samuel Mease, laid on the table of Synod a certain number of copies of the "Heidelberg Teacher and Lesson Papers," of the "Leaves of Light," and of the "Companion of Praise."

There was also laid on the table of Synod a copy of "Devotions for Children," &c., prepared by Rev. Frederick Strassner.

These publications, on motion, were referred to a special Committee, consisting of Revs. L. H. Kefauver, H. M. Herman, H. Wilson and Elder Allen Julian.

This Committee, on the afternoon of the third day of the sessions, submitted the following report, which was received and adopted:

The Committee on New Publications for Sunday schools and families beg leave to submit the following report:

We had placed in our hands the "Leaves of Light," the "Heidelberg Teacher and Lesson Papers," and "Companion of Praise," all of which are published at the office of the Christian World; and a small book entitled "Devotions for Children, with Certificates of Birth, Baptism and Church Membership," by the Rev. F. Strassner. The Committee have examined these books and papers, and find them admirably adapted to their intended use. They compare very favorably with similar books and papers published by other branches of the Church.

We therefore offer the following resolution:

Resolved, That we call the attention of the Classes to the publications above mentioned, and request them to recommend the same for use in our Sunday schools and families.

Respectfully submitted,
LEWIS H. KEFAUVER, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE XVIII.

ELECTION OF BOARDS.

The Committee on Nominations, on the morning of the third day of the sessions, presented their report through the

Chairman, Rev. Thomas H. Winters. The report was received, amended and adopted. The election was made the special order of the day for Saturday morning at eleven o'clock. The Committee was instructed to have 100 tickets of the nominations printed for the use of Synod.

At the appointed time, the election was held. Revs. Charles W. Hoyman and Simon P. Myers were appointed tellers, who received and counted the ballots, and subsequently reported to Synod the following, as the result :

Board of Trustees of Theological Seminary.

Revs. Isaac H. Reiter, David Van Horne, David Winters, D. D., and Messrs Benjamin Kuhns, Gideon G. Prugh, Andrew H. Baughman and Lewis Keller.

Board of Trustees of Heidelberg College.

Revs. Henry M. Herman, John Vogt, and Messrs Thomas Swander, Moses Marquis, William L. Snyder and John Poorman.

The following are the members holding over :

For three years.—Revs. Lewis H. Kefauver, Jer. H. Good, D. D., and Messrs Nelson L. Brewer, Geo. P. Williard, M. D., Warren P. Noble and Rezzin W. Shawhan.

For two years.—Revs. Herman Rust, D. D., Samuel Mease, and Messrs. Louis Baltzell, Lewis Shriver, William Barrick and Lewis Keller.

For one year.—Revs. Nathaniel H. Loose, Samuel B. Leiter, D. D., David Winters, D. D., Jacob M. LeFevre, Peter C. Prugh and Mr. Andrew H. Baughman.

Board of Visitors of Theological Seminary.

Revs. Lewis H. Kefauver, George Z. Mechling, Charles W. Hoyman, Nathaniel H. Loose and Josiah May.

Board of Visitors of Heidelberg College.

Revs. Isaac H. Reiter, William H. Fenneman, Sebastian C. Goss, Nathaniel H. Loose and Mr. Simon C. Crumbaugh.

Board of Home Missions.

Revs. David Van Horne, Geo. W. Williard, D. D., Jer. H. Good, D. D., Lewis H. Kefauver, and Messrs Lewis Keller and Philip Fry.

Board of Publication.

Revs. David Van Horne, Peter C. Prugh, and Messrs Valentine C. Tidball, Andrew H. Baughman and Thomas L. Prugh.

ARTICLE XIX.

APPEALS AND REFERENCES.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XX.

COMPLAINTS.

1. *Complaint of Illinois Classis against Milwaukee Classis.*

The Committee on Minutes of Classes, in Item 13, reported that Illinois Classis complained of Synod's indifference respecting its complaint against the territorial encroachment of Milwaukee Classis of the North-Western Synod. This complaint was referred to a Committee, consisting of Revs. C. Cort, H. M. Herman and Elder George Souder.

This Committee, on the afternoon of the fourth day of the sessions, submitted the following report, which was received and adopted:

The Committee to whom was referred the complaint of Illinois Classis against the action of the Milwaukee Classis of the North-Western Synod in encroaching upon its territory, would respectfully report the following action for adoption:

Resolved, That the jurisdiction of the Illinois Classis and the Ohio Synod extends over the entire State of Illinois, and no other Reformed Classis or Synod has a right to organize congregations or supply congregations with pastors in our bounds without full and formal permission of Illinois Classis.

Resolved, That the North-Western Synod be respectfully requested to prevent its Classes and ministers from encroaching upon the territory and jurisdiction of Illinois Classis.

Resolved, That we are not opposed to the organization of German congregations within our bounds by the North-Western Synod, but we insist on having it done in a constitutional way.

Respectfully submitted,

CYRUS CORT, *Chairman.*

2. *Difficulties between Eastern Ohio and St. John's Classes.*

During the second day of the sessions, the Committee on Overtures, in Item 4, reported that the Eastern Ohio Classis set forth certain complaints against the St. John's Classis and the Rev. Ernest F. A. Schade, and asked Synod to take action thereon. And on the morning of the third day of the sessions, the Committee on Minutes of Classes, in Item 9, reported that the Eastern Ohio Classis requested Synod to adjust certain difficulties between it and the St. John's Classis; and also, in Item 10, that the St. John's Classis requested Synod to sustain it in its relation to the independent Salem's Evangelical congregation, and to accept that congregation according to their request.

These complaints and requests were referred to a special Committee, consisting of Revs. S. B. Yockey, C. Cort and Elder

Fred. W. Fetzer. This Committee, on the fourth day of the sessions, submitted the following report:

Your Committee, to whom were referred the long standing troubles existing between the Classes of Eastern Ohio and St. John's, respectfully report:

We have given the subject a full and impartial investigation, and find it involved in peculiar and perplexing embarrassments.

It is our conviction that both of the aforesaid Classes should be required to confine their operations strictly to their respective territory, as defined by the action of Synod at Delaware, 1869, (see Minutes, p. 13), unless special permission shall be given to the contrary, as regards the formation or supply of congregations along the boundary lines.

In the circumstances of the case we feel constrained to recommend the following action for the adoption of this Synod:

Resolved, That the St. John's Classis be and is hereby directed to prevent any of its ministers from serving the so-called "Salem's Evangelical congregation," without the consent of the Eastern Ohio Classis.

Resolved, That the Eastern Ohio Classis be requested to use all proper means to bring about a reconciliation of the conflicting elements, by securing the withdrawal of the present pastor of the St. Martin's Reformed congregation, and the settlement of a new pastor over that distracted field, or by such other measures as will be calculated to promote the unity and prosperity of the Church in that particular locality.

Respectfully submitted,

SAMUEL B. YOCKEY, *Chairman*.

The report was received and taken up for consideration. The Rev. George M. Albright appeared in Synod as an accredited commissioner of the Eastern Ohio Classis, and, together with its delegates, was heard in behalf of the Eastern Ohio Classis; and Rev. Ernest F. A. Schade appeared in defence of himself and of the St. John's Classis. A few members of Synod were also heard respecting the matters involved and the adoption of the report. The Synod then proceeded to vote on the adoption of the report, item by item, and the report was adopted.

On the adoption of the first resolution in the report, the *yeas* and *nays* were called for, and the result of the vote was as follows:

Yeas.—Revs. S. B. Yockey, H. M. Herman, W. Gilpin, N. H. Loose, L. H. Kefauver, J. M. Kendig, H. Wilson, S. P. Myers, C. Cort, and Elders M. Marquis, W. Jenkins, J. Herring, L. Shriver, J. Greenameier and C. Hart.—15.

Nays.—Revs. Dr. H. Rust, E. F. A. Schade, C. G. A. Hullhorst, and Elders F. W. Fetzer and A. Julian.—5.

Non-liquets.—Revs. P. C. Prugh, I. H. Reiter, C. W. Hoyman and A. F. Zartman.—4.

When the vote had been announced, the Rev. Ernest F. A. Schade gave notice that he would, in behalf of himself and of the St. John's Classis, appeal from this action of Synod to the General Synod.

On motion, Revs. S. B. Yockey, P. C. Prugh and G. M. Albright were appointed to defend this Synod, in regard to the aforesaid appeal, before the General Synod.

ARTICLE XXI.

CHURCH GOVERNMENT.

Report of Committee on Charters and Incorporation.

The Committee on Charters, continued from last year, as reported by the Committee on Synodical Minutes, in Item 9, submitted for the consideration of Synod the following report:

The undersigned were appointed a Committee by the Synod at Fairfield (1871) to report on the following points:

1. "How the change of the Title of Synod from 'The Reformed Synod of Ohio and the Congregations in connection with it in other States,' to 'The Ohio Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States,' may be legally effected.

2. How the charter of the Synod may be changed, and what the amended charter should include.

3. How a charter for the Theological Seminary may be obtained, and what this charter should include.

4. How the charter of Heidelberg College may be changed, and what its amended charter should include."

The Committee have investigated the subject, and beg leave to lay before Synod the following report: In a matter of so much importance, we, however, would not recommend to Synod to adopt the report at once, but to have it printed in the Minutes for examination and further investigation during the year, the same to be acted upon at the succeeding annual meeting. We have also deemed it judicious to extend our investigations beyond the bounds assigned us by Synod, and to propose Forms for Deeds, the incorporation of Congregations, and the incorporation of Classes and Benevolent Societies.

