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Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, June 3-5, 1941

Tuesday, June 3, 1941

The devotional service preceding the assembly was opened at 11:00 a.m., June
3, 1941 in the auditorium of Westminster Theological Seminary, Philadelphia,
Mr. Woolley preached on Isaiah 40:17, 11, "All the nations are as nothing before
him," and "He will feed his flock like a shepherd." Following the sermon the
sacrament of the Lord’s supper was administered by Mr. Woolley, assisted by the

The assembly was called to order by Mr. Woolley at 2:00 p.m. and was con-
stituted with prayer by the Rev. Dean W. Adair.

The roll was called by the clerk of the seventh assembly. The roll of the
assembly is as follows:

Presbytery of California
Ministers—Glenn R. Coie, Dwight H. Poundstone.

Presbytery of the Dakotas
Minister—Thomas M. Cooper.

Presbytery of New Jersey
Ministers—Edward B. Cooper, Alexander K. Davison, Leslie A. Dunn, John
P. Galbraith, Lawrence B. Gilmore, Donald C. Graham, Richard W. Gray, Lewis
J. Grotenhuis, Edward Heerema, Walter C. Jent, Clifford S. Smith, William T.
Strong, Bruce H. Wideman.

Elders—S. W. Gibson, Matthew McCroddan, Bert L. Roebel.

Presbytery of New York and New England
Ministers—Dean W. Adair, Martin J. Bohn, Bruce A. Coie, Marvin L. Derby,
John J. DeWaard, Burton L. Goddard, L. Craig Long, Raymond M. Meiners, John
Murray, Arthur O. Olson, Peter Pascoe, John H. Skilton, Daniel Van Houte.
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Presbytery of Ohio

Minister—J. Lyle Shaw.

Presbytery of Philadelphia


Presbytery of Wisconsin


Elders—Jacob Kortenhoeven, John D. Voskuil.

The Rev. Theodore S. Wray was present as a fraternal delegate from the General Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America. On motion Mr. Wray was received and seated as a corresponding member.

The clerk of the seventh assembly read a proposed docket. On motion it was adopted, with the understanding that the items should be considered in the order presented on the docket but that the times indicated should not be binding.

The minutes of the seventh assembly were presented in printed form. On motion they were approved, with the exception of typographical errors.

The following were nominated for the office of clerk of assembly:

Messrs. Woolley and Kuschke.

On motion the nominations were closed.

The vote was taken by ballot.

On motion it was determined that a committee of three be appointed to draw up standing rules to govern the clerk of assembly and to report later to this assembly.

The vote for clerk was as follows: Woolley, 30; Kuschke, 25.

The following were nominated for the office of moderator:

On motion the nominations were closed.
The vote was taken by ballot.
The vote for moderator was as follows: Strong, 33; Clelland, 20.

Mr. Strong was escorted to the platform, and was welcomed by Mr. Woolley. He responded felicitously.

On motion the clerk was directed to read the overtures and papers in his possession.

He read the following:

I. The Presbytery of New York and New England of The Orthodox Presbyterian Church, meeting at Rochester, N. Y., on March 26th, 1941, respectfully overtures the eighth General Assembly to give serious consideration to the question of the relations to the respective Presbyteries and to the General Assembly of The Orthodox Presbyterian Church of ministers of The Orthodox Presbyterian Church who are laboring in Churches of other denominations.

To the end of giving any assistance that may be derived from the findings of the Presbytery of New York and New England, the Presbytery informs the General Assembly that at a meeting of the Presbytery held at New Haven, Conn., on September 17th, 1940, a Committee was appointed to study the aforementioned question. It was recommended that the Committee approach the matter through the consideration of the following questions:

(1) What is meant by "bounds of Presbytery"? Are they purely geographical or are they organizational as well?

(2) What is to be construed as "the work of an evangelist"?

(3) Are the labors of our ministers who are serving churches other than those of our own denomination to be considered as specifically in the interests of The Orthodox Presbyterian Church, that is to say, with the express intention of forming congregations of The Orthodox Presbyterian Church? If not, to what extent, if any, can the Presbytery approve of such work?

The report of the Committee was slightly amended and adopted. The report as amended and adopted reads as follows:

(1) In answer to the first question the answer of your Committee is that the "bounds of Presbytery" are geographical. In The Orthodox Presbyterian Church these bounds are defined by the General Assembly. Whatever questions may arise respecting the relation of ministers of the Presbytery who labor within these geographical bounds but not in churches over which the Presbytery exercises jurisdiction, these questions do not concern, and should not be allowed to perplex the meaning of the phrase "bounds of Presbytery."

(2) In answer to the second question the answer of your Committee is that the "work of an evangelist" is not defined in our subordinate standards. Our Form of Government, however, provides that a candidate for ordination "who has not received a call to be the pastor of a particular congregation may be called to engage in the work of an evangelist," and in such a case the eighth question to be asked of the candidate reads as follows: "Are you willing to undertake the work of an evangelist, and do you promise to discharge the duties which may be incumbent upon you in this character as God may give you strength?" (Form of Government, Chapter XV, Section XV.)
Your Committee considers however that the meaning determined by Presbyterian usage in this country should, in general at least, be regarded as the meaning intended by our Form of Government. In the words of Dr. J. A. Hodge, "It is sometimes desirable and important that a Candidate who has not received a call to be a Pastor of a particular church should nevertheless be ordained to the work of the gospel ministry, as an Evangelist to preach the gospel, administer the sealing ordinances, and organize churches in frontier or destitute settlements" (What is Presbyterian Law? p. 356). The office of the evangelist is the same as that of other ministers. But he has no special relation to any particular church of his own denomination. It would appear that in The Orthodox Presbyterian Church candidates are ordained to do the work of an evangelist in all cases (other than those of Pastor or Teacher) where the work that the candidate is doing or is about to undertake is of such a character as to warrant his being ordained to the Gospel ministry.

(3) In answer to the third question your Committee confesses that it has been unable to come to any comprehensive solution. The Committee would respectfully remind the Presbytery that this is a question that deeply concerns the whole denomination. This is one of the perplexing problems that our infant Church confronted with new and difficult conditions will be required very patiently, yet earnestly and faithfully, to study, and if possible in due time determine in accordance with Scripture and our subordinate standards.

However, your Committee feels that certain principles may be formulated as regulative of the conduct of Presbytery as well as of the conduct of such ministers of Presbytery who are in position contemplated by this question.

(1) Ministers cannot undertake to labor in churches other than those of our own denomination if such connection requires the performance of functions inconsistent with our standards and their own ordination vows. This provision respects the four principal parts of church life, namely, doctrine, worship, government and discipline.

(a) Doctrine. Ministers cannot undertake such work if the relationship requires that they preach anything contrary to the system of doctrine taught in the Holy Scripture or to refrain from the preaching of the whole counsel of God.

(b) Worship. Such work cannot be undertaken if the relationship requires them to conduct worship that is not provided for in the standards of The Orthodox Presbyterian Church or that is contrary to these standards.

(c) Government. Ministers cannot become pastors of such churches if such a relationship involves participation in government that is contrary to the principles of Presbyterian government set forth in the Form of Government of The Orthodox Presbyterian Church.

(d) Discipline. Such discipline as the relationship may require them to administer must be in accord with the principles of discipline set forth in the Book of Discipline of The Orthodox Presbyterian Church.

(2) Presbytery cannot install ministers as pastors of churches other than those of our own denomination.

(3) In certain cases Presbytery may accord its official approval to work being done by ministers who labor in churches other than those of our own denomination. In other cases, while Presbytery may not be justified in interfering with the work of such ministers who labor in churches other than those of our own denomination, provided none of the conditions aforementioned are violated, yet it does not follow that Presbytery is justified in placing its official approval upon such work.
(4) The ultimate objective of all such labor on the part of ministers cannot be anything less than the formation of congregations of Presbyterian persuasion, constitution and testimony. To make the objective less than this would be inconsistent with the profession and vows made in ordination. The word Presbyterian in this paragraph need not and must not, however, be restricted to The Orthodox Presbyterian Church.

LAWRENCE EYRES,
Stated Clerk.

II. APPEAL FROM DECISION OF PRESBYTERY
SANKEY OREN, Complainant, to THE PRESBYTERY OF CALIFORNIA

Sankey Oren, the complainant in the above entitled case, wishes to appeal the decision of Presbytery which was made on April 15, 1941, to the General Assembly of The Orthodox Presbyterian Church. The reasons for this are as follows:

I

PRESBYTERY'S COMMITTEE SUBMITTED THEIR FINDING TO PRESBYTERY FOR CONSIDERATION WITHOUT MEETING WITH THE COMPLAINANT, EVEN THOUGH THE COMPLAINANT REQUESTED THAT HE BE ALLOWED TO APPEAR BEFORE THE COMMITTEE.

The complainant met with one of the members of the committee and offered some information concerning the matter and expressed his desire to appear before the committee when they met. The complainant further wrote the chairman of the committee and expressed his desire to him also. Since the complainant was not called upon by the committee, he did not introduce his second paper (herein referred to as paper D) until the committee had already made their recommendation (herein referred to as paper A) to Presbytery.

Appellant believes that Presbytery's committee would make a different recommendation if they had studied paper D.

II

MR. CHURCHILL'S ANSWER TO THE COMPLAINT WAS NOT MADE AVAILABLE TO THE COMPLAINANT UNTIL IT WAS READ TO PRESBYTERY ON APRIL 15, 1941.

Mr. Churchill made a 10-page answer (Herein referred to as paper C) to the complaint. This answer became the basis for the recommendation made by the committee.

Appellant believes that the committee should have made this available to him before they made a recommendation in the matter.

III

COMMITTEE MADE A SUGGESTION TO THE COMPLAINANT WHICH THEY WOULD NOT OR RATHER SHOULD NOT MAKE IF THEY HAD FIRST STUDIED PAPER D.
Appellant believes that if the Committee had studied paper D (page 8, lines 6 to 8) they would not have made the suggestion which they made in paper A (page 2, lines 16 to 23).

