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The devotional service preceding the Seventh General Assembly of The Orthodox Presbyterian Church was opened by the Rev. Everett C. DeVelde, Moderator of the Sixth General Assembly, at 2:00 p. m., June 4, 1940, in the Alms Hotel, Cincinnati, Ohio. Mr. De Velde preached on the subject "The Glory of God" from Romans 11:36, "For of him and through him, and to him are all things, to whom be glory forever. Amen." Following the sermon the sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered by Mr. DeVelde, assisted by the Rev. Messrs. Franklin S. Dyrness and Oscar Holkeboer.

Following the devotional service the Assembly was called to order by Mr. DeVelde, Acting Moderator, and was constituted with prayer by the Rev. Lawrence Jongewaard.

The roll was called by the Clerk of the Sixth Assembly. Those present were:

Presbytery of California
Ministers - Robert L. Atwell, Dwight H. Poundstone.

Presbytery of the Dakotas
Ministers - Samuel J. Allen, Robert B. Brown, Calvin A. Busch, Melvin B. Nonhof.

Presbytery of New Jersey
Elders - Matthew McCroddan, Bert Roeber.

Presbytery of New York and New England
Elders - Dirk Heuseveldt, Alexander Muir, J. M. MacDonald.

Presbytery of Ohio
Ministers - Carl A. Ahlfeldt, Everett C. DeVelde, J. Lyle Shaw, Christian G. Ter Maat.
Elders - Dirk De Jong, Robert C. Herdliska.
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Presbytery of Philadelphia


Elders - S. F. Brown, C. W. Mayson, H. Evan Runner, J. B. Speer.

Presbytery of Wisconsin

Ministers - Oscar Holkeboer, Leland C. Jorgensen, Ivan D. Mishoff.

The proposed docket was read by the Clerk of the Sixth General Assembly, and adopted as amended.

The printed form of the Minutes of the Fifth and Sixth General Assemblies was approved, with the correction of the following two typographical errors: On Page 35, Line 18, "investigation" was substituted for "examination," and on Page 36, Line 12, a hyphen was placed between "cross" and "examine."

The floor was opened for nominations for Clerk of the Assembly. The Rev. Messrs. John P. Galbraith and Leslie W. Sloat were nominated.

It was moved and carried that the nominations be closed.

The vote was taken and the tellers reported the result of the ballots: Galbraith 40, Sloat 22.

Mr. Galbraith was declared elected.

The floor was opened for nominations for Moderator of the Assembly. The Rev. Messrs. Edwin H. Rian, Robert Strong, Paul Woolley, and John P. Clelland were nominated.

It was moved and carried that the nominations be closed.

The vote was taken.

It was moved and carried that the nominee with the lowest number of votes on the first ballot be dropped.

The tellers reported the vote as follows: Strong 22, Woolley 15, Clelland 14, and Rian 11. Mr. Rian's name was dropped from the list of nominees.

It was moved and carried that if after the next vote no nominee has received a majority of the votes cast, the same rule shall apply to the one receiving the lowest number of votes.

The vote was again taken.

The tellers reported the vote as follows: Woolley 26, Strong 23, and Clelland 14. Mr. Clelland's name was dropped.
Another vote was taken, and the result was: Woolley 34, Strong 27.

Mr. Woolley was declared elected. The Rev. Theodore J. Jansma was appointed to escort Mr. Woolley to the chair where he was welcomed by Mr. DeVelde and presented with the gavel. Mr. Woolley responded briefly.

The report of the Committee on Arrangements was received.

The following papers were placed before the Assembly:

1. An overture from the Presbytery of the Dakotas.

   "The Presbytery of the Dakotas, at its regular Spring meeting held at Bancroft, South Dakota, April 10, 1940, respectfully overtures the Seventh General Assembly of The Orthodox Presbyterian Church meeting at Cincinnati, Ohio, from June 4-6, 1940, to send down to the Presbyteries the following amendments which would change Chapter XVIII of the Form of Government by deleting the words 'to any part,' 'or supply vacant churches,' and 'and the parties appointed shall speedily place themselves and their work under the jurisdiction of any Presbytery within whose bounds they may be laboring,' and to insert after the word 'churches' the words 'outside the bounds of existing Presbyteries' so that that part of the chapter will read, 'And the General Assembly may of its own knowledge, send missionaries to plant churches outside the bounds of existing Presbyteries...'

2. A memorial from the Presbytery of New Jersey suggesting clarification of alleged ambiguity in Chapter XIV of the Form of Government, and asking the Assembly to pass judgment on the discretion of an action of the Presbytery in taking under its care a member of a church which is not within the denomination.

3. A request from the Rev. Robert E. Nicholas asking that the General Assembly protest the appointment, by the President of the United States of America, of a personal representative to the Vatican.

4. A request from the "Iglesia Cristiana Puertorriquena" asking for admission to The Orthodox Presbyterian Church.

It was moved and carried that the overture and the two papers which have not been provided for on the docket (Nos. 2 and 3) be referred to a Committee on Overtures and Papers.

The amended motion was carried that the Moderator appoint a Committee on Overtures and Papers, composed of five members, to report at the earliest possible moment, a Committee to Examine Minutes of Presbyteries, composed of three members, and a Committee to Arrange Date and Place of Next Meeting, composed of three members.

It was moved and carried that the Moderator appoint a committee of three to define the bounds of existing Presbyteries and report later in this Assembly.

The amended motion was carried that the Moderator appoint the Rev.
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Messrs. Everett C. DeVelde, Edwin H. Rian, and Robert S. Marsden a committee to secure all proper publicity for the General Assembly.

It was moved and carried that the Assembly proceed to hear the report of the Committee on Home Missions and Church Extension.

The report of the Committee was presented by the Chairman, the Rev. Edwin H. Rian. The Treasurer's report, as audited by Main and Company, Certified Public Accountants, was presented by the Treasurer, the Rev. Robert Strong, S. T. D. The reports were received.

The reports are as follows:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON HOME MISSIONS AND CHURCH EXTENSION

of

THE ORTHODOX PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, INC.,

for the year ending March 31, 1940,

to

THE SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

meeting in Cincinnati, Ohio,

June 4, 1940.

The Committee on Home Missions and Church Extension has held nine meetings during the fiscal year just closed and has endeavored to the best of its ability to carry out the instructions of the previous General Assemblies. The Committee is able to report a much better average attendance at its meetings than in the two previous years.

WORK OF THE GENERAL SECRETARY

The Committee, in conjunction with The Committee on Foreign Missions, employed the Rev. Robert S. Marsden as general secretary, for a term of five years, beginning July 15, 1939, with the provision that his service may be terminated on six months' notice by either party to the agreement. The general secretary has been actively engaged throughout the year in handling the business affairs of the Committee and in furthering the work of the Committee as opportunity has presented itself. He has been privileged to speak in a large number of the churches of our denomination, as well as in a number of churches not members of The Orthodox Presbyterian Church. In addition to presenting the work of the Committee directly, he has been able to hold several extended series of meetings in both self-supporting churches and in aid-receiving congregations, at the invitation of the sessions. This has been done in the interest of church extension, the self-supporting churches being required to pay the necessary expenses involved in Mr. Marsden's services. The general secretary has made brief trips to the Middle West, through the South and through New York and New England, and has visited a large number of individual donors, as well as churches in these vicinities. He has likewise been active in investigating possible fields for church extension projects that may be opened as funds become available. His writings in The Presbyterian Guardian and an informal study material have done much to promote the work of the Committee.
INCORPORATION

The Committee has become incorporated under the laws of the State of Delaware and has secured a certificate of authority to do business in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

PERSONS SERVING UNDER THE COMMITTEE

The following persons have served under the Committee during the past year:

Rev. Samuel J. Allen
Rev. Robert L. Atwell
Rev. C. A. Balcom
Mr. Paul Bohn
Rev. James B. Brown, D. D.
Rev. Robert B. Brown
Rev. Robert K. Churchill
Rev. Bruce A. Coie
Rev. Edward B. Cooper
Rev. Thomas M. Cooper
Rev. John Davies
Rev. Marvin L. Derby
Rev. Leslie A. Dunn
Rev. David Freeman
Mrs. David Freeman

and the following were serving under the Committee on March 31, 1940:

Rev. Samuel J. Allen
Rev. Robert L. Atwell
Rev. C. A. Balcom
Mr. Paul Bohn
Rev. James B. Brown, D. D.
Rev. Robert B. Brown
Rev. Robert K. Churchill
Rev. Bruce A. Coie
Rev. Edward B. Cooper
Rev. Thomas M. Cooper
Rev. John Davies

The Committee is happy to be able to record that a more equitable salary basis has been established. While the aid which the Committee grants to missionaries and aid-receiving pastors has been reduced in a number of cases, the Committee is delighted to know that the general salary scale of the missionaries and aid-receiving pastors has been gradually rising and it is now considerably above the average of a year ago. The men serving under the Committee still are making great sacrifices, and they and their families are to be commended for their willingness to suffer hardship as good soldiers of the Cross in the cause of Christ.

All back salaries and allowances, including those owed for the period prior to May 31, 1937, have been paid. This was made possible through the receipt of the personal estate of Miss Nellie Pryce Rothwell. The payment of these back salaries and other back obligations has just about exhausted the available funds from the personal estate received under this Will. It is the cause of great rejoicing to note that the Committee entered upon the present fiscal year with no obligations which it was unable to meet.
CONTRIBUTIONS

The Committee is again glad to be able to report that contributions to its work have increased during the past year. While the increase has not been great, it is the source of great satisfaction to note that the income of the Committee has come from more sources than during the previous year. In its report to the Sixth General Assembly, the Committee reported that its income had come from 170 individuals and 63 churches; this year we are able to report gifts from 189 individuals and 68 churches and church organizations. The contributions came in in the form of 1157 gifts during the past year, compared with 940 gifts the year before, indicating that while the average contribution is of smaller amount, the Committee has been less dependent upon large contributions from a few individual donors who graciously helped very generously when the need was most pressing. This spread of the financial responsibility the Committee regards as a very healthy sign. Only as pastors and people continue their sacrificial interest in the work can it continue to be carried on, and the Committee wishes to commend the pastors and sessions for the encouragement they have given their churches and their individual members to contribute so generously to the work.

ROTHWELL LEGACY

The personal estate of Miss Nellie Pryce Rothwell has been paid to the Committee by the executor of the estate. An agreement of sale has been entered into with a prospective purchaser for the Rothwell farm, and it is expected that the sale of the farm may be consummated within a short time.