I. THE CHANGE OF NAME AND INCORPORATION OF SYNOD.

If only the Title of the Synod is to be changed, the same may be effected (See Swan and Critchfield Stat. Vol. 1, p. 309.—1 Curwen Stat. 1897) by the filing of a petition to that effect by the Trustees in the Court of Common Pleas, giving 80 days notice in a newspaper; the Court may then decree the same, said decree be filed in the office of the Recorder, and also

published in a newspaper, when the change will be legally effected.

But the same end can be reached by incorporating the Synod anew, under the provisions of the General Statute of the State of Ohio, passed May 1st, 1852, and its subsequent amendments, and that with great advantage to the Synod itself. The original charter of the Synod, granted in 1836, is too restricted in some of its provisions, (the income of the property shall not exceed \$5000; the Trustees must be elected annually on the first day of Synod, &c). We therefore recommend an incorporation under the General Law.

To effect this, a meeting of Synod must be called, after due notice, (any day during the annual sessions will do), at which a majority of the members must be present. After the choice of a President, a Clerk shall be elected who shall make a true record of the proceedings, certify and deliver the same to the Recorder of the County in which the meeting is held, together with a certificate of the said Trustees or a majority of them of their acceptance of the provisions of the Act, passed Jan. 26, 1865. (See Swan and Sayler, p. 239). A certified transcript of this record should also be obtained from the Recorder and copied into the Minutes. The Synod is then an incorporated body under the General Statute. We recommend the following

FORM:

"At a meeting of the members of the Reformed Synod of Ohio and Congregations in connection with it in other States, held at _____, on _____ duly called, and at which meeting a majority of the members were present, Rev. _____ was elected President, and Rev. _____ Clerk. The Synod thereupon resolved, from this time forward, to become a body politic and corporate, according to the provisions of the General Statutes of the State of Ohio, as follows:

1. The name and title of the body shall be "The Ohio Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States."
2. Said Synod shall stand in organic connection with the "Reformed Church in the United States," shall be governed in all things by the "Constitution of the Reformed Church in the United States," and shall administer the preaching of the Gospel and the Sacraments according to the Confession of Faith known as the Heidelberg Catechism.
3. The following persons are hereby elected as Trustees of the Synod: _____ to serve for one year; _____ to serve for two years; and _____ to serve for three years. And these Trustees shall hold their offices until their successors are duly elected. The Synod shall at each annual meeting elect two Trustees, who shall hold their offices for three years.
4. All property, real, personal and mixed, that may be obtained by gift, collection, bequest, or otherwise, for charitable, religious and educational purposes, shall be managed by the Trustees, in trust, for the Synod.

5. The object of the Association shall be, to found and organize Christian congregations, in accordance with the Confession of Faith known as the Heidelberg Catechism; to govern and regulate the same; to establish Theological Seminaries, Mission Houses, Colleges and other Institutions; to carry on the work of Home and Foreign Missions, the education of young men for the ministry, and whatever may promote the kingdom of God upon earth.

6. The Trustees of this Synod shall also be the Trustees of "Heidelberg Theological Seminary" located at Tiffin, Ohio, founded by this Synod under its original charter for the purpose of educating pious men for the Gospel Ministry. In administering the property of this Institution they shall be governed by the Laws and Regulations laid down for their guidance by this Synod.

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_____ President,
_____ Clerk.

NOTE.—Any *Classis* of the Church may also become a body corporate, in a similar manner.

II. THE INCORPORATION OF THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

The second subject of inquiry referred to the Committee was in respect to the incorporation of the Theological Seminary, and how to obtain it.

It will be easy to effect this incorporation under the same General Law as the preceding, or by *acopting* under Sec. 71, (See 3 Curwen Stat. 1896), and this can be done whenever Synod shall judge it expedient to do so. But in this case at least five of the Trustees will have to be residents of the County of Seneca. We think that, for the present at least, Synod will prefer greater freedom in the location of the Trustees. We have therefore added the sixth section to the preceding form, so that the Seminary will be carried forward in the future substantially as in the past.

III. THE INCORPORATION OF HEIDELBERG COLLEGE.

Heidelberg College was incorporated by special Act of the Legislature of Ohio, passed Feb. 19th, 1851. This charter is defective, more especially in that it does not define how and by whom the Trustees are to be elected. It will be well therefore, we think, to incorporate the same under the provisions of the General Law. This can be done, if the Synod so directs, by the Board of Trustees, by complying with the provisions of the Statute. It is not necessary here to enumerate the steps that must be taken, as these can be attended to by the Board. We recommend the following

FORM:

1. The name and title of this corporation shall be "Heidelberg University," located at Tiffin, Seneca County, Ohio.

2. The following persons are hereby appointed as Trustees of the University: ——— to serve for one year; ——— to serve for two years; ——— to serve for three years; and ——— to serve for four years. And these Trustees shall hold their offices until their successors are duly elected. "The Ohio Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States" shall at each annual meeting elect six Trustees who shall hold their offices for four years, and until their successors are elected. At least five of the Trustees must be resident freeholders of the County of Seneca. At any meeting, duly called, eight members shall constitute a quorum.

3. All the property of the University, whether real, personal or mixed, obtained by gift, bequest, from the sale of scholarships or otherwise, shall be managed by the Trustees, in trust, for the Ohio Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States.

4. The object of this Institution is, to found and establish a University for all branches of a liberal education, with such Departments, Courses of Instruction, Degrees and Diplomas, as it may from time to time establish.

5. Such other Synods and Classes of the Reformed Church in the United States, as may from time to time unite in the patronage and support of the University, shall be allowed to elect such additional members of the Board of Trustees as may be provided for in the Constitution and By-Laws of the University.

6. The President and Professors shall constitute the Faculty of the University, and shall have power to enforce the rules and regulations of the Institution.

7. The Trustees, Faculty and Instructors of the University shall be guided and governed in the discharge of their duties by the Laws of the State of Ohio, and by the Constitution and Laws of the University, as established by the Trustees upon the recommendation of the Ohio Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States; and such Constitution and By-Laws may be amended and changed from time to time as may be deemed expedient by the Trustees, upon the recommendation of said Synod.

IV. THE INCORPORATION OF CONGREGATIONS.

The proper incorporation of our congregations is a matter of very great importance. Under this view of it, the General Synod in 1869 (See Minutes, p. 85) adopted and recommended a form, which we find not fully adapted to the wants of our congregations in the Western States. That form is good, and well adapted to such States where the incorporation is effected by special Acts of the Legislature. But in Ohio, and probably in all of the Western States, we must now incorporate under a General Law. That General Law is the charter, provided we

mply with its provisions. We recommend the following form being in accordance with the provisions of the Statutes of Ohio. In the other Western States it may be necessary first to examine the laws of that particular State in respect to the steps necessary to be taken to become a body corporate. We will give such plain and full directions that it will be easy for every congregation (whether already incorporated or not) to effect an incorporation, at no expense except the small fee paid to the County Recorder.

DIRECTIONS.

A meeting of the congregation must be duly called, at which a majority of the members must be present. After the choice of a President, a Clerk shall be elected, who shall make a true record of the proceedings, certify and deliver the same to the Recorder of the County, together with a certificate of the said trustees or a majority of them of their acceptance of the provisions of "the Act of the General Assembly of Ohio, passed May 1st, 1852, entitled "An Act ———, and of the Acts amendatory thereof and supplemental thereto." A certified transcript of this record, by the Recorder shall be obtained and copied into the Church Book. Or the Recorder may be asked to copy this manuscript at once into the Church Record. The congregation then an incorporated body, with perpetual succession, authorized to hold property, &c. We recommend that the proceedings and minutes of this meeting be substantially the following :

FORM.

At a meeting of the members of the Reformed church of _____, _____ county, Ohio, duly called for the purpose, in accordance with its Constitution and By-Laws, at which meeting a majority of the members were present, Mr. _____ was chosen to act as President, and Mr. _____ as Clerk. The meeting thereupon resolved that the congregation become a body politic and corporate according to the provisions of the Statutes of the State of Ohio, passed May 1st, 1852, together with the amendatory acts as follows :

1. The name and title of the congregation shall be "The _____ (1st) Reformed church of (Tiffin, Seneca) county, (Ohio.)"

2. The object of the Association shall be, to provide its members with the preaching of the Word and the administration of the Sacraments, in accordance with the Confession of Faith known as the Heidelberg Catechism.

3. The property of the congregation, real, personal and fixed, shall be managed by the Board of Trustees. The Elders (and Deacons) of the congregation shall constitute the Board of trustees. The following persons, Elders (and Deacons) of the church, shall be the Trustees, namely: A.—B.—C.—D.—, who shall hold their offices until their successors are elected and installed, according to the Constitution and By-Laws of the

congregation, and the Constitution of the Reformed Church in the United States.

4. Said Trustees shall administer the property of the congregation, real, personal and mixed, in accordance with the general "Constitution of the Reformed Church in the United States," and also in accordance with the Constitution and By-Laws of the congregation itself, and of the Statutes of the State of Ohio. No alienation of the corporate property to a purpose which is not in strict accordance with the object for which the property was held, or donated to the corporation, shall be valid, except it have the express sanction of the Classis or Synod of the Reformed Church in whose bounds it is located, in accordance with the Laws and Constitution of said Church.

