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Morning Session, Wednesday, June 16.

Article 1.

The Synodical Assembly was called to order in the building of Calvin College, at Grand Rapids, Michigan on Wednesday morning, June 16, at 10:00 o'clock, by Rev. I. Van Dellen, President of the Synod of 1918, who, on the previous evening spoke at the Prayer Service on "The Peace and Welfare of Jerusalem," at the Eastern Avenue church.

Article 2.

Rev. I. Van Dellen opened the meeting with the singing of Psalm 84:3 and 6, read Ephesians 6:10-18, and addressed the assembly as follows:

"Esteemed Fathers and Brothers in our Lord Jesus Christ.
Honorable Members and Advisors of Synod;

"Grace, mercy and peace from God the Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ, our Savior, through the Holy Spirit.

"The God of heaven, he will prosper us; therefore we his servants will arise and build."

With this word of holy optimism I wish to greet you at the opening of this Synod.

Although to many it appears that we have little reason so to speak. It is true we are living in unusual days. We have reached a turning point. The Great War had its influence also in our circles. This was already felt at the previous

Synod, and it was evidenced in the two years that followed. The Word War hastened the process of Americanization. Everywhere our churches are preparing themselves to leave their tents. Our isolation is breaking up. We are leaving shore. We must go in to the open sea. We are beginning to feel the swell of the waves of American life. And for some of us it is a strange experience.

This takes place, however, under the providential direction of the God of heaven, who thrones above in many respects the stormy floods of water. And if our eye is upon Him, and in dependence upon Him do what our hand finds to do, the changed and swiftly changing circumstances will not confuse us. If we only follow the compass of God's Word, we shall receive the correct helmsman's wisdom and follow the right course.

We shall arise --- and build. We are also called upon to do some repair work. We must to our shame constantly make corrections. However, the chief task should be that more and more we build. And thereto the Agenda directs us especially with respect to School and Missions.

With respect to the matter of Schools, thank God, there is much activity. Everywhere in our country buildings are being constructed ^{or} high school instruction. But now is the time that we should draw up rules according to justice and fairness to regulate our concerns. May God spare us from narrow-minded provincialism.

It is remarkable that the investigation for a fitting foreign mission field coincides with the "World Survey by the Interchurch World Movement of North America." A hasty perusal of the report that just appeared concerning this movement causes one immediately to see how great the need is, and the ample report of our own deputies shows that there are many fields white unto harvest. It is sheer bewildering to see one with so little strength to be placed over such immeasurable fields.

On the one hand it behooves us to show great modesty. We have no experience, and we know only in part. May it so appear in our discussions, that we are conscious of this. And at the same time may the love of Christ press us to sail on. May there be much prayer for the leading of the Spirit. The same Spirit that hindered Paul from remaining in Asia, and called him to Macedonia, also dwells in our midst.

An extraordinarily large number of Ministers of the Word have been taken away since the last Synod. Those of old age and those in the strength of their manhood were mown down by the scythe of death. With thanks to the Lord for the much good that He granted us in them, and with sorrow in our heart at their departure from this life, we remember the late: P. Ekster, P. Van Vliet, J. H. Gruessing, G. Broene, F. Stuart, L. Van Dellen, J. B. Jonkman, and D. Vander Ploeg.

In this connection it is certainly not out of order to point out that we should make better regulations for the care of our Emeriti, and for the support of the widows and children of God's servants, who have already received their reward from the Lord.

Finally, I cannot fail to remind you of the regrettable course which the Maranatha case has taken. A rupture has taken place. That is painful. It is so grievous to be parted as brothers. May the Lord turn the erring ones, and thereto may our prayers ascend to the throne of His grace.

Brothers! the burden placed upon your shoulders is heavy. The enemy comes as a waterflood. The falling away is great. And our strength is limited. Yet our God reigns, and our King received all power in heaven and on earth. Therefore we shall not fear, though the earth do change, and though the mountains be shaken into the heart of the seas. We continue on with the courage of faith. "The God of heaven, he will prosper us; therefore we his servants will arise and build."

Thereafter he lead in prayer.

Article 3.

From the credentials it appears that the following brothers were delegated to Synod and are present:

Classis Grand Rapids East:

Ministers: W. P. Van Wyk, L. Veltkamp, R. B. Kuiper.

Elders: J. B. Hulst, B. Sevenema, Rev. J. Noordewier.

Grand Rapids West:

Ministers: Dr. H. Beets, H. Danhof, G. Hoelsema.

Elders: H. Daane, H. Denkema, H. J. Grit.

Classis Hackensacks

Ministers: D. De Baer, K. Poppen, J. A. Westervelt.
Elders: J. V. Bogert, L. M. Breen, M. J. De Groot.

Classis Holland:

Ministers: A. Keizer, H. Koegstra, R. Veldman.
Elders: A. Rosbach, M. J. Ten Hoor, D. W. Jellema.

Classis Hudsons:

Ministers: L. Trap, F. Welandt, J. Holwerda.
Elders: P. Pontier, Sr., H. Soodema, J. J. Vermeulen.

Classis Illinois:

Ministers: Dr. J. Van Lonkhuyzen, J. Manni, F. Doezema.
Elders: M. Stob, H. J. Boss, G. Dykstra.

Classis Muskegon:

Ministers: H. M. Vander Ploeg, J. L. Heeres, J. L. Van Tienen.
Elders: M. Trap, A. J. Wibalda, O. Rop.

Classis Orange City:

Ministers: Dr. R. L. Haan, J. Cupido, A. Massink.
Elders: J. Termaat, Y. R. Mulder, F. Vogel.

Classis Ostfriesland:

Ministers: A. Ahuis, H. C. Bode, F. Schuurmann.
Elders: A. Olevring, J. Weber, W. Jansen.

Classis Pacific:

Ministers: F. J. Drost, E. Breen, N. Gelderloos.
Elders: D. J. Zylstra, G. J. Withage, J. Van Dyken.

Classis Pella:

Ministers: G. D. De Jong, J. M. Vande Kieft, I. Van Dellen.
Elders: J. Van Wyk, Rev. L. P. Brink, W. Monama.

Classis Sioux Center:

Ministers: H. J. Heynen, J. M. Byleveld, J. G. Vander Lune.
Elders: T. Vander Lugt, M. Kooistra, D. Moorlag.

Classis Zeeland:

Ministers: M. Van Veenen, D. R. Drukker, E. J. Krohne.
Elders: A. H. Bosch, H. Smit, J. Van Rhee.

Article 4.

Synod elects the following officers:
President; Rev. W. P. Van Wyk
Vice-Presidents: Dr. H. Beets
First Clerk: Rev. H. Kaagstra
Second Clerk: Rev. H. M. Vander Ploeg

Article 5.

After a brief address the President read the form of Open Declaration to which the delegates assent.

Synod adjourns until 2:00 P.M. Closing devotions.

Afternoon Session, June 16.

Article 6.

Opening devotions.

Article 7.

It is decided that the time of the sessions be as follows:
8:00 A.M. to 12:15 P.M., with recess from 10:00 to 10:15. 1:00
P.M. to 5:15 P.M., with recess from 3:00 to 3:15.

Article 8.

The President announces the following appointments:

1. Obituary Committees: Revs. E. Breen, J. A. Westervelt, and G. Hoeksema.
 2. Committee for the appointment of Committees of Pre-advices: Revs. J. Manni, L. Veltkamp, H. Danhof, K. Poppen, A. Keizer, L. Trap, J. L. Heeres, M. Van Vesseem, H. J. Heynen, and elders J. Termaat, W. Jansen, J. Van Dyken, W. Monsma. (See Art. 15.)
 3. Committee to Welcome Visiting Delegates: Revs. I. Van Dellen and D. De Beer.
 4. Committee for Appointments: Revs. D. R. Drukker, J. M. Vande Kieft, H. G. Bode, J. L. Van Tielen; Elders H. Daane, L. M. Breen, J. J. Vermeulen. (See Art. 64.)
- Reporters: For De Wachter Rev. G. D. De Jong; for The Banner Dr. H. Beets.

Article 9.

Rev. J. Noordewier is appointed to make provision for a lunch to be served to the delegates in the School during the noon recess from 12:15 to 1:00 P.M.

Article 10.

With reference to an overture from Classis Pacific Synod decides that the Reports of the Committees of Pre-advice are to be mimeographed and placed in the hands of the delegates one day before receiving consideration by Synod, so that the delegates have time to study the reports in order to form definite opinions on the matters to be voted on.

Article 11.

The following proposal (see overture of Classis Illinois, Agenda, p. 24), is adopted:

Synod no longer grant an advisory vote to the professors of the Literary Department, who attend Synod as guests, but that only the President of the College be given an advisory vote with matters pertaining to the College.

Grounds:

a) The Literary Professors are not on the same footing as the Theological Professors, since they cannot be considered to give theological advice, for which reason the Theological Professors are present.

b) One thereby creates a bad precedent, if we get other colleges and high schools.

Article 12.

The following reports are read, received as information, and placed in the hands of the respective committees:

Synodical Committee and Treasurer, (Supplement 1).
Curatorium, with Financial Report, (Supplement 2).
General Fund for Domestic Missions, (Supplement 3).
Board of Heathen Missions, Supplement 4).
Jewish Mission Committee, (Supplement 5).
Report of the Emeritus Board, (Supplement 6).

Report of Church Help, (Supplement 7).
Publication Committee, (Supplement 8).
Committee for South America, (Supplement 9).
Church Order Translation, English, (Supplement 10).
Church Order Translation, German, (Supplement 11).
Report on Proposed Training School, (Supplement 12).
The Reports of the Deputies Ad Examina (See Art. 43, 15.)

Article 13.

Rev. W. B. Stoddard, representative of the National Christian Association, addresses Synod with respect to its work, and he expresses gratitude for the support of the Churches.

Rev. D. De Beer replies and extends the best wishes of Synod and God's blessing with respect to this organization.

Article 14.

It is decided that as in the past, the minutes of Synod will appear in the Dutch language in the Acts, but that the reports that appear in the Supplements, which are written in English, shall appear in the Acts in that language.

Article 15.

The Committee for appointment of Committees of Pre-advice (see Art. 8), reports as follows:

1. Theological School and College Matters:

Ministers: J. Manni, R. B. Kuiper, E. Breen, G. D. De Jong, D. De Beer, J. L. Heeres, L. Trap, J. Cupido; Elders: A. Clevering, A. H. Bosch, T. Vander Lugt, H. Daane, M. J. Ten Hoor. Advisors: Rev. Einink, Prof. Volbeda, and President Hiemenga. Meeting place: Library.

2. Domestic Missions, Church Help, Jewish and Indian Missions:

Ministers: A. Keizer, L. Veltkamp, F. Doezeema, J. Vander Lune; Elders: J. J. Vermeulen, H. J. Boss, D. J. Zylstra, J. Termaat. Advisors: Rev. Dolphin and Rev. J. W. Brink. To report Friday at 10:00 A.M. Meeting place: Room 24.

3. Foreign Missions:

Ministers: M. Van Vessel, Dr. H. Beets, A. Wassink, F. Schuurmann, J. A. Westervelt, J. M. Vande Kieft; Elders: A. Rosbach, A. Wibalda, B. Sevensma, M. Stob, H. Soodma, G. J. Withage, M. Kooistra. Advisors: Dr. L. S. Huizenga and Rev. J. G. De Korne. To report Tuesday morning. Meeting place - Room 15.

4. Publication Matters:

Ministers: H. G. Bode, K. Poppen, J. L. Van Tielen; Elders: H. Denkema, J. V. Bogert, M. Trap, W. Monsma. To report Friday at 8:00 A.M. Meeting place - Room 17.

5. Church Order Matters:

Ministers: H. Danhof, Dr. R. L. Haan, J. Holwerda, E. J. Krohne; Elders: J. Van Dyken, J. Van Wyk, J. Van Rhee, D. Moorlag. Advisors: Prof. W. Heyns. To report Friday morning. Meeting place - Room 16.

6. Varia, Protests, Emeriti Matters:

Ministers: I. Van Dellen, R. Veldman, F. Welandt, N. Gelderloo, J. M. Byleveld; Elders: Rev. J. Noordewier, H. J. Grit, L. M. Breen, G. Dykstra, O. Rop, Y. R. Mulder, W. Jansen, H. Smit. Advisors: Prof. F. M. Ten Hoor. To report Wednesday morning. Meeting place - Room 26.

7. Protest of Professors against the Curatorium:

Ministers: H. M. Vander Ploeg, G. Hoeksema, Dr. J. Van Lonkhuyzen, H. Ahuis, H. J. Heynen, D. R. Drukker, L. P. Brink, F. Drost; Elders: J. B. Hulst, M. J. De Groot, D. W. Jellema, P. Pontier, F. Vogel. To report Tuesday afternoon. Meeting place - Room 22.

Synod adjourns until Thursday, 8:00 A.M.

Closing Devotions.

Thursday Morning, June 17.

Article 16.

Opening Devotions.

The various committees of pre-advice meet separately in their respective places to prepare their reports.

Synod adjourns until Friday, 8:00 A.M.

Friday Morning, June 18.

Article 17.

Opening Devotions.

Rev. J. G. Vander Lune is present and assents to the Form of Public Declaration. He is a delegate for Classis Sioux Center. By telegram Elder J. Weber informs Synod that he cannot attend as delegate.

The minutes are read and approved.

A letter is received by the Stated Clerk from the Mission Society of Utrecht, the Netherlands, concerning a mission in New Guinea. Placed in hands of the Committee of Pre-advice for Foreign Missions.

Article 18.

Rev. K. Poppen reports for the Committee of Pre-advice concerning Publication Matters, which in part is approved as follows:
Esteemed Fathers and Brothers;

Your Committee has the honor to report the following:

From the Report of the Publication Committee we have the following recommendations:

1. The Committee presents to Synod for consideration that henceforth all proceeds from both publications shall first of all be used for the improvement and expansion of the papers themselves, and the remainder for the Theological School and Calvin College. In the judgment of your Committee the reasons for this are first and foremost the important significance that our papers have for our denominational life, a significance that with the blessing of the Lord will have a salutary effect on a broader constituency in the measure that our papers reach higher standards. The concerns are fully worthy of consideration. For this purpose the proceeds of these papers would be well worthwhile, since at present amount of

income for the Theological School and Calvin College comprises a rather insignificant amount.

Adopted.

2. The Committee ventures once again to propose to Synod that the annual and semi-annual Classical financial reports be eliminated from our publications since they take too much space and are superfluous. For the latter that they are superfluous is proved by the fact that various Classes do not send in these reports, and thus evidently feel no need. And if they are superfluous, then there is every reason to consider the argument that they take too much room, the more so since there is a shortage of space, and as well that it increases the costs.

Adopted.

3. The Committee requests that the honorarium of the Editor-in-Chief of The Banner be the same as the Editor-in-Chief of De Wachter, namely, \$300.00. The fairness of the present difference is not legitimate.

Adopted.

4. The retiring members of the Publication Committee are: H. Denkema, W. Heyns, J. Manni, and G. J. Rooks. Rev. J. Manni does not wish to be renominated, considering that he cannot attend all the meetings regularly, and thus cannot involve himself the way he should to be a responsible member of the Committee.

The appointment or reappointment of the members are referred to the Committee on Appointments. (See Art. 64.)

Overtures.

5. Concerning the second overture from Classis Pacific with reference to a reconsideration of the decision of Synod of 1918 (See Acta, Art. 22, Sec. 5, p. 19), your Committee advises to do so, namely, "that the reports also be printed for January," for the grounds adduced by the Classis.

Decided so to change: "that the reports be placed in the hands of the Stated Clerk before January 1."

6. Concerning the overtures of Classis Grand Rapids East and Classis Grand Rapids West (Agenda, pp. 21 and 22) the publication of Sabbath School Lesson fitting for the children of our Church, and concerning a Graded Lesson Course, as also what appears in the report of the Missionary Lesson Committee (the Agenda, Report IV, Agenda, p. 30), your Committee advises Synod to appoint a committee to carry out what both these Classes desire, with the grounds adduced by Classis Grand Rapids East.
Adopted.

7. Classis Hudson overtures Synod that a Yearbook be published by the Church.

Instead of the advice of the Committee the following motion is adopted: "That Synod does not begin to publish a Yearbook, but that the Classes supply to the Stated Clerk of Synod with the statistics of the Classes by the 1st of November, and that these statistics be turned over to the publishers of the Yearbook."

8. With respect to the overture of Classis Sioux Center concerning the enlargement of De Wachter, your Committee advises that Synod in that spirit decide upon the grounds of the Classis, with a small change, that reads as follows: "Synod instruct the Publication Committee that if possible to enlarge our church papers by four pages," etc.

The grounds given by Classis Sioux Center are as follows:

- a) De Wachter can then still provide a balance for the benefit for our School.
- b) The important purpose of our church papers may not be to see how large an amount can be provided for the School.
- c) Of first importance must not the financial but the promotion of the spiritual concerns of our churches.

Adopted.

9. Concerning the overtures of Classes Illinois, Holland, Orange City, and Zeeland concerning advertisements in De Wachter

and The Banner, your Committee advises Synod not to take action in this matter, but leave it to the judgment of the Publication Committee.

Grounds:

- a) because the Publication Committee uses all means and has done so in the past to prevent all misleading advertisements from appearing in our papers;
- b) because the Publication Committee has already taken measures of not accepting advertisements for Patent Medicines.

Adopted.

10. With respect to an overture from Classis Grand Rapids East concerning the signing of the name of the correspondent in our church papers, your Committee advises not to take action.

Grounds:

- a) The names are always known by the Editors;
- b) because the correspondence does not concern the sender but the content of the article sent in.

Adopted.

11. Concerning Tract-Literature, the Committee ad hoc (Agenda, p. 28) advises:

- "1. That tracts that have been obtained and approved be placed in the hands of the Publication Committee, which shall print and sell the same.
- "2. A committee be appointed to continue the way that has been paved. The duty of this committee shall be:
 - "(a) To obtain tract writers from our own circles.
 - "(b) As long as the stock is not large enough, to gather material and recast it.
 - "(c) In consultation with the Publication Committee to provide for an attractive and appropriate publication of tracts, which are placed for sale at the going price."

Your Committee advises Synod to adopt the proposal of the Committee.

Grounds:

The great need for appropriate tracts for the differing missionary work in our church.

Adopted.

12. Election of the editors for De Wachter and The Banner.

The Committee proposed the following nominations, while a few names were added by Synod:

Editor-in-Chief for De Wachters: Prof. B. K. Kuiper, Dr. Y. P. De Jong, Rev. W. P. Van Wyk.
Elected: Prof. B. K. Kuiper.

Meditations: Revs. J. B. Hoekstra, P. Jonker, Sr., I. Van Dellen. Elected: Rev. J. B. Hoekstra.

Dogmatic Subjects: Prof. F. M. Ten Moor, Rev. C. De Leeuw, H. Kuiper. Elected: Rev. J. Timmermann.

From and For the Press: Revs. A. Keizer, G. D. De Jong, H. Keegstra. Elected: Rev. A. Keizer.

Sunday School Lessons: Revs. K. Bergsma, R. L. Haan, D. Zwiers. Elected: Rev. H. Keegstra.

Question Box: Revs. J. Manni, H. M. Vander Ploeg, L. Veltkamp. Elected: Rev. J. Manni.

Editor-in-Chief of The Banner: Dr. H. Beets, Revs. G. Hoeksema, R. B. Kuiper. Elected: Dr. H. Beets.

Meditations: Revs. J. M. Ghysels, P. J. Hoekenga, P. S. Hoekstra. Elected: Rev. J. M. Ghysels.

Our Doctrines: Revs. H. Hoeksema, H. J. Kuiper, Dr. H. H. Meeter. Elected: Rev. H. Hoeksema.

Sabbath School Lessons: Rev. G. J. Vande Riet, L. Trap, J. M. Vande Kieft. Elected: Rev. J. M. Vande Kieft.

The Tumult of the Peoples: Rev. E. J. Tanis. Prof. R. Stob, Rev. E. J. Tuuk. Elected: Rev. E. J. Tanis.

For an Educational and Sociological Department in The Banner, upon the advice of the Committee, Synod appoints Revs. G. W. Hylkema and W. Trap periodically to write articles.

13. The Committee of Pre-advice is appointed to present a recommendation for remuneration of members of the Publication Committee. (See further Art. 57.)

Article 19.

Rev. S. H. Kirkbride addresses Synod on behalf of the American Bible Society. He thanks Synod for the support given by our Churches, and comes with four requests. Rev. G. Hoeksema replies, and the requests are referred to the Committee on Publication matters.

Closing Devotions.

Friday Morning, June 18.

Opening Devotions

Article 21.

Rev. L. Veltkamp reports for the Committee of Pre-advice concerning Domestic Missions, Church Help, Jewish and Indian Missions.

The report of the Committee of Pre-advice is approved as follows:

1. An overture from Classis Pacific that when the costs exceeds 50% per family, Synod supply the rest for traveling expenses.

Grounds:

- a) This Classis has a wide mission field.
- b) The expenses run extremely high.

It is decided to grant the requested support from the Fund of the General Domestic Missions.

2. An overture from the Consistory of Conrad Mont.. "Synod devise a way whereby the inequity be removed that congregations which receive aid from Church Help must repay the same by means of collections, while those outside of the aid from the Church Help Fund, receive support for the building of a church or a parsonage and do not have to repay."

Your Committee advises that Synod take no action in this matter.

Grounds:

- a) Many congregations can repay later and gladly do so;
- b) Repayment is only expected when this is possible;
- c) No interest is demanded from congregations receiving support by which they would be encumbered;
- d) The requests for aid from the Church Help Fund are greater than the receipts.

Adopted.

3. Overture from Classis Hudson. Classes Hackensack and Hudson request \$1,000.00 per year for the promotion of immigration, instead of \$600.00.

Your Committee advises to grant the request.

Grounds:

- a) Immigration work is increasing;
- b) High living standard.

Adopted.

4. Overture from Classis Pella. Classis Pella requests Synod, that the rule in the Mission Order, which says that converts, baptized at a certain station shall belong to the calling church, be annulled, and in the place of it be ruled, that all converts, baptized on the field, shall be members of the Rehoboth congregation until such time as another church or churches shall be instituted to which they shall respectively belong, because nearer to them.

Advice of the Committee: To approve.

Adopted.

Overture from Classis Pella. Classis Pella overtures Synod to

make the study of language compulsory upon the Missionaries of our Church in Foreign and Indian Fields, since:

- a) it will materially increase the influence of the missionary;
- b) it will advance the work of evangelizing the nation;
- c) it will be a strong argument for continued service on the field;
- d) other churches of long experience in the mission enterprise have such rules;

Advice of the Committee: To approve.

Adopted.

6. Overture from Classis Pella. Classis Pella asks to decide for the regular delegation of at least one of the Missionary force be delegated to the annual meeting of the Indian Mission Board, and at each synodical assembly in order to give expert advice in the discussion and action of matters. The delegates to be appointed by General Conference, and the expenses to be paid by the General Synodical Treasurer.

Grounds:

- a) The need hereof is expressed by the Mission personnel.
- b) The need is felt by the Indian Mission Board.

Your Committee advises that this delegation take place each Synodical year.

Adopted.

7. Overture from Classis Illinois. Synod grant the deputy for Heathen Mission from Classis Illinois sitting as formerly on the Executive Committee.

Grounds:

- a) It would be to the interest of missions that as large as possible number of deputies to be actually involved in the work of the Board.
- b) The Executive Committee consists of only five members. at times there are two members absent, and thus a very small number have to decide on important issues.
- c) The expenses connected herewith would not be an over-riding consideration.

Your Committee advises so to do upon the basis of grounds a, b, c.

Adopted.

8. Domestic Missions. The Committee for the General Fund of Domestic Missions recommends the following requests for aid be granted from this fund:

Classis Muskegon	\$1,500.00
" Ostfriesland	1,600.00
" Pacific	4,000.00
" Pella	1,000.00
" Hudson and Hackensack	2,500.00
" Orange City	2,000.00
" Grand Rapids East	500.00

Adopted.

9. Jewish Missions. The report of Classis Illinois concerning the concept rules of the Christian Reformed Church among the Jews in Chicago, Illinois. (See Agenda, Report vi, p. 34.) It is adopted as follows:

RULES.

For the Mission of the Christian Reformed Church among the Jews in Chicago, Illinois.

BASIS.

Art. 1. The mission performed by Classis Illinois of the Christian Reformed Church, proceeds from the Christian Reformed Church by mandate from this Church.

Art. 2. From this it follows that all properties, which are necessary for this Mission, remain in the possession of the denomination. Also that this denomination provides the funds for the execution of this mandate.

Art. 3. It also follows that all Mission work is in agreement with the Word of God and the Three Formulas of Unity.

Art. 4. It furthermore follows herefrom that all official work in this Mission shall not take place except only by officials who have been admitted to office by the Christian Reformed Churches.

THE CLASSIS.

Art. 5. Classis Illinois as deputy of Synod to execute the mandate of Synod, appoints from its midst five deputies and their alternates, who in the name and by the mandate of Classis perform their duties and at each meeting of Classis make a report of its work.

Art. 6. Classis to make decisions concerning the purchase of buildings and fixtures, provided that they do not exceed the proceeds established by Synod. For increased funds Classis will present recommendations to Synod, which decides whether or not to make the purchase. At the same time Classis is to decide the appointment of regular workers and their salaries.

CLASSICAL DEPUTIES.

Art. 7. The Classical Deputies for this work shall make recommendation concerning the purchase or commission of buildings or fixtures. They shall determine expenditures for the upkeep of buildings, the personnel and the doctrine and life of those engaged in the work of the Mission.

Art. 8. The deputies shall meet regularly, at least once a month and oftener if needed. They shall determine their own internal matters, and shall divide their respective functions.

THE WORK.

Art. 9. The work of this mission shall be to bring to the Jews of Chicago that the full Word of God be proclaimed, with the knowledge that Jesus Christ is the true Messiah.

Art. 10. As the Lord by His preaching concerning the Gospel of the Kingdom also coupled with healing of the diseased, and thus obtained entrance with the people, the Classis shall, in order to obtain the confidence of the people and to dispel much suspicion, besides other fitting means, to build a hospital beginning with a dispensary so that the Jewish sick can receive free care and to them and their visitors at regular times the Gospel is proclaimed.

10. In his report the Treasurer, Rev. J. I. Fles, requested Synod not to re-appoint him.

Your Committee advises Synod to grant the request with gratitude for the many, long, and faithful years he has served.
(See Art. 64 for Appointment.) Adopted.

11. South America. In the report of the deputies for South America (Suppl. IX.), your Committee found the following matters:

a) The Deputies advise that Synod again appoint deputies with the same mandate as before.

Your Committee advises that Synod grant the same.
Adopted.

b) The Deputies request support for South America as before.

Your Committee advises to grant the request.
Adopted.

c) The Deputies advise that Synod grant the recommendation of the request of the Consistory of Chubut, that a Classis volunteer to contact the Consistory for the building up and expansion of the work of the Lord in those areas.

Your Committee advises Synod not to consider the matter.

Ground: No grounds are given for this request
Adopted.

12. Church Help. (1) The Committee for Church Help requests the approval of Synod for disbursing \$1,000.00 to a Committee of Classis Pacific for payment of the debt of the Edmonton Church.
Adopted

(2) Your Committee recommends that the Treasurer of Church Help henceforth receive \$50.00 instead of \$25.00 for his services.
Adopted.

(Continued in Art. 25.)

Article 22.

Dr. J. W. Brooks, representing the Chicago Tract Society addresses Synod, and Rev. R. B. Kuiper responds; Dr. J. M. Coleman of the Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, speaks on behalf of the National Reformed Association, to which Dr. H. Beets responds.

Article 23.

Synod decides to recess so that the various Committees of Pre-advice can prepare their reports.

Synod adjourns until Monday, 1:30 P.M.

Closing Devotions

Monday Morning Session, June 26.

Article 24.

Opening Devotions.

The minutes are read and approved.

The Board of the Christian Psychopathic Hospital Association invites Synod to visit the Hospital at Cutlerville on Thursday afternoon. Synod accepts the invitation with thanks.

In place of Elder J. Van Rhes, delegate of Classis Zeeland, his alternate, Elder H. Buter, is seated after agreeing to the Form of Public Declaration.

Article 25.

Continuation of the report of the Committee of Pre-advice for Domestic Missions, Church Help, Jewish and Indian Missions. (See Art. 21, above).

12. The draft of the Rules for Pensioning Unordained Workers on our Mission Field is adopted as follows:

Art. 1. Under unordained workers is to be understood persons who by the Church or by the Mission Deputies have been

appointed as lay-workers, and were in good health when employed, and through no action of their own became unqualified for the work. The churches or their mission deputies shall decide on the question who are to receive pension, and also over those who no longer qualify.

Art. 2. In the event of the death of a lay-worker, the widow and children of the deceased shall receive pension; the widows as long as they remain widows, and the children until they reach the age of eighteen years.

Art. 3. The amount is to be determined by the churches or their deputies according to circumstances.

Art. 4. The funds are to be taken from the treasury of the Board of Heathen Missions, and paid quarterly.

(Cf. Acts 1918, p. 83, Art. 65, 1, 4.)

13. Overture from Classis Illinois. Classis requests Synod for a mandate for the expenditure of \$20,000.00 for the purchase of a suitable building for the Mission among the Jews in Chicago.

Grounds:

- a) The present building is not suitable for a reading room, meeting room, and the proposed dispensary;
- b) It is constantly becoming clearer that the present locality is not in every instance suitable for further expansion of the mission;
- c) To rent a suitable building in the Jewish neighborhood borders on the almost impossible, as long as the Jews are temperamentally stubbornly opposed to this work.

Your Committee advises Synod to grant the request on the basis of the grounds found in the overture.

Your Committee further advises that the funds necessary for this project are to be taken from the funds obtained by Rev. Beld.

Grounds:

- a) Rev. Beld is already busy collecting funds for the Jewish Mission in Chicago;
- b) The Jewish Mission Fund is not capable of meeting this amount.

Adopted.

Moreover Synod decides to recommend to the churches the cause of Jewish Missions, and urgently requests the churches to take a special collection, so that Rev. Beld, who has been called to work among the Jews, will not be called upon to spend too much time for collecting the necessary funds.

14. Proposals of the Board of Indian Missions. (See Suppl. IV.)

- (1) To approve as members of the Board, the brothers mentioned in the Board report, sub 1.
- (2) To approve action of the Board in obtaining affiliation with the Foreign Mission Conference.

Grounds:

- a) Necessary in order to reach foreign mission fields.
- b) Desirable in order to make contact with large mission organizations.
- c) No commitment to any position, policy or course of action.
- d) Boards, such as our, with an income between \$20,000.00 and \$100,000.00 have an important representation.

Adopted.

- (3) To approve action of the Board to establish a Training School of our own, at Rehoboth for the next two years, by way of trial, etc.

Your Committee advises Synod so to decide.

Grounds:

- a) United action with the Presbyterians as proposed by the Synod of 1918 is impossible.
- b) Trained leaders from among the Indians themselves is highly necessary for the Mission.
- c) A separate institution would mean an extensive outlay of funds, teachers, equipment, etc.
- d) At Rehoboth it can be very suitable to make a beginning of this work.

The following grounds are given in the Report of the Training School as adopted by General Conferences:

- (1) It is in full accord with the original intention for the establishment of the Rehoboth School, viz., the training of Christian workers;
- (2) The Government has put forth a program, which, if carried out, will inside of three years put every Navaho child of school age in school. Where we have the opportunity to give these children religious instruction, it is not necessary to carry on the Rehoboth School in the way it has been done heretofore.
- (3) Present facilities and equipment of Rehoboth can be made use of for the Training School, which are initially necessary.
- (4) This would give the opportunity for children of converts to receive Christian instruction, which opportunity of necessity must exist.

Adopted.

Your Committee further advises Synod to mandate the Board to place a lay-worker at Rehoboth to work under the supervision of Rev. J. W. Brink especially for camp work.

Adopted.

Finally, your Committee advises that the plan for this as proposed in the report of the Training School Committee be approved. Both General Conference and the Board approved it.

(Cf. Supplement XII.)

Adopted.

