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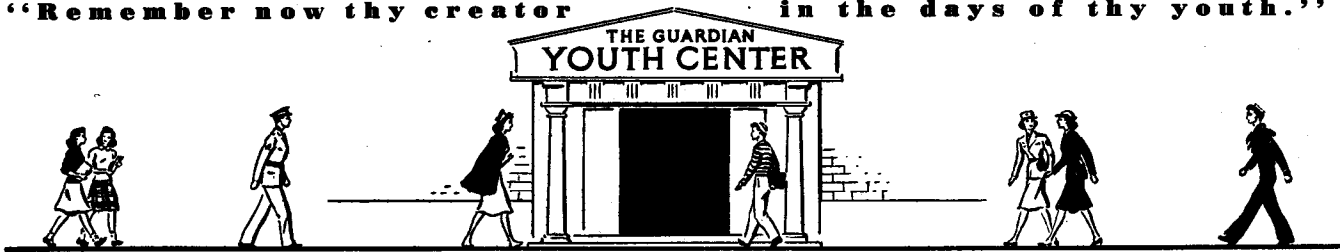
*When we proclaim the gospel, what a comfort the doctrine of predestination is! What a comfort it is to know that salvation depends solely upon God's mysterious grace! We all deserved to perish in our sins, and so did all those to whom we preach. But God's grace is wonderful. He has in His eternal plan a people chosen for His name. Happy are we if we are God's instruments in gathering into His kingdom any of those who from all eternity belong to Him.*

—J. Gresham Machen

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“Remember now thy creator in the days of thy youth.”



IT'S TOO late now! June 25th, the deadline for mailing entries for the Philippians Contest, has come around quickly, hasn't it? But if you procrastinated too long and didn't get in on this contest, don't be too glum. There will be another one along one of these days. Just watch this column for the details.

This month our theme is missions. It is good for us to take stock of ourselves once in a while, both as individuals and as societies. What are we doing for missions? Are we remembering to pray for missions in general and our own church missionaries in particular, both in our private devotions and in our meetings? Are we praying for the Old Stockbridge Church? Here's an idea: Let us set aside, each one of our societies, July 8th, as Old Stockbridge Sunday. Let us remember the power of united prayer and all of us pray earnestly for the work there and for the people and their pastor, that they may be given strength and also a great reward for their labor.

Are we giving to missions as we ought? "How can they hear without a preacher, and how can they go unless they be sent?" On July 8th why can't we give a special offering for the work of the Old Stockbridge Church? Think how encouraged these people would be to know that young people all over the country—from Maine to California and back to Florida—were praying for them and also giving for the help of their work! Send your offering to the Rev. John Davies, R. 1, Gresham, Wisconsin. And be sure to mention that you are following a suggestion made in the Youth Center. We'll find out from Mr. Davies how much was received and we'll let you know.

Are you going to a Bible conference this year? I hope so! Have a good time, and I pray that God will open the windows of heaven and pour out blessings upon you that you will not be able to receive.

*Norma R. Ellis*  
Director, The GUARDIAN  
Youth Center.

### Intimate Glimpses

THE old Stockbridge O.P.C. of Gresham, Wisconsin, where the Rev. John Davies is laboring among the Indians, is a busy spot right now. Since March, the pastor and his people have been working, some of them giving up good wages to do so, in the erection of a meeting place of their own. The bank balance is now \$400, so not much can go for hired laborers! A great deal of the supplies were secured from a building which these people wrecked in order to obtain lumber and other materials.



Here, in what will be the basement of the church, is the quartette. On the right is Floyd Toussey, a lusty bass, who has been discharged from the army for physical disability. Helen Peters recently attended a Moody Conference and was very well received as a singer in several churches in Chicago as well as in our churches at Cedar Grove and Oostburg. Helen's sister, Myrtle, is a skilled nail-puller as well as a singer! On the left is Mr. Davies, whom, by the way, we should like to congratulate on the arrival of David Culver on May 12th!

### "Here Am I, Send Me"

A WATCHMAN at the walls of the city sees an enemy force approaching. He blows the trumpet to sound the warning. If the people heed him not, their blood is on their own hands. However, if for any reason he fails to blow the trumpet in warning, when disaster overcomes the people, their blood is on the hands of the watchman!

This is the missionary plea God gave Ezekiel. This is the plea He gives to us. We are all watchmen. The world about us needs to be warned of the enemy, Satan, and his power over men in this life and the next. The world needs to be warned of the wrath of God which will be visited upon those who do not bow down before Him, humbly asking forgiveness of their sin through the shed blood of Jesus Christ. We as young Christians have that message. We need to send it forth steadily, clearly, like the sound of a trumpet. If we do and it falls on unheeding ears, we are not responsible. But if we fail to send forth the message of salvation as a clear trumpet sound, then we are responsible to God!

#### THINK ON THESE THINGS

1. Should a young person refrain from preparing for missionary service because he has never felt that he heard the Lord's voice actually calling him to that work?
2. Home ties often stand in the way of missionary service. What bearing does Matt. 10:37-39 have on this subject?
3. Have you ever considered seriously whether, considering the abilities and personal qualifications God has given you, and considering the need of a lost world for the gospel light you have, you should prepare yourself to be a missionary?

#### "A THING HARD TO UNDERSTAND"

This is the title of a 15-minute missionary playlet with parts for six girls. Why not plan to present it at one of your weekday meetings? Send ten cents for a copy.

# En Route to Eritrea

MISSIONS

By the REV. ROBERT S. MARSDEN

General Secretary of the Orthodox Presbyterian Committee on Foreign Missions

ON MAY 6th, a group of missionaries sailed under strict military censorship for a destination unknown even to themselves—they were in hope that the ship was bound directly for Egypt. Among those on board were four missionaries of The Orthodox Presbyterian Church, and their five children. Mrs. Clarence W. Duff and Donald James and Dorothy Ann; Mrs. Charles E. Stanton and Fern Emma, Audrey Ella and Lois Marie; and the Rev. and Mrs. Francis E. Mahaffy were going to join the Rev. Clarence W. Duff and the Rev. Charles E. Stanton in their pioneer mission field in Eritrea, East Africa. On June 4th the Committee on Foreign Missions received a cablegram indicating that they were safe at their first destination, and the committee can now release the story of their departure.

The days preceding the departure can best be described as "hectic." Until the last minute there was some uncertainty as to whether they would actually get on the boat. The ship was chiefly filled with the wives and families of American officers who were stationed in the Middle East. There was a real possibility that the number of such families would crowd off some of the missionaries. The ship was to depart under strict secrecy, since its sailing was scheduled for a time when the war in Europe was still in full blast. This meant a convoy, blackout, and all the rest of the wartime precau-

tions. Two physical examinations had to be undergone by the whole personnel—one for the steamship company and the other for the army. There were conflicting reports concerning just what inoculations were necessary for the securing of passage on this particular ship, and it was not until Saturday morning, May 5th, that Mrs. Stanton and the children had com-

pleted their inoculations. Even then, there was the possibility that further "shots" would be required, and it was with some trepidation that Mrs. Stanton started out that Saturday. A trip to the health center in Philadelphia; a trip to New York for examination; losing one of the children on the subway; an almost interminable wait in line in New York for examination;



The Rev. and Mrs. Charles E. Stanton, with Audrey Ella and Fern Emma



Mrs. Clarence W. Duff, with Donald and Dorothy



The Rev. and Mrs. Francis E. Mahaffy

and then a return trip to Philadelphia late in the evening—all with three children, the eldest of whom is five—these things give ample proof that Mrs. Stanton is indeed in sufficiently robust health for a missionary career!

The other missionaries all had to prepare for their departure with almost as strenuous a program, and it was with great relief and with much thanksgiving to God that they were finally safe on board ship and out of the great harbor.

Securing passage on such a voyage had the disadvantage that the ship was crowded and that there was little privacy with something like thirteen individuals in each room on a ship that had been a troop transport. But it had advantages in that the trip consumed months less time than the longer voyage which had been thought to be necessary. The trip was thousands of miles shorter than via Portugal and Portuguese East Africa, the route which had been followed by the men missionaries who had preceded this party. It was also thousands of dollars cheaper. The total cost for the fare to the first destination was something over \$1500 for the whole party! Of course we cannot tell just what the whole trip will cost, but it will probably be somewhat under half the original estimate. The committee will, of course, keep the money contributed for missionary travel in a special fund so that it will be available when it is possible for other missionaries to go to the field.

Now that the war seems to be drawing to a close, the Committee on Foreign Missions contemplates a great enlargement of its missionary program, and hopes to be able frequently to record sailings for the foreign field.

### Reformed Episcopalians Leave Federal Council

THE Reformed Episcopal Church, meeting in its 31st General Council at Trinity Reformed Episcopal Church, Philadelphia, from May 23rd to 25th, withdrew from membership in the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America. This was the culmination of action which had been initiated nine years ago and represents a signal triumph for the anti-modernist forces in that denomination.

At the 28th triennial meeting of

the General Council in 1936, a motion was introduced calling for severance of relations with the Federal Council on the grounds that (1) the denomination was unable, because of reduced income, to meet the Federal Council's assessment and (2) that the Council did not "rightly represent the orthodox position of the Reformed Episcopal Church." This motion was laid on the table without discussion.