5. This congregation shall be an organic member of the Reformed Church in the United States, and shall be governed by its Constitution and Laws. The spiritual affairs of the Church shall be attended to by the Pastor, Elders and Deacons, forming the Consistory of the same, according to the provisions of the Constitution of the Reformed Church in the United States; and also in accordance with the Constitution and By-Laws of the congregation itself, which define the mode in which the Elders and Deacons are elected, for what length of time, and which prescribe in general the government of the Society.

6. And this congregation shall have power from time to time, to adopt, alter and amend such Constitution and By-Laws, as it may see fit—*provided* that they do not conflict with the aforesaid Articles in the Constitution of the Reformed Church in the United States—the Constitution of the State (of Ohio), and the Constitution of the United States.

A true copy from the original Minutes.

_____ President,
 _____ Clerk.

V. FORM OF A DEED FOR CHURCH PROPERTY.

It is a matter of great importance that in the DEEDS by which property is conveyed to congregations, some clause should be inserted which shall forever secure said property to the Reformed Church, so that an unfaithful majority shall not be able to pervert it from the objects for which it was donated or purchased. Upon inquiry we learn, that it is now the current practice, in all denominations, to take a simple warrantee deed of the ordinary form, it being supposed that by the Act of Incorporation the same will be secured not only to the congregation, but to the denomination. But Hon. William Lawrence, of Bellefontaine, Ohio, (who is writing a work on the law of religious societies and Church corporations in Ohio, and who has had occasion therefore to examine this subject specially), writes to your Committee, that there is at least a grave doubt whether a deed in ordinary form to a Church incorporated

under our General Law would not allow a majority of members to adopt any doctrine. He says: "Whether in *this record*" (incorporating under our General Law) "*a denominational character can be engrafted upon the corporation, has not been decided. It has been decided in New York, that under a similar Statute there, the corporation cannot be denominational. Hence a majority of a corporation can change their faith and hold the property, and exclude the faithful minority. But it has been decided, both in New York and by the Supreme Court of the United States, that the Deed to a corporation may devote property to a particular faith and form of church government.*"

We have endeavored to engraft upon the preceding form such provisions as will secure the denominational rights in the property. But if there be the least doubt as to the efficacy of these provisions, it is of the utmost importance that the same end should be reached, by such a clause in the Deeds as will stand the test of litigation. We therefore report the following as suitable forms of Warrantee Deeds. The first form is for a congregation not yet incorporated, but which has chosen Trustees. The second form is for a congregation that has already been incorporated. The words in *Italic* are intended to secure the denominational character of the property. The words in brackets should state the *exact title* of the congregation, as fixed in its constitution or articles of incorporation:

Form of a Deed

to unincorporated Trustees of a Reformed Congregation.

Know all men by these presents, that _____ in consideration of _____ to _____ paid by A. _____ B. _____ C. _____, Trustees, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, do grant, bargain, sell and convey to the said A. _____ B. _____ C. _____, Trustees, in trust for the (*first Reformed church of Tiffin, Seneca county, Ohio,*) * standing in organic connection with "*The Reformed Church in the United States,*" governed by its Constitution, and administering the means of grace in accordance with the Confession of Faith known as the Heidelberg Catechism, and to their successors and assigns forever, _____ and all the estate, title and interest of the said _____ either in law or equity, of, in and to the said premises, together with all the privileges and appurtenances to the same belonging, and all the rents, issues and profits thereof: To have and to hold the same to the only proper use of the said _____ in trust for the uses and purposes aforesaid, their successors and assigns forever. And the said _____ for _____ and for _____ heirs, executors and administrators do hereby covenant with the said A. _____ B. _____ C. _____, their successors and assigns that _____ the true and lawful owner of the said premises, and ha— full power to convey the same; and that the title so conveyed is clear, free and unincumbered;

and further, that—will warrant and defend the same against all claim or claims of all persons whomsoever.

In witness whereof, the said—hereby release—right and expectancy of Dower in the said premises, ha— hereunto set—hand and seal, this—day of—in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and—.

Signed, sealed and acknowl-
edged in the presence of us. } _____(Seal.)
_____ } _____(Seal.)
_____ }

*NOTE.—The preceding form is sufficient in *Ohio*, where the law gives a succession to Trustees "elected or appointed by any such religious society, according to the rules and regulations of such society," &c. (See Act of Jan. 3, 1825, 1 Swan and Critchfield Stat. 305, note.) But in States where this is not the case, the following words should be inserted at this point: "and to their successors elected or appointed by said religious society, according to its rules and regulations."

Form of a Deed

to an incorporated congregation of the Reformed Church.

Know all men by these presents, that—in consideration of—to—paid by the (first Reformed church of Tiffin), the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, do grant, bargain, sell and convey to the (first Reformed church of Tiffin, Seneca Co., Ohio), standing in organic connection with "The Reformed Church in the United States," governed by its Constitution, and administering the means of grace in accordance with the Confession of Faith known as the Heidelberg Catechism, and their successors and assigns forever,—and all the estate, title and interest, &c. (For the remainder, see the preceding form.)

VI. INCORPORATION OF OUR BENEVOLENT SOCIETIES AND BOARDS.

As the General Law of Ohio applies also to these, we think the time has come when the Synod should direct the *Board of Education* and the *Board of Home Missions* to become bodies corporate, in order that they may be able to secure bequests and hold such funds as may come into their hands. This can be done by a record substantially as follows:

At a meeting of the Board of Education (or Board of Home Missions) of the Ohio Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States, at which meeting a majority of the members were present, Rev.—was chosen President, and—Clerk. The Board thereupon resolved to become a body politic and corporate, according to the provisions of the Statutes of the State of Ohio, as follows:

*Form for the Board of Education.**

1. The name and title of this corporation shall be the Board of Education of the Ohio Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States.

2. Its object shall be to obtain funds by gifts, bequests, collections and otherwise, for the education of pious but indigent young men for the gospel ministry in the Reformed Church in the United States.

3. All the property of the corporation, real, personal and mixed, shall be managed by the Trustees, in trust for the Board of Education.

4. The following persons shall be the Trustees: —for one year; —for two years; and— for three years, and until their successors are chosen. The Board shall annually, at its first meeting after its election, elect one Trustee who shall hold his office for three years.

5. The members of the Board of Education shall be elected at the annual meeting of the Ohio Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States, according to its own rules and regulations.

6. The mode in which the income of the Board shall be applied to reach the end in view, and the conditions under which it shall be given, shall be regulated by the Rules and By-Laws of the Board of Education.

*NOTE.—This form, with the necessary verbal changes, will also do for the *Board of Home Missions*.

In conclusion, your Committee would say, that if Synod sees proper to do so, it might be well to continue the Committee for another year, with instructions to report any changes in the above forms that may be deemed proper; and also to report a revised form of a *Constitution of a Congregation* and a *Constitution of a Joint-Consistory*, to be published with the preceding when finally adopted. The old forms, published in the Minutes of 1850, admit of improvements and condensation.

Respectfully submitted,

ISAAC H. REITER,

JEREMIAH H. GOOD,

LEWIS H. KEFAUVER,

} Committee.

The action adopted by Synod in regard to the foregoing report is as follows:

Resolved, That the report of the Committee on Charters be received and embodied in the printed Minutes, but that its final adoption be deferred until the next annual meeting of Synod, in order to afford opportunity for further examination and investigation, as well as for suggestions.

Resolved, That the Committee be continued, with instructions to report any changes that may be deemed proper, in the forms now submitted; and that they also report a revised form

of a Constitution of a Congregation and of a Joint-Consistory.

The Committee, as continued, consists of Revs. Isaac H. Reiter, Dr. Jer. H. Good and Lewis H. Kefauver.

Committee on Revision of Constitution.

The Committee on Synodical Minutes, in item 5, reported that the General Synod directed each District Synod to appoint a Committee of three members to draft a new Constitution for the Church.

On motion, the item was adopted; and Revs. Lewis H. Kefauver, Peter C. Prugh and Dr. Herman Rust were appointed said Committee.

Invalid Home Fund.

On the second day of the sessions, the Committee on Overtures, in item 5, reported a statement from Mr. W. C. Heyman in reference to the Invalid Home Fund. It appeared from this statement that the total balance, after all debts and expenses had been paid, was \$170 90, and which amount had been placed into the hands of Rev. Charles Schaaf as one of the Trustees of the Invalid Home. In regard to this matter, the following action was adopted:

Whereas, The Synod of Ohio, at its last annual meeting, relinquished all its claims on the Invalid Home property; therefore,

Resolved, That we are willing that all the money now in the Treasury of the Invalid Home, derived from the sale of the aforesaid property, shall pass entirely into the Treasury of the Erie Classis of the North-Western Synod.

Knepper and Baines Case.

During the afternoon session of the second day of the sessions, the Committee on Synodical Minutes, in item 7, reported that the case of deposition of Rev. Henry Knepper from the gospel ministry, had been sent back to Illinois Classis for re-investigation and readjudication.

During the morning session of the third day of the sessions, the Committee on Minutes of Classes, in item 5, reported that Illinois Classis did not record the call of its special meeting at Shelbyville, Illinois, nor the evidence on which the restoration of Henry Knepper was based; and, in item 25, that the same Classis had restored Henry K. Baines and Henry Knepper, who had been deposed from the gospel ministry and excommunicated from the Church.

The matters thus reported were referred to a special Committee, consisting of Revs. P. C. Prugh, L. H. Kefauver and Elder Moses Marquis.

