TWENTY-FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

MINUTES OF THE TWENTY-FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE ORTHODOX PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
MEETING AT COVENANT ORTHODOX PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
ROCHESTER, NEW YORK
May 26-30, 1954

WEDNESDAY EVENING, MAY 26

In the absence of the Rev. John H. Skilton, moderator of the Twentieth Assembly, the Rev. Raymond M. Meiners opened the Communion Service preceding the Twenty-first General Assembly at 8 P.M., May 26, 1954 in the Covenant Orthodox Presbyterian Church of Rochester, N. Y. Mr. Meiners delivered the Communion address entitled, "The Murderer of Christ", using as his text, Galatians 5:24. Following the sermon, the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered by Mr. Meiners, assisted by the Rev. Messrs. Ralph E. Clough and Robley J. Johnston, and by Ruling Elders David Henry, Oscar Claerbout, Dirk Heuseveldt, and Harold Wanjon.

Sleeping accommodations were provided for the Commissioners by members of the Covenant Church and the Memorial Church. The noon and evening meals were arranged for at the Cafeteria of Eastman Kodak Co.

THURSDAY MORNING

Following a devotional service at 8:30 A.M. conducted by Dr. Manross, the Twenty-first General Assembly was constituted with prayer by Mr. Cummings, Moderator of the Nineteenth General Assembly, on Thursday, May 27, at 9 A.M.

The roll of commissioners follows:

Presbytery of California
Ministers: Robert H. Graham, Herman T. Petersen.
Elder: David L. Neilands.

Presbytery of the Dakotas
Ministers: Bruce A. Coie, V. Robert Nilson, Reginald Voorhees.

Presbytery of New York and New England

Presbytery of New Jersey

Presbytery of Ohio
Ministers: Francis D. Breisch, Calvin K. Cummings.
Elder: David H. Henry.

Presbytery of Philadelphia
Elders: Thomas G. Kay, James H. Ashida.

Presbytery of Wisconsin
Elder: Oscar Claerbout.
The printed minutes of the Twentieth General Assembly were presented and approved as corrected.

The Stated Clerk of the Twentieth General Assembly reported that the statistics from all the churches were not yet in and therefore the annual statistical report could not be compiled for presentation at this Assembly, but that it would be included in the printed minutes of this Assembly.

ELECTIONS. Nominations were declared in order for the office of Stated Clerk of the Assembly. The Rev. Mr. Meiners was nominated. It was moved and carried that nominations be closed. It was moved and carried that the clerk be instructed to cast a white ballot for the election of Mr. Meiners.

The following were nominated for the office of Moderator of the Assembly: the Rev. Messrs. Churchill, Oliver, Vining, Marston, Graham, G. Coie, Atwell, and Kuschke. On motion, the requests of Messrs. Vining and Marston that their names be withdrawn were granted.

During the counting of the ballots, the Rev. Mr. DuMont made a report for the Committee on Arrangements.

Mr. Churchill was elected on the second ballot.

Mr. Cummings welcomed Mr. Churchill to the chair.

The following were nominated for the office of Assistant Clerk: the Rev. Messrs. Vining and Dortzbach. Mr. Dortzbach was elected.

The clerk read the following overtures and communications:

OVERTURES

1. From the Presbytery of California: The Presbytery of California overtures the Twenty-first General Assembly to incorporate the following changes in the "A Version of a Form of Government."

   a. Chapter XIII paragraph 4, page 18; that the last sentence, reading, "When election is for a limited time a person re-elected shall be ordained to office at the beginning of each new term." shall be deleted in full.

   b. Chapter XIII paragraph 6, page 19; That there shall be inserted in the first sentence after the word "deacon" the following, "are both perpetual and" thus reading, "The offices of ruling elder and deacon are both perpetual and may not be lightly laid aside."

2. From the Presbytery of California: The Presbytery of California requests the Twenty-first General Assembly that if it commends the work of the World Home Bible League, the Assembly express no preference for giving away instead of selling the Bible.

3. From the Presbytery of California: The Presbytery of California overtures the Twenty-first General Assembly to divide the Presbytery of California by designating that all the present territory north of and including Fresno, California, be in the Presbytery of Pacific.

4. From the Presbytery of the Dakotas: It was moved and carried that the Presbytery overture the Twenty-first General Assembly to send appropriate literature to the sessions of the churches of The United Presbyterian Church, exhorting that Church to refrain from union with the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A.

5. From the Presbytery of New York and New England: The Presbytery of New York and New England respectfully overtures the Twenty-first General Assembly of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church that, in the event the Twenty-first General Assembly proposes to the Presbyteries changes in the Form of Government in terms of Chapter XXVI, Section 1, of the Form of Government, the General Assembly adopt in such a proposal the "Alternate Proposed Revision" of Chapter XIII, Sections 3 and 4, as given on page 20 of "A Version of a Form of Government" submitted for study to the Sessions and Presbyteries of the Ortho-
dox Presbyterian Church by the Committee on Revisions to the Form of Government and Book of Discipline on January 9, 1954.

6. From the Presbytery of Ohio: It was voted to overture General Assembly to change the wording of Chapters 10, Section 1, and 11, Section 2 of the "Revisions" so that the membership of the respective judicatories mentioned be constituted on the representative basis of one minister and one elder for each particular church.

7. From the Presbytery of Ohio: It was passed that Presbytery recommend the Alternate Proposed Revision on page 30 of the "Revisions" for adoption by the General Assembly.

8. From the Presbytery of Philadelphia: The Presbytery of Philadelphia overtures the Twenty-first General Assembly of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church to propose to the Presbyteries:
   1. That the text of the Westminster Confession of Faith, submitted to the Nineteenth General Assembly in the report of the Committee on Texts and Proof-Texts be adopted as the official text of the Confession of Faith for the Orthodox Presbyterian Church, and
   2. That the proof-texts provided by the above-mentioned committee be approved for publication with the Confession of Faith.

9. From the Presbytery of Wisconsin: The Presbytery of Wisconsin overtures the Twenty-first General Assembly, meeting in Rochester, N. Y., to direct the Committee on Home Missions and Church Extension to employ a full-time field representative whose duties shall be:
   a. To foster the organization of new congregations;
   b. To cultivate friendly relations with individuals and congregations which may have a potential interest in membership in The Orthodox Presbyterian Church;
   c. To cultivate friendship with and present our missionary program to individual congregations of traditionally Reformed persuasion who need a missionary program which is in accord with their doctrine, which they can conscientious support; and
   d. To present the challenge of home missions to the local congregations and presbyteries of The Orthodox Presbyterian Church.

10. From the Presbytery of Wisconsin: The Presbytery of Wisconsin overtures the Twenty-first General Assembly of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church to send committees, each consisting of three members, to visit the General Assemblies of the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A., the Presbyterian Church in the U. S., and the United Presbyterian Church, for the purpose of seeking to contact individuals and congregations in these denominations that might become interested in The Orthodox Presbyterian Church in case the proposed union between those denominations should be consummated.

COMMUNICATIONS

1. The White House
   Washington, D. C.
   July 29, 1953

Dear Mr. Meiners:

The President has requested me to thank you for the letter of July twenty-third which you sent him on behalf of the General Assembly of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church. Assurances of approval such as these help him tremendously in meeting the great responsi-
bilities of his office and he wants you and your associates to know that he is grateful for
your confidence and commendation. The spiritual interest which prompted these expressions
is appreciated.

Sincerely,

SHERMAN ADAMS
The Assistant to the President

2.

To the General Assembly:
Dear Brethren:

It is a great pleasure to me to inform you that the General Synod of the Reformed
Churches in the Netherlands, meeting at Rotterdam in the years 1952-1953 has resolved to
enter into full communion with your church.

The meaning of this decision is, that our churches are willing to accept without more
the members of your church as members of our churches, and that your ministers if they
receive an invitation of one of our churches to preach the Word of God and to administer
the Sacraments, have the right to do so.

We hope that your church will give the same rights to our ministers in your church
and will accept our members, who show to you their ecclesiastical attestations, as brethren.

The address of our churches is: Algemeen
Bureau Van de Gereformeerde Kerken in Nederland, Koningslaan 35 Utrecht.

With Christian Greetings,
Yours in the Lord,
F. W. GROSHEIDE

Amsterdam, 20th October 1953

3.

To the Orthodox Presbyterian Church of America
Dear brothers in our Lord Jesus Christ,

On behalf of the deputee of the Reformed Churches of New Zealand (appointed at
our Synod meeting of July 31, 1953 to take up correspondence with Churches abroad) we
convey to you our cordial brotherly greetings.

In 1953, our Reformed Churches have been established here in New Zealand, as a
result of the fact that many Dutch immigrants have not been able to find in this country
a spiritual “home” within the existing churches, because of predominant modernism.

The Presbyterian Church with her Westminster Confession, was originally believed
to be a true Calvinistic Church. However she also is subject to grave modernistic influences.
Although reluctantly at first, we came to realize more and more that this church has gone
the way of nearly all churches in New Zealand.

Our church establishment has amongst others induced one of the Presbyterian minis-
ters to join our church after difficulties with his Presbytery.

As base of our church we have accepted with a faithful heart the Holy Scriptures as
the infallible Word of God and the Confession of Faith in accordance with that Word as
the Churches of the Reformation have formulated her in the Confession Belgica, the
Heidelberg Catechisms, and the canons of Dort.

We will maintain this base through exercising Christian discipline concerning doctrine
and life, in accordance with the Scriptures and our Confession of Faith and according to
the Church order of Dort, which we accept as an agreement of church life.

The Westminster Confession of Faith, which we consider to be a rich inheritance of
the Reformation in England and Scotland, is being studied by a committee appointed by
our synod.

Our churches would like to take up correspondence with your churches in this respect
that we cordially accept each others attestations and that we open our doors to each others
ministers for the preaching of the Word of God and the administration of the Sacraments. May we hear from you at your earliest convenience?

Yours in our Lord Jesus Christ on behalf of the deputees,

W. VAN RIJ
Secretary

4.

10920 Michigan Ave.
Chicago 28, Ill.
February 24, 1954

Dear Rev. Meiners:

I understand that the general sessions of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church will meet in the City of Rochester on May 26th. It has been the privilege of the World Home Bible League to present its cause in each of the last 3 consecutive sessions. We are respectfully requesting time on the agenda for the presentation of the work of the World Home Bible League.

The last session held in Philadelphia took action concerning the publication of our pamphlet, “God Speaks”. We are asking your advice in this matter. We feel that the action taken by the general session was one based upon misinformation. We would like to have the opportunity as an organization to explain a few facts which were not brought out when the sessions took this action. I would like to have the privilege of personally talking to a committee of the general assembly in order to clarify this matter.

We certainly are deeply appreciative of the fine spirit of cooperation which has existed between the Orthodox Presbyterian Church and our agency. We are sure that as a church you would not want any misunderstanding to take place, particularly when such a misunderstanding came about when we were not present to answer any questions that might have been in the minds of your men. We are anxiously awaiting your reply.

We have also contacted Rev. DuMont of Rochester who informs us that there will be space to put a small display of our Bibles.

Most sincerely yours in Him,

THE WORLD HOME BIBLE LEAGUE
WILLIAM A. ACKERMAN, Director

10920 Michigan Ave.
Chicago 28, Ill.
April 8, 1954

My dear Rev. Meiners:

Thank you so much Rev. Meiners for your recent letter concerning the Twenty-first General Assembly of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church meeting in Rochester, New York on May 26th. I do not have the entire time set aside for the General Assembly, but if it were possible for us to present the work on Friday, the 28th, preferably in the morning, it would be deeply appreciated by us.

I would also like to have an opportunity to speak to some committee concerning the matters which we have discussed in a previous letter. I would like to discuss these matters personally with the committee so that they could report back to the assembly.

We are also very thankful for the wonderful cooperation that has been in evidence with the Orthodox Presbyterian Church as we are very anxious to continue such relationships.

Most sincerely yours,

THE WORLD HOME BIBLE LEAGUE
WILLIAM A. ACKERMAN, Director
5. May 3, 1954

Dear Mr. Meiners:

The following action relative to Mr. Arthur B. Spooner was taken by the Presbytery of New Jersey, meeting at Wildwood, New Jersey, on April 27th, 1954 for its stated Spring meeting:

"It was moved and unanimously carried that, in view of the information Presbytery has gained regarding Mr. Spooner's education in the liberal arts, and in view of the fact that he has sustained his entrance examination to Westminster Theological Seminary in the field of liberal arts, and in view of the evidence that Presbytery has received in its examination of him, that it is the judgment of the Presbytery that, in the case of Mr. Spooner, the requirement of the bachelor of arts degree or its academic equivalent as the requisite of licensure should be waived.

"It was moved and carried that the preceding action of the Presbytery be communicated to the Twenty-first General Assembly and that Presbytery request the advice of the General Assembly in accord with the stipulation of the Form of Government, Chapter XIV, Section 7."

Cordially,
ALBERT G. EDWARDS, Stated Clerk
The Presbytery of New Jersey

6. April 26, 1954

To the Twenty-first General Assembly:

We, the session of the First Orthodox Presbyterian Church of San Francisco, wish to protest against any action by the Assembly by way of dividing the Presbytery of California. We believe that the petition sent by the Presbytery to be ill-considered, and not representative of any poll of the churches thus to be summarily excinded.

EDWARDS E. ELLIOTT
ARTHUR G. RIFFEL
CLARENCE P. BUSH

7. May 18, 1954

To the Twenty-first General Assembly:

The session of our church in Portland concurs with the session of our church in San Francisco in opposing the dividing of the Presbytery of California. We also believe the petition sent by Presbytery to be ill-considered.

Presbytery action was taken hastily toward the close of the meeting without any discussion or any poll of the churches involved.