Three years later the denomination received an invitation to join the World Council of Churches. That invitation was discussed at some length but eventually tabled by a vote of 56 to 29. At the same meeting, consideration of the Federal Council question was made the order of the day for the opening session of the 1942 meeting of the General Council. At the 1942 meeting, however, consideration of the matter was again postponed for three more years.

Finally, this year's meeting came to grips with the issue. Full information is not available, since the matter was discussed and voted upon in executive session, with the press and all non-members of the denomination excluded. Debate lasted from mid-afternoon until early evening on May 23rd, and was resumed on the following morning. When the matter finally came to a vote, those opposed to withdrawal from the Federal Council called for a vote by orders—an expedient used very infrequently as a protection of the rights of clergy and laity by requiring that a majority in both houses shall be necessary to carry a measure. A vote by orders must be requested by at least ten members of the house.

The vote on the following resolution of withdrawal from the Federal Council was: *Clergy*: 27 affirmative, 6 negative; *laity*: 38 affirmative, 27 negative.

Be it resolved, that the Reformed Episcopal Church sever official relations with the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America with fraternal greetings; and be it further

Resolved, that nothing in this resolution shall be so construed as to prevent the appointment from time to time of an unofficial representative, or to cast any disability in the way of an individual who for conscience' sake may desire in any way to work with this body.

The secretary was instructed by the chair to forward a copy of the action to the offices of the Federal Council.

### Mrs. J. Lyle Shaw

IT IS with the deepest regret that we report the death of Mrs. J. Lyle Shaw, wife of the pastor of Trinity Orthodox Presbyterian Chapel, Newport, Kentucky, on June 5th. Mrs. Shaw had been ill for a number of weeks prior to her death, and prayers for her recovery had been made by commissioners to the general assembly. The funeral service was held at Newport on June 8th, in charge of Dr. Lawrence B. Gilmore and the Rev. Martin J. Bohn.

The prayers of all members of the church are asked on behalf of Dr. Shaw, that he may be sustained and strengthened by the sovereign God whom he and his wife have so faithfully served for many years.



### Your FAMILY ALTAR

JULY 5TH. GEN. 12:1-10 (7)\*

GOD appeared unto Abraham as the covenant-making God. Jehovah spoke of His wondrous purpose for Abraham and the widespread blessing that should come through him. Abraham responded, as all the faithful should respond to the will of God, with worship. As the fulfillment of the Lord's covenant promises are enacted each day in your life, lift up your voice in prayer and praise.

6TH. Ex. 14:13-22 (15b)

The keynote of victory is "Go forward!" Thus the Allies carried the field in Africa, Italy, Normandy and our own, Philippines. Thus the Christian soldiers have gained ground steadily upon the far-flung outposts of the unevangelized world. Thus must the sanctified do at home. Yea, with our eyes upon Christ, our Captain, we must forge ahead, routing Satan, overcoming the difficulties, unmindful of the dangers; but with His order ringing in our ears—"Go forward!"

7TH. LEV. 17:1-14 (11)

In the first council of the early church, the prohibitions of this chap-

\* Verses printed in the headings in parentheses are to be memorized.

ter affected the decrees sent from Jerusalem to Antioch and thence to the Gentile world. Life is in the blood. Praise God, there is eternal life through the blood of our Lord Jesus Christ. May the men whose lives have been spared by blood-donors turn to Him who gave His blood on Calvary's tree!

8TH. NUM. 9:6-18 (8)

How fine it is to notice that there were those who so desired to observe the Passover that they sought some possible means to do so. Moses did not hesitate to inquire of God for these men. God made gracious provision. Some reading this may be unable to get to the house of worship today. O, may it be in your heart to thirst after Him as the hart panteth after the water brooks! God will always make provision for those who seek Him with their whole heart.

9TH. DEUT. 2:1-10 (7)

Oftimes God has to warn His people to stay within His will and to trust wholly to His provision. God recalled to Israel's mind those things which He had done for them, to stimulate their faith in what He would continue to do. From God's hand they had received blessing, instruction, His personal care and every needed thing. Trusting in God, we shall lack nothing.

10TH. JOSH. 24:14-24 (15c)

The leadership, courage and resourcefulness of Joshua is one of the highlights of the Scriptures. And the spotlight of his own life was the occasion when he presented a great choice before the people and fearlessly allied himself and his house with the Lord. May this very day find both you and your household serving the Lord with all your might and all your strength!

11TH. JUDGES 2:11-19 (16)

The checkered history of Israel during the time of the judges is described in these verses. Their early departure into sin was on each occasion visited with God's wrath, and they were thrust into servitude. When the burden of their sin and slavery waxed heavy, they cried out to God, who in mercy sent them a deliverer—one or another of the judges. This cycle repeated itself time and again. Let us each pray, "Let sin not have dominion

over me and deliver me from my own stubborn way."

12TH. RUTH 2:4-17 (12)

Do we not find in Boaz that happy combination of a man both godly and rich? By his conversation and his conduct we see the name of the Lord exalted. Piety, wisdom and generosity ornament his person. How well this befits one who is a type of our Kinsman-Redeemer, even Jesus Christ! How well this befits all who bear the name of Christian!

13TH. I SAM. 6:1-15 (12a)

The hand of the Lord is heavy upon the heathen who profane His consecrated instruments. It were well if some of our civilized heathen realized this. God will not have His honor blemished. On the other hand, we behold His providential control over the cows which, taken from their calves, yet went straight ahead toward the land of Israel. Rural people will realize that this is against all nature. God continues to control all things to the accomplishing of His divine purpose.

14TH. II SAM. 9 (1)

In a day when men seldom show love and mercy, this example of David glows with warmth. How like a child of God to overlook all the suffering caused him by the house of Saul and to remember only his great love for Jonathan! May the Lord enable us to have largeness of heart, warmth of nature and kindness toward those who are without, because the love of God abides in our own hearts.

15TH. I KINGS 10:1-13 (9)

The fame of those who are rich in the blessings of God spreads afar. This applies as much in the realm of spiritual things as it does in the material. O that God would pour out His blessed Holy Spirit so that the church of Jesus Christ might be adorned with spiritual gifts! The abundance of God's blessing upon Solomon brought forth the praise of God from the lips of a heathen queen. May we also show forth His glory, to the amazement of the world at large!

16TH. II KINGS 5:1-14 (8c)

Today there is need for two characters like the little maid and Elisha. A quiet, consistent witness to the power of God in the lives of men is

sadly lacking in our day. And where is to be found those who can say, "He shall know that there is a prophet in Israel"? A positive, forthright declaration of the gospel of God's saving grace in the Lord Jesus Christ is a crying need. Strengthen the feeble hands that hang down and lift them in the proclamation of the wisdom and power of God!

17TH. I CHRON. 11:10-25 (10)

Following closely upon the thought of yesterday, we have here the names and deeds of mighty men of valor. Surely each was worth a thousand (12:14) against the enemy of David and of Jehovah God. Make your pastor such a mighty one, by fervent prayer and earnest coöperation in the spiritual work of the church and community. Who could stop such a man of God? He would be like unto a host.

18TH. II CHRON. 17:1-13 (3, 4)

Judah and Israel were parts of the same land of promise which God gave to the seed of Abraham. But Israel had long since departed from God, had spurned the temple and true worship. Therefore God commended Jehoshaphat for separating himself from the northern kingdom. Modernism, cloaked in the robes of pious phrases, would entangle the unwary child of God. Beware, and betake yourself out of the midst of those who honor not your God.

19TH. EZRA 1 (6)

The work and the suffering for the church of Christ does not fall equally upon all. Nevertheless, the responsibility that it go forward does rest on each member of the body of Christ. Some are willing to go forth from the shelter of their homes; all must strengthen their hands with prayer, precious things and practical interest. Thus will the extension of His church go forward till the day of Jesus Christ.

—HENRY D. PHILLIPS



How is it with you, my friends? Have you forgotten God? If so, I bid you read the blessed book that will tell you how He may be found. If you heed His Word you may first stand in awe before His throne, and then, by the way that He has provided, you may come to be at peace with Him and be His child for evermore.

—J. GRESHAM MACHEN

# The Concluding Days of The General Assembly

NEWS

By THOMAS R. BIRCH

(NOTE: A report of the first three days of the assembly was published in the preceding GUARDIAN.)

THE second half of the Twelfth General Assembly of The Orthodox Presbyterian Church began on Monday morning, May 21st, with devotional exercises conducted by the Rev. Martin J. Bohn. The question of the doctrinal portions of the complaint against actions of the Presbytery of Philadelphia in matters leading up to the ordination of Dr. Gordon H. Clark was still before the assembly. Two motions had been proposed on the preceding Saturday. The first, offered by Dr. Lawrence B. Gilmore, called for the erection of a committee to study the several doctrines which were involved in the case and to report to the next general assembly. The effect of this motion would be a study of the doctrines entirely apart from their relation to the complaint. The other motion, proposed by the Rev. John J. DeWaard, called for a committee to study the doctrinal portion of the complaint and to report to the next assembly.

