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First Presbyterian Church

SESSION MINUTES

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MINUTES OF THE SESSION

OF THE

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PREFACE.

The "Form of Government" of the Presbyterian Church, in Chapter IX, Section VIII, directs that "every Session shall keep a fair Record of its proceedings; which record shall be, at least once in every year, submitted to the inspection of the Presbytery."

Notwithstanding this direction, great want of neatness and precision is found in every section of the Church, in the method of keeping these records. There is also a great lack of uniformity in the size and kind of books in which they are inscribed.

It is with the desire of aiding to do away these evils, by presenting to the Church a model volume of Sessional Records, that the Board of Publication has, at the request of a number of Ministers, and of Presbyteries, prepared this book. It should be kept by a Clerk appointed by the Session, and the entries be made in a neat and legible hand; the necessity for interlineations and corrections being carefully avoided.

A CHURCH REGISTRY has likewise been prepared. As it is not required to be annually carried to Presbytery for inspection and approval, and as it may not be filled at the same time with the book of Minutes, it seems best that it should usually be a separate volume. Still, the two may be obtained bound together or apart.

Specimen of Records.

For the benefit of inexperienced Clerks of Sessions, we present the following, which will exhibit the proper method of making entries, upon a number of the commonest matters to be recorded.

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JOHNSVILLE, SEPT. 17, 1859.

1859.
Sept. 17th.

The Session met at the Parsonage at 3 o'clock, P. M. Present, Rev. James S., the Moderator, with Elders John W., James S., and Thomas W. The meeting was opened with prayer. The minutes of the last meeting were read.

Robert S. and Mrs. Ellen F. (wife of David) appeared before Session and were examined on their religious experience, when, having made a satisfactory profession of their faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, they were admitted to the sealing ordinance of the Lord's Supper. J. K. and T. R., after due examination, were admitted to the sealing ordinances of Baptism and the Lord's Supper.

A free conversation was held upon the state of religion in the congregation, from which it appeared that there was much cause for gratitude and encouragement.

It having appeared that Common Fairs charges Henry A. with unchristian conduct in several particulars, the Moderator and Elder W. were appointed a Committee to wait upon Mr. A. upon the subject, and report to the Session at its next meeting.

Charles T. appeared before the Session and preferred certain charges against Samuel L. After hearing the charges, the Session directed its clerk to give the accused a copy of the same, with the names of the witnesses to support them, and to cite all concerned to appear at the next meeting of the July-Session.

Elder John W. was appointed to attend the approaching meeting of the Presbytery.

Closed with prayer.

Signed,

JAMES S., Clerk.

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With devout thanksgiving to God for past mercies, and humble prayer for the continued presence of His Spirit, we open this new Book of Records, which is No. 4. This Book was purchased April 20: 1875.

Joseph V. Symmes.
Pastor.

Cranbury May 2^d 1875.

Monthly meeting; opened with prayer.

Present, Rev. Joseph V. Symmes, Pastor, together

with ruling Elders, Orrick V. Perrine, Stephen D. Duncan,

Members William Everett, Peter S. Bergen, and Edmund C. Knoll

Deacons, John J. Applegate, Matthias H. Perrine,

J. Nathaniel Bergen, Alex. J. Stultz, John Gibson,

and William Curran.

Report. P. S. Bergen reported that he had visited John

C. Holmes, and received satisfactory assurance

of an amended course of conduct.

Visit. J. J. Applegate was appointed to visit Mrs.

Nancy Silvers.

Dismissal. Mrs. Abigail Trubee was dismissed to

the Presbyterian Church of Hightstown.

The old and new Books of Session were

exhibited to the Session.

closed with prayer.

Joseph V. Symmes.
Mod. and Clerk.

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Oranburg June 5. 1875.

Preparatory meeting: - opened with prayer.

Present, the Pastor, Rev. J. Symmes, together with Sundry Elders, C. & Senine, L. V. Duncan, J. Williamson Buzen, Mrs. J. Stult, John Gibson, H. M. Senine, P. H. Buzen, H. Howell, and E. C. Howell.

1. Garrett Forman, and his wife,
 2. Abby Forman were received on certificate from the Sequent Church.
- The following persons were admitted to both Sacraments, Baptism and the Lords Supper, on a profession of their faith in Christ:
3. Mary H. Fisher, Daughter of John F.
 4. Anna B. Fisher, "
 5. Mary C. Lucas, wife of Rosten A. and
 6. Mary E. Bennett, wife of J. Edgar.

The following, having been baptized in infancy, were admitted to the Lords Supper:

7. John F. Fisher, son of H. Henry;
8. Jennie C. Fisher, Daughter of H. M. Sen. and
9. Edmund C. Howell, Son of E. C.

D. V. Senine, H. M. Senine, J. H. Buzen and J. J. Applegate made satisfactory reports of visits.

John Gibson reported that E. D. Applegate desired to have his name dropped from our roll, and was instructed to endeavor to persuade him to take a letter to Union Valley N. C. M. E. C. Howell was requested to visit Anna Applegate at South Ansoy.

Session took recess until tomorrow morning.

Reports of visits,

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Sabbath morning June 6.

Session met: present as before, with the addition of John J. Applegate and William Duncan.

10. Mary Adelaide Stult, Daughter of Jacob J., having been baptized in infancy, was admitted to the Lords Supper.
11. Edmund Stevens, and his wife,
12. Elizabeth Stevens were received on certificate from the Presbyterian Church at Liberty S.

It was resolved to devote one collection to sustentation.

The Lords Supper was then administered to a large Congregation. After which Session adjourned.

Closed with prayer.

Joseph C. Symmes.
Mod. & Clerk.

July 4th:- August 1st & September 5th
The usual prayer meetings were held: but there was no business transacted requiring record. Free conference was held respecting the work of certain members of the church. But there was no formal action taken.

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Oranbury October 2: 1875.

Session met for Preparatory service.

Present the Pastor, Rev. J. S. Symmes, together with Ruling Elders, D. G. Perrine, S. S. Duncan, J. W. Rogers, A. J. Stultz, John Libson, Wm. Everett, E. C. Howell, P. R. Bergen, and William Duncan.

10. Charles Howell Riggs, son of Gen. B. Riggs, having been baptized in infancy, and being now ill nigh unto death, upon the report of the Pastor was admitted to the Lords Supper, he having promised to appear before the Session, if his life is spared, on the next occasion.
11. Isabella R. Applegate, wife of Wm. S. - and
12. Cornelia Applegate, daughter of Abijah, were admitted on profession of their faith to both sacraments.

Delegates to
Presbytery

Synod:

John J. Applegate and John Libson were appointed Principal and Alternate, to attend the meeting of Presbytery at Red Bank on the 5th inst.

E. C. Howell and William Everett were appointed Principal and Alternate to attend the meeting of Synod at Orange on the 19th inst.

Pulpit supply.

The Treasurer was directed to pay the Pastor \$10.00 for a supply for the Pulpit in his absence.

The Treasurer was also directed to pay the expenses of Delegates to Presbytery & Synod.

Visiting
members.

The Pastor & Deacon Joseph P. Day, were appointed a Committee to confer with Augustus B. Day.

The Pastor was also directed to confer with Isaac H. Gubbery and James R. Stout.

Work recess till tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock.

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Sabbath Morning 9 o'clock.

Session met pursuant to adjournment.

Present as before with the addition of John J. Applegate and M. M. Perrine. Had a devotional meeting.

Preacher.

Rev. Dr. A. Freeman was present on this occasion, and preached all the sermons.

The Lords Supper was administered in presence of a large and interested congregation.

At the close of the services the Session was closed with prayer by Dr. Freeman.

Joseph G. Symmes,
Mod. & Clerk.

Prayer and conference meeting on Nov. 5.

Oranbury Dec. 5: 1875.

Monthly prayer and conference meeting.

Present the Pastor and Five Ruling Elders.

At the request of the Treasurer a Committee, consisting of E. C. Howell and Stephen S. Duncan, was appointed to examine his accounts.

Closed with prayer.

Joseph G. Symmes,
Mod. & Clerk.

At an informal meeting of the elders & deacons held on Dec. 26th it was recommended that the prosermatings, during the week of prayer, be held at 9 o'clock.

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Oranbury, Jan. 2: 1876.

The Monthly prayer and conference meeting was held. Present the Pastor, Rev. J. G. Symmes, together with ruling Elders J. J. Applegate, G. G. Perrine, S. S. Duncan, W. Everett, V. L. Bergen, Mrs. Duncan and E. C. Howell, and Deacons J. M. Chamberlain, Mrs. M. Perrine, and Joseph P. Day.

13. Cornelius D. Howland, on profession of his faith in Christ, was admitted to the Word Supper, he having been baptized in infancy.

The Committee on the Treasurer's accounts reported, and their report was accepted and approved, and ordered to be placed on record, as follows:

Receipts.

By Penny collections	
since July 2 ^d 1871 -	\$38.53
cash on hand "	9.59
From Com. Collection	11.57
Individuals - "	9.00
Interest from Mr. Hoffman	45.00
	\$ 379.57
	374.87
Cash on hand.	15.50
Hoffman mortgage	200.00
Vote of Trustees.	100.00

E. C. Howell
S. S. Duncan } Committee

Disbursements.

By Pastors' assessments.	\$172.50
Pay, & unpaid expenses.	57.78
Supply of Pulpit.	15.00
Print - - - -	11.59
Board - - - -	2.70
New Session Book.	2.67
Bibles for Catechism	21.25
Assistant, Am. Episcopate.	21.00
" do. Ten Selt.	10.00
" J. A. Sollen.	10.00
" Mrs. Hannah Day.	25.00
" Mrs. C. Brown.	3.00
" for Janitors.	2.00
" Alfred Boyer.	5.00
Mr. G. Godfrey expenses.	5.00

\$ 374.87

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The Pastor reported that he and Deacon J. P. Day had held a conference with A. B. Day, and that his professions of penitence for the sin of intemperance were sincere, and his promise of amendment was such as to warrant his being invited to come again to the Communion table. The report was accepted and adopted, and the Pastor was directed to extend the proposed invitation.

A. B. Day.

14. Thomas Van Vactor, being unable to present himself before the Session, was admitted to both Sacraments on profession of his faith in Christ, as the same was reported by the Pastor.

S. Bergen
Treasurer.

John M. Chamberlain requested to be relieved of the duties of Treasurer of Session. His request was granted, and Samuel James Bergen was elected Treasurer in his stead. And the Treasurer was directed to notify Mr. Hoffman that after the 1st of April next 4 per cent interest would be required on his mortgage, or payment of the mortgage itself would be demanded.

Notice to
Hoffman.

Closed with prayer.
Joseph G. Symmes,
Mod. & Clerk.

Oranbury Feb. 5: 1876.

Preparatory Service; - meeting opened with prayer. Present the Pastor, Rev. J. G. Symmes, together with ruling Elders, J. J. Applegate, G. G. Perrine, M. M. Perrine, S. S. Duncan, W. Everett, J. Williamson Bergen, Mrs. J. Stebbins, John Gibson, Peter R. Bergen, William Duncan, and E. C. Howell.

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- The following persons, on confession of their faith in Christ, were admitted to both Sacraments, Baptism & the Lord's Supper: viz.
13. John Houtchison, Son of Isaac.
 14. Cornelia Ann Heath, Daughter of Charles.
 17. Edward Mount, Son of Saml.
 18. Mary E. Mount, Daughter of above.
 19. Stephen Jones Chamberlain, Son of Randolph.
 20. Jennie V. Applegate, Daughter of Fisher Decr.
 21. Helen A. Rosel, Daughter Geo. W.
 22. Anna C. Toole, Daughter Jacob.
 23. Simus Albert Day, s. - John Henry.
 24. George R. Thomas, s. - " Henry.
 25. Anna M. Thomas, D. - "
 26. Martha A. Swain, Wife Joseph W.
 27. Joseph R. Thompson, s. - Nelson.
 28. Frances Anna Applegate, D. - W^m P.
 29. Mary Elizabeth Applegate, D. - Charles Henry.
 30. Eugene P. Morris, s. - George.
 31. James Edgar Bennett, s. - Samuel.
 32. William Perrine Sulphur, s. - Samuel.
 33. Maria M. Applegate, Wife Elias Day.
 34. Jane E. Perrine, Wife David J.
 35. Sarah A. Perrine, D. - "
 36. Ann Elizabeth Rue, D. - Edmund.
 37. John Wilson, living with F. J. Duncan.
 38. John Redding, living with Barrett & Tullis. - and
 39. Lavinia T. Nixoh, wife of Saml. Jr.

The following persons, having been baptized in infancy, and coming forward now to avow their faith in Christ, and to claim their privileges, were admitted to the Lord's Table: viz.

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40. Joannas Stuts, Wife W^m H.
 41. Eva L. Clayton, D. - David J.
 42. Emma Carman, D. - W^m H.
 43. Femie Barkalow, D. - Charles.
 44. Ann Adelia Howell, D. - E. C.
 45. Isaac Sudeker Stuts, s. - Peter, Decr.
 46. Isaac S. Stuts, s. - above.
 47. Henry H. Stuts, s. - Alex. J.
 48. Lida Looker, D. - W^m Decr.
 49. Selah Clayton, s. - Joseph, Decr.
 50. William Henry Applegate, s. - W^m P.
 51. Symmes Henry Robinson, s. - Derrick S.
 52. Lydia Ann D. Stuts, D. - Jacob H.
 53. Margaret C. Stuts, "
 54. Elizabeth Wyckoff, D. - D. Baird.
 55. Mary C. Perrine, D. - Saml. Edg.
 56. John Snyder Bergen, s. - J. Williamson.
 57. Julia Soudder Bergen, D. - "
 58. Mary Anna Soudder, D. - Howard C., Decr.
 59. Lydia Ellen Stuts, D. - Henry H., Decr.
 60. Andrew M. Duncan, s. - Forman J.
 61. Rose Emma Duncan, D. - "
 62. William Henry Christ, s. - W^m "
 63. Emeline R. Christ, D. - "
 64. William Henry Rue, s. - Isaac.
 65. Edmund S. Dialow, s. - Edmund S.
 66. Maggie Perrine Chamberlain, D. - John M., and
 67. Margaret R. Carman, D. - John.
- and on certificate from 2nd Church Princeton,
68. Sarah Stuts Rue, D. - Alfred.
- John Wilson was appointed to ask W^m P. Applegate to confer with Session with reference to habitual absence.
- Session took recess till tomorrow morning.

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Sabbath Morning Feb. 6. 1876.

Session met, present as before.

John Gibson and D. O. Howell were appointed a Committee to investigate rumors affecting the Christian Character of two of our members, and to confer with them on the subject.

J. W. Bergen was appointed a committee to request James L. Stout to meet the Session at the next regular meeting, March 5th, to confer with them as to his deportment.

The Session then proceeded to the Church, where Baptism and the Lords Supper were administered, before a large & deeply interested congregation, by the Pastor.

W. P. Applegate appeared before the Session, but failed to give a satisfactory account of his habitual absence from the ordinary Church services. He was permitted to depart with an admonition.

Francis D. & Naomi Ellen Habaw and Cora W. Stults were dismissed to 2nd Church Cranbury.

The Pastor was authorized to send Ten Dollars to Rev. Charles Sperry of Patterson out of Monthly Collections.

Session recommended that the Sabbath School send the amount of their 1st Corp Collections, amounting to Twenty Dollars, to Rev. T. Mabb, Oxford Vt. to aid in educating his Ten African Boys.

After public worship, Session was closed with prayer.

Joseph S. Synneces.
Mod. & Clerk.

Committee

Communion.

W. P. Applegate.

Dismission.

African Boys.

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Cranbury March 5. 1876.

Session met for Monthly meeting. Opened with prayer. Present the Pastor and seven Ruling Elders.

69. William W. Cole was received on certificate from the Church of South Amboy; and it was also certified that he had been a Ruling Elder in that Church.

70. Margaret Barlow, widow of John, and

71. Rachel Barlow, daughter of " and

72. Howard Scudder Bergen, son of J. Williamson, were admitted to the Lords Table on profession of their faith, having been previous baptised.

Blood with prayer by Rev. J. W. Howel, agent for Howard Mission N. Y.

Joseph S. Synneces.
Mod. & Clerk.

Cranbury April 3. 1876.

Session met for Monthly meeting. Opened with prayer. Present, the Pastor and all the Ruling Elders.

76. Mary Anna Wilson, daughter of Elias D. DeLoach (a mistake in numbering has been made in reporting her baptism in infancy, was admitted to the Lords Supper. (She had not been baptised in infancy).

It was resolved to order the Treasurer to pay the Presbyterial Assessment - \$32.30, and to the Presbyterial Missionary Fund \$10.00 out of the Penny Collection.

John S. Bergen was appointed to visit again John E. Holmes in reference to reports of unbecoming conduct.

James
J. E. Holmes

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Presbytery

William Everett, with J. Williamson Bergen for alternate, was appointed to attend the meeting of Presbytery at Matawan on the 11th inst.

Alfred P. Barron & his wife, Ellen R., were dismissed to the 4th Church Trenton; and Nancy Silvers, to Dutch Hook; and Simon M. Stultz and his wife, Elizabeth D., to the M. E. Church of Freehold; and Margaret Morris and her daughters, Caroline B. Anna E., and Jennie Morris, to the 1st Church of Trenton; and Geo. M. & Mary W. Fisher, to the Reformed Church of Albany Park. Minutes of the last year were read and approved.

Closed with prayer.

Joseph G. Symmes.
18th 4. Mod.

Report to Presbytery April 1876.

Members as per last report - 359.

" added on Examination - 70.

" " Certificate - 6.

" Dismissed 11.

" Deceased - 6.

" Unknown or under discipline 30.

Adults baptized - - - - 29.

Infants " 7.

Total Communicants - - - 420.

Contributions.

Home Missions - 132.-	Freedmen - 25.-
Foreign " 177.-	General Assembly 33.51
Education - 50.-	Instatement - 35.-
Publication - 20.-	Congregational 1360.
Church Extension - 50.-	Miscellaneous 960.
Relief Fund - 28.-	

Joseph G. Symmes: Clerk.

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True for examined and approved in Presbytery at Matawan April 11th 1876.

J. M. Anderson, Moderator

Item.

The Pastor was elected to General Assembly at Brooklyn on the 10th of April.

Cranbury May 7: 1876.

Monthly meeting, opened with prayer.

Present, the Pastor, Rev. J. G. Symmes, and all the Elders except Alex. J. Stultz.

1. William H. Stultz, having been baptised in infancy, was admitted to the Lord's Supper, on profession of his faith in Christ.
2. Isaac H. Barron, and
3. Anna Hammett

admitted to both sacraments on the same profession.

Pastor to Assembly. The Pastor having announced that he should be absent from Sabbath attending the meeting of the General Assembly, the Session agreed to supply the pulpit.

Dismissals

Joseph Potts and his wife Rebecca C. were dismissed to the 3rd Church.

Treasurer

It was resolved to observe next Sabbath as recommended by the Presbytery in behalf of the Cause of Temperance, and to devote the Collection of that day to the S. L. Alliance.

Mrs. H. Day

The Treasurer was directed to give Mrs. H. Day Five Dollars. And a Committee, consisting of E. C. Howell and John Libbey, were appointed to confer with Mrs. Day with reference to a regular relief.

Adjourned! Closed with prayer.
J. G. Symmes, Mod. & Clk.

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Oranbury June 3rd 1876.

Session met for Preparatory Services in Lecture Room. Opened with prayer. Present the Pastor, Rev. J. B. Symmes, together with Ruling Elders, J. J. Applegate, D. P. Scripps, N. S. Perrine, S. H. Duncan, William Everett, J. W. Bergen, Alex. J. Stults, John Libson, P. R. Sargent, William Duncan, and E. C. Howell.

4. William C. Colow, son of Dr. H. S. and
5. William Ferguson, colored, were admitted to both Sacraments on confession of their faith in Christ.
6. John D. Chamberlain, son of John M. and
7. Ruloff C. Perrine, son of Andrew M., having been baptized in infancy, were admitted to the Lord's Supper.
8. Mary Gertrude Wyckoff, wife of John V., and
9. Rachel Farr, wife of Charles, were received on certificate from the 3rd Church.

Deacons.

Frank R. Symmes & Joseph Symmes Duncan were appointed Deacons.

Session took recess until tomorrow morning.

Sabbath Morning: Session met: present as before. It was resolved to devote that collection to Sustentation.

The Sacraments were then administered, the Pastor preaching, from II Cor. 5:14-15, and the Rev. Josiah Welch, of Salt Lake City, took part in the administration of the Eucharist.

At the close of public worship the Session was closed with prayer.

Joseph B. Symmes.
Mod. & Clerk.

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Oranbury July 2nd 1876.

The usual monthly meeting was held. It may be here recorded that on this day the Church was decked with flowers and numerous flags, and a centennial sermon was preached by the Pastor from Ps. 147:20. He had on a former occasion preached a sermon on the history of the church, which was published. On this occasion he called attention to some matters calling for joyful thanksgiving, which may be found in the history of the church in general, and of this church in particular, of the Country. A Collection was taken for the Presbyterian Historical Society. Joseph B. Symmes.
Mod. & Clerk.

On the 30th of July, an informal meeting of session was held at the call of the Pastor, at which the Pastor reported that a youth, in a critical condition of health, and greatly desirous of being received into the membership of this Church. And as there is no probability that he will ever be able to meet the Session, and as he had been baptized in infancy, it was resolved to admit John Perrine Stults, son of Isaac P., to the Lord's Table. It is understood that he will appear before the Session if health is restored. Joseph B. Symmes.

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Prayer meetings were held on Aug. 6th and Sept. 5th.

Cranbury Sept. 30. 1876.

Session met before Separation, Devia: read with prayer. Present, the Pastor, Rev. Joseph G. Symmes, together with Rubin Elders, J. J. Applegate, J. W. Perrine, A. H. Perrine, S. J. Duncan, W. E. Ewell, J. W. Bergen, Alex. S. Tuttle, J. Gibson, P. R. Bergen, Mrs. Duncan & E. O. Howell.

11. Rebecca E. Stittwell, widow of Daniel S. from the 2nd Church of Princeton was received, and
12. Lucretia S. Lutz, wife of William J. Lutz, from the Reformed Church of Marlinton.

Synod.

William Ewell was appointed to attend the meeting of Synod in Elizabethtown on the 17th of Oct., with J. J. Applegate or alternate.

Presbytery.

Stephen J. Duncan was appointed to attend the meeting of Presbytery in Hightstown on the 3rd of Oct., with John Gibson for alternate.

Mrs. H. Day

The Session was ordered to contribute Five Dollars to Mrs. Hannah Day, and S. J. Duncan was appointed to carry it to her.

Look news until tomorrow morning.

Sabbath Morning 10 o'clock
Session met:— present as before.

13. Katharine Hetherell Kinley, wife of W. E., having been baptized in infancy, was admitted to the Lord's Table on profession of her faith in Christ.