WM. F. HUBER, Clerk of Session

8. May 21, 1954

Twenty-first General Assembly of
The Orthodox Presbyterian Church
Rochester, New York

Fathers and Brethren:

We the undersigned of the Session of the Westminster Orthodox Presbyterian Church of Bend, Oregon, respectfully request the Twenty-first General Assembly to disregard the overture of the Presbytery of California to divide the Presbytery and form the Presbytery of Pacific from the churches north of Fresno, California. We submit the following reasons for this request:

1.—There was no notice given previous to or during the spring meeting of Presbytery that this important and far reaching motion would be introduced.
2. The motion was entertained by the Moderator at a very late hour of the second of two days of arduous meetings.

3. The motion was not debated by any one on the floor of Presbytery.

4. The motion was voted upon before sufficient opportunity was given for needful debate on a motion of this caliber.

5. In the past similar action was introduced, but after being submitted to the church Sessions, it was voted down. It is our belief that if the same procedure was followed again, the majority of the churches would again disapprove of the action.

6. Of the five churches that would be included in the newly formed Presbytery, there would be three isolated with very little contact or fellowship with the majority of our sister churches here on the West Coast.

7. As one of the churches that would be separated from the majority of the churches that now constitute the Presbytery of California, we do not approve of this action.

R. E. JEWELL
S. E. YORK
ANDREW FOLEY
DAVID COE
N. H. COLEMAN
ROBERT D. SANDER

9.

May 25, 1954

The Twenty-first General Assembly
The Orthodox Presbyterian Church
Rochester, New York

Dear Brethren:

Because of the illness of my mother I am unable to attend the Twenty-first General Assembly.

I have asked the Rev. Raymond M. Meiners as clerk of the Twentieth General Assembly to conduct the communion service and to see that the provisions of Standing Rule No. 2 are observed in securing someone to preside at the opening business session of the Twenty-first General Assembly until another moderator is elected.

I shall be remembering the Twenty-first General Assembly in prayer, and I solicit the prayers of the Church for my mother's complete recovery.

Yours in Christ,

JOHN H. SKILTON

May 22, 1954

10.

General Assembly of the
Orthodox Presbyterian Church

Dear Brethren in the Lord:

Greetings in Jesus' Name from the newly-formed Korea Mission of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church! We are so glad to be able to send greetings to you as a mission. When the Lord sent out the Hards to this land as much-needed reinforcements we organized ourselves into a "mission" so that we could expedite business and reach decisions as a group. At present, we are but four but we hope and pray that in the years to come our numbers may increase many-fold.

We all wish to express our appreciation to the congregations of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church, through their representatives at this assembly, for the faithful prayer and financial support afforded us through this past year. It has been a great encouragement to us to receive letters and packages, all assuring us of the continued interest of the people in the churches.
We are also glad to be able to report that we had the pleasure of a visit from our new missionaries to Formosa while they were en route there. It was good to be able to talk to them, discuss common problems, and generally get better acquainted. We praise God that the church has also been enabled to send them out this year.

We shall be praying for the assembly, that wisdom may be given in all decisions and that the missionary vision may be brightened among you by your fellowship together and by your considerations concerning the greater outreach of our denomination. "Brethren, pray for us."

In Christ's precious Name,

GRACE HARD, Secretary
The Korea Mission of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church

May 25, 1954

General Assembly of The Orthodox Presbyterian Church

Gentlemen:

At the General Assembly in 1952, I was appointed to the Committee on Foreign Missions. Since then, due to the press of my employment at the times of the Committee's meetings, I have been unable to attend and actively function. It is, therefore, a matter of deep regret to me, but I must ask that my resignation be accepted in order that my place may be filled with someone who is able to attend and participate in the meetings. I sincerely hope that conditions will change so that I shall be able to serve at some future time. Your favorable consideration of this request is solicited.

Respectfully yours,

HOWARD A. PORTER

It was moved and carried that Overtures 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 and Communications 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 be committed to a Committee on Overtures and Communications consisting of five members appointed by the moderator and that Overtures 4 and 10 and Communications 2 and 3 be committed to a Committee on Church Relations consisting of five members appointed by the Moderator, and that they be instructed to report to this assembly as soon as possible.

DOCKET. The Stated Clerk presented the proposed docket. It was moved and carried to amend the docket to the effect that adoption of the docket be made item 6b; that election of Fraternal Delegates and Representatives be made item 15d; that times of recess be set at 12:30 P.M., 5 P.M., and 9:30 P.M. and that the hours of reconvening be set at 1:45, and 7 P.M.; and that item 13 dealing with the World Home Bible League be made the order of the day at 12:15, Friday. The docket as amended was adopted on motion.

A communication (No. 11) was received from Elder Howard A. Porter. It was moved and carried to consider this communication under the report of the Committee on Foreign Missions.

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS. The moderator announced the following appointments:

Committee on Overtures and Communications:—Ministers: Oliver (Convener), Manross, Willis, DeVelde.
Elder: Claerbout.

Committee on Examination of Presbyterial Records:—Ministers:—Price (Convener).
Elders:—Neilands, Henry.

Committee on Date and Place of Next Assembly:—Ministers:—G. Coie (Convener), Breisch.
Committee on Church Relations:—(see p. 20).
TRAVEL FUND. A preliminary report of the Travel Fund Committee was presented by Mr. Eyres as follows: Brethren:

The Travel Fund Committee recommends that the Travel Fund be disbursed according to the following plan:

1. Commissioners shall receive travel compensation upon presentation of mileage vouchers, mileage being computed according to the Rand-McNally United States Mileage Chart.

2. Absentees from any session of Assembly shall be eligible for travel compensation only by specific action of the Assembly authorizing such compensation.

3. Commissioners traveling the most miles shall receive first consideration. The point at which compensation shall begin shall be the number of miles above which commissioners shall receive two cents per mile. In case the point at which compensation begins falls to 300 miles (round trip), commissioners traveling in excess of 2000 miles shall receive one additional cent per mile.

4. All vouchers must be presented by Saturday noon recess.

5. That since there are only two members of this committee present at the assembly, the Moderator appoint one commissioner to labor with the Committee to aid in discharging its responsibility to this assembly.

On motion, items 1, 2, 4, 5 were adopted and item 3 was referred back to the committee. Mr. Clelland was appointed by the Moderator to serve on the Travel Fund Committee.

Another report was made by the Committee on Arrangements.

DOCKET. It was moved and carried to amend the docket, that the hour for recess be set at 12 noon, that the evening recess be set at 5:45 P. M. and that we convene at 1:15 P. M. and in the evening at 7:30 P. M.

On motion item No. 13 dealing with the World Home Bible League was changed from the order of the day at 12:15 P. M. to 11:45 A.M.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY FUND. The Stated Clerk presented the report on the General Assembly Fund as follows:

Balance on Hand, April 1, 1953 \$443.40
Receipts, April 1, 1953 to May 27, 1954 \$1,730.66
Disbursements, April 1, 1953 to May 27, 1954 \$3,167.36
Deficit, May 27, 1954 \$993.30

HOME MISSIONS. The report of the Committee on Home Missions and Church Extension was presented by Mr. Clough as follows:

REPORT OF
THE COMMITTEE ON HOME MISSIONS AND CHURCH EXTENSION
OF
THE ORTHODOX PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
TO
THE TWENTY-FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

During the past year the Committee has engaged in missionary work in 17 different fields in eleven states. This is an increase of two fields over the previous year. The following eight churches, which began as home missions projects, were receiving aid according to the salary scale as of the end of the fiscal year:

Maywood, Albany, New York
Immanuel, Crescent Park, New Jersey
Westminster, Evergreen Park, Illinois
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Grace, Fair Lawn, New Jersey
First, Fort Lauderdale, Florida
First, National City, California
First, Portland, Oregon
Westminster, Westchester, Illinois

Of these the Albany and Fort Lauderdale Churches became self-supporting on April 1, 1954.

The following five churches were receiving aid at the end of the fiscal year under temporary or special circumstances:

- Community, Center Square, Pennsylvania
- Faith, Lincoln, Nebraska
- Gethsemane, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
- First, Seattle, Washington
- Grace, Westfield, New Jersey

The Presbytery of California has dissolved the pastoral relations of the congregations and missionary pastors of First Church, National City, California, and First Church, Seattle, Washington, in view of the lack of progress in these fields over the past several years. The former of these congregations will definitely continue, and the continuance of the latter is dependent upon obtaining a qualified missionary.

In September aid was reinstituted at

St. Andrew's, Baltimore, Maryland

The Rev. George J. Willis became the pastor of this church at that time, and the construction of the new building was begun later in the fall. The congregation provides the pastor's manse and the Committee provides his salary. The congregation expects to assume part of the salary responsibility by September, 1955.

Aid to

Old Stockbridge Church, Gresham, Wisconsin

was temporarily suspended in February when the Rev. John Davies left the field after having accepted a call to another congregation. The Rev. Henry D. Phillips has accepted a call to this church and aid is to be resumed when he takes up his work there early in June. Mr. Davies has been our missionary in this predominantly American Indian field since the beginning of our work there. The Committee takes this opportunity, before the church, to express its commendation and appreciation of the sacrificial labors which Mr. and Mrs. Davies have performed so cheerfully and unstintingly over many years in the cause of the gospel.

Support of the work in a racially mixed community in

Denver, Colorado

has been continued during the past year by the Committee, with the Rev. Takuo Hohri as our missionary. The nature of this work was necessarily placed in the category of experimentation and at the end of April recommendation of the Presbytery of the Dakotas that the work be terminated was adopted, effective April 30, 1954.

The Rev. Robert E. Nicholas, formerly pastor of the Westminster Church of Bend, Oregon, was appointed as a missionary in July to serve in

Whittier and Garden Grove, California

The opening of this work is the result of extension activities by our churches in the Los Angeles area. Plans are at present under way for the construction of a chapel building in Garden Grove by the people of the group, most of whom are members of our Long Beach church. Both the Whittier and Garden Grove groups will probably be organized as churches during the present fiscal year.

NEW WORK

The Committee has entered three new fields since the beginning of the new fiscal year. Partial support has been undertaken for Licentiate Dale N. Snyder, in Bangor, Maine, and for Licentiate C. Herbert Oliver, in the Smyrna-Ludlow-Houlton area of Aroostook
County, Maine; and full support of Mr. Wendell L. Rockey, for the opening of a new work in Indianapolis, Indiana.

In the spring of 1953 the Committee conducted a survey in Kansas City, Missouri, where we had several contacts, and which was thought of as a possible field for new work, but the report was unfavorable for the present time. The Committee is alert to find new and favorable locations for home missionary work, and is limited only by the amount of funds available. The Committee has also aided several of our churches, through the General Secretary, in survey work with a view to relocation.

The Committee would emphasize also the fact that one of the great opportunities for expansion, and at minimum cost, lies in areas adjacent to our already-existing churches, by means of branch Sunday Schools and preaching points. The Committee would seek to provide assistance to the utmost of its ability as it might be needed for such work.

**SUMMER WORKERS**

The Committee makes it a practice to employ students of Westminster Seminary, when available, for summer work. The dual purpose of this policy is to aid churches in the extending of their testimony and to provide experience for those preparing for the ministry. Several students are again being employed this year.

**CONTRIBUTIONS**

Contributions once more reached a new high during the past year. In this period contributions from living donors were $48,793.91, which is an increase of 6.5% over the previous year. There was an increase in both regular and Thank Offering giving.

There is much encouragement in this continuing increase but we would draw to the attention of the churches that in most instances the growth in regular contributions, i.e. those other than the Thank Offering, has not been as great as it might have been during the past several years. The Committee therefore urges the sessions of the churches to give attention to this problem from the viewpoints both of greater and more regular giving by every member and of the proportion of the churches' budgets that are devoted to our benevolence causes, to the end that our work may be multiplied many fold.

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY FUND**

The General Assembly Fund, for which the Committee acts as receiving and disbursing agent, has again accumulated a deficit. One reason for this is the practice of most churches to delay making contributions to the Fund until the latter part of the fiscal year rather than in the early part of the year. The Committee again urges the General Assembly to make adequate provision for its expenses.

**BUDGET**

The following budget has been adopted by the Committee for its work in the next year:

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**ELECTIONS TO THE COMMITTEE**

The terms of the following members of the Committee expire at this Assembly:

- **Ministers:** Calvin A. Busch, Glenn R. Cole, Meredith G. Kline.
- **Ruling Elders:** Justus L. Bryan, Bert L. Roeber.

The report of the Treasurer, as audited by Main and Company, follows:
The Committee on Home Missions
and Church Extension of
The Orthodox Presbyterian Church, Inc.
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Gentlemen:
In accordance with your authorization we have examined the cash accounts of the Treasurer of
THE COMMITTEE ON HOME MISSIONS AND CHURCH EXTENSION
OF THE ORTHODOX PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, INC.
for the year ended March 31, 1954, and submit herewith the following statements:
Schedule A—Balance Sheet of Funds, March 31, 1954.
Schedule B—Statement of Recorded Cash Receipts and Disbursements, for the Year Ended March 31, 1954.

Our examination while sufficient in scope to prepare these statements, consisted of the following procedures:
(1) An examination was made of all cancelled checks for the year ended March 31, 1954 and the checks were traced to the recorded cash disbursements for the same period. These cancelled checks were also traced to warrants authorizing the disbursements for a portion of the year.
(2) Recorded receipts were reconciled in total to the deposits listed on the bank statements for the year. Duplicates of the receipts issued for contributions were traced to the cash receipts record for a portion of the year.
(3) The recorded cash balance on deposit was reconciled to the bank balance as of March 31, 1954, and the latter balance was confirmed with the depository.
(4) Petty cash was checked by actual count during the time of our examination.
(5) We examined documents evidencing ownership of all stocks, bonds and real estate except General Motors Acceptance Corporation notes in the amount of $24,000.00, the ownership of which was confirmed with the Provident Trust Company.
We examined notes for all loans receivable but we did not confirm them in any other way.
(6) We have examined a $10,000.00 fidelity bond covering the Treasurer, and other employees who handle funds of this Committee and the Committee on Foreign Missions.