It was argued that the motion of Dr. Gilmore did not actually deal with the complaint nor consider the four heads of doctrine involved in that document in any practical, down-to-earth manner. The DeWaard motion was finally substituted for the motion of Dr. Gilmore and became the main motion before the house. The Rev. Leslie W. Sloat made an eloquent and fervent plea for defeat of the motion and for consideration of the doctrinal portion of the complaint during the coming afternoon. He believed firmly that the matter could be settled in the space of a few hours and that he would be able to make the intricate questions entirely clear. The sincerity of his appeal was apparent to everyone. These questions, he said, concern the ministry of the denomination for they concern the most basic of all questions, "What is the gospel?" Moreover, the assembly could not properly proceed to conduct its other business, since the Clark case was involved in most of the other

matters before the assembly. Thirdly, Mr. Sloat expressed confidence that, since The Orthodox Presbyterian Church was a true church of Jesus Christ, its decision in this assembly would be in accord with the truth. In the face of vigorous opposition by Mr. Sloat, who insisted that the supreme judicatory of the church dare not refuse to hear the appeal of a complainant, the motion of Mr. DeWaard was adopted by the assembly. The text of that motion is as follows:

That a committee of five, none of whom are members of the Presbytery of Philadelphia, be elected by this assembly to study the doctrinal parts of the complaint of certain members of the presbytery and report to the Thirteenth General Assembly, and that the report be distributed to ministers and sessions at least six weeks prior to the convening of the general assembly.

The committee elected in accordance with the provisions of this motion is as follows: John Murray; Edmund P. Clowney, convener; Lawrence B. Gilmore; Burton L. Goddard; and Richard W. Gray. The assembly also instructed the clerk to send mimeographed copies of the transcript of Dr. Clark's theological examination to ministers and sessions as soon as possible.

## Christian Education

Consideration of the remaining recommendations of the report of the Committee on Christian Education was the next item of business before the assembly. This had been postponed since Thursday afternoon in order to consider the Clark case. The fourth recommendation called for support by churches and church organizations of the work of Westminster Theological Seminary, and was adopted with very little debate.

The fifth recommendation, however, precipitated a major conflict which recurred at frequent intervals during the remainder of the sessions of the assembly. The recommendation called for support of THE PRESBYTERIAN GUARDIAN as a means of Christian education, and recom-

mended that churches and church organizations promote its wider circulation wherever possible. Since this question agitated the assembly on at least four different occasions and since the debate each time was little more than repetition of earlier argument, it is not our intention to record all of the details of all of the debate. The total time devoted to a consideration of the GUARDIAN exceeded that which was given over to consideration of the Clark case and, because of its endless repetition, constituted the greatest waste of the commissioners' time.

Those who opposed passage of the recommendation did so on the contention that recent editorial policy in relation to the magazine's treatment of the Clark case had injured the church, alienated friends, disturbed the laymen, and done injustice to Dr. Clark. One commissioner interrogated the editors in the hope that they would admit that they had been wrong and had hurt the church, and were intending to change their editorial policy. In reply, the editors maintained that the general thrust of their treatment of the Clark case had not in their opinion been wrong, though there might well have been details which would not again be handled in a similar way. Appeal was made to early issues of the magazine in support of the contention that the paper now pursues the policy originated and followed by Dr. Machen. After several hours of free debate, the recommendation was finally adopted. A motion calling for a sub-committee to confer with the editorial council was defeated by two votes, principally because there seemed to be no need for such a committee. The GUARDIAN was always accessible to any group wishing to confer with it and, in fact, such conferences had been held at irregular intervals in the past.

Recommendation 6, which asked that the churches give their hearty support to the summer conferences sponsored by the denomination's ministers, was adopted with no debate.

Dr. William Young moved that the Committee on Christian Education

be instructed to refrain from the use of pictures of the Saviour in its program. He maintained that failure to do so involved a violation of the provisions of Question 109 of the Larger Catechism and was therefore contrary to the Constitution of the denomination. His motion was finally defeated, but it was apparent that he had much stronger support for his position than he had received in previous years. Several negative votes were recorded.

Elections to the Class of 1948 of the Committee on Christian Education were: *Ministers*: Edward J. Young; Cornelius Van Til; Oscar Holkeboer; *elders*: Charles A. Freytag; Thomas R. Birch. Elder C. Alan Tichenor was elected to the Class of 1947, to fill the unexpired term of Elder Hillis M. Partington, whose resignation had been received with regret.

### Overtures and Papers

The Rev. Robert L. Atwell brought the first report of the Committee on Overtures and Papers. The following complaint from the Presbytery of the Dakotas was the first item to be considered.

And now, this second day of January, A.D. 1945, comes the Presbytery of the Dakotas and complains against the action of the Home Missions Committee in connection with its asking the presbytery to show reason why it should not discontinue aid to the Reverend Curtis A. Balcom on the first day of April, A.D. 1945, and in support of said complaint sets forth the following reason:

The presbytery had already recommended aid for Mr. Balcom.

The committee recommended that this complaint be dismissed on the ground that it was not in order, since it was a complaint against a standing committee, not a lower judicatory. The assembly adopted the following substitute motion: "That the complaint be found not in order and returned to the presbytery with an explanation as to the reason why it is not in order and with the suggestion that the presbytery take up the matter with the Committee on Home Missions."

The next item was the following overture from the Presbytery of California:

The Presbytery of California of The Orthodox Presbyterian Church respectfully overtures the 12th General Assembly of The Orthodox Presbyterian Church

to amend its constitution by deleting Paragraph 2, Chapter XI of the Form of Government, and substituting the following, in order to make the second paragraph consistent with the first:

"The General Assembly shall consist of an equal number of ministers and elders from each Presbytery in the proportion of one minister and one elder for every 300 communicant members or fraction thereof within the Presbytery, said commissioners to be elected by the respective Presbyteries."

The assembly adopted the recommendation of the committee that the presbyteries be requested to study the matter of representation in the general assembly.

Another overture from the Presbytery of California requested the assembly "to so divide the Presbytery of Philadelphia that the area in Pennsylvania west of the Allegheny divide be included in the Presbytery of Ohio and that the name of the Presbytery of Ohio be changed to The 'Presbytery of Ohio and Pennsylvania.'" The assembly requested the two presbyteries to consider the merits of this overture and report to the Thirteenth General Assembly.

The following overture was adopted by the assembly:

At its Stated Meeting held on November 20, 1944, the Presbytery of Philadelphia adopted the following overture to the Twelfth General Assembly: The Presbytery of Philadelphia respectfully overtures the Twelfth General Assembly to elect a committee of five composed of four ministers and one elder to investigate the possibility of union with the Reformed Presbyterian Church, General Synod, and that this committee be requested to report to the Thirteenth General Assembly."

The following persons were elected to this committee: *Ministers*: Calvin K. Cummings; Robert S. Marsden; Raymond M. Meiners; William Young; *elder*: Jesse C. Gump.

The Committee on Overtures and Papers recommended that no action be taken on an overture from the Presbytery of New Jersey requesting the assembly to ask its Committee on Foreign Missions "to make an effort to reduce the proportion of its funds spent upon the administration and promotion of its affairs, and in particular to eliminate the subsidy to THE PRESBYTERIAN GUARDIAN." Mr. Atwell explained that the reason for the committee's recommendation was that there was no justification for singling out one committee for such

advice and that there was no evidence that the Committee on Foreign Missions had failed to keep its overhead as low as possible. Moreover, it was felt that the position of the overture was penny wise and pound foolish. That committee, Mr. Atwell said, is to be commended on the efficient manner in which it has conducted its business. The Rev. Everett C. DeVelde, principal protagonist of the position of the overture, offered the overture itself as a substitute for the recommendation of no action. He maintained that between twenty and twenty-two per cent. of the committee's funds were spent on overhead and felt that as a matter of principle money given for foreign missions should be spent on the foreign field. He wanted the committee to limit its administrative overhead to ten or fifteen per cent. of its income.

At this point the assembly recessed for the day. Devotional services on Tuesday morning were led by the Rev. Edwards E. Elliott.

The Rev. Robert S. Marsden, general secretary of the Committee on Foreign Missions, replied to Mr. DeVelde in detail and drew a picture of the inefficiency and confusion which he maintained would result from an attempt to divide the work of the two missions committees in order to use volunteer help in the office of the Foreign Missions Committee. He reported that during the past year the overhead had been 17 per cent. and that the average during the committee's lifetime had been 19.8 per cent.

The question of the so-called subsidy to THE PRESBYTERIAN GUARDIAN occupied the attention of the commissioners for a large part of the rest of the day. This contribution is made by the committee in exchange for publicity which it receives through the pages of the paper. Without such publicity, there would have to be another organ for the publicizing of the missionary work of the denomination and such an additional organ would presumably cost far more than the amount of the subsidy to the GUARDIAN.

A distinction was drawn by some commissioners between the GUARDIAN as an independent voice and as the unofficial organ of the church. A number of commissioners felt that the magazine could properly function as an independent voice but that in such a status it should not be supported in any way by the committees of the



assembly. Several persons voiced the opinion that the GUARDIAN was not a satisfactory medium for publicity since, as an independent organ, it frequently was forced to take sides in controversial issues facing the church. The ethics and propriety of giving mission money to a magazine, even for the purchase of publicity, was considered doubtful by some commissioners. It was pointed out by the friends of the magazine that the GUARDIAN walks in reality no independent path, that it has served the church well in the past, that it supplies the least expensive publicity available, and that it is necessary to the proper functioning and promotion of the work of the committees.

Finally, after many hours, the committee recommendation of no action was carried. This, however, did not conclude the debate on the subject of support of the GUARDIAN, but supplied a brief intermission before again returning to the same subject.

