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ORDER OF WORSHIP

The Rev. George Stob, pastor of the local church, and the Rev. Watson Groen, President of the Synod of 1940, officiate.

Prelude: "Evening Prayer". Henry Smart
Psalter Hymnal No. 234 (Audience standing)
Votum and Salutation (Audience standing)
The Apostles' Creed
Psalter Hymnal No. 467—"Gloria Patri"
Prayer
Scripture Reading—Psalm 2
Sermon: THE KINGSHIP OF JESUS CHRIST. Psalm 2:5, 6
Psalter Hymnal No. 4 (Audience standing)
Prayer for Synod
Psalter Hymnal No. 140 (Audience standing)
Benediction
Doxology—Psalter Hymnal No. 464
Postlude: "Postlude No. 7". G. H. Rinck
WEDNESDAY MORNING, JUNE 11
First Session
ARTICLE 1

At 9:00 A. M. the delegates to Synod, having assembled in the Calvin College Library building, are called to order by the Rev. W. Groen, who announces as the opening number Psalter Hymnal No. 292, reads from the Word of God Matthew 28, and leads in the "Opening Prayer for Ecclesiastical Assemblies."

ARTICLE 2

The Rev. W. Groen now addresses the delegates to Synod as follows:

Brethren in Christ:

Through the providence of God you have been chosen by our churches to assemble in Synod. It is my privilege to welcome you to the work to which you have been chosen. May the King of the Church extend to you richly His guidance and His help.
Among your number there are those who are familiar with our synodical procedure because of attendance at previous Synods, but there are also many, both ministers and elders, who are fulfilling their first mandate to the synodical gathering. Our practice of annual meetings of Synod has the advantage of affording a large number of office-bearers an opportunity to share in the work of our denomination. Whether or not this advantage justifies the continuance of the practice, I leave to your wise judgment.

The matters that appear on the Agendum are worthy of your earnest consideration. Nevertheless, I must observe, as I did last year, that none of the issues before you are of such an essential nature that decision, one way or another, would greatly change our denominational life. Even the most important matters before you, namely those that concern our missionary enterprises and Calvin College and Seminary, however decided, will greatly affect the status quo.

Remarkable indeed is this phenomenon in view of conditions about us. Nationally we are living in a state declared by our president to be one of unlimited emergency. The world is passing through a revolution. Despite all this our denomination can meet in Synod without a disturbing issue. This is amazing. It reveals a condition of peace and prosperity among our churches, of singleness of mind and purpose.

Let us regard this condition as a proof of God's benevolence toward us. He grants us a period in which to fortify ourselves against the inevitable effects of the emergency and of the world revolution. Our membership is drawn from every sort of environment, and therefore we may expect our church life to be affected in various ways. Our young men are being drawn into military service, and family life is greatly disturbed. Economic conditions will affect the budgets of congregations and of the denomination. Who can say what spiritual forces may be turned against us. Synod is called to fortify the church against whatever may arise.

Two aims must be realized by Synod if it will fulfill its task. Synod must put individual ambitions and interests aside in favor of the common good of the church. Synod must by unswerving loyalty to Christ and His Church prevent any evil tendency from gaining an entrance.

By so doing the church will be fortified against the effects of national emergency and world-wide revolt.

ARTICLE 3

The credential letters, now submitted by the delegates, show that the eighteen Classes are duly represented by the following brethren:

Classis California
Ministers—J. Bolt and L. Bouma.
Elders—D. Hoek and J. Kobes.

Classis Grand Rapids East
Ministers—J. Vande Kieft and G. Goris.
Elders—A. H. Van Dam and S. Van Til.
Classis Grand Rapids South
Ministers—A. J. Rus and J. F. Schuurman.
Elders—R. Wierenga and W. D. Vanderwerp.

Classis Grand Rapids West
Ministers—J. G. Van Dyke and Peter Vos.
Elders—H. Oost and H. Denkema.

Classis Hackensack
Ministers—H. Radius and J. Beebe.
Elders—Albert De Vries and J. R. Bos.

Classis Holland
Ministers—D. Zwier and P. Jonker, Jr.
Elders—A. Lyzenga and N. Stielstra.

Classis Hudson
Ministers—N. J. Monsma and L. Van Laar.
Elders—A. Kuipers and John Wiegers.

Classis Illinois
Ministers—J. P. Smith and F. Doezema.
Elders—N. Hendrikse and L. Buurstra.

Classis Kalamazoo
Ministers—J. O. Bouwsma and Wm. Alkema.
Elders—Gerrit Dragt and Jerry De Nooyer.

Classis Minnesota
Elders—S. Droogsma and J. Verbrugge.

Classis Muskegon
Ministers—M. Bolt and J. Betten.
Elder—J. P. Heeres.

Classis Orange City
Ministers—W. Bajema and J. R. Van Dyke.
Elders—E. Kuik and D. Waanders.

Classis Ostfriesland
Elders—H. Christians and J. Modderman

Classis Pacific
Ministers—A. Van Dyken and K. E. F. J. de Waal Malefyt.
Elders—C. J. Van Andel and G. Besselaar.

Classis Pella
Ministers—F. M. Huizenga and R. H. Hooker.
Elders—J. Byleveld and G. Vande Kieft.
ARTICLE 4

Synod is now declared duly constituted, and proceeds to elect its officers. The following are chosen:

President—the Rev. N. J. Monsma.
Vice President—Dr. G. Goris.
First Clerk—the Rev. D. Zwier.
Second Clerk—the Rev. H. Keegstra.

In name of Synod the President thanks the Rev. W. Groen for his counsel and leadership, given last evening in the Prayer Service as well as this morning in the work of constituting Synod. He expresses appreciation of the honor and confidence shown to himself and his fellow-officers, and bespeaks the prayerful support and cooperation of all the delegates.

ARTICLE 5

The President now reads the Public Declaration of Agreement with the Forms of Unity, to which all the delegates express their assent by rising from their seats and saying in unison: “I do.”

ARTICLE 6

As advisory members of Synod the following brethren are welcomed:

The professors of Calvin Seminary, Pres. L. Berkhof, Dr. C. Bouma, Prof. D. H. Kromminga, Prof. H. Schultze, and Dr. M. J. Wyngaarden, with all the privileges of the floor; Pres. H. Schultze, with the privileges of the floor during the discussion of matters pertaining to Calvin College; Dr.
ARTICLES 7, 8, 9, 10, 11

J. C. De Korne and the Rev. H. Baker, with the privilege of the floor during the discussion of matters pertaining to their respective Mission Boards; and Dr. H. Beets as the Stated Clerk of Synod.

A letter of Dr. S. Volbeda informs Synod that, being in the far West, he cannot be present at Synod this year. This is received as information.

ARTICLE 7

On motion it is decided that Synod will hold sessions from 8:30 to 11:45 A. M., with a recess from 9:45 to 10:00 o'clock; and from 1:30 to 5:45 P. M., with a recess from 3:15 to 3:30 o'clock.

ARTICLE 8

The following brethren are appointed on the Program Committee:


The Committee is instructed, in preparing the program, to give special attention to some of the suggestions made in the Report of the Committee in re Expediting of Synodical Procedure, Agenda, Part I, pp. 3-10.

ARTICLE 9

To give the Program Committee time to perform its task, Synod now adjourns to 3:30 P. M., and this first session is closed, the Vice President leading in prayer and thanksgiving.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, JUNE 11

Second Session

ARTICLE 10

Synod unites in singing stanzas 1 and 4 of Psalter Hymnal No. 390, and is led in prayer by the first clerk.

ARTICLE 11

The Stated Clerk of Synod now reads the report of the Synodical Committee. It is received as information, and the matters that require action are referred to the proper Advisory Committee.

(Cf. Supplement I-a.)
ARTICLE 12

The Stated Clerk also reads the report of the War Relief Committee, appointed by the previous Synod. Received as information, and matters requiring action are referred to the proper Advisory Committees.

ARTICLE 13

The Report of the Program Committee is now submitted by the Revs A. A. Koning and A. Van Dyken:

Esteemed Brethren:

A. In carrying out its mandate your Committee first of all considered the Report of the Committee to Expedite Synodical Procedure (Agenda, Part I), and on the basis of its recommendations comes to you now with the following advice:

1. In order to give the Advisory Committees and their reporters time to get their reports complete and in proper shape, we advise Synod to set this evening and tomorrow all day aside for committee meetings. We recommend that Synod meet tomorrow morning at 8:30 o'clock only for devotionals and roll call, and that immediately thereafter the Advisory Committees meet separately, and utilize every moment to do the work entrusted to them.

Adopted.

2. We recommend that Synod urge all the reporters of the Advisory Committees to pay special attention to the items given in the Report on pp. 8-9.

Adopted.

3. Concerning the proposals under Rules of Procedure on pp. 9-10, we recommend:

a) That Synod adopt the first reading as follows: “Synod assign as much of its work to Advisory Committees as possible,” on the grounds given in said Report.

Adopted.

b) That the second be amended and then adopted as follows: “Synod accept for consideration, without further reading, reports which in the judgment of the officers of Synod have been in the hands of the delegates for a sufficient time.”

Adopted.

c. That the third be adopted: “Synod be not lenient in granting protestants and appellants to plead their case before Synod.”

Adopted.
d) That the fourth be adopted, namely, that Synod change its Rules for Synodical Procedure in line with the above recommendations.

Adopted.

B. We further recommend that the following Advisory Committees be appointed, and the work divided among them as indicated below. The first mentioned of the delegates is to serve as chairman, the second as reporter of the Committee.

I. Educational Matters.

Elders G. Dragt, J. R. Bos, G. Besse-laar, and R. Wierenga.
Adviser: Prof. H. Schultze.

Materials: Reports II, XIV, and XX, in the Agenda.
Overtures 1, 2, 3, 4, and 28, in the Agenda.
Report of the Board of Trustees of Calvin College and Seminary.

II. Budget.

Adviser: Dr. M. J. Wyngaarden.

Materials: All financial matters in the various reports: financial statements, budgets, quotas, etc.

III. Home Mission Matters, A.

Adviser: Rev. H. Baker

Materials: Overtures 5, 6, 7, 8, and 9, in the Agenda.
Report of the Executive Committee for Home Missions.
Letters from Classis G. R. West; Holland, Minn.; Goshen, Ind.; Hoboken, N. J.; and Winnipeg, Man., Canada.
IV. Home Mission Matters, B.

Adviser: Dr. H. Beets.

Overture 27, in the Agenda.
Letters of Rev. Van Halsema, Rev. Trap, and a letter concerning Ann Arbor.

V. Indian, China, and African Missions.

Elders A. H. Van Dam, W. D. Vanderwerp, J. Kobes, and H. Oost.
Adviser: Dr. J. C. De Korne.

Materials: Overtures 11, 12, 13, and 14, in the Agenda.
Report of the Board of Missions.
Letters from Roseland III, Rev. De Vries, and a letter concerning Mr. E. Smith.

VI. Publication Matters and Varia.

Elders N. Stielstra, S. Droogsma, J. P. Heeres, and R. C. Pettinga.
Adviser: Dr. C. Bouma.

Materials: Reports V, VI, VIII, and XVIII, in the Agenda.
Overtures 25 and 26, in the Agenda.
Report of the Publication Committee.
Answer of Publication Committee to Overture-Nymeyer.
VII. CHURCH ORDER AND EMERITI MATTERS.

Adviser: Prof. L. Berkhof.

Materials: Reports I, XV, and XVI, in the Agenda.
Overtures 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, and 24, in the Agenda.
Overture from Classis Kalamazoo re appeal to President.

VIII. PROTESTS AND APPEALS.

Adviser: Prof. D. H. Kromminga.

Materials: All protests and appeals, in Agenda, under 29 to 33.

Adopted.

C. We finally recommend that the following matters be taken up by Synod directly:
Reports III, IV, XIII, and XIX, in the Agenda.
Schedule of the Preparatory Examinations.
Adopted.

ARTICLE 14

The Report of the Delegate to the American Bible Society (Agenda, Part II, pp. 51-52) is read by the Rev. J. Beebe. Received as information.

On motion it is decided to allow Dr. Cropp ten minutes to address Synod, and to recommend this Society to our churches for moral and financial support.
ARTICLE 15
The Vice President reads the Report of the Transportation Secretary (Agenda, Part I, pp. 13-14). Received as information, and the reappointment of such a Secretary referred to the Committee on Appointments.

ARTICLE 16
The Report of the Comm. re Revision of Compendium (Agenda, Part II, p. 79) is read by the Vice President, and received by Synod as information.
Decided to instruct the same Committee to finish its work, and report to the Synod of 1942.

ARTICLE 17
The Report of the Faith, Prayer, and Tract League (Agenda, Part I, pp. 15-16) is read by the Vice President, and received as information by Synod.
On motion it is decided to recommend this League again to our churches for moral and financial support, but to suggest to the brethren in charge of this organization to change its name to "Reformed Tract League," or something similar.

ARTICLE 18
The following Committees are appointed:
Reception Committee: Dr. G. Goris and Dr. R. Wierenga.
Obituary Committee: Rev. J. C. Schaap, Rev. F. Doceema, and elder W. K. Bareman.

ARTICLE 19
Synod adjourns, after being led in prayer by elder D. Hoek.

THURSDAY MORNING, JUNE 12
Third Session

ARTICLE 20
The Rev. J. Bolt leads in prayer, after Synod has united in singing No. 302 of the Psalter Hymnal.
ARTICLE 21

The roll calls shows that the Rev. D. Zwier of Classis Holland is absent, and that Dr. E. Y. Monsma of Classis Grand Rapids East is present in place of elder S. Van Til. At the request of the President, he expresses his agreement with the Forms of Unity.

ARTICLE 22

A motion is made and carried to meet next Monday morning at 10:00 o'clock.

ARTICLE 23

Synod now adjourns until Friday morning. In accordance with the decision of yesterday (cf. Art. 13, A, 1), Advisory Committee meetings are held all day.

FRIDAY MORNING, JUNE 13

Fourth Session

ARTICLE 24

Synod unites in singing Psalter Hymnal No. 216, and is led in prayer by the second clerk.

ARTICLE 25

The roll call shows all delegates to be present.

ARTICLE 26

The clerk reads the minutes of the first and second session, which are adopted by Synod.

ARTICLE 27

The arrangement for the preparatory examination of the seminary graduates who seek to be admitted to candidacy, prepared by the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees of Calvin College and Seminary, and previously published in our church papers, is adopted by Synod, as follows:

PREPARATORY EXAMINATIONS

The examination, according to the decision of Synod of 1940 (Acts, Art. 53), will be held on Friday, June 13, in the Seminary Chapel.

Sermons will be delivered by the following prospective candidates:

William P. Brink .................................. Matt. 5:3
John H. Bratt .................................... Matt. 5:4
Arthur W. Hoogstrate .......................... Matt. 5:5
Siebert Kramer ................................... Matt. 5:6
John Mulder ....................................... Matt. 5:8
Frederick L. Netz.......................... Matt. 5:16
Harold Petroljie.......................... Matt. 6:33
Gysbert Rozenboom....................... Matt. 7:13, 14
William Vander Haak..................... Matt. 7:24-27
Garret H. Vande Riet..................... Matt. 11:28-30

These men will be examined as to their knowledge of:
Introduction.................................. by Classis Sioux Center
Theology..................................... by Classis Wisconsin
Anthropology................................. by Classis Zeeland
Christology.................................. by Classis California
Soteriology.................................. by Classis G. R. East
Ecclesiology................................. by Classis G. R. South
Eschatology.................................. by Classis G. R. West
Practical Questions....................... by Classis Hackensack

(The minister whose name heads the list of delegates from a
certain Classis will do the examining for that particular Classis.)
The following credentials must be presented by the men to be examined:
1. A written testimonial of the Seminary faculty.
2. A consistorial recommendation, this to be not merely a cer-
tificate of membership, but a declaration of the consis-
tory’s opinion as to this member’s fitness for the gospel
ministry.
3. A certificate of health.
These credentials will be examined by the ministers named first of
the Classes Holland, Hudson, and Illinois.

In regard to this examination it is further decided:
1. Synod will meet in two groups to hear the sermons
    of the prospective candidates: The first section, consisting
    of the first minister and the first elder delegate of each
    Classis, under the chairmanship of the President, to hear
    the sermons of the first five; the second section, consisting
    of the second minister and the second elder delegate of each
    Classis, under the chairmanship of the Vice President, to
    hear the sermons of the second five.
2. Each chairman will appoint five committees of two
    men each to review and report on one of the sermons. Each
    prospective candidate receives 20 minutes for the delivery
    of his sermon, and then hands in his written copy to the
    committee.
3. After the completion of the sermons the whole Synod
    meets in the Seminary Chapel to conduct the examination,
    allowing each examiner 15 minutes for his branch, and
    then giving opportunity to all the delegates to ask supple-
    mentary questions.

ARTICLE 28

Synod now carries out the decisions recorded in the
previous article, meeting in two sections, the first in the
Seminary Chapel, the second in the Seminary Assembly Room, and the prospective candidates deliver their sermons. This occupies the remainder of the morning session.

ARTICLE 29
After the delivery of the sermons Synod reconvenes in the Seminary Chapel. The Committee that has examined the credentials of the prospective candidates reports that it has found these satisfactory, and recommends that all the ten brethren be admitted to the examination. This recommendation is adopted.

ARTICLE 30
This session is closed with prayer and thanksgiving by elder J. Kobes.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON, JUNE 13
Fifth Session

ARTICLE 31
Synod, again meeting in the Seminary Chapel, unites in singing Psalm 84:3 of the Dutch Psalter, and is led in prayer by the Rev. A. A. Koning.

ARTICLE 32
The examination of the prospective candidates is conducted according to schedule. After the completion of the examination, opportunity is given to all the delegates for supplementary questioning, of which opportunity some delegates avail themselves.

ARTICLE 33
Synod now meets in executive session to discuss the examination, to hear the reports of the committees that have been appointed to review the sermons, and to receive the report of the Seminary faculty with regard to the admission of the young men to candidacy.

Before the ballot is cast, the Rev. W. Bajema leads in prayer. The result of the ballot is that all the ten brethren are admitted to the candidacy for the sacred ministry of the Word and the Sacraments.

ARTICLE 34
Synod, now again in open session, informs the young men in regard to its decision. The President, in a few appropriate words, congratulates them on the attainment
of their desire, and expresses the wish that they all may
before long receive a call from one of our churches and
find a place of fruitful labor in the vineyard of our Lord.
Synod unites in wishing them the Lord's blessing by sing­
ing the third stanza of Psalm 134: "Dat 's Heeren zegen
op u daal."

ARTICLE 35
The second clerk is instructed to make proper announce­
ment of the candidacy of these young men in our church
papers.

ARTICLE 36
President L. Berkhof of Calvin Seminary closes this ses­
son with prayer and thanksgiving, and Synod adjourns
until Monday, 10:00 A. M.

MONDAY MORNING, JUNE 16
Sixth Session

ARTICLE 37
After singing No. 164 of the Psalter Hymnal, Synod is
led in prayer by the Rev. L. Bouma.

ARTICLE 38
The roll call shows that all delegates are present. A letter
is received from the Classical Committee of Classis Mus­
kegon, appointing the Rev. Henry Ahuis of the First church
of Fremont to serve as the elder delegate from Classis Mus­
kegon in the place of Mr. J. Dykstra and his alternate (cf.
Art. 3). The Committee kindly asks Synod to receive this
brother as a delegate of Classis Muskegon.
Synod decides to grant this request, and the Rev. Henry
Ahuis expresses his agreement with the Forms of Unity.

ARTICLE 39
The clerk reads the minutes of the third, fourth, and the
fifth session of Synod, and these are adopted by Synod.

ARTICLE 40
Synod now takes in hand the Report of the Advisory
Committee on Church Order and Emeriti Matters, the
Rev. G. A. Lyzenga serving as reporter:
ESTEEMED BRETHREN:

Your Committee has the honor to report as follows:

I. EXPEDIENTING SYNDICAL PROCEEDINGS (Agenda, Part I, Report I).

Synod has already acted on some of the proposals of this Committee (cf. Art. 13, A). In regard to the remainder of its proposals, whereas our recommendations in some cases differ from the recommendations of that Committee, the Rules of Synod demand that their advice come to a vote before our recommendations are voted on.

A. The Organization of Synod.

1. In regard to the advice of the Committee, namely, that Synod meet for organizing business immediately after the Service for Prayer for Synod, we advise Synod not to adopt this advice.

Grounds: We feel that there are insuperable practical objections, such as the obligations toward hosts and hostesses; the weariness of the delegates just arrived; the danger of rushing through this important work without proper consideration.

Adopted.

2. In regard to the advice of the Committee that the work now given to our Program Committee be divided among two committees, we advise Synod not to adopt this recommendation, but to leave a possible division of work to the Program Committee itself.

Ground: The Committee for personnel, as proposed in the Report, would not be able to do its work until the other committee had divided the work before Synod, and thus determined the number of committees needed.

Adopted.

B. The Meetings of Synod.

1. This proposal, that Synod meet on Wednesday morning at 9:30 o'clock, at which time the Committee appointed on the previous evening shall report, would fall by the way if Synod adopts our recommendation as above. In such a case the decision of last Synod stands, namely, that Synod meets at 9:00 A. M. on Wednesday.

Adopted.

2. Your Committee advises Synod to adopt the advice of the Report that Synod meet on Monday mornings at the usual time.
Rejected. Synod decides to meet on Monday mornings at 10:00 o'clock.

3. While your Committee feels that the goal set, namely, that Synod finish its work not later than Friday of the second week, should be constantly kept in mind, we do not advise the adoption of this advice.

Ground: Our method of work does not permit the setting of a time of adjournment in advance. Also we feel that the adoption of this advice of the Report would prejudice the overtures on the return to biennial Synods and therefore should be dropped at least at this time.

Adopted.

C. The Work of Synod.

1. Since the examinations of candidates is contingent upon Synod's disposal of Overtures 2B, 3, and 4, we cannot report on this matter now.

(Cf. Art. 99, V).

2. Your Committee advises Synod, in line with this recommendation of the Report to see to it that there are enough typists on hand so that the work of Synod be not held up by congestion in the office.

Adopted.

II. Ministers' Pension and Relief Administration
(Agenda, Part II, Report XV).

A. Your Committee advises Synod to approve of the honorable emeritation of Rev. W. P. Van Wyk, pastor of the Eastern Ave. church, effective June 30, 1941, as requested by Classis Grand Rapids East. (This request came too late to be inserted in the Agenda. [cf. Art. 49, sub K.]

Adopted.

B. Your Committee advises Synod to confirm the decision of the Board that children's allowances and educational allowances be considered part of the salary (Agenda, Part II, p. 68).

Adopted.

C. We advise Synod to state that the Board is correct in its decision that interest on arrearages in ministers' 3% contribution to the Pension Fund begins from the time that these moneys were due, and not from the time of notification of arrearage (Agenda, Part II, p. 68).

Adopted.

D. We advise Synod to accede to the request that Synod instruct all Consistories and other bodies paying salaries to
our ministers to give the Board the information needed to
determine the average salary (Agenda, Part II, p. 68).

Adopted.

E. We advise Synod to accede to the request that Synod
remind the treasurers to keep the two Funds: The Pension
Fund and the Relief Fund apart, and urge the consistories
to contribute to the Relief Fund, in accordance with the
rules, free-will Offerings, as asked for by the Board
(Agenda, Part II, p. 68).

Adopted.

F. Your Committee has reviewed moneys expended by
the Relief Fund and advises Synod to approve these acts
of the Committee. If Synod wishes to hear the amounts
given and promised, we should meet in closed session.

Adopted.

III. PENSION PLAN FOR FULL-TIME "LAY-WORKERS"
(Agenda, Part II, Report XVI).

Your Committee advises Synod to adopt the recommenda-
tions of the Committee, that has studied this matter:

1. That Synod do not set up a blanket pension plan for
all the full time "lay workers" of the Church.

Adopted.

2. That Synod permit each Board or Institution, if they
deem it necessary, to draw up a pension plan for the full-
time lay-workers employed by them who are evidently giv-
ing their whole life to the service of the Church. Such pro-
visions should, in general, follow the pension plan for the
ministers, and is to be subject to the approval of Synod.

Adopted.

Your Committee advises the adoption of these recom-
mandations on the grounds given, but would delete ground
3, except the first and last sentences, to read: "Many of the
workers employed by the Church or subsidiary organiza-
tions, serve only for a limited number of years. This
would make a blanket pension plan, similar to that of the
ministers' plan, impossible."

Adopted.

(Continued in Art. 49).

ARTICLE 41

This session is closed, Elder A. H. Van Dam leading in
prayer and thanksgiving.
ARTICLE 42
After Synod has sung Psalter Hymnal No. 331, prayer is offered by the Rev. J. Vande Kieft.

ARTICLE 43
The Advisory Committee on Protests and Appeals reports that it is still overloaded with work, and that it would gladly be relieved of one of its cases.

Since the Advisory Committee on Home Missions A has finished its work, Synod decides to request this Committee to take over some of the former Committee's work.

(Cf. Art. 88).

ARTICLE 44
The Reception Committee introduces Mr. Henry Hekman, who briefly addresses Synod on behalf of the Bethesda Sanatorium. Response is made by the Rev. P. Jonker, Jr.

ARTICLE 45
Mr. Richard Postma, representing the American Federation of Reformed Young Men's Societies, is the next speaker, and response is made by the Rev. H. Keegstra.

In connection with this address, Synod takes up the request contained in the Report of the Federation (cf. Supplement X):

"The Federation of Reformed Young Men's Societies requests Synod that a Committee be appointed to:

a. study the problem of our youth and their organizations,
b. study the effectiveness of the now existing organizations, and
c. advise regarding future development of these organizations.

Grounds:

a. It is desirable that our youth activities become unified.
b. Our youth organizations now reach a rather small percentage of the total number.
c. In some sections our youth show a tendency to become affiliated with youth organizations which are not Reformed."
d. The welfare of the church is intimately connected with the welfare and effectiveness of youth organizations."

A motion to grant this request is adopted, and the appointment of such a Committee is referred to the Committee on Appointments [Art. 113].

ARTICLE 46
Dr. Leonard Greenway, the fraternal delegate of the Reformed Church in America, now addresses Synod, bringing the greetings of his denomination. The Rev. R. H. Hooker replies to this address.

ARTICLE 47
Dr. H. Beets informs Synod that the American Tract Society appointed a delegate to Synod, but that this brother cannot come, and therefore requested him to speak a few words on behalf of this organization. Response is made by the Rev. J. Bolt.

The request for support of this Society is referred to the Advisory Committee on Home Missions B. (Cf. Art. 110).

ARTICLE 48
The Reception Committee now introduces a dozen or more of our missionaries, each of whom addresses Synod briefly on the work as carried on in our various mission fields, among the Indians, in China, Africa, and South America. The Rev. J. C. Schaap speaks in response to these addresses.

ARTICLE 49
Continuation of the Report of the Advisory Committee on Church Order and Emeriti Matters (cf. Art. 40):

IV. OVERTURES (Agenda, Part II, pp. 122 ff.).

A. Ministerial Status of Army Chaplains (Overture 15):

"Classis Sioux Center overtures Synod to determine the ministerial status of ministers who enter the service of the Government as army chaplains. Grounds:

1. We have a practical case in connection with Rev. C. Oldenburg, the former minister of Harrison, who is now on leave of absence for one year, which year ends in September, 1941."
2. It is well possible that other similar cases may call for a decision by Synod in the near future, since Synod has even encouraged young ministers to enter the service of our country as army chaplains.”

We advise Synod to answer the request of Classis Sioux Center as follows:

1. Synod declares that a minister who enters the service of the Government as a chaplain retains his ministerial status as long as he serves in that capacity.

   *Grounds:* This follows from the position taken by our Synod in 1922 (see Schaver, p. 42): "Ministers who are able to meet the requirements of the Government should join the Reserve Corps of Chaplains.”

2. If the pastoral relations between the local church and such a minister called by the Government to active service as chaplain are terminated to such an extent that that church may call another pastor, then that local consistory, in conjunction with Classis, and in correspondence with the minister, shall determine the questions of the duration of his status as a minister; his being declared eligible for a call; and his financial support after his active chaplaincy ceases.

3. Such a chaplain remains officially connected with the church he last served. The question whether he shall return to the service of that congregation at the expiration of his service to the Government, or whether the church shall be free to call another pastor in his place shall be agreed upon by the minister and his consistory, with the approval of Classis.

   *Adopted.*

B. *The Expression “Dragelijk”* (Overture 16):

“At the meeting of Classis California February 26, 1941, a petition was received of Mr. Wm. Potts of the Compton Christian Reformed church in which Mr. Potts urged the Classis to reconsider or rescind a former decision taken with regard to the C. I. O. After considering this protest Classis decided to ask Synod “in its decisions pertaining to Labor Unions, to give special attention to, and to clarify, the expression ‘dragelijk’, (to be borne with), as found in the Acts of 1904, and quoted in Acts of 1914, if this expression is retained in the decision of 1941.
Reasons:

1. Such an expression would seem to curtail the privileges of membership in the Church, as, for instance, serving as elder or deacon.

2. The Synod of 1941 will receive and consider the report of the Committee on Labor Unions appointed by Synod of 1940.

3. It affects a concrete case now pending in Classis California.

We advise Synod to refer this overture to the Committee on Labor Union decisions appointed by the last Synod, which will report at the next Synod. [Acts 1940, p. 142, sub 18.]

Adopted.

C. Biennial Synods (Overtures 17, 18, 19, and 20):

1. Classis Holland overtures Synod to return to the former practice of biennial Synods, beginning in the year 1942, and to revise Art. 50 of the Church Order accordingly. Grounds:

   1. The Synods of 1937 and 1938, when overtured to the same effect, decided that it was "too early to discard a new policy which has had so little time to prove its own worth and wisdom." In view of historical developments, that argument now no longer holds. The experiment has been tried a sufficient length of time—and has been found wanting.

   2. Annual Synods have not proved their own worth and wisdom. Fact is that during these last few years the dignity and the prestige of our Synods have been greatly lowered in the estimation of our people.

   3. Art. 30 of our Church Order demands that in major assemblies only such matters shall be dealt with as could not be finished in minor assemblies, or such as pertain to the church of the major assembly in common. This principle of Reformed church polity is continually violated by annual Synods. In late years there is a very noticeable tendency among us to carry all matters through to Synod. A synodical gathering is always near at hand, at most only a few months away, and our minor assemblies, as well as the various Committees appointed by Synod (the so-called Boards), are shirking their responsibility and casting all kinds of matters that could be dealt with in small gatherings, into the lap of Synod.
4. The contention that annual Synods will expedite matters of protest and appeal has not been borne out by experience. In the last few years Synod has more than once referred such cases back to the Classes. And in cases of urgent need, provision can be made, such as we had before 1936, for the calling of a special Synod to take care of matters really important.

5. Neither has the argument that “Boardism” will be reduced to a minimum by annual Synods been borne out by the experience of recent years. For instance, there is at present among our Classes in the East as well as in the West just as much dissatisfaction with the arrangement by which our Home Missions are handled by an “Executive Committee” than there was formerly. This Committee should be enlarged to contain a member from each Classis.

6. The time consumed by annual meetings has not been appreciably reduced. A biennial Synod may sometimes have to be in session a day or two longer than an annual Synod, but it surely is not necessary for our small denomination every year to take almost a hundred men away from their congregation and home duties.

7. Committees of Synod to which matters are entrusted for study and advice do not have sufficient time to perform their task, if they are to report at the next meeting. Part I of the Agendum should be published in January, and the material for it should be in the hands of the Stated Clerk a month before that date, but in late years there was not sufficient material on hand at the proper time to publish a worth-while Agendum.

8. The expense involved in annual meetings is not warranted. We can save more than $4,000.00 every other year by having biennial Synods. Surely this large sum of money can be spent more advantageously and wisely in God’s Kingdom.”

2. “A. Classis Wisconsin overtures Synod to rescind its decision of 1936 (cf. Acts, Art. 77, pp. 38, 39) to meet annually, and beginning with 1942 to again meet once in two years. Grounds:

1. At the Synod of 1936 only one Classis overtured Synod to meet annually, and in the light of this overture, the Advisory Committee adduced five grounds which
were adopted by Synod. We are convinced, after a
trial period of four years, that most of these grounds
must fall by the wayside.

2. At the Synod of 1937, many Classes urged Synod to
rescind its decision. We believe that very good
grounds were then adduced. However, after consid­
erable discussion and close vote, it was decided, "It is
too early to discard the new policy which has had so
little time to prove its own worth and wisdom." Now
after four years, we believe that annual Synods are
not necessary and, hence, not justified or wise.

3. Our annual Synods have, on the whole, not made for
shorter gatherings. Fact remains, our annual Synods
meet about as long as our former biennial Synods.

4. If biennial Synods lead to powerful Boards, why not
curb these Boards, and if necessary, make them more
representative by adding one delegate from each
Classis and have such a Board meet annually.

5. Annual Synods do not always expedite matters in
cases of protests and appeals. Annual Synods often
open up the way for protesters to appear each year.

6. We do not believe that annual Synods add to the dig­
nity and prestige of our highest ecclesiastical body.
The Stated Clerk must plead for material to print the
first part of the Agenda, and when received, one is
inclined to say, "Is that all? Does that make it worth­
while to send our minister or elder away for two
or three weeks?"

7. Money saved through biennial Synods could be used
for other worth-while Kingdom purposes.

B. In case Synod should decide to meet once in two
years, we overture Synod to make the necessary change in
Art. 50."

3. "Classis Muskegon overtures Synod to return to
former practice of having Synod meet biennially.

Grounds:
1. By this time the practice of meeting annually has
proven unsatisfactory.

2. There are no advantages accruing from annual
Synods to warrant the present extra loss of time and
expenditure of money."

4. "Classis Minnesota, having noted the Overture from
Holland re Biennial Synods, overtures Synod to
appoint a Committee to study this matter and report to the next Synod, rather than that it decide one way or another at this time. **Grounds:**

There are many important matters, such as a possible increase in the size of Curatorium, the method of examining Candidates, the re-arrangement of the Home Mission Committee matters, etc., which will have to be considered in connection with this matter."

These overtures all deal with a possible return to biennial Synods.

Your Committee advises Synod to decide, in agreement with Overture 20, to appoint a Committee, including also members from those Classes favoring biennial Synods, to study this matter and report to next Synod and not to decide this matter at this time.

**Grounds:**

1. There are many important matters, as suggested by the Classis Minnesota, which will have to be considered in connection with this matter.
2. The grounds given by the other overtures demand further study.

**Adopted.** [For Comm. see Art. 113, sub 27.]

**D. Division of Classis Illinois** (Overture 21).

"The Classis of Illinois decided at its meeting of January, 1941, to go on record as considering the **redistricting** of Classis Illinois necessary. **Ground:**

This is required in the interest of an equitable representation of our churches at Synod and on our denominational Boards.

Classis requests Synod's approbation of the division of Classis Illinois into the following groups:

a) Classis Chicago North to consist of the following churches: Archer Ave., Berwyn, Chicago I, Chicago IV, Cicero I, Cicero II, Des Plaines, Englewood I, Englewood II, Fulton, Morrison, Oak Lawn, and Western Springs; 13 churches totalling 1553 families.

b) Classis Chicago South to consist of the following churches: Cincinnati, De Motte, Evergreen Park, Highland, Lafayette, Lansing, Momence, Munster, Roseland I, Roseland II, Roseland III, Roseland IV, South Holland I, and Bethany South Holland; 14 churches totalling 1672 families. **Ground:**
This is required in the interest of an equitable representation of our churches at Synod and on our denominational boards."

Your Committee advises Synod:
1) To approve the decision of Classis Illinois to divide as proposed in the above overture.
   **Ground:** The Classis has hereby carried out the express wish of previous Synods.
   **Adopted.**

2) To authorize the Synodical Committee to approve the nominations to denominational Boards when duly made by the new Classes.
   **Adopted.**

E. **Deposition Proceedings by Classis Pacific** (Overture 22).

This is really not an overture, but a special report of Synodical Delegates ad Examina. We advise Synod to approve the work done by these Synodical Delegates in re the deposition proceedings in the case of George Weeber.
   **Adopted.**

F. **Article 41 of the Church Order** (Overture 23).

In re the request of the Consistory of the Grant Chr. Ref. church for synodical judgment on the method of carrying out the provisions of Art. 41 of the Church Order, we advise Synod to decide:
1. That the method of answering these questions by questionnaire is indeed contrary to the spirit and letter of Art. 41.
   **Adopted.**

2. That since this method is finding favor and has apparent merits, a Committee be appointed:
   a. to consider the advisability of amending Art. 41 C. O. to allow or prescribe the questionnaire method; and
   b. to advise the next Synod both as to a revised form for this Article and a form of questionnaire to be used in our churches, should the Committee deem such a change advisable.
   **Adopted.** [For Comm. see Art. 113, sub 28.]

V. **Other Matters Placed in Our Hands:**

A. Your Committee received a communication from Classis Grand Rapids South stating that "at its meeting of May 14th it decided to endorse the General idea of the Overtures 2 and 17 of Classis Holland, but without assum-
ing responsibility for the grounds given and expressions
used."
Your Committee advises Synod accept this as informa-
Adopted.

B. Your Committee considered the report of the Board
of Trustees of the Pension and Relief Funds in re the Rev.
B. J. Danhof case, Agenda, p. 67. A communication of Den-
nis Ave. Consistory was also considered.
Rev. J. Weidenaar of Dennis Ave. met with us, as also
Rev. J. Geels of Classis Zeeland, both of whom elucidated
the case.
We recommend that Synod adopt the advice of the
Board of Trustees as found on pages 67 and 68 of the
Agenda: "As it appeared that the Rev. B. J. Danhof re-
ceived during the period of suspension as much, if not
more money than any beneficiary of the Emeritus Fund
during this same period of time received, it seems to us
that we should not be required to contribute from the Pen-
sion and Relief Funds toward his support for this time."
Adopted.
2. We further advise to answer the Dennis Ave. Con-
sistory that we, after having considered all angles of the
case, do not consider it wise to take any further action in
re responsibility of Classis Zeeland in this case.
Adopted.

C. Your Committee considered certain documents from
our sister Churches in the Netherlands, asking us to ad-
-vance, temporarily, the pension of Dr. J. Van Lonkhuyzen
to the amount of approximately $1200.00 per year.
The advice of the Committee in re this matter is tabled.
Synod decides to take up the recommendation of the
Budget Committee in regard to this matter:
Your Committee having considered the Van Lonkhuyzen
matter in connection with the Report of the War Relief
Committee and in connection with the letter of Prov. Zee-
land of the Netherlands requesting "voorschot" from the
Ministers' Pension and Relief Fund, calls your attention
to the following facts:
1. That a Special Fund has been collected through our
church papers (see Banner, March 21, 1941) at the in-
stance of the War Relief Committee amounting to the sum
of $1,445.25 to date of report.
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2. That this money was contributed for a specific purpose and with special provisions as to repayment.

3. That from this Fund the War Relief Committee has loaned to Dr. Van Lonkhuyzen the sum of $500, leaving a balance of $945.25 on hand.

Your Committee recommends that:

a. This Fund be kept separate and distinct from other Funds by the War Relief Committee;

b. From the balance on hand the sum of $700 be loaned to Dr. Van Lonkhuyzen in consideration of the request and pledge of Prov. Zeeland of the Netherlands—said amount to be repaid to the War Relief Committee by said Prov. Zeeland.

(This amount $700 is comparable to the maximum pension allowed the emerited ministers of the Chr. Ref. Church in America from the Pension Fund per annum.)

c. That Synod advise Prov. Zeeland of the Netherlands of its action and arrangements in this matter, informing them that as now administered no Fund may be loaned or advanced from the Ministers’ Pension Fund.

d. This provision will be for one year only, at the conclusion of which it is possible that no further arrangements may be necessary.

Adopted.

D. The Committee for Preparing Digests of Protests and Appeals asks Synod for improvements in the rules governing the procedure in these matters.

Your Committee will first read the original decision of the Synod of 1938 anent this matter, and then the relevant parts of the communication received from the Committee for Preparing Digests of Protests and Appeals. This communication reveals the difficulties which the Committee encounters from year to year.

Our advice follows:

1. We advise Synod to express itself as desiring the continuance of such a Committee in spite of the difficulties it mentions.

Adopted.

2. Synod remove point 3 from the mandate of the Committee. This point demands that the Committee prepare protests for synodical action "by enumerating the Articles of our Church Order, and the principles which, in the
opinion of the Committee, are to govern Synod in the disposition of such cases.” (Cf. Acts 1938, p. 107).

Ground: The danger of the Committee pre-judging the case lies especially in this part of the mandate.

Adopted.

3. Synod add to the decision of 1938: “as also all pertinent material and information in the hands of the party against whose acts or decisions protest is filed.” This is to be added to the sentence beginning: “Synod decides to appoint . . .” etc.

Adopted.

4. Synod state that all material must be sent to the Stated Clerk of Synod as soon as possible, and not later than June 1.

Adopted.

[Note of the Clerk:
The mandate of the Committee on Protests, as amended above, now reads as follows:

“Synod decides to appoint a Committee on Protests, consisting of the Stated Clerk of Synod, the Professor of Church Polity, and the Professor of Church History of our Seminary, to which all protests and appeals and similar documents addressed to the following Synod are to be submitted, as also all pertinent material and information in the hands of the party against whose acts or decisions protest is filed.

All material must be sent to the Stated Clerk of Synod as soon as possible, and not later than June 1.

This Committee shall study these documents, and prepare them for a proper disposition by Synod:

1. By presenting Synod with a brief factual digest of these documents and a brief history of the cases; and

2. By calling Synod’s attention to and definitely stating the problems involved in such cases, as well as the points on which the parties are at variance.”]

E. In regard to “Overture” No. 31, Agenda, Part II, page 154, we can inform Synod that Mr. George Weeber stated to our Committee that he does not desire to protest the
action of Classis Pacific in his case at this time, but may seek to take up the matter once more with Classis Pacific. We merely mention this as information for Synod.

Mr. Weeber also handed in to our Committee a protest against a certain act of one of the Delegates ad Examina. However, since no notice was sent the other party of intention to protest to Synod, nor a copy of the protest to him, your Committee advises Synod to declare that this Protest is not legally on the Synodical table.

Adopted.

F. Classes Illinois and Kalamazoo petition Synod to address a communication to the President of the U. S. A. stating our objections to the institution of a seven work-day week in National defense interests.

Your Committee advises Synod to instruct its officers to draw up such a communication and transmit it, in Synod’s name, to our President.

Adopted. (Cf. Art. 111.)

G. The Committee on Official Baptismal Transfer cannot find any mention of any mandate given it by the Synod which appointed them.

Your Committee also failed to find such a mandate. We advise Synod to ask the Stated Clerk of Synod to look up this matter and answer the Committee’s communication.

Adopted. [The Committee will please read p. 31 of the Acts of Synod, 1940.]

H. The Committee on the relation between Church and State desires interpretation of its mandate.

Although it is difficult for us to interpret the intention of a previous Synod, your Committee advises that we make the following reply to the Committee appointed for the 1940 Synod: “It is the opinion of the Synod of 1941 that your Committee was instructed to study the matter of the relationships of Church and State. If at the conclusion of such a study you decide that another version of Art. 36 is necessary, you are expected to present such a revision to the Synod of 1942.”

Adopted.

I. The following Delegates ad Examina were present at the examination of candidates and advised their admission to the ministry.
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Candidate            Classis           Delegate            Classis
P. Y. De Jong        Hackensack       J. Bruinooge        G. R. South
                      O. Holtrop        H. Kuiper           Hudson
                      R. Veldman       E. J. Krohne       G. R. West
                      J. Bruinooge       G. R. South
                      J. Guichelaar     N. Jansen           Wisconsin
G. Boerefyn          G. R. East        F. Handlogten       Ostfriesland
                      E. J. Krohne       J. De Haan, Sr.
                      J. P. De Vries    Wm. Kole.
                      E. J. Krohne       I. Van Dellen
                      E. J. Krohne       Classis Pella.

Your Committee advises Synod to accept their reports as information.

Adopted.

J. The Delegates J. Bruinooge of Classis Grand Rapids South, J. P. De Vries of Classis Muskegon, and E. J. Krohne of Classis Zeeland report that they were present at the preliminary examination of Mr. Edgar Smith before Classis Holland, and are of the opinion that the brother be recommended to Synod for Examination according to Art. 8, C. O.

Your Committee advises Synod to accept these reports as information.

Adopted.

K. Further, we wish to call the attention of Synod to the following items in the Report of the Ministers' Pension and Relief Administration.

1. The passing away from this life of Rev. J. De Haan, Sr., and the Rev. Wm. Kole.
2. The declaring of Rev. G. J. Haan as eligible to a call.
3. The emeritation of Rev. I. Van Dellen by Classis Pella. In accordance with the advice of the Board, we advise that Synod approve of this emeritation.

Adopted. [Cf. Art. 40, sub II.]

L. Finally, in view of the vast amount of work done by the Board for Pension and Relief Administration, we advise Synod to express its thanks for the faithful services rendered.

Adopted.

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Synod now takes up the Report of the Advisory Committee on Publication Matters, the Rev. L. Van Laar serving as reporter:

ESTEEMED BRETHREN:

Your Committee submits the following matters to your honorable body for its consideration and decision:
I. THE REPORT OF THE PUBLICATION COMMITTEE to the Synod of 1941. There are two matters in this report that call for action.

A. The report calls attention to the fact that Mr. J. B. Hulst, the chairman of the Publication Committee, is available to give Synod any needed information with reference to this report. Your Committee recommends that he be given the privilege of the floor.

Adopted.

B. Since the term of the Rev. L. J. Lamberts as Editor-in-chief of our Sunday school publications will expire with the end of the current year, the Publication Committee presents to Synod as nominees for the editorship-in-chief of our Sunday school publications the names of the present editor-in-chief, the Rev. L. J. Lamberts, of the Rev. J. H. Bruinooge, Th.D., and of the Rev. George Stob.

Your Committee recommends that this nomination be approved.

Adopted.

Synod proceeds to cast the ballot, with the result that the Rev. L. J. Lamberts is re-elected.


A. In reference to this Report, your Committee advises:

1. That Synod approve the work done by this Committee

2. That Synod express its appreciation for the work done by the Committee, and in particular also for the aid rendered by Mr. H. J. Voss and Miss Ruth Imanse, under whose direction the sermons were mimeographed at Calvin College.

Adopted.

III. TWO OVERTURES WITH REFERENCE TO "READING SERMONS" (Agenda II, p. 136).

A. Overture (No. 25, Agenda II) of the Church at Duval and supported by Classis reads as follows: "Synod is requested to continue the publishing of English Sermons for reading services."

Your Committee advises Synod to accede to this request and to instruct its Committee ad hoc to continue the publishing of English sermons for reading services.
Grounds:
1. There is a constant need for new sermons; and
2. The first publication has met with good response.
Adopted.

B. Overture (No. 26, Agenda II) of Classis Sioux Center requesting Synod to reconsider the decision of the Synod of 1940 re printed "reading service sermons." to the effect of putting out in printed book form the sermons to be published in the future, instead of mimeographing them as done now.

Your Committee advises Synod not to accede to the request of Classis Sioux Center, but to continue to publish these sermons in the same form as before, i.e., in mimeographed form.

Grounds:
1. The grounds advanced in the decision of 1940 still hold: "The expense of printing and distribution in book form is high in view of the relatively small number of the congregations requesting the service."
2. In reply to Classis Sioux Center's argumentation Synod states the following:
   a) Our own publishing house is not equipped for publishing material in book form.
   b) The Chr. Ref. Church ought not to go into competitive business ventures.
   c) The objection of the illegibility of reading mimeographed material can be overcome through improved methods.
   d) Since, perhaps, it will be necessary to publish a volume of new sermons every year, it is imperative that the cost be held down to a minimum.
Adopted.


With reference to this Report your Committee advises Synod:
1. To express its appreciation of the work thus far accomplished by the Historical Committee.
2. To grant the Committee's request for the same allowance given in 1940, viz. $300.
Adopted.
V. REPORT OF THE SUNDAY SCHOOL PLANNING COMMITTEE (Agenda II, p. 78).

We call Synod's attention to it that this Committee recommends that Synod appoint a Committee "to continue this work in behalf of our Sunday School Lesson Plan."

Your Committee advises that this recommendation be adopted.

Adopted.

VI. LETTER FROM CHRISTIAN LABOR ASSOCIATION.

In this letter, which your Committee will read to Synod, we have a communication of the secretary of the C. L. A., requesting continued financial support of the C. L. A. Moreover, this letter contains criticism of the alleged conception which the Committee ad hoc, appointed by the previous Synod has of its mandate given by the Synod of 1940.

Your Committee advises Synod as follows:

1. To recommend the C. L. A. to our churches for further financial support, on the ground that their hope of being self-supporting is not yet realized.

Adopted.

2. As to the criticism of the Committee's conception of its mandate given by the Synod of 1940, to declare that, seeing that this Committee has not yet reported, this criticism is out of order.

Adopted.

VII. LETTER FROM THE SYNOD OF THE PROTESTANT REFORMED CHURCHES.

Your Committee recommends to Synod to make the following declaration in response to this communication: "Seeing that this communication does not differ as to purport and spirit from that addressed to the Synod of 1940, Synod declares that it feels no need of adding anything to the reply made by that Synod." Cf. Acts 1940, Art. 64, p. 60).

Adopted.

The Stated Clerk is instructed to send a copy of this declaration to the Synod of the Protestant Reformed churches.

VIII. SECRETARIAL REPORT OF THE NATIONAL CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION.

Your Committee has read this Report concerning the work done by this Association, and recommends that Synod
continue its moral and financial support of this much-needed missionary work.

*Adopted.*

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Dr. E. Y. Monsma closes this session with prayer and thanksgiving.

**TUESDAY MORNING, JUNE 17**

**Eighth Session**

**ARTICLE 52**

After Synod has united in singing *Psalter Hymnal* No. 333, the Rev. A. J. Rus invokes the blessing of the Lord.

**ARTICLE 53**

The roll call is held. Dr. W. Masselink is present in place of Dr. J. G. Van Dyke (Classis Grand Rapids West); Elder A. S. De Jong in place of Elder R. Wierenga (Classis Grand Rapids South); and Elder F. Van Someren in place of Elder T. Ribbens (Classis Wisconsin). The brethren present for the first time express their agreement with our Forms of Unity.

**ARTICLE 54**

The clerk reads, and Synod adopts the minutes of the sixth and the seventh session of Synod.

**ARTICLE 55**

Synod now begins the consideration of the Report of the Advisory Committee on *Home Missions A*. The Rev. H. J. Triezenberg serves as reporter:

**BRETHREN:**

The following documents were given into the hands of your Committee:

I. The Report of the Executive Committee for Home Missions.

II. A belated Overture from the Consistory of the Chr. Ref. Church of Holland, Minn., dealing with the same matters as Overtures 5 and 6 in Part II of the Agenda.

III. Overtures 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9 in Part II of the Agenda.

IV. Letters from the Stated Clerks of Hudson, Illinois, and Grand Rapids West, relating to subsidies of the fol-

Also a letter from the Consistory of Winnipeg, Can., relating to the subsidy requested by and recommended for this church.

V. An overture from the Consistory of Winnipeg, Can., relating to the appointment of a chaplain for the Holland soldiers at Stratford, Ont., Canada.

I. THE REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The matters in this report that require Synodical action may be found listed under section VII of the Report.

We beg to inform Synod that the matters referred to under B (Budget and Quota for Church Extension), D (Budget and Quota for needy churches), and F, 1 (Adjustment with respect to Canadian Exchange) were referred to the Budget Committee. [Cf. Arts. 61, 89, 109 below.]

Received as information.

A. Election of members of the Committee and their alternates (see Report, Part I, C).

Our advice: Synod proceed to the election of three members and their alternates from the following nomination:

The Revs. R. J. Karsen, C. Holtrop, Dr. W. H. Rutgers, M. Bolt, J. H. Schaal, F. Doezema, B. Van Zomeren, J. F. Schuermann, M. Ouwinga

Adopted.

The ballot is cast with the result that the following brethren are chosen: The Revs. R. J. Karsen, M. Bolt, and J. F. Schuermann. Their alternates are respectively: The Revs. C. Holtrop, Dr. W. H. Rutgers, and J. H. Schaal.

B. Referred to Budget Committee. [Cf. Arts. 61, 89, 109 below.]

C. Recommendations for support from the Fund for Needy Churches (see Report, Part IV, C.).

In connection with this point your Committee desires to state that we have also taken note of Overture 9 in Part II of the Agenda, also of the letters from the Stated Clerks of Hudson, Illinois, and Grand Rapids West, and also of the letter from the Winnipeg Consistory.

We also gave opportunity to representatives of various congregations and Classes to speak for themselves, where a difference existed between the subsidy asked by the Church and (or) recommended by its Classis on the one
hand, and that recommended by the Executive Committee on the other. Rev. R. J. Karsen, Secretary of the Executive Committee, met with us as a representative of this Committee. We were favorably impressed with the painstaking care exercised by the Executive Committee in arriving at its recommendations and the evident fairness of practically all the recommendations.

Our advice:

1. Synod adopt the recommendations, excepting for the moment the following cases (concerning which we have separate recommendations): Duvall (4), Sultan (12), Bejou (23), Crookston (64), and Chandler (88).

Adopted.

2. In regard to Duvall-Sultan the Executive Committee states:

"Duvall for the first time is asking aid to the extent of $600 since it has severed its connection with the Sultan church. In view of the fact that Duvall-Sultan have been shepherded by one pastor and this arrangement evidently could be carried out with not too great an inconvenience, the Executive Committee is not convinced that this new arrangement, which involves an outlay of some $1300, is warranted. We therefore place this case before Synod for final disposition. Should Synod decide to recognize the separate existence, we then recommend that $600 aid be granted both churches."

Our advice: Synod refer the matter of separating the two churches back to Classis Pacific with the request that Classis reconsider its decision to recommend these churches for separate support and to put forth attempts to have these churches continue as at present with a view to possible union of the two churches in the future.