WORK AMONG JEWS

A subcommittee has been appointed by the Committee to supervise the work among Jews. During part of the year Mrs. David Freeman was engaged in this work both in Philadelphia and in Washington, D.C. The work in Washington was discontinued during the past summer and was not resumed in the fall. The Committee had contributed to Mrs. Freeman's expenses in this work but was not able to pay her a salary. During the fall and winter the work in Philadelphia expanded greatly with the influx of Jewish refugees into the Philadelphia area. During the winter Mrs. Freeman felt unable to carry on the work in an official capacity and felt compelled to resign, although she is still engaged in it as a volunteer. The Rev. David Freeman has also given part of his time to work among Jews, and a number of volunteer workers have been generously contributing of their time and energies in this task. The Committee has contributed toward the rental of a Jewish center which is likewise occupied by the New Covenant Church of Philadelphia. Upon Mrs. Freeman's resignation, the Committee was able to increase its allowance to Mr. Freeman to some extent, and he has continued to give a portion of his time to the work. Funds designated for the carrying on of the work have never kept pace with the demands, and the Committee has made contributions from the general fund to the Jewish work. The Committee would offer the following recommendation in regard to Jewish work:

Whereas, it is the conviction of the Committee that the primary need of The Orthodox Presbyterian Church is the establishment and maintenance of congregations and that the funds available for Home Missions should be used primarily for this purpose during these formative years, Therefore the Committee recommends that it be authorized to place Jewish missionary work on a volunteer basis under the supervision of its subcommittee on Jewish Missions, effective July 1, 1940.

POSSIBILITIES OF EXPANSION

During the past years the Committee has been hard pressed to care for the work to
which it was already obligated, with the small means at its disposal. It is hoping that during the next year it will be enabled to expand its work in fields that are truly "white for the harvest," and is counting upon increased income to enable it to engage in judiciously planned extension work.

ELECTIONS TO THE COMMITTEE

The terms of office of the following members of the Committee expire with this Assembly: Ministers - Everett C. DeVelde, Edwin H. Rian, Clifford S. Smith; Elders - John Welsh Dulles, William McCaughey. A member to fill the unexpired term of the Rev. James L. Rohrbaugh to 1941 should also be elected.

THE COMMITTEE ON HOME MISSIONS AND CHURCH EXTENSION OF THE ORTHODOX PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, INC.

STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 1940

Balance, April 1, 1939 - General Fund, as follows:

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RECEIPTS

General Fund

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Other Contributions

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<td>For Support of Designated Missionaries (Includes Negro Aid)</td>
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<td>For Jewish Work</td>
<td>464.55</td>
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<td>For Refugee Work</td>
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<td>For Expenses of the General Assembly</td>
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<td>For Pamphlet “Choose Ye This Day”</td>
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<td>Received as Intermediary</td>
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<td>Less: Disbursements as Intermediary</td>
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Refund of Amounts Expended for the Committee on Foreign Missions | 1,928.68

Less: Disbursements for the Committee on Foreign Missions | 1,928.68
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Total Available Receipts ........................................ $21,699.38
Total Available Cash ............................................. 21,784.65

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<td>Traveling Expenses</td>
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<td>Salaries and Aid</td>
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<td>General Expenses, including</td>
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<td>Refugee Care</td>
<td>626.50</td>
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| Jewish Work                    |                |
| Salaries and Aid               | $270.50        |
| Rent                           | 240.00         |
| General Expenses, including    | 116.00         |
| Refugee Care                   | 626.50         |

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<td>and Clerical Help</td>
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| Promotion Expenses               |                |
| Contributions to *The Presbyterian Guardian* | $300.00        |
| Traveling Expenses               | 247.21         |
| Rent                             | 50.00          |
| Printing, Postage, etc.          | 52.68          |
| Canvassing                       | 5.00           |
| Rothwell Farm                    |                |
| Insurance, maintenance, etc.     | 294.01         |
| General Assembly                 |                |
| Printing Minutes, Constitution,  | 198.19         |
| Postage, Mimeographing, etc.     |                |
| Printing Pamphlet "Choose Ye This Day" | 35.70         |

| Total Disbursements              | $20,474.44     |
Balance, March 31, 1939 - General Fund as Follows:

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The Moderator appointed the following men to committees, in each case the first named being the convener:

To the Committee on Overtures and Papers: the Rev. Messrs. Robert Strong, John P. Clelland, R. B. Kuiper, Carl A. Ahlfeldt, and Jack Zandstra.


To the Committee on Date and Place of Next Meeting: the Rev. Messrs. Edwin H. Rian, John J. De Waard, and Arthur O. Olson.


It was moved and carried, 27-23, on a show of hands, that the Assembly recess.

The Moderator closed the meeting with prayer at 5:30 p. m.

A public rally was held at 8:00 p. m. in the Walnut Hills Baptist Church under the auspices of the Committee on Home Missions and Church Extension. The meeting was addressed by the Rev. Robert Strong, S. T. D., who spoke on “The Blood of Christ Not a Common Thing,” and by the Rev. R. B. Kuiper, whose subject was “The Line of Orthodoxy.”

Wednesday, June 5, 1940.

The Assembly was reconvened at 9:00 a. m., the devotions being led by the Rev. Leslie A. Dunn.

The meeting was called to order and constituted with prayer by the Moderator.

The minutes of the previous day’s sessions were read.

It was moved and carried that when speaking of more than one minister, the form of the title shall be “the Rev. Messrs.”

The minutes were approved as corrected.

It was moved and carried that the special committees of the General Assembly, already appointed, be enlarged through the appointment of ruling elders as follows:
To the Committee on Overtures and Papers, two elders.
To the Committees to Examine Presbyterial Records, to Determine Bounds of Existing Presbyteries, on Date and Place of Next Meeting, and on Publicity, one each.

It was moved that the report of the Committee on Home Missions and Church Extension be approved and the recommendation adopted.

It was moved and carried that the question be divided and that the adoption of the recommendation be considered first and the approval of the report afterward.

The recommendation was not adopted.

The Moderator ruled that the order of the day having arrived, the Assembly should proceed to the report of the Committee on the Constitution.

An appeal from the Moderator's ruling was made and the ruling not sustained.

Further discussion on the report of the Committee on Home Missions and Church Extension was held.

The report of the Committee on Home Missions and Church Extension was approved as amended.

It was moved and carried that the General Assembly recommend to the churches the work of the Committee for the Propagation of the Reformed Faith in New England for their prayerful interest and support.

Communications concerning the Iglesia Cristiana Puertorriquena were read, and a motion made which was amended and finally adopted at the following afternoon's session (see p. 15).

The Moderator announced the appointment of Ruling Elders Muir and Rocker to the Committee on Overtures and Papers, Speer to the Committee on Presbyterial Records, Brown to the Committee on Date and Place of Next Meeting, Heuseveldt to the Committee to Determine Bounds of Existing Presbyteries, and Mac Donald to the Committee on Publicity.

It was moved and carried that the Assembly recess until 2:00 p.m.

The Rev. Bruce H. Wideman closed the meeting with prayer.

The Assembly was reconvened at 2:00 p.m. and constituted with prayer by the Rev. C. G. Ter Maat.

It was moved and carried that debate on the Iglesia Cristiana Puertorriquena matter be postponed until the Rev. Robert S. Marsden should be able to be present.

It was moved and carried that the General Assembly authorize the Committee on Home Missions and Church Extension to use the funds of the Committee for the conduct of Jewish missions and that the Assembly encourage the
Committee to make a vigorous effort to stimulate interest in the Jewish work of the denomination.

The floor was opened for nominations to the Committee on Home Missions and Church Extension.

It was moved and carried that the minister receiving the fourth highest number of votes fill the term which expires in 1941.

The following ministers were nominated: DeWaard, Rian, Dunn, Skilton, Smith, Schauffele, Ahlfeldt, Murray, DeVelde, and Atwell.

It was moved and carried that the nominations of ministerial members of the Committee be closed.

The following ruling elders were nominated: Garrard (Trinity, Cincinnati), Roeber (Grace, Westfield), Brown (Calvary, Willow Grove), Muir (Covenant, Rochester), and Neilands (Covenant, Berkeley).

It was moved and carried that the nominations of elder members of the Committee be closed.

It was moved and carried that the Rev. John H. Skilton’s request that his name be withdrawn be granted.

It was moved and carried that the names of those on other standing committees be indicated on the list of nominees.

It was moved and carried that Elder Runner be given four minutes to speak about the literature on the book table.

The Committee on Overtures and Papers reported on Paper No. 2, the Memorial from the Presbytery of New Jersey as follows:

"The Committee on Overtures and Papers recommends that the first section of the Memorial of the Presbytery of New Jersey (as to the alleged ambiguity of the Form of Govt., Chap. XIV) be referred to the Committee on the Constitution for study and for a report to be made to the next Assembly. The Committee would report also regarding the second section of the Memorial (as to the Presbytery taking under its care an individual who was not a member of a congregation within The Orthodox Presbyterian Church) that in its judgment the Presbytery erred, for the candidate in question, not being a member of The Orthodox Presbyterian Church is not subject to its government and discipline."

It was moved and carried that the report be received and the recommendations adopted.

The Committee on Overtures and Papers reported on Paper No. 3, the request of the Rev. Robert E. Nicholas.

It was moved and carried that the matter be postponed until the time of the election of the standing committees on Thursday afternoon.

The Committee on the Constitution presented its report through its Chairman, the Rev. Ned B. Stonehouse, Th. D., as follows:
"In accordance with the mandate of the Sixth General Assembly, the Committee on the Constitution has given further consideration to the Book of Discipline and Suggested Forms for Particular Services, and submits the following recommendations:

I. The Book of Discipline, in the printed revised form in which it was submitted to ministers and sessions in April, is recommended for final adoption.

II. The 'Suggested Forms for Particular Services,' in the revised form submitted herewith, are presented to the General Assembly for approval, not as a part of the Constitution of The Orthodox Presbyterian Church, but as 'Suggested Forms' that are suitable and convenient aids in the conduct of the particular services.

III. The 'Suggested Forms for use in connection with the Book of Discipline,' submitted herewith, are presented to the General Assembly for approval, not as a part of the Constitution of The Orthodox Presbyterian Church, but as 'Suggested Forms' that are suitable and convenient aids in connection with certain phases of judicial discipline.

IV. It is recommended that the Form of Government, the Book of Discipline, and the Directory for the Public Worship of God, together with the 'Suggested Forms for Particular Services' and the 'Suggested Forms for use in connection with the Book of Discipline,' be printed in one volume; and that the Committee on the Constitution be continued, and charged with the task of arranging for this publication, and for its sale; and that the Committee shall have power to make such purely formal changes, as for example, changes in orthography and capitalization, as may seem necessary."

It was moved and carried that the report be received and its recommendations be considered seriatim.

It was moved that Recommendation I be adopted.

It was moved and carried that Chapter VII, Section 7, of the Book of Discipline be amended by deleting the words "of the privileges."

It was moved and carried that Chapter IV, Section 15, of the Book of Discipline be amended by adding to the second sentence the words, "but shall not deprive him of any other rights as a member of the trial judicatory."

It was moved and carried that Chapter III, Section 7, be amended by adding the words "by an injured party or by a person not an injured party" after the word "presented" in the first sentence, and by adding a new section, Section 8, to the Chapter, to read as follows: "If a judicatory contemplates bringing a charge of an offense against a person subject to its jurisdiction, the judicatory shall conduct a preliminary investigation to determine whether judicial process should be instituted. If the judicatory, after the investigation of the specifications relied upon to sustain the charge, decides that the proof of the charge and specifications would show the commission of an offense, it shall initiate such process by the preparation and adoption of formal charges and specifications. It shall then fix a time for the trial of the case and shall cite the accused to appear at that time. If the preliminary investigation is conducted by a committee, its findings shall be reviewed by the judicatory."