The following overture from the Presbytery of Philadelphia was, upon the recommendation of the committee, adopted by the assembly:

In view of the gross immorality that exists in the world today, and in view of the failure of many Christian parents to give their young people adequate information concerning matters of sex, the Presbytery of Philadelphia respectfully overtures the Twelfth General Assembly to take two actions;

Firstly, to request the pastors and sessions to impress upon parents the necessity for safeguarding their young people in respect to these conditions, and instructing them concerning these matters.

Secondly, to instruct the Committee on Christian Education to prepare or to recommend suitable material which may be placed in the hands of parents to aid them in the task of giving their young people the necessary instruction.

The committee recommended the adoption of the following overture but that recommendation was defeated by the assembly:

The Presbytery of California of The Orthodox Presbyterian Church respectfully overtures the 12th General Assembly of The Orthodox Presbyterian Church to incorporate the following in its standing rules,

"The Standing Committees of the Assembly shall be required to adjourn their last meetings before the Assembly to meet at the call of their chairmen during the sessions of the Assembly."

Following these recommendations of the Committee on Overtures and

Papers, the brief report of the Legal Committee was received. This year, as a slight change from the actions of preceding assemblies, the Legal Committee was not continued and instead the Home Missions Committee was authorized to aid any church in legal matters when the church requests aid and, in the judgment of the committee, needs it.

The Committee on the Sale of Standards reported additional sales and a present balance of \$184.15. The committee was continued.

#### American Council

The Rev. Professor R. B. Kuiper presented the report of the Committee on the American Council of Christian Churches and the Scriptural Principles of Cooperation with Other Churches. This report was printed in full in two installments in THE PRESBYTERIAN GUARDIAN of March 25th and May 10th.

The following minority report, signed by the Rev. Samuel G. Allen and the Rev. Gordon H. Clark, Ph.D., was read by Mr. Allen:

We do not believe that it is necessary to argue against religious cooperation with unbelievers, those who deny the fundamentals of the Christian faith, or against organic union with Christian bodies which we believe are less pure in doctrine. On these two points there is in our denomination general agreement. We believe also that there is general agreement to the proposition that there must be cooperation with other truly Christian bodies whom we believe are less pure insofar as such cooperation does not compromise and impair what we believe to be true.

Concerning the last proposition there is a difference of opinion as to what compromises and impairs what we believe to be true. Some of us seem to believe that any cooperation with a church which we deem less pure is sinful while others believe that there is a wide area of cooperation with such bodies on the basis of the great fundamental truths of Christianity as stated for instance in the preamble of the constitution of the American Council of Christian Churches.

"Whereas, it is the duty of Christian believers to make common testimony to their glorious faith, especially in darkening days of apostasy, the bodies forming this Council do now establish it as an agency unreservedly dedicated without compromise or evasions as a witness to the glory of God and the historic faith of the Church universal, including adherence to these truths among others equally precious: the full truthfulness, inerrancy, and authority of the Bible, which is the Word of God; the holiness and love of the one

sovereign God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit; the true deity and sinless humanity of our Lord Jesus Christ, His virgin birth, His atoning death, the just for the unjust, His bodily resurrection, His glorious coming again; salvation by grace through faith alone; the oneness in Christ of those He has redeemed with His own precious blood; and the maintenance in the visible Church of purity of life and doctrine."

We believe that the O.P.C. should affiliate itself with the American Council of Christian Churches on the basis of this preamble, its constitution and its history to date.

Almost all ministers and laymen of the O.P.C. will readily accede to the duty declared in the above preamble.

1. It is Biblical. To all who hold the above doctrines we must extend the right hand of fellowship in Christ. We must evidence the spirit of cooperation in the service of Christ. Who would dare to anathematize those who honor Christ and His Word? Who among us would say that we are to refuse to bid God-speed to the servants of Christ who are contending for the faith once delivered to the saints? If we admit that such men are brethren in Christ, what casuistry can justify the refusal to obey the command of Christ that we should love one another? How can we say that we obey this commandment if we refuse to cooperate with our brethren in Christ in the struggle against an enemy which is seeking to abolish true Christianity from the face of the globe? Our vocation calls for a demonstration of lowliness and meekness, forbearing of one another in love. We are laborers together with God. We are God's building.

2. It is possible to make a common testimony to the catholic doctrine common to the whole confessing church embraced in the great ecumenical creeds and at the same time maintain our distinctive Reformed witness. This is a council of churches for common action against the enemies of God, to wit, Modernism, Romanism, Communism, and any other ism which denies or compromises the truthfulness of the above doctrines. It takes common action in behalf of historic Christianity. It is not a union of churches. It is not saying or implying that we consider that our distinctive Reformed witness is unimportant any more than others in the Council think that their Arminianism, immersion or ritual is unimportant. It is a Council in which Bible-believing Presbyterians, Methodists, Baptists and Independents remain such with all their hearts and yet stand together as citizens of the Kingdom of God in conflict with the Kingdom of Satan. It is a Council which is pledged not to do work which is generally accepted as being in the ecclesiastical sphere. It is pledged to aid the constituent denominations in their distinctive witness.

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**Assembly**

**T**HE Twelfth General Assembly of The Orthodox Presbyterian Church has come and gone. It was an assembly that did a great many very good things and very few not-so-good things, but which invariably expended a Gargantuan amount of energy to produce even a Lilliputian result.

The assembly is to be congratulated on the things it didn't do. It might, for instance, have high-dived into the pool of the American Council instead of first testing the water and measuring its depth. It might have issued off-hand pronouncements on the most profound of doctrinal problems in the interests of abruptly terminating a controversy which everyone recognized as exceedingly unpleasant. It might have yielded to pressure and dealt a crippling blow to THE PRESBYTERIAN GUARDIAN. There are many other terrifying possibilities, and the assembly carefully sidestepped them all.

On the debit side of the ledger, however, is the fact that this year's assembly seemed to have abandoned all conception of its responsibility as the steward of its own time and energies. Hours and even days were consumed in the fruitless retreading of ground already adequately covered in previous explorations; motions to reconsider matters which earlier sessions had acted upon were more numerous than in any other assembly of the denomination; the Clark case and the GUARDIAN, two matters which are definitely not among the primary enterprises of the church, consumed more than half of the assembly's time, while the main business of the church—the work of preaching the gospel of sovereign grace through the estab-

lished agencies of the denomination—was relegated to the weary hours of the closing sessions, when the ranks of the commissioners had already been depleted and their energies were at low ebb.

We are, we confess, a little terrified as we contemplate the Thirteenth General Assembly. The number of committees charged to report to that body are legion—to name only a few, the Committee on Song in Public Worship, the Committee on Theological Education, the Committee on the Doctrinal Portion of the Complaint in the Clark Case, the Committee on the American Council, the Committee on Union with the Reformed Presbyterian Church (General Synod), the Committee on Local Evangelism, and the Committee on Standing Rules. Will these next year take up the major productive portion of the assembly's time, leaving only a few casual minutes on the closing days for the central and preëminent business of the church of Jesus Christ, or will the assembly next year budget its time and its thought in recognition of its solemn responsibility to place first things first?

Most of the credit for the smooth running of the parliamentary machinery this year must go to the Rev. Robert S. Marsden as moderator. His direction of the assembly was in the best democratic tradition and in line with our conception of what the new model post-war moderator should be. Mr. Marsden moderated well and efficiently. He moderated with poise, with fairness, with expedition, with authority and, we are glad to add, with a certain amount of toughness. He discouraged the kind of parliamentary nonsense which at previous assemblies has so often slowed down the wheels of progress, and yet he gave no one the unpleasant feeling that the sessions were being steam-rolled. He made his rulings not arbitrarily but yet with a briskness and a dispatch that kept the business of the assembly from bogging down in a morass of procedural difficulties. In short, he was efficient without being pontifical. He moderated one of the most difficult assemblies we have had, and he did it well.

The Twelfth General Assembly, so far as debate was concerned, seemed not a good assembly; but when the votes were taken it showed itself a good assembly indeed. We regret the actions that it took on the legal aspects

of the complaint in the Clark case, but those considerations are quite subordinate to the vastly more important matters on which the assembly's actions were, we think, excellent. We pray that in the coming twelve months the church may apply herself diligently to a study of the Reformed principles on which she was established and to their implications in the fields and problems which confront her, may study with the utmost earnestness the primary standard of the church, the Word of God, may rededicate her total energies to the fulfillment of the task that confronts her, and may go forth to battle "fair as the moon, clear as the sun, and terrible as an army with banners."

—T. R. B.

**Congratulations!**

**W**E ARE happy to be able to congratulate the Reformed Episcopal Church upon its withdrawal from the modernist-dominated Federal Council. News of this action of the 31st General Council of the denomination is reported elsewhere in this issue of the GUARDIAN.

Nine long years have been required to bring about this happy conclusion to a most unfortunate alliance. The length of time involved is due somewhat to the fact that the Reformed Episcopal Church holds its General Council meetings only once in every three years, and somewhat to the fact that earlier meetings were not adequately representative of the membership of the church, so that there was reluctance on the part of the members to force a decision on this vital matter.

We have felt in the past a considerable weight of sorrow that a denomination of the character and calibre of the Reformed Episcopal Church should be affiliated with so outrageously liberal a body as the Federal Council. There was an incongruity in that association which was difficult for us to understand. We confess also to a measure of impatience with the repeated delays of the past decade. Our joy, therefore, at the decree of divorce between the parties to this incompatible marriage is consequently great.