Grounds:

a. The churches are only 18 miles apart.

b. There is not much prospect for growth for either church.

c. Unitedly these two churches might with good prospects of success strive toward the goal of becoming a self-supporting church. On the other hand: if Synod should approve the separation of the two churches it will mean an outlay of some $1300 for the coming year and, as far as we can see, for an indefinite num-
We do not believe the facts in the case justify burdening the whole church with this heavy financial obligation.

We advise approval of the Executive Committee's recommendation of $600 for Sultan.

Adopted.

3. We recommend Bejon for $600 instead of $500 as recommended by the Executive Committee.

Adopted.

4. We recommend Crookston for $500 provided the pastor's salary be raised to $1,300.

Adopted.

5. We recommend Chandler for $150 instead of $200 as recommended by the Executive Committee.

Adopted.

D. Referred to Budget Committee. [Cf. Arts. 61, 89, 109 below.]


Our advice:

In view of the heavy drain on this Fund occasioned by the expense of Camp Work we advise that Synod recommend an offering for this Fund to the churches.

Adopted.

F. Matters which require Synodical approval:

1. Adjustment with respect to Canadian Exchange (see Report, Part II, B). Referred to Budget Committee. [Cf. Arts. 61, 89, 109 below.]

2. Financing Camp work from the Emergency Fund. (See Report, Part V, A, 3). The Executive Committee states:

"The expenses connected with the services rendered our young men in service can hardly be considered to be the responsibility of either the Church Extension or Fund for Needy Churches, hence the Committee decided to make an appeal to our church public for support of the Emergency Fund. Although it is not an emergency similar to that of a few years ago, it may be considered to be a special need for which we have no Fund. In the opinion of your Committee the Emergency Fund could properly serve this purpose in the present emergency."

Our advice:
Synod approve the financing of the work among our boys from this fund.
*Adopted.*

3. Assuming responsibility for work among the young men in service (see Report, Part II, E). The Executive Committee states:

"Inasmuch as our young men were being drafted for military service, requests came to the Executive Committee that it endeavor to look after the spiritual needs of our men in the country's service. The requests intimated that this work in a sense belonged to our province and that our Committee was so organized that it could best assume this responsibility. Granting the force of these arguments and realizing that we should do all possible to make provision for the spiritual needs of our boys the Executive Committee assumed this additional responsibility until such time that Synod meet, trusting that Synod would, in view of the emergency that arose, give its approval, and leaving it to the discretion of Synod whether or not our Committee should be charged with this particular task in the future."

Our advice:

a. Synod express its appreciation of the initiative taken by the Committee and approve of its work in regard to this matter.
*Adopted.*

b. Synod charge the Executive Committee for Home Missions with the continuation of this work. *Grounds:*

1) The work among our trainees is distributed over many localities and our Home Missionaries can often serve acceptably—giving part of their time to this very necessary and valuable work.

2) The Executive Committee for Home Missions is well acquainted with the various phases of the work and hence the most logical body to continue its successful prosecution.

4. Stationing a camp pastor in Alexandria and appointing a successor (see Report, Part V, A, 1).

Statement of the Executive Committee:

"Inasmuch as many of our boys were located in the vicinity of Alexandria, La., Rev. H. Baker was instructed to visit the camp and to gather all essential information relative to the feasibility and possibility of stationing a camp
pastor in that city. The investigation disclosed that there were a large number of soldiers in Camp Beauregard and that soon many others from Michigan, Wisconsin, North Dakota, South Dakota, and Iowa would be trained in the vicinity of Alexandria. The reasonable certainty that at least 200 of our young men would be in training in that district persuaded your Committee that the engagement of a pastor who would give his time solely to the work among soldiers was warranted. At present there are at least 200 of our own young men in that vicinity.

"The Rev. E. Boeve of Kelloggsville, Michigan, was engaged, subject to the approval of his consistory, for a period of six months. The consistory of his congregation granted him a leave of absence for that period.

"A home convenient for the purpose of entertaining the young men was leased for one year, with the privilege of renewing the lease for another year, if such is feasible. The house was furnished at low cost, and should we discontinue our work at Alexandria, the furniture can be easily disposed of without financial loss.

"The Rev. E. Boeve applies himself with diligence to the ministry in behalf of the young men, and to the satisfaction of the soldiers and the Executive Committee his services have proven to be invaluable. The Executive Committee appreciates the cooperation of the Army chaplains and especially of the Westminster Presbyterian Church of Alexandria in granting the use of its church building for divine services. Dr. J. R. Richardson, the pastor, has also given our camp pastor much assistance.

"When the six months expire your Committee will station a successor to the present incumbent in Alexandria. We trust that this action has the approbation of Synod."

Our advice: That Synod approve of this work of the Executive Committee.

Adopted.

5. Granting and increasing allowances to needy churches (see Report, Part IV, A, 3). The Executive Committee states:

"The following churches were notified of the increase in aid granted them by the last Synod, together with the conditions under which an increase would be granted:

a. Sibley, Iowa, an increase from $600 to $700 on condition that the pastor's salary be increased from $1000 to $1200."
b. Parchment, Michigan, an increase from $600 to $700 on condition that the pastor's salary be increased from $1000 to $1200.

c. Sioux Falls, So. Dak., an increase from $550 to $600 on condition that the pastor's salary be increased from $1000 to $1200.

These churches have agreed to meet the conditions and are receiving the additional aid for 1941.”

Our advice: Synod approve this work of the Executive Committee.

Adopted.

6. Granting bonuses because of special circumstances (see Report, Part IV, A, 4). The Executive Committee states:

“Due to the very special needs in their homes, the following pastors were granted bonuses in the course of the year:

a. The pastor of Parchment, Michigan, due to his extremely low salary and cost of the major operation to which he submitted and the time needed to recuperate, was granted a bonus of $225.

b. Upon recommendation of Classis Ostfriesland a bonus of $50 was granted the pastor of Coster, Iowa, in view of his low salary and the special needs in the family.

c. Due to special needs in the home, brought on by the change of climatic conditions, a request from Ackley, Iowa, supported by Classis Ostfriesland for $100 was granted.

d. Due to the need in the home of the pastor at Atwood, Mich., brought about by an inadequate salary to meet the demands of a large family a bonus of $100 was granted.”

Our advice: Synod approve these bonuses.

Adopted.

7. Continuing aid to calling churches (see Report, Part IV, A, 5). The Executive Committee states:

“The following churches received the assurance, upon their request and the recommendation of their Classes, that the promised amount of aid could be expected from the time they obtained the services of another pastor. (Cf. Acts 1937, Art. 103, B, 5, p. 84):

a. Holland Center, So. Dak., $650. This amount is the same as before. Granted.
b. Sumas, Wash., $500 as before. Granted.
c. Vesper, Wis., $500 as before. Granted.
d. Sioux Falls, So. Dak., $600 as before. Granted.
e. Terra Ceia, N. C., $600 as before. Granted.
f. Hancock, Minn., $600 as before. Granted.
h. Goshen, Ind., $500 as before. Granted.
j. Harderwyk, Mich., requested $300. $150 aid was granted.
k. Ackley, Iowa, $400 aid as before. Granted.
l. Hollandale, Minn., $575 as before. Granted.

Our advice: Synod approve the action of the Committee. Adopted.

8. Granting aid to some churches in the transfer and moving of their pastors (see Report, Part IV, A, 6). Statement of the Executive Committee:

"The following churches received aid in the transfer and moving of their pastors:

a. Seymour, Grand Rapids, Mich., was granted $77 aid.
b. Hancock, Minn., was granted $28 aid.
c. Holland Marsh, Ont., Canada, was granted $300 aid.
d. Coster, Iowa, was granted $126.33 aid.

All these allowances, totaling $531.33, were granted on the basis of the synodically approved scale."

Our advice: Synod approve this action of the Committee. Adopted.

G. Concerning expansion of that phase of Home Mission work which especially concerns itself with bringing the Gospel to the unchurched in the centers of population. (See Report, G).

Our advice: Synod authorize the Executive Committee to select a field (possibly two fields) which after thorough investigation appear to be suitable for Evangelization.

Grounds:
1. Our church in its Mission Order is definitely committed to the task of bringing the gospel to the unchurched.
2. There are challenging opportunities in the centers of population for expansion in the work of Evangelization.

Adopted.
II. OVERTURES

A. Overtures 5 and 6 and the belated overture from the Holland, Minn., consistory all deal with the same subject, namely with a proposed change in the election and constitution of the Committee of Home Missions.

Overture 5 of Classis Orange City reads as follows:

"Whereas:

1. There is a general dissatisfaction with the present arrangement whereby the work of Home Missions is solely directed by an Executive Committee and no General Committee exists,

2. It is feasible to have each Classis represented in a Committee which deals with matters in which the Classis, either through Church Extension or Church Subsidy are directly and vitally interested.

3. There is a distinct advantage in having a member of General Committee at each meeting of Classis to keep Classis informed with respect to the work of Home Missions, thereby bringing the cause nearer to Classis. And this member can serve as an intermediary through which Classis can convey its needs to the attention of the General Committee.

4. There is an inconsistency in that there is representation of Classis in the Board of Missions and in the Board of Trustees of Calvin College and Seminary and not in a Committee for Home Missions, a cause in which all Classes are even more directly concerned. This inconsistency is hardly justifiable in view of the fact that the work of Home Missions concerns fields and churches within the domains of the several Classes, therefore:

"Classis overtures Synod to so amend the Home Missions Order that provision is made for a General Committee composed of one delegate from each Classis and three delegates at large, to be elected by Synod from a nomination of six presented by the General Committee; and for an Executive Committee, which shall consist of six members of the General Committee of the Classes which Synod may see fit to designate and the delegates at large, to execute the decisions of Synod and to discharge the duties of the General Committee when the latter is not in session.

"For the convenience of Synod we suggest that it seriously consider amending the Home Mission Order after the
pattern of the proposed Mission Order as proposed to Synod in 1936 (see Agenda 1936, Part I, pages 267-273.)”

Our advice:
1. We move the adoption of the overture on the grounds given; the change to go into effect at the next Synod. This will give the various Classes an opportunity to elect their delegates to the General Committee; and it will also give time to effect the necessary changes in the present Home Mission Order.

Adopted.

2. Synod appoint a Committee, preferably the present Home Missions Committee, to amend the Home Mission Order in harmony with the proposed change and to report at the next Synod.

Adopted.

3. Synod declare that the action taken with respect to Overture 5 disposes of Overture 6 and of the Overture from the Consistory of Holland, Minn.

Adopted.

B. Overture 7, which reads as follows:

"Classis Ostfriesland supports the following appeal:

To the Synod of 1941.

Esteemed Brethren:

We appeal to Synod in regard to a decision of the Executive Committee for Home Missions, in refusing our request for aid in meeting the traveling expenses of our Pastor.

On the basis of a Synodical action re traveling expenses of ministers (Acts 1939, p. 150) we requested help to the extent of $161. The total traveling expense amounted to $406. The congregation brought up $245 of this amount, and was compelled to pay the remainder by means of a bank note.

The committee refused our request on the ground that our church was not needy. The reason given, is that having no other debt, the small amount requested was insignificant, that is, as a debt for us.

We feel that the Committee should not question our need, and because of that deny our request.

Grounds:

1. The Consistory is sincere and honest in its declaration of need. Surely a Consistory is able to realize the need of its people."
2. Though the amount requested is small, and would not make a large debt, nevertheless, in view of a pressing need for improvements in and on the church building, and especially in the parsonage, even the amount requested would mean much to our group.

3. Our group is small, 26 families, and of those, about one-third are dependent on day wages, and can contribute but little.

4. The Ostfriesland Classical Home Missions Committee supported and recommended our request to your Committee. The local Committee gave this support because upon investigation it became convinced of our need.

"On the basis of the above grounds, we appeal to Synod to overrule the decisions of its Committee, and grant us $161 from the Subsidy Fund.

Sincerely,
The Consistory of the Ackley Christian Reformed Church."

Our advice: Synod do not accede to this Overture on the grounds given by the Committee—its answer on p. 22 of their report: "Inasmuch as it is the opinion of our Committee that only churches in actual need are to receive assistance from this fund, and this church being practically free from all debt, our Committee was not at all convinced that it could not meet the expense incurred in the transfer of its pastor."

Adopted.

C. Overture 8 was given into the hands of Home Missions Comm. B.

D. Overture 9 was taken care of by Synod's action with regard to support of needy churches (cf. I, C).

E. Overture from the Consistory of Winnipeg, Canada, reading as follows:


Wel Eerwaarde en Eerwaarde Broeders:

De Kerkeraad der Chr. Geref. Kerk van Winnipeg, Man., Canada, komt tot uwe vergadering met het verzoek om de Nederlandsche Militaire Missie te Stratford, Ont., Canada, te verzoeken voor de behartiging van de geestelijke belangen van de militairen, welke aldaar geoefend worden, een
Our advice: Synod declare that it appreciates the efforts of the Winnipeg Consistory to have a Chaplain from our own Church appointed for the Holland soldiers training at Stratford, Ontario, Canada. However, in view of the apparent impossibility of getting the authorities involved to agree to such an arrangement; and in view of the further fact that the Rev. Wierenga is at present ministering to the soldiers, especially to those of Reformed persuasion, under the supervision of our Executive Committee for Home Missions; and in view of the circumstance that most of the trainees are there for only about six weeks, Synod decides not to accede to Winnipeg's Overture, but instead urges our Home Missions Committee to continue doing what it can in behalf of the trainees at Stratford.

Adopted.

ARTICLE 56

The Rev. J. Geels now submits the Report of the Advisory Committee on Home Missions B, as follows:

Esteemed Brethren:

Your Committee respectfully submits the following report:

I. Jewish Missions.

A. Reports VII, IX and X of the Agenda were submitted to your Committee for consideration. They deal respectively with the Chicago Jewish Mission; the Paterson Hebrew Mission; and the General Fund for Jewish Missions. These Reports were carefully considered. We found nothing that would require special comment, and advise Synod to receive them as information.

Adopted.
B. An Overture of Classis Illinois pertaining to Jewish Missions was put into our hands. It reads as follows:

"Classis Illinois decided to recommend to the Synod to place the Chicago Jewish Mission under the supervision of Classis Chicago North.

**Grounds:**
1. The Mission is located in that territory.
2. It will be more efficient to have the Mission supervised by one than by two Classes."

Advice of your Committee: That Synod decide to place the Chicago Jewish Mission under the supervision of Classis Chicago North on the basis of the grounds given in the Overture.

*Adopted.*

II. EASTERN HOME MISSION BOARD.

A. A communication from the secretary of the Eastern Home Mission Board was placed into the hands of your Committee. In this communication Synod is informed that "Report XI does not belong in the Agenda except the financial report on pages 46 and 47." Pages 42 to 45 are really a report to Classis Hackensack, which by mistake was placed in the Agenda and should be ignored.

We recommend that Synod receive this for information.

*Adopted.*

B. The report on the Seamen's Home (Agenda II, p. 48) was considered. We took note of the opening of the new Brooklyn Branch made possible through a special gift of $1,200.00. There are a few recommendations in this Report that demand action by Synod:

1. The Eastern Home Mission Board recommends:
   "Synod approve of the Board's action in granting Mr. E. Apol and Mr. and Mrs. C. Fischer, our personnel in the home, 'free rent'. Heretofore they paid $10 per month. Mr. Apol now receives $1400 per year, and Mr. and Mrs. C. Fischer receive $1200 per year."

   Our advice: Synod approve the Board's action.

   *Adopted.*

2. "The Eastern Home Mission Board respectfully requests an allowance of expenditures for next year as in this year, with the help of contributions of the various Classes" (Agenda II, p. 47). Synod is also asked to "urge the churches to remember the Seamen's Home," and to "urge
the churches to contribute sufficiently in order that running expenses can be met."

Our advice:

a. That Synod allow expenditures for next year as in this year.
Adopted.

b. That since the Seamen's Home is in good financial condition, Synod again recommend this cause to the churches for their moral and unsolicited financial support.
Adopted.

c. That Synod urge the Eastern Home Missions Board to present a budget also for the Brooklyn Branch at future Synods.
Adopted.


A. The Church Help Committee asks Synod to express itself on the question as to the date from which Second Denver should begin repayments to the Church Help Fund: "The Committee holds that, since Second Denver had received already $6,990.00 by Dec. 31, 1937, the first payment was due December 31, 1938. Second Denver contends, however, that since building was held up due to circumstances, repayment should not begin as long as they were not using the money."

A letter from the Church Help Committee to Second Denver together with the reply of Second Denver was considered by your Committee in this connection.

Our advice: Synod decide that repayment should be made by Second Denver as from date of December 31, 1938.

Grounds:

1. It is the rule that churches begin repayment one year after a loan has been received.

2. Second Denver received special consideration from Synod of 1937 in response to an urgent plea upon the floor of Synod for immediate aid from the churches for the building of a new church.
Adopted.

B. The Church Help Committee asks for advice from Synod as to further procedure re a very small and gradually dwindling congregation owing a large sum to Church Help. This church has its parsonage deeded not on the name of the church but on the name of a few private indi-
individuals. The Church Help Committee has urged the congregation to clear the title but without the desired result.

Our advice: Synod declare that the Church Help Committee should present Synod or at least Synod's Advisory Committee with more specific and detailed information before any definite advice can be offered.

Adopted.

C. The Church Help Committee "suggests to Synod that Art. 7 of the 'Rules for Church Help' (Schaver, 153) concerning reductions to congregations that pay back inside of 5, 10, or 15 years, be dropped:

a. because this rule is not fair. Only those congregations in the best financial circumstances can profit from this rule. Those very deep in debt cannot.

b. congregations receiving loans from Church Help already enjoy the privilege of loaning money without interest."

Our advice: Synod abide by the present rule governing repayment to the Church Help Fund.

Grounds:
1. The grounds adduced for these rules by the Synod of 1930 (Acts, p. 114) are still valid.
2. The present rule has resulted in more prompt repayment to the Church Help Fund.
3. To drop the present rules now would be unfair to the churches that are making repayments on the discount plan.

Adopted.

D. Overture 8 in re Conrad (Agenda II, p. 112).

"Conrad requests that its quota for Church Help be applied to their church debt. Reasons:
The financial burden of Conrad is very heavy. We still have $1245 to pay in five years."

Our advice: That Synod refuse to grant Conrad's request because it would be setting a highly undesirable precedent.

Adopted.

(Continued in Art. 59).

ARTICLE 57

Elder Rev. W. D. Vanderwerp closes this morning session with prayer and thanksgiving.
ARTICLES 58, 59

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ARTICLE 58

Psalter Hymnal No. 294 is sung, and Synod is led in prayer by the Rev. J. F. Schuurmann.

ARTICLE 59

Continuation of the Report of the Advisory Committee on Home Missions B (cf. Art. 56):

IV. ARREARAGES DUE TO FORMER MISSIONARIES (Agenda II, Overture 27).

A. Classis Sioux Center once more requests Synod to pay 30 per cent of the $1,700 of arrears due their classical missionaries.

B. Observations:

1. Synod of 1938 decided to refer this matter back to the Classes concerned for adjustment by them (Acts 1938, p. 195).

2. In 1940 Classis Sioux Center once more petitioned Synod for repayment of these arrearages. Synod then decided “to uphold the action of the Synod of 1938 and to refer this matter back to Classis Sioux Center for adjustment by it, if adjustment is considered necessary.” This action of Synod was based among others upon the statement: “If the Classis is not convinced of the cogency of the arguments presented to Synod which motivated Synod’s action, then the Classis should present its arguments against those that have been adduced in an effort to enlighten Synod and to convince it of its error or the untenableness of its position.” (Acts 1940, p. 52.)

3. Now Classis Sioux Center in the present Overture presents seven counter arguments to those that motivated the action of the Synod of 1938.

4. Your Committee has considered these counter arguments and feels that they are far from convincing. It would not be difficult to show the weaknesses of these counter arguments one by one. However, your Committee does not propose to do this. It might only lead to still further debate between Synod and Classis Sioux Center in this matter.

5. We, however, although reluctantly, wish to call Synod’s attention to a few significant facts. Classis Sioux
Center asks for special consideration in this matter because it claims to have comparatively more weak congregations than any other Classis and refers also to the years of drought in the Dakotas. But we inform Synod that according to the statistics of the 1941 Year Book, Classis Sioux Center has contributed to the Church Extension Fund—the very fund from which these arrearages would have to be paid—only 42.5% of the quota. Of the four churches that contributed above 75% of the quota for this fund, three are Dakota churches numbering less than 50 families; while of the seven churches that contributed below 25% of the quota for this fund, four are Iowa churches, three of which number above 50 families. The ten Dakota churches contributed an average of 60c per family of the $1.50 quota. The eight Iowa churches and one Minnesota church contributed an average of 66c per family. The amount requested by Classis Sioux Center from this fund for arrearages is $510.44. But the eight Iowa churches alone of this Classis contributed $644.24 short of the quota for this very fund during 1940. In the face of these facts, your Committee feels that Classis Sioux Center should take up no more of Synod's valuable time in asking Synod to give her special consideration above all of our other Classes in the payment of these arrearages.

Our advice: In view of the foregoing Synod decide to uphold the action of former Synods in this matter of salary arrearages and refer it back to Classis Sioux Center for adjustment by it, if adjustment is considered necessary.

Adopted.

V. Canadian Treasurer.

A. Communication from the Rev. L. Trap to Synod, which follows:

To the Synod of the Christian Reformed Church in session June 12, 1941, at Grand Rapids, Mich.

Esteemed Brethren:

By virtue of appointment by the Synodical Committee, I assumed the duties of Treasurer of the Christian Reformed churches in Canada as of Nov. 12, 1940. The Synodical Committee will no doubt report to Synod the reasons for this appointment.

Up to Dec. 31, 1940, I received from the churches in Canada, $1,065.79.

As of June 5, 1941, I have on deposit in the Dominion Bank of Chatham $4,186.18, which sum represents quotas and gifts for forty different causes.
Due to government war regulations, it is very difficult to send funds to the United States, special permission being needed from the Foreign Exchange Control Board for every such transaction. However, by paying out from this fund the subsidies for Canadian churches and having the Treasurer of the Executive Committee for Home Missions pay out the equivalent in American money to the various causes in the United States, it has been possible to transfer $562.50 recently. By further application of this method the funds raised by our Canadian churches and sent to me will gradually be forwarded to the proper causes.

Canadian money sent to the U.S. direct is discounted about 20%, due to the expense of handling the money, whereas the actual difference in value is 10%. By not sending the money directly to the classical and other treasurers in the U.S., but through the Treasurer of the Executive Committee for Home Missions, on the basis of 10% discount, the funds now on deposit—$4,186.18—will eventually be transferred at a saving of more than $400 to the various causes which are to receive it.

I did not go to the expense of having an audit made for the short period from Nov. 12 to Dec. 31, 1940, but expect to include that period in the audit for the current year. Trusting that this will meet with your approval.

Respectfully submitted,
LEONARD TRAP.

B. A communication from the Consistory of Winnipeg to the Stated Clerk of Classis Minnesota was also placed in the hands of your Committee. In this letter the Winnipeg Consistory complains about the fact that the Canadian treasurer does not forward the moneys received by him soon enough to the proper funds for which they were contributed. We feel that the information contained in the letter of the Rev. L. Trap will clarify matters both for our Canadian churches and for the treasurers of the various funds in the United States.

Our advice: Synod request the Rev. L. Trap to inform the treasurers of the various denominational funds of moneys from the Canadian churches which he holds on deposit, so that these treasurers may know what is being contributed by our Canadian churches.

Adopted.

VI. ANN ARBOR COMMITTEE.

The Ann Arbor Committee of the Michigan Classes kindly requests Synod that their representative, Dr. G. Goris, be given the privilege to address Synod for about ten minutes in order to acquaint our Church with the work they have undertaken.

Our advice: Synod grant Dr. Goris this privilege.

Adopted.
Dr. Goris addresses Synod on behalf of this work, the need of a building, etc. He bespeaks the moral and financial support of all our Michigan churches.

VII. BRITISH AND FOREIGN BIBLE SOCIETY.

A communication from the Rev. L. Trap, the representative of our Church with the British and Foreign Bible Society was received. It contains two recommendations that call for synodical action.

A. "That the British and Foreign Bible Society be again placed on the list of accredited causes for support by our Canadian churches."

Our advice: That Synod so decide.

Adopted.

B. "That Synod again appoint a representative to keep in touch with the work of the B. & F. Bible Society and stir up interest in this work among our Canadian churches."

Our advice: That Synod continue the appointment of the Rev. L. Trap for another year to represent our Church with this Bible Society.

Adopted.

VIII. RADIO COMMITTEE.

Your Committee has taken note of the report of the Radio Broadcasting Committee to Synod. The following recommendations call for synodical action:

We suggest that Synod grant the request of the Radio Committee to receive their president, the Rev. D. H. Walters, as spokesman for the Committee.

Adopted.

A. "That Synod continue our denominational broadcasting of 'The Back to God Hour', during the season 1941-1942; the season to begin in the middle of October and to continue until the middle of April."

In this connection mention should be made of the following Overture from Classis Illinois: "Classis Illinois overtures the Synod to again resume the Reformed Radio Broadcast and extend it over several months in the year."

Our advice: Synod decide in harmony with the recommendation of our Radio Committee.

Adopted.

B. "That Synod decide to again broadcast over a chain of stations in order to reach the greatest number of listeners."
Our advice: That Synod so decide. Adopted.

C. "That Synod decide to again broadcast by means of transcriptions."
Our advice: That Synod so decide. Adopted.

D. "With respect to a speaker for the radio program in the future, the ideal of your Committee is still one permanent radio preacher. However, the engagement of such a minister may involve dissolving connections with a local congregation and then assuming financial obligations which we believe would exceed our present ability. For this reason your Committee presents a choice of one of the two following propositions and asks Synod to decide one of two things:

1. To appoint the Rev. H. J. Kuiper for one season. In our opinion he has manifested radio qualifications and has given sufficient satisfaction to our radio audience as to warrant our recommending him. Or,

2. To authorize the Radio Committee to select a team of speakers for the coming season."

Synod decides to authorize the Radio Committee also for the coming season to select a team of speakers.

E. "That Synod express its appreciation to the Calvin Choir and Professor Swets for the services rendered during the past season, and request the proper authorities for similar services during the coming season."
Our advice: Synod so decide. Adopted.

F. "That Synod decide to set the quota for our denominational radio broadcasts at 25 cents per family."
Our advice: Synod so decide. Adopted.

G. "That Synod authorize the Radio Committee to use all moneys received from our listeners, over and above the quotas of our congregations, for the expansion of our work, i.e., add new stations to our chain."
Our advice: Synod so decide. Adopted.

H. "That Synod appoint a Committee to serve as Radio Committee for the next season."
Our advice: Synod continue the present Radio Commit-
tee for another year and express its appreciation for past services."

Adopted.

IX. REPORT OF COMMITTEE FOR SOUTH AMERICA (Agenda II, p. 88 ff.).

Your Committee has taken careful note of this report in the Agenda and conferred with the secretary of the South America Committee. We suggest that Synod recognize Dr. M. J. Wyngaarden as the spokesman for the South America Committee.

Adopted.

The following recommendations of the South America Committee call for synodical action (Agenda II, p. 94):

A. "Your Committee proposes that Synod grant it authorization, in consultation with our South America workers, to shorten the terms to four years, including a half-year furlough.

Grounds:
1. The congregation would not be left without a pastor for an entire year;
2. Seven years might tend to be too much of a strain on the workers, because of their isolation;
3. The experience of other bodies, like business firms, points in the same direction;
4. Our churches will have additional benefit through the speaking and preaching of our workers, during their furloughs; and
5. The traveling expenses involved (being much less than those to China or Africa) are not prohibitive."

Our advice: That Synod grant the South America Committee the desired authorization on the grounds indicated.

Adopted.

B. "Your Committee recommends that Synod grant it authorization for making such preparations as may be necessary (cf. Acts of 1936, of the Chr. Ref. Church, page 116) for adding a minister or candidate to the workers now laboring in Argentina.

Grounds:
1. Classis Buenos Aires both at its session of 1940 and at that of 1941 has made such a request with great urgency;
2. The need of such an additional laborer has been made amply evident by the correspondence received, and particularly by the Classis (cf. Acts of 1940 of the Chr. Ref. Church, page 284).

Observations by your Advisory Committee:

1. In a mimeographed report to Synod by the Secretary-Treasurer of the South America Committee we are told: “There are two candidates of the Reformed Churches in the Netherlands that have at their own expense gone to the territory of Classis Buenos Aires, to seek work there. Neither one is as yet permanently placed in Classis Buenos Aires, though of course, both would like to be. The entire situation is such that there is no dearth of either work or workers, and for this the Lord be praised.”

2. From consultation of your Committee with the secretary of the South America Committee it appears that in view of recent correspondence with South American workers more time will be required before an adequate solution of the Home Mission problems of Classis Buenos Aires can be found.

3. Without calling another man for this field the South America Committee, according to its mandate of 1912 (cf. Acta 1912, p. 27) can provide for this field for the time being and until the next Synod.

Our advice: In view of the above considerations Synod reject the proposal of the South America Committee for authorization to make preparations for calling another worker for the South American field at this time. 

Adopted.

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The Reception Committee introduces Mr. Mark Fakkema, General Secretary of the National Union of Christian Schools, who briefly addresses Synod on the work performed by this organization. Response is made by the Rev. A. A. Koning.

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Synod now takes in hand the Report of the Advisory Committee on Budget Matters, Mr. N. Hendrikse reporting:

Esteemed Brethren:

Your Budget Committee respectfully submits the following report:
I. JEWISH MISSIONS.
In regard to these Missions, your Committee recommends the following:

A. Your Committee has received and examined the report of the Treasurer of the General Jewish Mission Fund (Agenda I, p. 26) and recommends that the same be accepted for information.

Adopted.

B. Your Committee has received and examined the Financial Reports of the Chicago Hebrew Mission (Agenda I, p. 26) and of the Paterson Hebrew Mission, Agenda II, page 36) and recommends that they be approved.

Adopted.

C. That Synod approve the Proposed Budget of the Paterson Hebrew Mission representing a total anticipated expenditure of $5,726.00, or 22¢ per family.

Adopted.

D. That Synod adopt the Proposed Budget of the Chicago Jewish Missions (Agenda I, page 27) representing a total anticipated expenditure of $10,280.00 toward which they are asking 35¢ per family.

Adopted.

E. Re Quota for the General Jewish Mission Fund.
Your Committee recommends a quota of 57¢ per family. This amount is less than in previous years, but the respective Boards feel they can operate on this basis even to the extent of necessary expansion.

Adopted.

II. FAITH, PRAYER AND TRACT LEAGUE. (Agenda, Part I, Your Committee has received and examined the Financial Report of the Manager of this Fund and recommends that Synod continue its financial and moral support.

Adopted (cf. Art. 17).

III. SEAMAN'S HOME (Agenda II, pages 46 and 47).
A. The Financial Report of this organization has been reviewed by your Committee and we recommend that the same be approved, including salary increases as requested.

Adopted.

B. Your Committee proposes that Synod again recommend this cause to the churches for their continued moral and unsolicited financial support.

Adopted.
IV. Historical Committee (Agenda I, page 17).
Your Committee has taken note of the request of the Historical Committee to replenish their financial resources to the extent of $300.00 and recommends such provision—said amount to be taken from the Synodical Fund.
Adopted.

V. Ministers' Pension and Relief Administration.
A. Your Committee has examined the Financial Report of the Ministers' Pension and Relief Administration and recommends that Synod approve same.
Adopted.
B. Your Committee further recommends that Synod adopt the proposed quota of $1.60 per family for the Pension Fund.
Adopted.
C. Your Committee proposes that Synod recommend the Relief Fund to the churches for an annual offering to supply the anticipated requirements amounting to an estimated 16c per family.
Adopted.

VI. Church Help (Agenda II, pages 74-77).
A. Your Committee has reviewed and considered the Financial Report of the Treasurer of the Church Help Committee and recommends that Synod approve same.
Adopted.
B. Your Committee recommends that Synod adopt a quota of 75c per family.
Adopted.

VII. Committee South America.
A. Your Committee has studied the proposed Budget (Agenda II, page 95) and recommends approval by the Synod.
Adopted.
B. Your Committee recommends an annual offering of 25c per family (as recommended by the Committee for South America) for adoption by the Synod.
Reasons:
1. A recent request has come from the Rev. A. C. Sonneveldt of Buenos Aires that the proposed home missionary be furnished with an automobile;
2. Mileage would then also be necessary;
3. The rent for the home of the proposed home missionary should not be taken out of our emergency-reserve fund at the present time, when many of our people are receiving a good income.

4. It is entirely possible that a worker might be moved from Brazil to Argentina, or vice versa, and then we would face moving expenses.

Adopted.

VIII. CLASSIS PACIFIC (Agenda II, page 112).

Your Committee recommends that the request of Classis Pacific re Synodical help for Classical expense be granted to the extent of 60c per family, based on the number of families in said Classis.

Adopted.

IX. Calvin College and Seminary (cf. Appendix II).

With respect to this institution your Committee recommends the following:

A. Your Committee has received and examined the Financial Report as prepared by the Board of Finance, and recommends that same be approved.

Adopted.

B. Your Committee has also received and examined the proposed Budget for the fiscal year September 1, 1941, to August 31, 1942, and recommends that same be approved.

Adopted.

C. Your Committee recommends the adoption of a quota of $3.50 per family as per recommendation of the Board of Finance, having carefully considered both the reports of the Board of Trustees and the Board of Finance. This recommendation is in conformity with the recommendation of the Advisory Committee on Educational Matters.

Adopted (cf. Art. 96, I).


Your Committee has examined the report of the Treasurer of the Board of Home Missions covering the Church Extension Fund, the Emergency Fund, and the Fund for Needy Churches and recommends that Synod approve same.

Adopted.
XI. CHURCH EXTENSION FUND.
   A. Your Committee has examined the proposed Budget for 1942 for the Church Extension Fund and recommends that Synod approve same.  
      *Adopted.*

   B. Your Committee recommends the approval of a quota of $1.50 per family as recommended. (Same as last year).  
      *Adopted.*

XII. FUND FOR NEEDY CHURCHES.
   Your Committee recommends that a quota of $2.25 per family be approved.  
      *Adopted.*

XIII. EMERGENCY FUND.
   Your Committee proposes that Synod recommend the Emergency Fund to our churches for an offering this year.  
      *Adopted.*

XIV. CANADIAN EXCHANGE (See Report of Executive Committee for Home Missions — Sect. 2B).
   Your Committee recommends that the salary of our Canadian Ministers and Missionaries be paid in U. S. Currency.  
   *Reason:* Funds are collected in U. S. currency and distribution should be on the same basis.  
      *Adopted.*

XV. Your Committee received a request from the Board of Trustees of the Ministers' Pension and Relief Administration asking that Synod grant to them the privilege of investing Reserve Funds not in excess of 25% of the moneys available in said Funds in securities other than United States Treasury Bonds because of the low rate of interest on government bonds.

   Your Committee feels that it cannot recommend the granting of this request.
   *Grounds:*
   1. Synod of 1936 instructed all Boards and all Committees receiving money for trust or endowment funds to invest in United States Treasury Bonds. (See Acts of 1936, Article 132).
2. Your Committee feels the availability for and ease of liquidation and security of assets is of greater importance than the rate of return on the investment. 

*Adopted.*

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The Rev. J. C. Schaap reports for the *Obituary* Committee, as follows:

"Since the previous Synod it has pleased the Lord to take out of this life two emeriti pastors.

The Rev. J. De Haan, Sr., who was born March 3, 1865, and passed away August 15, 1940. He has been in active service 27 years in the Presbyterian and Reformed Churches and 21 years in the Christian Reformed Church and an emeritus 2 years.

The Rev. William Kole was born Sept. 21, 1861, and died Feb. 12, 1941. He has been in active service 25 years in the Christian Reformed Church and an emeritus 18 years.

Your Committee advises Synod to adopt the following resolutions:

1. Synod humbly submits to the wise Providence of God by which these brethren were permitted to work in His Church, and by which their work and life were terminated.

2. Synod recognizes the faithful services of these brethren and is grateful to the sovereign God for these services and trusts that their labors were not in vain in the Lord.

3. Synod expresses its sympathy to the bereaved relatives and prays that they may experience God's gracious presence.

4. Synod resolves to spread these resolutions on the Minutes and forward a copy to the bereaved relatives."

*Adopted*, by a rising vote.

**ARTICLE 63**

The Advisory Committee on *Protests and Appeals* now submits its Report. The Rev. P. De Koekkoek serves as reporter:

*Esteemed Brethren:*

Your Committee has the honor to report on the following cases submitted to our consideration.
In the Agenda, Part 11, p. 150, a protest of Mr. H. Van der Heide is recorded. The Stated Clerk of Synod, however, reported to your Committee that no protest or appeal has been received. Consequently we could not enter upon this case.

We now report on:

I. THE FORTUIN CASE.

A. With regard to this case we have received and studied the following documents properly before Synod:

1. The appeal of Mr. K. W. Fortuin to this Synod, with two supplements; namely, the original request of Fortuin to Classis for re-instatement into the ministry, and the answer of Classis to this request.

2. A letter from the Rochester Christian Reformed Consistory, seconding brother Fortuin, he being a member of said church.

3. Copy of a letter from the same Consistory and of the same nature addressed to Classis Wisconsin.

4. An “answer of the Classical Committee of Classis Wisconsin to the Fortuin appeal for re-instatement to our next Synod” forwarded to your reverend body by the Stated Clerk of the Classis.

From the Report of the Committee on Digest of Protests and Appeals, we quote the following:

B. Brief History of the Case.

"1. Mr. K. W. Fortuin was deposed from the ministry of the Gospel by Classis Wisconsin at its October session in the year 1938, on the following two grounds:

A. He is guilty of ‘het trachten om een valschat getuigenis van den kerkerad te verkrijgen in het opvragen van het doopsbewijs van zijn zoon naar Roseland II, Chicago, III.’ This is against the ninth commandment.

B. In addition, his past history in the last two congregations proves him to have character weaknesses, which unfit him for the ministry.’

(Synodical Acts, 1939, page 55).

"2. On his appeal from this action of the Classis, the Synod of 1939 reviewed his trial and declared at the end, that:

‘Since brother Fortuin has not succeeded in establishing his claim that the two grounds for his deposition are untenable and in some respects not even true to fact, and Synod has not sustained him in that claim,
There is no reason why his deposition by Classis Wisconsin from the ministry in the Christian Reformed Church should not stand'  

(Synodical Acts, 1939, page 56).

3. In 1940, brother Fortuin requested Synod to reopen his case, but Synod informed him, if he desired such a reopening, to direct a petition to that effect to the Classis that deposed him, to wit, Classis Wisconsin. Synod added, in case he should fail there to get the satisfaction he craved, 'he may appeal from the decision of said Classis relative to his case, to the Synod next succeeding.'  

(Acts of the Synod of 1940, page 45.)

4. Pursuant to this advice of Synod, brother Fortuin presented a document to Classis Wisconsin at its session in March, 1941, in which he sought a reopening of his case with a view to his re-instatement in the ministry of the Christian Reformed Church on the basis of what he termed a frank and honest confession, which he presented in the same document to the Classis. But Classis judged that confession to be unsatisfactory and declined to re-open his case.

5. From that decision of Classis Wisconsin brother Fortuin now appeals to the Synod of 1941 in apparent accord with the statement of the previous Synod to the effect, that such an appeal would be in order, when made after Classis Wisconsin should make an unsatisfactory decision, and when made to the Synod next succeeding.

C. We also present a copy of brother Fortuin's request to Classis, the answer of Classis to it; his Appeal to Synod, and the Answer of the Classical Committee to it; and a brief digest of these documents.

Note of the Clerk:

A copy of these four documents:
1. Brother Fortuin's Request to Classis Wisconsin;
2. The Answer of Classis Wisconsin to his Request;
3. Brother Fortuin's Appeal to Synod; and
4. The Answer of the Classical Committee of Classis Wisconsin to his Appeal,
was in the hands of every delegate to Synod for at least a day before his case was considered.

A copy of these documents is also preserved in the archives of Synod.
The delegates of Classis Wisconsin give notice that, in accord with Article 33 of the Church Order, they refrain from voting in this case.

Received as information.


The main contents and contentions of this Appeal, to which are appended as supplements copies of his letter to Classis Wisconsin which conveyed his confession and request for a re-opening of his case for the purpose of reinstatement, and the reply of Classis Wisconsin to that letter, we summarize, as follows:

1. First of all it raises the canonical point, whether, in view of the aim of his letter, Classis Wisconsin should not have called in the synodical examiners from three neighboring Classes for participation and advice in its consideration.

2. Taking up the objections of Classis Wisconsin to his confession next, it first tries to maintain the satisfactory character of that confession over against its denial by Classis,
   a) as failing to show the spirit of true contrition, by a discussion of certain terms used by him in his confession and by an exposition of the meaning he attaches to those terms;
   b) as not being unqualified and unreserved, by giving, of three quotations from his letter which Classis read as indicating qualifications and reservations restrictive of his confession, such an exegesis as aims to refute these deductions and inferences of Classis;
   c) as lacking sincerity, by a reminder that Classis can not judge of his heart by the claim that Classis mistook frankness for evidence of insincerity, and by some further observations.

3. In the third place, the Appeal disputes the correctness of the claim of Classis Wisconsin, that its reception of and action on his letter and its contents does not constitute a re-opening of his case, though the appellant deems this point one of minor importance.

4. In the fourth place, the Appeal contests the judgment of Classis Wisconsin, that the second ground for his
deposition constitutes a permanent obstacle to his re-instatement. Over against this judgment of the Classis he observes:

a) that it presupposes the impossibility of a conversion and change for the better;

b) that Classis has never defined the character weaknesses it charges appellant with, and that, whatever they are, they are inseparable from the matter mentioned in the first ground for his deposition;

c) that the fact, that to all appearances they were not observed in the first three charges he served, indicates a possibility of their failure to reappear in the future;

d) that his record in his fourth charge is wrongly brought into the picture, since both the Consistory of South Holland I and the Classis of Illinois have given it in that connection as their opinion, that his character weaknesses did not unfit him for the ministry.

5. Finally, the Appeal petitions Synod to re-instate him, judging, that re-instatement is not restricted to a Classis but that also Synod can perform it, since there are cases on record of both, deposition from the ministry and admission to it, by Synod.

6. Brief Digest of the Answer by the Classical Committee of Wisconsin.

After explaining, that the Classical Committee has drawn up this answer to the Appeal, since Classis, having no session before the convening of Synod, could not do so, the Answer brings forward the following points in reply to the Appeal of brother Fortuin:

1. As to the transfer of the matter from the jurisdiction of Classis at this time to that of Synod:

a) This would be in violation of Article 30 of the Church Order, since Classis is able to handle the case further and has merely declined to re-open the case in order not to act hastily and prematurely, and since a mere confession of wrong gives no rights;

b) Classis had the impression, that brother Fortuin confessed his sins as far as he did merely from
expediency, in order to clear the path to re-instatement.

2. As to Appellant’s re-instatement in the ministry of the Gospel:
   a) The previous possession of the status of a minister together with confession of sins that have led to its loss does not establish a right or title to re-instatement, and Peter’s restoration can not furnish a precedent because done by the Lord of the Church himself;
   b) Even if Classis were ready to accede to brother Fortuin’s request, it could at most restore him to candidacy, but it could not restore him to the ministry, since this would involve re-ordination, which in turn would presuppose his reception and acceptance of a call;
   c) Brother Fortuin’s confession was not to the point, since “the main issue, that clinched his deposition,” to use his words, was not his forfeiture of the Church’s confidence, but his falsehood and many character weaknesses.

3. As to various possible lines of action in the future:
   a) Classis has expressed the opinion, that deposition is irreversible, without actually deciding so;
   b) A complete retrial is a possibility which Classis has not contemplated and appellant has not requested;
   c) Restoration to the ministry could be made solely conditional upon reception on a truly satisfactory confession, but in its way stands the nature of the present appeal of brother Fortuin, which is shot through with wrong assumptions and erroneous conclusions, five of which are brought forward by way of illustration:
      (1) He assumes, contrary to the truth, that Classis has manifested an uncharitable attitude toward his request;
      (2) He shifts the emphasis from the true points at issue in the matter of his guilt and by such tactics adds to his culpability;
      (3) These things were sufficient reasons for Classis, as yet not to call in synodical examiners,
and his complaint of its failure to do so is premature;

(4) He pleads for re-instatement, for which our Church Order makes no provision, so that any re-instatements that may have taken place in the past were unconstitutional;

(5) He assumes, that Synod sustained his deposition for the reason that it had lost confidence in his truthfulness, while this was not at all the real reason for his deposition, but his sin against the ninth commandment and his character weaknesses.

d) A fourth possibility would be, that Classis declare the brother a candidate, eligible to a call, without restoring him to the ministry, the candidacy being understood to lapse if within three years no call is received by him, thus leaving the matter of his actual restoration to the ministry to the Lord.

D. Critical Analysis of the Case.

1. Your Committee finds that a peculiar situation obtains in the case. Mr. Fortuin though formally requesting re-instatement into office, and appealing to Synod from an adverse decision of Classis, fails to take the necessary material steps leading to re-opening his case and re-instatement. Classis Wisconsin, on the other hand, although maintaining that she has not re-opened his case, has definitely expressed itself on the brother’s confession and his re-instatement.

We feel, however, that Synod can, and should, express itself on the main issue.

2. As to the real thrust of the Appeal, it contains Mr. Fortuin’s desire and request that he be re-instated as minister of the Gospel, and that this be done by Synod, since Classis Wisconsin has refused to do so. He bases his request on the fact that Synod of 1940 has allowed the possibility of his re-instatement by way of his request to Classis Wisconsin with an appeal to the next Synod if necessary.

Concerning the method of re-opening his case, Mr. Fortuin holds that this “may be construed in more than one way. Either (by) a complete new trial or else on my (his) part an honest and unreserved confession of the main points on which my (his) deposition was based.” The brother frankly states that he sees little use in the first
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3. Taking the way of confession, Fortuin finds it blocked. Classis Wisconsin finds his confession unsatisfactory. This Classis, moreover, expresses the "opinion" that, irrespective of the confession of Fortuin, this brother cannot be re-instated because of the second ground of his deposition which holds that Fortuin's "past history, in the last two congregations, proves him to have character weaknesses which unfit him for the ministry."

To this Mr. Fortuin replies that "This second ground, from the very nature of the case, is hooked up very closely with the first ground of his deposition (het trachten om een vals getuigenis te verkrijgen), and (that) if the first ground is wiped out by an honest and frank confession" it follows almost "as a matter of fact" that the second ground (character weaknesses) is wiped out also. This contention is rightly disputed by the committee of Classis.

Fortuin, therefore, makes a confession, but Classis rejects it. Fortuin thinks that his confession reopens his case, but Classis posits that this does not necessarily follow. Fortuin holds that by his confession of the sin mentioned in the first ground of his deposition the second ground is wiped out, opening the way to re-instatement, but Classis holds that this re-instatement cannot take place because the character weaknesses officially established have not been removed by his confession and still stand against him.

It seems to your Committee that Classis is right in this, its main contention.

The whole matter comes down to this, that Fortuin does not seek re-opening of his case in the regular way. He does not seek re-admission in a judicial way as his right, but as a special favor from the churches. He has made confession of sin and now expects Synod to generously respond to the yearnings of his heart to restore him to the ministry without review of the deposition which put him out of it.

Classis Wisconsin is not willing to move in that direction. It is of the opinion that brother Fortuin cannot be re-instated in the office of the ministry by way of special favor granted him by the churches. Synod 1939 has confirmed the verdict that "his history in the last two congregations proves him to have character weaknesses which unfit him for the ministry". Classis still holds to this position and your Committee is in substantial agreement. No con-
vincing evidence has been produced to show why the grounds for Fortuin's deposition should not stand or why the office should be given him as a favor upon his confession.

In view of the above considerations, your Committee does not deem it necessary to further pass upon the matter of the confession as such, but is ready to give the following

E. Advice.

I. That insofar as brother Fortuin appeals to Synod to re-instate him, Synod declare that it does not belong to the competency of Synod to do so. (Cf. Acts Synod 1918, Art. 52, p. 48; Schaver, Church Order, p. 94).

Adopted.

II. That insofar as brother Fortuin appeals from Classis Wisconsin to Synod in the matter of his request to be re-instated, Synod cannot sustain Fortuin but sustains Classis Wisconsin.

Grounds:

1. Although confession would be a prerequisite for re-instatement, it is in itself, no matter how satisfactory, not sufficient to demand re-instatement to the sacred office of the ministry.

2. His past history in the last two congregations prove him to have character weaknesses which unfit him for the ministry.

Adopted.

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The afternoon session is closed, Elder H. Oost offering prayer and thanksgiving.

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Synod unites in singing Psalter Hymnal No. 389, and is led in prayer by the Rev. P. Vos.

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The roll call shows that the Rev. J. L. Bult of Classis Grand Rapids South is present in place of the Rev. J. F. Schuurmann; and Elder M. Triestram of Classis Kalamazoo in place of Elder J. De Nooyer. The brethren present for
the first time express their agreement with the Forms of Unity.

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The minutes of the eighth and the ninth session of Synod are read and adopted.

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The clerk calls attention to the fact that the archives of Synod are not kept in a fire-proof place. In these archives there are hundreds of documents which have not been published in the Acts of Synod nor in the church papers. Their loss would simply be irreparable.

Synod decides to refer this matter to the Advisory Committee on Publication Matters.

(Cf. Art. 112).

ARTICLE 69

The Rev. J. Beebe reports for the Advisory Committee on Indian, China, and Sudan Missions:

ESTEEMED BRETHREN:

Your Advisory Committee has the privilege of presenting to Synod its advice, first of all, on

I. INDIAN MISSIONS

A. Under this head we shall, in the first place, call attention to various items in the Report of the Christian Reformed Board of Missions:

(Cf. Supplement V).

1. General Conference Delegate at Synod. Your Committee advises Synod to accede to the request of the Christian Reformed Board of Missions, Article 772—May 28, 29, 30, 1941, which reads: "On motion it was decided to conform to the recommendation of General Conference in GCM 145 to request Synod to accord the privilege of the floor to its delegate during the discussion of all matters pertaining to Indian Missions."

Adopted. Mr. Ben De Boer, delegated by the Conference, receives the privileges of the floor.

2. Minutes Christian Reformed Board of Missions, July 1940 to May 1941. The Board requests that these be placed in the archives of Synod.

Your Committee recommends that this be done.

Adopted.
3. Missionaries at Synod. Your Committee requests Synod to set aside time for our missionaries from the field to appear before Synod when convenient in order to tell us something about their work—say to allow three to ten minutes for each speaker. The President to determine the time allowed.
Adopted.

4. The Navajo Tribal Council and Rev. H. Rikkers. Your Committee advises Synod to express approval of the action of the Board in the matter of Rev. H. Rikkers of Shiprock.
Adopted.

5. Rev. J. R. Kamps. Your Committee advises Synod to approve the action of the Board re the temporary appointment of Rev. J. R. Kamps at Shiprock and, if possible, to arrange for a permanent appointment.
Adopted.

6. Request Classis Hackensack re Medical Missionary's Salary. Your Committee advises Synod to accede with deep regret to the request of Classis Hackensack, and to thank the Classis for its past support.
Adopted.

7. Central Heating Plant. Your Committee advises Synod to appropriate the sum of $33,000 for the installation of the Central Heating Plant at Rehoboth if the funds are available.
Referred to the Budget Committee (cf. Art. 109, XXIV).

8. High School Instruction at Zuni and Rehoboth. "The Board has been studying this matter for some time and has again appointed a committee to review all the material that has been brought before us and present a comprehensive report at the next meeting of the Board."
Your Committee advises Synod to approve this decision of the Board.
Adopted.

9. Church Organization on our Indian Mission Field. Your Committee advises Synod to instruct the Board of Missions and two members appointed by Synod, in consultation with General Conference, to make a thorough study of the feasibility of the establishment of native or indigenous churches, and to report to next Synod.
Adopted.
10. **Zuni Translation of the Gospel of John.** In the Navajo language we already have translated several portions of the Word and booklet of hymns. Those are very valuable for the promotion of the Lord’s work on our Indian Field. Now a beginning has been made on the Zuni field and we rejoice to learn of the translation of the Gospel according to John by our Zuni missionary, Rev. George Yff, with the help of Dr. H. C. Whitener and the Zuni interpreter, Rex Natewa.

Your Committee advises Synod:
1. To have the Stated Clerk of Synod send a letter of appreciation to the translators mentioned above;
2. To request the Board of Missions to send a souvenir copy to each Consistory of the Churches.

*Adopted.*

11. **Special Study of the Navajo language.**

Your Committee advises Synod to approve the suggestion given by the Board of Missions in regard to this matter; namely, that the Rev. J. R. Kamps be chosen for this special opportunity, inasmuch as this brother has made encouraging progress in the use of the Navajo language and his calling church has agreed to experiment.

*Adopted.*

12. **List of Candidates for our Indian Field.** Your Committee advises Synod to approve the list suggested by the Board of Missions.

*Adopted.*

13. **Woman’s Work.**

This is a new venture in mission work on our Indian Field. It concerns the bringing of the gospel by a woman in the homes of the Indians. It has the hearty support of your Committee and consequently we advise Synod to approve the suggestion of the Board. The supplemental appropriation of 1941 amounts to $930, and for 1942 the expense will be $1681.00.

*Adopted.*

14. **Canoncito.**

Your Committee advises Synod to endorse what the Board has in mind in regard to the work at this place.

*Adopted.*
15. *Automobile Mileage.*
Your Committee advises Synod to accept the recommendation of the Board re automobile mileage on the Indian field.

*Adopted.*


Your Committee advises approval of the recommendation of the Board. The time when the pension is to be granted to be left to the discretion of the Board. The circumstances in brother Bouma’s case have changed in the last few weeks.

*Adopted.*

17. *Property Sale and Lease.* Your Committee advises Synod to approve the sale of part of our Rehoboth property for the building of the new U. S. highway. Likewise, to approve the lease of 10 acres of the property to a trader for the sum of $2,500 per year as per conditions laid down by the Committee negotiating the sale and the lease.

*Adopted.*


We now come to one of the more important matters in the Board’s Report, namely, the Rehoboth Hospital policy, to which your Committee has given lengthy consideration.