This Committee, during the morning session of the sixth day (Monday) of the sessions, submitted the following report, which was received, amended and adopted item by item, and as a whole:

Your Committee to whom were referred the Items in the reports on Minutes of Synod and Classes, relating to the restoration of Henry K. Baines and Henry Knepper to the gospel ministry, by the Illinois Classis, would submit the following report:

I. The Committee find no evidence that the Illinois Classis transacted any business at its special meeting at Shelbyville that was not in the call, although the call was not recorded in the Minutes; therefore,

Resolved, That the item be adopted.

II. In the case of Henry K. Baines, we find that in 1864 he was, by the Illinois Classis, deposed from the gospel ministry, for the grievous sin of adultery, committed under the most aggravated circumstances, in his own charge, while pastor at Cedarville, Illinois, and thereby bringing utter ruin on the congregation.

We also find that the Illinois Classis, in the year 1872, restored Henry K. Baines to the gospel ministry without making it appear that there was anything extraordinary in the case, as required by the Constitution, Article 118. This too was done in the absence of any request, either from the charge or any members of the charge, in which the crime had been committed, for said restoration; therefore,

Resolved, That Synod can not confirm the action of Illinois Classis in the restoration of Henry K. Baines to the gospel ministry, and declares said action null and void.

III. The case of Henry Knepper, we find to stand as follows:

In the year 1871, the Illinois Classis, after a full and regular trial upon the charge of adultery, in that said Knepper married a woman whose lawfully wedded husband was still living, from whom she had never been divorced on scriptural grounds, deposed Henry Knepper from the gospel ministry, and excommunicated him from the Church. Said Knepper then appealed from the decision of Classis to the Ohio Synod. This Synod, at its annual meeting in 1872, proceeded to take up and try the appeal, pending which, a motion was made, which motion was sustained by the Chair and carried by the Synod, referring the whole case back to the Illinois Classis, for reinvestigation and readjudication. At the same time the President decided that this resolution of reference placed said Knepper in the same position in which he was before the passage of the sentence of deposition,

by the Illinois Classis. Against this action of Synod, and the ruling of the Chair (Rev. Henry Williard) allowing the resolution of reference to be in order, Revs. Cyrus Cort and Joseph Sechler complained to the General Synod. The General Synod at its late meeting in the City of Cincinnati took up the case and made the following disposition of it:

1. The General Synod sustained the complaint of Rev. Cyrus Cort against the ruling of the Chair of the Ohio Synod, referring the whole case back to the Illinois Classis.

2. Pending the hearing of the complaint of Revs. Cyrus Cort and Joseph Sechler against the action of the Synod, the following paper was submitted to Synod and adopted, as a decisive action, disposing of the whole case:

"In the question before this Synod in reference to the complaints and appeals of Rev. C. Cort and others, and the Illinois Classis, against the Synod of Ohio, this Synod resolves that the judgment passed by the Illinois Classis in the case of Rev. Henry Knepper holds, and that said Knepper stands deposed from the holy ministry, and excommunicated from the Church, and that the ruling of the President of the Ohio Synod in session at Canton, Ohio, May 1-7, 1872, restoring H. Knepper to the ministry, was erroneous."

This action of the General Synod, your Committee regards as disposing of the whole case, and final.

In regard to the *second* item of this case, we find that Illinois Classis, at a special meeting held at Shelbyville, February 7, 1873, irregularly and unlawfully, without citation or notice to either the accusers or witnesses, and without recording the evidence either for or against the accused, acquitted Henry Knepper of the charge preferred against him.

In view of all these facts, your Committee would offer for adoption the following resolutions:

Resolved, That Henry Knepper, by the action of the General Synod, and of the Illinois Classis held at Freeport, stands deposed from the gospel ministry and excommunicated from the Church.

Resolved, That Illinois Classis be instructed to cause Henry Knepper to cease at once from performing the functions of the gospel ministry within the territory of said Classis.

Respectfully submitted,

PETER C. PRUGH, *Chairman*.

On the adoption of the first resolution, in part III, in the foregoing report, respecting Knepper's deposition, the *yeas* and *nays* were called for, and the result of the vote was as follows:

Yeas.—Revs. S. B. Yockey, T. H. Winters, H. M. Herman, L. Rike, P. C. Prugh, W. Gilpin, C. W. Hoyman, L. H. Kefauver, Dr. H. Rust, E. F. A. Schade, A. F. Zartman, J. M. Kendig, A. Schroeder, C. Cort, and Elders Moses Marquis, Jacob

Herring, Wiley Jenkins, Fred. W. Fetzer, George Souder, Lewis Shriver and Jacob Greenameier.—21.

Nays.—None.

Non-liquets.—Revs. I. H. Reiter, N. H. Loose and E. D. Miller.—3.

Some of the delegates of Illinois Classis, having voted in the lower court, could not vote on the case in Synod.

Who are Entitled to Vote in Congregational Elections.

During the morning session of the third day of the sessions, the Committee on Minutes of Classes, in item 4, part b.), reported that the Eastern Ohio Classis defined the Constitution to mean, that female members of the Church had no right to vote.

On motion, concerning this decision, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That this Synod disapproves of this action of the Eastern Ohio Classis, and decides that it is the intent and meaning of the Constitution that *all* regular communicant members are entitled to vote in congregational elections.

About Equalizing Traveling Expenses of Delegates.

The Committee on Minutes of Classes, in item 8, reported that the English Iowa Classis requested Synod to take immediate steps to equalize the traveling expenses of all delegates attending its sessions. This request was referred to a Committee, consisting of Revs. T. H. Winters, L. H. Kefauver and Elder Jacob Herring.

This Committee, it would seem, reached no definite conclusion in regard to the matter referred to them, and there was no report received.

Respecting the Organization of a German Synod.

As reported by the Committee on Minutes of Classes, in item 11, the St. John's Classis requested Synod to be dismissed, in order to form a German Synod as soon as the Heidelberg, Erie and Indiana Classes of the North-Western Synod shall comply with its request to form such Synod.

In regard to this request, the following action was adopted:

Resolved, That, though we regret to part with old friends and Christian brethren, we hereby grant the request of St. John's Classis in this matter.

ARTICLE XXII.

FINANCE.

1. *Report of the Treasurer of Synod.*

J. H. GOOD, *Treasurer, in account with the Synod of Ohio and the congregations in connection with it in other States.*

	DR.
To balance in the Treasury, April 15th, 1872.....	\$ 243 84
Amount received from April 15th, 1872, to May 1st, 1873, from the several Classes, as follows:	
<i>Miami Classis.</i>	
Amount in full, per Rev. S. Mease, Treasurer.....	157 83
<i>Lancaster Classis.</i>	
Amount in full, per Rev. C. W. Hoyman, Treasurer.....	54 59
<i>Tuscarawas Classis.</i>	
Amount in full, per T. W. Chapman, Treasurer.....	65 80
<i>Tiffin Classis.</i>	
Amount in full, per Dr. J. H. Good, Treasurer.....	52 35
<i>St. John's Classis.</i>	
Amount in full, per Rev. H. Kortheuer, Treasurer.....	70 89
<i>Eastern Ohio Classis.</i>	
Amount in full, per J. Greenameler, Treasurer.....	69 44
<i>English Iowa Classis.</i>	
Amount in full, per Rev. D. S. Fouse, Treasurer.....	20 93
Total Receipts.....	\$ 735 67
From the Illinois and German Iowa Classes, nothing has been received during the year.	

	CONTRA.	CR.
Paid W. D. Gross, Treasurer, in full, for the General Synod....		\$ 487 50
“ English Minutes, in full, per Rev. I. H. Reiter.....		180 00
“ Elm Street Printing Co., in full, for Minutes of 1871, including two years interest.....		110 75
“ German Minutes, per Rev. J. Kuelling.....		112 55
“ Rev. I. H. Reiter, expenses to Ref. Synod, Albany, N. Y.....		37 50
“ Rev. C. Cort, Iowa Classis, delegate to Synod.....		15 00
“ Interest on various notes in Bank.....		23 80
“ Postage and stationery for Treasurer.....		6 50
“ Bill of Rev. I. H. Reiter, Stated Clerk, as follows:		
Stated Clerk's fees.....	\$40 00	
Printing Statistical Tables for German Min....	8 00	
Mailing, wrapping paper, &c.....	5 00	
Postage stamps.....	11 58	
		64 58
Total Payments.....		\$1038 38
Total Receipts.....		735 67
Amount due Treasurer of Synod.....		\$ 302 71

Indebtedness to Synod.

The several Classes are still in arrears to Synod, as follows:

	ILLINOIS CLASSIS.
Old account.....	\$ 99 19
Synod's apportionment for 1872.....	28 00
English Minutes “ “.....	15 30
German “ “.....	4 25
Postage “ “.....	2 14
	\$ 148 88

	<i>Brought forward,</i>	\$ 148 88
	<i>German Iowa Classis.</i>	
Old account.....	\$ 24 90	
Synod's apportionment for 1872.....	20 00	
English Minutes " ".....	3 74	
German " ".....	6 25	
Postage " ".....	98	
	<u>\$ 55 85</u>	
Deduct, assumed by English Iowa Classis.....	5 70	
Balance still due.....	<u>\$ 50 15</u>	
Total amount due Synod from the Classes.....	<u>\$ 199 03</u>	
	<i>The Debts of Synod.</i>	
Due Rev. J. Kuelling, for translating Minutes, 1872.....	\$ 20 00	
Assessment of General Synod of 1872.....	450 00	
Due the Treasurer (notes in Bank).....	302 51	
The expenses for the year (if no German Minutes are printed) will be about (in addition to the above).....	350 00	
	<u>\$1122 51</u>	
	Respectfully submitted,	
	JER. H. GOOD, <i>Treasurer.</i>	

2. *Report of Committee on Finance.*

The Committee on Finance submitted the following report, which was received and adopted:

The Committee on Finance beg leave to report as follows:

That the papers referred to us were the Treasurer's report, and item 16 in the report on Synodical Minutes, having reference to the General Synod's assessment of \$450 00 on the Ohio Synod for contingent expenses.