Except as to the foregoing procedures, the accompanying statements were prepared from the records without independent verification. We, therefore, do not express a formal accountants’ opinion concerning them.

The comments immediately following this letter furnish additional information regarding the accompanying schedules.
We express our appreciation for the courtesy extended to our representative during the course of the examination.

Respectfully submitted,
MAIN and COMPANY
Certified Public Accountants

COMMENTS

INVESTMENTS

STOCKS
The following stocks were owned by the Committee at March 31, 1954:
Shares

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Shares</th>
<th>Cost</th>
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</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>100—American Natural Gas Co.</td>
<td>$ 4,110.38</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>58—American Telephone &amp; Telegraph Co.</td>
<td>9,108.24</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>50—E. I. DuPont de Nemours &amp; Co., $4.50 Preferred</td>
<td>5,866.83</td>
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<tr>
<td>100—Duquesne Light Co.</td>
<td>2,866.89</td>
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<tr>
<td>100—Philadelphia Electric Co.</td>
<td>3,256.13</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>100—Standard Oil Co. of New Jersey</td>
<td>7,229.89</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td><strong>$32,438.36</strong></td>
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Bonds

The Committee’s bond holdings consist of the following:

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Face Value</th>
<th>Cost</th>
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<tr>
<td>$15,000.00—U. S. Treasury 2½%—9-15-72-67</td>
<td>$14,521.88</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>$ 4,500.00—Calvary Orthodox Presbyterian Church of Glenside, Pa.—4%</td>
<td>4,500.00</td>
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</table>

**Total** $19,021.88

Real Estate

This balance represents the detail as presented below by funds:

General Fund

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<thead>
<tr>
<th>Description</th>
<th>Cost</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>House—Fairlawn, New Jersey</td>
<td>8,667.05</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>One-half interest in home of General Sec. in Abington Township, Pa.</td>
<td>8,095.13</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Interest in lot and building—Westchester, Illinois</td>
<td>5,000.00*</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Total Real Estate—General Fund** $21,762.18

*The total cost of the property was $10,000.00 of which $5,000.00 was returned to the Committee from the proceeds from the sale of bonds by the church. This Committee is contingently liable on the bonds and holds title to the property.

Contingent Fund

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Description</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Lot—Fairlawn, New Jersey</td>
<td>1,000.00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Lot and chapel—Evergreen Park, Illinois</td>
<td>3,467.87</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>House—Evergreen Park, Illinois</td>
<td>11,344.28</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Lot and house—Westchester, Illinois</td>
<td>19,091.17</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>St. Andrews Orthodox Presbyterian Church, Baltimore, Md.</td>
<td>36,778.23</td>
</tr>
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</table>

**Total Real Estate—Contingent Fund** $71,681.55

Notes and Loans Receivable

The following is a detailed list of all notes and loans receivable by funds:

Contingent Fund

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Description</th>
<th>Amount</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Greyfriars Orthodox Presbyterian Church, Los Angeles, Calif.</td>
<td>$ 3,575.00</td>
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<td>Fort Lauderdale Orthodox Presbyterian Church, Fort Lauderdale, Florida</td>
<td>1,000.00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Park Hill Orthodox Presbyterian Church, Denver, Colorado</td>
<td>1,000.00</td>
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<tr>
<td>Grace Orthodox Presbyterian Church, Fairlawn, New Jersey</td>
<td>1,500.00</td>
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<tr>
<td>Westminster Orthodox Presbyterian Church, Westchester, Illinois</td>
<td>2,385.47</td>
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<tr>
<td>First Orthodox Presbyterian Church, Seattle, Washington</td>
<td>1,930.00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Immanuel Orthodox Presbyterian Church, Crescent Park, New Jersey</td>
<td>2,675.00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Rev. Earl E. Zetterholm</td>
<td>500.00</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Total Notes and Loans Receivable—Contingent Fund** $14,565.47

Loans Receivable from Designated Churches

The loans to the following churches were made out of funds advanced by Miss
Marguerite Montgomery and all collections on these loans are to be returned to Miss Montgomery.

First Orthodox Presbyterian Church, Portland, Oregon $1,200.00
Covenant Church of Berkeley, California 1,500.00

Total Loans to designated churches $2,700.00

**CHURCH FUNDS HELD IN TRUST**

These funds, in the amount of $3,000.00, are held in trust for the dissolved Grace Orthodox Church, Clifford A. Jorgenson, Treasurer, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, as per agreements recited in letters dated May 27, and May 31, 1949.

**MORTGAGES PAYABLE**

The following detail is presented regarding the mortgage balances payable on the properties owned by the Committee.

**General Fund**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Property</th>
<th>Value</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>House—Abington Township, Pennsylvania</td>
<td>$4,071.99</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>House—Fairlawn, New Jersey</td>
<td>4,426.99</td>
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</table>

**Total Mortgages Payable—General Fund** $8,498.98

**Contingent Fund**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Property</th>
<th>Value</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>House—Evergreen Park, Illinois</td>
<td>$5,724.33</td>
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<tr>
<td>House—Westchester, Illinois</td>
<td>9,640.66</td>
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**Total Mortgages Payable—Contingent Fund** $15,364.99

**SCHEDULE A**

**ASSETS**

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Description</th>
<th>General</th>
<th>Contingent</th>
<th>Total</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Investments—at cost</td>
<td>$32,438.36</td>
<td>32,438.36</td>
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<tr>
<td>Stocks</td>
<td>4,071.99</td>
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<tr>
<td>Bonds</td>
<td>19,021.88</td>
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<tr>
<td>Real Estate</td>
<td>21,762.18</td>
<td>71,681.55</td>
<td>93,443.73</td>
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<td>Total Investments</td>
<td>$21,762.18</td>
<td>$123,141.79</td>
<td>$144,903.97</td>
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<tr>
<td>Cash in bank and on hand</td>
<td>$4,412.41</td>
<td>12,046.32</td>
<td>16,458.73</td>
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<tr>
<td>Notes and loans receivable</td>
<td>14,565.47</td>
<td>14,565.47</td>
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<tr>
<td>Loans receivable from designated churches—(contra)</td>
<td>2,700.00</td>
<td>2,700.00</td>
<td>2,700.00</td>
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<tr>
<td>General Assembly</td>
<td>1,262.86</td>
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<tr>
<td>General Motors Acceptance Corporation Notes—at maturity value</td>
<td>9,000.00</td>
<td>9,000.00</td>
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<tr>
<td>Due May 11, 1954</td>
<td>15,000.00</td>
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<tr>
<td>June 1, 1954</td>
<td>9,000.00</td>
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<tr>
<td>Totals</td>
<td>$45,137.45</td>
<td>$158,753.58</td>
<td>$203,891.03</td>
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**LIABILITIES AND RESERVES**

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<th>Description</th>
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<tr>
<td>Intermediary Funds</td>
<td>975.11</td>
<td>$</td>
<td>975.11</td>
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<td>Notes Payable—designated fund—(contra)</td>
<td>3,700.00*</td>
<td>$3,700.00</td>
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<tr>
<td>Loans Payable</td>
<td>25,600.00</td>
<td>25,600.00</td>
<td>25,600.00</td>
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<tr>
<td>Contract Payable</td>
<td>7,973.73</td>
<td>7,973.73</td>
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<tr>
<td>Church Funds held in trust</td>
<td>3,000.00</td>
<td>3,000.00</td>
<td>3,000.00</td>
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<tr>
<td>Mortgages Payable</td>
<td>8,498.98</td>
<td>15,364.99</td>
<td>23,863.97</td>
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<td>Reserve Accounts</td>
<td>28,963.36</td>
<td>109,814.86</td>
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<td><strong>Totals</strong></td>
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<td><strong>$203,891.03</strong></td>
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**NOTES:** *These notes are payable only out of collections made on “Loans receivable from designated churches.” During the year ended March 31, 1954, $1,000.00 was collected on these loans receivable. It was not paid on the note payable until April 15, 1954. Subject to accompanying comment.*

**SCHEDULE B**

**STATEMENT OF RECORDED CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 1954**

**BALANCE, April 1, 1953**

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<tr>
<th>Fund</th>
<th>Balance</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>General Fund</td>
<td>$6,744.47</td>
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<tr>
<td>General Assembly</td>
<td>443.40</td>
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<tr>
<td>Committee on Constitution—General Assembly</td>
<td>198.90</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Intermediary Funds</td>
<td>472.69</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Contingent Fund</td>
<td>9,879.67</td>
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**GENERAL FUND**

**Receipts—income**

**Contributions**

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<th>Fund</th>
<th>Receipts</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>General Fund</td>
<td>$47,840.02</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Support of designated missionaries</td>
<td>944.39</td>
</tr>
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</table>

**Total receipts**

<table>
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<th>Fund</th>
<th>Total</th>
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<tr>
<td>General Fund</td>
<td>$48,784.41</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Miscellaneous</td>
<td>9.50</td>
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**Disbursements—expenses**

**Missionaries salaries and aid**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Fund</th>
<th>Disbursements</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Paid from General Fund</td>
<td>$31,796.73</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Paid from designated contributions</td>
<td>944.39</td>
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**Office and administrative expenses**

<table>
<thead>
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<th>Fund</th>
<th>Expenses</th>
</tr>
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<tr>
<td>Salary, General Secretary</td>
<td>$2,207.79</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Salary, Office</td>
<td>1,366.83</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Rent</td>
<td>516.86</td>
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<tr>
<td>Telephone and telegraph</td>
<td>145.07</td>
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<tr>
<td>Postage and office supplies</td>
<td>362.63</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Delaware office</td>
<td>31.00</td>
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<tr>
<td>Audit</td>
<td>150.00</td>
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<tr>
<td>Committee meeting expense</td>
<td>291.84</td>
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<tr>
<td>Taxes, repairs, interest, etc. on General Secretary’s manse</td>
<td>441.06</td>
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<tr>
<td>Expenses of General Secretary</td>
<td>33.52</td>
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<tr>
<td>Miscellaneous expense</td>
<td>93.18</td>
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**Church extension expenses**

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<tr>
<th>Fund</th>
<th>Expenses</th>
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<tr>
<td>Expenses of church property owned</td>
<td>$260.31</td>
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Interest paid on mortgage liability
<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Location</th>
<th>Amount</th>
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<tr>
<td>Evergreen Park, Ill.</td>
<td>$294.99</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Fairlawn, N. J.</td>
<td>$231.15</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Westchester, Ill.</td>
<td>$445.01</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Travel and survey
- Evergreen Park, Ill.: $2,212.78
- Fairlawn, N. J.: $231.15
- Westchester, Ill.: $445.01
- Total: $2,688.04

Summer workers
- Evergreen Park, Ill.: $3,533.21
- Fairlawn, N. J.: $677.45
- Westchester, Ill.: $1,294.77
- Total: $5,495.43

Promotion expense
- "Messenger" expenses: $705.09
- Travel of General Secretary: $232.68
- Other promotion expenses: $54.57
- Total expenses: $992.34

Total expenses: $46,350.69

Excess of income over expenses: $2,443.22

Disbursements to increase assets
- Loans granted Committee on Christian Education: $2,500.00
  - Less: Amounts repaid: $3,000.00
- Purchase of U.S. Treasury bills (cost): $19,886.50
- Purchase of General Motors Acceptance Corp. (cost): $14,932.92
- Total: $34,819.42

Less: Received on the maturity of U.S. Treasury bills: $4,819.42

Reduction of mortgage balances payable:
<table>
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<th>Amount</th>
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<tr>
<td>Evergreen Park, Ill.</td>
<td>$321.93</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Fairlawn, N. J.</td>
<td>$359.49</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Westchester, Ill.</td>
<td>$454.99</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Manse, General Secretary</td>
<td>$158.36</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>$1,294.77</td>
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<td></td>
<td>$5,614.19</td>
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Net decrease in General Fund cash: $(3,170.97)

GENERAL ASSEMBLY
- Receipts: $1,086.20
- Disbursements: $2,991.41
- Net decrease in General Assembly cash: $(1,905.21)

COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION—GENERAL ASSEMBLY
- Receipts: 1.55
- Disbursements: 1.50
- Net increase in Committee on Constitution—General Assembly cash: .05

CONTINGENT FUND
- Receipts: Proceeds from notes and loans receivable
TWENTY-FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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<tr>
<th>Principal</th>
<th>Interest</th>
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<tr>
<td>Greyfriars Orthodox Presbyterian Church, Los Angeles, Calif.</td>
<td>$275.00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Fort Lauderdale, Orthodox Presbyterian Church</td>
<td>35.00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Immanuel Orthodox Presbyterian Church, Crescent Park, N. J.</td>
<td>300.00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Rev. Zetterholm</td>
<td>100.00</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
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Totals $675.00 $211.52 $886.52

Proceeds of loans in connection with
- Baltimore project $25,600.00
- Interest on bonds 276.66
- Account receivable—La Grange Savings and Loan Association 195.90
- Rental income 576.00
- Dividends 386.25
- Proceeds from sale of La Grange, Illinois property 2,768.88
- Proceeds from sale of 100 shares of Rath Packing Co. 2,374.40
- Contributions
  - Legacy from Lois B. Stone estate $1,956.09
- Proceeds from sale of organ of First Orthodox Presbyterian Church, Cincinnati, Ohio 1,101.00 3,057.09

Total cash receipts $36,121.70

Disbursements
- Construction of church, Baltimore, Md. $28,804.50
- Purchase of $101,000.00 U. S. Treasury bills (cost) $100,440.30
  - Less: U. S. Treasury bills matured 151,000.00 (50,559.70)
- Purchase of $18,000.00 General Motors Acceptance Corp. notes (cost) 17,909.56
  - Less: General Motors Acceptance Corp. notes matured 9,000.00 8,909.56
- Additional costs in connection with the purchase of house—Westchester, Ill. 340.45
- Purchased various stocks and bonds (cost) $46,960.24
- Less: $500.00 Calvary Orthodox Presbyterian Church of Glenside bonds redeemed 500.00 $46,460.24

Total cash disbursements $33,955.05

Net increase in Contingent Fund Cash $2,166.65
DESIGNATED LOANS TO CHURCHES (AGENCY ACCOUNT)

Receipts

Covenant Orthodox Presbyterian Church, Berkeley, Calif. $60.00
First Orthodox Presbyterian Church, Portland, Ore. 1,000.00 66.66

Totals $1,000.00 $126.66

Net increase in Designated Loans to Churches $1,126.66

INTERMEDIARY FUNDS

Receipts $16,971.92
Disbursements 16,469.50

Net increase in Intermediary Funds cash 502.42
Net cash decrease all funds (1,280.40)

BALANCE, March 31, 1954 $16,458.73

ACCOUNTED FOR AS FOLLOWS:

General Fund $3,573.50
General Assembly (1,461.81)
Committee on Constitution—General Assembly 198.95
Intermediary Funds 975.11
Designated Loans to Churches (Agency Account) 1,126.66
Contingent Fund 12,046.32 $16,458.73

REPRESENTED BY:

Cash in Provident Trust Company $16,433.73
Petty Cash 25.00 $16,458.73

NOTES: ( ) Denotes red figure.
Subject to accompanying comment.