We wish, however, that the decree had been a little more absolute. A clean break with the unwholesome

past is not much more difficult than a half-hearted break, and we find ourselves a bit wistful over the closing paragraph of the General Council's resolution.

The important thing, however, is that a break has been made. The Reformed Episcopal Church is no longer a member of the iniquitous Federal Council. Every member of The Orthodox Presbyterian Church should join in heart-felt thanksgiving to God for this courageous stand, and in prayer that the future will witness no relations, unofficial or official, between the two bodies.

—T. R. B.

## Assembly

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3. It is necessary for us to affiliate ourselves with the American Council of Christian Churches. Unless Bible-believing Christians unite for common action it is more than likely that the totalitarian trend fostered by Modernism, Romanism, Communism and Fascism will destroy the freedom of religion as we know it. We are faced with a life and death struggle which compels us to join the A.C.C.C. or stay on the sidelines and argue among ourselves with the distinct possibility of either perishing or existing as a harmless and freakish sect.

The battle is joined. The conflict is raging. The Federal Council of Churches, modernist, pacifist and near-communist is seeking to prove its evangelicalism. This is the first time that the Federal Council has been forced to face doctrinal issues. It is squirming under the attack of the A.C.C.C. It is using every weapon at its command to destroy the American Council of Churches. And it has all the weapons used in the fight against us by the Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A. and more.

The American Council has challenged the Federal Council successfully as to its right to represent Protestantism in the realm of radio and in providing chaplains for the armed forces. It has obtained recognition in accord with the numbers it represents.

The American Council is fighting for the right of evangelicals to preach on the radio. There are many schemes afoot to drive Bible-believing preachers from the air-lanes.

The American Council has won the right for naval chaplains to preach and act without being discriminated against.

The American Council is leading the fight against the V-12 program which denies theological students the privilege of attending a Fundamentalist school.

The American Council is struggling against the Romanist influence which almost wholly succeeds in keeping Protestant missionaries from Central and South America.

The American Council is aiding in the protest against American representation at the Vatican.

The American Council is continually fighting acts or proposed acts of Congress which would tend to destroy the doctrine of the separation of church and state, and to destroy the freedom of religion.

The American Council is trying to change the present practice of keeping denominations and churches out of U. S. housing developments.

The activity of the American Council has been recognized by the Federal Council, *The Christian Century*, *Time* magazine, the modernist heads of some of the large denominations and the Congress and the Senate of the United States.

It is the only agency through which we can effectively engage in the great religious conflicts of our day.

The size and calibre of our enemies, the question of religious liberty, the need for Christian education, the social and moral questions of society demand united action on the part of Bible-believers. The immorality and anti-Christian acts of noted figures demand a united protest.

Our world- and life-view demands that our isolationism be ended. Christian love demands that we aid our brethren who are undergoing so much for us.

We need to remember that:

1. Affiliation with the American Council will not undermine our distinctive Reformed witness; on the contrary it will obtain a greater hearing for that witness.

2. It is impossible to delegate ecclesiastical authority to any Council. Ministers are always subject to the discipline of their respective denominations or churches. Committees of the denominations must report to their denominations. Denominations can drop out of the Council or repudiate its decisions at any time.

3. Departments of Evangelism, Home Missions, Foreign Missions and Christian education are included in the by-laws of the A.C. of C.C. in order to promote the witness of its constituents.

4. The enemies of the American Council, and our enemies before 1937, are very clever in calling attention to what it terms the lack of dignity and fairness in its methods. They have a difficult if not impossible task to prove the charges.

5. One need not worry too much about the good opinion of compromisers or those whose conservatism tends toward cold orthodoxy. Whose friendship is important? theirs or that of militant Bible-believers?

6. One need not worry about differences of opinion on great issues dealt with by the Council. We would not want to be in a Council that dealt with safe and non-controversial matters. Such matters are

not important. When have we been noted for unanimity?

We contend that there is not one principle that should keep us from affiliating ourselves with the American Council and that there are at least three principles that can be adduced in favor of such an affiliation.

1. We should cooperate with other Christian bodies insofar as such cooperation does not compromise or impair our distinctive witness.

2. It is our duty to help those who are fighting our battles.

3. It is a duty to uphold the hands of Christian brethren who are being smeared and maligned for Christ's sake.

In addition we want to again call your attention to at least three reasons why it would be wise to become a constituent member of the A.C.C.C.

1. It would break our present isolationism.

2. It would take us out of the forum into the arena of action.

3. It would help us escape that brand of conservatism which is inclined toward cold orthodoxy.

And finally, a fearful possibility awaits us if we do not join in the battle. The enemies of freedom are growing stronger. If we do not embrace this opportunity of fighting our enemies and God's enemies, we as a denomination may not have another chance.

Accordingly, we recommend that the 12th General Assembly of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church direct a committee of three, elected by the Assembly, to take what action is necessary to apply for constituent membership in the American Council of Christian Churches, and in the event that the application is accepted, authorize this committee to represent it on said Council until the 13th General Assembly.

Mr. Allen moved the adoption of the recommendation contained in the concluding paragraph of the minority report and made a strong plea on its behalf. He said that this was a matter of paramount importance because our very existence as a church is threatened by totalitarianism. He likened the American Council to David fighting the modern Goliath of unbelief. He charged the majority report with espousing isolationism and declared that, if the church did not join the American Council, it would never join battle with the enemy.

Mr. Sloat said that in his opinion the majority report stated the principles correctly but turned away from those principles in its recommendation that the denomination consider the possibility of a consultative relationship with the Council which Mr.

Sloat charged with being a super-church. Mr. Allen termed a consultative relationship meaningless and, in fact, the American Council makes no provision for such membership in its constitution.

A motion to amend the recommendation of the majority report in order to give to a committee the authority to act in effecting and carrying on a consultative relationship was defeated and the recommendation of the majority report was adopted. This is a recommendation that The Orthodox Presbyterian Church explore the possibility of a consultative relationship to The American Council of Christian Churches to the end that in the future our church may cooperate with the Council in certain restricted fields.

The personnel of this committee was elected as follows: *Ministers:* John P. Clelland; Samuel J. Allen; Ned B. Stonehouse.

**Other Committees**

A committee had been appointed by the Eleventh General Assembly to study the entire matter of the work of an evangelist, and the report of that committee was read by Dr. Stonehouse. The report in the form in which it was adopted will be published in the next GUARDIAN.

The Committee on Date and Place of Next Assembly reported that it had received three invitations—from the Presbytery of California to meet at Los Angeles, from the First Church of Cincinnati, and from Westminster Theological Seminary. It was finally determined that the Thirteenth General Assembly should meet on Tuesday, May 21, 1946, at Cincinnati, Ohio, and that the moderator, clerk and assistant clerk be constituted a committee with power to accept the invitation of Westminster Theological Seminary to meet in that place if that appears necessary, provided that the change shall be determined upon and publicized not less than three months before the date of meeting. The same three officers were also named as a Committee on Arrangements.

The Report of the Committee on Theological Education was the next item of business before the assembly and Professor Woolley began to read the majority report, signed by Professors Kuiper, Murray and Woolley, which included a brief statement advocating the position that the church must not engage in the education of men for the gospel ministry. In addition,

there were three studies by members of the committee.

There was also a minority report which took the position that a church may properly conduct the work of theological education but that it need not necessarily do so. This report was signed by Mr. Marsden and Mr. Smith. The assembly moved to put both these reports in the minutes without having them read, and also adopted a motion that the matter of theological education, together with the reports on theological education, be referred to a committee of five for further consideration and for report to the next assembly. The personnel of that committee is as follows: *Ministers:* Arthur W. Kuschke, Jr.; Edward L. Kellogg; Lewis J. Grotenhuis; Ned B. Stonehouse; John C. Hills, Jr.

The report of the Committee on Local Evangelism was read by the chairman, the Rev. Calvin K. Cummings. This included the presentation of the following new papers which had been sent to ministers and sessions for purposes of study: "The Evangelistic Meeting" and "Extensive Survey Work." The committee recommended that the assembly commend to the presbyteries and sessions for appropriate action the papers on "The Open Air Meeting," "The Evangelistic Meeting" and "Extensive Survey Work." This recommendation was adopted and the committee was continued until the next assembly. The paper on "Preparation for the Evangelistic Meeting" was also commended to presbyteries and sessions for appropriate action.

**Home Missions**

The report of the Committee on Home Missions was read by the Rev. Richard W. Gray and the financial report by Dr. Robert Strong. The financial report is omitted from the following reprint:

During the year ending March 31, 1945, the Committee on Home Missions and Church Extension granted aid to the following persons:

H. Wilson Albright; Carl A. Ahlfeldt; Samuel J. Allen; Curtis A. Balcom; John W. Betzold; Martin J. Bohn; James B. Brown, D.D.; Robert B. Brown; Calvin A. Busch; Robert K. Churchill; Gordon H. Clark, Ph.D.; Edmund P. Clowney; Bruce A. Coie; Glenn R. Coie; Edward B. Cooper; Henry W. Coray; John Davies; Edwards E. Elliott; Lawrence R. Eyres; David Freeman; Richard B. Gaffin; Lawrence B. Gilmore, Th.D.; Robert H. Graham; Thomas Gregory; John C. Hills,

Jr.; Bruce F. Hunt; Louis E. Knowles; Arthur W. Kuschke; Walter J. Magee; Francis E. Mahaffy; George W. Marston; Raymond M. Meiners; Melvin B. Nonhof; Herman T. Petersen; J. Lyle Shaw, D.D., Ph.D.; Reginald Voorhees.

