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THURSDAY MORNING, JULY 26

The Rev. Robert L. Vining, Moderator of the Twenty-second General Assembly opened the Communion Service preceding the Twenty-third General Assembly at 11:00 A.M., July 26, 1956, at 5700 S. Broadway, Littleton, Colorado. Mr. Vining delivered a sermon on the subject, "Wounded for Our Transgressions", using as his text Isaiah 53:5. Following the sermon, the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered by Mr. Vining, assisted by the Rev. Messrs. Elmer M. Dortzbach and Bruce A. Coie, and by ruling elders Leonard G. Brown, J. A. Durrenberger, Henry E. Wade, and Rollin Whitehead.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON

The Twenty-third General Assembly was called to order at two o'clock, and constituted with prayer by Mr. Vining.

The roll of commissioners follows:

Presbytery of California
Ruling Elder: Henry E. Wade.

Presbytery of the Dakotas

Presbytery of New Jersey

Presbytery of New York and New England
Ministers: Calvin A. Busch, Elmer M. Dortzbach, Herbert V. G. DuMont, Burton L. Goddard, Raymond M. Meiners, John Murray, Dale N. Snyder, G. I. Williamson.

Presbytery of Ohio
Ministers: Calvin K. Cummings, Wendell L. Rockey, Jr., Cromwell G. Roskamp, William Young.

Presbytery of Philadelphia
Ruling Elders: Glenn T. Black, Leonard G. Brown, J. A. Durrenberger, Ph.D., F. Kingsley Elder, Jr., Ph.D., George W. Knight, III.

Presbytery of Wisconsin
Ruling Elder: Clarence Roskamp.

Total Ministers: 60; Total Ruling Elder Commissioners: 8.
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The Report of the Stated Clerk was presented as follows:

The Stated Clerk believes that he has performed the duties outlined in Standing Rules 18-20. In accordance with the Rules, the Minutes of the Twenty-second General Assembly were transmitted to the Committee on Home Missions and Church Extension for publication in June, 1955. They were distributed in printed form by the Committee in November.

An error occurs on Page 55, and lines 2 and 3 of that page should read: "On motion the recommendation of the report of the Committee on Complaints, regarding the Complaint of July 8, 1954 (see page 50) was carried."

Copies of the Yearboek ten dienste van De Gereformeerde Kerken in Nederland, 1956, and of the Acts of Synod of the Reformed Churches of New Zealand, our sister churches, have been received, and the Minutes of the Twenty-second General Assembly were sent to these churches.

The Statistical Report for the year ended March 31, 1956 has been printed and is available for distribution and for incorporation in the Minutes of the Twenty-third Assembly.

Signed: Robert S. Marsden

The Stated Clerk made the following report:

On invitation of the Military Chaplains Association of the United States of America, the Clerk represented The Orthodox Presbyterian Church at the meetings of May 8 and 9, 1956. He was accompanied to Washington, D.C. by the Rev. Robert H. Graham, and attendance at these meetings was much worth while from the point of view of the Church, particularly in view of the questions which were being raised concerning one of the Orthodox Presbyterian chaplains.

The expenses of attendance at these meetings totaled $12.47, and the Clerk requests that authorization be made for the payment of this item.

Signed: Robert S. Marsden

On motion the Assembly authorized payment of these expenses.

The printed minutes of the Twenty-second Assembly were presented, and were approved as corrected, with the addition of the name of Elmer M. Dortzbach of the Presbyterian of New York and New England, and with the correction of the word "Presbytery" to read "Presbyterian" at the top of page 81.

The following were nominated for the office of Stated Clerk of the Assembly: Messrs. Marsden and Sloat.

A ballot was cast, and Mr. Marsden was elected.

The following were nominated for the office of Moderator: Messrs. Sloat, Moore, Meiners, E. J. Young, Andrews, and Eckardt.

Dr. Young was elected on the second ballot. Dr. Young was escorted to the platform and was welcomed by Mr. Vining with appropriate words.

The following were nominated for the office of Assistant Clerk: Messrs. Oliver and Tavares.

The Moderator ruled that a motion to close nominations was in order. On appeal, the Moderator was not sustained.

A ballot was cast, and Mr. Oliver was elected.

COMMUNICATIONS

No. 1, a letter from the Presbytery of Ohio, dated July 13, 1956, calling the attention of the Assembly to the fact that the minutes examined at the Twenty-second General Assembly were not signed by the Moderator, and a request that the omission be corrected.

No. 2, a letter dated July 17, 1956 from the Rev. R. Heber McIlwaine for the Japan Mission conveying the greetings of the Mission and assurance of prayers for the Assembly.
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No. 3, the following letter translated from the Japanese by the Rev. R. Heber McIlwaine:

Dear Brethren:

I rejoice from my heart that, standing on the Reformed Faith which is of pure origin, your church is increasingly contending for the advancement of the Kingdom of God. As the new stated clerk of the Synod, and as the representative of our church, I consider it an honor to be able to send these greetings to your church.

With the coming year, our church will rejoice and give thanks for the tenth anniversary of its founding. However, we are immature, and there are many things concerning problems, both within and without the church which need to be settled; and we feel there are many matters about which we should look to the leading of, and learn from you, an older church.

Then too, on the battle line of evangelism, the places in Japan which our church has occupied, — if you exclude the Kobe area, and the Shikoku section — are points, not to speak of a line or stabilized zone. In particular, large areas, such as Hokkaido, the back side of Japan, (i.e. from the central range to the Japan Sea) and Kyushu are completely untouched. We feel our situation is similar to that which evoked the earnest call from the Macedonians as recorded in the sixteenth chapter of Acts.

Furthermore, when we consider the vigor of the old religions whose roots are strong, as well as that of modern liberal Christianity and that of the Roman Catholics, it is with fear and trembling before God that we become conscious of the weight and greatness of our responsibility. On this matter also, a situation to be desired, is that through the help of churches from abroad, a strong united battle line of those who stand on the one Reformed Faith, may be extended.

While we are in such a situation, the Synod of our church gives thanks and rejoices greatly, that the able missionaries, the Rev. Heber McIlwaine and the Rev. George Uomoto, together with their wives have been sent from your church which stands on this one Faith, and that they have assisted our church, and been able to undertake in our land together with us, the work of evangelization and edification, and also for their warm friendship in the Lord. Here again we wish to express from our hearts our sincere thanks.

In addition to this, the faculty and the students of the Kobe Reformed Theological Seminary, which is operated by our church, wish to express their thanks for the frequent gifts of many good books which are hard to secure.

I pray the abundant blessing of God upon your church and upon your General Assembly, and send these greetings.

(s) Teruichi Matsuda
Stated Clerk of the Synod,
Reformed Church in Japan

June 23, 1955

To The General Assembly
The Orthodox Presbyterian Church
(Rev. Teruichi Matsuda, Hasumiya Dori, 4 Chome, Nagata Ku, Kobe, Japan)

No. 4, from the Rev. Louis E. Knowles, addressed to the Stated Clerk, as follows:

July 23, 1956

Some time past you informed me along with the other appointees of the creation of the committee to study the scouting movement. As the first named person on the list I am assuming the responsibility of reporting to the Twenty-third Assembly through you that our committee has not as yet been able to arrange a meeting. None of the men has expressed himself as unwilling to serve, and if it is the desire of the Assembly I shall try again this coming year to convene the committee.

No. 5, from Dr. P. D. Kuiper, Hoofstraat 89, Sassenheim, The Netherlands, Secretary of the Committee on Correspondence with the Churches Abroad of the Gereformeerde
Kerk in Nederland, dated July 19, 1956, expressing the regret of that denomination in not being able to send a fraternal delegate to the General Assembly, and expressing the feelings of friendship and fellowship of the Gereformeerde Kerk in Nederland with us in the Lord.

Nos. 6 and 7, from the Rev. W. van Rij, 111 Great South Road, Remuera, New Zealand, Secretary of the Committee on Correspondence with Churches Abroad, of the Reformed Churches of New Zealand, dated June 21, 1955 and July 6, 1956, respectively, expressing joy that The Orthodox Presbyterian Church had accepted their invitation to enter into corresponding relationship, requesting literature, and expressing regret that no representative of their denomination is able to attend this general assembly.

OVERTURES

The Clerk read the following overtures:

No. 1—From the Presbytery of New Jersey
1. To refrain from proposing any revised version of the Form of Government to the Presbyteries for approval.
2. To recommend a continuing and intensified study of the majority and minority reports of the Committee on Revisions of the Form of Government and Book of Discipline on the part of Sessions and Presbyteries, with a view to possible action at the Twenty-fourth General Assembly.
3. To continue its Committee on Revisions to the Form of Government and Book of Discipline, with instructions to revise the Book of Discipline and the Directory for Worship, and to seek to reconcile, if possible, divergent views within the Committee as to the revision of the Form of Government.
4. To authorize a reprinting of the Standards of Government, Discipline and Worship, for the immediate use of the church and particularly of sessions in their study of the proposed revisions.

No. 2—From the Presbytery of Ohio
That Chapter XXV Article 6 of the Confession of Faith submitted for study be replaced by the statement as formulated by the Westminster divines.

No. 3—From the Presbytery of Ohio
That the name — The Orthodox Presbyterian Church — be retained. This overture was concurred in, in effect, by the Presbytery of New Jersey.

No. 4—From the Presbytery of California
That the Sunday school average attendance be recorded in addition to the average enrollment in the annual statistical report.

No. 5—From the Presbytery of California
That the Presbytery of California request the General Assembly to substitute the alternate proposed revision of Chapter IV of the Form of Government for the proposed form as sent down by the General Assembly. The alternate form is as follows:

1. Christ who has instituted government in his church has furnished some men with gifts of government, and with commission to execute the same when called thereunto. Elders are also designated pastors, teachers and evangelists. As pastors they are concerned with ruling the church and feeding the flock with spiritual food. As teachers they are called to instruct both old and young in the doctrine of the Word. As evangelists they are charged with the proclamation of the gospel.

2. Elders who possess special gifts for teaching or evangelization may be called to devote themselves to tasks as pastors in a particular congregation, or mission field, or to institutions of learning. In such cases, these elders, in order that they may be free from worldly cares and employments, shall receive adequate material compensation.

No. 6—From the Presbytery of New York and New England
That in all chapter headings in the Revised Version of The Form of Government, the introductory preposition "of" be dropped; that in the second paragraph of chapter VII
the words “he that doth excel” be changed to “he who excels”; and that in comparable situations the grammatical forms and style be brought into conformity with the modern form of English that generally characterizes the version.

No. 7—From the Presbytery of New York and New England
That the names of all active ruling elders be listed in the minutes according to churches.

On amended motion the times of convening, recess, and reconvening were set as follows:

- **Thursday**: recess at 5:45 p.m.; reconvene at 7:30 p.m.; recess at 10:00 p.m.
- **Friday**: reconvene at 8:30 a.m.; recess at 11:45 a.m.; reconvene at 1:15 p.m.; recess 3:15 to 3:30 p.m.; recess at 5:45 p.m.; reconvene at 7:30 p.m.; recess at 10:00 p.m.
- **Saturday**: reconvene at 8:30 a.m.; recess at 12:30 p.m.
- **Monday**: same schedule as Friday.
- **Tuesday**: same schedule as Friday if sessions are necessary.

Devotional period twenty minutes prior to each morning session.

The Clerk presented the proposed docket, which, on motion, was adopted.

A preliminary report of the Committee on Arrangements was presented by Mr. Male. The Assembly recessed at 3:15 o’clock after prayer by Mr. Poundstone.

The Assembly reconvened at 3:30 o’clock with prayer by Mr. DuMont.

On amended motion the Committee on Arrangements was requested to arrange a tour or picnic for Saturday afternoon.

A preliminary report of the Committee on Travel Fund was presented by Mr. Eckardt, as follows:

The Committee makes the following recommendations regarding disbursing the Travel Fund:

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. All vouchers must be presented by Friday noon recess.
4. Since there are only two members of the Committee present at the Assembly, the Moderator shall appoint one commissioner to labor with the Committee to aid in discharging its responsibility to this Assembly.

On separate motions the recommendations were adopted.

The report of the Committee on Christian Education was read by Mr. Galbraith, President of the Committee, as follows:

**REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

**TO THE**

**TWENTY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

**I. ADMINISTRATION**

The Committee on Christian Education reports that during the year three regular meetings of the full Committee and one meeting of the Executive Committee were held.

The Rev. Robley J. Johnston has served the Committee as General Secretary since September 1, 1955, and the Rev. Lewis J. Grotenhuis has continued to serve as Publications Secretary. Prior to Mr. Johnston’s appointment as General Secretary, the officers of the Committee served as an Executive Committee, responsible for the execution of the program of the Committee. At its meeting on November 7, 1955, the full Committee, on recommendation of the Executive Committee, dissolved the Executive Committee and since that time Mr. Johnston has been responsible for carrying out the Committee’s program.
The administrative office of the Committee is now maintained at 728 Schaff Building, 1505 Race Street, Philadelphia, Pa., and all communications, contributions and orders for materials should be addressed to this office. The Committee has continued to have the printing and mailing of material done by Mr. Grotenhuis in Phillipsburg, New Jersey, where the billing and bookkeeping operations are also performed. The Committee expresses appreciation for the valuable services rendered by Mr. Grotenhuis in these operations.

Mrs. Robert W. Anderson (the former Miss Dorothy Partington) has been working on a half-time basis as a writer for the Committee. She has continued to devote her time to the writing of the workbooks in the catechetical series as well as to assist in other matters where her technical knowledge is valuable to the Committee.

II. Publications

1. Vacation Bible School Material

The Vacation Bible School material for 1956, under the trade name Great Commission Publications and bearing the name of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church, will be a repetition of the materials used in 1953 and revised as of that year. The course of study for this year includes:

- **Beginner**: "The Children's Saviour" - Teacher's manual, coloring book and work sheets.
- **Primary**: "Fathers and Sons" - Teacher's manual, pupil's workbook and work sheets.
- **Junior**: "The Ten Commandments" - Teacher's manual, pupil's workbook and work sheets.
- **Intermediate**: "The Exodus" - Teacher's manual, pupil's workbook and Flan-L-Map by Visuals.

The total volume of sales in 1955 was slightly higher than in 1954. Almost all of these sales were made directly to the customers with only a few being handled by book stores. These materials were used in a total of 115 churches outside the Orthodox Presbyterian Church, representing an increase of 20 over 1954.

The Committee's plans for the coming year include:

- a. Introduction of a new Beginner's course to make this department conform to the three-year cycle pattern of the other departments.
- c. Conducting of Teachers' Institutes throughout the church.

2. Books

The Committee continues to sell *Christian Baptism* and *Divorce* by the Rev. Prof. John Murray, *Old Testament Prophecy* by the Rev. Edward J. Young, Ph.D., and *Biblical Evangelism Today*, a collation of General Assembly reports on local evangelism. With the exception of Dr. Young's course in *Old Testament Prophecy*, the sale of these items has not been as great as in preceding years. Demand for *Old Testament Prophecy* required a reprinting of this course during the year.

3. Catechetical Materials

Two years ago the Committee began publication of its own edition of *The Shorter Catechism of the Westminster Assembly*. Use of this edition was such as to necessitate a reprinting this year. The production of material for catechetical instruction was begun last year with the publication of a workbook on the Shorter Catechism for the junior high school age level, entitled *Bible Doctrine*. This course will be published in two units, each unit consisting of two books. The first workbook, designated Unit I, Book 1, has been in use for over a year and has been accorded a favorable reception both within and outside the Orthodox Presbyterian Church. Unit I, Book 2 was published in October 1955 and, like Book 1, has received a number of favorable reviews in religious periodicals. Unit II, Book 1 is now in the process of being printed, while Unit II, Book 2 has been written and awaits editing and printing.
Mrs. Anderson is now at work preparing material for the senior high school age level, and publication of this course will follow upon completion of the junior high school course this year.

*The Westminster Confession of Faith with Proof Texts*, published by the Committee, continues to have a good sale. The present printing is now almost exhausted and will be reprinted soon.