On motion, Mr. Oliver's resignation from the class of 1956 of the Committee was accepted.
The order of the day having arrived, the Assembly was recessed at 12 noon with prayer by Mr. Dunn.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON

The Assembly was reconvened at 1:15 P.M. with prayer by Elder Kay.

CHURCH RELATIONS. The Moderator announced the appointments to the Committee on Church Relations as follows:
Ministers:—Kuschke (Convener), Galbraith, Hills, Georgian.
Elder:—Kay.

HOME MISSIONS ELECTIONS. It was moved and carried that the ballot be taken to fill the vacancies on the Committee on Home Missions and Church Extension. Those names placed in nomination were:
Ministers:—Marston, DeVeld, Busch, G. Coie, Kline; Elders:—Bryan and Roeber.
The ballots were cast.
On motion, the Stated Clerk cast a white ballot for the election of Elders Bryan and Roeber to the class of 1957.
It was moved and carried that the candidate receiving the lowest majority on the last ballot cast be declared elected to the class of 1956.

FOREIGN MISSIONS. The report of the Committee on Foreign Missions was presented by Mr. Kellogg as follows:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN MISSIONS
OF
THE ORTHODOX PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
TO
THE TWENTY-FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

As of March 31, 1954 the following were on the missionary roll of the Committee:

The Rev. Egbert W. Andrews
The Rev. and Mrs. Herbert S. Bird
The Rev. and Mrs. Clarence W. Duff
The Rev. and Mrs. Richard B. Gaffin
The Rev. and Mrs. Theodore Hard
The Rev. and Mrs. Bruce F. Hunt
The Rev. John D. Johnston
The Rev. and Mrs. Francis E. Mahaffy
The Rev. R. Heber McIlwaine
The Rev. and Mrs. George Y. Uomoto

The past year in foreign missions was marked by important expansion of our missionary work through the sending of new missionaries to Korea and Formosa. The Rev. and Mrs. Theodore Hard were appointed to serve in Korea, and the Rev. John D. Johnston, with his family, have gone to Formosa. Mr. Hard was graduated from Westminster Theological Seminary in 1952, and Mr. Johnston was a missionary in China under the Presbyterian Church of New Zealand for a number of years.

We are grateful to God to report that we have today both more missionaries in active service on the field and a larger number of missionaries on our rolls than at any other time in our history. It is our aim and hope that we shall be able to extend our testimony in the future at an increasingly accelerated rate.

FIELDS OF OPERATION

Our church's ministry in foreign lands is carried on in Japan, China, Korea, and Eritrea. We now have at least two families in each field. It is the intention of the Committee to enter new fields as soon as possible, but it is also our plan to strive to have at least three ordained missionaries in each field before engaging in such expansion. We hope that that time will not be far distant.

JAPAN

The Rev. and Mrs. A. Heber McIlwaine are continuing to live in Watari. Mr. McIlwaine is engaged in establishing preaching points in the Watari area and is assisted in them, when possible, by ministers of the Reformed Church in Japan. He is also engaged in translating Reformed literature into the Japanese language.

The Rev. and Mrs. George Y. Uomoto have concluded their language study in Tokyo and are now undertaking to move to the vicinity of Sendai, which is about 20 miles northeast of Watari. They are seeking to rent a house, but if rents are exorbitant, a house will be purchased with the proceeds from the sale of our house in Tokyo where they have been living.

CHINA

Early in 1953 the Rev. John D. Johnston was appointed for service in Formosa and the Committee offered him an opportunity to study at Westminster Theological Seminary in the fall term, on salary from the Committee. Mr. Johnston availed himself of this opportunity. At the conclusion of his study he and his family visited many of our churches and sailed for Formosa on April 17th.
The Rev. Egbert W. Andrews and the Rev. Richard B. Gaffin continue to work in and about Taipei, Formosa. It is their continuing belief that the best opportunity for the establishment of a Reformed Church in Formosa is through ministers of the Presbyterian Church of Formosa and through Chinese men who have been trained in America. Consequently they are seeking to broaden their contacts with Formosan Presbyterian ministers and to encourage students to come to Westminster Theological Seminary for study.

KOREA

The Theodore Hard family sailed for the Orient on December 18th. Since it was not then possible for women and children to enter Korea they went first to Japan where Mr. Hard established his family before himself proceeding to Korea. The Committee is grateful to the Christian Reformed Church for making quarters available to the Hards in one of their houses in Tokyo where one of their single missionaries is living. Mr. Hard went to Korea from Japan on January 18th. At the end of March permission for the family to enter Korea was given and Mrs. Hard and the children went immediately. Mr. and Mrs. Hard are now engaged primarily in language study but Mr. Hard has also been able to render valuable assistance of various kinds at the Korea Seminary.

The Rev. Bruce F. Hunt has continued his characteristically energetic and diversified work in villages, churches, and Seminary. In the fall of the year women without small children were permitted to enter Korea and Mrs. Hunt joined Mr. Hunt at that time. Their daughter Katherine was also permitted to go with her. The new Presbyterian church, whose formation was reported to the last general assembly and with which our missionaries are associated, shows a continuing spirit of sacrifice and of devotion to evangelism, and is growing steadily.

ERITREA

Our work in Eritrea is giving more and more evidence of fruit from the labors of our missionaries. There is increasing interest on the part of Eritreans in the study and discussion of the faith. In not a few instances there are signs of true faith and these give good reason to hope that the birth of a church is not far off.

The year was also marked by our first printed production of translated and original literature. The Committee has established the policy of requiring that a copy of each item of religious literature published by the mission, in English, be provided for the Committee.

The Rev. and Mrs. Clarence W. Duff in Ghinda have been occupied increasingly with medical work but have nevertheless managed to do considerable evangelistic and literary work.

The Rev. and Mrs. Francis E. Mahaffy have been living in Senafe again this past year and Mr. Mahaffy has held regular meetings there and in other places, as well as instructing small groups in still other places. The Mahaffys are due home this summer on regular furlough and it is planned that Mr. Mahaffy will visit most of our churches in the fall and early winter if his health permits.

The Rev. and Mrs. Herbert S. Bird have lived in Senafe for most of the year where language study has been continued with good progress. Mr. Bird has now made a beginning in preaching and in individual evangelism.

POLICIES

The Committee is finding it increasingly necessary to formulate definite policies on numerous matters relative to our missionary work. Among those which have either been adopted during the past year or are in process of being shaped are: the obtaining of more complete information concerning applicants, including detailed medical and psychological examinations; the obtaining of regular and somewhat standardized reports from missions and missionaries; and our attitude toward Coptic baptism.

CONTRIBUTIONS

Contributions from living donors during the past year have again exceeded those of any previous year. In this period contributions amounted to $47,264.34 which is an in-
crease of 12% over those of last year. The increase came in both regular and Thank Offering giving.

The Committee is encouraged by this continuing progress. Nevertheless we would draw to the attention of the churches that in most instances the growth in regular contributions has not been as great as it might have been during the past several years. The Committee therefore urges the sessions of the churches to give attention to this problem, to the end that giving may be increased and that larger proportions of the churches' budgets may be directed to our benevolent causes, and that our testimony may reach into broader and broader areas of the world.

BUDGET

As may be observed from the auditor's portion of this report the Committee spent, for the conduct of our work, $5,876 more than was received. This was possible because we began the year with a balance of approximately $10,000.00. Yet, as will be noted below, our budget for this year is about $7,000 more than was spent last year, and $13,000 more than was contributed last year. Thus an additional $12,000 is needed to carry our present minimum needs through the present year. Of this $13,000 increase special contributions for the purchase of a residence in Korea and our other immediate needs, which are included in the new budget, have already provided slightly less than half of the total budget increase, so that $8,000 more than was contributed last year will be needed between June 1 and March 31. In the event that regular contributions do not increase sufficiently within the next two months special appeals will have to be made, but we hope that this can be avoided.

The budget for the fiscal year 1954-1955, which provides for no new appointments is as follows:

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ELECTIONS TO THE COMMITTEE

The terms of the following members of the Committee expire at this Assembly:

Ministers—Charles H. Ellis, James W. Price, John H. Skilton
Ruling Elders—T. F. Armour, Fairvan C. Lenker.

The report of the Treasurer, as audited by Main and Company, follows:

MAIN and COMPANY
CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS
Philadelphia 2, Pa.

April 19, 1954

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

Gentlemen:

In accordance with your authorization, we have examined the cash records of
THE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN MISSIONS
OF THE ORTHODOX PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, INC.
for the year ended March 31, 1954, and submit herewith the following statements:
Schedule A—Balance Sheet, March 31, 1954
Schedule B—Statement of Recorded Cash Receipts and Disbursements,
for the year ended March 31, 1954

Our examination, while sufficient in scope to prepare these statements, consisted of:
(1) Examination of cancelled checks for the year ended March 31, 1954 and the tracing of them to the recorded cash disbursements for the same period. These cancelled checks were also traced to warrants authorizing the disbursements for a portion of the year.

(2) Reconciliation of recorded receipts in total to the receipts listed on the bank statements for the year. Duplicates of receipts issued for contributions were traced to the cash receipts records for a portion of the year.

(3) Reconciliation of the recorded cash balance on deposit to the bank balance as of March 31, 1954. The latter balance was confirmed by direct correspondence with the depository.

(4) Examination by us of the various papers evidencing ownership of the property in Tokyo, Japan; Pusan, Korea; and also the half interest in the house of the General Secretary. In addition, the translation of the Italian deed to the property located in Ghinda, Eritrea and stock certificates for 30 shares of United Carbon Company common stock were examined. General Motors Acceptance Corporation notes having a face value of $8,500.00 were confirmed with the Pennsylvania Company for Banking and Trusts which is holding them for the Committee since they are short-term securities.

(5) Examination by us of a $10,000.00 fidelity bond covering the Treasurer, and other employees who handle funds of this Committee and the Committee on Home Missions and Church Extension.

Except as to the foregoing procedures, the accompanying statements were prepared from the records without independent verification. We, therefore, do not express a formal accountants' opinion concerning them.

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

Respectfully submitted,
MAIN AND COMPANY
Certified Public Accountants

SCHEDULE A
BALANCE SHEET
March 31, 1954

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**Note:** Subject to accompanying comment.

### Statement of Recorded Cash Receipts and Disbursements

**For the Year Ended March 31, 1954**

**Balance, April 1, 1953**

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**Receipts**

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<td><strong>Total cash receipts</strong></td>
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**Disbursements**

- Missionary expenses
  - Salaries                       | $20,033.42
  - Child allowance                | 6,944.15
  - Travel                        | 5,879.03
  - Automobile                    | 4,787.05
  - Housing                       | 3,235.88
  - Miscellaneous expense         | 2,064.38
  - Dental and medical care       | 967.67
  - Equipment and supplies        | 429.94
  - Language study                | 89.81
  **Total**                       | **$44,431.33**

- Paid from General fund        | $40,145.25
- Paid from contributions—support of designated missionaries | 4,286.08 | 44,431.33 |

**Office and administrative expenses**

- Salary—General Secretary      | $2,207.79
- Salary—office                  | 1,366.85
- Rent                          | 516.86
Telephone and telegraph ........................................ 143.60
Postage and office supplies .................................. 362.40
Audit .............................................................. 100.00
Corporation expense ........................................... 30.00
Taxes, repairs, interest, etc. on
  General Secretary's manse ................................ 441.10
Travel—missionary candidates ................................ 208.94
Committee meeting expense ................................... 114.14
Travel by General Secretary other than promotion ....... 31.53
Miscellaneous ................................................... 98.74

Promotion expense
Travel by General Secretary ................................... 175.46
Travel—other ...................................................... 996.80
“Messenger” expense ........................................... 729.90
Postage and sundries ........................................... 135.76

Intermediary ...................................................... 4,301.86

Total expenses ................................................... 5,621.95

Excess of expenses over income ................................ $56,393.06

CASH RECEIPTS TO DECREASE ASSETS

Received upon maturity of U.S.
  Treasury bills .................................................. $28,000.00
Repayment of loans to missionaries .......................... 855.00
Bequest from L. B. Stone for the Reserve fund ............. 1,956.09
Amounts set aside for Rev. Bruce Hunt
to pay life insurance premium .............................. $110.00
Less: Premium paid for him during the year ............. 87.90

Contribution received for the Reformed Literature Fund—Japan and Korea .................................. 50.00

Less: Purchase of General Motors Acceptance
  Corporation notes (cost) ..................................... 8,461.04
  Purchase of U.S. Treasury bills (cost) .................. 11,930.52
Money advanced to purchase land in
  Ghinda, Eritrea .............................................. 891.47
Loans made to missionaries .................................. 1,000.00
Reduction of mortgage payable on
  General Secretary’s manse ................................ 158.35

Net increase in cash ........................................... $4,005.88

CASH BALANCE, March 31, 1954 ................................. $8,237.41

ACCOUNTED FOR AS FOLLOWS:

General .......................................................... $6,896.62
Intermediary ...................................................... 1,212.79
HOME MISSIONS ELECTIONS. The tellers reported the election of the following to the Committee on Home Missions: Marston, G. Coie, Busch, DeVelde.