IV

MR. CHURCHILL'S REFERENCES TO THE HABITUAL ABSENCE OF THE COMPLAINANT WERE PREJUDICIAL AND THEREFORE UNFAIR BECAUSE THEY ONLY REFER TO A PART OF THE TRUTH.

Paper C (page 6, lines 15 to 18) and (page 7, lines 18 to 20) makes references to the habitual absence of the complainant from the services of the church. Appellant believes that these statements without the necessary explanations which relate to the case convinced the Presbyters that the complainant was the sort of a person that habitually absented himself from the services without proper cause.

V

UNLESS THE PRESENT DECISION IS CHANGED OR MODIFIED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, A VERY WIDE INTERPRETATION CAN BE GIVEN TO THE PRESENT DECISION WHICH WILL PROVE HARMFUL.

The present decision (paper A, ruling No. 1) can be interpreted to mean that a session meeting can properly be called in any one of the regularly scheduled services under the supervision of the session. This leaves the field wide open for meetings to be called at other meetings than what has been referred to as the four regular services of the church.

Appellant believes that the result may prove harmful and prays that the General Assembly review the case and make a proper ruling.

SANKEY OREN, Appellant.

III. An invitation from the Covenant and Memorial Churches of Rochester, New York, to hold the ninth general assembly in that city.

IV. A reply from Mr. Robert T. Pell of the Department of State, in answer to a communication from the seventh general assembly concerning the appointment of Mr. Myron C. Taylor as personal representative of the president to the pope.

On motion it was determined to refer the overture and the complaint to the committee on overtures and papers and the invitation for the next assembly to the committee on the date and place of the next assembly.

The report of The Committee on Home Missions and Church Extension was presented by the Rev. Edwin H. Rian, chairman, and the report of the treasurer of the committee, in the form of a report by Main and Company, certified public accountants, by the treasurer, the Rev. Robert Strong.

On motion the reports were received and the recommendation adopted. 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, 1941
to

THE EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Meeting at Westminster Theological Seminary,

Chestnut Hill, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania,

June 3, 1941.

The Committee on Home Missions and Church Extension has held eight meetings during the fiscal year and has endeavored to the best of its ability to carry out the instructions of the previous General Assemblies.

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. Leslie A. Dunn
Rev. David Freeman
Mrs. David Freeman
Rev. John Patton Galbraith
Mr. John Gray
Rev. A. Culver Gordon
Rev. Leland C. Jorgensen
Rev. Walter J. Magee
Rev. Raymond M. Meiners
Rev. Melvin B. Nonhof
Rev. Russell D. Piper
Rev. J. Lyle Shaw
Mr. Thayer A. Westlake
Rev. Edward Wybenga
Rev. Jack Zandstra

Of these, all except Mr. Paul Bohn, the Rev. Leslie A. Dunn and the Rev. John Patton Galbraith were under appointment on March 31, 1941.

The Committee has secured reports quarterly from all missionaries and aid-receiving pastors, and has noted with gratitude to God the progress of the work on the several fields.
The legacy of Miss Nellie Pryce Rothwell, a faithful member of the Grace Orthodox Presbyterian Church of Middletown, Delaware, has been paid in full to the Committee as residuary legatee. The proceeds from the sale of the Rothwell farm, after all charges against it were paid, amounted to $10,355.38. The Committee, believing that it was Miss Rothwell’s intention that The Committee on Foreign Missions should share in the estate, granted $2500.00 of this amount to The Committee on Foreign Missions. Of the remaining $7855.38, $2900.00 was invested in a mortgage and two loans, $568.33 was used for survey and extension work, $323.54 was used for Jewish work, $382.60 is on hand, and the remaining $3680.91 was used to meet monthly deficits in general missionary expenses, in accord with the Committee’s expanded budget.

WORK AMONG JEWS

On July 16th the Committee appointed the Rev. and Mrs. David Freeman to conduct the Jewish missionary work, paying each of them a very modest salary. A budget of $130.00 a month has been set for Jewish missionary work. Since the inauguration of the new program, contributions have averaged $96.15 per month, the deficit having been made up from funds received from the sale of the Rothwell farm. With the help of the Hebrew Missions Bulletin, which was issued four times during the eight and a half months prior to the end of the fiscal year, the work of the mission has been publicized and friends have been won for it. The work is conducted chiefly by means of both public and private language classes among Jewish refugees, these classes being conducted by the Rev. and Mrs. David Freeman and a sizable corps of volunteer workers, a large majority of whom are ministers and laymen of The Orthodox Presbyterian Church. The Committee believes that much is being accomplished in these classes and is gratified with the results that have been observed.

CONTRIBUTIONS

The Committee is sorry to report that contributions for the year have shown a decrease of 3.5% compared with the previous year. This, the Committee believes, is attributable to the fact that since funds have been on hand to make payments of obligations promptly, it has not been possible legitimately to make so strong appeals for contributions as had been made in previous years. Hence, some individual donors decreased their contributions to an amount far below their gifts of previous years. An encouraging feature, however, is the fact that gifts from churches and church organizations showed an increase of 2.5% over the previous year.

The Committee believes that increasingly it will be dependent upon gifts from the churches to sustain its work. It is glad to report that all but two of the churches of our denomination contributed to its work during the past year, and that a total of 64 church groups contributed during the year. The Committee would strongly urge churches to give serious consideration to its needs. It can be established that if each communicant member of our churches would give an average of 15c a week to the Missions Committees, the respective needs of both Committees would be met, with no increase in contributions from individual donors.

POSSIBILITIES OF EXPANSION

In view of the serious deficits during a number of months of the past fiscal year, the Committee has not felt justified in engaging in extensive expansion of its work. It has,
however, provided necessary increases in allowances to some of the missionaries and aid-receiving pastors, and has undertaken a modest amount of extension work. Possible fields are available for extension work, and at least a few men are available to engage in the work. As funds are obtained, the Committee stands ready to proceed with expansion.

**BUDGET**

The following budget has been adopted for the current year:

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<td>Missionary Salaries and Aid</td>
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<td>Jewish Work</td>
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<td>Office and Administrative Expense</td>
<td>2,400.00</td>
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<td>Promotion and Survey Expense, including monthly contributions to The Presbyterian Guardian</td>
<td>1,400.00</td>
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<td>Audit and Miscellaneous Expense</td>
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The budget provides for the expansion into two fields recently entered. It is recognized that the liquid assets of the Committee are fast dwindling and that unless there is a decided increase in contributions the budget cannot be met. However, the Committee is of the opinion that none of the items can substantially be reduced without seriously impairing necessary work.

**ELECTIONS TO THE COMMITTEE**

The terms of office of the following members of the Committee expire with this Assembly: Ministers, Richard W. Gray, Arthur O. Olson, and William T. Strong; Elders, William Ferguson and Thomas R. Galbraith.

**RECOMMENDATION**

The Committee believes that if the churches, and all their organizations, would contribute to the work of Home and Foreign Missions, through the respective Committees, a sum equal to an average of 15c a week per communicant member, the needs of these Committees would be met. In pursuance of this belief, the Committee recommends, and has requested the Committee on Foreign Missions to join in recommending, that the General Assembly go on record as encouraging the churches to contribute regularly to the work of the Committees, with this average weekly amount as the goal for the current year.

**REPORT ON EXAMINATION**

**THE COMMITTEE ON HOME MISSIONS AND CHURCH EXTENSION**

**OF THE ORTHODOX PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, INC.**

**PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA**

**MARCH 31, 1941**
The Committee on Home Missions and Church Extension of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church, Inc.,

Dear Sirs:

We have examined the cash accounts of the Treasurer of
THE COMMITTEE OF HOME MISSIONS AND CHURCH EXTENSION
OF THE ORTHODOX PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, INC.

for the year ended March 31, 1941, and submit a statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements for the year then ended.

Recorded receipts were reconciled to deposits as disclosed by statements rendered by the depository. Cash Disbursement entries were supported by properly executed checks. Such tests were made as were necessary to satisfy us as to the propriety of disbursements and as to the proper designation of the recorded receipts. The balance in bank as of March 31, 1941, is being confirmed by correspondence. Petty cash was verified by actual count.

We were informed, and subsidiary records indicate, that all wages and salaries due as of March 31, 1941, have been paid.

During the period under review, funds were loaned to the Mediator Presbyterian Church and are evidenced as follows:

$2,300.00 mortgage—5% interest due March and September 1
$ 500.00 note—dated 11-15-40 due in 9 months—interest at 5%.

Papers relative to the above were inspected by us and appear to be in order with the exception that a fire insurance policy with the mortgage clause to protect the interests of this Committee was not at hand. We were informed that steps will be taken to correct this situation.

A certificate evidencing ownership of 25 shares of United Carbon Company common stock was examined by us and the income received therefrom verified. We did not examine a diamond ring, valued at $350.00, which, we understand, is held in the safe deposit box of the General Secretary.

The "Rothwell Farm" was disposed of at a sales price of $13,500.00, as noted in our report as of March 31, 1940. We did not examine papers relative to this sale. The attached statement indicates that the sale, after a grant to The Committee on Foreign Missions of $2,500.00, payment of legal expenses attributable thereto, and the satisfaction of necessary operating expenses and provisions of the will, netted $7,855.38 for the work of this Committee.

It will be noted that $14.29 mentioned in our report as of March 31, 1940, as being due the General Fund from contributions designated General Assembly Expenses has been repaid to the General Fund. The attached Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements clearly indicates the source of funds expended and we suggest your careful consideration of these items.

We were informed that no fidelity bond is in force on the Treasurer, or on other employees who handle cash.
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Proper entries reflecting the transactions of the fiscal period have been prepared and placed upon the books of record.

We express our appreciation for the courtesies extended our representative during the course of the examination.

Respectfully submitted,

MAIN AND COMPANY,
Certified Public Accountants.

STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 1941
THE COMMITTEE ON HOME MISSIONS AND CHURCH EXTENSION
OF THE ORTHODOX PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, INC.