The Pastor preached, and administered the sacrament of the Lord's Supper before a large audience. After three services Session was closed with prayer.

Joseph G. Symmes.
Mod. & Clerk.

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Cranbury Nov. 5th 1876.

Monthly meeting, opened with prayer.

Present the Pastor and several ruling Elders.

14. Charles D. Taylor, son of Benjamin, was, on profession of his faith in Christ, admitted to both Sacraments.

Ward with prayer.

Joseph G. Symmes, Mod. & Clerk.

Dec. 3. 1876.— Prayer meeting held.

Cranbury January 7. 1877.

Monthly meeting opened with prayer.

E. C. Howell & Stephen J. Duncan were appointed to give some attention to Mrs. Hannah Day, and the Treasurer was ordered to pay for a Ton of Coal for her. J. Gibson & S. John Blighen were appointed to confer with Mrs. Hannah Day, and inform her that the Session cannot allow her to remain under the impression that the Church will be responsible for her support, although she may accept occasional aid.

Mrs. H. Day

J. J. Applegate & J. M. Chamberlain were appointed to give some attention to the family of A. F. Hooper, and the Treasurer was ordered to furnish a Ton of Coal for them.

A. F. Hooper.

Adjourned to Sabbath Jan. 13th at 10 o'clock.

Closed with prayer.

Joseph G. Symmes.
Mod. & Clerk.

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Oranbury January 14: 1877.

Session met pursuant to adjournment, including the Deacons, and was opened with prayer. All the Elders & Seven Deacons were present.

Temperance
Alliance.

The Pastor read a call for Delegates to attend the Convention of the State Temperance Alliance in Keaton on the 17th inst., and Harvett S. Kullb, Alex. S. Kullb, John W. Chamberlain & W^m. Duncan, together with the Pastor, were appointed.

For Deacons.

It was resolved, by a unanimous vote, to nominate to the Church Jacob Beegen to be a Deacon in the place of Rowland C. Scudder deceased.

W^m. C. Cole
for Elder.

It was also resolved, by a unanimous vote, to recommend to the Congregation to invite William C. Cole to take up abode in the office of Elder to which he had been ordained in the South Amboy Church.

Adjourned.
Joseph G. Symmes,
Mod. & Clerk.

On Sabbath January 28th 1877, the above action of the Society having been announced three times, the Congregation was called upon for a vote upon the same. Thereupon by a unanimous and cordial vote the resolutions recommended were made. And then W^m. C. Cole was installed as Elder, and Jacob Beegen was ordained and installed as Deacon, in presence of a large and interested Congregation.

Mem.
An Elder & a Deacon

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Oranbury Feb. 3rd 1877.

Session met for Preparatory Service: opened with prayer. Present the Pastor, Rev. Joseph G. Symmes, together with Ruling Elders, J. G. Applegate, D. J. Perrine, M. M. Perrine, J. T. Duncan, J. W. Bergen, A. J. Stultz, W^m. Bennett, and E. O. Howell.

The following persons, having been baptized in infancy were admitted to the Lord's table: viz.

15. Joseph P. Johnson, M. D.
16. John A. Ervin, son of George M.
17. William F. Gibson, son of John,
18. Marior Wyckoff, son of D. Baird,
19. Matthias M. Perrine, son of Andrew W.,
20. Catharine C. Perrine, daughter "
21. Alice A. Perrine, daughter of Vincent,
22. Mary B. Perrine, wife of John C.,
23. Christopher D. Scudder, son of Rowland C.
24. Ella David, daughter of John, and
25. Louisa Dey, daughter of Joseph F.

The following, on profession of their faith, were admitted to both Sacraments: viz.

26. Margaret S. Ervin, wife of John A.
27. William D. Poakes, son of Jacob, and
28. Ella A. Bennett, daughter of Aaron.

29. Thomas H. Woodland was received on certificate from Dutch Reck Church.

It was resolved to apply the collection tomorrow to the aid of Rev. J. W. Van Dyke of Danhook Ham.

Session took recess till tomorrow morning at the desk.
Joseph G. Symmes,
Mod. & Clerk.

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Sabbath Feb. 4th 9 o'clock.
 Session met, and spent half an hour in prayer;
 Present as before, together with J. Gibson, P. L.
 Rogers and W. Duncan. Absent W. E. Cole.
 30. William C. Wilson, son of Vincent, was
 admitted to the Lords Table.

Relief.

The Treasurer was ordered to give to
 Mrs. A. Hooper two Dollars.
 The Session then proceeded to the Standard
 where both Sacraments were administered
 before a large Congregation.

Rev. E. D. Wigham preached from 1 Cor
 5:7. He also preached on Saturday
 afternoon, and Sabbath evening.
 After services on Sabbath morning the
 Session was closed with prayer by Rev. Wigham.

Adjourned.

Joseph H. Symmes,
 Mod. & Clerk.

On March 4th a prayer meeting was held;
 and the Treasurer was ordered to pay to Mrs.
 A. S. Hooper two Dollars, to aid in her illness.

Branch April 1st 1877.

Monthly meetings opened with prayer.

Nine Elders and Two Deacons were present.

The Pastor reported Mary Conover dismissed to
 Highstown; & S. H. Day, to Highstown; approved.

S. S. Duncan, with P. L. Rogers as alternate, was appointed
 to attend Synod at Burlington on the 15th inst.
 It was resolved to take a collection next Sabbath for Synod.

Dismissals

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The following was adopted as our
 Report to Synod April 1: 1877.

Members as per last report	430.
" added on examination	25.
" " " Certificate	57.
	<u>450.</u>
" Dismissed	4
" Deceased	4
" Total	<u>442</u>

Unknown or under discipline 16.

Adults baptized 9.

Infants " 5.

Contributions.

Home Missions. 129.85

Foreign " 22.00

Education 50.00

Publication 28.90

Church Drection 30.00

Relief Fund 35.00

Freedman 28.00

General Assembly 46.20

Sustentation 8.15

Congregational 1550.00

Miscellaneous 512.00

Adjourned, closed with prayer.

Joseph H. Symmes, Mod. & Clerk.

Examined and approved in Synod at Burlington
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Geo. J. Mason
 Moderator

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Sabbath May 6 Sessional prayer meeting.

Oranbury June 2nd 1877.

Session met for Preparatory Service.

Opened with prayer. Present the Pastor, Rev. J. G. Symmes, together with ruling Elders J. J. Applegate, D. S. Bonine, S. P. Dubcany, J. W. Bergen, Alex. J. Stulto, J. Gibson, P. R. Bergen, J. H. Duncan, & S. O. Howell.

The Pastor reported that on the 5th day of May accompanied by Stephen S. Duncan he had repaired to the house of Widow Jackson Nicoff, and there administered both sacraments to his wife, Ada Nicoff, who was upon her death bed. And that he had also baptized their two children Katherine & Mary C. Nicoff.

And this action was approved.
Mary Estella Day was admitted to the Lord's Supper, having been baptized in infancy. She is the daughter of George C. Day.

The following were admitted upon certificate:

1. Charles Woodhew, and his wife,
2. Lydia Ann Woodhew, from Dutch Neck &
3. Charlotte Davison, widow of Robert, & their children,
4. Robert C. Davison,
5. Mattie Davison, and
6. Abbie Davison, of Dutch Neck;
7. Elizabeth Ann Donian, widow of Wm. of Jamesburgh;
8. Matilda Cuddey, wife of Isaac M., of 2nd Church;
9. Martin A. Stulto, and his wife,
10. Jane H. Stulto, of 1st Ref^d Church of N. Brunswick.

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P. R. Bergen was directed to wait upon Cornelia Ann Heath with ^{the} unbecoming conduct.

It was resolved to give the collective tithes now to the Church at Bricksbury to aid them in paying their Pastor's salary.

Adjourned till tomorrow morning.

Sabbath morning 9th 8 o'clock.

Session met; present as before with the addition of M. M. Ferris, Wm. Everett & Wm. E. Cole.

P. R. Bergen reported that Cornelia Ann Heath acknowledged her grievous fault of violation of the seventh Commandment, and acknowledged that it would be right if she were suspended. Therefore she was suspended from the Communion of the Church until she gives satisfactory evidence of repentance.

A sermon was there preached by the Pastor June John 10: 1-11, and the Lord's Supper was administered to a large congregation.

Adjourned, closed with prayer.
Joseph G. Symmes: Mod. &c.

Oranbury July 1st 1877.

Monthly meeting, opened with prayer.

A communication was received from George H. Ruding, secretary of the Wlege Sabbath School connected with this Church, and the only one under our exclusive control:

S. S.

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MINUTES OF SESSION.

Sabbath May 6 Sessional prayer meeting.

Oranburg June 2nd 1877.

Session met for Preparatory Service.

Opened with prayer. Present the Pastor, Rev. J. G. Symmes, together with Rubing Elders J. J. Applegate, D. G. Bonnie, S. P. Duncan, J. W. Bergen, Alex. J. Statts, J. Gibson, P. R. Bergen, J. H. Duncan, & B. O. Howell.

The Pastor reported that on the 5th day of May accompanied by Stephen J. Duncan he had repaired to the house of Andrew Jackson Nicoff, and there administered both Sacraments to his wife, Ada Nicoff, who was upon her death bed. And that he had also baptized their two children Katharine & Mary C. Nicoff.

And this action was approved.

2. Mary Estella Day was admitted to the Lords Supper having been baptized in infancy.

She is the daughter of George C. Day.

The following were admitted upon certificate:

3. Charles Voorhes, and his wife,
4. Lydia Ann Voorhes, from Dutch Creek
5. Charlotte Davison, widow of Robert, & their children,
6. Robert C. Davison,
7. Mattie Davison, and
8. Abbie Davison, of Dutchstown:
9. Elizabeth Ann Lorian, widow of W^m of Jamesburgh:
10. Matilda Cabbler, wife of Isaac M., of 2nd Church:
11. Martin S. Statts, and his wife,
12. Jane H. Statts, of 1st Ref^d Church of S. Brunswick.

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P. R. Bergen was directed to wait upon Cornelia Ann Heath with ^{the} unbecoming conduct.

It was resolved to give the collective tomorrow to the Church at Bricksbury to aid them in paying their Pastor's salary.

Adjourned till tomorrow morning.

Sabbath morning 7th 8 o'clock.

Session met; present as before with the addition of M. M. Perrine, W^m Overally & W^m E. Cole.

4. Heath

P. R. Bergen reported that Cornelia Ann Heath acknowledged her grievous fault of violation of the Seventh Commandment, and acknowledged that it would be right if she were suspended. Therefore she was suspended from the Communion of the Church until she gives satisfactory evidence of repentance.

A sermon was there preached by the Pastor June 10: 57, and the Lords Supper was administered to a large Congregation.

Adjourned, closed with prayer.
Joseph H. Symmes: Mod. &c.

Oranburg July 1: 1877.

Monthly meeting, opened with prayer.

S. S.

A Communication was received from George H. Ruding, Secretary of the Wlege Sabbath School connected with this Church, and the only one under our exclusive control:

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announcing the election of the following Officers and asking for their confirmation by the Session, viz. C. O. Howell, Superintendent; John B. Perrine and Samuel Stubb Librarians and George W. Ridding Secretary.

Their election was heartily confirmed.
Adjourned, closed with prayer.

Joseph G. Symmes,
Mod. & Clerk.

Oranbury July 1st 1877.

The Pastor called a meeting of Session at the house of Mrs. Isabella Conover, when Elders John J. Applegate & Peter R. Bergen attended. The meeting was for the purpose receiving the three daughters of Mrs. Conover, who are deaf mutes.

13. Lydia Conover, Daughter of Elias, Dec 1st &
14. Isabella Conover, after a very satisfactory examination, were admitted to both Sacraments and then, in the presence of a few deeply interested friends, Deacons and the Word's Supper were administered to them.

Adjourned;
Joseph G. Symmes,
Mod. & Clerk.

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The 5th of August and 2nd of September the usual prayer meetings were held: . . .

Oranbury Sept. 30: 1877.

The Session met at the call of the Pastor after morning service in the church.

All the members present.

Presbytery. John Gibson, with J. J. Applegate for alternate, was appointed to attend Presbytery at Beverly on the 3rd of Nov. Derrick B. Perrine, with

Synod. J. P. Duncan for alternate, was appointed to attend Synod at Newark on the 16th prox. Addison Henry Symmes & Frank Symmes Librarians. Davis were appointed Librarians.

Adjourned.

Joseph G. Symmes,
Mod. & Clerk.

Oranbury Oct. 6: 1877.

The Session met for Preparatory Services. Opened with prayer. Present the Pastor, Rev. J. G. Symmes, together with Ruling Elders, John J. Applegate, Derrick B. Perrine, Stephen W. Dunham, Wm. Everett, J. Williamson Bergen, John Gibson, Librarians J. Stubb, Peter R. Bergen, William Duncan & C. O. Howell. Absent M. M. Perrine & W. E. Cole.

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Oct. 7. 1877.

Session met, present as before, together with
 M. M. Perrine and Wm. B. Dole.

The time was spent in Conference.

The Pastor preached from 1st Peter 1: 4.
 And afterwards administered the Lords Supper.
 At the close of this service the Session was
 closed with prayer.

Joseph C. Symmes,
 Mod. & Clk.

Nov. 4: Dec: 2: & Jan. 7. 1878 - Sessional Prayer Meetings.

Cranbury, Feb. 2: 1878.

Session met for Preparatory service, and was
 opened with prayer. Present, the Pastor,
 Rev. J. C. Symmes, together with Aubrey Olden,
 J. J. Applegate, D. G. Perrine, M. M. Perrine, S. H. Duncan,
 J. B. Bergen, Alex. J. Stutte, John Gibson, F. S. Bergen
 J. H. Duncan, Wm. Emist, & E. O. Howell.
 Absent Wm. B. Dole.

15. John G. Stutte was received from the 3rd Church, &
 16. Harriet Stutte his wife.
 18. Session adjourned till tomorrow morning.

Feb. 3.

Session met, present as before.

18. Harriet Jameson, wife of James, was received
 from the M. E. Church of Cranbury.

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The Pastor preached from Gen. 3: 4-5, and administered
 the Lords Supper.

After which Session closed with prayer.

Joseph C. Symmes,
 Mod. & Clk.

Cranbury March 3. 1878.

At the regular monthly meeting the Treasurer,
 S. J. Bergen, was directed to purchase half a ton
 of Coal for Harrietta Van Vactor, a worthy mem-
 ber of this church now very ill.

Joseph C. Symmes,
 Mod. & Clk.

17.

On the 15th of March the Pastor, attended
 by Deacon Wm. M. Perrine, visited Adelaide
 Howell at the house of her husband, George
 M. Howell. She being ill, and not expecting
 to be able again to come to the house of God,
 and greatly desiring the sacraments, Baptism
 and the Lords Supper were administered to her.
 After which their child, Willard Hamilton
 Howell was also baptized. This was done
 in South Amboy, and so no offer was present.

J. C. Symmes,
 Mod. & Clk.

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Oranbury, April 7: 1878.

Monthly meeting: opened with prayers.
Present, the Pastor, eight Elders, & three Deacons.

The action of the Pastor and Deacon Ferrine,
Addy Howell recorded on last page, was approved.

Addy Howell

Records.

The Records of the last year were read, and
approved. The Pastor was authorized
to invite Rev. J. B. Morse, of Howard Mission
to visit this Church on last Sabbath of April.

J. B. Morse.

Presbytery.

J. J. Applegate, with P. R. Bergen as alternate,
was appointed Delegate to Presbytery in the
2nd Church on the 9th inst.

Assessment.

The Treasurer was ordered to pay the Gen-
eral Assembly and Presbyterial Assessment,
amounting to \$66.10. And a special Col-
lection was ordered for next Sabbath,
to aid the Contingent Fund.

It was resolved to appropriate to Mrs.
Hannah Day one dollar a month.

Mrs H. Day.

Mrs. C. C. Howell and Stephen S. Duncan
were appointed to communicate this action
to Mrs. Day, and to express to her the senti-
ments of the Session, to which expression was
freely given, that we esteem her to be unim-
paired in her duty in absenting herself from the
services of the Sanctuary. Her absence, viz
physical disability, was held to be insufficient.

Adjourned, - closed with prayer.

Joseph G. Symmes,
Mod. & Clerk.

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Report to Presbytery to April 7: 1878.

Members as per last report, 412.

" added on exami- 5.

" " " Conf. 13.

" deceased 6.

" dismissed 6.

Absent, unknown & disciplined 73.

Total Communicants.

Adults baptized 4.

Infants " 13.

Benevolent contributions.

Foreign Missions —

Home " —

Education —

Publication —

Church Erection —

Relief Fund. —

Freedomer. —

General Assembly —

Sustentation —

Congregational —

Miscellaneous —

\$152.00

154.00

50.00

21.00

40.00

25.00

30.00

66.10

15.00

1350.00

980.00

Joseph G. Symmes - Mod. & Clerk

Read for Examined & approved in Presbytery
at Oranbury Apr. 10th 1878.

J. P. Harbough

Mod.

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MINUTES OF SESSION.

Cranbury June 1st 1878.

Preparatory Meeting; Session opened with prayer.

Present the Pastor, Rev. J. C. Symmes, together with Ruling Elders, J. J. Applegate, H. V. Perrine, J. W. Berger, P. R. Benson and C. C. Howell.

1. Omick Knigg and his wife
2. Sarah Whitlock Knigg were received by letter from the Reformed Church of Blawenburg N. J.
3. And Thomas C. Perrine and his wife
4. Bronckia Davison Perrine were received by letter from the Sequent Church of Freshhold.
5. Lydia A. Van Tackon, daughter of Thomas, was admitted to both Sacraments after a satisfactory examination as to her repentance for sin and faith in Christ.

It was ordered that the Treasurer purchase such Bibles as may be necessary for the children reciting the Catechism.

Session adjourned till tomorrow-morning at 10 o'clock.

Sabbath morning at 10 o'clock Session met pursuant to adjournment. Present as before together with Mr. Everett, A. J. Stutz, and William Duncan.

- Absent, H. V. Perrine, John Gibson & W. E. Cole.
6. William Williams, a colored boy, lying with Joseph P. Day, was admitted to both sacraments on a credible profession of faith in Christ.

It was resolved to add the collection to-day to the Penny collection.

The Pastor and William Everett were appointed to visit a member of the church in reference to his walk and conversation.

Bibles.

Collection.

Committee

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The following minute was adopted with reference to the death of Stephen S. Duncan:—
On the 23rd of May last passed Stephen S. Duncan, a member of this Session, departed this life.

He was born near Cranbury Sept. 13: 1820; and was the son of a Ruling Elder in this Church. He was admitted to the privileges of the house of God Feb. 6: 1848; and obtained a Ruling Elder Jan. 15: 1860.

Thus the youngest son entered this office just as the eldest son entered into his rest.

He was a man of gentleness and humility, faithful and always ready in the discharge of his official duties, and most exemplary in life. Death called him suddenly from the busy cares of this life. But he had time to pray for a blessing upon those he left, and then departed in peace?

The Pastor preached from Isaiah 55:3, and administered the Sacraments to not a large congregation, the day being very stormy.

After this Session adjourned with prayer.

Joseph C. Symmes,
Mod. & Clk.

July 8 & Aug. 4. Prayermeeting conducted by the Elders.

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MINUTES OF SESSION.

Cranbury, Sept. 1: 1878.
 Monthly meeting. Eight W. U. S. and two deacons present. There was considerable discussion upon a motion to introduce the Hymnal into our public worship. Then it was referred to the next meeting. Adjourned with prayer.
 Joseph G. Symmes,
 Moderator. B. K.

Hymnal.

Cranbury, Sept. 22: 1878.
 Session met at the call of the Moderator. And the meeting was called now became Presbytery will meeting before our next regular meeting. Wm. Duncan, with E. O. Howell ^{for absent} was appointed to attend the meeting of Presbytery at Bordentown on the 1st Inst. J. Williams and Bergen, with Alex. J. Stultz as alternate, was appointed to attend the meeting of Synod at Morristown on the 15th Inst.

Presbytery.

Synod.

Adjourned.
 Joseph G. Symmes,
 Mod. & Clerk.

Cranbury, October 5: 1878.

Session met for Preparatory Service. Present the Pastor, Rev. J. G. Symmes, together with ruling elders, J. J. Applegate, D. G. Perrine, J. Gibson, A. J. Stultz, J. W. Bergen, W. Everett, & R. Bergen, Wm. Duncan & E. O. Howell.

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Absent, M. H. Perrine & W. C. Cole. Oct. 1878.
 7. Alphon E. Dey, son of Lewis P., and
 8. Albert E. Everett, son of W. C., having been baptized in infancy, were admitted to the Lord's Supper, on profession of their faith in Christ.
 9. Cornelia Dey, wife of Allison D., on profession of faith in Christ, was admitted to both sacraments. J. W. Bergen was appointed to represent this in any meeting of Presbytery during the intervals of Synod.

Liberians.

Hymnal.

Addison H. Symmes and Frank Symmes Davis were reappointed. Libarians.
 The consideration of the Hymnal was referred to a meeting to be held next Sabbath at 10 o'clock. Session took a recess till tomorrow morning.

Sabbath morning 10 o'clock

Session met; present as before, together with W. C. Cole.
 10. Symmes Henry Campbell, and his wife,
 11. Mary Ann Campbell, presented themselves before the Session with the statement that they were members of the Episcopal Church of South Amboy, but had not been able to secure letters of dismission from the authorities of that church. But desiring to be connected with the people of God among whom their lot is cast, they were admitted on profession.
 12. Eldine Murray, an inmate of Dr. J. C. Holmes' household, was admitted to both sacraments on profession of her faith in Christ.
 The Pastor preached from Luke 24:6, and administered both sacraments, before a large congregation. Session closed with prayer. J. G. Symmes, Mod. & Clk.

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MINUTES OF SESSION.

Hymnal.

Cranbury Oct. 13. 1878.
 Session met according to appointment.
 After much discussion the matter of the
 Hymnal was referred to the next meeting.
 J. G. Symmes.
 Mod. & Clk.

Hymnal.

Cranbury Dec. 1. 1878.
 Session met for monthly meeting.
 Opened with prayer: eight members present.
 The matter of the Hymnal was called up.
 It having become manifest that there are
 very few persons who desire to change our
 Book of Praise the subject was indefinitely
 postponed. But a committee, consisting
 of the Pastor with Elders D. G. Perrine and Deacon
 S. J. Bergen, was appointed to consult with
 the Chorister with a view to a new supply of Books
 for the use of the Choir.

E. S. Diebrow.

The Committee appointed on the 1st of June
 to visit a certain member reported that
 they had performed that duty sometime
 ago; that he confessed his faults, and that
 he had wandered so far from the path
 of Christian duty as to be unworthy of
 continued membership in the Church.
 It was also reported that he left those parts
 for the far west. Whereupon it was re-
 solved that Edward S. Diebrow be and
 he is hereby suspended from the com-
 munion of the Church until he shall give
 satisfactory evidence of repentance.