We have audited the Treasurer's report, and find it to be correct. The report is herewith prefixed, and explains itself. We, in view of the facts brought to our notice, recommend the adoption of the following action:

Resolved, That the assessment for this year be made upon the several Classes in the ratio of seven and a half dollars (\$7 50) for each minister, with the exception of the Illinois and the two Iowa Classes, which shall be assessed at the rate of four and a half dollars (\$4 50) for each minister.

Resolved, That the Illinois and German Iowa Classes be enjoined to pay up their remaining indebtedness without delay.

Resolved, That all the Classes be urgently requested to make provision for the payment of their respective dues at or before the time of their annual meetings.

Resolved, That the Treasurer of Synod be and is hereby instructed to notify the officers of the several Classes of the amount of their respective apportionments, and request a prompt compliance with the foregoing action of Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

CYRUS CORT, *Chairman.*

On motion, the following action was adopted:

Resolved, That the Treasurer of Synod be instructed to pay the Sexton of the Reformed church at Shelbyville, Ill., the sum of \$10 for his services; to Rev. I. H. Reiter \$2 for having two hundred return railroad certificates printed; and to Rev. T. H. Winters \$1 50, the amount paid for the printing of tickets for the use of Synod.

ARTICLE XXIII.

PUBLICATION.

1. *Report of Board of Publication.*

The Board of Publication elected by the Synod at its sessions in Canton, O., 1872, beg leave respectfully to report as follows:

The Board held only one meeting during the year, which was at Cincinnati, May 9th, 1873. The members present were Revs. Samuel Mease, David Van Horne, and Elders Andrew H. Baughman and Valentine C. Tidball. An organization was then effected with Rev. David Van Horne as President, and Elder Valentine C. Tidball as Secretary.

In the stereotyped expression of the former Boards, we must state that the only publication under the auspices of the Board, is the organ of Synod, the CHRISTIAN WORLD. The editor reports that the subscription-list has been pruned again of non-paying subscribers, and to a great extent their places have been filled by new ones. Yet there is more earnest effort in behalf of the paper needed now than ever before, since other papers have lately been established within the borders of the denomination, so that the patronage must, to a certain extent, be divided between the older journals and the new competitors.

Those who are friendly to our organ should therefore be called upon to use their best efforts for its increased circulation. Ministers and laity should be invited to co-operate and recommend it to all families accessible, where it has not yet been introduced. In proportion as the subscription-list is increased, can its successful issue be insured to the Synod.

The editor reports, that Mr. Louis Melius, who, though not elected by Synod, having acceptably filled the position of assistant editor for some two years, has now retired. He departs bearing with him the good wishes of the editor and members of the Board, and the readers of the paper generally.

The Board must express regret that the publishing interests of the Synod are still carried forward on so limited a scale. And while we feel that we have no right to dictate a course to be pursued, yet we would urge the Synod to consider the importance of founding a *Printing Establishment*, belonging exclusively to Synod under the limitations of Article 70 of the Constitution, the net earnings of which should be turned into a

Ministerial Relief Fund, or appropriated to some of the important objects of the Church.

It may not yet be too late to undertake a work that has been eminently successful in other denominations all around us, and which if committed to proper hands for management, would do much toward strengthening the influence of our Reformed Zion, and thus help on the cause of Christ.

Respectfully submitted,
DAVID VAN HORNE, *President.*

2. Report of Committee on Publication.

The Committee on Publication presented the following report, which was received, amended and adopted:

Your Committee on Publication beg leave to report:

That the only document in their hands is the report of the Board of Publication. From this it appears that the **CHRISTIAN WORLD**, during the past year, has met with its usual success. The same difficulties, however, that formerly hindered its progress had to be combatted the past year. While many new subscribers were added to the list, many old ones were taken off, because they were non-paying. This hindrance, if it is at all possible, ought to be overcome; and it can be overcome, if pastors devote a little attention to it. The influence of a religious paper on a Christian people is incalculable. It interests in Christian work and tends to enlighten, and thus becomes a pastor's most efficient aid. In view of this, it should be made a visitor to every family in the Church.

We learn, also, from this report, that the assistant editor, Mr. Louis Melius, has retired from the office, and that, consequently, the editor, Rev. Samuel Mease, has again the care of the entire work of editing. In view of this, the special assistance of all interested in the paper's welfare is needed.

Your Committee would propose the following resolutions:

Resolved, That this Synod recommends the **CHRISTIAN WORLD** to all the people of the Reformed Church as worthy of and claiming their patronage.

Resolved, That this Synod calls the attention of all the pastors of the Church to the necessity of doing all in their power to give this organ of Synod a more extended circulation in their charges.

Resolved, That this Synod considers it of great importance to have a Printing Establishment of its own, and that it, therefore, authorizes the Board of Publication to devise ways by which this end may be attained, and report at the next annual meeting of Synod.

Respectfully submitted,
AMOS F. ZARTMAN, *Chairman.*

Immediately after the adoption of the foregoing report, on motion, the following action was adopted:

Whereas, In the opinion of this Synod, its organ, the **CHRISTIAN WORLD**, would be more generally acceptable and serviceable in the work of the Church with less controversial correspondence; therefore,

Resolved, That we request the Board of Publication, in conference with the editor, to restrain controversy, as far as possible, especially all such as is of a severe or personal character.

3. *Publication of Minutes of Synod.*

The following action was adopted:

Resolved, That the Stated Clerk be instructed to have 1,500 copies of the Minutes of this Synod, duly authenticated, published in the English language, and distribute them among those entitled to receive them.

Resolved, That we dispense with the publication of the Minutes in the German language.

ARTICLE XXIV.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Semi-Centennial of Ohio Synod.

During the afternoon session of the third day (Friday) of the sessions, the following preamble and resolutions, in reference to the Semi-Centennial of the Synod of Ohio of the Reformed Church in the United States, were submitted to Synod and adopted:

Whereas, The Synod of Ohio of the Reformed Church in the United States was organized on the 14th day of June, 1824, and will have existed as a Synod *fifty* years by the 14th day of June, 1874; and,

Whereas, The event is full of historical significance, pleasant in its religious associations, and important in its practical bearing for the Reformed Church; therefore,

Resolved, That we will in some suitable way, under God's blessing, commemorate the Semi-Centennial of the Synod of Ohio.

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed to report the order and manner in which this may be best consummated.

The Committee consists of Revs. Isaac H. Reiter, Lewis H. Kefauver and Elder George Souder.

This Committee, on the last day of the sessions, presented their report, which was received and adopted; and is as follows:

Report of Committee on Semi-Centennial of Synod.

The Committee to whom was referred the subject of the Semi-Centennial of the Synod of Ohio of the Reformed Church in the United States, would respectfully report:

That they have given the subject some consideration, and, believing it to be proper to commemorate that historical event, would suggest as appropriate the following:

1. That the leading features of the Semi-Centennial should be to call forth expressions of gratitude to God for past favors and mercies, and for the enjoyment of our present blessings and prosperity; and to lead us to a deeper and more intelligent consciousness of our history, mission, work and obligations.

2. That the exercises of the occasion should be, in their essential nature, religious, historical, commemorative and practical, and be carried into effect during the next annual meeting of the Synod of Ohio.

3. That, as introductory, the convocation shall commence on Friday evening, June 12, 1874; and the opening proper shall take place on Sunday morning, June 14th, with a sermon by the Rev. David Winters, D. D., and be followed by the holy communion of the Lord's Supper.

4. That, as suitable subjects on which to have papers prepared for the occasion, we would suggest the following:

1.) A history of the Synod of Ohio, together with brief biographical sketches of the early fathers and founders of the Reformed Church in the West, by Rev. Isaac H. Reiter.

2.) Concise histories of the several Classes connected with the Synod, from the commencement to the present time, by Rev. Lewis H. Kefauver.

3.) A sketch of the several Boards of Synod, and of the benevolent operations of the Church, by Rev. Henry M. Herman.

4.) An essay on the rise, progress and success of the Sunday Schools, by Rev. Peter C. Prugh.

5.) A history of our Literary and Theological Institutions, by Rev. Jeremiah H. Good, D. D.

6.) A historical sketch of the publication interests of the West, by Rev. Samuel Mease.

7.) An essay on the Synodical form of Church Government, considered in its historical and practical aspect, by Rev. John Kuelling.

8.) A dissertation on the true idea and importance of Christian benevolence, by Rev. Herman Rust, D. D.

9.) A discourse on intellectual culture in its relation to Christianity, by Rev. George W. Williard, D. D.

10.) The collection of historical material, and the preparation of historical sketches of all our congregations, by the pastors and officers.

5. All these papers shall be regarded as Semi-Centennial contributions, and be at the disposal of the Synod.

6. Moreover, with the view of turning the whole occasion to some *practical* account for the Church, we would suggest that a *Semi-Centennial Fund* be raised during the year by congregational and individual free-will offerings; and that this Fund, among other objects, be devoted to the cause of Beneficiary Education, Home and Foreign Missions, Church Extension and our Literary and Theological Institutions.