(4) To approve the plan of the Board to appeal to our churches for a special offering and gifts to erect an addition to the hospital, in the nature of a Memorial. Plans to be submitted to and approved by the Board before actual construction.

Your Committee advises Synod to approve.

Grounds:

- a) Our present hospital has a crying need for more room;

- b) Our hospital is increasingly being sought by the Indians;
- c) Our hospital has and continues to receive greater significance for our mission work and field.

Adopted.

(5) The Board asks for a separate mission post at Gallup.

Decided to postpone consideration of this matter until the next Synod.

(6) The Board transmits offer of Classis Zeeland to pay the salary of Rev. De Korne, if not exceeding \$2,000.00, when called to a foreign field.

Decided to accept this offer. (See further Art. 34, Foreign Missions.)

Article 26.

The Committee of Pre-advice on Church Order Matters reports through Dr. R. L. Haan. It is adopted as follows:

(1) Report of the Committee for a Unified Order of Worship. (Suppl. XIII.)

A. The judgment of your Committee is that are churches are not ripe to make a decision with respect to this important material. We must not only guard against arbitrariness in our liturgy, but also be careful not to become formalistic. The report is a broad, well-worked-out document, wherein the principles as well as the form are emphasized. It is our judgment that the churches should study this report.

Hence your Committee advises: This report be referred to the Consistories for consideration, with the request that this report also be discussed at Classical meetings, so that we also, without disturbing the congregations, can come to a satisfying decision at the next Synod, meanwhile receiving the benefit of the decisions of the Netherlands Gereformeerde Churches, which are also called upon to make decisions in this matter.

The advice of the Committee of Pre-advice is adopted, and the Committee for a Unified Order of Worship is continued in order to give our people more enlightenment, and to serve the Synod of 1922 with advice. (Art. 64.)

B. Your Committee also calls the attention of Synod to the last three points of the report concerning Liturgy (see this report In Agenda, pp. 75, 76), concerning matters pertaining to:

- (1) Concerning revision of the Marriage Form;
- (2) Make a declaration as to which translation of the Bible shall be used in our English-speaking churches;
- (3) The desirability of a more complete form for the Profession of Faith.

Decided that for 1, 2, and 3 a committee be appointed for each one respectively. (See Art. 64, Appointment.)

(2) Overture from Classis Hudson, how Art. 12 of our Church Order must be understood, and when a Minister of the Word must be considered as having transferred himself to a different status in life.

Decided not to consider the overture of Classis Hudson since it is not in the province of Synod to give an exegesis of the Church Order.

(3) With respect to the overture of Classis Illinois concerning the invitation to reporters of Committees of Synod in order to advocate their report, it is decided that the Committees themselves shall determine whether the reporter shall represent them at Synod.

(4) The overture from Classis Grand Rapids East concerning compensation for lodging of the delegates is defeated, but concerning traveling expenses it is decided: "The repayment of traveling expenses is according to mileage. To ministers and all who travel half-fare, $2\frac{1}{2}\%$ per mile is paid; to elders and all other who do not travel for half-fare, 4% per mile. If a delegate travels at the same time for other meetings, he shall divide the traveling expenses on a pro rata basis.

(5) The Revision and Translation of Rules for Church Visiting.

Overtures:

Synod appoint a committee for the revision of the Rules for Church Visiting and provide a translation in the English. (Classis Grand Rapids West.)

Synod consider the following regulation in the Rules for Church Visiting: An announcement concerning Church Visiting be announced

the previous Sunday from the pulpit to the congregation.
(Classis Hudson.)

Your Committee advises that the request of Classis Grand Rapids West be granted, and that the same committee also consider the matter of Classis Hudson.
(See Art. 64, Appointments.)

Adopted.

(6) Overture from Classis Hudson with the request that Synod implement Art. 6, p. 51, Acts 1918. Here mention is made of a National Day of Prayer.

The Synodical Committee reports that it has fulfilled its mandate but received no reply to its letters.

(7) Overtures concerning the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ. (Agenda, p. 24.)

The overture from Classis Orange City requests different grounds for uniting.

The Overture from Classis Pacific requests resignation from the Federal Council of Churches.

Your Committee is of the opinion that both of these overtures have the same intent. They maintain that our joining the Federal Council of Churches was in part because of the circumstances of the World War. Yet from this it does not follow in itself that our membership should lapse.

For joining there is this to say:

- (1) Thereby we gain an official standing among the churches in our land;
- (2) We thereby stand in closer contact with other denominations in our country, and can consult with them in matters of Missions, Evangelization, and Social questions;
- (3) We become more known in the ecclesiastical world, and thus can be of more importance, and have more influence.

However, your Committee also see dangers, viz.:

- (1) That in course of time the Federal Council of Churches appropriate to itself hierarchical power;
- (2) That the Liberals in various denominations before long will become the leaders;

- (3) That the influence of the Federal Council of Churches externally could in the future become sheer humanistic;
- (4) That our union with the Federal Council of Churches could lead to the weakening of the boundaries.

Your Committee in view of the information it now possesses can give no tenable grounds whereby it could advise either to continue or to resign its membership from the Federal Council of Churches, but is of the opinion that a committee for this matter be appointed, and to report to the next Synod. (See Art. 64, Appointments.)

Adopted.

(8) In connection with letters received, there is an invitation to our denomination to send delegates to the Federal Council of Churches. Synod decides as follows: "The committee appointed under 7 is empowered, if it deems it desirable with an eye to their investigation, to represent our denomination at the Federal Council of Churches."

(9) With reference to the overture of Classis Pella requesting a declaration of Synod concerning the character of the Interchurch World Movement, it is decided to table the matter.

(10) Overture from Classis Pacific:

"Considering that at present the trend is so strong toward the union of all kinds of denominations: Synod declare for reassurance that the Christian Reformed Church should not enter into a relationship with other denominations, unless there is a request from a consistory or consistories, and not until the judgment is heard from all the consistories. Such a decision is necessary with an eye to the most recent movement of the Federation of Churches and the Interchurch World Movement." Your Committee judges that:

Considering that your Committee has given its advice with respect to the Federal Council of Churches and the Interchurch World Movement, which undoubtedly have led to the overture of Classis Pacific,

so there is no need to consider this overture since there is no concrete case.

Adopted.

(11) Since Dr. J. M. Coleman, delegate of the Reformed Presbyterian Church (cf. Art. 22), representing the National Reform Association, advocated that in the preamble of the Federal Constitution an amendment be added wherein the authority and the law of Jesus Christ, the Savior and King of the nations, be acknowledged, and requests the cooperation of our denomination. Your Committee judges that this request should not be considered, because we are committed to the premise of the separation of Church and State.

After some discussion it is decided to table the matter.

(12) The Translation of the Church Order into German. Your Committee, having compared the translation of the Church Order in various points with the Church Order in the English and the Dutch, records the fact that:

- a) since none of the committee members are present;
- b) since no list for revisions has been placed in our hands;
- c) since the means for assistance are so few;
- d) since the time is so short,

It is impossible to give Synod advice on final approbation.

Synod decides to approve the German translation of the Church Order. (cf. Suppl. X.)

(13) The translation of the Church Order into English, (Agenda, p. 40). Concerning this, after some discussion over some terms, it is decided to approve the work of the committee with thanks. (Suppl. XI.)

(14) With respect to the individual communion cup we have received an overture from the Consistory of Hull, N. D., (Of. Agenda, p. 27), as also a later overture from Classis Grand Rapids West, which is as follows:

"Synod declare that while the Individual Communion Cup necessarily weakens symbolism of the Sacrament, and is to be considered as an exception, and should not become the rule."

In consideration of these overtures your Committee feels it must advise:

- a) that the actual decision of Synod should be maintained, but
- b) that the decision given should expire.

Adopted

(15) A protest by brother A. Stoppels against the Consistory and Classis. The content of this protest pertains to the introduction of the individual cup against which the brother has objection.

Your Committee can suffice by advising that the brother receive a copy concerning Synod with its decision concerning the Individual Cup. The decision is as follows:

Your Committee advises that in this matter no decision be made, but to leave it to the wisdom of the consistories concerned.

Adopted.

Closing Devotions.

Tuesday Morning, June 22.

. Article 27.

Opening Devotions.

The minutes are approved as read.

Article 28.

Rev. R. B. Kuiper reports for the Committee of Pre-advice concerning the Theological School and Calvin College.

It is adopted as follows:

(1) Classis Ostfriesland requests Synod to re-consider Art. 75, Acta 1918, concerning the theological department of our School at Grundy Center, Iowa.

Grounds:

1. The Synod of 1916 granted its consent for the establishment of our School without further limitations, although the possibility of a Theological Department was discussed and our delegates openly declared that we meant a preparatory school for ministers. Furthermore, the Committee that was appointed to supervise the affairs of the School at Grundy Center, and upon whose recommendation we received the requested financial support, never made any comments concerning the Theological Department. Consequently we believe that the Theological Department has a right of existence, and that the decision of 1918 pertaining to this is an infringement on our rights.
2. The discontinuation of the Theological Department would be a severe blow for our School as well as for our churches. It will create great dissatisfaction and disunity, and the work of the last four years by means of the School with such good results will suffer great damage.
3. Our situation has not essentially changed since 1916. Grand Rapids has not now and cannot fully meet our needs.
4. We are morally obligated to respect those who have so abundantly given to the School, and that with an eye to the Theological Department.
5. Other denominations have more than one Theological School, and with blessing to the respective churches, and we anticipate that this will also be true with us.
6. It is our conviction that, if we discontinue the Theological Department, other denominations will to a great extent take over our field and our men.

Concerning this point there is a majority- and a minority report. The majority report is as follows:

Your Committee believes that Synod should not enter into the

request of Classis Ostfriesland (Agenda, p. 14) to reconsider Art. 75, Acts 1918, wherein it was instructed to discontinue the Seminary at Grundy Center.

Grounds:

Classis Ostfriesland has failed to prove that the ground upon which the decision of the Synod obviously rests (See Acts 1918, pp. 71, 72) is untenable.

The following minority report was filed by Prof. A. Cleverings:

Honorable Fathers and Brothers:

To his regret the undersigned member of the Committee of the Committee of Pre-advice with respect to the Theological School and College cannot agree with the other members of the Committee concerning the overture of Classis Ostfriesland, because the Committee gave no grounds for its advice, and furthermore:

- (1) Art. 75, Acts 1918 concerning the Theological Department of the School at Grundy Center, Iowa, and
- (2) The assessment for the Theological School.

Concerning the first point, to reconsider Art. 75, Acts 1918, the following grounds are mentioned, that:

- a) History has clearly proved that the Theological School has failed to meet the needs of Classis Ostfriesland nor can do so.
- b) Classis Ostfriesland forced by necessity has for twenty years urged Synod for help.
- c) Classis Ostfriesland has for a period of time made use of the Theological School at Dubuque, Iowa, and the Mission House in Wisconsin, in order to obtain future Ministers of the Word.
- d) Classis Ostfriesland has taken the initiative to obtain its own school.
- e) Classis Ostfriesland requested the consent of Synod, obtained it, and also received financial support.
- f) Classis Ostfriesland is positive that by word of mouth of her delegates, the principle purpose—the training for

the ministry of the Word--was not soft-pedaled, but was plainly expressed and heard by the entire Synod of 1916. For substantiation hereof it can point to:

- (1) The direct question of Prof. Berkhof addressed to the said delegates;
- (2) The speeches of the Professor and others against two institutions for the training of the ministry of the Word at the same Synod (1916) as well as the information of the delegates of Classes and others for an institution of its own for Classis Ostfriesland;
- (3) The witnesses, who themselves, heard that the delegates expressed the true purpose of the School on the floor of Synod.

g) Classis Ostfriesland is obligated to respect those who have so generously given donations especially with an eye to the Theological Department.

h) Classis Ostfriesland is convinced that should the Theological department cease operations, other denominations will take over a large part of our field and men.

Concerning the second point (Assessment for the Theological School at Grand Rapids) that Classis Ostfriesland be released therefrom.

- a) Since it has its own Theological School to support;
- b) This is a double burden and cannot be justified.

Considering the matters mentioned under point 1 are so, the undersigned considers the ground for the decision of the Synod of 1918 for the termination of the Seminary at Grundy Center to be untenable, and advises that reconsideration be given to the decision of the Synod of 1918.

After serious discussion, in which Rev. J. J. Hiemenga, President of Calvin College, and Dr. W. Bode, President of the Grundy Center School, participated, the following motion is passed:

Synod decide that the request of Classis Ostfriesland for reconsideration of Art. 75, Acts 1918, again be placed in the hands of the Committee of Pre-advice, with the instruction to endeavor to formulate a motion wherein the objections against the

decision of Synod be removed as far as possible, and whereby a joint consensus can be aroused concerning the practice to be followed.

The Committee: Rev. I. Van Dellen, Pres. J. J. Hiemenga, Dr. W. Bode, Dr. J. Van Lonkhuyzen, Revs. H. C. Bode, R. B. Kuiper, and elders J. Van Wyk and L. M. Breen. (See Art. 40.)

(2) Termination of the Preparatory Department of Calvin College.

The Classes Hudson, Illinois, Orange City, Pella, and Sioux Center urge the termination of the Preparatory Department. (Agenda, pp. 8-12). Termination would also satisfy the overture of Classis Holland (Agenda, p. 14). Yet the overtures from these Classes are not exactly the same. Orange City desires continuation of the Seminary Preparatory of the Preparatory Department. Classis Sioux Center desires the radical termination of the Preparatory Department, including the Pre-seminary course. The other Classes are silent with respect to the Seminary Preparatory course. The Curatorium proposes the termination of the Preparatory Department with the exception of the Pre-seminary Course, which should cease in 1924. (Report of the Board of Trustees). We shall first consider the Preparatory Department, excluding the Pre-Seminary course, and thereafter the Pre-Seminary course.

1. Preparatory Department.

(1) Your Committee advises the termination of the Preparatory Department.

Grounds:

- a) It is not the calling of the Church as institute to provide such instruction;
- b) Fairness demands this for our people who are establishing High School and Academies in other places;
- c) The matter of Christian secondary education in Grand Rapids and vicinity will not suffer any loss since the Grand Rapids Christian High School is prepared to take over the Preparatory Department.

Adopted.

(2) Should Synod adopt the foregoing advice, then your Committee proposes: that the first two years of the Preparatory Department be terminated immediately,

the third year in June, 1921, and the last in June, 1922.

Grounds:

- a) The Christian High School Association at Grand Rapids expects to complete the High School with the same grad-
ualness;
- b) At other places the High Schools also are not yet complete.

Adopted.

(3) Seminary Preparatory Course of the Preparatory Department.

- (1) Your Committee advises to continue the Seminary Pre-
paratory Course until June, 1924.

Grounds:

- a) It is not desirable to send those students who have
begun the Seminary Preparatory Course to other schools;
- b) Various young men, some supported by Classes, have
already made application to begin the Pre-Seminary
course next September.

Adopted.

- (2) Synod Decide to terminate the Pre-Seminary Course of
the Preparatory Department by June, 1924.

Grounds:

- a) A good classical course at any Christian Prepara-
tory School is sufficient preparation for College
instruction for our future ministers;
- b) The continuation of the Pre-Seminary course comes
down to unnecessary duplication; the same instruction
would be provided by the school of our Churches and at
the Christian High schools.

Adopted.

(4) Separation of the Theological School and Calvin College.

Overtures from Classes Muskegon (Agenda, pp. 6-7), Hacken-
sack (Agenda, P. 13), and Zeeland (Agenda, p. 14), have more or
less concern with this matter. Also Classis Pella alludes to it
(Agenda, pp. 10-12). We shall consider them

under four heads, from the more to the less drastic.

I. Classis Muskegon desires that steps be taken for the organization of a society to take over the College.

Your Committee proposes that the College for the time being be maintained as an ecclesiastical institution.

Grounds;

- a) According to Art. 1 of the Rules for the Theological School and Calvin College, the College is primarily intended for the training of future ministers;
- b) For the growth not to mention its continuance of the College, that to a great extent is still weak, this is necessary;
- c) Although it is not a definite calling of the Church as institute to support a College in the general sense, yet it has a right to do so when the spiritual growth of God's people is a stake, when the need for such an institution exists, and there is no organization to take over;
- d) Our people are not ripe for the organization of a society for higher Christian education. The Church must still serve for a time as educator for the people concerning Higher Christian education.

Adopted.

II. Classis Muskegon proposes to have a separate corporation for the Theological School and Calvin College.

Your Committee advises that Synod should not enter into this matter since the ground of this overture are not convincing.

The argument borrowed from the principle was answered under I, b. Should the time come that a society is ready to take over the College, then it will be soon enough to start a separate corporation. Furthermore, by the eventual transfer of the College by a society, the proposed endowment fund would remain the property of the Church. For devotees of the Theological School to give something special for the school of the Churches, there is no necessity of a separate incorporation. This possibility now exists. (This as answer on the grounds a), b), c), d), Agenda, p. 7.)

Adopted.

III. Classis Muskegon also proposes a separate control of the Theological School and the College. It desires that the Theological School be supervised by a Curatorium consisting of one minister from each Classis; the College by a Board of 15 members chosen by Synod, ministers and educated laymen, good businessmen, College and University graduates, who are in a better position to judge concerning College matters and Curricula than ministers who have never received such training..

Your Committee advises not to enter into this matter.

Grounds:

- a) The Theological School and Calvin College are closely related, that for good order of matters concerned they should be supervised by one body;
- b) The Classes have the right to elect ministers who are College and University graduates as Curators, and these ministers are becoming more numerous in our circles;
- c) The Curatorium at present is being served by a Finance Committee the majority of whom are business men. (See Report of the Board of Trustees.) (See further Art. 29, 36.)
Adopted.

Closing Devotions.

Tuesday Afternoon Session, June 22.

Article 29.

Opening Devotions.

Continuation of the Report of the Committee of Pre-advise for the Theological School and Calvin College. (Art. 28.)

IV. Classes Hackensack and Zeeland request a separation of the finances of the Theological School and the College, so that the assessments for the churches be used exclusively for the Theological School.

The advice of your Committee is not accede to the request.

Grounds:

- a) As was stated before the purpose of the College is primarily for training in the ministry of the Word;
- b) Also apart from the Seminary Preparatory Course in the College, our Churches have a vital interest in the growth of our College;
- c) As yet the College has great need of financial support of our churches;
- d) The argument that the financial separation opens the possibility for giving separate gifts to two institutions does not hold water since that possibility already exists.

Adopted.

(5) Report of the Curatorium.

There are six matters in this report that require the attention of Synod in the judgment of your Committee.

(1) Post-Graduates.

Your Committee advises that the following revised resolutions be adopted:

- a) If theological students desire to take Post-graduate work at other institutions, they should inform the Board of Trustees to that effect.
- b) As long as they continue their study elsewhere, they should annually apply to the Board of Trustees for renewal of the privilege of "speaking unto edification in the meetings for public worship."
- c) When they desire to consider a call, they must notify the Board of Trustees, which shall act according to the rules and regulations established by Synod.

Adopted.

(2) The Building.

The Grand Rapids Christian High School offered \$20,000.00 for the old Theological School building with the grounds belonging to it. The Curatorium advises to set the price at \$40,000.00, but recommends granting a rebate of \$10,000.00 to the said Association. Your Committee does not consider it advisable to grant the rebate. To do this would give the impression

that the Church is giving a gift to the Grand Rapids Christian High School Association, which clearly would not be fair to other High School Associations among our people, which receive nothing from the Church. Your Committee also believes that the price of \$40,000.00 is too high, and advises to set the price at \$25,000.00. We believe this is fair for the following reasons:

- a) The building with the grounds originally cost about that much;
- b) So also the difference between the offer of the Christian High School Association and the price asked by the Curatorium is split in the middle;
- c) Although the Association would not be able to erect a building like that at the present time for \$25,000.00, it should also be remembered that the intrinsic value of the building is not great, that is to say, it has little value for the limited number who could use it; in connection herewith the Church annually is taxed \$2,800.00, there is depreciation, and no interest received for its financial value.

The advice of the Committee is adopted with the revision to set the price at \$20,000.00, whereby point b is eliminated from consideration.

(3) Salaries.

Your Committee advises to decide as follows:

- 1) To set the salary of Theological professors at \$3,000.00.
- 2) To set the salary of the College President at \$3,000.00.
- 3) That the salaries of the College professors, who have not reached the maximum established by the Synod of 1918, be raised \$200.00 over and above the amount they were to receive in 1920-1921, 1921-1922, but that none shall receive less than \$2,000.00.

The advice of the Committee is adopted with the following amendment added to point 3):

The maximum for the Literary professors be raised to \$2,700.00, to become immediately effective. (See further Art. 42.)

- 4) Considering that a better system for establishing the salaries of the College professors is necessary, the

Curatorium with the help of the College President is called upon to establish a new system for the salaries of these professors according to their rank, as e.g. professor, associate professor, assistant professor, instructor, assistant.

Grounds:

- a) It is fair that the College teachers are salaried according to their different capacities, and the responsibility of their different positions;
- b) Most colleges have a similar system.

Adopted.

(4) The Budget for 1920-1921.

Should Synod accept the recommendation (3), then the budget for 1920-1921 must be set at \$75,000.00. In accordance your Committee advises that:

- 1) The quota per family be established annually at \$3.50 until the next Synod.
- 2) To set the tuition at \$50.00. (See Art. 9 of the revised Rules and Regulations for the Theological School and Calvin College.) (See also Art. 42.)

Adopted.

(5) Endowment Fund.

Your Committee advises to accept the proposal of the Curatorium, and upon the following grounds:

- a) The establishment of an endowment fund is in conformity with the attempt for the last 18 years to do so.
- b) By having an endowment fund, the quota will be lower than would otherwise be the result.
- c) An endowment fund of a million dollars would place the School on a solid financial basis, which is necessary in view of the likelihood that the time will come when there will be less money in circulation than there is now.
- d) Since money at the present time is worth only half of what is normal, an endowment fund obtained now, will likely in the future be worth much more than now.

- e) Our College must have a sizable endowment fund to be recognized by the North Central Association.
- f) The objections raised by Classis Sioux Center (Overture, pp. 7 and 8 of the Agenda), do not hold water. Even after establishing an endowment fund, the School will continue to be dependent upon the financial support of our people. And according to the proposal of the Curatorium the Church controls the endowment fund.

Adopted.

(6) The Treasurer.

The Committee advises not to consider the proposal of the Curatorium since there is not sufficient ground to ask the Treasurer to resign.

Adopted.

Furthermore, Synod decided to set the salary of the Treasurer henceforth at \$700.00 per year.

(7) The proposed Rules and Regulations for the Theological School and Calvin College are approved as follows:

Article 1.

The Theological School and Calvin College of the Christian Reformed Church (including the Preparatory Department) is intended for the training of future Ministers of the Word. The instruction in the College can also be used by those who do not intend to become Ministers of the Word.

Article 2.

This institution is established at Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Article 3.

This Institution stands under the supervision of a Curatorium, known under the name of "The Board of Trustees of the Theological School and Calvin College at Grand Rapids, Michigan." This Curatorium acts according to the Rules and Regulations established by Synod.

Article 4.

Only persons of Reformed persuasion can be appointed as professors and instructors to this institution. (See Acts of Synod, 1910, Art. 56, VII, b and c.) By the acceptance of the appointment the appointee, if he is not, shall become a member of the Christian Reformed Church. As proof of agreement with the Forms of Unity, professors and instructors must sign the same.

Article 5.

The Curatorium appoints the professors and instructors of the Preparatory and College Department, and with the eventual vacancy or the institution of a new chair for the Theological School, it shall recommend one or more persons considered qualified for the fields concerned.

Article 6.

At this institution instruction will be made available in accordance with the purpose expressed in Article 1, for which reason instruction must be given in those courses in the Preparatory Department of the College for a period of four years, thereafter in the College for four years, and finally three years in Theology.

The regulation of the courses shall be established by the Curatorium upon the advice of the President and the Faculty of the College.

The Seminary Preparatory Course is established by the Curatorium upon the advice of the Theological Faculty and the President and the Faculty of the College.

The course in Theology is established by the Curatorium upon the advice of the Theological Faculty.

The school year shall be divided into two semesters.

Article 7.

To be admitted to the Preparatory Department are those who have a certificate indicating completion of the eighth grade, or having taken an examination indicating that they are capable of meeting the demands of said department.

Admission to the College requires a diploma from the Preparatory Department or that which is equivalent thereto.

Admission to the Seminary to those who have a diploma of the Seminary Preparatory Course from the College or another institution of instruction indicating a course of instruction equivalent to the Seminary Preparatory Course.

If he does not possess such a diploma, he can be admitted to the Seminary by further regulation of the Theological Faculty.

For everyone that seeks admission must provide a testimony of good moral conduct by a competent authority.

Everyone desiring to become a minister shall provide a testimonial from his consistory that he is a member in full communion, firm in the faith, and of good moral conduct.

Article 8.

Students admitted to this institution shall conduct themselves as is befitting to Christians; they are called upon to submit themselves to the Rules and Regulations of the School, and the established rules of the faculties.

The discipline of the Theological Department is administered by the Theological Faculty by the further approbation of the Curatorium; for the College Department and (Preparatory Department) the discipline rests with the Faculty of the College, also with the approval of the Curatorium.

Article 9.

The tuition for all the departments of this institution is on the average of \$50.00 per year, to be paid to the Treasurer at each semester.

The tuition fee for those west from the Mississippi and east of the Ohio River is established at \$25.00 annually to be paid at the opening of the school.

Students from Montana, Wyoming, Colorado, New Mexico, and places west thereof, need pay no tuition.

When one family has two students the tuition will be \$33.00 per year for each.

Article 10.

Promotion to a higher class shall take place after having successfully passed the examination, which shall take place according to the time and the manner according to the rules determined by the Curatorium.

Article 11.

Diplomas are granted to all those who have successfully sustained their examinations in the various departments in the prescribed courses. The examination fee in the Preparatory School is \$5.00, for the College and Seminary the fee is \$10.00, to be paid before receiving a diploma.

Article 12.

Only students in their second and third year of Theology who have successfully sustained their proof-sermon before the faculty, shall be given the liberty to exhort in the congregations. The second year of Theology is considered as beginning with the semester in September.

Article 13.

The school year begins with the first Wednesday in September and ends in the second week of June, with two weeks of Christmas vacation and one week of Easter vacation.

Article 14.

It is the duty of the Theological Faculty for the students of the Seminary, and the College Faculty for the College (and the Preparatory Department) to visit the students in their homes once a year, in order to speak with them about their spiritual concerns.

Article 15.

The Rules and Regulations may be revised only by Synod or by the Curatorium with the approbation of Synod.

(6) Should Synod decide to terminate the Preparatory Department, your Committee calls to the attention of Synod that all that pertains to this Department in the Rules and Regulations would be abrogated.

Adopted.

(7) Further Overtures pertaining to the Curatorium, the Theological School, and the College.

1. Synod change the rule with respect to the Curatorium Contractum concerning its meeting in February in this manner,-- (Acts 1918, Art. 33, 12, p. 36.)

- (1) that this body in the future shall consist of half of the Curators from each Classis.
- (2) that the Agenda of the matters to be considered be sent to all the Curators at least three weeks before the February meeting.
- (3) that a complete report of all business transacted by the Curatorium Contractum be sent to those absent from the meeting so that in three weeks they can give notice of approval or disapproval of the actions taken.

Motives:

- a) Because it is just and fair that every Classis be represented at the Curatorium Contractum.
- b) Because the Classes that are not now represented have great concern with respect to the decisions made by the Curatorium Contractum, and thus also deserve to have a voice in the deliberations which lead to decisions.
- c) The objection that this would cost too much does not compare with the importance of the decisions made there.
- d) The extension from two to three weeks is necessary so that the Curators, who are absent, have the necessary time deliberate on the decisions that have been made.

Classis Sioux Center.

Your Committee advises:

- 1) To accept points 2 and 3 of this overture. Ground: The general and in some instances the great concern of the matters considered at this meeting.
- 2) To drop point 1: Grounds:
 - a) In some instances there is very little work to be done at the meeting of the Curatorium Contractum.

- b) The acceptance of 2 and 3 make the acceptance of 1 less necessary.
- c) The implementation of this plan would be too expensive.

Adopted.

II. Should Synod decide for the drastic elimination of the Preparatory Department, that arrangements be made in the College for a complete course in the Dutch language, which is necessary for future ministers. Classis Sioux Center.

The Classis, considering that some years ago Synod took steps for the improvement of the instruction of the Dutch language in our School at Grand Rapids for the future Candidates in Theology, with an eye to the necessary needs of our Church, takes note with concern that the Curatorium already with so much haste seeks to eliminate this language from the school, so that in a few years one will not be able to expect that our Candidates will be able to preach in the Dutch language in our congregations, while for a longtime this need will continue to exist. Hence it urges Synod to make a change in this as soon as possible. For future ministers Synod decides: (1) the amount of study needed in the Preparatory Departments in the Dutch language must be received; (2) the courses in Theology wherein the Dutch language must be used.

This arrangement can give the Church the assurance that a great number of our Dutch congregations in the future will not be faced with an insurmountable difficulty. Classis Orange City.

The advice of our Committee is; Synod instruct the Curatorium to make arrangements for our future ministers that they receive sufficient instruction in the Dutch language.

Adopted.

III. Classis Sioux Center recommends that Synod decide that for the time being the number of professors not be increased. (Agenda, p. 13.)

Your Committee is of the opinion that grounds a and b of the overture bear weight. Nevertheless it feels that it must advise not to consider the matter.

Grounds:

- a) The Curatorium may be trusted not to appoint new professors unless definitely necessary;
 - b) A decision as desired in this overture could interfere with the growth of the school.
(See further Art. 36.)
- Adopted.

Article 30.

Closing Devotions.

Wednesday Morning Session, June 23.

Article 31.

Opening Devotions.

Rev. J. Smitter takes the place of Rev. F. Doezema, and Rev. J. Bouwama of Rev. E. J. Krohne. Both express agreement with the Public Declaration.

The Minutes of Tuesday's sessions are read and approved.

Article 32.

A Rule is adopted whereby brothers, who are not delegates to Synod, but who are in some instances serving on Committees of Pre-advice, are only seated therein with an advisory vote.

Article 33.

The Report of the Obituary Committee is read and approved.
(See Supplement XIV.)

Article 34.

The Report of the Committee of Pre-advice for Foreign Missions is presented by Dr. H. Beets. It is adopted as follows:

Esteemed Brothers:

Your Committee has the honor and the pleasure to report that it has considered the Report of the Deputies for Foreign Missions, (the first part), and the Report of the brothers Huizenga and De Korne, (Agenda, pp. 81-151.)

The following overtures found in the Agenda, p. 18 ff. were also considered.

Classis Hackensack: "Synod is urged to take up a foreign mission field or fields at once, and the fields chosen to be worked in cooperation with already existing missions."

Classis Illinois, supported by Classis Grand Rapids East: "Classis proposes to Synod to begin our missionary extension work by seeking cooperation for a number of years with existing missionary posts in the field(s) that may be selected by Synod. This cooperation to consist in paying the salaries and other expenses of a number of missionaries to be designated by Synod for this purpose, and who shall labor at such posts and at the same time make further study of the fields as a whole."

Classis Sioux Center requested Synod to consider the desirability and possibility of cooperating in either of the fields with the U. P. Church in Africa, and with the Reformed Church in China under such conditions which for us would not be unacceptable, and that the next Synod, after receiving the reports from the fields, to choose our mission field(s). Should Synod so decide, that then the Synodical Mission Deputies be mandated to make the necessary arrangements with the Churches concerned.

Your Committee arrived at the following conclusions, which it submits for your approval:

(1) Synod declare its approval with respect to the action of the Mission Deputies concerning Revs. Huizenga and De Korne, as stated in the Report of the Board, Part I.

Adopted.

(2) Our Church begin work in China and not in the Sudan.

Grounds against choosing the Sudan (cf. p. 92 of the Agenda):

(a) Mission work in the heart of this gigantic large land, with poor transportation, creates all kinds of practical difficulties.

(b) Danger of political complications.

- c) Little or no opportunity for the education of the children of the missionaries.
- d) The inhabitants of the Sudan belong to the type of people from whom little can be expected for the kingdom of God.
- e) The climate poses serious objections.
- f) The close cooperation with denominations of less true confession united with the Sudan United Mission, causes us to fear for maintaining and propagating our Reformed Principles.