It was moved and carried to reconsider the procedural motion for election. It was moved and carried that the words *fourth highest* be substituted for *lowest*. Through this motion, Mr. DeVelde became a member of the class of 1956, the others being members of the class of 1957.

On motion, the resignation of Elder Howard A. Porter from the Committee on Foreign Missions was accepted.

FOREIGN MISSIONS ELECTIONS. On motion, the Assembly proceeded to the nomination and election of members to fill the vacancies on the Committee on Foreign Missions.

Those nominated were: Ministers: -Ellis, Price, Skilton, Sloat, Dortzbach, Eckardt, Willis; Elders:—Ashida, Kay, Robert M. Garrison, Fairvan C. Lenker. It was moved and carried that the elder receiving the third highest majority be elected to fill the unexpired term of Elder Porter. The ballots were cast.

The tellers reported the election of the following to the Committee on Foreign Missions: Messrs. Price, Skilton, Ashida, and Lenker, to the class of 1957; and Garrison, to the class of 1955.

Mr. Dortzbach's name was dropped, and a second ballot was taken.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION. The Report of the Committee on Christian Education was presented by Mr. Cummings as follows:

**REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

**TO**

**THE TWENTY-FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

The Committee on Christian Education reports for the period April 1, 1953 to March 31, 1954. During the year four regular meetings of the full Committee and six meetings of the Executive Committee were held.

I. **PUBLICATIONS**

A. Sabbath School Materials

We have continued to recommend the use of the *Good News* Sabbath school materials published by the Christian Reformed Church. Your Committee published throughout the year a supplementary Parent-Teacher quarterly. Over 500 of these were distributed each quarter. In addition, the Committee published Beginner-Primary worksheets to accompany the lesson material. Some 1000 of these were distributed quarterly. The number of Orthodox Presbyterian churches using these materials is 37. The number of Christian Reformed churches and mission chapels using these materials is 34. There are four other churches using these materials. The Committee has been distributor for the Christian Reformed *Good News* materials.

B. Vacation Bible School Materials

The Vacation Bible School materials for 1954 bear the following notice of copyright: "Copyrighted 1954 by The Committee on Christian Education, The Orthodox Presbyterian Church." The trade name "Great Commission Publications" continues to appear on the materials.

The materials published this year were:
Primary: "Missionaries"—Teacher's manual, Pupil's workbook, worksheets.
Junior: "Our Bible"—Teacher's manual, Pupil's workbook, worksheets.
Intermediate: "Paul"—Teacher's manual, Pupil's workbook, worksheets.

The total number of purchases in 1953 were 1720 Teacher manuals, and 18,000 Pupil workbooks. Of the Orthodox Presbyterian Churches, 43 used these materials; 58 churches outside our denomination used them; and 25 bookstores handled our materials. The Vacation Bible school materials this year are being sold to book stores at regular trade discount on a cash basis only, with no returns.

Vacation Bible school work-shops were conducted at Kirkwood, Pa., Vineland, N. J., and East Orange, N. J. for the churches in those areas.

C. Books

The Committee continues to promote the sale of Christian Baptism and Divorce by Professor John Murray and Prophecy by Dr. Edward J. Young. The number of volumes purchased during the year is as follows:

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The Committee plans to promote more extensively the sale of these books in the near future.

D. Tracts

1. Reprints. The following tracts were reprinted:
   "Why I Believe in God"—C. VanTil, 1500 copies
   "Communicant Church Membership"—George Marston, 1000 copies
   "The Covenant of Grace"—Calvin K. Cummings, 2,000 copies
   "Christ or the Lodge"—A Report, 2,000 copies
   "The Sovereignty of God"—John Murray, 1,500 copies
   "The Rich Young Ruler"—R. B. Kuiper, 3,000 copies
   "Your Child and Your Church"—Floyd Hamilton, 1,000 copies
   "A Pastoral Letter"—George Marston, 1,000 copies
   "Lest We Forget"—Edward Kellogg, 1,000 copies
   "Are You Sure?"—Gordon H. Clark, 5,000 copies
   "Election"—C. H. Spurgeon, 700 copies
   "Are You A Catholic?"—Paul Woolley, 500 copies
   "The Separated Life"—Johannes Vos, 500 copies

2. New Publications
   Biblical Evangelism Today—A Report, 750 copies
   Westminster Confession of Faith, with proof texts, 500 copies
   The Shorter Catechism, 1200 copies
   "Do You Believe?"—E. J. Young, 2500 copies
   "A Message to Thoughtful Inquirers"—Henry Coray, 1500 copies

The Committee also printed for our missionaries in Eritrea a syllabary, the Children's Catechism, a Saho Primer, and four evangelistic tracts.

E. Young People's Lessons

The Committee decided to concentrate on catechetical materials and to emphasize the use of these catechetical materials in Junior and Senior Machen League groups. A series of articles appeared in The Messenger on this subject.

F. The Messenger

Regular and substantial contributions have been made to The Messenger in the form of articles in the interest of Christian education. The March issue of The Messenger featured the work of the Committee. There was a series of articles presenting the need for a catechetical program and what the Committee is doing to meet that need.
II. SABBATH SCHOOL LESSONS

The 1953 Synod of the Christian Reformed Church erected a Sunday School Committee to create a new series of Sunday school materials to replace the Comrade-Instructor-Key series and the Good News series now being published by that church. An invitation was extended to the Twentieth General Assembly of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church to send two representatives to consult with this committee. The Rev. Messrs. Edmund P. Clowney and Robley J. Johnston were designated by the Committee on Christian Education to serve in that capacity.

In the course of the year, Mr. Clowney and Mr. Johnston met with the Sunday School Committee of the Christian Reformed Church on six occasions. Our representatives were accorded every courtesy at these meetings, being granted full liberty of the floor to suggest and discuss plans for the proposed lesson series.

In accordance with the mandate of the Synod of the Christian Reformed Church, their Sunday School Committee has proceeded with plans to produce a semi-graded system of lessons in which there will be uniform Scripture passages in general, with distinct thematic application at the different age levels. The Committee proposes to continue publication of the Key as the basic teacher's manual. The Key will include the commentary on the Scripture as at present, and departmental suggestions to be written by editors appointed for each of four age groups. In addition to the Key the Committee plans to publish four pupil papers for Beginner, Primary, Junior and Intermediate-Senior departments. The papers will contain the lesson story, together with background and supplementary materials related to the subject of the lesson and will feature activity-projects and suggestions for the pupils.

Considerable time was spent in the planning of a curriculum, and the Committee has adopted as its over-all scheme a five year cycle of lessons. It has been determined to follow a chronological arrangement of lessons, thus taking the Biblical materials as much as possible in their historical sequence. In order to make the best use of the regular recurrence of the Christmas and Easter materials, the first quarter of each year will be devoted to studying the life of Christ, introduced by the lessons on the nativity and concluded by lessons on the death and resurrection of Christ. A different approach to the life of Christ will be used each year. A detailed curriculum for the year 1955 has been approved by the Synod's Committee.

The date for the inauguration of this new series has been set back from January 1, 1954 to January 1, 1955. The difficulties of securing an editorial and writing staff for such a major revision and the problem of finding a competent staff artist compelled the committee to postpone publication of the new lessons. At the time of the writing of this report the writers and editors have not been finally engaged for every department but arrangements have been made with a staff artist of high professional competence who has prepared layouts for the papers and will illustrate them.

It is the hope of the Sunday School Committee of the Christian Reformed Church, as well as of your Christian Education Committee, that with this much groundwork already completed, good progress will be made in the summer and fall months and that the new series will be produced without further delay by the first quarter of 1955.

Until such a time as these new materials are forthcoming, the Committee plans to continue the publication of the Supplementary Teacher's Manual.

III. PERSONNEL

The Rev. Lewis J. Grotenhuis was retained on a part-time basis as the Publications Secretary. Mr. Grotenhuis has again worked most sacrificially to produce a prodigious amount of work for the small staff of workers involved.

The Rev. Edmund P. Clowney was retained as a part-time editor until September 1, 1953. Mr. Clowney resigned as a member of the Committee effective during the period of his employment by the Committee.
The Rev. Robley Johnston was retained as a part-time editor during the period of October 1, 1953 to April 1, 1954. Mr. Johnston resigned as a member of the Committee during the period that he was employed by the Committee.

Mr. Leroy Beers was employed as a bookkeeper and general helper as of June 1, 1953. Miss Dorothy Partington has been secured as a full-time writer as of July 1, 1954. Miss Partington is a member of the Grace Orthodox Presbyterian Church of Westfield, New Jersey. She has received her Master's degree in education from Harvard University and has been serving as an Instructor in Religious Education at Gordon College of Theology and Missions. She has also had experience in Christian School teaching. The Committee is deeply grateful to our Covenant God for providing such a competent, Reformed, and consecrated writer as Miss Partington. We believe that this is a major step in the direction of more and better materials for the cause of Reformed education.

IV. PLANS

The Committee plans:
1. The completion of a catechetical workbook for junior high school level and based on the Shorter Catechism by October, 1954.
2. The writing of a new adult Communicant Church Membership course.
3. Continued work toward the preparation of the Confession of Faith geared to the age level of senior high school students.
4. Slight revision of Vacation Bible school materials.
5. The opening of a tract campaign before the completion of the preparation of catechetical material. This constitutes a change in the original plan to complete the catechetical program before publishing many more new tracts. The demand for tracts is so great and the publications of catechetical materials will be so protracted as to make it inadvisable to await the completion of catechetical materials before publishing more tracts.

V. PROPOSED BUDGET

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VI. ELECTIONS

The terms of the following members of the Committee expire with this Assembly: Ministers—Raymond E. Commeret, Cornelius VanTil, Ph.D., Edward J. Young, Ph.D.; Elders—Arthur Armour, Eugene Hayman, Jr.

Mr. Donald Stanton has submitted his resignation as an elder member of the Committee since he is looking forward to his ordination as a minister in the fall.

VII. GENERAL SECRETARY

The Committee regards it as essential for the efficient and vigorous prosecution of the work of Christian education to be able to employ the services of a full-time General Secretary. The Committee is giving serious thought to this subject.

VIII. RECOMMENDATIONS

In view of the fact that the committee received only 9.6% of the benevolence giving of the churches for the fiscal year we respectfully request the Twenty-first General Assembly
to recommend to the churches that they designate 15% of their benevolence giving to the Committee on Christian Education.

IX. THE TREASURER'S REPORT

March 31, 1954

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Net Sales                                    | $12,718.56 |

Cost of Sales and Production

| Inventory, April 1, 1953                     | $12,661.15 |
| Purchased for resale                         | 2,940.00  |
| Less discounts                              | 27.15     |
| **Total**                                   | **2,912.93** |
| Production Supplies                          | 4,567.50  |
| Printing Contracted                          | 2,779.00  |
| Salaries                                    | 5,664.44  |
### Depreciation on Equipment

413.93

### Rents and Utilities

782.93

### Postage

328.09

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Less Inventory, March 31, 1954

11,151.73

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Total Cost of Sales and Production

$18,958.14

### Gross Loss on Production

$ 6,239.58

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**Administration Expense**

- Office and Promotion Salaries: $1,595.91
- Advertising and Promotion: 368.01
- Office Rent and Utilities: 782.92
- Postage: 382.09
- Interest: 25.33
- Office Supplies: 108.96
- Traveling Expense: 1,193.93
- Depreciation on Office Equipment: 186.19

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Total Administration Expense

$ 4,618.35

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**Net Operating Loss**

$10,857.93

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**Income From Contributions**

- Regular Contributions, OPC churches: $4,812.65
- Thank Offering: 7,924.74
- Other Sources: 657.29

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Total Income

$12,494.68

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Net Income for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1954...

$ 1,636.75

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**FOREIGN MISSIONS ELECTIONS.** The tellers reported that there was no election. Mr. Eckardt's name was dropped, and a third ballot was taken. The tellers reported the election of Mr. Ellis to the class of 1957.

**PICTURES OF CHRIST.** It was moved and carried that the question of the use of pictorial representations of Christ in the work of Christian Education be referred to the Committee on Christian Education for further study, and report to the Twenty-second General Assembly.

The order of the day having arrived, the meeting was recessed at 5:45 P.M. with prayer by Mr. Johnston.

**FRIDAY MORNING**

Following a devotional service led by Mr. Nilson, the Assembly reconvened at 9:07 A.M. with prayer by Dr. Manross.

The minutes of the sessions of Wednesday, May 26, and Thursday, May 27 were read and approved as corrected.

**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION ELECTIONS.** It was moved and carried to proceed to the nomination and election of members to fill the vacancies on the Committee on Christian Education.