The Board reports that it has carried out the instructions of the 1940 Synod to eliminate the hospitalizing of white patients, except for the care of our own mission workers, and to eliminate all the private practice of the hospital doctor, but it respectfully petitions Synod to reopen the question of white pay patients, and in advance various arguments in support of its contention that the old policy is better than the new. See the Board’s Report, Supplement V.

In this connection your Committee has also considered Hackensack, which also request Synod to reconsider the Overtures of the Classes Wisconsin, Ostfriesland, and action taken by the 1940 Synod in regard to the Hospital policy. See Overtures 11, 12, and 13 in Agenda, Part II, pp. 112-120.

Your Committee also considered an Overture of the Consistory of the Third Christian Reformed Church of Roseland, which we believe to be legally before Synod. In this
overture the Consistory requests Synod to reject all plans to introduce again into our Rehoboth hospital the evil of white pay patients which the last Synod instructed the Board to eliminate within one year, and it advances various arguments for its request.

After a thorough consideration of the whole matter, your Committee decided to advise Synod not “to reopen the case re white pay patients at Rehoboth Hospital” at this time, and that for the following reasons:

a. That it is undesirable for a Synod to rescind the actions of a previous Synod, unless there are weighty and adequate reasons.

b. That no new material has been advanced in the overtures of Classes Wisconsin, Ostfriesland, and Hackensack, nor in the Board’s Report.

c. That General Conference has recently reaffirmed its former stand against the hospitalization of white pay patients.

Your Committee further informs Synod that one of its members, Elder Henry Oost, could not agree with our advice, and submits the following minority report:

The undersigned begs to submit a minority report on two of the problems submitted to this Committee for consideration, namely the Rehoboth Hospital problem, and the problem of Rev. N. De Vries and Rehoboth. My recommendation is that Synod reopen the question of the hospitalizing of white patients at Rehoboth in order that thereby we may make an effective approach to a study of the deeper problem on the Indian field to which the Majority Report also refers. With the same purpose in mind I recommend that this Synod shall at this session make a thorough investigation of the problem involving Rev. N. De Vries and Rehoboth.

Grounds for both of the above recommendations are:

1. All of the documents necessary for studying these cases or at least enough material for making a worth-while beginning of this investigation, and the persons most involved in these problems, are present in Grand Rapids.

2. Putting these matters in the hands of committees for study would continue a very unprofitable condition on our mission field for at least another year.

3. The peace and harmony of our entire Church would be jeopardized if these matters would have to hang fire another year.
4. This Synod, by taking firm action immediately can make a valuable contribution towards harmony on our mission field, thereby promoting mission zeal and the abiding welfare of our missionary enterprise.

   Respectfully submitted,
   (signed) Henry Oost.

Received as information.

Synod defers action on this matter of the Rehoboth Hospital policy until a later session. (Cf. Art. 96).


   This also is one of the more important matters in the Board's Report, to which your Committee has devoted a great deal of time.

   Besides the many pages in the Board's Report devoted to this matter, your Committee had to consider the following documents, a copy of which will be placed before every delegate to Synod:

   1. The Report to Synod of the Consistories of the four Christian Reformed Churches of Roseland.
   2. The Protest of Rev. N. De Vries.
   3. The Minutes of the Board of Missions in regard to the matter of the Rev. N. De Vries.

   Your Committee informs Synod that in its opinion all these documents are legally before Synod, and must be considered in settling this case.

   Your Committee advises Synod that when the case of the Rev. N. De Vries and the matter of the Rehoboth Hospital policy are taken up, the privileges of the floor be given to the Rev. N. De Vries, Dr. R. H. Pousma, and the Rev. G. Hoekema, Sec'y of the Mission Committee of the Roseland Churches.

   Adopted.

   The advice of your Committee in the case of the Rev. N. De Vries differs from that in the Report of the Board. Our advice is as follows:

   In the matter of the Rev. N. De Vries and Rehoboth, your Committee, having taken cognizance of the Board's ruling in this matter, the stand of the Roseland Churches, and a letter of the Rehoboth Consistory, advises Synod to give this matter into the hands of a Committee, which is
to consider the underlying causes of the dissension in Reho­both, and to report to the next Synod. *Reasons:*

1. A thorough study of the problem is necessary to reach a satisfactory conclusion, which will in all probability be conducive to peace and harmony.
2. Your Committee cannot make a thorough study of the case because of lack of time.
3. There are angles to this case which should be studied on the field.

Your Committee further advises Synod to request the Board and the Rehoboth Consistory to cooperate with the Rev. N. De Vries as pastor of Rehoboth until such a time as this Committee has reported to Synod and Synod has taken final action.

Synod defers action also on this matter until a later session.

(Cf. Articles 82 and 106).

**ARTICLE 70**

The morning session is closed by Elder H. Denkema, who leads Synod in prayer and thanksgiving.

**WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, JUNE 18**

**Eleventh Session**

**ARTICLE 71**

Psalter Hymnal No. 427 is sung, and Dr. J. G. Van Dyke offers prayer.

**ARTICLE 72**

The Rev. G. Hofmeyer of Classis Grand Rapids South is present in place of the Rev. A. J. Rus, and expresses his agreement with our Forms of Unity.

**ARTICLE 73**

Continuation of the discussion of the Report of the Ad­visory Committee on *Indian Missions* (cf. Art. 69).

Dr. R. H. Pousma addresses Synod at length on the Re­hoboth Hospital policy, the case of the Rev. N. De Vries, etc. At the close of his address he presents his resignation as hospital doctor and as a minister of the Christian Re­formed Church.
A motion prevails to ask Dr. Pousma to submit his resignation in writing to Synod.

The remainder of this session is taken up by a lengthy discussion of the problems recorded in Article 69, points 18 and 19.

(Continued in Art. 78).

ARTICLE 74

Elder R. Wierenga, in closing this session, leads in prayer and thanksgiving.

THURSDAY MORNING, JUNE 19
Twelfth Session

ARTICLE 75

After Synod has united in singing No. 321 of the Psalter Hymnal, the Rev. H. Radius invokes the blessing of the Lord.

ARTICLE 76

The roll call shows that Elder G. Dragt of Classis Kalamazoo is absent, and that the Revs. A. J. Rus and J. F. Schuurmann are present again in place of their alternates.

ARTICLE 77

The minutes of the tenth and eleventh session of Synod are read by the clerk, and with one correction adopted by Synod.

ARTICLE 78

In reply to Synod's request (cf. Art. 73), Dr. R. H. Pousma sends the following letter:

Grand Rapids, Mich., June 18, 1941.

To the Synod of the Chr. Ref. Church,
Grand Rapids, Mich.
Esteemed Brethren:

I sincerely believe the interests of our Indian mission work will best be served if I resign as missionary and minister. Will you please accept this letter, therefore, as my formal resignation?

This is not a hasty action. I have had it under consideration for several years, as some of you know, and recent events have only served to bring matters to a head. I love Rehoboth Hospital and greatly appreciate the opportunities I have had there during the past fourteen years to serve so very many people; but believe the time has now come for me to yield my place to another man.

I wish to thank the officers of Synod for their exceedingly cordial spirit toward me, and also wish to thank the many other members
who showed their warm-hearted friendship in unmistakable manner. The Board of Missions, too, has always been more than fair to me, and it is with great reluctance that I sever my connection with them. May God richly bless you and all the vitally important work under your control.

Respectfully yours,
R. H. Pousma.

This letter is received as information, and a motion is adopted that the matter of Dr. Pousma’s resignation both as a medical missionary and as a minister of the Christian Reformed Church be placed into the hands of the officers of Synod to confer with Dr. Pousma and to advise Synod on this matter tomorrow morning.

(Cf. Art. 95).

ARTICLE 79
This entire session is taken up by the continuation of the discussion re Indian Mission problems. (cf. Art. 69, points 18 and 19).
Elder Albert De Vries closes this session with prayer and thanksgiving.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON, JUNE 19
Thirteenth Session

ARTICLE 80
Prayer is offered by the Rev. P. Jonker, Jr., after Synod has united in the singing of Psalter Hymnal No. 249:2.

ARTICLE 81
The Reception Committee introduces Dr. H. A. Bowlby, representing the Lord’s Day Alliance of the U. S., who briefly addresses Synod on the work of the Alliance. Response is made by the Rev. J. O. Bouwsma.
In this connection Synod receives the Report of the Rev. J. J. Hiemenga, our representative on the Alliance.
(Cf. Supplement XI).
The Committee of Budget Matters will report on the matter of our financial support of the Alliance.
(Cf. Art. 89, XVI).

ARTICLE 82
Continuation of the discussion of Indian Mission problems (cf. Art. 79):
On motion, duly adopted, Synod now decides to consider the two requests, A and B, of the four Roseland Consistories, which read as follows:

A. We request Synod to declare that the Executive Committee in advising the four consistories of Roseland to seek a new field of labor for Rev. N. De Vries, went beyond the mandate of Synod, 1940, and ignored the provision of the Mission Order, I, Section 7, which specifically states that final decision as to the dismissal of missionaries is the work of Synod directly.

B. We request Synod to request the Rehoboth consistory to agree to the permanent appointment of Rev. N. De Vries as pastor at Rehoboth for the following reasons:

1. The official status of Rev. De Vries' first year at Rehoboth was that of a trial year. To our mind that can mean only one thing, that work well done would lead to a permanent appointment. We are convinced that his general record was good, and there is official testimony to that effect from the Rehoboth consistory.

2. When on the Mission Field there is a missionary without a fixed field of labor, and a field or church without a pastor, it is a natural and wise recognition of providential guidance to solve both problems by one stroke, unless there are serious objections.

3. Rev. De Vries has been loyal to synodical decisions, for instance, the stand on movies, and the hospital policy, and we hold that that spirit of loyalty to Synod also makes him an asset to and a good influence on our Mission Field.

A. With regard to the first request, the following motion is made:

That the Synod declare that the Board of Missions did not go beyond the limits of its mandate given by the Synod of 1940 and the provisions of the Mission Order, Art. 1, Sec. 7, in advising the four Roseland Consistories to seek a new field of labor for the Rev. N. De Vries.

This motion is adopted.

B. With regard to the second request, a motion is adopted that the chair appoint a Committee, consisting of two members of the Board, two representatives of the Roseland Consistories, and two members of Synod, to endeavor to adjust the difficulties which exist between the Rev. N. De Vries and the Board.

The chair appoints the following Committee: Rev. J. Geels and Elder J. R. Bos (representing Synod), Rev. G. Hoeksema and Rev. F. Doezema (representing the Roseland Consistories), and Dr. J. C. De Korne and Mr. Henry Hekman (representing the Board of Missions).

(Cf. Art. 106)
ARTICLE 83

The Advisory Committee on Indian, China, and Sudan Missions now presents the remaining part of its Report on:

II. CHINA MISSION

1. Missionaries Remaining in China.

The Board asks Synod to consider whether it might not be wise for Synod to give the advice to those remaining in China that women and children, including single women missionaries, should leave that country.

Your Committee advises Synod to instruct the Board that it does not go beyond its former position, namely, that the final decision as to leaving or not leaving should be left to the force on the field.

Adopted.

2. Dr. L. S. Huizenga.

Your Committee calls the attention of Synod to the present activities of Missionary Huizenga at Shanghai. Cf. Paragraph on page 16 of the Board’s report. We advise that this be received as information.

Adopted.

3. Great Migration.

"Because of the Great Migration of Chinese taking place to West China, the Board has asked the China Mission to investigate the possibilities of our Church beginning work in this new area. Immense changes are taking place in Old China and the Church must be ready to meet these new conditions."

Your Committee advises Synod to approve the Board’s request.

Adopted.

III. SUDAN MISSION

1. Expansion of the Work.

Your Committee advises Synod to approve the recommendations found in the following paragraph of the Board’s Report:

"During the furlough of the Smith’s the entire responsibility for the Sudan work rests with Miss Jennie Stielstra and Miss Tena Huizenga, R.N. Since the Sudan climate necessitates frequent furloughs for our missionaries, the Board feels that one nurse is not sufficient to carry the responsibility of that work, and is therefore asking Synod for authority to add another nurse to our Sudan force. For
the same reason we are recommending that Synod authorize the calling and sending out of an ordained man in 1942 unless developments should make it necessary to do so even earlier. We should have two ordained men on our Sudan force, so that one will always be on duty. The financial support of the nurse has already been promised.”

2. *Candidates for the Sudan Field.*

Your Committee advises Synod to instruct the Board to present a list of candidates for the Sudan field, and to report to the next Synod.

Adopted.

3. *Special Gifts for an Automobile.*

Your Committee advises Synod to grant the following request of the Board:

“*In order that the work may be carried on efficiently in the Sudan field, we are also asking you for authority to receive special gifts for the purchase of an automobile. The original cost will be $884.00 F.O.B. Michigan; freight from New York to Lagos will be about $200.00; custom charges at Lagos from $55.00 to $100.00; the estimate for upkeep on the field will be about $350.00 per year.”*

Adopted.

4. *Johanna Veenstra Memorial Fund.*

Your Committee advises Synod to grant the following request of the Board:

“*Before our Church officially took over the Sudan field, our people had been contributing for years to the Johanna Veenstra Memorial Fund. Rev. John Beebe, the Treasurer of this fund, turned it over to our Board when our Church took over the Sudan field. There is now $2,645.77 in this fund. Rather than keep it as a separate fund, we are asking Synod for authority to merge this with our General Fund for the Sudan, although the amount can be earmarked for educational purposes in the Sudan.”*

Adopted.

5. *The Ordination of Mr. E. H. Smith.*

In regard to this matter we find the following paragraph in the Board’s Report:

“*Until recently we have been carrying out the arrangements which were authorized by the 1940 Synod for the administration of the sacraments on our Sudan field. The decision of Synod was that these temporary arrangements*
should be continued only until Mr. Smith came home on furlough. The Smith’s returned on furlough early in 1941. Thus the Board was faced with the responsibility of moving in the direction of a permanent arrangement for the administration of the sacraments. After careful study of the entire situation and after having sought the advice of Professor S. Volbeda, the Executive Committee advised Mr. E. H. Smith to apply to Ninth Street Church, Holland, and Classis Holland, for an examination which might possibly lead to ordination. Mr. Smith applied, the response of Ninth Street Church was favorable, and Classis Holland has also taken action which will be reported officially to Synod. The Board is pleased with the developments thus far and hopes that arrangements can be made, in full compliance with Reformed Church procedure, to arrange for the official administration of the sacraments on our Sudan field.”

The following communication was received from Classis Holland:

“Classis Holland, in session May 15, 1941, having heard the preliminary examinations of Mr. Edgar H. Smith, and also having received the advice of the Synodical Delegates ad Examina of Classes Grand Rapids South, Zeeland, and Muskegon, decides to recommend the above brother for examination according to the Article 8, C. O.”

In this matter your Committee advises Synod to ask Classis Holland to proceed according to synodical rules for such cases (cf. C. O., J. L. Schaver, pages 33, 34), and that in view of the following considerations:

1. Synod recognizes that the case of Mr. Smith is exceptional.
2. The British Branch of the Sudan United Mission has granted the brother the prerogatives of an ordained man for several years.
3. The Sudan Field needs an ordained man.
4. The Ninth St. Chr. Ref. Church, the Classis of Holland, and the Christian Reformed Board of Missions favor the ordination of Mr. Smith.

Since the brother has no desire to become a minister in this country without further preparation, Synod instruct the Classis of Holland to effect this understanding with him prior to his examination.

Adopted.
IV. General

1. The Work of the Secretary of the Board.
   We call attention to the paragraph in the Board's Report in regard to this, and advise Synod to voice its appreciation to Dr. J. C. De Korne for the abundant labors performed during the year.
   Adopted.

2. Trend in Support of Missionaries by Congregations.
   We call Synod's attention to the paragraph in the Board's Report anent this matter, and advise Synod to instruct the Board to study this matter and submit a statement to the next Synod.
   Adopted.

3. Extra Funds for Special Purposes.
   See the paragraph in the Board's Report under this heading. The Board asks Synod to be permitted to submit a list of special projects for which funds will be solicited. Your Committee advises Synod to grant permission to the Board of Missions to make such a list.
   Adopted.

4. Revision of the Mission Order, Article VI, Section 2.
   See the paragraph in the Board's Report in regard to this matter. Your Committee advises Synod to adopt the proposed revision of Article VI, Section 2, and of Article I, Section 2, as well as the proposed new section to be added to Article III.
   Adopted.

ARTICLE 84

It is decided to hold an evening session from 7:30 to 9:30 o'clock. Elder J. R. Bos closes this session with prayer and thanksgiving.

THURSDAY EVENING, JUNE 19
Fourteenth Session

ARTICLE 85

Synod sings Psalter Hymnal No. 429, and prayer is offered by the Rev. L. Van Laar.

ARTICLE 86

In place of the Rev. J. F. Schuurmann of Classis Grand Rapids South, his alternate, the Rev. J. L. Bult is present.
CONTINUATION OF THE REPORT OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON PUBLICATION MATTERS (cf. Art. 50):


A. Your Committee has gone carefully over the English translation of these doctrinal deliverances of the Synod of Utrecht submitted by the Committee appointed at the 1940 Synod for this purpose. With due regard for the work done by this Committee, and recognizing the fact that on the whole it is a good translation, your Committee nevertheless is not ready to recommend the adoption of this draft in its present form because there are a number of errors, inaccuracies, and infelicitous expressions in the translation which ought to be removed before Synod adopts this as its official English translation.

1. A few instances of errors are the following:
   a. The term "position" is linked at least three times with the terms infralapsarian and supralapsarian as a translation for the Dutch "voorstelling." "Infralapsarische voorstelling" should not be translated "infralapsarian position" but "infralapsarian presentation."
   b. The proper English equivalent of "Veronderstelde Wedergeboorte" (p. 21) is "presumptive regeneration" or "presumed regeneration," rather than "presupposed regeneration."

2. There are also a number of inaccuracies, as, for instance the use of the term "presupposed regeneration" for the idiomatic "presumptive regeneration" (or presumed regeneration); "special mention is made" as the equivalent of the Dutch "inzonderheid" on p. 21, line 6 from bottom; two or three inaccuracies in the closing sentence of paragraph two on p. 20. Also in the last paragraph on p. 22, line 16, the expression "His promise" that should be there, is entirely omitted.

3. There are also a number of instances of infelicitous expressions or diction where the substitution of a slightly more idiomatic term or phrase would greatly improve the reading, e. g., "The prayer following the baptizing"; "the eternal surety established by Christ;" "until they manifest, as they grow up, to the contrary". Then also there are a number of insertions by brackets (see esp. p. 20) and some other sentences that do not read as smoothly or express the thought as simply and clearly as they might.
B. In view of the above facts, your Committee feels that the proposed draft cannot and should not be adopted by the Synod as the official English translation of the "Conclusies van Utrecht". Again we wish to emphasize that the draft submitted has many good features. It adheres very closely to the original and faithfully reproduces the thought of the original. Yet, your Committee is convinced that the draft submitted can be and should be here and there corrected and improved upon as indicated above.

C. In view of this situation your Committee presents to Synod two alternatives, leaving it to the judgment of Synod which two it wishes to follow:

1. That Synod appoint a new Committee to offer a new translation to the Synod of 1942;

2. That Synod consider a new draft, drawn up by our adviser, at our request, and approved by your Committee, which draft we are prepared to submit to Synod for its consideration.

Synod decides to postpone the adoption of any translation until the next Synod, and to instruct the Stated Clerk of Synod to publish the Dutch original as well as both translations in the Agenda, Part I, for the Synod of 1942.

ARTICLE 88

The Rev. H. J. Triezenberg reports for the Advisory Committee on Home Missions A (cf. Art. 43):

BRETHREN:

From the Committee on Protests and Appeals we received Overture 30 in Part II of the Agenda. The Overture is from Classis California and not from Classis Pacific as stated in the Agenda.

The Overture has to do with a protest received by Classis from the Rev. C. Van Dyk reading as follows:

"I do hereby earnestly protest against the actions of the Synod of 1940, with respect to my ministerial status (cf. Acts of Synod, Art. 76, pp. 80-81), and I respectfully request that the Synod rescind the action taken last year, granting me instead a further extension of two years."

With regard to this overture, Classis decided as follows: "In view of the fact that at the time of the Rev. C. Van Dyk's departure from Glendale, vacant calling churches were very few and in view of the fact that now greater
opportunities for receiving a call are available, Classis overtures Synod to rescind its action of 1940 and to accede to the request of the Rev. C. Van Dyk to extend his ministerial status for two years."

We call Synod's attention to the fact that we have from the Rev. Van Dyk two things:

1. A protest against the action of the Synod of 1940 which decided to extend his ministerial status for one year with the proviso that this ministerial status should automatically terminate at the time of this Synod of 1941, in case no call should be received in the interim between the two Synods.

2. A request that the Synod of 1941 rescind the action of the last Synod and instead grant another extension of his ministerial status for two years.

The brother is sustained by Classis California in his request but not in his protest.

1. Our advice: With respect to the protest:

A protest can properly be raised only against a wrong that has been or is being committed.

Brother Van Dyk had at the previous Synod been out of ministerial work for four consecutive years. That Synod would have violated no principle of church polity and would have set aside no right of the brother if it had terminated his ministerial status then and there. Synod would simply have recognized the de facto situation in also legally ending his ministerial status. Instead the Synod graciously extended his ministerial status for another year with the proviso that it should automatically terminate at the termination of that year in case the brother received no call.

We therefore advise Synod to declare that there is no ground for this protest.

Adopted.

2. Our advice: With respect to the request:

Synod do not accede to the Overture of Classis California and the request of the Rev. C. Van Dyk.

Grounds:

a. A decision of Synod should not be rescinded unless compelling reasons are adduced. No such reasons are given. The reason adduced by Classis California that at the time of his release from Glendale calling churches were few, while now they are more numerous, is not very weighty. Calling churches have been rather numerous for the last two or three years.
b. The period of grace has been a liberal one (cf. Acts of Synod, 1934, Art. 34, pp. 58, 59); and therefore:

Synod declare that the brother is from this date honorably dismissed from the ministry in the Christian Reformed Church.

Adopted.

ARTICLE 89

Continuation of the Report of the Advisory Committee on Budget Matters (cf. Art. 61):

XVI. ACCREDITED KINGDOM CAUSES.

Your Committee has examined reports, requests, and other available information on the following organizations:

A. National Christian Association;
B. National Union of Christian Schools;
C. American Bible Society (U.S.A.);
D. British and Foreign Bible Society (Canadian churches);
E. Faith, Prayer and Tract League;
F. Lord’s Day Alliance of the U.S.A.

Your Committee is of the opinion that these organizations contribute materially to the establishment, extension, and promotion of the church of Christ and the defense and propagation of the truth of God.

Your Committee therefore recommends these causes to the prayerful intercession of our churches and to their continued moral and financial support.

Adopted. [List continued, Art. 109, XXVIII below.]

XVII. RADIO BROADCASTING COMMITTEE (cf. Supplement XV).

The Treasurer of the Broadcasting Committee submitted a complete report on receipts and disbursements duly certified. This report evidences general support and interest in our churches.

Your Committee recommends:

A. That said report be approved.
B. That Synod approve a quota in the amount of 25c per family.

Adopted.

XVIII. GENERAL COMMITTEE ARMY AND NAVY CHAPLAINS (cf. Supplement XIV).

It has come to the attention of your Committee that for the efficient functioning of this Synodical Committee cer-
tain expenditures for travel, correspondence, and incidental expenses are involved for which no provisions have been made. Your Committee recommends that such expenditures be authorized and the Committee be instructed to draw upon the Synodical Treasurer to defray expenses contingent upon the efficient execution of their duties. This to be made retroactive for the past year.

Adopted.

XIX. PUBLICATION COMMITTEE OF THE CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH (cf. Supplement IX).

Your Committee has examined the Financial Report of the Business Manager of our Publication Committee and finds the concise statement covering operation to reflect a healthy condition.

Your Committee recommends that Synod approve this report.

Adopted.

XX. WAR RELIEF COMMITTEE (cf. Supplement XVI).

Your Committee has examined the Financial Report of the War Relief Committee and recommends that Synod approve the same.

Adopted.

B. As per request of the War Relief Committee, we recommend that Synod express its thanks to Mr. J. J. Buiten, who kindly consented to act as its Treasurer, and request him to continue as such.

Adopted.

C. As per request of the same Committee, we recommend that Synod call the attention of our congregations anew to the urgent needs of the East India Reformed Churches Mission work. If at all possible, we should send them $2,000 each month.

Adopted.

XXI. REPORT SYNODICAL TREASURER (cf. Supplement I-b).

Having examined the Report of the Synodical Treasurer together with the certification of the auditor and of the bank, your Committee reports this fund to be in good condition with a substantial balance on hand, and we recommend that:

A. Synod approve said Report as submitted.

B. Synod approve a quota of 10c per family.

Adopted.

(Continued in Art. 109).
ARTICLE 90

Continuation of the Report of the Advisory Committee on *Protests and Appeals* (cf. Art. 63):

II. THE STROOBOSSCHER CASE.

A. *Documents.* We received and considered a letter containing papers bearing on the old Stroobosscher case.

B. *Re History of this case,* separate attention should be paid to synodical action in the past relative to this case, and to the original disputes that called forth such synodical action.


a. The Synod of 1937 received a communication from Mr. Stroobosscher, which was found to be in the nature of a protest against the consistory of the First Christian Reformed Church of Englewood and against the Classis of Illinois. Since Mr. Stroobosscher was not a member of a Christian Reformed Church, and since what kept him from acceptance as member in Englewood was found to be that fact that he was unreconciled with relatives of his, Synod refused to entertain his complaints (Acts of 1937, p. 52).

b. Of this decision Mr. Stroobosscher complained to the Synod of 1938 on the ground, that it was not through his fault, that he was not a member of Englewood and not reconciled with his relatives, and sought to prove, that he had put forth efforts toward reconciliation but that his relatives had rejected the proffered hand. At the same time he presented to Synod also a financial dispute with a Christian schoolboard, which Synod declared to be outside its jurisdiction since this does not extend over schoolboards. The rest of Mr. Stroobosscher's plea Synod rejected on the ground, that from his own testimony it appeared, that he was willing to reconcile with his relatives upon certain conditions (Acts of 1938, pages 28, 29).

c. The next two Synods received further communications from Mr. Stroobosscher, but found nothing in them to warrant a re-opening of his case. However, the last Synod directed him, in case he desired a re-opening, to address himself to the ecclesiastical body that had exercised original jurisdiction in the matter (Acts of 1939, page 28; Acts of 1940, page 44).

d. His present communications now report, that he has since the last Synod followed its directions and sought the
re-opening of his case from the consistory of Englewood I, but in vain, on February 24 of the present year, and that he has sought redress with Classis Illinois on May 13, also without success. In view of Mr. Stroobosscher's evident handicaps and pitiable helplessness, your Committee tried to give him a patient hearing, but failed to accomplish anything because of his impenetrable deafness, his refusal to surrender his documents temporarily to the Committee, and his insistence on going through all the details at a snail's pace.

2. Review of the Disputes which Mr. Stroobosscher is trying to get adjudicated by Synod. To these disputes there is a civil and an ecclesiastical side. We take up the civil side first, since the ecclesiastical angles arose from it.

a. Mr. Stroobosscher had a disagreement with a married brother and a married sister and their spouses concerning an inheritance. The documents which he has turned over to this present Synod shed some new light on this dispute. It is quite clear from them, that in connection with that disagreement he accuses those relatives of his of perjury and claims that, to end the matter, they signed a quit claim deed, turning all the portion of the inheritance not yet divided over to him. That was in 1934. Since that time, Mr. Stroobosscher has repeatedly offered to them a total of $110, as to his mind this is still due them of the inheritance, but they have persistently refused acceptance. Two of them had died when he drew up the present documents for Synod, and a third has since passed away, but the survivor continues the refusal of that money till this day.

b. By September, 1934, the consistory of Englewood I had dealings with this dispute in various ways, since the relatives of Mr. Stroobosscher that were party to it were members of that church. Mr. Stroobosscher must have talked of uniting with the Englewood I church, for some members of the consistory advised him to unite with a certain Reformed church that was far more conveniently located for him. Inquiry was made as to the willingness of his relatives to reconcile with him, for some consistory members reported to him, that the relatives had given a satisfactory reply. Furthermore, he sought an audience with the consistory for the purpose of gaining admission to the Lord's Table and of informing the consistory that he had detected insincerity in the declaration by his rela-
tives of readiness to reconcile. His present communications to Synod make the ground clear on which he based this charge of insincerity. It lies in their refusal of the money he offered them as in his judgment still due them from the inheritance.

C. Salient Features of this Case.

1. Because of his handicaps, it is practically impossible to reach his understanding except through the written or printed word. But his communications to successive Synods show, that he pays quite close attention to the decisions of Synod in his case and that his use of those decisions in later communications is not devoid of sense.

2. It is imperatively necessary, to find a way which will prevent Mr. Stroobosscher from making further fruitless inroads upon the valuable time of our Synods. Specifically, he should not rely on direct communications with Synod or its Committees in person, since that is in his case altogether impracticable.

3. Since the restoration of Mr. Stroobosscher to membership in the visible church of Christ is at stake and contingent upon the outcome of his difficulties with the consistory of Englewood I and with the survivor of the relatives with which he has had so long a quarrel, his case should not be lightly dismissed.

4. On the basis of the documentary evidence submitted to this Synod, your Committee can define the fundamental issue in this case only as being this: Was and is the refusal of moneys offered them by Mr. Stroobosscher as rightly theirs after exacting a quit claim deed from them a valid ground for him to deny or question the sincerity of his relatives in declaring their readiness to reconcile? Your Committee judges that it was, and is, not.

D. Advice to Synod for Disposition of the Case.

In view of the above considerations we advise Synod, not just to dismiss this case, but to make the following two declarations:

1. In view of the fact, that Mr. Stroobosscher had exacted a quit claim deed from his relatives in the matter of the inheritance about which he was in disagreement with them, he was wrong in insisting on his judgment, that they still had money coming to them from the inheritance, and he should not have made their refusal of that money a reason for doubting and deny-
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ing their sincerity in declaring their willingness to reconcile with him.

Adopted.

2. Mr. Stroobosscher has in this case no further claim to the attention of our Synods, unless he procures competent help for the preparation of his material and presents whatever he may have to say to Synod fully in documentary form.

Adopted.

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ARTICLE 91

This session is closed by Elder A. Lyzenga with prayer and thanksgiving.

FRIDAY MORNING, JUNE 20
Fifteenth Session

ARTICLE 92

Synod sings No. 50 of the Psalter Hymnal, and the Rev. J. O. Bouwsma invokes the blessing of the Lord.

ARTICLE 93

The roll call shows Elder J. Bishop of Classis Kalamazoo to be present in place of Elder G. Dragt. He expresses his agreement with the Forms of Unity. For Classis Grand Rapids South, the Rev. J. F. Schuurmann is present again.

ARTICLE 94

The minutes of the twelfth, the thirteenth, and the fourteenth session of Synod are read by the clerk, and adopted by Synod.

ARTICLE 95

The officers of Synod report that they have had a conference with Dr. R. H. Pousma (cf. Art. 78), and that they have received from him a statement, which, among other matters, contains the following:

"I have been informed by some of my friends that my resignation as minister in addition to that of medical missionary was improper. If this is so, it is due purely to ignorance on my part of proper ecclesiastical procedure. I was of the opinion that since no other place in the Church is available for me in the dual capacity of physician and minister, my ministerial status would automatically termi-
nate with that of missionary. If this is not true, please limit the resignation to that of missionary and advise me what to do concerning my ministerial status.”

The officers of Synod advise Synod:
1. To accept the resignation of Dr. R. H. Pousma as a medical missionary, and to give him an honorable dismissal.
   Adopted.
2. To give to Dr. R. H. Pousma the following advice in answer to his request:
   From your statement it is evident that you do not desire to resign as a minister of the gospel, and only did so because you thought the one automatically followed from the other. We advise that you await for a time the leading of God’s providence to see if some other field does not open for you where you can labor as a medical missionary, and in case no such opening is provided, that you address yourself to your Consistory for an honorable dismissal from the ministry.
   Adopted.

ARTICLE 96

Synod now takes up the matter of the Rehoboth Hospital policy, on which it had deferred action (cf. Art. 69, point 18).

1. The recommendation of the Advisory Committee is not to reopen the case re white pay patients at the Rehoboth Hospital at this time, and that for the following reasons:
   a. That it is undesirable for a Synod to rescind the actions of a previous Synod, unless there are weighty and adequate reasons.
   b. That no new material has been advanced in the overtures of Classes Wisconsin, Ostfriesland, and Hackensack, nor in the Board’s Report.
   c. That General Conference has recently reaffirmed its former stand against the hospitalization of white pay patients.

This recommendation is adopted.

2. It is further moved to instruct the Board of Missions, in consultation with General Conference, to consider carefully the advisability of continuing our Rehoboth Hospital, and to report at the next Synod.
   This motion is adopted.
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3. In regard to the medical work at Rehoboth Hospital, it is moved to instruct the Board of Missions to make temporary arrangements for this, but not to appoint a new medical superintendent until the next Synod.

This motion is adopted.

ARTICLE 97

Synod now takes in hand the Report of the Advisory Committee on Educational Matters, Dr. J. G. Van Dyke serving as reporter:

Esteemed Brethren:

Your Committee has the honor to serve Synod with advice in regard to the following matters:

I. Report of the Board of Trustees of Calvin College and Seminary (cf. Supplement II).

1. This Report deals with:
   A. The Board
   B. The Standing Committees
   C. The College
   D. The Seminary
   E. Buildings
   F. Pension Fund
   G. Finances
   H. A Request.

2. We recommend that the following items in the Report be approved—A:2; B:3; C:5-6-7-8-9-10.
   Adopted.

3. Only a few matters in this report appear to require action by Synod. We beg leave to suggest the following:
   a. Regarding C:4—Dr. P. Hoekstra has been ill and was compelled to submit to a very serious surgical operation. The Lord spared his life but he is very weak. We recommend:
      Synod appoint a Committee to express its profound sympathy to Dr. Hoekstra in his affliction, and assure him that Synod hopes and prays that our God may grant him a complete recovery.
   Adopted.
   The chair appoints as a Committee for this purpose the Revs. A. J. Rus and P. H. Eldersveld.

   b. Anent D:2—Professor Berkhof’s thirty-five years of service. Your Committee recommends:
      Synod herewith extends congratulations to Prof. L. Berkhof upon his thirty-five years of faithful service at our Seminary.
   Adopted.
In name of Synod, the Vice President, Dr. G. Goris, congratulates the Professor and wishes him God's blessings in the years to come. Prof. Berkhof briefly responds to this address.

c. Regarding D:3—The Board received a recommendation from the Executive Committee to remunerate Professors Berkhof, Wyngaarden, and Kromminga for the extra work they are doing. We beg leave to advise thus:

Synod herewith grants the Executive Committee authority to extend to Professors Berkhof, Wyngaarden and Kromminga a financial token of appreciation for the extra work they are doing. The determination of the exact amount is to be left to the wisdom of the Executive Committee.

Adopted.

d. In D:4 the Board's secretary informs us that Dr. C. Bouma has declined the appointment to a professorship at Gordon School of Theology, Boston, Mass. Your Committee recommends the following:

Synod express its sincere appreciation to Dr. C. Bouma for his decision by which he declined the appointment to Gordon School of Theology and has chosen to remain with our own Seminary.

Adopted.

e. In item E:3 occurs the information that the Board has appointed a Committee to make plans, raise money, and take other steps necessary to acquire a new Science Building. Anent this item we recommend:

Synod approve of the Board's action as to making plans, raising money and taking other steps necessary to procure a Science Building.

Adopted.

f. Regarding E:4, to wit, the offer of Calvin's Board of Trustees to the Board of Western Christian High, namely: "The price of the building is to be $10,000, of which $1,000 is to be paid in cash and the balance in annual installments of $500 each with 3% interest." Your Committee recommends:

Synod herewith lends it approval upon the offer made by the Board of Trustees to the Board of Western Christian High.

Adopted.
Item F:2 reads: "The Board adopted the Pension Committee's proposal to strike out all of what appeared in Section XVI of the Rules of the Pension Fund, reading as follows:

'Amendments to or changes in these Rules and Regulations must be proposed to the Board of Trustees of Calvin College and Seminary and approved by the Synod before becoming effective' (Acts 1938, p. 150) and to substitute the following:

'Section XVI. Amendments and Changes.

Amendments to and or changes in these Rules and Regulations must be proposed to the Board of Trustees of Calvin College and Seminary, such proposals to be in writing and to be signed by not less than 75% in number of all the beneficiaries of said plan, and approved by Synod before becoming effective. The dependents of any deceased beneficiary of the plan collectively shall be counted as one and vote by right of representative of such deceased member.'

Your Committee advises: Synod approve the action of the Board.

Adopted.

h. Under H, "the Board requests that not only the secretary of the Board, but also Rev. J. K. Van Baa­len, the Executive Committee's chairman, be granted an advisory vote when Calvin matters are discussed." We recommend that the request be granted.

Adopted.

i. There is one more item in the report calling for action on the part of your honorable body. Under G:1 we are informed that the Board of Finance recommended that "in view of the recent expansion of our institution, and a constantly increasing budget, the Board of Trustees overture Synod to raise the quota for Calvin College and Seminary from $3.00 to $3.50 per family."

However, the Board of Trustees did not adopt this recommendation, but, instead decided to ask Synod:

"a. to urge all churches in arrears to reduce and eliminate such arrearages; and,

b. To urge all churches to pay their quotas in full."

Now it so happens that there is an overture from Classis Illinois in regard to arrearages. Your Committee begs leave to introduce this overture at this time and after its
consideration return to the matter touched upon in G:1 of the Board of Trustees' Report.

The overture of Classis Illinois is found on pages 142 and 144 of the Agenda, and is numbered 28. It reads as follows:

I. Synod decide to put an end by July 1, 1942, to the present situation of arrearages to Calvin College and Seminary, a situation now continually called to the attention of our churches. Grounds:
1. To continue to speak year after year of arrearages to the amount of thousands of dollars on the part of our churches and Classes is out of line with the decisions taken by Synod of 1939 when it repudiated the old assessment theory, cf. Acts 1939, p. 72.
2. Continuous insistence upon payment of arrearages which were in large part the result of inability caused by the depression will only serve to irritate our people and to dampen their love for Calvin College and Seminary.

II. Synod urge all Classes that have an arrearage problem to do their best to persuade the churches that are in arrears to pay their arrearage in whole or in part before the Synod of 1942, according to the measure of their ability. Grounds:
1. There is good reason for believing that some churches have been somewhat lax in meeting their obligations to Calvin College and Seminary.
2. Some churches have already wiped out much or all of their arrearage and this good example should, wherever possible, be followed by all.
3. In this way the road will be clear for the Synod of 1942 to put an end to the present arrearage situation by canceling whatever arrearages still stand on the books by that time without fostering a spirit of laxness with reference to the quota for Calvin College and Seminary.

III. Synod decide that henceforth each Classis is to enquire at its first meeting of each calendar year of each church within its realm whether or not it has been able to meet its quota for Calvin College and Seminary, and that each Classis is to report to Synod annually whether or not it has been able to meet its classical quota for Calvin College and Seminary. Grounds:
Such a policy will help prevent a recurrence of the arrearage problem in the future.

Your Committee recommends that:

a. Synod adopt the overture of Classis Illinois without the ground given in II:1.

b. To read ground II:1 as follows: "This will give the churches that are still in arrears an opportunity to meet their obligations before the cancellations go into effect."

Adopted.

Returning now to point G:1 of the Report of the Board of Trustees, your Committee recommends:
Synod decide to increase the quota for Calvin College and Seminary from $3.00 to $3.50 per family per year. 

_Reasons:_

1. It is in harmony with the recommendation of the Board of Finance.
2. The “recent expansion of our institution and a constantly increasing budget” demand it.
3. The economic situation of our people has improved. _Adopted._

II. _Report of Committee Re Educational Films for Calvin’s Students._

1. This Report is found on page 11 of the Agenda, Part I. In it the Committee states that its mandate was “to ascertain whether it is feasible to make arrangements so that Calvin’s students may see educational films and pictures of a high order without attending the theater.”

Considering the procuring of “pictures of high order,” the most important element of its mandate, it first gives a statement as to how others solve the problem.

- a. Roman Catholics divide movies into unobjectionable, doubtful, and forbidden categories.
- b. “The Cresset” reviews monthly ten pictures but passes no judgment upon them.
- c. The “Gereformeerde Jeugdbeweging” in the Netherlands condemns all Hollywood pictures, and recommends only educational films and news reel films and a few others.
- d. The Christian Ex-Service Men can rent only second-rate pictures, and then after at least six months of waiting.

The Committee further states that therefore it is impossible to procure pictures of high order and that the expense would be too great.

Continuing, the Committee states that it does not think that, as far as second-class pictures are concerned, the College authorities should go into that matter. Reasons for thinking thus are:

1. Many of our Christian Reformed leaders are opposed to Hollywood pictures even if they are of high order.
2. The College authorities and censorship committee would be criticized to the harm of our school.
3. If in the future first class pictures would be procurable it would be a matter left to private initiative.
d. Censorship by Calvin authorities would not solve the problem because:
   1. The supply would not satisfy the demand;
   2. The supply of such pictures might encourage our young people to take in pictures of a doubtful character.

In a third point (III, p. 12, Agenda) the Committee states: "The college authorities are doing all they can to keep the students interested in such activities as student programs, club life; and also furnish Friday evening programs sponsored by different clubs to get the students acquainted with each other and to provide entertainment under the supervision of the proper faculty committees."

Your Committee recommends the adoption of the entire Report.

Adopted.

2. We would also consider in this connection the overture of Classis Minnesota. It is found on page 100 of the Agenda, Part II, and reads thus:

"Classis Minnesota having noticed the conclusions of the Comm. re Ed. Films for Calvin's Students, approves of its advice: 'The Committee does not think that the College authorities ought to go into this matter.' At the same time Classis feels that this advice, if adopted by Synod, should not be construed as permitting the relaxing of the decisions of 1940 (see Acts, p. 98, 1 and 2):

Grounds:

1. We regard it highly essential that leaders in our churches who, because of their education and position will have great influence over others, should learn to shun worldliness. This should be part of the discipline acquired at our school.

2. Since Calvin is the school of our churches, it would be inconsistent that the official position of our Church should be relaxed there.

3. The love for the School will suffer greatly if it be seen that worldliness is not combatted with vigor there."

Your Committee recommends:

Synod decide that: It does not consider the adoption of the report "Re Education Films for Calvin's Students" as constituting permission for "relaxing of the decisions of 1940."

Adopted.
III. REPORT IN RE FOUR-YEAR SEMINARY COURSE.

1. The Report is found on page 53 of the Agenda, Part II.

2. The Committee first states its mandate which was formulated by the Synod of 1939, but because of an oversight, not given into the hands of a Committee till 1940.

   Next the report gives a survey of this issue and continues by analyzing it. In part B, commencing on page 60, the report poses several questions, namely:
   
   a. Is it feasible to introduce an additional year of practical training in the Seminary for prospective evangelistic ministers?
   
   b. Should such a year be compulsory or optional for those students who prepare for evangelistic work in the ministry?
   
   c. Should such a fourth year in our Seminary be compulsory or optional for all students?

3. In a fourth point the Committee begs Synod to reconsider the term internship in case Synod desires the Committee to comply with its mandate.

4. In a final point (5) the Committee states: "May we be so bold as to advise Synod to reconsider its decision of 1939? We certainly need more clarification. Perhaps the whole matter of an additional fourth year for the practical training of evangelistic ministers and of post-graduate work should be referred to the Board of Trustees of our College and Seminary and the Seminary faculty."

   Your Committee is of the opinion that the Committee appointed in 1940, apparently has not been able to carry out its mandate. The report creates that impression. Your Committee therefore recommends that:

   Synod decide to drop the entire matter of a fourth year at our Seminary until there is a clearly defined demand for a fourth year either from the Seminary faculty or from the Church. 

   Ground:

   There seems to be a good deal of confusion as to what is the real reason for an additional fourth year.

   This recommendation of the Advisory Committee is rejected by Synod.

   A motion that this matter of an additional fourth year to our Seminary course be referred to the Board of Trustees of Calvin College and Seminary and to the Seminary Faculty with instructions to draw up a well-worked-out plan
for a four-year course, together with all the necessary regulations, and to report concerning this to the next Synod, is carried.

(Continued in Art. 100).

ARTICLE 98

This session is closed, Elder N. Stielstra leading in prayer and thanksgiving.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON, JUNE 20
Sixteenth Session

ARTICLE 99

Synod unites in singing No. 6 of the Psalter Hymnal, and is led in prayer by the Rev. J. P. Smith.

ARTICLE 100

Continuation of the Report of the Advisory Committee on Educational Matters (cf. Art. 97):

IV. REPORT ON THE REFORMED BIBLE INSTITUTE (Agenda II, p. 80).

The Committee states its mandate first and then interprets it thus: “to determine whether there is a place for the R. B. I., alongside of the Christian Schools, College, Seminary, Sunday Schools, Catechism Classes, etc., in our Reformed Educational System.”

Reviewing the decisions of past Synods, the Committee finds that former Synods did not favor sponsorship of a Bible School for lay workers, and that they desired such schools to be promoted through its previously appointed Board of Directors in conjunction with local Consistories. These Synods did not favor a Missionary Training School for lay workers.

These former Synods, instead, ordered its previously appointed Board of Directors to present a complete program and budget for a real Missionary Training and Bible School. These Synods decided not to take over the financial or religious supervision of any one of “these schools,” referring the Chicago R. B. I. to Classis Illinois for supervision.

The Committee therefore concludes that “the Synods though not in favor of sponsoring a Bible School for lay workers under its own ecclesiastical supervision, consistently approved and even encouraged the establishment of such institutions,” (p. 82). This implies a
synodical recognition of a place for such institutions in our Reformed Educational System.

The report next points out what the churches in the Netherlands have done in this matter: "Reformed leaders there gave a place to a Bible School for lay workers in their educational system."

Considering the need of R. B. I., the Committee sees a need which is not likely to diminish, (p. 84).

Regarding Scriptural considerations the Committee discovered no "principle objection against a training school for lay workers. . . ."

It does think that "the Bible seems to point in the direction of the legitimacy of such training and therefore of such a training school." The task of mission and evangelistic work apparently has not been laid upon the shoulders of ordained officers exclusively.

"New Testament History shows us clearly that use has been made in the early Church, under the direction of the apostles, of unordained Christian workers for the purpose of missionary labors," p. 85.

The report goes on to say that in our Church we emphasize "Believers are prophets." We already use unordained men and women in Mission work among Indians, Chinese and in the Sudan, Jewish Missions and City Missions. We have done so, conscious of doing the will of God.

Anent the feasibility of the R. B. I., the Committee finds two elements involved, viz.: permissibility and practicability. The former (permissibility) is established in the previous part of the report. The latter nl. practicability is established by the fact that the R. B. I. has been maintained and has received the love and support of our people.

The report raises the question (p. 86) whether the present system of one central institution and other more distant smaller institutions is practicable or not.

The answer is two-fold: By centralizing our efforts we may succeed in competing with outstanding Bible institutions which now attract our laymen. But on the other hand, a strong centrally located institution need not exclude smaller institutions.

Finally, the report gives two recommendations: They are:
"1. That Synod recommend the R. B. I. and other such schools in our circles for lay workers, for intercession and for financial support.

2. That Synod take the necessary steps
   a. to keep itself assured of the Reformed character of the R. B. I.
   b. to prevent the R. B. I. from becoming in any way a competitor of the existing institutions within our denominational field.
   c. to secure an annual statement of the objectives, of the character of the work, and of the financial status of the R. B. I."

Your Committee recommends:

1. That Synod decide to recommit this entire matter re Grand Rapids R. B. I. to a Committee, instructing it:
   a. To make a thorough study of the history of Bible Schools in America;
   b. To determine, thereafter, whether there is room for a central national, R. B. I., (Day School), in our Reformed system;
   c. If the Committee should decide that there is room for such an institution as the R. B. I. (Day School) in our Reformed educational system, to suggest proper safeguards, in order that in the future we may whole-heartedly support this institution both morally and financially.
   d. To report at the next Synod.

Adopted.

2. Your Committee advises further that no action be taken regarding the recommendations of the Committee re R. B. I. until the Committee reports at next Synod.

Reasons:

A. The recommendations of the Committee re R. B. I. assume that the Grand Rapids R. B. I. has already been approved by Synod. But a previous Synod has merely approved of evening schools, mentioning specifically the schools in Holland, Michigan, and Chicago, Illinois. See Acts of Synod.1938, pg. 76:

   1. Synod is delighted to hear of existing efforts to train our prospective lay workers by giving an opportunity for the study of such subjects as are at present taught in the Reformed Bible Institute at Chicago, and at the Bible School at Holland, Michigan.
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2. Synod heartily recommends to our people schools of such a nature for intercession, attendance, and financial support.

3. Synod, in fairness to all, deems it inadvisable to take over either the financial or the religious supervision of any one of these schools, and refers the existing Institute in Chicago to the Classis Illinois in case the responsibility should become too great for a local group.

B. See also the decisions taken by the Synod of 1940, p. 123:

1. That Synod declare itself not in a position to endorse the Grand Rapids R. B. I. nor to recommend it for the moral and financial support of our people until the place of the R. B. I. in our Reformed view of education be properly determined.

2. That Synod appoint a Committee with the mandate
   a. to determine the place of the R. B. I. in our Reformed system.
   b. to consider the feasibility of maintaining this and similar institutions.
   c. to report in 1941.

3. That Synod refer the Grand Rapids R. B. I. in the interim to the Consistories and Classes of Grand Rapids for support, if needed.

4. That the Grand Rapids R. B. I. be permitted, without making any propaganda for the institution, to acknowledge contributions in our church papers.”

In regard to this recommendation, Synod takes no action.

The Rev. H. J. Kuiper, to whom the privileges of the floor were extended during the discussion of the above matter, asks: Will the R. B. I. have the right to place its financial reports, news items, and paid advertisements, in the church papers?

In answer to this question, Synod adopts a motion to leave this matter to the discretion of the editors and the Publication Committee.

V. PREPARATORY EXAMINATIONS (cf. Overtures 2, 3, and 4, in Agenda II).

These three overtures deal with a proposed change in the preparatory examinations:

The Overture from Classis Holland requests Synod:

“A. To relinquish the Preparatory Examinations and to assign this task to the Classes” (Agenda II, p. 100.)

B. This Classis requests: “Classis Holland realizing the practical problems involved in granting the request under (A), further petitions Synod: 1) Synod appoint a Committee to present a detailed report to the Synod of 1942...” (Agenda II, p. 102).
Classis Wisconsin "overtures Synod if it should decide to meet biennially after 1943, that the necessary steps be put forth to return to our former custom and instruct the Board of Trustees of Calvin College and Seminary to examine the candidates for the Gospel ministry and declare them eligible to a call in our churches" (Agenda II, p. 104).

Classis Orange City however "overtures Synod to return to the former custom of examining Candidates for the Ministry by the Board of Trustees regardless of whether the Synod meets every year or every two year" (Agenda II, p. 104).

It will be seen that Classis Holland requests a change in the matter of preparatory examinations in the direction of Classis-conducted examinations. Classis Wisconsin seeks a change in the direction of Board-conducted examinations, but makes its petitions dependent upon a possible change from Annual Synods to Biennial Synods. Classis Orange City requests an outright change from the present custom to our former custom.

It appears to your Committee that a satisfactory answer may be given to these three Classes. Hence your Committee advises the following:

1. Synod appoint a Committee to study the matter regarding a change from the present custom of examining candidates for the Ministry, to, either Classis-conducted preparatory examinations or to Board of Trustees-conducted examinations, and as touched upon by Classis Holland, Classis Wisconsin, and Classis Orange City in their respective overtures.

2. To instruct this Committee also to review and advise Synod on the subjects in which the prospective candidates are to be examined.

3. To instruct this Committee to report at the next Synod. Reasons:
   1. In this manner we do justice to the requests of these three Classes.
   2. The present system has been in use for only a short time and to make a change without some very good reasons, would be detrimental to the prestige of Synod.
   3. While we are acquainted with Board of Trustees-conducted examinations, the direction suggested by Classis Holland is one where we lack experience.

Adopted.
ARTICLE 101
Continuation of the Report of the Advisory Committee on Protests and Appeals (cf. Art. 90):

III. APPEAL OF REV. J. J. DIJK.
A. Documents Received and properly before Synod:
1. A Document bearing as superscription the words, "THIS FILE CONTAINS," followed by the enumeration of the items here given:
   (1) Protest and appeal to Consistory, February 10 and translation in brief. (This appears to be the appeal proper).
   (2) Letter of October 4 (in yellow).
   (3) Letter of November 26 to Consistory (in white).
   (4) Answers of Consistory, December 2 and 7, December 20. (A notation on cancellation of meeting of January 3 [and] January 14 in yellow.)
   (5) Letters to Consistory, December 11, 17 and January 4, 11.
   (6) Final Decisions, January 25 (in yellow).
   (7) Protest to Classis and Translation in brief.
   This now becomes: Appeal to Synod, 1941, June 11."
3. A letter from Rev. Dijk to Synod, dated Orange City, Iowa, May 21, 1941, in which he presents his view of his experiences with the consistory of the Second Christian Reformed Church of Orange City.
5. A Summary.

B. Brief History of the Case.
[Note of the clerk: This brief history of the case, taken from the Report of the Committee for Digest of Protests and Appeals, together with all the documents enumerated under A above, are preserved in the archives of Synod.]

C. Procedure.
1. Your Committee studied all the documents presented and has heard Rev. Dijk at great length, also heard the
delegates from Classis Orange City. We attach copy of the main document of the appeal to this report, matching this by a copy of a relevant report to Classis Orange City.

2. We have not received any formal answer from Classis Orange City to the appeal of Rev. Dijk. We deplore this fact, since a direct written answer to his appeal would have facilitated study of the case. However, a report, having important bearing on the case, has been received from the delegates of Classis Orange City at Synod, who are also members of the Committee of Classis that served on the case.