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W. M. Perrine.

It was ordered that the following minute be
 entered up on the records: W. M. Perrine, the 28th
 day of October last Matthias M. Perrine,
 a member of this Session, departed this life.
 He was born March 4th 1797; and was
 admitted to the privileges of this Church June
 5th 1841, being 44 years old. He was ordained
 a Ruling Elder Jan. 15th 1860. Though coming
 into the Church not until middle life he
 became one of the most devoted and liberal
 of her members. Often called to aid the
 Church by offerings and personal labors he
 was always ready. Frequently appointed
 to attend upon the higher Courts he never
 declined. He was a man of integrity, great
 kindness and humility. Long confined to
 his bed he never murmured. Found
 in the way of righteousness he came to the
 grave greatly honored, and was buried in
 a good old age.

Without designing the co-incidence the Pastor
 preached this day from Proverbs 16: 31.

Adjourned with prayer.

Joseph G. Symmes.
 Mod. & Clk.

Jan. 5. 1879 - The usual prayer meeting.

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Oranbury, Feb. 1. 1879.

Preparatory meeting; Session met and opened with prayer. Present, the Pastor, Wm. G. Symmes, together with Presbytery Elders, J. J. Applegate, G. A. Perrine, A. J. Stubbs, J. Gibson, J. M. Bergen, W. R. Bergen, W. Duncan, W. M. Everett & E. C. Howell. Absent W. E. Cole.

13. Aniel G. Day, and his wife,
14. Maggie Day, were received from Mansfield Church. The following were received on profession of their faith in Christ, having been baptized in infancy:

15. Kendrick C. Perrine, son of Andrew M., aged
16. Matthias M. Perrine, son of Vincent.

The Pastor reported that, with Elder Peter R. Bergen, he repaired to the house of

17. Lewis Voluntary, a colored man ill with consumption, and on profession of his faith in Christ administered to him the Lords Supper.

Session took recess until tomorrow morning.

Sabbath morning Feb. 3rd.

Session met, present same as before.

18. Charles G. Howell, son of E. C. was admitted to the Lords Supper on profession of his faith;
19. and Joanna Woodlantly, wife of Thomas H. was admitted to both Sacraments.

The Pastor with E. C. Howell & W. M. Everett were appointed a Committee to confer with two members as to their conduct.

Rev. G. B. Clapham preached from II Cor. II: 28.

After service closed with prayer by Mr. Clapham.

Joseph G. Symmes.

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March 2. 1879. The usual prayer meeting was held.

Oranbury April 6. 1879.

Monthly meeting; present Pastor, right elders, and seven Deacons. E. C. Howell was appointed delegate to attend the meeting Presbytery in Freehold on the 5th inst., with D. G. Ferris as alternate. The records of the last year were approved.

Presbytery.

Assessment.

It was stated that the Presbyterial assessment amounted to \$0.36. The Treasurer was ordered to pay the same, so far as the funds in his hands will go. And to meet the deficiency it was ordered that a collection shall be taken next Sabbath, and that the next communion collection shall be turned over into that fund.

It being reported to session that there were very painful rumors affecting the characters of two of our members, the Pastor and elder John J. Applegate were appointed to inquire into the matter, and report to session.

Concluded with prayer.

Joseph G. Symmes,
Mod. & Clk.

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Report to Presbytery April 1879.

Members as per last report 874.	
" Added on Exp ^{ts} 14.	
" " Conf. 6.	394.
" deceased.	14.
Total	380.

Adults baptised 5.	
Infants " 12.	17.

Benevolent Contributions.

Home Missions	\$ 117.70.
Foreign "	129.
Education.	50.
Publication.	14.
Church Erection	40.
Relief Fund.	22.
Free Amen.	25.
Sustentation.	15.
Genl. Assembly.	24.66.
Congregational.	1350.
Miscellaneous.	1658.

Attest,

Joseph G. Symmes, Mod. & Clk.

Thus far examined & approved in
Presbytery at Dr. White Apr 9th 1879.

Louis R. Fox

Moderator

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Cranbury May 4: 1879.

Monthly meeting, opened with prayer.
Present, the Pastor, seven elders & five Deacons.
The Committee appointed Feb. 1st to confer with two of our members reported that they had performed that duty, and found that Albert E. Everett and his wife Sarah A. had, by their own confession, been guilty of ante-nuptial fornication. They both expressed great penitence, and had obtained from coming to the last Communion.

The case was peculiar, for Albert, who took the blame wholly upon himself so far as that was possible, had been received into the church since the act and was not subject to discipline. They had, moreover by immediate means, made all the amends possible in the case. And they are about removing out of our bounds. It was recommended, therefore, that with an earnest and affectionate admonition from Session to the parties to be careful to shun even the appearance of evil the case be proceeded no further. This action was adopted.

The Committee appointed April 6th to confer with two other members reported that they have performed that duty, as far as to inquire into the rumors, and they find abundant reasons for the same. And they recommend that Thomas H. Woodlands and Lydia A. Van Tactor be suspended from

A. E. Everett

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the communion of the Church pending the further investigation of their cases, and that the Committee be continued to prosecute the investigation: *Very an coloud.*

Closed with prayer.

Joseph G. Symmes,
Mod. & clerk.

Cranbury May 17. 1879.

Session met on call of the Moderator. Present, the Pastor, six Elders & seven Deacons. It was resolved to direct the Treasurer to turn the Everingham Mortgage for \$200.⁰⁰ into cash.

Adjourned.

Joseph G. Symmes.

Item: at the Meeting of the Congregation on the 17th of May, 1879 it was resolved to consolidate the treasuries of the Church into one. And John M. Chamberlin & David J. Cole, Jun were appointed a Committee to examine the accounts of the treasurer of Session, preparatory to passing them over to the Trustees.

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Cranbury May 31: 1879.

Session met before Preparatory Service, and was opened with prayer. Present the Pastor, Rev. Joseph G. Symmes together with Ruling Elders, V. J. Applegate, D. G. Perrine, A. J. Tuttle, J. Libbards, J. W. Bergen, P. R. Bergen, ~~W. D. Everett~~, ~~W. D. Duncanson~~, and E. O. Howell. Absent, W. E. Cole.

The following persons were received on certificate

1. Isabella D. Sellers, wid. of John D. from the Reformed Church of Freehold, N. J.
2. Mary Benson, wid. of Andrew, from Lawrenceville.
3. And Eliza H. Perrine, wife of John B. from the Reformed Church of Blairstown, N. J.

The following were admitted to both sacraments upon profession of their faith in Christ:

4. Jesse H. Schenck, son of Jesse dec^d; and
5. Addie Franklin Bennett daughter of Wm.
6. Anna Rebecca Potty, daughter of Raphael, was admitted to the Lords Supper having been baptised in infancy.

Session took recess until tomorrow morning.

Sabbath morning 9th.

Session met, present as before.

4. Joseph Jackson Symmes, a 9 year old son of the Pastor was admitted to the Lords Table, having been baptised in infancy.

Dr. H. Coanun preached from John 16: 21. Gal. 3: 27. After public worship, and administration of Sacraments Session closed with prayer.

Joseph G. Symmes, Mod. & clerk.

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Prayer meeting July 6th

Cranbury July 20: 1879.

Session met at the call of the Moderator after public worship. The Committee on supplying the Choir with new books, appointed Dec. 1. 1878, reported recommending that the Choir be furnished with a dozen Hymnals. The report was unanimously adopted. It was also resolved to announce that if any in the congregation desire to use the new Book the Pastor will hereafter the Hymns out of the new & the old Book.

Joseph G. Symmes.
Mod. & Clerk.

Cranbury Aug. 3: 1879.

Session met, monthly meeting. The Pastor was absent. Mr. was elected Moderator Pro. Tem.

It was resolved that a vacation of four weeks be granted to the Pastor, to be taken whenever it may suit his convenience.

Hymnal for
Choir.

Vacation.

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September 7th: Elders held a prayer meeting.

Cranbury Oct. 4: 1879.

Session met, and was opened with prayer. Present, the Pastor, Rev. Joseph G. Symmes, together with ruling Elders, John J. Applegate, Derrick G. Perrine, J. Williamson Reager, Alexander J. Stultz, John Gibson, William Everett, Peter R. Reager, William Duncan and E. C. Howell.

The following persons were admitted to both Sacraments on profession of their faith:

8. Carrie Le. Kuthrie, daughter of Harney, at John Van Druess:
9. And James Forman Stillwell - son of Daniel P. Clark.
10. Harney A. Onge, son of Richard, colored, was admitted to the Lord's Supper, having been baptized in infancy.
11. Ella Fisher, wife of J. Scudder, was received on certificate from the Pres. Ch. of Northtown.

William Everett, with John Gibson for alternate, was appointed to attend the meeting of Synod at Manalapan on the 4th inst.

John Gibson, with J. J. Applegate as alternate, was appointed to attend the meeting of Synod at Trenton on the 21st inst.

It was reported to Session that Elder William E. Cole had lately been married to Mrs. Mary C. Fuller, also a member of this Church, who has a husband living and from whom she was never divorced. The Pastor was directed to admonish the parties to abstain from coming to the Communion until the Session can take action in the matter.

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A recess was taken till tomorrow morning.

Sabbath Morning 9^h o'clock.

Session met, present as before.

12. *Callie Fulk*, wife of J. Addison, was admitted to both Sacraments on profession of her faith in Christ.

Record is here made of the fact that on the 18th of July last the Pastor, with Elder Peter R. Bergen and Deacon Joseph S. Day, had repaired to the house of Peter Hattwell, and there admitted to both Sacraments his son, *Edsworth Hattwell* on profession of his faith in Christ.

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Virginia and Phoebe Applegate, daughters of Peter H., were received on certificate from the Union Valley Methodist Protestant Church. Session approved of the proposal to place Church at the service of C. F. Dawson for two illustrated Bible Readings.

Also, of a plan to provide for a course of a ~~series~~ of lectures during the winter. W. D. Howell and Peter R. Bergen were appointed delegates to the meeting of our County Bible Society at Woodbridge on the 18th inst.

The Pastor preached from Heb. 4:16, and administered both Sacraments before a large congregation. After which Session was closed with prayer.

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Mod. & Clerk.

*Ch. Addison.
Lectures.
Bible Society.*

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On Nov. 2 & Dec. 7. Prayer meetings were held. And P. R. Bergen and J. J. Applegate were appointed a Committee to visit, and relieve the wants of, *Ursula Hutchison*, an aged and needy member of this Church.

Cranbury Jan. 4: 1880.

The usual prayer meeting was held. The Committee named above reported that they had put into the hands of Mrs. Ursula Hutchison ten Dollars. The action was approved.

Cranbury Jan. 31: 1880.

Session met, opened with prayer. Present, the Pastor, Rev. Joseph S. Symmes, together with Ruling Elders J. J. Applegate, D. G. Penney, J. W. Bergen, J. J. Stultz, John Gibson, P. R. Bergen, H. Duncan, William Everett & W. D. Howell.

Record is here made of the fact that on the 30th of November last the Pastor and Elder John Gibson repaired to the house of *Wm. Holland* and there administered both sacraments to his son, being ill, *George W. Holland*, on profession of his faith in Christ.

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The Session admitted to both Sacraments, on profession of their faith in Christ,

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the following persons:— viz.

17. William Soreman Perrine, son of Beekman
18. Julia Bradley, daughter of Hoderick;
19. Henrietta Applegate, daughter of John Fishers
20. Matthew G. Rice, son of Edmond.

And the following persons, having been baptised in infancy were admitted to the Lord's Supper:— viz.

21. Mary F. Rice, wife of the last named; &
22. Nelson Soreman Clayton, son of David J.

The following were received on certificate

23. Hannah S. Clayton, wife of Selah, from the Union Valley Methodist Protestant Ch.;
24. James E. Rowland, from Dayton;
25. Mary Ann Rowland, wife of above;
26. Peter Hartwell, from M. C. Ch. Cranbury;
27. Mary Hartwell, wife of above.

Mrs. Hannah De, made application for assistance, and P. R. Berger and J. J. Applegate were appointed to visit her and give her such aid as they may think is called for.

Adjourned till tomorrow morning.

Sabbath morning Feb. 24th

Session met, present as before.

After some time spent in prayer by the Session, the Pastor preached from H. Ch. 5:7. and administered both sacraments in presence of a good congregation.

After which adjourned with prayer.

Joseph G. Symmes.

Mod. & Clerk.

Mrs. H. De

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Cranbury March 7: 1880.

Session met, and opened with prayer. Present, the Pastor and six Elders.

P. R. Berger with J. N. Berger as alternate, was appointed delegate to Presbytery at Allentown on April 13th.

P. R. Berger reported a visit to Mrs H. De, and she requested to have the Pastor and Elder Hembell appointed a committee in her case, which was done.

Adjourned with prayer

Joseph G. Symmes.
Mod. & Clerk.

Cranbury March 13: 1880.

Session met at the call of the Pastor; and the Pastor, with three Elders, was present.

The meeting was called to give Wm. W. Cole an opportunity for a conference.

A long conversation ensued, at the conclusion of which his case was continued for further consideration.

The meeting was opened and closed with prayer.

Adjourned.

Joseph G. Symmes.

Cranbury April 4: 1880.

Session met, and opened with prayer. Present, the Pastor, six Elders & three Deacons.

The records of the past year were read and approved for presentation to Presbytery.

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The report on Benevolence was also read and approved.

The Pastor reported the dismissal of the following persons: Ellen Appleget and Fannie Appleget, wife and daughters of John's; Geo. Norris and his wife Florence to the Church of Shrewsbury:—the first named were dismissed to Hightstown:—Corvelia Quick to the 1st Reformed Church of New Brunswick: Rebecca L. Stryker (Hubbly) to the Reformed Church of Blawenburg:—Deah Emma Petty to a Church in Missouri:—Charlotte Davison and her son, Robert Craig to Englishtown: and James P. Van Down & his wife Eleanor, to the Pitman M. E. Church of New Brunswick.

The case of William E. Cole and wife was brought up, and postponed until next Sabbath to which time Session adjourned.

Attest:

Joseph L. Symmes,
Mod. & Clerk.

Oranbury April 11: 1880.

Session met in the chapel pursuant to adjournment. Present, the Pastor, six Elders, and seven Deacons. J. K. Bergen reported that he was sick, and William Boeritt was substituted for him in the appointment to Presbytery.

The application of Mrs. Hannah Day for aid was taken up, and after considerable discussion it was resolved to appropriate

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Five Dollars for her relief; and that Mr. P. K. Bergen and Dennis G. Steine be appointed to carry it to her, and that they be instructed to say to her that the Session are not at all satisfied with the reasons she gives for absenting herself from the services of the Church; and further that they cannot believe that she is unable to work for her own support, and therefore they cannot regard her as a proper object of the Church's Charity hereafter.

It having been credibly reported to Session that W. E. Cole and wife have suddenly left this part of the country, and gone to the far west their case was ordered to rest in its present shape for the present.

The District Tract Society, Agent, Rev. A. C. Trippe, having preached for us two Sabbaths ago, had made an appeal for collection in this Church. It was agreed that such a collection be taken next Sabbath, and that the Pastor be directed to make a statement to that effect to-day.

Thomas H. Woodlands, colored, having absconded on account of misdeeds, and his whereabouts being unknown to the Session, it was resolved that his suspension, made temporarily on the 4th of May 1879, be now made permanent, or until he appear and give satisfactory evidence of repentance.

Attest:—Joseph L. Symmes,
Mod. & Clerk.

Dismission.

Mrs. Day.

W. E. Cole.

A. M. S.

Woodlands.

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Report to Presbytery up to April 10: 1880.

Members as per last report	380.	
" added on 8 th	16.	
" " cert ^d	11.	407
" deceased	6.	
" dismissed	13.	18
Total.		389

Adults baptised 1.

Infants " 11.

Benevolent Contributions.

Home Missions. 85. 00.

Foreign " 120. 85.

Education. 25. 00.

Publication. 40. 70.

Church Erection. 25. 00.

Relief. 25. 00.

Freedmen. 16. 00.

Sustentation. 15. 00.

General Assembly. 58. 26.

Congregational. 1184. 00.

Miscellaneous. 506. 49.

Attest:

Joseph H. Symmes.
Mod. & Clerk.

Examined in Presbytery at Altoona

Apr. 14. 1880. and approved

H. Taylor Moderator

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Oranbury May 2: 1880.

Session met:— monthly meeting.
Present the Pastor and Seven Elders.
The Pastor made a statement to the Session to the effect that at 8 o'clock on the morning of the meeting of the Presbytery, he learned that W. Everett was unable to attend the meeting; that it would be impractical to reach J. W. Bergen, the alternate; and remembering that John Gibson had been agreed upon as principal, although W. Everett was afterwards appointed as a matter of course since, he and elder John Gibson agreed to substitute John Gibson as alternate instead of J. W. Bergen. This action was unanimously approved and endorsed by the Session, although it was understood that it was to be regarded as irregular, and not a precedent.
Adjourned, cloud with prayer.

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Mod. & Clerk.

It was reported to Session that the rumors touching the character of Lydia A. Van Tactor have been verified, whereupon her suspension was made permanent, or to last until she gives satisfactory evidence of repentance.
J. G. S.

L. Van Tactor.

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Cranbury June 5: 1880.

Session met: - Preparatory meeting.

Present, the Pastor Rev. Joseph G. Synnnes, together with ruling Elders J. J. Applegate, Gerrick G. Perrine, J. W. Bergler, Alex. A. Stutte, John Gibson, Peter R. Bergen, Wm. Duncan, Wm. Everett and E. O. Howell.

The following persons were admitted to the Lord's Supper on profession of their faith, having been baptised in infancy:

1. Augustus Anderson Dey, Son of Augil;
2. Mary Synnnes Bergen, Daughter of J. W.
3. Charlotte Duncan Silvers, Daughter of John H. Dey
4. and Mary Anna Tomhoo, Daughter of W. Gordon Dey

Session took recess till tomorrow morning.

Sabbath morning 10 o'clock.

Session met present as before.

Marthe Chamberlin, wife of John D. was received on certificate from the 2nd Church Cranbury.

The Pastor preached from John 6: 67, and administered the Communion to a large congregation.

After service closed with prayer.

Joseph G. Synnnes.
Mod. & Clerk.

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Cranbury July 5: 1880.

Monthly meeting: opened with prayer.

Present, the Pastor and seven Elders.

It was resolved to pay to Mrs. Ursula Kutchison, aged and infirm member, a monthly installment of three Dollars per month.

Closed with prayer.

Joseph G. Synnnes.
Mod. & clk.

August 1st - usual meeting.

Sept. 5th Elders prayer meeting.

Cranbury Oct. 2: 1880.

Preparatory Meeting: opened with prayer.

Present, the Pastor Rev. J. G. Synnnes, together with ruling Elders, G. G. Perrine,

John Gibson, Alex. A. Stutte, J. W. Bergler, Peter R. Bergen, Wm. Everett, & E. O. Howell

Absent J. J. Applegate, & Wm. Duncan.

Mrs. Martha Applegate had appeared before the Session at a previous meeting, and stated that she had been a member of the Union Vale, M. P. Church, but that she had fallen out of that church; but desiring to renew her profession

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She was admitted to the communion of this Church. She is the wife of W. Armstrong Applegate.

4. Emma J. Applegate, daughter of the above, was received on certificate from the Union Valley M. P. Church.

The Pastor was directed to express in writing the thanks of this Session to the Pastor and people of the good Church for opening their doors to us during the time when our house of worship was undergoing repairs.

Wm Everett, with D. S. Perrine as alternate, was appointed to attend the meeting of Presbytery in this Church on the 10th inst.

E. D. Howell, with Wm Everett as alternate, was appointed to attend the meeting of Synod at Bridgeton on the 17th inst.

Recess until tomorrow morning.

Sabbath Morning.

Present as before.

8. Charles S. Waldron was received on certificate from the Reformed Church of Beltsvilleburg.

9. Isaiah W. Hartwell, son of Peter, was admitted to the Lords Supper on profession of his faith in Christ, he having been baptised in infancy.

Thanks
to
S^{rs} Church,

Presbytery.

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The Pastor preached from John 6:56, and administered the sacrament of the Lords Supper to a large congregation.

Adjourned; closed with prayer.
Joseph S. Symmes,
Mod. & Clk.

Nov. 4. Usual monthly meeting.

Oranbury Dec. 5: 1880.

The usual monthly meeting was held. It was voted to direct the Treasurer to furnish Mrs. Hannah Dey with a ton of coal. And to direct Mr. S. H. Buzen to inform her that the Session do not consider her case as demanding anything more.
Adjourned.
J. S. Symmes, Mod & Clk.

Mrs. H. Dey.

Oranbury Jan. 8: 1881.

Monthly meeting, opened with prayer. Present, the Pastor and Five Ruling Elders. The Pastor reported that the report of Mr. William D. Cole having removed west was a mistake. Mr. Cole residing at Beth Amboy makes it inconvenient to communicate with him. But the Pastor reported that the best legal advice had been taken.

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in the case of Mr. Cole to the effect that parties in such circumstances could never stand right before the law until a divorce be secured by the undivorced party, and after this that they should be remarried. That for Mrs. Cole to enter suit for divorce before the expiration of the legal limitation would be to invite a prosecution for bigamy. But at the end of the two years limitation from the time of the so called marriage that could safely be done. In accordance with this advice the Session agreed unanimously, in view of all the facts known to them, to advise the parties to rest under their suspension from Church privileges until such time as a divorce can be procured and a legal marriage can take place.

But at the same time a letter was presented from Mr. Cole in which he makes this demand "I have written to you" - meaning the Pastor, - "before for our certificates from your church. You have refused to give them. I now demand them, or a final settlement of the difficulty you have been the means of bringing upon us. We have waited over one year for the Session to consider this charge you have been pleased to make. I now insist upon a settlement"

Dated Perth Amboy Dec. 9th 1880.

The Pastor feels it due to himself to have

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it recorded that on some or two previously to the marriage of these parties he called upon them, plainly stated the situation in which they were placed and urged them by every argument he could use to wait until a divorce could be procured, and finding he could not persuade them he then warned them that no officer in New Jersey could possibly perform a legal and valid marriage ceremony for them. They still persisted, and proceeded to a neighboring minister, who, ignorant of the facts, performed the ceremony. In view of these facts he does not feel that Mr. Cole's letter does him justice. But in view of the evident bias in the minds of the pastors in question against the Pastor he himself requested that the Session should advise Mr. Cole to unite with them in referring to the Presbytery this question, "what authority shall the Session of the 1st Church of Cranbury take in the case of W. E. Cole and Mary E. Pullan?" The Session cordially and unanimously adopted that request for their action, as follows: Resolved that, W. E. Cole having demanded either certificates of dismission for himself and wife, ^{or a final settlement by the whole matter,} the whole matter be, and hereby is, referred to Presbytery, with his consent, for their advice in the premises.

Closed with prayer.
Joseph L. Symmes.
Mod. & Clerk.