Balance, April 1, 1940, General Fund ......................................................... $1,320.21

RECEIPTS

General Fund
Contributions ...................................................................................... $12,146.85
Dividends on Stock Owned ................................................................. 75.00
Interest on Mortgage Loan ................................................................. 54.63
Rothwell Farm Sale Price ................................................................. $13,500.00
Refund of Insurance and Taxes ...................................................... 27.44

Less: Grant to Grace Orthodox Presbyterian Church, Middletown, Delaware (Provision of Rothwell Will) $1,500.00
Grant to Committee on Foreign Missions as authorized by the Board of Trustees 2,500.00

Expenses
Overseeing and Salary ........................................................................ 225.00
Legal Expense .................................................................................... 1,439.04
Miscellaneous .................................................................................... 8.02

5,672.06

7,855.38

Booklets ........................................................................................................ 6.70
Repayment of Amounts expended for General Assembly (Prior Year) 14.29

Total General Fund .................................................................................. $20,152.85

Other Contributions
For Support of Designated Missionaries (Includes Negro Aid) ... $1,938.14
For Jewish Work ..................................................................................... 852.40
For Expenses of General Assembly .................................................. $242.44
Less: Amount Repaid to General Fund ............................................. 14.29

228.15

For Committee on Constitution of the General Assembly .......... 26.00

3,044.69
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Received as Intermediary ........................................... $740.03
Less: Disbursements as Intermediary ................................ 740.03

Refunds of Amounts Expended for the Committee on Foreign Missions ........................................... $1,818.81
Less: Amounts Expended for the Committee on Foreign Missions .................................................. 1,818.81

Total Receipts .......................................................................................................................... $23,197.54
Total Available Cash .................................................................................................................. $24,517.75

**Disbursements**

Missionaries’ Salaries and Aid ........................................... $14,779.26
Paid from General Fund .................................................. $12,841.12
Paid from Designated Contributions ................................ 1,938.14

Grants from General Fund
- Puerto Rico Work .................................................. $100.00
- Mortgage Loan, Mediator Presbyterian Church .................. 2,300.00
- Note—Mediator Presbyterian Church, 9 Months ................. 500.00

Jewish work
- Salaries ......................................................... $593.96
- Rent ............................................................. 240.00
- Travel Expenses ............................................... 263.45
- Printing, Postage, etc. .......................................... 78.53

- $1,175.94

Paid from Designated Contribution ................................ $852.40
Paid from General Fund .................................................. 323.54

Office and Administrative Expenses (Paid from General Fund)
- Salary, General Secretary ........................................... $1,150.03
- Salary, Clerical Help ............................................. 711.15
- Postage and Supplies ............................................. 234.78
- Rent ............................................................. 184.02
- Audit ............................................................. 60.00
- Telephone and Telegraph ........................................ 52.02
- Maintenance of Delaware Office ................................ 25.00
- Miscellaneous Expenses .......................................... 8.14

- 2,425.14
Promotion Expenses (Paid from General Fund)

- Contribution to Presbyterian Guardian: $300.00
- Traveling Expenses: 336.98
- Survey and Extension Work: 568.33
- Printing, Postage and Mimeographing: 75.14

Total: 1,280.45

General Assembly Expenses (Paid from Designated Contribution)

- Printing Minutes: $100.00
- Postage, Mimeographing, etc: 42.33
- Constitution: 18.39

Total: 160.72

Committee on Constitution Expense: 10.00

Total Disbursements: 22,731.51

Balance, March 31, 1941: $1,786.24

As Follows:
- General Fund: $1,702.81
- General Assembly: 67.43
- Committee on Constitution: 16.00

Total: $1,786.24

Represented by:
- Cash in Bank: $1,761.24
- Petty Cash: 25.00

Total: $1,786.24

Assets of the Committee

- Cash on Hand and in Bank: $1,786.24
- 25 Shares of United Carbon Company Common Stock (Book Value): *1,556.25
- Diamond Ring (Appraised Value): 350.00
- Mortgage Loan: 2,300.00
- Note Receivable: 500.00
- Puerto Rico Grant: †100.00

*Market Value 3-31-40. †Doubtful. (Subject to accompanying comment.)

The moderator reported the appointment of the following committees:

On Standing Rules to Govern the Clerk of Assembly:

Ministers—Marsden, Sloat. Elder—McCroddan.

On Overtures and Papers:

On the Examination of Presbyterial Records:

On the Date and Place of the Next Meeting:

On Publicity:


*Elders*—William Ferguson, George Botbyl, Perl Winslow, C. R. Stricker, Jesse Gump.

On motion Mr. Cummings was permitted to withdraw his name.

On motion the nominations were closed.

On motion it was determined to proceed to hear the report of The Committee on Foreign Missions.

The report was presented by the Rev. John P. Clelland, chairman, and the report of the treasurer of the Committee, in the form of a report by Main and Company, certified public accountants, was presented for the treasurer by the Rev. Robert S. Marsden.

On motion it was determined to recess until 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday.

The assembly recessed at 5:45 p.m., after prayer by Mr. Young.

A popular meeting was held at 8:00 p.m. in the Redeemer Orthodox Presbyterian Church, 3944 Walnut Street, Philadelphia. The meeting was addressed on the subject of foreign missions by the Rev. Franklin S. Dyrness, and a sermon was preached by the Rev. William T. Strong.

*Wednesday, June 4, 1941*

The assembly was reconvened at 9:00 a.m. The devotions were led by the Rev. Bruce A. Coie.

The meeting was called to order by the moderator. The assembly was led in prayer by Mr. Kuiper.

The minutes of June third were read and, on motion, approved.

On motion the report of The Committee on Foreign Missions was received and its recommendation adopted, and the assembly expressed its regret that the Committee had voted, as reported orally to the assembly, not to send the Rev. R. Heber
McIlwain back to Japan at the conclusion of his furlough.

The reports are as follows:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN MISSIONS
of
THE ORTHODOX PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, INC.,
for the year ending March 31, 1941
to
THE EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY
Meeting at Westminster Theological Seminary
Chestnut Hill, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
June 3, 1941

The Committee on Foreign Missions has conducted the foreign missions work of The Orthodox Presbyterian Church and hereby reports its activity to the Eighth General Assembly.

MISSIONARIES SERVING UNDER THE COMMITTEE
The Rev. Egbert W. Andrews
The Rev. and Mrs. Henry W. Coray
The Rev. and Mrs. Malcolm C. Frehn
Mr. and Mrs. Richard B. Gaffin
The Rev. and Mrs. Bruce F. Hunt
The Rev. R. Heber McIlwaine

ACTIVITIES OF THE SEVERAL MISSIONARIES

The Rev. Egbert W. Andrews has been laboring among Chinese in Harbin, Manchoukuo. During the first term of the 1940-41 academic year, Mr. Andrews was acting as a professor at Newchwang Bible Seminary in Yingkow, Manchoukuo, an independent seminary of which the Rev. Johannes Vos was the other Caucasian member of the faculty. The Committee had agreed to Mr. Andrews' returning to the Seminary for the second term, but word has lately been received that the Seminary has been closed and that Mr. Andrews is again in Harbin.

The Rev. and Mrs. Henry W. Coray sailed for the Far East late in August, 1940, at the end of their furlough, arriving in Harbin the latter part of September. Increasing pressure from the Manchoukuo governmental authorities, the general world conditions which prompted the United States Department of State to recommend the withdrawal of missionaries, coupled with the rather serious ill health of their children, determined them, after an exchange of cables with the Committee, to return to the United States. They sailed from Kobe, Japan, on November 23rd. The Committee on December 30th, in the light of all the circumstances, approved their action and assigned Mr. Coray to promotional activities on the Pacific Coast.
under the direction of the Presbytery of California. Pursuant of this assignment, Mr. Coray has organized an Orthodox Presbyterian Church at Long Beach, California, and continues to serve this church as supply pastor. The Committee still contemplates sending the Corays back to Harbin when and if world conditions warrant it, and when it is possible to secure the necessary passports which cannot now be secured. The Corays stand ready to return to the field when it seems advisable.

The Rev. and Mrs. Malcolm C. Frehn are still able to conduct personal evangelistic work in Tokyo, Japan, although recent laws and decrees uniting the churches in Japan have further contracted their witness. Their continued presence in Tokyo is, however, a great inspiration to Japanese Christians who are standing firm for the gospel, and through personal conversations they have been enabled to strengthen the hands of some Christian laymen and ministers who otherwise might have capitulated to the heathen demands of the government.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard B. Gaffin have been engaged in evangelistic missionary work, with little interference from the authorities, at Tsingtao, Shantung, China. They will commence their furlough on June 15th and are expected to arrive in the United States within a month of that time.

The Rev. and Mrs. Bruce F. Hunt are still laboring among the Koreans in Harbin, Manchoukuo. Their work has been unusually unremitting, and in the face of almost insurmountable obstacles the Lord has granted them a large measure of success. They deserve great commendation for their work among Koreans who have been imprisoned and among those who, for the sake of Christ and His gospel, have been threatened with imprisonment with its consequent inquisitional treatment. Being unable to register with the governmental authorities, a number of small groups which Mr. Hunt has formed have remained loosely organized to comply with the existing laws.

The Rev. R. Heber McIlwaine is in this country on furlough from Japan. His furlough time expires on July 15th, and if a passport can be secured, he expects to return to Japan shortly after that time. It seems now very doubtful that a passport will be issued; and, in the event that it is impossible to secure one, Mr. McIlwaine will seek other labors under the Committee or within the church at large.

The Committee realizes that under present conditions it is not engaging in, and is not able to engage in, full-orbed work. Through circumstances beyond its control, it has not been possible to organize churches on the foreign field, nor to carry on the missionary activity in so distinctly Reformed a manner as the Committee desires. Yet the Committee can assure the Assembly that under the existing circumstances its work is much worth while, and it believes its missionaries to be giving a clear testimony to consistent Biblical Christianity in parts of the world where that testimony has almost completely been blotted out. The Committee has elected a sub-committee to prepare a statement of the objectives of the Committee, and hopes to be able to present at least a preliminary report to the Ninth General Assembly.