3. We have come to the conclusion that the solution of the real problem, the restoration of the home of Rev. and Mrs. Dijk will not be much served by official ecclesiastical deliverances. We would, therefore, refrain as much as possible from judicial pronouncement. Some matters of which Rev. Dijk complains in the appeal have already a salutary effect; as for instance, the withdrawal of the court case for separate maintenance. Moreover, the consistory and Classis, intentionally refrained from any disciplinary action and are ready to proceed in the direction of an amicable mutual agreement and settlement.

If Synod, having heard this report, is of the same opinion, there will not be any need of going into this case in a more comprehensive way, and the information presented in this report will suffice. If, however, Synod desires that the case shall be more fully treated, your Committee shall meekly receive orders to that effect and do so to the best of its ability.

D. Critical observations.

1. In our opinion Rev. Dijk is right when he maintains that the Consistory and Classis at times went beyond their proper authority. For instance:

   a. The consistory “decided” that under the present conditions the parties involved live separately. The term “acquiesced” would have been more proper. (Letter Oct. 4, 1940).

   b. The following “decision” should not have been made except upon proper recognition of Rev. Dijk: “That Mrs. J. J. Dijk grant her husband, the father of her children, the privilege to visit his children once a month, if he so desires, provided he notifies her beforehand of his coming. Length of visits not to exceed two hours.” (Letter Jan. 25, 1941).
c. When the Consistory and the Classical Committee "agreed" on the division of Pension Fund benefits, this should not have been accompanied by a virtual threat of suspension in case of unwillingness to cooperate (Second letter, October 4).

d. When Rev. Dijk asked for a transcript of the minutes, the Consistory should have given it, and that within a reasonable amount of time.

e. When the Consistory and Classis felt constrained to act re Rev. Dijk's preaching because of "Opspraak" due to his family troubles, Classis should not have advised the Consistory: "Kennis te geven aan Ds. Dijk, dat hem het recht om op te treden in de dienst des Woords en der Sacramenten ontzegd worde (wordt) tot de volgende Classicale vergadering... (Minutes of Classis O. C., Sept. 17, 1940, Art. 38). Since this was, as the above parties themselves maintain, not meant as a measure of discipline, Rev. Dijk should have been "advised to refrain" from preaching under the present circumstances.

Now your Committee has no doubt about the good intentions of Consistory and Classis. Very evidently these brethren meant to save the home of Rev. Dijk, and did not mean to do more than act in an advisory way, nevertheless in such decisions and transactions as those mentioned above, they acted beyond their proper authority. We advise Synod so to declare.

Adopted.

2. On the other hand, we feel constrained to say that Rev. Dijk has given evidence of strong and persistent suspicions of the motives of the Consistory, Classis, and its Committee. Consequently he has not co-operated with them as he should. The more so because their labors had at least this initial success that the lawsuit for separate maintenance was taken out of court.

Rev. Dijk should lay aside his suspicions concerning Consistory, Committee, and Classis, and follow their fraternal advice as much as possible. He must realize that reconciliation is a matter of regaining confidence and mutual esteem.

In this spirit he should consider the propositions and arrangements of Consistory and Classis. In the way of mutual confidence and collaboration he should reach out to the common goal, the restoration of his own home, at the
same time refraining as much as possible from official ecclesiastical procedure. We suggest that Synod so declare. 

Adopted.

E. Advice.

1. In view of the above considerations, Synod inform Rev. Dijk of the above conclusions concerning the Consistory, Classis and himself, at the same time telling him that Synod does not deem it wise to further enter upon the case at the present time.

Ground: Synod's further judicial pronouncements will rather hinder than help the restoration of Rev. and Mrs. Dijk's home.

Adopted.

2. Synod leave further efforts toward reconciliation in the hands of consistory and Classis whose efforts to that end were not unfruitful and not stopped but merely suspended pending the outcome of Synod's pronouncement on the case.

Adopted.

3. Synod appoint a Committee whose task it shall be to have a fraternal and confidential conference with Rev. Dijk and the delegates of Classis Orange City with a view to a better understanding and more whole-hearted cooperation between them.

Adopted.

The chairman appoints as members of this Committee: Prof. D. H. Kromminga, Rev. F. Doezema, and Elders J. Verbrugge and A. De Vries.

Later: In the evening session of this same day this Committee reports to Synod that it has carried out its mandate.

Synod receives this as information.

IV. THE COLUMBUS CASE.

To the attention of Synod this year two matters are brought from Columbus, Montana, that are quite distinct and yet without any doubt are historically connected. Before we enter upon the separate presentation of the two distinct cases, we wish to call attention to their historical connection. In 1930, the Yearbook of our Church lists Columbus as numbering twenty families, fifty-two members, one hundred and fourteen souls, and four consistory members. That year appeals were presented to
Synod in a discipline case. The drought no doubt added to the calamity, and by 1934, the church had, according to our Yearbook, dwindled to seven families, nineteen communicants, fifty-one souls, and three consistory members. For 1939, the Yearbook reported three families, seven communicants, twenty-four souls and two consistory members. In the Yearbook for 1941 the church is no longer listed, and Synod has before it an appeal from actions of Classis Pacific, looking toward the disbanding of the church, while the other parties addressing Synod now bring up once again the discipline case of 1930. These are part of the facts in the sad story of the decline of the Christian Reformed church of Columbus, Montana, to the verge of extinction. From them we now proceed to the separate treatment of the two distinct matters brought to the attention of your reverend body.

A. Two Communications from Mr. and Mrs. Abraham Kornelis respectively in connection with their own excommunication.

These two communications arrived after Synod had opened. They are both written and signed in long hand, came in the same envelope, and are addressed direct to Synod. In our judgment it is proper for Synod to receive them.

1. With respect to the communication of Mr. Kornelis, which bears the date of June 8, it appears to be of the same general nature with earlier admonitions addressed to former Synods in the matter of his own and related censures and excommunications. Such are recorded in the Acts of Synod of 1934, on page 170; in the Acts of the Synod of 1936, on page 59; in the Acts of the Synod of 1937, on page 52; and in the Acts of the Synod of 1940, on page 129. These Synods uniformly found no cause for re-opening the case, usually for the reason that no new material was presented. Since all the facts which he enumerates in his present communication seem to be mentioned or implied also in the record of the review of the case by the Synod of 1932 as found in its printed Acts on pages 183-186, particularly on pages 185 and 186, your Committee would, on the basis of this document alone, advise Synod, so to declare and on that ground to decline to enter again upon this closed case.

Adopted.
2. However, matters stand differently with respect to the Communication from Mrs. A. Kornelis, which we herewith copy in full:

Columbus, Mont., June 10, 1941.

To the Synod of the Chr. Ref. Church.

DEAR SIRS:

Although I am afraid that this writing will come too late for your consideration and I fear also that by this time our case has become too ancient to be reconsidered, we hope and pray that there may be some among you who may feel it their solemn duty to give us some of your time and we will be grateful both to the Lord and you.

I am writing this after reading my husband's article and I regret to note the bitter tone of his writing but please bear with him and try to visualize our situation.

My husband mentions four persons excommunicated, but allow me to state that in those two families there are fifteen children (nine ours) seven of which are over fifteen years old. Also there are the Van Dyke families who were also excommunicated under the same procedure, there are six children, two over 15 years.

Allow me to make this confession and thereupon a request. I for one, and I know all the others agree, that in this case we have failed in that we have sinned in coming short of the glory of God because we sought too much to vindicate our cause and have shown too little brotherly love. We've confessed this to God.

Now the question. Is it impossible for a Classis or Synod to be in error due to lack of proper information?

I would be very grateful to you for a reply and I hope and pray that the Lord, with whom all things are possible, may so direct you that a change may be brought about in the situation here.

Sincerely,

Mrs. A. Kornelis, nee Van Dyke.

a. With regard to this letter, we make a few comments with respect to each of its two main elements, to wit, its confession, and its question.

As to the confession, it should be observed, that it is strictly a confession of Mrs. A. Kornelis alone, though she testifies that all the others, whoever these may be, agree with the sentiments she expresses in it. Whether and in how far they do and who they are, the future must reveal. But as to Mrs. Kornelis, the confession gives evidence of real penitence over a sin that doubtless played an essential role in the disputes that issued in the excommunication of so many persons in the Columbus church.

As to the question of Mrs. Kornelis whether it is impossible for a Classis or Synod to err due to lack of proper information, there is, in the abstract and general form in which it is cast, only one answer possible to it, namely a negative one. The fact can, of course, not be overlooked, that she asks the question with a view to the old Columbus disputes and trials, and in all likelihood she
aims thus to clear the way for corrections in the information on which Classis and Synod acted at the time. It must be said, that a careful scrutiny of the record of the trial of Mrs. Kornelis and her associates, as found in the Acts of the Synod of 1932, pages 185 and 186 under D. The Protest of Abram, Jessie, Sidney and Gertrude Kornelis in re their own discipline, leaves the reader with an impression that is far from clear. But a re-opening of the old case will have to wait for a formal request accompanied with grounds, such as her present question suggests.

b. We advise Synod, to reply to the communication of Mrs. Abram Kornelis with respect to both its confession and its question, in the following fashion:

(1) As to the confession received from Mrs. A. Kornelis, nee Van Dyke, Synod declares, without any implications as to its sufficiency, that it is a gratifying confession of a sin which could not fail but have a harmful influence on the course of the disputes at Columbus, Montana, in which she was involved, and that Synod is grateful for it to the Lord, and is grateful also for the glimmer of hope it brings as to an eventual healing of the sad breach that occurred so many years ago, and

(2) As to the question asked by Mrs. A. Kornelis, nee Van Dyke, whether it impossible for a Classis or Synod to be in error due to the lack of proper information, Synod replies, that such error by a Classis or Synod is indeed possible and, as far as human endeavors are concerned, unavoidable unless the lack be discerned.

Adopted.

In addition to such a reply to the communication of Mrs. A. Kornelis, it will be in order, to consider, whether some pastoral care can be provided, for her and such as feel as she does, for tender and judicious fostering of the change for the better that has made its appearance. However, what may be attempted in this line will hinge to some extent upon the outcome of Synod's consideration of the appeal from actions of Classis Pacific looking toward the disbanding of the church at Columbus, Montana.
B. The Communication of John H. Zylstra and Peter Lindemulder, of Columbus, Mont.

1. The documents, legally before Synod, are a copy of a protest of the above parties against Classis Pacific, March, 1941, accompanied by a letter of explanation.

The position of Classis Pacific has been stated orally by the delegates of this Classis at Synod, the Revs. A. Van Dyken and K. E. F. J. de Waal Malefyt.

2. General Remarks.

The case is rooted in the sad numerical decline of the Columbus, Montana, church. Classis Pacific thought it imperative to consider the congregational status of the group since its membership has dwindled so far that the male constituency is only four communicant members, of which two are heads of families. The protestants are not satisfied with the steps taken by Classis Pacific regarding this status. They made formal protest at its March 1941 session, maintaining that Classis had "abused and ignored" their rights, even to the point of censuring them. Because Classis failed to act favorably upon their protest, they appeal to Synod for justice.

It is evident to your Committee that the matter which troubles the brethren is the change of the ecclesiastical status of the group, and the way in which Classis Pacific endeavored to make it. They positively assert that they will not disband and become a branch of the Shepherd, Mont., church as Classis advised them, and their specific request was and is "that Classis Pacific assume a waiting position, giving us (them) a chance to leave and join another congregation."

Your Committee observes that the appellants are confused in their terminology, and probably also in their conception of the nature of the change in their status recommended by Classis Pacific. They speak as if disbanding is the same as becoming a branch of another church, evidently not realizing that there is a real difference between the two; the one implying dissolution of their church, and the other its continuance in connection with another congregation. Furthermore, while they cannot see that it is to their advantage that they disband and join the Shepherd church as a branch, they are ready to join some other congregation individually. And finally, they resent being under censure, the Sacraments not being administered among them in the usual way, while in reality they are under no
form of censure at all and could partake of the Sacraments administered as soon as they would become a branch of the Shepherd church.

It seems to us that since the membership of the Columbus church has dwindled to so few, the problem of the official status of the church must be faced, either by way of dissolution, disbanding, or by becoming a branch of another church. The latter way is recommended by Classis and is considered preferable by your Committee also. Dissolution means that the church as institute disappears, and that there shall be no more official administration of the Word, the Sacraments, and Discipline. It cannot be accomplished without the active co-operation of Classis. Its representation must properly transfer the membership, dispose of properties, and preserve records. Being a branch of another church, on the other hand, preserves the institution of the church, permits the local administration of the Word and the Sacraments, secures a measure of supervision by office bearers and systematic pastoral care, and maintains the official standing in conjunction with the church of which it is a branch.

This is the status to be preferred for the small group of brethren at Columbus, Montana. We consider it wise, therefore, that the remaining group will co-operate with Classis Pacific to bring this about. On the other hand, if they insist on disbanding, Classis Pacific will, no doubt, grant them ample time for affiliation with another church.

3. In view of the considerations above, the Committee offers the following advice:

In answer to the appeal of the Columbus, Mont., Christian Reformed church, that Synod declare:

a. That Synod finds no evidence that Classis Pacific has gone beyond giving advice to the Columbus congregation regarding its discontinuance;

b. that Synod finds that Classis Pacific has not advised disbanding, but becoming a branch of the Shepherd congregation;

c. that Synod finds that the number of families reported at Columbus is too small to justify congregational existence;

d. that Synod urge the church of Columbus, Mont., of their own free-will, to follow the advice of Classis, and become a branch of the Shepherd congregation;
e. that Synod requests the pastor of the church at Shepherd, Mont., to contact the excommunicated members of Columbus, Mont., to serve them with pastoral care and counsel, and to report to Classis Pacific.

_Adopted._

**ARTICLE 102**

Dr. J. Van Lonkhuyzen briefly addresses Synod, expressing his thanks for the decisions taken in the matter of his traveling expenses and pension.

_(Cf. Art. 49, V, C)._**

**ARTICLE 103**

It is decided to hold an evening session, beginning at 7:30 o'clock. Elder A. Kuipers closes this session with thanksgiving to the Lord.

__FRIDAY EVENING, JUNE 20__

-Seventeenth Session-

**ARTICLE 104**

Synod unites in singing No. 386 of the Psalter Hymnal and is led in prayer by the Rev. G. A. Lyzenga.

**ARTICLE 105**

For Classis Kalamazoo, Dr. John Masselink is present in place of the Rev. Wm. Alkema; and for Classis Ostfriesland, the Rev. H. J. Kuizema in place of the Rev. D. H. Plesscher. Both brethren express their agreement with the Forms of Unity.

**ARTICLE 106**

Continuation of the discussion of _Indian Mission_ problems (cf. Art. 82):

Synod now receives the Report of the Committee appointed yesterday, which was to try to settle the difficulties between the Rev. N. De Vries and the Board of Missions. The Report is as follows:

**Esteeemed Brethren:**

Your Committee received the following mandate from Synod: “That the chair appoint a Committee of 6 members, two of the Board, two representatives of the Roseland churches, and two of Synod to endeavor to adjust the difficulties which exist between Rev. N. De Vries and the Board.”

1. After a lengthy discussion it appears that an adjustment of all the difficulties between the Christian Reformed Board of Missions and the Rev. N. De Vries cannot be realized in the limited time at the
disposal of your Committee since that would involve a complete discussion and decision of all the issues upon which the Board and the Rev. N. De Vries differ, and after all Synod is the only body that can decide these differences.

Our advice: that Synod decide as many of these differences as possible.

2. However, in view of the following consideration, your Committee feels that Synod could consider a temporary appointment of Rev. N. De Vries upon our Mission Field (while the broader issues are put into the hands of a synodically appointed Committee to present the next Synod with advice as to their proper solution), namely, that upon request of this Committee Rev. N. De Vries submitted the following statement in writing:

"As to my relation to the Board, I regret that in the heat of the strife I have not always acted in the spirit of subordination to the Board, and I promise heartily to do so in the future. And I feel that in the future there will be no danger of further frictions."

Our advice: In view of the above, Synod express that there are not sufficient obstacles to the consideration of a temporary appointment of Rev. N. De Vries upon our Mission Field at this time.

Your Committee requests that Mr. Hekman, a member of this Committee, be given an advisory vote when this matter comes on the floor of Synod.

Synod decides to grant the request of the Committee that Mr. H. Hekman be given an advisory vote in this matter.

1. With regard to the first part of the advice: "that Synod decide as many of these differences as possible," a motion is made to act in accordance with this advice.

This motion is tabled.

2. With regard to the second part of the advice: "that Synod express that there are not sufficient obstacles to the consideration of a temporary appointment of Rev. N. De Vries upon our Mission Field at this time," the following motion is made:

That Synod, in answer to the second request of the four Roseland Consistories (cf. Art. 82), request the Rehoboth Consistory to agree to a one year appointment of Rev. N. De Vries as pastor at Rehoboth.

This motion is rejected.

A motion is made to appoint a Committee to investigate the reasons the Board has presented against the appointment of the Rev. N. De Vries, and come to the next Synod with advice.

This motion is adopted.

A motion is made that in the interim the Rev. N. De Vries be given a year's leave of absence or vacation.

This motion is rejected.
A motion is made to direct the Board of Missions to continue the Rev. N. De Vries in service somewhere on the Indian field during the next year.

This motion is adopted.

Synod finally expresses its expectation that the Rev. N. De Vries will hold in abeyance his appeal until the next Synod. In reply the Rev. N. De Vries states that he will gladly comply with this decision of Synod.

ARTICLE 107

Dr. J. C. De Korne introduces Mr. C. Kuipers, one of our missionaries at Zuni, who briefly addresses Synod on the mission work at that place, and presents each member of Synod with a copy of the Gospel of John in the Zuni language, the first part of the Bible to be printed in this language, the translation done by the Rev. George Yff in conjunction with two co-laborers.

ARTICLE 108

Continuation of the Report of the Advisory Committee on Publication Matters (cf. Art. 87):

X. NYMEYER OVERTURE RE "THE BANNER."

I. THE DOCUMENTS.

The following documents in connection with this matter were placed in the hands of your Committee:

1. The Nymeyer Overture.

This is an overture of Mr. Frederick Nymeyer of the First Chr. Ref. church, South Holland, Ill., originally submitted to his Consistory, then to Classis Illinois, and now to Synod. The precise title of this overture is: "Overture regarding Editorial Policies, Publication Committee, and Editorial Staff of The Banner." To this overture are attached a few exhibits and a Supplement intended as information. (Note: The Overture is on the table of Synod in mimeographed form).

2. Overture Classis Illinois re Nymeyer Overture.

Appended to this overture for the information of Synod is the Report of the Committee of Classis Illinois to its Classis on the Nymeyer Overture. (Note: This material also is found on the synodical table in mimeographed form).

3. Reply of Publication Committee to the Overture-Nymeyer.

On January 3, 1941, the Christian Reformed Publication
Committee received a copy of the Nymeyer-Overture and has drawn up a 16-page “Reply” for Synod. (Note: This material is on the synodical table in mimeographed form).

4. Comment Publication Committee on Overture-Classis Illinois.

This comment is found in the printed Report of the Publication Committee (cf. Supplement IX).

Advice: Your Committee finds that these documents are legally upon the table of Synod and advises that Synod so declare.

Adopted.

II. RESUME OF NYMEYER OVERTURE AND OF REPLY OF PUBLICATION COMMITTEE.

1. The Nymeyer Overture in brief.

It has a twofold purpose: To obtain revision of the present editorial policies of “The Banner”, which are considered unsound and harmful to the denomination; and, to obtain changes in the personnel of Publication Committee and Editorial Staff to facilitate adoption of these proposed revised policies.

The petitioner then gives a few instances of correspondence between him and the Publication Committee (with Exhibits attached), in which he shows that he has made complaint since August 24, 1940, but received no satisfaction.

He next presents six propositions to Synod:

(1) That the policies of the Publication Committee in regard to the character of an official denominational paper are in very important phases basically unsound;

(2) That a need exists for certain types of news and opinion found in “The Banner” which should not be found in a denominational paper, but in private publications;

(3) That the failure of private publications to develop is not a satisfactory ground for a denominational paper to publish such material;

(4) That “The Banner” should not have the following features: (a) “The World Today”, as edited now; (b) Educational filler material; (c) Some types of comment appearing on its main editorial page; (d) Non-religious poetry.
(5) That "The Banner" should be limited to Reformed doctrine, church history, denominational news, news of other denominations, religious education, meditations, and problems directly related to Christian ethics and morals;

(6) That "The Banner" should not publish political news, nor political comments, nor try to be a magazine of opinion on economic and business questions.

His major proposition is, "The Banner" as a denominational publication should not publish any news or comments except for strictly denominational, religious, or moral purposes. He maintains that, as a matter of fact, "The Banner" meddles in politics, statecraft, and business. This is violating the principle of the separation of church and state. Besides, it means that persons who may be very competent in theology write on subjects on which they had no special training. The petitioner offers evidence that "The Banner" is in politics.

He further holds that there is need for newspapers and magazines of Christian opinion dealing with political, economic, and related matters and that we are following the line of least resistance by allowing our denominational weekly to invade these fields. He holds that there is a great field and wide opportunities for a denominational paper if it will develop its own proper field, viz., religious history, archaeology, Christian heroism, biblical exegesis, objections to heterodox doctrines.

Mr. Nymeyer asks that changes be effected in the policies of "The Banner" and of the Publication Committee. He holds that his correspondence with the Publication Committee proves that the Publication Committee either has a policy which it keeps secret, or that this policy tolerates the evil which he has pointed out. He asks for the reversal of the policy in harmony with his complaint and suggestions and requests that repudiation of past "political activity" of "The Banner" be openly made. He, moreover, suggests that "there be some revision in the membership of the Publication Committee. The Committee should have members who have a vision of the great opportunities for a denominational paper in several fields not now exploited, and a clear realization of the objections to the policies which have been followed."

In closing the petitioner requests that "Synod instruct the revised Publication Committee or a special Committee
of Synod to make a special study regarding: (a) What the policies of the official publications of the denomination should be on other problems not so clearly excluded as politics; and (b) what moral encouragement should be given to the publication of other newspaper enterprises which could properly discuss problems which should not be discussed in denominational publications."

In the “Supplement” Mr. Nymeyer states on what point he disagrees with the conclusions of Classis Illinois in this matter; offers evidence of the unwillingness of editors and Publication Committee to eliminate politics from “The Banner”; gives six supplementary reasons why personnel changes are needed; and in closing warns against allowing the pursuit of policies which are divisive in the denomination to continue.

2. Resume of Reply by Publication Committee.

The Publication Committee analyzed the overture of brother Nymeyer and found in it three elements:

A. Several implied or expressed charges against the membership of the Publication Committee against the Editorial Staff of “The Banner.”

He charges that the Publication Committee follows undesirable policies and that it apparently keeps these policies secret. By insisting that Synod take action as to changing the personnel of the Publication Committee, he by implication charges that “the present personnel of the Publication Committee and the Editorial Staff of “The Banner” does not or will not insure the abandonment of the present undesirable policies and the development of desirable policies even in case and after Synod has expressed itself as wanting such a change of policy.

The Publication Committee answers to these charges:

1. The charge that the policy of the Publication Committee is secret and basically wrong is unfounded, for the Publication Committee follows the policy as determined by various Synods, which is not secret but open to all who wish to read the Synodical acts. With quotations from the record it is shown that Synod has determined this policy and that the Publication Committee has ever followed that policy in subordination to Synod.

2. The charge that certain “political” material that has appeared in “The Banner” is dangerous in exposing the Church to the attack of its enemies and from the side of our
government holds no water. It is beside the point here to bring in the matter of the separation of Church and State and there must always be a large degree of freedom of expression.

B. The Proposals of Revision of Editorial Policy.

Brother Nymeyer proposes that:

1. The character of "The Banner" should no longer be left to the determination of the Editors to the extent in which that is now the case.—But we reply: We see no need of this, and it would unjustifiably limit the freedom of the editors.

2. No political subjects should be discussed unless the ethical phase is so predominant that non-conformists on these subjects can be disciplined for their views.—But this proposal is too vague as it stands and, moreover, it would hamper the present freedom of the Editors unduly.

3. A study should be made of "what the policies of the official publications of the denomination should be on other problems not so clearly excluded as politics."—But it is much better to go on as we have done and await what new light experience may have to offer.

4. Synod should consider "what moral encouragement should be given to the publication of other newspaper enterprises which could properly discuss problems which should not be discussed in denominational publications."—However good this may be in itself, we should be cautious on this score and there would seem to be no special need for Synod to appoint a Committee for that purpose.

C. This Overture's Relation to Previous Differences with the Publication Committee.

Apparently brother Nymeyer means to bring in the material of his past dealings with the Publication Committee, not merely as historical material elucidating his overture, but also partly to justify his overture. The Publication Committee then quotes some of the correspondence between brother Nymeyer and itself and concludes: "In every case brother Nymeyer seeks the removal from their positions of whoever happen not to conform to the subjective notion which he is pleased to apply as norm." His correspondence was intended to locate responsibility for the things with which he was displeased in "The Banner". By giving him the information which he sought, we as Publication Committee would only have given him aid in his attacks.
We regret that in the course of the correspondence between the brother and us no opening presented itself for the removal of his misconceptions or at least some of them. Since he aimed to attack us, it was not strange that we did not aid him in so doing. Giving him the rules and regulations governing the Publication Committee as well as the members of the Editorial Staff would have cleared up brother Nymeyer's misconceptions, but he did not ask for them. Moreover, when we received the brother's completed overture and saw how he had blundered, it was too late to do anything toward the removal of his misconceptions.

III. EVALUATION OF CHARGES, COMPLAINTS AND PROPOSALS IN THE NYMEYER OVERTURE.

A. Your Committee advises Synod to declare that brother Nymeyer is not justified in the following complaints and grievances:

1. That the present policies of "The Banner" cause provocations which might lead to State interference with the freedom of religion, and might lay the Church open to attack of enemies.

Ground:

The evidence offered, though containing elements of truth, in no way establishes this contention.

Adopted.

2. That the Publication Committee has a policy which is secret; moreover, that the Publication Committee has committed either the error of having a clearly defined and deliberately-determined policy, which is basically wrong, or the error of having no clearly-defined, deliberately-determined policy, which is itself basically unsound.

Grounds:

a) The editorial policies guiding the Publication Committee are available to the public in the form of synodical pronouncements, cf. e.g. Acts 1928, Supplement VIII, and in the many annual reports of the Publication Committee to Synods. Cf. Acta 1930, 1932, 1933 and following years. This material is public property, and hence, it cannot be said that the Publication Committee has a policy which is secret.

b) The Publication Committee has no policy of its own, but one which it has either received from Synod or has evolved in the course of its experience; and prac-
tically every new addition to which has been submitted to one or the other of our Synods for cognizance or approval.

*Adopted.*

B. On the other hand, your Committee feels that brother Nymeyer points to a real problem, and that there are certain elements in his proposals that merit consideration.

The brother asks that the *denominational* scope and character of “The Banner” should be stressed and more consistently maintained. He suggests that “The Banner” should not try to be a magazine of opinion on economics and business questions, and that it should not publish political news, nor political comments, unless definite religious, moral, or ecclesiastical interests are at stake. And he suggests that “The Banner” should concentrate rather on Reformed doctrine, Church history, denominational news, news of other denominations, religious education, meditations, and problems directly related to Christian ethics and morals.

In this connection, we direct the attention of Synod to the *Illinois overture re Nymeyer*. This overture was occasioned by the Nymeyer overture when it was presented to Classis Illinois. In the report of the Committee of Classis Illinois on this matter, appended to the overture, for Synod’s information, we find the following statements: “While finding itself in general agreement with the main thrust of the overture under consideration with regard to the editorial policies of our Church publications, your Committee does not judge that its author is justified in his severe criticism of the Publication Committee and Editorial Staff and in his demand that the personnel of these two bodies undergo a change on this account.”

Also this: “Though as just indicated, we cannot support the appellant in his demands for a change in the personnel of the Publication Committee and Editorial Staff of our Church publications in order to facilitate adoption of revised policies, we judge that this overture is deserving of our support in so far as it seeks a certain revision—or we would say rather elaboration—of the present editorial policies of these publications.”

And again on the same page: “We agree with the appellant, ‘that a need exists for certain types of news and opinion which the Publication Committee and the editors appointed by it, are endeavoring to satisfy, but that these
needs should not be satisfied by a denominational publication but by private publications;” and again: “that ‘The Banner’ should not publish political news and much less political comments of any sort, nor should it endeavor to be a magazine of opinion on economic and business questions.”

C. Without subscribing to all that is said in this overture, your Committee finds itself largely in agreement with the thrust of the overture of Classis Illinois. In view of all this, we propose that Synod make the following declaration:

“Synod, while desirous of allowing greatest possible freedom of expression to writers in our official church organs, and at the same time recognizing that these church weeklies are denominationally owned and controlled, feels the need at this time of stressing the denominational character, scope, and purpose of our official church papers, and of pointing to the necessity of constantly guarding against the inclusion in their editorial as well as other columns, of views and news of a purely political and economic nature.”

Adopted.

XI. A BELATED OVERTURE OF CLASSIS ILLINOIS.

A. Classis Illinois overtures the Synod “that more space be allotted in ‘The Banner’ to the department ‘Voices in the Church’.”

B. Your Committee advises Synod not to accede to the request of Classis Illinois.

Grounds:
1. Classis Illinois does not support its overture with grounds.
2. Your Committee’s consideration of this matter in consultation with a representative of the Publication Committee, and with the Editor-in-Chief, has produced no grounds for this overture.

Adopted.

ARTICLE 109

Continuation of the Report of the Advisory Committee on Budget Matters (cf. Art. 89):

XXII. AUDITS AND REPORTS OF THE CHRISTIAN REFORMED BOARD OF MISSIONS.

Your Committee has examined the audits and reports of the Christian Reformed Board of Missions and recommends:
A. That Synod approve same.
B. That Synod express its sincere appreciation to our Board of Missions for this comprehensive report which reflects countless hours of painstaking effort in the matter of collection and distribution and diligent attention to the proper tabulation, segregation and application of the funds and assets of this phase of the King's business. Adopted.

XXIII. PROPOSED BUDGETS OF THE CHRISTIAN REFORMED BOARD OF MISSIONS.
Your Committee has reviewed the proposed Budgets of the Christian Reformed Board of Missions and recommends:

A. That Synod approve the Budgets for
   Rehoboth Mission for 1942 in the amount of .................................................. $ 28,939.48
   Rehoboth Hospital 1942 in the amount of 14,330.15
   (Committee calls your attention to the fact that the exclusion of white pay patients will cost the Church approximately $7,000 annually, and $2,000 additionally because of Classis Hackensack's decision.)
   Zuni Mission for 1942 in the amount of ........................................... 13,195.00
   All other stations (Indian) 1942 ................................................. 20,793.48
   China Missions for 1942 .......................................................... 20,233.33
   Sudan Missions .......................................................... 6,825.00
   Administration .......................................................... 7,921.50
   General Expense ........................................................ 15,283.40

Adopted.

$127,521.34

XXIV. REHOBOTH HEATING PLANT.
Your Committee calls attention of the Synod to Acta 1940, page 111, Art. XXIV, which authorizes the Board to construct a new central heating plant to cost not in excess of $25,000.

Also to the Report of the Board of Missions, where the Board reports the cost of a new heating plant will be $33,000. Consequently if the new heating plant is to be erected, an additional expenditure of $8,000 will have to be authorized. If the new heating plant is not authorized, an additional $2,000 must be appropriated to revamp the old heating plants.
Your Committee recommends:
A. That the Board proceed with the construction of the central heating plant at once.  
   Adopted.
B. That an additional budgetary appropriation be authorized for 1942 in the amount of $10,000 and a like amount in succeeding years until paid for.  
   Adopted.

XXV. SPECIAL ITEMS.
Your Committee further calls your attention to special items requested for authorization for 1942:
1. Training school (previously approved) $500.00
2. Duplex House (estimated cost) 3,500.00
3. Automobile Sudan Mission 1,184.00

Your Committee recommends:
A. that the matter of the duplex house be referred to the Synod of 1942 in view of the fact that present plans contemplated construction in the latter half of 1942. (Committee feels the project justifiable but believes action can be postponed.)  
   Adopted.
B. that the purchase of the automobile be authorized for use in the Sudan Mission, in 1941, if possible.  
   Adopted.

XXVI. SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET FOR 1941.
Your Committee recommends Synod approve the following items as additional appropriations for the year 1941:
1. Newcomb $930.00
2. Nurses’ Home 7,500.00
3. To offset loss of income from white patients 3,000.00
4. Dr. Whitener 200.00
5. Automobile (1941 Budget exhausted) 460.00
6. Carisso Bldg. 150.00
7. Salary Rev. J. Vander Meer 400.00
8. Mark Bouma Pension 480.00
9. Moving Expenses—Vander Meer 600.00
     Rikkers 750.00
10. Extra Office Expenses (already spent) 500.00
11. Rehoboth Consistory for Fort Wingate Work 1,000.00
12. San Antone Well ........................................ 500.00
13. Difference in Dr.'s salary from 7/1/41 ......... 750.00
14. Shiprock Salary ....................................... 900.00

$18,120.00

XXVII. TRANSPORTATION SECRETARY (Agenda I, pp. 13-14).
Your Committee has examined the Report of the Transportation Secretary, and recommends that said Report be accepted with thanks, and that as in 1940 he be granted a gratuity of $25.00.
Adopted.

XXVIII. RECOMMENDED CAUSES (cf. Art. 89, XVI).
In addition to the six causes formerly recommended to our churches for their continued moral and financial support, we recommend the following:

G. Christian Psychopathic Hospital.
H. Bethesda Sanatorium.
I. American Federation of Young Men's Societies.
Adopted.

XXIX. PRO RATA DISTRIBUTION OF MISSION EXPENSES.
Your Committee calls attention to the fact that in Current Reports and Budgets, the items covering General Expense and Administration have been charged entirely to Indian Missions. Your Committee recommends that in future Budgets and Reports they should be charged pro rata to our various Mission Fields. (On the basis of the proposed 1942 Budget the items of General Expense and Administration should be charged to the respective fields on the following basis:

To Indian Missions 74%
To China Missions 19 1/2%
To Sudan Missions 6 1/2%

Adopted, and referred to the Board of Missions.

XXX. SUMMARY OF QUOTAS:

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*Adopted.*

#### ARTICLE 110

Continuation of the Report of the Advisory Committee on *Home Missions B* (cf. Art. 59):

X. **AMERICAN TRACT SOCIETY.**

Your Committee was instructed by the present Synod to report on this matter, although it raised the question whether this matter is properly before Synod.

A. Information: The following documents re this matter were placed into our hands:


Neither of these documents is addressed to any individual or ecclesiastical body whatsoever, nor accompanied by any request of any kind.

Our Question: In view of these facts, does Synod wish to take for granted that there is an official request of the American Tract Society before Synod, asking for the moral and financial support of our churches for this cause?

On motion duly adopted, *Synod answers this question affirmatively.*

B. Should Synod answer the question under A affirmatively, then your Committee submits the following advice:

1. Whereas the American Tract Society has neither requested nor received recommendation from our Synod since the year 1908;
2. Whereas Synod has only very meager information as to the work of this Society and as to the doctrinal character of the tracts published; and

3. Whereas Synod has received no financial report of this organization,

Therefore Synod cannot at this time pass judgment on the question whether the American Tract Society merits the moral and financial support of our people.

Adopted.

XI. ARMY AND NAVY CHAPLAINS.

A. The following documents were placed into the hands of your Committee:

1. A letter of Rev. J. M. Vande Kieft, the alternate representative on the National Committee of Army and Navy Chaplains, to Dr. H. Beets.

2. The Report of the Rev. J. M. Vande Kieft, as alternate member of the above Committee to Synod. (Cf. Supplement XIV.)

3. The "Report to the Executive Committee of the General Committee on Army and Navy Chaplains.


5. A list of the Representatives appointed to the General Commission on Army and Navy Chaplains."

B. The above documents were carefully read and considered by your Committees; the following matters call for Synodical action:

1. Our representative urges that Synod should by all means continue our connection with the Commission on Army and Navy Chaplains since, "it can help us in placing our own men and we can in turn serve others in cooperating in this special, needy work of the Kingdom without compromising our own Reformed principles."

Synod is also informed that the minimum contribution for any Church holding membership in the Commission has been raised from $50 to $100 per annum, since the work of the staff has doubled and quadrupled; and since a new position of Commissioner or assistant Director was created to take care of an accumulation of pressing duties.
Our advice: That Synod authorize the synodical treasurer to pay $100 to the General Committee on Army and Navy Chaplains as a contribution to this work. 

Adopted.

2. Our representative also informs Synod that there is a provision in the Articles of agreement (Art. III) which states that “the executive of the Home Mission agency of each of these denominations shall be an ex-officio member.” And that since our Church has but one member on the Commission it would be well for Synod to officially appoint the Rev. H. Baker to serve in this capacity. However, in view of a decision that the full Commission on Army and Navy Chaplains is henceforth to meet quarterly instead of annually, Synod is urged to appoint our Eastern Home Missionary, the Rev. E. Kooistra, to serve as ex-officio alternate member, so that he may be in a position to attend the meetings regularly when the Rev. H. Baker is not able to do so.

Our Advice: That Synod appoint our Home Missionary at Large, the Rev. H. Baker, to serve as an ex-officio member of this committee with our Eastern Home Missionary, the Rev. E. Kooistra as ex-officio alternate member. 

Adopted.

3. Our representative calls Synod’s attention to the fact that “Our denominational quota for Chaplains is not yet reached. Especially in the Navy Reserve more men are requested. This work in its nature and scope offers a special challenge and call to those among our younger ministers who can qualify.”

Our advice: Synod instruct the Committee for Army and Navy Chaplains to acquaint our ministers with this fact. 

Adopted.

4. We also recommend that Synod continue the appointment of Dr. H. Beets and his alternate, the Rev. J. M. Vande Kieft, as our Representatives on the National Committee of Army and Navy Chaplains.

Adopted.

ARTICLE 111

Dr. G. Goris, for the officers of Synod, proposes the following communication to be sent to the President of the United States (cf. Art. 49, V, F):
The Honorable Franklin Delano Roosevelt,  
President of the United States,  
Washington, D. C.

Honorable Sir:

The Synod of the Christian Reformed Church, assembled in regular session at Grand Rapids, Michigan, on this 18th day of June, 1941, representing a constituency of 122,762 members, resolved to send you the following statement:

We are aware of the fact that an intense program of production is an absolute necessity and that in an extreme national emergency an uninterrupted flow of defense materials is essential, yet we would urge that every effort be put forth to avoid wherever possible, compulsory Sunday labor or a seven-day week as a policy in the defense program.

Our constituency holds high the ideals and traditions of the Christian Sabbath. We believe God has so created man that he is to labor six days and rest one, and that any tampering with this ratio jeopardizes man's physical, mental, and nervous system. We believe that the Ten Commandments, including the observance of a day of rest, are divine ordinances which are binding on mankind.

We also believe that God's judgments fall upon the nations which trample upon His laws, and that in this crisis we are especially dependent upon divine favor, a favor which can most reasonably be expected in the way of obedience to divine ordinances.

We feel deeply in this matter and would respectfully urge you to give serious consideration to our feelings, since we believe they are in harmony with the American ideals of freedom of religion.

We pledge our continued prayers in your behalf as you face the increasing responsibilities resting upon you in this present emergency.

Respectfully submitted,

Stated Clerk of Synod.

Adopted, and the Stated Clerk is instructed to forward this communication to the President of the United States.*

* NOTE OF STATED CLERK. The following letter was received in reply:

"THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON  
June 27, 1941.

My dear Dr. Beets:

Your letter of June eighteenth embodying a resolution adopted by the Synod of the Christian Reformed Church, has been received. Please be assured that the President will be deeply grateful for your prayers and will appreciate your courtesy in making this expression available to him.

Very sincerely yours,

Dr. Henry Beets,  
737 Madison Avenue, S.E.,
Grand Rapids, Michigan."

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ARTICLE 112

The Rev. L. Van Laar, for the Advisory Committee on Publication Matters, submits the following report in re the Synodical Archives (cf. Art. 68):

"Your Committee advises Synod to appoint a Committee, consisting of the Stated Clerk and the present Clerk of Synod, together with at least one business man, to investigate the price of adequate facilities affording proper protection for Synod's Archives, and to present definite proposals to the Synod of 1942."

This proposal is amended to read: "that this Committee be authorized to make the necessary expenses," and thus adopted by Synod.

Mr. Tony Noordewier, the Treasurer of Synod, is appointed to serve on this Committee, together with the Stated Clerk and the Clerk of Synod.

ARTICLE 113

Synod now receives the Report of the Committee on Appointments, the Rev. J. F. Schuurmann serving as reporter:

Esteemed Brethren:

Your Committee on Appointments submits the following report:

We have included complete membership lists of the Board of Trustees of Calvin College and Seminary, the Christian Reformed Board of Missions, and the Delegates for Examination, even though the term of some appointees does not expire at this time.

Your Committee recommends that Synod make the following appointments:

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5. General Treasurer, Jewish Missions—Rev. O. Holtrop; alternate, Mr. B. Stap.

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17. Committee for Historical Documents—Prof. D. H. Kromminga; Dr. Henry Beets.
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20. Committee re Christian Labor Association—Dr. R. J. Danhof; Dr. G. Heyns; Prof. L. Berkhof; Mr. J. Van Vels.
21. Committee re Sunday School Lesson Planning—Dr. H. H. Meeter; Prof. H. Schultze; Rev. J. Weidenaar.
22. Committee re Compendium Revision—Rev. M. Monsma; Dr. Henry Stob; Rev. G. Hoeksema.
23. Committee for Digest of Protests—Dr. H. Beets; Dr. S. Volbeda; Prof. D. H. Kromminga.
24. Committee for Official Baptismal Transfer—Rev. E. J. Tanis; Dr. Herman Kuiper.
25. Committee re Mixed Marriages—Dr. C. Bouma; Rev. W. Hendriksen; Dr. J. T. Hoogstra.
26. Committee for Netherlands War and Mission Relief—Mr. John Hekman; Dr. H. Beets; Dr. Y. P. De Jong; (Treasurer, Mr. J. J. Buiten, 47 Jefferson Ave., S.E., Grand Rapids, Michigan).


29. Committee to study the Youth Organizations in our Church—Mr. E. R. Post; Mr. J. Hofstra; Rev. C. Witt.

30. Committee to Amend the Home Mission Order—the Executive Committee of Home Missions.


32. Committee re R. B. I.—Prof. L. Berkhof; Dr. W. Hendriksen; Rev. J. Weidenaar.

33. Committee to study the Four Year Seminary Course—Board of Trustees of Calvin College and Seminary and Seminary Faculty.

34. Committee to Study the Examination of Candidates for the Ministry—Rev. E. F. J. Van Halsema; Rev. J. Beebe; Rev. N. J. Monsma.

35. Committee re Mission Board and De Vries Matter—Rev. H. Keegstra; Dr. R. Wierenga; Rev. J. P. Smith.

36. Committee to Study the Feasibility of Native churches on Indian Mission Field—Board of Missions, General Conference of our Indian Mission Field; Rev. P. A. Hoekstra; Rev. J. J. Steigenga.

37. Transportation Secretary—Mr. Bert Pousma.

38. Committee on Bids for Printing Synodical Agenda and Acts—Mr. Tony Noordewier; Dr. H. Beets; Mr. J. B. Hulst.

39. Committee for Mimeographing Reports and Making Arrangements for Synod—Mr. Henry J. Voss; alternate, Dr. E. Y. Monsma.


ARTICLE 114

Synod adopts a motion directing the Stated Clerk to send a letter to the Grand Rapids Press and to the Grand Rapids Herald thanking them for sending us able reporters.

Synod adopts a motion directing its Treasurer to send a remuneration of $50.00 to the first clerk for his labors during the next few weeks in preparing the Acts of Synod.
for the press, and a similar amount to Mr. Henry J. Voss for his many labors in making arrangements for Synod’s meetings, the mimeographing of the Reports, etc.

Finally, Synod adopts a motion thanking all who have in any way contributed toward making the meetings of Synod pleasant and profitable.

ARTICLE 115

The clerk reads his notes covering the decisions of Synod in the fifteenth, the sixteenth, and the seventeenth session. These are adopted by Synod.

ARTICLE 116

The President now addresses Synod as follows:

My dear brethren:

The work assigned to us has been done. The results of our labors are soon to be published and presented to our churches. None of us will claim perfection for these products. Yet, I feel, that we are able to present them as the results of conscientious and prayerful efforts and that we are now able to pray that our great King may employ these imperfect products for His perfect ends.

What a blessing it is that we may have labored together as office-bearers accountable to Christ. It may be true that in the midst of the abundance of work we have more or less forgotten and neglected the terrible conflict which is now setting nation against nation and which calls millions of our fellowmen from peaceful pursuits to army camps and bloody battle fields; still upon reflection we realize only too well how unspeakably horribly sin is asserting itself at the present time in that warfare. In the midst of that bloody conflict the Church of Christ is the only institution preaching the only gospel of righteousness and peace and making for the only possible kingdom of peace. It should be accounted a distinct blessing that as such an organization as ours was able to attend to its affairs unmolested. What a challenge this is! What a responsibility!

As we try to review the products of our labors we may not be able to register any radical changes in the organization of our denominational activities, unless it be an increase in the number of members who are to constitute what is now called the Executive Committee for Home Missions. Still we have touched practically all spheres of activity: education as well as publication and radio work; church government as well as missions. In the latter sphere we have faced problems, I think fearlessly and in confidence, which were not always pleasant to handle, but which were solved to the best of our
feeble abilities and upon which solutions we now pray the blessing of Christ. Over against the favor of having been able to declare ten young men eligible to a call to the gospel ministry, we must also register with a sense of sadness the fact that in the past year two ministers were taken by death and that others were lost in different ways.

Having come to the end of our work I cannot refrain from offering my sincere thanks to all the various advisory committees, the advisers to these committees, and especially to the reporters, who have labored so long and faithfully and good. It is true, as a president of two of our former Synods told me, the quality of the work of a Synod depends to a large extent upon the quality of its reporters. I feel that the quality of reporters of our committees has by no means been below the average. I should also mention in this connection the arduous and exact work of Mr. H. J. Voss and his able stenographers, Mrs. J. J. Hoekstra and Miss Ruth Imanse. I cannot speak too highly of their consecrated work which, at times, lasted far into the night. Last but not least I must make mention of my fellow officers, the vice-president, Dr. George Goris, a novice, as myself, in the work of synodical administration, whose ready and wise assistance I have greatly appreciated; and the two veterans at my right, the Rev. Daniel Zwier and the Rev. Henry Keegstra, first and second clerks. Though Brother Keegstra reminded us repeatedly that this would perhaps be the last Synod he would attend as a delegate, since he is seriously considering retirement, yet we rejoice that he will be able to advise our churches through his valued and sane editorials in *De Wachter*. I feel prompted to speak a word of special appreciation to the Rev. Mr. Zwier, the first clerk. None of us have ever doubted his sacrificing spirit, but since he has labored during the greater part of the sessions of this Synod under the handicap of — as he himself puts it — a physical disability, my appreciation of his devotion has increased and, I trust, that the members of Synod will join me in this expression of appreciation. May our heavenly Father soon restore him completely to good health! Finally I must thank all of you for the confidence you have placed in me and for that splendid spirit of cooperation you have evinced.

And now as we depart and each goes to the place and field God has assigned to him, we do this in the joyful confidence that He abides with us. Brethren, let us labor, let us labor hard, for the times are evil and our God demands faithfulness of His servants. In the midst of the terrible conflict of the nations and of alarming signs, no one knows under what circumstances our churches shall have to meet in synodical assembly next year. To that end we pray that the grace of God our Father and of Jesus Christ our Lord may
abide with us forever through His Holy Spirit.

To this address the Vice President replies in name of Synod:

"We have counted it a privilege to work under your leadership. This leadership was characterized by alertness, dignity, and self-control. The expeditious way in which you handled matters made it a joy to work together with you. May God bless you in all your labors for His Church."

ARTICLE 117

Synod now unites in singing No. 463 of the Psalter Hymnal, and the President leads in the "Closing Prayer for Ecclesiastical Assemblies."

N. J. Monsma, President.
G. Goris, Vice President.
D. Zwier, First Clerk.
H. Keegstra, Second Clerk.

Attested as true copy,

Henry Beets, S.C.
SUPPLEMENT I-a

REPORT OF THE SYMONICAL COMMITTEE TO THE SYNOD OF 1941

June 7, 1941.

DEAR BRETHREN:

THE first thing your Committee was called upon to do was last October, 1940, when at the request of Classis of Grand Rapids East we appointed the Rev. Leonard Trap of Chatham, Ontario, as the Treasurer for the churches in Canada. This was considered a desirable measure, necessary on account of the war and financial situation. We suggest that you approve this and give Brother Trapp a permanent appointment or at least for the next three years. May we also suggest that you fix a definite sum for remuneration to this brother in these labors.

The next thing, is the well-known matter of our Brother, the Rev. John Van Lonkhuyzen, D.D., who was to sail from Lisbon, May 23, on the “Excalibur” of the American Export Line. The War Relief Committee has co-operated with us as to the matter of traveling expenses. We received a cablegram asking for an advance of $2,000. We were unable to forward that amount. In fact, we felt we could not do so as a War Relief Committee, but appealed to all of his friends and interested churches to do for Brother Van Lonkhuyzen what they felt they should do. The War Relief Committee tells in detail about this case. May we refer Synod to it, to avoid duplication.

But of a different nature is another part of Dr. Van Lonkhuyzen’s “emergency” case. To your Committee came a statement that Dr. Van Lonkhuyzen felt very much concerned about him and his children being placed in a concentration camp if there should be war between us and Germany, he and his children being American citizens. But he saw it would be impossible for the church of Zierikzee and the Committee for Emeriti in the Netherlands to forward his pension after he should get here because forwarding moneys of that amount is contrary to the policy of the present usurpers. The Committee
notified him that it would support his request to have for the time being his pension paid by our Board, trusting that in due time and according to promises in documents sent us, his former church of Zierikzee and others would pay it, or whatever we had advanced for the time being. The advancing of his pension the Brother himself requests to begin July 1, 1941. The pension in Dutch guilders is f2300. The request is to pay per dollar taken at f1.35 to f1.90 as it was before the war and is still the official quotation in the Netherlands.

In view of the fact that we believe in the communion of the saints that where one member suffers, all suffer, in view of our correspondence with the Church in the Netherlands, in view of the many years of service which Brother Van Lonkhuyzen gave to our churches here and in South America, we all feel sure that your Synod will gladly accede to the request for the advancing of the pension and turn this matter over to our Emeriti Board. We hope that that body will soon be reimbursed for whatever it advances for Brother Van Lonkhuyzen.

Your Synodical Committee also approved, for the time being, until you as Synod could act upon it, the request of the Christian Boys' Camp Association to appeal for aid to our churches and friends of the cause in our church papers.

It seems needless to inform Synod that since 1940's assembly, the stated clerk replied to various inquiries coming from the government and ecclesiastical bodies, as to statistics, etc. He also endorsed applications of worthy brethren as to chaplaincies. Cf. note below as to the General Committee on Army and Navy Chaplains.

The stated clerk also obtained information as to organizations and persons trying to have our pulpits opened for financial appeals. He tried to function carefully in this matter, as per former synodical rulings, but noticed that there have been cases in which this service was not requested.

In conclusion, and thanking you for the confidence placed in us anew by the 1940 Synod, we beg to inform you that our term of service, as members of your Synodical Committee and as stated clerk, does not expire until the next Synod.

Respectfully, for the Synodical Committee,

HENRY BEETS, S. C.
Personal Matter of the Stated Clerk

SINCE the former Synod continued the undersigned as our Church's representative on the General Committee for Army and Navy Chaplains—with the Rev. J. M. Van de Kieft as alternate, we have tried to have correspondence with this body suffice. However, in the present serious military emergency, it appears necessary to us to personally attend at least some of the meetings of this body. June 11 a very important meeting was scheduled. Your representative requested his alternate to serve on this occasion. Hitherto the undersigned paid all expenses in connection with meetings of this body, but he questions the fairness of this being continued, and requests that he or his alternate be permitted henceforth—and including the June 11 meeting referred to—to present the expense bill each time to the synodical treasurer, and for the present year he suggests that the functionary just named also be instructed to pay $100 for the running expenses of this very useful and needed General Committee of Army and Navy Chaplains.

(Cf. Supplement XIV.)

Respectfully,

HENRY BEETS.
REPORT OF SYNOD'S TREASURER

Grand Rapids, Michigan, June 12, 1941.

Esteemed Brethren of Synod:

As has been my custom in the past, I am pleased to submit to you an itemized statement of all receipts and disbursements of synodical funds from June 14, 1940, to June 12, 1941.

Realizing that you will not be particularly interested in this detailed statement, except for the files of the Secretary, I am pleased to make the following condensed report:

June 14, 1940, Balance of cash on hand $9,886.97
Total receipts as per statement 3,807.01

$13,693.98
Total disbursements as per statement 7,295.07

June 12, 1941, Balance of cash on hand $6,398.91

From the above statement you can readily see that our disbursements have far exceeded our receipts during the past year, but we still have a very satisfactory balance of cash on hand.

With one exception, every Classis has responded nobly to the requirements of this fund. This one exception contributed absolutely nothing toward defraying the expenses of our Synodical meeting and of the various Synodical Committees and Delegates, functioning during the year. One other Classis contributed less than its quota, but all the others sent in an amount equal to or greater than their respective quotas. Certain Classes even paid on their arrearages.

A quota, equal to that of the past year, would probably meet the needs for the coming year, provided the response
is as liberal as it has been heretofore. Your judgment, however, should prevail in the matter.

Trusting that God will guide and give you wisdom in all the matters that will come before you, I am,

Yours very sincerely,

TONY NOORDEWIJER,
Synodical Treasurer.

I have examined the records of the Synodical Treasurer and find accurate records of receipts and disbursements have been kept, and that the balance of cash on hand corresponds with the statement of the Peoples National Bank of Grand Rapids.

HENRY DENKEMA.

Dated June 12, 1941.
SUPPLEMENT II-a

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF CALVIN COLLEGE AND SEMINARY

To the Synod of 1941.