Those nominated were: Ministers:—Manross, E. J. Young, Commeret, Kline, Sloat, Van Til, Schauffele; Elders:—Hayman, Colsman, A. Armour. The ballots were cast.
On motion, the resignation of Elder Donald F. Stanton from the Committee on Christian Education was accepted.

RECOMMENDATION. It was moved and carried to adopt the recommendation of the Report of the Committee on Christian Education.

OVERTURES AND COMMUNICATIONS—FORM OF GOVERNMENT. Mr. Willis reported for the Committee on Overtures and Communications with the following recommendation: That the overtures numbered 1, 5, 6, and 7 all having to do with 'A Version of a Form of Government' be referred to the Committee on Revision to the Form of Government and Book of Discipline.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION ELECTIONS. The tellers reported the election of the following to the Committee on Christian Education: Messrs. Manross, E. J. Young, Commeret, Hayman, and Colsman to the class of 1957; and of Armour to the class of 1956.

OVERTURES AND COMMUNICATIONS. The recommendation of the Committee on Overtures and Communications was adopted on motion.

WORLD HOME BIBLE LEAGUE. The Committee recommended that no action be taken on Overture No. 2, concerning the World Home Bible League. On motion the recommendation was adopted. The Committee made the following recommendation concerning Communication No. 4: that in view of the correspondence between the Stated Clerk of the Twentieth General Assembly and the director of the World Home Bible League concerning the action of the assembly, that the General Assembly 'urge upon the World Home Bible League to refrain from publication and distribution of tracts and motion pictures of a religious nature', that the Director of the World Home Bible League be given additional time to present the position of the World Home Bible League on this matter and that this be made the order of the day following luncheon recess on Friday. On motion the recommendation was adopted.

On motion, Mr. Ackerman of the World Home Bible League was given the privilege of the floor.

CALIFORNIA DIVISION. Regarding Overture No. 3 and Communications 6, 7, and 8, the Committee recommended that in view of the letters of protest from the sessions of three churches, and inasmuch as no grounds for the action desired by the Presbytery of California are given, no action be taken. On motion the recommendation was adopted.

The Committee on Overtures and Communications presented a report on Communication No. 5. On motion, the report was recommitted to the Committee.

FRATERNAL DELEGATE TO CHRISTIAN REFORMED SYNOD, 1953. The Moderator requested Mr. Eyres to take the chair. The report of the Delegate to the 1953 Synod of the Christian Reformed Church was presented verbally by Mr. Churchill.

REFORMED ECUMENICAL SYNOD. The report of the Delegates to the Reformed Ecumenical Synod was presented by Dr. Stonehouse as follows:

On behalf of John W. Betzold and myself the following report is made concerning our attendance upon the sessions of the Reformed Ecumenical Synod held in August, 1953, in Edinburgh, Scotland. Your delegates were in regular attendance and participated actively in the deliberations of the Synod and were grateful for the privilege of representing The Orthodox Presbyterian Church. The Rev. John Murray, who had been elected an alternate, was present during some of the sessions and served as an adviser.

Since the Acts of the Synod have been generally distributed, it does not appear necessary to report concerning the labors and decisions of the Synod in detail. A remarkably complete picture of the actual course of events is provided since these minutes contain many features not included in our Assembly Minutes, such as lost motions and a bus tour of the Trossachs. Rather extensive comment upon the Synod appeared in The Presbyterian Guardian in the issues of September, November, and December, 1953.
Attention may be drawn however to two matters which had been the subject of overtures of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church.

1. With regard to the request that the proposed and authorized Reformed Missionary Council be established at an early date, it may be noted that the Synod chose rather to adopt the advice of another church that the plan to erect such a Missionary Council be abandoned. Two factors account for this decision. In the first place, it was held that missions is the proper work of the churches, and that the Synods as ecclesiastical gatherings can handle the subject of missions more advantageously than a Council. At future meetings of the Synod accordingly it is expected that missions matters will be under discussion. Meanwhile, in the interest of promoting contacts among Reformed missionaries, a list of the missionaries of the constituent churches was published with the Acts and was to be printed separately for circulation among the churches and missionaries.

2. In response to the overture regarding segregation, the Synod devoted considerable time to its evaluation and on the whole gave it a very respectful hearing. On this background there was erected an international committee of twelve persons, three each representing Britain, Holland, South Africa, and the U.S.A., to study this question and to report to the next Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

N. B. STONEHOUSE

WORLD HOME BIBLE LEAGUE. The order of the day having arrived, Mr. Ackerman of the World Home Bible League brought greetings from that organization. The order of the day having arrived, the meeting was recessed at 12 noon with prayer by Mr. Busch.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON

The Moderator resumed the chair. The meeting was reconvened at 1:19 P.M. with prayer by Mr. Kellogg.

In accord with a previous motion, Mr. Ackerman was granted time to explain certain details of the work of the World Home Bible League. It was moved and carried, that the Twenty-first General Assembly inform the World Home Bible League that it is withdrawing the instructions given by the Twentieth General Assembly to the Liaison Representative with the World Home Bible League urging the World Home Bible League “to refrain from publication and distribution of tracts and motion pictures of a religious nature”.

It was moved that we commend the work of the World Home Bible League to our churches.

The Moderator requested Mr. Clowney to take the chair.

The motion was carried.

The Moderator resumed the chair.

FRATERNAL DELEGATE TO CHRISTIAN REFORMED SYNOD, 1954. On motion, Mr. Cummings’ resignation as alternate delegate to the 1954 Synod of the Christian Reformed Church was accepted. Dr. Stonehouse was nominated as alternate delegate. The Moderator declared the nominations closed and Dr. Stonehouse was declared elected as alternate delegate. It was moved and carried that because of his expressed inability to serve as delegate to the 1954 Synod of the Christian Reformed Church, Mr. Skilton be relieved of his responsibilities as delegate.

On motion, Dr. Stonehouse was designated as the delegate to the 1954 Synod of the Christian Reformed Church.

CLASSIS EUREKA. On motion, the question of sending a delegate to the next annual meeting of the Classis Eureka of the Reformed Church in the United States was referred to the Committee on Church Relations with instructions to report on this matter to this General Assembly.
TWENTY-FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

WORLD HOME BIBLE LEAGUE. On motion, Elder Klokow was designated as our Liaison Representative to the World Home Bible League and Mr. Eyres was designated as Alternate Representative.

I. C. C. C. It was moved that the Twenty-first General Assembly elect an observer to the Third Plenary Congress of the International Council of Christian Churches meeting in August in Philadelphia.

VAN ANTWERPEN. On motion, the Rev. Mr. VanAntwerpen, of East Palmyra, N. Y., Classis Hudson, Christian Reformed Church, was invited to sit as a corresponding member.

I. C. C. C. The previous motion was carried. It was moved and carried to reconsider the previous motion. The previous motion again was put and was carried.

Nominations were declared in order to elect an observer to the Third Plenary Congress of the International Council of Christian Churches. Those nominated were: Sloat, Clowney, Marsden, Oliver. On motion, Mr. Clowney's request to have his name withdrawn was granted. Ballots were cast. The tellers reported that Mr. Marsden was elected as observer and that Mr. Sloat was elected as alternate observer.

STANDING RULES AMENDMENT. It was moved and carried that the following amendment to standing rule No. 52 proposed by the Twentieth General Assembly, be adopted: that Standing Rule 52 shall be amended to read “There shall be four standing committees, namely, the Committee on Home Missions and Church Extension, the Committee on Foreign Missions, the Committee on Christian Education, and the Committee on General Benevolence. Each of the first three committees named shall consist of fifteen members divided into three classes, each class to be composed of three ministers and two ruling elders. The Committee on General Benevolence shall consist of six members divided into three classes, each class to be composed of one minister and one ruling elder or deacon. All members of standing committees are to be chosen by ballot at the annual General Assembly, for a term of three years, one class to be elected to each committee every year”.

The moderator requested Mr. Clelland to take the chair.

SLOYER COMMITTEE. The report of the Committee appointed by the Twentieth General Assembly to discuss with Mr. G. Travers Sloyer his views of guidance was presented by Mr. Clowney. It was moved and carried that the report of the Committee to the Presbytery of Philadelphia be put on file with Assembly papers and that reference to that be noted in the minutes of this General Assembly.

GENERAL BENEVOLENCE. The report of the Committee on General Benevolence was presented by Mr. Vining as follows:

Brethren:
Your committee has endeavored to shoulder the added responsibilities laid at its door by the Twentieth General Assembly. During the year we have contributed to Korean Relief, and to two individuals.

The committee issued a letter rather late in the year appealing for sufficient money to undertake the expense of caring for “Aged and Infirm Ministers, Ministers’ Widows and Orphans” but felt that it had to date received insufficient funds to undertake the obligation on its own. However, we trust that the backlog now in the account will enable and encourage the new committee to assume this assignment. It was determined that a budget of $2,000 would be the very minimum to carry on this work with its present needs. As this was proposed somewhat as an alternative to a Pension Plan, it is assumed that no great backlog was desired.

An accompanying letter addressed to the Chairman of the new Committee which shall be erected will indicate some of the avenues of service for this useful and neces-
sary work, necessary because God has commanded us to minister to the welfare of our brethren.

Respectfully submitted,
HENRY D. PHILLIPS,
For the committee.

Treasurer's report, Committee on General Benevolence:

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Check for this amount included with the report for the next treasurer of the new standing committee on General Benevolence.

Respectfully submitted,
HENRY D. PHILLIPS,
Treasurer.

The order of the day having arrived, the meeting was recessed at 5:45 P.M. with prayer by Mr. Johnston.

FRIDAY EVENING

The Moderator resumed the chair, and the meeting was reconvened at 7:33 P.M. with prayer by Dr. Bordeaux.

GENERAL BENEVOLENCE. On motion, it was decided that where there are names of persons appearing in the Report of the Committee on General Benevolence, these names be listed as case 1, case 2, etc.

GENERAL BENEVOLENCE ELECTIONS. It was moved and carried to proceed to the nomination and election of members of the Committee on General Benevolence.

Those nominated were: Ministers:—Vining, Eckardt, Stanton, Skilton, Sloat; Elders:—Kreiner, Griswold; Deacons:—Triggs, Faribault, Fifer, Hunsberger. Ballots were cast.

MILEAGE COMPENSATION. On motion, Mr. Stanton was granted full mileage compensation from the Travel Fund.

PERMISSION TO LEAVE. Messrs. Claerbout, DeWaard, and Bordeaux requested permission to leave the Assembly. On motion, these requests were considered seriatim. On separate motions, the requests were granted, with only Elder Claerbout receiving Travel Fund compensation.

HYMNAL. The report of the Committee on a Hymnal was presented by Mr. Marsden as follows:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON A HYMNAL TO THE TWENTY-FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The Committee on a Hymnal has held eleven meetings, covering about 44 hours, during the past year and has added to its working list 128 hymns and 69 songs based on the Psalms, so that the working list now totals 580 numbers. Following the instructions of the General Assembly, and in lieu of presenting a voluminous report to the General Assembly, a 14-page list of the additions and corrections made since the last report has been sent to the churches, to be used as an appendix to the list which was printed in the Minutes of the Twentieth General Assembly, 1953.

Suggestions from members of the Church have been helpful, and the committee will be very happy to consider further suggestions. The committee would however request that suggested hymns be identified by reference to a book in which they are found.
The committee recommends that it be continued.

Respectfully submitted,
ROBERT S. MARSDEN, Chairman

On motion, the recommendation of the committee was adopted.

GENERAL BENEVOLENCE ELECTIONS. The tellers reported the following elections to the Committee on General Benevolence: in the class of 1957, Eckardt and Hunsberger; in the class of 1956, Vining and Triggs; in the class of 1955, Sloat. A second ballot was cast.

OVERTURES AND COMMUNICATIONS—HOME MISSIONS. The tellers reported the following elections to the Committee on General Benevolence: in the class of 1957, Eckardt and Hunsberger; in the class of 1956, Vining and Triggs; in the class of 1955, Sloat. A second ballot was cast.

The substitute motion was carried that this overture be referred to the Committee on Home Missions and Church Extension.

GENERAL BENEVOLENCE ELECTIONS. The tellers reported the election of Elder Griswold to the class of 1955 of the Committee on General Benevolence. On motion, Mr. Vining was designated as Convener of the Committee.

SPOONER. The Committee on Overtures and Communications reported regarding Communication No. 5, relative to Mr. Spooner, as follows:

The Committee recommends that in view of the judgment of the Presbytery of New Jersey that Mr. A. B. Spooner possesses exceptional qualifications in the field of liberal arts, that this General Assembly advise the Presbytery of New Jersey to waive the requirement of the Form of Government, Chapter XIV, Section 4, "the Presbytery shall admit a candidate to licensure only if he has received a B.A. degree, or academic equivalent from an accredited college or university," and proceed to further examination of Mr. Spooner with a view to licensure. The recommendation of the Committee was moved and carried.

CONFESSION AND PROOF-TEXTS. The Committee also reported on Overture No. 8, concerning the Confession of Faith and Proof-Texts, and recommended that the overture be adopted. It was moved that the recommendation be adopted. An amendment was moved to add the following words, "With the understanding that a Committee consisting of Messrs. Murray and Galbraith check upon the accuracy of the text before it is sent to the Presbyteries".

It was moved and carried to accept the invitation of the host churches to a trip to Letchworth Park on Saturday and to recess at 12 noon.

The order of the day having arrived, the meeting was recessed at 9:52 P.M. with prayer by Mr. Georgian.

SATURDAY MORNING

Following a devotional service led by Elder Neilands, the Assembly was reconvened at 9 A.M. with prayer by Mr. G. Coie.

The minutes for Friday, May 26 were read. On motion, the Minutes were approved as corrected.