Grounds for the preference of China (cf. Agenda, p. 90 ff.):

- a) The rich language and literature of the Chinese.
- b) The wholesome climate.
- c) Comparatively good travel opportunities and communications by telegraph.
- d) The strategic importance of the land and the people of China.
- e) The opportunities for the nurture of the children of the missionaries.
- f) The conservative, intellectual spirit of the Chinese harmonizes more with the nature of our people than the emotional nature of the Africans.

Adopted.

Dr. J. Van Lonkhuyzen proposes to the assembly the following motion with respect to the choice of China as our foreign mission field: "Synod declare that the above named decision be interpreted to mean that we first of all that we first endeavor that we first of all attempt to begin our new foreign mission foreign program to begin in China.

After this motion is defeated Dr. Van Lonkhuyzen requests that it be understood of the abovementioned decision be incorporated in the Acts of Synod.

(3) With respect to China the denomination favor the the provinces of Fukien and Honan, respectively of pp. 143-150 of the Agenda, Pp. 143-150.

Adopted

(4) That our missionaries in the first two or four years-consult with churches of Reformed Confessions

on the mission field in the spirit of the proposal of Classis Illinois and Classis Grand Rapids East.

Adopted.

(5) That the sending out thereof be done as soon as possible in the spirit of Classis Mackensack. That the further particulars and the execution thereof be placed in the hands of the deputies of our Heathen Missions, but that the final decision with respect to the location rests with the Synod.

Adopted.

(6) The maximum number to be sent by Synod for 1922 is six. The Board of Heathen Missions to act according to the circumstances what the exact number of workers are to be sent out, and the time of their departure.

Adopted.

(7) The Mission Board is mandated to obtain calling churches, which make themselves responsible for the salaries of the Ministers of the Word and other workers, in the spirit as found in the present Mission Order.

Adopted.

(8) Mission Secretary. With respect to Report V of the Agenda with respect to a secretary specially for the promotion of missions, your Committee records the following:

- 1) That the arguments opposing such a functionary do not appear to us to be convincing, since the Reformed interrelationship grants sufficient room, where it is to the profit of the churches, that a Minister of the Word devote himself specially to the concerns of Missions which is of interest to the entire denomination, as we have already done with respect to the interests of our School.
- 2) That in our estimation an urgent necessity exists for a mission secretary, as more than once has been requested by the mission deputies, who certainly can be considered to be the best informed in this matter.

Grounds for this we place under the following points:

- 1) With respect to the Board itself. With a view to the expansion of the mission work in connection with the opening of a foreign mission field, it is well nigh impossible for the Board to be sufficiently informed unless it is enlightened by some one who devotes all his time in administering the cause of missions.
- 2) With respect to the missionaries. It is necessary that the Board has a person to whom the missionaries can go for advice concerning their own peculiar problems. That person would be the secretary.
- 3) With respect to Mission Boards of other denominations. With foreign missions we come in contact more frequently with other Mission Boards than with our Indian Mission, and the Secretary is the person to attend such Mission Conferences.
- 4) With respect to the Church itself. There is much mission work of general concern which is demanded of the Mission Secretary. Much more could be required of him in order to increase mission interest, such as writing mission literature, inspiring young people, informing congregations, speaking at mission feasts, establishing mission societies, where it is not possible for local ministers and consistories to do so.

Furthermore, the expansion of our mission work will require increased finances from the Church, and since we have no Church budget, the services of the secretary can also be used here.

Hence your Committee recommends that Synod appoint a mission secretary, particularly for the Board of Heathen Missions, but also charged to plead the cause of Domestic and Jewish missions.

Adopted.

The further regulation of work and setting of the salary and making a nomination of three be placed in the hands of the

Committee of Pre-advice to report on this later. (See Art. 54.)

(9) Synod tables (Art. 17), a letter dated May 12, 1920, wherein Mr. J. W. Gunning on behalf of the Mission Committee of Utrecht, offers our Church a part of its mission field on the island of New Guinea, and promises eventually to turn over the field to us.

The advice of your Committee is not to choose New Guinea as a mission field. Grounds:

- a) The last Synod limited the Committee to investigate Mid-Africa and China. This has been proposed to the churches and they are ready to make a choice of these two fields, and have gathered funds for the same.
- b) The Church as a whole is not sufficiently acquainted with New Guinea to choose it as a mission field.

Closing Devotions.

Wednesday Afternoon Session, June 23.

Article 35.

Opening Devotions.

Rev. H. Walkotten, Rev. W. Kuipers, and Elder R. Kooy are seated after the assent to the Public Declaration, taking the place of Rev. M. Van Vessem, Rev. D. R. Drukker, and Elder H. Daane respectively.

Rev. J. C. Monsma speaks in the interest of the proposed Christian Daily.

Article 36.

The Report of the Committee of Pre-advice for the matters of the Theological School and Calvin College (Artt. 28, 29), is continued.

After discussion on the Report of the Committee on Examina, pp. 1 - 25 of the Agenda, the following is approved:

1. The question whether both the existing School examination and the familiar Clasical or peremptoir examination must be considered necessary should be answered in the affirmative. The School examination on the whole remain as it now is; except to place in the hands of the Faculty of the Literary and Theological section respectively the naturally proper right of instruction for the advancement and promotion of the Academy, the College and the Seminary respectively. The Curatorium consider as its task the care of the broader administrative care of this twofold institution; supervising the instruction given at the Academy, College, and Seminary with an eye to its confessional purity, and the conduct the the professors, and thus form a bond between the so closely united respective organizations of the Church and the School.

2. Concerning the Theological School there is with this task generally a twofold activity. In the first, place it grants to the first year theological students, who have successfully sustained their examinations, preaching permission, after being satisfied after personal interview as to their spiritual fitness. This duty does not concern the school as such but the Church, as the ecclesiastical deputies for the matters of the School. In the second place, the Curatorium is to declare as Candidates to the Holy Ministry those who have sustained their final examination in Theology, express their desire to enter the ministry, and having interviewed each one personally concern his motives for entering the ministry, the conviction concerning the calling of God for this office, and spiritual qualification. The matter of making one eligible for a call is again an ecclesiastical concern, just as the examination, the advancement, and the promotion right is a matter for the School; hence making one eligible for a call even as granting one preaching permission remains in the province of the Curatorium.

3. If a Candidate receives and accepts a call to a congregation, the Classis under which the calling congregation resorts shall examine him in accordance with Art. 4 of the Church Order in the presence of the Deputies ad examina from three

neighboring Classes. The school examinations do not have to be repeated: indeed the Deputies of the entire denomination, two in number from this Classis included, have already by declaring him a candidate expressed themselves concerning the academic requirements as having been met by the School. The candidate shall present to Classis credentials concerning his having sustained his final theological examinations, candidature by the Curatorium, his call letter, and the acceptance of the call, as well as a certificate of membership of the congregation of which he was a member.

4. What the Classis of necessity must know before the candidate is ordained in the office, and which is not brought out in the school examinations, and by the Curatorium only in part by granting preaching consent and granting candidature, is whether the candidate from a practical point of view as well as academic is qualified for the office. In order to be assured of this, Classis in its peremptoir examination interviews the candidate in the following matters;

- (1) Dogmatics.
- (2) Practica.

Under the general head there are three matters, namely, (a) godliness; (b) motives for entering into the ministry; (c) proof of insight in the practice of pastoral life.

(a) Godliness is of the greatest importance for the candidate and the Churches to keep in mind for qualification to the office of the ministry than the necessity of bare academic preparation, and proof of a consistency that the candidate is sound in doctrine and blameless in conduct. Your Committee can suffice with one remark that a Minister of the Word must not only be a teaching and ruling leader of the flock, which is formed through education to a great extent, but he must also be an example of godliness, wherein the flock may see embodied in the minister the element of godliness as exemplified from the pulpit, and that they therefore will the sooner embody it in their own lives. But not only because of the drawing power that creates a worthy example of following, should the minister of the Word excel, but also qualified to understand the spiritual life of

the flock, and in the event of unhealthy situations, to give restorative and strengthening guidance. It does not help to say that by spiritual guidance and care one only has to apply the Word of God, without having himself had a comparatively rich development in the life of faith, for then he is not able to make a right diagnosis of the spiritual problems which torment the flock, nor to arrive at an accurate appreciation of the truth of God's Word.

Producing a certificate of membership in optima forma is therefore not satisfactory. Every one agrees that every one who is recognized as a member is not thereby spiritually qualified to be a leader, supposing he has sufficient knowledge. By receiving preaching permission and declared a candidate the Curatorium has emphasized that practical aspect of the office of the ministry, and the theological faculty, when opportunity afforded, pointing this out, undoubtedly has been helpful in showing the seriousness of the demands of the Holy Ministry. It is undoubtedly superfluous to delineate the lines of the first requirement of Practica. It would be wise to appoint the oldest and most experienced ministers of the Classis for this first division of Practica. And since it is a practical examination, the mode will largely be determined by the personality of the examiner.

(b) Motives for seeking the office of minister. Not every one who excels spiritually needs to become a minister. The question, therefore, in the second place, is what led the candidate to seek the office of Holy Service. In relationship to the second division of Practica the candidate can properly be asked his conception of the office. Without a sound conception of the office he undoubtedly has a conception of the office that is not sound. It cannot be emphasized enough for a candidate and the Churches to take into consideration that the office of the Minister of the Word is essentially different in principle, nature, and purpose from social, industrial, and commercial enterprises. As unique as the Church is in the midst of many organization and corporations, so unique is the ministry in the Church, and particularly the office of him, who

for his entire life will exclusively devote himself to the Holy Office. He, who does not take into consideration the unique character of the office in the Church, will possibly be disappointed and be in great danger in his labors of being led by principles in conflict with his office, and be contraband in the realm of the Church. In connection with the motives the question can also be asked of him with respect to his conviction that God called him to the work of Evangelism. The question with respect to divine calling should not be permitted to be placed in the background, although one must be reminded that our conception of that calling should be soundly Biblical and not a sickly mysticism.

(c) Proof of understanding the practicality of the life of a pastor. What is not meant is an account of the principle points of Poimenics and Cybernetics. Knowledge hereof is presupposed with this examination, but only as a background. With this division of Practica one seeks by positing a hypothetical, but apart from that also actual occurrences to give the candidate an opportunity to give evidence of his spiritual intuition, application of his academic knowledge of professional theology, and personal qualification for spiritual care and church rule. Also here no outline can be offered. The one evidently lures out the other.

(3) Knowledge of the Scriptures.

This is the third division of Practica for the peremptoir examination. The term used has been purposely chosen. The examination seeks to learn if the candidate knows the Bible. After all it is the Scripture that he through his preaching and catechising must expound, inculcate and impress the believers and their seed, while it is a rule and guide in conduct in thinking, speaking, and action for the believers. The candidate desires to become a Minister of the Word. Without contradiction the Ministry of the Word presupposes that the minister has a sound, rich, sympathetic knowledge of the Word. Not enough emphasis can be placed upon this, where a minister in all probability follows the dictates of his heart, while another runs the danger of propounding timely topics from the pulpit. The Scripture commands: Preach the Word. The first matter for consideration under Knowledge of the Scripture is:

(a) The character of Scripture in connection with the history through which Scripture has passed, as well as its formation as in

time of the holy use in the dispensation of the Old and the New Testaments respectively. Now since the appearance of Rationalism in the post-Reformation time the battle against Christ centers more on the doctrine of the Holy Scripture as the Word of God, and the question of all questions: what do you think of the Bible? whose word is it, God's Word or the word of man? it is necessary that our candidates must have a sound point of view, and that the Church makes a close examination of this. The damage and the distress is not to be underestimated if there were uncertainty with respect to this point launched in our Churches, and if it appeared that the Ministers of the Word no longer had the firm conviction that the Bible is the infallible and authoritative Word of God. Further examination must be made concerning knowledge of the

(b) The Content of Holy Scripture. A wide field opens here. One could almost apply the whole of Theology in this examination. But there is no question of doing this. The examination must also be practical here. Three matters can be subsumed under this divisions: In the first place, a bird's eye view concerning the development of God's truth in succeeding periods and the different holy men of God in the service of God until the end and the completion of the Word. In the second place, a brief account of the content of some of the books of the Bible. Finally, a few brief classical references for characteristic Reformed teachings, with Scriptural explanations thereof and the use made thereof. The complaint is sometimes heard that our candidates know the doctrine of the Bible better than the Bible itself, however paradoxical it may sound, yet such a complaint should have no right of existence.

(4) Knowledge of the Confession of our Churches. We boast to be a confessional Church, and do not go along nor wish to go along with an undogmatic Christendom, which in our times invades Church after Church and conquers. Ministers must awaken the members of their congregation to gain knowledge of the confessions of our Churches: the Belgic Confession, the Canons of Dordrecht, and the Heidelberg Catechism. It may be supposed that the office bearers of the Church, and among them the Ministers of the Word at the head, are conversant with the Formulas of Unity. In any

event, they should be, and the more so since so many of the Christian denominations in our land are succumbing to the charm of a non-confessional Church. It can here be asked concerning a summary of the content of the three confessions of our Church, their difference in character and the purpose for their being written, and what particularly in our time with power should be preached and maintained. Scriptural proof can also be asked with respect to the legitimacy of the Confessions. Further the candidate should be examined whether he will defend and maintain the standpoint of our Churches, that they are confessional Churches, that is, confessions of binding significance to be maintained by both members and office-bearers. And finally the candidate should be given the opportunity to give a few salient examples to show in a practical way how he would apply the distinctive Reformed teaching with respect to the life and the needs of our times.

(5) Polemics or Refutation of heresies with which our people come in contact most, and against which the Minister as leader in the Church should be armed and must be able to arm the members. To the end that he is in fighting trim and be able to lead the Church as a good field general of Christ, the Minister of the Word must have taken cognizance of the outstanding spiritual currents of our times. These certainly influence even the most Biblically stabilized and confessionally faithful people than one imagines. It may not be expected that people in their broad ranges have an open eye for the spiritual pestilences that walk in darkness. The candidate called to the Holy Ministry must in that measure have knowledge of his times and the dangers thereof, that in his preaching and otherwise can open the eyes of the people for the ruin that threatens them from every side. In addition to an understanding of the spiritual currents of our time there must be familiarity with our Reformed or Calvinistic world and life view. The children of Calvin in agreement with the basic ideas of their ecclesiastical confession must endeavor to manifest the absolute sovereignty and the God glorifying ultimate goal of all things, as well in social civil, and political strata of human life, as in family and church circles. Every age has need of our life and world view, but our age

which literally calls, despite all the progress that has been made, has never been found, and which we alone possess. And therefore the future minister of the Word must know this wisdom of life, that he may preach it upon every occasion.

(6) Proof Sermon. The candidate is to preach a sermon on a text assigned to him three weeks before by the Classical Committee in the presence of the congregation in the church where the peremptoir examination takes place. The Classis reserves the right for the choice of the text, because it examines him and hereto the proof sermon also belongs, and also by means of the choice of the text the Classis can test him. That the sermon is to be preached in the midst of the congregation has more than one reason. In the first place, a preacher is much more himself and comes much more to his right, when he has a general audience, than when he addresses for the most part and exclusive group of critical examiners. Psychology speaks a word here. Furthermore, such a peremptoir sermon without doubt awakens the interest of the local congregation, and brings the church public locally to interest itself with the broader interests of the church than what is presently the case. In the third place, it has its profit, the judgment of the people even though it be casual is to know the candidate who will possibly become a minister of the Word in the midst of the churches. Not all of these three reasons are of equal strength, however together they motivate this stipulation in the judgment of the Committee.

After the sermon, which probably in many instances will be held in the evening, Classis will enter into a critical discussion with the candidate concerning the sermon by means of a few appointed thereto, in order to show certain weaknesses, to give the candidate an opportunity to further explain himself or to improve on certain discrepancies, and in consequence of the sermon to inquire about what is probably the most important part of his proposed work, namely, the Preaching of the Word in the midst of the congregation.

Summarizing we obtain the following programs:

(1) Dogmatics

(2) Practica

(a) Personal godliness;

- (b) Motives for seeking the ministry;
- (c) Proof of insight in the practical aspect of pastoral work.
- (3) Knowledge of the Bible:
 - (a) The character of Scripture;
 - (b) The content of Holy Scripture, both in the above mentioned sense.
- (4) Knowledge of our Confessions:
 - (a) Knowledge of the significance and purpose of the Confessions;
 - (b) Knowledge of the content of the Confessions;
 - (c) Knowledge of the application of the Confessions of our Church upon life.
- (5) Polemics, concerning which the question is:

The significant spiritual trends of our times in contrast with the Reformed or Calvinistic world and life view.
- (6) Proof Sermons:
 - (a) Preaching before the congregation in the presence of Classis;
 - (b) Discussion of the sermon with a critical purpose.

5. Finally, a few remarks: Concerning the length of time for the peremptoir examination, not to make it unnecessarily long, yet grant sufficient time to make the examination answer its purpose; too little time demeans the examination to a mockery, which is incompatible with the seriousness of the matter.

Article 37.

Synod adjourns until Thursday morning.
Closing Devotions.

Thursday Morning Session, June 24.

Article 38.

Opening Devotions.

The minutes of the Wednesday sessions are read, and after some corrections are approved.

Article 39.

The Synodical Treasurer reports that the quota for Synodical expenses be placed at 50% per family.

Article 40.

(1) The Committee of Pre-advice for the matter of Grundy Center (Art. 28, 1), reports. Rev. R. B. Kuiper, reporter. The report is adopted as follows:

Esteemed Fathers and Brothers:

1) The mandate of your Committee is expressed in the following decision of Synod: "Synod decides that the request from Classis Ostfriesland for a review of Art. 75, Acts 1918, again be placed in the hands of a committee of Pre-advice with the mandate to attempt to formulate of motion whereby the objections to the decision of the last Synod as much as possible be removed, and whereby a general conviction can be aroused concerning the practice to be followed."

In fulfilment of this mandate we have the honor to propose the followings:

Without assuming the responsibility of the decision and the grounds for the decision of the Synod of 1918, Acts, Art. 75, p. 89) concerning the Seminary, your Committee judges that with an eye to the unity of training in our Church, it is not desirable that there be a Seminary at the School of Grundy Center.

Yet your Committee is of the opinion that at the same time Synod meet the special needs of Classis Ostfriesland, also with a view to the fact that according to the judgment of the Committee the churches in general, by the decision of the Synod of

1916, is to a certain degree responsible for the existence of the Seminary at Grundy Center.

Now your Committee has the privilege to present a plan to Synod where by the unity of training for the ministry is maintained, and will meet the special needs of Classis Ostfriesland, that the representatives of Classis Ostfriesland have stated their agreement to the Committee. The plan was formulated by the President of Grundy Center College and the President of Calvin College. With minor changes it was approved by the Committee. Both Presidents have signified their approval of the resolution as follows;

Basis of Agreement in re Grundy Center.

- 1) a. With a view to the special needs of Classis Ostfriesland Synod shall provide for a two years' Sem. Prep. Course, beyond the Academy, at Grundy Center. This course is to be outlined and arranged by a Committee of the Board of Trustees of Calvin College in conjunction with the Board of Trustees of the Grundy Center Institution. It is to be financed by the Board of the former institution.
- b. The Sem. Prep. Course shall correspond with the Sem. Prep. Course of Calvin College; and students who pursue this course will receive full credit for work done in said course.
- c. Two Professors shall be appointed for the Sem. Prep. Course, who shall be members of the Grundy Center Faculty. The appointment of these Professors shall be by the Board of Trustees of the Grundy Center institution, subject to the approval of the Board of Trustees of Calvin College.
- 2) a. The method employed in the development of a Junior College at Grundy Center shall be referred to a Committee of six members, viz., two members of the Board of Trustees of Calvin College, two of the Board of Trustees of the Grundy Center school, and the respective Presidents of the two institutions.

- b. The Committee shall also outline the relation in which the Junior College of Grundy Center shall stand to Calvin College and the Theol. School at Grand Rapids, and shall report on this matter at the next Synod.
 - c. The Board of Trustees of the Grundy Center School shall pledge itself not to extend its Junior College until Calvin College has introduced at least three graduate departments exclusive of the Seminary.
- 3) The supervision of the whole institution at Grundy Center remains in the hands of the Faculty and the President of this institution, subject to Articles 1 and 2.
- 4) In consideration of the above agreement the Board of Trustees of the Grundy School pledges:
- a. The discontinuance of its Seminary Department entirely.
 - b. Its full support and cooperation toward obtaining the endowment fund of the Christian Reformed Church. The further arrangements for the financial agreement mentioned in this article shall be outlined by the Committee named in Art. 2a.

Your Committee with real joy can state that by unanimous vote this plan is recommended to Synod. It flatters itself with the hope that Synod also will accept it unanimously.

Finally, your Committee calls attention to the fact that after Synod adopts this plan, it must be placed before the Board of Trustees of the Grundy Center School for approval.

Adopted.

(2) Overture from Classis Ostfriesland. This overture from Classis Ostfriesland is a request for exemption of the quota for the Theological School at Grand Rapids. Your Committee with a view to the unity of training, as well as the fact that according to the plan abovementioned, the entire Church will support the Seminary Preparatory Course at Grundy Center financially, Synod declare that no exception be made for Classis Ostfriesland, but during the next two years, which may be described as a transition period, to leave it to Classis Ostfriesland how much

it expect to give for the Theological School at Grand Rapids.

Adopted.

(3) It is further decided that the Stated Clerk shall place the adopted plan before the Board of Trustees of the Grundy Center School for approbation.

Adopted.

(4) Finally, your Committee has been handed an overture from Classis Ostfriesland that reads as follows:

"Since the Seminary at Grundy Center may cease to exist, Classis Ostfriesland in agreement with Art. 2 of the Church Order seeks the approval of Synod that the present theological professors at the School remain and maintain their ministerial status." (See Agenda, p. 15.)

The advice of the Committee is to grant the request of Classis Ostfriesland.

Adopted.

Closing Devotion

Thursday Afternoon Session, June 24.

Article 41.

Opening Devotions.

Article 42.

The Committee of Pre-advice for the Theological School and Calvin College Matters reports on a protest against the decision of Synod concerning the increase in salaries of the Professors (Art. 29, 4 above). The protest reads as follows:

Protest against the action of Synod in the matter of salary regulations of the College Professors.

We, the undersigned, express our dissatisfaction with the resolutions taken by Synod in the matter of regulating the salaries of the College Professors for 1920-1922.

1) We believe the maximum salary for the College Professors should not be below the salary paid to the Professors of Theology.

a. It has been contended, that the work done in the Seminary is graduate work. We contend that this is incorrect. The Seminary offers professional, not graduate courses, e. g. the work done in Hermeneutics, Church History, Ethica, Homiletics, and Hebrew does not differ in character and difficulty from such work as Literary Criticism, History, Philosophy, Rhetoric, and Greek as these courses are conducted in the College.

b. This being the case, the argument to the effect, that the College men teach at least twice as many periods per week as the Seminary men, gains considerable strength. Even when the number of periods per week of the College is reduced to 18 per week, this will be the case because the reduction of hours will result from cutting down the preparatory work of these men. Their college work, i. e. the more difficult work of the College men will be increased.

Now we do not begrudge the Seminary men the fact, that they teach only few hours. But we resent the idea, expressed on the floor of the Synod, that these men are entitled to higher salary for the work done by them, than we are for the work done by us.

2) In 1912 a salary schedule was adopted according to which a number of us would have received a salary of \$1,600 during 1918-1920. Now it is a matter of common knowledge, that the purchasing power of the dollar today is less than half of what it was in 1912. If therefore the schedule of 1912 was a fair one (and it certainly was no more than that) Synod would be doing nothing extraordinary if it raised the salary of the Professors referred to above to \$3,200.

3) We are heartily in favor of the increase in salary granted the College President and the Seminary men; although the latter have always enjoyed the maximum salary. But if it is just and possible, that the scale for these men should be increased \$500, it is a fortiori not more than

just and possible, that the scale of salary for men, who have never, except in isolated instances, received the maximum, should be increased by the same amount.

- 4) Without unduly vaunting ourselves, we believe, that we are well within the bounds of truth, when we say that the College men have been uniformly loyal to the institution. They have given themselves unstintingly to their work. They have even e. g. in the past year voluntarily increased their working periods at the school by 12½%. They did this in the face of the fact, that they were carrying more teaching hours per week than was required of them, and in the face of the fact, that in the industrial world constantly less work is being done for more pay.

Would it not be possible, that this spirit of loyalty would suffer a reverse, if it fails to meet satisfactory financial recognition?

In view of these considerations we urge Synod to revise the schedule of salaries for the College Professors thus:

1. The minimum to be \$2,300.
2. The Maximum to be \$5,000.
3. None of the present staff to receive during 1920-1922 a salary farther below the new maximum than their 1918-1920 salary was below the old maximum.

(Signed) Albert J. Hooke
J. Nieuwdorp
W. Rinck
P. Hoekstra
H. J. G. Van Andel
R. Stob
H. J. Ryskamp
W. Harry Jellema
K. Schoolland
J. Olthoff.

A. Your Committee has noted that the protest of the College Professors with respect to increase in salary, was signed by all the Professors except the Professors A. Broene, J. Broene, J. G. Vanden Bosch and J. P. Van Haitsma.

Under point 1 they believe that the maximum salary of the College Professors should not be lower than the salary of the Theological Professors. Overagainst this your Committee presents the following:

- 1) The Synod never has established that the salary of the College Professors should be the same as that of the Seminary Professors.
- 2) That before 1918 they were never equal either.
- 3) That your Committee is not convinced that in all instances it should be that way.

Adopted.

Point 2 of the protest refers to the former schedules established by Synod for the increase of salaries. Your Committee advises that Synod set aside the existing schedules of salaries upon the following grounds:

- a) The abnormality of the present times.
- b) The decision made by Synod, B, III, 4, report, p. 4.

With respect to point 3 of the protest your Committee informs Synod that a scale has never been established for the Theological Professors.

Adopted.

Concerning point 4 your Committee advises to receive with thanks the devotion and faithful work, yet points out that in God's Kingdom much work is necessary that cannot always be calculated. Further, that we have such a high opinion of our professors, that we are convinced that their devotion to the College will not suffer under it, even though Synod this time does not establish the salaries to fulfil their wishes.

Adopted.

B. Salaries. Your Committee advises:

- 1) To take into consideration the abnormality of our times, and for the next two years to set neither a minimum nor maximum salary schedule for the College Professors.
- 2) Taking into consideration the academic standing and practical experience of the various College Professors,

that salaries for the next two years be set as follows:

Prof. K. Schoolland	\$2,700	
Prof. A. J. Rooks	2,700	
Prof. A. Broene	2,700	
Prof. J. Broene	2,700	
Prof. J. G. Vanden Bosch	2,700	
Prof. W. Rinck	2,700	
Prof. J. P. Van Haitama	2,700	
Dr. P. Hoekstra	2,400	
Prof. W. Harry Jellema	2,300	
Prof. J. Nieuwdorp	2,300	
Prof. H. J. G. Van Andel	2,300	
Prof. H. J. Ryskamp	2,200	(1921-1922)
Prof. R. Stob	2,100	
Prof. J. Olthoff	2,000	

Your Committee directs your attention to the fact that the Curatorium had already raised the salaries of the professors; in its first report the Committee of Pre-advice proposed that the salaries be increased by the Curatorium; in its second report the Committee established the salaries still higher. The Committee did not believe that it could go further.

Adopted.

C. If Synod so decides then the Budget as adopted in Art. 29, 6 can be adopted unchanged (See further Art. 46.)

Adopted.

Article 43.

The Committee of Pre-advice for Varia, Protests, and Emeritus Matters reports. Rev. R. Veldman, Reporter.

(1) Revision of the Regulations for the Emeritus Board, as Follows:

As appears from Art. 37, IV, Acta 1918, p. 38, a Committee was appointed to draft Regulations in accordance with Art 13 of the Church Order. It was the duty of your Committee to review and discuss these Regulations. Having read the same, it has come to the conclusion that the Committee has deviated from the mandate of Synod and has not

and has not drawn up rules in the intended spirit, since it felt that the rules thus far followed by the Emeritus Board appeared to be the most acceptable, and used this as a basis for revision of the rules in use. After listening to the reasons why the committee did not draw up a new set of rules and regulations but kept the old one with revisions here and there, your Committee advises to adopt the same as being the most preferable for the present, yet with the following revisions:

Art. 1 to read: According to Art. 13 of the Church Order the Christian Reformed Churches have a fund for the care of Emeritus ministers, as well as for widows and orphans of ministers in general.

Articles 2, 3, 4 to remain unchanged.

Art. 5: to delete "collectors or otherwise" as being superfluous.

Art. 6: drop the last full phrase.

Articles 7 and 8 to remain unchanged.

Art. 9: deleted as superfluous.

Articles 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16 to remain unchanged.

After some discussion it is decided to table the recommendation of the Committee, and give Rev. Van Dellen the opportunity to draw up a second draft of Rules and Regulations, it is as follows:

Draft of Rules and Regulations for our Emeriti and Ministers' Widows and Orphans.

Art. 1. The Churches have a general fund from which necessary support is given, according to Articles 12 and 13 of the Church Order.

Art. 2. Each Synod is to set a budget for the Emeritus Fund, so that those concerned can truly and honestly be taken care of in their need, and thereafter determine the quota that should be met by each family.

Art. 3. Each Classis shall determine what amount of support for those concerned, who have been declared emeritus by it, or widows and orphans in its midst. Thereto

the Consistory involved must make a request to Classis, and the Treasurer of the Classical Emeritus Fund must make an investigation, so that the Classis will be fully informed in order to judge the support needed by the persons concerned. As a rule at least two thirds of the average salary of ministers in congregations shall be granted to the Emeriti, and the same to widows and orphans. Classis shall determine when support in a particular situation shall cease.

Art. 4. Synod appoint a committee of five persons which is charged with the administration of the Emeritus Fund. This committee shall consist of two ministers and three elders. It shall be incorporated as "The Board of the Emeritus Fund of the Christian Reformed Church." For each member an alternate shall be chosen.

Art. 5. The Committee shall be chosen by Synod, one year three, the following year two members, so that at every meeting of Synod an election of members shall take place. Members can be re-elected. From its midst the Committee shall choose a President, Vice-president, Secretary, and Treasurer.

Art. 6. The Committee shall disburse funds to the respective Classes in accordance with Art. 3 of these Rules, and send the same to the Classical Treasurer of the Classis concerned, who in turn shall disburse the same to the persons concerned.

Art. 7. The Committee has the right and the duty to bring a grievance to Synod if it judges that a Classis is not sufficiently taking care of its Emeriti and widows and orphans of ministers or disbursing the money in the right manner. The Classes have the responsibility to give the Committee the necessary information, and the Committee shall meet before Synod to decide on various matters, formulate its report, and recommend a budget to Synod for the next two years.

Art. 8. The Classical Treasurer shall see to it that the churches of Classis pay their quota. He shall turn over the full amount to the General Treasurer. In the event the Classis does not meet its obligations, the Committee shall inform it of this, and also report the same to Synod.

(Was signed) I. Van Dellen.

After some discussion this draft is also tabled, and the Committee appointed in 1918, (see Acts 1918, p. 92) is continued, with the addition of the brothers Van Dellen and Van Lonkhuyzen, to report to the Synod in 1922.

(2) Synod decides to grant honorable emeritation to Rev. K. Kuiper of Classis Holland, Rev. J. Robbert of Classis Zeeland, Rev. Theo. Van het Loo of Classis Muekegon, Rev. J. Vissia of Classis Pella, and Rev. J. Groen of Classis Grand Rapids East.

(3) Indebtedness of Classes. It appears that various Classes thus far have failed to pay their full quota.

Advice: Synod urge the Classes concerned to pay the shortage as soon as possible.

Adopted.