Mr. Cole was informed of this action Feb. 5: 1881.

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Oranbury, Feb. 5: 1881.

Session met for Preparatory Service.

Opened with prayer. Present the Pastor,
 Rev. J. G. Symmes, together with Ruling Elders,
 John J. Applegate, Derrick G. Ferrine, Alex. J. Stultz,
 J. Williamson Duncanson, Peter R. Duncanson, Wm. Duncan,
 William Everett & E. O. Howell. Absent, J. Gibson, ill,
 and Wm. E. Cole.

Received on Certificate from 1st Reformed Church N. Brunswick

10. John Edgar Stultz and his wife,
11. Sarah Elizabeth Stultz.

It was resolved to make special exertions to induce members living without our bounds to take their letters to the nearest Church.

A message was sent to William Williams, a colored boy, calling him to meet the Session tomorrow morning.

Recess until Sabbath morning.

Sabbath morning 9th o'clock.

Session met, present as before, except that D. G. Ferrine was absent, ill.

The following were admitted to the Lords Table, having been baptised in infancy: viz.

12. Mary Anna Stultz, and
13. Ella Stultz, Daughters of Cornelius G.

Wm. Williams appeared before the Session, and was warned against the Company he is keeping, and the habits he is forming; and he was advised to abstain from coming to the Lords table to day, and to strive to show such reformation of life as will evidence his desire to be retained in membership.

H. Williams.

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The Pastor preached from 1 Cor. 5:7-8 and administered the Lord Supper to a small congregation. After services the Session closed with prayer.

Joseph G. Symmes.
 Mod. & Clerk.

Oranbury March 6: 1881.

Monthly meeting opened with prayer. Present the Pastor, four Ruling Elders and three Deacons. A committee, consisting of D. G. Ferrine, E. O. Howell and P. R. Duncanson, was appointed to aid the Pastor in revising our roll of members, and to recommend some action with reference to absenters.

Closed with prayer.

Joseph G. Symmes.
 Mod. & Clk.

On Roll.

Oranbury April 30th 1881.

The monthly meeting was held, and opened with prayer. In the absence of the Pastor William Duncanson was made Moderator. There were present six Elders.

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Alex. J. Stultz, with D. G. Ferrine as alternate, was appointed to represent this Church in Presbytery to meet at Jamesburg on the 1st inst.

The committee on absent members reported progress, and hope to be able to make a complete report at next meeting. The minutes of the last year were read and approved. Adjourned.

Roll.

Moderator.

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Report to Presbytery up to April 10th 1881.

Members as per last report	393.	
" added on ^{By vote}	8.	
" " Conf ^d	5.	406.
" deceased	9.	
" dismissed	10.	
	Total.	387.
Infants baptised	7.	
Adults "	0.	

Benevolent Contributions.

Home Missions.	125. 63.
Foreign Missions.	130. 00.
Education.	55. 00.
Publication.	15. 00.
Church Erection.	30. 00.
Relief Fund.	10. 00.
Yieldmen.	24. 00.
Sustentation.	6. 50.
General Assembly.	55. 03.
Congregational.	1288. 59.
Miscellaneous.	542. 56.
	\$2277. 40

Joseph S. Symmes,
Mod & Secy.

Examined and Approved
In Presbytery At Jamesburg
Apr. 13. 1881.

B. J. Phillips
Moderator

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Oranbury May 1: 1881.

Monthly meeting, opened with a season of prayer.
Present the Pastor, seven Elders, and eight Deacons.
New benevolent lists were given to the Deacons.
The Pastor and elder A. J. Stult reported their attendance upon the meeting of Presbytery at Jamesburg.
They also reported an interview with ^{Wm} Ed. Cole, in which he claimed that a divorce had been obtained by J. C. Pullen from his wife. Thereupon it appeared that the case was not ready to submit to Presbytery, and accordingly it had not been submitted; which action was approved.

A proposition was presented from Rev. J. S. Van Dyke that the Sessions of these two churches unite in employing a missionary to labor in the destitute neighborhoods during the summer. Having other business to transact it was resolved to adjourn until next Sabbath at 9 o'clock.

Joseph S. Symmes, Mod & Secy

Sabbath May 8: 1881.

Session met pursuant to adjournment.
Present the Pastor, seven Elders & eight Deacons.
The Pastor reported that he had procured a certificate of the Clerks in Lebanon, that for the years 1860 to 1870 inclusive, there had been no divorce granted, or news of a divorce begun as between J. C. Pullen & Mary E. Pullen.

The proposition referred to above was discussed, and the sentiment of the Session was that the three summer months since

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to be the most unfavorable of the year for such operations as are proposed. And furthermore it was thought that in an effort of this kind all neighboring churches should be invited to join. If this last can be secured this session will join in the work.

The Committee appointed March 6th in the matter of absent members reported recommending that the following persons be dismissed, without waiting for their request, to the churches named.

Mrs. Mary A. D. Dly, and Mrs. Margaret Wilson to the Church at Dayton.
 Miss Sarah E. Van Fleet, to New Brunswick.
 Frank Farr and wife, to Jamesburg.
 Mrs. Ellen Fauch, to Albany Park.
 Mrs. Hannah M. Applegate, to Newark.
 Mrs. Abby B. Rice, to Farmingdale.
 Cornelius Pedersen, to Newark.
 Mrs. Martha Remer, to Hightstown.
 George Elizabeth Martin, to Trenton.
 Miss E. P. Stout, to Englishtown Tennont.
 Mrs. E. Miss Josephine Abraham, to Newark.
 Mrs. M. E. Kuhl & Mrs. Anna Applegate, to South Amboy.
 Mrs. Maggie Bragaw, to New York.
 Augustus B. Del, to Englishtown.
 Submar E. Hodges, to South Amboy.
 Henry B. Rice, to Brooklyn.
 John E. Koplues, to Philadelphia.
 James F. Stout
 Daniel W. Applegate, to New Brunswick.
 Mrs. Elizabeth Day Rudant to Albany Park.
 John T. Anderson, to New York.

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Pinneas Quern's wife to Trenton.
 Mrs. Catherine J. Burlew, South Amboy.
 Mrs. Cora H. Scriber, to Brooklyn.
 Charles D. Taylor, to Lion's River.
 Matthew R. David & wife, to Trenton.
 James Monaghan & wife, to Cincinnati Ohio.

The names of Thomas Duncan, James Merriot Clarke and Jannie C. Fisher were dropped from the roll, having become utterly unworthy, and so situated as to be beyond the reach of process.

The names of William C. Wilson and Albert D. Everett were dropped from the roll, they having absconded, in an unworthy manner, to parts unknown.

After considerable trouble with the following persons, John Redding, William Furguson and William Williams, colored young men, it was resolved to suspend them from the communion of the church in the hope of this action having a reformatory influence. They have given us much trouble with their bad behavior, and regular proceedings seem to be unnecessary, and were perhaps farcical. They are suspended from Communion until they give satisfactory evidence of repentance & reformation.

The following members were appointed to inform them of this action, and to labor with them; Elder D. H. Perrine to see William Williams, Elder Peter R. Bergen to see W. Furguson, and Deacon Barnett S. Stultz to see John Redding, & they are to watch the conduct of these young men.

Suspended

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The Pastor reported that Synmes Henry Campbell and his wife had informed him of their expected removal to South Amboy, and of their intention to enter the Episcopal Church. The Session expressed entire willingness to give them letters of dismission to that Church, but as such letters would not be received the names of those persons were dropped from the roll.

Adjourned with prayer by the Pastor.

Joseph B. Symmes,
Mod. & Clerk.

Crabtown, May 29: 1881.

Session met at the call of the Moderator at the house of Wm. Duncanson. Present the Pastor Rev. Joseph B. Symmes, together with Elders Peter R. Bergen and Wm. Duncan, and Deacons J. M. Chambers and W. H. Ferrine.

The meeting called to give a daughter of Wm. Duncanson, Maggie Myers Duncanson, an opportunity of confessing her faith in Christ and to administer to her the Lord's Supper.

In presence of, and in communion with, a few friends both these objects were accomplished, to the evident satisfaction of Maggie, who seemed to be near the gates of death, and the edification of all present.

Adjourned.

Joseph B. Symmes,
Mod. & Clk.

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Crabtown June 4: 1881.

X Session met for Preparatory Service, and was opened with prayer. Present the Pastor, Rev. Joseph B. Symmes, together with ruling Elders, Derrick S. Ferrine, John Gibson, J. Williamson Bergen, Alex. J. Stultz, Peter R. Bergen, Wm. Everett and E. C. Howell; absent J. F. Applegate and Wm. Duncan. The minutes of the meetings held on May 1st & 8th were read & approved.

3. Harney Everett, a son of Wm. Everett, and
3. Lydia Ellen Stultz, a daughter of Alex. S. were admitted to the Lords table having been baptised in infancy.

4. Rose Halthorn, wife of Charles S., appeared before the Session and stated that she had received a certificate of membership in the Baptist Church at Flemington in this State, but being unable to procure a dismission she was admitted on profession of her faith in Christ.

Reports.
D. V. Ferrine and P. R. Bergen reported that they had performed the duty assigned them as to Mrs. Williams and Wm. Duncanson; and that they both confessed that they had done wrong, and could not complain of their bad profession; and both promised reformation. Session took recess till tomorrow morning.

Sabbath morning 10 o'clock

Session met, present as before
5. Carrie Ireland, Bergen was received on certificate from the 2nd Church of this village: she is the wife of Howard Soudner Bergen.

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The Pastor reported that he had communicated to Mr. W. E. Cole the result of his inquiries in the Court of Chancery, but had no answer.

The Pastor preached from Job 23:11; and administered the Lord's Supper to a large congregation.

After the services session closed with prayer.

Joseph S. Symmes,
Mod. & clk.

Cranbury July 3: 1881.

Monthly meeting: opened with prayer.

Present: the Pastor, R. J. S. Symmes together with Deacons J. H. Applegate, J. Gibson, J. R. Bergen, W. H. Dabick and B. C. Howell.

Minutes of last meeting read and approved.

The Treasurer was ordered to pay John Davis his bill for Communion bread.

The Pastor read a letter from Mr. Cole announcing his conclusion to wait till the expiration of the two years for the sake of his marriage.

To-day in public service reference was made to the attempted assassination of President Garfield yesterday, and prayer was offered for his recovery.

Meeting was closed with prayer.

Joseph S. Symmes,
Mod. & clk.

W. E. Cole.

Garfield.

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Cranbury August 7: 1881.
Session met for Monthly Meeting, and was opened with prayer. The Pastor was absent. Present Deacons John Applegate, John Gibson, J. H. Bergen, B. C. Howell and Peter R. Bergen. John Gibson was appointed Moderator pro tem.

Pastor's absence.

It was resolved to give the Pastor a leave of absence for four weeks, and to supply the pulpit. It was moved and carried to offer \$8.00 and \$7.00 respectively for the days having two services, and \$5.00 for the days having but one service.

The Treasurer was ordered to pay to Mrs. Margaret Barlow \$3.00 as a little relief to her necessities.

Adjourned, closed with prayer.

John Gibson
Mod. & clk.

Cranbury Sept. 4: 1881.

Monthly meeting, opened with prayer. Present the Pastor, with five Deacons & two Deacons. The Pastor reported that he had given letters of dismission to Catharine Smith to the Congregational Church of Norwich Conn., and to Ella Hutchison to Hamilton Springs, which action was approved.

The Pastor not being well the session agreed to supply three Sabbaths more.

Adjourned, - closed with prayer.

Joseph S. Symmes, Mod. & clk.

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Cranbury Oct. 1: 1881.

Session met for Preparatory Service, and was opened with prayer.

Present, the Pastor, Rev. Joseph G. Symmes together with Elders, D. G. Terhune, Alex. J. Stultz, John Gibson, J. W. Bergen, P. R. Bergen, Wm. Duncan, Wm. Everett & E. O. Howard. Absent J. J. Applegate.

D. Carrie Smedeker Holman, Daughter of Thuis was admitted to the Lord's Supper, having been baptised in infancy.

John Gibson, with Alex. J. Stultz alternate, was appointed Delegate to Presbytery, to meet at Englishtown on the 4th inst.

Peter R. Bergen, with Wm. Duncan alternate, was appointed Delegate to Synod to meet at Asbury Park on the 18th inst.

Adjourned till tomorrow morning 11 o'clock.

Sabbath Morning 11 o'clock.

Session met, present as before.

The Pastor preached from Heb. 10:23, and administered the Communion to a large congregation.

After the services the session closed with prayer.

Joseph G. Symmes.
Mod. & Clerk.

The Pastor was directed to send letters of dismission to J. Addison Sulick & his wife Dollie to the Church at Hightstown.

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Cranbury Nov. 6: 1881.

Monthly meeting, opened with prayer.

Present the Pastor and four Elders.

Mr. Barlow. The Treasurer was ordered to pay to Mrs.

M. Barlow Five Dollars.

Joseph G. Symmes.
Mod. & Clerk.

Cranbury Dec. 4: 1881.

Monthly Meeting, opened & closed with prayer.

Present the Pastor, five Elders & two Deacons.

The Treasurer was ordered to pay to Mrs. M. Barlow Ten Dollars.

J. G. Symmes.
Mod. & Clerk.

Cranbury Jan. 1: 1882.

Monthly meeting, opened and closed with prayer.

P. R. Bergen, P. M. Chamberlin & J. P. Dely were appointed a Committee to look after

the care of Mrs. M. Barlow and daughter, Rachel, and to minister to them as

their case seemed to require, and report their actions from time to time to the

Session. A Committee, consisting of the Pastor and E. O. Howell was appointed to confer with

Joseph G. Symmes.
Mod. & Clerk.

the Session of the Synod with reference to dispensing with afternoon services in the country during the winter.

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Oranbury Feb. 4: 1882.

Preparatory Meeting, opened with prayer.
Present the Pastor Rev. Joseph S. Synnues, together
with Ruling Elders, J. J. Applegate, D. W. Fehring,
P. R. Bergen and E. O. Howell.

6. Tunis Utman, and his wife,
7. Maggie Uelman were received on certificate
of admission from the Church at Dayton.
8. Stephen Deerican, son of Henry P. Duncan,
was admitted to the Lords Table on a
profession of his faith in Christ, having
been baptised in infancy.

The Committee on Mrs. Barlow's case
reported that parties desire them
that they have everything they need.
Adjourned till tomorrow morning.

On Sabbath morning the same mem-
bers met, and finding that a driving
snow storm had so filled the roads that
travel on most of them was impossible
adjourned the Communion Service
for two weeks.

Closed with prayer.

Joseph S. Synnues,
Mod. & Clk.

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MINUTES OF SESSION.

Oranbury Feb. 18: 1882.

Session met, and opened with prayer.
Present, the Pastor, Rev. J. S. Synnues, together with
J. J. Applegate, D. W. Fehring, J. R. Bergen, Alex. J. Stultz,
John Hudson, P. R. Bergen, W. H. Duncan & E. O. Howell.
Absent, W. E. Embrett.

The following persons were admitted to both
Sacraments on profession of their faith, viz:

9. Wm. Henry Thomas Jr. son of Wm. H. :
10. Anna Louisa Cartough, wife of Benjamin S.
The following, having been baptised in infancy,
were admitted to the Lords Table, viz.
11. John A. Bergen, son of Jacob :
12. Ella Chamberlain, daughter of Alfred : and
13. Harry S. Scudder, son of Howard C. dec'd.

The Pastor reported that he prepared a letter
Mrs. Murray of admission to Mrs. Sarah S. Murray to the
Church in Sai-nan-foo, North China.

He also reported that the letter sent to
J. Addison Gulick's wife, had been returned
by Rev. J. B. Davis of Hightstown, with the state-
ment that the parties in question had not
been in the habit of attending any of the
services of his church, and that his ses-
sion were reluctant to receive them.

P. R. Bergen and E. O. Howell were appointed
a Committee to wait upon the parties and
advise them that they cannot continue
to be members in good standing if they do not
attend upon the means of grace somewhere,
and to urge upon them to attend upon
this business without delay.

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The Treasurer was ordered to pay to the Pastor & Elder the expenses incurred in attending the meetings of Synod last fall at Asbury Park, amounting to four Dollars each.
Adjourned until tomorrow morning.

Sabbath Morning Pro. Clerk

Present as before; opened with prayer.

14. Wm H. Pett, was admitted to both Sacraments on profession of his faith.

15. Mattie Silvers Duncan, daughter of W. was admitted to the Lords Table, having been baptised in infancy.

It was reported to the Session by E. D. Howell that the Session of the 2nd Church having, through a misunderstanding, received the impression that this Session had voted to discontinue afternoon services during the winter, had unanimously voted to concur, and directed their Pastor to announce the decision. Whereupon it was voted by this Session to concur, with the understanding that this agreement shall stand only for this winter.

The Pastor preached from Rom. 8:16, and administered both Sacraments. P. R. Keyser reported that Mrs. M. Barlow was needing no further assistance. After service closed with prayer.

Joseph S. Symmes.
Mod. & Clerk.

Afternoon.

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Cranbury March 5: 1882.
The Elders held a prayer meeting.

Cranbury March 12: 1882.

An informal meeting was held at the call of the Moderator at the close of morning service. Present the Pastor and nine Elders. Session was informed that a Committee from the 2nd Church Session had waited on the Pastor with reference to the matter of Afternoon Services, and at their request the following action was agreed upon to be recommended for adoption by each Session: *viz*,

Afternoon Services.

"On the matter of Sabbath Afternoon appointments, there having been some misunderstandings from the first, it is hereby mutually agreed by the two Sessions that all the action on this subject shall be revoked?"

Whereupon this minute was unanimously adopted.

Adjourned.
Joseph S. Symmes.
Mod. & Clerk.

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Report to Presbytery April 3: 1882.

Members as per last report	587.	
" added on certt.	3.	
" " " Exp.	13.	443.
" Decased.	12.	
" dismissed	3.	13.
Total		390.
Infants baptised	9.	
Adults "	2.	

Benevolent Contributions.

Home Missions	111.25.
Foreign	216.60.
Education	16.25.
Publication	30.00.
Church Erection	30.00.
Relief Fund.	50.00.
Freedmen	25.00.
Sustentation	8.55.
General Assembly	66.05.
Congregational	1390.56.
Miscellaneous	828.83.

Attest:

\$ 2266.07.

Joseph G. Symmes: Clerk.

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Oranbury April 2: 1882.

Monthl. meeting; opened with prayer.
 Present, the Pastor, Rev. Joseph G. Symmes,
 together with ruling Elders, J. S. Appligate,
 D. S. Ferrine, P. W. Burzee & E. W. Howell,
 and Deacons W. H. Postler & J. S. Chamberlin.
 The previous minutes of Session were
 read and approved. The Annual

Report to Presbytery, on the previous page,
 was pronounced correct, and ordered
 to be sent to Presbytery.
 D. S. Ferrine, with E. W. Howell as alternate,
 Presbytery was appointed to attend the meeting
 of Presbytery at Lightstown on the 10th inst.
 Adjourned:—closed with prayer.

Joseph G. Symmes.
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Examined and approved in Freestry
at Highstown Apr 12th 1882. With the following
Exceptions viz.

(1) The name of 5 members
was erased from the roll because they had
become unworthy. The minutes give no evidence
that any efforts were made to reclaim
them - See page 63.

(2) Three persons were suspended from the
Communion of the Church without trial
the statement being made that
"regular proceedings seem to be unnecessary,
and even perhaps farcical"
See page 63.

James M. Dinton.
Moderator.

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The Session of the First Church of Cranbury would most
respectfully record an answer to the exceptions
entered on the previous page.

With regard to the first exception the
minutes of Session contain a sufficient
answer. There it is distinctly stated that
the parties were beyond our reach, and
since efforts to reclaim them "were im-
practicable." The error was not that no
such efforts had been made. The respect-
fully suggest that the objection would have
been better taken if it had been to the
effect that the Session should have sus-
pended those members while beyond their
reach, and then should have waited till
process could reach them. But even
then we believe that to require a Session
to wait indefinitely is to keep the letter at
the expense of the spirit of the law.

Answer to
Exceptions.

The second exception seems to us to
be contradictory of the first. In this case
the Session only suspended, and the min-
utes contain abundant evidence of "efforts
to reclaim," before suspension. And so if
the first objection is well founded the
second cannot be. The word "farcical"
as applied to regular proceedings in these
cases is unfortunate, and we cannot defend
it. And we must acknowledge that
the minute concerning the suspension
is not full. The facts were that after
many & patient efforts to reclaim; and
after the parties had fully acknowledged
their faults to Committees of Session, and

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then persisted in their dissolute lives; and after they had agreed with these Committees to acquiesce in their suspensions, after all this the action recorded was taken.

And then the parties were placed each under the care of a member of Session, to watch over and labor with them.

With this fuller statement we would defend the action as both judicious and just, and as falling entirely within the constitutional limits for the exercise of the wise discretion which the General Assembly has always held to be vested in the Sessions of our Churches.

The above was unanimously adopted by the Session at a meeting held on 2: 1882.

Joseph G. Symmes.
Mod. & Clerk.

Cranbury May 4: 1882.

The usual prayer meeting was held, and conference afterwards.

J. G. Symmes.

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Cranbury June 3: 1882
Session met for Preparatory service, and was opened with prayer. Present, Rev. Joseph G. Symmes, Pastor, and Ruling Elders, D. V. Perrine, J. W. Bergen, H. J. Hight, John Gibson, P. R. Bergen, H. M. Duncan, Wm. Everett & C. O. Howell. Absent, John S. Applegate.

The following, having been baptised in infancy, were admitted to the Lord's Table on profession of their faith in Christ:

1. Perusha De Hart, wife of Henry, colored:
2. Hawley M. Dean Fosches, son of F. M. Dean:
3. and Adura Scudder, daughter of Howard C. Dean
4. Cora Knaut, daughter of John, was, on the same profession, admitted to both sacraments.

Adjourned until tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock.

Sabbath morning 9 o'clock.

Session met, and spent half an hour in a prayer meeting.

After which the Pastor preached, 11 Cor. 13: 5, and administered both sacraments.

At the close of this service the Session adjourned, being closed with prayer.

Joseph G. Symmes.
Mod. & Clerk.

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Branbury July 3: 1882.

Session met for monthly meeting, and was opened with prayer. Present, the Pastor, Rev. Joseph H. Symmes, together with five elders, and four deacons, which last had been specially invited to be present.

The following paper was unanimously adopted, and the Pastor was directed to read it from the pulpit: Wm. This session has learned with sorrow and alarm that public gaming places, frequented by the young mainly, are increasing in our midst.

Often these places are connected with the sale of intoxicating liquors, and in nearly all cases accompanied with gambling. All such places, whatever they may be, and wherever kept, of mighty and constant resort, can only be evil in their tendency. Whatever carries the young away from home habitually is injurious and dangerous. And also we feel constrained to raise a warning voice.

The would that those who maintain such places should know that their action is disapproved by all good people.