CONFESSION AND PROOF-TEXTS (Cont.). The amendment which was on the floor at the time of recess on Friday was carried. The main motion as amended was carried. It was moved and carried that the two parts of the overture be considered seriatim.

It was moved and carried that the words, "That the text of the Confession of Faith of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church as submitted to the Eighteenth General Assembly" be substituted in Part I for the words: "That the text of the Westminster Confession of Faith submitted to the Nineteenth General Assembly". On motion, Part One as amended was adopted. The following substitute motion was adopted: "That the General Assembly elect a Committee of Two to proof-read the Proof-Texts submitted by the Committee and to give further consideration to possible changes in the proof-texts and to report to the next General Assembly".
PROOF-TEXTS ELECTIONS. The floor was opened for nomination for the Committee on Proof-Texts. Those nominated were: Messrs. Murray, E. J. Young, Sloat, Kuschke. The ballots were cast.

TRAVEL FUND. The Committee on Travel Fund made a further report as follows:
Your Committee reports that it has on hand a total balance of $1,497.38.
Your Committee recommends that this be disbursed as follows:
1. The point where compensation begins shall be 200 miles.
2. All commissioners receiving compensation shall be paid 3c per mile above the point where compensation begins.
3. A bonus of 1c per mile shall be paid on travel above 2000 miles.

Respectfully submitted,
LAWRENCE EYRES, For the Committee.

On motion, the recommendation of the Committee was adopted. On motion, Elder Ashida who arrived at the Assembly on Friday was granted Travel Fund compensation.

PROOF-TEXTS ELECTIONS. The Moderator received the report of the tellers and declared Mr. Murray and Dr. Young elected to the Committee on Proof-Texts for the Confession of Faith.

CHURCH RELATIONS – GEREFORMEEERDE KERKEN. The Report of the Committee on Church Relations was presented by Mr. Kuschke as follows:
In answer to Communication No. 2, from the Synod of the Reformed Churches in the Netherlands, the Committee recommends:
1. That this Assembly adopt the following resolution:
   Whereas the Reformed Churches in the Netherlands (De Gereformeerde Kerken in Nederland), after first inquiring whether we would welcome the establishment of a strict correspondence with the Orthodox Presbyterian Church, and having received our affirmative response given at the Nineteenth General Assembly, have now entered into full communion with the Orthodox Presbyterian Church determining to admit our ministers to the proclamation of the Word and the administration of the Sacraments and to recognize the ecclesiastical attestations of our members, therefore be it resolved:
   That this General Assembly declare its gratification with these actions of the Reformed Churches in the Netherlands, and now enter into this full communion with them, extending in turn to their ministers the privileges of the proclamation of the Word and administration of the Sacraments and, to their members, recognition upon presentation of ecclesiastical attestations.

On motion, the first recommendation of the Committee on Church Relations was adopted.

The report of the Committee on Church Relations was continued as follows:
2. That this Assembly send, through its Stated Clerk, the following letter:
   Dr. F. W. Grosheide;
   Esteemed Brother in Christ:
   The General Assembly of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church is deeply pleased to learn of the decision of the General Synod of the Reformed Churches in the Netherlands, meeting in Rotterdam in 1952-1953, to enter into full communion with the Orthodox Presbyterian Church: that is, to admit our ministers to the preaching of the Word and the administration of the Sacraments and to receive the ecclesiastical attestations of members of our church.
   We are happy to inform you that we, in turn, by action of the General Assembly meeting in Rochester, N. Y. in May 1954, have taken the following actions in reference to the Reformed Churches in the Netherlands: to welcome your action in entering into full communion with us and, on our part, to enter
into this relationship of full communion with you; and to extend the same privileges to your ministers and members which you have extended to ours.

May the God of peace bless our new relationship to his glory and our mutual benefit.

Most sincerely yours,

On motion, the second recommendation of the Committee was adopted.

COMMITTEE ON CORRESPONDENCE. It was moved and carried that a Committee on Correspondence With Other Churches, consisting of three members, be elected, one of whom shall be the Stated Clerk of the Assembly. Those nominated were: Dr. Stonehouse, Galbraith, J. D. Johnston, and Dunn. The ballots were cast.

PERMISSION TO LEAVE. On separate motions the requests of Messrs. Price, Cummings, Dunn, and Squires to be excused from further attendance at the Assembly were granted, Messrs. Price and Cummings with Travel Fund compensation.

The tellers reported to the Moderator.

The order of the day having arrived, the meeting was recessed at 12 noon with prayer by Mr. Bachman.

MONDAY MORNING

Following a devotional service led by Mr. Bachman, the Assembly was reconvened at 9:06 A.M. with prayer by Mr. B. Coie.

The minutes of Saturday, May 28 were read. On motion, the minutes were approved as corrected.

COMMITTEE ON CORRESPONDENCE ELECTIONS. The Moderator declared the election of Dr. Stonehouse and Mr. Galbraith to the Committee on Correspondence With Other Churches.

COMMUNICATIONS. The Stated Clerk read communications from the Formosa Mission of The Orthodox Presbyterian Church and from the Rev. Mr. Vander Ark of the National Union of Christian Schools.

CHURCH RELATIONS - REFORMED CHURCHES NEW ZEALAND. (Communication No. 3): The Committee on Church Relations made a further report as follows:

Whereas the Reformed Churches of New Zealand, in a letter dated February 1, 1954, have requested a relationship of full correspondence with the Orthodox Presbyterian Church, and whereas adequate information concerning the consistency, with regard to the Reformed Faith, of the doctrine and practice of these recently formed churches is not available to this Twenty-first General Assembly, the Committee on Church Relations respectfully recommends to the Twenty-first General Assembly the following actions:

1. That the Committee on Correspondence With Other Churches be asked to explore further the possibility of achieving correspondence with the Reformed churches of New Zealand, and to report to the Twenty-second General Assembly.

2. That the Stated Clerk of the Twenty-first General Assembly be instructed to send the following letter to the Reformed Churches of New Zealand in reply to their communication of February 1, 1954:

"Dear Brethren;

The Twenty-first General Assembly of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church, meeting in Rochester, New York, United States of America, has received your letter of February 1, 1954, with feelings of gratitude to God for the stand which the Reformed Churches of New Zealand have taken for the glorious heritage of the Reformed Faith as reported in your letter.

In response to your request for correspondence with this church, which would include a mutual reception of ministers for the preaching of the Word of God and the administration of the Sacraments, it is our pleasure to inform you that our Committee on Correspondence With Other Churches has been asked to explore further
the possibility of achieving such correspondence, and that the Committee has been
instructed to report to the General Assembly meeting in 1955.

With the devout hope that the contemplated correspondence may be realized, we
send this with the fervent prayer that our Covenant God may abundantly bless you.
Yours by Divine Mercy,"

On separate motions, the first and second recommendations of the Committee were
adopted.

CHURCH RELATIONS — PRESBYTERIAN CHURCHES. The Committee con-
tinued its report as follows:

The Committee recommends that pursuant to Overture No. 4 (from the Presby-
tery of the Dakotas, relative to the sending of literature to the United Presbyterian
Church), and to Overture No. 10 (from the Presbytery of Wisconsin, relative to the
sending of committees to attend the general assemblies of a certain three denomina-
tions), the Assembly request the Committee on Home Missions and Church Extension
to continue, and to broaden insofar as possible, its activity in encouraging ministers,
sessions, and congregations in other denominations to make a diligent stand for the
Reformed Faith, especially in view of the proposed union of the Presbyterian Church
in the U.S.A., the Presbyterian Church in the U.S., and the United Presbyterian
Church in North America.

On motion, the recommendation of the Committee was adopted.

The Committee reported a recommendation regarding the matter of the Classis Eureka.

DATE AND PLACE. On motion, the docket was amended to receive at this time
the report of the Committee on Date and Place of the next General Assembly. The Report
of the Committee was presented by Mr. G. Coie as follows:

Your committee recommends as follows:

1. That the Twenty-second General Assembly shall commence on Wednesday even-
ing, May 25, 1955 at eight o'clock.

2. That the Twenty-second General Assembly shall meet at Westminster Theologic-
al Seminary, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, under the joint auspices of the Seminary
and Calvary Orthodox Presbyterian Church of Glenside, Pennsylvania.

3. That the Twenty-first General Assembly shall appoint to a Committee on Arrange-
ments the Rev. Messrs. Stonehouse, Atwell, and Elder Porter.

4. That this Twenty-first General Assembly shall appoint a Committee on the Date
and Place of the Twenty-third General Assembly to report to the Twenty-second
General Assembly concerning a date and place for the Twenty-third General
Assembly.

Respectfully submitted,

GLENN R. COIE
F. D. BREISCH

It was moved and carried to postpone the consideration of the report of the Committee
on Date and Place of the next General Assembly until after the consideration of the Report
of the Committee on Revisions to the Form of Government and Book of Discipline.

Mr. Hills was asked to take the chair.

REVISIONS TO FORM OF GOVERNMENT. The report of the Committee on
Revisions to the Form of Government and Book of Discipline was presented by Mr.
Galbraith as follows:
Fathers and Brethren,

Your Committee on Revisions to the Form of Government and Book of Discipline has again spent much time in study of the Form of Government.

Between the time of the Twentieth General Assembly and the preparation of this report tentative revisions of Chapters XXI through XXVI were made, and two new chapters were added; a version of a Form of Government was prepared which incorporated all the revisions tentatively adopted by the Committee for the entire Form of Government, and copies of this version were sent to all ministers and sessions, with sufficient copies for each member of each session (alternate proposed revisions were included at the appropriate points, in accordance with instructions of the Twentieth Assembly); and the Committee then began reconsideration of its tentative revisions in the light of the entire "Version".

Up to the time of this report the Committee has re-studied Chapters I through X and parts of other chapters, and informs this Assembly that it intends to make the following changes in the "Version" when it submits a final report:

**PREFACE**

Line 7—For "principalities" substitute "principality".

**CHAPTER I**

**Basic Principles**

Section 3, line 2—Change "that the church is ruled" to "that the church, in its particular congregations and in its total unity, is ruled".

Section 5, line 3—Change "confession of faith" to "Confession of Faith".

**CHAPTER II**

**Of The Church**

Section 3—Change to read: The Lord alone knows infallibly those who are his, but all those who profess the true religion and their children are to be regarded as members of the church and therefore are subject . . .

**CHAPTER IV**

**Of Teaching Elders**

Section 4, line 6—Delete the words "be eligible to".

**CHAPTER IX**

**Of The Session**

Section 2—Change to read: Of this judicatory, two elders if there are three or more, or one elder if there are less than three, with the pastor or one of the pastors, shall be necessary. . . .

Section 4, line 2—Change "the session . . . preside in that case" to "the session may invite some other minister or elder, belonging to the same presbytery, to perform this service".

Section 5, last three sentences—Change to read: But it is usually expedient in such cases that a minister of the same presbytery, appointed by the presbytery or invited by the session, should be present for the purpose of counsel. In such an event he may vote and, if it seem desirable, be elected to preside. This is particularly advisable when the session is constituted for judicial business. In the case of the illness or necessary absence of the pastor the same procedure may be followed.

Section 6, line 1—Change to read: In cases of emergency, when the pastor or another minister of the presbytery is necessarily absent, three elders, if there be so many, shall be necessary . . .

Section 7, line 3 from bottom—For "the supervision . . . other organizations" substitute "the supervision of all organizations".
Section 11—Delete second sentence.
Make last two sentences a separate paragraph within the section.
Add a new Section 12 as follows: If a session shall cease to exist or become so small as to prevent it from working effectively, steps shall be taken by the presbytery to provide for the government of the congregation. The presbytery may supervise the election and ordination of elders from within the congregation or, if this is impracticable, may appoint a session from within the presbytery to be an acting session or to augment the existing session.

CHAPTER X
Of The Presbytery

Section 1—Delete last sentence.
Section 7, line 1 on p. 14—Change “to every minister . . . ten days” to “to every minister and the clerk of every session in the presbytery, not less than ten days prior to the meeting”.

The Committee is continuing its re-study of the remaining portions of the “Version” and plans to make final recommendations to the Twenty-second General Assembly for the adoption of revisions in accordance with the provisions of Chapter XXVI of the Form of Government.

The Committee intends to complete its revision of the entire Form of Government as soon as possible, and to compose a report to the Twenty-second General Assembly with recommendations for adoption which it will distribute to the sessions at the earliest possible time. The Committee urges upon the sessions and presbyteries the urgent necessity of using the time until the Twenty-second General Assembly for serious study and evaluation of the “Version” and subsequent changes that may be made in it, to the end that intelligent discussion of the Committee’s recommendations to the Twenty-second General Assembly may be held at that time. It is also the intention of the Committee to discuss its recommendations in The Presbyterian Guardian.

Respectfully submitted,
JOHN P. GALBRAITH,
Chairman

The cost of printing and distribution of the “Version” was $171.50.

The Committee recommends:
1. That discussion of the “Version” be held at this assembly;
2. That the Stated Clerk be instructed to write to each presbytery urging study of the “Version” at each meeting of the presbytery during the year; and
3. That the Committee be continued and instructed to report to the next general assembly.

MONDAY AFTERNOON

The Moderator resumed the chair. The meeting was reconvened at 1:18 P.M. with prayer by Mr. DeVelde.
FORM OF GOVERNMENT. On motion, Mr. Murray was granted the right of unlimited time to speak to the motion. It was moved and carried to lay the motion on the table.

PERMISSION TO LEAVE. On motion, Dr. Manross' request to be excused from further attendance at the Assembly was granted.

FORM OF GOVERNMENT. It was moved and carried that the second recommendation be adopted.

On motion the third recommendation was adopted.

On motion, Mr. Clelland's resignation from the Committee was accepted.

It was moved to proceed to elect to fill the vacancy on the Committee on Revisions, created by Mr. Clelland's resignation. Those nominated were: the Rev. Messrs. Kuschke, Sloat, Marsden; Elder Ashida. Nominations were declared closed and the ballots were cast.