7. That a Committee of three be appointed with instructions to carry out the measures proposed, and report such suggestions and arrangements as may be deemed necessary to the next Synod.

Respectfully submitted,
ISAAC H. REITER, *Chairman.*

The Committee called for in the last item of the foregoing report, and as officially appointed, consists of Revs. Isaac H. Reiter, Henry M. Herman and Lewis H. Kefauver.

Consideration of Benevolent Interests by Synod.

The following preamble and resolutions, having been submitted to Synod for consideration, were received, amended and adopted:

Whereas, A great portion of our business is passed by in a manner entirely too hastily for want of time, and the consequence is that such important interests as Missions, (Foreign and Home), Church Extension and Beneficiary Education are overlooked to a great extent; and,

Whereas, There is a manifest want of interest in these agencies of the Church among the ministers and membership in our communion; therefore,

Resolved, That hereafter several evenings during the sessions of Synod be set apart for the consideration of the subjects of Missions, (Foreign and Home), Church Extension and Beneficiary Education.

Resolved, That some ministerial brethren be appointed to prepare papers on the subjects named above, to be read at the next annual meeting of Synod; and that the members of Synod discuss the subjects presented by the essayists in short addresses not exceeding ten minutes in length.

Resolved, That Saturday evening of this Synod be set apart for the consideration of the subject of Home Missions, and that Rev. Cyrus Cortland in the discussion.

The following brethren were appointed to prepare the several papers referred to in the preceding report, namely: on *Foreign Missions*, Rev. Isaac H. Reiter; on *Home Missions*, Rev. Charles

W. Hoyman; on *Church Extension*, Rev. David Van Horne; and on *Beneficiary Education*, Rev. John M. Kendig.

ARTICLE XXV.

RESUMPTION AND CLOSE.

Vote of Thanks.

The following resolution was adopted by Synod:

Resolved, That Synod expresses its gratitude to members of the Shelbyville Reformed congregation, and to the citizens of Shelbyville and vicinity, for their generous hospitality to its members; and that the *pastor-loci* be requested to read the same from the pulpit, and also have it published in the newspapers of Shelbyville.

The roll was called, and none were found absent without permission.

The Minutes were read and adopted, and ordered to be engrossed.

ARTICLE XXVI.

ADJOURNMENT.

Resolved, That we, as a Synod, now adjourn to meet in General Convention, in the Reformed church at Wooster, Wayne county, Ohio, on Wednesday, June 10th, 1874, at 7½ o'clock in the evening.

The Synod adjourned on Monday, May 19th, at 11½ o'clock A. M., and closed its sessions with singing, the repetition of the Apostles' Creed, the Lord's Prayer, prayer by Rev. Herman Rust, D. D., and benediction by the President.

NATHANIEL H. LOOSE, *President*.

ISAAC H. REITER, *Stated Clerk*.

Official copy from the original Minutes.

ISAAC H. REITER, *Stated Clerk*.

STATISTICAL REPORTS.

MIAMI CLASSES.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	Members	Unconfirmed	Baptisms	Confirmed	Certificate	Communi-	Excom'tns	Dismissed	Deaths	S. Schools	S. S. Scholars	Contrib'n's for benevo-	Eng. Min'ies	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
David Winters, D. D.	4 Mt. Zion	580	205	15	24	2	595	5	8	6	4	290	\$340 00	30	Dayton, Ohio.
Peter C. Prugh (supply)	1 Cesar's Creek	89	26	8	5	2	215	12	2	2	2	260	35 00	10	Xenia, "
Samuel B. Yockey	2 Xenia and Beaver	220	75	3	10	8	175	12	2	4	1	150	100 00	20	Xenia, "
Isaac H. Retter	1 Miamisburg	200	150	16	10	8	71	10	2	2	3	160	152 00	15	Miamisburg, "
George Z. Mechling	3 Hamilton	76	44	3	18	3	71	10	2	2	2	367	8 60	1	Hamilton, "
Henry M. Herman	2 West Alexandria	346	125	25	27	8	310	10	2	5	3	367	349 82	20	West Alexandria, "
David Van Horne	1 1st Church, Dayton	205	45	12	12	12	222	3	15	5	1	125	170 00	10	Dayton, "
Oswald J. Accola	1 2d Church, Dayton	208	143	19	11	7	190	12	5	20	1	215	245 68	10	Cincinnati, "
John Kuelling	1 1st Church, Cincinnati	483	320	44	20	22	350	2	5	15	1	145	50 00	10	Cincinnati, "
Peter C. Prugh (supply)	1 Church of the Cross, Cincinnati	76	43	7	9	4	63	12	15	7	1	375	183 00	1	Greenville, "
Conrad Saurer 1)	1 Salem, Cincinnati 2)	692	390	104	48	44	692	2	2	2	1	50	31 50	10	St. Paris, "
William McCaughey	2 Greenville	80	45	9	2	8	71	25	8	13	5	185	50 00	10	Yarfield, "
Jesse Richards	3 St. Paris	220	60	38	35	5	175	2	3	5	4	215	160 00	15	Farmersville, "
Jacob M. LeFevre	3 Fairfield	200	170	20	16	16	200	2	13	2	1	140	132 00	4	Sidney, "
Levi Eike (supply)	4 Farmersville	235	125	13	10	20	230	16	4	2	2	70	218 27	10	Hillgrove, "
Ernan Shaul	2 Sidney	66	47	6	21	2	55	3	7	3	1	97	25 00	2	Covington, Ohio.
John Stuck (supply)	2 Bloom Centre	62	45	7	2	2	37	16	4	5	4	320	6 75	6	Sidney, Ohio.
" " " (supply)	4 Mt. Pleasant	220	74	20	13	2	170	10	11	3	1	150	54 00	8	Saegerstown, Pa.
Henry Hanhart	1 Bradford	97	43	19	19	3	81	3	10	3	4	200	79 52	8	Springboro, "
Jacob Weaver	2 Covington, Ky.	263	97	7	13	4	153	10	3	4	1	90	37 00	4	Hamilton, "
Joseph H. Apple 3)	2 Salem	34	20	2	4	1	60	6	3	2	2	84	16 35	5	Fairfield, "
Hiram Shumaker	2 Germantown 4)	70	50	11	6	1	66	6	3	3	4	400	63 00	25	Xenia, "
Fred. Wm. Berleman	2 Springboro	98	73	7	5	96	10	6	2	2	4	200	328 50	12	Germano, "
William Stechow	1 Millville	126	70	7	22	4	110	3	2	2	2	84	10 00	10	Dayton, "
Jacob M. LeFevre (supply)	2 Brown County	104	60	15	4	70	116	6	2	2	1	70	10 00	10	Dayton, "
Thomas H. Winters	2 Bethel	140	70	1	1	118	118	2	2	2	2	83	10 00	10	Dayton, "
Jeremiah Heller	4 Union	300	65	75	131	39	200	2	2	2	2	200	10 00	10	Dayton, "
John S. Gough	2 Highland	92	29	1	4	7	110	2	2	2	2	200	10 00	10	Dayton, "
Adam Hawker	2 Mt. Carmel	137	49	1	4	7	110	2	2	2	2	200	10 00	10	Dayton, "
		100	38	20	27	12	50								
Total, 33		5850	2804	543	521	220	5050	100	135	180	50	4798	\$3 074	81	275

Christian Berents, superannuated, Grandview, O.
 Harrison Getzenauer, without charge, Illinois.
 Theodore F. Bucher, without charge, 37 John street, New York.
 Solomon K. Dennis, superannuated, Camden, Preble co., O.
 1 Deceased. 2 Now served by Rev. N. Wiers. 3 Recently dismissed to St. Paul's Classis, Pa. 4 Recently taken charge of by Rev. C. W. Good.

LANCASTER CLASSIS.

MINISTERS.	CONGREGATIONS	CHARGES.	Members	Members unconfirmed	Baptisms	Confirmed	Certificate	Communicants	Excommunications, or Erasure of names	Dismissed	Deaths	Sunday Schools	Sunday School Scholars	Benevolent Contributions	English Minutes	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.	
Charles W. Hoyman	4	Somerset	321	320	30	11	8	308		5	6	4	330	\$ 310 00	30	Somerset,	Ohio
George H. Leonard	2	Basil	305	120	16	32	5	280	16	3	3	3	340	376 00	20	Basil,	"
John Vogt	1	Delaware	240	130	11	7	8	209	5	4	1	1	117	143 00	15	Delaware,	"
William Gilpin	3	Union	201	200	9			160		2	3	3	230	85 13	10	Baltimore,	"
John C. Henneman	4	Beaver	252	225	42	7	3	224		13	1	13	13	28 59	5	Beavertown, Pike co.	"
Gregory H. Melboom	1	Fronton	138	115	17	9	22	102	2	2	7	1	62	44 80	6	Fronton,	"
William A. Hale	2	Lancaster	160	100	4	26	10	140		3	8	2	200	25 00	8	Lancaster,	"
Eli Keller	4	Winchester	220	180	21	24		210	3	8	1	150	150 00	20	Canal Winchester,	"	
Henry King (sup.)	2	Heidelberg	72					57								Stoutsville,	"
Henry Williard (sup.)	1	Galton														Lancaster,	"
James Hefley (sup.)	1	Union			12	20	2	120					100		2	Canal Winchester,	"
Austin Henry	3	Kinnickinnick	130								3	2	100		12	Kingston,	"
Peter D. Schory	3	Without charge														Lancaster,	"
Samuel S. Rickli	"	"														Lancaster,	"
Vacant	3	Tarleton	120					100								Columbus,	"
Total. 14.	30		2159	1380	162	136	58	1910	26	15	45	18	15	\$1162	52		