For the coming year, the Committee plans:

a. Completion of junior high school units on the entire Westminster Shorter Catechism by November 1956. These units cover a two-year course for Grades 7 and 8, with four workbooks in student's and teacher's editions.

b. Preparation of the two workbooks in the next unit, "Church Membership," for Grade 9. Actual publication of these workbooks will not be possible until next year.

4. Tracts

Two new tracts were added to the Committee's publications this year. *Are You a Biblical Baptist?* by the Rev. George W. Marston, was printed in an edition of 4,000, and *The Ordained Lampstand* by the Rev. Edwards E. Elliott in an edition of 2,000. Both tracts have already had a wide distribution.

The following tracts have been reprinted in the course of the year:

- *A Message to Thoughtful Inquirers*, Henry W. Coray
- *Communicant Church Membership*, George W. Marston
- *Christ or the Lodge*, a report
- *Election*, Charles H. Spurgeon
- *Lest We Forget*, Edward L. Kellogg
- *Are You a Catholic?*, Paul Woolley
- *The Privileges and Duties of Communicant Church Membership*, George W. Marston
- *What About the Bible?*, Robert L. Atwell
- *The Rich Young Ruler*, R. B. Kuiper
- *Your Child and Your Church*, Floyd E. Hamilton
- *The Prophet's Christmas Tree*
- *We'd Like You to Come to Our Church*
- *Which Church Should I Attend*
- *Are You Sure?*

With the addition in recent years of new, longer tracts, there has been a marked rise in the figures for tract sales. Tract sales this year increased $1,000, or 120 percent, over those of last year.

The increase in sale of tracts in the past year emphasizes the importance of this part of the Committee's program. While the Committee announced a year ago that it had made a study of the entire question of tracts, the fruits of that study have been slow in ripening. Further attention has been given to working out a fully developed tract program and the Committee hopes to publish at least a half-dozen new tracts aimed at various needs in promoting an effective Christian life and witness. Among the subjects under consideration are: the significance of the name "Orthodox Presbyterian," the Catholic question, certain prominent cults, and such questions as are posed by "the Community Church" and "the Ecumenical Church."

5. Communicant Church Membership Material

The communicant membership course, *Confessing Christ*, by the Rev. Calvin K. Cummings, is being used ever more widely as it becomes known. The demand for *Communicant Church Membership* by the Rev. George W. Marston continues, requiring a recent reprinting of 550 copies.

6. Church Bulletins
Since October 1954, the Committee has been publishing weekly church bulletins. These bulletins carry a message which is ideal for evangelistic uses. In addition to their use in the worship service, they serve as timely tracts for use by the pastor in his calling and by the members of the church in inviting friends to the services of the church. At present, these bulletins are used in 47 of our churches and in five churches outside the Orthodox Presbyterian Church. The total weekly sale is now over 5,000.

7. Bible Study Courses
For over a year the Committee has been concerned with the need of a series of study courses for home and group study. It would seem that such materials are demanded by the very nature of the Committee’s task. The Committee hopes, therefore, to publish a course in Elementary Bible Study as an addition to its present course, *Old Testament Prophecy*, and as a beginning toward a complete series of such studies.

8. Sunday School Materials
The Committee has taken very seriously the directive of the Twenty-second General Assembly “to proceed as soon as possible to the preparation and publication of Sabbath School materials.” Two curriculum-planning conferences have been held at which tentative plans for a complete Sunday school curriculum have been formulated. A course for the Nursery department has been outlined and the initial steps in writing that course are now being taken.

9. Other Publications
During the year permission was granted to the Rev. John D. Johnston to publish in Chinese the tract by the Rev. Lawrence R. Eyres, *Are You a Christian?*

The catalog of publications issued by the Committee has been widely distributed in the course of the past year. Copies of this catalog are available upon request and pastors are urged to make sure that they have sufficient copies on hand for their tract racks and for each teacher and worker in the church.

III. Promotion

1. The Messenger
The Committee continues to use the pages of *The Orthodox Presbyterian Messenger* to publicize its work and to promote interest in the cause of Christian education. The articles in *The Messenger* have been supplied by Mrs. Anderson and the General Secretary.

2. Advertising
In conjunction with the Presbyterian and Reformed Publishing Company, the Committee was one of the exhibitors at the Christian Booksellers Convention which met in Washington, D.C., in August 1955. Interest in our literature as publications of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church itself was very slight, although the name “Great Commission Publications” attracted some interest on the basis of previous advertising. Because of the date of the General Assembly it will be impossible to maintain a booth at the convention this year. In its continuing effort to gain wider distribution of its literature, the Committee hopes to exhibit Christian education materials at next year’s convention.

A year ago the Committee mailed, together with a covering letter, copies of its catalog and *Why the Orthodox Presbyterian Church?* to Middlers and Seniors of selected theological seminaries. The same program was followed this year with the mailing of a copy of the catalog and *The Ordained Lampstand*. The seminaries thus covered included Princeton, San Francisco, McCormick, Pittsburgh-Xenia, Columbia and Faith. A copy of *Bible Doctrine* was again offered free to any student requesting it. Eighteen copies were sent out in response to requests received. There is some evidence that this program has attracted some new users of our material. It is the Committee’s plan to continue this effort next year.

In the course of the year, review copies of the Vacation Bible School material, *Bible Doctrine*, Books 1 and 2, and of six of the longer tracts were sent to 24 of the leading theological periodicals. Favorable reviews have appeared in *The Southern Presbyterian Journal, The Banner, Blue Banner Faith and Life*, *The Irish Evangelical* and *Good News*
As new materials are published, the Committee plans to send copies to all periodicals which are likely to publish reviews of its publications.

Advertisements of *Are You a Biblical Baptist?* were run in three Philadelphia area newspapers in cooperation with the churches of the Philadelphia area. Upon request, the Committee will make the mats of these advertisements available to churches in other areas for use in local papers. Advertising copy has been prepared for the Vacation Bible School material but it was secured too late for use this year except in *Moody Monthly* and *The Southern Presbyterian Journal*. In the coming year the Committee plans continued wide distribution of catalogs and advertising of key materials in religious periodicals.

3. Speaking by the General Secretary

Since November, the General Secretary has spoken in twelve different churches, presenting the work of the Committee. He has also been able to address six other groups, including Sunday School Associations, Christian School Parent Teacher Associations and the New Jersey Women’s Presbyterial. Opportunities for preaching and speaking in the interest of Christian education and presenting the work of the Committee are welcomed by the General Secretary.

IV. PROPOSED BUDGET

The following budget has been adopted by the Committee for the new fiscal year:

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V. ELECTIONS

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

**Ministers:** Edmund P. Clowney, Lawrence R. Eyres, Leslie A. Dunn.

**Ruling Elders:** Leonard G. Brown, Arthur Armour.

VI. PICTORIAL REPRESENTATIONS OF CHRIST

Concerning pictorial representations of Christ, which subject was referred to the Committee, it reports that the complexities of the problem are such that it has been impossible to formulate a satisfactory report on the subject for consideration by this Assembly. The Committee assures the General Assembly that it will continue its study. The Committee also desires to make plain that, aside from three illustrations in Bible Doctrine Book II which were used to demonstrate some of the difficulties involved in picturing Christ, the Committee does not employ pictorial representations of Christ in any of its materials.

VII. TREASURER’S REPORT

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

**DEGEN, MESSER AND COMPANY**

Accountants and Auditors

Alpha Building

Easton, Pennsylvania

May 26, 1956

Committee on Christian Education
The Orthodox Presbyterian Church
Phillipsburg, New Jersey

Gentlemen:

In accordance with your request, we have made an examination of the books and records of the Committee on Christian Education, The Orthodox Presbyterian Church, for
the period from April 1, 1955 to March 31, 1956, and now present our report thereon, together with the attached statements and schedules.

Cash in bank, in the amount of $6,536.58, was reconciled with the bank balance as at March 31, 1956, and confirmed by direct correspondence with the depositary. A copy of this reconciliation accompanies this report. The $100.00 Petty Cash Fund consists of $50.00 in the Harmony, New Jersey Office and $50.00 in the Philadelphia, Pennsylvania Office. The $50.00 in the Harmony, New Jersey Office was counted and found to be correct. No verification was made of the amount in the Philadelphia, Pennsylvania Office.

All cancelled checks were examined by us, and the amounts thereon were checked to the books of original entry. All recorded receipts were traced to the depositary.

An Accounts Receivable listing accompanies this report. However, no direct correspondence was made to determine the correctness of the balances.

We did not participate in the taking of the physical inventory at March 31, 1956. We did obtain an Inventory certificate signed by an authorized official. The beginning inventories at April 1, 1955 were taken from the General Ledger and accepted as such.

The depreciation charges were computed and found to be correct. There were additions to fixed assets in the amount of $500.40, and a decrease of $18.00, which represents a sale of fixed assets.

The Deposit on Supplies represents a credit due from Addressograph-Multigraph Co. Accrued Wages represents services applicable to March 1956.

Allocation of expenses to the various departments were examined and found to be reasonable.

In our opinion, based on our examination and subject to the foregoing comments, the accompanying Balance Sheet and related Statement of Income and Expense present fairly, the financial position of the Committee on Christian Education, The Orthodox Presbyterian Church at March 31, 1956, and the results of its operation for the year then ended.

Respectfully submitted,

DEGEN, MESSER AND COMPANY
By: D. N. Messer
Certified Public Accountant

EXHIBIT A

BALANCE SHEET AS AT MARCH 31, 1956

ASSETS

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TWENTY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Deposit on Supplies 154.79
Total Assets $22,187.54

LIABILITIES AND NET WORTH

Current Liabilities:
- Account Payable – C. A. Edwards Jr., Inc. $ 6.00
- Accrued Wages Payable 139.00
- Accrued Withholding Tax Payable – Employees 143.40

Total Current Liabilities $ 288.40

Net Worth:
- Balance, April 1, 1955 $18,839.32
- Net Gain for the Year Ended March 31, 1956 3,059.82
- Balance, March 31, 1956 21,899.14

Total Liabilities and Net Worth $22,187.54

EXHIBIT B

STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENSES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 1956

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<td>Income from Sales (Exhibit B-1)</td>
<td>$12,276.78</td>
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<td>Cost of Goods Sold (Exhibit B-2)</td>
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<td>Net Loss on Gross Sales</td>
<td>($2,337.63)</td>
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<td>Selling Expenses (Exhibit B-3)</td>
<td>2,301.26</td>
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<td>Administrative Expenses (Exhibit B-3)</td>
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<td>Promotion and Advertising Expense (Exhibit B-4)</td>
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<td>Net Loss from Operations</td>
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<td>Loss due to Insolvent Customers</td>
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<td>Gain on Sale of Fixed Asset</td>
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<td>Contributions (Exhibit B-1)</td>
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<td>Net Increase in Net Worth</td>
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Exhibit B-1

INCOME FROM SALES FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 1956

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<td>Christian Baptism</td>
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### INCOME FROM CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 1956

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<td>Regular Contributions from Orthodox Presbyterian Churches</td>
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<td>Thank Offering Contributions</td>
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<td>Contributions from Other Sources</td>
<td>$861.93</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td><strong>$16,365.80</strong></td>
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### EXHIBIT B-2

**STATEMENT OF COST OF GOODS SOLD FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 1956**

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<td>Merchandise Inventory, April 1, 1955</td>
<td>$10,924.06</td>
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<tr>
<td>Purchases for Resale</td>
<td>$1,750.71</td>
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<tr>
<td>Less Goods taken from Stock for Advertising and Promotion</td>
<td>168.88</td>
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<td>1,581.83</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td><strong>$12,505.89</strong></td>
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**Cost of Goods Manufactured:**

**Raw Material:**

- Inventory, April 1, 1955: $795.11
- Purchases: $3,480.57
- Less Discounts Earned: 56.81
- Inventory, March 31, 1956: $4,218.87

**Manufacturing Supplies:**

- Inventory, April 1, 1955: $372.55
- Purchases: $1,245.76
- Inventory, March 31, 1956: $1,618.31

**Manufacturing Supplies Used: $1,235.64**

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<td>Writing Contracted</td>
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TWENTY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Printing Contracted 223.25
Rent and Utilities 870.00
Depreciation on Equipment 109.98
Maintenance of Equipment 135.05

Cost of Goods Manufactured $13,170.62

Goods Available for Sale $25,676.51
Merchandise Inventory, March 31, 1956 11,062.10

Cost of Goods Sold $14,614.41

EXHIBIT B-3
SELLING EXPENSES FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 1956

Shipping Supplies:
Inventory, April 1, 1955 $395.13
Purchases 211.92

$607.05

Inventory, March 31, 1956

Shipping Supplies Used $283.34
Shipping Wages 480.00
Postage 905.52
Insurance on Stock 110.40
Rent and Utilities 522.00
Total Selling Expenses $2,301.26

ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 1956

Office Supplies:
Inventory, April 1, 1955 $43.40
Purchases 107.91

$151.31

Inventory, March 31, 1956

Office Supplies Used $105.36
Salaries, General Secretary 1,312.50
Office Salaries:
Philadelphia office $638.00
Phillipburg office 1,200.00 1,838.00

Office Rent:
Philadelphia office $225.00
Phillipburg office 348.00 573.00

Telephone Expense:
Philadelphia office $61.89
Phillipburg office 89.08 150.97
The list of these accounts, which totals $1,058.89, has been omitted from this printed report. It is available, for examination, in its original form, at the Philadelphia office of the Committee.

On motion it was determined that the Report of the Treasurer of the Committee on Christian Education be not read, but that it be printed in the Minutes.

On motion the Committee on Christian Education was instructed to commence the preparation of material for Machen Leagues for the Junior, Intermediate, and Senior levels.

The Moderator appointed the following Committees:

Overtures and Communications: Messrs. Nicholas, Vining, Kuschke, Reitsma, and Durrenberger.


Travel Fund (Additional Member): Mr. Georgian.

The Assembly recessed at 5:46 o’clock after prayer by Mr. Dortzbach.

THURSDAY EVENING

The Assembly reconvened at 7:30 o’clock with prayer by Mr. Cummings.

On motion the Assembly requested the Committee on Christian Education to give consideration to the most effective means of educating the constituency of the United
On motion the Assembly determined to encourage the Committee on Christian Education to investigate the possibilities of denominational advertising.

The following were nominated to fill the vacancies on the Committee on Christian Education: Ministers—Clowney, DuMont, Eyres, Dunn, and Reitsma; Ruling Elders—Brown and Arthur Armour.

Ruling Elders Brown and Armour were declared elected to the Class of 1959 of the Committee on Christian Education.

A ballot was cast, and Messrs. Clowney, Eyres, and Reitsma were elected to the Class of 1959 of the Committee on Christian Education.

Dr. Stonehouse reported as Delegate to the 1956 Synod of the Christian Reformed Church as follows:

Your delegate to the 1956 Synod of the Christian Reformed Church received a hearty welcome and was given every courtesy. My attendance upon sessions of the Synod over a period of about ten days afforded many opportunities of Christian fellowship. Taking advantage of the opportunity of addressing the Synod I endeavored to make a plea for the cultivation of greater cooperation between our denominations and for a fuller recognition of the unity of the Church of Christ.

The 1956 Synod had an unusually heavy docket and was concerned with many momentous issues. Among the important decisions and actions were those concerned with the adoption of a revised Psalter-Hymnal, declarations on divorce and labor unions, the purchase of a large tract of land as a probable future campus, and the appointment of men to important posts in the Seminary. The decision which is of greatest interest and moment to our denomination, however, was in all probability the erection of a committee of four to confer with a committee which this Assembly is asked to appoint to confer with regard to our ecclesiastical relationships. No specific goal for such conferences was determined nor was any limit prescribed. Accordingly, one possibility is that the results might not go beyond better mutual understandings. The possibility seems also to be in view, however, that as the result of such conversations the two denominations might establish closer ecclesiastical fellowship and cooperation. And one cannot exclude the possibility that earnest consideration would be given to the question whether the Christian Reformed Church and the Orthodox Presbyterian Church should not seek to overcome such substantial differences as now prevail with a view to organic union. Your delegate trusts that he will not be thought to have been presumptuous in expressing his gratification with the decision to erect this committee and to make this overture to the Orthodox Presbyterian Church and his anticipation that it would meet with a favorable response in the present Assembly.