The would urge young men to heed the advice of those who are older. The would entreat parents to know where their boys resort, and strive to turn their feet early away from evil.

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We would especially warn those professing Christianity that resorting to such places is injurious to themselves, and to the cause of Christ; and such conduct cannot be persisted in without very seriously affecting their standing in this Church.

Closed with prayer.

Joseph H. Symmes.
Mod. by clerk.

Branbury August 6: 1882.

Monthly meeting, opened with prayer.

Present, the Pastor and six elders.

The Pastor reported that he had given Mary F. (Bennett) Silvers a letter of dismission to the 2nd Church of Branbury, approved.

A letter was received from Rev. J. B. Davis stating that the session of the Church at Highgate declined to receive J. Addison & Gallie Kulick, dismissed to them from this Church Oct. 1: 1881, for the reason that the parties did not attend the services of their church, and could not be induced to promise attendance.

Whereupon S. R. Berger & E. O. Howell were appointed a committee to wait upon them, and inform them that they cannot continue in good standing while habitually neglecting the house of God.

This action was taken Feb. 14th instead of the action taken here was having the report of the committee, which was on satisfactory reasons of the parties for their neglect, and the committee was constituted.

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The Treasurer was directed to relieve the wants of Peter, Hastwell, an infirm member of this Church, to the extent of five Dollars.

Closed with prayer.

Joseph B. Symmes,
Mod. & Clerk.

Sept. 3: 1882.

Elders held a prayer meeting.

Oranbury September 30: 1882.

Preparatory Service, opened with prayer. Present, the Pastor, Rev. Joseph B. Symmes, together with Ruling Elders, W. L. Applegate, D. G. Ferrine, J. W. Berglund, H. P. Stultz, J. Gibson, W. R. Becker, W. Duncan, Wm. Everett & E. O. Howell.

Elder John J. Applegate, made a request that he be excused from active attendance upon the duties of his office, except such as his necessary infirmities permitted. The request was granted.

The Pastor had been appointed, at an informal meeting held Sept. 10: 1882, to wait upon certain of our members with a message of advice. He now reported that he had waited upon Rose Ellen Ferrine now Dy, and

J. J. Applegate
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advised her to abstain from coming to the Lord's Table on account of flagrant anti-nuptial fornication. She professed great humiliation and penitence, but was entirely willing to acquiesce in the advice of the session.

Another, Bertrude Stultz now Crum, had been guilty of the same offence, though not of so aggravated character. She made similar professions, and acquiesced in the similar action. The report was approved.

5. Lydia M. Peterson, wife of G. Bruen; having been baptised in infancy, was admitted to the Lord's Table on profession of her faith in Christ.
6. John A. Pullen, son of Wesley, dec'd.
7. Alice A. Vincent, wife of Samuel, colored; and
8. Ella Stryker, daughter of Horace, colored, were admitted to both sacraments on a similar profession.
9. Lydia A. Pullen, wife of John W. was received on a letter from the S. D. Ch. of Peachkin Park. John Gibson, with Wm. Duncan as alternate, was appointed delegate to Presbytery at Shrewsbury on the 2nd of October. Wm. Duncan, with John Gibson as alternate, was appointed delegate to Synod at Black-stonetown on the 17th prox.

Recess until 9 1/2 o'clock, Sab. morn.

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Sabbath morning 9 o'clock.

Session met, present as before.

It was resolved that when we adjourn to-day, it be to meet in the Pastor's study tomorrow evening.

Bishop Edward Wilson of the Reformed Episcopal Church of Canada preached from Is. 35:10, and joined with the Pastor in the administration of both the Sacraments.

After this service Session adjourned, closed with prayer by Bishop Wilson.

Joseph G. Symmes.

Oranbury October 2: 1882.

Session met in Pastor's Study, and was opened with prayer. Present the Pastor, Rev. Joseph G. Symmes, together with Ruling Elders, D. H. Schriber, Peter R. Bergen, Wm. Duncan, Wm. Everett, and E. C. Howell.

The paper, recorded on pgs 778 & 78 was fully discussed and unanimously adopted, and ordered on our minutes.

After an extended discussion the following paper was unanimously adopted, and the Pastor was directed to lay it before the Presbytery: Viz.

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"The Session of the First Church of Oranbury, most respectfully, represent to the Presbytery of Monmouth that the assessments that are laid upon the churches have greatly increased within a few years past, and, what is more objectionable, are rapidly coming to assume the right to assess a tax upon the churches. And this increasing burden is giving us, so far as the General Assembly is concerned, a body less and less efficient and satisfactory as a court of last resort. We have waited and paid in silence, under the hope, if not the promise, of such a reduction of the General Assembly as would make it less expensive and more efficient. But now we seem to be further ^{than} ever from such reduction.

Therefore it seems plain to your petitioners that it is high time for the Presbytery to endeavor to find some practical method of at once relieving our burdens and reducing the Assembly. And for this purpose this Session do hereby respectfully, but urgently, petition the Presbytery to fall back upon their constitutional right, and upon the ancient custom:—the right of declining to send to the Assembly the whole number of Commissioners to which we are entitled; and the ancient custom of providing for the expenses of our own Commissioners. And we press this matter the more urgently,

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inasmuch as we see that the "disaster to ^{a failure} respond to the assessments" on the part of the churches, anticipated by the Assembly of 1878, is at our doors.

Some of our churches are already failing to respond, and if there is no calling more will follow. A practical reduction, such as that herein suggested, adopted in time to satisfy our people, were better, in the judgment of your petitioners, than a complete break-down under our present system?

Adjourned, closed with prayer.

Joseph G. Symmes,
Mod. & clk.

Cranbury Nov. 5: 1882.

Monthly meeting, opened with prayer. Present, the Pastor, three elders, and, by invitation, two deacons.

D. S. Ferrine was appointed a committee to relieve the necessities of Mary Hartwell, a widowed member of this church.

Closed with prayer.

Joseph G. Symmes,
Mod. & clk.

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Dec. 3: 1882 - A prayer meeting.

Cranbury January 7: 1883.

Monthly meeting, opened with prayer. Present, the Pastor & five elders, with three deacons by invitations.

D. S. Ferrine reported that he had expended \$6.00 for Mary Hartwell, and the Treasurer was directed to repay it.

The Pastor reported that he had given letters of dismission to:

- Susan C. W. Knigg, wife of Paul to Dayton;
- Lydia Amanda Fabb, wife of Fabb " "
- Mary Anna Tolson, daughter above " "
- Mary (Statt), Applegate, wife of Treley " "
- Edgar Bennett, to Hightstown " H. E. Ch.
- and to David J. Clayton, his wife Catharine H. Clayton, and his children Eva L. & Edward P. Clayton to Asbury Park.

All of which was approved. Closed with prayer.

Joseph G. Symmes,
Mod. & clk.

Item: The following action was also adopted; the Pastor was appointed to confer with John Wilson concerning reports affecting his moral character, and to advise him to absent himself from the Communion table pending the investigation of these rumors.

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Dismission.

John Wilson.

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Oranbury Feb. 3: 1883.

Session met for Preparatory Service, and was opened with prayer.

Present, the Pastor, Rev. Joseph B. Symmes, Ruling Elders, J. J. Appleget, D. S. Perrine, J. H. Bergen, Alex. S. Stultz, P. K. Bergen, J. H. Duncan, Wm. Everett, & E. P. Howells.

Absent, John Gibson, ill.

10. Ella M. Appleget, wife of Adrian S. Coy, was received on a letter from St. James M. E. Church New Brunswick, and
11. Kate S. Duncan, from the Mangalapan Presbyterian Church, wife Joseph Symmes.
12. Hattie M. Symmes, wife of Dr. Henry S. was admitted to both sacraments upon a profession of faith in Christ.

A letter of dismission was presented by Susan Augue from the Church at Kingston.

After considerable discussion the following action was unanimously adopted: The letter omits the word "good" in the description of the standing, and it is well known to the Session that Susan has been several times under discipline for the same offense, and now has the fourth illegitimate child.

The Session, therefore, cannot think that it would be best for the church or the candidate to receive her into full membership.

And the Pastor is directed to explain the action to Susan; and advise her to continue attendance upon the means of grace, but to abstain from coming to the

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communion table until the Session are satisfied of her reformation. And he is also to write a full statement of this action to the Kingston Session.

The Pastor reported that he had conferred with John Wilson as directed on Jan. 7th ult. And that he had promptly acknowledged the truth of the rumors to this extent;— he has failed in his attendance at church; he has companied with improper associates; and he had fallen into habits of intemperance. He expressed penitence, & promised reformation. But he fully acquiesced in the wisdom and justice of the advice given by the Session to abstain from coming to the Communion table until he can give the Session satisfactory evidence of repentance.

Access was taken till tomorrow at 11 o'clock

Sabbath morning 9 1/2 o'clock.

Session met pursuant to above action. Susan Augue appeared and heard the action in her case.

The Pastor preached from Acts 5: 19, and administered both sacraments.

After these services Session adjourned, closed with prayer.

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P. S.

It was also resolved at this meeting that W. Doerist be authorized to carry a pig worth not more than \$10.00 to Maria H. Baldwin, and pass the bill to the Treasurer.

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March 4th Prayer meeting held.

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Members, as per last report 390.
 " added on certificate 2.
 " " " " 10. 402.

" deceased — 8.
 " dismissed 13.
 " under discipline 4.
 35 377

Benevolent Contributions.
 Home Missions. \$ 142.00
 Foreign " 157. —
 Education. 30. —
 Publication. 32. —
 Church Erection. 60. —
 Relief. 30. —
 Sustentation. 36. —
 General Assembly. 54.00
 Congregational. 139. —
 Miscellaneous. 1047. —
 Freedmen. 30. —
 \$ 2868.60

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Oranbury April 1: 1883.

Monthly meeting, opened with prayer.
 Present the Pastor, Rev. J. G. Symmes, together with
 Ruling Elders, P. R. Ruger, Wm. Duncan and
 Wm. Everett; and by special invitation, Deacons
 J. M. Chamberlin, J. P. Day, Alex. S. Stutte & H.
 Thomas. Absent Elders, J. J. Applegate, D. G. Purvine,
 John H. J. Stutte & J. W. Bishop; Deacons, Kanitt S. Stutte
 J. P. Day, Jacob & S. James Ruger.

Collection lists were distributed to the Deacons.
 Deacon J. M. Chamberlin was appointed to visit Elijah Jameson, and minister
 relief as judged to be needed, and report his
 action to Session.
 U. Jameson.

P. R. Ruger, with Alex. S. Stutte as alternate was
 appointed to attend the meeting of Presbytery at
 Burlington on the 10th inst.

The Pastor reported that he has made out
 letters of dismission for Mount J. Duncan,
 and his wife Rebecca A. to Manalapan;
 and for George R. Thomas to Allentown.
 The action was approved.

The minutes of the meetings during the
 year past were read, and approved.

The Session will meet next Sabbath to
 hear the tabulated statement and the statistical
 report to be sent to Presbytery.
 The Deacons will meet next Sabbath to
 make their report to the church.

It was unanimously resolved to
 nominate to the church H. Leving Stutte to be
 a Deacon in the room of David G. Clayton, this
 blood with prayer.
 W. S. Stutte.
 Joseph G. Symmes, Mod. & Clerk.

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Examined and A voted
in Presence of W. L. Eaton
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J. J. Brown
Mod.

Mem.

The nomination of W. Irving Stults to be deacon in this Church having been thrice announced, on the 15th day of April 1883 the Congregation was called upon to vote upon the nomination. No objection had been made, on the contrary by a large and cordial vote the nomination was confirmed. And the candidate was called forward and ordained and installed by prayer and the laying on of hands.

W. S. Stults.

Attest
Joseph G. Symmes.

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Cranbury, May 6. 1883.

Monthly meeting opened with prayer. Present, the Pastor, four Elders & Five Deacons. It was resolved that hereafter it shall be the regular custom to invite the Deacons to be present at the monthly meetings of Session, with a right to speak upon any question, but with a right to vote only on questions pertaining to the distribution of the charities of the Church.

Deacons.

The Pastor stated his desire to be granted a leave of absence, to begin when he can make his arrangements, and the request was cordially granted.

Pastor's

Absence

And for his accommodation the June Communion was postponed from the first to the third Sabbath and Anniversary day from the second to the fourth Sabbath of June. Elders E. C. Howell and Peter R. Bergen, and Deacon John M. Chamberlain were appointed a Committee on supplies for the Pulpit.

Committee

on

Supplies

Librarian

Grinson.

Eugene P. Morris was appointed Librarian in the place of Geo. W. Ruding, who has lately removed from the place. John M. Chamberlain made report of his visit to Uncle Grinson's family, which was approved; and the Committee was continued, with Alex. S. Shells added.

closed with prayer.

Joseph G. Symmes.

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Cranbury June 16, 1883.

Preparatory meeting: opened with prayer.
Present the Pastor, Rev. J. G. Synnues, together
with Ruling Elders D. G. Ferrine, J. Gibson, A. J. Stett,
J. W. Bergen, F. K. Bergen, W. Duncan, W. Everett,
and E. C. Howell.

The following persons, having been baptized
in infancy, were admitted to the Lord's Table:

1. William Clark Borkes, son of D. M. Dean.
 2. Sarah Ellen Toohers, daughter "
 3. Emma Chamberlain, daughter of John M. V.
 4. Luella C. Bergen, daughter of Peter V.
- The following were admitted to both sacraments:
5. Clara D. Kerr, daughter of William H. V.
 6. Amanda Grover Thomas, daughter of W. H. V.

Book recess till tomorrow morning.

Sabbath Morning 9:30 A.M.

Session met, - present as before.

7. George White Bunnough, and his wife
Melvina Bunnough, stated that
they were members of the Baptist Church
in Trenton; that they had not been able
to procure either letters of dismission or
certificates of membership; but they
desired to unite with this Church. They
were received upon examination.

The Pastor preached from 1 John 4: 2-9
and administered both sacraments.

After services Session closed with prayer.

Joseph G. Synnues.
Mod. & Clerk.

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Cranbury July 1, 1883.

Session met, & opened with prayer.

Present the Pastor, three Elders, & three Deacons.

The Pastor reported that he had written
to the Kingston Session concerning the
action taken on Feb. 23d on the case of
Susan Orque; and an answer has been
received acquiescing in this action.

S. Orque.

Closed with prayer.

Joseph G. Synnues.
Mod. & Clerk.

Cranbury Aug. 5, 1883.

Session met, & opened with prayer.

Present the Pastor, four Elders, & five Deacons.

The following minutes was adopted, and ordered
to be entered upon the records: viz,
Edmund Orlando Howell was born on the
18th November 1834 near Cedarville New Jersey.
He was reared in infancy, and united
with the 1st Presbyterian Church of Cedarville
when 16 years of age. At 18 he went to

E. O. Howell
Carolina Academy to prepare for the
ministry. Called home soon to take

charge of the family, on account of the
illness and death of his father, he relinquished
this design. He settled in South Amboy,
in 1860, where he took an active part in the
formation of the Trevelyan Church, and
where he was ordained a Ruling Elder.

He removed to Cranbury in 1872, and was
installed an Elder in this Church in June 1873.
He was also made Superintendent of the

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Village Sabbath School connected with this Church; and was for several years the Treasurer of the Congregation. In every position of trust and responsibility, he was courteous and firm, correct and accurate, faithful and God-fearing. He held his possessions as a trust from God, and the Church and his needy fellow creatures never appealed in vain to him for help. Ever ready for every good word and work, he was ready to depart when his work was done.

E. O. Howell.

He fell a victim to the furious assaults of a bill on the 18th of July just passed, and departed this life on the 25th.

His body was committed to the grave on the 30th, amid the great lamentations of this whole community.

It was also resolved that as a token of respect the members of Session will wear the usual badge upon the left arm for thirty days.

Closed with prayer.

Joseph B. Symmes.
Mod. & clk.

Oranbury Sept. 2: 1883.

Session met, & opened with prayer.

Present the Pastor, five Elders & five Deacons.

The Committee on the case of Ulrich Jameson reported that they had relieved his necessities to the extent of \$5.00; and recommended that Session pay his lumber bill for house repairs, amounting a little more than \$15.00. Both were ordered paid.

U. Jameson.

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W. Smith.

The same Committee was directed to visit Aquilina Smith, and relieve her necessities to the extent of \$5.00, & present bill to the Treasurer, which he is ordered to pay.

Adjourned.

Closed with prayer.
Joseph B. Symmes.
Mod. & clerk.

Oranbury Sept. 9: 1883.

Session met at the call of the Moderator at the close of public worship.

Present the Pastor and six Elders.

The following resolution was adopted by a unanimous vote: Having learned that the Building of the 2nd Church is about to be torn up for repairs, the Pastor and People of the 2nd Church are cordially invited to unite with us in worship during such repairs.

2nd Church.

Adjourned.
Joseph B. Symmes.
Mod. & clk.

Oranbury Sept. 30: 1883.

Session met at call of Moderator at close of service.

Present the Pastor & five Elders: The following were appointed our delegates: to Presbytery at the same on the 22nd inst. William Durcan, Elder J. W. Rogers as alternate: to Synod at Orange on the 16th inst. Alex. J. Stull, with D. V. Penne as alternate.

Presbytery
&
Synod.

Adjourned.
Joseph B. Symmes.
Mod. & clk.

1883.

MINUTES OF SESSION.

Cranbury Oct. 6: 1883.

Session met and was opened with prayer.
Present the Pastor, Rev. Joseph C. Symmes, together
with Ruling Elders, D. G. Perrine, John Edson,
Alex. J. Statts, J. W. Bergen, J. K. Bergen, W.
Duncan & W. Everett.

9. Josephine Dey, daughter of Joseph P. was admitted
to the Lord's Supper on profession of her faith,
having been baptised in infancy.
10. William F. Brown, and his wife,
11. Lydia A. Brown were received by letter
from the 1st Church Canton. And
12. Mary Walker, daughter of George, die^d
was received from Matawan.
Session took recess till tomorrow morning.

Sabbath morning 7 1/2 o'clock.

Session met, present as before
By special invitation the Session & Cong-
regation of the 2nd Church united with us in
the services to-day. Of that Session, Messrs

Union
Communion
with 2nd Church

Orskel Silvers, John S. Davison, W. E. Bergen,
John H. Statts, Isaac S. Lovett, & W. S. Dey joined
in serving the tables; and the Rev. Joseph S.
Van Dyke preached from and joined
in the administration of the Lord's Supper.

Session then adjourned, closed with prayer
by Rev. J. S. Van Dyke.

Joseph C. Symmes.
Mod. & Clk.

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Nov. 4th. Sessional prayer meeting.

Cranbury Dec. 2: 1883.

Session Monthly Meeting opened with prayer.
Present the Pastor, four Elders and three Deacons.
It was cordially voted that the Treasurer
be ordered to pay to the "Ladies Benevolent
Society" such sums as they may call for
from time to time for the benefit of the poor.
Closed with prayer.
Joseph C. Symmes
Mod. & Clk.

Ladies
Society.

Cranbury Jan. 6: 1884.

Session Monthly Meeting; opened with
prayer. Present, the Pastor, three Elders
and four Deacons.
Grandeur & Statts reported that Ulrich
Jinneson needed further help to the extent
of \$5.00, which was ordered paid.
Closed with prayer.
Joseph C. Symmes
Mod. & Clk.

U. Jinneson.

Cranbury Feb. 2: 1884.

Session met before preparatory service,
and was opened with prayer. Present
the Pastor, Rev. Joseph C. Symmes, and Ruling
Elders D. G. Perrine, Alex. J. Statts, J. Williamson Bergen,

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- P. R. Bergen and ~~Wm~~ Everett. Absent,
~~Wm~~ Duncan and John Gibson.
13. Joseph D. Chamberlain, son of John M. D.
 14. Cornelia S. Stutts, daughter of Jacob J. Baptized members of this church were admitted to the Lord's Table on a profession of their faith in Christ.
 15. Luther H. Love, son of Saml. L. D.
 16. Eleanor M. Dey, widow of John H. were received by letters from the 3rd church:
 17. Eva L. Howell, wife of E. D. from Asbury Park: D
 18. Mary A. Day, widow of Joseph B. from Duxton.
- ~~Wm~~ Everett presented his request to be relieved from the active duties of the Eldership, partly because of his belief in the wisdom of the plan of term eldership, but chiefly because of increasing infirmities. No formal action was taken, but there was a unanimous wish expressed that he would not press the request.
- Session took recess till tomorrow morning at 9 1/2 o'clock.

Sabbath Morning Nov. 9th.

Session met, present as before, with the addition of ~~Wm~~ Duncan.

19. Susanna Cunge, daughter of Richard, appeared requesting that she be now admitted to the Lord's Table. See pp. 88 & 95.
- After considerable conversation the Session, feeling they could no longer bar the door, admitted her, directing the Pastor to explain that she, having been practically under discipline for three years, is restored to full communion.

~~Wm~~ Everett.

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Deacons Chamberlain & Stutts were directed to procure a pig for Miss Maria H. Baldwin, and another for ~~Wm~~ W. Erwin.

The Pastor preached from Matt. 13: 38.
 After service session closed with prayer.

Joseph S. Symmes,
 Mod. & Clk.

Oranbury, March 23: 1884.

Session met, and opened with prayer. Present, the Pastor, with three Elders & Five Deacons. Mrs. Hannah Dey made application for help, and Elder Alex. S. Stutts & Deacon Joseph P. Dey were appointed a committee to visit her and report to Session.

Mrs. Dey.

Mrs. Peter R. Bergen was directed to procure a ton of Coal for Mrs. Clayton Everingham and draw on the Treasurer for the bill.

Mrs. S. Stutts, the Treasurer was directed to send \$5.00 to Mrs. Sarah S. Stutts by Mrs. H. Ferrine.

Adjourned, closed with prayer.

Joseph S. Symmes.

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Report to Presbytery April 1884.

Members as per last report	377.	
" added on certificate	11.	
" " Nov. 11.		399.
" deceased.	7.	
" dismissed.	10.	382.
" Retired	21.	
Adults baptized	2.	
Infants "	11.	

Contributions.

Home Missions	176. 00
Foreign Missions	155. 25.
Education	36. 00.
Publication	20. 00
Church Erection	35. 00
Relief	30. 00
Preachers	25. 00
Sustentation	11. 72.
General Assembly.	52. 78.
Congregational.	1463. 80.
Miscellaneous	595. 89.
	\$ 2396. 44.

Approved by Session April 3, 1884.

Joseph G. Symmes.

MINUTES OF SESSION.

1884.

Cranbury April 3, 1884.

Session met on the call of the Moderator at the Parsonage at 2 o'clock P. M.

Present the Pastor Rev. Joseph G. Symmes, together with Elders D. G. Ferrine, Alex. J. Stultz, J. W. Bergen, Peter R. Bergen and William Duncan, and Deacons Wm. H. Ferrine, John S. Chamberlain, Wm. H. Thomas, Jacob Bergen, Joseph P. Dreyer & W. Irving Stultz.