The Emeritus Board proposes the following emeritus ministers, ministers' widows and orphans for support:

Rev. A. J. Brink	\$ 850.00
Rev. H. Van Wesep	700.00
Rev. J. Plesscher	500.00
Rev. A. W. Meyer	1,000.00
Rev. J. Robbert	700.00
Rev. K. Kuiper	800.00
Rev. T. Van 't Loo	900.00
Rev. J. Vissia	1,000.00
Rev. J. Groen	800.00
Mrs. M. J. Boema	600.00
Mrs. H. Huizingh	350.00
Mrs. J. Schultz	300.00
Mrs. H. Temple	300.00
Mrs. S. Broekstra	300.00
Mrs. J. Remein	300.00
Mrs. P. Van Vlaanderen	300.00
Mrs. J. Stadt	350.00
Mrs. J. A. Kett	300.00
Mrs. A. Van Houten	250.00
Mrs. L. Rietdyk	150.00
Mrs. P. Van Vliet	500.00
Mrs. A. Dekker	500.00
Mrs. J. Gruessing	500.00
Mrs. F. Stuart	500.00
Mrs. D. Vander Ploeg	700.00
Mrs. J. B. Jonkman	500.00
Van Houten Orphans	200.00

After having obtained the necessary information concerning the above named persons from the Board, your Committee advises that the recommendation of the Emeritus Board concerning the the subsidy be approved by Synod.

Synod, however, decides to increase the amount by twenty percent, and with this revision to approve the proposal of the Committee in toto.

(5) The Quota. Finally, there was a request of the Board to increase the quota from 70¢ to 80¢ per family. Considering the amount that must be paid out, it is decided to make the quota \$1.00 per family.

Adopted.

(6) Overture from Classis Orange City. This read as follows: "Classis urges Synod to grant greater care for our Emeriti, widows, and orphans, and that this increase take place with the cooperation and approval of the Consistory to which they belong."

Decided to place this matter in the hands of the Committee that is to draft new Rules and Regulations for the Emeritus Fund.

(7) Protests concerning the Maranatha Question.

- a. Synod declare that the Synodical Committee (see Acts 1918, p. 80, 5, and Art. 76, p. 93) has fulfilled its mandate. So decided. See also Art. 70.
- b. In connection herewith a protest was filed by brother K. Van Wyk of Denver, Colo., in which he objected to the manner in which Classis Muskegon acted in the case of Rev. Bultema, which in his judgment acted too quickly.

The Committee advises to state that this protest is not formally in order, since the brother should first have contacted Classis Muskegon with his protest. Upon this basis it was decided not to consider the matter.

(8) A second protest concerning Maranatha. A protest from the brothers T. Nauta and F. Postma, both from Denver, Colo., to reconsider the Synodical decision concerning the case of Rev. Bultema.

After considering the above protest Synod decides that no grounds are given, neither from Scripture nor the Confessions, and thus cannot reconsider the decision of the Synod of 1918.

The above mentioned decisions and grounds will be sent to the protesting brothers.

(9) A Question from the Consistory of Rock Valley, Iowa.

A question was discussed in the Rock Valley Consistory that arose because of a protest concerning a question of the following contents: "Is the circulating of a petition to obtain signatures for a protest against an action of the Consistory censurable?"

Advice: This question cannot be answered in general, since each case must be acted upon and judged individually. In the concrete case that is given in the information, and from which the general question arises, cannot be considered since this concrete case was acted upon in Classis, and has been brought to Synod neither by the Consistory nor the Classis.

Adopted.

(10) Protest of J. Kamp.

In connection herewith is an overture from Classis Pella, asking for more light, which requests the judgment of Synod with respect to the discipline of a man who married his step-daughter. Hence the above mentioned protest.

Advice: Since your Committee had neither the time nor the opportunity to make a judgment on this question, concerning which Reformed theologians differ in their exegetical interpretations concerning Scripture passages which are cited for this matter, your Committee advises that Synod appoint a Committee to consider this involved matter carefully and basically and to report at the next Synod. (see Art. 64.)

Adopted.

(11) Protest from Rev. H. Kamps against Classis Ostfriesland. In brief the course of this entire matter is this: At the Synod of 1918 a protest was received from Rev. Kamps against Classis Ostfriesland. Synod decided as follows: To refer the entire matter back to the brother himself, so that he can bring it to Classis. (See Acts 1918, Art. 29, 5.) Rev. Kamps then sent his protest to Classis Ostfriesland, but this Classis refused to consider the protest.

Your Committee is of the opinion: That Classis Ostfriesland did not act justly in refusing to consider the protest, upon the basis of the grounds given, and advises Synod to declare that Classis Ostfriesland is obligated to consider the protest.

Adopted.

Rev. J. M. Byleveld and Rev. J. Smitter are appointed by Synod to assist Classis Ostfriesland in this matter.

(12) The Committee concerning the Insurance Proposal. (See Acts 1918, p. 44, XVII, p. 92).

The following letter was placed in our hands: "Insurance Committee has been and is working on its report, but it will be some time before it can be mailed in. The Committee will report that the proposition is impractical, or she will ask for an extension of time in order to get hold of a very large amount of data on the subject. In the latter case it will require at least one year to get what we ought to have."

It is decided to continue the existing Committee.

(13) Letter from J. De Jong, Doon, Iowa.

Considering that this letter is not legally before Synod, since he did not bring the matter to Classis first, the brother is referred to Classis.

Synod declares this letter not acceptable.

(14) The Honorarium of the Synodical Stated Clerk and the Synodical Treasurer.

Your Committee wishes to draw to the attention of Synod that the Stated Clerk only receives \$50.00 for each Synodical year with the increasing work that this function requires, and that the Treasurer occasionally receives a small gratification.

Advice: That each one receive \$100.00 per Synodical year.

Adopted.

(15) Report of the Deputies and Examiners.

It appears that many deputies from different Classes had attended the examinations of various Candidates. All reported unanimously that the candidates sustained their examinations and with greater or less freedom they were admitted to the Ministry of the Word and Sacraments.

The list is as follows: Dr. H. H. Meeter, the examination of S. J. Balt and George Goris; Rev. J. L. Van Tielon, Candd. S. A. Dykstra and H. Blystra; Rev. E. J. Krohn, Candd. S. A. Dykstra and H. Blystra; Rev. J. M. Byleveld, Candd. A. B. Voss and A. Folkema; Rev. A. Keizer, Candd. W. Groen, S. Fopma, D. Flietstra, and George Goris; Rev. Y. P. De Jong, Candd. R. Veldman, W. Groen, D. Flietstra, G. Goris, H. Goodyk, T. De Boer, and H. Blystra; Rev. G. D. De Jong, Candd. A. B. Voss, A. Folkema, J. Masselink, B. Post, and J. Dyk.

Advice: To approve.

Adopted.

(16) Your Committee advises to receive as information the reports of the Delegates to Corresponding Churches in the United States, (See Supplement I, Report of the Synodical Committee).

Adopted.

(17) Your Committee has read the Report of the Synodical Committee, which has already been read to Synod. (See Supplement I.)

The advice of your Committee is to receive points 1 to 6 as information, and to approve the action.

(18) Delegation to the Netherlands.

Since it has come to the attention of Synod that Dr. H. Beets contemplates making a visit to the Netherlands, Synod decides that this brother represent our Church as delegate to the coming Synod of Leeuwarden, and grant him \$150.00 for traveling expenses.

Our delegate is instructed to call to the attention of the Gereformeerde Kerken in the Netherlands, besides impartial

information concerning the divorce problem, in all modesty to point out to the Gereformeerde Synod that in our estimation not enough consideration is given in its meetings to the churches on foreign soil of Reformed confession and Dutch ancestry in its deliberations; and further urge the Gereformeerde Churches to send delegates more regularly to our Synodical assemblies, in the spirit of the former experiences of cordial denominational correspondence.

(A later invitation for a delegate to attend the General Synod of Leeuwarden was received and accepted with thanks, and considered answered by a former decision.)

(19) Overtures from Classes Grand Rapids West, Grand Rapids East, and Muskegon, to change the fiscal year of the Theological School and other Funds henceforth to begin with January. (See Agebda, pp. 27-28.)

*Classis requests Synod to change the fiscal year of the Theological School and other Funds to begin with January.

Grounds:

- a) It is the most practical method of bookkeeping;
- b) All classical funds can then be brought in harmony with the books of the Consistories, which close on December 31;
- c) The Treasurers then have less difficulty to keep their accounts straight with the banks, which also close their books on December 31.*

Classis Grand Rapids West.

"Synod take steps for good order to conform the fiscal year of Synod with that of the local churches."

Classis Grand Rapids East.

"Synod change the closing of the fiscal year from May 31 to December 31 to conform with the various local congregations."

Classis Muskegon.

Advice: To comply with the request of the three Classes upon the basis of the grounds given in the overtures.

Adopted.

(20) The Meeting Place of the Synod of 1922.

Two requests have been received, one from Kalamazoo with the endorsement of Classis Grand Rapids West, the other from Classis Orange City.

The Committee advises to accept the invitation from Orange City.

Adopted.

(21) With respect to Bible Translation, your Committee calls attention to a citation in the Acts of the Netherlands Gereformeerde Churches, p. 20, where we read,

"Synod considers it desirable that those within the circle of the Reformed Churches, if possible, to enter into consultation with one another and to take in hand this necessary work and implement it, and therefore decides that the deputies to be appointed enter into correspondence with foreign churches, and concerning this action to inform the Dutch speaking denominations with which the Gereformeerde Churches are in correspondence."

Your Committee advises: that Synod receive this as information, and also declare it desirable that those competent in this field get in contact with the deputies of Foreign Correspondence of the Gereformeerde Churches in the Netherlands.

Adopted.

Closing Devotions.

Friday Morning Session, June 25.

Article 44.

Opening Devotions.

Article 45.

The Board of Heathen Missions is instructed to draw up a nomination to be placed before Synod for missionaries to China.

Article 46.

The following report of the Committee of Pre-advice concerning a protest from four Theological Professors against the Curatorium, which is read by Rev. G. Hoeksema.

Esteemed Brothers:

Because of lack of time our report is very brief. Had we drawn up a report as detailed and complete as we desired, then Synod would have to remain in session until next week.

The task assigned to us is to give advice concerning a protest of four of the Theological Professors, Ten Hoor, Heyns, Berkhof and Volbeda, against the teaching of Dr. Janssen. Already in 1919 the four professors presented the above-mentioned protest to the Curatorium concerning the teaching of Dr. Janssen. At their request by means of a committee the Curatorium instituted an investigation concerning the orthodoxy of Dr. Janssen.

After the investigation the Curatorium decided as follows:

"The Board of Trustees expressed their disapproval of the fact that the four Professors came with this document to the Board before having personally conferred with Prof. Janssen on these matters."

To this must be added a second recommendation of the Committee that investigated Prof. Janssen, viz., "the Board expressed their full confidence in Prof. Janssen," was not put to a vote, "since we consider someone innocent as long as his guilt has not been established."

At the June, 1920, meeting of the Curatorium a copy of a protest against the teachings of Dr. Janssen addressed to Synod was filed. With the approval of both the Curatorium once more took the matter under consideration. Again an investigation was instituted, in our estimation a thorough investigation. The result of this second investigation was that the Curatorium decided the following:

"After thorough investigation the Curatorium declares:

- a) That the Curatorium is satisfied with the explanation of Dr. Janssen concerning his conception of the inspiration of the Holy Scriptures;
- b) That the Curatorium trusts that the objection and the unrest of the four professors will disappear after fraternal consultation;
- c) That Dr. Janssen exert himself to prevent any occasion for misunderstanding, and express himself as plainly as possible, so that misunderstanding is excluded."

The four professors, however, were not satisfied with decision, and thus informed the Curatorium that they were presenting the matter to Synod.

Thus the matter came to Synod. Your Committee wishes to point out that from a formal point of view this protest is not against the Curatorium but a protest against the teachings of Dr. Janssen. Not satisfied with the investigation made by the Curatorium, the four professors make use of their indisputable right of appeal, and ask Synod (of which the Curatorium are only deputies) itself to investigate the matter.

It should also be pointed out that the four professors make no positive charges against Dr. Janssen. They ask only for an investigation, and give their reasons therefore.

Your Committee has satisfied this request. We consider it our duty once more to make an investigation as to the orthodoxy of Dr. Janssen. Grounds:

- a) the professors right of appeal cannot be denied, since the curators are only deputies;
- b) the case is of greater import, since it concerns the authority, the credibility, and the infallibility of Scripture;
- c) there is unrest in the churches because of this matter.

Your Committee has done everything according to its ability that could be expected. We have carefully read the documents submitted to us. We have once and again interviewed Dr. Janssen personally. Also to the other professors opportunity was granted to present their feelings personally. The Secretary of the Curatorium was called in once and again. He read the minutes concerning this case, and explained the position of the Curatorium.

After having earnestly and prayfully discussed this matter, and with a profound feeling of the import thereof, and the responsibility that rests on us, your Committee has come to the following conclusions which we present for the consideration of Synod:

- a) With the Curatorium we believe that the four professors should first have consulted with Dr. Janssen.

- b) Dr. Janssen, in his interview with the Committee, very definitely stated as his standpoint the verbal inspiration of the Holy Scriptures, and its absolute authority for faith and conduct.
- c) It has not been made evident to your Committee that Dr. Janssen teaches anything that is not in harmony with the Reformed teaching of inspiration.
- d) It does, however, appear to your Committee that Dr. Janssen in his explanation of Holy Writ sometimes places too much emphasis on the human factor and on natural means, so that in the estimation of some students the particular divine factor did not come into its rights.
- e) We as a Committee in its entirety agree with point 3 of the last decision of the Curatorium concerning this matter, which reads as follows:

"That Dr. Janssen endeavor to prevent anything that could lead to misunderstanding, and express himself clearly in his teaching so that all misunderstanding is excluded."

- f) In the event that Synod cannot agree to these conclusions, your Committee advises that Synod do not engage in a lengthy discussion about this case, but appoint a committee of competent men to investigate thoroughly the objections to Dr. Janssen's teachings, and report to the next Synod.

Finally, we would like to inform you that all these conclusions of advice were unanimously adopted.

Your Committee,

G. Hoekaema, Reporter.

It is decided that all the documents both of the professors concerned and of the Curatorium be read. (Cf. Art. 51).

Closing Devotions.

Friday Afternoon Session, June 25.

Article 47.

Opening Devotions.

Continuation of the reading of the documents. (See Art. 58.)

Concerning a document received from Dr. Janssen, the content of which was of a more personal and intimate nature, it was decided not to discuss this for the present.

Article 48.

Synod adjourns until Monday, 1:30 P.M.

Closing Devotions.

Monday Afternoon Session, June 28.

Article 49.

Opening Devotions.

The minutes of the session of Thursday and Friday are read, and after a few correction are approved.

Article 50.

A letter received from Rev. J. Vander Werp addressed to Synod is declared unacceptable since it did not come in the prescribed way of Consistory and Classis.

Upon the same ground it is decided with respect to a letter in the name of a group called "Premillennialist of the Christian Reformed Church" signed by Jacob Jonker, President, and John A. Van Dyke, Secretary.

Article 51.

Concerning the protest of the four professors against the Curatorium (Art. 46), it is decided that an opportunity be given to all the five professors concerned to speak on this case.

Professor Berkhof is the first to address Synod giving further information on the protest, and thereafter Prof. Ten Hoor.

Article 52.

It is decided to have an evening session beginning at 7:30.

Closing Devotions.

Monday Evening Session, June 28.

Article 53.

Opening Devotions.

Decided to meet until 9:30 P.M.

Article 54.

(1) The Board of Heathen Missions presents the following to Synod: "At the request of the Synod (Art. 45) the members of the Board of Heathen Missions present, have prepared the following nominations of ministers and candidates for calls to the China field, all subject to passing the necessary medical examinations for themselves and their families. We would suggest that Synod indicate the two primi, the two secundi, and the two tertii. We desire authorization, if this list should be exhausted, to have calls extended to other men whom we may be able to secure as candidates for the proposed China field. The names are arranged alphabetically:

Rev. J. C. De Korne, Cand. Harry Dykstra, Rev. S. A. Dykstra, Rev. L. S. Huizenga, M. D., Rev. J. H. Monsma, and Cand. Jacob Paauw.

- 1) Synod decides to eliminate Rev. J. H. Monsma from the nomination since the brother has just accepted a call as missionary among the Jews in Paterson.
- 2) The election is as follows: Primi, Rev. J. C. De Korne and Rev. L. S. Huizenga, M. D. Secundi: Cand. Harry Dykstra, Rev. S. A. Dykstra, and Cand. Jacob Paauw, respectively.
- 3) The Board is empowered to call other competent men for

the proposed mission field in China to be placed in nomination in the event those elected by Synod should decline.

(2) Your Committee advises Synod further (see Art. 34, 8, above);

- 1) The salary of the Mission Secretary be set at \$3,000.00, as well as hotel and travel expenses.

Adopted

- 2) Remunerations received by him in our own circles are to be deposited in the fund for Heathen Missions.

Adopted.

- 3) The salary is to be paid from the fund for Heathen Missions until Synod decides otherwise.

Adopted

- 4) The residence is to be either in Grand Rapids or Chicago. Final decision is to be determined by the Heathen Mission Board and the Secretary.

Synod decides to leave the choice wholly in the hands of the Heathen Mission Board in consultation with the Secretary.

- 5) Nominations: Dr. H. Beets, Rev. J. M. Vande Kieft, and Rev. M. Van Vessel.

Adopted.

Discussion concerning the nominees takes place in Executive Session.

Thereafter Synod votes with the result that Dr. H. Beets is elected as Primus, and Rev. M. Van Vessel as Secundus.

In the event the above mentioned decline the Executive Committee of the Board in consultation with the Domestic Mission Committees of Classes Grand Rapids East and West are authorized to call another in their place.

(3) Concerning the duties of the Secretary, your Committee proposes the followings

Rules and Regulations Governing the Work of the Secretary of Missions.

Article 1.

The Secretary of Missions shall labor under the supervision of the Board of Heathen Missions, of which he shall be a member ex officio. Approved.

Article 2.

His duties regarding the Board shall be:

To act as its Secretary in keeping full and complete record of the transactions of the Board and its Executive Committee; conducting and having charge of the correspondence of the Board; keeping files of all letters and papers concerning the work of the Board of Heathen Missions, (for which purpose he shall be provided with the necessary office equipment); to arrange and bring up such business as requires the attention of the Board and its Executive Committee; submit such documents as may be necessary for their information; prepare and submit to the Board the reports to the Synod; and to attend the meetings of Synod for advisory services, concerning Mission matters. Approved.

Article 3.

Duties regarding the missionaries: To visit them and their fields from time to time, as directed by the Board of Heathen Missions, for the purpose of counseling with them concerning their work and assisting them in case of difficulties which may have arisen or are likely to arise, adjusting personal relations between the various workers, if necessary, and bringing about such understanding and harmonious cooperation between the workers of the various posts as shall promote the harmony and well-being of the work. Approved.

Article 4.

Duties regarding other missionary organizations: To attend the meetings of the Home Mission Council and the Foreign Mission Conference and of such of their respective Committees as his work in the interests of our own Mission requires, as well as to place himself in personal contact with our own Jewish and Home Mission organizations as will enable him to properly advocate their interests as set forth in Article 5. Approved.

Article 5.

Duties regarding the denominations: To visit as many classical meetings and congregations as his other duties allow; to enlighten and enthuse people on the subject of missions in all its branches; to stimulate prayer for missions; the study of

mission literature; to have christian young men and women consecrate themselves to the cause of missions at home and abroad; to organize, wherever deemed necessary, Mission Societies and Mission Festivals and Conferences, and to present the cause of Missions to these meetings. He shall also write or edit and advance the publication of such missionary literature as covers the entire field of our missionary activities at home and abroad. And since the Church has no general budget for Missions, he is charged with studying the financial problems of our heathen mission work and to promote such giving, by individuals and congregations, as will, with God's blessing, provide the means needed for our missionary undertakings. Approved.

Article 6.

The Secretary of Missions shall provide the Board of Heathen Missions with bi-monthly reports of his work. Approved.

Article 7.

He shall be allowed one month vacation per year, to be taken at such times as shall least interfere with his work; vacations shall be arranged in consultation with the Board of Missions. Approved.

Article 8.

The above named articles may be changed or amended only by the Synod, although the Mission Board, in case of necessity, may provisionally alter them in minor respects. Approved.

(4) The following proposal is presented to Synod:

For serious consideration that the Board send the Mission Secretary with the two missionaries to China to inspect the mission field.

After some discussion it is decided to table this matter.

(5) The Board is authorized to make provisions to pay the salary or have the salary paid to the missionaries Huizenga and De Korne after July 1, 1920.

Closing Devotions.

Tuesday Morning Session, June 29.

Article 55.

Opening Devotions.

Article 56.

It is decided to give the janitors Norden and Nyp gratifications of \$50.00 and \$30.00 respectively for their extra work during the sessions of Synod, and to Miss Dykstra, the clerk of the School, \$60.00 for her typing and mimeographing.

Article 57.

The Committee of Pre-advise for Publications reports on its work not yet acted upon. (see Art. 18.)

(1) Overture from Claasis Muskgon: Since the Church now has its own printing plant, it should also take over the Instructor and distribute them, if such can be done under fair conditions.

Advices: Not to consider this matter at the present time. Grounds:

- a) Members of the Publication Committee say that there are at present no funds to buy the same.
- b) The printing plant is not in a position to take on more work.
- c) A larger working force would be needed, and at present the labor question is difficult.
- d) The place that we have rented is not large enough to take on more work, and the lease runs until May, 1921.

Adopted.

(2) By means of a request from the American Bible Society (Acts, Art. 19), for support in its variegated and useful work for the Kingdom of God, to appoint a representative of the Christian Reformed Church on its advisory Council, for the observance of "Bible Sunday", Synod decides:

- a) That it is almost impossible, since we do not have a general denominational budget, as is requested, that 1%

of this general budget be set aside for the American Bible Society, but at the same time that Synod remind the Churches by this that earlier it was decided to recommend one offering per year for this cause. Congregations which have a budget are requested to give consideration to the A. B. S. when the budget is prepared.

b) That we appoint a representative as requested. (Art. 64.)

c) Concerning the "Bible Sunday" to leave it to the discretion of our churches to what lengths they would go in stressing the distribution of Scriptures on the last Sunday in November.

(3) Since Synod decided (Art. 18, 3) to set the honorariums of the Editors of De Wachter and The Banner at \$500.00 per year, and since objections were raised concerning this, Synod referred the matter to the Publication Committee of Pre-advise, because some believed that this honorarium was not sufficient, advises Synod to increase the amount to \$450.00 annually for each Editor.

Grounds:

- a) Because the amount of time that our Editors bestow on this work is constantly increasing.
- b) Because the amount is not too much for the work performed by these brothers.

Adopted.

(4) Concerning the honorarium of the departmental editors your Committee advises to leave this to the judgment of the Publication Committee, who are better qualified to judge the work of the different editors. This advice is given in connection with the decision of the Synod of 1918, (Art. 22, II, 3, p. 15, the last part), we is as follows: "Synod grant the Publication Committee the right to grant a higher gratification for one department than for another, since the departments are of a different nature, and that much more work is connected with one than the other."

Adopted.

(5) Overture from Glassis Hudson for providing English sermons. Your Committee advises the following plan in order to provide for this need: Synod appoint a committee consisting of four members -- one minister and one layman from the Center, one minister from the West, and one minister from the East. The duty of this committee will be to provide English sermons for reading services. And that in the following manner:

- a) The ministers of the committee will endeavor in their own area to obtain manuscripts of sermon from his own circle of ministers, which are qualified for this purpose;
- b) The layman member of the committee from the Center, e.g., Grand Rapids, will make and send mimeograph copies of these sermons, just as was done during the war with sermons for our soldiers;
- c) As soon as a sufficient number of sermons are ready, notice is to be made in our church periodicals, and the consistories can send in an order to the headquarters of the committee.

The advantages of this plan are:

- 1) It actually provides for an existing need.
- 2) It is very easy to produce.
- 3) It is a very inexpensive plan. The number of sermons only have to be mimeographed according the demand. Ministers, who provide sermons for the committee, are remunerated. And these expenses are again covered by low price asked from the consistories. With a small advance of say \$250.00 the committee could begin its work, and in the future undoubtedly their expennaes would be covered by the receipts.

Should Synod adopte this plan, then your Committee advises furthers:

- a) That the appointment of the committee be placed in the hands of the Committee on Appointments. To this committee the suggestion be made to appoint Mr. R. Van Noord as layman of this committee, because he has a mimeograph machine, and very likely is willing to assume this work.

- b) That the committee be granted \$250.00 for the next two years to be taken from the General Fund of Home Missions.
- c) That the lay member of this committee, who will mimeograph and send out the sermons, receive a gratuity of \$250.00 per year.

Adopted.

(6) Overture from Classes Grand Rapids East and Grand Rapids West concerning the Sunday School Lessons (Agenda, p. 21, ff). Your Committee advises; That Synod appoint a committee to get in contact with the editors and publishers of the Instructor, and in consultation with them to work out a plan for a Departmental Graded Lesson Course, and regulations for the publication of the same, and to present the plan to the next Synod.

Adopted.

(7) Overture from Classis Illinois.

In view of the fact that the publication of the Dutch paper, Sabbath School Bode, has been terminated, Synod provide as soon as possible by other means to fill this need.

Grounds:

- a) Many teachers are not qualified to give instruction in the language of the land, because they did not receive their education this country.
- b) Many of the children, who up until this time learned the psalm verses given therein, no longer do so, resulting in a decline in our singing.
- c) That where there are no Christian Schools the Dutch language is not taught, it will meet the need of maintaining the Dutch language.
- d) Many parents enjoy reading the lessons the children bring home.

Your Committee advises that to meet the need of the Dutch-speaking congregations, the Sunday School lessons that appear from week to week in De Wachter be printed separately in an appropriate form and be distributed as "Sabbath School Bode."

Adopted.

The carrying out of this matter is placed in the hands of the Publication Committee.

(8) Increase in the honorarium for members of the Publication Committee (Artl8, 13). Advice: That the members of the Publication Committee receive \$25.00 for the years 1918 to 1920, and \$50.00 after 1920.

Adopted.

Article 58.

Since the Committee on Church Songs (Acts 1918, p. 43, Art. 42, XIV, and Art. 76), did not file a report, it is decided to continue the committee.

Article 59.

The discussion of the protest of the four theological professors is continued. Proff. Ten Hoor, Heyns, and Dr. Volbeda address Synod.

Closing Devotions.

Tuesday Afternoon Session, June 29.

Article 60.

Opening Devotions.

Dr. R. Janssen addresses Synod during most of the session.

Article 61.

Rev. B. A. Dykstra and Cand. Harry Dykstra, chosen as secundi missionaries to the mission field in China, address Synod expressing their appreciation for the honor granted them, and their earnest desire to be sent out in the Lord's time. The president of Synod responds in a fitting manner.

Article 62.

Closing Devotions.

Wednesday Morning Session, June 30.

Article 63.

Opening Devotions.

The minutes of the Tuesday sessions are read and approved.

Article 64.

The Committee on Appointments' Report is read by Rev. J. M. Vande Kieft. It is approved as follows:

1. Synodical Committees: Rev. W. P. Van Wyk, Dr. R. L. Haan, and Rev. J. Holwerda.

2. Synodical Treasurers: Rev. J. Noordewier.

3. Curators (term, 4 years):

Grand Rapids East: Rev. W. P. Van Wyk; Dr. H. H. Meeter, alternate.

Grand Rapids West: Rev. J. C. Schaap; Dr. Y. P. De Jong, alternate.

Hackensack: Rev. D. De Beer.

Holland: Rev. B. H. Elmhink; Rev. A. Keizer, alternate.

Hudson: Rev. J. B. Hoekstra; Rev. J. Walkotten, alternate.

Illinois: Rev. J. Manni; Dr. J. Van Lonkhuyzen, alternate.

Muskegon: Rev. J. Dolfin; Rev. H. M. Vander Ploeg, alternate.

Orange City: Rev. J. De Jonge; Rev. D. Hollebeek, alternate.

Ostfriesland: Rev. H. Ahuis; Rev. H. C. Bode, alternate.

Pacific: Rev. E. Breen, Rev. T. Vander Ark, alternate.

Pella: Rev. I. Van Dellen; Rev. J. Haveman, alternate.

Sioux Center: Rev. C. De Leeuw; Rev. A. Guikema, alternate.

Zeeland: Rev. M. Van Vessom; Rev. W. D. Vander Ploeg, alternate.

4. Deputies ad Examinas

Grand Rapids East: Dr. H. H. Meeter; Rev. W. P. Van Wyk, alternate.

Grand Rapids West: Dr. Y. P. De Jong.

Hackensack: Rev. D. De Beer; Rev. K. Poppen, alternate.
Holland: Rev. A. Keizer; Rev. B. H. Einink, alternate.
Hudson: Rev. J. Walkotten; Rev. W. P. Heeres, alternate.
Illinois: Rev. J. Manni; Rev. E. J. Tuuk, alternate.
Muskegon: Rev. J. L. Van Tielon; Rev. J. L. Heeres, alternate.
Orange City: Rev. M. Vander Heide.
Ostfrisslands: Rev. J. Gulker; Rev. F. Schuurmann, alternate.
Pacific: Rev. C. Vriesman.
Pella: Rev. G. D. De Jong; Rev. J. Mulder, alternate.
Sioux Center: Rev. J. M. Byleveld.
Zeeland: Rev. E. J. Krohne; Rev. J. A. Rottier, alternate.

5. Church Help Committees: Rev. J. Manni, Rev. D. De Beer, Rev. H. J. Heynen.
6. Emeritus Fund Committees: S. S. Postma and M. Trap, 4 years; Rev. A. Guikema, Rev. J. O. Vos, Elder H. Haveman, alternate.
7. Representative to the National Christian Association: Rev. G. W. Hylkema.
8. Delegates of the General Fund for Home Missions: Rev. I. Van Dellen, Rev. K. Poppen, Elder B. Sevensma; Rev. A. Ahuis, Rev. H. Bakker, Rev. A. Bratt, alternates.
9. Jewish Mission Fund: Rev. J. L. Van Tielon; Rev. W. D. Vander Werp, alternate.
10. Publication Committees: For 4 years - Prof. W. Heyns, Elder G. J. Rooks, Elder H. Jenkema, and Rev. D. R. Drukker.
11. Committee for Immigration for the Prevention of Dispersions: Rev. H. J. Heynen, Rev. P. J. Hoekenga, W. Aardappel, B. Leest, C. Vander Kooi, R. Eerkes, A. De Vries, J. Klaver, G. J. Withage.
12. Committee for Tract Literatures: Rev. H. J. Kuiper, Rev. D. Zwier, Rev. G. Hoeksema, and Rev. A. J. Rus.
13. Committee for Auditing the Books: H. Denkema, R. Van Noord, H. Stehouwer.

14. Deputies for South America: Rev. J. Wyngaarden, Dr. J. Van Lonkhuyzen, Rev. J. Groen.
15. Worship Committee: (continued) Prof. W. Heyns, Rev. H. J. Kuiper, Rev. L. Trap, Rev. D. Zwier, Dr. J. Van Lonkhuyzen, Rev. J. Groen, Dr. Y. P. De Jong.
16. Committee for Graded Sunday School Lessons: Rev. R. B. Kuiper, Rev. W. Trap, Prof. H. j. G. Van Andel, Rev. A. W. De Jonge, Prin. J. De Jager.
17. Committee for Securing Publications of English Sermons: Rev. K. Bergsma, Rev. K. Poppen, Rev. H. C. Eode, Elder R. Van Noord.
18. Committee for the Sale of the Schools: See below.
19. Committee re Membership in the Federal Council of Churches in America: Rev. J. Dolfin, Rev. J. Timmermann.
20. Delegate for the American Bible Society: Rev. L. Trap.
21. Committee in connection with the Gereformeerde Kerken in the Netherlands and South Africa to consider Review of our Church Forms: Dr. S. Volbeda, Dr. J. Van Lonkhuyzen, Dr. H. H. Meeter.
22. Committee for Drafting Form for making Profession of faith: Rev. E. Breen, Rev. F. J. Drost, Rev. N. Gelderloos.
23. Committee to Revise the Rules for Church Visiting and Translation into English: Rev. D. Zwier, Prof. D. H. Kromminga, Rev. C. De Leeuw.
24. Committee for the Marriage Question, Classis Pella: Prof. F. M. Ten Hoor, Rev. H. Keegstra, Rev. H. Tula.
25. Committee for Revision of Rules and Regulations for Emeriti: Rev. J. Smitter, Prof. L. Berkhof, Rev. H. M. Vander Ploeg, Rev. I. Van Dellen, Dr. J. Van Lonkhuyzen.
26. Deputies to assist Class^{is}/Oetfriesland in the case of H. Kamps: Rev. J. M. Byleveld, Rev. J. Smitter.
27. Fire Insurance Committees: (continued) Mr. A. Peters, H. Denkema, B. J. Jonkman.