**CONTRIBUTIONS**

The Committee is glad to report that contributions to it have increased approximately ten per cent. during the past fiscal year. The Committee is encouraged to note that a large part of this increase is represented in increased gifts from the churches and church organizations of the denomination. Only one of the churches of our denomination failed to contribute to the Committee during the fiscal year, and a total of 70 churches and church organizations were among the contributors.

In its report to the Seventh General Assembly the Committee noted that there was a
monthly deficit of $147.34 for the fiscal year which ended March 31, 1940. The Committee is glad to report that that average monthly deficit has been cut to $4.55 for the past fiscal year. Through the gift of $2500.00 from The Committee on Home Missions and Church Extension it was possible to pay all the indebtedness which the Committee incurred over the period of three years, and there remains a small balance in the treasury.

THE BUDGET

The Committee has adopted the following budget for the present fiscal year:

Missionary Salaries and Allowances ............................................................. $ 9,300.00
Furlough Expenses ...................................................................................... 600.00
Emergency fund for possible forced evacuation of missionaries .............. 2,000.00
Office and Administrative Expense ......................................................... 1,850.00
Promotion Expense, including contribution to _The Presbyterian Guardian_ 1,100.00

$14,850.00

ELECTIONS TO THE COMMITTEE

The terms of office of the following members of the Committee expire with this Assembly: Ministers, John P. Clelland, R. B. Kuiper, George W. Marston; Elders, M. A. Campbell, Murray Forst Thompson, Esquire.

RECOMMENDATION

The Committee joins The Committee on Home Missions and Church Extension in recommending that the General Assembly go on record as encouraging the churches to contribute regularly to the work of the Committees, with an average of not less than 15¢ a week per communicant member as the goal for the current year.

REPORT ON EXAMINATION

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

PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA

MARCH 31, 1941

April 26, 1941.

The Committee on Foreign Missions of The Orthodox Presbyterian Church, Inc., Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Dear Sirs:

In accordance with authorization received, we have examined the cash accounts of the Treasurer of

THE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN MISSIONS

OF THE ORTHODOX PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, INC.

for the year ended March 31, 1941, and submit a Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements for the year then ended.
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Recorded receipts were reconciled to deposits reported on statements rendered by the bank and disbursements were found to be supported by properly executed checks. Such tests were made as were necessary to satisfy us as to the general propriety of the disbursements, and as to the correct designation of the recorded receipts. The balance in the bank at March 31, 1941 is being confirmed by correspondence.

A stock certificate evidencing ownership of 15 shares of the common stock of the United Carbon Company was examined by us, and the reported income therefrom substantiated.

The note payable of $500.00 to Mr. Matthew McCroddan, a member of the Board of Trustees, was paid in full during the period under review. We also noted, that $2,500.00 had been received from the Committee on Home Missions in connection with the sale of the "Rothwell Farm."

The attached schedule lists amounts, due in prior years but paid during the year under review, in connection with Missionaries' Expenses. Subsidiary records indicate that all amounts due have now been paid.

Proper entries have been made to reflect the transactions for the period and have been entered upon the books of record.

We were informed that no fidelity bond is in force on the Treasurer, nor on other employees who handle cash.

We express our appreciation of the courtesies extended our representative during the course of the examination.

Respectfully submitted,

MAIN AND COMPANY,
Certified Public Accountants.

STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 1941
THE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN MISSIONS
OF THE ORTHODOX PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, INC.

Balance, April 1, 1940, as follows:

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<tr>
<td>For Support of Designated Missionaries</td>
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<td>For Legal Expense re: Incorporation</td>
<td>59.00 240.81</td>
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Receipts

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<td>Contributions</td>
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<td>Dividends from Stock Owned</td>
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<td>Refund of Salary</td>
<td>70.00</td>
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<td>Refund of Traveling Expenses</td>
<td>140.49</td>
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<td>Refund of Rent</td>
<td>8.75</td>
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Rothwell Farm ........................................ 2,500.00
Total General Fund .................................. $11,925.67

Other Contributions
For Support of Designated Missionaries ............ 2,174.62
For Missionaries' Traveling Expenses ............... 1,169.02
As Intermediary ........................................ 412.25
Less: Disbursements as Intermediary ................. 412.25
Total Receipts .......................................... $15,269.31

Total Available Cash .................................. $15,510.12

### DISBURSEMENTS

**Missionaries' Expenses**

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<td>Child Allowances</td>
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<td>Traveling Expenses</td>
<td>1,113.29</td>
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<tr>
<td>Rent and Language Study</td>
<td>879.51‡</td>
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<tr>
<td>Medical Expense</td>
<td>.59</td>
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**Total Missionaries' Expense**  
$10,663.53

Paid from General Fund  
7,518.89

Paid from Contribution—  
Missionaries' Traveling Expenses  
919.02

Missionaries' Support  
2,225.62

**Total Missionaries' Expense**  
$10,663.53

**Office and Administrative Expenses**

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<td>Salary—Clerical Help</td>
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<td>Rent—Office</td>
<td>136.01</td>
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<td>Telephone and Telegraph</td>
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<td>Postage, Stationery and Supplies</td>
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<td>Maintenance of Delaware Office</td>
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<td>Miscellaneous</td>
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**Total Office and Administrative Expenses**  
1,843.04

(Paid from General Fund)

**Promotion Expenses**

Contributions to the Presbyterian Guardian  
600.00
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<td>Traveling—Others</td>
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<td>Postage, Stationery and Miscellaneous</td>
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<td>Repayment of Note Payable—General Fund</td>
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<td><strong>Total Disbursements</strong></td>
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<td>Balance, March 31, 1941</td>
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Accounted for as follows:

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<tr>
<td>For Missionaries' Travel Expense</td>
<td>250.00</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td>1,331.49</td>
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Assets of the Committee

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<td>Cash</td>
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<td>15 shares of United Carbon Company Common Stock (Book Value)</td>
<td>933.75**</td>
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<td>* Includes $429.56 prior years Salary</td>
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<td>† Includes $291.57 prior years Child Allowance</td>
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<td>‡ Includes $57.00 prior years Rent</td>
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<tr>
<td>** Market Value 3-31-40</td>
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Subject to accompanying comment.

The following were nominated for membership on The Committee on Foreign Missions: Ministers—R. B. Kuiper, J. P. Clelland, G. W. Marston, E. B. Cooper, John Murray, R. W. Gray, J. P. Galbraith.


On motion the nominations were closed.

On motion the Rev. John C. Rankin was excused from attendance at this assembly because of ill-health.

Mr. Clelland took the chair for a brief time.
A motion concerning the election of a committee to study the relationships of The Orthodox Presbyterian Church to the pagan world and to other ecclesiastical bodies was made and seconded. The motion was amended.

On motion it was determined to postpone further consideration of the matter until after the consideration of the report of the committee on the constitution.

The committee on the constitution reported.

On motion it was determined to receive the report and to consider the recommendations seriatim.

On separate motions the recommendation in section I, A, and the two recommendations in section III were adopted.

The report is as follows:

**REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE CONSTITUTION**

**TO THE EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

I. In response to the charge of the Seventh General Assembly to the Committee on the Constitution to study the section of the Memorial of the Presbytery of New Jersey which declares that Chapter XIV of the Form of Government is ambiguous on the subject of taking under care of presbytery candidates for the ministry, and suggests that the general assembly might find it advisable to initiate action leading to an amendment to clarify the ambiguity (See Minutes, p. 13), the committee reports as follows:

A. In the opinion of the committee, the obscurity in Chapter XIV of the Form of Government on this subject is not so great as to require an amendment. Section 3 of this chapter clearly deals with preliminary requirements which must be fulfilled before the presbytery may proceed with the actual step of licensure. The section sets forth in order (1) the evidence which a candidate desiring to come under the care of presbytery with a view to licensure must present of communicant membership in a particular church of the presbytery and of a recommendation from the session of the church, (2) the nature of the examination on the basis of which the presbytery may take a candidate under its care, and (3) the nature of the care which the presbytery is to exercise. The committee recommends therefore that no action be taken.

B. Recognizing, however, that a slight change in the language of the opening sentence would clarify the import of section 3, the committee has drafted the following modification of this sentence as a suggestion to the general assembly in case it should deem it wise to propose to the presbyteries an amendment relating to this matter:

"It is proper and requisite that a candidate desiring to come under the care of a presbytery with a view to licensure be a communicant member of a particular church of the presbytery, and come with a written recommendation from the session of the church of which he is a member."

II. In fulfillment of the charge and availing itself of the authorization of the Seventh General Assembly with reference to the publication of the Form of Government and other documents (see Minutes, pp. 14f., 35), the committee reports as follows:
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A. In preparing the documents for the press several formal changes have been made.
B. An addition of one thousand copies of "The Standards of Government Discipline and Worship of The Orthodox Presbyterian Church" has been published, and is now available for distribution and sale.
C. It has been determined to sell the book at a price of fifty cents a copy. The sale of the entire edition, it is expected, would cover the costs of publication and distribution.
D. Orders have been solicited largely through ministers of the church, and advance orders amounting to approximately 350 copies can be reported at this time.
E. A limited appeal to individuals and sessions to help subsidize the costs of the book has resulted in contributions in the amount of $175.00.

III. The committee presents the following recommendations:
A. It recommends the discharge of the Committee on the Constitution in view of the completion of its work.
B. It recommends the election of a committee of two to take charge of the promotion of the sale of the book in order that it may enjoy as wide a distribution as possible and that the expenses of publication may be quickly met.

Respectfully submitted,

N. B. Stonehouse,
Chairman.

On motion the Rev. Robert Strong and Mr. Thomas R. Birch were elected a committee of two to take charge of the promotion of the sale of the standards just published, in order that the book may enjoy as wide a distribution as possible and that the expenses of publication may be quickly met.

On motion the assembly extended its hearty thanks to the committee on the constitution for its splendid work during the past years.

On motion the assembly recessed at 12:25 p.m. until 2:00 p.m., after prayer by Mr. Heerema.

The assembly was called to order at 2:05 p.m. by the moderator, and was led in prayer by the Rev. R. H. Graham.