The report of the Committee on Home Missions and Church Extension was read by Dr. Stonehouse, President of the Committee, as follows:

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

During the past fiscal year the Committee engaged in missionary work in the following 19 fields:
The fields receiving support according to the Schedule of Aid were Baltimore, Crescent Park, Evergreen Park, Fair Lawn, Fall River, Hialeah, National City, Thornton, and Westchester. Of these, Crescent Park, Evergreen Park, Fair Lawn, National City, and Westchester are sharing in the support of the missionary. Fall River, in its first year, and Hialeah and Thornton, both as yet unorganized, receive full salary support. Baltimore received full salary support during the past year, but during the new year will assume the status of a church in its second year and share in the salary of the missionary.

Two fields, Bangor and Ludlow-Smyrna-Houlton, through special arrangements, have borne a larger share of the missionaries' salaries than required by the schedule of aid.

Salary aid of a special and temporary nature has been provided for Lincoln, Manoa, and Philadelphia (Gethsemane).

The church in Gresham has never been on the aid schedule, but we are encouraged by the fact that for the last several years they have added to their share of the missionary's salary.

At the end of the year, Grace Church of Fair Lawn was seeking a pastor due to Mr. Oliver's acceptance of a call from the Committee to serve as Associate Secretary.

In May, the group in Garden Grove was organized as a congregation by the Presbytery of California, and, in the fall, with aid from the Presbytery, they called a full-time pastor. Aid from the Committee was then discontinued, and Mr. Nicholas, the missionary, began to devote his full time to Whittier. In February, the Presbytery transferred Mr. Nicholas to assist the Manhattan Beach church in an attempt to establish a branch work in Palos Verdes and to work also in La Habra, to the east of Whittier. The Committee's salary commitments to Mr. Nicholas were substantially reduced by this change. The work in Whittier is at present under the jurisdiction of the session of Beverly Church, Los Angeles, the preaching is done by ministers of the Presbytery, and visitation work by members of the group and others as they are able. It is expected that during the year another missionary will be asked to serve there.

For a period of several months, the Committee explored the possibility of reinstituting work in Cincinnati, Ohio, through the Rev. P. B. Burleigh. However, both the Presbytery of Ohio and the Committee, as well as Mr. Burleigh himself, finally came to the conclusion that a work could not be established under the circumstances that existed, and Mr. Burleigh's work was terminated early in December.

The work in the Miami area (temporarily in Hialeah) was conducted by the Rev. Robert M. Lucas during the year on successive temporary appointments by the Committee. His appointment as of the beginning of the new fiscal year, however, has no terminal date and the Committee has extended a call to him.

Although the work in Thornton, Colorado, was not begun during the past year, it was during the year that it was put on a full-time basis. Shortly after Licentiate Laurence N. Vail had been graduated from seminary in the spring of 1955 he accepted a call from the Committee to serve in Thornton, and has been laboring there since that time.
In general, the Committee is gratified by the dedicated labors of the missionaries. It is expected that the Committee will be able to help increase their effectiveness through assistance that is now made possible through our obtaining an associate secretary.

NEW WORK

In addition to the new status of the Miami and Thornton fields, two new fields were added to our work during the past year.

Grace Church, of Fall River, where the Rev. G. I. Williamson is the pastor, was organized in November, 1955, by the Presbytery of New York and New England from persons who had left another denomination and sought admittance to our church. Salary aid from the Committee began as of December 1. This is our church’s first beachhead in the State of Massachusetts.

In Stratford, a fast-expanding community, the Crescent Park and West Collingswood churches took the initiative in establishing services. These churches through their pastors, the Rev. Messrs. Albert G. Edwards and Carl J. Reitsma, provide the preaching and also provide the Sunday school teachers. The Committee has paid for various supplies, is providing a seminary student for the summer, and has purchased a building lot in an excellent location. The Committee made the down payment on the lot and the chapel is to pay off the mortgage.

For the new year the Committee plans to support a missionary in four fields in addition to those now supported. These are Chula Vista, California, and Whittier, California, and Center Square, and Hatboro, Pennsylvania. The latter will not be an entirely new work, but will be an addition to the year-end budget. A church has already been organized in Hatboro through the efforts of our Glenside church and its pastor, the Rev. Robert L. Atwell. The Chula Vista work has been started and assisted by our National City church and its missionary pastor, the Rev. Edward L. Kellogg.

MISSIONARY CONFERENCE

A conference of our missionaries, for the purpose of conferring on common problems and work is being planned for the coming year. Such a conference has great possibilities for the improvement of our work.

EXTENSION WORK

Large opportunities have been entered in Florida’s Miami area and in Thornton, Colorado, a suburb of Denver. Other new opportunities are available to us in different areas of the country.

Due to lack of sufficient funds we have been unable to take the fullest advantage of the opportunities into which we have entered and have been unable even to enter others. It has become clear that just as it is necessary for an organized church to have a presentable church building, so is it a necessity for our home mission fields. In fact, it is even more necessary on the home mission fields where it is important to make the work known to as many people as possible as quickly as possible.

It is important to be able to purchase a future church site as soon as the decision is made to enter a field. Additional funds should be available within a year to erect a church building if it seems warranted. Our Contingent Fund has served somewhat this purpose but it is now much too small for our growing work and for the doors open before us. We must add large amounts to that fund if we are to grow as we can and should. We have learned also that in the final analysis missionary work that has the use of such funds is usually done more economically than without that advantage. It should be stated that such funds will be lent, rather than given, to the congregations, so that the money can be used over and over again.

At the present time there is an immediate need for $10,000 in Miami; $27-32,000 in Thornton; $11,000 in National City, and many more thousands in Bangor, Manoa, Whit-
We urge the pastors of our churches, when possible, to present this need to the congregations as well as to individuals that they may contribute for this cause and make bequests to the Committee in their wills.

**ASSOCIATE SECRETARY**

The Committee called the Rev. LeRoy B. Oliver to serve as Associate Secretary for the purpose of assisting in certain phases of the Committee's work. Mr. Oliver accepted the call and took up his labors on April 1, 1956. The functions which he is to perform in conjunction with the General Secretary are the oversight of home mission fields and church extension projects, promotion and administration of the work of the Committee, and contact with churches and individuals outside the denomination. The Committee is persuaded that the additional work made possible by the added services of Mr. Oliver, though entailing considerable initial expense, will not only make our church more widely known, but also will lead to wider support of our church's missionary work. It will also make possible closer supervision and greater coordination of our home missionary efforts.

**FINANCES**

General Fund expenditures during the past year were increased by $11,412 to $56,233, while contributions increased $7,586, to $55,815. In terms of percentage the increase in expenditures was approximately 25% and in contributions 15%. Due to receipts other than contributions the cash balance of the Committee's General Fund at the end of the year was slightly above that at the beginning of the year. Contributions to the General Fund were higher than ever received before for all purposes.

Contemplated expenditures for the new fiscal year are much more than in the past year, and only increased contributions will enable us to do the work set before us. We are both thankful and encouraged by the increase in contributions to the Committee during the past year. It should be noted, however, that some of the increase was made at the expense of the Committee on Foreign Missions by means of a slight adjustment of the apportionment of joint contributions. While contributions to the Committee increased by $7,500, contributions to the Committee on Foreign Missions decreased by $2,500. Yet, in spite of this, contributions to the Committee on Foreign Missions were about $6,000 greater than those to this Committee. We are grateful to the churches that permit us to make this division when they send us their contributions, for it enables us to make adjustments as the need arises. It is planned to maintain the present apportionment during the new fiscal year. Contributions to the two missions committees increased to $116,047.82 from $112,362.77 in the year before.

**HEADQUARTERS FUND**

As we have reported before, certain funds received from bequests have been set aside by the Committee for the acquisition of a property that could be used as church headquarters. As our work has increased, the need for office space has also increased and the advantages of a headquarters property become more obvious. No suitable property has yet been found available. Meanwhile, the funds have been invested with a view to growth of the principal. A bequest of $1,000 from the estate of Mrs. George D. Ferguson, of the Kirkwood Church, was received during the year and added to this fund.

**BUDGET**

The budget adopted by the Committee represents an increase of $10,595 from the General Fund, and of $43,645 from the Contingent Fund, and is as follows:

**GENERAL FUND**

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TWENTY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Office and Administrative .................................................. 7,174
Promotion ............................................................................. 2,150
Miscellaneous ...................................................................... 1,431

$66,828

CONTINGENT FUND

Miami ....................................................................................... $10,000
National City .......................................................................... 11,000
Thornton .................................................................................. 27,800 48,800

$115,628

ELECTIONS

The terms of the following members of the Committee expire at this Assembly:
Ministers: Robert K. Churchill, Everett C. DeVelde, Robert S. Marsden
Ruling Elders: Cyrus B. Ferguson, Wilfred R. Moses.
Ruling Elder Justus L. Bryan, of the Class of 1957, resigned from the Committee during the year.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER

The report of the Treasurer, as audited by Main and Company, Certified Public Accountants, is as follows:

April 17, 1956

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, 1956, and submit herewith the following statements:

Schedule A—Balance Sheet of Funds, March 31, 1956
Schedule B—Statement of Recorded Cash Receipts and Disbursements, for the Year Ended March 31, 1956

Our examination, while sufficient in scope to prepare these statements, consisted of the following procedures:

(1) An examination was made of cancelled checks for a representative portion of the year ended March 31, 1956 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.

(2) Recorded receipts were reconciled in total to the deposits listed on the bank statements for the year. Duplicate copies 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, 1956 and the latter balance was confirmed by direct correspondence 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 the property purchased in Hialeah, Florida. We examined notes for all loans receivable, but we did not confirm them in any other way.
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 representatives during the course of the examination.

Respectfully submitted,

MAIN AND COMPANY
Certified Public Accountants

COMMENTS

NOTES AND LOANS RECEIVABLE

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

Contingent fund
Franklin Square Orthodox Presbyterian Church $3,500.00
Calvary Orthodox Presbyterian Church, Glenside, Pennsylvania 3,400.00
Greyfriars Orthodox Presbyterian Church, Los Angeles, California 2,475.00
Immanuel Orthodox Presbyterian Church, Crescent Park, New Jersey 2,100.00
Grace Orthodox Presbyterian Church, Fall River, Massachusetts 2,000.00
Westminster Orthodox Presbyterian Church, Westchester, Illinois 1,885.47
Grace Orthodox Presbyterian Church, Fair Lawn, New Jersey 1,500.00
Park Hill Orthodox Presbyterian Church, Denver, Colorado 1,000.00
Fort Lauderdale Orthodox Presbyterian Church, Fort Lauderdale, Florida 1,000.00

Total 18,860.47

General fund
Rev. Henry D. Phillips 775.00

Note receivable from designated church
The loan to Covenant Church of Berkeley, California in the amount of $1,500.00, was made out of funds advanced by Miss Marguerite Montgomery and all collections on this loan are to be returned to Miss Montgomery.

INVESTMENTS

Securities
The following securities were owned by the Committee at March 31, 1956:

Contingent fund—Cincinnati
121 shares — American Natural Gas Co. $5,128.88
74 shares — American Telephone & Telegraph Co. 11,833.40
140 shares — Duquesne Light Co. 4,276.89
108 shares — Philadelphia Electric Co. 3,528.13
300 shares — Standard Oil Co. of New Jersey* 7,229.89
$10,000 — U. S. Treasury 2%, 9-15-72—67 9,681.25

Total 41,678.44

Contingent fund—Headquarters
$5,000.00 — Union Oil Co. of California, 3% convertible debenture (subordinated) 3-1-75 $5,393.28
Thirty-six shares — Minneapolis-Honeywell Regulator Co. 3.30% convertible preference $4,252.86

Total $9,646.14

* Received 200 shares in March, 1956 on a 3 for 1 split.

Real Estate
This asset consists of the properties listed below by funds:

General fund
Manse—Fair Lawn, New Jersey $8,667.05
One-half interest in manse of General Secretary in Abington Township, Pennsylvania 8,095.13
Lots—Westchester, Illinois 5,000.00
Manse for Associate Secretary, Abington Township, Pennsylvania 14,923.55

Total $36,685.73

Contingent fund
Lot—Fair Lawn, New Jersey 1,000.00
Lot and chapel—Evergreen Park, Illinois 3,467.87
Lot and manse—Westchester, Illinois 19,436.80
St. Andrew’s Orthodox Presbyterian Church, Baltimore, Maryland 35,295.40
Lot—Hialeah, Florida 3,600.00
Manse—Thornton, Colorado 11,834.22
Lot—Stratford, New Jersey 3,132.25
Church—Smyrna, Maine 200.00
Deposit on purchase of lot in Thornton, Colorado 1,000.00

Total $78,966.54

CHURCH FUNDS HELD IN TRUST
These funds, totaling $3,000.00, are held in trust for the dissolved Grace Orthodox Presbyterian 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
Manse—Abington Township, Pennsylvania—
   General Secretary 1-29-71 $3,733.16
Manse—Fair Lawn, New Jersey 9-1-63 3,618.75
Manse—Abington Township, Pennsylvania—
   Associate Secretary 4-13-71 10,000.00

Total $17,351.91

Contingent fund
St. Andrew’s Orthodox Presbyterian Church,
   Baltimore, Maryland 10-1-73 $22,900.00
Manse—Thornton, Colorado 12-1-84 10,012.92
### Twenty-third General Assembly

Manse—Westchester, Illinois 1-22-63 8,666.97  
Lot—Stratford, New Jersey 4-14-60 2,500.00  
Total $44,079.89

### Schedule A

**Balance Sheet of Funds — March 31, 1956**

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**Liabilities and Reserves**

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<td>Mortgages payable</td>
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<td>115,175.11</td>
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<td>$61,952.54</td>
<td>$159,255.00</td>
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**Notes:**  
*This note is payable only out of collections made on “Note receivable from designated church.”*  
( ) Denotes red figure.  
Subject to accompanying comment.