28. Committee for Preliminary Preparations for the next Synod:
J. B. Hulst and B. Sevensma.
29. Committee for Church Songs; (continued) Rev. M. Vander Heide,
Rev. J. M. Voortman, Rev. P. A. Hoekstra, Rev. K. W. Fortuin,
Rev. E. J. Tanis.

Adopted.

With a view to the legality for the sale of the Theological School, No. 18 above, resolved:

"Synod authorizes the Board of Trustees to sell the property at the northeast corner of Franklin St. and Madison Ave., S.E., for the sum of \$20,000.00."

Article 65.

Synod decides to send a letter of sympathetic concern to Rev. W. P. Heeres, because of the illness of himself, and to Rev. J. J. Weersing, because of the illness of his wife, were hindered from attending Synod.

Article 66.

Dr. Janssen ends his address. Thereafter, returning to the further discussion of the protest against the Curatorium, Synod decides to follow the report of the Committee of Pre-advice.

- (1) Point a of the report reads as follows: "Synod declare with the Curatorium that the four professors should have consulted with Dr. Janssen.

Rejected.

Closing Devotions.

Wednesday Afternoon Session, July 30.

Article 67.

Opening Devotions.

Article 68.

Continuation of the Report of the Committee of Pre-advice concerning the protest of the four professors against the Curatorium.

(2) Point b of the report is adopted as follows: "Dr. Janssen in his hearing before Synod, was firm in his standpoint concerning the verbal inspiration of Holy Writ, and its absolute authority in faith and practice."

(3) Point c of the report is revised as follows: "It has not appeared to Synod that Dr. Janssen teaches anything contrary to the Reformed doctrine of the verbal inspiration of Holy Writ, and its absolute authority for faith and practice."

(4) Point d is adopted as follows: "It does, however, appear to Synod that in his explanation of Scripture he sometimes places too much stress on the human factor and the natural means, so that thereby in the estimation of some students the divine factor did not come to its rights."

(5) Point e is adopted as follows: "Synod declare that Dr. Janssen exert himself to prevent that which has given occasion or could cause misunderstanding, and express himself clearly in his teaching so that misunderstanding is excluded."

Article 69.

In consideration of the preceding Dr. Janssen on the floor of Synod declares that in the future he will endeavor to prevent that which has given occasion or that could give occasion for misunderstanding, and be as clear as possible in his teaching to prevent any misunderstanding.

Thereafter the President of Synod addresses a word to all the members of the Theological Faculty, calling on them to seek harmony among each other, and earnestly and uprightly to seek the welfare of the Theological School and the Church.

Article 70.

The Deputies and Examiners of Classes Grand Rapids West and Holland, who were present at the meeting of Classis Muskegon, where a final decision was made with respect to the deposition of Rev. Bultema, presents the following reports:

Esteemed Fathers and Brothers:

The undersigned bring to the attention of Synod, that they, at the request of Classis Muskegon, as Synodical deputies of the

Classes Grand Rapids West and Holland respectively, were present at the meeting of Classis Muskegon, whereat a final decision was made for the deposition of Rev. Bultema.

The undersigned, after having observed the proceedings of the case, at that meeting agreed in their advice to the deposition of Rev. H. Bultema from his office as minister of Muskegon I.

Humbly submitted,

Y. P. De Jong,
Herman Hoeksma.

Received as information and approved. (See Art. 43,7.)

Article 71.

The Theological Professors as well as the Editor-in-Chief of De Wachter express their hearty thanks for the increase in salary according to synodical decision.

Article 72.

The minutes of the sessions of Wednesday, June 30, are read and approved.

Article 73.

Synod unanimously expresses satisfaction in the manner in which the President conducted the session of Synod.

Article 74.

The President makes his closing address as follows:

Beloved Brothers:

We have come to the close of our labors, which we as a Synod of the Christian Reformed Church had to perform this year. We were called upon to deliberate and make decisions with respect to several matters. And among these were matters of great difficulty and of great importance. The Acts testify thereof.

It is a cause for great joy that we might observe in our gatherings, that although there were differences of point of view, nevertheless the delegates earnestly attempted to come to unanimous decisions. Every one felt that the welfare of the Church was at stake. While we sought this unanimity

yet we did not want to do this at the expense of principles that are not only cherished by us, but the slighting of which would make us unworthy of the name of Reformed Churches. We do not want to suppress that the ministry of the Word by the president of the previous Synod on the eveing before Synod went into session, when he spurred us on together to seek the peace and the welfare of Jerusalem, has borne fruit in our assembly. In the most important matters we came to unanimous decisions. That was from the Lord. May this Synod in history not be known as the "Million Dollar Synod," but as the "UNITY SYNOD."

Further we feel called upon to express our thanks to the church of Eastern Avenue, the convening church, to the Stated Clerk for the preparatory work. Also the Grand Rapids churches for their hospitality shown to the delegates. I thank Synod for making it easy for me to conduct the meetings. I received wonderful support from the Vice-President and look back with delight to the accurate and rapid work of the Clerks. The Committees of Pre-advice have performed outstanding work, to which surely the advice of the pre-advisors contributed much. The brothers Hulst and Sevensma provided for the mimeographed reports on time, and the brothers appointed to prepare press reports performed invaluable service. The Lord has blessed us together. From Him we also expect His blessing on the work performed.

Now Synod is ready to disband. We are living in trying times. May we as churches understand our calling in these times. That we stand stedfast of the truth of God's infallible, inspired Word. That in unity we hold high our Confessions. That the love of Christ fill our hearts and bind us together. And that we work while it is day before the night come when no man can work. Amen.

The Vice-President in the name of Synod speaks words of appreciation and gratitude to the President.

Article 75.

The assembly sings Psalm 119:53, after which the President closes the meeting with prayer and thanksgiving.

Wm. P. Van Wyk, President,
Henry Beets, Vice-President,
H. Keegstra, First Clerk,
H. M. Vander Ploeg, Second Clerk.

S U P P L E M E N T S

SUPPLEMENT I

REPORT OF THE SYNODICAL COMMITTEE TO
THE SYNOD OF 1920.

Esteemed Brothers:

Your Synodical Committee has the honor and the satisfaction to report to you that the Synodical year just past through the goodness of God passed peacefully, so that for the Committee there was not much to do except to recommend at the request of Classis Pacific a collection for the Edmonton, Canada, congregation, and publishing the names and addresses of the brothers that form our Committee on Discession, as well as those delegated to the major assembly of the corresponding churches in our country:

Rev. L. Trap to the General Synod, Reformed Church in America, Asbury Park, N. J.; Rev. J. Mulder to the General Assembly, United Presbyterian Church, Sterling, Kansas; Rev. H. Bel to the General Assembly, Reformed Presbyterian Church, Pittsburgh, Pa.

Unexpectedly we were prevented from sending a delegate to the Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church at Greeley, Colo., because of distance it was decided not to send a delegate to the Synod of the Associate Presbyterian Church at Rimersburgh, Pa. Because of sickness in the family Rev. Mulder was hindered in attending the U. P. General Assembly.

The Stated Clerk wrote and signed various credentials for ministers with a view to chaplaincies and competence as ministers, as well as an explanation in order to obtain Communion wine..

All kinds of requests for statistics were also answered, while various letters were written with respect to the admission of Rev. Jongblood to Ellis Island. He also had to spend a few days in Muskegon as a witness in court concerning the First Christian Reformed Church there.

No answers had been received from either the Gereformeerde Churches of the Netherlands nor the Reformed Church of South America concerning the question of divorce placed before them.

Your Committee takes the liberty to call your attention to the fact that the General Synod of the Gereformeerde Churches of the Netherlands will meet in August of this year in Leeuwarden. We believe it would be desirable to send a minister as delegate to represent us there to further the ties that unite us, to explain the needs, of the Divorce question, and the cooperative deliberation concerning the revision of the Liturgy and the expansion of the Confession, when these matters are discussed. In our opinion it would also be well that the work at Hoboken be emphasized, which was discussed at the Synod of 1911 at Zwolle. Especially in view of the increasing immigration here.

Since traveling expenses have increased greatly in the last years, your Committee recommends that in place of \$50.00 as given heretofore, this be increased to \$200.00 in order to meet the expenses.

Your Committee again places its mandate into your hands, thankful for the confidence placed in the members of the Committee. The term of the Stated Clerk continues until 1922.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Van Wyk, President
Henry Beets, Secretary

REPORT OF AUDIT OF SYNODICAL TREASURER'S BOOKS

FROM JUNE 19, 1918, TO JUNE 7, 1920.

Balance on hand, June 19, 1918 \$1,478.23

RECEIPTS

Assessments	\$5,403.00	
Cash received more than assessed	<u>54.00</u>	5,457.00
Total		<u>\$6,935.23</u>

DISBURSEMENTS

To Synodical Delegates	\$2,876.57	
To Miscellaneous Expenditures	<u>2,348.93</u>	5,225.50
Total		\$1,709.73
Received interest on deposits		<u>32.22</u>
Balance on hand		<u>\$1,741.95</u>

Certificate of Deposit #8235 - Kent State Bank	\$ 250.00
Certificate of Deposit #8236 - Kent State Bank	268.80
Certificate of Deposit #7640 - Kent State Bank	600.00
Certificate of Deposit #599 - Commercial Savings Bk	100.00
Certificate of Deposit #604 - Commercial Savings BK	<u>522.15</u>
Total	<u>\$1,741.95</u>

Respectfully submitted,

H. Denkema
R. Van Noord
Henry Stehouwer
Auditors.

Grand Rapids, Michigan, June 7, 1920.
Rev. J. Noordewier, Synodical Treasurer.

SUPPLEMENT II

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

Esteemed Fathers and Brothers:

The Board of Trustees (Curatorium) desires to submit the following report to you:

The past two years have been eventful for our School in many respects.

This period marks the close of the World War, in which some of our students were involved, and which, in many ways, affected our School-life.

During the school year 1918-1919, there were 405 students enrolled; 283 in the Preparatory School, 80 in the College, and 42 in the Seminary.

This number has been even surpassed in the school-year 1919-1920, for then 459 were enrolled; 325 in the Preparatory School, 94 in the College, and 40 in the Seminary.

This year the number of graduates is as follows:

College Graduates

Seminary Preparatory Course	15
Three-year College Course	6

Preparatory Department

Seminary Preparatory Course	15
Modern Classical Course	24
Classical Course	3
Teacher's Course	3

Theological Department	12
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Faculty

Since Prof. B. K. Kuiper resigned from the Department of History, the Curatorium Contractum appointed Dr. Peter Hoekstra as his successor, who has been reappointed in 1920 for a

term of six years. Mr. Henry Ryekamp was appointed instructor in 1919, and reappointed in 1920, as Professor in the Department of Sociology and Economics, with one year leave of absence to prepare himself more fully for his work. Mr. Ralph Stob was appointed Professor in Public Speaking, and assistant Professor in Greek to Professor Schoolland. Mr. John Olthof was appointed for the Department of Physics, and Mr. Harry Jellessa in the Department of Philosophy.

In June, 1919, the Board appointed the Rev. J. J. Hiemenga, A.M., B.D., as College President. Since September, 1919, he has taken charge of the Preparatory School and College, and this arduous task has been undertaken with energy and fervor as is evident from his Educational Program and plan for the Million Dollar Endowment Fund. We recommend his work to your earnest consideration and support.

Curriculum.

During the June session, 1919, the Board resolved to enlarge the Curriculum of the College Department, in order to complete the College in the near future, in accordance with the decision of Synod.

Due to the enlargement of the Curriculum, more Professors were needed, who were appointed in February, 1920.

The Board of Trustees can now grant the degree of Bachelor of Arts without requirement of study at any other institution.

Grundy Center School.

The Board has appointed a Supervisory Committee to inspect the work carried on at the Grundy Center School, and to attend annual examinations. Full report has been made to the Board of Trustees in 1919 and 1920, as is found on its records.

Preparatory School.

In considering the report of the College President and his Educational Program, the Board came to the conclusion that it would advise Synod: To separate the Preparatory Department from the Church at once, for the following reasons:

- 1) Since the Christian High Schools are now enabled to carry on the work thus far done by the Church;

- 2) Since thereby unnecessary duplication and expense will be eliminated.

In connection herewith, the Board deems it necessary that the College President and Faculty arrange, during the period of transition, for such Seminary Prep. students as have begun or are about to begin their course of study at our institution in September.

Post Graduates.

The Board resolved to bring this matter to the attention of Synod, concerning students who have completed their Theological course at our Seminary, and desire to take Post Graduate work at other institutions.

The Board resolved in June, 1919, as follows:

- a) If students, (Theological) desire to take Post Graduate work at other institutions, this must be done in consultation with the Board of Trustees.
- b) As long as they continue their study elsewhere and do not desire to consider a call, they remain under the supervision of the Board of Trustees.
- c) When they desire to consider a call, they must notify the secretary of the Board of Trustees, in order that he may publicly announce their candidacy to the Church.

The Board of Trustees entreats Synod to express its opinion in this matter for guidance of the Board.

Buildings.

No new buildings have been added, although the need of a Dormitory is keenly felt, but because of the high cost of materials and labor, the Board did not deem it wise to build now.

The old building on Madison Avenue has been rented to the Grand Rapids Christian High School Association for a period of one year, at \$1,800.00.

In connection herewith it must be added that the Board of Trustees has an offer of the Grand Rapids Christian High School Association. The offer is made by the Board of said Association to buy the property for \$20,000.00, subject to its approval.

The Board of Trustees advises to offer the property to the Chr. High School Association for the sum of \$40,000.00, with

recommendation to the Synod for a rebate of \$10,000.00, if Synod should approve.

Educational Secretary.

During the past two years Rev. J. Vander Mey has continued his work as heretofore. His efforts have not been futile. During the year 1918-1919 he obtained a total of \$32,408.37. In the past year, 1919-1920, the total amounted to \$44,112.97. Evidently he has been signally blessed in his efforts. May the future hold still better things in store for him and the School!

Finances.

Since June, 1919, the Board of Trustees has entrusted the entire care of its finances to a Committee. This Committee consists of two Trustees and six prominent local business men, who have charge of this very important branch of the work, with full responsibility, however, to the Board. They can give the assurance that this measure has proven very satisfactory thus far.

Budget for 1920-1921.

After considering the report of the Finance Committee, the Board of Trustees is enabled to recommend to Synod the appropriation of an annual Budget for the Theological School and Calvin College.

The Budget, as prepared by the Board, aggregates \$69,350.00, and in order to provide funds for it for the years 1920-1921 and 1921-1922, the Board offers the following overture for your approval:

- 1) Raise the annual assessment for two years to \$3.00 per family, which would mean an annual income of \$56,583.00.
- 2) Raise the tuition fee to an average of \$35.00 per student which would mean an income of \$8,750.00.
- 3) Finally, the Board would recommend the adoption of the proposed endowment, according to the plan of President Hiemenga, for One Million Dollars, to be used for Educational purposes in the Christian Ref. Church. This Fund is to be the property of the Church.

If the development of our Educational policy should in the future lead to a separation of Church and College, the Church

will then make a disposition of its funds as it may deem necessary.

If, according to the plan of the College President, the Fund shall be established in five years, and \$200,000.00 per annum be deposited as a permanent fund, the interest thereof would be an important item for the Budget.

Salaries.

The Board recommends that the salaries of the College Professors, that have not reached the maximum established by Synod in 1918, be raised \$200.00 over and above the amount they were to receive in 1920-1921 and 1921-1922, but not beyond that amount, since the Budget does not warrant more than that amount.

The Board also recommends the raising of the salary of the Theological Professors. If this is done by Synod, then Synod must raise the Budget and assessment accordingly, in order to prevent a deficit.

Treasurer.

The Board feels constrained to ask brother J. J. De Jonge to resign as Treasurer on account of bodily infirmity, but since he was appointed by Synod until 1922 and in recognition of past services, the Board recommends to Synod to give him a gratuity of \$500.00.

For the revised Rules and Regulations for the Theological School and Calvin College see Art. 29, 6, of the Acts.

Respectfully submitted,

B. H. Einink, Secretary.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER

(May 15, 1920.)

Financial Report for the year ending May 15, 1920.

GENERAL FUND.

	Families	Assessment	Due from last year	Received	Over-paid	Due May 15, 1920
G. R. East	2330	\$4077.50	\$ 841.55	\$ 4381.28		\$ 557.77
G. R. West	2665	4663.75	3191.95	5126.94		2728.56
Holland	1657	2899.75		1738.16		1161.59
Zeeland	1349	2360.75	338.77	2335.73		163.75
Muskegon	2071	3624.25	887.02	3801.29		709.98
Hackensack	295	516.25	76.40	592.65		
Hudson	1397	2444.75	585.48	2835.59	5.36	
Illinois	2410	4217.50		4217.50		
Orange City	1158	2026.50		2026.50		
Pella	998	1746.50	1045.00	2791.50		
Pacific	641	1121.75		1121.75		
Sioux Center	1141	1996.75		1996.75		
	18112	\$31696.00	\$6766.17	\$35145.64	\$5.36	\$353.21.69

RECEIPTS

Classical Assessment	\$33,145.64
Interest	2,551.21
Examination Fees	410.00
Tuition	10,149.50
Laboratory Fees	329.50
Semitic Books	15.00
Prize Essay	10.00
Donations	5,439.59
Rent, Old Building	84.00
Wachter and Benner	1,500.00
Deficit	10,495.79

\$64,130.23

DISBURSEMENT

Deficit, previous year	\$ 4,723.15
Salaries	47,237.57
Fuel	1,183.75
Taxes	1,303.68
Emeritus--Professors and Widows	1,350.00
Laboratory	1,137.88
Printing and Stationery	547.20
Repairs	256.05
Water Tax	173.10
Insurance	276.06
Furniture and Fixtures	53.88
Periodicals	111.26
Grundy Center	2,000.00
Traveling Expenses	1,346.94
Telephone	109.27
Supplies	1,062.92
Advertising	312.25
Light and Power	256.57
Miscellaneous	688.70
	<u>\$64,130.23</u>

ENDOWMENT FUND

Balance, May 15, 1919	\$ 3,134.00	Loaned on Mortgages	\$ 7,734.00
Loans Paid	6,750.00	Balance	4,400.00
Donations	2,250.00		
	<u>\$12,134.00</u>		<u>\$12,124.00</u>

VALUE OF FUND

Loans	\$32,034.00
Liberty Bonds	700.00
Cash	<u>4,400.00</u>
	<u>\$37,134.00</u>

LIBRARY FUND

Balance, May 15, 1919	\$ 863.62	Books	\$ 854.78
Interest	677.94	Interest	210.00
Books	104.38	Loans	566.00
Donations	10.00	Balance on Hand	2,593.66
Fines	18.50		
Loans	<u>2,550.00</u>		
	<u>\$ 4,224.44</u>		<u>\$ 4,224.44</u>

VALUE OF FUND

Liberty Bonds	\$ 650.00
Loans	2,686.00
Cash	<u>2,593.66</u>
	<u>\$ 6,109.66</u>

EDUCATIONAL SECRETARY FUND

Balance, May 15, 1919	\$24,567.02	Salary	\$ 2,591.66
Received by Rev. J. Vander Mey	19,545.95	Expense	818.70
		Trans. to Interest	316.50
		Trans. to Donations	1,090.00
		Trans. to End. Fund	2,150.00
		Disc. on Canada Money	9.00
		Paid Note	1,000.00
		Paid Interest	3,925.00
		Balance, May 15, 1920	<u>\$2,212.11</u>
	<u>\$44,112.97</u>		<u>\$44,112.11</u>

VALUE OF FUND

Liberty Bonds	\$10,775.00
Cash	<u>21,437.11</u>
	<u>\$32,212.11</u>

LABORATORY FUND

Balance, May 15, 1920	\$ 582.10		
		N. T. AND CHURCH HISTORY	
Cash	\$ 1,000.00	Books	\$ 60.30
		Balance	<u>939.70</u>
	<u>\$ 1,000.00</u>		<u>\$ 1,000.00</u>

J. J. De Jonge, Treas.

SUPPLEMENT III

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE FOR THE GENERAL FUND FOR DOMESTIC MISSIONS.

Esteemed Brothers:

First of all we present to you the financial report of our Fund, running from June 1, 1918 to May 31, 1920.

RECEIPTS-COMMERCIAL DEPARTMENT		DISBURSEMENTS-COMMERCIAL DEPARTMENT	
Balance, June 1, 1918	\$ 1,070.56	General Meetings	\$ 49.00
Interest	164.20	Honorariums	150.00
From the respective Classes	18,193.90	Administration	16.30
		To the Respective Classes	15,053.22
		Deposited in Savings	1,387.75
		Total Disbursements	\$16,656.27
		Balance	2,772.39
Total Receipts	\$19,428.66		\$19,428.66
Balance, Comm. Dep't.	2,772.39		
Savings Account	2,617.05		
Balance in Fund	\$ 5,389.44		

Moreover, there is the so-called Lubbers Fund of \$1,350.00, which in the meantime has been loaned to the Church of Cleveland East.

We have reasons for humble thanksgiving. We have received about three thousand dollars more than last year, while we disbursed more than the previous book-year.

That the Fund is in such good circumstances is partly because there are some vacancies. These vacant places together with the deaths of Revs. F. Stuart and D. Vander Ploeg, both Home Missionaries, who have served Domestic Mission for a period of time.

Here is a list of what the various Classes have contributed, and what they have drawn from the Fund;

	Receipts	Disbursements
Classis Grand Rapids East	\$1,525.53	
" Grand Rapids West	1,501.85	
" Hudson	1,395.80	
" Hackensack	257.10	
" (Hudson and Hackensack		
" received for Eastern		
" Home Missions, \$1,400.00,		
" and Immigration work, \$1,200.00.)		
" Holland	895.34	
" Illinois	2,054.17	
" Muskegon	1,606.62	2,150.00
" Orange City	1,754.76	1,850.00
" Ostfriesland	734.81	2,350.00
" Pacific	764.63	4,603.22
" Pella	1,860.97	1,500.00
" Sioux Center	2,708.19	
" Zeeland	1,145.15	

If one considers the number of families in each of the Classes, one notices that one Classis contributes considerably more than another for Domestic Missions. Also one congregation contributes more than another within the confines of a Classis for Domestic Missions, so that we believe investigation should be made in this respect.

It is to be hoped that soon all the posts will be manned. And wherean the salaries of missionaries and ministers whose congregations receive support were increased or are to be increased, it is apparent that much more will be required for the next two years, if the Lord grants us the necessary workers.

The following requests for support have been made:

Classis Muskegon	\$1,500.00	Classes Hudson	
" Ostfriesland	1,600.00	and Hackensack	\$2,500.00
" Pacific	4,000.00	Classis Grand Rapids East	500.00
" Pella	1,000.00	" Orange City	2,000.00

We recommend to Synod the above Classes for the amounts they request.

Moreover, Classes Hudson and Hackensack request \$1000.00 per year for the Immigration work at Hoboken. The previous Synod decided to grant \$600.00 per year for this work. Since this cause bears a special character, we merely call this to your attention.

Humbly submitted,

K. Poppen
B. Sevensma, Secretary
I. Van Dellen

SUPPLEMENT IV

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF HEATHEN MISSIONS

TO THE SYNOD OF 1920.

Reverend Brethren:

Your Board of Heathen Missions has the honor to report to you about its labors since the Synod of 1918.

Allow us first to take up matters concerning the proposed foreign work, and afterwards those of our Indian field.

THE PROPOSED FOREIGN WORK.

As you know, the Synod of 1918 appointed Revs. L. S. Huizenga and J. C. De Korne as a committee to visit and inspect the two fields selected by the Synod, Central Africa and China. They were to labor under the direction of the Board. (Sec Acts 1918, p. 85.)

Soon after Synod had adjourned, at a Committee meeting held July 5, the president and the secretary of the Board were appointed to confer with Dr. S. M. Zwemer who had just returned from Egypt and China. He suggested that our Committee should spend a few weeks in the Missionary Research Library in New York to reach definite conclusions. This suggestion was acted upon by the Committee, September 12, 1918, and the brethren soon started their investigation. On the ground of what they ascertained, the Executive Committee, on Nov. 14, expressed as its mind that it was not wise to carry out the decision of Synod,

- a) because it was the opinion that all needed information about a new missionary location could be obtained in the United States;
- b) because a tremendous expense would be involved, not alone the \$5,000.00 or \$6,000.00 needed for the trip, but a similar amount for the housing, maintenance and moving expenses

of the families of the Investigating Committee, a total of some \$12,000.00;

- c) because Synod failed to provide funds for the undertaking;
- d) the fields to be visited were so large that a period of three or four months devoted to each field would not suffice for a thorough survey.

The Executive Committee, not willing to shoulder the entire responsibility in this matter, called a special Board meeting, which convened December 5, and resolved to carry out the Synodical resolution in the following manner:

- a) That the Board next June, in a tentative way, decide which one of the mission fields is to be selected for personal investigation, and if deemed wise, for preliminary operations;
- b) That Revs. Huizenga and De Korne depart for that selected field as soon as possible after the June Board meeting;
- c) That during the interval they continue their investigations and moreover, and especially, try to raise funds for the proposed undertaking by means of speaking tours and other efforts.

Their remuneration was fixed at \$1,800.00 per annum, with a home and traveling expenses. We are happy to state, by the way, that the LaGrave Ave. church of Grand Rapids, declared itself willing to pay Dr. Huizenga's salary.

At the Committee meeting of February 20, 1919, the action recorded above under a and b was rescinded, subject to Board approval, since the brethren Huizenga and De Korne declared it hampered them in their work that the Board decided to send them to one of the fields in 1919.

Since then, Revs. Huizenga and De Korne have visited nearly the entire denomination and obtained in pledges and ready cash considerably over \$50,000.00 for the foreign mission enterprise. Dr. Huizenga has labored a considerable part of the time while performing pastoral duties at Englewood, N. J., a place whose nearness to New York City enabled him to continue medical studies, while Rev. De Korne spent part of his time, after the canvass of the Church was finished, in studying Arabic in Grand Rapids, and taking special courses, during the last few months.

at the Kennedy School of Missions, Hartford, Conn. Both of these men have spent many weeks laboring on the report before you in the Agenda. They have also given considerable publicity to mission matters in our Church papers. An exhibit in one of the rooms in Calvin College will give you additional proof that they were diligent in obtaining all kinds of information on the subject entrusted to them, and we trust that Synod will not chide the Board for holding the opinion, as expressed above, that it was not deemed wise to send the brethren away, since sufficient information could be obtained in our own land.

We may perhaps be permitted to add here that war conditions quite likely would have prevented their going into the Sudan, while a trip to China would not alone have taken much time, but would also have involved a great deal of expense due to upset shipping conditions during the Great War.

The Board was not sure that it was within its province to express an opinion on the issue involved in the report of Revs. Huizenga and De Korne, but if a statement is desired, we are willing to say that the majority of the Board members prefer China above the Sudan. May the Lord grant you wisdom to decide about this weighty matter.

OUR INDIAN FIELD.

Returning now to our Indian field of labor, entrusted especially to our care as your servants, we begin by stating that since the Synod of 1918, our Board met thrice, and its Executive Committee not less than twelve times. A brotherly spirit of harmony marked all these meetings of the brethren. Revs. Breen and Walkotten retired from the Board after several years of valuable service.

Next, let us take you along the various mission stations for a birds'-eye view of the work at each post.

At Zuni, our eldest post, the Y.M.C.A. quarters were considerably enlarged by fixing up the old mission home. Rev. Fryling, assisted by his daughter as teacher, Miss Beekman as matron and field matron, and Mr. Vander Beek in charge of work among the young men, are laboring together harmoniously. From 1918 to 1920 three baptisms of Zunis took place. Our day-school number 24 Indian children. In the government schools near

Zuni, and at Black Rock, four miles from the Zuni pueblo, children are taught by our men right along, so that not less than 310 Zuni children are reached by our workers, besides the young men, through "Y" work and Bible correspondence. Besides school and catechism work, preaching services are held Sunday afternoons in the Zuni chapel, although, alas, not well attended so far as adult Zunies are concerned.

At Tohatchi, the next oldest post, eight baptisms of adults took place during the last two years. Brother Mark Bouma is seriously opposed by Roman Catholics who built a chapel near the Government school and tried to obtain signatures so that Navaho children might be placed in their care instead of Brother Bouma's. Happily, however, our worker and his helper succeeded in getting over one hundred signatures, so that at present they will have as many as 100 students under their care. The old church is used regularly now for worship and instruction. A plan to open a sub-medical station at Tohatchi as a kind of annex-hospital of Rehoboth, is on foot. The \$500.00 per year promised for this purpose by the Holland Classis, now in charge of the Tohatchi post, will be used right away to establish a dispensary there.

Toadlena, formerly Two Grey Hills, the place where Rev. L. P. Brink is stationed, now has an enrollment of 100 children in the Government school with which our brother is connected. Our buildings at that post have been considerably improved. Two interpreters assist brother Brink, and field work is undertaken on an extensive scale, not only in the Toadlena territory, but also in the Blanco Canyon district, which was given up by the Classis of Zeeland, after the Rev. H. Heyns' resignation had been accepted by the Classis, taking effect Nov. 1, 1918. Materials for buildings in the Blanco Canyon field were used at Toadlena.

At Crown Point the labors of Rev. J. Bolt and his wife have been blessed of late in an encouraging way, so that recently nine baptisms took place, and many are on the waiting list. About 250 children are taught here in the Government school.

At Rehoboth, our centrally located main post, several improvements were made during the last two years, notably as to the heating plant and lighting system. The Board is thankful to the Rev. L. Ypma for rendering valuable service in regard to these

two necessary parts of the equipment. That their installation must have meant much hard work for Manager Bosscher and his helpers, is needless to say. We believe that our missionary laborers at Rehoboth, as well as those elsewhere, rendered faithful service. But we regret very much that we must mention the fact that several of the Rehoboth employees were compelled to resign because of illness. Miss Anna Bouma, Miss Maud Koester, Miss Martha Minnema, Miss Carey Ten Houten, Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Brummeler, and Miss Nellie De Jong, all of these were compelled to relinquish their tasks, because of bodily affliction.

Miss Bertha Rosbach, after years of loyal service, left to enter the state of matrimony. Happily, others were secured to fall in line, with the exception of a nurse. We are still looking for such a missionary helper, and keenly regret that hitherto none has been found.

A second matter of regret is that several of the Rehoboth children had to be dismissed because of misconduct, and three or four because their minds seemed to be incapable of further development. But here again the sorrow is mitigated by the fact that not less than 101 are enrolled, of whom 50 are boys and 51 girls, and every one of them supported by some individual or organization, at the rate of \$125.00 per annum. That the expenses of an institution like Rehoboth, with its boarding-school, hospital and force of about 15 workers, is enormous is not to be wondered at, in these days of high cost of living. The expenditures were heavier, because the Board, in 1919, and again in 1920, raised the salary of the helpers--none of whom, by the way, is overpaid, and some of them serving with considerable sacrifice to themselves financially.

Consequently it will not greatly surprise you when we state that the Rehoboth budget for 1920-1921 (one year), totals \$22,000.00 for expenses, besides \$14,000.00 for salaries of the workers--except that of Rev. J. W. Brink provided by the Eastern Avenue church. The Manager has been allowed \$180.00 per year for the maintenance (food, clothes and medical care) of each child, since the pre-war rate of \$125.00 proved altogether too low to cover expenses. The supporters of these children will be asked urgently but kindly to arrange for an increase of their contribution from \$125.00 to \$180.00. We trust no one will object. Necessity compels us. The entire Indian budget for next year has

been fixed at \$54,245.69. This is for the regular expenses for each post, and also covers an overdraft of \$5,104.69 as indicated in the report of the treasurer, accompanying this report. The special appropriations for new enterprises are mentioned below among the proposals to be submitted for your approval.