DATE AND PLACE. On motion, the first recommendation of the Committee on Date and Place of the Next General Assembly was adopted.

FORM OF GOVERNMENT ELECTION. The tellers reported no election to the Committee on Revisions. A second ballot was taken.

DATE AND PLACE. On motion, the second recommendation of the Committee on Date and Place was adopted.

On motion the third recommendation of the Committee on Date and Place was adopted as amended whereby the name of Dr. E. J. Young was substituted for that of Dr. Stonehouse.

On motion, the fourth recommendation of the Committee on Date and Place was adopted.

FORM OF GOVERNMENT ELECTION. The tellers reported no election to the Committee on Revisions. A third ballot was taken.

PENSIONS. Mr. Clelland made a verbal report for the Committee on Pensions.

FORM OF GOVERNMENT ELECTION. The tellers reported no election to the Committee on Revisions. A fourth ballot was taken. The tellers reported that Mr. Marsden had been elected to the Committee on Revisions to the Form of Government and Book of Discipline.

PENSIONS. It was moved and carried that the Committee on Pensions be continued and that it be directed to study the Biblical principles involved in ministerial pensions; that it be empowered, if it be proper, to recommend a pension plan to the Twenty-second General Assembly, and that it include in its study the relationship of such a plan to the Social Security plan of the Federal government.

On motion, Mr. Sloat's resignation from the Committee on Pensions was accepted.

It was moved and carried to proceed to the election of a member of the Committee to replace Mr. Sloat. Mr. DeVelde's name was placed in nomination. On motion, nominations were closed and the Moderator declared the election of Mr. DeVelde. The Moderator appointed Mr. DeVelde as Convener of the Committee.

CHURCH RELATIONS—CLASSIS EUREKA. A further report of the Committee on Church Relations was presented by Mr. Kuschke as follows:

The Committee recommends that the following resolution be adopted:

That in view of the cordial relations that exist between certain ministers of Classis Eureka, The Reformed Church of the United States (commonly known as the German Reformed Church) and of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church, and in view of the interest in the Reformed Faith which these denominations have, Be it resolved that this General Assembly invite Classis Eureka, the Reformed Church of the United States, to enter into an arrangement whereby visitors shall be appointed to attend the meetings of our respective bodies, for purposes of advice in areas of mutual interest.

On motion, the recommendation of the Committee was adopted.
PRESBYTERIAL RECORDS. The report of the Committee on the Examination of Presbyterial Records was presented by Mr. Neilands.

It was moved and carried that the minutes of the Presbyteries of the Dakotas, New Jersey, and Wisconsin be approved without exception.

It was moved and carried that the minutes of the Presbyteries of California, New York and New England, Ohio, and Philadelphia be approved and that these Presbyteries be informed of the criticisms of the Committee.

It was moved and carried that the Presbytery of California be instructed to place in its permanent record the correction relating to the transcript of the examination of Mr. Sloyer and that this correction be related to that point in the minutes where the action is referred to.

TRAVEL FUND, TWENTY-FIRST ASSEMBLY. The final report of the Committee on Travel Fund was presented by Mr. Eyres as follows:

- Number of Churches Contributing, 61
- Number of Individuals Contributing, 4
- Number of Commissioners receiving compensation, 37

Receipts:
- From usual Travel Fund sources $1,447.38
- From gifts received during Assembly 100.00

Total Receipts $1,547.38

Expenditures:
- To Commissioners $1,433.38
- Committee Expense 9.17 1,442.55

Balance on Hand $104.83

Your committee recommends that the balance be held for the Travel Fund of the Twenty-second General Assembly.

Respectfully submitted,

LAWRENCE EYRES
JOHN CLELLAND
JOHN VERHAGE

On motion, the recommendation of the Committee was adopted.

TRAVEL FUND, TWENTY-SECOND ASSEMBLY. The Moderator appointed to the Committee on Travel Fund for the Twenty-second General Assembly the following:


DATE AND PLACE, TWENTY-THIRD ASSEMBLY. The Moderator appointed as the Committee on Date and Place of the Twenty-third General Assembly the following:

- Rev. Messrs. Eyres (Convener), Marston.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY BUDGET. It was moved and carried that a budget of 50c per communicant member be adopted for the General Assembly Fund.

FOREIGN MISSIONS RESIGNATION. The Stated Clerk read a communication from Mr. Phillips in which he resigned from the Committee on Foreign Missions. On motion, his resignation was accepted.

FOREIGN MISSIONS ELECTION. It was moved and carried to proceed to elect a member of the Committee on Foreign Missions to fill the vacancy created by Mr. Phillips' resignation. Those nominated were: the Rev. Messrs. Sloat, Willis, Davies, Breisch. On motion, nominations were closed and ballots were cast.

McCoy. The Stated Clerk presented the following resolution:

Resolved that:
TWENTY-FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Whereas the Rev. Clarence L. McCoy, a ministerial member of the Presbytery of Philadelphia of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church has been called to his eternal reward, and

Whereas, the Rev. Mr. McCoy was a charter member of the Presbytery of Philadelphia of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church,

Therefore the Twenty-first General Assembly take cognizance of the death of our brother in Christ, and instruct its Stated Clerk to communicate to his widow an expression of its Christian sympathy.

On motion, the resolution was adopted.

The Stated Clerk read a communication from the Rev. John D. Johnston.

FOREIGN MISSIONS ELECTION. The tellers reported the election of Mr. Sloat to the Committee on Foreign Missions replacing Mr. Phillips in the class of 1955.

RULING ELDERS. It was moved and carried that the General Assembly express its deep concern over the small number of ruling elders present at this, the Twenty-first General Assembly, and that presbyteries and sessions address themselves to a study of ways of increasing the attendance of ruling elders at the General Assembly.

THANKS. It was moved and carried that we extend hearty thanks to the Committee on Arrangements of the Twenty-first General Assembly for its fine work and to the Covenant and Memorial Orthodox Presbyterian Churches for their gracious hospitality and many courtesies shown to the Commissioners and visitors to the Twenty-first General Assembly.

It was moved and carried that the General Assembly of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church instruct its Stated Clerk to convey to the proper Eastman Kodak authorities their sincere appreciation for the courtesy extended to the Commissioners in the use of the Cafeteria.

The minutes of the sessions of Monday, May 30 were read. On motion, they were approved as corrected.

It was moved and carried that the Minutes of the Assembly as a whole be approved.

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 Westminster Theological Seminary, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on the Twenty-fifth day of May, 1955".

After leading in prayer, the Moderator pronounced the Apostolic Benediction.

The sessions of the Assembly were concluded at 6 P.M., May 30, 1954.

RAYMOND M. MEINERS,
Stated Clerk
APPENDIX
STATISTICAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 31, 1954
PRESBYTERY OF CALIFORNIA

Stated Meetings — April and September
The Rev. Robert D. Sander, Stated Clerk, 163 E. Kearney Avenue, Bend, Oregon

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- Louis E. Knowles, Teacher
- Delbert E. Schowalter, Teacher
- Charles G. Schauffele, Teacher
- George Y. Uomoto, Foreign Missionary
- E. Lynne Wade, Chaplain USN
- Robert E. Nicholas, Home Missionary

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Average Contribution
Per Communicant Member

Ministers Not in Pastoral Charge:
- C. A. Balcom, Retired
- Herbert S. Bird, Foreign Missionary
- Takuo Hohri, Home Missionary
- Robert D. Knudsen, Teacher and Home Missionary
- Walter J. Magee, Inactive
- Arthur O. Olson, Laboring out of Bounds of Presbytery

Licensures:
- Takuo Hohri, Robert D. Knudsen, V. Robert Nilson - 4-8-53
- Jerry Spoon - 9-15-53

Ordinations:
- Takuo Hohri, Robert D. Knudsen - 9-15-53
- V. Robert Nilson - 10-23-53

Roll of Licentiates:
- Jerry Spoon

Total Ministers - 14
Total Churches - 13
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**Twenty-First General Assembly**
## PRESBYTERY OF NEW JERSEY

Stated Meetings – 3rd Tuesday in October & January, Last Tuesday in April

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- Wm. Harllee Bordeaux, Th.D., General Secretary
- Edmund P. Clowney, Teacher
- Richard W. Gray, Pastor of Independent Church
- Lewis J. Grotenhuis, Pastor of Independent Church
- Theodore Hard, Foreign Missionary
- Meredith G. Kline, Teacher
- James W. Price, Pastor of Independent Church

* Discontinued Branch Sunday School during Year
** Includes $5,210 Initial Payment on Property Sale

Licensures:
- C. Herbert Oliver — 5-22-53
- Robert M. Lucas — 10-20-53

Ordination:
- Theodore Hard — 6-3-53

Ministerial Changes:
- John Davies, dismissed by Presbytery of Wisconsin, not yet received as of 3-31-54

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Average Contribution Per Communicant Member

Ministers Not in Pastoral Charge:
- Burton L. Goddard, Dean
- Floyd E. Hamilton, Pastor of Independent Church
- John Murray, Professor
- John H. Skilton, Professor

Licensure:
- Dale N. Snyder — 3-24-54

Ministerial Changes:
- Philip H. Chase, 3-24-54 from Midwest Presbytery of Bible Presbyterian Synod

Congregations Formed:
- South Solon, 9-16-53; Bangor, 3-24-54

Roll of Licentiates:
- Dale N. Snyder

Total Ministers — 13
Total Churches — 11
Total Chapels — 5
### PENNSYLVANIA

**Branchton, New Hope**  
Francis D. Breisch, Jr.

**Grove City, Wayside**  
Mercer Road  
Henry D. Phillips

**Harrisville, Faith**  
Francis D. Breisch, Jr.

**Pittsburgh, Covenant**  
1604 Graham Blvd., (35)  
Calvin K. Cummings

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**Average Contribution**

Per Communicant Member

* Branch Sunday School Closed
* Ministers Not in Pastoral Charge:  
  J. Lyle Shaw, D.D., Retired
* Congregations Dissolved:  
  *First*, Cincinnati

Total Ministers — 5  
Total Churches — 4

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**William Young, Ph.D., Professor**

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**TWENTY-FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

**PRESBYTERY OF OHIO**

Stated Meetings — 3rd Monday in April and October

### PRESBYTERY OF PHILADELPHIA

Stated Meetings — 3rd Monday in January, March, May, July, September, November

The Rev. Leslie W. Sloat, Stated Clerk, P. O. Box 101, Mt. Holly, N. J.

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Average Contribution per Communicant Member:
- Kirkwood: $63.06
- Middletown: $24.46
- Nottingham: $22.22

Ministers Not in Pastoral Charge:
- Egbert W. Andrews, Foreign Missionary
- John D. Johnston, Foreign Missionary
- Leslie W. Sloat, Editor
- John W. Beetzold, Chaplain USA
- Francis E. Mahaffy, Foreign Missionary
- Ned B. Stonehouse, Th.D., Professor
- Thomas M. Cooper, Inactive
- Robert S. Marsden, Executive Secretary
- Cornelius Van Til, Ph.D., Professor
- Clarence W. Duff, Foreign Missionary
- Clarence L. McCoy (Deceased 5-15-54)
- William E. Welmers, Ph.D., Teacher
- John P. Galbraith, General Secretary
- R. Heber McIlwaine, Foreign Missionary
- Paul Woolley, Professor & Registrar
- Arthur W. Kuschke, Librarian
- Kenneth J. Methlan, Teacher
- Edward J. Young, Ph.D., Professor

Ministerial Changes:
- George J. Willis, received from Presbytery of Albermarle, Presbyterian Church in the U.S., 9-21-53
- R. B. Kuiper, Dismissed to Classis Grand Rapids East, Christian Reformed Church, 9-21-53

Licentiatates:
- Carl J. Reitsma, 1-18-54
- G. Travers Sloyer, Restored, 11-16-53
- Robert Thoburn, 1-18-54
- Donald E. Stanton

Congregations Received:
- Westminster, Valdosta, Georgia, 4-6-53

Total Ministers: 26
Total Churches: 14
PRESBYTERY OF WISCONSIN

Stated Meetings — Second Tuesday in April and October
(After August 1, 1954, c-o The Rev. Lawrence R. Eyres, 1817 Balmoral Ave., Westchester, Ill.)

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Average Contribution
Per Communicant Member
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Richard B. Gaffin, Foreign Missionary

$52.86 $40.75 $16.83
Lawrence N. Manross, Ph.D., Professor
George W. Marston, Field Representative
John Davies (Dismissed to Presbytery of New Jersey but not yet received in N. J.)

Ministerial Changes:
John Davies, Dismissed to Presbytery of New Jersey, 1-12-54
Lawrence N. Manross, Ph.D., received from Bible Presbyterian Synod, 11-16-53
George W. Marston, received from Presbyterian Church in the U. S., 4-14-53
Jacob Mellema, removed from roll, 10-13-53

Total Ministers — 9
Total Churches — 6
### Summary of Statistics

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10 West Collingswood, **Immanuel**—Wilfred Moses, 1929 Prospect Ridge Blvd.,

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5 Westfield, **Grace**—Bert L. Roeber, Municipal Bldg., Westfield
5 White Horse, **Grace**—J. L. Bryan, 1202 Pennington Road, Trenton 8
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2 Westchester, Westminster—Edward F. Klokow, 1547 Boeger Ave., Westchester

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2 Waterloo, First—Harold Roskamp, 2102 Rownds Street, Cedar Falls

Wisconsin
9 Cedar Grove, Calvary—Oscar Claerbout, Cedar Grove
2 Gresham, Old Stockbridge—Walter Snake, Neopit
6 Oostburg, Bethel—John P. Daone, Oostburg
Abbreviations:
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