### Schedule B

**Statement of Recorded Cash Receipts and Disbursements**  
**For the Year Ended March 31, 1956**

<table>
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<th>BALANCE, April 1, 1955</th>
<th>General Fund</th>
<th>Contingent Fund</th>
<th>General Assembly Fund</th>
<th>Committee on Constitution</th>
<th>Travel</th>
<th>Intermediary funds</th>
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<td>$10,126.53</td>
<td>11,527.90</td>
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<td>201.45</td>
<td>925.33</td>
<td>(.21) $22,569.67</td>
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## GENERAL FUND

### RECEIPTS

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<td>General</td>
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<td>Support of designated missionaries</td>
<td>750.68</td>
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<tr>
<td>Interest on savings account</td>
<td>75.84</td>
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<tr>
<td>Miscellaneous</td>
<td>80.84</td>
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<td>Proceeds from redemption of General Motors Acceptance Corporation</td>
<td>22,000.00</td>
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<td>Proceeds from note receivable</td>
<td>775.00</td>
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<td>Interest on savings account</td>
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<td>Total receipts</td>
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### DISBURSEMENTS

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<td>Paid from designated contributions</td>
<td>750.68</td>
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<td>Office and administrative expenses</td>
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<td>Salary—General Secretary</td>
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<td>Salary—office</td>
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<td>Postage and office supplies</td>
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<td>Taxes, repairs, interest, etc. on Associate Secretary’s manse</td>
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<td>Rent</td>
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<td>Taxes, repairs, interest, etc. on General Secretary’s manse</td>
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<td>Telephone and telegraph</td>
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<td>Delaware office</td>
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<td>Expenses of church property owned</td>
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<td>Interest paid on mortgage liability</td>
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<td>Thornton, Colorado</td>
<td>188.55</td>
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<tr>
<td>Fair Lawn, N. J.</td>
<td>192.51</td>
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<td>Westchester, Ill.</td>
<td>402.23</td>
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<td>Travel—General Secretary</td>
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<td>Summer workers</td>
<td>2,681.91</td>
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<td>Moving expense and misc.</td>
<td>2,174.86</td>
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<td>Promotion expenses</td>
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<td>“Messenger” expenses</td>
<td>811.34</td>
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Travel of General Secretary 253.23
Other promotion expenses 867.20 1,931.77

Purchase of $11,000.00 General Motors Acceptance Corporation note (cost) 10,948.44
Down payment on Associate Secretary's manse, Abington Township, Pa. 4,923.55
Reduction of mortgage balances payable:
  Westchester, Ill. 497.77
  Fair Lawn, N. J. 430.38
  Thornton, Colorado 71.30
  Ardsley, Pa. 173.21 1,172.66
Total disbursements $67,181.62

Net increase in general fund cash $11,565.51

## CONTINGENT FUND

### RECEIPTS

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<td>Proceeds from notes and loans receivable</td>
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<td>Greyfriars Orthodox Presbyterian Church, Los Angeles, California</td>
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<td>Rev. Zetterholm</td>
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<td>Franklin Square Orthodox Presbyterian Church, Franklin Square, N. Y.</td>
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<td>Calvary Orthodox Presbyterian Church, Glenside, Pennsylvania</td>
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<tr>
<td>Totals</td>
<td>$ 8,715.00</td>
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Interest and dividends 2,856.62
Proceeds on sale of securities 10,592.50
Refund of down payment on property in Cheltenham Township 1,500.00
Principal and interest payments on mortgage from St. Andrew's Orthodox Presbyterian Church, 2,160.00
TWENTY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Baltimore, Maryland (Principal) $ 2,100.00 (Interest) 1,999.00 $ 4,099.00

Total receipts $30,412.15

DISBURSEMENTS
Purchased various securities (cost) $10,664.64
Additional costs in connection with house in Westchester, Illinois 171.88
Down payment on manse in Thornton, Colorado 1,750.00
Down payment on lot in Stratford, N. J. 632.25
Down payment on lot in Thornton, Colorado 1,000.00
Purchase church in Smyrna, Maine 200.00
Loan to Franklin Square Orthodox Presbyterian Church 7,500.00
Loan to Grace Orthodox Presbyterian Church, Fall River, Mass. 2,000.00
Prepaid on mortgage in connection with Baltimore Church (Principal) $ 2,100.00 (Interest) 1,999.00 4,099.00
Cincinnati church expense 3,818.87

Total disbursements 31,836.64

Net (decrease) in Contingent fund cash $(1,424.49)

DESIGNATED LOANS TO CHURCH (AGENCY ACCOUNT)
Receipts
Interest from Covenant Orthodox Presbyterian Church, Berkeley, California $ 60.00

Disbursements
Payments to principal by this agency 60.00

GENERAL ASSEMBLY FUND
Receipts $ 1,390.44
Disbursements 1,172.37

Net increase in General Assembly Fund cash $ 218.07

GENERAL ASSEMBLY – COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION
Receipts $ 6.35

Net increase in General Assembly – Committee on Constitution cash $ 6.35

GENERAL ASSEMBLY – HYMNALS
Receipts $ 515.10

Net increase in General Assembly – Hymnals cash $ 515.10
GENERAL ASSEMBLY – TRAVEL

Receipts .......................................................... 1,522.97
Disbursements .................................................. 1,800.40

Net (decrease) in General Assembly—Travel cash ( 277.43)

INTERMEDIARY FUNDS

Receipts .......................................................... $16,345.98
Disbursements .................................................. 16,423.54

Net (decrease) in Intermediary funds cash $ (77.56)

BALANCE, March 31, 1956 ........................................ $33,095.22

ACCOUNTED FOR AS FOLLOWS:

General Fund .................................................. $21,692.04
Contingent Fund ................................................ 10,103.41
General Assembly
General Assembly Fund ......................................... $ 6.74
Committee on Constitution ................................... 207.80
Hymnals ........................................................... 515.10
Travel ............................................................... 647.90

Intermediary funds ............................................. (77.77)

REPRESENTED BY:

Cash in Provident Trust Company ............................ $12,477.72
Cash with DeHaven & Townsend, Crouter & Bodine ........ 10,592.50
Cash in Liberty Federal Savings and Loan Association .... 10,000.00
Petty cash .......................................................... 25.00

$33,095.22

NOTES:—( ) Denotes red figures.
    Subject to accompanying comment.

On motion it was determined that the report of the Treasurer of the Committee on Home Missions and Church Extension be not read, but that it be printed in the Minutes.

The following were nominated to fill the vacancies on the Committee on Home Missions and Church Extension: Ministers—Marsden, Thoburn, Churchill, DeVelde, Freeman, Verhage, and Graham; Ruling Elders—Hugh Whitted, Cyrus Ferguson, Wilfred Moses, and William Gooch.

On motion Mr. Verhage's request that his name be withdrawn from nomination was granted.

A ballot was cast.

The report of the Committee on Correspondence with Other Churches was presented by Dr. Stonehouse, as follows:

During the past year the only matters that came before the Committee on Correspondence concerned our relationships with the Christian Reformed Church.

Pursuant to the authorization of the 1955 Assembly the Committee appointed the Rev. Ned B. Stonehouse as fraternal delegate to the 1956 Synod of the Christian Reformed Church.
Taking account of the evident interest of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church to maintain the best possible relations with the Christian Reformed Church, and observing that questions concerning the attitude of our Church toward certain doctrines and practices were rather widely under discussion, your Committee arranged to have each minister of the Christian Reformed Church provided with a copy of the two pamphlets on *The Free Offer of the Gospel* and *Christ or the Lodge*.

It was moved that, with respect to the action of the 1956 Synod of the Christian Reformed Church regarding relationship with the Orthodox Presbyterian Church, and its decision to erect a committee to confer with one that the Orthodox Presbyterian Church might, in response, choose to erect, this Assembly express its cordial appreciation of this action and decision, and determine to erect a committee of four which shall be authorized to establish contact and to confer with the Christian Reformed committee and to report regularly to succeeding general assemblies concerning the progress of the conversations.

It was moved as an amendment that the words "report to the Twenty-fourth General Assembly" be substituted for the words "to report regularly to succeeding general assemblies."

The Assembly recessed at 10:00 o'clock after prayer by Mr. Voorhees.

FRIDAY MORNING, JULY 27

Following a devotional service led by Mr. Stanton, the Assembly reconvened at 8:30 o'clock with prayer by Mr. Snyder.

The Minutes of July 26 were read and approved as corrected.

The tellers reported the election of the following to the Committee on Home Missions and Church Extension: Ministers—Marsden, Churchill, and DeVelde to the Class of 1959, and Ruling Elders—Ferguson and Moses to the Class of 1959, and Gooch to the Class of 1957.

The amendment before the Assembly was lost. The motion before the Assembly was adopted.

The following were nominated to the Committee to Confer with the Christian Reformed Church: Messrs. Stonehouse, Van Til, Commeret, Murray, W. Young, Atwell, Marsden, Sloat, Galbraith, Clelland, Woolley, Eckardt, and Roeber.

A ballot was cast.

The Moderator ruled that if there be no election on this ballot the names of the two receiving the lowest number of votes are to be dropped.

On motion the Committee on Correspondence with Other Churches was continued.

The tellers reported the election of Messrs. Stonehouse and Murray to the Committee to Confer with the Christian Reformed Church.

A second ballot was cast.

The Moderator ruled that if there be no election on this ballot the names of the two receiving the lowest number of votes are to be dropped.

On motion the Rev. John Zwaanstra, fraternal delegate of the Synod of the Christian Reformed Church was invited to sit as a Corresponding Member of the Assembly.

On amended motion the Committee on Correspondence with Other Churches was instructed to give consideration to the Reformed churches throughout the world with which the Orthodox Presbyterian Church might seek correspondence, and to report on this matter to the Twenty-fourth General Assembly.

On separate motions Messrs. Clowney and Black were excused from attendance at the sessions of the Assembly on July 26th.
The Rev. John Zwaanstra, fraternal delegate of the Christian Reformed Church was introduced to the Assembly by Mr. Wybenga, and was welcomed by the Moderator. Mr. Zwaanstra addressed the Assembly. Mr. Churchill responded for the Assembly.

The tellers reported no election to the Committee to Confer with the Christian Reformed Church, on the second ballot.

A third ballot was cast.

The Moderator ruled that if there be no election on this ballot the names of the two receiving the lowest number of votes are to be dropped.

A report of the Committee on Overtures and Communications was presented by Mr. Nicholas, as follows:

Communication No. 1 was referred to the Moderator of the Twenty-second Assembly.

The letters from other churches and from the Japan Mission, represented in Communications No. 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7, will be acknowledged by the Clerk of the Assembly.

In regard to Communication No. 4 (in re scouting movement), the Committee recommends the adoption of the following resolution:

That the Assembly regrets that no report was presented to the Twenty-third Assembly and continues the Committee with a direction to present a report to the Twenty-fourth Assembly.

On amended motion it was determined to dismiss the Committee to Study the Scouting Movement, and to elect a new committee of three members.

The tellers reported the election of Mr. Roeber to the Committee to Confer with the Christian Reformed Church.

A fourth ballot was cast.

The following were nominated to the Committee to Study the Scouting Movement: Messrs. Tavares, Moore, Kuschke, Willis, Ellis, B. Coie, Nonhof, and L. Oliver.

The tellers reported no election to the Committee to Confer with the Christian Reformed Church, on the fourth ballot.

A fifth ballot was cast.

A ballot was cast for the election of members of the Committee to Study the Scouting Movement.

The Moderator ruled that if there be no election on this ballot the names of the two receiving the lowest number of votes are to be dropped.

On motion Mr. Zwaanstra was requested to read to the Assembly the action of the Synod of the Christian Reformed Church relative to the setting up of a Committee to confer with a similar committee of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church.

The tellers reported the election of Mr. Atwell to the Committee to Confer with the Christian Reformed Church. Those elected are as follows: Stonehouse, Murray, Roeber, and Atwell.

The report of the Committee on Foreign Missions was presented by Mr. Vining, President of the Committee, as follows:

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

The following persons were on the foreign missionary roll of our church at the end of the fiscal year:
Eritrea
The Rev. and Mrs. Herbert S. Bird
Miss Dorothy M. Diedrich, R. N.
The Rev. and Mrs. Clarence W. Duff
The Rev. and Mrs. Francis E. Mahaffy

Formosa
The Rev. Egbert W. Andrews
The Rev. and Mrs. Richard B. Gaffin
The Rev. John D. Johnston

Japan
The Rev. R. Heber McIlwaine
The Rev. and Mrs. George Y. Uomoto

Korea
The Rev. and Mrs. Theodore Hard
The Rev. and Mrs. Bruce F. Hunt

The Rev. and Mrs. Francis E. Mahaffy returned to the Eritrea field in the summer of 1955 after regular furlough.

The Rev. Egbert W. Andrews, whose last term on the field was longer than the normal five years, has been on furlough from Formosa since late June, 1955, and is due to return to the field immediately after this General Assembly.

The Rev. and Mrs. Clarence W. Duff left the Eritrea field in late April on regular furlough.

The furlough schedule for the year 1957-58 has been amended, and the Birds are due home from Eritrea, as well as the Hunts from Korea and the Uomotos from Japan.

NEW MISSIONARIES

Miss Diedrich was appointed in June, 1955, for service as a nurse in Eritrea. The appointment was made with the understanding that her departure for the field would be postponed until there should be reasonable hope that funds for her support would be available. Meanwhile, she was betrothed to a student in his mid-term year at Westminster Theological Seminary, who plans to apply for missionary service after his graduation. The Committee, therefore, judged that she should not be sent to the field at present. She has been retained on the roll of missionaries, without salary.

Also during the year the Committee called Licentiate A. Boyce Spooner for service in Korea. Arrangements are being made to send him, together with his wife and two of his three children, to the field before fall. With the Spooners’ going to Korea, our Japan field is the only one in which the minimum number of missionaries set by the Committee for each field has not yet been reached.

There are three couples and three single persons who have made definite expression of their desire to go to foreign fields for our church — one couple to Japan, one couple and two single persons to Eritrea (one of these is Miss Diedrich’s fiance), one couple to Formosa, and a single person to Korea. One would be willing to go immediately, three within another year, and two probably within two years. These young people present a challenge to our church. Assistance is being sought outside our church, but the responsibility is ours and it is incumbent upon each pastor and session so to present the missionary challenge to our own people that they may see the need and by God’s grace rise to meet it.

REPORTS ON EACH FIELD

Following are brief reports on each of the fields in which we work.

ERITREA

The work of the mission may be subsumed under three heads — evangelistic, literary, and medical. All the members of the mission — Birds, Duffs, and Mahaffys — have engaged in the former two, and only the Duffs in the last.
1. Evangelistic work.
Inasmuch as there is not yet a strong nucleus of believers among the Eritrean nationals, the major part of the evangelistic work has been done by the missionaries themselves. This has taken the form of regular preaching, with an evangelistic emphasis, in the Ghinda area in the lowlands, and in the Senafe-Adi Caieh region in the highlands; the showing of Bible film strips in public places; Bible teaching to groups of interested nationals; and witnessing to individuals. As opportunity has afforded, trips have been made to villages in outlying regions and to the coastal areas in and around Ifafalo. In general, a friendly hearing has been accorded the preaching of the Word, and not infrequently there have been discussions of the various distinctive evangelical doctrines. The Mission cannot report any expressions of profound interest on the part of the hearers, but is of the opinion that in certain cases there is a clearer grasp of the evangelical truths, and trusts that in due time the hearing will be mixed with faith.

The literary work is aimed at supplementing the evangelistic work and serving the further goal of establishing a Reformed church in Eritrea. In addition to the work of reducing Saho to writing, the following literature has thus far been produced:

a. Evangelistic — *Noah, Believe and Live* (Tigrinya and Amharic); *Four Things God Wants You to Know, Come, Learn* (Tigrinya).

b. Doctrinal — *Catechism for Young Children, Sabbath* (Tigrinya and Amharic).

c. Polemic — *What are the Seventh Day Adventists?* (Tigrinya and Amharic).

d. Materials for literacy instruction — *Saho Primer*.

e. Biblical Story — *Joseph* (Saho).

The Mission feels that this work is not only of value in the prosecution of its own program, but as a means of assisting other missions and native believers not connected with its own work. Quantities of tracts and booklets have been sold to such groups as the American Mission (United Presbyterian), the Sudan Interior Mission, the Swedish Mission (Lutheran). This is one means of extending our testimony among other groups. Literary work is for the purpose of enabling the nationals to read such scriptural materials as exist or are forthcoming in their languages.

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3. Medical work.
The medical work has been confined to the Ghinda station in the care of the Rev. and Mrs. Clarence W. Duff. During the year 8,772 treatments were given. A small charge was made for the treatments where possible, but they were given free where necessary. The work was of no expense to the church since a little more was received for medicines and treatments than was spent. It is the hope that trained medical workers may soon go to the field. For at least a part of the new year a nurse has been borrowed from another mission to provide medical care at the Ghinda clinic.

**Formosa**
The work of the Formosa mission has been primarily that of evangelism, although considerable work has been done in establishing and maintaining contact with the Presbyterian Church of Formosa. Since November, 1953, Reformed worship services have been conducted each Sunday in Taipei under the auspices of the Reformed Fellowship. These services, started by our missionaries, are a step toward the establishment of a Reformed church on the island, in that they have as their doctrinal basis the Westminster Confession of Faith and Catechisms.
Mr. Johnston has continued his study of the national language, Mandarin. He also taught a class in the Epistle to the Romans at the Taipei Theological College, and English four hours a week for one term in the Tamkang English College, both in Taipei. He has held various Bible classes, and with Mr. Andrews away on furlough has led in the work of the Reformed Fellowship, which now has an attendance of approximately 50, mostly people from the Chinese mainland. Mr. Johnston has also worked among the Hakka people, who are also originally from the mainland and who are centered about 50 miles south of Taipei. There are approximately half a million of these people, and Mr. Johnston may possibly work among them permanently.

Mr. Gaffin has been working in the environs of Taichung. He has preached in various places and has established a bookroom in the city. There he provides reading material to be either read on the premises or purchased. This has proved to be an effective means of acquainting many people with the gospel and there appears to be visible fruit from it.

In addition to a need for more missionaries the two greatest needs are for qualified Chinese workers and for Reformed literature. In the latter category, some translation work has been done by the Reformation Translation Fellowship, and some has been sponsored by our mission. Among the translated works are the long tracts Do You Believe? by Edward J. Young, Ph.D., and Are You a Christian? by Lawrence R. Eyres. Three thousand copies of the former have been printed recently, and 2,000 of the latter. It is planned that a reprint of Christianity and Liberalism will be made soon.