Of these the Rev. Messrs. Berzold, Busch, Clowney, G. Coie, Hunt, Kuschke, Mahaffy and Voorhees, and Messrs. Gregory and Knowles were added to the roll during the year. The Rev. Messrs. Ahlfeldt, Betzold, J. Brown, R. Brown, Clark, G. Coie, Kuschke and Mahaffy, and Messrs. Gregory and Knowles were removed from the roll during the year.

The Committee is glad to report that all the fields whose pastors receive aid from the Committee are progressing satisfactorily and that no exceptions to the salary scale have been necessary for aid-receiving pastors.

**SALARY SCALE**

The Committee has again found it possible to liberalize its salary scale by increasing the amount granted for children allowances. The new scale permits missionaries and aid-receiving pastors to receive grants up to \$50 per month, with a maximum of \$10 a month for each dependent in the city, and \$8 a month in rural pastorates.

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY FUNDS**

Since the Committee acts as fiscal agent for the general assembly, it reports that during the year there was received, chiefly from 47 churches, the sum of \$731.55 for expenses of the general assembly. The Eleventh General Assembly had allowed a budget of \$900 for these purposes. The Committee at its April 19, 1945, meeting approved the following payments, in addition to the expenses of printing the Minutes and certain incidental expenses:

Committee on Local Evangelism	\$96.39
Committee on Song in Worship	30.00
Committee on Theological Education	37.88
Committee on the American Council of Christian Churches	38.74
Committee on Ministerial Benefits	21.00
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	\$224.01

**WORK OF THE FIELD MISSIONARY AND EXPANSION PROGRAM**

The Rev. George W. Marston has continued his activities as field missionary and has been engaged chiefly in making surveys of new fields where it may be possible to organize churches. He has made thorough surveys of a large number of such fields and has found at least several which show great promise. He has assisted a number of organized churches in planning expansion within their own area and in starting branch Sunday Schools. He has conducted a very limited number of series of evangelistic services, the major portion of his time being given

to survey work. After the thorough investigation which Mr. Marston has conducted, the Committee is now preparing to go ahead with its expansion program, and it has good hopes that at least two fields, and very likely three, will be opened during the current year. The Committee has sought applicants for manning these new fields, and it has been delighted to receive applications from several men who have already proved themselves to be able pastors. The Committee is now in the process of appointing one or more of these men, and it has decided to take steps toward the opening of work in both the Chicago and the Northern New Jersey area, and there is some prospect that a work can likewise be opened in the Philadelphia region.

During the year the Committee appointed the Rev. Bruce F. Hunt as its missionary in Southern California. Mr. Hunt has established several points at which groups gather for worship and instruction under his general direction, and at least one group is in the process of organization. He has, in general, attempted to use the "Nevius Plan", which was originally developed on the foreign field, in the conduct of his home missions work. It is too early for the Committee accurately to assess the value of this type of missionary work.

#### CONTRIBUTIONS

Contributions to the work of the Committee continue to increase. The increase from the churches was not so great during the year under review, but large sums were received from individual donors during the year. Eighty-three churches and church groups contributed during the year, and every Orthodox Presbyterian Church, save two, supported the work of this Committee financially.

#### PROMOTION PLANS

In addition to the regular promotional articles and news items in the pages of THE PRESBYTERIAN GUARDIAN, the Committee, during the coming year, is contemplating the publication of a small leaflet, to be sent to our donors and to be made available for distribution through the local churches. This, the Committee believes, will help to meet a need long felt for more promotional literature that can readily be put into the hands of all our people. The Committee has placed the sum of \$500 on its budget for the coming year for this purpose.

The Committee recommends to the general assembly that the assembly empower it to make plans for the celebration of the Tenth Anniversary of The Orthodox Presbyterian Church in 1946, and to carry those plans to execution. If this Committee should be charged with the task, it contemplates at least the publication of a tenth anniversary brochure, or possibly even of a small book outlining the history of the church, with pictures. It contemplates placing such a publica-

tion on sale throughout the church. If the Committee is charged with this task it requests that it be authorized to raise a fund not exceeding \$1000 to underwrite such a plan.

#### BUDGET OF THE COMMITTEE

In accordance with the relative budgets of the Committee on Home Missions and Church Extension and of the Committee on Foreign Missions, this Committee has agreed to pay two-thirds of the joint overhead costs of both committees during the fiscal year 1945-46. The following budget has been adopted by the Committee:

Office and Administrative expense	\$ 4,300
Allowances of Missionaries,	
Class A .....	12,000
Allowances of Missionaries,	
Class B .....	20,000
Extension Expense—	
In seeking new fields...	\$500
In establishing fields ..	500
	1,000
Promotional Expense—	
Publicity, PRESBYTERIAN	
GUARDIAN .....	\$240
Promotional Leaflets ..	500
Mimeographing, Post-	
age, etc. ....	300
Traveling, General Sec-	
retary .....	700
	1,740
Miscellaneous .....	200
Total Budget to be raised during	
the present year .....	\$39,240
New work to be undertaken, to	
be paid for from funds on hand	
and contributed for this general	
purpose .....	6,000
Necessary building operations for	
new work, to be paid for from	
funds on hand and contributed	
for this general purpose ....	12,000
Total Budget .....	\$57,240

#### ELECTIONS TO THE COMMITTEE

The terms of the following members of the Committee expire with this assembly—Ministers: James B. Brown, D.D., Ned B. Stonehouse, Th.D., Robert Strong, S.T.D.; Elders: Joseph H. McClay and Joseph Mitchell.

Elder Albert H. Squires of the class of 1947 desires to resign and the Committee recommends that his resignation be accepted with regret and that an elder be elected to serve his unexpired term.

The devotional service on Wednesday morning was conducted by the Rev. Edward L. Kellogg and, immediately afterward, consideration of the Home Missions Committee report was resumed. The recommendation that the committee be empowered to carry out plans for the celebration of the tenth anniversary of the denomination was finally approved. Before its adoption Mr. Sloat

had made an elaborate proposal calling for the preparation of a tenth anniversary volume which would have been exceedingly worth while but not highly practical in view of the limited time available for its preparation. Mr. Sloat's motion failed to carry the assembly.

At this point the question of support of THE PRESBYTERIAN GUARDIAN by the Home Missions Committee came before the assembly. The committee, prior to the assembly, had reduced the amount of its gift to the GUARDIAN by fifty percent. The Rev. John C. Hills, Jr., moved that the assembly instruct the Committee on Home Missions to reinstate the original amount. He said that, with the possible exception of Westminster Seminary, no agency was more important to the success of the church. With the expansion of the committee's budget, it will need more publicity than ever before. In the GUARDIAN that publicity would be presented in the context of all other phases of the work of the movement.

Dr. Strong discussed the question of the stewardship of funds and said that some persons in the committee had favored leaving the GUARDIAN out of the committee's budget entirely. He felt, however, that the magazine was still a legitimate channel of publicity, despite the contention that it has lost ground in the church at large. Therefore he favored continuing the contribution in the reduced amount.

Mr. Marsden scouted the objection that money contributed to missions may not be given to a magazine, since publicity is a necessary item that enables the committee to function. Gifts to the magazine by the committee, he said, should not be withheld unless the assembly believes that the GUARDIAN is in essence altogether bad.

An amendment was offered, calling for the election of a committee of three to consult with the editorial council and to represent the interests of the Home Missions Committee. This motion was defeated. A substitute motion was offered, which would have had the effect of instructing the Home Missions Committee to elect a sub-committee for the same purpose. This was defeated, but only after the moderator exercised his right to vote in order to effect a tie.

Finally the main motion was carried by a vote of 28 to 21. This meant that, despite the greater strength shown this year by those who oppose THE

PRESBYTERIAN GUARDIAN, it was actually emerging from the assembly with stronger financial support than it had had when it went in.

The Class of 1948 of the Home Missions Committee was elected as follows: Ministers: Ned B. Stonehouse; Robert Strong; Glenn R. Coie; elders: Enno Wolthuis; Joseph H. McClay. Elder William B. Gaillard was elected to the Class of 1947 to fill the unexpired term of Elder A. H. Squires.

Two protests were filed with the clerk and read to the assembly. The first was signed by Dr. William Young and others, and protested a vote against reconsideration of a portion of the report of the Committee on Local Evangelism. The second, signed by the Rev. John J. DeWaard and others, protested the adoption of a motion that the amends asked by the complainants in the Clark case be considered illegal without first determining the existence of error. Also Mr. DeWaard protested that the assembly had no authority to declare in an arbitrary fashion, and "without consideration of the charges of the complaint, that the action of the Presbytery of Philadelphia on July 7, 1944, was lawful."

Dr. William Young reported for the Committee on Song in Public Worship and said that the committee had met for a period of nearly thirty hours but had discovered that the subject was more basic than was first supposed and that it was worthy of more study. The committee therefore recommended that it be continued and instructed to report to the Thirteenth General Assembly. This recommendation was adopted.

The Rev. John H. Skilton reported for the Committee on Texts and Proof Texts. The committee has continued the work of revising proof texts for the Confession of Faith and has advanced to Chapter XXIV, Section 3. The committee recommended that it be continued, and this recommendation was adopted.