On motion it was determined that a committee of nine, six ministers and three elders, be elected by the general assembly to study the relationship of The Orthodox Presbyterian Church to society in general, and to other ecclesiastical bodies in particular, with a view to bringing in to the next general assembly recommendations suggesting ways and means whereby the message and methods of our church may be better implemented to meet the needs of this generation and The Orthodox Presbyterian Church may have an increasing area of influence and make a greater impact on life today.

On motion it was determined to nominate candidates for election to the above
committee immediately, and to proceed to the election after the election of the members of the standing committees.

The following were nominated for membership on the committee:


On motion the nominations were closed.

On motion it was determined to hear a partial report from the committee on overtures and papers.

The committee reported concerning the complaint of Sankey Oren vs. The Presbytery of California.

On motion the matter was referred back to the committee for further consideration.

The committee to consider the relations of presbyteries and The Committee on Home Missions and Church Extension reported. On motion the report was adopted. It is as follows:

The committee appointed by the Seventh General Assembly to Consider the Relation of the Committee on Home Missions and Church Extension and the Several Presbyteries would respectfully submit its report to the Eighth General Assembly in the form of the following recommendations:

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 pastors within the bounds of a Presbytery except with the advice and consent of that Presbytery.

3. No aid to any pastor within the bounds of a Presbytery shall be suspended except with the advice and consent of the Presbytery. Should the Committee on Home Missions and Church Extension and the Presbytery disagree on the suspension of aid to a pastor in a particular case, the matter shall be referred to the next ensuing General Assembly for adjudication.

4. The Committee may suspend aid to a missionary laboring within the bounds of any Presbytery, but only after the advice of the Presbytery has been sought.

5. 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.

On motion the Committee determined to reply to Paper No. 1, a proposed overture from the Presbytery of the Dakotas, referred to this Committee by the Seventh General Assembly, by recommending that the Eighth General Assembly propose to the Presbyteries an amendment which would change Chapter XVIII of the Form of Government, by deleting the words “or to supply vacancies”, and by adding the words “in extraordinary circumstances” after the words “And the General Assembly may, of its own knowledge”, so that the sentence will read “And the General Assembly may, of its own knowledge, in extraordinary circumstances, send missions to any part to plant churches, provided always that such missions be made . . . .”

ROBERT S. MARSDEN,
Secretary.

The committee to study texts and proof texts reported. On motion the report was received and the recommendations ordered considered seriatim.

On separate motions the recommendation that in any printing of the confession of faith and catechisms by The Orthodox Presbyterian Church the proof texts be cited rather than quoted, and the recommendation that proof texts be not appended to the other constitutional documents were adopted.

The report is as follows:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TEXTS AND PROOF TEXTS

At the Seventh General Assembly of The Orthodox Presbyterian Church it was provided “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” (Minutes of the Seventh General Assembly, p. 35). “The Moderator appointed the Rev. Messrs. Murray, Young and Stonehouse as the Committee” (id. p. 36).

The Committee respectfully submits the following report to the Eighth General Assembly.

A. TEXT OF THE CONFESSION OF FAITH AND CATECHISMS

The ascertainment of the correct text of the Confession of Faith is made relatively simple by the painstaking researches and publications of William Carruthers and S. W. Carruthers. The edition of the Westminster Confession of Faith by William Carruthers, first issued in 1883, proceeded a long way in the correction of numerous errors which had, in the course of editing and printing, crept into modern editions of the Confession. This work of correction was carried still further by his son, S. W. Carruthers, and the result of his
The Westminster Confession of Faith (1937). In this work we have a critically edited text of the Confession together with a history of the origin of the errors. It is the judgment of the Committee that this edition provides us with the best text of any modern edition and therefore should be followed rather closely in any printing of the Confession of Faith that the Orthodox Presbyterian Church may undertake.

The question of the correct text of the Westminster Shorter Catechism is also greatly simplified by William Carruthers' publication in 1897 of a facsimile of the first edition which was ordered to be printed by the House of Commons, 25th November 1647. This edition, however, had no proof texts and the spelling is, of course, archaic. Any printing of the Shorter Catechism that might be undertaken should be based upon this facsimile of the first authoritative edition.

In the matter of the text of the Larger Catechism we are not so fortunate. We do not have a critically revised text and we do not have a facsimile of an authoritative edition. The Chairman of the Committee has had some correspondence with S. W. Carruthers who says that "the only authoritative edition . . . is the limited edition printed for members of Parliament." Of this edition there is a copy at Union Theological Seminary, New York. This copy could no doubt be consulted and any printing that might be undertaken could be based upon it.

The Committee respectfully reminds the General Assembly that any edition of these Standards that would have regard to purity of text and accuracy in printing will require much exacting and prolonged labour.

B. PROOF TEXTS OF THE CONFESSION OF FAITH AND CATECHISMS

The Westminster Assembly appended proof texts to all three of these documents. Revision of these proof texts was authorized by the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A. on two occasions, in 1794 and 1894.

In 1792 the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A. appointed a Committee "to select and arrange the Scripture texts to be adduced in support of the articles in the Confession of Faith" (Minutes of the General Assembly, 1792, p. 59). The Committee submitted its report to the General Assembly in 1794 and the report was approved. It should be noted, however, that the revision of proof texts only concerned the Confession of Faith and the Larger Catechism. The Shorter Catechism was printed without proof texts, and the following footnote was inserted at the beginning. "The Shorter Catechism is, simply, an abridgement of the Larger; so that the proof of both must be the same. The reader, therefore, who desires to see the Scripture authorities for any doctrine taught in this catechism, will turn to that doctrine in the Larger Catechism, which may very easily be done, and there he will find the necessary texts fully referred to, or inserted. It was judged unnecessary to print the very same texts twice over" (The Constitution of the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A., Philadelphia 1841, p. 377. See also Minutes 1891, p. 131). An examination of this revision of the proof texts for the Confession and Larger Catechism will disclose that the departure from the work of the Westminster Assembly, particularly in the proof texts for the Confession, was in some respects quite radical.

In 1888 the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A., in answer to an overture from the Presbytery of Philadelphia, appointed a Committee of seven to revise the proof texts of the standards. In 1889 the Committee reported progress and was enlarged to the number of nine. In 1890 the Committee submitted to the General Assembly a revision of the proof texts of the Confession of Faith, and expressed the hope that the work on the Larger Catechism would be completed by the next Assembly.
In 1891 the Committee reported that it had completed the revision of the proof texts of the Larger Catechism. The Committee also stated in its report that, “Westminster Texts were restored, where they seemed better, or even as good as those that were substituted for them in our book. For it is desirable, as far as possible, to have the original texts, and thus, also, the same proofs as are printed by other Presbyterian Churches that have the Westminster Standards and retain the Westminster texts” (Minutes 1891, p. 131). The General Assembly of 1891 instructed the Committee “to prepare Proof Texts for the Shorter Catechism so that when this Committee’s work is finally adopted by the Assembly, the Church shall have for the children a form of the Catechism with Proof Texts appended” (Minutes 1892, pp. 12f.).

In 1892 the Committee reported progress, particularly in the work of providing proof texts for the Shorter Catechism, and the Committee was continued.

In 1893 the Committee reported that it had completed the work of preparing proof texts for the Shorter Catechism and that it had finished all the work immediately set before it. The Committee recommended that 7000 copies of the Shorter Catechism with the proof texts proposed by the Committee be printed under the direction of the Board of Publication and Sabbath-school work.

In 1894 the Committee reported that the Shorter Catechism with proof texts was printed and that 7000 copies were distributed about January 1, 1894 as a sample of the Committee’s whole work on the proof texts. The Committee having now submitted a finished work proposed that the time had come for final disposition of its work and that it be discharged. The General Assembly, on recommendation of the Committee, adopted the proof texts for the Confession of Faith, the Larger Catechism and the Shorter Catechism as prepared by the Committee.

The Committee appointed at the Seventh General Assembly of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church has given this matter of proof texts earnest consideration and study in the course of the past year. The work of the Committee has very largely been confined to the proof texts for the Confession of Faith. It has found that further revision of the proof texts could be made, and it has tentatively conducted such revision for the first eight chapters of the Confession. In conducting this work it has sought to adhere as closely as feasible to the proofs adduced by the Westminster Assembly, but it has also found the revision by the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A. in 1894 exceedingly helpful. On the whole, the Committee has found that the number of proof texts deemed either necessary or desirable tended to increase rather than to diminish.

The Committee recommends that in any printing of these standards undertaken by the Orthodox Presbyterian Church the proof texts be cited rather than quoted. The reasons for this recommendation are as follows:

(1) It will greatly reduce the cost of printing.

(2) This procedure will eliminate the almost insuperable difficulties entailed in certain cases in the determination of exact text and most adequate translation.

(3) The Church could hope for the publication of these Standards at a very much earlier date because both the expense of publication and the amount of labour involved would be greatly reduced.

(4) In any revision that may be made the method of citation rather than of extensive quotation will make it practicable to adduce a greater number of proof texts.

C. PROOF TEXTS FOR THE OTHER CONSTITUTIONAL DOCUMENTS

The Committee does not deem it advisable to append proof texts to the other consti-
tutional documents, particularly for the reason that, while there is much in these constitutional documents that has been directly based upon Scripture, yet there is also much that falls within the principle stated in the Confession of Faith, Chapter I, Section VI, to wit, "there are some circumstances concerning the worship of God, and government of the Church, common to human actions and societies, which are to be ordered by the light of nature and Christian prudence, according to the general rules of the Word, which are always to be observed."

JOHN MURRAY,
Chairman.

On motion the committee on texts and proof texts was continued until the next assembly and was empowered to make recommendations concerning the texts and proof texts to the next assembly.

On motion Mr. Stonehouse was excused from further service on the committee.

On motion Mr. Skilton was elected to fill the vacancy on the committee, and by further motion the committee was empowered to fill any vacancy which may occur in its membership.

On motion the assembly determined to hear the report of the commission on the Iglesia Cristiana Puertorriqueña.

On motion the report was received and its recommendations ordered considered seriatim.

On separate motions the recommendations were adopted.