During the year the Committee was asked to consider the purchase of property for the Reformed Fellowship group, but refrained from doing so because it would not be in harmony with our aim of seeking to foster a spirit of indigeneity among the converts on our mission fields.

JAPAN

The Japan Mission has continued its work in the area of the Eastern Presbytery of the Reformed Church in Japan. The mission and the church have been of mutual help. Mr. McIlwaine has been preaching at certain times in the church at Watari, where he lives, during the absence of the pastor who is studying at Westminster Seminary. He also preaches in outlying villages and continues to work among the patients of a tuberculosis sanatorium.

The Committee borrowed funds for the building of a house in East Sendai for the Uomotos, and they moved there in December. Their work there is now well under way, with Sunday school and preaching services being held in their home.

The following statement has been drawn up jointly by the mission and the Reformed Church in Japan in order to clarify the relationship of the two bodies, and it has been approved by the Committee:

1. The policy of the mission is to open and conduct work with the purpose of building up and establishing self-supporting congregations of the Reformed Church in Japan (RCJ). It is not the policy of the mission to establish a new denomination in Japan, but to cooperate with the RCJ.

2. The mission will use the name of the RCJ for its meeting places insofar as it is mutually agreeable. When the mission is able to meet the requirements for registration as a religious body, and hold property in its name, it may be necessary to conduct a certain amount of work under its own name.

3. Such work shall have a direct relationship either to a presbytery or particular congregation of the RCJ in the sense that consultation may be carried on as needed, and assistance be secured; e.g., in the matter of securing personnel to help carry on the work. Reports on the work conducted may be made to these bodies if they so request.

4. When the responsibility for carrying on the work rests with the mission, the final decision rests with the mission.
5. As a general policy in determining new fields of labor, the session of the nearest RCJ congregation, or members of the presbytery concerned will be consulted, but the final choice lies with the mission.

6. The mission reserves the right to protest any un-Reformed beliefs or practices on the part of any minister, congregation, presbytery, and also of the synod; and, if necessary, to terminate cooperative relations with such. But this will be done only after due consultation and deliberations, and where efforts to have the matter rectified have failed.

7. The mission will seek to utilize, as far as possible, those who are members of the RCJ as evangelists and spiritual leaders, but when they are unavailable, or it is found to be inadvisable to use them, the mission will consult the members of the presbytery concerned about the selection of others. As a general policy the mission considers it preferable to employ licentiates or other qualified persons, rather than ordained men.

KOREA

The work of our church in Korea is classified by the mission under five heads: evangelistic, educational, literary, relief, and medical.

Evangelistic —
This is performed by wide itineration by Mr. Hunt (Mr. Hard is still engaged in language study), street meetings, young people's meetings, and ministering to Americans who are stationed in Korea. This latter work is the way in which Mr. Spooner, soon to go to Korea as our newest missionary there, came to enter our church.

Educational —
The missionaries have taught in the Korea Theological Seminary, the college or preparatory department of the Seminary now Calvin College, the Higher Bible Institute, and Peace (Christian) High School. It is to be noted with gratitude that there are also at least three Christian grammar schools carried on by members of the General Presbytery Presbyterian Church, thus providing Christian training from grammar school through college and seminary.

Literary —
During the past year the Korean church has been responsible for the publication of several commentaries, a large concordance, a weekly newspaper, a theological journal, and a Sunday school teacher's quarterly. Mr. Hard has provided much help in the Seminary library and has acted as agent, without charge, for the purchase of many theological books from abroad.

Relief —
With existing conditions in Korea, relief work is a necessary part of the mission's work, though as much as possible of the contributions received from America are distributed through the presbyteries and other church organizations. There are 20 orphanages caring for 1550 children, 21 leper colonies, 3 old people's homes, and a home for disabled war veterans, operated by the Church and aided in a small way by our mission.

Medical —
Although the mission does not do direct medical work, the missionaries help with the work of the Gospel Hospital as they are able. They were able to be of tremendous help in acting in a liaison capacity during the construction of the hospital through American government resources.

SOCIAL SECURITY
Most of the missionaries have elected Social Security coverage under the federal Old-Age and Survivors Insurance in accordance with the Committee's offer to pay to the missionaries half of the annual tax. One missionary questioned the propriety of the Social Security plan as well as of ministers' relating themselves to it. The Committee prepared a brief defense of its position and distributed it to all the missionaries.
Finances

Contributions during the year were $60,232.37, which was approximately $4,000 less than in the previous year. This decrease was due to two factors: in the previous year there had been a special drive for the purchase of a house in Korea, which netted nearly $5,000, and there was a reapportionment of undesignated contributions to the two missions committees. This reapportionment was necessary in order to keep a proper balance between our home and foreign missionary work. Contributions to the two committees together increased from $112,362.77 last year to $116,047.82 this year.

Headquarters

As we have reported before, certain funds received from bequests have been set aside by the Committee for the acquisition of a property that could be used as church headquarters. As our work has increased, the need for office space has also increased, and the advantages of a headquarters property constantly become more obvious. No suitable property has yet been found available. Meanwhile, the funds have been invested with a view to growth of the principal. A bequest of $1,000 from the estate of Mrs. George D. Ferguson, of the Kirkwood Church, was received during the year and added to this fund.

Budget

The budget adopted by the Committee represents an increase of over $10,000 in planned expenditures, including provision for an additional missionary family. This increase may seem large, but it represents only about $3 per family for the entire year. The Committee is confident that the church can meet this challenge through its regular offerings. The budget is as follows:

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<tr>
<td>Missionary Expense</td>
<td>$48,875</td>
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<td>7,995</td>
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<td>Office and Administrative</td>
<td>7,806</td>
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<td>2,550</td>
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<td>1,030</td>
<td>881</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td>$68,256</td>
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Elections to the Committee

The terms of the following members expire at this assembly:

Ministers—John P. Clelland, Albert G. Edwards, III, John Murray
Ruling Elders—Thomas Jorgenson, Lewis W. Roberts.

Report of the Treasurer

The report of the Treasurer, as audited by Main and Company, Certified Public Accountants, is as follows:

April 17, 1955

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, 1956, and submit herewith the following statements:

Schedule A—Balance Sheet of Funds, March 31, 1956
Schedule B—Statement of Recorded Cash Receipts and Disbursements, for the Year Ended March 31, 1956

Our examination, while sufficient in scope to prepare these statements, consisted of the following procedures:
(1) An examination was made of cancelled checks for a representative portion of the year ended March 31, 1956 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.

(2) Recorded receipts were reconciled in total to the deposits listed on the bank statements for the year. Duplicate copies of receipts issued for contributions were traced to the cash receipts records for a portion of the year.

(3) The recorded cash balance on deposit was reconciled to the bank balance as of March 31, 1956, and the latter balance was confirmed by direct correspondence with the depository.

(4) We examined documents evidencing ownership of all investments except Rev. Uomoto's house in Sendai, Japan and the Park house in Korea. In addition, we examined the note supporting the note receivable.

(5) 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 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 representatives during the course of the examination.

Respectfully submitted,

MAIN AND COMPANY
Certified Public Accountants

SCHEDULE A
BALANCE SHEET OF FUNDS
March 31, 1956

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<th>Assets</th>
<th>General</th>
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<td>$12,845.32</td>
<td>$ (479.03)</td>
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<td>Notes receivable</td>
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<td>Investments — at cost</td>
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<td>$5,000.00 W. R. Grace &amp; Co. convertible subordinated debentures, 3½%, 5-15-75</td>
<td>5,522.38</td>
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<td>40 shares Minneapolis-Honeywell Regulator Co., 3.30%, convertible preference stock</td>
<td>4,567.65</td>
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<td>45 shares United Carbon Co., common stock*</td>
<td>965.63</td>
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Property owned
One-half interest in house of General Secretary in Abington Township, Pennsylvania | 8,095.13 | 8,095.13 |
| Sendai, Japan, Uomoto house | 6,468.90 | 6,468.90 |
| Ghinda, Eritrea | 5,223.62 | 5,223.62 |
| Pusan, Korea, Hard house | 5,000.00 | 5,000.00 |
| Pusan, Korea, Park House | 4,400.00 | 4,400.00 |
| Pusan, Korea, Hunt house | 955.00 | 955.00 |
| Total assets | $44,153.60 | $9,611.00 | $53,764.60 |
Notes payable ............................................ $7,720.00 $7,720.00
Intermediary funds ...................................... 552.00 552.00
Mortgage payable — one-half of balance of
mortgage on house of General Secretary .......... 3,733.12 3,733.12
Reserve accounts ........................................ 32,148.48 9,611.00 41,759.48

Total liabilities and reserves ......................... $44,153.60 $9,611.00 $53,764.60

Notes:—*This stock was received as a gift and is being carried at its market value on the
date received, October 25, 1937. Only 15 shares were received at that time.
The additional 30 shares have been received as the result of two stock splits.

( ) Denotes red figure.

Subject to accompanying certificate.

SCHEDULE B
STATEMENT OF RECORDED CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 1956

BALANCE, APRIL 1, 1955
General fund ............................................... $9,148.07
Reserve fund .............................................. 7,078.00
Intermediary funds ..................................... 887.95
Reformed Literature fund ............................... 21.01 $17,135.03

GENERAL FUND

Receipts
Contributions
General .................................................... $52,831.07
Support of designated missionaries .......... 7,401.30 60,232.37

Dividends ................................................. 85.50
Proceeds from notes payable .................. 8,500.00
Proceeds from notes receivable ............ 310.00

Total receipts ............................................ $69,127.87

Disbursements
Missionary expenses
Salaries ................................................... $23,213.99
Child allowance ........................................ 8,420.00
Travel—to and from field ....................... 3,321.99
Travel—on field ....................................... 3,094.02
Housing—rent .......................................... 2,535.47
Housing—repairs, taxes, etc. ................. 1,838.96
Dental and medical care ......................... 1,681.88
Vacation expense ...................................... 1,047.03
Miscellaneous .......................................... 1,005.24
Equipment and supplies ......................... 710.17
Language study ......................................... 540.99
$47,409.74

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<td>Office and administrative expenses</td>
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<td>1,621.89</td>
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<td>Construction of Uomoto house, Sendai, Japan</td>
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<td>Reduction of mortgage payable on General Secretary’s manse</td>
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<td>Principal payments on notes</td>
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<td>Total disbursements</td>
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**RESERVE FUND**

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REPRESENTED BY:
Cash in First Pennsylvania Banking and Trust Co. $12,366.29

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Subject to accompanying certificate.

On motion it was determined that the report of the Treasurer of the Committee on Foreign Missions be not read, but that it be printed in the Minutes.

The tellers reported the election of Messrs. Kuschke and Tavares to the Committee to Study the Scouting Movement.

On separate motions Mr. Oliver’s and Mr. Coie’s requests that their names be withdrawn from nomination to the Committee to Study the Scouting Movement were granted. On motion nominations to the Committee to Study the Scouting Movement were re-opened.

Mr. Snyder was nominated. Nominations were again closed.

A ballot was cast, and the tellers reported the election of Mr. Ellis to this Committee. Those elected are as follows: Kuschke, Tavares, and Ellis.

The Assembly recessed at 11:45 o’clock, after prayer by Mr. Duff.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON

The Assembly reconvened at 1:15 o’clock after prayer by Mr. Clelland.

Mr. E. L. Wade was granted the floor for a point of personal privilege.

On motion the Assembly declared to the Presbytery of California that it has no principal objection to the Rev. E. L. Wade’s laboring in Guam under the financial auspices of the DeWolfe group of the Protestant Reformed Church.

The following were nominated to fill the vacancies on the Committee on Foreign Missions: Ministers—Clelland, Edwards, Murray, Elliott, and Graham; Ruling Elders—Charles Phillips, Thomas Jorgensen, and Lewis Roberts.

A ballot was cast.
An informal report of the Committee on Date and Place of the Twenty-fourth Assembly was presented by Mr. Eyres.

The tellers reported the election of the following to the Committee on Foreign Missions: Ministers—Edwards, Murray, and Graham; and Ruling Elders—Jorgensen and Roberts to the Class of 1959.

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

During the fiscal year ending March 31, 1956, the Committee continued its regular assistance to the retired home missionary. The amount of this assistance was increased from $100 per month to $130 per month on September 1, 1955. The Committee had contemplated this increase for some time, and now felt that its financial condition warranted it. Emergency medical aid was also granted in the amount of $200.

The Committee has sought to keep itself informed regarding those who may need its aid.

The Committee has begun a study of sickness and hospital benefits and major medical insurance available to ministers on a group basis. The Committee will welcome information and suggestions regarding these matters.

The Committee is gratified that despite its increased expenditures, its cash balance has increased, thus helping to provide for future contingencies.

During the fiscal year, the Committee has received contributions from 37 different congregations of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church.

The Committee recommends:

1. That the Twenty-third General Assembly urge the churches to place the Committee on General Benevolence in the benevolence budget in the amount of 50c per communicant member.

2. That the Boards of Deacons of the churches be urged to contribute to the Committee on General Benevolence any funds which are over and above those needed to provide for the relief of the local needy.

The terms of the Rev. Robert L. Vining and Deacon Irving Triggs expire at this Assembly.

It was moved that recommendation No. 1 be adopted.

On motion it was determined that further consideration of the report of the Committee on General Benevolence be postponed until Mr. Eckardt returns to the floor of the Assembly.

The Stated Clerk reported that the overture proposed by the Twenty-second General Assembly (See Minutes Twenty-second General Assembly, p. 46) had been acted on in the affirmative by the Presbyteries of New York and New England, California, New Jersey, Wisconsin, Philadelphia, and The Dakotas.

It was moved that the text of the Confession of Faith as presented by the Committee on Texts and Proof Texts to the Eighteenth General Assembly, and as corrected by the Committee on Accuracy of the Text of the Confession of Faith elected by the Twenty-first General Assembly be adopted as the text of the Confession of Faith of The Orthodox Presbyterian Church with the exception that in Chapter XXV, Section 6, the text of the Confession shall read, "There is no other head of the church but the Lord Jesus Christ. Nor can the Pope of Rome, in any sense, be head thereof", in accordance with the action of the Second General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of America, (See Minutes, pps. 13, 18).

It was determined to lay the motion on the table (see p. 41).

The report of the Committee Benevolence was taken from the table.

The report of Treasurer of the Committee on General Benevolence was presented by Mr. Eckardt, as follows:
Balance, April 1, 1955 $ 683.43

RECEIPTS

Undesignated $1,639.06
Aged and Infirm Ministers', Ministers' Widows'
Orphans' Fund 179.09
For "Meals-for-Millions" 56.54 1,874.69

$ 2,558.12

DISBURSEMENTS

Office Expense 12.50
For Relief of Aged and Infirm Ministers 1,610.00
Meals-for-Millions (for Korea) 33.00 1,655.50

Balance, March 31, 1956 $ 902.62

Audited and found correct, 4-13-56
John H. Skilton

Robert W. Eckardt, Treasurer

The following amended motion was adopted: That the General Assembly urge the churches to contribute to the Committee on General Benevolence fifty cents per communicant member by special offering or from their Deacons' Funds.

On motion recommendation No. 2 of the report of the Committee on General Benevolence was adopted.

The following were nominated to fill the vacancies on the Committee on General Benevolence: Ministers—Vining, Moore, G. Coie; Non-ministers—Irving Triggs, Arthur Comstock, Russell Maatman, and Russell Malcor.

On motion Mr. Coie's request that his name be withdrawn from nomination was granted.

A ballot was cast.

The Clerk read a letter from the Rev. Lawrence N. Manross, Ph.D. expressing regret at his inability to attend the Assembly, and assuring the Assembly of his prayers.

Mr. Nicholas reported for the Committee on Overtures and Communications recommending that this Assembly declare that with respect to Overture No. 2 (in re Confession of Faith, XXV:6) from the Presbytery of Ohio, it finds no reason to change the action on this matter taken at the previous assembly. (See Minutes of the Twenty-second General Assembly, p. 46).