Esteemed Brethren:

CALVIN'S Board of Trustees respectfully submits the following matters for your consideration:

A. The Board.

1. The Board held its annual meeting recently, beginning its work on Wednesday morning, May 28, and continuing its activities into the following week. Its final session was held in the afternoon of Tuesday, June 3. All the members were present. Rev. W. P. Van Wyk, who has been a member of the Board for many years and has served as its president again and again, was at the opening services, and as he is retiring from the active ministry, he bade farewell to the brethren. The members of the Board were loath to lose his valuable services, and wished him the Lord's blessing. The following officers were then elected for the ensuing year: Rev. J. J. Hiemenga, President; Rev. Dr. Ralph Bronkema, Vice-President; Rev. L. J. Lamberts, Secretary; and Rev. D. Zwier, Assistant Secretary.

2. The Board granted licensure to the following: Walter H. Ackerman, Nicholas Henry Beversluis, Clarence Boomsma, Edward Bossenbroek, C. Oliver Buus, William Heynen, John Fred Hollebeek, Vincent Charles Licatesi, Dick John Oostenink, John Cornelius Scholten, John William Visser, John William Wevers, and Ralph Wildschut. It extended the licensure of Mr. Harry Boer, a member of the class of '41, who expects to do post-graduate work next year; and also of Mr. James Daane and of Mr. John Luchies, who are continuing their post-graduate studies.

3. It permitted nine to enroll as regular students in the seminary next fall.

B. The Standing Committees.

1. The Synod of 1937 instructed the Executive Committee to regulate the preparatory examinations and to divide the work among the Classes (Art. 80, p. 65, Acts 1937). These instructions have been carried out again. The sched-
ule that has appeared in the Church papers will be presented to your honorable body in a separate document.

2. During the past year the personnel of the Executive Committee has not remained the same, for Rev. John Gritter took the place of Rev. Gerrit Hofmeyer, and Rev. Lambertus Veltkamp, the place of Rev. William Kok. The other members of this committee were Rev. J. K. Van Baalen, Rev. Dr. Martin Van Dyke, and Rev. L. J. Lamberts. These five men were re-appointed for the following year.

3. The following served as members of the Finance Committee: Rev. W. P. Van Wyk, Rev. D. Zwier, and Messrs. G. J. Rooks, G. L. Dornbos, John Hekman, B. W. Hertel, Tony Noordewier, and Fred L. Winter. As the terms of Messrs Hertel and Winter expired, the Board re-appointed these men; it appointed Rev. W. Hendriksen to succeed Rev. W. P. Van Wyk, and it appointed Rev. J. J. Hiemenga to take the place of Rev. Kok, but with the understanding that in view of the long distance he will have to travel, he will not be expected to attend the meetings oftener than twice a year.

4. The Board met with the members of the Finance Committee on the evening of May 28 to fix the budget and to discuss financial problems.

C. THE COLLEGE.

1. At the opening exercises of the institution, Prof. Schultze was inducted into his office of President of the College, and the Rev. William Kok, who had accepted the appointment tendered him, was inducted into his office of Assistant to the President.

2. A revised Informational Handbook and a questionnaire were prepared and sent to prospective students before the school opened. (Cf. Acts 1940, Art. 87, 11, p. 94).

3. The president reported that 499 students enrolled at the beginning of the academic year, and that 22 new students came in during the second semester. As 20 discontinued their work for various reasons, there was a mean enrollment of about 500 throughout the year, the highest recorded so far. "Contrary to the opinion of some", the president observed in his report, "this increase is not due to the influx of students who are not members of the Christian Reformed Church. The fact is that there has been a marked decrease in the percentage of students outside the
Christian Reformed Church from 25% in 1933 to 14% in 1940. Only 3.2% are from churches usually not considered orthodox."

4. Dr. Peter Hoekstra has been unable to carry on his work for several months. He had to submit to a surgical operation, so delicate and so serious that it seemed as if he would not recover. The Lord spared his life, but he is still weak. Arrangements were made so that in his department the work could be carried on during his absence.

5. Miss Baker was permitted to take special work in library administration at the University of Michigan. Her assistants carried on the work during the school week and she herself was in the library on Saturdays.

6. The Board reappointed Mrs. Grace Pels as Dean of Women for a term of four years; Dr. Drost as Associate Professor for a term of six years; Dr. Henry Stob as Associate Professor for the same length of time; and Dr. John De Vries as Associate Professor for the remaining four years of his term. (When he received his appointment, he was accorded the rank of Associate Professor, but for a term of two years.)

7. Prof. Henry J. Ryskamp was appointed Dean. It will be remembered that Prof. Rooks held this position for many years, and was permitted to hold this office for two years after he had reached the retirement age. The duties of the Dean are as follows:
   a. To admit students
   b. To check graduation requirements
   c. To advise students in the selection of courses
   d. To classify students and to assign them to their classes
   e. To make up the schedule of courses (The Block System)
   f. To supervise the progress and academic welfare of students
   g. To keep informed about the methods and the policies in education and to bring these to the attention of the Educational Policy Committee, of which he shall serve as chairman.

8. Dr. Henry Zylstra, who has served as Assistant in the department of English several years ago, now received an appointment as Instructor in that Department.
9. The Board has experienced considerable difficulty in the past in finding some one to give additional courses in the department of Economics. Attention was called to Mr. Gordon Buter of Holland, who is now studying at the University of Michigan in the department of Business Administration. After the Board had a conference with him, it appointed him as Instructor in the department of Economics with the understanding that he shall teach Statistics and other courses given in this department, but that he shall not begin this work till September, 1942.

10. Miss Caroline Veen, who has served our institution a number of years as clerk, was given the title of Recorder.

11. A committee was appointed to formulate the Assistant to the President's relation to the Board of Finance.

12. The Board decided to continue a summer school this year and next year, but appointed a committee that will make a study of this matter.

13. The Executive Committee, while conferring with one of the faculty members, learned that a grave injustice had been done to a professor. Due to a regrettable misunderstanding, it had been reported that he had attended the movies. This was untrue, and the error must be rectified.

D. THE SEMINARY.

1. President Berkhof reported that during the past academic year there were 56 students enrolled—32 regulars, 2 specials, and 22 graduate. Of the last named 8 were non-resident students.

2. As President Berkhof has rounded out thirty-five years of service at our institution, the Board sent him a letter of congratulations.

3. In connection with the problem how to carry on the work in the New Testament department while Prof. Schultze is serving as President of the College, but retains his right to return to his chair in theology at the end of two years, the Synod of 1940 "kindly requested the remaining five professors to carry on the work ... with the understanding that no graduate courses shall be given in that department, and that Prof. Schultze shall continue to teach one course." (Acts 1940, Art. 87, D, p. 91). In deference to this request, the work that Prof. Schultze could not take care of was carried on by three of his colleagues, Prof. Berkhof teaching Hermeneutics; Prof. Wyngaarden, Biblical Theology of the New Testament; and Prof. Krom-
minga, New Testament Sacred History. Prof. Schultze continued to teach two of his courses. The Board having received a recommendation from its Executive Committee to remunerate Professors Berkhof, Wyngaarden, and Kromminga, for the extra work they are doing, referred this matter to Synod.

4. Last year Synod received a communication from Prof. Clarence Bouma containing the information that he had received an appointment to a professorship in the Gordon School of Theology at Boston, and Synod expressed the wish that he might see his way clear to remain with our Seminary. (Acts 1940, Art. 97, p. 106). Shortly after this, Dr. Bouma spoke to the Executive Committee about his difficulty in reaching a decision and indicated that he would like to have a leave of absence for a semester so that he could serve Gordon as visiting professor and get better acquainted with the institution. He offered to teach all his courses for the entire year in the second semester. He intimated that during his absence Calvin would be released from paying his salary and he added that the attitude of his colleagues was sympathetic and helpful in his case. After conferring with Prof. Berkhof about this matter, the Committee decided to grant Dr. Bouma’s request because it would not be fair to him to do otherwise; it was decided to propose to him that he receive no salary during the four months that he would be absent. Dr. Bouma accepted this proposal. Consequently he was absent from the beginning of October till the end of January. The Board approved of the arrangement its Executive Committee had made.

When this body met, the professor had not yet reached a decision, but since then he has notified the secretary of the Board that he had declined the appointment. Needless to say, we are pleased to know that we shall not lose the services of Dr. Bouma.

5. The Board recommends to Synod the adoption of the report anent the Four Year Seminary Course and its conclusions (cf. Agendum II, p. 53 ff), but with the suggestion that the word “evangelical”, appearing on page 60 of this report be changed to “evangelistic”.

E. BUILDINGS.

1. Last year we reported that the Dean of Women had proposed the opening of a “co-operative house” for those women students that are unable to find a good place to board. Relative to this matter the Board had expressed
itself as being in favor of having such a house provided that the plan appeared feasible from a financial point of view. It referred this matter to the Board of Finance, which rented a house on Bates Street for this purpose. The institution is under the supervision of the College Faculty and appears to be running satisfactorily on a sound financial basis. It is possible, however, that we may not be able to lease this property again, since the owner insists on selling it, but our present lease includes an option to purchase the property.

2. As our buildings and equipment are getting older, more repairs and replacements are becoming necessary.

3. In the past Synod's attention has been called to the crowded condition of our college building. The Committee of Ten reported that the facilities for Physical Education are insufficient. A committee appointed to make a study of the situation reported to the Board: "The need of more room in the college is increasingly felt... The school has at present no cafeteria or dining-room other than in the dormitory, no student lounge, no satisfactory meeting place for visiting conferences. It needs music rooms, a larger gymnasium, additional laboratory space, and better housing facilities for girl students... the situation in the Chemical Laboratory is really acute, facilities for Physical Education are wholly insufficient, especially with a view to the women students. As the institution grows and our teaching staff is increased the situation becomes increasingly difficult." With a view to this, the Board expressed its conviction that we need a new Science Building, and it appointed a committee to make plans, raise money, and take other steps necessary to procure such a building.

4. Last year it was reported that a Committee had been appointed to confer with the Board of the Western Christian High School located at Hull, Iowa, regarding their non-payment of any returns for the use of our building, on the one hand; and the possible purchase of our building by the W. C. H. S. Association, on the other. The Committee carried out what it was instructed to do. As it could not set terms of sale when it met with the Board of the W. C. H., it promised to lay this matter before the Board of Finance. Upon this committee's recommendation Calvin's Board of Trustees decided to make the following offer to the Board of Western Christian High, subject, of course, to Synod's approval:
The price of the building is to be $10,000.00 of which $1,000.00 is to be paid in cash, and the balance in annual installments of $500.00 each with 3% interest. This is a very low price, considering that it includes only the amount of the original investment of Calvin College and waives all back-interest, the foreclosure expenses, and the insurance premiums, which during these last fifteen years amounted to no less than $8,677.79.

F. PENSION FUND.

1. The Pension Committee reported that the assets of the Pension Fund now amount to $34,069.48.

2. The Board adopted the Pension Committee's proposal to strike out all of what appeared in Section XVI of the Rules and Regulations of the Pension Fund, reading as follows:

"Amendments to or changes in these Rules and Regulations must be proposed to the Board of Trustees of Calvin College and Seminary and approved by Synod before becoming effective" (Acts 1938, p. 150) and to substitute the following:

SECTION XVI. Amendments and Changes.

Amendments to and/or changes in the Rules and Regulations must be proposed to the Board of Trustees of Calvin College and Seminary, such proposals to be in writing and signed by not less than 75% in number of all the beneficiaries of said plan and approved by Synod before becoming effective. The dependents of any deceased beneficiary of the plan collectively shall be counted as one, and vote by right of representative of such deceased member.

3. The Board approved the copy of the contract form that the Pension Committee submitted, and upon this Committee's request gave authority for the execution of this contract form.

G. FINANCES.

1. The Board of Finance recommended that "in view of the recent expansion of our institution, and a constantly increasing budget, the Board of Trustees overture Synod to raise the quota for Calvin College and Seminary from $3.00 to $3.50 per family", but it was decided not to adopt this recommendation, but to ask Synod:

   a. To urge all churches that are in arrears to reduce and eliminate such arrearages; and
   b. To urge all churches to pay their quotas in full.
2. The financial condition of our institution is reported on the pages following.

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| Notes Payable—Private Parties | $551,732.43 |

| Current Funds,           |       |
| Un-expended Funds        | $6,900.58 |
| Student Deposits         | 2,025.15  |
| Bookstore Reserve        | 3,172.38  |
| Athletics Reserve        | 1,822.71  |
| Dormitory Reserve        | 7,657.27  |
| Reserve to cover expenses over income during June-July-August | 13,878.77 |
| Wm. Van Agthoven Estate  | 32,745.06 |
| Liabilities,             |       |
| Notes Payable—Private Parties | 5,100.00 |

|       | $73,301.92 |

|       | $206,529.72 |

|       | $565,732.43 |

|       | $73,301.92 |
OPERATING STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR 1940-41
AND 1939-40

Note—The figures for 1940-42 show the actual income and expense from September 1, 1940, to May 31, 1941, plus the estimated income and expense for June, July and August, 1941.

INCOME:

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EXPENSE:

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Estimated Loss for 1940-41 | $378.79
Net Gain for 1939-40 | $5,757.59

PHYSICAL TRAINING—as of May 31, 1941

Income,

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Expense, to date

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Net Balance for the year | $482.40
Reserve—Sept. 1st | $1,840.31

Present Net Reserve | $1,822.71

CALVIN COLLEGE DORMITORY—as of May 31, 1941

Income,

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Expense,
Rooms ........................................... $ 3,104.91
Furniture ........................................ 2,474.56
Dining Hall ...................................... 9,499.21

\[ \text{Balance for the year} \quad \frac{15,078.68}{434.49} \]
\[ \text{Reserve—Sept. 1st} \quad 7,222.78 \]

\[ \text{Present Net Reserve} \quad 7,657.27 \]

CALVIN COLLEGE BOOKSTORE— as of May 31, 1941
Income— From Sales ................................ $ 10,042.72
Purchases ........................................ 8,480.41
Expense ........................................... 641.66

\[ \text{Balance for the year} \quad \frac{9,122.07}{920.65} \]
\[ \text{Reserve—Sept. 1st} \quad 2,251.73 \]

\[ \text{Present Net Reserve} \quad 3,172.38 \]

PROPOSED BUDGET FOR THE YEAR 1940–41

Supplies,
College Instructional .......................... $ 16,565.00
Seminary Instructional ........................ 1,825.00
Business Administrative ..................... 3,940.00
Operation of Plant ............................ 8,820.00

\[ \text{Salaries,} \quad \frac{31,150.00}{79,815.00} \]
\[ \text{College} \quad 15,750.00 \]
\[ \text{Seminary} \quad 11,400.00 \]

\[ \text{Total Budget for 1940–41} \quad 106,965.00 \]

Estimated Income for 1940–41
Classical Quota at $3.50 ........................ $ 93,450.00
Tuition and Fees ................................ 48,000.00
Interest on Investments ....................... 5,500.00

\[ \text{Total} \quad 146,950.00 \]

H. A REQUEST.
The Board requests that not only the secretary of the Board, but also Rev. Van Baalen, the Executive Committee's chairman, be granted an advisory vote when Calvin's matters are discussed.

In conclusion it must be said again that the Lord has blessed our school wonderfully. Within the memory of some of our older people, it started in a small way over the Williams Street School in the downtown district; at the turn of the century it had grown considerably but it
was still so small that the vast majority of the Grand Rapids people did not even realize that the Theological School of the Christian Reformed Church was located in their city; but now Calvin College and Seminary have a name, not only in Grand Rapids but far beyond. Many of its sons and daughters have made a mark for themselves and consequently have enhanced the reputation of their Alma Mater. How many of them were saved through Calvin from falling into the snares of infidelity, heaven only knows. God surely has heard the prayers of our fathers. May we, their children, follow their example in this respect that we plead much for the school God has given us.

May God only wise grant you much wisdom through His Spirit in your deliberations.

Respectfully submitted, for the Board of Trustees of Calvin College and Seminary,

L. J. LAMBERTS, Secretary.
REPORT IN RE FOUR-YEAR SEMINARY COURSE

To the Synod of 1941:

Esteemed Brethren:

Your Committee appointed by the Synod of 1940 (because of an oversight in 1939 to appoint a committee) submits the following report:

Our mandate is found in the Acts of Synod 1939, p. 61, and reads as follows:

"C. Your Committee recommends that a committee be appointed to draw up for the next Synod a well worked out plan of a four-year course, together with various regulations covering, among others, the following points:

1. Regulations governing the relationship of the seminary intern to the minister, consistory, and church on the field where he is serving his internship.
2. Regulations governing the placement of the various students.
3. Regulations governing the Faculty's supervision together with that of the minister and consistory while the student is on the field.
4. Regulations stipulating the relationship of the Faculty to the minister under whose direction and supervision the work is being done.
5. Regulations by which the student may carry on additional academic work, if required.
6. Regulations concerning the student's sustenance while on the field. Adopted."

I. A Survey of the Issue

In view of the fact that this matter has been pending for several years, allow us to give a detailed survey which may enable Synod to see its decision to "add a year to our Seminary" in its historical background.

Already in 1932 the Synod in connection with the report of the Committee in re Missionary Training and Bible School instructed the Seminary Faculty to "draw up, in consultation with experienced evangelistic workers, a course of study with a view to special evangelistic work,
and that, as soon as it has received the approval of the Curatorium, this course be offered, temporarily by the Faculty” (Cf. Acts, p. 20).

In response to this mandate of 1932, the Seminary Faculty sent a communication to the Synod of 1934, in which it informed Synod that it had not carried out the mandate because of the difficulties involved. It also asked for “further clarification by Synod of the mandate given by the Synod”. (Cf. Acts 1934, p. 125.) . . . It was decided by Synod to appoint a committee, which, together with representatives of the Faculty, is to study the question whether such a course is feasible, and to report to the next Synod. Synod did not furnish the requested clarification but appointed a committee.

In 1936 this committee (appointed by Synod of 1934) reported as follows:

“Your committee finds itself confronted with the same difficulty as the Seminary Faculty expressed, and cannot proceed to determine whether such a course is feasible until this ambiguity be removed. It therefore recommends that Synod of 1936 express itself upon the question whether a course of study with a view to special evangelistic work is intended only for prospective evangelistic ministers, or one open also to lay evangelistic workers, and that Synod inform the Calvin Seminary Faculty of its decision” (Agenda I, pp. 17, 18 (1936).

The committee of advice appointed by the Synod of 1936 stated, “The present Advisory committee has investigated the statements on this matter by the Synods of 1932 and 1934 and informs Synod that the ambiguity spoken of does not only exist, but that according to its opinion it is now quite impossible to decide what was in the mind of these Synods. The Acts of these Synods do not enable one to decide.” Your advisory Committee therefore recommends to Synod: “1. That since there are at present training schools in some places for lay workers, Synod now declares that the Committee is to interpret its mandate as pertaining to prospective evangelistic ministers only, that is to say, such as wish to specialize, as future ministers, in mission work”—Adopted. 2. “Synod discharge the present Committee and request the Seminary Faculty to report to the next Synod concerning the feasibility of such a course, and, if considered feasible, to suggest a way in which this might be carried out. Reason:
This work seems to belong properly to the domain of the Seminary Faculty”—Adopted. (Cf. Acts 1936, p. 40.)

At the Synod of 1938 the Seminary Faculty submitted a well worked-out report. We quote a part of it. “The question of the feasibility of a course of study for prospective evangelistic ministers embraces, among others, the question whether the Faculty in its present strength will be able to carry the additional load. On this point, we think that we can assure Synod, that no serious difficulty stands in the way... Another question is, whether within three years of seminary work, which are at present required of every one who seeks the ministry in the Christian Reformed Church, room can be found for additional studies which it will become necessary to introduce. For, on the one hand, the present seminary curriculum offers no subject of study which can easily be eliminated as being more or less of a luxury for any one who desires the ministry of the Gospel in our times. And, on the other hand, the new subjects of study, in order to furnish effective preparation for evangelistic work, can not be kept down to a few additional hours for which possibly place might be found within the three years and next to the studies required of all our regular seminary students. The only solution which we can see, is the addition of a fourth year of study for such students as wish to prepare themselves for evangelistic work and to specialize in that type of work in their ministry”. In the light of the foregoing the Faculty suggested a contemplated course of study for the extra year. History of Missions; Theory of Missions; Rise and Growth of Evangelism; Evangelistic Technique; Evangelistic Sociology, and Practical Training. Again, we quote, “Under the suggested regulation for ministerial training, the choice of a special course in evangelistic training and the devotion of an extra year to it would be entirely optional with the students”. In conclusion the Report reads, “... we would not advise the introduction of a course in evangelistic training without previous thorough study of its connection with and bearing on the solution of the larger problem of the future development and enlargement of our Seminary. Certainly the expansion and development of our Seminary beyond the scope of the introduction merely of an optional course in evangelistic training without an increase in the
Seminary's teaching personnel must, to put it mildly, be deemed highly problematical" (Agenda I, pp. 71 ff).

This report was given in the hands of Synod's committee of advice in 1938 and it came with the following recommendations: "Your committee moves that Synod appoint a committee which shall report to the next Synod on the advisability of adding to our Seminary course a fourth year of study with a view toward practical and evangelistic training as well as post-graduate courses.

Grounds:

1. The times call for a more practical training of prospective candidates for the ministry, and this has also been acknowledged by the Synod of 1932 . . .

2. Many of our students, by taking up post-graduate studies, seem to indicate their own conviction that they need, or desire, a more complete theological and practical training. This being the case, it is the duty of our Church to make a complete education possible rather than forcing our students to seek part of their education elsewhere.

3. This would be in harmony with the desire of the Theological Faculty, which speaks of the larger problem of the future development and enlargement of our Seminary beyond the scope of introduction merely of an optional course in evangelistic training without an increase in the Seminary teaching personnel, which the Faculty calls highly problematical". — Adopted.

This Committee reporting to Synod in 1939 did not consider the "advisability" but took it for granted that Synod already adduced three valid reasons for introducing a fourth year to our Seminary, with a view toward practical and evangelistic training as well as post-graduate studies. The recommendations of this committee read as follows:

"Your committee recommends that the Synod declare that a fourth year be introduced as soon as the necessary regulation have been drawn up and approved of by the Synod. Grounds:

1. The introduction of a fourth year would make it possible to do justice to the persistent demand, for a more adequate training for our prospective evangelistic ministers, without taking any more time
from the work that is now given and which is already reduced to an irreducible minimum.

2. The times call for more practical training of prospective candidates as acknowledged by the Synods of 1932 and 1938. And as time marches on, there will be an even greater demand made upon the ministers of the Gospel. Young men are being trained not merely for the present but to meet the spiritual problems and needs of a coming generation. Their training should anticipate the needs and problems of the future. Such preparation can not be met by merely a change in the courses offered, but calls for an enlarged course that only the requirement of an additional year can meet.

3. The ministers and the students themselves have indicated that they felt that the present course is inadequate by taking up post-graduate work. And the percentage of students and ministers who could avail themselves of additional theological work and did, is suggestively high. A well-constructed fourth year Seminary course could in a large measure meet this demand.

4. The Seminary Faculty has already expressed its conviction that justice can not be done to the demands of those who are interested in more practical and evangelistic training in the present required Seminary course of three years.” — Adopted.

B. Furthermore, your Committee recommends that the additional year be in the nature of an internship, or a combination of internship and academic work. Reasons:

1. The requirement of actual work in the field offers splendid opportunities for the practical aspects of the training for prospective evangelistic ministers. Such practical work is generally conceded by those interested in evangelistic training as an indispensable part of an adequate course.

2. It will aid the Faculty to meet the deficiency in practical training. The need of such practical training for prospective candidates for the ministry was conceded by the Synods of 1932 and 1938. The Seminaries that have introduced the fourth year have deemed it necessary to devote the extra year for clinical work on the field.
3. If this year of clinical and practical work be placed after the second year, it will help bring to light some of the deficiencies that the student may actually manifest in the ministry.” — Adopted. (Acts 1939, pp. 60, 61 . . . )

Then follows C our Mandate.

II. A Critical Analysis of the Issue

A. Your Committee is aware of the fact that the mandate of the Synod of 1939 as expressed in the Acts is clear as it stands. At the same time we feel the necessity of calling the attention of Synod to several matters and humbly urge Synod to express itself more definitely, so that we may properly comply with its mandate. After a careful study we have reached this conclusion: During the years that this matter has been before Synods, the issue itself, namely, the purpose and character of this extra year has never been clearly and definitely stated. Allow us to state what we have in mind.

The original impetus was given to this matter in connection with the report of the Committee in re Missionary Training and Bible Schools. Synod of 1932 instructed the Seminary Faculty “to draw up, in consultation with experienced evangelistic workers, a course of study with a view to special evangelistic work” (Acts 1932, p. 20).

According to the Acts of Synod 1934 the Seminary Faculty failed to comply because of what is called “the difficulties involved”. It also asked for “further clarification by Synod of its mandate”. The Synod decided to appoint a committee “which together with representatives of the Faculty is to study the question whether such a course is feasible”. Hence, at the Synod of 1934 it was not at all certain to both Seminary Faculty and Synod whether such a course was feasible.

Matters became more complicated at the Synod of 1936. The Advisory Committee re this matter stated in its report, “The ambiguity does not only exist, but it is now quite impossible to decide what was in the mind of the Synods (namely, of 1932 and 1934)”. Italics are ours. E. B. P.)

Your Committee is of the opinion that the original purpose was the training of evangelistic lay workers and ministers who would specialize in mission work. The Advisory Committee of the Synod of 1936 was of this
same opinion, cf. Acts, p. 40, as it recommended that "Synod now declare that the committee is to interpret its mandate as pertaining to prospective evangelistic ministers only" — Adopted. At the same time the Seminary Faculty was requested to report to the next Synod "concerning the feasibility of such a course".

The Seminary Faculty did not report very definitely about the feasibility of a course for such prospective evangelistic ministers. At least the Synod of 1938 once more "appointed a committee which shall report to the next Synod on the advisability of adding to our Seminary course a fourth year of study with a view to practical and evangelistic training as well as post-graduate studies" — Synod, Acts 1938, p. 81.

This decision was undoubtedly taken because of the report of the Seminary Faculty which stated that there was no room in the regular three-year course for the additional studies which would become necessary if the courses for prospective evangelistic ministers were introduced. It would require a fourth year. That, according to the Faculty, would be the only solution. But this same report concludes with the following statement, "We would not advise the introduction of a course in evangelistic training without previous thorough study of its connection with and bearing on the solution of the larger problem of the future development and enlargement of our Seminary. Certainly the expansion and development of our Seminary beyond the scope of the introduction merely of an optional course in evangelistic training without an increase in the Seminary's teaching personnel, must, to put it mildly, be deemed highly problematical".

We would have Synod notice that the Synod of 1938 introduced a new element, namely, post-graduate studies. Here is a new problem; a different problem; a problem of such importance that the Synod did not know whether it was advisable. It is the problem of "the future development and enlargement of our Seminary, and the related post-graduate studies". A new committee was appointed to report to the next Synod (1939) on the advisability of adding to our Seminary a fourth year. But the Seminary Faculty has stated (and we heartily agree) that the introduction of a course in evangelistic training without previous study of its connection with and bearing on the solution of the larger problem is not advisable.
In spite of this the Synod of 1939 decided that “a fourth year be introduced as soon as the necessary regulations have been drawn up and approved by a Synod” — Acts 1939, p. 60. Will you kindly observe that without a thorough discussion of the future development of our Seminary; without carefully defining what the relation will be between this course for evangelistic training and the future growth of our Seminary, the Synod of 1939 advocates the addition of a fourth year for two purposes, namely, a more practical training for evangelical ministers and post-graduate work for students and ministers who could avail themselves of additional theological work? How such a combination is possible is not stated. We are in hearty accord with our Seminary Faculty when it stated it would never advise such a procedure unless a thorough study is made of its implications. As far as we know, this new proposal or combination has never been before the Board of Trustees of Calvin College and Seminary. Would it not be wise and advantageous that it first be submitted to said Board? This was Synod’s intention in 1932 and never lived up to for some reason.

Your committee regrets that the whole issue of a course or courses for the training of future evangelistic ministers has now been mixed up with a fourth year also for additional post-graduate work. Apparently the Synod of 1939 has felt this difficulty, because in advocating this extra fourth year Synod stated that the year should be in the nature of an interneship, or a combination of internship and academic work. But in the reasons for the above decision not one word is said about “academic” work. It is all for “practical training”. And the Committee that has been appointed is “to draw up a well worked-out plan of a four-year course together with various regulations (cf. Acts 1939, p. 61, under C, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6) with a view to practical work. Although point 5 does speak about “additional academic work, if required”.

Your committee comes to the conclusion that much of the original ambiguity has not been removed, but more ambiguity has been added. We feel that, at the present time, at this stage of the discussion, we are not yet convinced as to the advisability and feasibility of adding a fourth year.
B. We humbly urge Synod to express itself on the following matters:

1. Is it feasible to introduce an additional year of practical training in the Seminary for prospective evangelistic ministers? (We call Synod’s attention to the fact that the Seminary Faculty does not advise this until the matter of future development of our Seminary be thoroughly studied. May we add, Grand Rapids offers ample opportunities in its Mission Sunday schools, Gospel meetings, etc., for such practical training. Such a course or additional year would require more professors, and hence more expense.) Is there at present a demand for such a course at our Seminary?

2. Should such a year be *compulsory* or *optional* for those students who prepare for evangelistic work in the ministry?

3. Should such a fourth year in our Seminary be *compulsory* or *optional* for ALL students who look forward to the ministry in the Christian Reformed Church? (In this connection we direct Synod’s attention to the fact that our churches have not yet demanded this extra year. No Classis or Consistory has uttered complaints about the training of our Candidates which would make a fourth year compulsory. Our churches have never discussed this matter.) Will this fourth year be in the nature of post-graduate courses, or regular additional studies to the present Seminary course?

4. We beg Synod to reconsider (if it desires that we shall comply with our mandate) the term “interneship.” We feel that this term will prejudice our people. If the fourth year (or third) is to be that of an internship we ask, “Is it possible to take a student into the most intimate experiences of a pastor, e. g. calling on the sick, a visit to the death chamber, regular family-visiting, and even laboring with the wayward? Would any minister desire an “interne” in these spiritual labors, or do these all demand the personal touch of the pastor and the individual? We are sure that an “interneship” in our circles will be highly undesirable.
5. May we be so bold as to advise Synod to reconsider its decision of 1939? We certainly need more clarification. Perhaps the whole matter of an additional fourth year for the practical training of evangelistic ministers and of post-graduate work should be referred to the Board of Trustees of our College and Seminary and the Seminary Faculty.

III. CONCLUSION

If Synod will give us an answer to the questions above and desires that we, rather than the Board and Seminary Faculty, shall carry out this work, your Committee will proceed and endeavor to comply with the mandate of Synod and draw up a well worked-out plan for a four-year course together with various regulations and report to the next Synod.

Praying that God may direct Synod in this and all other ministry, we remain,

Sincerely yours,

The Committee,

J. J. Hiemenga, Pres.
E. B. Perelder, Sec'y.
R. Bronkema.
SUPPLEMENT III
REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE FOR
HOME MISSIONS

To the Synod of 1941.
ESTEEMED BRETHREN:
AGAIN the Executive Committee for Home Missions
has the privilege to lay before your honorable body
a report of its activities during the past year.
For the convenience of Synod the matters appearing
in this report are listed under the following headings:

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The Rev. H. Baker, Missionary-at-Large, has been
asked to hold himself available to the call of Synod or its
Committees entrusted with the formulation of pre-advice
on Home Mission matters.
The Executive Committee requests that Synod grant the
Rev. Baker the privilege of the floor when Home Mission
matters appear on the program of Synod for considera­
tion and action.

I. PERSONNEL AND ORGANIZATION
A. No changes were occasioned in the personnel and
organization of the Executive Committee.
Its officers are:
President ................................. The Rev. J. Breuker
Vice-President ......................... The Rev. Wm. Kok
Secretary .............................. The Rev. H. Blystra
Treasurer ............................. The Rev. D. D. Bonnema
B. The membership of the Committee comprises the following brethren:

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C. From the foregoing list it is apparent that the terms of office of the following brethren and their alternates expire at this time:

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Art. 4 of the Home Mission Order, revised by the Synod of 1937 (cf. Acts of Synod 1937, p. 75), prescribes that Synod elect three members and their alternates at this time.

D. Since the candidate-emergency no longer existed and the work of our students properly falls under church extension, the sub-committees are now composed as follows:

a. Church Extension: Kok, Blystra, Geels, Hulst.
b. Fund for Needy Churches: Breuker, Karsen, Rutgers, Holtrop.

E. In the course of the year the Executive Committee met every month. Additional meetings were held by the sub-committees as need required. The Seminary Faculty was ever ready kindly to grant your Committee the use and the convenience of the Seminary Building for its meetings. Moreover we are appreciative of the accommodations received at our Dormitory from Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Kett.

II. GENERAL INFORMATION

In the past year the Executive Committee has aimed faithfully to discharge the mandate entrusted to it by Synod. A task which finds its origin in the commission of the Master, whose servants we are.
Reflecting upon the year that has gone by, we believe that God has given us cause for humble gratitude. Our missionaries were devoted to their work; they have labored to gather those that were scattered; they have sought the lost. Judging by the moneys that were received, the revived interest of our people in the cause of Home Missions has not waned. Financial obligations to missionaries and needy churches could be met. New congregations were organized. From the reports that have come in we learn that sovereign grace has made the Home Mission labors of our Church a source of spiritual life and joy in several lives.

There is further cause for gratitude that new doors are constantly opened and new fields seek the services of our men. Shall we meet the larger challenge? We have no choice. In our despairing world, in our darkened age, in our gospel-hungry land, the Master bids our church be faithful to the new vision of Home Missions which He has given unto us.

As in previous years, semi-annual reports have been sent to the churches. We take it to be the will of Synod that its Committee keep our Church informed as to the progress of the work in the home field.

Moreover, in keeping with our Home Mission order, close contact is maintained with our Classical Home Missions Committees. The Executive Committee invariably seeks the views and guidance of the local committees. These consultative and co-operative contacts have been pleasant and are promotive of successful endeavors in the many fields.

The Revs. J. Breuker and R. Karsen were delegated by your Committee to meet with the Classical Home Mission Committees of Classes Pella, Ostfriesland, Orange City, Sioux Center, and Minnesota to give advice and information with respect to the applications for support from the Fund for Needy Churches. They met with these committees and representatives of several subsidized congregations. They sought to make clear that the sub-committee of the Fund for Needy Churches, in conjunction with the Executive Committee, endeavors to consider conscientiously and fairly all applications for support and that a scrupulous endeavor is made to avoid any and all favoritism. We trust that these meetings have served to acquaint the several committees with the exacting and
comprehensive task of the Executive Committee and that a better understanding of subsidy needs and equitable subsidy distribution has been gained.

Whenever opportunities were given the members of the Executive Committee, in so far as possible, have addressed Missionary Unions and Festivals in the interest of Home Missions. Our missionaries have also availed themselves of all such occasions. These services are conducive to a more intelligent appreciation of the work done by our missionaries and the needs of the entire field of Home Missions.

The Synod of 1940 was informed that Mr. J. W. F. Uitvlugt had been appointed as general correspondent for immigration to Canada. Due to the invasion of Holland by Germany and the subsequent total cessation of immigration nothing has been done. Mr. Uitvlugt is being retained as correspondent with a view to a possible change in conditions and situations.

A. NEW MISSIONARY IN THE EAST.

Several calls had been extended to secure a missionary for the East, but none was accepted. Upon the advice of the Eastern Home Mission Board and after the consent of the classical committee of Classis Hudson had been obtained a second call was extended by Paterson I (the calling church) to the Rev. E. Kooistra. The Lord inclined his heart to respond favorably to this appeal and the brother was installed in the midst of the calling church on the 17th of January. He has entered with zest upon his missionary duties.

B. CANADIAN EXCHANGE.

Your Committee has endeavored to comply with the decision of Synod (Acts 1940, page 36, V) which authorized the treasurer of our funds to discount the payments to the missionaries and pastors of needy churches according to the monetary standard of the Dominion of Canada up to 25%. This decision necessitated much additional work for our treasurer and occasioned hardships for the recipients of our Home Mission funds.

In view of the facts that (a) the men concerned have to meet financial obligations in the U. S. A. (which must be paid in U. S. A. currency), (b) the missionaries and ministers of subsidized churches attend classical meetings in the States, (c) they spend their vacations in the U. S. A.,
(d) the cost of living and the war tax make inroads upon their salaries, (e) they may not take money out of Canada, and (f) your Committee is persuaded that Synod did not intend to inconvenience the men concerned; it was decided to pay the sum of $50.00 in U. S. A. currency quarterly and to make such adjustments as are made imperative by unforeseen circumstances. We trust that this meets with Synod's approval.

C. LEGACY.

Word was received that the cause of Home Missions was remembered in the last will of Mr. Jh. Limberg of Austinville, Iowa. No information has as yet been received as to the amount that will be available at the time the will is executed.

D. MEMBERSHIP IN THE HOME MISSION COUNCIL.

Your Committee was requested to become a member of the Home Mission Council of North America. Considering the liberalistic trend of this group and that membership would be of little value for us in our type of work it was decided to decline the invitation to affiliate with that Council.

E. CAMP WORK.

Inasmuch as our young men were being drafted for military service, requests came to the Executive Committee that it endeavor to look after the spiritual needs of our men in the country's service. The requests intimated that this work in a sense belonged to our province and that our Committee was so organized that it could best assume this responsibility. Granting the force of these arguments and realizing that we should do all possible to make provision for the spiritual needs of our boys, the Executive Committee assumed this additional responsibility until such time that Synod meet, trusting that Synod would, in view of the emergency that arose, give its approval, and leaving it to the discretion of Synod whether or not our Committee should be charged with this particular task in the future.

The assuming of this further task entailed a great deal of additional work, especially for our devoted and zealous Home Missionary-at-Large. A detailed report of the endeavors in behalf of our men in military training and our Home Mission activities is set forth in the following pages.
III. CHURCH EXTENSION

A. OUR MISSIONARIES AND THEIR LABORS.


The Rev. E. Kooistra entered upon his home missionary labors on the 17th of January of this year as the successor to the late Rev. M. Bothyl.

The relationship between the Committee and the missionaries has been a cordial one. In matters in which we considered that our missionaries should be advised they have shown a noble spirit of cooperation. On the whole it can be said that they have labored diligently in the fields assigned to them. Each has used his talents according to the measure of his ability.

The health of the missionaries has been generally good. Except for occasional indispositions which are common to all men, they were able to serve their fields regularly. The Rev. J. R. Brink was handicapped in the discharge of his duties owing to the accident of last year in March. When the foot had healed it was apparent that he had suffered more from shock than we at first surmised. Of late his health and strength have improved. The brother was also hindered in giving his full time to home mission work because of the illness of his helpermeet. Mrs. Brink's condition is now more favorable than it has been for several months. The Committee, considering that the Rev. J. R. Brink has rendered valuable services in the sphere of Home Missions for many years, was disposed to relieve him of such work as would tax his strength and nerves unduly. It appears that he is again able to take part in our mission program and as occasion is given his talents will be used.

In presenting our report concerning the work of the past year we shall call attention to the labors of the missionaries and the fields under their care. Of necessity the account must be brief. Although an abbreviated report will hardly do justice to the devotion of these men, a detailed report would take too much of Synod's time and require much space. The account of the activities of the missionary-at-large will be given under a separate heading.
Rev. K. Bergsma.

The brother has given his time especially to the development of the Seattle field. Under his guidance the congregation enjoys a steady growth. From time to time confessions of faith are made. The attendance has increased from year to year.

The Rev. K. Bergsma conducts services in Mount Vernon, Washington, each Sunday afternoon. The field has made but little progress. However, the ministry of the missionary meets a real need and we hope that by carrying on the group will gain in strength and stability.

The influx of draftees and enlisted men into the several camps of the Northwest demands much of the missionary's time. Besides, regular visits are made in the hospitals and convalescent homes in Seattle.

Rev. J. R. Brink.

In as far as strength and physical condition permitted the Rev. J. R. Brink has assisted the Rev. D. Mellema in Big Rapids and Woodville. At present he is engaged in investigating a prospective field in Traverse City, Michigan. While inactive in regular home mission work the brother has served established congregations with preaching services.

Rev. S. Brondsema.

The Rev. Brondsema was installed as missionary for Northwest Canada at the time Synod met last year. He is dividing his ministry between Lacombe, where he resides, and the two other stations under his care. Nine weeks are spent in Burdett and nine weeks in Houston each year. During the summer students are engaged for these two churches. In this way we seek to provide for the spiritual needs of the three fields.

Lacombe has flourishing societies. Houston is progressive in its church life and is strong spiritually. Burdett is loyal and carries on nobly in spite of the many crop reverses.

Rev. J. De Jonge.

The Rev. J. De Jonge, although he still has difficulty in adjusting himself to his assignment to the Milwaukee field, mainly because of climatic conditions, was able to continue his service throughout the past year.

The difficulties, that attend all new mission stations and newly established congregations in cities in which few
of our people reside, are experienced in Milwaukee. At present eleven families are represented in the Sunday services. The missionary and the members are hopeful that the congregation will grow and that eventually it will appear that the establishment of the church and our continued missionary endeavors are fully justified.

The great need in Milwaukee is a chapel in which the congregation can meet and in which the society meetings can be held. The Wisconsin Home Mission Committee is putting forth efforts to assist the group in finding and obtaining a suitable meeting place.

Rev. F. De Jong.

The work in Arcadia, California, has made definite progress. Those who attend from the outside are gradually growing in conviction. A few weeks ago the group was organized. It numbers twenty-two families and seven individuals—a total of eighty-three persons. Four families and one individual came from various churches and were accepted upon confession. Since the group began to meet several had been reinterested in the church and made confessions in neighboring congregations.

The Sunday afternoon broadcasts from Station KGER continue to go over the air under the direction and leadership of the Rev. F. De Jong.

The Revs. F. De Jong and A. Dusseljee conduct regular week-day meetings in San Diego once a month and expect that soon they can meet twice a month. The attitude of those who attend is one of sympathetic interest in the need of the many perishing souls of other nationalities around them. Both the Revs. F. De Jong and A. Dusseljee are hopeful that the Lord is opening a fruitful field in San Diego, Calif.

Rev. A. Dusseljee.

The work of the Rev. A. Dusseljee in Compton, Calif., has been blessed richly. The congregation was organized last October. Families which had drifted away have been reclaimed for the Church. There have been accessions from the outside also. The congregation now numbers thirty-nine families.

The missionary has conducted the catechism classes, led the consistory meetings, and took care of family visitation in Ontario, Calif.
Of late the missionary has given much of his time to work among the men in the service of the Army and Navy. In this he has been assisted by the Rev. F. De Jong and the neighboring pastors of subsidized churches.

Under the supervision of the Revs. F. De Jong and A. Dusseljee a survey will be made to ascertain the prospects of the Bellflower-Norwalk district. Arrangements are being made to engage Mr. Mark Bouma to assist in this survey.

Rev. E. Kooistra.

Our new missionary in the East began his labors in January of this year. He is giving his major attention to the existing mission stations, Pittstown and Monsey. The attendance at Pittstown remains stationary, the attendance at Monsey shows an increase. The future of these two places with respect to the likelihood of their becoming organized churches must still be ascertained through intensive work. The Sunday School in Monsey flourishes.

Upon the advice of the Eastern Home Mission Board the missionary was authorized to investigate the possibilities of Bristol, Pa., as a prospective mission field. The investigations warrant a trial period and during the coming months with the assistance of a student the Bristol district will be canvassed. Services will be held to gain information as to the interest there will be in our endeavors.

The Rev. E. Kooistra has, supported by a committee of interested individuals, succeeded in obtaining time on a Radio Station in Paterson, N. J. Every Sunday afternoon the messages are sent forth in this great metropolitan area in which 15,000,000 reside. This affords a wonderful opportunity to spread the Gospel message.

Every Tuesday evening the missionary conducts a service in behalf of the soldiers who are stationed in Fort Dix, N. J. Besides, the ministry to the soldiers in adjacent camps is entrusted unto him.

Rev. D. Mellema.

There is a sustained interest on the part of the people, especially among the children and young people, in our work at Woodville, Mich.

Our missionary has inaugurated services in Big Rapids, Mich. This was done upon the advice of the Home Mission Committee of Classis Muskegon. An investigation
by the Rev. D. Mellema showed that several were keenly interested in the opening of a mission station. There appears to be considerable interest on the part of the people in the new project. They sense that there is a place for a church of Reformed persuasion in that city. During the summer the missionary will enjoy the assistance of a student to build up the Big Rapids field.

Catechism classes are conducted by our missionary in the Hungerford and Roman schools as well as in Woodville. The Sunday School in Woodville has an excellent attendance. The Sunday School in Goodwell has been discontinued because of the small attendance. This was done in consultation with the Classical Home Mission Committee.

*Rev. Wm. Meyer.*

Since the Rev. M. Schans became the pastor of the Holland Marsh congregation the Rev. Wm. Meyer has given his attention mainly to the Hamilton church. The attendance has increased and there is a marked improvement in the support the members give their congregation. We believe the time has arrived that the Hamilton church should apply for support from the Fund for Needy Churches. The Classis to which it belongs has already advised the consistory that it should make arrangements to secure its own pastor by the beginning of the new year.

The congregation of Hamilton covers an extensive territory and this required much traveling on the part of the missionary in making contacts with its members.

Last summer the missionary conducted services in Langton, Ontario, to serve the families which reside there during the tobacco season.

In view of the fact that the Committee has been requested to give Fremont, Iowa, the services of one of our men to ascertain the prospects of that territory, it was decided to engage the Rev. Wm. Meyer for that district during the next three months. The Rev. H. Wierenga has been asked to serve the Hamilton Church on alternate Sundays in the absence of the missionary.

*Rev. B. H. Spalink.*

The Rev. B. H. Spalink has served the Newton and Grundy Center fields throughout the past year. The arrangement whereby he served both churches was unsatisfactory to both the Pella and the Ostfriesland Com-
mittees. Attempts were made to secure the services of a stated supply for Grundy, but without success. At the last meeting of Classis Ostfriesland it was decided to agree to having the Rev. B. H. Spalink give his services wholly to Newton. The members of the Grundy Center church have joined the neighboring congregation in Holland, Iowa.

The missionary has labored faithfully in both fields. The number of visits made by him exceeds that of any other. He has also investigated the Fremont, Iowa, district and reported that he considers it to be a favorable one for Church Extension.

Newton is making good progress. It was handicapped in not having a suitable meeting place. It is expected that with the acquisition of a church building greater service can be rendered the community and the congregation will continue to grow.

Every Friday morning the Rev. B. H. Spalink broadcasts a radio message over a station in Marshalltown, Iowa. The responses to his messages are encouraging. This service is made possible through the support he receives from the two Classes and the freewill offerings of the listeners.

Rev. H. Wierenga.

The congregation of Sarnia is growing. The services of the missionary have been richly blessed. Several have made confession of faith and others have been interested in our Church.

The Rev. H. Wierenga has also visited the camp at Stratford, Ontario, faithfully and at stated times religious services are held at the camp in which a number of Netherland soldiers are in training.

Rev. M. Huizenga.

The Rev. M. Huizenga is a stated supply and serves the Saginaw congregation. Upon the decease of the Rev. J. De Haan, Sr., who had rendered much appreciated services in Saginaw, the Committee faced the question how to provide for that field. The Rev. M. Huizenga, who did not consider himself to be ready as yet to entertain a call, indicated that he would give favorable consideration to a temporary appointment as a stated supply. He was engaged by your Committee and is meeting the need of the congregation. Although there has been no appreciable
gain in the number of families, the church is doing well under his ministry.

B. Missionary at Large.

We present for information a report of:

1. Fields investigated.

Kalamazoo—Westnedge Hill District. An investigation of the field, which had been begun some months before the last meeting of Synod, disclosed that the attitude of those who should be interested did not warrant inaugurating services in that district.

Detroit—Royal Oak, Mich. A rather extensive investigation showed:

a. That work in northern Detroit and Royal Oak will be mainly of a missionary character. There are only four or five families of our Church which might be persuaded to attend our meetings, if and when they are held.

b. There is a large territory in the northern part of Detroit, adjacent to Royal Oak, which can be called an unchurched community. It is a growing district and it would seem that, if we shall initiate work in the interest of Evangelization, the district affords a splendid opportunity to be thus engaged.

The Committee decided to table the matter until a suitable place is found and it receives authorization from Synod to proceed.

Alexandria, La. An account of an investigation as to the possibilities of stationing a camp pastor in Alexandria appears elsewhere in our report and it can, therefore, suffice to mention that Rev. H. Baker has given much time to arranging for the care of our soldiers in the Alexandria district.

It may be of interest to Synod to quote from his report.

"Services under the leadership of the regimental chaplains are held regularly on Sunday mornings. The members of the Army are expected to attend.

"The addresses of 15 minutes each are of a very general nature. None of our boys are satisfied with them. They are talks which aim to teach moral lessons. Since they must come down to a level where all can appreciate the messages, these cannot satisfy the young men of Reformed background.

"Several of our young men attend services in Alexandria. As many, if not more, do not attend any other service than the one held on the army grounds."
"No religious service or meeting is permitted on the army grounds except under the leadership of the chaplains.

"The chaplains, because of their being kept busy with routine matters and recreational activities, can give but little time to the spiritual interests of the young men.

"The chaplains are deeply interested in having the Churches give their attention to whatever can be done for the boys when they leave the camp and visit the cities. The big problem is how to safeguard the soldiers against moral hazards when they spend their evenings, Saturday afternoons, and Sundays in town.

"The soldiers need a place where they can go to meet their friends and feel at home.

"In view of the uncertainty as to how much a minister can do it would seem advisable to proceed cautiously. Before we think of having a permanent set-up and engage a man permanently for this type of work we should try out the engagement of a minister for a period of four or six months. A rented home which could be opened for the soldiers would at least give us necessary information as to how much effective work can be done. The man to be engaged should not think of having all the conveniences he now enjoys. His home should be a place where the soldiers can meet."

Pursuant to the advice given, the missionary at large was instructed to rent a house and to arrange for its occupancy by the camp pastor.

Synod is, undoubtedly, aware of the fact that only recently definite steps are being taken by social and religious agencies to provide suitable places for the soldiers in cities adjacent to Army Camps. We may be thankful that the Lord has given us the opportunity to render a highly needed service in Alexandria.

Englewood, Chicago, Ill. At the suggestion and upon the advice of the Home Mission Committee of Classis Illinois the missionary at large was instructed to contact the consistories of the Englewood churches to gain their reaction to the advisability of putting forth attempts to organize a third church in that community. As yet no official reply has been received.

Whitinsville, Mass. The Eastern Home Mission Board requested an investigation of the Whitinsville, Mass., district to determine the possibilities of being engaged in
work that may lead to the organization of a congregation. The missionary at large met with the consistory. It promised wholehearted cooperation in such a project. The consistory is convinced that there is an excellent opportunity in Worcester, Mass., for opening a mission station in that locality. The mission-minded members of our church in that city would be real assets in furthering its growth. This station would not only strengthen our witness in the New England States, but also serve as an outlet for the flourishing and growing congregation of Whitinsville. In a program of expansion this proposal should receive serious consideration.

Washington, D. C. Attention had been called to the need of ministering to our people in Washington. A preliminary investigation reveals that there are several families, besides a number of individuals, who are interested in an attempt to organize a Christian Reformed church in that city. Contacts have been made with a number of families to gain their reaction to such a move. Mr. George Monsma has been asked to serve as a corresponding secretary of the group and, as others move to Washington or information is obtained of the presence of interested persons in Washington, the necessary steps will be taken to provide for the field.

2. Contacts with Missionaries and Classes.

The Rev. H. Baker has attended as many Classical meetings as his other duties allowed. They were: Holland, Wisconsin, Ostfriesland, Grand Rapids, East, and Illinois. Contacts with the missionaries were maintained through correspondence and personal visits. He took part in the installation of the Rev. E. Kooistra on the 17th of January.

3. Pleading the Cause.

The missionary at large delivered 18 addresses at Mission Festivals, Societies, and Men groups in the interest of our Home Mission cause. Services were conducted in several churches with a view to making our people more mission conscious.

4. Work in Fields.

Montello Park, Holland, Mich. Services were inaugurated in Montello Park, June 16, 1940. The group was organized Nov. 14, 1940. Prior to and after organization the Rev. H. Baker has served the group with preaching,
catechism instruction, leading meetings, and all such work as is usually performed by a pastor.

*Lansing, Mich.* At the request of the Classical Home Mission Committee the Rev. H. Baker has given his services to this church for the purpose of assisting it in meeting an emergency that had arisen.

*Aberdeen Proving Grounds, Md., and Camp Lee, Va.* At these two places visits were made to serve the boys as occasion might demand. It was his privilege to meet the young men and to bring them together and we trust that this and similar visits by others will be conducive toward mutual helpfulness in meeting the trials of Army life.

C. **Summary.**

In reviewing the work of the past year we present the following:

1. Fields of which mention was made last year as possible fields for Home Mission work.

   *San Diego, Calif.* Week-day services are held to maintain contacts with our people and to determine the possibilities of the field.

   *Big Rapids, Mich.* The field has been opened and placed under the care of a missionary.

   *Kalamazoo, Mich.* It was decided not to attempt opening the field as yet because of a lack of interest.

   *Royal Oak and Detroit, Mich.* Presents a splendid opportunity for Evangelization.

2. Congregations organized.

   *Saginaw, Mich.*
   *Compton, Calif.*
   *Montello Park, Holland, Mich.*
   *Arcadia, Calif.*

3. Fields to be investigated or in the process of investigation.

   *Fremont, Iowa.*
   *Bellflower-Norwalk district.*
   *Traverse City, Mich.*
   *Englewood, Chicago, Ill.*
   *Washington, D. C.*
   *Whitinsville, Mass.*
   *Bristol, Pa.*
   *Columbus, Ohio.*

4. New fields that were tentatively opened.

   *San Diego, Calif.*
   *Big Rapids, Mich.*
   *Fremont, Iowa.*
   *Bristol, Iowa.*

D. **Budget for the Church Extension Fund for 1942.**

1. **Salaries of the Missionaries.**

   (In order that Synod may note how the various amounts paid
are arrived at, we have listed separately, salary, car allowance, house rent, and the amount contributed by the field that is served.)