The Moderator called the Rev. Robert Strong, S. T. D., briefly to the chair, and then resumed the chair.
Recommendation I, that the Book of Discipline be finally adopted, was approved.
It was moved and carried that Recommendation II be approved.
It was moved and carried that Recommendation III be approved.
It was moved and carried that Recommendation IV be approved.
It was moved and carried that the request of the Rev. Lawrence B. Gilmore, Th. D., for permission to resign from the Committee on the Constitution because of his inability to attend the meetings of the Committee, be granted.
The Moderator called Dr. Stonehouse to the chair briefly, and then resumed the chair.
It was moved and carried that the Assembly extend a rising vote of thanks to the members of the Committee on the Constitution for their work.

Consideration of the matter of the Iglesia Cristiana Puertorriquena was resumed.
The amended motion was carried that this Assembly elect a commission of three ministers and one ruling elder (1) with the following duties and powers:
(a) To communicate with the Iglesia Cristiana Puertorriquena relative to its admission to The Orthodox Presbyterian Church;
(b) If such communication seems to warrant it, to examine such ministers, ruling elders, and church sessions as may seem necessary; and,
(c) That the commission be instructed to report its findings to the Eighth General Assembly and have power to make recommendations; and,
(2) That since the activities of this commission are definitely related to church extension, the Committee on Home Missions and Church Extension shall pay the necessary expenses of this commission.
The Rev. Messrs. E. Lynne Wade, Calvin K. Cummings, and Edward L. Kellogg requested that their names be recorded as having voted in favor of a proposed amendment to the above motion, which was lost, calling for the examination of every minister in the Iglesia Cristiana Puertorriquena by the Commission.

It was moved and carried that the Assembly recess until Thursday morning at 9:00.
The Assembly recessed at 5:40 p. m. with prayer by the Rev. C. Van Til, Ph. D.

A public meeting was held at 8:00 p. m. in the Walnut Hills Baptist Church under the auspices of the Committee on Christian Education. The speakers were the Rev. R. Heber McIlwaine, who spoke on "Orthodoxy and the Church in
Japan,” and the Rev. Cornelius Van Til, Ph. D., whose subject was “Ora et Labora.”

Thursday, June 6, 1940

The Assembly reconvened at 9:00 a. m., and the devotional service was conducted by the Rev. Peter Pascoe.

The Assembly was called to order by the Moderator and convened with prayer by the Rev. Edward L. Kellogg.

The minutes of the previous day’s sessions were read, corrected, and approved.

It was moved and carried that the Commission for the Porto Rico matter be nominated at once, and elected at the time of the election of the standing committees.

The floor was opened for nominations to the commission, and the following ministers were nominated: Galbraith, Kuiper, De Waard, Murray, Woolley, Marsden, and Stonehouse.

It was moved and carried that the nominations of ministerial members be closed.

The following elders were nominated: M. F. Thompson (Calvary, Philadelphia), H. J. M. Remein (Memorial, Rochester), M. McCroddan (Covenant, Orange), C. D. Garrard (Trinity, Cincinnati), A. Armour (Faith, Harrisville), and D. Heuseveldt (Memorial, Rochester).

It was moved and carried that the nominations of elder members be closed.

The report of the Committee on Foreign Missions was read by the Chairman, the Rev. Franklin S. Dyrness. The Treasurer’s report, as audited by Main and Company, Certified Public Accountants, was also read by Mr. Dyrness in the absence of the Treasurer, Elder Murray Forst Thompson. The reports are as follows:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN MISSIONS
of
THE ORTHODOX PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, INC.,
for the year ending March 31, 1940,
to
THE SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY
meeting in Cincinnati, Ohio,
June 4, 1940

The Committee on Foreign Missions has held six meetings during the fiscal year
which ended March 31, 1940, and has endeavored to the best of its ability to carry out the instructions of the previous General Assemblies.

INCORPORATION

The Committee has become incorporated under the laws of the State of Delaware and has secured a certificate of authority to do business in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

WORK OF THE GENERAL SECRETARY

The Committee, in conjunction with The Committee on Home Missions and Church Extension, employed the Rev. Robert S. Marsden as general secretary for a term of five years, beginning July 15, 1939, with the provision that his service may be terminated on six months' notice by either party to the agreement. The general secretary has been actively engaged throughout the year in handling the business affairs of the Committee and in furthering the work of the Committee as opportunity has presented itself. He has kept in close contact with the missionaries by correspondence and has kept in touch with those local religious developments in the mission fields which are likely to have an effect upon the work of our missionaries.

FURLOUGHS

The presence of the Rev. and Mrs. Henry W. Coray, of Harbin, Manchoukuo, in this country on furlough has done much to stimulate the work of the Committee. Mr. Coray has been engaged a large part of the year in promoting the work of foreign missions in local churches, and has been successful in interesting at least several groups from without our denomination in the work of the Committee and in his own work in particular. Mrs. Coray has also accepted a number of informal speaking engagements.

The Rev. R. Heber McIlwaine, of Tokyo, Japan, began his furlough on May 1, and is expected to be in this country before the opening of the Seventh General Assembly.

Furlough schedules have been set tentatively for all the missionaries now serving under the Committee. The term of service for foreign missionaries has been set at five years for the first term, and seven for each succeeding term. The furloughs have been set to begin on the field on May 1 and to end in Eastern United States on July 15, time spent in itineration on the Pacific Coast after that date not being included in the furlough time. The following tentative schedule of furloughs has been adopted:

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WORK OF THE MISSIONARIES

The work of the missionaries continues to be severely hampered by governmental restrictions and by the Sino-Japanese war. Despite these restrictions, however, they have continued with evangelism in an aggressive manner and, while it has not been possible to organize new churches because the missionaries find themselves unable to conform to certain governmental regulations which are contrary to the Word, yet converts are being made and saints strengthened during a great time of testing. The Committee calls upon the Church to pray earnestly that the work be not further hindered to the destruction of precious souls. The Committee believes that there is ample opportunity for expansion of the work in the Far East while the field is still open for missionary effort, and has a number
of missionary applicants who appear to be qualified for this task, but has been hindered through the lack of funds from expanding the work during the past year.

CONTRIBUTIONS

The Committee is delighted to be able to report that contributions have again increased over the previous year. While the average monthly contributions for the year 1938-39 amounted to $890.43, for the past year the average has been $963.52. Contributions have been received from 74 churches and church organizations and from 167 individuals. The previous year contributions were received from but 54 churches and 140 individuals. The increase in the number of sources of contributions is most encouraging, for it indicates the broadening of interest in our work. Expenses have increased also, however, from an average of approximately $1,000.00 per month at the end of the previous year to an average of $1110.86 for the last year. The increase of expenditures is accounted for by increases in a number of items—furlough expenses, an increase in the number of children's allowances, an increase in rent allowances due to rising costs, and small amounts additional for promotion and legal expenses. The deficit which averaged $147.34 per month was cared for temporarily by a loan of $500.00, by withholding allowances of $444.26 due the missionaries, and by sharply decreasing the balance on hand. In reporting an increase in contributions, the Committee is not unaware of the serious financial difficulties which will be encountered if the present average deficits continue. It is faced with the necessity of cutting the allowances of missionaries, and thus hindering the work, unless new sources of revenue are found. It is the hope and prayer of the Committee that the increase in contributions will continue steadily until there is no average deficit, and that previous deficits may soon be wiped out.

The terms of the following members of the Committee expire at this time:
Ministers—Franklin S. Dyrness, R. B. Kuiper and Paul Woolley;
Elders—J. Enoch Faw and R. R. Stewart. A member to fill the unexpired term of the Rev. Cary N. Weisiger to 1941 should also be elected.

THE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN MISSIONS OF THE ORTHODOX PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, INC.

STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 1940.

Balance, April 1, 1939, as follows:
General Fund .................................. $ 627.48
For Support of Designated Missionaries .......... 92.19

Total ........................................... $ 719.67

RECEIPTS

General Fund
Contributions .................................. $9,054.17
Dividends from Stock Owned ................. 45.00
Refund of Traveling Expenses .............. 300.00
Loan - Payable 9/15/40 .................. 500.00

Total General Fund ................................ $ 9,899.17
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Other Contributions
For Support of Designated Missionaries 2,258.02
For Legal Expenses re: Incorporation 250.00
As Intermediary 372.41
Less: Disbursements as Intermediary 372.41

Total Available Receipts 12,407.19
Total Available Cash $13,126.86

DISBURSEMENTS
Missionaries' Expenses - Paid from General Fund $7,598.42
Paid from Contributions for Support of Designated Missionaries 2,256.71

Total Missionaries' Expenses $9,855.13

General Expenses
Salaries, Office, etc. 1,904.66
Promotion Expenses 935.26
Legal Expenses re: Incorporation (Paid from Designated Contributions) 191.00

Total Disbursements $12,886.05

Balance, March 31, 1940 $240.81

Accounted for as follows:
General Fund $88.31
For Support of Designated Missionaries 93.50
Legal Expenses re: Incorporation 59.00

240.81

It was moved and carried that the reports be received and approved.

The floor was opened for nominations to the Committee on Foreign Missions.

It was moved and carried that the ministerial candidate receiving the fourth highest number of votes shall be elected to the class of 1941.

The following ministers were nominated: Dyrness, Woolley, Kuiper, Wideman, Bohn, D. C. Graham, Wade, and Kellogg.

It was moved and carried that the nominations of ministerial members be closed.

The following elders were nominated: J. E. Faw (Grace, Westfield), J. H. McClay (Redeemer, Philadelphia), R. R. Stuart (Covenant, Pittsburgh), L. Gibson (Calvary, Bridgeton), C. A. Dunlap (Second Parish, Portland), C. Muller (Memorial, Rochester), A. Armour (Faith, Harrisville), and H. P. Allen (Calvary, Philadelphia).
It was moved and carried that the nominations of elder members be closed.

A communication from the Rev. and Mrs. Bruce F. Hunt, of Harbin, Manchoukuo, was read, and the Assembly was led in prayer for them by the Rev. Theodore J. Jansma.

The report of the Committee on Christian Education was read by the Chairman, the Rev. Calvin K. Cummings.

It was moved and carried that the report be received and the recommendations considered *seriatim*.

Recommendation I was amended to provide for the addition of one minister each to the classes of 1942 and 1943, and one elder to the class of 1941, and adopted.

Recommendation II was amended to increase the item for Summer Bible School materials to $100.00, and was adopted.

Recommendation III was amended by the insertion of "be urged to" between "churches" and "place," and was adopted.

Recommendation IV was amended by the substitution of "be recommended to our churches for support" for "be supported by our churches," and was adopted.

It was moved that Recommendation V be amended by inserting "be urged to" between "churches" and "place."

It was moved and carried that the Assembly recess until 1:30 p.m.

The session was recessed with prayer by the Rev. Raymond M. Meiners.