Speaking about the mission field in general we desire to call to your attention to the fact that we are employing an increasingly large number of interpreters to assist our workers among the Navahoes with their very difficult language and roving mode of existence. This employment is not alone necessary to reach the Indians spoken of, but also gives work and training of a christian character to our converts. For this purpose we have also had one of our young women converts teach a primary class at Rehoboth. Some of our other Rehoboth girls are in training for nurses, under Dr. Mulder's supervision, while two or three of the graduates of our Rehoboth girls are making themselves useful as nurses, whose work is appreciated by strangers as well as by our own people.

Let us not omit to ask you to take notice of the fact that an increase in the number of people received into the church by baptism is perceptible when comparing figures given in our account of things pertaining to individual posts. While slow and to some extent disappointing, our Indian work has not been entirely in vain in the Lord. We shall, however, not hide the fact from you that in several instances the lives of some of our baptized Indians are not in harmony with consistent christian duty and example. Measures have been taken concerning Rehoboth to overcome some of the temptations placed in the way and leading several to stumble. Regarding those who have left our school and are away from our mission posts, only faithful and persistent field-work can meet the situation. There is a blessing promised to those who go after those who have strayed away from the flock. We trust our workers will do their part to obtain that favor, while at the same time not forgetting the little ones entrusted to their care at the posts.

And we hope also that the proposed Training School mentioned in the proposals, will be instrumental in raising up many among the Indians themselves to go out on the highways and byways of the reservation to look for their kinsmen, wandering

away from God as well as from our mission posts. We bespeak much prayer for our Indian work.

PROPOSALS OF THE BOARD.

(1) To approve the appointment of the following members of the Board representing their Classes:

Grand Rapids East - Rev. R. B. Kuiper
Grand Rapids West - Rev. H. Boets
Hackensack - Rev. K. Poppen
Holland - Rev. R. Bolt
Hudson - Rev. S. S. Vander Heide
Illinois - Rev. Z. Sherds
Muskegon - Rev. J. Dolfin
Orange City - Rev. L. Ypma
Ostfriesland - Rev. H. C. Bode
Pacific - Rev. T. Vander Ark
Pella - Rev. I. Van Dellen
Sioux Center - Rev. J. G. Vander Lune
Zeeland - Rev. H. Tuls

(2) To approve the action of the Board, in obtaining affiliation with the Foreign Missions Conference. This was considered necessary to eventually enter the Sudan, or for that matter any other foreign field that we assume, to obtain passports from any foreign field we assume, to obtain passports from Great Britain, as well as to be in constant contact with the great missionary organizations of our days.

The Constitution of the Conference states specifically: "that it is a purely voluntary association of Boards and Societies, without authority to commit the participating Boards and Societies to any position, policy, or course of action."

Boards, like ours, with an annual income between \$20,000.00 and \$100,000.00, are entitled to a representation by three delegates, including executive officers. The respective Boards pay the expenses of our delegates and the general expenses are paid by the Boards proportionate to their income.

(3) To approve of the action of the Board to establish a Training School of our own, since it was impossible to arrange with the Presbyterians, according to the proposal accepted by the Synod of 1918. This school we propose to locate for the next two years, by way of trial, at Rehoboth, to see how it fits in with

the boarding school there and its environment. Rev. J. W. Brink is to give the religious instruction, and Rev. L. P. Brink is to come over from time to time from Toadlena to teach the Navaho language to the pupils. We are unable to say at this time how many will be enrolled.

It is proposed to have the Training School co-educational, since we need trained christian women to become workers among their own people as well as men. Details are given in a report, approved by General Conference, as well as by the Board. (Supplement XII.)

(4) To approve of the plan of the Board to appeal to our churches for a special offering and special gifts to erect an addition to our present hospital, which is proving entirely too small under the leadership of Dr. Mulder. While the capacity is only 18, the average daily number of patients is 22, and at times as high as 30. The new addition, planned tentatively 57 x 37 feet, cost estimated at \$15,000.00, is to be in the nature of a Memorial to commemorate the fact that next year it will be 25 years ago that we began work among the Indians of the Southwest. Blue prints and more definite estimates are to be submitted and approved of by the Board before the actual construction is to be begun.

(5) Your permission is asked to have a separate mission post established at Gallup, N. M. This is proposed by the General Conference and approved of by the Board. Missionary L. P. Brink will furnish Synod with a map of the mission field, indicating the limits of each of the posts.

(6) The Board transmits to you the offer of the Classis of Zealand that, if Rev. J. C. De Korne is appointed as one of the missionaries for a foreign field, this Classis promises to pay his salary, if not exceeding \$2,000.00.

(7) Your attention is called to the accompanying report of the Committee appointed to form a plan for pensioning of unordained workers, as ordered by the Synod of 1918. It has been approved of by the Board.

(8) Finally, we beg to state that the secretary received to date 17 offers of Volunteers for foreign fields, now at different

schools, some of them ready to go soon, and a couple offering to be sent immediately.

Respectfully submitted,

By order of the Board of Heathen Missions,

Henry Beets, secretary

BOARD OF HEATHEN MISSIONS OF THE CHR. REF.
CHURCH--ANNUAL REPORT.

From June 1, 1919 to May 31, 1920.

INDIAN MISSION FUND

Receipts

General Fund, Balance per last report	\$ 128.55
General Fund, Received during year	27,263.42
Rehoboth, Received during year	11,270.60
Zuni, Balance per last report	575.82
Zuni, Received during year	2,919.12
Other Stations and purposes	<u>332.00</u>
	\$42,287.51

Disbursements

Annual Board Meeting	\$ 296.15	
Executive Committee Meetings	104.18	
General Expenses	547.65	
Note and Interest	1,592.80	
Refunds	251.50	
Traveling Expenses (vacation, etc.)	561.28	
Rehoboth Budget	15,098.20	
Rehoboth Extras	2,278.05	
Rehoboth Heating and Lighting Plants	7,496.50	
Rehoboth Salaries	9,837.99	
Toadlena Expenses	1,645.59	
Toadlena Salaries	1,125.00	
Crown Point Expenses	140.65	
Tohatchi Expenses	168.60	
Zuni Expenses	5,106.39	
Zuni Salaries	<u>1,141.67</u>	47,392.20
Indian Mission Fund Overdrawn		\$ 5,104.69

FOREIGN MISSION FUND

Receipts

Balance per last report	\$ 4,124.72
Received during the year	<u>40,121.18</u>
	\$44,245.90

Disbursements

Committee Expenses	\$1,329.97	
Refund to Cl. Treas. sent by error	87.00	
Committee Salaries	<u>3,112.50</u>	<u>4,529.47</u>
Balance in Foreign Mission Fund		\$39,716.45
Indian Mission Fund Overdrawn		<u>5,104.69</u>
Balance on hand, May 31, 1920		\$34,611.74

John Dolfin, Treasurer

Above statement compared with Treasurer's books and found correct, June 7, 1920.

H. Denkema
R. Van Noord
Henry Stehouwer,
Auditors

SUPPLEMENT V

(1) REPORT ON JEWISH MISSIONS.

Honorable Fathers and Brothers in the Lord Jesus Christ:

A brief report is certainly expected of me concerning the receipts and disbursements. The Lord has again richly blessed us, so that we could fulfil the promises of Synod to Chicago and Paterson. By renewal our people have shown that they believe in the promises of God made to his ancient people in the Old and New Covenant. God has not rejected his people, which He has known aforetime. And so we expect with patience, but also with assurance, their receiving again and grafting in as life from death, as the riches of the world.

The receipts and disbursements are as follows:

Balance, June 1, 1918	\$ 2,009.08
Receipts, June 1, 1918 to May 31, 1919	<u>8,875.16</u>
Total	\$10,884.24
Disbursements, June 1, 1918 to May 31, 1920	<u>9,103.70</u>
Balance	\$ 1,780.54
Receipts, June 1, 1919 to May 31, 1920	<u>9,334.80</u>
Total	\$11,115.34
Disbursements, June 1, 1919 to May 31, 1920	<u>10,605.00</u>
Balance	\$ 510.34

Hereby we have to the best of our ability fulfilled our mandate for the 26th year. And now I have a friendly request that Synod no longer elect me as treasurer for Jewish Missions.

Jehovah, Israels faithful covenant God, bless the Church, bless the Mission among his people of old, to the praise of his glorious Name.

Your brother in Christ,

J. I. Flee, Treasurer

(2) REPORT OF THE PATERSON HEBREW MISSION.

May 1, 1918 to May 1, 1920.

To the Synod of the Christian Reformed Church, held June, 1920.

Honored Fathers and Brethren:

The Deputies of Classis Hudson and Hackensack for the Paterson Hebrew Mission have the privilege to report:

(1) The Mission Building, at 48 N. Main St., Paterson, New Jersey, has been well taken care of during the last two years, and is a credit to the mission zeal of the Church. Bulletin Boards, tract cases, stereopticon, and electric lights have been installed, and the building has been in constant use for the Mission among the Jews.

(2) As to the laborers we must report that H. Bregman resigned, taking effect April 17, 1919.

The Classes then adopted the suggestion of their deputies to call an ordained Minister of the Gospel for the Paterson Hebrew Mission. Reasons:

- 1) It is very difficult to find a converted Jew of whom we are convinced that he embraces our Standards;
- 2) In order that the work among the Jews can be controlled and done according to our Standards;
- 3) It is desirable that an ordained minister be called in order that official work may be done.

The Prospect Park congregation was designated as the "calling church."

This congregation has called consecutively: Revs. J. L. Heeres, H. C. Bode, M. Van Vessum, and H. Bel. But all have declined to accept the call.

To fill the place of the Jewish Missionary, the Ministers of both Classes have preached to the Jews on the street corners and

in the Mission Building, but realizing that the work should have one controlling head to guide the work of visitation, Sunday School, distribution of tracts, dispensary, etc., the Rev. J. Walkotten was asked and also his consistory, to give part of his time as "Superintendent pro tempore", which was allowed with the understanding that redoubled efforts be made to procure an ordained Missionary.

During the summer of 1919 we employed two theological students of the Grand Rapids Seminary, and an interpreter, Leo Bolutin, who labored very faithfully.

At present we have two women visitors, Miss Agnes De Vries and Miss Riemersma, and Cand. Herman H. Schultze as Missionary helper.

Mr. G. Boe, Superintendent of the Christian School, has done very able work in the evening school.

We also find it very difficult to get a physician to give time gratis to attend our Dispensary. We are, however, very grateful to Dr. Dunning for his services which he so willingly gives.

Humbly submitted,

Klaas Poppen, Secretary.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF THE PATERSON
HEBREW MISSION.

May 1, 1918 to May 1, 1920.

Receipts.

Balance on hand, May 1, 1918	\$ 875.16
From Synod, per Rev. J. I. Flee	10,300.00
Donations from various sources	1,239.07
Rent	706.00
Interest	115.16
Dispensary	35.82
Total Receipts	\$13,271.21

Disbursements.

Salaries	\$ 5,736.01
Repairs and improvements	311.38
Insurance	169.06
Phone, Water, and Light	128.58
Coal and Wood	473.20
Benevolences	20.00
Drugs	51.47
Gospels, Tracts, etc.	149.66
Sundries	673.56
Total Disbursements	\$ 7,712.92

Balance, May 1, 1920 \$ 5,558.29

The books were audited and found in order the first year by Revs. K. Poppen and J. A. Westervelt; the second year by S. Struck and L. W. Proll.

Respectfully submitted,

D. De Beer, Treasurer.

(3) JEWISH MISSION, CLASSIS ILLINOIS.

To the Synod of the Christian Reformed Church, to be held at Grand Rapids, Michigan, June 16, ff.

Honorable Fathers and Brothers;

At the Synodical mandate Classis Illinois has instituted Rules and Regulations with respect to the mission to the Jews in Chicago, which Classis Illinois presents to Synod. (See Acts of Synod.)

At the same time Classis Illinois upon request has * initiated attempts to obtain a Mission of the denomination among the Jews," and succeeded.

In the first place, it is brought to your attention, that Classis has appointed five deputies with their alternates, to promote Jewish Missions. The deputies are: Rev. J. O. Vos, Dr. J. Van Lonkhuyzen, Rev. G. W. Hylkema, Elder M. De Maa, Elder G. Bossenga; alternates: Rev. S. Bouma, Rev. P. D. Van Vliet, Rev. E. J. Tuuk, Elder B. Zoeteman, and Elder E. Wiernga.

Classis also designated Chicago I as the calling church. It called Rev. H. Beld of Middelburg, Iowa, who accepted the call. His salary was set at \$2,400.00.

The former parsonage of Chicago I was remodeled as a Mission House, wherein there is a reading room, and rooms for girls, mothers, Sunday School, Boys' Manual Training, and English language classes.

Besides Rev. Beld and his wife, the last named being blessed in her work among the girls and women, Mr. Rottenberg is also in the service of the Jewish Mission, a candidate at the McCormick Seminary. He was engaged for a year for a salary of \$125.00 per month. The brother is the head of the Mission work, while Rev. Beld performs administrative work, and on Sundays preaches in the churches in order to promote love for the Jewish Mission among our people.

Furthermore at this moment, Mr. Bolotin, a student at Calvin College, a promising young man, conducts open air meetings, etc., with Mr. Rottenberg; Bolotin has been engaged for the summer months. A certain Mr. Koren has also been engaged, who lives in the Mission house, and has charge of the reading room. Also Miss Kurlner, who accompanies Mrs. Beld in visiting the women and girls, and a few other helpers for manual training and other classes.

The work, although wrestling with many difficulties, is performed with zeal and devotion, and is blessed among the younger Jews.

At its January meeting Classis decided to ask Synod for a mandate to spend at most \$20,000.00 for the purchase of a suitable building for Jewish Missions in Chicago.

Humbly submitted,

H. Guikema, S. C.,

Classis Illinois.

P.S. The following financial report was sent to me from the Treasurer, Mr. M. De Maa.

Total receipts including the amount	\$10,225.76
From Rev. J. I. Fies, Synodical Deputy	<u>7,500.00</u>
Total receipts	\$10,225.76
Disbursements to May 1	<u>3,815.54</u>
Balance	\$ 6,410.22

(Was signed) M. De Maa,
Chicago Lawn Station,
R. R. #, Box 6
Chicago, Illinois

SUPPLEMENT VI

REPORT OF THE MANITUL BOARD.

To the Synod assembled June 15, 1920.

Esteemed Brothers:

The Board consisted of the brothers Mr. S. S. Postma, Mr. M. Trap, Mr. A. Rosbach, Revs. H. M. Vander Ploeg and J. Smitter.

The officers; Mr. S. S. Postma, President; Rev. H. M. Vander Ploeg, Vice-President; and Rev. J. Smitter, Secretary-Treasurer.

Since the last Synod, because of the times, has increased the amount of pension considerably, and at that time there was no money in the fund, the Board was faced with the question, What to do? Synod increased the quota, but it would be several months before the necessary funds would be obtained.

We can, however, relate that the Board was placed in a position to meet each quarter 100%, by means of obtaining a loan of \$1,000.00 at two different times. Moreover, we granted pension to Mrs. A. Dekker, requested through the channels of Classis Grand Rapids East for \$500.00; to Rev. J. Robbert for \$700.00 at the request of Classis Zeeland; to Rev. T. Van 't Loo, by means of Classis Muskegon for \$1,000.00; and at the request of Classis Ostfriesland for \$400.00 for Mrs. J. Gruessing; to Rev. K. Kuiper for \$200.00 at the request of Classis Holland; and to Mrs. J. B. Jonkman for \$500.00 at the request of Classis Illinois.

With joy and gratitude the Board can state that extra gifts were received from the following Classes; Hudson, Illinois, Orange City, Ostfriesland, Pacific, and Pella. Hereby the Board was able to disburse a couple of gratuities.

The following were taken by death; Rev. G. Broens, the widow of Rev. H. H. D. Langersis, and the widow of the late Rev. H. Vander Werp.

Rev. J. B. Vanden Hook considered that he had regained that measure of health so that he could entertain a call, and last Spring accepted a call.

After the death of Rev. G. Broene, the children informed us that henceforth they would take care of their mother, and at the same time thanked the Board for the pension that had been given.

The Report of the Treasurer is as follows:

1918-1919

Receipts	\$11,700.47
Disbursements	<u>10,693.15</u>
Balance	\$ 1,007.32
Lubbers Fund	\$ 1,378.76

1919-1920

Receipts	\$12,786.97
Disbursements	<u>11,730.70</u>
Balance	\$ 1,056.27

The books of the Treasurer were examined and found correct.

From the books it appears that Classis Hackensack has met its arrearage. The following Classes are still indebted:

	1918-1919	1919-1920	Total
Grand Rapids East	\$459.09	\$602.67	\$1,061.76
Grand Rapids West	850.51	392.41	1,192.92
Holland	18.64	7.77	26.41
Muskegon	161.98	220.42	382.40
Zeeland	17.53	65.24	82.77

The Board further received the following requests: from Classis Pella, for Mrs. F. Stuart, \$900.00; from Classis Pacific for Mrs. D. Vander Ploeg, \$800.00; from Classis Pella for Rev. J. Vissia, \$1,200.00.

The Board advises the following pensions:

Rev. A J. Brink	\$ 850.00
Rev. H. Van Weesep	700.00
Rev. J. Plesscher	500.00
Rev. A. Meyer	1,000.00
Rev. J. Robbert	700.00
Rev. K. Kuiper	800.00
Rev. F. Van 't Loo	900.00

Rev. J. Vissia	\$1,000.00
Rev. J. Groen	800.00
Mrs. M. J. Bosma	600.00
Mrs. H. Huizingh	350.00
Mrs. J. Schultz	300.00
Mrs. J. Temple	300.00
Mrs. S. Broekstra	300.00
Mrs. J. Remein	300.00
Mrs. J. Van Vleanderen	300.00
Mrs. J. Stadt	350.00
Mrs. J. A. Kett	300.00
Mrs. A. Van Houten	250.00
Mrs. L. Rietdyk	150.00
Mrs. J. B. Jonkman	500.00
Mrs. P. Van Vliet	500.00
Mrs. A. Dekker	500.00
Mrs. J. Gruessing	500.00
Mrs. F. Stuart	500.00
Mrs. D. Vander Ploeg	700.00
Van Houten Orphans	200.00

Synod is called upon to choose two members. The retiring members are Mr. S. S. Postma and Mr. M. Trap.

We acknowledge with gratitude the many years of service of Mr. S. S. Postma, the retiring president, and come as Board to request Synod to re-appoint him.

Per the Board,

J. Smitter, Secretary.

Classis Grand Rapids East requests \$1,200.00 for Rev. J. Groen. Since there is no official information from Classis Grand Rapids East, the Board advises granting \$800.00 in order that there may be equality in its disbursements.

Classis Grand Rapids East requests an increase of \$200.00 for Mrs. A. Dekker. Since the Board has not received any information wherein this increase is deemed necessary, the Board cannot recommend the request.

Synod is requested to set the quota at 80% per family.

J. Smitter.

SUPPLEMENT VII

REPORT OF THE CHURCH HELP COMMITTEE.

Honorable Brothers:

This Synodical year requires that a brief yet complete report concerning what has been received for Church help, and what was transacted by its Committee, in aid to the weak and needy churches. Generally the Committee was able to supply the entire need. Yet a short time ago the Committee felt the need of making a change, because more was requested in the last three months concerning that with which Church Help is charged. While during the war little building took place, this has changed, so that \$5,000.00 was promised and there is only a couple of hundred dollars in the fund.

Practically all the congregations, which have received support, regularly pay one twentieth or more each year. The congregations which have paid in full are the following:

Ellsworth, Mich., Prairie City, Ia., Amsterdam, Idaho, Alamosa, Colo., Bethany, Muskogon, Mich., Inwood, Iowa, Doon, Iowa, Choteau, Mont., and Rochester, N. Y.

The entire amount that was repaid since the last Synod amounted to \$4,891.22.

In the last two years the following amounts were received:

Classis Grand Rapids East	\$ 644.03
" Grand Rapids West	551.99
" Hackensack	107.30
" Holland	601.06
" Hudson	657.72
" Illinois	1,021.70
" Muskogon	566.04
" Orange City	581.36

Classis Oatfriesland	\$ 119.70
" Pacific	452.57
" Pella	616.45
" Sioux Center	650.95
" Leeland	433.51
Total	\$ 7,004.38
Disbursements	4,891.22
Interest	144.05
Balance, June 1, 1918	1,434.89
Total	\$13,474.54

Disbursed to the following congregations:

Sibley	\$ 800.00	Todd County	\$ 400.00
Creston, Grand Rapids	1,000.00	Wyoming Park	1,000.00
Hills	600.00	Lansing	2,000.00
Estelline	1,000.00	Holland Center	800.00
Edmonton	1,000.00	Holland, Minn.	600.00
Plover, Wisc.	2,000.00	Ripon, Calif.	2,000.00
Other Disbursements for 2 years	\$ 80.00		
Total Disbursements	13,280.00		
Balance	\$ 194.54		

The \$1,000.00 granted to the Edmonton congregation without repayment needs the approval of Synod.

The indebtedness of the various congregations:

Caldwell	\$ 220.00	Kanawha	\$ 50.00
Grant	150.00	Rudyard	691.00
Sullivan	540.00	Tracy	222.00
Atwood	30.00	Byron Center	216.00
Rusk	63.80	Northington	800.00
Lebanon	75.00	Ocheyedan	700.00
Oskaloosa	420.00	Grammersburg	770.00
Chicago, Ohio	100.00	Bethel, Gr. Rapids	850.00
Burton Heights	175.00	Los Angeles	660.00
East Palmyra	345.28	Neerlandia	170.00
Racine	225.00	Holland, Minn.	920.00
South Boardman	50.00	North Blendon	400.00
New Holland, Mont.	380.00	Detroit	875.00
Vesper	150.00	Lincoln Center	425.00
Randolph	470.29	Fremont II	450.00
Hitchcock	47.50	Columbus, Mont.	600.00
Plainfield	384.55	West Branch	380.00
Bishop	165.00	Dutton	500.00
Holland, 16th St.	325.00	Hope Church	500.00
Elpis	305.00	Lark, N. D.	500.00
Ada	350.00	Creston, Gr. Rapids	2,650.00
Conrad	680.00	Austinville	700.00

Paterson, Madison Ave.	\$ 325.00	Hawarden	\$ 900.00
Plover	2,150.00	Estelline	1,665.00
Muskegon Heights	700.00	Chandler	760.00
Burdett	150.00	Bigelow	1,000.00
Sanborn	230.00	Todd County	400.00
Winnipeg	510.00	Wyoming Park	1,000.00
Redlands	448.98	Hills	600.00
Kuner	475.00	Lansing	2,000.00
Hancock	710.00	Holland Center, S.E.	800.00
Hanford	550.00	Ripon, Calif.	2,000.00
Sibley	1,200.00	Noordeloos	201.32
Ogilvie	475.00		

The total indebtedness of these congregations amounts to \$38,235.32.

As we stated above the requests are multiplying increasingly for help from this fund.

The cost of building is presently very high. No longer do requests come in for a few hundred dollars, but for two or three thousand. This year more has been requested than what has been received in the last two years.

Therefore we ought to give Church Help a larger place in our offerings.

Respectfully submitted,

Your Committee,

J. Manni
C. De Leeuw
D. De Beer

SUPPLEMENT VIII

REPORT OF THE PUBLICATION COMMITTEE.

To the Synod of the Christian Reformed Church, to meet at Grand Rapids, Michigan, June 16 ff, 1920

Honorable Fathers and Brothers:

The fact that you are meeting as Synod places upon the Publication Committee the duty of issuing a report, which first of all must relate the activities of your Committee since the last meeting of Synod.

These activities particularly relate to the history of our first two years of experience with our own printing plant. And then we can begin by saying how much the responsibilities of the Committee have been increased, yet we believe that with owning our own Printing Plant, the Church can be congratulated.

Naturally it required special effort to get it started, and to the Business Committee, the Brothers Denkema, Hulst and Rooks, with the Business Manager, Mr. J. Buiten, goes the honor of having been successful. These men have obtained a location, purchased the machinery at reasonable prices, engaged help, and all this hindered by the confusing situation of the war, and thus in September, 1918, De Wachter could be printed, and in January, 1919, The Banner, and that at the meeting in March, 1919, it could be reported that the printing plant had been paid for, and that there was still a balance of \$5,000.00 in the treasury.

Thus we were on our way, but therewith our problems did not end. Some of those were for a good

part the result of in obtaining our own printing plant, and on the other hand the result of the irregular times in which we lived and still do.

Thus we had difficulty of getting our periodicals out on time. Time and again it left much to be desired, and repeatedly at our meetings it was an item of discussion. The last Synod decided to erect a printing plant of our own, but then a plant only for our Church papers. Such a printing plant was erected, that is, a printing plant that was designed, so that if everything worked according to plan, it would be finished with it work on time. Naturally this demanded that there should not be the slightest hitch in the operation, for example, that the linotype should be sick for a day, which would make it impossible to meet the time schedule. Although the Committee granted the Business Manager the right to get help from elsewhere, this was easier said than done, since all printing plants suffered from lack of manpower. Many printers give preference presently to other work as better paying.

Accompanied therewith is the irregular mailing schedules because of the times. Even though the Church papers would be printed on time and sent to the Post Office, the subscribers still would not receive their paper on time. Investigation revealed that the trouble lay with the large Post Offices, such as Chicago, where again there was lack of necessary manpower. Thus we knew the cause of the ailment, but that was of little help, because the situation was beyond our reach. There was no lack of complaints, but the subscribers could be no more dissatisfied than we were. On the whole though this irregularity has been borne with long suffering.

Furthermore, we have had difficulty with our work force. It appears that a sense of responsibility and faithfulness toward the employers for whom they are working, and in this instance love and heart for a cause that touches the concerns of God's Kingdom, even among Christians has disappeared. They are only concerned with their own interests and act accordingly, and so they were not concerned how things were going at the plant, but repeatedly asked for increase in wages. From this many

vexations were born for the Committee and the Business Manager, as can readily be understood.

And even paper gave birth to difficulties. High in price, poorer quality, (war paper), and then difficult to obtain. As is well known every paper had to wrestle and still does with this problem. Even at our meeting of June 2, the Business Manager stated that a carload of paper ordered in January was still on the way, and he was afraid of greater difficulties arising. It would then be necessary to reduce the papers by half.

A difficulty of a different nature is the lack of space in De Wachter. Many complaints were also received concerning this, when articles sent in and collections were not placed, and there were even those who expressed themselves that partiality was being shown. But all unjustly, because the cause lay simply in the lack of space. With a view to this the Committee decided to request all those sending in church news, reports on feasts, of family news, etc., to make their formulations as brief as possible, and with death notices to limit themselves to one signature. This will help somewhat. Furthermore, that the annual and semi-annual reports of classical finances be omitted. But for the rest, we shall have to exercise patience, because enlargement of De Wachter at the present time and under the present circumstances is not to be recommended.

A result of this lack of space is that for this time no reports for Synod were published in our papers with the exception of that of the brothers Huizenga and De Korne, which came in early and could be placed in installments. The previous Synod decided that these reports had to appear before the 1st of March, but at that time nothing had yet been received. It was then decided to wait until April, and then to publish all of them at the same time, if possible. But when the time came, it appeared that this decision simply could not be implemented, and a glance at the Agenda for this Synod is enough to convince any one. For

in the Agenda the reports take up 80 pages, and that does not include the report on expansion of Heathen Missions. Since our printing plant has its hands full with both of our papers, and help from other printing plants is hard to obtain, and having much more on hand than we can place, it is not difficult to understand that with 80 extra pages of print, we could fill several Wachters and Banners from beginning to end, so that we did not know which way to turn. We believe that we may trust that Synod will judge us with clemency for not having printed the reports in our papers.

We further have the following to report:

Already soon after the last Synod the Committee decided that as soon as we had our own printing plant the papers should have the same format, and would have the same quality of paper as well as type. Among others to this the advantage was that the shop could use the same forms. The format that was chosen was one that was handier, more in conformity with many American church papers, and that for De Wachter there would be the same amount of space, but that for The Banner there would be a remarkable increase. Naturally the subscription would have to be the same for both papers. This was done, and now the subscription price for both is \$1.75 per year to be paid in advance. If the times do not change it will be a question whether the price will again have to be increased. The price was also increased for birth, marriage, and obituary notices.

Concerning advertisements the Committee decided that those of chiropractors would only be accepted in the form of professional cards, and that for internal medicines, as also cosmetics, etc. would not be accepted. Concerning advertisements of the "Interchurch World Movement" a waiting attitude has been taken, hence they have not been placed.

With respect to the assistant editors certain changes had to be made by the Committee. In April, 1919, we received notice from Rev. Groen that because of continued illness he was no longer in a position to edit the Department of the Sunday School for De Wachter. With sympathy the Committee took note of this,

and appointed Rev. K. Bergema to replace him, who accepted the appointment.

And in June, 1919, our Nestor, Rev. L. J. Hulst informed us that his condition no longer permitted him to edit the Question Box. It was decided to write him a letter of appreciation for the number of years he had so faithfully and with so much wisdom performed his work, and at the same time send him a gratuity of \$50.00. A friendly reply was received from the brother who seemed to be at death's door. For this department Rev. J. Manni was appointed, and Rev. G. D. De Jong as alternate. With hesitation Rev. Manni accepted the appointment.

Further the Committee thought there should be a department in The Banner similar to the one in De Wachter concerning News and Views. It was decided to do so, and Rev. E. J. Panis was appointed, who accepted the appointment.

Finally, the Committee endeavored to implement a decision of the last Synod for a department of "special articles" to be written concerning actual subjects by various writers. It has sent letters to 30 ministers with the request to participate therein. This has not been without results, and already various articles have appeared in The Banner. Yet the harvest was not as great as the Committee had hoped, but this experience is not something new for the Committee. Hence there is no reason to take it ill of the Committee, if it seeks refuge in its own circle for help.

The Business Manager presented an Auditor's Report of Mr. W. P. Dreyer, Public Accountant, dated May 31, 1920. This report will be placed on the table at Synod. In the conclusion among more the following was declared: "No errors were found; the books were kept in first-class condition, being posted and balanced regularly. Cash receipts are deposited regularly, everything is done in a business-like manner, and the Committee is to be congratulated to have such an efficient Manager."

Moreover a brief financial report was filed by the Business Manager, which is as follows:

FINANCIAL STATEMENT, JUNE 1, 1918 TO JUNE 1, 1920

By J. Buiten, Jr.

Receipts

Balance on hand, June 1, 1918	\$ 5,518.99
Receipts from Subscriptions and Advertising June 1, 1918 to June 1, 1920	<u>52,735.61</u>
Total	\$58,304.60

Disbursements

Shop Operating Expense, including wages, paper, rent, power and light, etc.	321,729.33
Selling Expense, including commission to agents, draying, second class postage, etc.	3,502.62
Administration Expense, including office rent, office salaries, Editors' salaries, etc.	11,292.66
Paid for Printing Plant	7,489.26
Paid for Office Fixtures	167.92
Given to Theological School	5,000.00
Balance on Hand	<u>9,122.81</u>
Total	\$58,304.60

Number of Subscribers, De Wachter 8,500
Number of Subscribers, The Banner 5,300

In order to show that it may be necessary to raise the subscription price in the near future, I have prepared the following tables showing the difference in the cost of paper, wages, etc., two years ago and today:

	June 1, 1918	June 1, 1920
Paper cost per week	\$56.00	\$168.00
Labor, weekly payroll	62.00	152.50
Administrative Salaries	42.00	80.00

Most of these increases in price have gone into effect the last few months, and therefore from the financial report it would appear that an increase in subscription price is not necessary.

The large balance on hand is carried partly to purchase a carload of paper now on its way and partly as a reserve fund to replace or purchase additional machinery, if necessary.