The report is as follows:

REPORT OF THE COMMISSION ON THE IGLESIA CRISTIANA PUERTORRIQUEÑA

The commission elected by the Seventh General Assembly to communicate with the Iglesia Cristiana Puertorriqueña held several meetings throughout the year. It communicated by mail with representatives of this church and interviewed a representative sent to this country. The commission is of the opinion that the ministry and membership of the Iglesia Cristiana Puertorriqueña is largely composed of earnest Christians who, out of worthy motives, desire to be united with The Orthodox Presbyterian Church. The commission is also of the opinion that it would be impossible to receive this denomination into our fellowship at this time, since we are convinced that many of its ministers do not meet our educational qualifications and that they lack a clear and consistent conception of the Reformed faith. The representative of this church led the commission to believe that the church would welcome instruction in the principles and practices of The Orthodox Presbyterian Church. To this end, the commission recommends:

1. That the matter be referred to The Committee on Foreign Missions and that that Committee be instructed to consider carefully the advisability of sending one or more missionaries to Puerto Rico with the principal purpose of instructing these people to the end that they may be received into The Orthodox Presbyterian Church at some later time.
2. That the commission be discharged.  

ROBERT S. MARSDEN,  
Chairman.

The appointment of a committee concerned with army and navy chaplaincies was considered, and on motion the matter was laid on the table until the subject of miscellaneous business should be reached on the docket.

On motion the report of the legal committee was ordered heard. The committee reported that no business had been referred to it and that no meetings had been held.

On motion the report was received.

On motion the present legal committee was continued until the next assembly.

On motion the assembly recessed at 5:00 p.m. until 9:00 a.m. Thursday, after prayer by Mr. Gilmore.

A popular meeting was held at 8:00 p.m. in the Calvary Orthodox Presbyterian Church, Willow Grove. The meeting was addressed on the subject of home missions by the Rev. J. Lyle Shaw, and an address was delivered by the Rev. Burton L. Goddard.

Thursday, June 5, 1941

The assembly was reconvened at 9:05 a.m. The devotions were led by Mr. Wybenga.

The meeting was called to order by the moderator. The assembly was led in prayer by Mr. Rea.

The minutes of June fourth were read, corrected, and on motion approved.

The committee on overtures and papers reported on the complaint of Sankey Oren vs. the Presbytery of California.

On motion the conclusion of the report was amended by amplification, and the modified report was adopted as follows:

COMPLAINT OF SANKEY OREN AGAINST THE PRESBYTERY OF CALIFORNIA

This is a complaint brought by Mr. Sankey Oren, a ruling elder of the Covenant Church of Berkeley, California, against the action of Presbytery of California taken on April 15, 1941 in rejecting a complaint by Mr. Oren against an action of the Session of the Berkeley Church taken on May 9, 1940.

The history of the complaint is as follows:

On March 27, 1940 the Rev. Robert K. Churchill, moderator of the Session of the Berkeley Church called a meeting of the Session after the midweek service. Two of the
elders on the Session were present. The third member of the Session, the complainant, was not present and had not been informed that a meeting of the Session was to be held. At this meeting certain funds in the Calvin Hour fund were transferred to the Building Fund. Mr. Oren first became aware of this action at the Congregational meeting held on April 3, 1940. At a Session meeting held on April 12, 1940 after the minutes of the meeting of March 27 were read, Mr. Oren moved that since the meeting of March 27 was not duly called the meeting be declared null and void and the minutes be expunged from the record. This motion prevailed. At a meeting of the Session on May 9, 1940 the moderator, Mr. Churchill, ruled that Mr. Oren's motion of April 12 concerning the validity of the meeting of March 27 was out of order. Mr. Oren moved that the Session appeal this ruling to the Presbytery. The motion did not prevail. Mr. Oren then gave notice of intention to complain to the Presbytery. The Presbytery of California appointed a committee at its meeting of September 25, 1940 to study the complaint. The committee reported to the Presbytery on April 15, 1941 upholding the action of Mr. Churchill in ruling the motion of Mr. Oren out of order. The Presbytery adopted the recommendation of the Committee. It is against this action of the Presbytery that Mr. Oren complains to this Assembly.

The complainant has not followed the provisions of the Book of Discipline. In Chapter Ten, Section Two, the Book of Discipline requires that "a complaint shall first be presented to the judicatory which is alleged to be delinquent or in error, and this judicatory shall be asked to make amends." Under this provision Mr. Oren should have made a written complaint to the Session of the Covenant Church for not overruling the action of the Moderator in the meeting of May 9, 1940 declaring the motion made at the meeting of April 12, 1940 out of order. This Mr. Oren failed to do. He at once carried the issue to the Presbytery so that the judicatory alleged to be in error was not asked to make amends.

The assembly declares that because of the complainant's failure to observe the provisions of the Book of Discipline, the complaint is not properly before it, and therefore the assembly cannot now enter upon the merits of the complaint. The attention of the complainant and the Presbytery of California is called to the provision of the Book of Discipline, Chapter Ten, setting forth the proper procedure in the prosecution of complaints.

Mr. Poundstone of the Presbytery of California did not participate in the decision.

JOHN P. CLELLAND,
Chairman.

The committee on overtures and papers reported on the overture sent up by the presbytery of New York and New England and recommended that the overture with the appended material be sent down to the presbyteries for study and recommendation to the next general assembly. On motion the recommendation was adopted.

The report of The Committee on Christian Education was presented by the Rev. Calvin K. Cummings.

On motion it was determined to receive the report and to consider the recommendations seriatim.

On separate motions two recommendations were adopted, two amended and adopted, and one added.
Minutes of the Eighth General Assembly

The report as amended and adopted is as follows:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION OF
THE ORTHODOX PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

For the year ending May 31, 1941

The Committee is happy to be able to report that although it is still without the much needed assistance of a General Secretary, it has not only been able to accomplish the tasks assigned to it by the Seventh General Assembly, but in numerous instances has been able to accomplish more than either the Assembly or the Committee had anticipated.

I. PUBLICATIONS AND PROPAGANDA

Young People’s Lessons. The Committee now publishes and mails 45 copies of its Young People’s Lessons. All except one of these are paid subscriptions. These lessons have been advertised in several Fundamentalist periodicals which brought approximately 60 requests for samples and some subscriptions.

Summer Bible School Material. Through the Committee two booklets have been provided for use in Summer Bible Schools. The Committee published 2000 copies of a booklet for Primary-Junior age children together with 500 copies of a booklet for Intermediate-Senior age pupils which also serves as a Teacher’s Manual. To date approximately 1200 copies of these booklets have been ordered. Requests for these materials have come from a considerable number outside of the communion of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church. It is reasonable to expect that when the Committee is financially able to advertise these materials there will be a substantial increase in the number of orders.

Tracts. 1. Long tracts. 2000 copies of “Why the Orthodox Presbyterian Church?” by the Rev. J. P. Galbraith were published, 1300 of which were sold and 700 copies of which were mailed to students attending seminaries of the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A.

The Committee published 1000 copies of “The Covenant of Grace” by the Rev. C. K. Cummings. Practically all of these have been sold or distributed. Copies were distributed to ministerial students in selected colleges and universities.

The Committee published 1000 copies of “Is the Bible Right About Jesus?” by J. Gresham Machen, D.D., Litt.D.

The Committee advertised the long tracts in The Presbyterian Guardian.

2. Short tracts. The Committee published:

3000 copies, “What Is the Bible?”
2000 copies, “What is God?”
2000 copies, “What is Sin?”
3000 copies, “The Privileges and Duties of Communicant Church Membership,” by the Rev. G. W. Marston.
1000 copies, "Church Discipline" by the Rev. G. W. Marston.

The Committee sent 200 copies of "A Message from Dr. J. Gresham Machen" to Princeton Seminary students and 500 copies of the short tract, "The Grace of God" were sent to students in Presbyterian seminaries.

The Committee has advertised its "short tracts" in several Fundamentalist periodicals with encouraging results.

II. RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES

See separate report of the Treasurer.

III. RECOMMENDATIONS

The Committee recommends to the General Assembly:

That the Committee on Christian Education be authorized to employ the services of a part-time General Secretary.

That the following budget be approved for the year 1941-1942:

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That the General Assembly suggest to the sessions and church organizations that they:

a. Endeavor to have each family in their respective churches subscribe to The Presbyterian Guardian;

b. Endeavor to encourage gift subscriptions to The Presbyterian Guardian; and

That the Assembly suggest to the sessions the inclusion of The Presbyterian Guardian in their benevolence budgets.

That the General Assembly suggest that the sessions and church organizations include Westminster Theological Seminary in their budgets and endeavor to promote interest in that Seminary.

That the Eighth General Assembly urge the presbyteries to request the sessions of the respective churches under their jurisdiction to study carefully the lesson materials used in the Sunday school, with a view to keeping or bringing this lesson material into harmony with the standards of our church.

ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT OF

THE COMMITTEE ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION OF THE ORTHODOX

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

For the year ending May 31, 1941
Balance on May 25, 1940 for General Assembly Report ........................................ $115.29
Total Receipts during year 1940-1941 ................................................................. 896.41

Total of Balance and Receipts for year 1940-1941 ........................................ $1,011.70

Expenditures:
Postage, mailing, envelopes, expressage, etc ....................................................... $ 90.08
Clerical help ........................................................................................................ 54.00
Advertising of tracts and Young People’s Studies ............................................. 59.16
Printing of tracts .................................................................................................. 280.67
Publication of Summer Bible School Books ....................................................... 243.85
Publication of Young People’s Studies ................................................................. 88.89
Bank Service charges ............................................................................................ 5.59
Miscellaneous ........................................................................................................ 7.75
Total Expenditures during year 1940-1941 ......................................................... $829.99

Bank balance on May 31, 1941 ............................................................................. $181.71
Note: Printing bills payable ................................................................................. $155.00

ANALYSIS OF RECEIPTS

1. Receipts from sale of literature ........................................................................... $297.10
2. Receipts from O. P. C. churches ......................................................................... 229.79
3. Individual contributions and offerings ............................................................... 369.53

Total Receipts ....................................................................................................... $896.41

SALE OF PUBLICATIONS

1. Sale of our printed tracts ................................................................................... $152.80
2. Subscriptions to Young People’s Studies ............................................................ 42.25
3. Sale of Summer Bible School Books during year ............................................. 102.05

Total Sales ............................................................................................................. $297.10

CHARLES A. FREYTAG, Treasurer.