The Assembly was called to order by the Moderator at 1:30 p.m. and convened with prayer by the Rev. Edward B. Cooper.

The previous question was moved and carried.

Recommendation V was adopted as amended.

Recommendation VI was amended by the insertion of "be urged to" after "Sessions," and was adopted.

It was moved and carried that the Rev. John J. Kenbeek, of the Christian Reformed Church, be enrolled as a corresponding member of the Assembly. Mr. Kenbeek gave a short greeting to the Assembly.

It was moved and carried that the Christian Education Committee's report as a whole be adopted as amended. The report with the recommendations as amended, follows:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION OF THE ORTHODOX PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH TO THE SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The Committee, laboring under certain definite handicaps, has endeavored to ac-
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complish the tasks assigned to it by the previous Assembly and to fulfill the general purposes for which it exists. The lack of a General Secretary, the illness of one of our most capable members, and our very meager resources retarded the Committee's work but did not prevent the accomplishment of the objectives desired for the year.

I

PUBLICATIONS AND PROPAGANDA

The Committee has labored under the conviction that one of the great needs in our denomination is literature for the purposes of reaching the lost, instructing young Christians, and reaching those unfriendly to our witness to the whole counsel of God. To this end articles have been contributed in The Presbyterian Guardian to encourage and to assist our constituency in the task of propagating the truths of a consistent and full-orbed Christianity. In addition, the Committee has provided publications and mimeographed materials of its own. These publications and materials are as follows:

Short Tracts. Four tracts by Dr. L. B. Gilmore on "Creation," "Divine Providence," "The Precious Blood of Christ," and "The Good Shepherd" were published. A sufficient quantity was printed to meet the orders which we believed would come in over a period of five years. To date, approximately 8,000 copies of these tracts have been purchased. A number of these were purchased by individuals outside of our denomination and hitherto unknown to our constituency. The Committee has acted to advertise these tracts in certain of the leading evangelical magazines in America. Our purpose in this is to extend the usefulness of "Reformed" Gospel tracts and to declare, in circles where unfortunately it is denied, that we have a primary interest in the salvation of lost souls.

In response to the recommendation of the Presbytery of New Jersey the Committee sponsored a tract contest. We deeply regret to report that there was no response to this contest. However, the Committee has not abandoned the idea of writing additional short tracts.

Long Tracts. A timely tract was published, entitled "A Message from Dr. J. Gresham Machen." Another timely message is due from the printer— "Why the Orthodox Presbyterian Church?"— by the Rev. John P. Galbraith. Another tract is in preparation on "The Covenant of Grace" designed as a key to an understanding of the Bible for young Bible students.

Young People's Lessons. We are happy to report that a coordination of the Young People's work in New England and the work of the Committee has been effected. Through mutual cooperation the Committee will be able to supply splendid mimeographed supplementary material to all the young people's groups of our church and to other interested groups. Thus, the growing demand for material to supplement the Young People's page in The Presbyterian Guardian has been happily met. Plans are now under way for the publication, in 1941, of these Young People's materials in the form of a quarterly.

Summer Bible School Material. Through the Committee mimeographed material for use in the Summer Bible Schools has been provided. To date, approximately 300 mimeographed booklets have been purchased.

II

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES

The Treasurer reports the following receipts and expenditures as of May 25, 1940.

Total receipts $297.67
Total expenditures 182.38
Book Balance $115.29

Bills payable by the time of the
Seventh General Assembly (approximately) 70.00

Actual Balance $45.29

Because of the small amount involved, the Committee audited the Treasurer's report rather than employ an auditing firm. The Treasurer's books are open for inspection by the Assembly.

III

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Committee on Christian education recommends to the Seventh General Assembly:

1. That one minister be added to each of the classes 1942 and 1943, and one elder to the class of 1941.

2. That the following budget be approved for the year 1940-41 —
   - Young People's Lessons $100.00
   - Summer Bible School Materials 100.00
   - Long tracts 300.00
   - Short tracts 100.00
   - Advertising and general Propaganda 100.00
   - Stenographic help, postage, and miscellaneous items 50.00
   - Total $750.00

3. That the Sessions of our churches be urged to place the Committee on Christian Education on their budget for at least one dollar per month.

4. That Westminster Theological Seminary be recommended to our churches for support in its singular contribution to the cause of Christian education.

5. That the Sessions of our churches be urged to place in the home of each new family that comes into the church a copy of The Presbyterian Guardian.

6. That Sessions be urged to encourage the formation of local Christian Day School Societies for the purpose of disseminating information concerning Christian Day Schools.

The floor was opened for nominations to the Committee on Christian Education.

The following ministers were nominated: Goddard, Nicholas, Gray, Heerema, Wade, Zandstra, Adair, Holkeboer, Cummings, Atwell, and Schaufele.

It was moved and carried that the nominations of ministerial members be closed.

The following elders were nominated: G. H. Clark (Redeemer, Philadelphia), H. M. Partington (Grace, Westfield), A. Hood (Knox, Philadelphia), C. Richardson (Calvary, Willow Grove), R. Wallace (Franklin Square), and D. Neilands (Covenant, Berkeley).

It was moved and carried that the nominations of elders be closed.

It was moved and carried that the floor be reopened for nominations to the Committee on Home Missions and Church Extension.

The Rev. Messrs. R. Graham and Van Houte were added to the list of ministerial nominees.
It was moved and carried that the nominations be closed.

It was moved and carried that the floor be reopened for nominations to the Committee on Christian Education.

The Rev. David Freeman was added to the list of ministerial nominees.

It was moved and carried that the nominations be closed.

It was moved and carried that the Assembly proceed to the election of the standing committees.

The ballots were cast for members of the Committee on Home Missions and Church Extension.

While the ballots were being counted, the Committee on Overtures and Papers reported on Paper No. 3, the request from the Rev. Robert E. Nicholas, and recommended the adoption of an amended form of the request.

It was moved that the recommendation of the Committee be adopted.

The Moderator called the Rev. Robert S. Marsden to the chair and resumed the chair shortly thereafter.

The tellers reported the results of the first ballot for members of the Committee on Home Missions and Church Extension as follows: Ministers — Rian 34, DeWaard 30, Smith 26, Gray 21, Murray 17, Dunn 16, Graham 16, DeVelde 13, Ahlfe'dt 12, Schauffele 11, Van Houte 9, and Atwell 5. Elders — Garrard 29, Roeber 29, Brown 28, Muir 20, and Neilands 2.

Ministers Rian and DeWaard, and Elders Garrard and Roeber, having received a majority of the votes cast, were declared elected.

It was moved and carried that on the next ballot on ministerial members, the vote be taken only on the five next highest to those elected.

A second vote was taken.

The recommendation of the Committee on Overtures and Papers was adopted. The request, as adopted is as follows:

"Whereas the President of the United States has sent Mr. Myron C. Taylor on a mission to Rome as his 'personal representative with the rank of ambassador to his holiness Pope Pius XII'; and has assigned him duties that are virtually the same as those of an ambassador; and

"Whereas such an appointment is contrary not only to the American constitutional principle of the separation of church and state but also to the same principle as set forth in the Standards of The Orthodox Presbyterian Church; and

"Whereas the appointment of Mr. Taylor is, to say the least, capable of misinterpretation, and has in fact been widely interpreted in Rome and elsewhere as establishing for all practical purposes diplomatic relations between the government of the United States and the Roman Church;

"Therefore be it resolved that we do hereby protest the appointment by the President of a personal representative to the Vatican; and,

"Be it further resolved that we urge the recall of Mr. Taylor as the one effective way to correct a serious departure from American precedent."

It was moved and carried that the Clerk transmit the resolution as
amended and adopted, to the President of the United States.

The tellers announced the result of the second ballot for members of the Committee on Home Missions and Church Extension as follows: Smith 32, Gray 24, Murray 22, Dunn 21, and R. Graham 11.

Mr. Smith, having received a majority of the votes cast, was declared elected.

It was moved and carried that Mr. Graham's name be dropped from the list.

A third vote was taken, with the following result: Gray 23, Dunn 16, Murray 15.

It was moved and carried that Mr. Murray's name be dropped from the list.

A fourth vote was taken.

It was moved and carried that if, in the election of ministerial members to the Committee on Foreign Missions, the four highest do not receive majorities of the votes cast, the two lowest be dropped.

The actions of the Presbyteries on the overture of the Sixth General Assembly to the Presbyteries with respect to the change of the name of the denomination were read by the Clerk. The following Presbyteries concurred: New York and New England, New Jersey, Philadelphia, The Dakotas, Wisconsin, and Ohio. The Presbytery of California reported no action.

The Moderator declared that the proposed changes are thus now in effect.

It was moved and carried that the report of the Legal Committee be heard.


The report of the Legal Committee was read by the Rev. Paul Woolley.

The final vote on members for the Committee on Home Missions and Church Extension was announced as follows: Gray 29, Dunn 25.

The class of 1943 of the Committee on Home Missions and Church Extension is to be composed of the following:

Ministers — Rian, De Waard, and Smith;

Elders — Garrard and Roeber.

The ministerial vacancy in the class of 1941 is to be filled by Mr. Gray.

Ballots were cast for members of the Committee on Foreign Missions.

It was moved and carried that the report of the Legal Committee be received and its recommendations considered seriatim.

Recommendation I was adopted.

Recommendation II was adopted.

It was moved and carried that the report as a whole be adopted.

The report with recommendations as adopted, is as follows:
MINUTES OF THE SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

REPORT OF THE LEGAL COMMITTEE to the
SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY, meeting in Cincinnati, Ohio, June 4, 1940.

The Legal Committee respectfully submits the following report:

The Committee has held four meetings since its appointment by the Fifth General Assembly. It has been concerned primarily with two subjects.

On September 7, 1939 it met to consider, at the request of our Kirkwood Church, the situation occasioned by objections raised by representatives of The Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A. to the approval by the Court of Common Pleas of Lancaster County, Pennsylvania of a proposed charter of incorporation for that congregation.

The committee recommended certain changes in the text of the charter and the incorporation has subsequently been successfully accomplished.

On October 25, 1939, the committee considered matters arising from the following communication from counsel for The Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A.:

Murray Forst Thompson, Esq.,
Saul, Ewing, Remick & Saul, Esquires,
2301-17 Packard Building,

Re: Masters et al vs. Machen et al

Dear Mr. Thompson:

My attention has been called to a considerable body of complaints which have been received at the office of the stated clerk of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A. of the failure of member churches of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church to use the word Orthodox in the names and public advertising under which they are conducting their activities. I presume that this is due to tardiness in putting into effect the change of name that was adopted by the church authorities, but I will appreciate your assurance that the necessary measures are being taken to assure the conformity on the part of all member churches with the changed name.

Very truly yours,

WLS:MS

(signed) Walter Lee Sheppard.

The committee replied to this communication and a subsequent one which listed the congregations to whose names objection was offered. The committee stated that it had no jurisdiction over the names of particular congregations of The Orthodox Presbyterian Church but that, while it did not admit the validity of the position of the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A., it would inform the congregations concerned of the objections offered.