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Total Amount for Salaries: $27,750.00

2. Administrative Expenses: $1000.00

3. Expenses Incidental to the Work. (This includes $610.00 for the stated supply, Rev. M. Huizenga, the expenses of the missionary at large, traveling of the missionaries in investigating fields, and pulpit supplies during vacations and vacancies): $500.00

4. Allowance for expansion, should Synod so authorize: $6000.00

Total Budget: $39,750.00

5. The Executive Committee proposes that the quota for the Church Extension Fund be set at $1.50 per family. This amount is needed to meet our budget for the coming year. This quota is the same as that of last year.

IV. FUND FOR NEEDY CHURCHES

A. INFORMATION

1. We take pleasure in reporting to your honorable body that word has been received from the churches at Lynden III in Classis Pacific, which for the year 1941 is receiving aid to the extent of $200.00, from Muskegon Heights in Classis Muskegon receiving $150.00 aid, and from De Motte, Ind., in Classis Illinois receiving $400.00 aid, that no aid will be required for the ensuing year. These churches have passed to the self-sustaining stage.

2. In view of the fact that Synod determines the amount of aid to be given Needy Churches your Committee has only taken action as was considered necessary because of extraordinary circumstances in granting additional allowances, as follows:

a. Flint, Mich., an increase of $100.00, thereby raising the amount of aid received to $600.00. That was due to a marked decrease in the number of families. The church now numbers 18 families.
b. Coster, Iowa, an increase of $50.00, thereby raising the amount of aid to $650.00. This increase was given with the proviso that the pastor's salary be raised to $1,100.00. The proviso was accepted and the increase granted.

c. Hollandale, Minn., requested an increase from $550.00 to $575.00. Because of additional information received since last Synod met, impressing our Committee with the crop failure, and the church being found in one of the poorest sections of the country, the request was granted.

d. Zillah, Wash., requested that $550.00 aid be granted as originally sought, instead of the $500.00 granted by the previous Synod. Our Committee found no sufficient reason for granting this request. If, however, at the close of the year additional information is supplied revealing the presence of an increased need, our Committee requests that this be brought to our attention and assures the church of a reconsideration of the case at that time.

e. Hull, N. Dak., requested aid for 1941 to the extent of $300.00 due to the many years of complete or nearly complete crop failure. The assurance is given that with another good year the request will not be repeated. This request was granted.

f. Dispatch, Kansas, recommended for aid to the extent of $300.00 for 1941, due to the virtually complete crop failure and low market prices, was granted the request.

g. Terra Ceia requested an increase in aid to the extent of $100.00. The congregation by adding a $100.00 to the amount she now contributes toward the payment of her pastor's salary would thereby increase his salary to $1400.00. This request bears the recommendation of Classis Hackensack. Our Committee, however, was not convinced that the reasons given warrant the increase. Moreover, we are bound by the instruction of Synod that we work toward equalization among the Needy Churches. We rather fear that this would have the opposite effect. As such we felt constrained to withhold the requested increase.

h. Compton, Calif., recently organized, and planning on calling a minister on a $1500.00 salary basis, requested aid from the F. N. C. to the extent of $750.00. Your Committee feels that every possible assistance should be given a church passing from the Mission to the Aided Church stage. However, these figures being far in excess of the sliding scale adopted by Synod of 1937 (cf. No. 71 in list of churches seeking aid) Compton was given the assurance of $600.00 aid on a pro rate basis for 1941, with the recommendation for this same amount of aid for 1942, after which our Committee feels that this church should place herself in line with the other churches found in the same bracket.

i. Estelline, So. Dak., requested that she receive a stated supply to minister to her needs. A consultation with the Home Mission Comm. of Classis Minnesota revealed this to be a rather isolated yet promising field with the presence of a large number of young people. The church was advised to seek a minister of her own in the regular way. The assurance of $700.00 aid from the F. N. C. was given. Estelline has agreed to follow this course.

3. The following churches were notified of the increase in aid granted them by the last Synod, together with the conditions under which an increase would be granted:
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a. Sibley, Iowa, an increase from $600.00 to $700.00 on condition that the pastor's salary be increased from $1000.00 to $1200.00.
b. Parchment, Mich., an increase from $600.00 to $700.00 on condition that the pastor's salary be increased from $1000.00 to $1200.00.
c. Sioux Falls, So. Dak., an increase from $550.00 to $600.00 on condition that the pastor's salary be raised from $1000.00 to $1200.00.

These churches have agreed to meet the conditions and are receiving the additional aid for 1941.

4. Due to the very special needs in their homes, the following pastors were granted bonuses in the course of the year:
a. The pastor of Parchment, Mich., due to his extremely low salary and cost of the major operation to which he submitted and the time needed to recuperate, was granted a bonus of $225.00.
b. Upon recommendation of Classis Ostfriesland a bonus of $50.00 was granted the pastor of Coster, Iowa, in view of his low salary and the special needs in the family.
c. Due to special needs in the home, brought on by the change of climatic conditions, a request from Ackley, Iowa, supported by Classis Ostfriesland for $100.00 was granted.
d. Due to the need in the home of the pastor at Atwood, Mich., brought about by an inadequate salary to meet the demands of a large family a bonus of $100.00 was granted.

5. The following churches received the assurance, upon their request and the recommendation of their Classes, that the promised amount of aid could be expected from the time they obtained the services of another pastor (cf. Acts 1937, Art. 103, B, 5, p. 84):
a. Holland Center, So. Dak., $650.00. This amount is the same as before. Granted.
b. Sumas, Wash., $500.00 as before. Granted.
c. Vesper, Wis., $500.00 as before. Granted.
d. Sioux Falls, So. Dak., $600.00 as before. Granted.
e. Terra Ciea, N. C., $600.00 as before. Granted.
f. Hancock, Minn., $600.00 as before. Granted.
g. Arlene, Mich., $550.00 as before. Granted.
h. Goshen, Ind., $500.00 as before. Granted.
i. Muskegon Heights, Mich., $150.00 as before. Granted.
j. Harderwyk, Mich., requested $300.00. $150.00 aid was granted.
k. Ackley, Iowa $400.00 aid as before. Granted.
l. Hollandale, Minn., $575.00 as before. Granted.

6. The following churches received aid in the transfer and moving of their pastors:
a. Seymour, Grand Rapids, Mich., was granted $77.00 aid.
b. Hancock, Minn., was granted $28.00 aid.
c. Holland Marsh, Ont., Canada, was granted $300.00 aid.
d. Coster, Iowa, was granted $126.33 aid.

All these allowances, totaling $531.33, were granted on the basis of the synodically approved scale.
e. The request of Ackley, Iowa, for aid from this fund was not granted. Inasmuch as it is the opinion of our Committee that only churches in actual need are to receive assistance from this fund, and this church being practically free of all debt, our Committee was not at all convinced that it could not meet the expense incurred in the transfer of its pastor.

B. RECOMMENDATIONS FOR AID FOR 1942

The Executive Committee being instructed to present its recommendation for aid from the Fund for Needy churches, would remind Synod of the following regulations that have been adopted by previous Synods and that have guided our Committee in presenting its recommendations:

1. Art. 5, h, of the Home Missions Order: the work of the Executive Committee shall be "to pass upon all applications for support from the Fund for Needy Churches and to submit its recommendations to Synod for approval. It shall, in these recommendations, give due consideration to an equitable distribution of the Fund for Needy Churches."

2. Regulations adopted by the Synod of 1937, cf. Acts of Synod 1937, page 84 B, 1 and 2, "We advise Synod to adopt the recommendation of the Executive Committee that, as a rule, the subsidy paid to any church shall not be in excess of fifty percent of the salary paid the minister serving such a church on the grounds given."

"We advise Synod to adopt the recommendation of the Executive Committee regarding the sliding scale in the distribution of the money of the Subsidy Fund, with this understanding that room is left for exceptional cases which are to be judged on their own merits."

3. To the sliding scale itself found on page 150 of the Acts of Synod 1937, which is as follows:
   a) Churches numbering 20 families or less to receive an allowance, where necessary, of $600.00 per year, with $700.00 as a maximum figure.
   b) Churches numbering between 21 and 30 families to receive an allowance, where necessary, of $500.00 with $600.00 as a maximum figure.
   c) Churches numbering between 31 and 40 families to receive an allowance, where necessary, of $300.00 with $500.00 as a maximum allowance.
   d) Churches numbering between 41 an 50 families to receive an allowance, where necessary, of $200.00 with $300.00 as a maximum allowance.
   e) Churches numbering more than 50 families are to be considered exceptional cases and must be judged on their own merits."

Based on these instructions the Executive Committee presents its recommendations for aid from the Fund for Needy Churches for the year 1941, together with other information necessary for intelligent action on the part of Synod.
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* Duvall-Sultan. Duvall for the first time is asking aid to the extent of $600.00 since it has severed its connection with the Sultan church. In view of the fact that Duvall-Sultan have been shepherded by one pastor and this arrangement evidently could be carried out with not too great an inconvenience, the Executive Comm. is not convinced that this new arrangement, which involves an outlay of some $1300.00, is warranted. We therefore place this case before Synod for final disposition. Should Synod decide to recognize the separate existence, we then recommend that $500.00 aid be granted both churches.

† Sibley, Iowa, last year requested aid to the extent of $700.00 thereby increasing their aid by $100.00. Our Comm. advised granting $600.00 aid as heretofore. Synod, however, ruled that Sibley be granted $700.00 aid on condition that the pastor’s salary be raised to $1200.00. This church now requests $650.00 aid based on a $1250.00 salary. In view of Synod’s action the past year our Comm. feels that her request ought to be granted in spite of its reaching beyond the maximum allowance granted a church in this class. However, with the definite understanding that a following year will find Sibley in line with the other churches in the bracket where she is found.

‡ In view of the need in the parsonage of Ackley, Iowa, our Comm. advises granting this church an increase in aid to the extent of $50.00 with the definite understanding that the pastor receive a $1300.00 salary for 1942.

§ There is an item in the questionnaire of Portland, Mich., to which we would call the attention of Synod so that the complete facts in the case may be considered. The pastor’s salary is placed at $1220.00 with the understanding that if at the close of the year there is a surplus in the treasury, after all other expenses have been met, this be given the pastor. In 1940 this brought his salary to $1380.00.

‖ Our Comm. recommends granting Hawarden, Iowa, additional aid to the extent of $100.00 thereby increasing the aid to $450.00 with the very definite understanding that Hawarden also add $100.00 to her pastor’s salary thereby increasing this salary to $1200.00.

‖ Our Comm. advises an increase in aid be granted Baner, Mich., to the extent of $50.00 thereby increasing the amount of aid received to $400.00. This is done with a view to the need in the pastor’s family and the increase of his salary to $1200.00 to meet this need.

C. The Executive Committee proposes that Synod set the quota for the Fund for Needy Churches at $2.25 per family. This amount is necessary to meet the obligations assumed. This figure is the same as that of last year.
V. EMERGENCY FUND

A. WORK AMONG THE BOYS IN THE ARMY AND NAVY.

Under General Information we have referred to the work among the young men in service. This work was undertaken at the suggestion and upon the solicitation of several Classes and Classical Home Mission Committees. There being no other agency in our Church which could assume responsibility for this service, the Ex. Committee was constrained to take upon itself the task of providing for the spiritual and moral well-being of our boys.

A communication addressed to the military authorities in Washington asking for the privilege of stationing camp pastors, similar to those of the World War days, in the several camps brought a reply in which we were informed that the stationing of camp pastors within military camps is not permitted. The engagement of camp pastors, however, who could be stationed in the vicinity of the camps and would serve the young men under the direction of the chaplain, was welcomed.

The missionary at large was instructed to write the consistories for information as to the presence of their young men in the service of the Army and Navy. This information was considered necessary to determine how many camp pastors were needed and where they should be stationed.


Inasmuch as many of our boys were located in the vicinity of Alexandria, La., Rev. H. Baker was instructed to visit the camp and to gather all essential information relative to the feasibility and possibility of stationing a camp pastor in that city. The investigation disclosed that there were a large number of soldiers in Camp BeauRegard and that soon many others from Michigan, Wisconsin, North Dakota, South Dakota, and Iowa would be trained in the vicinity of Alexandria. The reasonable certainty that at least 200 of our young men would be in training in that district persuaded your Committee that the engagement of a pastor who would give his time solely to the work among soldiers was warranted. At present there are at least 200 of our own young men in that vicinity.

The Rev. E. Boeve of Kelloggsville, Mich., was engaged, subject to the approval of his consistory, for a period of six months. The consistory of his congregation granted him a leave of absence for that period.
A home convenient for the purpose of entertaining the young men was leased for one year with the privilege of renewing the lease for another year, if such is feasible. The house was furnished at a low cost and, should we discontinue our work at Alexandria, the furniture can be easily disposed of without a financial loss.

The Rev. E. Boeve applies himself with diligence to the ministry in behalf of the young men, and to the satisfaction of the soldiers and the Ex. Committee his services have proven to be invaluable. The Ex. Committee appreciates the cooperation of the Army chaplains and especially of the Westminster Presbyterian Church of Alexandria in granting the use of its church building for divine services. Dr. J. R. Richardson, the pastor, has also given our camp pastor much assistance.

When the six months expire your Committee will station a successor to the present incumbent in Alexandria. We trust that this action has the approbation of Synod.

2. Ministry in Other Camps.

With respect to the work in other camps the Ex. Committee decided:

a. That the names and addresses of the persons who are in the service of the Army and Navy be transmitted to the home missionaries who labor in the vicinity of those camps and stations with the request that they seek to establish permanent contacts with those men.

b. That wherever it is feasible and will not involve a large expense, ministers of churches (preferably subsidized churches) be requested to establish contacts with the men who are stationed in the vicinity of their congregations and to give them such attention as may be required. This arrangement is carried out in consultation with the Classical Home Mission Committees.

c. That the names and addresses of persons who are located in certain camps or stations be sent to the other young men in those camps or stations. This will make it possible for those who are interested to make contacts with the others of our denomination of whom they now have no knowledge.

In accordance with these decisions the following men were appointed for the several districts:

Rev. K. Bergsma .................................. Pacific Northwest
Revs. F. De Jong and A. Dusseljee .......... Pacific Southwest
Rev. E. Kooistra .................................. The Atlantic Seaboard
Rev. P. De Jong .................................................. Texas
Rev. R. O. De Groot ........................................ Chanute Field and Fort Scott, Ill.
Rev. C. Vander Ark ........................................... Great Lakes and Fort Sheridan, Ill.
Rev. L. Oostendorp ........................................ Fort Custer, Mich.
Rev. J. Hanenburg ........................................ Fort Brady, Mich.
Rev. R. Wezemau ............................................ Camp Grant, Ill.
Rev. F. H. Huizenga ....................................... Camp Riley, Kansas
Rev. J. Kenbeek ............................................ Fort Knox, Ky.

The Revs. R. O. De Groot and J. Kenbeek have accepted calls to other fields and arrangements are being made to appoint others for the camps in which they labored. With respect to the camps which have no regular worker the Ex. Committee is planning itineraries wherein camps are grouped together for which certain pastors shall be engaged.

When your Committee was informed that several young men from our churches are in training in Camp Stratford, Ontario, for service in the Dutch Army, the Rev. H. Wierenga of Sarnia was appointed to give his attention to that camp. He is assisted by the Revs. Wm. Meyer and M. Schans.

Rev. H. A. Dykstra to be Engaged as Camp Pastor

The Board of Missions suggested that our Committee give consideration to an appointment of the Rev. H. A. Dykstra for work in the sphere of Home Missions. It was also suggested that he might be available for camp work. Considering that the Rev. A. Dusseljee, who has devoted much of his time to this type of work, is needed in other fields, your Committee has acted upon the suggestion and made arrangements with the Rev. Dykstra for this service. The arrangements were made subject to the approval of the Mission Board. We have been informed that the arrangement has the approval of the Board of Missions.

3. Financing Camp Work.

The expenses connected with the services rendered our young men in service can hardly be considered to be the responsibility of either the Church Extension or Fund for Needy Churches, hence the Committee decided to make an appeal to our church public for support of the Emergency Fund. Although it is not an emergency similar to that of a few years ago, it may be considered to be a special need for which we have no Fund. In the opinion of your Committee the Emergency Fund could properly serve this purpose in the present emergency.
B. APPOINTMENT OF STUDENTS FOR THE SUMMER.

1. The following assignments were made:

- Houston, B. C. —— Student William Heynen
- Burdett, Alta. —— Student John Wevers
- Granum, Alta. —— Student H. Petersen
- Estelline, S. D. —— Student J. Kromminga
- Big Rapids, Mich. —— Student V. Licatesi
- Purewater and Pleasant Valley —— Students A. E. Rozendal and H. Exoo
- The East —— Student H. Dekker
- Otsego, Mich. —— Student H. Boer

2. Reports of Student Labors.

The students J. Mulder, H. Petersen, G. Van de Riet, A. Hoogstrate, H. Boer, S. Kramer, and J. Kromminga reported on their labors during the summer of 1940. From their reports it was evident that our students have interested themselves in the task assigned to them and had labored diligently. Reports from the places served indicated that their ministry was greatly appreciated.

C. OFFERINGS FOR THE EMERGENCY FUND.

In view of the heavy drain on this Fund occasioned by the expense of Camp Work your Committee would appreciate a recommendation of an offering to our churches.

VI. REPORT — TREASURER

REPORT OF THE TREASURY FOR THE YEAR 1940

Receipts

- Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1940 —— $31,937.38
- Received for Church Extension —— 35,332.04
- Received for Emergency Fund —— 1,702.31
- Received for Subsidy —— 49,595.05

Total —— $118,566.78

Disbursements

- For Church Extension —— $31,055.29
- For Emergency —— 2,549.50
- For Subsidy —— 45,002.06

Total —— $78,606.85

Cash Balance, December 31, 1940 —— $39,959.93

ACCOUNT OF INDIVIDUAL FUNDS

The Church Extension Fund:
- Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1940 —— $17,674.65
- Receipts for 1940 —— 35,332.04

Total —— $53,006.69

Disbursements —— 31,055.29

Cash Balance, Dec. 31, 1940 —— $21,951.40
### The Emergency Fund:

- **Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1940:** $1,539.92
- **Receipts for 1940:** $1,702.31

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- **Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1940:** $12,722.81
- **Receipts for 1940:** $49,595.05

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### STATEMENT OF INCOME IN THE THREE FUNDS

#### The Church Extension Fund:
- **Received through Classical Treasurers:** $33,548.57
- **Received from all other sources:** $1,783.47

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#### The Emergency Fund:
- **Received through Classical Treasurers:** $1,341.93
- **Received from all other sources:** $360.38

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#### The Subsidy Fund:
- **Received through Classical Treasurers:** $48,220.96
- **Received from all other sources:** $1,374.09

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### MISCELLANEOUS RECEIPTS

#### The Church Extension Fund:
- **Individuals, Missionary Unions, etc.:** $732.49
- **Missionaries:** $472.94
- **Earnings from securities held:** $578.04

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#### The Emergency Fund:
- **From Individuals, Societies, etc.:** $291.00
- **From fields served by students:** $65.00
- **Refund:** $4.38

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SUPPLEMENT III

The Subsidy Fund:
Individuals, Missionary Unions, etc.... $ 261.03
Earnings from securities held ............ 867.06
Refunds ................................... 246.00

Total .................................... $ 1,374.09
Grand Total ............................... $ 3,517.94

TOTAL INCOME FROM ALL SOURCES
From the Classical Treasurers ........ $ 83,111.46
From Miscellaneous Receipts .......... 3,517.94

Total .................................... $ 86,629.40
Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1940 ........... 31,937.38

Grand Total Cash ......................... $118,566.78

For comparison we here give the figures of the last four years:
Total income for 1937 ................. $80,341.24
Total income for 1938 .................. 80,584.97
Total income for 1939 .................. 78,690.94
Total income for 1940 .................. 86,629.40

Increase of 1940 over 1939 ............. $7,938.46

SECURITIES HELD AND AMOUNT EARNED IN 1940

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Total Earned ................................ $1,445.10

This amount was divided as follows:
For Church Extension — 40% .............. $578.04
For Subsidy — 60% ...................... 867.06

The following statement is in our files: "I have examined the above mentioned securities which are in a safe deposit box at this bank, February 13, 1941, under the name of Executive Committee for Home Missions.

(Signed) John Yonkman,
Manager, Wealthy-Eastern Branch,
Old Kent Bank."
### ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES FOR 1940

Office Supplies, Printing, Postage, etc. $188.23
Traveling and Meeting Expenses 292.65
Committee Expenses 475.00
Speaking Tour Expenses 374.43
Tracts 77.96
Treasurer's Bond 12.50
Incorporation Fee: State of Michigan 2.00
Auditor's Fee 25.00

Total Administrative Expenses for 1940: $1,447.77
(This is slightly more than 1½% of the total receipts for 1940)

### STATEMENT OF DISBURSEMENTS FOR THE YEAR 1940

#### The Extension Fund:
- Salaries of the Missionaries: $23,650.50
- Expenses of the Missionaries: 3,080.84
- Remunerations and Expenses to Pastors: 3,663.32
- Administrative Expenses: 660.63

Total: $31,055.29

#### The Emergency Fund:
- Paid to Candidates and Students: $2,347.98
- Camp Work: 75.00
- Administrative Expenses: 126.52

Total: $2,549.50

#### The Subsidy Fund:
- Paid to Subsidized Churches: $43,810.11
- Moving Pastors: 531.33
- Administrative Expenses: 660.62

Total: $45,002.06

Grand Total: $78,606.85

THE FOLLOWING IS THE AMOUNT PAID OUT TO THE MISSIONARIES:

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Totals: $23,650.50 $3,080.84 $26,731.34
STATEMENT OF AMOUNTS RECEIVED FROM EACH CLASSIS

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Total: $33,548.57 $1,341.93 $48,220.96 $83,111.46

We also wish to report here that two churches had paid the full quotas for the year 1939 which were not given the due credit to the Synod of 1940. We wish to add them here: They are Hollandale, Minn., and Prospect Park, N. J.

This year many of the churches paid their quota in full, which was $2.25 per family, while others paid in full at the rate of $2.00 due to an error in the acts of 1940. To them all we express our thanks. This year we are not listing the names, since they have been mentioned in “The Banner” by the Rev. Dolfin.

Humbly submitted,
D. D. Bonnema, Treas.

We have the following statement in our files:

“Jan. 15, 1941.”

“I have audited the books of Rev. D. D. Bonnema, Treasurer of the Executive Committee for Home Missions, for the Period January 1, 1940 to December 31, 1940, and have found them to be correct.

“(Signed) Wm. J. Plekker.”

REPORT OF THE TREASURY
Jan. 1, 1941 to June 1, 1941

In the Three Funds:

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Total: $62,847.98

Paid Out: 35,279.48

Cash on Hand: $27,568.50
In the Church Extension Fund:
On Hand Jan. 1, 1941 $ 21,951.40
Received .................. 8,641.84
Total .................... $ 30,593.24
Paid Out .................. 13,242.74
Cash on Hand ................ $ 17,350.50

In the Emergency Fund:
On Hand Jan, 1, 1941 $ 692.73
Received .................. 1,665.77
Total .................... $ 2,358.50
Paid Out .................. 1,468.90
Cash on Hand ................ $ 889.60

In the Subsidy Fund:
On Hand Jan. 1, 1941 $ 17,315.80
Received .................. 12,080.44
Total .................... $ 29,396.24
Paid Out .................. 20,567.84
Cash on Hand ................ $ 8,828.40

Total amount Paid Out Jan. 1, 1941 to June 1, 1941 $ 35,279.48
Total amount Received Jan. 1, 1941 to June 1, 1941 $ 22,888.05
Disbursements exceeding receipts .................. $ 12,391.43

We were able to pay out much more than we had received because of the balance we had on hand Jan. 1, 1941. It is expected that money will come in more freely the balance of the year. This is needed shall we be able to pay all bills by the end of the year.

With Thanks to God, humbly submitted.

D. D. Bonnema, Treas.

VII. MATTERS WHICH REQUIRE SYNODICAL ACTION

For the convenience of Synod we here enumerate the matters which call for action and are embodied on our report.

A. Election of members of the Committee and their alternates. (See report Part I, C.)
B. Budget and Quota for Church Extension. (See report, Part III, D.)
C. Recommendations for support from The Fund for Needy Churches. (See report, Part IV, B.)
D. Budget and Quota for The Fund for Needy Churches. (See report, Part IV, C.)
E. Recommendation of an offering for The Emergency Fund. (See report, Part V, C.)

F. Matters which require synodical approval:
1. Adjustment with respect to Canadian Exchange. (See report, Part II, B.)
2. Financing camp work from The Emergency Fund. (See report, Part V, A, 3.)
3. Assuming responsibility for work among the young men in service. (See report, Part II, E.)
4. Stationing a camp pastor in Alexandria and appointing a successor. (See report, Part V, A, 1.)
5. Granting and increasing allowances to Needy Churches. (See report, Part IV, A, 2.)
6. Granting bonuses because of special circumstances. (See report, Part IV, A, 4.)
7. Continuing aid to calling churches. (See report, Part IV, A, 5.)

G. Your Committee desires an expression of Synod with respect to the desirability of expanding that phase of Home Mission work which especially concerns itself with bringing the Gospel to the unchurched in the centers of population. In our report mention is made of two fields which, we believe, challenge the Church to go forward.

The sphere of Home Missions is practically unlimited. The fields are white for the harvest. Whereas expansion in foreign fields is being curtailed, our own land presents opportunities which challenge the Church of Christ to greater activity.

For two years the Executive Committee has given consideration to opening a field in which we would be primarily engaged in bringing the Gospel to the unchurched. We refer to a section in the northern part of the city of Detroit, Michigan. In that district we can not expect many accessions from other Christian Reformed churches. The progress of our work will have to depend on the support that can be obtained from those who are won for the Kingdom of Christ through the faithful preaching of the Word.

Our labors in the past have been limited largely to those who are of our faith. These, to be sure, have the first claim upon the attention of the Church. Wan-
dering boys and girls and drifting families are sought and have been brought back to the fold. We are not, however, fully complying with the Lord’s command when we confine our labors to those who belong, or have belonged, to our household of faith.

There are multitudes that are ignorant of the truth. The forces of unbelief have made serious inroads upon the Church. Many have been alienated from the faith. Our desire to obey the Savior’s command and the plight of the masses should prompt us to acquaint the people of our country with the truth as we confess it. It is hardly necessary to argue that this is our solemn duty and that we are facing a real challenge.

Your Committee is convinced that our people generally are deeply interested in this type of Home Mission work and will support it gladly.

Your Committee proposes that whereas:

1. Our Church in its Mission Order is definitely committed to the task of bringing the Gospel to the unchurched, and

2. There are challenging opportunities in the centers of population for expansion in the work of Evangelization;

Synod authorize the Executive Committee to select a field (possibly two fields) which after thorough investigation appears to be suitable for Evangelization.

Humbly submitted,

The Executive Committee for Home Missions,

J. Breuker, President.
Wm. Kok, Vice-President.
H. Blystra, Secretary.
D. D. Bonnema, Treasurer.
R. J. Karsen, Sec’y of F. for N. C.
J. B. Hulst.
J. Geels.
C. Holtrop.
W. H. Rutgers.
H. Baker, Missionary at large.
REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE FOR CHURCH HELP

To the Synod of 1941:

Esteemed Brethren:

We herewith submit to you our report for 1940: The committee was again flooded with requests for loans. The recommendations of our various Classes amounted to $40,500.00. Almost twice as much as the income during the same period. The income was $22,148.13. Almost the same as last year. As a result we were compelled to cut down requests considerable. In many cases about 50 per cent. You will readily see the necessity of this, if you bear in mind that the Fund is more than $30,000.00 in arrears. We felt that some congregations were worthy of more liberal support, but we did not dare to let the Fund go in deeper. The new loans promised during 1940 amounted to $21,300.00, about the same amount as the income during the same period.

With a view to the foregoing we again ask Synod to raise the quota for Church Help to $1.00. We fail to see why the quota for this Fund should be so far below the need of the Fund. Why should not this Fund be more liberally supported? It serves a very important purpose in connection with the work in the field of church extension.

We had to write 48 congregations that failed to make any contribution to the Fund, and 9 that failed to make any repayment. Also 14 that only partly met their obligation. We are glad to report that there is some improvement in this during the last few years.

In the case of some congregations we had to go a little farther. In accordance with the instructions of Synod (Schaver, 73, c) we have reported a number which had not met their obligations, to the respective Classes. Nearly all Classes served us with an answer. And these all informed us that the congregation(s) concerned were financially unable to pay. A more commendable stand was taken by the small Classis California. It decided by means of an offering to help the needy congregation concerned, so that it could meet its obligation.
We must particularly report to you the case of Second Denver. The committee and the consistory of Second Denver differ as to the time from which repayment should be figured. The committee holds that, since Second Denver had received already $6,990.00 by Dec. 31, 1937, the first payment was due Dec. 31, 1938. Second Denver contends, however, that since building was held up due to circumstances, repayment should not begin as long as they were not using the money. Consequently Second Denver has not yet made any repayment. We have informed Second Denver that it should ask Synod for special consideration, if it thinks it is entitled to this. The committee has no authority to do so. We ask Synod to express itself on this matter.

We ask the advice of Synod on another matter. We have faithfully sought to guard the safety of money invested. In some cases we have asked mortgages. Now we have a case of a very small congregation, which in the past has received a large sum from Church Help, which is during recent years gradually diminishing in size, and has its parsonage deeded not on the name of the church but on the name of a few private individuals. We have been urging the church to clear the title, but have obtained no results. What must the committee do?

We, finally, suggest to Synod that Art. 7 of the "Rules for Church Help" (Schaver, 153) concerning reductions to congregations that pay back inside of 5, 10, or 15 years, be dropped:

a) because this rule is not fair. Only those congregations in the best financial circumstances can profit from this rule. Those very deep in debt cannot.

b) congregations receiving loans from Church Help already enjoy the privilege of loaning money without interest.

We herewith attach the financial report of the treasurer properly audited and signed by Miss Cora Hilger of Le Mars, Iowa.

Respectfully submitted,
The Church Help Committee,
DR. W. BÖDE, Chairman
REV. A. WASSINK, Secretary
MR. CHAS. R. MULDER, Treasurer.
THE Christian Reformed Board of Missions is thankful for the opportunity which Synod has given to it of being of service in the cause of missions on our Indian, China, and Sudan fields.

The year under review has been a far more peaceful one than that which preceded it, although we will never come in this world to the point where there are not a number of problems waiting for solution all the time. In spite of war, which has had serious effects on our China field, and threatens the continuation of our work in the Sudan, and in spite of some internal disturbances on the Indian field, which have caused us to have a heavy heart often, our faithful God has blessed our labors, and on all of our fields together we were permitted during 1940 to register 103 baptisms and four professions of faith of covenant children.

YOUR WORK ON THE INDIAN FIELD

The Navajo Tribal Council and Rev. H. Rikkers. The Synod of 1940 took note of the action of the Tribal Council asking the Christian Reformed Board of Missions to transfer Rev. H. Rikkers to some other field of service. Synod instructed this Board to defend the status of our Shiprock missionary. This we have done to the best of our ability, seeking such help from among our missionaries as was available. We did succeed in getting a hearing for the Rev. H. Rikkers at the meeting of the Navajo Tribal Council, but we did not succeed in getting the Tribal Council to change its decision. On the contrary, the decision was reaffirmed by an overwhelming vote, although it will always remain a comfort to the Christian Reformed Church and a credit to Rev. H. Rikkers that the Indians of the Shiprock area were very much opposed to this action, and supported their missionary loyalty. In view of the decision taken by the Tribal Council Rev. H. Rikkers himself, the Inspection
Committee of the Board, Classis Zeeland, and then the Executive Committee of the Board, all deemed it the wisest procedure for the Brother to plan to leave the field within three months with his family. Classis Zeeland has already published in the church papers a notice of the decision, and asking that the churches consider Rev. H. Rikkers available for a call. The Board greatly regrets that the Brother's services terminated in this way, as he has not reserved this drastic treatment from the Tribal Council.

In order to make prompt provision for the Shiprock field when the Rikkers family leaves, the Board has instructed the Executive Committee to take up with Rev. J. R. Kamps and his calling church the possibility of Kamps taking responsibility for that field temporarily. Classis Zeeland is willing to call another man for this field, but considers temporary arrangements necessary in order that the gains made at Shiprock shall not be lost.

Rev. N. De Vries and Rehoboth. In carrying out the instructions of the Synod of 1940 with respect to Rev. N. De Vries, the Executive Committee of the Board met several times with the Roseland consistories and carried on considerable correspondence with the Roseland consistories, with the Rehoboth consistory, and with Rev. N. De Vries. Copies of the correspondence are in our files and records of the conferences and decisions are in our Minutes. Our files and our Minutes are all available for the inspection of Synod. In this report to Synod we can best place before your honorable body the salient features of the case by quoting Section Six of the decisions embodied in our annual Board Minutes of May, 1941. This section reads as follows:

I. Mandate. The closing paragraph of Article 131 of the Acts of Synod 1940 reads: "In regard to the request of the Rev. N. De Vries in re a permanent reappointment as the pastor of the Rehoboth congregation, Synod refers this request to the Executive Committee of the Board in conjunction with the Roseland churches."

II. The Issue. Rev. N. De Vries is missionary pastor of the Roseland churches, called for work at Farmington, New Mexico. The issue is not whether he should or should not leave Farmington. He has left Farmington, at his own request, and by action of the Board, and with the approval of the Roseland consistories; and on that
same authority, he was placed for one year as acting pastor at Rehoboth. The issue before us is whether his appointment to Rehoboth should or should not become permanent.

The Mission Order makes provision for the changing of place or work of a missionary in case the Board considers this necessary or desirable. Article VI, Section 4, as amended by the Synod of 1940, states: “In case the Board deems it necessary, for the best interests of the work, that there be a change in the location or nature of the work of any missionary, such a change shall not be made without consultation with the missionary and his calling church and the church to which he is loaned.”

III. What has been done in the way of carrying out this mandate. In carrying out this mandate of Synod, several meetings were held by the Executive Committee and eight members of the Roseland consistories. The result of these deliberations did not issue in offering a permanent reappointment to the Rev. N. De Vries at Rehoboth. The Executive Committee, in view of the history of the case and of the definitely expressed action of Rehoboth consistory that it did not desire Rev. N. De Vries as its pastor, did not feel justified in offering him a one year trial appointment in the hope that this would be satisfactory and would result in a permanent appointment. This was not satisfactory to Rev. N. De Vries nor to the Roseland consistories. The Roseland consistories were willing to agree on a three year trial appointment, and at one time in the negotiations they also proposed a one year trial appointment provided we stipulated in advance that this would be made a permanent appointment as soon as the problem of the permanent status of the Rev. J. R. Kamps was settled.

Since the Executive Committee and the Roseland consistories could not get together on the matter, the Executive Committee took the position that it was obligated by the terms of the Mission Order to make a decision. Since it could not conscientiously offer him a permanent appointment, and since he himself had declared repeatedly that he would be satisfied with nothing else on the Indian field, we could foresee no future for him whatever on the Indian field. It does not belong to the competency of the Christian Reformed Board of Missions to make a final
decision as to what should be done with a man to whom the Board cannot offer a permanent appointment. Therefore, in order to give to Rev. N. De Vries and his calling churches time to prepare for the eventuality that he might be without an appointment, we gave the friendly advice to the brother to seek, in connection with the Board and the Roseland consistories, another field of labor. To avoid undue hardship for the brother, and to carry the entire situation over to the time when Synod could act, in case no voluntary provisions were made in the meantime, we declared that we would be willing to continue the brother at Rehoboth if necessary until July 1st, 1941. In the meantime, the way for further friendly discussion with the Roseland consistories was left open. The decision referred to above was made September 12th, 1940, and prompt notice of it was sent to Rev. N. De Vries and the Roseland consistories until their letter of December 10th, 1940, which was considered at our Executive Committee meeting of January 9th, 1941. At its meeting of January 9th, 1941, the Executive Committee maintained the position it had taken earlier and gave reasons for this position. It urged upon the Roseland consistories the reconsideration of the position they had taken. Not until April 10th, 1941, was an answer written to our January 9th communication, and this answer of the Roseland consistories was considered at the Executive Committee meeting of May 15th, 1941. Again the Executive Committee felt obligated to maintain the position previously taken and again offered further opportunity to the Roseland consistories for brotherly consultation in case the Roseland consistories desired it. In reply to that invitation the Roseland consistories sent a delegation to the Annual Board meeting with the document referred to in the first part of this article. After considerable discussion the Roseland consistories submitted two brief documents, the former a request for a permanent reappointment for the Rev. N. De Vries at Rehoboth, and the latter stating the reason for this request. Both of these documents are quoted above. Our answer to these two brief documents is found in the next section.

IV. Reasons why the Board does not favor a permanent appointment for Rev. N. De Vries at Rehoboth:

A. The Farmington experience and the Rehoboth trial period were unsatisfactory.
1. The Farmington experience. The Rev. N. De Vries has stated repeatedly that he could see no missionary opportunity in Farmington. General Conference and the Board and even Synod itself have declared that there is a missionary opportunity there, and a missionary is now working there and finding adequate opportunities for missionary service. Yet in spite of the declarations of these official bodies, our brother does not yet see opportunities for missionary service on the Farmington field.

2. Experience at Rehoboth. Something of the Farmington experience was repeated in the Rehoboth experience. Here the Rev. N. De Vries did not see the missionary challenge in the pastoral work, although the original request of Rehoboth consistory and General Conference for an extra worker at Rehoboth (the request which opened the way for the temporary appointment of Rev. N. De Vries at this place) emphasized the need of this extra worker mainly because it was necessary to reach more fully than had ever been done before, the native Christians of this congregation. He was transferred to Rehoboth in the fall of 1939. In the spring of 1940 the Rehoboth consistory felt it necessary to report that he had not yet done any of the follow-up work with the native Christians. When the Executive Committee at its meeting of August 22nd, 1940, offered the brother another temporary one year appointment, it definitely stipulated that he was to do this follow-up work and was to specifically report each month on his activities. However, it was not until January of 1941 that he submitted any sort of a report on his work, and then only to point out that he considered it a matter of needless overlapping for him to go into the field which could also be reached by other men. Not until May, 1941, did we receive a report of the brother that he had visited any appreciable number of Christians of the Rehoboth church. To this day he maintains that most of the follow-up work which the Board has assigned to him in the Rehoboth congregation is needless overlapping. The net result of it all is that the Rehoboth Christians are not receiving the pastoral care to which they are entitled.

B. The actions of Rehoboth consistory. Since the meeting of Synod the Rehoboth consistory has on two separate occasions definitely taken the position urging the Board not to appoint Rev. N. De Vries as pastor for
Rehoboth. After a committee from the Board had requested Rehoboth consistory to consider the matter of the permanent appointment of Rev. N. De Vries as Rehoboth’s pastor, the Rehoboth consistory took the following action on August 2nd, 1940: “In reply to the Board’s request for our consideration of the permanent appointment of brother De Vries as Rehoboth’s pastor, we express as our opinion that we do not consider it to be for the welfare of the Rehoboth church that brother De Vries become its pastor.”

In spite of that the Board again approached the Rehoboth consistory in a letter dated August 27th, 1940, from which we quote the following paragraph:

“During this period when Rev. De Vries is working at Rehoboth without any appointment for a specified period, but just as a holdover from the one-year appointment given by the 1939 Board, we trust that you will receive him for this brief period and will do all in your power to make the road smooth for him. Please recognize that he is in a difficult position. The fact that the Rehoboth consistory has already decided that it does not want him for a permanent pastor is one thing that is going to make it hard for him. The fact that the Board has also gone on record as not being in favor of a permanent appointment at this time is another thing that is making it hard for him. Please recognize these difficulties which the brother is facing. By this the Executive Committee does not mean that it is going to ignore the decision of the Rehoboth consistory which was also arrived at after careful consideration of all the factors in the case. But we would also like to have the consistory remember that if we broke entirely the relationship between Rev. De Vries and Rehoboth, we would be denying him an opportunity to do what he promised Synod he would do. Please help him to give him that opportunity and if patient consideration of one another’s difficulties leads all of us ultimately to the conclusion that the brother can work at Rehoboth or at some other place on the Indian field, then all of us will be happy that a crisis has been avoided.”

In response to our letter of August 27th, we received the following communication from the Rehoboth consistory, dated September 10th, 1940):

Christian Reformed Board of Missions,
Dr. J. C. De Korne, Sec.,
Grand Rapids, Michigan.

DEAR BRETHREN:

Referring to the Board’s letter (August 27, 1940) anent the pastoral relation of Rev. N. De Vries to the Rehoboth consistory and congregation, the Rehoboth consistory decides to inform the Board as follows:

(1) We accept Rev. De Vries because of a desire to ease matters for him and for the Board in the hope that things might be straight-
ened out so that he could either return to Farmington or definitely be transferred to a certain field.

(2) This consistory cannot be made responsible for the withdrawal of Rev. De Vries and of the Roseland churches from the Farmington field. That responsibility is theirs. We do not think it right that because we at one time did our utmost to accommodate the Board, Rev. De Vries, and the Roseland churches, that we should now become the dupe of a situation which is not of our making.

(3) When at our meeting of April 30th we were asked to make a recommendation regarding Rev. De Vries, we expressed satisfaction with his preaching and his teaching but were uncertain as to whether he would fit into the Rehoboth set-up. Nothing has happened to remove that uncertainty. This uncertainty was based upon the general impression we have received of his entire make-up and personality.

(4) In view of the above considerations we are convinced that we must abide by our former decision taken at our meeting of August 2nd, 1940. (Cf. Art. 5, Minutes of Rehoboth Consistory, August 2nd, 1940.)

(5) Should this decision lead the Board into indissoluble difficulties, we are willing to accept the services of Bro. De Vries for one more year, but with the understanding that the Board accept the full responsibility for such an assignment, and with the further understanding that the Board shall during that year take the necessary steps so that this same problem will not be cast into our laps again a year hence.

(6) Should this decision come to the notice of the Roseland consistories, we trust they will refrain from questioning its validity, and from criticising the same, since we can find nothing in our Church Order giving them this right or authority.

(7) We do not feel that we are obliged to give any other reasons for our decision than we have given. Therefore we ask that we be not required to defend the reasons given since we are directing this communication to the Board and not to Rev. De Vries or the Roseland Churches.

The above action carried, with Rev. Kamps casting a dissenting vote on the ground that he deems it improper for consistory to assume authority and responsibility in the appointment of a pastor which it does not exercise in the appointment of associate pastors or lay-workers within its congregational boundaries.

Respectfully submitted,

JACOB R. KAMPS,
Clerk of Consistory.

The point of view from which this communication of the Rehoboth consistory is written should be clearly recognized. These reasons are not submitted as reasons for removing a minister from a post to which he has been regularly called, but are only submitted as reasons why the consistory does not desire to call him or have him permanently appointed to this post. It must also be borne in mind that the Rehoboth consistory is one of the parties recognized in Mission Order, Section VI, Article 4.
C. Lack of co-operation with the Board. The Rev. N. De Vries has not given the Board that co-operation which is demanded of him by the terms of the Mission Order and his letter of call. He did not submit regular reports of his work. He was constantly going to his calling churches with his objections and ignoring the Board. Even those matters which the Mission Order specifically commits to the Board were taken by him to his calling churches rather than to the Board. On several occasions he has left the field without permission from the Board and the Board has thus far been constrained to let the matter go unnoticed merely because it did not want to hamper him in any way in his freedom of speech or action.

We have received numerous reports from various places in which Rev. N. De Vries had delivered addresses that he was broadcasting criticism of the Indian field, of his colleagues, and of the Board. We would never deny to any man the right to differ with the Board or even to criticize it on proper occasion, but we are convinced that it is not conducive to the welfare of our work that the confidence of our churches in the Indian field be undermined.

D. Peculiarities of his personality. Rev. N. De Vries manifests certain characteristics of disposition which seem to make it exceedingly difficult if not impossible for him to co-operate with others. This is concretely shown in his repeated and insistent statements that he is right and those who oppose him are wrong. He demands that other people shall adjust themselves to him, whereas our Mission Order, Article VII, emphasizes adaptability as one of the requirements for a missionary. His letters and conversation abound with criticism of his colleagues, of Rehoboth consistory, of General Conference and its committees, and even of Synod and its committees.

E. Inspection committee reports. The Inspection Committees of both 1940 and 1941 both make mention in their reports of trying experiences with the brother as they sought to confer with him on the problems on the field.

Paragraphs A to E are the grounds for the Board's position that Rev. N. De Vries should not be given a permanent appointment at Rehoboth. The same conditions prevent us from feeling justified in recommending him for any other post on the Indian field.
V. Recommendation to Synod. The positions taken in Sections I to IV constrain the Board to come to Synod for a settlement of the issues involved. We believe it is within our competency to say that we have no appointment to offer Rev. N. De Vries after July 1st. We believe it is within the competency of Synod only to declare what shall be done for him after that. This especially becomes a problem for Synod in view of the fact that the Brother himself and the Roseland consistories have not felt themselves called upon to act in accordance with the friendly advice given by the Board. The Board respectfully requests Synod to decide what is the next step to be taken.

VI. The above decisions were taken without one dissenting vote in the Board. The Secretary is instructed to send this to the Roseland consistories as our answer to their latest documents, and also to incorporate this in our Board report to Synod.

REHOBOTH HOSPITAL POLICY. The Synod of 1940 instructed the Board to effect within one year the complete elimination of the hospitalizing of white patients, except for the care of our own mission workers; to eliminate also within one year all the private practice of the hospital doctor.

A. We can now report that we have carried out Synod’s instructions. All private practice and all white patients have been eliminated since May 1st, 1941.

B. Your Board hereby respectfully petitions Synod to reopen the question of white pay patients for the following reasons:

1. Reconsideration is requested by three Classes, those of Hackensack, Wisconsin, and Ostfriesland; by one congregation, that of Bethany, Muskegon; and by the superintendent of the hospital involved.

2. In making its decision which was contrary to the recommendation of the Board and of Synod’s own advisory committee, the Synod of 1940 did not take time carefully to refute the arguments advanced by the Board to support its recommendation.

3. It has become evident to the Board that the old policy is better than the new.

C. That we recommend to the Board that the following arguments be submitted to the Synod of 1941 to support our recommendation that the hospitalizing of white pa-
tients be recognized as a part of our Rehoboth Hospital Policy: (the first three of the following arguments are a reaffirmation of the arguments advanced by the 1940 Board meeting in BM 368)

1. The efficiency of the hospital staff in caring for Indians and missionaries will be enhanced by the increased income made possible by the presence of white pay patients in the hospital. Further, skill is developed by experience, and most of the white pay patients are likely to be those with serious ailments. It will be possible to have on hand a higher grade and a greater variety of drugs. It will be possible to secure equipment which would be beyond our reach if the hospital did not produce an income. There is nothing unworthy in the use of these funds for the maintenance of our hospital.

2. The presence of white pay patients will help to create goodwill and prestige for the hospital. Indians will have more respect for a hospital that is good enough for a white man.

3. A hospital which ministers to white patients as well as to Indians offers a more attractive professional opportunity to a first class doctor than one ministering to Indians only.

4. The hospitalizing of white patients helps to promote goodwill among the white community in the Navajo area. Government employees and traders and members of their families have often been greatly benefitted by the services rendered by our physician and hospital staff. These people exert influence all over the reservation, and this influence is a decided asset to all of our missionaries.

D. We recommend that in case Synod opens the way for the hospitalizing of white patients, that Synod takes steps to assure itself that the following stipulations be strictly observed:

1. A deeply spiritual atmosphere shall be maintained in the hospital.

2. There shall be a limit to the number of white patients admitted.

3. All revenue, including that from hospitalized white patients, office calls, and outcalls, shall be turned into our Board treasury.

The Synod of 1940 also instructed the Board of Missions: “To refer the necessary readjustment of Dr. Pousma’s salary to Classis Hackensack.” Negotiations with
Classis Hackensack were undertaken, but instead of a decision to adjust Dr. Pousma's salary the Classis is coming to Synod with a request to be released from all obligations for supporting him as their missionary. In order to carry out the spirit of Synod, which clearly aimed at an adjustment of the salary, in order to make up for the loss of income from private practice, your Board recommends that the salary of Dr. Pousma be set at $3,500.00 a year in view of his broad training and special ability.

Since white patients have already been eliminated from the hospital, we are asking in our supplemental budget for 1941 for a special appropriation to tide the hospital over the year to offset the income which formerly accrued from white patients. If white patients are restored, part of this income can still be earned for 1941. The 1942 budget will also have to be considerably higher if no white patients are admitted than if we can profit by the income from those white patients.

Central Heating Plant. The Synod of 1940 authorized the Board to proceed to the erection of a Central Heating Plant for Rehoboth, subject to certain very definite stipulations and limiting the total cost of the plant to $25,000.00. Plans and specifications were prepared and competitive bids were received from responsible contractors. The lowest bid received was more than $32,000.00. Thus the contract has not been let and the Board comes to Synod with a request to increase the appropriation to a total of $33,000.00. General Conference has submitted three reasons why the bids ran so much higher than the original estimate:

1. The cost was considerably increased by Synod's insistence on having this plant constructed on contract instead of largely by mission labor.
2. Architect's fees have added to the cost.
3. Prices of material have been and are still rising.

We further quote the following paragraph from the Minutes of General Conference: "If no Central Heating Plant is built during this year, a special appropriation of $2,000.00 will be required to revamp the heating system of mission house and hospital. This is at present in such bad shape that it cannot last another year in Mr. Bosscher's opinion." (GCM 136 C.)

High School Instruction at Zuni and Rehoboth. Ninth grade instruction has been given in both the Rehoboth
and Zuni Schools during the past year. The Zuni ninth grade began and ended with three pupils. The Rehoboth ninth grade began with seven and ended with five pupils. Since no additional equipment and no additional teachers are involved in giving the tenth grade next year, the Board has authorized the giving of tenth grade instruction at both places. Next year we will face a question vital to the development of both schools. Is it to be our policy to stop at the tenth grade, or are we to go on and aim at a full fledged high school in one or both places? If our Church desires to move on in the direction of a full fledged high school, it should remember that this will involve a great deal in personnel and in expense, possibly in new buildings also. The Board has been studying this matter for some time and has again appointed a committee to review all the material that has been brought before us and present a comprehensive report at the next meeting of the Board.

**Church reorganization on our Indian mission field.**

We will begin our report on this very important question by quoting from a report that was unanimously adopted by General Conference at its April, 1941, meeting:

"In the providence of God the Christian Reformed Church was led to carry on mission work among two of the most outstanding tribes of American Indians. Our mission to the Navajos was begun in October, 1896, and our Zuni mission just one year later. Within three years after the arrival of our missionaries upon the field, a Christian Reformed church was organized at Fort Defiance, Arizona. The charter members of the church were, however, exclusively missionaries, our first converts being received in 1901.

"From the beginning the government of the church rested with the white missionaries. (It would appear this course was followed to make provision for what was considered the only proper administration of the sacraments.)

"As the years went by the work grew, and if we should judge by the number of professed converts alone, the work was richly blessed. The number of Indian Christians and their baptized children passed the one thousand mark according to the 1941 Yearbook. The Fort Defiance church was in 1903 transferred to Rehoboth, and since 1926, three more churches were organized: Farmington-Toadlena, Tohatchi-Nahaschitty, and Crown Point-San Antone. The work has borne fruit and these God-given blessings we should gratefully recognize. However, the churches in their development as such have not kept pace with the growth in numbers to any marked degree. Various factors, such as distance, language barriers, lack of literature in Navajo, etc., may enter into the explanation of this fact. But there appears to be a tendency in the church set-up in our mission work among Indians to retard or even prevent the organization of native, or as they are often called, indigenous churches. That this tendency is there is evident because in government the churches are almost
as dependent on the missionary as in earlier years, and the active membership of the church is still comprised largely of missionaries and their families and native helpers. The native Christians hold back because they expect the missionary to continue indefinitely to assume all responsibility.

"In most foreign countries a different method prevails. Native Christians are set to work as soon as possible with a view to establishing a native or indigenous Christian church. Of late this method is also being tried among our Navajos by certain mission groups. Apart from any promise of success which these experiments hold out to us, this method commends itself in that it is more in keeping with the method set forth in Scripture."

General Conference has gone on record as favoring the establishment of native or indigenous churches. This would involve a reorganization of our ecclesiastical set-up in New Mexico. In the report which was adopted by General Conference, some preliminary principles are laid down, but both Conference and Board feel that a much deeper and broader study will have to be made before our Church will be ready to commit itself on this entire problem. Without committing itself to the principle expressed in the General Conference report, the Board recommends that Synod appoint a committee to make a thorough study of all of this material. A complete set of General Conference material on this question is available.

**Zuni Translation of the Gospel of John.** There has been a development in our Zuni work which we believe will prove to be of great significance. Our Zuni missionary, Rev. George Yff, with the help of Dr. H. C. Whitener, and the Zuni interpreter, Rex Natewa, has brought to a successful completion the translation of the Gospel of John in the Zuni language. This is the first time in the history of our mission work among the Zunis that they have the Gospel in printed form in their own language. The booklets are being printed by the Christian Reformed Publication Committee in Grand Rapids. It will be the privilege of the Board to present each member of Synod with a souvenir copy of this translation. The Board has instructed the Secretary to explore the possibilities of holding a commemorative service of this event in Bethany Church, Muskegon, the calling church for Rev. George Yff. It would also be appropriate for Synod itself to take some action in recognition of this linguistic achievement.

**Special Study of Navajo Language.** Our mission work among the Navajos has always been enriched by the presence of men who delved deeply into the mysteries of
the Navajo language. The late Rev. L. P. Brink stood out in this respect, and his translations of portions of the Scripture are still in use by our own and other missionaries, and by the native Christians. As far as translation work is concerned, the mantle of "L. P." seems to have fallen upon the Rev. W. Goudberg of Tohatchi. As far as his use of the spoken word is concerned, the Rev. J. R. Kamps of Rehoboth has been giving this much attention and has made encouraging progress. General Conference expressed its convictions that it would be well for one member of the mission force to be set aside for an entire year to devote himself to special language study, in order that he might be able to help in the training of others. The Rev. J. R. Kamps was chosen for this special opportunity. His calling church has agreed to the experiment, and if Synod approves he will be given the opportunity for language study by being released from most of his other duties for one year. There will necessarily be some delay in carrying this out due to the special and urgent needs of Shiprock.