Mr. J. Stultz reported that he had visited Mrs. Hannah Day and gave her three dollars, and the Treasurer was directed to refund the money.

Mrs. H. Dreyer.

And the Pastor was directed to write Mrs. Dreyer expressing the views of Session as to her neglect of the Church privileges, the necessity of doing something for herself, and declining to grant her request for a regular monthly stipend.

The Pastor reported that he had granted letters to the following persons:

Sarah J. (Applegate) Abbott to R. J. A. Bemiswick;
 Mary H. (Buddler) Lane, to 2nd Cranbury;
 Anne H. (Thomas) Hutchinson to Allentown;
 John S. Bergen, to Rev. Dr. N. E. Ch.
 Emaline (Duncan) Day to Hightstown;
 George W. Reading to Asbury Park;
 Persie Reading - wife above " " "
 Annie A. (Bachelors) Strickland to " " N. E. Ch.
 Alice H. (Ferrine) Duncan to Dutch Neck; and
 Virginia (Applegate) Rue to South Amboy N. P. Ch.;
 and the action was approved.

There was considerable discussion concerning the distribution of the proceeds of the Legacy left to this Church by John Holdon for the benefit of the poor; but no definite action was taken; but it was found necessary to consult the Synod.

Legacy.

Dismissals.

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The proceedings of session during the past year, and the report to Presbytery, were read and approved.

Adjourned to spend a social evening with the Pastors family.

Joseph S. Symmes.
Mod. & clerk.

Cranbury April 6: 1884.

Monthly meeting opened with prayer.

Present, the Pastor, five Elders and four Deacons.

Rev. J. Stults, with J. W. Bergen as alternate was appointed to attend the meeting of Presbytery in the 2^d Church on the 8th inst.

Closed with prayer.

Joseph S. Symmes.
Mod. & clerk.

Examined and Approved
in Presbytery at Cranbury
Apr. 9. 1884

W. G. Smith.
Moderator.

1884.

MINUTES OF SESSION.

May 4: 1884. Prayer meeting held.

Cranbury May 31: 1884.

Session met for Prophanatory Service.

Opened with prayer. Present the Pastor, Rev. Joseph S. Symmes, together with Rev. Elders, D. S. Fenick, J. Sidson, A. C. Stults, J. W. Bergen, and J. R. Bergen. Absent W. Duncker & W. Everett.

The following persons were received on certificate:

1. Mrs. Marshoff and his wife,
 2. Katherine J. Marshoff, 2^d Church Princeton.
 3. Ellen Baker, wife of Wm. Hopewell Church.
 4. Harriet Dickinson, daughter Johnathon, D. C. Franklin Park.
 5. Mrs. Kate Silvers, widow Wm D. - Kingston.
- Adjourned till tomorrow morning 10 o'clock.

6. Mrs. S. Brittan, widow of Dean, was received from the Church of Darton.
- The Pastor preached from John 13:3.
After services session closed with prayer.
Joseph S. Symmes.
Mod. & clk.

June 6: 1884, Prayer meeting.

July 6 - Aug. 3 - & Sept. 7. Prayer meetings.

1884.

MINUTES OF SESSION.

Cranbury Oct. 4: 1884.

Session met for Sabatular service, and was opened with prayer. Present Rev. Joseph G. Symmes the Pastor, together with Ruling Elders Dennis G. Perrine, Alex. J. Stults, J. H. Bergen, William Everett & P. N. Bergen.

The following persons were admitted to the Lord's Supper on confession of faith, having been baptized in infancy: viz.

7. Agnes H. Duncan, daughter of Forman G. D.
8. Abner W. Bergen, daughter of W. Williamson.

D. G. Perrine, with J. Williamson Bergen as alternate, was appointed to attend the meeting of Presbytery at Red Bank on the 7th inst.

Presbytery at Red Bank on the 7th inst.

Synod. Alex. J. Stults, with Peter N. Bergen, as alternate, was appointed to attend the meeting of Synod at Elizabeth on the 21st inst.

Ms. Deq. Mrs. J. Stults and Deacon Joseph D. Deq. were appointed a committee to attend to the wants of Mrs. Hannah Deq.

Session adjourned till 9 o'clock tomorrow morning.

Sabbath morning 9 o'clock.

Present as before, together with John Gibson & William Duncan.

The Pastor preached from John 12:26; and administered the Lord's Supper.

Adjourned with prayer.

Joseph G. Symmes.

Mod. & Clk.

Item omitted above. Rev. Elders (Perrine) appeared and made satisfactory profession of penitence, and desired to be restored to full membership. His request was granted.

J. G. S.

1884.

MINUTES OF SESSION.

Cranbury Nov. 25: 1884.

Monthly meeting, opened with prayer.

Present the Pastor, with four Elders & three deacons. The Pastor was authorized to give Mrs. Hannah Deq. a certificate to the 2nd Church, qualified with a statement of her long absence from the services of this Church.

Ms. Deq.

Closed with prayer.

Joseph G. Symmes.

Mod. & Clk.

Jan. 11. 1885 - Sessional Prayer meeting.

Cranbury Jan. 31: 1885.

Session met, & opened with prayer.

Present the Pastor, Rev. Joseph G. Symmes, together with Ruling Elders, D. G. Perrine, Alex. J. Stults, J. H. Bergen, John Gibson, P. N. Bergen, and W. Everett; H. Duncan absent.

The following persons were received by letter:

1. Saida H. Perrine, wife of Samuel, from 2nd Church.
 2. Annie Anderson, wife of Augustus, from the 2nd Church.
- And the following on profession of faith in Christ:
3. Joseph Symmes, Denmark, son of Henry P.
 4. John Alex. Duncan,
 5. Gemma Perrine, daughter of Saml. Deq.
 6. Helen Stults Perrine,
 7. Leizer Farr, daughter of Charles.
 8. May Bell, daughter of William, and
 9. Mary Johnson, daughter of Willard, colored.

Adjourned till tomorrow morning 9 o'clock.

1885.

MINUTES OF SESSION.

Sabbath Feb. 1: 1885.

Session met pursuant to adjournment.

Present as before.

The Pastor preached from Vol. 2: 6, and administered the Lords Supper. May & (Perrine) Day, and Bertrude (Stults) Erwin, on profession of penitence and desire for restoration, were thus restored to full communion.

After the services session closed with prayer.

Joseph G. Symmes.
Mod. & Clk.

Oranbury March 1: 1885.

Session met for monthly meeting.

Present the Pastor, two Elders, & three Deacons.

Joseph P. Day, reported having aided Mrs. H. Church to the amount of \$70, which the Treasurer was ordered to pay.

Closed, as well as opened, with prayer.

Joseph G. Symmes.
Mod. & Clk.

Item, omitted above.

J. P. Day reported that he had taken Mr. Clayton Everingham a load of coal for which was ordered paid.

J. G. S.

1885.

MINUTES OF SESSION.

Report to Presbytery April 1885.

Members per last report	382.
" added on certificate 5	
" " Profession. 9	14.
" deceased 8	396
" dismissed 4	12
Total.	384.
Adults baptised 1.	
Infants " 2.	

Contributions.

Foreign Missions	300.70
Home " "	203.29
Education	50.00
Publication	15.00
Church Erection	80.50
Relief	33.00
Freedmen	28.00
Sustention	11.00
General Assembly	52.78
Congregational	1470.00
Miscellaneous	403.74
	\$2627.01

1885

MINUTES OF SESSION.

Cranbury April 5: 1885.

Monthly meeting, opened with prayer.

Present, the Pastor, three Elders & four Deacons.

The Minutes of Session, and the Report to Presbytery were read and approved.

D. G. Perrine, with Alex. J. Stults as alternate, was appointed to attend the meeting of Presbytery at Fairhold on the 14th inst.

Alex. J. Stults reported that he had furnished Mrs. Hannah Day, with help to the amount of which the Treasurer was ordered to pay.

The Pastor reported that he had dismissed as follows:

Mary Estella Day, to Highstown;
Mary Leavinia Grove, to Dutch Neck;
James C. Rowland, to Dayton, and
Mary A. Rowland, "

Closed with prayer.

Joseph G. Symmes,
Mod. & Clerk.Examined and Approved
In Presbytery at Fairhold
Apr. 15 1885

Robert J. Kern

Moderator

None omitted above.

John Wilson. John Wilson, colored, confessed to unchristian conduct, and
on page 18 of the minutes acknowledged the propriety of suspension. Thereupon
he was suspended from the communion of the Church until he gives satisfactory evidence of repentance.

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May 3rd A prayer meeting was held.

Cranbury June 16: 1885.

Session met for preparatory service, and opened with prayer. Present the Moderator Rev. J. G. Symmes, together with ruling Elders D. G. Perrine, John Gibson, Alex. J. Stults and Wm. Corbett. Absent S. D. Bergen & Wm. Duncan.

The following persons were admitted to both sacraments on profession of their faith in Christ:

1. Sarah Jane Applegate, daughter of W. J.
2. Paula Bell Applegate " "
3. Almira Applegate " "
4. Carrie Virginia Applegate " and
5. Catharine D. Scheidtk, wife of Joseph W.
6. Ella C. Stults, daughter of John C., having been baptized in infancy was admitted to the Lord's Supper.

The following were received on certificates:

7. Resford J. Kulick, from Lennox Church,
8. Kate C. Kulick, wife of the above, "
9. Nettie Kulick, daughter " " "
10. Mary Helen Kulick " " " and
11. Emma Wilgus
12. Catharine Johnson, wid. John N. - Cranbury and
13. Anna Reading, daughter of R. H. Hillston

The following letter was read to Session and after consideration was referred to the meeting tomorrow morning viz.

W. Bergen.

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The letter was not ordered upon record.
Session took recess till tomorrow morning.

Sabbath Morning 9 1/2 o'clock
Session, present as before, together with
Peter R. Bergen.

After some discussion of the letter
referred to above, it was referred to a
meeting which it was resolved to
hold at the Parsonage on Monday
June 15th at 4 o'clock P. M.

The Pastor preached from Lam. 3: 26
and administered both sacraments
to and in presence of a large congregation.

After which Session closed with prayer.

Joseph G. Symmes,
Mod. & Clk.

Parsonage June 15: 1885.

Session met according to appointment
Present the Pastor, Rev. J. G. Symmes,
together with Ruling Elders J. F. Ferrine,
John Gibson, Mr. W. Stubb, Wm. Everett
and Peter R. Bergen.

The letter that was the occasion of the
meeting was again read, and ordered
to be entered upon our records, and
is as follows: "Oranbury June 5: 1885.
In the Session of the First Presbyterian
Church of Oranbury N. J.

Adj. Meeting.
J. W. Bergen

1885.

MINUTES OF SESSION.

Dear Brethren,

Having been overtaken by
financial difficulties, which I could
not control, and yet which, in the
minds of many people, attach so much
of blame as to impair my usefulness in
the Eldership of this Church, I hereby
ask to be relieved of the active duties
of this office until such time as these
difficulties may, in God's good Pro-
vidence, be cleared up.

J. W. Bergen.

After extended discussion the follow-
ing action was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That we commenced the
course pursued by J. Williams or Bergen
in writing this letter as wise and proper.
But that we postpone definite action
upon the request to a future day, awaiting
further developments in the case.
It was resolved further to appoint
John Gibson and Peter R. Bergen to carry
a copy of this action to Mr. J. W. Bergen,
and to confer with him on the matter.
Closed as well as opened with prayer.

Adjourned.

Joseph G. Symmes,
Mod. & Clerk.

Mem.

At the meeting on June 6th last the
Treasurer was ordered to pay the bill for repairing
the Pulpit Bible & for a Book of Certificates amounting to \$3.00.
J. G. Symmes

1882.

MINUTES OF SESSION.

In July, August & September prayer meetings were held.

At the July meeting the Treasurer was ordered to pay a bill incurred by the Committee for C. Smith amounting to \$3.00

Joseph B. Symmes.

Cranbury Aug. 23^d 1885.

Notice being given from the pulpit the session met after the morning service. Pastor absent.

Elders and Deacons being nearly all present.

There was then a motion made and seconded that the Pastor be given a vacation of four weeks which was granted by a unanimous vote.

Elder Peter R. Bergen and Deacon J. M. Chamberlain were appointed a committee on supplies for the pulpit until the return of the Pastor.

John Gibson.
Mod. Pro Tem.

1885.

MINUTES OF SESSION.

Cranbury Oct. 3: 1885.

Session met - Preparatory Service, and was opened with prayer.

Present the Pastor, Rev. J. B. Symmes, together with Ruling Elders, D. S. Ferris, J. Gibson, Rev. J. Stultz, F. R. Bergen and Wm Overall.

14. Nelson S. Clayton, son of David J. was received by letter from Abury Park.

Alex. J. Stultz was directed to procure a ton of coal for Mrs. Hannah Day, and present the bill to the Piano for payment, together with a bill of \$4.00 for which he had already purchased her supplies.

J. Gibson was directed to procure a ton of coal for Mrs. C. Everingham, & present bill to Treasurer.

Presbytery. John Gibson, with Alex. J. Stultz as alternate, was appointed to attend the meeting of Presbytery at Manasquan on the 6th inst.

Synod. John Gibson, with Peter R. Bergen as alternate, was appointed to attend the meeting of Synod at Atlantic City on the 20th inst.

It was reported by the Pastor that Wm. E. Cole had notified him that he intended to complain to Presbytery of his action of session in his case, and it was unanimously agreed to throw no obstacle in the way of a hearing before that body.

Session took recess till tomorrow morning.

Sabbath morning 10 o'clock.

Session met: present as before. The Pastor preached from 1st Cor. 13: 10. Holy congregation was present.

After service session closed with prayer.

Joseph B. Symmes.
Mod. & Clerk.

1885.

MINUTES OF SESSION.

Dranbury Nov. 1. 1885.

Session met, and opened with prayer.
Present the Pastor, three Elders & four Deacons.
The Pastor reported that the matter of
Mr. E. Cole was presented to Presbytery and
that by a unanimous vote of Presbytery the
action and position of the Session was sustained
viz that the parties can never occupy a correct
position and relation ^{to each other & the Church} until Mrs. Fullen
obtains a divorce from J. C. Fullen, and
then she and Mr. Cole are legally married.

On the recommendation of the Committee
the Treasurer was ordered to pay the bill for
a ton of coal each to Mrs. C. Birmingham and
Mrs. H. Dey, amounting to \$10.00.

Also a bill for Mrs. C. Smith amounting to \$3.00
closed with prayer.

Joseph B. Symmes.
Mod. & clk.

Dec. 6. th An informal meeting.

Dranbury Jan. 3. 1886.

Monthly meeting: opened with prayer.
Present the Pastor, three elders, and three Deacons.
The Pastor was authorized to pledge \$20.00 to James
Stein Esq. to aid in the divorce suit of Mrs. Fullen.
On recommendation of Committee the
Treasurer was ordered to pay for a ton of coal
for Mrs. C. Smith amounting to \$4.00
closed with prayer.

Joseph B. Symmes.
Mod. & clk.

Coal vs.

Mrs. Fullen

1886.

MINUTES OF SESSION.

Dranbury Feb. 6. 1886.

Session met for Preparatory Service; opened with prayer.
Present, the Pastor, Rev. S. G. Symmes, together with
Ruling Elders, D. G. Perkins, H. J. Stultz, and Peter
K. DeRogier: absent John Gibson & Mr. Davitt.

1. Maria Hartough, daughter of Benj. S. was
admitted to the Lord's Table on profession
of her faith, having been baptized in infancy.
On recommendation of Committee the Treas-
urer was ordered to pay the following bills: viz
For Mrs. Phoebe Dey - wood - \$3.00
For Mrs. C. Smith - Coal - \$2.75
For Mrs. H. Dey - rent - \$2.00
Recess till tomorrow morning.

Sabbath morning 9th o'clock.

Present as before, together with John Gibson.
The Pastor preached from Is. 32: 15.
After the services Session closed with prayer.

Joseph B. Symmes.
Mod. & clk.

Dranbury March 7. 1886.

Monthly meeting: opened with prayer.
Present the Pastor, two Elders & three Deacons.
On report of Committee the Treasurer was
ordered to pay a bill for goods for Mr. C. Smith
amounting to \$2.97: and also one year Mrs.
C. Birmingham of \$4.00.

closed with prayer.

Joseph B. Symmes.

MINUTES OF SESSION.

1886.

Dranbury Apr. 4: 1886.

Presbytery. Monthly meeting: opened with prayer. Present the Pastor, four elders & four deacons. Alex. J. Stultz, with Peter R. Reagen as alternate was appointed delegate to Presbytery to meet at Hatawan on the 13th inst. The Treasurer was ordered to pay the funeral expenses of Cynthia Smith, amounting to \$20.00 to undertaker, & \$2.00 to sexton. On report of Committee the Treasurer was ordered to pay the following bills: viz for Mrs. H. De., to Alex. J. Stultz \$2.00 Rent. for Mrs. C. Smith. Adjourned to meet next Sabbath at 10 o'clock. A. Closed with prayer.

Joseph B. Symmes.

Dranbury April 11: 1886.

Session met & opened with prayer. Present the Pastor, three Elders & six Deacons. The records of the last year were read, amended & approved. The Committee to visit J. Williamson Reagen reported that they had visited him; he had acquiesced in the action proposed in his case, and then appeared to be so hope of relief in the matter, and thereupon his resignation was accepted.

The following dismissals were reported and approved:

- 1+2 James C. Rowland & wife, Man. Am., to Dayton;
3 Kate E. Duncan, wife of Mount J., to Mansopans;
4+5 Honor Kychoff & Lydia A. Ruine wife of Joseph, to Mansopans
6+7 Maggie Helman, wife of Lewis & daughter, Carrie D., to S. Androp
8+9 Marry M. Fockers, son of S. de' Dean, to S. Kenton

Closed with prayer.

Joseph B. Symmes, Mod. & Clk.

MINUTES OF SESSION.

1886.

Report to Presbytery April 12: 1886.

Members as per last report.	384.
" added on Cert.	8.
" " " Exam.	7.
" dismissed -	8.
" deceased -	4.
Total: -	387.
" on the retired list: -	18.
Adults baptised -	5.
Infants " -	7.

Contributions

Home Missions	\$192.
Foreign "	225.
Education	32.10
Publication	20.
Church Erection	30.
Relief.	35.
Freedmen.	30.
Sustentation.	11.
Aid for Colleges.	20.
General Assembly.	52.76
Congregational.	1546.
Miscellaneous.	414.
	86.

\$2693.56

Thus far examined and approved in Presbytery at Hatawan April 14th 1886Joseph B. Symmes.
Moderator.

1886.

MINUTES OF SESSION.

Oranbury, May 25: 1886.

Monthly meeting: opened with prayer.
Present the Pastor, three Elders & four Deacons.
After conference it was resolved to hold
a special meeting on Sabbath May 30th
at 9 1/2 o'clock.

Closed with prayer.

Joseph S. Symmes
Mod. & clk.

Oranbury May 30: 1886.

Session met, pursuant to adjournment,
and was opened with prayer.

Present, the Pastor, five Elders & eight Deacons.
After considerable conference it was re-
solved to continue our present mode of
collections for at least a year longer.

In the following business the Deacons
took part in the discussion and ren-
dered valuable assistance, but did not
vote. Full discussion was had over
each of many names that have long ben-
ded our roll. Some of them were
committed to various members of Ses-
sion for inquiry. These agreeably to
the authority conferred by the new Directory
for the Bishop's Chapter 11 section to the fol-
lowing members were excommunicated,
and it was judged unnecessary to make
publication of the same.

Ralph Hamming, long unknown.

May C. Davisson, " "

Fanny Field, Colored. " "

George M. Morris " "

Excommunications.

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James Clinton,	long absent & indifferent.		
James B. Pullen,	"		
Gulia Dunningham,	long unknown.		
Ida J. Russell,	"		
Maria Wagoner,	"		
Thomas Durcan,	long absent & indifferent.		
Elias Day,	Applegate	"	"
Amis Allen Connor,	suspended & unknown.		
Samuel Smith,	clerk	"	"
Isabella Kelly,	"	"	"
John Redding,	col'd	"	"
Mr. Fergusson,	"	"	"
Thomas Woodlands,	"	"	"
William Williams,	"	"	"
Mary Bell,	"	"	"
William C. Wilson,	"	"	"
Albert E. Everitt,	"	"	"
J. Merriott Clarke,	"	"	"
Jane C. Fisher Jun.	"	"	"
Passmore Wilson,	col'd	"	"
Cornelia Ann Heath,	"	"	"
Edmund S. Disrow,	"	"	"
Fanny K. Davison,	"	"	"
Frank Murray,	col'd	"	"
Mdine Murray,	"	"	"
Alfred Rue, Sen.	suspended 1869, & refuses to return.		

Those to whom names were committed
were requested to report on July 4th.

Closed with prayer.

Joseph S. Symmes,
Mod. & clerk.

1886.

MINUTES OF SESSION.

Cranbury June 5: 1886.

Session met for Preparatory Services, and was opened with prayer. Present, the Pastor, Rev. Joseph S. Symmes, together with Ruling Elders, D. S. Perrine, John Gibson, Alex. J. Stultz, Peter R. Bergen & Wm. Everett.

The following were received on Certificate:

2. Daniel Webster Clayton; U. Miller, M. S. Ch.
3. Katie J. Clayton: W. above; E. 76th St. N. E. Ch. A. W. S.
4. Alice E. Perrine; W. Matt. N.; Manalapan.

The following, having been baptised in infancy, were admitted to Lord's Table on profession of their faith in Christ.

5. John W. Duncan & S. - John S. dec'd
6. Henry Irving Varian: S. - Wm. J. C.
7. Florence L. Bergen: - D. - Peter R.
8. Harvey Hutchison: - D. - John R.
9. Johnson P. Day: - S. - Joseph P.
10. Ada L. Bennett: - D. - J. Edgar.
11. Anna Virginia Perrine: - D. - Andrew M. dec'd
12. Lauretta Perrine: -
13. Elizabeth Silvers: - D. - "John" H. dec'd
14. Alfred Perrine: - S. - David J.
15. David J. Perrine: - S. - John H.
16. George Davison: - D. - Edward R.
17. Harvey R. Davison: -
18. Sarah Elizabeth Day: - D. - Wm. P. dec'd
19. Maud H. Burroughs: - D. - Geo. W.
20. Katie H. Perrine: - D. - Beesman

Session took recess till tomorrow morning.

1886.

MINUTES OF SESSION.

Sabbath Morning 9^h o'clock.

Session met, present as before.

The following were admitted to the Lord's Table.

21. James M. McChesney: 85 years old, &
 22. Isaac Covert Hoffmann: S. - Wm. J.
- And the following to both sacraments.
23. Joseph S. Day: - D. - James G.
 24. William P. Day: - " - "
 25. George S. Burroughs: S. - Geo. W.

The Pastor preached from Matt. 11: 28 and administered both sacraments before a large congregation.

After these services Session was closed with prayer.

Joseph S. Symmes,
Mod. & Clk.