Mr. Cummings read the report of the Committee on Examination of Presbyterial Records, the details of which are not included in this assembly report.

### Foreign Missions

The report of the Committee on Foreign Missions was read by the Rev. John P. Clelland and the financial report, not here reprinted, was read by

Elder Murray Forst Thompson.

The Committee on Foreign Missions reports to the Twelfth General Assembly for the period from April 25, 1944, to April 23, 1945, except concerning finances for which the report is for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1945.

### MISSIONARY ROLL OF THE COMMITTEE

The missionary roll remains the same as that reported to the Tenth and Eleventh General Assemblies with the following exceptions:

The appointment of the Rev. Francis E. Mahaffy to Eritrea and Ethiopia has been completed, he having been ordained by the Presbytery of Philadelphia and having passed a favorable physical examination.

Mrs. Francis E. Mahaffy has been appointed as a missionary to work in Eritrea and Ethiopia.

### MISSIONARIES ON LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The Rev. Egbert W. Andrews has gone to Chungking, China, where, under the Foreign Affairs Bureau, National Military Council, he is working as a civilian liaison officer for the Chinese government. He is having unusual opportunity for contact with the highest Chinese officials, and he is also having opportunity for travel within China and India. His intention is, if possible, to remain in China at the close of the War and thus be on the ground for the resumption of our work in the Far East. The Rev. Bruce F. Hunt is working as a missionary under the Committee on Home Missions and Church Extension, in California; the Rev. Henry W. Coray continues his pastorate in Long Beach, California; the Rev. Richard B. Gaffin continues his pastorate in Milwaukee, Wisconsin; the Rev. Malcolm C. Frehn continues as a captain in the United States Army Intelligence Department, while the Rev. R. Heber McIlwaine continues as a chaplain in the United States Army. All of these men are on leave of absence and none of them receives a salary from the Committee.

Efforts are still being made by Mr. Hunt to secure passage to Free China, but without avail.

### ACTIVITIES OF MISSIONARIES

The Rev. Clarence W. Duff continues to labor as our missionary in Eritrea. To date Mr. Duff has not been able to secure even a visitor's permit to enter Ethiopia. He still intends to visit that country as soon as possible and to determine from first-hand information whether we can carry on an effective missionary work there.

In the early fall of 1944, Mr. Duff was joined by the Rev. Charles E. Stanton. Together they have carried on and supervised the building operations at our station in Irafali. To date, somewhat over \$1000 has been spent by the Committee upon the erection of a building which will

house one family in Irafali and provide necessary space for the mission work and temporary quarters for others in addition to the one family.

Plans are on foot to establish another base in the mountains away from the humid coastal plain, probably in or about Adi Caieh. The mission work will be carried on there during the hottest time of the year when many of the inhabitants move from the coastal plain. An attempt will be made to carry these plans forward during the coming summer.

Several unusual manifestations of the grace of God have been observed during the opening months of our mission in Eritrea. Friendly officials of the British occupational government have done much to assist our missionaries in the establishment of their work. Most friendly relationships have been established with one or two Eritrean chieftains, chieftains whom one naturally would expect to oppose bitterly our evangelization of their Moslem tribesmen. The friendship of at least one chieftain, Nasir Pasha Abu Bakr (who was mentioned in the Committee's report to the Eleventh General Assembly), has been retained even after discussion with him had impressed upon him the purpose of our missionaries within his territory. For these evidences of the favor of God upon our work, the Committee gives all the praise to Him who ruleth in the hearts of men. The Committee believes that this field which has so marvelously been opened to us is one of the most needy fields in the whole world, and regards our free entrance into it as a most gracious dispensation of the providence of God to us as a church.

Permission has been secured for the entrance to Eritrea of Mrs. Clarence W. Duff and her two children; Mrs. Charles E. Stanton and her three children; and the Rev. and Mrs. Francis E. Mahaffy. Passports have been issued for their travel and the necessary visas have been secured. They had previously been assured of transportation but a failure of the Portuguese visas to arrive on time prevented their sailing the middle of March. There is now good hope that they will sail before the end of May and the Committee is praying that the transportation available at that time may be via a very short and inexpensive route, although there is no sure indication that transportation will be available save via Portugal, South Africa, Portuguese East Africa and thence up the east coast of Africa, a circuitous and difficult journey.

### FINANCIAL CONDITION OF THE COMMITTEE

The financial condition of the Committee continues to be excellent. An appeal which was made to the church for \$5000 for the transportation of the missionaries to the field met with quick and hearty response. A sum in excess of \$6000 was received within about six weeks, for

this purpose, and sufficient funds are on hand to send all the awaiting missionary party to the field. In addition to these special contributions, the Committee has received regular contributions slightly in excess of its present normal requirements, but not sufficient for an expanded program.

#### PLANS FOR RECRUITING

Since the Committee is considering the adoption of a long range program of expansion, it may soon be in a position to seek recruits to man the fields as they become open. The Committee would urge the pastors and sessions to engage in missionary education among the young people to the end that a number of them may give their lives to full-time Christian service on the foreign field. The program being considered calls for perhaps as many as six additional male, evangelistic missionaries and six women missionaries (in addition to missionary wives). The Committee earnestly welcomes applications from candidates in these categories.

#### PLANS FOR PUBLICITY

In addition to the publicity which is supplied by THE PRESBYTERIAN GUARDIAN, and by the informal missionary letters which the general secretary sends to missionary societies, the Committee is contemplating, in conjunction with the Committee on Home Missions and Church Extension, if the details can be worked out, the publication of a small leaflet which will be issued from time to time and which will be sent to our donors and made available for distribution through the local churches. The Committee has placed the sum of \$250 in its budget for this purpose.

#### BUDGET OF THE COMMITTEE

In accordance with the relative budgets of the Committee on Foreign Missions and of the Committee on Home Missions and Church Extension, this Committee will pay one-third of the joint overhead costs of both committees during the fiscal year 1945-46. The following budget has been adopted by the Committee:

Office and Administrative Expense .....	\$ 2,200
Salaries of Missionaries .....	7,000
Traveling of Missionaries, to be paid from funds on hand and designated for that purpose ..	5,000
Building Operations on the field	1,500
Promotion Expense—	
Traveling, General Secretary ..	300
Itineration, Missionaries .....	150
Publicity, PRESBYTERIAN GUARDIAN .....	\$500
Promotion Leaflet .....	250
	750
Miscellaneous .....	200
	\$17,100
Contingent Fund for Future Work .....	3,000
	\$20,100

#### ELECTIONS TO THE COMMITTEE

The terms of the following members of the Committee expire with this assembly: Ministers—James W. Price, John H. Skilton and Leslie W. Sloat; Elders—Arthur Armour and Matthew McCroddan.

At the conclusion of this report a minority report was read. It was signed by the Rev. Franklin S. Dyrness, the Rev. James W. Price and Elder Leslie Gibson, and concurred in the majority report but asked in addition that the assembly instruct the committee to delete from its budget the sum of \$500 earmarked for THE PRESBYTERIAN GUARDIAN. Mr. Smith moved the adoption of the minority report but his motion was not seconded. Since the precise question here involved had been thoroughly canvassed by debate on the overture on the same question, and since the remaining hours of the assembly were few, the commissioners were not anxious to embark again on the same discussion.

The following five members of the Class of 1948 of the Committee on Foreign Missions were elected by the assembly: Ministers: William E. Welmers; Clifford S. Smith; John H. Skilton; elders: Matthew McCroddan; Combs H. Francis.

The Travel Fund Committee reported that it was able to pay 65.6 per cent. of the commissioners' travel expenses in excess of ten dollars each. The committee recommended that the committee for the next assembly make its payments on a pro rata basis at a rate not in excess of 2½ cents per mile for travel in excess of four hundred miles. This recommendation was adopted and the following committee was appointed by the moderator to serve until the conclusion of the Thirteenth Assembly: The Rev. David Freeman, convener; the Rev. Charles L. Shook, and Elder Jesse C. Gump.

The report of the Committee on Ministerial Benefits was taken from the table, where it had been placed earlier in the assembly. This report was considered by many commissioners to contain inadequate information and it was urged that it be not sent down to boards of trustees and sessions until it had been revised by further study. The committee was continued for such study, and Mr. Thompson was made an advisory member of the committee; Mr. Cleland was added to take the place of

Ruling Elder J. H. Adams who was unable to serve; and the committee was instructed to report to the next assembly and to send its report to presbyteries and sessions at least six weeks in advance of that assembly.

At this point, the Rev. George W. Marston moved a rescinding of the vote on the motion (in connection with the fifth recommendation of the Committee on Christian Education) that three ministers be elected by the assembly to consult with the editorial council of THE PRESBYTERIAN GUARDIAN. This was an attempt to bring up once more for consideration a matter that had been adequately debated on two other occasions. The motion to rescind was eventually defeated.

A budget of \$1,000, which is approximately 20 cents per communicant member, was adopted for the business of the assembly, and upon motion it was decided that the various requests for funds be grouped for the purpose of making an appeal for a single amount, rather than several appeals for several different amounts. Committees or individuals requesting funds for assembly purposes were instructed to inform the clerk of their needs.

Dr. Stonehouse was authorized to carry the assembly's fraternal greetings to the 1945 Synod of the Christian Reformed Church, meeting in Grand Rapids in June.

The gratitude of the assembly was conveyed to the ladies who had so faithfully and efficiently served meals in Machen Hall during the sessions of the assembly, and appreciation was extended to the Faculty and Board of Trustees of Westminster Seminary for their hospitality in entertaining the assembly.