TUSCARAWAS CLASSIS.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	Congregations	Members	Members unconfirmed	Baptisms	Confirmed	Certificate	Communicants	Examinations, or Erasure of names	Dismissed	Deaths	Sunday Schools	Sunday School Scholars	Benevolent Contributions	English Minutes	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.		
Sam'l B. Leiter, D. D.	4 Union	4	195	175	14	7	190	190		4	4	4		\$ 67 16	20	Wadsworth, Ohio		
Nathaniel H. Loose	3 Shelby	3	210	125	16	8	3 190	190		6	1	3	200	85 00	10	Shelby, "		
Sebastian C. Goss	4 Wadsworth	4	250	115	4	9 14	247	247	2	6	4	4	325	98 55	30	Wadsworth, "		
Henry F. Long	4 Tuscarawas	4	190	129	7	7	190	190	2	1	4	3	251	234 50	20	Massillon, "		
Edward Herbruck	1 Grace ch. Ak'r'n 1)	1	85		6	5	44	44			1	1	50	25 00	5	Canton, "		
Samuel Shaw	3 Reedsburg	3	114	39	2	3	4 103	103	5	3	4	2	100	113 93	20	Reedsburg, "		
John R. Shepler	2 Summit	2	150		21	13	120	120	16	2	3	2	260	102 25	6	Lake, "		
	3 East Union	3	150		18	18	125	125								"		
Orange E. Lake	3 Mohicanville	3	135	40	6	2	1 130	130		9	3	3	240	36 71	20	Mohicanville, "		
Casper Scheel	4 Uniontown	4	200	158	8	2	150	150	1	2	3	3	200	36 00	10	Greentown, "		
Vacant	2 Manchester	2	120		3	3	100	100								"		
Fred. Strasser	2 Bristol	2	75	98	8	15	1 75	75		2				47 50	8	Orrville, "		
Jesse Steiner	5 Shenandoah	5	144	60	9	9	144	144			2	3	130	50 00	20	Ashland, "		
Philip A. Long (sup)	4 Navarre	4	78	72	5	17	3 64	64			2	4	200	90 00	20	Navarre, "		
Orange E. Lake "	2 Emanuel	2	37		2	2	37	37			1	2	50	10 35	5	"		
Edward D. Miller	2 Canaan	2	109	53	1	14	8 98	98		6	2	2	65	145 18	10	Canaan, "		
Jos. B. Shumaker 2)	2 Canton 3)	2	86	100	10	14 19	80	80	3				150	62 68	8	Lancaster, Pa		
Jesse Hines																1	Reedsburg, Ohio	
John C. Klar																	1	Navarre, "
Michael Loucks																		Akron, "
Total, 17.		50	2928	1364	107	128	66	2037		28	27	37	40	2121	\$2134 81	303		

1) Recently taken charge of by Rev. Michael Loucks. 2) Dismissed to Lancaster Classis, Pa. 3) Recently taken charge of by Rev. Edward Herbruck.

TIFFIN CLASSIS.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	Members	Members unconfirmed	Baptisms	Confirmed	Certificate	Communicants	Excommunications, or cessation of names	Dismissed	Deaths	Sunday Schools	Sunday School Scholars	Benevolent Contributions	English Minutes	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
Jer. H. Good, D. D.	Prof. Theo. Sem'y	256	183	7	6	3	239		7	4	1	175	\$ 108 54	15	Tiffin, Ohio
Reuben Good	Prof. Heidel'g Col	175	110	11	4	150		1					77 34	8	" "
Herman Rust, D. D.	Prof. Theo. Sem'y	191	209	19	17	5	140	6	5	1	50	88 28	49 35	15	" "
G. W. Williard, D. D.	Pres. Heidel'g Col	220	100	21	9	1	200	7	3	3	4	150	137 81	4	" "
Lewis H. Kefauver	1st Church, Tiffin	270	165	43	23	240			11	2	130	49 35	322 47	20	Findlay, "
John G. Ruhl	4 Heidelberg	298	186	30	47	15	221	2	1	1	3	214		4	" "
Josiah May	2 New Bavaria	58	10	2	6	50			2	1	1	100		4	New Bavaria, "
Henry Wegert	3 Zion	96	65	1	2	64			1	1	1	85		5	Republ., "
Jos. A. Keller	3 Liberty Centre	205	110	21	19	11	205	1	14	1	120	310 00	21 95	8	Liberty Centre, "
Jonas Michael	2 Fostoria	38	30	6	6	38					1	35	285 00	15	Fremont, "
Theodore J. Bacher	1 2nd Church, Tiffin	125	60	8	6	20	125				2	125	6 50	4	" "
Dr. Rust (sup)	3 Fort Seneca	65	40	7			40								" "
Dr. Good	Invalid														Attica, "
Dr. Williard	Missionary														Hawatha, Kansas
Henry Wegert	"														Denver, Colorado
Peter Tendick	Licentiate														Germantown, Ohio
John H. Beck															
Fred. F. Hartmetz															
Charles W. Good 1)															
Total, 16.		1997	1258	187	131	71	1712	17	8	49	18	1184	\$1422 25	120	

1) Recently dismissed to Miami Classis.

ST. JOHN'S CLASSIS.

MINISTERS.	CONGREGATIONS	CHARGES.	Members	Members unconfirmed	Baptisms	Confirmed	Certificate	Communicants	Excommunications, or erasure of names	Dismissed	Deaths	Sunday Schools	Sunday School Scholars	Benevolent Contributions	English Minutes	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.	
Peter Herbruck	1	Canton	494	400	89	36	22	494		45	1	200	\$ 293	00	15	Canton, Stark co., O.	
Christopher Schiller	1	Akron	227	215	62	18	1	217		11	1	135	70	70	8	Akron, Summit " "	
David Kammerer	1	Apple Creek	60	40	1	1	3	60				59	8	70	5	Wooster, Wayne " "	
Herman Kortheuer	2	Massillon	130		7	12		110		5	2	70	74	00	2	Massillon, Stark " "	
John G. Zahner, D. D.	2	Shanesville	285	250	29	11	2	271		4	1	150	23	15	6	Shanesville, Tus. " "	
Philip Becker	1	Mt. Eaton	200										99	84	10	Mt. Eaton, Wayne " "	
Henry K. Zink	4	Phillipsburg	331	280	43	31	2	290		14	2	130	14	00	10	Stonecreek, Tus. " "	
Geo. W. Henning	1	St. Paul's	18	27	5			16		2	1	60	13	20	5	Canton, Stark " "	
Frederick Schaad	3	Ragersville	490	518	62	22	4	435		22	3	290	86	43	10	Ragersville, Tus. " "	
Jon. A. Novinger	3	New Bedford	350	300	56	33		300		20	1	100	75	00	10	New Bedford, Cosh. " "	
Amos F. Zartman	1	Wooster	140	120	20	6	26	140		5	8	120	50	50	10	Wooster, Wayne " "	
John Biery 1)	1	Kansas Mission	85	45	15			35			4	1	46	0	0	1	Wathena, Doniphan "Kan.
	2	Jacob's & St. P. 2)	152	120	12	15		127		4	1	50	6	33	10	Malvern, Carroll " O.	
Ernest F. A. Schade	3	New Philadelphia	330	352	22			263		8	3	295	155	00	5	New Philadelphia, " "	
Peter Greding	1	Orrville 3)	250					250				1	50		5		
	1	Mineral Pt. 4)	115	75	9	17	11	106					41	22	5		
			43														
			3700	2743	432	202	66	3104	4	9	147	20	1725	\$1017	07	122	
			31														

1) Recently dismissed to the Eastern Ohio Classis. 2) Supplied by Rev. J. H. Derr.
 3) Supplied by Rev. F. Strassner. 4) Supplied by Rev. J. C. Klar.

EASTERN OHIO CLASSIS.

MINISTERS.	CONGREGATIONS	CHARGES.	Members	Members unconfirmed	Baptisms	Confirmed	Certificate	Communicants	Excommunications, or Erasure of names	Dismissed	Deaths	Sunday schools	Sunday School Scholars	Benevolent Contributions	English Minutes	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.	CO.
George M. Albright	2	New Lisbon	225	85	14	21	4	145		1	9	1	80	\$124 69	25	New Lisbon, Col.	co. O
Michael A. Miller	2	Carrlilton	197	45	12	33	1	155		3	5	2	211	123 84	10	Carrlilton, Carroll	" "
John M. Grether	3	Youngstown	79	75	4	5	2	65					25	59 08	10	Warren, Trumbull	" "
Vacant	1	Jefferson	110	40	5			70					60	35 00	8	Germano, Harrison	" "
John M. Kendig	1	Columbiana	147	56	2	1		100		2	2	1	150	42 00	10	Columbiana, Colum'a	" "
John Meekley	2	Springfield	311	190	27	28		241		14	2	2	260	117 52	10	Petersburg, Mahon'g	" "
Henry Hilbish	2	Mt. Olivet	265	120	20	11	2	218		3	2	2	275	100 63	15	North Lima,	" "
Gottlieb Ziegler	3	Georgetown	240	140	54	24		223		4	2	2	135	68 00	25	Paris, Stark	" "
Charles Zwiler	2	Canfield	260	129	29	19		251		3	17	4	120	50 00	10	Canfield, Mahoning	" "
Joshua H. Derr 1)	2	Louisville 2)	270	285	25	30	2	200		3	17	4	300	125 75	25	Bellevue, Huron	" "
Lemuel B. Perkins	1	Berlin Mission	25	25		1		25					1	30 7 00	5	Columbiana, Colum'a	" "
Vacant	4	Warren	150	172	11	7		101					60	13 97	10	Warren, Trumbull	" "
Thomas Ferrell	1	St. Bethel 3)											1			Carrlilton, Carroll	" "
John J. Leberman		Without charge	150	40	20	1		110					50			Louisville, Stark	" "
Total, 12.	26		2429	1402	223	171	11	1904		13	95	21	1756	\$864 48	163		

1) Dismissed to Erie Classis, N. W. Synod. 2) Recently taken charge of by Rev. John J. Leberman. 3) Last year's report.