Due to the smallness of the amounts involved the Committee did not employ auditors.
Mr. Bert Roeber kindly consented to audit the books. The Treasurer’s books are open for
the inspection of the Assembly.

The following were nominated for membership on The Committee on Christian
Education:


On motion the nominations were closed.
The report of the committee on secret societies was presented.
On motion the report was received and the committee continued with the
same mandate as was given by the seventh general assembly, to report at the next general assembly.

The report is as follows:

Fathers and Brethren:

The Committee on Secret Societies regrets having to report that it has found it impossible to complete the study assigned to it by the seventh General Assembly.

The magnitude of its task together with the great geographical distances separating certain members of the committee and a lack of funds for traveling help to account for the Committee's inability to complete its work.

However, the committee can report actual progress and does so report.

Respectfully submitted,

R. B. Kuiper, Chairman.

The report of the committee to draw up rules to govern the clerk of assembly was presented.

On motion the assembly recessed at 12:35 p.m. until 2:00 p.m., after prayer by Mr. Freeman.

The assembly was called to order at 2:10 p.m. by the moderator, and was led in prayer by the Rev. Edward B. Cooper.

The report of the committee to draw up rules to govern the clerk of assembly was amended and on motion adopted.

It is as follows:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE TO DRAW UP STANDING RULES TO GOVERN THE CLERK OF ASSEMBLY

We recommend that the Clerk of Assembly be asked to perform in addition to the duties outlined in the Form of Government and Book of Discipline, the following duties until the election of his successor:

1. To prepare a transcript of the minutes of the Assembly for publication under the direction of the Committee on Home Missions and Church Extension.

2. To receive funds for the operating expenses of the General Assembly, the Committee on Home Missions and Church Extension to act as fiscal agent for the Assembly. The Clerk shall be authorized to draw on the Assembly funds for his normal expenses in performing the duties of Clerk.

3. To inform promptly all persons of any action of the Assembly which directly affects them.

4. To receive overtures, papers, requests, and any other communications intended for the next Assembly, and to prepare them for presentation to the Assembly, and to arrange necessary advance publicity for the overtures.
5. To collect and compile statistical reports from the Presbyteries for the church year ending on the ensuing March 31 and the information required by the Form of Government X. 8, and to prepare them for presentation to the Assembly.

6. To advise stated clerks of presbyteries of the obligation of presbyteries to present their records to the Assembly for review as required by the Form of Government, XI. 4.

7. To serve as a member of the Committee on arrangements for the succeeding Assembly.

8. To prepare, in consultation with the Moderator, a proposed docket for the succeeding Assembly, and to arrange for its distribution to ministers and sessions of the church at least ten days prior to the meeting of that Assembly.

9. To be in charge of the current records of the church, which at the expiration of his period of duties shall be deposited in a permanent file to be kept in a safe and orderly manner and available for inspection at the office of the Committee on Home Missions and Church Extension.

10. To act as Clerk of the succeeding Assembly until a successor is elected.

R. S. Marsden
Matthew McCroddan
L. W. Sloat

On motion the nominations for members of The Committee on Home Missions and Church Extension were reopened.

The following nomination was made:

Elder—Cyrus Ferguson.

On motion the nominations were closed.

On motion it was determined that on each ballot in all elections, if there is not a majority election immediately, the names of the two men receiving the lowest number of votes on the first ballot, and of the one receiving the lowest number on each subsequent ballot, be dropped.

The first ballot for members of The Committee on Home Missions and Church Extension was taken.

The report of the committee on the date and place of the next meeting was presented. The committee recommended the acceptance of the invitation of the churches of Rochester, New York to hold the next assembly in that city, and that the assembly convene on Tuesday, June 2, 1942 at 11 a.m.

On motion the recommendations of the report were adopted.

On motion the Rev. Peter Pascoe, the Rev. J. J. DeWaard, Mr. Alexander Muir and Mr. Harry J. M. Remein were appointed a committee on arrangements for the next general assembly.

On motion it was moved that the assembly proceed to ballot for the committee of nine.
On motion nominations for members of the committee of nine were reopened
The following were nominated:
Ministers—B. L. Goddard, J. P. Clelland.
On motion Mr. Clelland was granted permission to withdraw his name
from nomination.
On motion the nominations were closed.
The tellers reported the election to The Committee on Home Missions and
Church Extension of:
Elder—Cyrus Ferguson.
The first ballot for members of the committee of nine was taken.
On motion it was determined that the general assembly permit the committee
of nine to draw up to one hundred dollars for expenses from the general assembly
fund, if that amount be available.
On motion it was determined that fifty dollars be withdrawn from the general
assembly fund for the purpose of implementing the work of the committee on
secret societies, if the amount be available.
On motion it was determined that money for all committees that are
authorized to draw upon the assembly fund be prorated after assembly expenses
are met.
The second ballot for members of The Committee on Home Missions and
Church Extension was taken.
The report of the committee on the examination of presbyterial records was
presented.
On motion the report was approved and its recommendation adopted.
It is as follows:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE EXAMINATION OF
PRESbyterial Records

to
THE EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE ORTHODOX PRES-
BYTERIAN CHURCH MEETING IN PHILADELPHIA, JUNE 3-5, 1941

The Committee on Examination of Presbyterial Records herewith submits its report
and makes the following recommendations to the Eighth General Assembly of the Orthodox
Presbyterian Church:
1. That the minutes of the Presbytery of the Dakotas be approved with the following
exceptions:
Minutes of the Eighth General Assembly

(a) That the attention of the Presbytery be called to the fact of the absence of specific exceptions in the report of the committee on examination of sessional records (Cf. page 65).

(b) That the attention of the Presbytery be called to the failure to give a statistical report.

2. That the minutes of the Presbytery of New Jersey be approved with the following exceptions:

(a) That the attention of the Presbytery be called to the fact that no record appears of the meetings of June 6, 1940, September 6, 1940, and October 15, 1940 having been opened with prayer (Cf. pages 68-69).

(b) That the attention of the Presbytery be called to the absence of a statistical report.

(c) That the attention of the Presbytery be called to the fact of the absence of specific exceptions in the report of the committee on examination of sessional records (Cf. page 74).

3. That the minutes of the Presbytery of New York and New England be approved with the following exceptions:

(a) That the attention of the Presbytery be called to the failure to give a statistical report.

(b) That no record of the examination of sessional records is given.

4. That the minutes of the Presbytery of Ohio be approved with the following exceptions:

(a) That the attention of the Presbytery be called to the fact that the pages of the minutes of presbytery were not numbered.

(b) That the attention of the Presbytery be called to the absence of a quorum at the opening session of the presbytery meeting of April 1, 1941.

(c) That the excuse of the Clerk for the failure to submit a statistical report be accepted.

5. That the minutes of the Presbytery of Philadelphia be approved without exception.

6. That the minutes of the Presbytery of Wisconsin be approved with the following exceptions:

(a) That the attention of the Presbytery be called to the fact that in the pro re nata meetings of January 9, 1940, December 2, 1940, and February 11, 1941 the purpose of these meetings is not stated (Cf. Form of Gov't., Chapter X, Section 9).

(b) That the purpose of the meeting of August 10, 1940, apparently a pro re nata meeting, is not stated.

(c) That no record of the examination of sessional records is given.

(d) That no statistical report of the churches within its bounds is recorded.

7. That the minutes of the Presbytery of California be approved with the following exception:

(a) That the excuse of the Clerk for the failure to submit a statistical report be accepted.

8. That in view of the fact that some of the presbyterial records are kept in looseleaf
notebooks, your committee recommends that each presbytery preserve its records in a more permanent form.

9. That in view of the fact that Presbyterial records bear no evidence as to whether they were examined, and which minutes actually were examined, your committee recommends that hereafter the chairman of the committee on the examination of presbyterial records sign the records, noting the date of examination.

Respectfully submitted,

GLENN R. COIE,
Chairman.

On motion the matter of chaplaincies was taken from the table.

On motion it was determined that the general assembly give the clerk of assembly the authority to recommend men for chaplaincies in the armed forces of the United States.

The tellers reported the election to the committee of nine of:

Ministers—Rian, Kuiper; Elders—Clark, Thompson.

On motion it was determined that the names of the three regular nominees receiving the lowest number of votes, and of the three others voted for, be dropped.

The tellers reported the election to The Committee on Home Missions and Church Extension, on the second ballot, of:

Ministers—Allen, R. W. Gray, Galbraith.

The third ballot for members of The Committee on Home Missions and Church Extension was taken.

On motion it was determined that, in voting for the committee of nine, on the next ballot the three names now before the house receiving the lowest vote be dropped and on succeeding ballots two names be dropped.

The second ballot for the committee of nine was taken.

The tellers reported the election to The Committee on Home Missions and Church Extension, on the third ballot, of:

Elder—Stricker.

On motion nominations for The Committee on Foreign Missions were reopened.

The following were nominated:

Elders—Harvey Long, John D. Voskuil.

Minister—Theodore J. Jansma.

On motion the nominations were closed.

On motion Mr. Kuiper was granted permission to withdraw his name from the list of nominees for The Committee on Foreign Missions.
The first ballot for The Committee on Foreign Missions was taken.

On motion it was determined that this assembly express its gratitude for the warm hospitality of Westminster Theological Seminary, for the work of the ladies who served the meals, and for the equally splendid labors of the committee on arrangements.

On motion it was determined that this general assembly adopt a budget of four hundred dollars for its work, twenty-five dollars of which is to pay the clerk of assembly for his labor, and that this budget be met by urging the sessions to contribute ten cents per communicant member.

The tellers reported the election, on the second ballot, to the committee of nine of:

 Minister—Robert Strong.