**APPROVED LIST OF CANDIDATES.** There will soon be two vacancies on the Indian field, Shiprock, and the pastor's office at Rehoboth. As our nominations for an approved list of candidates from which Synod, and in the interim the Board, can make trios to submit to calling churches, we list the following: Rev. J. B. Swierenga, Rev. Nelson Veltman, Rev. F. Van Houten, Rev. T. Van Kooten, Rev. J. H. Rubingh, Rev. M. Vander Zwaag, Rev. Donald E. Houseman, Rev. Oliver Breen, Rev. Theodore Ver Hulst, Rev. Arnold Brink, and Rev. L. Verduin. Some of these were approved last year, but we are again placing the entire list before you.

**OUR NATIVE STAFF.** The year has brought some unhappy experiences with a few of our interpreters. Three of them had to be discharged because of misconduct. On the one hand, this is very discouraging because we have to count so much on the efforts and influence of these men who stand between the missionary and the natives. On the other hand, it is also an evidence of a wholesome insistence on the part of our missionaries that high ideals be maintained among the personnel representing us. One interpreter, Robert Sandoval, passed away recently; he gave a faithful testimony, which is true of others.
Training School. The work of the Training School was carried on for the greater part of the year, but not with any great encouragement. At times there were four boys in attendance, and there were times when the attendance dwindled down to one, mainly because of the activity of the government in drafting boys for military service. There are some prospects that the work can be reopened next fall with three or four boys in attendance.

Red Rock. The work at Red Rock has been carried on throughout the entire year by native workers with some supervision on the part of Mr. J. C. Kobes of Toadlena. We are cautiously moving forward in this respect, and find that where proper supervision can be given, our natives can do acceptable work, although they are hesitant about taking responsibility.

Women's work. A new experiment has been authorized in reaching the women in their own home. Miss Janet Maring, formerly a teacher in our Rehoboth School, has been appointed for an experimental period to live at Nava, and try to reach out into the many hogans of that area. This type of work has been successful on our China and Sudan fields, and we are hopeful that it will also prove to be a good method for our Indians. This will involve a supplemental appropriation for 1941, and we trust that Synod will not withhold this appropriation.

Canoncito. The Synod of 1940 instructed the Board to confer with General Conference regarding the future of Canoncito, and the Executive Committee was given power to act. Since no suitable way of manning this isolated field has been found, the Executive Committee and the Board are of the opinion that we should seek to transfer this field to another Church that is able to care for it more effectively than we can. We have made a few tentative approaches to churches which might be in a position to care for this field, but thus far without success. We are asking Synod for its endorsement of the steps already taken and authority to proceed. In the meantime our veteran missionary, Rev. John W. Brink, is looking after this field as a labor of love.

Automobile Mileage. It has long been the policy of the Board to provide each missionary, at the beginning of his service, with $600.00 which he can use toward the purchase of an automobile. The Board Treasurer was fur-
ther authorized to pay 4c for each mile used in mission service. Approximately 3c of this was needed for running expenses, repairs, insurance, license, etc., and approximately 1c per mile was expected to be set aside for a depreciation fund in order that when the automobile needed to be replaced, funds would then be on hand for that purpose. Thus the Board always maintained an equity of $600.00 in each automobile on the field. Considerable study has been made of this problem, which is always a vexing one, since road conditions and other circumstances are not the same for all fields. The Board’s study of this problem has led it to decide, subject to Synod’s approval, to adopt a slightly different policy beginning with January 1st, 1942. The Board’s $600.00 equity in each automobile will remain as before, but in place of disbursing 4c for each mission mile traveled, the new policy provides for a flat appropriation of $120.00 per year for each car for depreciation, and 3c a mile in addition to that for each mile traveled on mission service.

**Mark Bouma Pension.** Mr. and Mrs. Mark Bouma have had to retire from the Indian mission field after many years of faithful and diligent service. Since their retirement the Board treasury has been providing them with a pension of $40.00 per month. The Board now comes to Synod with a recommendation that $40.00 be set as the monthly pension to which they are entitled, and asks Synod to determine the length of time this pension will be continued.

**Property Sale and Lease.** The building of a new U. S. Highway through our Rehoboth property has led the Highway authorities to offer us $6.00 an acre for 59.007 acres of our land. Since this is considered a fair price for this land, and since the government would institute condemnation proceedings in case we did not sell voluntarily, this sale was authorized and we ask for your approval of this action.

The building of a large ammunition depot at Fort Wingate brought us an opportunity to lease ten acres of our Rehoboth property to a trader at $2,500.00 a year. The lease was made for one year and the trader has the option of renewing it for a second year. Proper safeguards have been provided against Sunday labor and undesirable business. We ask your approval of this transaction.
GENERAL SURVEY OF THE INDIAN FIELD. Because of the number of details that must be brought before you, and the length of some of those details, we will for this time be content with only a very brief survey of the Indian field in general. A full program of evangelistic, educational, and medical work has been carried on at Rehoboth. The school enrollment this year was 120 in the grades and 5 in the high school. The total number of patient days in the hospital for 1940 was 9,253. An addition to the hospital and an extra room to the doctor's residence were built this past year. There were seven baptisms at Rehoboth and four professions of faith of covenant children.

At Zuni a full program of evangelistic and educational work has been carried on. There were no baptisms at Zuni this year, although one of the Zuni boys, a fruit of the Zuni work, was baptized at Fort Wingate. The enrollment of the school this year was 128 in the grades and 3 in the high school.

Work has been carried on regularly at 11 other stations on the Navajo field: Two Wells, Gallup, Tohatchi, Nahaschitty, Toadlena, Carisso, Red Rock, Shiprock, Farmington, Crown Point, Star Lake. At all of them, except Star Lake, missionaries have been in residence during the past year. Red Rock has been manned by native workers, all the others by white workers. The total number of baptisms reported by these 11 other stations is 46.

YOUR WORK IN CHINA

The political crisis in the Far East has continued to disturb our work seriously. When it began to be evident to the Board that the precious lives of our missionaries were endangered, the Board gave to the China Mission full authority to decide whether they should remain in China or should return to the U. S. The China Mission passed the responsibility on to individuals. First Mrs. Harry A. Dykstra and two children, next Rev. Harry A. Dykstra and two children, then Mrs. S. A. Dykstra and three children chose to exercise this privilege of returning to the U. S., upon the urgent advice of the American Consul. Miss Magdalena Koets, whose furlough would be due next year, was given the privilege of taking her furlough early, and she chose to do so. The Huizenga family, Rev. S. A. Dykstra, the Selles family, and Miss Wilhel-
mina Kalsbeek have thus far chosen to remain in China. Rev. A. H. Smit and family were in the U. S. on regular furlough, which expires August, 1941. The Board feels that the situation does not warrant sending the Smit family back to China at the expiration of their furlough. The Board has even decided to ask Synod to consider whether it might not be wise for Synod to give the advice to those remaining in China that women and children, including single women missionaries, should leave that country, even though the Board continues to take its former position that the final decision as to leaving or not leaving should be left to the force on the field.

In spite of the war a great deal of work is still being carried on. Dr. Huizenga's activities have for several years been entirely separate from our own field, and he continues to serve various missionary and philanthropic agencies in Shanghai. His salary is paid by Lagrange Avenue Christian Reformed church, and the Board exercises no supervision over his present activities.

Evangelistic work in our Jukao field is being carried on by Rev. S. A. Dykstra and Miss Kalsbeek at such times as the war situation permits them to be in the Jukao area. Our native evangelists remain at their posts and perform their work subject to the limitations of war conditions. During 1940, 41, and thus far in 1941, 17 received the sacrament of baptism.

Rev. A. H. Selles and his family remain in residence at Tsingkianghsien in Japanese occupied territory. He reports abundant opportunities for service with doors and hearts open to the Gospel.

Temporary service for Rev. Harry A. Dykstra has been arranged under the auspices of the Executive Committee for Home Missions. He will serve for a time in the Army Camps of California, doing spiritual work among the soldiers.

The Executive Committee has also been instructed to arrange for temporary service for Rev. A. H. Smit at the expiration of his furlough.

Because of the great migration of Chinese taking place to West China the Board has asked the China Mission to investigate the possibilities of our Church beginning work in this new area. Immense changes are taking place in old China, and the Church must be ready to meet these new conditions.
YOUR WORK IN THE SUDAN

Until recently the Board has been carrying out the arrangements which were authorized by the 1940 Synod for the administration of the sacraments on our Sudan field. The decision of Synod was that these temporary arrangements should be continued only until Mr. Smith came home on furlough. The Smiths returned on furlough early in 1941. Thus the Board was faced with the responsibility of moving in the direction of a permanent arrangement for the administration of the sacraments. After careful study of the entire situation and after having sought the advice of Professor S. Volbeda, the Executive Committee advised Mr. E. H. Smith to apply to Ninth Street Church, Holland, and Classis Holland, for an examination which might possibly lead to ordination. Mr. Smith applied, the response of Ninth Street Church was favorable, and Classis Holland has also taken action which will be reported officially to Synod. The Board is pleased with the developments thus far and hopes that arrangements can be made, in full compliance with Reformed Church procedure, to arrange for the official administration of the sacraments on our Sudan field.

The Board is also placing in the hands of the Stated Clerk of Synod a report on the health of Mrs. E. H. Smith, signed by Drs. Mulder and De Vries.

During the furlough of the Smiths the entire responsibility for the Sudan work rests with Miss Jennie Stielstra and Miss Tena Huizenga, R. N. Since the Sudan climate necessitates frequent furloughs for our missionaries, the Board feels that one nurse is not sufficient to carry the responsibility of that work, and is therefore asking Synod for authority to add another nurse to our Sudan force. For the same reason we are recommending that Synod authorize the calling and sending out of an ordained man in 1942 unless developments should make it necessary to do so even earlier. We should have two ordained men on our Sudan force, so that one will always be on duty. The financial support of the nurse has already been promised.

In order that the work may be carried on efficiently in the Sudan field, we are also asking you for authority to receive special gifts for the purchase of an automobile. The original cost will be $884.00 F. O. B. Michigan; freight from New York to Lagos will be about $200.00; custom
charges at Lagos from $55.00 to $100.00; the estimate for upkeep on the field will be $350.00 per year.

Before our Church officially took over the Sudan field, our people had been contributing for years to the Johanna Veenstra Memorial Fund. Rev. John Beebe, the Treasurer of this fund, turned it over to our Board Treasurer when our Church took over the Sudan field. There is now $2,645.77 in this fund. Rather than keep it as a separate fund, we are asking for authority to merge this with our General Fund for the Sudan, although the amount can be earmarked for educational purposes in the Sudan.

During 1940 there were 15 adults baptized on our Sudan field.

GENERAL

THE BOARD AND ITS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE. The full Board met once during the past year, and it was able to complete its work in three days. During the interim the decisions and policies of Synod and the Board were carried out by the Executive Committee. This Committee is composed of the Board members from the Michigan and Illinois Classes, with the three Board members at large. During the past year this committee held seven regular meetings and two special meetings. Minutes of the Executive Committee have been regularly sent to all Board members who had also previously received the reports on which many of the decisions of the Executive Committee were based.

THE WORK OF THE SECRETARY OF MISSIONS. The Secretary of Missions has served as Secretary of the Board and of its Executive Committee and has carried on all of its correspondence. In addition to that there has been extensive correspondence with our missionaries on the field. He has visited the Indian field three times during the past year. According to the terms of the Mission Order he should also visit the other fields from time to time, but war situations have made that entirely infeasible up to this time. In a tense situation such as we have had on our Indian field during the past few years, it has not been easy to be the contact man between the Church and the mission force. He acknowledges with thankfulness that grace has been given for this difficult task, and he appreciates the loyal support and affection which he has experienced from our Board, from our churches, and from our missionaries. It was also his responsibility to make arrangements for deputation work in keeping the
mission cause before our people. Herein also he has experienced splendid cooperation of all concerned. He has also supplied copy for mission pages in *Wachter* and *Banner*, less for the former than for the latter, since so few of our missionaries are willing or able to write in the language of the fathers. Through his own travels and preaching and speaking in the churches, he has also sought to promote the cause of missions. Conferences with prospective missionaries and with churches who do or plan to support missionaries have also taken considerable of his time and not without results.

**Office.** The work of the Board and its officers was greatly facilitated by the opening of our office at 543 Eastern Avenue, S.E. The records of Secretary and Treasurer, which were formerly distributed in three places, are now centralized in this office. Mr. Henry Hekman, our new Treasurer, is able to drop in often to carry on his important duties. The Finance Committee also meets here once a week, as a rule, to authorize disbursements. One consecrated and efficient assistant for both the Secretary and Treasurer has been found in the person of Miss Ada Huisjen. She is able to relieve the officers of the Board of many details, thus leaving them free for other and more important features of their work. A hearty invitation is extended to all members of Synod to drop in at the office and acquaint themselves with this new center of Christian Reformed activity.

**Trend in Support of Missionaries by Congregations.** During recent years there has been noticeable a decided trend away from having congregations or groups of congregations support their own missionary. For twenty-five years the Paterson churches supported Rev. Jacob Bolt at Crown Point, but when the Bolts retired, the Paterson churches were willing to serve as calling church for his successor, but were not willing to obligate themselves for his support. The four West Side churches of Grand Rapids, which since 1920 were supporting Rev. Harry A. Dykstra and since 1922 were also supporting Miss Wilhelmina Kalsbeek, have abrogated the old arrangement, although the Alpine Avenue church is willing to continue its share of this support. Classis Hackensack, which since 1927 has been supporting Dr. R. H. Pousma, has asked to be relieved of this responsibility. It is not difficult to understand this phenomenon. The Mission Order
of 1912 stood on the basis of decentralization. The Mis-

sion Order of 1939 stands on the principle of centraliza-

tion. Some of our peoples have interpreted the principle of centralization to mean that all support of missionaries as well as all control of mission work should proceed from Synod. Synod itself has not so interpreted it, and the Synod of 1940 has definitely stated that it desired to continue the plan of having churches or groups of churches be responsible for the support of individual missionaries. The Executive Committee of the Board has also expressed itself as desiring to retain the old arrange-

ment as far as possible. We have thought it necessary to call the attention of Synod to this trend, since every change in this direction means that mission quotas must be increased to replace the funds which were formerly supplied by churches or groups of churches.

While it is undoubtedly true that the old policy placed heavy burdens on those churches which were willing to assume the support of a missionary, it does not neces-

sarily follow that we should be ready to move in the direction of absolute uniformity. After all, some of our churches are much stronger than others, and it is a Bibli-
cal law that the strong should bear the burdens of the weak. If this trend toward strictly applying the principle of centralization continues, would it not be possible for some other method to be found whereby the large and strong churches could carry a proportionately larger share of the burden than our present quota system de-
mands?

EXTRA FUNDS FOR SPECIAL PURPOSES. Because of the evi-
dent necessity for keeping quotas down to a reasonable level, there are from time to time requests for missionary projects which cannot be placed on the regular budget. Yet these requests often represent a real need, and compliance with them would enhance the efficiency of our mission force. The Board petitions Synod for permission to sub-
mit a list of such projects for the approval of Synod, and also to be permitted to ask for special gifts from churches and individuals for these projects. It is understood that no money will be spent on these projects unless special gifts for them are received. It is characteristic of generous givers to missionary causes that they like to know that their funds are being used to provide something which otherwise could not be provided. As long as requests for
these special gifts are limited to synodically approved projects, we will avoid the dangers to which indiscriminate requests for special gifts would give rise.

Revision of Mission Order, Article VI, Section 2. On page 136 of the Acts of Synod of 1940, the Board is instructed to indicate at the 1941 Synod, just what changes should be made in the Mission Order to bring it in line with the present practice of Synod in Home Mission work.

The change which the 1940 Synod made in the calling of missionaries for Home Missions is found on page 50 of the Acts of Synod. The old rule for both Home Missions and the Missions under the direction of the Christian Reformed Board of Missions, was that Synod or its Board should designate who was to be called, and then ask a certain congregation to call that man. The revision already made in cases of calls for Home Missions is to the effect, that "Synod or the Executive Committee shall, whenever feasible, present a trio or duo to the consistory of the calling church."

In conformity with that decision of Synod, we submit the following revision:

Article VI, Section 2, now reads:
"These are designated by Synod to call and to send out officially in the name of Synod, the missionaries chosen by Synod."

Proposed revision:
"These are designated by Synod, or between sessions of Synod, by the Board, to call and to send out officially, in the name of Synod, the missionaries whom they shall call from a trio presented by Synod, or by the Board acting under the authority of Synod."

This will also involve a revision of Article I, Section 2, which now reads:
"Appoints the individual churches officially to extend missionary calls on its behalf to the men whom it has chosen to serve on the field. A call letter shall be drawn up by the calling church in consultation with Synod, or the Mission Board."

Proposed Revision:
"Appoints the individual churches officially to extend missionary calls on its behalf to the men whom these
churches shall choose from trios presented by Synod, or by the Board acting under the authority of Synod. A call letter shall be drawn up by the calling church in consultation with the Board.”

Both of the above revisions involve a revision of Article II, which deals with the powers of the Board. A Section should be added which would become Section 3, as follows:

“Serve as an agency of Synod in the interim between sessions of Synod, to do that which belongs to the province of Synod in the matter of calling missionaries, namely, to designate calling churches and to present trios to these calling churches.”

Then what is now Section 3 becomes Section 4; then what is now Section 4 becomes Section 5; then what is now Section 5 becomes Section 6; then what is now Section 6 becomes Section 7.

The Board recommends that Synod adopt this proposed revision.

BUDGET FOR 1941. In spite of the most rigorous efforts to keep within the budget limitations set by the Synod of 1940, we find some hitherto unauthorized expenditures absolutely essential if we are to carry out the program which Synod instructed us to carry out. Therefore we are asking that a supplementary budget for 1941 be approved. The amount asked is $20,870.00, and the details will be given to the Budget Committee of this Synod.

BUDGET FOR 1942. The details of our requests for 1942 will also be given to the Budget Committee. The total amounts are:

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$137,521.34

SPECIAL ITEMS. These are the items for which we ask synodical approval but which are not placed on the regular
budget, and these expenditures will not be made unless special gifts to cover them are received:

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$13,364.00

May God bless our synodical gathering as it faces these and other important problems connected with the coming of God's Kingdom on earth.

Respectfully submitted,

Christian Reformed Board of Missions,

By JOHN C. DE KORNE,

Secretary.
SUPPLEMENT VI

REPORT FOR THE GENERAL FUND JEWISH MISSIONS

To the Synod of 1941:

Esteemed Brethren:

It is with no small degree of pleasure that we report that the financial condition of the Jewish Mission work of the Christian Reformed Church is good. We are thankful that we may have commenced the new year with a substantial balance. Our people have supported this cause loyally during the past year. For this we express our praise to God Who enabled with His grace, and we give thanks to our people for exercising the Lord's grace of giving unto this Kingdom work.

The balances both of the Chicago Jewish Mission, Nathanael Institute, and the Paterson Hebrew Mission are encouraging. That of the Paterson Mission is not as large as it was in the beginning of the year due to the fact that a new field has been opened and a new worker has been added in Miss Agnes Vellenga. In the case of Chicago the ordained missionary for the Jews has as yet not been called. Had he been placed, considerably more funds would have had to go for the work in Chicago.

We make the observation that of the eighteen Classes four of them exceeded the quota per family contribution. Classis California again has the distinction of having contributed the most per family. Its members contributed $1.05 per family or 30 cents over the $0.75 quota. Heartily congratulations! And many thanks! Classis Hudson, with a contribution of $0.80—the report in The Banner of March 7, 1941, giving Hudson an $0.86 per family credit was in error—and Muskegon with $0.78, and Grand Rapids East with $0.77, were the next in order which gave more than the quota set by the Synod for the year 1940. It may be that those Classes which fell below the quota, and especially those which fell far below, have good reasons for doing so, but we do desire and pray that we
may continue to cooperate, and if possible, improve unto
the bringing in of the full quotas. If we do that we may
soon under God's grace be able to expand our Mission
work among the Jews. In many ways the Jew of to-day
is being placed in such trying positions that he should
become more and more susceptible to the reception of
the Gospel. If it pleases God to make his extremity our
opportunity, let us not fail to bring the only Gospel suf­
icient for the Jew to the Jew.

DISBURSEMENTS

To Chicago .............................................................. $12,000.00
To Paterson ............................................................ 4,850.00
Gratuity (for two years) ........................................... 200.00
Bond, Box, Stamps, etc ............................................ 15.83
Balance on hand January 16, 1941 ............................ 3,806.73

Total Disbursements and Balance Jan. 16, 1941 ........ $20,872.56

In Reserve:

Michael Vanden Berge Bonds .................................. $ 1,000.00
Johanna Woltman Legacy ......................................... 500.00
(Certificates—5 shares paid up stock)

Total Reserve ................................................................ $ 1,500.00

The quota for 1941 is 65 cents per family.

It ought to be observed that on July 15, 1940, there was
a change of treasurers for the General Fund from the
Rev. Peter Holwerda to the undersigned. The Rev. Hol­
werda did very good work, and during his incumbency
the Fund came back to a good condition and heavy debts
were liquidated on the Chicago properties. For us it was
a matter of relative simplicity to enter the work due to
the fact that we received such detailed instructions from
our predecessor. For this we are grateful. It should also
be stated that the books of the Rev. Peter Holwerda were
as of July 15, 1940, covering the period from Jan. 16, 1940,
to July 15, 1940, audited and found correct by Mr. Peter
Feringa of Grand Rapids, Michigan. Our report natu­
rally covers the entire year, but the auditing of my books
covers only the period from July 16, 1940 (when we took
over the audited books of the former treasurer) to Janu­
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Totals: $26,008 $19,506.00 $17,545.44 $1,861.04 0.674

Total Receipts from Classes: $17,545.44
From Societies, Churches, Individuals: $822.14
From Interest: $65.00
Bal. on hand, January 16, 1940: $2,439.98

Total of all Receipts and Balance: $20,872.56
ary 16, 1941. We also note for your information that the reason for a two-year payment of gratuity is that the former treasurer's gratuity for 1939 was not paid until after January 15, 1940.

Respectfully submitted,
OREN HOLTROP, Treasurer.

March 20, 1941.

Audited and found correct as of close of business January 16, 1941, showing a balance of $3,806.73; period from January 15, 1940, to January 16, 1941.

Respectfully submitted,
LOUIS M. BOLT,
Manager Union Trust Company,
Lyell-Saratoga Office, Rochester, N. Y.
SUPPLEMENT VII

REPORT ON THE SEAMEN'S HOME

(Eastern Home Mission Board)

To the Synod of 1941:

Esteemed Brethren:

The work at the Seamen's Home at Hoboken, N. J., has been carried on as usual. The year 1940, with its far-reaching events in Europe, has also affected American ports. Ships which regularly docked at Hoboken do not make their regular appearance in the New York harbor since the Netherlands was invaded. That this has affected the attendance at the Seamen's Home can be readily understood. Nevertheless the Board is able to report that the work among the seamen has continued. A considerable number of Holland ships, though they do not ply between the Netherlands and America, dock at present at Hoboken and Brooklyn and afford abundant opportunity for work among the seamen. In the last days of 1940 attempts were made to secure a Branch in Brooklyn because of the many ships docking in that city's harbor. In the beginning of 1941 this Branch could be opened in the presence of some forty delegates from the consistories of our Eastern Classes. A member of the Hoboken church, Mr. John Gerstmeyer, was appointed to take charge of the Branch. The opening was made possible through a donation of $1,200 received from Mr. H. Vander Horst of the Vander Horst Corporation of America of Olean, N. Y. The Branch is located at 155 Forty-Second St., Brooklyn, N. Y.

Rev. A. H. Kort, in charge of the spiritual work among the seamen, has continued his labors with joy and, we believe, with profit. Meetings have been held, talks were given, and the gospel was preached. Monthly Rev. Kort reports to the Board. Speaking of the war in Europe and its influence upon the Home and the seamen, he stated in a recent report: "In our Seamen's Home everything possible is being done to make the men feel at home and to give them some respite and relaxation from their trou-
Hand in hand with the various social services which they receive, we try to labor with them spiritually. What a great blessing that we do not need to withhold the best from them. We can point, and we do point them to the Christ, the Son of God, who, having been tempted, Himself knows how to have sympathy with those in distress. After the gospel meetings, and even more frequently perhaps after our church services, they thank us for the communion of the saints in our midst. The prayers of God's people are greatly appreciated by a number of them in these dark and trying days." In 1940 the number of meetings held was 77 with a total attendance of 1599.

Mr. E. Apol, in charge of the Hoboken Home, has visited the ships regularly, sowing the good Word of God. He, too, presents every month a report of his spiritual and administrative labors to the Board. We quote from a recent report: "Various seafarers asked us to write letters for them to their families and relatives in Holland because there is no way open for them to get in touch with their dear ones from England. Many letters have been forwarded by us upon request to seamen in England and in Halifax, for which they are indeed very thankful. Men have been visited in hospitals and so we go on extending a helping hand to those who are in need of our assistance, praying the Lord to bless our united efforts to the glory of His Name." See Report XI for summary of the work in 1940.

The Board has met monthly, has visited the Home regularly, has made the necessary repairs and has given the needs of the Home in the present world's situation special consideration. The members of the Board are Revs. J. J. Hiemenga and D. De Beer, Messrs. J. Boer and J. Faber representing Classis Hackensack, and Revs. N. J. Monsma and E. Van Halsema, Messrs. A. Kuipers and B. J. Stap representing Classis Hudson. Rev. Hiemenga is President.

The Board recommends:

1. Synod approve the increase of Rev. A. H. Kort's remuneration for spiritual labors in the Seamen's Home from $500 to $600, as of January 1, 1941.

2. Synod approve of the Board's action in granting Mr. E. Apol and Mr. and Mrs. C. Fisher, our personnel in the Home, "free rent". Heretofore they paid $10 per
month. Mr. Apol now receives $1400 per year, and Mr. and Mrs. C. Fisher receive $1200 per year.

3. Synod urge the churches to remember the Seamen’s Home. With the opening of the Brooklyn Branch our current expenses will increase even though a donation of $1200 was received for that purpose. In 1938 Synod decided that the money received from the Van Agthoven Estate should be kept intact as an Endowment Fund. In 1939 and 1940 Synod made provision for voluntary and unsolicited contributions. The Synod of 1941, we recommend, urge the churches to contribute sufficiently in order that running expenses can be met. The various Classes contributed in 1940 the sum of $543.83, or about $30 per Classis.

Respectfully submitted,
Eastern Home Mission Board,
E. VAN HALSEMA, Secretary.
SUPPLEMENT VIII

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF SYNOD FOR SOUTH AMERICA

To the Synod of 1941:

Esteemed Brethren:

Your Committee for the advancement of the religious interests of those in South America that are of the same Reformed faith and Dutch ancestry with us, considers that the most outstanding item for us to report is that the year 1940 marks the first year that the Committee for South America in the Netherlands could not carry out its mandate. This mandate is practically identical with our own of 1912, as given in Dutch in the Acts of 1912, and in English in those of 1940, page 295. In these last eighteen years since 1912, the two Committees have always been able to carry out their respective mandates. But with the invasion of the Netherlands, we have come to a great crisis in the history of Classis Buenos Aires. Now the Committee in the Netherlands could no longer manifest the generosity of the Reformed Churches of the Netherlands, for it could not send the congregations of Buenos Aires and Chubut the usual subsidy of 1800 florins for the Rev. A. C. Sonneveldt. Accordingly, the consistory of Buenos Aires appealed by cablegram to our Synod of 1940 to grant aid if needed, and your Committee then recommended that Synod authorize it to grant support to the Rev. A. C. Sonneveldt in so far as necessary, and to appeal to our consistories for an extra emergency gift, if the Committee deemed this advisable (Acts 1940, p. 298). The Synod of 1940, however, did not assume the full responsibility to support the Rev. A. C. Sonneveldt in so far as necessary, but added another restriction, namely this, to support Rev. Sonneveldt in so far as the regular funds of the South American Committee allow (Acts 1940, p. 119). Although the Rev. Wm. V. Muller and the Rev. Jerry Pott receive a basic salary of $1200, plus certain items in the way of a salary-raise after five years, and children’s allowances, your Committee did not feel free to send the Rev. A. C. Sonneveldt more than $900 for 1940, because we felt that his two con-
gregations of Buenos Aires and Chubut should assume the responsibility for a larger part of his salary than heretofore, and we wrote these congregations to this effect. He received no subsidy whatever from the Netherlands for 1940. An extensive and excellent report was received from the Consistory of Buenos Aires, like the reports received by our Committee on Home Missions from churches requesting subsidy. This report contains a request for a subsidy of $900.00 for 1941. According to the statistics Buenos Aires numbers twenty families of which both husband and wife are confessing members; 88 confessing members, and 100 baptized members; while Chubut numbers thirty complete families; 100 confessing members, and 100 baptized members.

In the correspondence between the Rev. A. C. Sonneveldt and your Committee, the brother suggested that the subsidy sent be considered as a loan or advance (voorschot) to the Reformed Churches of the Netherlands; and he suggested that, if the Reformed Churches would not be able to resume payments of the subsidy, the question would have to be faced anew whether Classis Buenos Aires should not belong to the Christian Reformed Church (of North America). We quote the Rev. A. C. Sonneveldt's letter of July 4, 1940: “Misschien kan het beschouwd worden als een voorschot dat door de Kerken in Nederland later wordt terugbetaald; mochten die Kerken onverhoopt daartoe niet meer in staat zijn, dan zou de vraag weer onder de oogen gezien moeten worden, of de Kerken in Zuid-Amerika niet in nauwer verband met Uw Kerk zullen moeten komen.” Moreover, if and when the Netherlands regains its independence, the Reformed Churches of the Netherlands may still be heavily burdened, even if our Christian Reformed Church is willing to assume their burdens in Classis Buenos Aires.

Seeing that the Rev. A. C. Sonneveldt, himself, has raised this question, we feel all the more free to express ourselves on it, especially because we are in complete accord with the Rev. Sonneveldt in his opinion. We hope that the Netherlands will regain their independence, yet we owe it to Classis Buenos Aires to give attention to the altered circumstances. These new circumstances not only include the fact that the Reformed Churches of the Netherlands at present can no longer send subsidy for the salary of the Rev. A. C. Sonneveldt. But there is an added item. They may find it a burden to carry out their promises when the
time for his emeritation comes. Moreover, the church paper of the Reformed Churches of the Netherlands, *De Bazuin*, has been suppressed by the German government in the Netherlands. By the grace of God, we still have not only our church paper in English in *The Banner*, but also an official church paper in the Dutch language, *De Wachter*. For many years, your Committee has sent a number of free subscriptions of *De Wachter* to South America, and an occasional free subscription of *The Banner* at the expense of the South America Fund. Hence the South American churches are also in touch with our denominational life, to a certain extent. Since none of the financial subsidies of Classis Buenos Aires now come from the Reformed Churches of the Netherlands, but all three ministers of this Classis receive subsidy from the Christian Reformed Church, the church governmental relation would become less irregular than now, if Classis Buenos Aires were a part of the Christian Reformed Church, like our Canadian churches that receive subsidy.

Classis Buenos Aires, having four congregations and some mission stations, is now attached to Classis Rotterdam; and hence delegation to Synod does not mean added expense because of the South American Classis.

It will be recalled that the General Synod of the Reformed Churches of the Netherlands, held at Middelburg in 1933, expressed the wish to transfer Classis Buenos Aires to our Chr. Ref. Church (cf. *Acta der Algemeene Synode van Middelburg, 1933, Artikel 173*).

Classis Buenos Aires at its meeting of February 25, 1941, of which the Rev. Jerry Pott was President and the Rev. A. C. Sonneveldt the Secretary, sent the following message to your Committee. This message, received by the Committee with appreciation, is here presented in abbreviated form and in a free translation:

1. To the Committee members and through them to the Christian Reformed Church is expressed the hearty thanks of our Churches for the kindness experienced and the aid that the Churches might receive. The Committee may be assured that this is much prized by all the congregations. May the Lord richly bless you and your Church and cause you to be a blessing.

2. The Classis decides to send you a copy of the answer of the Consistory in Chubut, upon an inquiry addressed to it by the Classis. (The Synodical Committee incorporates a part of this Consistorial answer here.) Subsequent to the year 1914 and until now, hence also during the time that our Pastor lived in Chubut, namely from 1915 to 1928, it was and is the rule that the minister, accompanied by a con-
sistory member, goes through the congregation twice a year, to administer the Word and Sacraments, and, as much as possible, to conduct family visitation. . . . The congregation is very scattered, so that formerly church services were held in as many as fifteen different places; but now that the congregation has become so much smaller, the services are held at six different localities. . . . For the journeys through the congregation, the months March and April, October and November are favored by climatic circumstances, and hence it is also precisely in these months that our pastor is in the congregation and performs his labors. The question is therefore whether still another trip is possible at another time. . . . Circumstances in Chubut do not make this possible. In the winter, hence from May to September, it is impossible because of the climate. Often rain and snow make the roads almost impassable. . . . There remain the months of December to February inclusive. In these months, besides other activities, comes the sheep-shearing and the transportation of the wool; hence many are away from home for some time and prevented from coming to the services. . . . Considering that when the minister lived in Chubut, the journey through the congregation occurred only twice per year, it is clear that we have to accept these facts and circumstances and cannot require the impossible. . . . The Consistory feels moved to express its hearty thanks to the Classis for the interest shown in the congregation (in inquiring whether additional pastoral labors in the form of classical appointments would be welcome and possible,) it prizes highly this regard, greatly appreciating every effort to promote the pastoral work in our congregation and if possible to expand it.

3. Classis Buenos Aires inquires when it can expect the Rev. Wm. V. Muller back, and the Classis reports that the congregation of Carambey looks forward to his return.

4. Finally, the Classis decides to remind the Committee of the request sent to you by our former Classical meeting (of December, 1939), concerning the need of a third minister for Argentina. This need is still great and urgent, and the Classis earnestly requests that the Committee consider this matter, and if necessary bring it to Synod. Gladly will we correspond about this more in detail; at present we refer the Committee to the above-mentioned letter.

Remarking that in a few days he will leave his church in Buenos Aires for his congregation of Chubut, to labor there six weeks, the Rev. A. C. Sonneveldt, as "Classis-Correspondent," closes his letter with the greetings of Classis Buenos Aires to our Churches. The letter sent by the former Classical meeting of 1939, indicated that the work of the requested third minister in Argentina would be much like that of a home missionary. The Classical decision of 1939 is found in the Acts of our Synod of 1940, page 284, showing what localities the Classis has in mind.

The classical decision, freely translated, reads as follows: "Possibilities of evangelization in the midst of the Classis are discussed in general. It appears that there exists an urgent need of a third minister for Argentina. It is de-
cided to make this need known to the Committees in the Netherlands and North America, and to request them, if possible, to provide for sending out a third minister. 

**Grounds:**

Request has been received from Dorrego, 100 K. M. from Tres Arroyos, to hold services. This request could not yet be fulfilled. Evangelization work is done in San Cayetano, 65 K. M. from Tres Arroyos, which now receives a visit once in six weeks from Rev. Pott. In Galvez is also a very promising field, approximately a day’s journey from Buenos Aires. Other possibilities are also abundantly present, such as work among the sailors in Buenos Aires. If the congregation of Chubut receives additional labor, additional aid for this will also be desirable.”

The Committee of Synod believes that the requested third minister in Argentina should be supplied, if possible, and will include this item among the recommendations of the present report to Synod.

There is also another matter that needs to be considered and that is the length of the time of service of the ministers that we have loaned to Classis Buenos Aires, before they receive a furlough. At present they have furlough arrangements like those of our missionaries in China, who usually come back on a furlough of one year, approximately every seven or eight years. But our Christian Reformed men in South America work at very great distances from each other, and the isolation is therefore all the greater. The quarterly reports that we receive from the Rev. Wm. V. Muller and the Rev. Jerry Pott lead your Committee to the opinion that a furlough of six months every four years would be much better than a furlough of a year every seven or eight years. Although we have not had the opportunity to consult with the Rev. Jerry Pott on this matter, we have been sustained in this view by the Rev. Wm. V. Muller, who returned for his furlough, and who has given us the benefit of his opinion on the subject, recommending that at any rate the first term in South America should not be longer than five years, and pointing out that it involves a hardship to a congregation to be left an entire year without a pastor.

He and the Committee are in entire accord with respect to the matter under consideration, and we accordingly present a recommendation to Synod in regard to furlough regulations for South America. It is worthy of mention
that conditions in China have also led to a very elastic procedure touching the matter of the furloughs of our missionaries there.

We are pleased to report that the Rev. Wm. V. Muller was willing to meet our request to speak on South America at a considerable number of meetings held in our Churches, in the interests of missions, and that he also served various of our Churches in the preaching of the Word. In a letter dated March 12, 1941, Brother Muller writes our Committee that he is eager to return to the work and that he looks forward with joy to the time of his return to South America.

It is the plan of your Committee that the Rev. and Mrs. Muller return to South America in the autumn of 1941, to continue to serve in this great land which presents so many challenges for the service of the Lord.

During his furlough, the pulpit at Carambehy, Brazil is being supplied temporarily by Candidate W. C. Veltkamp, a graduate of the Free University of the Netherlands, who has served in Dutch Guiana for some time. At the request of the consistory of Carambehy, your Committee is sending fifteen dollars per month to help meet the obligations of the consistory. To fill the pulpit of the Rev. W. Muller, the Consistory of Carambehy decided to offer Candidate W. C. Veltkamp his livelihood in the form of agricultural products together with a small monetary salary and the free use of the parsonage. This decision of Carambehy's consistory was communicated to your Committee for approval, since your Committee was regarded as having responsibilities to Carambehy. After having been approved by your Committee, the consistorial decision of Carambehy was sent to Brother Veltkamp, then at Paramaribo, Surinam (Dutch Guiana). This brother is now serving Carambehy as stated supply.

From the Rev. Jerry Pott's excellent quarterly reports we learn that the congregational work at Tres Arroyos is making good progress, as well as the work of Christian instruction, but that the teacher for Christian education, Mr. Slebos, receives only about twenty dollars per month. It takes a great deal of devotion to go forward with the work at that salary. Similar devotion is shown by the principal of the Christian school at Carambehy, Mr. K. Vander Meer.

Besides the articles presented by the ministers of Classis Buenos Aires in *Kerkblad voor Zuid-Amerika*, Mr. Slebos
conducts a department in this church paper for the young people and children, in both Dutch and Spanish. Rev. J. Pott also presents articles in Spanish, and is now said to be more fluent in Spanish than in Dutch. Besides his congregational services in Tres Arroyos, he also brings the Word to neighboring colonies of people interested in the preaching of the Word. Most of these people are of Dutch descent but some are Spanish. Rev. Sonneveldt with his congregation also takes care of a mission station at Galvez, near Buenos Aires. And so the work of the Classis is expanding, by the grace of God. The door is still open here. Now is the time to utilize the opportunities. And may the Lord keep the doors of all of our missions open for many years to come.

RECOMMENDATIONS

I. Your Committee proposes that Synod grant it authorization, in consultation with our South America workers, to shorten the terms to four years, including a half-year furlough. **Grounds:**

1. The congregation would not be left without a pastor for an entire year;
2. Seven years might tend to be too much of a strain on the workers, because of their isolation;
3. The experience of other bodies, like business firms, points in the same direction;
4. Our churches will have additional benefit through the speaking and preaching of our workers, during their furloughs; and
5. The travelling expenses involved (being much less than those to China or Africa) are not prohibitive.

II. Your Committee recommends that Synod grant it authorization for making such preparations as may be necessary (Cf. Acts of 1936, of the Chr. Ref. Church, page 116) for adding a minister or candidate to the workers now laboring in Argentina. **Grounds:**

1. Classis Buenos Aires both at its session of 1940 and at that of 1941 has made such a request with great urgency;
2. The need of such an additional laborer has been made amply evident by correspondence received, and particularly by the Classis (cf. Acts of 1940 of the Chr. Ref. Church, page 284).
III. The following budget for 1942 is presented for our denominational work in South America, all in U. S. currency:

Salary of the Rev. Wm. V. Muller ($100 raise—five years) ........................................ $1,300.00
Salary of the Rev. J. Pott .......................................................... 1,200.00
Children’s Allowances—Rev. J. Pott ................................. 150.00
Loan Buenos Aires and Chubut for Rev. A. C. Sonneveldt ........................................ 900.00
Salary Worker in Argentina .............................................. 1,200.00
Administrative Expense .................................................. 125.00
Furlough Reserve and other Expenses ................................ 250.00

Total ........................................................................... $5,125.00

Expected from Garambehy ordinarily ................................ $216.00
Expected from Tres Arroyos at least .................................... 120.00

$336.00

$4,789.00

IV. Your Committee advises that the work in South America be again recommended by Synod to our Consistories for an annual offering or for fifteen cents per family. With Synodical approval, the fund has for years presented the alternative of its quota or an annual offering.

Respectfully submitted,
Committee for South America,
HENRY BEETS, President,
D. D. BONNEMA, Vice-President,
M. J. WYNGAARDEN, Sec.-Treas.
HARRY BLYSTRA,
PETER JONKER, JR.

To the Committee for the South American Fund of the Christian Reformed Church.

Gentlemen:

In accordance with your request, I have audited the books and vouchers of Dr. Martin J. Wyngaarden, Treasurer of your Fund, for the year ending December 31, 1940.

I HEREBY CERTIFY, That the presented “Statement of Fund” and “Statement of Income and Disbursements” have been prepared from the books and are correct.

Respectfully submitted,
(Signed) PETER B. VANDER MEER,
Certified Public Accountant.

June 12, 1941.
## STATEMENT OF INCOME AND DISBURSEMENTS

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**Total Miscellaneous Contributions:** $292.80

**Total Income for 1940:** $3,191.99

**Interest On U. S. Bonds and Bank Deposit:** $47.18

**Total Income for 1940:** $3,485.17
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Respectfully submitted,

**MARTIN J. WYNGAARDEN, Treasurer.**
REPORT OF THE CHRISTIAN REFORMED PUBLICATION COMMITTEE TO THE SYNOD OF 1941

To the Synod of 1941.

Esteemed Brethren:

We are grateful to the Lord for being able to report, that He has given us another year in which the work entrusted to us and our associates has gone on without disruption and without serious disturbance. On the whole we have met with good cooperation on the part of our associates and those with whom we had to deal, and this fact has contributed materially to the pleasure with which we have rendered our service. While we have few proposals to present to your reverend body for action, there is quite a variety of information that must be brought to your cognizance. It concerns our staff, our publications, our printing plant, our finances, and certain overtures addressed to Synod.

I. OUR STAFF

In the course of this past year several changes have come about in our Editorial Staff. This is particularly true with respect to the men who furnish meditations for our two weekly church papers. It was with regret that we saw the name of Rev. B. H. Einink drop from the list due to an incapacitating affliction, and the name of Rev. J. Timmerman likewise, due to advancing years, and of Rev. J. M. Ghysels, who felt that he needed a rest after continuous service for over twenty-one years. At the same time we acknowledge the goodness of our Lord in furnishing these brethren with their talents and with hearts that were eager to edify our readers for so many years. Rev. Ghysels readily consented to continue his work till others had been found who would take it over. For the current year each of the following brethren has promised to furnish the meditations for two consecutive months: the Reverends P. A. Hoekstra, G. J. Van de Riet, W. Groen, J. Bolt, A. Koning, and Wm. Van Peursem. In this manner The Banner is being provided with
meditations. For *De Wachter* Rev. H. J. Triezenberg consented to carry part of the load, while Rev. J. Gritter was found willing to serve as general substitute if needed. The acceptance of a call from one of our large churches prompted Rev. J. T. Holwerda to end his work for the Intermediate Department of the Sunday School Lesson Key, but he had the kindness of continuing his work for the Young People's Department and of providing copy for both departments until the end of the third quarter of this year.

At the request of the Neland Avenue consistory the arrangement reported on pages 301 and 302 of the synodical Acts of 1940 was continued for the present year. We were also successful in securing the services of Rev. R. J. Frens for the supervision and development of the Young People's Page in *The Banner* and in thus completing our plans for the relief of its editor-in-chief. With the exceptions mentioned above, all the co-editors of *De Wachter* and *The Banner* accepted their reappointments. The Synod of 1940 approved of our proposal, that Rev. L. J. Lamberts continue as editor-in-chief of our Sunday School publications till the end of 1941, and the present Synod will have to take action for the filling of that position (see Acts of 1940, page 32, C, 2).

II. OUR PUBLICATIONS

With regard to *De Wachter* and *The Banner* there are no alterations to report. The involvement of Canada in the war created new problems for our subscribers across the border, and the going of our own boys to military training camps raised questions of providing them with *Banners*, and both questions have found at least temporary solutions. Advertisements again and again prove to be troublesome. The Bible Institute Colportage Association had to be restricted to the advertising of such of its books as shall have first been submitted to your Committee for scrutiny, and one of our own publishing firms had to be approached on the matter of advertising small gifts adorned with scripture texts. While the latter firm readily promised cooperation, thus far no books for scrutiny and advertising have been received of the former. In accordance with Synod’s orders, indexes were again carried by *The Banner* and *De Wachter* at the close of 1940; but instead of also publishing the omitted indexes
for 1939, typed copies were made available to interested parties, and we trust, that Synod will acquiesce in this simpler action (see synodical Acts of 1940, page 33, VII).

Concerning our Sunday School publications, we can report an approximate circulation of 25,000 for the *Instructor*, of 13,000 for the *Comrade*, and of 4,500 for the *Key*. Due to seasonal fluctuations these figures are merely approximate averages. Various criticisms were received concerning the *Key*; with respect to the lesson outlines the attempt is being made to meet the wishes of critics, and other suggested improvements are under consideration. With respect to the picture rolls used in our Sunday Schools we ran into a difficulty. The publishers had so far filled our order for three hundred of these at a price which they felt they could not continue unless we were ready to take seventeen hundred off their hands. Since it was out of the question to dispose of so many, a substitute was sought and found in "Flannelgraph," a device which calls for the building up of the picture by the teacher before the eyes of the class, and this tends to stimulate and hold the interest of the little ones. Initial tryouts gave good responses, and the quarterly cost is not prohibitive, being $2.00 as against $1.50 for the old picture rolls.

Our denominational Yearbook was again offered to the public at the usual time and without notable deviation from the customary type. For its publication we are beholden to the willing cooperation of many persons and bodies, and so are our churches. Still better cooperation would facilitate the elimination of some deficiencies and defects that now meet the eyes of critics. The old pocket edition of our Psalter-Hymnal being sold out, it became necessary to arrange for a new edition. It is by this time on the market and contains all the revisions recently introduced in our Psalter-Hymnal.

III. OUR PRINTING PLANT

For the printing of our Sunday School publications we have a contract with the Zeeland Record Company, which expires at the end of the current year (see synodical Acts of 1937, page 45, Article 59, IV, 2, and compare synodical Acts of 1936, pages 80 and 119, 5, and Supplement X of the Acts of 1937). Against that time your own Publication Committee has to be ready to take over the printing of our Sunday School publications. New equipment for this
coming expansion together with necessary replacements call for the investment of a sum somewhere between $25,000 and $30,000. Your Committee has ventured upon the purchase of the necessary equipment and has good hopes, that in spite of the present dislocation of our industries the machinery will be delivered by the time it is needed and that in due time we will be able to meet the financial obligations thus incurred. If present plans do not miscarry, our Sunday School publications can be expected to come from our own printing plant by January, 1942.

In view of these new expenses it was a decided help, that we were able, at last to dispose of our Market Ave. property, where our printing plant formerly was housed. In consequence of the apparently permanent devaluation of much downtown property and of the progressive depreciation of our holdings we for a long time received no bids at all. The long wait made us ready in the end, to accept an offer of $5,000, and, with the approval of the synodical committee for the appraisal of the property, appointed in 1938 (Acts, page 131) and continued in 1939 (Acts, page 98) and again in 1940 (Acts, page 142), the sale was effected.

IV. OUR FINANCES

On this subject we submit a brief statement prepared by our Business Manager, Mr. J. J. Buiten, which reads as follows:

FINANCIAL REPORT, 1940

THE BANNER and DE WACHTER

INCOME
Subscriptions, The Banner.................... $32,773.44
Subscriptions, De Wachter.................... 8,202.44
Advertising, The Banner.................... 8,349.80
Advertising, De Wachter.................... 749.50
Other Income, Yearbooks, etc................ 787.39

EXPENSES
Shop Wages and Expenses.................... $14,707.96
Paper, Ink, Engravings, etc................ 12,124.27
Editors' Salaries, Expenses, Commissions, etc................ 12,433.35
Office Salaries, Insurance, Taxes, Depreciation, etc........ 10,146.25

Total Expenses....................... $49,411.83

Gain in 1940......................... $ 1,450.74
PSALTER HYMNALS
Income from Sales (4,441 copies) .................. $ 4,433.28
Cost of Books, Expenses, etc. ................... 2,800.75

Gain in 1940 ........................................ $ 1,632.53

SUNDAY SCHOOL PAPERS
Income from Subscriptions, etc. .................. $27,867.45
Expenses, Zeeland Record Co., for printing. $17,997.50
Other Supplies Bought ......................... 3,751.80
Editors' Remuneration .......................... 1,502.75
Office Salaries and Expense .................... 700.00

$23,952.05

Gain in 1940 ........................................ $ 3,915.40

BALANCE SHEET, DEC. 31, 1940

ASSETS
Real Estate, two Buildings ....................... $47,896.69
Machinery and Fixtures ......................... 16,540.18
Accounts Receivable, Psalter Hymnals ......... 349.65
Accounts Receivable, Sunday School Papers .... 7,498.07
Inventory, Paper, Ink, etc. .................... 6,508.82
Bank Stock and Certificates of Deposit ........ 5,250.00
Publication Rights, S. S. Papers .............. 2,500.00
Cash on Hand and in Bank ..................... 8,873.18

$95,416.59

LIABILITIES
Contract Payable, S. S. Papers ................. $ 500.32
Net Worth 1939 .................................. $87,917.60
Add: Gain, The Banner and De Wachter ....... 1,450.74
Sunday School Papers ......................... 3,915.40
Psalter Hymnals ................................ 1,632.53

Net Worth 1940 ................................ 94,916.27

$95,416.59

Number of Subscribers, The Banner, Jan. 1, 1940 ........... 18,200
Jan. 1, 1941 ........... 19,500
De Wachter, Jan. 1, 1940 ...................... 5,400
Jan. 1, 1941 ...................... 5,400

As usual, we have again had the books of our Business Manager audited by a Public Accountant. A complete, detailed report is in the hands of the Stated Clerk.

V. OVERTURES

This year there are two, possibly three, overtures coming to Synod which bear on the work of your Publication Committee. One emanates from Classis Sioux Center and requests Synod to order its Publication Committee to undertake the printing and sale of the sermons now circulating in mimeographed form for use in reading services and of
others that may be added in the future. This overture is printed in the Agenda, Part II, on pages 136 and 137, and bears the number 26. A second overture, of which we have received an unofficial copy from a reliable source, emanates from Classis Illinois and deals with the editorial policy of our denominational papers. This overture was adopted by the Classis, so we are informed, after serious study, through a Committee appointed for that purpose, of a third overture, coming from Mr. Frederick Nymeyer, of South Holland, Ill., of which he sent us copy which was received for information at our regular meeting on January 3rd. We do not know at this writing, whether in view of the overture from Classis Illinois which was occasioned by it the overture-Nymeyer will be presented to your reverend body. We have found it necessary, in view of its contents, to prepare a separate Reply to it, which will be offered for your consideration in case the need for it arises.

With respect to the overture of Classis Illinois, we have as yet seen no official copy, but our informant has indicated its identity with the following passages from the Report presented to Classis Illinois by its Committee entrusted with the study of the overture-Nymeyer, of which Report the Committee had the kindness of furnishing us a copy:

"1. In order to eliminate from the pages of our denominational publications such articles by their editors as are not in keeping with the character and purpose of these publications, Synod shall revise the 'Rules and Regulations Governing the Publication Committee' by inserting an article that shall set forth the EDITORIAL POLICIES of our Church publications. This article shall read as follows:

"Since The Banner and De Wachter are the officially recognized publications of our Christian Reformed Church, the editors-in-chief and co-editors of these publications shall ever keep in mind what is the proper domain over which the instituted Church of Christ has authority. To that end, in seeking to give leadership in the midst of our Churches, they shall hold up before themselves and before their readers at all times the basic Reformed principle of the separation of Church and State. And if they shall engage themselves with governmental and political, educational, social economic issues, etc., they shall do so only in as far as Christian principles are very definitely and obviously at stake."

"2. Synod shall instruct the Publication Committee and the Editorial Staff to accept from contributors only such articles as reveal an honest attempt to approach problems and to present argumentations in the light of God's Word as interpreted in our Reformed Standards.

"Grounds:

"1. The Banner and De Wachter are official Church publica-
tions, promoted and supervised by the Synod of the Christian Reformed Church.

"2. The publication of articles which violate the principle of the separation of Church and State and which are of a purely secular nature are in conflict with Article 30 of the Church Order. By allowing such material to be published Synod,—and therefore the Church,—is indirectly engaging itself with non-ecclesiastical matters.

"3. Especially articles of a political nature in which Christian principles are not definitely and obviously at stake may prove to be a divisive influence in the Church."

While we have no fault to find with the general trend and thrust of the overture but rather find it in agreement with what the policy of our Church papers in general has been in the past, there are in it a few peculiarities to which we think we should call Synod's attention. A couple are minor matters of formulation, while one trait is of graver import.

The matters of formulation concern first of all the title of the article proposed for incorporation in the RULES AND REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE PUBLICATION COMMITTEE. It can not properly be claimed that this article sets forth the EDITORIAL POLICIES of our Church publications, since all it actually sets forth is a certain angle or phase of those policies. And we believe, in case Synod adopts this overture, the caption of the article should be altered so as to square with its contents.