Yours very respectfully,

J. Buiten, Jr.

June 10, 1920

Your Committee submits the following for action by Synod:

(1) The Committee requests the consideration of Synod that in the future all receipts from both papers be used for the promotion and improvement of the papers themselves, and the remainder for the Theological School and Calvin College. The urgent reasons for this judgment of the Committee is first and foremost, the important significance that these papers have with the blessing of the Lord for a salutary effect on our people, and reaching out to broader circle of readers in the measure that our papers reach higher goals. They are fully worthy of the promotion for their concerns. For this purpose with the increase in proceeds of our papers much could be done, while at the present time the amount given to the Theological School and Calvin College represents but a small part.

(2) The Committee by this once again dares come to Synod with a proposal that the annual and semi-annual classical financial reports no longer be published in our papers, because they take too much room and are superfluous. That they are superfluous can be shown that several Classes do not send in these reports, and thereby apparently experience no need for their publication. And if they are superfluous, then there is every reason to add weight to the argument that they take too much space, the more so since there is a scarcity of space, and that they also increase the cost.

(3) The Committee requests Synod that the honorarium for the Editor-in-Chief of The Banner be the same as that of the Editor-in-Chief of De Wachter, namely, \$500.00. The equitability of the present difference cannot be justified.

(4) The retiring members of the Publishing Committee are: H. Denkema, W. Heyns, J. Manni, and G. J. Hooks. Rev. J. Manni does not desire to be re-appointed, since he cannot attend the meetings regularly, and thus has difficulty to be fully acquainted the matters to be considered, and to act responsibly.

Per the Publication Committee,

W. Heyns, Secretary

SUPPLEMENT IX

REPORT OF THE DEPUTIES FOR SOUTH AMERICA

Honorable Brothers:

The deputies for South America present the following report and advice.

The consistories of Buenos Aires and the Boer Colony continue to give more favorable reports concerning the progress of the good work there under the guidance of Revs. Hogendorp and Sonneveldt. Rosario also wrote as favorably as could be expected of such an isolated and shepherdless congregation. But Tres Arroyos experienced a period of struggle. A faithful minister and a faithful consistory labored according to their abilities to lead the congregation and vicinity in the right direction, however, their work was hindered by many inside and outside of the congregation. Then influenza and its aftermath struck Rev. Ryper, necessitating him upon the advice of his physician to take a period of rest in a different environment, so he is now spending some months in the Netherlands on vacation.

All the consistories complain about the inflation, and are begging for help.

The receipts since the last Synod amounted to \$3,367.06. The disbursements are as follows: Indebtedness to the treasury, \$12.76; Buenos Aires, \$1,000.00; Tres Arroyos, \$1,000.00; Chubut, \$600.00; Rosario, \$250.00; Books, Wachtars, Banners, exchange and postage, \$107.80; total, \$2,970.56. Balance, \$396.50.

We gratefully acknowledge that again the Peoples State Bank of Holland took care of the exchange gratis.

Finally, we present the answer of our letter to the Deputies of the Netherlands:

"1. The Reformed Churches of South America at their request have been received in circle of our churches, namely, as Classis Buenos Aires, resorting under the Particular Synod of South Holland. (2).

"2. It is, however, very clear that the financial support of the Reformed Churches of North America cannot possibly be missed, if the work in South America is not to be disturbed.

"3. It is our understanding that receiving those churches into our fellowship, does not entail that the Gereformeerde Kerken in the Netherlands have to take care of the financial support for the weak and small churches alone, but live in the full conviction that this is also the understanding of your Churches and its Deputies ad hoc."

Our advice is that Synod again appoint deputies as before, and at the same recommend the request of the consistory of Chukut be granted, that a Classis willingly places itself in contact with this consistory for the building up and the expansion of the work of the Lord in these areas.

Respectfully submitted,

The Deputies,

J. Wyingaarden, Secretary and Treasurer.

P.S. Rev. Groen was absent because of illness.

SUPPLEMENT X

CHURCH ORDER OF THE CHRISTIAN REFORMED
CHURCH.

(Approved by the Synod of 1920, Sec. Art. 47, 13.)

ARTICLE 1.

For the maintenance of good order in the Church of Christ it is necessary that there should be: offices, assemblies, supervision of doctrine, sacraments and ceremonies, and Christian discipline; of which matters the following articles treat in due order.

OF THE OFFICES

ARTICLE 2.

The offices are of four kinds: of the Ministers of the Word, of the Professors of Theology, of the Elders, and of the Deacons.

ARTICLE 3.

No one, though he be a Professor of Theology, Elder or Deacon, shall be permitted to enter upon the Ministry of the Word and the Sacraments without having been lawfully called thereunto. And when any one acts contrary thereto, and after being frequently admonished does not desist, the Classis shall judge whether he is to be declared schismatic or is to be punished in some other way.

ARTICLE 4.

The lawful calling of those who have not been previously in office, consists:

First, in the ELECTION by the Consistory and the Deacons, after preceding prayers, with due observance of the regulations established by the consistory for this purpose, and of the ecclesiastical ordinance, that only those can for the first time be called to

the Ministry of the Word who have been declared eligible by the churches, according to the rule in this matter; and furthermore with the advice of Classis or of the counselor appointed for this purpose by the Classis;

Secondly, in the EXAMINATION both of doctrine and life which shall be conducted by the Classis, to which the call must be submitted for approval, and which shall take place in the presence of three Delegates of the Synod from the nearest Classes;

Thirdly, in the APPROBATION by the members of the calling church, when, the name of the minister having been announced for two successive Sundays, no lawful objection arises; which approbation, however, is not required in the case the election takes place with the cooperation of the congregation by choosing out of a nomination previously made.

Finally, in the public ORDINATION in the presence of the congregation, which shall take place with appropriate stipulations and interrogations, admonitions and prayers and imposition of hands by the officiating minister (and by other ministers who are present) agreeably to the Form for that purpose.

ARTICLE 5.

Ministers already in the Ministry of the Word, who are called to another congregation, shall likewise be called in the aforesaid manner by the Consistory and the Deacons, with observance of the regulations made for the purpose by the Consistory and of the general ecclesiastical ordinances for the eligibility of those who have served outside of the Christian Reformed Church and for the repeated calling of the same Minister during the same vacancy; further, with the advice of the Classis or of the counselor, appointed by the Classis, and with the approval of the Classis or of the Delegates appointed by the Classis, to whom the ministers called shall show good ecclesiastical testimonials of doctrine and life, with the approval of the calling congregation as stated in Article 4; whereupon the minister called shall be installed with appropriate stipulations and prayers agreeably to the Form for this purpose.

ARTICLE 6.

No Minister shall be at liberty to serve institutions of mercy or otherwise, unless he be previously admitted in accord-

ance with the preceding articles, and he shall, no less than others, be subject to the Church Order.

ARTICLE 7.

No one shall be called to the Ministry of the Word, without his being stationed in a particular place, except he be sent to do church extension work.

ARTICLE 8.

Persons who have not pursued the regular course of study in preparation for the Ministry of the Word, and have therefore not been declared eligible according to Article 4, shall not be admitted to the Ministry unless there is assurance of their exceptional gifts, godliness, humility, modesty, common sense and discretion, as also gifts of public address. When such persons present themselves for the Ministry, the Classis (if the (particular) Synod approve) shall first examine them, and further deal with them as it shall deem edifying, according to the general regulations of the churches.

ARTICLE 9.

Preachers without fixed charge, or others who have left some sect, shall not be admitted to the Ministry in the Church until they have been declared eligible, after careful examination, by the Classis, with the approval of Synod.

ARTICLE 10.

A Minister, once lawfully called, may not leave the congregation with which he is connected, to accept a call elsewhere, without the consent of the Consistory, together with the Deacons, and knowledge on the part of the Classis; likewise no other church may receive him until he has presented a proper certificate of dismissal from the church and the Classis where he served.

ARTICLE 11.

On the other hand, the Consistory, as representing the congregation, shall also be bound to provide for the proper support of its Ministers, and shall not dismiss them from service without the knowledge and approbation of the Classis and of the Delegates of the (particular) Synod.

ARTICLE 12.

Inasmuch as a Minister of the Word, once lawfully called as described above, is bound to the service of the church for life, he is not allowed to enter upon a secular vocation except for such weighty reasons as shall receive the approval of the Classis.

ARTICLE 13.

Ministers who, by reason of age, sickness, or otherwise, are rendered incapable of performing the duties of their Office, shall nevertheless retain the honor and title of Minister, and the Church which they have served shall provide honorably for them in their need (likewise for the orphans and widows of Ministers) out of a common fund of the Churches, according to the general ecclesiastical ordinances in this matter.

ARTICLE 14.

If any Minister, for aforesaid or any other reason, is compelled to discontinue his service for a time, which shall not take place without the advice of the Consistory, he shall nevertheless at all times be and remain subject to the call of the congregation.

ARTICLE 15.

No one shall be permitted, neglecting the Ministry of his Church or being without a fixed charge, to preach indiscriminately without the consent and authority of Synod or Classis. Likewise, no one shall be permitted to preach or administer the Sacraments in another Church without the consent of the Consistory of that Church.

ARTICLE 16.

The office of the Minister is to continue in prayer and in the Ministry of the Word, to dispense the Sacraments, to watch over his brethren, the Elders and Deacons, as well as the Congregation, and finally, with the Elders, to exercise church discipline and to see to it that everything is done decently and in good order.

ARTICLE 17.

Among the Ministers of the Word equality shall be maintained with respect to the duties of their office and also in other

matters as far as possible according to the judgement of the Consistory, and if necessary, the Classis; which equality shall also be maintained in the case of the Elders and the Deacons.

ARTICLE 18.

The office of the Professors of Theology is to expound the Holy Scriptures and to vindicate sound doctrine against heresies and errors.

ARTICLE 19.

The Churches shall exert themselves, as far as necessary, that there may be students supported by them to be trained for the Ministry of the Word.

ARTICLE 20.

Students who have received permission according to the rule in this matter, and persons who have according to Article 8 been judged competent to be prepared for the Ministry of the Word, shall, for their own training, and for the sake of becoming known to the Congregations, be allowed to speak a word of edification in the meetings for public worship.

ARTICLE 21.

The Consistories shall see to it that there are good Christian Schools where the parents have their children instructed according to the demands of the Covenant.

ARTICLE 22.

The Elders shall be chosen by the judgment of the Consistory and the Deacons according to the regulations for that purpose established by the Consistory. In pursuance of these regulations, every church shall be at liberty, according to its circumstances, to give the members an opportunity to direct attention to suitable persons, in order that the consistory may thereupon either present to the congregation for election as many elders as are needed, that they may, after they are approved by it, unless any obstacle arise, be installed with public prayers and stipulations; or present a double number to the congregation and thereupon install the one-half chosen by it, in the aforesaid manner, agreeably to the Form for this purpose.

ARTICLE 23.

The office of the Elders, in addition to what was said in Article 16 to be their duty in common with the Minister of the Word, is to take heed that the Ministers, together with their fellow-Elders and the Deacons, faithfully discharge their office, and both before and after the Lord's Supper, as time and circumstances may demand, for the edification of the churches to visit the families of the Congregation, in order particularly to comfort and instruct the members, and also to exhort others in respect to the Christian Religion.

ARTICLE 24.

The Deacons shall be chosen, approved and installed in the same manner as was stated concerning the Elders.

ARTICLE 25.

The office peculiar to the Deacons is diligently to collect alms and other contributions of charity, and after mutual counsel, faithfully and diligently to distribute the same to the poor as their needs may require it; to visit and comfort the distressed and to exercise care that the alms are not misused; of which they shall render an account in Consistory, and also (if anyone desires to be present) to the Congregation, at such time as the Consistory may see fit.

ARTICLE 26.

In places where others are devoting themselves to the care of the poor, the Deacons shall seek a mutual understanding with them to the end that the alms may all the better be distributed among those who have greatest need. Moreover, they shall make it possible for the poor to make use of institutions of mercy, and to that end they shall request the Board of Directors of such institution to keep in close touch with them. It is also desirable that the Deaconates assist and consult one another, especially in caring for the poor in such institutions.

ARTICLE 27.

The Elders and Deacons shall serve two or more years according to local regulations, and a proportionate number shall retire each year. The retiring officers shall be succeeded by others unless the circumstances and the profit of any church, in the execution of Art. 22 and 24, render a re-election advisable.

ARTICLE 28.

The Consistory shall take care, that the churches for the possession of their property, and the peace and order of their meetings can claim the protection of the Authorities; it should be well understood, however, that for the sake of peace and material possession they may never suffer the royal government of Christ over His Church to be in the least infringed upon.

OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL ASSEMBLIES.

ARTICLE 29.

Four Kinds of ecclesiastical assemblies shall be maintained; the Consistory, the Classis, (the Particular Synod), and the General Synod.

ARTICLE 30.

In these assemblies ecclesiastical matters only shall be transacted and that in an ecclesiastical manner. In major assemblies only such matters shall be dealt with as could not be finished in minor assemblies, or such as pertain to the Churches of the major assembly in common.

ARTICLE 31.

If any one complain that he has been wronged by the decision of a minor assembly, he shall have the right to appeal to a major assembly, and whatever may be agreed upon by a majority vote shall be considered settled and binding, unless it be proved to conflict with the Word of God or with the Articles of the Church Order, as long as they are not changed by a General Synod.

ARTICLE 32.

The proceedings of all assemblies shall begin by calling upon the Name of God and be closed with thanksgiving.

ARTICLE 33.

Those who are delegated to the assemblies shall bring with them their credentials and instructions, signed by those sending them, and they shall have a vote in all matters, except such as particularly concern their persons or churches.

ARTICLE 34.

In all assemblies there shall be not only a president, but also a clerk to keep a faithful record of all important matters.

ARTICLE 35.

The office of the president is to state and explain the business to be transacted, to see to it that everyone observe due order in speaking; to silence the captious and those who are vehement in speaking; and to properly discipline them if they refuse to listen. Furthermore, his office shall cease when the assembly arises.

ARTICLE 36.

The Classis has the same jurisdiction over the Consistory as the Particular Synod has over the Classis and the General Synod over the Particular.

ARTICLE 37.

In all Churches there shall be a Consistory composed of the Ministers of the Word and the Elders, who at least in larger congregations, shall, as a rule, meet once a week. The Minister of the Word (or the Ministers, if there be more than one, in turn) shall preside and regulate the proceedings. Whenever the number of Elders is small, the Deacons may be added to the Consistory by local regulation; this shall invariably be the rule where the number is less than three.

ARTICLE 38.

In places where the Consistory is to be constituted for the first time or anew, this shall not take place except with the advice of the Classis.

ARTICLE 39.

Places where as yet no Consistory can be constituted shall be placed under the care of a neighboring Consistory.

ARTICLE 40.

The Deacons shall meet, wherever necessary, every week to transact the business pertaining to their office, calling upon the Name of God; whereunto the Ministers shall take good heed and if necessary they shall be present.

ARTICLE 41.

The classical meetings shall consist of neighboring churches that respectively delegate, with proper credentials, a minister and an elder to meet at such time and place as was determined by the previous classical meeting. Such meetings shall be held at least once in three months, unless great distances render this inadvisable. In these meetings the ministers shall preside in rotation, or one shall be chosen to preside; however, the same minister shall not be chosen twice in succession.

Furthermore, the president shall, among other things, put the following questions to the delegates of each church:

1. Are the consistory meetings held in your church?
2. Is church discipline exercised?
3. Are the poor and the Christian schools cared for?
4. Do you need the judgment and help of the Classis for the proper government of your church?

And finally, at one but the last meeting and, if necessary, at the last meeting before the (Particular) Synod, delegates shall be chosen to attend said Synod.

ARTICLE 42.

Where in a church there are more ministers than one, also those not delegated according to the foregoing article shall have the right to attend Classis with advisory vote.

ARTICLE 43.

At the close of the Classical and other major assemblies, Censure shall be exercised over those, who in the meeting have done something worthy of punishment, or who have scorned the admonition of the minor assemblies.

ARTICLE 44.

The Classis shall authorize at least two of her oldest, most experienced and competent Ministers to visit all the Churches once a year and to take heed whether the Minister and the Consistory faithfully perform the duties of their office, adhere to sound doctrine, observe in all things the adopted order, and properly promote as much as lies in them, through word and deed, the upbuild-

ing of the congregation, in particular of the youth, to the end that they may in time fraternally admonish those who have in anything been negligent, and may by their advice and assistance help direct all things unto peace, upbuilding, and greatest profit of the churches. And each Classis may continue these visitors in service as long as it sees fit, except where the visitors themselves request to be released for reasons of which the Classis shall judge.

ARTICLE 45.

It shall be the duty of the church in which the Classis and likewise the (Particular) or General Synod meets to furnish the following meeting with the minutes of the preceding.

ARTICLE 46.

Instructions concerning matters to be considered in major assemblies shall not be written until the decision of previous Synods touching these matters have been read, in order that what was once decided be not again proposed, unless a revision be deemed necessary.

ARTICLE 47.

(Every year, (or if need be oftener) four or five or more neighboring Classes shall meet as a Particular Synod, to which each Classis shall delegate two Ministers and two Elders. At the close of both the Particular and the General Synod some church shall be empowered to determine with advice of Classis, the time and place of the next Synod.)

ARTICLE 48.

(Each Synod shall be at liberty to solicit and hold correspondence with its neighboring Synod or Synods, in such manner as they shall judge most conducive to general edification.)

ARTICLE 49.

(Each Synod shall delegate some to execute everything ordained by Synod both as to what pertains to the Government and to the respective Classes, resorting under it, and likewise to supervise together or in smaller number all examinations of future Ministers. And, moreover, in all other eventual difficulties they shall extend help to the Classes in order that proper unity, order and soundness of doctrine may be maintained and established.

Also they shall keep proper record of all their actions to report thereof to Synod, and if it be demanded, give reasons. They shall also not be discharged from their service before and until Synod itself discharges them.)

ARTICLE 50.

The General Synod shall ordinarily meet once every two years unless there be urgent need to shorten the time.

To this Synod three Ministers and three Elders out of every Classis shall be delegated. If it becomes necessary in the opinion of at least three Classes to call a meeting of Synod within two years, the local church designated for this purpose shall determine time and place.

ARTICLE 51.

The Missionary Work of the Church is regulated by the General Synod in a Mission Order.

ARTICLE 52.

Inasmuch as different languages are spoken in the churches, the necessary translations shall be made in the ecclesiastical assemblies, and in the publication of recommendations, instructions and decisions.

OF DOCTRINES, SACRAMENTS, AND OTHER
CEREMONIES.

ARTICLE 53.

The Ministers of the Word of God and likewise the Professors of Theology (which also behooves the other Professors and School Teachers) shall subscribe to the Three Formulas of Unity, namely: the Belgic Confession of Faith, the Heidelberg Catechism, and the Canons of Dordrecht, 1618-'19, and the Ministers of the Word who refuse to do so shall de facto be suspended from their office by the Consistory or Classis until they shall have given a full statement, and if they obstinately persist in refusing, they shall be deposed from their office.

ARTICLE 54.

Likewise the Elders and the Deacons shall subscribe to the aforesaid Formulas of Unity.

ARTICLE 55.

To ward off false doctrines and errors that multiply exceedingly through heretical writings, the Ministers and the Elders shall use the means of teaching, of reformation, or warning, and of admonition, as well as in the Ministry of the Word as in Christian teaching and family-visiting.

ARTICLE 56.

The Covenant of God shall be sealed unto the children of Christians by Baptism, as soon as the administration thereof is feasible, in the public assembly when the Word of God is preached.

ARTICLE 57.

The Ministers shall do their utmost to the end that the father present his child for Baptism.

ARTICLE 58.

In the ceremony of Baptism, both of children and adults, the Ministers shall use the respective forms drawn up for the administration of this Sacrament.

ARTICLE 59.

Adults are through Baptism incorporated into the Christian Church, and are accepted as members of the Church, and are therefore obliged also to partake of the Lord's Supper, which they shall promise to do at their Baptism.

ARTICLE 60.

The names of those baptized, together with those of the parents, and likewise the date of birth and baptism, shall be recorded.

ARTICLE 61.

None shall be admitted to the Lord's Supper except those who according to the usage of the Church with which they unite themselves have made a confession of the Reformed Religion, besides being reputed to be of a good walk, without which also those who come from other Churches shall not be admitted.

ARTICLE 62.

Every Church shall administer the Lord's Supper in such a manner as it shall judge most conducive to edification; provided,

however, that the outward ceremonies as prescribed in God's Word be not changed and all superstition be avoided, and that at the conclusion of the sermon and the usual prayers, the Form for the Administration of the Lord's Supper, together with the prayer for that purpose, shall be read.

ARTICLE 63.

The Lord's Supper shall be administered at least every two or three months.

ARTICLE 64.

The administration of the Lord's Supper shall take place only there where there is supervision of the Elders, according to ecclesiastical order and in a public gathering of the Congregation.

ARTICLE 65.

Funeral sermons or funeral services shall not be introduced.

ARTICLE 66.

In time of war, pestilence, national calamities, and other great afflictions, the pressure of which is felt throughout the Churches, it is fitting that the Classes proclaim Days of Prayer.

ARTICLE 67.

The Churches shall observe, in addition to the Sunday, also Christmas, Good Friday, Easter, Ascension Day, Pentecost, the Day of Prayer, the National Thanksgiving Day, and Old and New Year's Day.

ARTICLE 68.

The Ministers shall on Sunday explain briefly the sum of Christian Doctrine comprehended in the Heidelberg Catechism so that as much as possible the explanation shall be annually completed, according to the division of the Catechism itself, for that purpose.

Article 69.

In the Churches only the 150 Psalms of David, the Ten Commandments, the Lord's Prayer, the Twelve Article of Faith, the Songs of Mary, Zacharias and Simeon, the Morning and Evening Hymns, and the Hymn of Prayer before the sermon shall be sung.

ARTICLE 70.

Since it is proper that the matrimonial state be confirmed in the presence of Christ's Church, according to the Form for that purpose, the Consistories shall attend to it.

OF CENSURE AND ECCLESIASTICAL ADMONITION.

ARTICLE 71.

As Christian Discipline is of a spiritual nature, and exempts no one from Civil trial or punishment by the Authorities, so also besides Civil punishment there is need of Ecclesiastical Censures, to reconcile the sinner with the Church and his neighbor and to remove the offense out of the Church of Christ.

ARTICLE 72.

In case any one errs in doctrine or offends in conduct as long as the sin is of a private character, not giving public offense, the rule clearly prescribed by Christ in Matthew 18 shall be followed.

ARTICLE 73.

Secret sins of which the sinner repents, after being admonished by one person in private or in the presence of two or three witnesses, shall not be laid before the Consistory.

ARTICLE 74.

If any one, having been admonished in love concerning a secret sin by two or three persons, does not give heed, or otherwise has committed a public sin, the matter shall be reported to the Consistory.

ARTICLE 75.

The reconciliation of all such sins as are of their nature of a public character, or have become public because the admonition of the Church was despised, shall take place (upon sufficient evidence of repentance) in such a manner as the Consistory shall deem conducive to the edification of each Church. Whether in particular cases this shall take place in public, shall, when there is a difference of opinion about it in the Consistory, be considered with the advice of two neighboring Churches or of the Classis.

ARTICLE 76.

Such as obstinately reject the admonition of the Consistory and likewise those who have committed a public or otherwise gross sin, shall be suspended from the Lord's Supper. And if he, having been suspended, after repeated admonitions, shows no sign of repentance, the Consistory shall at last proceed to the extreme remedy, namely, excommunication, agreeably to the form adopted for that purpose according to the Word of God. But no one shall be excommunicated except with the consent of the Classis.

ARTICLE 77.

After the suspension from the Lord's Table, and subsequent admonitions, and before proceeding to excommunication, the obstinacy of the sinner shall be publicly made known to the congregation, the offense explained, together with the care bestowed upon him, in reproof, suspension from the Lord's Supper, and repeated admonition, and the congregation shall be exhorted to speak to him and pray for him. There shall be three such admonitions. In the first the name of the sinner shall not be mentioned that he be somewhat spared. In the second, with the consent of the Classis, his name shall be mentioned. In the third the congregation shall be informed that (unless he repent) he will be excluded from the fellowship of the Church, so that his excommunication, in case he remains obstinate, may take place with the tacit approbation of the Church. The interval between the admonitions shall be left to the discretion of the Consistory.

ARTICLE 78.

Whenever anyone who has been excommunicated desires to become reconciled to the Church in the way of penitence, it shall be announced to the Congregation, either before the celebration of the Lord's Supper, or at some other opportune time, in order that (in as far as no one can mention anything against him to the contrary) he may with profession of his conversion be publicly reinstated, according to the Form for that purpose.

Article 79.

When Ministers of the Divine Word, Elders or Deacons, have committed any public, gross sin, which is a disgrace to the Church, or worthy of punishment by the Authorities, the Elders

and Deacons shall immediately by preceding sentence of the Consistory thereof and of the nearest Church, be suspended or expelled from their office, but the Ministers shall only be suspended. Whether these shall be entirely deposed from office, shall be subject to the judgment of the Classis, with the advice of the Delegates of the (Particular) Synod mentioned in Article 11.

ARTICLE 80.

Furthermore among the gross sins, which are worthy of being punished with suspension or deposition from office, these are the principal ones; false doctrine or heresy, public schism, public blasphemy, simony, faithless desertion of office or intrusion upon that of another, perjury, adultery, fornication, theft, acts of violence, habitual drunkenness, brawling, filthy lucro; in short, all sins and gross offenses, as render the perpetrators infamous before the world, and which in any private member of the Church would be considered worthy of excommunication.

ARTICLE 81.

The Ministers of the Word, Elders and Deacons, shall before the celebration of the Lord's Supper exercise Christian censure among themselves and in a friendly spirit admonish one another with regard to the discharge of their office.

ARTICLE 82.

To those who remove from the Congregation a letter or testimony concerning their profession and conduct shall be given by the Consistory, signed by two; or in the case of letters, which are given under the seal of the Church, signed by one.

ARTICLE 83.

Furthermore, to the poor, removing for sufficient reasons, so much money for traveling shall be given by the Deacons, as they deem adequate. The Consistory and the Deacons shall, however, see to it that they be not too much inclined to relieve their Churches of the poor, with whom they would without necessity burden other Churches.

ARTICLE 24.

No Church shall in any way lord it over other Churches, no Minister over other Ministers, no Elder or Deacon over other Elders or Deacons.

ARTICLE 25.

Churches whose usages differ from ours merely in non-essentials shall not be rejected.

ARTICLE 26.

These Articles, relating to the lawful order of the Church, have been so drafted as adopted by common consent, that they (if the profit of the Church demand otherwise) may and ought to be altered, augmented or diminished. However; no particular Congregation, Classis, (or Synod) shall be at liberty to do so, but they shall show all diligence in observing them, until it be otherwise ordained by the General Synod.

SUPPLEMENT XI

German translation of the Church Order from the Dutch.

(Acts, Art. 47, 12.)

ARTICLES 1 - 86.

SUPPLEMENT XII

REPORT OF THE TRAINING SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

(As accepted by General Conference May 20, 1920, and
by the Synod of 1920, p. 24 v.v.)

The plan of having a Union Training School with the Presbyterians having miscarried thru failure on their part, we deem it necessary to bring out the following report, advising the establishment of, and offering suggestions for a Training School of our own. We deem it absolutely necessary for the future and good success of our work, that we have native trained Christian workers, not only among the Navahoes, but also among the Zuni Indians. And we are also of the opinion that on the whole, it will be more satisfactory for our work and its continuance, and for our Church as a whole, if we have our own School and are in full control of the instruction given there.

There are two possibilities:

- (1) Either to have a Training School as a separate institution, or
- (2) To gradually transform our Rehoboth School so as to include a Training School.

Much can be said in favor of the first plan; it is really the ideal plan. But it would mean the building and equipment and maintenance of an entirely new institution from the bottom up, with a new set of employees, which would require an enormous financial outlay. Hence we do not feel at liberty to advocate such a course of action.

The second plan appeals to us for the following reasons:

- (1) It is in full accord with the original intention we had in mind with the establishment of the Rehoboth School, viz., the training of Christian workers, and the forming of Christian character.

- (2) The Government has put forth a programme which, if carried out, will inside of three years put every Navaho child of school age in school. Where we have the opportunity to give these children religious instruction, it is not as necessary for us to carry on the Rehoboth school in the way it has been done heretofore.
- (3) According to the plan, the beginning can be made with little additional outlay. Present facilities and equipment of the Rehoboth school can be made use of, and very little additional equipment will be required to get a good start for the proposed Training School.
- (4) According to plan, we would take up pupils who desire specific Christian training, and with such gradually supplant the present system of taking little children out of the Indian camps to replenish the capacity of the School.

We feel that we as a Church have a special duty to perform in the education of the children of our converts, and are unwilling to advise anything that would at any time debar them from enrollment at Rehoboth.

For the Training School we consider the following classes in order of eligibility of enrollment:

- (1) Pupils of our Rehoboth and of our Zuni Schools who are desirous of taking up advanced Christian training in order to become more useful in their Christian life;
- (2) Pupils who have had their education in other schools, and express a desire for taking training for Mission service among their people;
- (3) In addition to the above, we would like to have an open door for such young people in the Indian camps, who come under the influence of the Gospel thru the efforts of Mission workers, and desire to understand the Gospel more fully than is possible under their circumstances.

We desire that a beginning be made in the way of soliciting pupils during the present summer, so that if possible a Training School class can be begun in September of this year. It is our conviction that instruction must be given both in the English and the Navaho language to insure the best results.

And we advise that the Board of Heathen Missions be authorized to appoint an Instructor to give his full time to the training of its pupils. We believe that theory and practice should be as closely related as possible in the work of this School. Also that the pupils should be encouraged and admonished to contribute to their own support as much as their means and ability allow.

We would suggest the following outline as the Course of Study to be followed in the Training School. The institution shall have three departments, viz., Elementary, Preparatory, and Theological.

The Elementary Department especially for camp Indians who have had little or no schooling, and on that account are unable to take up the work in the other Departments.

The Preparatory Department for pupils whose general training is sufficient for the proper prosecution of higher studies. The Rehoboth school can supply what is needed in these Departments, outside of the Navaho and Religious Training, which would be the work of the Training School Instructor. Work here is to be graded according to the pupils ability and needs.

The Theological Department for pupils who wish to qualify for definite Christian lay-work, or to take up studies required for ordination as Native Missionary or Pastor. The length of this course cannot be determined beforehand.

In the Elementary Department the following branches shall be taught: English, Navaho, Sacred History, Bible Study, and Doctrine.

In the Preparatory Departments: Higher English, Navaho, Civics, U. S. History, Geography, Music, Navaho Bible, Sacred History, Doctrine, General History, and Elementary Church History.

In the Theological Departments: English, Navaho, Systematics, Exegetical, Historical and Practical Theology, adapted to the needs of the pupils. Familiarity with the books of the Bible and their teachings to occupy a prominent place in the curriculum.

We advise that the Instructor be appointed as soon as the Church decides to establish the Training School, so that he may devote part of his time in preparing himself for his work, and

part to winning students for the institution, until study and instruction require his full time. He shall reside at Rehoboth.

As to management, we suggest the followings: The pupils of the Elementary and Preparatory Departments shall be amenable to the Rules and Regulations of the Rehoboth School the same as the other pupils, and as such are under the General Manager. And in as far as working for their support, industry and deportment are concerned, the pupils of the Theological Department shall be under the regulations of the Manager who shall consult with the Instructor in regard to general written regulations and serious cases of discipline. The Instructor of the Theological Department shall be in full charge of the studies of his pupils, both theoretical and practical. There shall be an Advisory Committee, consisting of the members of General Conference outside of Rehoboth, to which body eventual differences between the Instructor and Manager shall be submitted. There shall also be a committee of three members, of which the Instructor and Principal of the Rehoboth School shall be ex-officio members, appointed by General Conference and approved by the Board, which shall regulate the course of study to be followed.

It is understood that the School shall be under the sole control of the Chr. Ref. Church, and that all its teachings shall be based upon and conform to the Word of God and our doctrinal standards; its purpose to train Christian Indians for a more useful and intelligent Christian life, especially for active mission work among their people; that it shall be under the supervision of the Board of Heathen Missions; that its Instructors shall be appointed by Synod upon recommendation of the Board; in case of vacancy by the Board, subject to Synod's approval.