Cranbury July 4: 1886.

Session prayer meeting. Committee made reports on various numbers committed to them, and were continued.

August & September - prayer meetings.

Cranbury Oct. 2: 1886.

Preparatory meeting - opened with prayer. Present, the Pastor, Rev. Joseph S. Symmes, together with Ruling Elders, D. S. Perrine, John Gibson, Alex. J. Stultz, Wm. Everett, and Peter R. Bergen.

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26. Said E. Bennett, daughter of Samuel, was admitted to both sacraments on profession of her faith in Christ. John Gibson, with A. J. Stultz as alternate, was appointed to attend the meeting of Presbytery at Ashby Park on the 5th inst. Derkide W. Perrine, with Peter R. Bergen as alternate, was appointed to attend the meeting of Synod at Landen on the 17th inst. Wm. M. Perrine was also authorized to represent this church in any meeting of Presbytery held during the Session of Synod. Alex. J. Stultz and S. J. Bergen were directed to minister to the wants of James Jamison, & report to Session. The Treasurer was ordered to pay the bill for funeral expenses of Cynthia Smith, deceased last month. Recess till tomorrow morning.

Sabbath morning 9 o'clock.

27. Session met, present as before. Ida A. Carman, daughter of John, was admitted to both sacraments on profession of her faith in Christ. The Pastor preached from Nu. 14:34, and administered both sacraments. After these services Session adjourned being closed with prayer.

Joseph G. Dymmes.

MINUTES OF SESSION.

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Prayer meeting held Nov. 7. 1886.

Prayer meeting held Jan. 3. 1887.

Cranbury Feb. 5. 1887.

Session met for Preparatory Service. Opened with prayer. Present the Pastor, J. G. Dymmes together with Ruling Elders, D. W. Perrine, J. Gibson, & P. R. Bergen. Absent, Mr. Everett & A. J. Stultz.

The following were received on certificates

1. David Hillson, from Kingston Twp. Chh.
- 2.izzie W. Hillson, wife of above, Jansburg, "
3. Elizabeth Bonover, wife of Clifford W. Cranbury, "

The following were admitted to both sacraments on profession of faith:

4. Margaret S. Tomes, wife of Adams:
5. Mattilda Applegate, wife of Henry S.:
6. Amanda Tomes, wife of J. C. D.:
7. Rebecca D. Tomes, daughter of Jacob: &
8. Winifred C. Selver, do of John: and
9. Maggie Etta Kelly, daughter of Raphael, having been baptized in infancy, was admitted to the Lord's table.

The Treasurer was ordered to pay for a ton of coal for Mrs. Carman, and also to pay the bill of the Sexton for attending to the funeral of James Jamison.

Recess till tomorrow morning.

1887.

MINUTES OF SESSION.

Feb. 6: 1/2 o'clock.
Session met, present as above
together with Alex. J. Stults.
The Pastor preached from John 15:26,
and administered both sacraments.
After services closed with prayer.

Joseph L. Symmes.
Mod. & Clerk.

Dranbury March 6: 1887.

Session met & opened with prayer.
Present the Pastor, two Elders & four Deacons.
It was resolved to continue the
present system of collections for
benevolent funds, after much
discussion over weekly offerings.
Adjourned with prayer.

Joseph L. Symmes,
Mod. & Clerk.

At an informal meeting held
on the 15th of March after service the
Treasurer was ordered to place Ten
Dollars in the hands of the Committee,
J. N. Chamberlain & Alex. J. Stults to be used
for Miss J. Garrison.

He was also ordered to bill for med-
icine for the poor who have been aided
by the Church, & report to Session.

Joseph L. Symmes.
Mod. & Clerk.

Collections.

Miss J. Garrison.

Dr's bills.

1887.

MINUTES OF SESSION.

Report to Presbytery April 1887.

Members per last Report	—	287.
" dismissed	— 19.	
" received	— 9 = 27.	
" added on ex	— 30	
" " City	— 6	35
		<u>395.</u>
" retired list	— 9.	

Adults Baptized 18
Infants " 7.

Contributions.

Foreign Missions	—	230.00
Worship	—	204.00
Education	—	32.00
Publication	—	6.00
Church Extension	—	31.00
Relief	—	35.00
Freedmen	—	30.00
Synodical Missions	—	77.15
Aid for Col. - German	—	10.00
General Assembly	—	38.70
Congregational	—	1500.00
Miscellaneous	—	220.00
		<u>\$2512.85</u>

Joseph L. Symmes.
Mod. & Clerk.

1887.

MINUTES OF SESSION.

Cranbury April 3: 1887.

Session met, - opened with prayer.
Present the Pastor, three Elders & three Deacons.
The action at the informal meeting
of March 13th was indorsed.

H. Deg.

The Treasurer was ordered to hand
Peter R. Bergen \$5.00 for Mrs. H. Deg.
The Pastor reported that he had
given letters of Dismission as follows:

Dismissions

1. Annie (Stammel) Sten, to 2nd Church;
2. Emma Hilgus, to Newark;
3. Martha D. Perrine, to Jamesburg;
- 4+5 A. F. & C. Cooper, to Hamilton & Spaw;
- 6 J. Yetman, to S. Amboy;
- 7 Jennie F. Lewis, to 2nd Church;
- 8+9 H. S. & B. F. Bergen, to Englishtown;
- 10 Adelia (Howell) Bowers, to Willow Junction Pa;
- 11 J. Williamson Bergen, to Dutch Neck;
- 12+13 Mary S. & Abby F. Bergen, " "
- 14+15 Isaac S. & Annie M. Bergen, " "
- 16+17 H. & Sarah E. Kerr, to N. E. Ch. Jamesburg;
18. Phoebe Stout, to Dayton.

The following names were plac'd upon
the retired list: Amy F. P. Edwards;

Hannah Deg.; Daniel A. Applegate; E. Mount;
Edmund Stevens; Julia Robbins; Dr. P. Putpham;

J. A. Kurlick & Wife.

D. S. Perrine, with S. R. Bergmas alternate,
was appointed to attend the meeting of
Presbytery at Allentown on the 11th inst.
Closed with prayer.

Joseph G. Symmes,
Mod. & Clerk.

19 Mrs. Mary Goetende, My ch off, wife of John T. Co. Manasquan.

Retired list
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10.

Mrs. Perrine

Mrs. Jennima Perrine, widow of Henry,
having expressed a desire to make a
confession of Christ and being aged
and feeble, in her 89th year, the Pastor
with Elders D. S. Perrine & P. R. Bergen went
to her house on Sabbath April 3rd 1887
at 4 o'clock P. M. Some of her children
and a few friends were present.
Before them she testified to her faith
in Christ and desire to "remember
him." She was accordingly bap-
tised, and received the Lord's Supper.
The occasion was one of great interest.

Attest.

Joseph G. Symmes.

The clerk omitted to record in the minutes
of the meeting held Apr. 3rd that the minutes
of the last year and the report to Presbytery
were read and approved; and that the
acts of the Moderator in the matter of
dismissions were approved.

Joseph G. Symmes,
Mod. & Clerk.

Thus far examined and approved
in Presbytery at Allentown April 13 1887

Daniel W. Lamm
Moderator.

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MINUTES OF SESSION.

May 1: 1887 - Prayer meeting held.

Oranburg June 4: 1887.

Session met for Preparatory Service; and was opened with prayer.

Present the Pastor, Rev. J. H. Symmes, together with Ruling Elders, D. W. Perrine, A. J. Stultz, John Hibson, J. W. Everett, Peter R. Bergen and William Duncan who had resided without our bounds for several years, but having returned now again takes his place in Session.

The following persons were admitted to both Sacraments on profession of their faith in Christ: viz:

11. D. Parmelee Hoagland, son of D. F.
12. Mattie M. Hoagland, Daughter.
13. Jane M. Perrine, Daughter of John C.
14. Rosetta Applegate, Wife of Edward F.
15. Ketter Edward Rue, Son of Matthew G.
16. Tobias William Jones.

The informal act of the Pastor & two elders, in admitting Mrs. Julia Perrine to both Sacraments, was approved, and adopted as the act of Session. News till tomorrow morning.

Sabbath morning 9th o'clock, Session met, present as before.

17. Dominicus Mershan, son of James B., was received on certificate from 15th Oranburg. Rev. John Murray, of the man-for-China, preached from Ps. 82:1, and aided the Pastor in administering the Sacraments.

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After which Session closed with prayer by Mr. Murray.

Joseph H. Symmes.
Mod. & Clerk.

July 4: & Aug. 7. Prayer meetings.

Oranburg Sept. 4: 1887.

Session met with the Pastor absent.

Because of
Absence
to Pastor.

It may here be recorded that at an informal meeting the Session had voted the Pastor a leave of absence for four weeks. P. R. Bergen & Deacon S. J. Berge, were appointed a Committee on supplies.

Oranburg Oct. 1: 1887.

Session met for Preparatory Service, and was opened with prayer. Present, the Pastor, Rev. J. H. Symmes, together with Ruling Elders, D. W. Perrine, John Hibson, Mr. J. Stultz, P. R. Bergen, J. W. Everett & William Duncan.

18. Clara Foley, Wife of Alex. G. was received on a certificate from the Grace St. M. & C. Church. John Hibson, with J. W. Duncan as alternate, was appointed delegate to Presbytery at Newburgh on the 4th inst.

Presbytery.

Synod.

Derrick G. Perrine, with Peter R. Bergen as alternate, was appointed delegate to Synod at Albany Park on the 17th inst.

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1887.

The following minute was ordered to
for record in our minutes: viz.

John J. Applegate, son of Jedidiah
Applegate was born near Cranbury,
He was baptised in infancy,
and admitted to the Lord's Table May 16th
1829. He was ordained and installed
as Ruling Elder in this Church Nov. 11: 1855.

J. J. Applegate.

For twenty seven years he continued a
punctual and faithful officer,
Then on September 30th 1882, at his
own request and owing to increasing
infirmities, he was excused from the
active duties of his office. A sun-
stroke induced softening of the brain;
but he long lingered in great weakness
and increasing infirmity. He fell
on sleep Aug. 29: 1884.

Recess until tomorrow morning.

Sabbath morning 9^h 0' clock
Session met; present as before.

The Pastor preached from Matt. 11: 28,
and administered the Lord's Supper,
assisted by Rev. John Murray.

After these services Session adjourned
with prayer by Mr. Murray.

Joseph G. Dymmes.
Mod. & Clk.

MINUTES OF SESSION.

1887.

Cranbury Nov. 6: 1887.

Session met and was opened with prayer.
Present the Pastor, four Elders & three Deacons.

The Session having learned of the
death of the wife of Mr. Wm. E. Cole
ordered the Moderator to send Mr. Cole
a letter of Dismission to the Church
at Farmingdale with a brief state-
ment of the facts in his case.

W. E. Cole.

The Session ordered the Treasurer
to furnish a ton of coal to each of
the following persons: Miss Harriet B. Cole
Mrs. Clayton Everingham, Mrs. Hannah
Day.

Closed with prayer.

Joseph G. Dymmes.
Mod. & Clk.

Dec. 4: 1887 prayer meeting held.

Jan. 1: 1888. Prayer meeting held.

Cranbury Feb. 4: 1888.

Preparatory meeting: - opened with prayer.
Present, the Pastor, Rev. Joseph G. Dymmes,
together with Ruling Elders, Derrick S. Perkins,
Alex. J. Stults, & Peter R. Bergen: absent,
Mrs. Everett, John Giblin & Wm. Duncan

1888.

MINUTES OF SESSION.

The Pastor reported that, together with Elder D. W. Ferrine, he had repaired to the house of Thomas Lewis on the 11th of December last, and administered the Sacrament of Baptism and the Words Supper to his wife, Susanna Lewis, on the profession of her faith in Christ, she being in very precarious health; approved. The following persons were admitted to both Sacraments on profession of their faith in Christ:

1. Charles M. Briggs; son of Matthew Dec^d
 2. Belle M. Briggs, wife of above; and
 3. Sarah E. Dyer, daughter of W. H. Dec^d.
 4. The following were admitted to the Words Supper, having been baptized in infancy:
 5. Edmund D. Voorhes; son of D. M. Dean;
 6. Addison Henry Stultz; son of Jacob J. D^r
 7. Jacob H. Stultz; son
 8. Margaret A. Herston, widow of James D., was received on certificate from the 2nd Branch of this Village.
- Session took recess till tomorrow morning.

Sabbath Morning 9¹/₂ o'clock.

Session met, present as above, together with John Hibson & Wm. Duncan.

The Pastor preached from John 11: 17, and administered Sacraments, aided by Rev. W. D. Stan.

After which Session adjourned with prayer.

Joseph G. Symmes, Mod. & Clerk.

1888.

MINUTES OF SESSION.

Cranbury Feb. 13. 1888.

Session met at the call of the Moderator at the close of service. There were present with the Pastor Five Elders and seven Deacons. J. W. Chamberlin & A. S. Stultz as Com^t were directed to minister to the necessities of Wm. Jamison, to draw on the Treasurer for the same, and report to next meeting of Session. P. R. Bergen & A. J. Stultz were directed to do the same service for Mrs. N. Dyer and Mrs. C. Entin; and Mr. D. W. Ferrine, for Jacob Priner.

Session Adjourned.
Joseph G. Symmes.
Mod. & Clerk.

Cranbury March 4. 1888.

Session met at monthly meeting. In the absence of the Pastor P. R. Bergen was appointed moderator. Opened with prayer. There were present three Elders and four Deacons. Chamberlin & A. S. Stultz reported that they had expended for Wm. Jamison \$1.59 for bed clothing, and \$5.00 at J. W. Duncan, which was ordered paid. Bergen & A. J. Stultz reported that they had expended for Mrs. D. Dyer, in coal & money which the same was ordered to pay. D. W. Ferrine reported that he had paid the tax of J. Priner \$6.98 which was ordered paid. Closed with prayer.

P. R. Bergen
Mod. & Clerk

1888.

MINUTES OF SESSION.

Cranbury April 10th 1888.

Monthly meeting, opened with prayer. Present, the Pastor, Rev. Joseph G. Symmes, together with Riding Elders, D. G. Perrine & J. J. Stutts, & Peter R. Berger, and Deacons John M. Chamberlain, Joseph P. Dey, Alex. J. Stutts, & H. J. Stutts.

Presbytery Alex. J. Stutts, with D. G. Perrine as alternate, was appointed to attend the meeting of Presbytery at Jamesburg on the 10th inst.

The Treasurer was ordered to pay to the relief of Jacob Prince \$5.00. Also \$1.25 expended for relief of Mrs. Hannah Dey.

The minutes of the past year were read and approved.

The Pastor reported the following dismissions:
 Stephen Deluca, to Jamesburg;
 Emma Johnson, to Franklin Park, N. C.;
 Saul D. Perrine, to 2nd Cranbury.
 E. O. Howell, to Clinton & his wife,
 Eva L. Howell, " "

Closed with prayer.

Joseph G. Symmes.
 Mod. & clerk.

1888.

MINUTES OF SESSION.

Report to Presbytery 1888.

Members as per last Report.	—	396.
" Dismissed.	5.	
" Deceased.	8	
" Added on ex m 13		
" " Cert 3		
" Restored to roll 3		
		419
		414
		13
		401
Retired list	6.	
Adults baptized	10.	
Infants "	10.	

Contributions.

Home Missions	109.00
Foreign "	127.75
Education	55.00
Publication	10.00
Church Erection	30.00
Relief Fund	183.00
Freedmen	30.00
Sustentation	79.00
General Assembly.	43.45
Congregational.	1039.26
Miscellaneous: <small>well copy of m. book 2/38 31.</small>	\$ 7519.46.

Joseph G. Symmes.
 Mod. & clerk.

These far examined and approved in Presbytery
 at Jamesburg N. J. April 10th 1888
 Edward B. Hoag,
 Moderator

Item.

The Pastor was a member of the General Assembly at Philadelphia.

1888.

MINUTES OF SESSION.

Oranbury, June 2: 1888.

Session met for Supperatory Service, and was opened with prayer. Present: the Pastor, Rev. Joseph G. Symmes, though he was unconsciously sickening with measles; together with Ruling Elders, Derrick G. Ferriss, John Gibson, Alex. J. Slatts, Peter N. Bergen and William Duncan.

9. Minnie S. Symmes, wife of Addison H. was received from the 2nd Church.

The following, on profession of faith in Christ, were admitted to the Lord's Table, having been baptized in infancy, viz:

10. Sarah Adelaide Hutchison, wife of Aaron.
11. Mary Virginia Povine, daughter of Dejah.
12. Richard Grant Petty, son of Ralph D.
13. Albert C. Duncan, son of Geo. H.
14. Harvay Duncan,
15. Sarah Frances Duncan, daughter " " : and
16. Mary Ann Chamberling, daughter of Alfred.

The following, on a like profession, were admitted to both sacraments, viz:

17. Aaron Hutchison, son of James.
18. Henry De Bow, son of Geo. G. Bennett.
19. Jacob Val Dyke Povine, son of John C.
20. Joseph H. DeWenck, son of William.
21. Sarah Louisa Harlough, daughter of Rev. J.

Recess till tomorrow morning.

Sabbath morning 9^{1/2} o'clock.

Session met, present as before.

The Pastor preached from Luke 23:33, and aided by Rev. W. S. Steen, administered both sacraments.

1888.

MINUTES OF SESSION.

The following Minute was ordered to be placed on the records.

William Everett, a Ruling Elder in this Church, departed this life April 16: 1888. He was a son of Thos. D. Everett, born near Jamesburg, Oct. 19: 1818. He united with the 2nd Church of this Village on profession April 27: 1850.

In 1864 he removed to Dutch Neck, and united with the Church there, and on the 21st of Dec. 1865 was ordained a Ruling Elder. On the 3rd of Oct. 1869 he was received into this Church, and on April 3rd 1870 was installed as a Ruling Elder.

He was a man of sound judgment, prudent management, and careful integrity.

Deeply interested in the affairs of the Church he was ready to do his part. He died after a lingering illness from a Cardiac on the neck. Five Dollars were granted to Mrs. Catharine Tomkae closed with prayer.

J. G. Symmes, Mod & Clk.
Oranbury July 1st 1888.

Monthly meeting: present four Elders. Synodical Council was resolved to grant the Pastor, in view of his illness with measles, a vacation of four weeks. Peter N. Bergen and W. James Bergen were appointed a Committee on Supply of Pulpit.

1888.

MINUTES OF SESSION.

Cranbury Aug. 5: 1888.

Monthly meeting, opened with prayer.

Present the Pastor, 3 Elders & 3 Deacons.

The Treasurer was ordered to relieve Mrs. Clayton Everingham to the amount of Five Dollars.

Alex. J. Shultz was directed to relieve Mrs. H. Day to the limit of \$5.00, and draw on the Treasurer for the amount.

The Village Sabbath School reported that at a meeting held June 16: 1888, the following officers were elected, viz.

Supt^d - Peter R. Bergen:Treas^r - Henry C. Symmes M. D.:

Secy - Hon. S. Ferrine:

Treas^r - Samuel Ferrine:

Singing - Geo. F. Burroughs, and

Asst " Robert Walker.

The elections were approved.

Closed with prayer.

Joseph C. Symmes.
Mod. & Clerk.

Sept. 2: 1888: Monthly meeting.

Mrs. Everingham

Mrs. Day.

D. S.

1888.

MINUTES OF SESSION.

Cranbury, Oct. 6: 1888.

Session for Preparatory Service, and was opened with prayer. Present the Pastor, Rev. J. C. Symmes, together with ruling Elders, D. W. Ferrine, A. J. Shultz, J. Liberson & P. W. Bergen: absent Geo. Duncan.

22. Albert R. Mount, from Jamesburg, his wife
23. Margaret C. Mount, from Benning, were received on certificate.

24. Catharine Armenia Pett, daughter of R. L. and Reuben, Day Pett, son of Wm. H. having been baptiz'd in infancy were admitted to the Lord's Supper on profession of their faith in Christ.

It having been a matter of prayer and conference for some time the Session New look up the question of making an addition to their number. It was first resolved to elect by the mode in use in this Church from the beginning.

The Pastor stated that since he is not under the jurisdiction of the Session he would not vote in this election.

It was resolved that there should be six names nominated to the congregation. It was resolved further that it should require four of the five votes in Session to nominate: and that without conference, but with prayer, each member should write six names, and if there should not be six names having four votes each at least it should not be considered an election of any. Session took recess till tomorrow morning.

New
Elders.

1888.

MINUTES OF SESSION.

Sabbath morning 9 o'clock
Session met, present as before.
It was resolved to hold a meeting
next Sabbath in Church after public
worship to count the votes for Elders.

The Pastor preached from Is. 55:2
and administered the Lord's Supper.
After which session closed with prayer.
Attest: Joseph G. Symmes,
Mod. & Clerk.

Rev. J. Stultz was appointed to Synod at A. S.
Dranbury Oct. 14: 1888.

Session met pursuant to adjournment
and was opened with prayer. Present
the Pastor, Rev. J. G. Symmes, with Ruling
Elders, D. S. Ferrine, W. J. Stultz, John Gibson,
P. R. Bergen & Wm. Duncan.

P. R. Bergen was appointed Elder.
The votes were collected & counted.
And it was found that only three names
had received four votes each.
Whereupon it was resolved to give
a copy of the count to each member
and that their new ballots should
be prepared, to be presented at a
meeting to be held next Sabbath after
the usual service.

Closed with prayer.

Joseph G. Symmes,
Mod. & Clerk.

New
Elders.

1888.

MINUTES OF SESSION.

Dranbury Oct. 21: 1888
Session met after service.
But in the absence of the Pastor
nothing was done except to place
the ballots in the hands of Mr.
Bergen and adjourn.

Dranbury Nov. 4: 1888.
Session met for monthly meeting.
Opened with prayer. Present the Pastor,
Rev. J. G. Symmes, with Elders, D. S. Ferrine,
Rev. J. Stultz, J. Gibson, and P. R. Bergen.
Absent, Wm. Duncan.

New
Elders.
After much conference it was resolved
not to open the ballots, but leave them
in the hands of Mr. Bergen, meantime
we will continue to seek for Divine
guidance, and see if time will change
the views of any of our members.
Closed with prayer.
Joseph G. Symmes.

Dranbury Dec. 2: 1888.
Session met for monthly meeting, &
opened with prayer. Present, the Pastor,
three Elders & three Deacons.
It was voted unanimously, to order
the Treasurer to pay to Rev. J. G. Symmes
\$30.00, with instruction to bring to hand \$5.00
each to the following persons: viz.

Relief.

1889.

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Relief.

Mrs. C. Everingham, Mrs. P. Walker, Mrs. C. Voorhes, Mrs. E. Hucro, Miss H. B. Cole, & Mrs. Margt. Barlow. The Treasurer was ordered to hand \$5.00 to Mrs. L. Applegate. P. R. Bergen was directed to draw on the Treasurer for \$10.00 and pay it out to Mrs. Hannah Day, as she needs it.