The second matter of formulation touches point 2 of the overture. Both the Publication Committee and the Editorial Staff are mentioned, and they are mentioned in this order. But articles from contributors are not first of all presented to the Publication Committee, but to the Editors-in-chief, and the Publication Committee takes cognizance of such articles only in case of disagreement over the question of their publication. It would be in harmony with this normal order, if the Editors-in-chief were mentioned in the first place and the Publication Committee in the second. It would also be proper to substitute mention of the Editors-in-chief for mention of the Editorial Staff, since articles from contributors are ordinarily submitted to the Editors-in-chief and not to other members of the Editorial Staff.

The third trait to which we feel duty bound to call your attention is weightier, though we speak of it with hesitation, since it impinges upon a creedal matter with which
the Publication Committee as such hardly can have anything to do. It happens, that Classis Illinois, in support of the consistory of Lafayette, Ind., has raised the question of a revision of the recently revised Article XXXVI of the Belgic Confession. In its overture, addressed on this subject to the Synod of 1940, the Classis has expressed its belief, that the American position of the separation of church and state is the truly Calvinistic position (Syn. Acts, 1940, page 327, Supplement XIV-b, top of page). Classis Illinois' objections against the present reading of Article XXXVI of our Creed center precisely in the claim, that that reading fails to recognize the position of the separation of church and state. In its present overture anent the Editorial Policies of our church papers Classis Illinois consistently maintains the position of the separation of church and state. The article which Classis Illinois proposes for incorporation in the RULES AND REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE PUBLICATION COMMITTEE even declares the separation of church and state to be a "basic Reformed principle." We believe it would be out of order for Synod to accept this declaration in the article proposed by Classis Illinois, as long as a Committee, appointed by the Synod of 1940 (Acts, page 141, 6), has not yet presented its report and Synod has not yet rendered a decision in this question. We believe the article would not suffer if the entire sentence which carries that declaration were deleted, especially since it is not at all clear what the separation of church and state has to do with the non-political issues that are mentioned.

On the overture of Classis Sioux Center, which is printed in the second part of the Agenda, we can be more brief. Our interest in the matter is principally concerned with the financial angle. We are in thorough accord with the sentiment expressed by the advisory committee of last Synod to the effect, that the expense of printing and distribution in book form of sermons is high in view of the relatively small number of the congregations requesting the service; and we fear, that it would still be high, even if every one of our congregations should order every one of the collections of sermons now ready and envisioned for the future. Our question is, whether the Publishing House must shoulder any deficit that may arise in connection with the printing and sale of those books of sermons for reading services. According to an
estimate of our Business Manager the cost of putting out a clearly printed and cheaply bound book of 200 pages, would in all probability come to $300 per 300 copies, while we can hardly expect a sale of 100 copies of annual issues.

NOMINATION

Since the term of Rev. L. J. Lamberts as Editor-in-chief of our Sunday School publications will expire with the end of the current year, and since the position is to be filled as the editorships-in-chief of The Banner and De Wachter (Acts of the Synod of 1937, Art. 59, IV, 3, b, page 46) are filled, we present the following nomination to your reverend assembly:

Mr. J. B. Hulst, the Chairman of the Publication Committee, will again be available for further elucidation of any matters in this report on which more light or fuller information may be desired.

We present this report with gratitude to God Who has graciously remembered us in our limitations and imperfections, and with our ardent prayer for His continued blessing upon all your labors and all our publications.

Respectfully submitted,
The Christian Reformed Publication Committee.
REPORT OF THE AMERICAN FEDERATION OF
REFORMED YOUNG MEN'S SOCIETIES

Esteemed Brethren:
In accordance with our custom to present an annual report, we hereby beg leave to submit for your information and consideration the following:

FINANCES

During the period beginning June 10, 1940, and ending May 28, 1941, the following contributions were received from the churches:

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Total expenses connected with the work during this period amounted to $1,696.46.
PROGRESS OF THE WORK

We are happy to inform you that the work with our young men has been pleasant and in many respects encouraging. The total number of societies now affiliated with the Federation is 141. During the year the Ohio League of Societies has been organized.

Societies in many sections of the country have been contacted. This also was the case with the societies in Canada where strong interest was shown. The work done there for the sake of our young people is sincerely appreciated.

In many sections we are facing problems in connection with the fact that a number of members have been called away from their homes to serve in the United States Army. With these young men we keep in close contact, but due to their departure some societies find it difficult to continue. As the membership decreases in number, the interest seems to wane.

In a few sections we find a tendency to combine with the society of young women, and the number of young people's societies is consequently on the increase. Last year we already called your attention to this matter and now we do so again.

These young people's societies are not affiliated with our existing national youth organizations. Though in some states they have their leagues, there is no national organization that looks after their welfare and gives guidance. To call a third national organization into existence does not seem feasible and advisable.

We feel that it is more desirable to bring unity in our work with the Christian Reformed youth than to find a solution in the organization of more Federations. It is this matter for which we request your earnest consideration. The Church is vitally interested in the youth and their organizations. A healthy organization life of youth is necessary and beneficial to the Church.

For this reason the Federation now presents the following request:

The Federation of Reformed Young Men's Societies requests Synod that a Committee be appointed to:

a. study the problem of our youth and their organizations;

b. study the effectiveness of the now existing organizations;
c. advise regarding future development of these organizations.

Grounds:

a. It is desirable that our youth activities become unified,

b. Our youth organizations now reach a rather small percentage of the total number,

c. In some sections our youth show a tendency to become affiliated with youth organizations which are not Reformed,

d. The welfare of the church is intimately connected with the welfare and effectiveness of youth organizations.

Respectfully submitted,
Board of the A. F. R. Y. M. S.,
(signed) Richard Postma,
General Secretary.
A NOTHER year has passed by since I rendered my last report about the work of the above-named organization. As your representative I have kept closely in touch with the Alliance; I have attended most of its meetings; and still function as Chairman of the Finance Committee. It is unnecessary for me to say that our Church is deeply interested in the purpose of the Lord's Day Alliance. The observation and conservation of the Lord's Day is one of the greatest causes which should interest every Church. I am sorry to say that this is not the case. My contact with representatives of other denominations, while I have been on the Board of the Alliance, has brought to me the sad conviction that many Churches have no interest in that particular emphasis upon Kingdom work. Such may be expected, of course, of Churches where the precious Word of God has ceased to be the absolute standard of faith and of conduct. And the desecration of the Lord's Day has strengthened and increased this indifference to the Word of God. That attitude works as a mighty force of the "fifth columnists" in the Church today. It does not appear openly as "an enemy"—yet—but it certainly will in due time. I think that these actual conditions reveal the danger in and of the Church on the one hand; and on the other hand the grace of our God upon us as a Church, that still holds dear and observes or tries to observe the Day of the Lord.

The present conditions in the world, both international and national, have not been conducive to the material interests of the L. D. A. Churches which are cold or lukewarm to the conservation of the Lord's Day cannot be expected to support liberally such an agency as the Lord's Day Alliance. The result is that the work is greatly impaired. The Campaign which was planned and actually put into operation cannot be continued or carried on to its goal because of lack of funds. It is surprising that under such disheart-
ening circumstances a man can carry on as Dr. H. Bowlby, the Corresponding Secretary, has done. Personally, I am amazed at his perseverance. I am happy to inform you that he will be at our Synod to speak about the work of the Alliance.

I regret exceedingly that the financial report of the past year has not reached me in time. I have asked for it, and told the Board that you expected such a report. Perhaps Dr. Bowlby will give it to you.

It is my sincere hope and prayer that the Lord may guide you in all your deliberations, and that you may also pledge your whole-hearted moral and financial support for the coming year to the Lord's Day Alliance of the United States.

Sincerely,

J. J. HIEMENGA.
MINISTERS’ PENSION AND RELIEF ADMINISTRATION

To the Synod of 1941:

ESTEEMED BRETHREN:

THE Board of Trustees appointed by Synod to administer the Pension and Relief Funds is constituted as follows: President, Mr. H. Hekman; Vice-President, Mr. G. D. Vanderwerp; Secretary, the Rev. J. O. Bouwsma; Treasurer, Mr. W. K. Bareman, and Vice-Secretary-Treasurer, the Rev. R. J. Bos.

The work of administrating these Funds in the application of Art. XIII of the Church Order has increased manifoldly in the last years. Bookkeeping and correspondence require far more time than formerly. Due to this increase in the amount of business made necessary by Rules adopted by Synod, there has been an unavoidable increase in the administrative expenditures. However, the increase in expenses is very small compared to the increase in work. Our endeavor has been and is to administer these Funds wisely, economically, also equitably in accordance with the wishes of Synod. We strive on the one hand to safeguard the interests of the Church and on the other hand to uphold the rights of the Emeriti, Widows and Orphans who are the beneficiaries.

Since the last Synod the Rev. J. De Haan, Sr., and the Rev. W. Kole passed to their reward; the Rev. G. J. Haan was granted, in accordance with his request, by Kalama­­zoo Classis eligibility for a call, and the Rev. I. Van Del­­len was granted emeritation by Classis Pella on the ground of Art. XIII of the Church Order, specifically, 45 years of service and his health condition. The emerita­tion became effective Dec. 1, 1940. In accordance with the Rules of the Pension Fund pension was granted. We recommend to Synod the approval of this classical decision.

THE PENSION FUND

Of the 294 ministers in active service in our Church, 287 have informed us that they desired to unite with the Pension Plan, and would contribute the 3% of salary. Of
those who have not united, four failed to reply to our letters asking what they desired, one informed us that he could not unite because of principle, one, who is not serving a congregation stated that it is for this reason that he would not unite, and one is still undecided.

The Rules authorize us to determine the average salary on or before March 1. In order to determine the average we sent letters to all the Consistories and Church bodies paying salaries requesting them to inform us what salaries they expected to pay this year. We are sorry that not all responded. Last year the salaries of 246 ministers out of a possible 295 were reported to us. This year we failed to hear what salaries are being paid 49 ministers out of 294 ministers in active service.

The average salary of our clergy is $1756. This was established on the basis of the information at hand and on an estimate of the salaries paid the ministers of whom there was no official information. The salaries of 1940 were also considered. The 1941 pension for ministers is $700, that for widows is $530, and that for an orphan is $100. A statement, containing the names of our ministers in active service and the salaries being received is available for Synod.

There are 36 ministers, 45 widows and one orphan receiving pensions. A list of names of our pensionaries with the amount of their pensions will be given Synod.

Synod granted us authority to make adjustments in the pensions of those who were beneficiaries of the Emeritus Fund before Jan. 1, 1940. However, such adjustments shall be subject to the approval of Synod. We inform Synod that we have not changed any pension adopted by the Synod of 1940.

The following statement of receipts, disbursements, and present assets of the Pension Fund, taken from the financial report of the treasurer, Mr. W. K. Bareman, certified by the auditor, Mr. W. P. Dreyer, a public accountant, is submitted:

**PENSION FUND—CURRENT FUNDS**

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SUPPLEMENT XII

DISBURSEMENTS

Pensions to Ministers ....................................... $25,997.50
Pensions to Widows .......................................... 20,066.67
Pensions to Minors ......................................... 100.00
Expenses, Printing, Stationery, Bond, Traveling, Administrative ..................... 957.56

Total Disbursements ....................................... $47,121.73

Balance, January 31, 1940 ................................ $ 8,644.03

PENSION FUND—RESERVE FUNDS

Balance, January 1, 1940 .................................. $18,860.39

RECEIPTS

Van Agthoven Estate, % of amount received ................ $ 2,333.33
From Payment on Certificates covering Segregated Assets in Bank .................. 104.70
From Arrearage Moneys....................................... 2,216.04

Total Receipts .............................................. $ 4,654.07
Disbursements ................................................ None

Total in Reserve Fund ...................................... $23,514.46

In accordance with the Synodical decision this money is invested in United States Treasury and Savings Bonds.

We would call the attention of Synod to the following: The total quota for 1940 was $45,514.00. $44,684.09 was received of the congregations. However, this latter amount includes arrearage moneys and also some moneys for the Relief Fund. Some treasurers failed to keep separate the arrearage moneys from the quota contributions and it has also become apparent that some treasurers neglected to credit moneys for the Relief Fund to this Fund. A list of the amounts shows that certain churches made a total of $3,324.08 in overpayments over the 1940 quota. This has never happened before. Other churches, however, fell short of their quotas to the amount of $4,160.99. We are positive that most if not all of these overpayments is due to arrearage moneys credited to the present quota and to relief moneys deposited in the Pension Fund. Therefore we have deposited one-third of these overpayments in the Relief Reserve Fund and two-thirds in the Pension Reserve Fund; in accordance with the Synodical decision governing arrearage money.

A detailed statement of all receipts, disbursements, and present assets, certified by the auditor, Mr. W. P. Dreyer, a public accountant, will be made available for Synod.
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**EXPECTED INCOME**

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Total Expected Income: $57,000.40

**EXPECTED DISBURSEMENTS**

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Total Expected Disbursements: $50,440.00

Balance: $6,560.40

The above budget is based on a quota of $1.60 per family. We recommend that the quota decreased a year ago from $1.75 per family to $1.60 should remain at $1.60 for 1942. A balance should be desired, for the payment of the pension is an obligation and we should reckon with emergencies. A reserve should be built up. Further, we can expect that the number of pensionaries shall increase. Whereas every report for several years contained the statement: The number of beneficiaries of the Emeritus Fund is higher than the previous year; this year we can inform Synod that the number has decreased. However, the number is bound to grow. We should bear this in mind. It seems to us that because of these considerations it is advisable to retain the quota at $1.60 per family.

**THE RELIEF FUND**

We estimated in our report to the Synod of 1940 that the disbursements of this Fund would not exceed $4,000 in that year. As this was the first year of the operation of the Relief Fund, it was difficult to judge how much money would be disbursed. Our report shows that we were not far wrong.

**RECEIPTS**

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<td>Balance, January 1, 1940</td>
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<td>From Churches</td>
<td>$415.60</td>
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<td>From Individuals</td>
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Total Receipts in 1940: $495.60

Total Receipts, plus Balance: $3,362.63

**DISBURSEMENTS**

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Balance on hand, December 31, 1940: $49.92
We are sorry that this is such a poor report. The Rules for the administration of this Fund instruct the Board to inform the Church as to the needs of this Fund. We did this. We requested all congregations to contribute one free-will offering. A large number of congregations, also many which paid their quotas in full, failed to contribute to this Fund. As it appears that some treasurers failed to keep the Relief Fund separated from the Pension Fund, it is possible that some moneys meant for the Relief Fund were deposited in the Pension Fund. We hope that this Fund will be remembered by all our churches.

Because of the large deficit in the Relief Fund we deemed it advisable to pay all the administrative expense from the Pension Fund.

A detailed statement of the receipts and disbursements, which according to the Rules shall be given to the Advisory Committee of Synod and, if Synod desires, to the Synod itself in executive session, is available.

In conclusion we inform Synod of the following:

1. The Synod of 1940 referred the matter of the financial support of the Rev. B. J. Danhof “to the Board of the Pension and Relief Administration, including the matter of the financial adjustment with Classis Zeeland” (Acts, page 131).

We conferred with Classis Zeeland. After our conference the Classis took the following action: “The Classis informs the Emeritus Board that although Classis Zeeland felt the responsibility to support the Rev. B. J. Danhof while his case was pending, and, hence, passed motions of that nature, yet at the same time it was evident from the first that it was exceedingly difficult and practically impossible to raise the promised amount. Hence, after the first year Classis instructed its treasurer to pay only such moneys as he received for this purpose. The Classis therefore informed the Emeritus Board that it does not see its way clear to raise any more money for this purpose.” (Minutes of Classis, Sept. 4, 1940, Art. 9.)

This case was considered at some length. In accordance with the Synodical decision he was granted financial support. A detailed report will be submitted to the Advisory Committee as the Rules stipulate.
As it appeared that the Rev. B. J. Danhof received during the period of suspension as much if not more money than a beneficiary of the Emeritus Fund during this same period of time received, it seems to us that we should not be required to contribute from the Pension and Relief Funds towards his support for this time. We ask Synod to approve of this.

II. It was brought to our attention that some ministers receive children's allowances. We considered whether these allowances are a part of salary. If they are, 3% should be contributed to the Pension Fund. It is our opinion that these are a part of salary. *Grounds:*

1) Statements of Salary Schedules submitted to Synod have mentioned basic salary and children's allowances. This implies that the children's allowances should be added to the basic salary.

2) Children's allowances are granted to aid in supporting and bringing up of the children. This is one of the uses to which salary is put. It is fair to consider these allowances as belonging to salary.

III. Art. VIII, C, reads: “In event a contributing minister fails to pay through his consistory, or whatever other body pays his salary, the contribution of 3% of his salary due, he shall be notified by mail of such failure and if same shall remain unpaid for six months, then the benefits from this Fund to either him or his widow or dependents shall be reduced to the ratio mentioned in section B above. However, if such minister shall within a period of five years pay in full his past unpaid annual contributions plus 6% interest, the full benefits shall apply.”

We interpret this Article to mean: a minister who has failed to contribute 3% of his salary for six months or for a longer period shall, when and if he pays in full, pay 6% interest on the unpaid salary contribution of six months or longer.

IV. We ask Synod to urge all Consistories and other bodies paying salaries to our ministers to give us the information needed to determine the average salary.

V. A quota of $1.60 for 1942 is recommended. Cf. our report under Pension Plan.
VI. We request Synod to remind the treasurers to keep the two Funds, The Pension Fund and The Relief Fund, apart and to urge the Consistories to contribute to the Relief Fund in accordance with the Rules, free-will offerings as asked by the Board.

Respectfully submitted,

The Board of Trustees of the Ministers' Pension and Relief Administration,

J. O. BOUWSMA, Secretary.

P. S. The Secretary has been appointed to represent the Board at the Synod. He can be called upon to provide any possible further information which Synod may desire.

Mr. G. D. Vanderwerp, who for many years served the church as a member of our Board, departed this life March 30. He was our Vice-President for the last 11 years. His alternate, Mr. G. B. Tinholt, was notified that he was now a member of the Board to serve the unexpired term of Mr. Vanderwerp's appointment. Mr. Tinholt, however, informed us that he, though desirous to do all what he can for the Church, is unable to serve because of ill health. We recommend to Synod the appointment of a member and an alternate, this member to be appointed for the full term of 3 years that all the members of the Board do not retire at the same time.

STATEMENT OF FUNDS

a. PENSION FUND CURRENT FUNDS

January 1, 1940, Balance brought forward... $ 5,734.07

RECEIPTS

From Classical Treasurers, 1940 quotas.............$40,269.45
From Ministers ......................................13,664.62
From Interest ........................................ 741.16  54,675.23

Total Credits............................................$60,409.30

DISBURSEMENTS

Payments to Ministers ................................ $25,997.50
Payments to Widows Beneficiaries ..................20,066.67
Payments to Minors .................................... 100.00

Total to Beneficiaries.................................$46,164.17

Expenses Paid ...........................................  957.56
### Repayment of Money Previously Borrowed from Pension Fund Reserve Funds

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#### RECEIPTS

- From Wm. Van Agthoven Estate, \(\frac{4}{5}\) amt. rec'd...$2,333.33
- From Payment on Certificates covering Segregated Assets First State Bank, Holland, over reserve set up, \(\frac{4}{5}\) amt...104.70
- From Old Assessments in arrears, \(\frac{1}{3}\) amt. rec'd...2,943.09
- From returned loan to P. F. Current Funds...5,000.00

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#### RECEIPTS

- From Classical Treasurers, for Relief...$415.57
- From Individuals, for Relief...80.00

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#### DISBURSEMENTS

- Payments to Ministers...$1,983.96
- Payments to Widows Beneficiaries...1,235.00
- Payments to Minors...93.75

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#### RECEIPTS

- From Classical Treasurers, being \(\frac{3}{4}\) of old assessments in arrears paid during year 1940...$1,471.55
- From Wm. Van Agthoven Estate, being \(\frac{3}{4}\) of total amount received during 1940...1,166.67
- From payments on Certificates covering segregated assets 1st State Bank, Holland, over reserve set up, \(\frac{3}{4}\) amount...52.36

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SUMMARY OF FUNDS BALANCES DECEMBER 31, 1940:

a. Balance Due Pension Fund Current Funds. $8,287.57  
b. Balance Due Pension Fund Reserve Funds. 29,241.51  
c. Balance Due Relief Fund Current Funds. 49.89  
d. Balance Due Relief Fund Reserve Funds. 12,120.77  

Total Balances. $49,699.74

Represented by the following:

Cash on Deposit in open account with Zeeland State Bank, Zeeland, Mich. $18,493.87
Cash on Deposit in Savings Account of Zeeland State Bank, Zeeland, Mich. 4,339.76
Coupons in Transit (U. S. Treasury Bonds) 48.13

Total Cash. $22,881.76

United States Savings Bonds:

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($28,700.00) $21,525.00 $1,381.75 $22,906.75

United States Treasury Coupon Bonds:

1960-1965 2 3/4%, par value $3,500.00. $3,500.00
Un-amortized premium (paid $275.00). 271.23 $3,771.23

Certificates of Participation in the segregated assets of 1st State Bank, Holland, Michigan, Original amount $5,503.22; rec'd $2,201.24,
Unpaid Principal balance. 3,301.98
Less reserve (allowance) for loss. 3,301.98 (none)

Loan to Mrs. H. J. De Vries. 140.00

Total Cash, Bonds and Receivables. $49,699.74

(Deferred: Assessments in Arrears to 12/31/39, $31,532.32.)

I certify that the above statement is correct and that the cash and other items listed therein were accounted for and on hand as required.

WM. P. DREYER, Public Accountant.

April 2, 1941.
Grand Rapids, Michigan.
## Payments to Beneficiaries

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Total: $25,997.50 $1,983.96

To Minor: Wm. Oostendorp $100.00 $93.75
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Comparative Statement of Contributions
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Years ending December 31, 1936, 1937, 1938, 1939 and 1940.

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## STATEMENT OF 1940 QUOTAS AND PAYMENTS; ALSO OF ARREARS ON ASSESSMENTS TO 12/31/1939

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To the Synod of 1941:

ESTEEMED BRETHREN:

As delegate to the American Bible Society it is again my privilege to render another brief report.

We may begin by saying that the year 1940 was a period of vast disturbance in the program of Bible distribution. Due to war the work of the Society was seriously handicapped in performing the usual tasks. Besides, there were new responsibilities given to the organization in the form of supplying Scriptures to refugees, prisoners of war, men under arms, orphaned missions, and stranded colporteurs.

The American Bible Society is raising an Emergency Fund of $150,000.00, a part of which will be used for the work in the Netherlands East Indies and in South America. The Emergency Fund is heartily approved by the Committee on Foreign Relief Appeals in the churches, and liberal grants have already been given for the work. Here again the Society has grasped the opportunity of filling a basic need for the spread of the precious Word of God in a dislocated and sinful world.

During the year 1940, the Society distributed 3,772,559 Bibles, Testaments, and Portions in the United States. This was a slight increase over the previous year. Abroad, the total circulation is not yet known. Then, too, some consignments to foreign lands have been lost due to bombing or other war-caused catastrophies. The total distribution, however, will closely approximate the 1939 figure of 3,485,000. As in other years, a great deal of translation work has been done for the foreign mission enterprise. This is an important phase of the work of the Society and is ably done by its staff of translators.

Every year in December the national observance of Bible Sunday takes place. The American Bible Society encourages the churches throughout the land to lay special emphasis upon the value of Bible reading and study
in the churches, homes, and schools of our land. As a Bible-loving people we appreciate this effort on the part of the Society, and hope that it may bear rich fruit for our land and nation!

This year is an anniversary year. On May 13, 1816, the American Bible Society was founded in New York City for the purpose of translating, publishing, and distributing the Word of God without note or comment. Thus it has experienced 125 years of service in the work of God's Kingdom. The Board of Managers of the Society express the hope that together with the churches of America there may be a re-dedication of faithfully spreading the light of the Gospel in this sin-darkened world.

Your delegate attended the meeting of the Advisory Council on the first Wednesday in December, 1940. Also wrote a form letter recommending the Society's work to all the churches of our denomination.

The Christian Reformed Church contributed $1,565.00 during the year 1940 for the work of the Society. That was an increase of $389.00 over the year 1939. We express our hearty thanks to all the churches, societies, and individuals that have contributed to this worthy cause.

The Secretary, Rev. Dr. Frederick W. Cropp expects to be present at the meeting of Synod. It is our wish that he be given an opportunity to convey the greetings from the organization that he represents and to address us briefly on the great task of the churches of America.

Again we recommend this worthy enterprise to our churches and request Synod to place the American Bible Society upon the list of accredited causes.

Humbly submitted,

JOHN BEEBE.
To the Synod of 1941.

Esteemed Brethren:

As representative of the Christian Reformed Church on the General Commission of Army and Navy Chaplains, the undersigned, serving as alternate for Dr. Henry Beets, attended the meeting held in Washington, D. C., on the 11th of June.

In view of the great and growing importance of this special phase of Kingdom work I hasten to send in my report and am requesting Dr. Beets to present it in person to Synod.

The Committee met in the tense atmosphere of war crisis which now pervades our nation's capital as the throbbing heart of the gigantic military forces of defence now being built up throughout our country. The meeting was called to order, opened and presided over by Dr. Rufus W. Weaver, the retiring chairman of the Executive Committee. After he had rendered his report, he was given a hearty testimonial and presented with a loving cup as a token of appreciation for his efficient and devoted leadership and many labors performed during the last climactic year especially of the Committee's twenty-four years of existence.

I am enclosing a copy of this report containing historical data and a survey of the work and activities of the Committee. I have also included a copy of the excellent report of Dr. S. Arthur Devan, the acting Director since Dr. Paul Moody retired from that position. Later in the day Dr. Devan was unanimously chosen by the Commission as its full time General Director for which position he seems to be eminently fitted as the right man for the right place at the right time.

It will not be necessary for Synod to hear these reports in their entirety. Dr. Beets can cull from them whatever
concerns our own denominational interests as constituent member of the Commission.

I desire to call attention specifically to the following matters:

1. The Commission was reorganized on the Basis of the Articles of Agreement which is incorporated in the report of the Ex. Comm. This maintains the autonomy of the Commission while recognizing two groups of cooperating churches, nl. those churches which are also affiliated with the Federal Council of Churches and those which do not hold membership in the Federal Council but have united with the Commission in this special work. To this latter group our Chr. Ref. Church belongs. The number of each is at present about equal and there is no distinction made between churches of the respective groups in the personnel and work of the Commission.

2. The apportionment of membership on the Comm. is according to the size of the church's total membership. Our church with a membership of less than 250,000 is entitled to one member. However the rights of the smaller denominational units are fully recognized, as e. g. in making the nominations for the Committee members at large, of which there are at present eleven, all from different denominations, each church is equally represented by one member.

There is a provision in the Articles of Agreement (Art. III) which states that "the executive of the Home Mission agency of each of these denominations shall be an ex-officio member." Several such ex-officio members were present at the meeting, and took an active part in all its proceedings, although they refrained from voting. Since our Church has but one member on the Commission it would be well for Synod to officially appoint our Director of Home Missions to serve in this capacity.

However, at this point I feel constrained to call the attention of Synod to what I would have mentioned later in my report. Before adjourning the Commission decided that the Ex. Comm. should henceforth meet every month and that the full Commission would meet every second Wednesday in June, September, December and March. Heretofore there was an Annual meeting of the full Commission and the Executive Committee, until the last year, met only three or four times a year. With the vastly increasing war emergency the necessity of
meeting oftener is urgent and there may be special meetings called at any time between regular meetings during the quarters. For this reason, I would respectfully suggest to Synod to appoint our Eastern Home Missionary to serve as ex-officio alternate member so that he may be in a position to attend these meetings regularly when the Director is unable to do so. I am convinced that our presence at these meetings is essential in doing our part in furthering this work and in securing the full benefits of co-operative channels offered to us for our own efforts as well as for promoting the spiritual welfare of young men in service other than our own.

3. Our financial support of the Commission’s Budget was heretofore $50 per annum. This was the minimum amount for any church holding membership in the Commission. This has now been raised to $100 since the work of the staff has doubled and quadrupled. Besides the full time Director and Secretary, a new position of commissioner or assistant Director was created to take care of an accumulation of pressing duties.

There was no Budget presented at this meeting, nor was there any financial report given. This will probably be considered at the new Executive Comm. of the Reorganized Comm. and presented at a future meeting. Each church is asked to meet the expenses of its own representatives.

4. Several more denominations requested membership in the Commission and were received. The Lutheran Churches have thus far held aloof but are expected to unite in the membership and work of the Commission in the not distant future.

5. The Commission instructed the Executive Committee to urge the passage of the so-called Thomas Bill now pending in Congress which would give to the Chief of Chaplain the rank of General on a par with every other branch in the Army and Navy. As it is now the highest ranking officer in every department, including the Medical and Ordnance, holds the position of General while only the religious, which ministers to the very highest of human interests is excluded from this rank. It will not only add to the prestige of the chaplaincy but secure advantages in the work. The highest rank for the chaplain is now that of Colonel which makes the office seem inferior especially in the eyes of the ranking officers themselves.
Now that the Camp Pastors are excluded from working within the cantonments, the War Department is desirous of promoting the spiritual work of the regular chaplains. Appropriations have been made for erecting chapels in every camp and equipping them with suitable furnishings for worship and other religious purposes. The military authorities are giving more recognition and showing more co-operation in the work of the chaplains. This should be duly appreciated and utilized by the churches. It opens the way for co-ordination and co-operation in the spiritual work which is being done outside the camps in adjoining towns and cities.

6. Our denominational quota for chaplains is not yet reached. Especially in the Navy Reserve more men are requested. This work in its nature and scope offers a special challenge and call to those among our younger ministers who can qualify. This tragic hour of world war crisis calls for spiritual guidance and care of the hundreds of thousands of young men who are being drafted or enlisted into the service of our country. Satan, we may be sure, has his forces in the field striving night and day to dechristianize and demoralize those who come from our Christian homes and churches. Let us not be less eager and active in counteracting these works of darkness and in furthering the interests of the Kingdom of God. These young men have precious souls with an eternal destiny and also in them under God is bound up the future of our churches and country.

7. The afternoon session was held, at his invitation in the public reception room of the Chief of Chaplains, Col. Wm. R. Arnold. He is a veteran Chaplain having served for many years. Though himself a Roman Catholic, he is endeavoring to serve impartially the interests of the whole body of chaplains. In his address to the Commission, and in personally meeting us in his office, he impressed me as a man of humble spirit and quiet strength. He stated that the situation as faced by the chaplains was to provide spiritual training and activities somewhat on a par with the intensive physical and military training of the army and navy. This was to be accomplished not through sporadic, sensational methods, but by means of sustained instructions, vital messages and personal contacts. The chaplains are greatly hampered by the irreligion and indifference of so many. At least 50% of the men have no previous religious foundation upon which
to work as a basis of instruction and devotion other than the inherent fact that God Almighty created them with an immortal soul. To impart to them even the rudiments of the Christian faith is the initial task. Others have received religious training and need the strengthening and supporting hand of wise Christian guidance and fellowship. He was not so much concerned about providing sufficient entertainment for the boys. Much of this could better be left to their own initiative and resourcefulness and every moment of their leisure time needed not to be filled in for them by outside agencies. He pleaded for a more balanced program of various activities and interests in which certain hours were definitely devoted to the spiritual needs which are apt to be crowded out or given a subordinate place.

8. Several matters were discussed without receiving definite or final action. The question as to the length of service of the chaplains, particularly the term of reserve chaplains, was considered. It was recommended that one entering this service should have at least three years in mind, as experience is a large factor in this type of work. The term of reserve chaplains should not be extended indefinitely and arrangements should be made for facilitating return into the regular ministry of the church. These and other matters will be taken up again at future meetings. It was urged that the various committee members of each denomination should contact the General Director as well as the Chief of Chaplains to present their specific needs and problems in connection with the work as it relates to their own members. Such contacts will also prove valuable in the furtherance of the work which is being done outside the camps by visiting ministers.

Surely, Brethren, in this fateful hour of divine judgment upon the nations there is a tremendous challenge for the people of God to witness for the Christ as the world's only Savior and as the King of kings and Lord of lords. The Holy Spirit uses the testimony of the ambassadors of God to convict sinners and to unite them into living fellowship with the Son of God, our Lord Jesus Christ. Let us do our full share in this great work while the opportunity is still open to us. As Satan is being loosed the powers of darkness may close in upon us and persecution and tribulation come upon us. Our freedom to testify of the light and life as it is in Jesus Christ is our sacred obligation to use that liberty to the full while it is
still ours. The fruits rest with God as the work is His
and we are His servants in this blessed work.

May the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ bless
these efforts of the Protestant Churches of America to
advance the interests of His Kingdom among the defend­
ers of our country in these dark, strategic times in which
we are living. And may His special guidance and bless­
ing be given to Synod in all its labors in promoting the
welfare of our churches and advancing the wider interests
of His indestructable Kingdom.

Respectfully submitted,

J. M. Vande Kieft.
REPORT OF THE RADIO BROADCASTING COMMITTEE

(Cf. Art. 89, XVII)

To the Synod of 1941.

Esteemed Brethren:

Our Committee for Radio Broadcasting has carried out the mandates of Synod (see Acts, 1940, pages 61 and 62) and is happy to report on the work that has been done.

I. Our Compliance with the Mandate of Synod.

Synod decided (see Acts, 1940, page 61, B) that a team of speakers should be appointed and left the appointment to the Radio Committee. As is well know, the speakers were Dr. Wm. H. Rutgers, the Rev. J. Weide-naar, and the Rev. H. J. Kuiper. Their services were given gratuitously.

We contracted for thirteen weeks of broadcasting and arranged that the Dr. Wm. H. Rutgers and the Rev. H. J. Kuiper deliver five messages each. The Rev. J. Weide-naar was asked to present three messages. When we were assured that the receipts warranted lengthening the period of broadcasting to twenty weeks, it was decided that the Rev. H. J. Kuiper be asked to prepare five additional messages. He consented to do so. Our reason for appointing the Rev. H. J. Kuiper was primarily that, since he was on the air it would be preferable to continue his period of service rather than introduce another speaker for the five additional messages.

The Broadcasts were sent over the air from Dec. 1, 1940, to the last Sunday in March by means of transcriptions. Broadcasting by means of transcriptions was in agreement with the advice of Synod. (See Acts, 1940, pages 61 and 62, D.)

Pursuant to Synod’s decision that time be purchased on a chain of stations (see Acts, 1940, page 62), your Committee made contracts with six stations. These stations we
believed would cover a large part of the middle west and eastern territories. These stations were:

WOOD ................ Grand Rapids, Michigan
WIND ..................................... Gary, Indiana
KMA ................................ Shenadoah, Iowa
KELO .................................. Sioux Falls, S. D.
CKLW .............................. Windsor, Ontario
WINS .................................... New York City

Your Committee realizes that not all of the middle west in which the greater number of our churches are located was covered adequately. The uncertainty as to the support our broadcasting would receive limited our choice of stations. From the correspondence that we have received it appears that KELO, a small station, covers a small area and could not serve our people properly in the Dakota and Minnesota areas. It was our desire to engage a station in the Twin Cities district, but the expense involved deterred our Committee from doing so. Station KELO, which had been broadcasting services under the leadership of the Rev. J. C. Verbrugge, could be engaged at a nominal price. The uncertainty as to the receipts for broadcasting restrained your Committee from going beyond the number of contracts that were made.

It was left to your Committee to determine the length of our denominational broadcasts. (See Acts 1940, page 62, F.) After consulting the various radio broadcasters in our denomination it was decided to contract for ½-hour periods. The majority of our men who had experience in broadcasting considered a 15 minute broadcast too brief. Allowing some time for music is essential in interesting and holding a radio audience.

A word of explanation is in order with respect to the time of the day at which our messages went over the air. The only time available for broadcasting over the stations WINS and CKLW, that would be within the limits of our financial ability and would not interfere with the church services of our congregations was twelve o'clock noon. The more desirable period is, of course, in the afternoon or at such a time as will not conflict with our regular church services. Such time could not be obtained on the above named stations.

The messages from WOOD, KMA, KELO, and WIND were sent in the afternoon after the afternoon services.

The musical part of the program was greatly enhanced by the renditions given by the Calvin College Choir under
the direction of Prof. S. Swets. Synod knows that the difficulty occasioned by ASCAP prevented our making use of many musical selections which would have been more suitable to the occasions and messages. In spite of that handicap the Choir rendered excellent service, of which many favorable responses bear witness.

A. Broadcasting by Transcriptions.

Your Committee is aware of the fact that broadcasting by a speaker who addresses his audience directly is preferable because of the personal touch it has and the appeal it makes upon the listeners, but it is constrained to again call Synod's attention to the reasons for recommending the use of transcriptions in our Back to God Hour. They were given in the report to the Synod of 1940. They are:

1. Our programs will cover a greater area at a lower cost.
2. The cost of broadcasting over a chain of stations when a speaker addresses the radio audience directly is prohibitive.
3. Others who have had considerable experience in broadcasting consider the use of transcriptions quite satisfactory and more profitable.

B. Our Policy.

Our policy has been stated in our reports to Synod on two previous occasions. The denominational broadcasts should not try to duplicate what is done by local efforts. The purpose of our Back to God Hour should be to complement that work. The aim should be to bring our distinctive truths to our American people in the light of our Reformed Confessions as they relate to the Church, the Home, the State, and Society.

Although they should have an evangelical emphasis, the messages ought to be especially delivered to make known our Calvinistic world and life view.

We have attempted to do this in the past season by arranging for a more unified program which touched upon the several phases of life. We dare not boast of having succeeded as well as might be desired, but believe that our programs have moved more consistently in that direction than in the preceding years.

To attain the purpose our Church has in mind, we are of the opinion that Synod should as soon as possible, seek to engage a speaker in whom it has full confidence that
he will be able to present properly the truths which we hold dear.

The responses to the broadcasts on the part of our people indicate that they are sensible to this need.

C. Responses to our Programs.

During the past season the corresponding secretary received a total of 554 responses to our programs. Last year our broadcast over station WJJD from December 17, 1939, to March 23, 1940, brought a total of 553 responses. This indicates that we have received only one more response than last year. One should, however, bear in mind that it was very unlikely that those who wrote in last season would do so for a second time. Besides, the different speakers also received several comments which were not turned in to the Committee, but were answered by the speakers themselves.

The letters and cards received were on the whole commendatory. They reveal that our people and the outsiders are interested in our broadcasts. As time goes on and an audience is gained (which takes years), we may reasonably expect that our programs will win the favor of many others and immeasurable good can be accomplished.

Another factor to be considered in explaining why the responses were not more numerous than last year is that we sent our messages by way of transcription. Listeners perhaps do not respond as readily to that type of broadcasting as they do to the programs in which the speaker addresses them directly and makes a personal appeal for fan-mail. We furthermore call the attention of Synod to the fact that many of our people considered their gifts through our church offerings as their response to our programs. We are happy to state that our pleas in the church papers were not unheeded. Our people, so it appears, desire that their Church be on the air.

D. Radio Correspondence Activity.

The work performed under the direction of the Corresponding Secretary can be summed up as follows:

1. We printed:

   51,000 Announcement cards
   3,000 Letterheads
   2,000 Envelopes
   1,000 Radio postal cards
2. The churches within the hearing of our radio chain have been mailed about twice as many announcement cards as they have families.

3. From these churches we have solicited names of church organizations who might be interested in supporting radio work by means of distributing radio cards, placing local advertisements, and making financial contributions. To encourage the work of placing advertisements, we have prepared suggestive forms of different sizes. These have been offered to interested parties.

4. We have prepared copies of the various radio addresses and mailed these to those who requested them. All told approximately a thousand copies of addresses were mailed. (Some persons requested all radio addresses; others requested quantities of certain radio addresses.)

5. Radio postal cards were sent to all the outsiders who wrote in last year, inviting them to tune in again. This was done in the beginning of the radio period.

6. A thousand radio souvenirs were prepared and printed. Approximately 430 of these have been mailed.

7. All receipts were acknowledged and responses were sent to all letters which called for response.

8. Weekly reports were sent to the members of the Committee.

E. Financial Report by the Treasurer, the Rev. B. Essenburg.

UP-TO-DATE FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE RADIO COMMITTEE
Balance reported to Synod June 1st, 1940.......................$1,634.86
Receipts of Chr. Ref. Churches................................ $5,102.83
Receipts of Societies and Sunday Schools.................... 242.49
Receipts of Radio Listeners.................................. 774.70

Grand Total.......................................................$7,754.88

Expenses for Season..............................................$5,585.97

Balance, June 7, 1941.............................................$2,168.41

REV. B. ESSENBURG.

II. RECOMMENDATIONS TO SYNOD. We recommend the following:

A. That Synod continue our denominational broadcasting of “The Back to God Hour” during the season 1941-1942; the season to begin in the middle of October and to continue until the middle of April.
B. That Synod decide to again broadcast over a chain of stations in order to reach the greatest number of listeners.

C. That Synod decide to again broadcast by means of transcriptions.

D. With respect to a speaker for the radio program in the future, the ideal of your Committee is still one permanent radio preacher. However, the engagement of such a minister may involve dissolving connections with a local congregation and then assuming financial obligations which we believe would exceed our present ability. For this reason your Committee presents a choice of one of the two following propositions and asks Synod to decide one of two things:

1. To appoint the Rev. H. J. Kuiper for one season. In our opinion he has manifested radio qualifications and has given sufficient satisfaction to our radio audience as to warrant our recommending him. Or,

2. To authorize the Radio Committee to select a team of speakers for the coming season.

E. That Synod express its appreciation to the Calvin Choir and Professor Swets for the services rendered during the past season, and request the proper authorities for similar services during the coming season.

F. That Synod decide to set the quota for our denominational radio broadcasts at 25 cents per family.

G. That Synod authorize the Radio Committee to use all moneys received from our listeners, over and above the quotas of our congregations, for the expansion of the work, i.e. add new stations to our chain.

H. That Synod appoint a Committee to serve as Radio Committee for the next season.

Will Synod kindly receive our President as the spokesman for our Committee?

May Jehovah richly guide you in this important phase of Kingdom activity.

Humbly submitted,

The Radio Committee,

D. H. Walters, President.
E. B. Pekelder, Secretary.
B. Essenburg.
H. Baker.
L. Trap.
M. Fakkema.
RADIO COMMITTEE — TREASURER'S REPORT
(June 1, 1940 — June 7, 1941)

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Total, May 1st - June 7th $479.18

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Total $5,585.97

Balance June 7, 1941 $2,168.41

Respectfully submitted,

George Ottenhoff.
To the Synod of 1941.

Esteemed Brethren:

Your special Committee for Dutch War and Mission Relief appointed by the Synod of 1940 (see pages 119 and 120) was appointed to solicit through our church papers and in other feasible ways the contributions of our people for Netherlands War and Missionary Relief; also, to distribute these funds to the following parties:

1. To the missionaries of the Netherlands Gereformeerde Kerken in the Dutch East Indies.
2. To those missionaries or pastors on the South American continent whose support from the Netherlands Gereformeerde Kerken is cut off.
3. To brethren of the Reformed faith in the Netherlands in need of war relief, and when it is possible to forward money to the Netherlands without having it fall into the wrong hands.
4. To refugees of the Reformed faith who are admitted into Canada or the United States and in need of material assistance.

Your Committee has not been requested to do anything under No. 3 or 4, and as to No. 2, the report of the Committee for South America will give you the necessary information, but we did not pay full attention to No. 1, having sent money to the missionaries of the Netherlands Gereformeerde Kerken in the Dutch East Indies as per attached financial report. That report also shows what moneys came in, in answer to what we first placed in The Banner of March 21, 1941, viz., an

APPEAL FOR HELP FOR DR. VAN LONKHUYZEN

From Zeist, Netherlands, a touching letter of Dr. J. Van Lonkhuyzen reached our Synodical Committee. If war is declared between the United States and Germany, he is in danger of being
locked up in a concentration camp; he and his children, as American citizens. He desires greatly to come back to the United States.

He wrote he had enough money to take him across, but after arriving here, what about his maintenance? In Holland he enjoys a pension but the present rulers of Holland will not permit sending any money across.

The head of the Emeritus Fund of Holland proposed to ask us in North America to advance the doctor's pension for the time being. Later on, the Reformed churches there will pay it back. The Synodical Committee decided to recommend this to our Synod. That is all it could do, according to its regulations, and by the time the doctor could get his visa it would be near Synod anyway. Consequently a cable was sent him as follows: "If you and family come, committee recommends Synod advancing pension." A letter giving more details was sent to him via Lisbon. So far, so good.

But all of a sudden a cablegram came from Amsterdam reading thus: "Regarding Van Lonkhuyzen family, ready to sail. Payment passage money Dutch currency impossible. Committee please advance $2,000. Cable American Consul, Amsterdam. Very urgent. Telegraph us result."

The Michigan members of our Synodical Committee right away consulted with our War Relief Committee of which Mr. John Hekman is chairman. The following decision was made: The War Relief Committee does not have sufficient authorization to send the $2,000 needed. There is not enough money on hand, and what is in the fund, about $2,000, has been given for missions of the Reformed churches in the East Indies. But, because the matter is urgent, we request all our churches and especially the friends and relatives of our beloved brother to send special gifts to take care of these traveling expenses, with the stipulation that Dr. Van Lonkhuyzen, as soon as able to do so, put these moneys back into our War Relief Fund.

Urgently and kindly we request our people speedily to send gifts for this purpose to the treasurer of our War Relief Fund, Mr. J. J. Buiten, 47 Jefferson Ave., SE., Grand Rapids, Mich. Please indicate to him that these gifts and contributions are for the Van Lonkhuyzen Travel Fund.

HENRY BEETS, Sec'y.

The total amount received for this Fund May 31 amounted to, as you will see, over $1,400. Meanwhile, in a providential way, by selling all he had, including his furniture and books, he was enabled to obtain enough American dollars to pay for his steamship tickets for himself, wife, and three children. But when in Lisbon, his expenses by that time had been so high—and his Dutch money, about 80 guilders having been taken from him, he appealed to us for funds. His children having been taken sick, his expenses became still heavier. We sent him $200 while at Lisbon. And June 6, 1941, at our meeting held that day, we decided to loan our brother $300, knowing that he returned from Europe with only two suitcases per person—he and his three children—and they needed help to start
something like housekeeping anew. Incidentally, through a mistake made by the Express Company in the Netherlands, Mrs. Van Lonkhuyzen did not have the proper visum on her passport, and while her husband and children left May 23, she is expected to sail June 13. [Since then she arrived safely in Grand Rapids.—S. C.]

We herewith lay the case of Dr. Van Lonkhuyzen before you since we have no authority to go beyond what we have done. We hope and pray that the Lord may give you wisdom to consider his case and the request of the Deputies for emeritation matters of the Reformed Churches of the Netherlands, so that we as churches may help as Christ would have us do.

Mr. J. J. Buiten kindly consented to be our Treasurer and has efficiently acted as such. The Synod ought to thank him for this. Different articles about this have appeared in our papers. The need still continues and we hope, or suggest at least, that our Committee will be continued for the purpose set forth by the Synod of 1940.

JOHN HEKMAN, President.
Y. P. DE TONG.
HENRY BEETS, Secretary.

P. S. As an appendix to the East Indies War Relief, we attach a letter, signed by Rev. G. J. Van Reenen, dated Djokja, Java, March 30, 1941. It shows deep appreciation of what our Church has done so far, although considerably below the figure of $2,000 per month, as we had planned. We hope our Synod will pass a ringing resolution to our Church to generously continue to aid these kindred "orphaned missions".—H. B.

BRIEF UIT INDIE

Het zal welkom zijn aan het Wachter publiek hen den volgende brief te laten lezen. Hij komt van Ds. Van Reenen te Djokjaka in het hart van het zendingsveld der Gereformeerde Kerken op Java. Hij dient als de penningmeester van het Noodfonds, zoowel men het daar noemt. We lezen als volgt:

"Den Wel Eerw. Dr. H. Beets, Sec. Relief Fund, Chr. Geref. Kerk in N. A. te Grand Rapids:

Namens de Commissie voor de Nood der Zending kom ik uwe Kerk zeer hartelijk danken voor de ruime mate van steun die we mogen ontvangen van de Christian Reformed Church. Na uw zending van eind December, groot 4000 dollars, die als een verrassing kwam, mocht ik de vorige week weer eenzelfde bedrag ontvangen. Door deze groote hulpvaardigheid zijn wij diep getroffen. Mede hierdoor is het mogelijk geworden, de kortingen op het salaris van onze helpers, die wel heel zwaar getroffen waren, iets te verminderen. Deze menschen hebben met moed de zware slag opgevangen, maar met groote dankbaarheid hebben ze vernomen dat er eenige verbetering in hun salarissen kon worden aangebracht."
Dr. Van Andel zond me uw schrijven toe, met enige vragen. Ik weet niet of Dr. Van Andel zelf hierop reeds antwoordde. Voor alle veiligheid doe ik het bij dezen.

Soemba deelt gelijk op in de steun die hier voor de Zending ontvangen wordt. Wat betreft de predikanten Verkuyl en Pieron, waar­naar Ds. Bouwmeester bij u informeerde, zij zijn werkzaam op het terrein Banjoemas, op Midden Java. Ook zij worden dus verzorgd door ons Nood Comité. Wat tenslotte de Chr. Gereformeerde Zending betreft, deze heeft zich, zoowel u van Ds. Bikker zult gehoord hebben, bij het ‘Noodbestuur’ te Batavia aangesloten.

Dit is ons antwoord op uw vragen, die misschien ook al door anderen beantwoord werden.

Mag ik tenslotte verzoeken, onze hartelijke dank over te brengen aan allen die ons werk steunen, en dit werk aan te bevelen in uw aller belangstelling en gebed?

Met de meeste hoogachting,

G. J. VAN REELEN.

Djokja, 30, Maart, 1941.

Naschrift.—Deze brief zal zeker onze kerken aansporen om ook bij den voortdurend dit Noodfonds te gedenken.—H. B.

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**VAN LONKHYUZEN TRAVEL FUND**

- Received as per reports in *The Banner* and *De Wachter*... $1,445.25
- Sent to Van Lonkhyuizen in Lisbon... $200.00
- Cost of Cablegram in Lisbon... $3.75

**Balance, May 31, 1941**... $1,241.50

J. J. Buiten, Treasurer,
47 Jefferson Ave., S.E.,
Grand Rapids, Mich.
SUPPLEMENT XVII

REPORT NATIONAL CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION

To the Synod of 1941.

Esteemed Brethren:

We herewith submit the following report on the work of the National Christian Association.

On May 1st, 1941, the National Christian Association entered its 74th year of service in a much-needed missionary work—that of sending out the Word of God to men and women blinded by the subtle influences of the Lodge. This Association is the only organization in the entire Protestant Church, whose main purpose is to reach the lodge-blinded with the Light of Life. The Masonic Analyst, a Masonic magazine, published this statement: “The Church prepares the company from which members of the Masonic fraternity are selected.” And we do find that lodges are drawing members of the Evangelical Churches into their ranks. But, somehow, the Lord preserves a few faithful in every community; men and women who dare protest against lodgism in their Churches, and it is chiefly through these men and women that the Association carries on its work. And, though we cannot report such progress as we would like to—we have not witnessed the multitudes of them which use curious arts coming forth to burn their books before all men—nevertheless, the numerous letters received at the office during the past year amply prove that our labors and sacrifices have not been vain in the Lord.

The Christian Cynosure

The Christian Cynosure is now entering upon its 73rd consecutive year of service. The first issue, published July 25, 1868, was called “The Christian Banner”. Not once since that date has the Association's Christian Banner failed to champion the cause of separation from worldly secret alliances for the true followers of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Each month of the past year the Cynosure went forth to subscribers in nearly every State of the Union, bearing its anti-secret messages into homes, libraries, schools, and
various institutions of learning. These messages brought responses of both commendation and condemnation.

The plan of having “a leading man in the various denominations write an editorial each month” has been partially successful. Too often the request for an editorial is completely ignored, tabled, or postponed indefinitely with conscientious objections. The latter usually get a reply after the dramatic fashion of St. Paul who called the high priest, “thou whited wall.” The *Cynosure* committee is using every effort to make the publication both popular and effective. We are happy to report that the subscription list has increased during the past year.

**FIELD SECRETARY**

The Rev. A. H. Leaman fills the position held by Dr. Stoddard for many years. The task is not an easy one. Churches, colleges, and schools which welcomed an anti-secret message 30 years ago, refuse to admit our Field Secretary today. There are, however, happy exceptions. The Field Secretary has had opportunity to address many churches, groups, and distribute tracts. May God bless brother Leaman in his untiring efforts to bring the messages of Truth.

**FINANCES**

Churches of the Christian Reformed denomination have again been the chief source of support for the Association. Our Treasurer reports a cash balance of $181.17—$487.15 less than last year on May 1st. The assets which the Association has were bequeathed with the definite understanding that, “from the income thereof the work of the N. C. A. shall be continued indefinitely”.

Last year (May 1, 1940, to April 30, 1941,) eighty-two Christian Reformed churches contributed $1,088.63. This means that a little more than one-fourth of the Christian Reformed churches have taken an offering for the N. C. A. during the past year.

The Board is very grateful to all Churches and friends for their support. From time to time we need a reprint of books, tracts, and pamphlets. Some of this literature is sold to individuals, but much of it must be sent free for distribution to pastors and the few faithful in various communities. Our work, like all other mission work, is not a paying proposition from a financial viewpoint.
At present eight men are serving on the Board of Directors. They are: the Rev. Harry Hager, D.D., of the Reformed Church; the Rev. Torrey Johnson, teacher of Bible at the Northern Baptist Seminary of Chicago; the Rev. Evan Welsh, D.D., pastor of the Wheaton College Church; the Messrs. J. H. Weir, Thomas P. Kellogg, and Mr. Nicholas Hendrikse, and the Rev. B. Essenbug. The latter two are of the Christian Reformed Church.

Since leaving Chicago the Rev. James Putt has resigned. At the next Board meeting a proposal will be submitted to add two men of the Christian Reformed Church.

The Board earnestly covets your prayers and continued support in behalf of this much-needed missionary work.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. G. Hoeksema.
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