Since that time a rather extensive correspondence has been carried on by your committee with the pastors of certain particular congregations and with counsel for The Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A.

In the opinion of the committee, the cooperation of the pastors and individual congregations of our Church has made it possible to avert, thus far, further court proceedings against the Church on the part of the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A.

It is the hope of the committee that by the continuance of such cooperation between the congregations and the committee, or whatever agency the Assembly appoints to under-
take the functions of the committee, we may continue to enjoy freedom from persecution by the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A. through legal proceedings. At the same time, such committee or agency should stand ready to defend, by all the means in its power, the legal and constitutional rights of The Orthodox Presbyterian Church.

The Committee recommends:

1. That a legal committee of nine be elected by this General Assembly.

2. That this committee have full power to defend any and all litigation which may be instituted against The Orthodox Presbyterian Church and to take any appeal or appeals which it may deem necessary in connection with said litigation, to solicit funds for such purposes, to make expenditures as may be required in connection with such litigation and to advise with local congregations concerning legal matters, when so requested.

The Moderator resumed the chair.

It was moved and carried that the Assembly proceed to nominate the nine members of the Legal Committee.

It was moved and carried that with the exception of Rev. L. B. Gilmore, Th.D., who asked that he be relieved of his duties, the members of the previous committee be nominated. They are as follows:

Ministers - Woolley, Marsden, Sloat, Clelland, DeVelde;

Elders - McCroddan, Iredell, Frazer.

The Rev. John H. Skilton was nominated.

It was moved and carried that the nominations close.

It was moved and carried that the Clerk be instructed to cast a white ballot for the nominees.

It was moved and carried that the report of the Committee on Secret Societies be heard.

The Rev. Robert Strong, S. T. D., was called to the chair by the Moderator.

The majority report of the Committee was read by the Rev. Paul Woolley.

The tellers reported the result of the first ballot in the election of ministerial members to the Committee on Foreign Missions as follows: Woolley 42, Kellogg 35, Dyrness 34, Kuiper 31, Wideman 19, D. C. Graham 18, Bohn 11.

Messrs. Woolley, Kellogg, Dyrness and Kuiper, having received a majority of the votes cast, were declared elected, the first three to the class of 1943, and the last to the class of 1941.

The Assembly proceeded immediately to vote on Elder members of the Committee on Foreign Missions.

The result of the balloting for Elders was as follows: Gibson 29, Allen 23, Muller 17, McClay 16, Armour 15, Stuart 11, Dunlap 5, Faw 2.

Elders Faw, Dunlap, and Stuart were dropped from the list of nominees and a second ballot taken.

The Moderator resumed the chair.
It was moved that the report of the Committee on Secret Societies be received and its recommendation adopted.

A minority report was read by the Rev. Oscar Holkeboer.

It was moved that the minority report of the Committee be substituted for the majority report.

The reports follow:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE APPOINTED TO INVESTIGATE THE PRINCIPLES AND PRACTICES OF OATH-BOUND SECRET SOCIETIES (Majority Report). Submitted to the Seventh General Assembly of The Orthodox Presbyterian Church, meeting in Cincinnati, Ohio, June 4, 1940.

Fathers and Brethren:

The committee now reporting was elected by the Sixth General Assembly of The Orthodox Presbyterian Church. Its members are: Ministers — Holkeboer, Davison, Woolley; Elders — Mayson, Thompson. The committee was commissioned by the Assembly "to investigate the principles and practices of oath-bound secret societies and to report its findings to the Seventh Assembly" (Minutes, Sixth General Assembly, p. 21).

This commission is exceedingly broad. The committee has been embarrassed not by the limitation of its powers but by the breadth of them. To make a complete investigation of the principles and practices of oath-bound secret societies would, if it were found to be at all possible, involve a long period of years and the expenditure of very extensive amounts of time and energy. Since this committee was instructed to report to the Seventh Assembly, and since the amount of time at the disposal of its members was limited, the committee has found it necessary to limit its investigations to certain distinctive principles and the relevant facts.

At the outset the committee wishes to state that it believes it entirely proper for a Christian to take a pledge of secrecy for worthwhile purposes, if the nature and extent of the commitment are known beforehand. It does not believe that Scriptural objections to any and every form of secrecy can be discovered.

The committee notes that there is one prominent feature which is characteristic of most, if not of all, secret orders. This characteristic is the binding by oath or pledge of the candidate for the order to secrecy concerning certain information which has not at the time of the taking of the oath or pledge been revealed to the candidate. He is thus required to take in advance a solemn obligation to preserve inviolate information the character of which is at the time unknown to him.

A Christian can have only one supreme standard of faith and practice, the Word of God. In the application of this standard to his life and walk the Christian's reason and enlightened conscience must be his guide. When a Christian assumes an obligation to maintain secrecy concerning information the character of which he does not know, he opens up before himself the possibility of a serious conflict of obligations. It is entirely possible that information may subsequently come to the Christian which he is required by the principles of the Word of God to reveal to others, as, for example, to the duly constituted authorities of the government, and which he is required by his solemn oath or pledge to keep secret. He is thus placed before the alternative of disobeying the Word of God or of breaking a most solemn personal obligation.

It appears to the committee that it is highly dangerous for a Christian to undertaken...
an obligation which carries with it the possibility that he will be placed in the situation just described. Commitments which involve the opening of an avenue of temptation to sin through disregarding the precepts of the Word of God, and the danger that the Christian's reputation and good name will be impugned are not lightly to be undertaken.

For the reasons outlined earlier, it has not been possible for this committee to enter upon the study of all oathbound secret societies. There is one order in this category, however, about which, since it is to the best of our knowledge the oldest and the largest oath-bound secret organization, information is more easily and more generally accessible than in the case of other such orders. The order to which we refer is, of course, the Order of Free and Accepted Masons. The committee is of the opinion that the history of the Masonic order is illuminating with respect to the commission with which the committee was entrusted by the Sixth General Assembly.

The modern form of the Masonic order took shape in England during the first half of the eighteenth century. The great influence and wide popularity of the order have resulted from the efforts put forth at that time by the Rev. James Anderson, M. A., and the Rev. Joseph Theophilus Desaguliers, LL. D. Recent research has indicated that the transformation of Masonry, which was largely the work of Dr. Desaguliers, was undertaken for two specific purposes. One of these purposes was the promotion of certain political ideals. Another, and perhaps much more important purpose, was the union of believers in the supernatural against the proponents of skepticism and lax morality. Those well acquainted with the history of religious thought in England at that period will recall that a dominant interest among many of the intellectual professors of religion in that day was the propagation of deism. Dr. Desaguliers took over for the uses of the Masonic order certain of the ideals of deism and incorporated them into the principles and practices of the order for the purpose of the fight against skepticism and lax morality. Religious elements which were distinctively Christian were excluded from the principles and ritual of the society in order that there might be as broad a basis as possible upon which all opponents of skepticism might unite. Certain Biblical elements which were not, in their immediate denotation, anti-deistic were, therefore, incorporated into the ritual of the order, but the distinctive Christian teachings which were hostile to the prevailing deism of the day were rigidly excluded. The result was a system which contained religious elements, some of them borrowed from Christianity, but which was in no sense distinctively Christian.

In view of the fact that in any system which contains a number of religious elements, but which is not Christian, is liable to convey a wrong impression concerning the character of Christianity, the unity and harmony of its doctrines and the importance of the proclamation of a whole and unmarred Christian faith, the committee feels that in the practice of such a system is to be found a source of grave danger.

The committee is well aware of the fact that there is an almost infinite number of temptations to the proclamation of a truncated and abbreviated faith from which the life-giving truths have been removed. It believes that it is a duty of the church to proclaim the Gospel in its fulness and power wherever and whenever it has the opportunity. It believes that it is the duty of the church to point out through its ministers and members dangerous avenues of temptation and occasions for sin. At the same time, it is mindful of the fact that the church must not condemn as sinful things or actions which may become the occasion of temptation and sin, but are not sinful in themselves. Furthermore, the committee is aware of the fact that the church is not the enemy of organizations as such, but rather of sin, whether organized or unorganized. It also realizes the folly of directing attention to one particular source of danger to the exclusion of others equally important. It does not conceive it to be the duty of the church to set up an exhaustive catalogue of sins and errors after the fashion of the moral theologians of the Roman Church.

The committee, therefore, recommends to the General Assembly that it commend
this report to the Church for study, and that it take no other action in the matter which was referred to this committee.

Respectfully submitted,
(signed)
Paul Woolley
Alexander K. Davison
Chas. M. Mayson
Murray Forst Thompson
Chairman

MINORITY REPORT

of the

COMMITTEE APPOINTED TO INVESTIGATE THE PRINCIPLES AND

PRACTICES OF OATH-BOUND SECRET SOCIETIES

Submitted to the Seventh General Assembly of The Orthodox Presbyterian Church, meeting in Cincinnati, Ohio, June 4, 1940.

Fathers and Brethren:

The undersigned, as a member of the committee elected by the Sixth General Assembly to investigate the principles and practices of oathbound secret societies, finds himself, much to his regret, out of accord with the report of the majority of the committee, particularly with the conclusions and recommendation of the report. Indeed, we believe the differences are serious enough to warrant a minority report. We also regret not having been able to attend any of the meetings of the committee since they were held at a point convenient only to the majority and there was no provision made for travelling expenses. It must be said, however, that the committee was very faithful in providing us with a timely notice as well as a copy of the minutes of each meeting.

The majority report is in many respects an admirable one. This might be expected since it was penned at least in the main by the Rev. Paul Woolley, Professor of Church History at Westminster Theological Seminary. We readily concede that the commission to investigate oath-bound secret societies is exceedingly broad, since they can be numbered by the score. We too believe that for our present purpose it is sufficient to confine our investigation to “The Ancient and Accepted Order of Free-masonry.” We agree that the pledge to secrecy in itself is not a sin. There may be occasions which demand it and make it perfectly proper for Christians.

Regarding the oath to secrecy required of everyone initiated into the societies in question we quote with approval a statement found in the majority report: “When a Christian assumes an obligation to maintain secrecy concerning information the character of which he does not know, he opens up before himself the possibility of a serious conflict of obligations.” But we hold that to do this, particularly to bind one’s self by a solemn oath, cannot be pleasing to God and is itself a sin even though it be done in ignorance. So to involve one’s self is more than a threat to one’s “good name” and “reputation.” It is a use of the oath contrary to the revealed will of God. It is here that Section III of Chapter 22 of the Westminster Confession applies: “Whosoever taketh an oath, ought duly to consider the weightiness of so solemn an act, and therein to avouch nothing but what he is fully persuaded is the truth. Neither may any man bind himself by oath to anything but what is good and just being imposed by lawful authority.”