The Twelfth General Assembly of The Orthodox Presbyterian Church was dissolved early in the evening of Wednesday, May 23rd.

#### Evening Meetings

Only two popular evening meetings were held during the sessions of this year's assembly, in order to leave the remaining evenings open for additional business sessions of the assembly, if needed, or for the meetings of assembly committees.

The Rev. Richard B. Gaffin presided at the first of the two meetings, held on the opening Thursday evening. Representatives of the assembly's three standing committees brought stirring reports of their work. The Rev. George W. Marston, represent-



ing the Home Missions Committee, revealed some sobering statistics about the American unchurched and appealed for more door-bell ringing by the laity. The Rev. Floyd E. Hamilton, general secretary of the Committee on Christian Education, told of future plans for the production and promotion of the denomination's Sunday school lesson helps. The Rev. Robert S. Marsden, on behalf of the Committee on Foreign Missions, told of the providence of God in the matter of sending missionaries to Eritrea. He recounted the details of the delay that the missionary party had en-

countered in its earlier plans and how that delay had resulted in later passage on a ship going directly to the desired port and at a much lower fare.

Dr. Cornelius Van Til presided at the popular meeting on Friday evening. The Rev. Edmund P. Clowney preached on the subject "Hearers and Doers," basing his sermon on the text of James 1:22. He emphasized immediate obedience as the key to the true hearing of the Word of God.

(For editorial comment on the Twelfth General Assembly, see page 185.)

## Orthodox Presbyterian Church News

(EDITOR'S NOTE: Due to the unusual demands upon space in this issue, these news items have been necessarily abbreviated.)

### Presbytery of California

**FIRST Church, Long Beach:** Two former members of the Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A. have withdrawn from that body to unite with First Church. This makes a total of fourteen former members of that denomination who have united with the Orthodox Presbyterian churches of Long Beach. . . . Mr. Otis Leal of Mexico preached at the chapel recently during the absence of the Rev. Henry W. Coray.

**Covenant Church, Berkeley:** During May the Ladies' Group was addressed by Mrs. M. C. Frehn. . . . A special offering of \$1,500 was received for the building fund. . . . A fine class of prospective communicant members expects to unite with the church at the July communion service.

**Grace Church, Los Angeles:** The Sunday school reached an all-time high of 129 during May, with an average of 125 for the month. . . . Plans for the new church are proceeding as rapidly as possible but not swiftly enough to meet the present crowded conditions. A new addition to the temporary building was used for the first time last month.

### Presbytery of the Dakotas

**DAILY** vacation Bible school began on June 4th at Manchester, S. D., and, following the young peo-

ple's conference at Niobrara, Nebr., schools will be held at Yale and Bancroft. . . . Recent abundant rainfall provides an assurance of good crops in all of these communities.

**Calvary Church, Volga, S. D.:** The Rev. Melvin B. Nonhof of Bancroft administered the Lord's Supper on May 27th. At that time two communicant members were received on reaffirmation of faith, two infants were baptized, and two elders and one deacon were ordained and installed.

**Westminster Church, Hamill, S. D.:** Mr. and Mrs. Orville L. Wolcott and their son left last month for Houston, Ky., to serve on the staff of Houston Mission of the Reformed Presbyterian Church (General Synod). Both have been active in the work of Westminster Church.

**Orthodox Presbyterian Church and Logan-Fontenelle Chapel, Omaha, Nebr.:** The Rev. Bruce A. Coie was a recent guest preacher. The close of the school year at Calvin College has brought back two students who have been active in the work of the chapel, Donald Stanton and Mata Schakniess. . . . Support for Miss Mary Roberts and her work in Omaha has been received from many of the Sunday schools of the presbytery.

### Presbytery of New Jersey

**COVENANT Church, East Orange:** The rearrangement and enlargement of the church auditorium have been completed and the first guest preacher following the alterations was the Rev. George W. Marston. . . .

Two of the young people of the church have left for summer school in Wheaton and Calvin Colleges.

**Immanuel Church, West Collingswood:** The Rev. Edmund P. Clowney addressed a meeting of the parents and children of the Sunday school on the theme, "Sunday School Is Not Enough." . . . On May 31st the Camden County Christian School Association heard Dr. Robert Strong speak of "The Practical Benefits of the Willow Grove Christian School."

**Calvary Church, Ringoes:** The second in a series of special missionary prayer meetings, sponsored by the Ladies' Missionary Society, was held on June 6th at which time the Rev. Leslie A. Dunn told of the proposed work of the Gospel Pavilion being erected on the boardwalk at Wildwood.

**Grace Church, Trenton:** On May 20th Dr. Lawrence B. Gilmore of Cincinnati preached in Grace Church, which he had formerly served as pastor. . . . Members of the Machen League profited from the Spring Rally of the North Jersey Machen Leagues held in Ringoes.

### Presbytery of New York and New England

**CALVARY Church, Schenectady:** The pastor, the Rev. Raymond M. Meiners, and the young people of the church are conducting a thorough neighborhood survey in preparation for the summer Bible School. The Children's Day program was held on June 10th. . . . During the pastor's absence at general assembly, the pulpit was supplied by two members of the congregation who are preparing for the gospel ministry, Mr. William Goodrow and Mr. Van DuMont.

**Second Parish Church, Portland, Me.:** Anniversary Sunday was observed on May 6th; it was the sixtieth anniversary of the organization of the church and the sixth under the present pastor, the Rev. Arthur O. Olson.

### Presbytery of Philadelphia

**BETHANY Church, Nottingham:** A correction of a typographical error in last month's GUARDIAN report needs to be made: Bethany Church received about eighty dollars for missionary enterprises, not "eight dollars." . . . Sunday school attendance reached an all-time high of 145 on the last day of the recent contest. . . . The pastor, the Rev. Henry D. Phillips, is forming



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a Bicycle Club for the boys, and plans regular Saturday afternoon rides throughout the summer. . . . Mrs. Phillips has recovered well from a serious operation, but a complete rest has been ordered for her by the doctors.

**St. Andrew's Church, Baltimore, Md.:** As a result of evangelistic meetings conducted during May by the Rev. George W. Marston, there have been some applications for communicant church membership. The pastor, the Rev. Edwards E. Elliott, reports that souls have been saved.

**Covenant Church, Pittsburgh:** On May 11th the WPB granted a priority for the building of the new church and, prior to that time, the FHA granted permission for the building of a manse. Ground-breaking ceremonies are planned for the near future.

**New Hope Church, Branchton:** Vacation Bible school opened on June 4th for two weeks, with more than fifty enrolled under four teachers. Material published by the Committee on Christian Education was used.

**Faith Church, Harrisville:** The pastor, the Rev. Charles G. Schauffele, reported to the congregation the actions of the Twelfth General Assembly under the headings of the three committees—foreign missions, home missions and Christian education. . . . At Hilltop School morning worship services have begun under the leadership of Mr. Herbert Bird, a middler at Westminster Seminary.

**Mediator Church, Philadelphia:** Visitation by Mr. Thomas Gregory, a student at Westminster Seminary, and monthly social functions have increased interest in the services of the church. Sunday school attendance has reached a new high of sixty.

**Presbytery of Wisconsin**

**INDIAN Mission, Gresham:** The first rough flooring of the new Stockbridge Indian Church has arrived at the point of completion but work has been temporarily halted by the necessity of complying with the Wisconsin Industrial Commission's regulations for the erection of public buildings. It is hoped that large sections of the superstructure of the demolished Lutheran dormitory can be moved intact, so that little interior plastering will be necessary. One of the workers on the building is Eugene Huntington, who recently returned to Wisconsin from an enemy prison camp.

**A New Work in Oreland**

NEWS

By EDWARD J. YOUNG

**DURING** the past few weeks it has been my privilege to conduct Sunday morning worship services in Oreland, Pennsylvania. We had no elaborate church building, but met in the home of one of our ministers, Dr. William E. Welmers. An intensive survey of the community had been made by the Rev. George W. Marston, with the result that considerable interest was shown in the formation of a new work.

The principal difficulty was the need for a suitable meeting place, and Oreland is the type of community in which there are no public buildings which would meet our requirements. An effort was made to use the school house, but this failed. Finally, through the help of one of the ladies of the community who is now interested in The Orthodox Presbyterian Church, a meeting-place was secured. There is in Oreland an old stone house which goes back to Revolutionary times. Some of the local traditions say that George Washington once visited it. At any rate, it has stood idle for some time and is well adapted to our purposes. This house was made available for a mere ten dollars per month, and the services will be held in this historic building.

Beginning with the first Sunday in June, the services have been in charge of Mr. David Muir, a graduate of Westminster Theological Seminary. Mr. Muir won the seminary prize in Apologetics. He is a good preacher, has real musical ability and is a hard worker. He intends to devote himself to the work in Oreland during the summer and the coming year, and at the same time take graduate work at the seminary.

If this work at Oreland develops into a successful church, it will in part be due to the efforts of Mr. Marston. Mr. Marston devoted two or three weeks to an intensive canvass of the community. I had the privilege of spending an afternoon in that work with Mr. Marston and of witnessing the effective manner in which the gospel is presented to the various homes. As subsequent calling has shown, Mr. Marston made a favorable impression upon the community.

GUARDIAN readers in the East are invited to visit this new group.