ILLINOIS CLASSIS.

MINISTERS.	Congregations	CHARGES.	Members	Members unconfirmed	Baptisms confirmed	Certificate	Communicants	Excommunications, or erasure of names	Dismissed	Deaths	Sunday Schools	Sunday School Scholars	Benevolent Contributions	English Minutes	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.	
Harvey Wilson	4	Shelbyville	157	25	23	19	100		1	4	150			30	Shelbyville, Ill.	
John Kercher	2	Washburne	145	130			100			1	60			5	Lacon, "	
Solomon N. King	4	Astoria	83	180	8	20	1	80	1	2	100			6	Astoria, "	
Andrew Schroeder	1	Freeport	60	50	6	4	15	40		1	1	50		2	Freeport, "	
Chas. G. A. Hullhorst		Missionary													Shelbyville, "	
John A. Smith	3	Anna	85	45			70							4	Anna, "	
Henry Knepper 1)	4	Orangeville	80	55	14		3	80		6	4	80		5	Orangeville, "	
	2	Mt. Zion	96	90	5	9	3	69		1	2	100		4	Grove City, "	
	3	Foreston	155	140	12		2	125	1	2			\$25 00	7	Foreston, "	
Isaac A. Sites	4	Rock Grove	55				40				3	75		5	Dakota, "	
Simon P. Myers	2	Centre	75		2	1	6	45		2				4	Foreston, "	
Daniel K. Fulcason	4	Hickory Creek	85	46			70			2	3	80		5	Shelbyville, "	
Philip H. Kroh	2	Sycamore			5	8	11	19		2				10	Altamont, "	
Joseph Sechler		Without charge													Shelbyville, "	
Henry Aurand		"													Anna, "	
		"													Lena, "	
		"													Warren, "	
Total, 12.	35		1097	736	77	65	60	838	1	2	13	21	695	\$25 00	94	

1) Deposited from the ministry.

ENGLISH IOWA CLASSIS.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	Congregations	Members	Members unconfirmed	Baptisms confirmed	Certificate Communicants	Excommunications, or erasure of names	Dismissed	Deaths	Sunday Schools	Sunday School Scholars	Benevolent Contributions	English Minutes	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.	
Fred. C. Bauman	Harmony	2	177	195	26	29	2	160	1	7	2	100	\$156 81	5 Zwingli, Dubuque co., Iowa.	
Jonas B. Shontz	Tipton	3	125	92	4	5	3	101	9	9	3	80	187 73	5 Wilton, Muscatine "	
Joshua Hiale	Blairstown	2	37	35	3	7	14	37	2	1	1	40	229 00	2 Blairstown, Benton "	
Dewald S. Fouse	Boulder	3	102	70	12	12	98	81	2	1	1	40	126 50	5 Lisbon, Linn "	
Cyrus Cort	Brandon	3	88	75	7	7	28	81	1	1	2	26	42 05	5 Vinton, Benton "	
George Weber	Maquoketa	2	58	42	13	15	24	50	1	1	2	26	17 00	3 Blairstown, Benton "	
Jacob Kuhn	Without charge	2	587	509	65	75	83	527	12	9	5	8	246	Dach Creek, "	
Total.		15	587	509	65	75	83	527	12	9	5	8	246	\$759 09	25

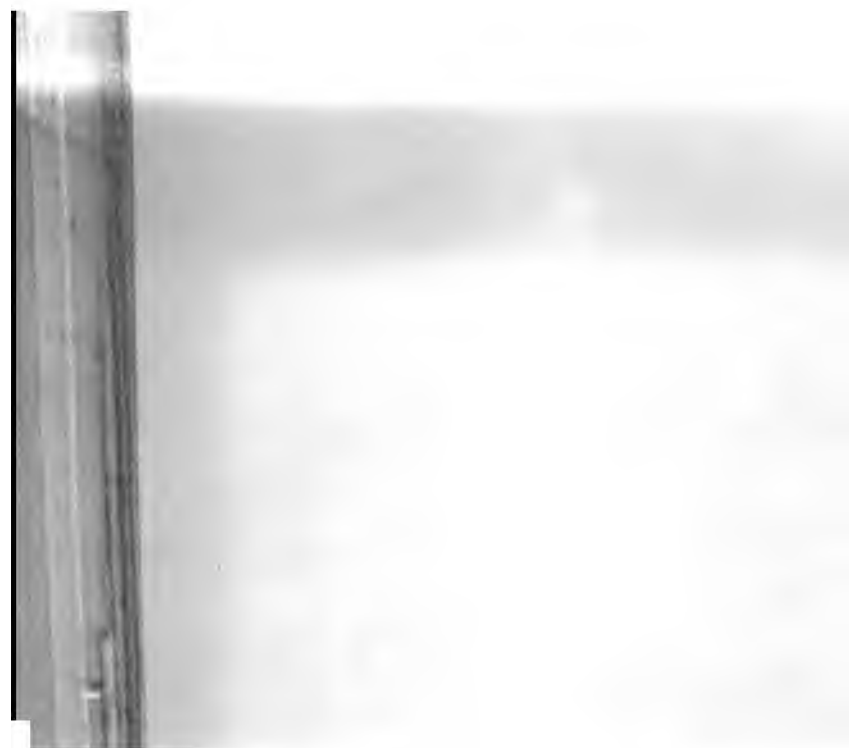
GERMAN IOWA CLASSIS.

MINISTERS.	Congregations	CHARGES.	Members	Members unconfirmed	Baptisms	Confirmed	Certificate	Communicants	Excommunications, or erasure of names	Dismissed	Deaths	Sunday Schools	Sunday School Scholars	Benevolent Contributions	English Minutes	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
John H. Buser }	3	Clifton	275	80	20	30	4	260	6	20	1	3	200	\$ 5 00	10	Clifton, Louisa co., Iowa.
John E. Young }	2	Wheatland	133	143	26	9	8	100			6	2	120	254 00	10	" " " "
John Rettig	2	Monticello	70	50	21	9		70		3	5	2	70	6 00	5	Wheatland, Clinton " "
George Rettig	1	St. Paul's	40	26	11			25	4		1			8 47	5	Monticello, Jones " "
Augustus Bletsch	1	Marengo	25	18	3			20	6		1	1	15	5 00	3	Boone, Boone " "
Charles G. Ziph	1	Bethania	55	45	4	5	4	48	2		1	1	19	36 06	3	Marengo, Iowa " "
Solomon Ellicker	2	Charles City	60	70				50							2	Newton, Jasper " "
		Orono														
Total, 7.	13		658	432	85	53	16	573	18	23	14	9	424	\$314 53	28	

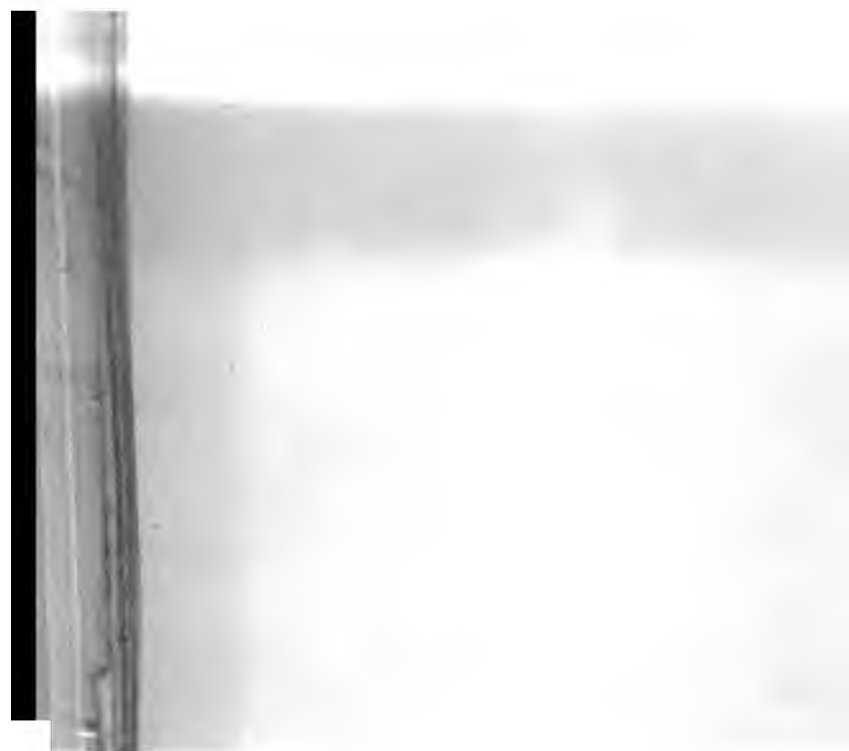
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