In our opinion, the sin of taking this oath is aggravated by the fact that one swears to be loyal to a society whose principles are anti-Scriptural.
We are not interested in disputing the accuracy of the historical survey presented by the committee. We accept it in the main as authentic but only point out that there has been a great variety of opinion as regards the origin of Masonry and the purpose of its founding, even among experts. Referring to the origin of Freemasonry in its modern form the committee's report has this to say: "Religious elements which were distinctly Christian were excluded from the principles and ritual of the society in order that there might be as broad a basis as possible upon which all opponents of skepticism might unite." This gets pretty close to the crux of the whole problem. It is this religious inclusivism, this shedding of everything distinctively Christian, while remaining a religious society, that smacks so much of Modernism and that in our opinion threatens the purity of the church that harbors the evil of Masonry.

We see in this effort to attract men of all faiths on the basis of a least common denominator of religious principles not merely a "source of grave danger," an "avenue of temptation" and "occasion for sin" but rather do we see it as an insidious evil. The committee recognizes religious elements in the Masonic order. But according to some who know whereof they speak the Masonic lodge is a religious organization. To quote an authority recognized by Masons, Albert G. Mackey, in Mystic Tie, page 32: "Freemasonry is emphatically a religious institution; it teaches the existence of God. It points to the celestial canopy above where is the Eternal Lodge and where He presides. It instructs us in the way to reach the portals of that distant temple."

Listen to another spokesman for Masonry, H. L. Haywood, in The Great Teachings of Masonry, a book copyrighted in 1923 by the Masonic Service Association of the U. S. and secured from the Milwaukee Public Library. On page 30 of this book he writes concerning the initiation of a man into the lodge: "The whole process should be made one of the most crucial experiences of the candidate's life — one that will change him to the center of his being." "The word itself (initiation) suggests a 'new birth.'" And on page 31, "it is like the moral and spiritual change which comes over a man who passes through the religious experience known as 'conversion' or 'regeneration'... As a result of it the candidate should become a new man: he should have a... new idea about God."

We begin to see here that Masonry is not only a religious institution but that its religion is really antagonistic to Christianity. Its ethics are also unChristian. To quote H. L. Haywood again from chapter 4 of the same book: "Human experience, both individual and racial, is the one final authority in morals." Again on page 34: "Acts are not right or wrong intrinsically but according as their effects are hurtful or helpful."

We further learn that while Masonry holds to a doctrine of the future life it is not the doctrine taught in the Scripture. An initiate is expected to take his oath with his hand upon the Bible, yet the Bible is deliberately misquoted in the Masonic ritual. Regeneration is taught, but not as it is taught in the Bible.

It is not without significance that a pamphlet published by the American Unitarian Association and written by one, Elijah Alfred Coil, points out the striking similarities between Unitarianism and Masonry. One of the few differences he claims is merely a matter of emphasis: Unitarians emphasize the Fatherhood of God and Masons the Brotherhood of Man. Eur of the Fatherhood of God and Brotherhood of Man in Christ Masonry knows: nothing.

Mackey: Masonic Ritualist, in quoting Isaiah 28:16 in which the word "stone" obviously refers to Christ, represents the word as a symbol of the lodge. In the same book, I Pe.: 2:4, 5 is quoted and the name of Christ deliberately omitted and the change is referred to as a "slight but necessary modification."

Many more references might be given to prove the anti-Christian character of lodge principles but these we deem sufficient. Whether we read material published in opposition to Masonry or works by Masons in favor of the system we come to the same conclusion,
It remains for us to reply to certain objections that have been made to our point of view in this matter and to present for consideration and possible adoption certain recommendations.

One common objection to our attitude toward the Masonic lodge is easily disposed of. We are told that the church ought to commend the lodge because of its many charities. In the first place, we find their "charities" limited, to the best of our knowledge, to their own members and their families. Christian charity takes in those not members of the church as well as those who are. Moreover, if we are to overlook the anti-Christian character of Masonic principles in order to support their works of charity, we are asked to "do evil that good may come."

Another objection sometimes raised is that sufficiently reliable proof of the anti-Christian nature of the lodge is not available. To this we reply that there is an abundance of original source material available in our public libraries and the undersigned can speak from personal experience that full access may be had to the libraries of Masonic temples by anyone interested enough to ask for permission. Here again we quote H. L. Haywood, page 34 of his aforementioned book, "If one will carefully consider the oath of secrecy he made while taking his obligation he will find that he is not in any wise to reveal to others aught of the initiatory ceremony, or of what may be said in the lodge: but he is not sworn to keep secret that which Freemasonry really is! Its principles, its history, its spirit, its ideals, its purpose, and programmes, he may publish to the world, and the more he publishes them the better." Sufficient material may be had that is authentic and the secrecy of the lodge is no obstacle in procuring it.

Still another objection must be met, that of opposition to the whole idea of raising the issue. It is the objection of those who think that they have had enough of controversy, those who have a pardonable interest in holding together small churches in which a few Masons are communicant members, those who are particularly sensitive about the opinions of those outside of the bounds of our church. With such we sincerely sympathize. However, we would urge them to decide the issue on its merits. We would remind them, too, that when Modernism was the issue, the matter of unfavorable publicity was given little consideration. We believe this problem can be solved without animosity and without disrupting our church.

It must not be forgotten, however, that while drastic action against oath-bound secret societies will work a hardship on some churches, the recommendation to take no further action whatsoever will raise difficulties for others. And we may add that the longer the action is deferred, the more complicated the problem will become.

What of the man who makes a sincere profession of faith in Christ as his Saviour but who through ignorance does not see that this is inconsistent with his membership in the lodge? Shall we withhold communion from him? In answer to this we would say that such a man ought to be instructed with tact and kindly patience that he may see his error. We shall have to recognize exceptions.

To the objection that to refuse to receive one into the communion of the church on the ground that he is a member of an oath-bound secret society is to set up extra-constitutio nal requirements, we reply that only a proper interpretation of the existing constitution is necessary. The church must demand a credible and consistent profession of faith. Ordinarily a sincere and intelligent applicant for communicant membership can be shown the inconsistency of being a Mason and a Christian at the same time.

Having met the above-mentioned objections, we are prepared to offer the following recommendations for the consideration of and adoption by the Seventh General Assembly of The Orthodox Presbyterian Church, with the earnest prayer that whatever is decided
may serve to strengthen our church and establish it more firmly in the “faith once for all delivered to the saints”: —

1. That this Assembly declare that, since the principles of the “Ancient and Accepted Order of Freemasons” and the principles of The Orthodox Presbyterian Church are mutually exclusive, membership in the former is inconsistent with membership in the latter;

2. That a committee of seven be elected by this Assembly to continue the investigation of the principles and practices of oath-bound secret societies and to report to the next meeting of the General Assembly;

3. That this Assembly urge the ministers and elders of our church to study this problem with a view to enlighten the lay members of the church as to the evils of oath-bound secret societies; and,

4. That this Assembly direct its Committee on Christian Education to supply such information on oath-bound secret societies as church members may require insofar as it is feasible, or to inform them as to where such information may be procured.

Respectfully submitted,
Oscar Holkeboer.

The amended motion was carried that the Assembly recess from 5:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m.

The meeting was recessed with prayer by the Rev. Melvin B. Nonhof.

A popular meeting was held in the Walnut Hills Baptist Church at 8:00 p.m. under the auspices of the Committee on Foreign Missions. The Rev. George W. Marston addressed the meeting on the subject, “What Think Ye Of Christ,” and the Rev. Henry W. Coray spoke on “Orthodoxy and Missions.”

The Assembly was called to order by the Rev. Robert Strong, S. T. D., Acting Moderator, at 10:00 p.m., and convened with prayer by the Rev. Robert H. Graham.

The tellers reported the voting in the second ballot for Elder members of the Committee on Foreign Missions as follows: Allen 24, Armour 12, Muller 10, and McClay 7.

None having a majority of votes cast, Elder McClay was dropped from the list of nominees, and a third ballot taken.

The tellers announced the result: Allen 28, Armour 3, Muller 3.

Elder Allen was declared elected.

The class of 1943 of the Committee on Foreign Missions is to be composed of the following members:

Ministers - Woolley, Kellogg, and Dyrrness.

Elders - Gibson and Allen.

The ministerial vacancy in the class of 1941 is to be filled by the Rev. R. B. Kuiper.

Mr. Woolley assumed the chair.

Balloting was begun for the election of ministerial members of the Committee on Christian Education.
While the ballots were being counted, discussion was resumed on the minority report of the Committee on Secret Societies.

It was moved and carried that the three ministers with the highest number of votes be elected to the class of 1943 and the fourth highest to the class of 1942.

The tellers reported the voting as follows: Goddard 37, Cummings 33, Nicholas 31, Freeman 16, Schauffele 16, Holkeboer 14, Wade 12, Atwell 11, Heerema 11, Zandstra 8, Adair 7, Gray 2.

The Rev. Messrs. Goddard, Cummings and Nicholas were declared elected to the class of 1943 of the Committee on Christian Education.

It was moved and carried that if no minister receives a majority on the next ballot, the three with the lowest number of votes be dropped from the list, on the following ballot the two lowest, and the lowest one be dropped on each succeeding ballot.

The tellers reported the result of the second ballot on ministerial members of the Committee on Christian Education as follows: Schauffele 22, Wade 10, Heerema 6, Freeman 5, Gray 4, Atwell 2, Adair 2, Holkeboer 2, Zandstra 2.

It was moved and carried that the four lowest be dropped.

A third ballot was taken, Messrs. Zandstra, Holkeboer, Adair, and Atwell having been dropped from the list.

The tellers reported the following result: Schauffele 20, Freeman 16, Wade 11, Heerema 4, Gray 2.

No one having received a majority of the votes cast, Messrs. Gray and Heerema were dropped, and a fourth ballot taken with the following result: Schauffele 27, Freeman 16, Wade 11.

No candidate having received a majority, Mr. Wade's name was dropped and a fifth ballot taken. The result was: Schauffele 32, Freeman 20.

Mr. Schauffele was declared elected to the class of 1942.

Ballots were cast for Elder members of the Committee on Christian Education.

It was moved and carried that in the voting on Elder members of the Committee on Christian Education, the Elder receiving the highest number of votes be placed in the class of 1943, and the Elder receiving the next highest number of votes be placed in the class of 1941.

The tellers reported on the voting for Elder members of the Committee on Christian Education as follows: Clark 39, Partington 22, Wallace 15, Richardson 14, Hood 11, Neilands 5.

Mr. Clark was declared elected to the class of 1943.

It was moved and carried that if no one is elected on the next bal-
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Lot, the two lowest be dropped, and the lowest one be dropped on each succeeding ballot.

A second ballot was taken.

It was moved that the General Assembly elect a committee of five to investigate further the principles and practices of oath-bound secret societies, to report its findings to the Eighth General Assembly, and to offer its report for study to the ministers and sessions of the church at least six weeks before the Eighth General Assembly convenes.

The tellers reported the results of the second ballot in the election of Elders to the Committee on Christian Education: Partington 21, Wallace 7, Hood 7, Richardson 6, Neilands 5.

No one having received a majority of the votes cast, Elders Neilands and Richardson were dropped, and a third ballot taken.

The previous question was moved and carried.

The Rev. Robert L. Atwell requested that his dissent be recorded because no opportunity was given for discussion on the question before the house.

The motion before the house was carried, namely, the election of a new Committee on Secret Societies.