The matter of the adoption of the text of the Confession of Faith was taken from the table, and the text was adopted (see p. 40).

Dr. W. Young desired to record his dissent from this action with the grounds for such dissent.

The Moderator ruled that this form of dissent was out of order. Appeal was taken from the ruling of the Moderator, and the Moderator was sustained.

Dr. W. Young and Mr. Bachman recorded their dissent from this decision.

The tellers reported the election of Messrs. Vining and Triggs to the Committee on General Benevolence in the Class of 1959.

Mr. Kuschke reported for the Committee on Overtures and Communications that, with respect to Overture No. 3 (in re the name of the denomination) from the Presbytery of Ohio, the Committee recommends that the Assembly take cognizance at point 16a of the docket.

On amended motion the Assembly voted to take no action.

No report was received from the Committee on Pensions. On motion this Committee was continued, and instructed to report to the Twenty-fourth General Assembly.
The report of the Committee on Proof Texts for the Confession of Faith was presented by Mr. Murray, as follows:

The Twenty-second General Assembly, in proposing to the presbyteries that "the text of the Confession of Faith as presented by the Committee on Texts and Proof Texts to the Eighteenth General Assembly, and as corrected by the Committee on Accuracy of the Text of the Confession of Faith elected by the Twenty-first General Assembly be adopted as the Confession of Faith of The Orthodox Presbyterian Church" (Mins., p. 46), made the exception that in Chapter XXV, Section VI the text of the Confession of Faith shall read, "There is no other head of the Church but the Lord Jesus Christ.\(^{n}\) Nor can the Pope of Rome, in any sense, be head thereof.\(^{n}\)

The Committee on Proof Texts for the Confession of Faith reports that the proof texts for Chapter XXV, Section VI, \(\sigma\), as prepared by the Committee, are as follows: Matt. 23: 8-10; I Pet. 5:2-4.

Respectfully submitted,
John Murray
Edward J. Young

Mr. Kuschke reported for the Committee on Overtures and Communications on Overture No. 4 from the Presbytery of California recommending that the suggestion be adopted, namely, that Sunday school average attendance be recorded in the annual statistical report in addition to Sunday school enrollment.

On motion the recommendation was adopted.

The Committee reported on Overture No. 7 (in re list of active ruling elders in Minutes) from the Presbytery of New York and New England recommending that the proposal be rejected.

On motion the recommendation was adopted.

The Committee reported on Overture No. 1 (in re Form of Government) from the Presbytery of New Jersey as follows: that the Assembly proceed with the action upon the report of the Committee on Revisions to the Form of Government and Book of Discipline with a view to proposing a revised Form of Government to the presbyteries for their approval.

It was moved that this recommendation be adopted.

It was moved to lay the matter on the table.

The Moderator ruled that if this motion were adopted, the next item of business would be the consideration of the report of the Committee on Revisions to the Form of Government and Book of Discipline. Appeal was taken from the ruling of the Moderator, and the Moderator was sustained.

The motion to lay the matter on the table was carried.

The report of the Committee on Revisions to the Form of Government and Book of Discipline was presented by Mr. Galbraith, Chairman of the Committee, as follows:

Fathers and Brethren,

The Committee on Revisions to the Form of Government and Book of Discipline reports to the Twenty-third General Assembly that its work on the Form of Government has been completed.

The Committee recommends: (1) That this General Assembly propose to the presbyteries for their approval by the time of the following General Assembly that the Form of Government of The Orthodox Presbyterian Church be revised in accordance with the Revised Version of a Form of Government published by the Committee on May 20, 1955, as amended by the alterations submitted to the Sessions of the Church under date of December 5, 1955; and

(2) That the Committee be continued so that it may complete its work on the Book of Discipline.
A report of a minority of this Committee was presented by Mr. Murray, as follows:

We, the undersigned, a minority of the Committee on Revisions to the Form of Government and Book of Discipline, respectfully recommend to the Twenty-third General Assembly that our proposals concerning Chapter XVI, Sections 3 and 4, of the Revised Version of a Form of Government, which proposals were submitted to the Sessions of the Church under date of December 5, 1955, be adopted.

Respectfully submitted,
John Murray
Edmund P. Clowney

A report of a minority of this Committee was presented by Mr. Marsden, as follows:

Fathers and Brethren,
The Committee on Revisions to the Form of Government and Book of Discipline reports that its work on the Form of Government has been completed. This Minority of the Committee recommends that the General Assembly propose to the presbyteries for their approval that the Form of Government of The Orthodox Presbyterian Church be revised in accordance with the Minority Version submitted to the Sessions of the Church under date of December 1, 1955.

Respectfully submitted,
Robert S. Marsden

It was moved that Recommendation No. 1 of the report of the Committee be adopted. Mr. Clowney was given the floor on a point of personal privilege.

It was moved, as a substitute, that the Assembly answer Overture No. 5 (in re Form of Government, Chapter IV) from the Presbytery of California in the affirmative.
The Moderator ruled that the substitute was in order.
Appeal was taken from the decision of the Moderator.
The Assembly recessed at 5:46 o'clock after prayer by Mr. Black.

FRIDAY EVENING
The Assembly reconvened at 7:30 o'clock with prayer by Mr. Verhage.
The vote on the appeal was taken, and the Moderator was not sustained.
It was moved that for Chapter III of the Revised Version the following be substituted:
1. Our blessed Lord, at first, collected his church out of different nations, and formed it into one body, by the mission of men, such as apostles and prophets, endued with miraculous gifts which have long since ceased.
2. The ordinary and perpetual officers of the church are elders and deacons.
3. Elders, also called bishops, are charged with the oversight of the church.
4. Deacons are charged with the material affairs of the church.
The Assembly recessed at 10:00 o'clock, after prayer by Mr. Elliott.

SATURDAY MORNING, JULY 28
Following a devotional service led by Mr. Coray the Assembly reconvened at 8:30 o'clock with prayer by Mr. Grotenhuis.
The minutes of Friday, July 27 were approved as read.
On motion Mr. Andrews was excused from attendance at this morning's session of the Assembly.
The Clerk read a letter from the Rev. Lionel F. Brown expressing regret at his inability to attend the Assembly and assuring the Assembly of his prayers.
The Moderator ruled that if a man had spoken twice yesterday on the motion now before the Assembly, he is not entitled to speak again. Appeal was taken from the Moderator's ruling, and the Moderator was not sustained.
A motion to put the previous question was carried.
The motion before the Assembly was defeated. Messrs. W. Young, Moore, and E. L. Wade recorded their dissent from this decision.

A further report of the Committee on Travel Fund was presented by Mr. Eckardt, as follows:

The Committee has on hand $2,456.13. It recommends that disbursement be made on the following basis: All commissioners who have submitted vouchers shall be paid 2c per mile for travel above 600 miles, round trip.

On motion the recommendation was adopted.

It was moved that for Chapter III, Section 2 of the proposed revision of the Form of Government the following be substituted:

"The ordinary and perpetual officers in the church are ministers, ruling elders, and deacons."; and that Chapter III, Section 3 be deleted.

The Moderator requested Mr. Willis to take the chair.

The motion before the Assembly was defeated. Mr. Clowney recorded his dissent from this decision.

The Moderator resumed the chair.

Mr. Male reported informally for the Committee on Arrangements.

On motion it was determined that the General Assembly Fund pay any deficit incurred in connection with the rental of the place of meeting of the Assembly.

It was moved as an amended motion that the following paragraphs be substituted for Chapter III of the proposed revision of the Form of Government:

The officers which Christ has appointed for the edification of His church, and perfecting of the saints, are, some extraordinary, as apostles, and prophets, which are ceased.

Others ordinary and perpetual, as evangelists, pastors, teachers, and other church-governors, and deacons.

The Assembly recessed at 12:30 p.m. after prayer by Mr. Zorn.

MONDAY MORNING, JULY 30

Following a devotional service led by Mr. Busch, the Assembly reconvened at 8:30 o'clock with prayer by Mr. Williamson.

The Minutes of Saturday, July 28, were approved as read.

On motion Mr. C. G. Roskamp was excused from further attendance at the Assembly, following this morning's session.

On motion adjournment of the Assembly was made the order of the day at 12:00 o'clock noon, Tuesday, July 31.

On motion the Assembly determined to conclude consideration of the Form of Government at 3:00 p.m. today.

The motion before the Assembly (from Saturday morning) was defeated.

On motion, Chapter IV, Section 1, of the proposed Form of Government was amended by the substitution of the words "the ministry of the Word" for "the office of the minister".

On motion, it was determined to take up the report of the Committee, chapter by chapter, seriatim.

On motion this action was reconsidered.

On amended motion the Assembly determined to consider chapter by chapter, seriatim, for provisional approval, the Revision proposed by the Committee, until a Form of Government can be approved as a whole.

On motion the Preface was approved provisionally.
It was moved that Chapter I of the Minority Version of the Form of Government be substituted for Chapter I of the Revision proposed by the Committee.

A motion to put the previous question was carried.

The motion was defeated. Messrs. Marsden and G. Coie recorded their dissent from this action.

It was moved that Section 6, Chapter I of the Minority Version of the Form of Government be inserted as Section 9 of the Revision proposed by the Committee, and that the subsequent paragraphs of the Chapter be renumbered.

The Assembly recessed at 11:45 o'clock after prayer by Dr. Goddard.

MONDAY AFTERNOON

The Assembly reconvened at 1:20 o'clock with prayer by Mr. Andrews.

On separate motions Messrs. Williamson and Clowney were excused from attendance at the Assembly during the latter part of Tuesday morning.

It was moved and carried as an amendment to the motion before the Assembly that the first sentence of Chapter I, Section 6 of the Minority Version of the Form of Government be amended to read, “Truth has a tendency to promote holiness, according to our Saviour's rule, By their fruits ye shall know them.”, and that the last sentence of that section be deleted.

The amended motion before the Assembly was defeated.

On motion Chapter I, Section 3 of the Revision proposed by the Committee was amended by the addition of the following:

This does not imply that other forms of church government may not contain some elements which are agreeable to or founded upon the Word of God, nor does it imply that a church which does not have the Presbyterian form of government is therefore not a true church.

It was moved that the Committee on Revisions to the Form of Government and Book of Discipline be continued, and that the Committee be directed (1) to continue its study of the Form of Government and propose revisions to the Twenty-fourth General Assembly and (2) to prosecute its work on the Book of Discipline.

On motion it was determined to lay the main motion and the procedural motion (immediately above) on the table until after the Assembly hears the report of the Committee on Overtures and Communications.

The final report of the Committee on Overtures and Communications was given by Mr. Kuschke as follows:

Regarding Overture No. 6 (in re the Form of Government) from the Presbytery of New York and New England the Committee recommends that the introductory preposition “of” be retained, and that the grammatical forms be changed in II, 1, line 2, “hath” to “has”; VII, 1, line 2, “hath” to “has”; VII, 2, line 2, “he that doth excel” to “he who excels”; and XVII, 9, line 4, “hath” to “has”.

It was determined to consider the previously tabled motions.

Mr. Marsden announced his resignation from the Committee on Revisions to the Form of Government and Book of Discipline.

On motion the Committee on Revisions to the Form of Government and Book of Discipline was continued, and the Committee directed (1) to continue its study of the Form of Government and propose revisions to the Twenty-fourth General Assembly and (2) to prosecute its work on the Book of Discipline.

The main motion, viz. — That Chapter I of the Revision proposed by the Committee as amended be approved provisionally — was defeated.
On amended motion Mr. Marsden was urged to reconsider his resignation from the Committee on Revisions to the Form of Government and Book of Discipline.

The Clerk read the report of the Rev. John W. Betzold as follows:

By action of the 22nd General Assembly of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church, Chaplain John W. Betzold, USA, was appointed a fraternal delegate to the General Synod of the Reformed Church in Holland, convening at Leeuwarden, Holland, on 23 August 1955. The following brief report is hereby respectfully submitted.

In the last few weeks of my three-year tour of duty as a military chaplain in West Germany, I was granted several days in which to fulfill my ecclesiastical obligation as a delegate to the above General Synod. I arrived in Leeuwarden, Holland, late in the day on Thursday, 25 August 1955, and had a hurried conference with a few of the delegates. The next day, I was privileged to make a short speech to a luncheon meeting of the commissioners, whereupon they all scattered via motorcar, train, and/or bicycles, to their various preaching stations for the weekend. The next session of the Synod was the following Tuesday. It was impossible for me to stay until that time. By such long weekends, no large number of pulpit supplies are needed, although the sessions of a Synod goes on for weeks and even months.

The Synod was engaging in a revision of the polity established at Dort, a consideration of the deacons' work in relation to the social obligations of the State, and relations of the Synod with the International Council of Christian Churches and/or the World Council of Churches, as well as the routine activities of a church court.

There follows a summary of my remarks to the luncheon mentioned above: "Fathers and Brethren: The 1955 General Assembly of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church — the Church of Machen and Stonehouse — has given me the profound privilege of conveying prayerful greetings from one member of the Christian family of churches to her sister-church in the Lord: The Reformed Churches in the Netherlands.

"I have heard of the Gereformeerde Kerken im Nederland for most of my life. I have met many of her ministers in America, Scotland, and Germany. But this is the first time I have had the pleasure of knowing something of the Church on her home-grounds.

"Once, I read that the parents of Abraham Kuyper were very worried because the head of their new-born child was enormously large. Their fears vanished when an eminent specialist said to them: 'You need not worry; it's all brains!'

"I wish to testify that I have found your Church to have a great heart as well as great brains. And this is as it should be in a truly Reformed Church. It is to this ideal that we in the Orthodox Presbyterian Church strive together with you.

"And under our common and blessed Lord and Saviour, we shall be humbled, purified, and enlarged unto God's glory and the good of mankind, as together we say:

"'Thine, O Lord, is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty: for all that is in heaven and in the earth is thine; thine is the kingdom, O Lord, and thou art exalted as head above all' (I Chron. 29:11)."

The report of the Committee on a Hymnal was read by Mr. Marsden, Chairman of the Committee, as follows:

The Committee on a Hymnal has held twelve meetings during the past year, in addition to very considerable work done by subcommittees. The committee has given careful attention to all the suggestions which have been submitted by a number of individuals. The contents of the hymnal have been prepared in detail. The hymns have been classified and arranged in order. The whole list of hymns has been reviewed, both as to words and music and as to the balance of the various topics treated.

A final report to the churches, which is being sent out on June 18, 1956, includes the following:

1. A list of the 709 hymns contemplated for the hymnal, arranged by alphabetical order of first lines, with references to music and to sources in various hymnals.
2. A list of the Psalms on which particular hymns are based.
3. A classified list of all the hymns, arranged according to the classification system which is contemplated.
4. A table of contents of the hymnal.
5. A list of the Psalter selections for responsive reading with a record of certain changes in the words.

All these materials are available to the General Assembly.

With the preparation of these lists the committee will endeavor to publish the hymnal within the next year, with the most serviceable binding obtainable and with English finish paper. A book with approximately 700 pages, 5½” x 8½”, in an edition of 10,000 copies, will likely cost at least $30,000. We are trusting the churches will order 5,000 copies at $2.50 a copy.

The committee believes that it has reviewed a very large percentage of the hymns currently in use in the English language, as based upon the more important sources, and considers that the selection of hymns sent to the churches represents an improvement over other hymnals, in respect to music that will be suited to the words and easy to sing; in respect to the lyrical qualities of the words; in respect to suitability for use in all services of worship and Christian meetings; in respect to full and well-balanced treatment of the many elements of Christian truth and experience; and in respect to doctrinal faithfulness to the Word of God.

Contrary to our former decision, it is now the opinion of the committee that for reasons of space it will not be wise to print the text of the Westminster Confession of Faith and Catechisms at the end of the hymnal. It is estimated that the text alone of these standards would cover about 80 additional pages. However the committee especially requests the Assembly to give its attention to this important matter and to decide it.

The committee calls the attention of the Assembly to the fact that Mr. Wilfred Clelland has not been able to be active on the committee for the past two years due to his employment.