We feel confident that if the requirements of this report shall be carried out in the spirit of loyalty to Christ, and of mutual forbearance and helpfulness, with the Lord's blessing the Rehoboth School shall enter upon a period of usefulness greater than it has been able to enter heretofore.

Respectfully submitted,

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Secretary of the Committee

SUPPLEMENT XIII

REPORT ANENT THE IMPROVEMENT OF OUR LITURGY. (See p. 26.)

Esteemed Brethren:

At the Synod of 1916 the Classis of Illinois presented the following overtures:

"Synod express the desirability of introducing a uniform order of services in our American-speaking churches, in which the congregation takes a more active part; and exhort these churches to come to an agreement in this matter if possible." (Acts 1916, p. 30.)

This overture was favorably received. The Advisory Committee declared that it questioned the propriety of requesting a uniform order of services for some of our churches only, but nevertheless recommended the matter, in view of its importance, to Synod's consideration and advised the appointment of a committee with the mandate to present a comprehensive report to the next Synod. Synod so decided.

The committee which Synod appointed presented a report to the Synod of 1918 in which it sought to demonstrate the urgent need of improvement in our liturgy, so as to make it meet the requirements of the essence, character, and purpose of our public worship (Agenda 1918, p. 19). As regards, however, the preparation of such a liturgy, the committee judged that, should the Synod be convinced of its need, this task should be given to a larger committee. And the Synod showed by appointing such a committee that it was convinced of this need.

Our task therefore is to present to the Synod of 1920 a plan for an improved liturgy, that is to say an improved arrangement of our public services. Before entering upon this it will be nec-

essary to give ourselves an account of the principle which should guide us in this matter. They are, we believe, the following:

(1) Inasmuch as the Church in this dispensation, because of the limitations of time and space, cannot exist except as a group of local churches, and it behooves her to express and reveal as far as possible her oneness as the body of Christ. She can and should do this, besides through her Broader Assemblies in Classes and Synods in her common Doctrinal Standards and Church Order, by means of a common Liturgy, so that each church in its mode of public worship at once reveals itself as one of our churches. Such liturgical unity in all our churches, the Holland-speaking as well as the American-speaking, is therefore a matter of principle and it may consequently not be left to the discretion of the individual consistories to determine upon the mode of public worship as they see fit. It is a matter which belongs to the jurisdiction of the Synod, whose lawful decisions are binding for all the churches, in so far as they do not conflict with the Word of God.

(2) Such a common liturgy must embody especially the fundamental liturgical principle that the essence of public worship lies in the meeting of God with His people. Our public services must be so arranged as to express this fundamental idea. From this principle the following deductions are made: a) two kinds of acts, or exercises, are essential to public worship: "acta a parte Dei" (acts from God's side) and "acta a parte populi" (acts from the side of God's people). In the former God approaches His people to bless them with His Word, His Sacrament and His Benediction. In the latter the church approaches the Lord to serve Him in Prayer, Song and Offering. b) These two kinds of exercises should succeed one another in appropriate logical and psychological order. c) These exercises should contain nothing which is mysterious and incomprehensible to those who participate in them, lest it be impossible for them to worship the Lord "in spirit and in truth." d) These services should be so arranged that the characteristic simplicity of a Reformed church service be maintained. We must guard against the modern tendency to Ritualism in which aesthetic pleasure is substituted and mistaken for spiritual edification, and formalism takes the place of a worship "in spirit and in truth."

weekly printed bulletins which should be distributed before or after the services, preferably the latter.

(2) (a) Underlying idea - Since the church service is essentially a meeting of the Lord with His people, in which we serve the Lord and are served by Him, an exchange of greetings should open the services. In the "Votum" the congregation declares its faith in the saving presence of God and in response to it the Lord "salutes" His people. The Psalm is the response of the church to this divine salutation.

(b) "The Votum". The exact words taken from Psalm 124:8, are as follows: "Our help is in the name of Jehovah, Who made heaven and earth" (American Revised Version). No alterations should be made, since Scripture can not be improved upon. This "Votum" is not meant to be a prayer for divine aid, but rather a solemn declaration that God is in the midst of His people with His saving grace. It is, therefore, the beginning of the service. The organ prelude, which precedes it, merely serves to aid in getting a worshipful mood in those present. We scarcely need add that the organist should make this his or her conscious aim and therefore play nothing but sacred music of the best kind, of which there is happily no dearth.

(c) The Salutation - Your committee recommends the use of the Pauline salutation as found in Romans 1:7, and, in literally the same words, in 6 other epistles: "Grace to you and peace, from God our Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ." The phrases: "through the Holy Spirit," which is usually added, is superfluous. All expositors are agreed that the Triune God, not the first person of the blessed Trinity, is meant by the words: "God our Father." The possessive pronoun "our" instead of the definite article "the" before "Father" supports this contention. The doctrinal implication of this salutation is that we have fellowship with the Triune God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, only in the face of our Mediator, Jesus Christ.

(d) Psalm - One should be selected which gives expression to the joy of meeting the Lord in His "sanctuary." Ps. 15, 23, 24, 84, 95, and others, are especially appropriate.

The custom prevails in our American-speaking churches for the congregation to stand while singing. We believe this to be commendable. A frequent change of posture prevents drowsiness;

moreover, a standing position means better chest-expansion and is, therefore, conducive to better singing. We should advise Synod, however, to leave it to the discretion of the ministers, in consultation with their consistories, whether or not to introduce this custom in their respective churches. In these minor matters a mere recommendation is better than a hard and fast rule.

We append the remark that it will be more orderly for the congregation to remain seated than to rise for the penitential psalm.

NOTE: Three members of this committee, Prof. W. Hayns, Rev. L. Trap and Rev. H. J. Kuiper, object to the use of the "Votum" and with the consent of the other members, present the following scheme for Part I:

Ecclesiae - Psalm.

Ecclesiae - Invocation.

Dei - Salutation.

Explanation - According to this plan, the service begins not with the "Votum," but with a psalm, which is a call to worship or expresses longing for Jehovah's "courts" (Ps. 48, 66, 84, 95, 100, etc.). This psalm culminates in the invocation which should be a brief petition for the Lord's blessing upon the services. In response to both, the Lord "salutes" His people. If the congregation stands during the singing of the psalm, it should remain standing until the salutation has been given. A brief pause will be necessary while the members take their seats. This marks the transition to the second part of the service.

Reasons: Three members of the committee give preference to this plan for Part I. on the following grounds:

- (a) It is more aesthetic to begin the service with a psalm than with a short declaration of 13 words only. Such a beginning is too abrupt.
- (b) The "Votum" falls short of the requirement mentioned in 2 (c) of our introduction. It is not self-explanatory. Its advocates emphasize the fact that the "Votum" is not a prayer but a declaration that God is in the midst of His people with His power and grace, and that services have begun. The minority asserts that the words of the "Votum" do not naturally suggest this thought, and that everything ambiguous should be excluded from liturgical forms. If, on the other hand, the "Votum" should be interpreted as a prayer, a

short invocation better serves the purpose, and is more reverent and edifying.

The committee gladly submits this difference of opinion in its midst to Synod for decision.

3. Part II. - The Service of Reconciliation.

(a) General Remarks - The most important changes which the Committee recommends are found in this part. In our present order of worship this service is missing, though two of its elements, the reading of the Law and the Apostles' Creed, have remained. But having been detached from the confession of sin and the absolution, which are the very core of this service and make it a service of reconciliation, they have lost their liturgical value.

Confession of Sin and Absolution occupied a prominent place in all the great Protestant liturgies of the Reformation period. Fear of the Romish doctrine of unconditional pardon of sins by the Church probably led to their omission. But with the bath we have cast away the child. Such Scriptural passages as Matt. 3: 5, 6; 16:19; John 20: 21-23; Acts 19:18 and James 5:16, prove that the Church has authority to grant a conditional forgiveness of sins. In agreement with this our Heidelberg Catechism speaks in Lord's Day 31 of the keys of the Kingdom of heaven, the one being the preaching of the holy gospel and the other christian discipline. We read concerning the former in Q. 84: "How is the Kingdom of heaven opened and shut by the preaching of the holy gospel? Thus: when, according to the command of Christ, it is declared and publicly testified to all and every believer, that, whenever they receive the promise of the gospel by a true faith, all their sins are really forgiven them of God, for the sake of Christ's merits; and on the contrary, when it is declared and testified to all unbelievers, and such as do not sincerely repent, that they stand exposed to the wrath of God, and eternal condemnation, so long as they are unconverted; according to which testimony of the gospel, God will judge them, both in this, and in the life to come."

Dr. A. Kuyper, Sr., in *Onze Eeredienst* (chapter 56), and Prof. W. Heyns in *Liturgiek* (p. 159-161, 178-191, strongly advocate the restoration of a special confession of sins and the ab-

solution. The committee is in full accord with their sentiments, and believes that the re-introduction of this ancient service, to which Calvin and other reformers attached such great significance, will be instrumental in begetting a stronger assurance of faith in the believers.

(b) The Names Service of Reconciliation. The pith and core of this service, as stated before, is the Absolution, in which the minister in the name of God solemnly assures those who sincerely repent of their sins that they have pardon in the blood of Christ. As an ambassador of God the minister not only summons sinners to repentance, saying: "Be ye reconciled to God," but also announces to all who obey this summons: "Ye are reconciled to God: - your sins are forgiven!"

(c) Summary of the Law. This summary deserves preference above the law as found in Exodus 20, because its purpose in this place is to serve, not as a rule of life, but as a teacher of sin (compare with Lord's Day 2 and 35 of the Heid. Cat.). Provision has been made for the use of the Decalogue (the entire law) in the second service (afternoon or evening).

The committee has deemed it necessary to compose a short form containing this summary, to make it adaptable to the elements with which it forms an organic whole. Said form is as follows:

"Let us now humble ourselves before God on account of our sinful deeds and sinful nature which stand revealed so clearly in the light of God's holy law, of which the Lord Jesus Christ has given us a perfect summary in these words. 'Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second like unto it is this, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments the whole law hangeth and the prophets.' These words confirm the testimony of our hearts that we cannot render perfect obedience to God's holy law. For by nature we are prone to hate God and our neighbor; and even the holiest among those who are converted to God have only a small beginning of true obedience. If, therefore, the Lord should deal with us according to our merits, He must banish us eternally from His presence; for the judgment once spoken must stand forever: 'Cursed is every one who continueth not in all things that are written in the book of the law to do them.'

"Let us, therefore, hasten to confess our sins before God, and with true faith implore His grace."

(d) Confession of Sins and Penitential Psalm - The prayer which now follows was compiled from our own liturgical prayers, a translation of which, oddly enough, is not found in our English Psalters.

"Eternal God and most gracious Father! We confess before Thy divine Majesty, that we are poor, miserable sinners, conceived in sin and born in unrighteousness, incapable of any good and prone to all manner of wickedness. For our consciences accuse us and our sins bear witness against us. Many times and without ceasing we have transgressed Thy commandments, neglecting that which Thou didst command us and doing what was clearly forbidden us. All we like sheep have gone astray and are not worthy to be called Thy children, but we repent, O Lord, and are sorry for having provoked Thee, seeking refuge in Thy mercy, which is infinite. We call upon Thee from the heart, trusting in our Mediator Jesus Christ, and pray Thee that Thou wilt forgive us all our sins for His sake. Wash us in the pure fountain of His blood, that we may become pure and white as snow. Cover our nakedness with His innocence and righteousness, unto the glory of Thy name. Look upon the face of Thine Anointed, and not upon our sins, that Thy face may shine upon us unto our joy and salvation. This we implore Thee, O Father! in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen."

It would be ideal, perhaps, to let the whole congregation recite this prayer, but, since this is impracticable, the singing of one stanza of a penitential psalm immediately after the prayer, as the "Amen" of the Congregation, would be eminently fitting. The same stanza should always be used in order that no announcement of the song, no prelude by the organist and no searching in the Psalter by the congregation may be necessary. The most appropriate words would seem to us to be No. 142:2:

My transgressions I confess,
Grief and guilt my soul oppress,
I have sinned against Thy grace
And provoked Thee to Thy face;
I confess Thy judgment just
Speechless, I Thy mercy trust.

The first tune for this number is to be preferred to the second. The latter is so closely wedded to the words of a well-known hymn, that it involuntarily suggests them when it is sung. Let the organist play the tune in a subdued, slow and solemn fashion.

The objection may be raised against a penitential song at this place that it is superfluous, since the congregation has just confessed its sin in the preceding prayer uttered by the officiating minister as its spokesman. In reply, however, we would call attention to the following considerations:

- (a) A repetition in song of the sentiments contained in a spoken prayer can not be a meaningless one.
- (b) The song gives the members the opportunity of a personal viva voce participation in this particular element of the service.
- (c) The words of absolution will have stronger effect after a song than when they immediately follow the prayer of confession, especially because the one is an actum a parte ecclesiae and the other an actum a parte Dei. The transition from the one to the other should be made as obvious as possible.
- (e) Absolution.

The form which the Committee has drafted is taken from the liturgies of Calvin and a Laeco, and reads as follows:

"Unto all who thus repent and seek in Jesus Christ their salvation, I proclaim, on the ground of God's promise, that all their sins are forgiven them for the sake of the merits of Christ.

"On the contrary, unto those that do not repent from the heart, but seek for themselves other means of salvation, I proclaim from the Word of God that the wrath of God and eternal condemnation rest upon them so long as they do not turn unto God with heartfelt repentance."

(f) Credo.

The isolated position which the Apostles' Creed has in our present form of services deprives it of well-nigh all liturgical value. It is found in the liturgies of Luther, Calvin, Zuringli and a Laeco, and was intended as an expression of the faith of the Church, hence as an actum a parte ecclesiae and not, as some

conceive of it to-day, as a means of instruction in the chief articles of the Christian faith. In a Lasco's liturgy it followed the absolution and was, therefore, meant to be the "Amen" of the Church to this absolution. The committee is in full accord with this view, and advises Synod to assign it this place in our revised order of worship.

Calvin urged the singing of the Apostles' Creed by the entire congregation, but the committee feels that preference should be given to the custom prevailing in many American churches to let the congregation recite it in unison. A metrical version of this Creed in the American language is wanting; moreover, one feels instinctively the inappropriateness of singing a creed.

It may be urged that when the officiating minister reads the Creed, he does so as the vox ecclesiae, the voice of the Church, but we believe it to be a liturgical principle that the Church should be given direct participation in all those acts a parte ecclesiae, which, by their very nature, do not preclude such participation. One of the weaknesses of our present form of worship is that the congregation does not take a sufficiently active part in the services, its voice being heard only in the singing. Special mention is made of this in the overture from Classis Illinois quoted above.

It may not be advisable for Synod to impose this custom upon our Churches. We would suggest that Synod go no further than to go on record as favoring it, and to urge the churches to keep it before them as an ideal. As long, however, as a Church has not yet seen fit to introduce it, the consistory should insist that the minister use the following preliminary or one similar to it: "Let us together make a profession of our Catholic, undoubted Christian faith. Let every one speak in his heart thus: I believe," etc. Such a form will at least correct the false notion that the Creed is read simply as a means of instruction in the principle articles of the apostolic faith.

(g) Psalm of Praise. A Psalm expressing joy of forgiveness or the assurance of faith is most appropriate at this juncture, as a fitting conclusion for the service of reconciliation.

Part III. The Service of Thanksgiving.

(a) General Remarks. Even as christian living logically follows christian experience, and as in the Catechism Gratitude

follows Deliverance, so the service of reconciliation should be followed by the service of thanksgiving. Christian Gratitude consists of two parts; prayer and obedience. So this service also should comprise two elements; the General Prayer and the Offering, as a practical expression of our gratitude to Him who is our Redeemer from sin and evil.

A peculiarity of this service is the absence of all acta a parte Dei.

(b) General Prayer, concluded with "Our Father."

Essential elements of this prayer are Adoration, Thanksgiving and Supplication for the needs of the Church (local and universal), the Kingdom and the World. This prayer, as well as the sermon, is worthy of careful preparation.

We recommend that the general prayer be concluded with the Lord's Prayer. It is true, the primary purpose of the Lord's Prayer is to serve as a pattern for our prayers, as regards both form and contents, but this does not imply that its ipsissima verba should never be used. Being the perfect prayer, which the Lord Jesus Himself has taught, it is a most appropriate conclusion for our imperfect petitions. Here again we deem it proper for the whole congregation to join with the minister in reciting it, and would advise Synod to recommend this to the churches.

The following words are suggested as a transition to the Lord's Prayer: "We ask all this in the name of Him who taught us to pray: Our Father....."

(c) Offering.

This should not be a collection for the Budget, Church Debt or whatever fund may exist for defraying expenses for the local church. We doubt whether this can be called an "offering" in the full sense of the word. In all church-services a contribution should be made to such causes as Benevolence, Christian Schools Missions, etc., as an offering of thanksgiving to the Lord, our Provider and Savior. The weekly contributions for the support of the local church can be placed in envelopes and deposited, before or after the service, in boxes provided for the purpose.

This offering is an essential part of public worship, and should, therefore, not be combined with the singing of a Psalm. Let the organist play an offertory while the congregation gives a practical

exhibition of its love for the cause of Christ, on behalf of which it has just made intercessions before God's throne.

(d) Psalm of Thanksgiving.

Psalm 66, 116, and others, express those sentiments which actuate the true worshipper in bringing God his gifts of thanks, and, therefore, make a fitting conclusion for this part of the services.

5. Part IV. The Service of the Word.

(a) General Remarks - This part logically follows the preceding. Having received the assurance of pardon and engaged in acts of thanksgiving to God its Savior, the Church now needs the ministry of the Word, that it may persevere in Christian gratitude and grow in the knowledge and the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and that also the unconverted may turn to God.

Since this part of the service is purely objective, it contains no acta a parte ecclesiae. The officiating minister is now the mouth of Jehovah to His people.

A new feature of this service is the linking together of the Scripture lesson with the sermon. It is desirable both from an ideal and a practical point of view to let nothing intervene between these two elements. A true sermon is an exposition and application of a portion or portions of God's Word, and since it usually contains frequent references to the chapter which was read, the practical advantage of preaching while the Scripture lesson is still fresh in the minds of the hearers, must be apparent to all.

(c) Scripture reading.

The committee does not favor the practise of Responsive Reading, though it is in vogue in many American churches. This practise, in our judgment, is not in conformity with the fact that the reading of God's Word is an actum a parte Dei. Dividing the reading of Scripture between the minister and the congregation obscures this fact. Responsive Reading impresses us, moreover, as being a somewhat mechanical device to sustain the interest in the minds of the auditors. We acknowledge that certain portions of Scripture, notably in the Psalms, contain responses to divine declarations, but these responses are also the inspired Word of God, and as such should be read to the congregation by him who

represents the Lord in the gathering of the saints. In Public worship the reading of Scripture occurs as an objective act of God.

6. Part V. Closing Service.

(a) General Remarks - The services should close as they began—with an exchange of greetings, so to speak, between the Lord and His people.

(b) Prayer - Thanksgiving for the blessings received in the Lord's presence and supplication for a blessing upon His Word.

(c) Psalm or Doxology, or both.

In case both are used, only a brief pause should intervene sufficient to permit the organist to transpose to a new key, if this happens to be necessary.

(d) The Benediction.

This should be the last element of the services rather than the doxology, since it is proper to give the Lord "the last word." The apostolic benediction, found in 2 Cor. 13:14, is ordinarily used, although the first edition of our liturgy (A. D. 1567) prescribes the Aaronitic benediction found in Numbers 6:24-26. Since both enjoy the sanction of historical usage, we would recommend the use of the apostolic benediction in the first and the Aaronitic in the second service. Reverence for God's inspired Word requires that the minister shall not add words or phrases of his own, nor in any way seek to improve(?) upon these inspired benedictions.

II. ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR THE SECOND SERVICE.

(Organ Prelude.)

Part I. Introductory Service.

(A Parte)
Ecclesiae - "Votum."
Dei - Salutation.
Ecclesiae - Psalm.

Part II. Service of Thanksgivings; Prayer, Benevolence, and Decalogue

Ecclesiae- General Prayer, concluded with "Our Father."

Ecclesiae - Offertory

Dei - Decalogue

Ecclesiae - Psalm of Thanksgiving, or Refrain of No. 42.

Part III. Service of the Word.

Dei - Scripture Reading.

Dei - Preaching.

Part IV.

Ecclesiae - Prayer of Thanksgiving.

Ecclesiae - Concluding Psalm or Doxology, or both.

Dei - Benediction.

EXPLANATION.

1. General Remarks - This second order of worship differs materially from the preceding in one important particular: the service of reconciliation is omitted. The morning service is to be regarded as the main service. The only element occurring in the second service, as outlined above, which does not occur in the first, is the reading of the Decalogue, which is incorporated in the Service of Thanksgiving. Hence only four groups of exercises are found in this order over against five in the former.

2. Part I. Introductory Service.

This is identical with Part I. of the preceding order. The minority-members of the committee give preference, also for the second service, to the following elements:

Ecclesiae - Psalm.

Ecclesiae - Invocation.

Dei - Salutation.

3. Part II - Service of Thanksgiving.

The only element requiring comment is the Decalogue, to which passing reference was already made in connection with the Summary of the Law in the morning worship. The Ten Commandments occur here not as a teacher of sin, but as a rule of life, and as such are properly placed in the service of Thanksgiving. The formula by which the officiating minister introduces this element should bring out this fact. We take the liberty to suggest the following as a preliminary: "Let us now attend to the law of the Lord, which was given us as a rule of thankfulness and obedience to God our Savior."

The psalm which now follows should be a psalm of thanksgiving. Many portions of Psalm 119 or the second part of Psalm 19 are well suited for this purpose, or, if so desired, only the refrain from No. 42 (Psalm 19) may be used, as a response of the Church to the words of the law.

Parts III and IV, are identical with Parts IV and V of the order for the morning services, and therefore require no further comment, except that the Aaronitic instead of the Apostolic benediction should be used.

III. ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR THE THIRD SERVICE.

(Organ Prelude.)

Part I. - Opening Service.

(A Parts)

Ecclesiae - "Votum."

Dei - Salutation.

Ecclesiae - Psalm.

Part II. - Service of Thanksgivings: Prayer and Benevolence.

Ecclesiae - General Prayer, concluded with "Our Father."

Ecclesiae - Offertory.

Ecclesiae - Psalm of Thanksgiving.

Part III. - Service of the Word.

Dei - Scripture Reading.

Dei - Preaching.

Part IV. - Closing Service.

Ecclesiae - Prayer of Thanksgiving.

Ecclesiae - Concluding Psalm or Doxology, or both.

Dei - Benediction.

EXPLANATION.

Those American-speaking churches which have only a morning and evening service, need not use this outline except in so far as it is offered by the committee as a plan for the special services on Christmas, Old Year, New Year, Good Friday and Ascension Day. This plan differs from the order of worship for the first and second services in the omission of the service of Reconciliation and the Decalogue.

On Prayer Day and Thanksgiving Day the last plan presented may be used with this alteration, that the prayer before the sermon be only a brief petition for God's blessing upon His Word and the main prayer or thanksgiving be offered after the sermon. This will serve to bring out the fact that the main object of these services is not to proclaim and hear the Word, but to invoke the Lord's blessing for material prosperity or to return thanks for such prosperity. The preaching must serve chiefly to prepare the minds and hearts of those present for such supplication or thanksgiving.

NOTE: Since the arrangement for Part I offered by the committee members which object to the "Votum" includes an invocation, the short prayer before the sermon can be dispensed with. The following arrangement is suggested for the Prayer Day and Thanksgiving Day services.

(Organ Prelude.)

Part I. - Opening Service.

(A Parte)

Ecclesiae - Psalm.
Ecclesiae - Invocation.
Dei - Salutation.

Part II. - Service of the Word.

Ecclesiae - Psalm.
Dei - Scripture Reading.
Dei - Sermon.

Part III. - Service of Thanksgiving.

Ecclesiae - Special Prayer, concluded with "Our Father."
Ecclesiae - Offertory.
Ecclesiae - Psalm.

Part IV. - Closing Service.

Ecclesiae - Doxology.
Dei - Benediction.

IV. ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR THE COMMUNION SERVICES.

A. FIRST SERVICE.

(Organ Prelude.)

Part I. - Opening Service
(A Parte)

Ecclesiae - "Votum."
Dei - Salutation.
Ecclesiae - Psalm

Ecclesiae - Psalm.
Ecclesiae - Invocation.
Dei - Salutation.

Part II. - Service of Thanksgivings: Prayer and Benevolence.

Ecclesiae - General Prayer.
Ecclesiae - Offertory.
Ecclesiae - Psalm of Thanksgiving.

Part III. - Service of the Word.

Dei - Scripture Reading.
Dei - Sermon.

Part IV. - Service of Communion.

Dei and Ecclesiae - Reading of the Form.
Ecclesiae - Psalm.
Dei - Communion (Silent).
Ecclesiae - Form - Post-Communion.

Part V. - Closing Service.

Ecclesiae - Concluding Psalm or Doxology.
Dei - Benediction.

EXPLANATION.

The Committee has refrained from going into details in the arrangement of the communion services in view of the great divergence among us at the present time in the mode of administering this sacrament, though the desirability of greater uniformity in this matter must be apparent to all who have given serious thought to liturgical questions. We have not had the time, however, to go into this matter thoroughly.

The following remarks must be made in elucidation of the arrangement given above:

- (a) The service of reconciliation should be omitted, since its essential elements are contained in the Form.
- (b) The Lord's Prayer also occurs in the Form, and is therefore omitted from Part II.
- (c) The sermon should be brief. Reasons:
 - (1) The service should not last longer than an ordinary morning service.
 - (2) The most prominent element in a communion service should not be the Word but the Sacrament.

(d) While the bread and the wine are passed, the minister should be silent, that the Sacrament itself, as a visible sign and seal of the Covenant may engage all the attention of the communicants.

(e) The entire form, including the Post-communion, should be read at this service. The prayer with which it concludes takes the place of the Closing Prayer found in the preceding schemes.

B. THE SECOND SERVICE.

(Organ Prelude.)

Part I. - Opening Service.

Ecclesiae - "Votum."

Dei - Salutation.

Ecclesiae - Psalm

Ecclesiae - Psalm.

Ecclesiae - Invocation.

Dei - Salutation.

Part II. - Service of Communion.

Dei - Ecclesiae - Abbreviated Form.

Dei - Communion (Silent).

Ecclesiae - Psalm.

Ecclesiae - Post-Communion.

Part III. - Service of Thanksgiving.

Ecclesiae - General Prayer.

Ecclesiae - Offertory.

Dei - Decalogue.

Ecclesiae - Psalm of Thanksgiving.

Part IV. - Service of the Word.

Dei - Scripture Reading.

Dei - Sermon.

Part V. - Closing Service

Ecclesiae - Prayer of Thanksgiving.

Ecclesiae - Concluding Psalm or Doxology.

Dei - Benediction.

EXPLANATION.

The Committee is unanimous in the opinion that our churches need an abbreviated form for this second communion-service and believes that this need is generally felt among us. The following extract is submitted for approval:

"Beloved in the Lord Jesus Christ, attend to the words.....
.....All those then, who are thus disposed God will certainly receive in mercy and count them worthy partakes of the table of His Son Jesus Christ. Let us now also consider to what end the Lord hath instituted His Supper, namely, that we do it in remembrance of Him. As often as ye eat this bread and drink of this cup you shall thereby as by a sure remembrance and pledge be admonished and assured of this my hearty love and faithfulness toward you, that He, whereas you should otherwise have suffered eternal death, gave His body to the death of the cross; and shed His blood for you, that thereby your hungry and thirsty souls may be fed and nourished with His crucified body and shed blood, as certainly as this bread is broken before your eyes, and this cup is given to you, and you eat and drink the same with your mouth in remembrance of Him.

"That we may obtain all this, let us humble ourselves before God, and with true faith implore His grace;

"O most merciful God and Father.....unto Him in eternity.
Amen.

"That we now be fed with the true heavenly bread, Christ Jesus, let us not cleave with our heart unto the external bread and wine, but lift them up on high in heaven; not doubting....
.....in remembrance of Him."

Only unavoidable alterations have been made in this abbreviated form. We trust it will find favor in the eyes of Synod.

Herewith we have the pleasure to present to Synod the fruits of our labors as embodied in the preceding pages. We trust that Synod will give careful consideration to our proposals and would suggest that, should a revised liturgy be adopted, it authorize the Publication Committee to print a Manual containing this liturgy, especially for use by our ministers.

We realize that the introduction of a new order of worship will meet with some opposition by members of our churches, and perhaps we ministers also, who, much more in liturgical matters than e.g. in matters of church government, have so far enjoyed almost unlimited freedom, may be somewhat reluctant at first to change customs which we have followed perhaps for many years.

But we trust that such possible reluctance may be overruled by the arguments adduced in the introduction to this report, in favor of more unity in our public worship.

Finally, we take the liberty of calling the attention of Synod to the fact that the following liturgical matters are urgently in need of consideration;

- (1) Revision of our Liturgical Forms, particularly the Marriage Form.
- (2) Adoption of either the Authorized English Revised or American Revised Version of the Bible as the official version of our American-speaking churches.
- (3) The desirability of a more complete form for Public Profession of Faith.

Your Committee,

Wm. Heyns
H. J. Kuiper
L. Trap
J. Van Lonkhuyzen
D. Zwier
Y. P. De Jong

APPENDIX. - In order to save time and expense, the Committee, at the suggestion of the Stated Clerk, has refrained from submitting a Holland translation of the Report for publication in The Agendum, but a mimeograph copy of this translation will be sent upon request to the delegates to Synod. Such request should be made before the 15th day of May to Rev. H. J. Kuiper, 1137 Turner Ave., N. W., Grand Rapids, Michigan.

The signature of Rev. J. Groen, one of the members of the Committee is missing. The brother was unable, because of sickness, to take part in our deliberations.

The Committee.

SUPPLEMENT XIV

CONDOLENCE REPORT.

Beloved Brethren In Christ:

We are exhorted in the Holy Scriptures to "Rejoice in the Lord alway"; and again, "In everything give thanks, for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning those whom He, according to His abundant mercy hath begotten again unto a lively hope by the resurrection Of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for all who are kept by the power of God, through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time."

Yet, we have been called, in the providence of an All-wise and most merciful God and Father, again and again, since our last General Synod, to mourn the loss of this and that "beloved brother in the Lord."

The first one to be taken home after the last Synod, was the Rev. Peter Ekster, pastor of the Bates Street, Grand Rapids, Christian Reformed Church. For thirty-five years this brother preached "the unsearchable riches of Christ," and pointed sinners to the blessed Savior. He died July 11, 1918.

The next brother called away was the Rev. P. Van Vliet, who had faithfully served his Master and the Church for thirty years. He passed away to his eternal reward on August 30, 1918.

During the year of our Lord 1919, six more of our ministers were called home, and entered into eternal rest and glory.

Rev. J. H. Gruessing, who died January 5th, 1919, after a short pastorate of only two years and three months.

Rev. G. Broene, who passed away April 12, 1919. His active labors in the Lord lasted for twenty-seven years, when a stroke of apoplexy obliged him to resign. A period of fifteen

years, however, were added to his life, during which he was enabled to preach from time to time.

The third brother in the ministry who was called to higher service and glory August 29, 1919, was Rev. F. Stuart, who labored in the Gospel for eighteen years.

The next brother who entered into the joy of his Lord was the Rev. L. Van Dellen. He was permitted to labor in the ministry for a half century, serving eight congregations a longer or shorter time in the Netherlands, and three congregations in this land. The last four years of his life he was an emeritus, and finally entered into rest at the ripe age of seventy-seven, on September 5, 1919.

On the 28th day of the same month, the Rev. J. B. Jonkman passed to his eternal reward, after a ministry of twenty years, in five different congregations.

The last brother who finished his earthly labors since our last Synodical gathering was the Rev. D. Vander Ploeg, who may be said to have died "in the harness." Three times he served our Church as home missionary, besides being pastor of several congregations. The date of his translation was November 26, 1919.

Thus we have been reminded, brethren, again and again, that our present period of labor will some day come to an end. That day may be very near. Let us, therefore, "not asleep as do others, but let us watch and be sober, putting on the breast-plate of righteousness, and for an helmet the hope of salvation."

Respectfully submitted,

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Respectfully submitted,

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