The tellers reported the results of the third ballot for Elder members of the Committee on Christian Education as follows: Partington 36, Wallace 7, Hood 5.

Mr. Partington was declared elected to the class of 1941.

The final result of elections to the Committee on Christian Education were:

To the class of 1943: Ministers - Goddard, Cummings, and Nicholas. Elder - Clark.

To the class of 1942: Minister - Schauffele.

To the class of 1941: Elder - Partington.

It was moved and carried that the Assembly proceed to the nomination and election of the Committee on Secret Societies.

The following were nominated: Ministers - Kuiper, Murray, Holkeboer, Davison, De Waard, Olson, Woolley, R. Strong, Price, Rian. Elders - E. F. Hayden (Second Parish, Portland), D. Heuseveldt (Memorial, Rochester), R. Wallace (Franklin Square), M. F. Thompson (Calvary, Philadelphia).

The Assembly proceeded to vote on members of the Committee on Secret Societies.

It was moved and carried that nominations for the Porto Rico commission be reopened.

The Rev. William Strong was nominated.
It was moved and carried that the nominations be closed.

The Assembly proceeded to vote for members of the Porto Rico commission.

It was moved and carried that if five nominees to the Committee on Secret Societies do not receive a majority of the votes cast on the first ballot, the three nominees receiving the least number of votes be dropped from the list of nominees on the two successive ballots, and the one nominee receiving the least number be dropped from the list after each succeeding ballot.

It was moved and carried that the Committee on the Constitution, in connection with the printing and distribution of the Form of Government and other documents, as authorized by the General Assembly, be empowered to receive funds.

It was moved and carried that as a preliminary step towards the printing of the doctrinal standards, a committee of three ministers be appointed, which shall be charged to study the texts and proof texts of the Confession of Faith and Catechisms, and that the Committee consider the advisability of preparing proof texts for the other constitutional documents, and that it report its recommendations to the Eighth General Assembly.

The tellers reported the results of the first ballot on ministerial members of the Porto Rico Commission as follows: Marsden 34, W. Strong 22, Kuiper 22, Woolley 22, Murray 11, Stonehouse 9, Galbraith 6, DeWaard 3.

Mr. Marsden was declared elected.

The Moderator ruled that the next ballot should be cast among Messrs. Woolley, Kuiper, and W. Strong since each had received a majority.

A second ballot was taken for ministerial members of the Commission.

The tellers reported on the election of Elders to the Porto Rico Commission as follows: McCroddan 11, Garrard 8, Armour 7, Remein 7, Heuseveldt 5, Thompson 4.

Elders Thompson and Heuseveldt were dropped from the list and a second ballot cast.

The tellers reported that Messrs. Woolley and Kuiper had been elected to the Porto Rico Commission.

The tellers reported the results of the second ballot on Elders for the Porto Rico Commission as follows: Garrard 26, McCroddan 8, Armour 7, Remein 3.

Mr. Garrard was declared elected.

The Porto Rico Commission is composed of the following: Ministers - Kuiper, Marsden, Woolley; Elder - Garrard.
The tellers reported the result of the first ballot for members of the Committee on Secret Societies as follows: Kuiper 39, Holkeboer 27, Woolley 27, Murray 22, DeWaard 18, Olson 18, Heuseveldt 16, Rian 15, Price 13, R. Strong 11, Wallace 9, Hayden 7, Davison 7, Thompson 6.

The Rev. Messrs. Kuiper, Holkeboer, and Woolley were declared elected, and the Rev. Mr. Davison and Elders Hayden and Thompson were dropped from the list.

Another vote was taken.

The Moderator appointed the Rev. Messrs. Murray, Young, and Stonehouse as the Committee to study the texts and proof-texts of the Confession of Faith and Catechisms.

The tellers reported the result of the second ballot for members of the Committee on Secret Societies as follows: Olson 27, Wallace 17, De Waard 16, Murray 14, Rian 7, Heuseveldt 5, Price 5, R. Strong 3.

The Rev. Mr. Olson was declared elected, and the Rev. Messrs. Price and R. Strong and Elder Heuseveldt were dropped from the list.

A third ballot was taken.

It was moved and carried that the Rev. Cornelius Van Til, Ph. D., be appointed to convey the fraternal greetings of the Assembly to the Synod of the Christian Reformed Church, meeting in Grand Rapids, Michigan, on or about June 15, 1940.

The tellers reported the results of the third ballot for members of the Committee on Secret Societies as follows: Wallace 16, Murray 11, De Waard 9, Rian 5.

No one having received a majority of the votes cast, the Rev. Mr. Rian was dropped from the list and a fourth ballot taken.

The Committee on Date and Place of next meeting reported, and its recommendations were adopted as amended, that the Assembly petition the Board of Trustees of Westminster Theological Seminary, Chestnut Hill, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, for permission to hold the next Assembly on the grounds of that institution beginning Tuesday, June 3, 1941, at 11:00 a. m.

The tellers reported the results of the fourth ballot for members of the Committee on Secret Societies as follows: Wallace 23, Murray 16, De Waard 5.

Elder Wallace was declared elected.

The Committee on Secret Societies is composed of the following:
Ministers - Kuiper, Holkeboer, Woolley, Olson; Elder - Wallace.

It was moved and carried that the Assembly recess until 9:00 a. m.

The Rev. Leland C. Jorgensen closed the meeting with prayer at 1:00 a. m.
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The Assembly reconvened at 9:00 a.m. with a devotional service led by the Rev. Robert Moody Holmes.

The Assembly was called to order by the Moderator and convened with prayer by the Rev. Robert B. Brown.

The minutes of the previous day's sessions were read, corrected and approved.

It was moved and carried that the Clerk be directed to include in the Minutes the Majority and Minority reports of the Committee on Oath-bound Secret Societies.

The Committee to Consider the Relation Between Presbyteries and the Committee on Home Missions and Church Extension presented its report.

It was moved and carried that the report be received and the recommendations considered seriatim.

The Minority Report of the Committee to Consider the Relation Between Presbyteries and the Committee on Home Missions and Church Extension was presented.

It was moved that the Minority Report of the Committee be substituted for the Majority report.

It was moved and carried that the matter be laid on the table and both the Majority and Minority Reports be recorded in the Minutes. The reports follow:

MAJORITY REPORT

The Committee appointed by the Sixth General Assembly to Consider the Relations of the Committee on Home Missions and Church Extension and the several Presbyteries would respectfully submit its report to the Seventh General Assembly in the form of the following resolutions:

1. Missionaries shall be appointed to labor within the bounds of a Presbytery only with the advice and consent of that Presbytery, except that in extraordinary circumstances temporary appointment of missionaries for a period not to exceed six months may be made by the Committee on Home Missions and Church Extension on its own initiative.

2. No aid shall be granted to missionaries or pastors within the bounds of a Presbytery except with the advice and consent of that Presbytery, save in the extraordinary circumstances mentioned in the previous resolution.

3. No aid to any missionary or pastor within the bounds of a Presbytery shall be suspended unless the advice of the Presbytery previously has been sought. If the Committee contemplates action contrary to the advice of the Presbytery, it shall inform the Presbytery of the reasons for its contemplated action, and shall take no final action until the Presbytery has had an opportunity to supplement its advice.

4. Aid to missionaries or pastors shall be in accordance with a uniform scale, as far as practicable. In determining the amount of aid, pastors of organized churches shall receive, the Committee shall give careful consideration to any advice the Presbytery shall offer, and the Committee shall comply with the advice of the Presbytery if it has sufficient
funds, and such advice is not out of line with the aid being given in other fields under similar circumstances.

Signed,
N. B. Stonehouse,
Chairman

MINORITY REPORT

The undersigned, being a member of the Committee to Consider the Relation Between Presbyteries and the Committee on Home Missions and Church Extension, and being out of agreement with the report of the majority of the Committee would respectfully submit to the Seventh General Assembly a minority report in the form of the five following resolutions:

That the Seventh General Assembly of The Orthodox Presbyterian Church recommends:

1. That the pastors, elders, and laymen of the denomination remember that the Presbyteries have sovereign jurisdiction within their bounds;
2. That Presbyteries make a request for aid once a year, to carry out the mission work within their bounds, the time to be decided by the Committee on Home Missions and Church Extension;
3. That the Committee on Home Missions and Church Extension determine the amount of money that would meet the requirements of Presbytery;
4. That the Presbyteries, upon hearing from the Committee on Home Missions and Church Extension as to the amount of mission funds that can be spent for a certain year, will allot these funds to those laboring within their bounds who need aid, and send a record of his allotment to the Committee, which will send the monthly aid to missionaries and aid-receiving pastors; and
5. That in order to enable the Committee on Home Missions and Church Extension to meet its responsibility as trustee of the Home Mission funds (a) the Committee make out a questionnaire, sanctioned each year by the General Assembly, for the churches receiving aid in order to satisfy itself that any church receiving aid is doing what it can to support itself; and (b) that the Committee make out a questionnaire sanctioned each year by the General Assembly designed to satisfy itself as to the work and needs of missionaries and aid-receiving pastors, not in order to judge them, but to know what is done so that it can promote intelligently the work of Home Missions in the denomination as a whole.

Respectfully submitted,
Samuel J. Allen.

The amended motion was carried that the Committee to Consider the Relation of Presbyteries and the Committee on Home Missions and Church Extensions be instructed to study the matter further and report to the Eighth General Assembly, furnishing the ministers and sessions with the results of their study not less than six weeks before the next General Assembly.

It was moved and carried that the Committee be enlarged by the election of two additional members.

The floor was opened for nominations and the following were nominated: the Rev. Messrs. R. B. Kuiper, George W. Marston, A. Culver Gordon, and Robert B. Brown.

It was moved and carried that the nominations be closed.

It was moved and carried that if on the first ballot two members
do not receive a majority, the one with the lowest number of votes be dropped.

The Assembly proceeded to vote.

The Committee on Overtures and Papers reported on Paper No. 1, the overture from the Presbytery of the Dakotas, and recommended that the overture be adopted.

The overture is as follows:

"The Presbytery of the Dakotas, at its regular Spring meeting held at Bancroft, South Dakota, April 10, 1940, respectfully overtures the Seventh General Assembly of The Orthodox Presbyterian Church meeting at Cincinnati, Ohio, from June 4-6, to send down to the Presbyteries the following amendment which would change Chapter XVIII of the Form of Government by deleting the words 'to any part,' 'or supply vacant churches,' and 'and the parties appointed shall speedily place themselves and their work under the jurisdiction of any Presbytery within whose bounds they may be laboring,' and to insert after the word 'churches' 'outside the bounds of existing Presbyteries,' so that that part of the chapter will read, 'And the General Assembly may of its own knowledge send missions to plant churches outside the bounds of existing Presbyteries . . .’"

It was moved and carried that the overture from the Presbytery of the Dakotas be referred to the Committee to Consider the Relation Between Presbyteries and the Committee on Home Missions and Church Extension.