The committee recommends:

1. That this General Assembly give approval to the list of hymns and other contents of the hymnal as proposed in the report to the churches, as suitable for publication.
2. That the committee be empowered to finance and publish the hymnal as THE HYMNAL of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church, with such editorial changes as may be necessitated by possible failure to obtain copyright privileges; by the requirements of space on a page; by corrections in the music; or by such adjustments in the balance and organization of the hymnal as may appear essential in preparing it for publication and in seeing it through the press.
3. That this General Assembly summon the attention of the churches to the principles that the praise of God is the privilege and duty of the church; that God is well-pleased that the materials of praise offered to him shall be in conformity to his Word; and that no Bible-believing church can expect healthy development unless the materials of its praise be Biblical; and furthermore, that on these grounds this General Assembly recommend to the churches that the Hymnal be generously subsidized, as an offering toward the worship of God, to make publication possible; and that the committee act as receiving agent.
4. That the committee be continued.

It was moved that Recommendation No. 1 be adopted.

It was moved that the following amendment be adopted: that the hymn, “Nearer, my God, to Thee” be deleted from the list of hymns proposed by the Committee.

The motion to put the previous question was carried.

The motion was carried.
It was moved as an amendment that the Committee be instructed to include the hymn, "Faith of Our Fathers" in the Hymnal. A standing vote was taken and the Moderator announced that the motion was defeated.

On motion the Assembly determined that another count should be taken. The recount was taken and the motion was carried. The Moderator ruled that the recount was a vote on the motion. Appeal was taken from the ruling of the Moderator, and the Moderator was sustained.

The Assembly recessed at 5:47 o'clock after prayer by Mr. Vining.

**MONDAY EVENING**

The Assembly reconvened at 7:30 o'clock with prayer by Mr. Male.

On motion the following amendment was adopted, that the hymn, "O Could I Speak the Matchless Worth" be included in the hymnal without the changes listed in the Committee's report to the churches.

Messrs. Kuschke and Knight recorded their dissent from this action.

On motion the following amendment was adopted, that the version of Psalm 38 in the Report of the Synodical Committee for the Improvement and Revision of the Psalter Hymnal of the Christian Reformed Church, p. 14f. be commended to the Committee for its consideration.

On motion it was determined to reconsider the action on the hymn, "Faith of our Fathers." The motion to include the hymn was carried.

It was moved as an amendment to the motion before the Assembly (to adopt Recommendation No. 1 of the Committee) to add the words "and that the General Assembly instruct the Committee to give further consideration to the metrical versions of the Psalter to be included in the hymnal, and also to the question of the advisability of including canticles in which prose versions of the Psalter are set to music."

The Moderator requested Mr. Willis to take the chair.

On motion it was determined to reconsider the action on the hymn, "Faith of our Fathers." The motion to include the hymn was carried.

On motion the previous question was carried.

The first part of the motion was defeated. Messrs. W. Young, Williamson, and Murray recorded their dissent from this action.

The second part of the motion was defeated.

The Moderator resumed the chair.

It was moved as an amendment to the motion that the version of Psalm 130 from the Scottish Psalter be substituted for the version of Psalm 130 in the list in the Committee's report to the churches.

On motion this matter was referred to the Committee.

A motion to put the previous question was carried.

The motion before the Assembly, that Recommendation No. 1 of the Committee on a Hymnal, be adopted as amended, was carried.

Messrs. Murray, Churchill, W. Young, Williamson, and B. Coie recorded their dissent from this action.

On motion the question was reconsidered.

On motion the order of the day was extended one half hour.

It was moved that a metrical version of every Psalm in the Psalter that is not in the list be added, preferably taken from the Scottish Psalter.

A motion to put the previous question was carried.

The amendment before the Assembly was defeated. Messrs. W. Young and Williamson recorded their dissent.
It was moved as an amendment to add the hymn, "Wonderful Grace of Jesus", with the change in the second stanza "reaching to all His lost."

On motion this hymn was referred to the Committee for further consideration.

On motion the amendment was carried that No. 98 of the Christian Reformed Psalter

Hymnal be referred to the Committee for consideration.

On motion the following amendment was adopted — that the hymn, "O for a Faith that Will Not Shrink" be deleted from the list of hymns proposed by the Committee.

The Assembly recessed at 10:30 o'clock after prayer by Mr. Vail.

TUESDAY MORNING, JULY 31

Following a devotional service led by Mr. Murray, the Assembly reconvened at 8:30 o'clock with prayer by Dr. Durrenberger.

The minutes of Monday, July 30 were approved as read.

On separate motions Mr. Eckardt and Mr. Nilson were excused from attendance at the Assembly during this morning's session.

It was moved and carried that those wishing to make further suggestions concerning hymns may do so by sending them to the Committee before October 1, 1956.

The motion to put the previous question was carried.

The first recommendation of the Committee on a Hymnal was adopted as amended.

Messrs. Murray, W. Young and Williamson recorded their dissent from this action.

It was moved that Recommendation No. 2 of the Committee be adopted.

On motion the following amendment was adopted: that the Committee be authorized to use, if it deems wise, a name other than THE HYMNAL of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church.

The motion to put the previous question was carried.

The amended motion was adopted.

On motion Recommendation No. 3 of the Committee on a Hymnal was adopted.

Messrs. W. Young, and Murray recorded their dissent from this action.

It was moved that Recommendation No. 4 be adopted.

It was moved and carried, as an amendment, that Mr. Wilfred Clelland be relieved from his duty as a member of the Committee.

Recommendation No. 4 as amended was adopted.

The Clerk read the report of the Rev. John W. Betzold as follows:

By action of the Twenty-second General Assembly, Chaplain John W. Betzold, USA, was appointed an observer to the meeting of the International Congress for Reformed Faith and Action to open at Detmold, Germany, on July 30, 1955.

The ICRFA is made up largely of individual delegates and observers from churches concerned, whereas the other international Reformed body with which the Orthodox Presbyterian Church is connected, The Reformed Ecumenical Synod, is an ecclesiastical congress. The assembled personnel were distributed in various study groups according to language proficiency and/or theological interest to pursue a detailed study of the book of Colossians while three major addresses were presented to the entire assemblage on the Lordship of Jesus Christ in relation to modern society, modern education, and modern politics. Thus, the changing times in which we live were discussed in the light of the unchanging sovereignty of our Lord.

Without entering into details, it is evident that a strong Barthian element pervaded the congress, especially as it was promulgated by the German delegates. A more passive theological frame of mind seemed to characterize these members as they viewed the relation of the Christian and the Christian Church to the world as a whole. Life seems to be concerned chiefly with the vertical relation of the individual to Christ through faith, with
little horizontal relations of the proclamation of the Gospel and the leavening of the body-politic with Christianity. Here again the old Erastian problem of the Germans under Hitler came to the fore. The clear-cut and ancient propositions of the Reformed Faith were upheld by the English-speaking delegates (Scotsmen, English, and American) and by the strong delegation from Holland.

A significant symbol overlooking the conference site is the gigantic monument erected on a tall hill in memory of ancient Hermann, a near-legendary German who stopped the legions of Rome with the sword of Teutonic power. The legend on the monument is rather appropriate, not only to the political situation in East and West Germany, but also to the German theological scene: "Germany's unity is my strength — my strength is Germany's power." The world has seen several times what the German "sword" has accomplished, especially during the recent World Wars. It has also seen what the "sword of the Spirit" in the hands of a Luther accomplished for the spiritual and political freedom of modern man. May it be that a strong sword for the defense and spread of the Reformed Faith, not only in Germany, but throughout the world, will be forged in such international gatherings as this of the ICRFA and the Reformed Ecumenical Synod. To that end, it is important that within the limitations of budget and personnel available, the Orthodox Presbyterian Church continue to send a delegate to the International Congress for Reformed Faith and Action.

On motion the matter of the selection of the fraternal delegate to the 1957 Synod of the Christian Reformed Church was committed to the Committee on Correspondence with Other Churches.

On motion the liaison representative, and the alternate, to the World Home Bible League, Messrs. Edward F. Klokow and Lawrence R. Eyres, were re-elected.

The report of the Committee to Study the Constitution of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America was presented by Mr. Cummings, the Chairman of the Committee, as follows:

The Twenty-second Assembly erected this Committee "to study The Constitution of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America and to report to the Twenty-third General Assembly its findings as to the most practicable procedure with regard to both method and subject matter which will facilitate agreement between the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America and the Orthodox Presbyterian Church as to scriptural standards of doctrine, government, discipline and worship with the ultimate objective of possible union between the two bodies."

The Committee made contact with responsible leaders in the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America and learned that a Committee on Church Union has been erected in that communion for the purpose of studying the standards of some of the Calvinistic denominations in America. It is evident that the erection of this Committee on Union did not arise out of any uncertainty as to the Scriptural character of their standards. It is apparent, however, that there is an honest desire in this communion to examine the standards of other Calvinistic churches and to have their own standards examined in the light of Scripture. There is a conviction that the mandate from the great Head and King of the Church to promote the true spiritual unity of the body of Christ would seem to require a study of the various Calvinistic standards in the light of Scripture.

The Committee recognizes that the Orthodox Presbyterian Church also is under solemn obligation to study the unity of the body of Christ. The logical and most hopeful place to begin such a study is with those committed to the Reformed Faith.

Your Committee has examined the standards of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America and noted the basic differences. The chief differences concern Christian Worship and the Civil Government. The singing of hymns and the use of instrumental music is regarded as without Scriptural warrant. Their members must dissent from any form of civil government that does not specifically recognize the kingship of Christ.
The Committee makes the following recommendations as the most practicable for exploring the possibility of agreement between our two communions:

1—That a copy of the Westminster Confession of Faith—with Proof Texts, and the Standards of Government, Discipline, and Worship of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church be sent to the Committee on Union of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America.

2—That the majority report of the Committee on Song in Worship given at the Thirteenth and Fourteenth General Assemblies be sent to the Committee on Union of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America.

3—Unless there is some indication of a greater measure of agreement than now exists on matters of Christian worship and civil government, it would not appear that further action at the present time would be fruitful.

4—In order to leave the way open for the possibility of the development of fruitful conversations with representatives of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America, the Committee to Study the Constitution of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America should be continued.

Respectfully submitted,
Calvin K. Cummings, Chairman

On motion Recommendation No. 1 was adopted.

It was moved that Recommendation No. 2 be adopted.

On motion the amendment was adopted to delete the word "majority" and to change the word "report" to "reports."

Recommendation No. 2 was adopted as amended.

On motion Recommendation No. 4 was adopted.

The final report of the Committee on Travel Fund was presented by Mr. Georgian, as follows:

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The report of the Committee on Date and Place of the Twenty-fourth General Assembly was presented by Mr. Eyres, Chairman of the Committee, as follows:

The Committee has received invitations from the following: Bethel Church, Oostburg, Wisconsin (with the stipulation that the Assembly be held between the first and eighteenth of June); Calvary Church, Glenside, Pa. in conjunction with Westminster Theological Seminary; Immanuel Church, West Collingswood, N. J.; and Knox Church, Silver Spring, Maryland with a suggested May date.

Attention should be called to the following matters which may affect the Assembly's decision: 1. The weather is usually quite warm in the summer months in the Philadelphia and Washington areas. 2. Westminster Seminary's commencement falls on May 22nd, 1957.
The Committee therefore recommends:
1. That the invitation of Bethel Church, Oostburg, be accepted, and that the Twenty-fourth General Assembly be convened May 29th, 1957, at 8:00 p.m.
2. That a Committee on Arrangements, consisting of three members, including the pastor of the host church be appointed.
3. That the General Assembly appoint a Committee of two on Date and Place of the Twenty-fifth General Assembly to bring recommendations to the Twenty-fourth General Assembly.

On motion the report was recommitted to the Committee with instructions to report at 10:50 a.m.

The report of the Committee on Presbyterial Records was presented by Mr. Moore, Chairman of the Committee, as follows:
The Committee recommends that the minutes of the presbyteries be approved, with the exceptions called to the attention of the several presbyteries:
The Presbytery of Ohio—Stated Meeting, April 18, 1955, in the record of the dissolution of the pastoral relations of Mr. Breisch and the Faith and New Hope Churches, no record of any action on the part of the congregation is recorded (p. 74).
The Presbytery of the Dakotas—Stated Meeting, September 28-29, 1955, no denominational affiliation is recorded for the Rev. Mr. Brake (p. 20).
The Presbytery of New York and New England—Adjourned Meeting, June 2, 1955, no record is made of the attendance, and a church was organized without elders having been appointed (p. 79).
The Presbytery of California—Stated Meeting, April 23-24, 1955, no record is made of the cause for the removal of the name of the Rev. Earl E. Zetterholm from the roll of ministers (p. 169).
The Presbytery of Wisconsin—April 11-12, 1955, a minister was ordained after his examination in Hebrew and Church History was not sustained (p. 220).
The Presbytery of New Jersey—Special Meeting, January 21, 1956, no record is made of the particular business for which the meeting was called (Form of Government X:9) (p. 212).
The Presbytery of Philadelphia—Stated Meeting, November 21, 1955, no prayer is recorded after the licensure of Mr. Zinkand.
On motion the recommendation of the report was adopted.

On motion the following resolution was adopted:

That the Assembly express its hearty thanks to the Committee on Arrangements for its fine work in providing for the Assembly, and also to the Park Hill Church of Denver, the Immanuel Chapel, Thornton, and the Presbytery of the Dakotas for their gracious hospitality and many courtesies extended to the commissioners and visitors to the Twenty-third General Assembly.

It was moved and carried that the Assembly elect Mr. Galbraith as an alternate on the Committee to confer with the Christian Reformed Church, to serve if a vacancy should develop on the Committee.

It was moved and carried that a budget of fifty cents per communicant member be adopted for the General Assembly Fund.

Mr. Marsden announced that he has withdrawn his resignation from the Committee on Revisions to the Form of Government and Book of Discipline, in response to the Assembly's request.

The following motion was adopted:

That a Committee on Travel Fund for the Twenty-fourth General Assembly, consisting of three members, be instructed (1) to determine the number of commissioners who may likely attend that General Assembly, (2) to determine the amount of funds needed to provide the full travel expenses of these commissioners, (3) to inform the churches of the amount needed per communicant member to meet this expense and to learn from them if it would be their intention to contribute the necessary funds, and (4) to inform the potential commissioners not later than ten weeks before the Twenty-fourth Assembly of the funds that would probably be available for their expenses.

The following protest was presented:

We, the undersigned, respectfully protest against the action of the Twenty-third General Assembly in giving "approval to the list of hymns and other contents of the hymnal as proposed in the report to the churches, as suitable for publication." We do so for the following reasons:

(1) In giving approval to hymns other than those derived from the Scripture itself the General Assembly has exceeded the warrant of Scripture and of the subordinate standards of The Orthodox Presbyterian Church.

(2) In approving no more than a limited selection of metrical versions of the Psalms the General Assembly has deprived the Church of a very large part of Divinely authorized materials of song for use in the public worship of God and has thereby seriously impoverished the worship of the Church.

Signed: G. I. Williamson
William Young
John Murray

The Moderator announced the appointment of Messrs. Eckardt, R. Johnston, and Georgian to the Committee on Travel Fund for the Twenty-fourth Assembly.

The amended motion was adopted that the Committee on Christian Education be instructed to reprint the Standards of Government, Discipline, and Worship, for the immediate use of the church, and particularly of sessions in their study of the proposed revisions to these Standards.

The Committee on Date and Place of the Twenty-fourth General Assembly reported the following recommendation:
The Committee recommends that the Twenty-fourth General Assembly convene at 8:00 p.m., September 11, 1957 at the Immanuel Church, West Collingswood, N. J.

On amended motion it was determined that the Twenty-fourth General Assembly be convened at 8:00 p.m., July 17th, 1957, at the Immanuel Church of West Collingswood.

Recommendation No. 2 of the report of the Committee was adopted (see p. 52).

Recommendation No. 3 of the report of the Committee was adopted (see p. 52).

The following protest was presented:

We, the undersigned, respectfully protest against the action of the Twenty-third General Assembly in refusing to amend the motion to adopt the third recommendation of the Hymnal Committee for the following reasons:

1. The failure to delete from the recommendation the words, "That this General Assembly... and furthermore, on these grounds", and "as an offering to the worship of God", entailed the adoption of a deliverance as to the principles of worship contained in the Standards of The Orthodox Presbyterian Church.