The tellers reported the election to The Committee on Foreign Missions of:

 Ministers—Clelland, Murray, Marston.

Elder—Thompson.

The second ballot for members of The Committee on Foreign Missions was taken.

The third ballot for members of the committee of nine was taken.

On motion it was determined to elect a delegate to bring the fraternal greetings of The Orthodox Presbyterian Church to the General Synod of The Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America at its next general synod.

The following were nominated for the position of fraternal delegate: Rev. Everett C. DeVelde, Rev. Edward Wybenga, Rev. Carl A. Ahlfeldt, Elder Gordon H. Clark.

On motion the nominations were closed.

The tellers reported the election to The Committee on Foreign Missions, on the second ballot, of:

 Elder—D. Heuseveldt.

The vote for fraternal delegate was taken.

At the request of the Rev. Samuel J. Allen the following motion, which was lost, is recorded:

Resolved, that Westminster Theological Seminary and The Presbyterian Guardian be requested to give a financial report each year to the general assembly.

The tellers reported the election to The Committee on Christian Education of:

 Ministers—Dunn, Gilmore.

 Elders—Smits, Partington.
The tellers reported the election as fraternal delegate of Mr. Ahlfeldt.

The tellers reported the election to the committee of nine, on the third ballot, of:

*Elder*—Freytag.

The fourth ballot for members of the committee of nine was taken.

The tellers reported the election to the committee of nine, on the fourth ballot, of:

*Minister*—Goddard.

On motion it was determined to drop from the ballot the names of those receiving the three lowest votes.

The fifth ballot for members of the committee of nine was taken.

The tellers reported the election to the committee of nine, on the fifth ballot, of:

*Minister*—Van Til.

The sixth ballot for members of the committee of nine was taken.

The tellers reported the election to the committee of nine, on the sixth ballot, of:

*Minister*—Smith.

The moderator appointed Mr. Rian convener of the committee of nine.

The minutes of the session of June fifth were read, and on motion approved.

On motion it was determined that the assembly dissolve.

The moderator made the following declaration:

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 Rochester on the second day of June, A.D. 1942.

The session was closed at 5:45 p.m. with prayer by the moderator and the pronouncement of the benediction.

A popular meeting was held at 8:00 p.m. in the Mediator Orthodox Presbyterian Chapel, Knorr and Rutland Streets, Philadelphia. The meeting was addressed on the subject of Christian education by the Rev. Edward J. Young, and an address was delivered by the Rev. R. B. Kuiper.

**Paul Woolley,**

*Clerk of Assembly.*
APPENDIX

I. STATISTICAL REPORT

Note: This report is not official, but is as complete and accurate as possible to October 1, 1941. Edited by the General Secretary, Committee on Home Missions and Church Extension.

PRESBYTERY OF CALIFORNIA

Mr. D. Neilands, Stated Clerk
1046 Stanford Ave., Oakland, Cal.

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Average Contribution per Communicant Member $23.64 $2.16 $4.18

Ministerial Changes: Minister Received—Henry W. Coray by letter from the Presbytery of Philadelphia.

Other Ministers of Presbytery: Floyd E. Hamilton by letter from the Presbytery of Philadelphia.
Donald K. Blackie, Th.D., P., Third and Maple Sts., Escondido, Cal.
J. Edward Blair, Ret., Albany, Ore.
Malcom C. Frehn, For. Miss., 800 Seijo Machi, Setagayaku, Tokyo, Japan.
Floyd E. Hamilton, For. Miss., 335 N. Kenmore Ave., Los Angeles, Cal.
C. A. Kim, Th.D., P., 1428 W. 36th St., Los Angeles, Cal.


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Pastors

- Calvin A. Busch.
- J. B. Brown, D.D., Pastor-elect.
- Robert B. Brown, 4902 Poppleton St.
- John Gray, Leith.
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- C. A. Balcom, Wilton.
- C. A. Balcom, Wilton.
- Walter J. Magee, Bridgewater.
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- A. Culver Gordon, Bancroft.
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- Melvin Nonhof, Hamill.
- Charles L. Shook, Volga.
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Other Ministers of Presbytery:

Thomas M. Cooper, P. E., 113 Wellington Road, Upper Darby, Pa.
W. Benson Male, P., 3058 Humboldt St., Denver, Colo.
Jack Zandstra, R. D. No. 1, Hammond, Ind.

Ministerial Changes: Minister added to Roll—John Gray, ordained May 20, 1941.
Licentiate of Presbytery—Paul Bohn, 1109 Pine St., Muskegon, Mich.

PRESBYTERY OF NEW JERSEY

Mr. H. H. Partington, 427 Everson Place, Westfield N. J., Stated Clerk

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Clifford S. Smith, 137 W. Commerce St.
Richard W. Gray, 7 Franklin Ave., Montclair.
Walter C. Jenf, 340 Gilbert Ave., East Paterson.
Edward B. Cooper, Elmer.
Bruce H. Wideman, Ringoes.
Lawrence B. Gilmore, Th.D., 416 White Horse Ave.
John Patton Galbraith, 174 Harrison Ave., Westfield, N. J.
Leslie A. Dunn, 207 Davis.
Average Contribution per Communicant Member $20.36 $7.56 $6.15

Other Ministers of Presbytery:
Edward Heerema, Chap., Goffle Hill Sanitarium, Midland Park, N. J.
Donald C. Graham, P., 33 Maple Ave., Morristown, N. J.
Lewis Grotenhuis, P., R. F. D. 2, Harmony, Phillipsburg, N. J.
John C. Hills, Home Miss., 1271 Rio Vista Blvd., Fort Lauderdale, Fla.
William T. Strong, P., 1300 Newton Ave., West Collingswood, N. J.

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PRESBYTERY OF NEW YORK AND NEW ENGLAND
Rev. Peter Pascoe, Stated Clerk

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Pastors

Marvin L. Derby, 20 Malcolm St., Hamden.
Arthur O. Olson, 5 Grand St.
Bruce A. Coie, 37 Madison St., Franklin Square.
Peter Pascoe, 2052 St. Paul Blvd.
John J. DeWaard, 54 Macbeth St.

Total........................................ 579 25 137 11 716 413 $13904 $6686 $1823

Average Contribution per Communicant Member 24.01 11.55 3.15

Other Ministers of Presbytery:
- Dean W. Adair, Chaplain, Cumberland Center, Me.
- Martin J. Bohn, P., Steuben, Me.
- Lawrence R. Eyers, P., Gossville, N. H.
- Burton L. Goddard, P., Carlisle, Mass.
- L. Craig Long, Evang., 334 W. 55th St., New York City.
- Charles Stanton, P., St. Albans, Me.
- Daniel Van Houte, P., Pownal, Me.


Licentiate of Presbytery—William Young.

### PRESBYTERY OF OHIO
Rev. Carl A. Ahlfeldt, Stated Clerk

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Rev. Robert E. Nicholas, Stated Clerk

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**Total**: 1714 -25 454 46 2168 1926 $39173 $15157 $10618

**Average Contribution per Communicant Member**: 
- $22.85
- $8.84
- $6.19
Other Ministers of Presbytery:

Clarence W. Duff, Box 663, Oak Creek, Col.
Gerald A. Heersma, P., Chatham, Mass.
Bruce F. Hunt, For. Miss., 23 Tsitsihar St., Harbin, Manchoukuo.
Lawrence Jongewaard, Chaplain, Fort McClellan, Ala.
R. B. Kuiper, Prof., 6636 Boyer St., Philadelphia, Pa.
C. L. McCoy, 249 Locust Ave., Washington, Pa.
R. Heber McIlwaine, 5 W. 27th St., Baltimore, Md.
Cornelius Van Til, Ph.D., Prof., c/o Westminster Theological Seminary, Chestnut Hill, Phila., Pa.
Reginald Voorhees, P., 321 Race St., West Pittston, Pa.
Paul Woolley, Prof., 152 W. Hortter St., Philadelphia, Pa.
Edward J. Young, Prof., 120 Krewson Terrace, Willow Grove, Pa.

Ministerial Changes Since October 1, 1940:

Ministers added to the roll:

November 15, 1940..........................Samuel J. Allen...............Letter, Presbytery of the Dakotas
July 8, 1941 ......................... D. Eugene Bradford ......... Ordination

Ministers taken from the roll:

November 15, 1940 .................... Edward Heerema .......... Letter, Presbytery of New Jersey
November 15, 1940 .................... Burton L. Goddard .... Letter, Presbytery of N. Y. and N. E.
March 17, 1941 ....................... Henry W. Coray .......... Letter, Presbytery of California
September 15, 1941 .................... Jean H. Faurot .......... Erasure (Presbyterian Church in Canada)
Floyd E. Hamilton .................... Letter, Presbytery of California

Total Ministers—37. Total Congregations—21.

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Wisconsin:

| Cedar Grove, Calvary | 372 | -10 | 224 | 13 | 596 | 260 | 4400 | 960 | 1449 | George J. Willis, Cedar Grove. |
| Gresham, Old Stockbridge | 16 | ... | 13 | ... | 29 | 50 | 120 | 50 | 80 | John Davies, Gresham. |
| Milwaukee, Grace, 47th and North Ave. | 14 | -1 | 12 | -1 | 26 | 6 | 406 | ...... | 34 | Leland C. Jorgensen, 2117 N. 42nd St. |

Total ................. 418 | -9 | 256 | 15 | 674 | 356 | $5535 | $1802 | $1744 |

Average Contribution per Communicant Member | $13.24 | $4.31 | $4.17 |
Other Ministers of Presbytery:

William J. Agnew, 221-11th Ave., N., St. Petersburg, Fla.
Edward F. Hills, 6149 Greenwood Ave., Chicago, Ill.
Oscar Holkeboer, P., Oostburg, Wis.

Total Ministers—8. Total Congregations—4.

Ministerial Changes—Minister taken from roll—Iva D. Mishoff, M.D., Deceased, June 24, 1941.
Minister added to roll—George J. Willis, Ordained, Feb. 18, 1941.

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Average Contribution per Communicant Member, 1940*...20.13 5.98 4.02 30.13

* Corrected.
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