The report of the Committee to Examine Presbyterial Records was received and its recommendations adopted, with the exception that Recommendation VII was amended so as to accept the apology of the Clerk of the Presbytery of Wisconsin for the absence of its minutes. The report, as adopted, is as follows:

"The Committee on Examination of Minutes of Presbyteries makes the following recommendations to the Seventh General Assembly of The Orthodox Presbyterian Church:"

"1. That the minutes of the Presbytery of California be approved with the following exceptions:

(a) That the Assembly express its disapproval of the meeting on March 28, 1940, at which no elder was present, in accordance with the Form of Government, Chapter X, Section VI.
(b) That the attention of the Presbytery be called to the fact that all the minutes previous to 1937 record no roll call of ministers or elders and several in 1937 and 1938 have no roll call.
(c) That the attention of the Presbytery be called to the fact that all the minutes previous to 1937 and several for 1937 and 1938 are not signed.
(d) That the Presbytery strive to improve the literary quality of its minutes, especially in the reporting of its actions in complete sentences and in a uniform manner.
(e) That the attention of the Presbytery be called to the failure to give a statistical report of the churches within its bounds.

"2. That the Presbytery of the Dakotas be reprimanded for its failure to present its minutes to the Assembly Committee for Examination."
“3. That the minutes of the Presbytery of New Jersey be approved with the following exception:
   (a) That no record of the examination of sessional records is given.

“4. That the minutes of the Presbytery of New York and New England be approved with the following exception:
   (a) That no statistical report of the churches within its bounds is recorded.

“5. That the minutes of the Presbytery of Ohio be approved without exception.

“6. That the minutes of the Presbytery of Philadelphia be approved with the following exceptions:
   (a) That the minutes for the meeting of December 10, 1939, are not signed, and
   (b) That the roll call of ministers and elders is lacking for the meeting of March 18, 1940.

“7. That the apology of the Clerk of the Presbytery of Wisconsin for its failure to submit its minutes to the Assembly’s Committee for examination be accepted.”

The tellers reported the results of the voting for additional members of the Committee to Consider the Relation of Presbyteries and the Committee on Home Missions and Church Extension as follows: Kuiper 30, Marston 28, Gordon 9, and Brown 3.

Messrs. Kuiper and Marston were declared elected.

The report of the Committee to Define Bounds of Existing Presbyteries was received and adopted as follows:

“The Committee appointed to define the bounds of existing Presbyteries of The Orthodox Presbyterian Church recommends that the General Assembly declare:

1. That the Presbytery of California includes the States of California, Oregon, and Washington.

2. That the Presbytery of the Dakotas includes the States of North Dakota, South Dakota, and Nebraska.

3. That the Presbytery of New Jersey includes the State of New Jersey.


5. That the Presbytery of Ohio includes the States of Ohio, Indiana, and Kentucky.

6. That the Presbytery of Philadelphia includes the States of Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland, and the District of Columbia.

7. That the Presbytery of Wisconsin includes the States of Wisconsin, Michigan, and Iowa.

“The Committee further recommends that if a Presbytery receives a church organized without the bounds of the existing Presbyteries of The Orthodox Presbyterian Church, the first General Assembly to be held after the date of the reception of that church will determine whether it is to continue as a church of the Presbytery by which it was received or is to be assigned to some other Presbytery and whether the bounds of the Presbytery to which it shall thenceforth belong need to be redefined because of its inclusion.”

The amended motion was carried that the Rev. Messrs. Sloat, R. Strong, Price, and Galbraith be appointed a Committee on Arrangements for the Eighth General Assembly.

The amended motion was carried that the Clerk of the Assembly be granted his expenses.
It was moved and carried that the Minutes of the Assembly be printed as soon as possible and that the Clerk be authorized to make necessary stylistic changes.

It was moved and carried that the Clerk be instructed to write to the churches of the denomination requesting them, in the name of the Assembly, to bear a share in the administrative expenses of the Assembly.

It was moved and carried that the Assembly express its sincere appreciation to the pastor, session, and congregation, and all who have aided in the enjoyment of the Assembly's stay in Cincinnati, and the Clerk be instructed to thank Radio Stations WSAI, WKRC, and WCPO for their generosity in granting the Assembly free radio time.

It was moved that this Assembly suggest to *The Presbyterian Guardian* that it print the address delivered by the Rev. Prof. Paul Woolley over Radio Station WCPO on Thursday Evening.

It was moved and carried that the motion be laid on the table.

The minutes of the present day's session were read and approved.

The Moderator declared the Assembly dissolved with the following words: "By virtue of the authority delegated to me by the Church let this General Assembly be dissolved, and I do hereby dissolve it and require another General Assembly, chosen in the same manner, to meet at Westminster Theological Seminary, Chestnut Hill, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, beginning Tuesday, June 3, 1941, at 11:00 a.m."

The Moderator then closed the Assembly with prayer and benediction at 11:50 a.m.

JOHN PATTON GALBRAITH,
Clerk of the Assembly
# APPENDIX

## I. STATISTICAL REPORT

Note: This report is not official, but is as complete and accurate as possible to November 18, 1940.
Edited by General Secretary, Committee on Home Missions and Church Extension.

### PRESBYTERY OF CALIFORNIA
Rev. Russell D. Piper, Stated Clerk

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Total 1939.................................................................. 297 33 231 $22.99 $ .69 $ 4.48

Average Contribution Per Member: $22.99 $ .69 $ 4.48

Other Ministers of Presbytery:
- Donald K. Blackie, Th. D., P., Third and Maple Streets, Escondido, California.
- J. Edward Blair, Rt., Albany, Oregon.
- Malcom C. Frenn, For. Miss., 800 Seijo Machi, Setagayaku, Tokyo, Japan.
- C. S. Kim, Th. D., P., 1428 West 36th Street, Los Angeles, California.

Ministerial Changes Since October 1, 1939:
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PRESBYTERY OF THE DAKOTAS
Rev. A. Culver Gordon, Stated Clerk

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Total
656 194 624 $7213 $1399 $868
Average Contribution Per Member...
$11.00 $2.13 $1.32
Other Ministers of Presbytery:
W. Benson Male, P., 1429 E. 31st Avenue, Denver, Colorado.
Jack Zandstra, Home Miss., 1133 N. 20th St., Omaha, Nebraska.

Total Ministers-11.

Ministerial Changes Since October 1, 1939:

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Licentiate of Presbytery:
Paul Bohn, Yampa, Colorado.

PRESBYTERY OF NEW JERSEY
Rev. Richard W. Gray, Stated Clerk

Congregations

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Other Ministers of Presbytery:
Rev. Richard W. Gray, 137 W. Commerce St., Street.
Rev. Edward B. Cooper, Monmouth.
Rev. John Patton Galbraith, 207 Elm St.
White Horse, Grace, 416 White Horse

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**Other Ministers of Presbytery:**
- Donald C. Graham, P., 33 Maple Avenue, Morristown, N. J.
- Lawrence B. Gilmore Th. D., Mars, Pa.
- Louis Grottenhuis, P., R. F. D. 2, Phillipsburg, N. J.
- William T. Strong, P., 1205 Newton Avenue, West Collingswood, N. J.

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**Total Ministers—11.**

**PRESBYTERY OF NEW YORK AND NEW ENGLAND**

Rev. Lawrence R. Eyres, Stated Clerk

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Covenant, 2052 St. Paul Blvd. 50 3 46 243 John J. DeWaard, 65 Macbeth St.
Memorial, Culver Rd. and Melville St. 125 70 3794 4594
Schenectady, N. Y., Calvary
Rugby Rd., at Glenwood Blvd. 23 1 30 838 197 105 Raymond M. Meiners, 2014 Oaklawn Ave.
Worcester, N. Y. *40 3794 4594

Memorial, Culver Rd. and Melville St. 125 70 3794 4594
Schenectady, N. Y., Calvary
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Total, 1940 583 100 333 $9863 $5374 $833
Total, 1939 504 73 259 $20.46 $11.14 $1.72

Other Ministers of Presbytery:
Dean W. Adair, P., Cumberland Center, Maine.
Martin J. Bohn, P., Steuben, Maine.
Lawrence R. Eyres, P., Gossville, N. H.
L. Craig Long, Evang., 65 Central Park W., N. Y. C.
John Murray, Prof., Westminster Theological Seminary, Chestnut Hill, Phila., Pa.
Charles Stanton, P., St. Albans, Maine.
Daniel Van Houte, P., Pownal, Maine.

Total Ministers—16.
Ministerial Changes Since October 1, 1939:

Ministers added to the roll:
April 25, 1940 Dean W. Adair Letter, Presbytery of Philadelphia.
May 23, 1940 Charles Stanton Ordination

Ministers taken from the roll:
## PRESBYTERY OF OHIO
Rev. Carl A. Ahlfeldt, Stated Clerk

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Total, 1939: 137 1 229
Average Contribution Per Member: $32.56 $2.30 $9.64

### Other Ministers of Presbytery:
Christian G. TerMaat, 1663 S. Penn St., Denver, Colorado.
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Rev. Robert E. Nicholas, Stated Clerk

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**Total, 1939:**

- Total Members: 1742
- Total Attenders: 397
- Total Contributions: $8,386
- Average Contribution Per Member: $23.05

**Other Ministers of Presbytery:**

- Edward Heerema, Chaplain, Goffle Hill Road, Midland Park, N. J. (In Transit)
- Gerald A. Heersma, P., Chatham, Massachusetts.
- Bruce F. Hunt., For. Miss., 23 Tsitsihar Street, Harbin, Manchoukuo.
- Lawrence Jongewaard, P., Roslyn, Pennsylvania.
- R. B. Kuiper, Prof. 6636 Boyer Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
- C. L. McCoy, 249 Locust Ave., Washington, Pa.
- Ned B. Stonehouse, Th. D., Prof. 333 Cherry Lane, Glenside, Pa.
- Cornelius Van Til, Ph. D., Prof., 224 Bond St., Redlands, California.
- Reginald Voorhees, P., 321 Race Street, W. Pittston, Pa.
- Paul Woolley, Prof., 152 W. Hortter St., Germantown, Phila., Pa.
- Edward J. Young, Prof., 120 Krewson Terrace, Willow Grove, Pa.
- William J. Agnew, Rt., 211-11th Avenue, W. St. Petersburg, Florida.
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Total Ministers—41.

Licentiates of Presbytery: John Gray (In Transit); George J. Willis

PRESBYTERY OF WISCONSIN
Rev. Oscar Holkeboer, Stated Clerk

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#### Other Ministers
- Oscar Holkeboer, P., Oostburg, Wisconsin.
- Ivan D. Mishoff, M. D., 2506 E. Locust Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

#### Ministers
- Jacob Mellema Erased Letter, Presbytery of the Dakotas.
- Melvin Nonhof Letter, Presbytery of N. Y. and N. E.

#### Minutes added to the roll
- Melvin Nonhof
- John J. DeWaard
- Jacob Mellema

#### Ministers taken from the roll
- Melvin Nonhof

#### *1939 Membership

**Total Ministers: 8.**

**Ministers added to the roll:**
- Melvin Nonhof
- John J. DeWaard
- Jacob Mellema

**Ministers taken from the roll:**
- Melvin Nonhof
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