2. The adoption of deliverances as to principles is contrary to the precedent that has prevailed in previous General Assemblies of The Orthodox Presbyterian Church.

Signed: John Murray
William Young
James E. Moore

The Moderator announced the appointment of Messrs. Reitsma, Edwards, and Wilfred Moses to the Committee on Arrangements for the Twenty-fourth General Assembly.

The Moderator announced the appointment of Messrs. Commeret and Dortzbach to the Committee on Date and Place of the Twenty-fifth General Assembly.

The minutes of Tuesday, July 31, were approved as corrected.

The minutes of the Assembly as a whole were approved.

It was moved and carried that the Twenty-third General Assembly be dissolved.

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 West Collingswood, N. J. on the 17th day of July, 1957.

After leading in prayer the Moderator pronounced the Apostolic Benediction.

The sessions of Assembly were concluded at 11:25 a. m., July 31, 1956.

Robert S. Marsden
Stated Clerk
### Statistical Report for the Year Ending March 31, 1956

**Presbytery of California**

Stated Meetings — April and September

The Rev. Edward L. Kellogg, Stated Clerk

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|----------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|-------|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|-----|-----|------|-------|--------|--------|---------|-----------|
| Kensington Way (16)                    | 380 Kensington Way (16)                | Lionel F. S. Brown First                                      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| 1823 Turk St. (No Mail)                | 1823 Turk St. (No Mail)                | Edwards E. Elliott                                           |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| Santee, Valley                         | Santee, Valley                         | Lionel F. S. Brown First                                      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| Kenny Way                              | Kenny Way                              | Lionel F. S. Brown First                                      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| Sunnyvale, First                       | Sunnyvale, First                       | Lionel F. S. Brown First                                      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| Brookfield Ave. at Bernardo            | Brookfield Ave. at Bernardo            | Lionel F. S. Brown First                                      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| Henry W. Coray, Missionary             | Henry W. Coray, Missionary             | Lionel F. S. Brown First                                      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| Whittier, Chapel                       | Whittier, Chapel                       | Lionel F. S. Brown First                                      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| Palm Park Community Bldg.              | Palm Park Community Bldg.              | Lionel F. S. Brown First                                      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| OREGON                                 | OREGON                                 | Lionel F. S. Brown First                                      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| Bend, Westminster                      | Bend, Westminster                      | Lionel F. S. Brown First                                      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| 118 Newport Ave.                       | 118 Newport Ave.                       | Lionel F. S. Brown First                                      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| Edward Wybenga                         | Edward Wybenga                         | Lionel F. S. Brown First                                      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| Portland, First                        | Portland, First                        | Lionel F. S. Brown First                                      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| 8245 N. E. Fremont                     | 8245 N. E. Fremont                     | Lionel F. S. Brown First                                      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| Carl A. Ahlfeldt                       | Carl A. Ahlfeldt                       | Lionel F. S. Brown First                                      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| So. San Francisco, Chapel              | So. San Francisco, Chapel              | Lionel F. S. Brown First                                      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| TOTALS                                 | TOTALS                                 | Lionel F. S. Brown First                                      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| Average Contribution Per Communicant Member | Average Contribution Per Communicant Member | Lionel F. S. Brown First                                      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| $86.11                                 | $86.11                                 | Lionel F. S. Brown First                                      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| $27.70                                 | $27.70                                 | Lionel F. S. Brown First                                      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| $24.59                                 | $24.59                                 | Lionel F. S. Brown First                                      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| $138.40                                | $138.40                                | Lionel F. S. Brown First                                      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| Minister Received:                    | Minister Received:                    | Lionel F. S. Brown First                                      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| Lionel F. S. Brown 9-29-55, from Bible Presbyterian Church | Lionel F. S. Brown 9-29-55, from Bible Presbyterian Church | Lionel F. S. Brown First                                      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| Minister Dismissed:                    | Minister Dismissed:                    | Lionel F. S. Brown First                                      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| Robert H. Graham 12-6-55, to Presbytery of Philadelphia | Robert H. Graham 12-6-55, to Presbytery of Philadelphia | Lionel F. S. Brown First                                      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
|Congregations Received or Organized:   | Congregations Received or Organized:   | Lionel F. S. Brown First                                      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| Garden Grove 4-21-55; Covenant, San Francisco 2-22-56; Sunnyvale 4-56 | Garden Grove 4-21-55; Covenant, San Francisco 2-22-56; Sunnyvale 4-56 | Lionel F. S. Brown First                                      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| Ministers Not in Pastoral Charges:    | Ministers Not in Pastoral Charges:    | Lionel F. S. Brown First                                      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| Henry W. Coray                         | Henry W. Coray                         | Lionel F. S. Brown First                                      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| Bruce F. Hunt                          | Bruce F. Hunt                          | Lionel F. S. Brown First                                      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| Louis E. Knowles                       | Louis E. Knowles                       | Lionel F. S. Brown First                                      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| Total Number of Ministers – 20         | Total Number of Ministers – 20         | Lionel F. S. Brown First                                      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| Total Number of Churches – 14          | Total Number of Churches – 14          | Lionel F. S. Brown First                                      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| Total Number of Chapels – 6            | Total Number of Chapels – 6            | Lionel F. S. Brown First                                      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
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**Stated Meetings — March and September**

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Ordination: Laurence N. Vail 1-9-56
Ministers Dismissed: Edward Wybenga, 9-28-55 to Presbytery of California
Arthur O. Olson, 4-20-55 to Presbytery of New York and New England

Roll of Licentiates: Jerry Spoon
Ministers Not in Pastoral Charges:
Curtis A. Balcom
Herbert S. Bird
Takuo Hohri
Robert D. Knudsen

Total Number of Ministers — 13
Total Number of Churches — 13
Total Number of Chapels — 2
PRESBYTERY OF NEW JERSEY

Stated Meetings — Fourth Saturday of September; First Tuesday of December; Fourth Saturday of February; Fourth Tuesday of April
The Rev. Albert G. Edwards, III, Stated Clerk

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Average Contributions Per Communicant Member:

$72.48 $27.07 $28.21 $127.76

Total Disbursements:

$87,412 $32,641 $34,022 $154,075

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$ 76.83 $ 22.49 $ 19.44 $ 118.76

* 1955 Report

Ordination: C. Herbert Oliver 6-2-55

Ministers Received: Arthur O. Olson 9-13-55 from Presbytery of the Dakotas
Gerald I. Williamson 12-12-55 from Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church

Minister Dismissed: Floyd E. Hamilton 9-14-55 to Presbyterian Church in the U.S.

Congregations Organized: Bethel of Ludlow-Smyrna, 6-2-55; Grace of Fall River, 11-2-55

Ministers Not in Pastoral Charges:

Philip H. Chase
Burton L. Goddard
John Murray
Arthur O. Olson
Charles G. Schaufele
John H. Skilton
PRESBYTERY OF OHIO

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Average Contribution Per Communicant Member $72.52 $20.67 $12.67 $105.86

Ordination: Cromwell G. Roskamp 9-23-55
Minister Received: Peter B. Burleigh, 8-15-55 on application, formerly Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A.
Ministers Not in Pastoral Charges:
Francis D. Breisch, Jr.
Peter B. Burleigh
J. Lyle Shaw
William Young

Total Number of Ministers — 7
Total Number of Churches — 4
PRESBYTERY OF PHILADELPHIA

Stated Meetings — Third Monday of January, May and November; Third Tuesday of March and September

The Rev. Robley J. Johnston, Stated Clerk

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### DELAWARE

- **Middletown, Grace**
  - Pennington Street
  - F. Clarke Evans
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  - **Total Mem. 3-31-56**: 65
  - **Comm. Mem. 3-31-56**: 40
  - **Bapt. Child. 3-31-56**: 25
  - **Conf. Faith**: 0
  - **Resign Faith**: 0
  - **Transfer**: 0
  - **Death**: 1
  - **Dismiss or Discipline**: 0
  - **Gain. or Less Bapt. Child.**: 70
  - **S. S. Bell**: 7
  - **Gain or Less sunday School**: $3,668
  - **General Receipts**: $579
  - **Benevolent Receipts**: $371
  - **Special Receipts**: $4,618
  - **Total Receipts**: $115

### GEORGIA

- **Valdosta, Westminster**
  - 1002 Williams St.
  - Robert W. Eckardt
  - **Total Mem. 3-31-55**: 127
  - **Total Mem. 3-31-56**: 135
  - **Comm. Mem. 3-31-56**: 97
  - **Bapt. Child. 3-31-56**: 38
  - **Conf. Faith**: 2
  - **Resign Faith**: 3
  - **Transfer**: 0
  - **Death**: 0
  - **Dismiss or Discipline**: 5
  - **Gain. or Less Bapt. Child.**: 98
  - **S. S. Bell**: 7
  - **Gain or Less sunday School**: $11,992
  - **General Receipts**: $3,558
  - **Benevolent Receipts**: $2,647
  - **Special Receipts**: $18,197
  - **Total Receipts**: $187

### MARYLAND

- **Baltimore, St. Andrew's**
  - 3451 Erdman Ave. (13)
  - George J. Willis
  - **Total Mem. 3-31-55**: 44
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  - **Gain. or Less Bapt. Child.**: 38
  - **S. S. Bell**: 1
  - **Gain or Less sunday School**: $5,689
  - **General Receipts**: $1,366
  - **Benevolent Receipts**: $312
  - **Special Receipts**: $7,367
  - **Total Receipts**: $254

### PENNSYLVANIA

- **Center Square, Community, V.**
  - Thomas G. Kay, Supply
  - **Total Mem. 3-31-55**: 69
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  - **Dismiss or Discipline**: 0
  - **Gain. or Less Bapt. Child.**: 2
  - **S. S. Bell**: 55
  - **Gain or Less sunday School**: $4,704
  - **General Receipts**: $760
  - **Benevolent Receipts**: $476
  - **Special Receipts**: $5,940
  - **Total Receipts**: $145

- **Glenside, Calvary**
  - Church Rd. (Rt. 73) and Willow Grove Ave.
  - Robert L. Atwell
  - **Total Mem. 3-31-55**: 165
  - **Total Mem. 3-31-56**: 139
  - **Comm. Mem. 3-31-56**: 100
  - **Bapt. Child. 3-31-56**: 39
  - **Conf. Faith**: 5
  - **Resign Faith**: 9
  - **Transfer**: 2
  - **Death**: 2
  - **Dismiss or Discipline**: 29
  - **Gain. or Less Bapt. Child.**: 14
  - **S. S. Bell**: *74*—77
  - **Gain or Less sunday School**: $7,944
  - **General Receipts**: $7,655
  - **Benevolent Receipts**: $3,095
  - **Special Receipts**: $18,694
  - **Total Receipts**: $187

- **Hatboro, Trinity**
  - 37 Home Road
  - **Total Mem. 3-31-55**: 48
  - **Total Mem. 3-31-56**: 22
  - **Comm. Mem. 3-31-56**: 26
  - **Bapt. Child. 3-31-56**: 0
  - **Conf. Faith**: 3
  - **Resign Faith**: 19
  - **Transfer**: 0
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  - **Dismiss or Discipline**: 26
  - **Gain. or Less Bapt. Child.**: 100
  - **S. S. Bell**: **100**
  - **Gain or Less sunday School**: $1,218
  - **General Receipts**: $200
  - **Benevolent Receipts**: $221
  - **Special Receipts**: $1,639
  - **Total Receipts**: $74
Robert L. Thoburn  
Kirkwood, Kirkwood  
Raymond E. Commeret  
Manoa, Redeemer  
(formerly Philadelphia)  
Manoa Rd. S. of Eagle  
G. Travers Sloyer  
Middletown, Calvary  
Spruce and Emaus Sts.  
Robert H. Graham  
Nottingham, Bethany  
Robert L. Vining  
Philadelphia, Gethsemane  
2518 S. 65th St. (42)  
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Average Contribution Per Communicant Member $72.87 $28.21 $14.54 $115.62

*Branch S. S. transferred to Trinity, Hatboro 
**77 of S. S. transferred from Calvary, Glenside

4 Months

Licensures: Henry H. Fikkert 5-16-55; Norman C. Hoeflinger 5-16-55; Robert W. Anderson 9-20-55; John Cooper 9-20-55; Henry Davis 9-20-55; John M. Zinkand 11-21-55; Clay Duggan 1-16-56; Louis T. Tuleja 3-20-56

Ministers Received: Charles H. Ellis, 9-30-55 from Presbytery of New Jersey
                      Robert H. Graham, 1-16-56 from Presbytery of California

Ministers Dismissed: Glenn R. Coie, 5-16-55 to Presbytery of California
                      William E. Welmers, 3-20-56 to Presbytery of New York and New England

Change in Congregations: Calvary, Glenside—divided 11-21-55 and Trinity, Hatboro, organized 11-28-55

Ministers Not in Pastoral Charges:

Egbert W. Andrews
John W. Betzold
Thomas M. Cooper
Clarence W. Duff
John P. Galbraith
John D. Johnston
Robley J. Johnston
Arthur W. Kuschke, Jr.
Francis E. Mahaffy

Robert S. Marsden
Kenneth J. Meilahn
R. Heber McIlwaine
Leslie W. Sloat
Ned B. Stonehouse
Cornelius Van Til
William E. Welmers
Paul Woolley
Edward J. Young

Total Number of Ministers — 31
Total Number of Churches — 15
## PRESBYTERY OF WISCONSIN

Stated Meetings — Second Monday and Tuesday in April and October  

The Rev. Henry D. Phillips, Stated Clerk

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Average Contribution Per Communicant Member  
Ordination: Robert M. Nuermberger 4-20-55  

Ministers Not in Pastoral Charges: Richard B. Gaffin, Lawrence N. Manross, George W. Marston  

Total Number of Ministers — 9  
Total Number of Churches — 6  
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Special Committees of the Twenty-third General Assembly

COMMITTEE ON ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE TWENTY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY
Carl J. Reitsma, Albert G. Edwards, III, Wilfred R. Moses

COMMITTEE TO CONFER WITH THE CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH
Ned B. Stonehouse, Th.D., John Murray, Bert L. Roeber, Robert L. Atwell,
John P. Galbraith, alternate

COMMITTEE ON CORRESPONDENCE WITH OTHER CHURCHES
Ned B. Stonehouse, Th.D., Robert S. Marsden, Cornelius Van Til, Ph.D.

COMMITTEE ON DATE AND PLACE OF THE TWENTY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY
Raymond E. Commeret, Elmer M. Dortzbach

COMMITTEE ON A HYMNAL
Robert S. Marsden (Chairman), Robley J. Johnston, Arthur W. Kuschke, Jr.,
LeRoy B. Oliver, Edward J. Young, Ph.D.

COMMITTEE ON PENSIONS
Everett C. DeVelde (Chairman), Ralph E. Clough, William Colsman, David H. Henry

COMMITTEE ON REVISIONS TO THE FORM OF GOVERNMENT AND BOOK OF DISCIPLINE
John P. Galbraith (Chairman), Edmund P. Clowney, Robert S. Marsden,
John Murray, Ned B. Stonehouse, Th.D.

COMMITTEE TO STUDY THE CONSTITUTION OF THE REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF NORTH AMERICA
Calvin K. Cummings (Chairman), Ned B. Stonehouse, Th.D., Paul Woolley

COMMITTEE TO STUDY THE SCOUTING MOVEMENT
Arthur W. Kuschke, Jr., Henry P. Tavares, Charles H. Ellis

COMMITTEE ON TRAVEL FUND FOR THE TWENTY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY
Robert W. Eckardt, Theodore J. Georgian, Robley J. Johnston

LIAISON REPRESENTATIVE TO THE WORLD HOME BIBLE LEAGUE
Edward F. Klokow, Lawrence R. Eyres, alternate
Standing Committees
of
The Orthodox Presbyterian Church

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Class of 1959—MINISTERS: Edmund P. Clowney, Lawrence R. Eyres, Carl J. Reitsma
RULING ELDERS: Leonard G. Brown, Arthur Armour

RULING ELDERS: David H. Henry, F. Kingsley Elder, Ph.D.

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