Closed with prayer.
Joseph S. Symmes.

Oranbury Jan. 6: 1889.

Session met for monthly meeting, and was opened with prayer. Present, the Pastor, two Elders & three Deacons.

The Pastor reported that he had paid the money to the persons named above. And the Treasurer, that he had paid the same ordered.

Closed with prayer.
Joseph S. Symmes,
Mod. & Clerk.

Oranbury Feb. 3: 1889.

Session met for Prophanation Service, & was opened with prayer. Present, the Pastor, Rev. J. S. Symmes, with Elders, D. L. Perrine, Alex. J. Stultz, John Gibson, & P. R. Bergen. Absent Wm. Duncan.

The Pastor reported that, with Elder Perrine, had visited the residence of

- Mrs. Amy Bohemck, widow of Anthony, who in her 89th year is not able to

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come to the Church. On a very satisfactory profession of her faith in Christ, she was admitted to the Church, and both Sacraments were administered to her, in the presence of a few friends. The action was approved & adopted.

- Anna Alletta Hoxland, daughter of Cor. B. having been baptized in infancy, was admitted to the Lords Supper.
- George Morris Applegit, son of Adrain D. was, on the same profession, admitted to both Sacraments.

The Session again took up the matter of the election of new Elders. Each member personally expressed his opinion that we ought to go on and finish the business, and that he did not wish to make any change in his ballot.

Mr. Bergen then produced the ballots and they were counted. It was found that five names had five votes each, and one had four, with one for another person. Whereupon it was unanimously resolved to nominate to the Congregation the following persons for Relief Elders: William Henry Thomas; John Gordon Stultz; Samuel James Bigger; Leicester Perziani; Frank G. J. Stultz; & Henry Ebenezer Symmes.

The Pastor was directed to read these names to the Congregation tomorrow, and then for two successive Sabbaths. Then, if there is no dissent, to take the vote of the Church and proceed to the ordination of the persons named.

New
Elders.

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Session then took recess till tomorrow morning

Sabbath, morning 9^o clock.

Session met, present as before.

Relief.

The Deacons, Mr. Berzen, appointed to care for Mrs. H. Day reported that he ordered a ton of Coal for her ^{at \$15.} He was directed to draw on the Treasurers for the same.

The Pastor preached from Luke 24:45 and both sacraments were administered by him & Rev. W. S. Steen.

Closed with prayer.

The foregoing names having been read on the 30th & on the 17th on the last named day the Pastor preached upon the subject, and then proceeded to take vote of the members of the Church. The nominations were ratified by a large vote and with great cordiality.

Item.

Ordination

The newly elected members were then set apart to the eldership by prayer and the laying on of hands; with the exception of John Erickson, who was too ill to be present.

The whole service was deeply impressive and solemn.

Attest:

Joseph G. Szymmes.
Mod. & Clerk.

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Oranbury March 3: 1889.

Session met for monthly meeting & was opened with prayer. Present the Pastor, five Elders & three Deacons. It was voted to pay for a ton of coal for Mrs. H. Day: ^{50c over.} It was resolved that the Pastor be directed to call a meeting of session next Sabbath after public worship to consider the matter of electing new Deacons.

New Deacons

Closed with prayer.

Joseph G. Szymmes.

Oranbury March 10: 1889.

Session met pursuant to adjournment and was opened with prayer. Present the Pastor, Rev. Jos. G. Szymmes, together with visiting Elders, D. G. Perrine, Alex. J. Pettit, John R. Berzen, Wm. Duncan, Wm. H. Thomas, S. J. Berzen, T. Perrine, W. S. Pettit & H. G. Szymmes. After considerable discussion it was resolved to nominate five new Deacons, and to prepare ballots accordingly and that seven votes shall be required to make a nomination.

New Deacons

Adjourned to meet after public worship next Sabbath.

Closed with prayer.

Joseph G. Szymmes.
Mod. & Clerk.

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Oranbury March 17: 1889.

Session met pursuant to adjournment, and was opened with prayer. Present, the Pastor, Rev. Jos. G. Symmes, together with Ruling Elders, W. G. Perrine, Alex. J. Stultz, P. R. Bergen, W. M. Duncan, Wm. H. Thomas, S. J. Bergen, T. Perrine, W. S. Stultz & H. C. Symmes. Absent John Gibson.

It was resolved to reconsider the vote of last Sabbath fixing Five as the number of new Deacons, and make it Seven, thus retaining the original number of Deacons.

The ballots were then collected and counted, with the following result: it was found that four names had Seven votes each, namely; Henry Perrine Duncan, John Bergen Perrine, Redford John Gulick & Carolus Bergen Hoagland.

Whereupon it was resolved that these names be announced from the pulpit, according to our custom, and that if the nominations shall be indorsed by a vote of the congregation these brethren be ordained to the office of Deacons in this Church.

Closed with prayer.

Joseph G. Symmes.
Mod. & Clk.

New
Deacons.

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Oranbury April 7: 1889.

Session met for monthly meeting, and was opened with prayer. Present, the Pastor, six Elders and three Deacons.

Vincent Perrine, with S. J. Bergen as alternate, Babylon was appointed to attend the meeting of Presbytery at Burlington on the 9th inst.

On motion of Deacon A. S. Stultz the Treasurer was directed to pay out of current funds \$2.00 for the relief of Thomas Smith. Minutes. The records of the session for the past year were read and approved.

The following persons were reported by the Pastor as having been dismissed, viz. Kate C. Perrine to Allentown; E. Stevens, to Lafayette Ave Brooklyn; Mary A. Williams, to Camden; Walter Edward Rur, to N. E. Rahway; and Maria M. Applgate, to Danbury. Closed with prayer.

Dismiss

Joseph G. Symmes,
Mod. & Clk.

The foregoing names, having been read to the congregation of their respective Sabbath, were presented, after sermon, for a vote of the Church, and having been indorsed by a unanimous vote, the brethren named were ordained as Deacons, together with John Gordon Stultz as a Ruling Elder, by prayer and the laying on of hands. This service also was impressive & solemn. The date of this service was April 7: 1889.

Ordination
of
Deacons

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Report to Presbytery April 7: 1889.

Members as per last report	401.
" added on Exam.	17.
" " Birth	3.
" dismissed	7.
" deceased	6.
Total	408.

On the retired list
 Adults Baptized 7.
 Infants " 6.

Contributions.

Home Missions.	182.26.
Foreign "	164.75.
Education.	20.00.
Publication.	7.25.
Church Extension.	30.00
Relief.	30.00
Free Men	20.00
Instruction.	80.20.
Aid for Colleges.	9.00.
General Assembly.	44.11.
Congregational.	1553.00.
Miscellaneous.	493.80.

\$2634.87.
 Joseph E. Spence, Mod. & Clk.

Thus far examined and approved in Presbytery
 at Burlington N. J. April 10th 1889.
 George Swan Secy. & Clk.

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Draabury, May 5: 1889.

Session met for monthly meeting.
 Present the Pastor, Deacons & three Deacons
 After conference the meeting took a recess
 until after morning service this morning.

After worship this day the Deacons
 met & made the following arrange-
 ments as to their work.

It was first resolved to continue
 the present calling of Deacons from
 house to house for the several openings.

Districts	Collectors.
Drenton Road.	Carrott & Stultz.
Neck Road.	Alex. S. Stultz.
Hyckoff Mills.	J. M. Chamberlin.
Old Church.	C. B. Hoagland.
Prospect Plains.	Joseph P. Dey.
Washington Road.	Henry S. Duncan.
Scotts River.	John B. Parrier.
Draabury, North.	R. J. Kuehch.
Draabury, South.	Jacob Bergen.

Joseph P. Dey, Sabbath, North aisle.
 John M. Chamberlin, Middle aisle.
 Alex. S. Stultz, South aisle.
 Carrott & Stultz alternate to Mr. Dey.
 Henry S. Duncan " to Mr. Chamberlin.
 C. B. Hoagland " to Mr. Stultz.

Deacons
 Sabbath.

closed with prayer.
 Joseph E. Spence Mod. & Clk.

MINUTES OF SESSION.

1889.

Cranbury June 1. 1889.

Session met for Sabbath day service, & was opened with prayer.

Present, the Pastor, Rev. W. L. Symmes, together with ruling Elders, D. S. Perrine, A. L. Stultz, P. R. Bergen, W. H. Thomas, John G. Stultz, E. J. Bergen, T. Perrine & W. L. Symmes, M. D.

The following persons were admitted to both Sacraments on profession of their faith in Christ;

4. Bertha Ruer, daughter of Louie A.
5. Emmeline Ruer, "

The following, having been baptized in infancy, was admitted to the Lord's Table:

6. Ellen Ann Kershon, daughter of James B. Deet.
7. George R. Thomas, Allentown.
8. Sarah J. Thomas, " wife above
9. Sarah Furr Clayton, wife Nelson L. 2nd Ch
10. Anselmie Millan—wife John, M. P. Union Valley
11. Anna C. Day, wife Joseph C. " "

Recess till tomorrow morning.

Sabbath morning, W. O. Clogg
Session met, present as before,
together with W. Lewis Stultz.

Absent John Kibeon & Geo. Deucane.
The Pastor preached from Luke 22:19-20,
and administered both Sacraments.

After which closed with prayer.
Joseph L. Symmes.
Mod. & Clerk

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Cranbury N. J. July 7. 1889.

Session met—monthly meeting, opened with prayer; present, Pastor & Elders, & Deacons. The High School reported that they had elected, June 1st 1889, the following officers:

Superintendent, — Peter W. Bergen,
" — Henry C. Symmes M. D.
Treasurer, — Samuel Perrine.
1st Librarian, — George T. Burroughs.
2nd " — Robert H. Walker.
Secretary, — W. L. Symmes.

Which elections were approved.

Closed with prayer.

Joseph L. Symmes.
Mod. & Clerk.

Cranbury August 4. 1889.

Monthly meeting, opened with prayer. Present, 5 Elders & 4 Deacons. The Pastor was absent. It was voted to grant the Pastor a four weeks vacation, he to choose the time.

Vacation.

Cranbury Sept. 1. 1889.

A prayer meeting was held.

A meeting was held at the altar of public worship, Sept. 29. 1889; at which Vincent Perrine, Presbyter was appointed to attend the meeting of Presb. Synod at Oceanic on the 1st proximo, & also to attend Synod at Asbury Park.
J. L. Symmes,
Mod. & Clerk

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Oranbury Oct. 5: 1889.

Session met previous to Preparatory Service, and was opened with prayer. Present, the Pastor, Rev. J. S. Symmes, and ruling Elders, D. G. Perrine, Alex. J. Stults, John Gibson, Peter R. Bergen, John S. Stults, B. F. Berger, Vincent Perrine, W. S. Stults, W. H. Thomas, W. C. Symmes, W. D. Absent, W. C. Duncan.

The following persons, on profession of their faith in Christ, having been baptized in infancy, were admitted to the Lord's Table, viz:

12. David H. Stults, Son of Alex. J.
13. Charles H. Hoagland, D. - Cowd. B.
14. Jennie P. Chahuberlin, D. - Alfred, and
15. Ida Belle Kulick, D. - Redford J.

The following, on a like profession, was admitted to both Sacraments, viz:

16. Anna Scudder Appleby, D. - Adrain S.

John S. Stults was appointed to attend the meeting of Synod at Astor Park Oct. 21. P. R. Berger was authorized to draw on the Treasurer for \$5.00 with which to relieve the wants of Mrs. Hannah Dey.

Adjourned till tomorrow morning.

Oct. 6: 9:30 o'clock.

Session met, present as before. Opened with prayer.

The Pastor preached from Matt. 26:40 and administered both Sacraments.

At this meeting D. G. Lewis & J. S. Silbors appeared and conveyed an invitation from the Session of the 2nd Church to this

Invitation
to
2nd Church.

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Congregation to meet in their house of worship during the time of repairs upon the 1st Church edifice. The invitation was accepted with thanks.

Church
closed for
repairs.

After this day the Church was closed for repairs. To Mrs. H. Dey \$2.50.

At the close of service the Session was closed with prayer.

Joseph S. Symmes,
Mod. & Clk.

Oranbury Oct. 20: 1889.

Session at call of Moderator in the 2nd Church at close of Divine Service.

Present, the Pastor & 5 Elders.

An invitation was extended by the Session of the 2nd Church, the Session at same time, to the people of the 1st Church to join in their communion service on the 1st Sabbath in view and to appoint four of our Elders to aid in the distribution of the elements. D. G. Perrine, P. R. Berger, W. S. Stults & W. C. Symmes, A. D. were appointed to that duty.

Union
Communion
in 2nd Church

Then a joint meeting was held to consider the matter of simultaneous meetings, & W. E. Hoyle of 2nd Church and W. C. Symmes A. D. of 1st Church, were appointed to arrange the meetings, and to secure speakers.

J. S. H.

Closed with prayer.

Joseph S. Symmes,
Mod. & Clk.

At this meeting \$5.00 was voted to Mrs. H. Barlow.

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Regular meeting was held Dec. 1. 1889.

Cranbury, Jan. 5: 1890.

Monthly meeting opened with prayer.
Present, the Pastor, five Elders, & four Deacons.
It was voted to appropriate \$1.00 a month to Mrs. Hannah Day, on condition that she cease altogether her importunities.
Also to Mrs. Day, one ton of coal \$5.00
Also to Miss A. B. Cole \$5.00 & ton of Coal \$5.00 = \$10.00
Nectatus. Margt. Barlow \$5.00

Adjourned with prayer.

Joseph S. Symmes,
Mod. & clerk

Cranbury, Feb. 1: 1890.

Session for Preparatory Services, and was opened with prayer. Present, the Pastor,

Rev. J. S. Symmes, together with Reading Elders D. G. Verrijke, A. J. Stultz, F. R. Berger, J. G. Stultz and T. Ferrine. Absent, W. H. Homish, S. J. Renge, John Lidgore, W. Duncan, W. S. Stultz, W. C. Symmes

1. Alfred Ruse appeared before the Session, and after a consultation with the Session was permitted to renew his profession before the congregation, and upon that to be reinstated in his place in Church.
2. Norman Scudder Applegate, son of Adrain S., was admitted to both Sacraments on profession of his faith in Christ.
Upon a like profession of faith

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3. Bertie H. Day, Son of Lucil S., was admitted to the Lord's Table, having been baptised in infancy.

The following were received on Certificate

4. Andrew Jackson Duncan, from Dutch Neck.
5. Lydia Duncan, wife of above.
6. Caroline B. Morris, from 1st "Newtown."
7. Jennie Morris, " "
8. Ann E. Morris " "

Relief.

The Treasurer was ordered to hand Mrs. Lydia Applegate \$5.00.

Henry C. Symmes, M.D. was appointed delegate to the called meeting of Presbytery on the 18th inst, held to receive & install.

Presbytery.

Rev. Frank R. Symmes Pastor of Vermont. Mrs. Hannah Day made an urgent appeal for a ton of coal, after agreeing to the condition of Jan. 5th above recorded.

Mrs. Day

It was voted to grant her request provided she agree that the monthly stipend begin April 1st

Recess till tomorrow morning.

Sabbath morning Feb. 2nd.

Session met, present as before together with W. H. Thomas & F. S. Stultz.

Collections.

The Deacons met us by request. It was voted to continue her present system of benevolent collections.

Sabbath Collectors.

The Sabbath Collectors were rearranged as follows: North aisle, Joseph P. Day & Abn. S. Stultz. Middle aisle, John H. Chamberlain & Lewis D. Hargland. South aisle, Redford J. Kulick & Jacob Berger.

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The Pastor preached from Acts 2: 42, and administered both Sacraments, aided in the Lords Supper by Rev. W. D. Sleeper. At the conclusion of the services the Session was closed with prayer.

Adjourned.

Joseph C. Symmes,
Mod. & Clerk.

At this meeting \$5.00 was voted to Mrs. Sejour Applegate.

Keambury March 2: 1890.

Monthly meeting: opened with prayer. Present, four Elders & three Deacons.

It was voted to order the Treasurer to supply Mrs. H. Dey with a ton of coal.

For the Sabbath Collections the following arrangements were made:

Joseph S. Dey, - on North side: with Alex. S. Dittus as substitute.

John K. Chamberlin on Middle side; with Cornelius W. Hongland as substitute.

Redford J. Kulisik on South side, with Jacob Keegan as substitute.

Closed with prayer.

Joseph C. Symmes,
Mod. & Clerk.

Mrs. Dey.

Reverend

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Oranbury April 6: 1890.

Monthly meeting: opened with prayer.

Present, the Pastor, 6 Elders & 6 Deacons.

Minutes. The minutes of the meetings for the last year were read and approved.

Proc. Fund. The Treasurer was not prepared to present his report as to the Poor Fund.

Dismissions. The Pastor reported that he had given letters of Dismission to Harvey Everett to 9th Newark; to Mr. & Mrs. Matthew E. Rex, to 2nd St. E. Ch. Rahway; to Harriet Jinson to Bethany, Newton; and the acts were approved.

Librarian. George S. Burroughs was unanimously elected Librarian for the Congregational Library.

It was resolved to make the salary of the Organ Blower \$20.00 per year, beginning with

Blower. January 1st 1890, the same to be paid out of the Penny Collections. The particular portion was left in the hands of the Choir Leader.

The Treasurer was ordered to pay a bill for Jinson. \$5.00 incurred by the Committee for which Jinson

Henry C. Symmes M. D. was elected delegate Presbytery

to attend the meeting of Presbytery at Highstown on the 8th inst., with Peter R. Bergen alternate.

Membership. The report on the Church membership, to be sent to Presbytery was read and approved. Voted to send to Mrs. Burson, by Ed. Everett \$10.00

Revision. The proposed Revision of the Confession of Faith was discussed, but that Session declined to take any action.

Adjourned.

Joseph C. Symmes,
Mod. & Clerk.

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Report to Presbytery April 6: 1890.
 Members per last report — 408.
 " added on ex. m. — 11.
 " " " Deaths — 10.
 Total. — 409.
 " deceased — 5.
 " dismissed — 4. Total 420.
 Adults baptized 3.
 Infants " 8.

Contributions

Home Missions. —	161. 60
Foreign " —	188. 88
Education " —	35. 00.
Publication. —	19. 12.
Church Erection. —	35. 00.
Relief. —	30. 00.
Freedmen. —	30. 00.
Sustentation. —	84. 60.
Aid for Colleges. —	30. 00.
General Assembly. —	44. 88.
Congregational. —	1476. 44.
Miscellaneous. —	1431. 26.
Total	\$3571. 36.

Joseph G. Symmes, Mod. & Clk.

Thus far Examined & Approved in Presbytery
 at Highstown N.J. April 8th 1890

W. L. Alexander Mod

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1890.

Cranbury May 4: 1890.
 Monthly meeting was held.
 The Pastor was a member of the General Assembly at Danotoga.

Cranbury May 31: 1890.

- Preparatory meeting; opened with prayer.
 Present the Pastor, Rev. Jos. G. Symmes together
 with Ruling Elders, D. G. Perrine, Max. G. Stultz,
 P. R. Bergen, J. G. Stultz, F. Perrine, S. G. Bergen,
 W. K. Proctors, & W. S. Stultz. Absent, J. Gibson,
 Wm. Duncan & N. C. Symmes, M. D.
9. Anna D. Perrine, wife of Wm. F. was received
 on certificate from the N. E. Ch. of Cranbury.
 The following persons were admitted to the
 Lords table on profession of their faith
 in Christ, having been baptized in infancy:
10. Nelson G. Forman, Son of Selah G. Deak, 90
 11. Julia Scudder, daughter of Howard G. Deak
 12. Florence G. Stultz " John Edgson
 The following was admitted to both Sac-
 raments upon a like profession:
13. Willie Forman, wife of Nelson G.
 The Pastor was authorized to baptize
14. Anna M. Woodness, wife of Wm. G. next Sabbath
 June 8th, not having been able to be present today.
 The Treasurer was directed to pay for
 a ton of coal for Jacob Prince.
 Recess till tomorrow morning:
- Sabbath morning 9th a. m. c.
 Present as before with the addition
 of John Gibson & Henry C. Symmes, M. D.
 The Pastor preached from La. 13: 3-5.
 Closed with prayer. J. G. Symmes, Mod. & Clk.

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Cranbury July 6. 1890.
Monthly prayer meeting.

Cranbury Aug. 3. 1890.

Monthly meeting, - opened with prayer.
Present, the Pastor, four Elders & four Deacons.
The Village Sabbath School reported the election of the following officers:

Superintendent, Peter R. Bergen.
Vice " J. Henry C. Symmes, A. D.
Secretary George S. Barronoughs.
Librarian, John L. Ferris.
Asst. " Abram Voorhees.
Treasurer, Emma Chamberlain.

The election was approved.
The Session then adjourned to meet immediately after public worship.

The Session met accordingly.

Present, the Pastor, Rev. Jos. S. Symmes, together with Ruling Elders, John Gibson, Alex. J. Stultz, Peter R. Bergen, John C. Stultz, T. Perrine, S. J. Bergen, W. L. Stultz, W. C. Symmes.

A motion was made to recommend the Church to invite Andrew Jackson Duncan and George R. Thomas, who had been ordained as Ruling Elders in the Church respectively of Dutchtown & Allentown, to take up their office in this Church.
Carried, after discussion, unanimously.

Joseph S. Symmes,
Mod. & Clk.

Officers
of
S. S.

New Elders.

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On the 24th of August 1890 two announcements of the foregoing action having been given from the pulpit, the third announcement was made. It was then stated that no objection had been made, but on the contrary most cordial approbation had been expressed.

New Elders.

A. J. Duncan

Geo. R. Thomas

The vote was taken, and the action of the Session was unanimous, approved and ratified by the members of the Church. Whereupon Andrew Jackson Duncan and George R. Thomas

were called forward and solemnly installed in the office of Ruling Elders in this Church. At the close of the service the Elders and Deacons came forward and gave the new officers the right hand of fellowship.

Monthly

Collection

for

Foreign Missions

It was then voted that the Pastor be authorized to take a collection for our monthly concert of prayer for missions to take a collection for the Board of Foreign Missions.

Relief

The Treasurer was ordered to convey \$20.00 to Mrs. Lydia Applegate, who has had a long term of illness. \$15.00 to Uland Jensen. Adjourned.

Joseph S. Symmes,
Mod. & Clk.

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On the 27th of July the Elders and Deacons came together at the call of the Moderator. In the absence of the Pastor Peter R. Bergen was called to the chair. It was resolved to grant the Pastor a four weeks vacation, time to be chosen by himself.

Adjourned.

Peter R. Bergen
Mod. & Clerk

Oranbury, Sept. 1. 1890.

Session met in Monthly meeting, and was opened with prayer. The Pastor was absent, and P. R. Bergen was made Moderator pro tem. Those were present six Elders and three Deacons.

It was resolved that if the collection of to-day to be taken by Rev. A. C. Fissell for the American Tract Society fell short of ten dollars it should be made that sum out of the general fund.

Adjourned.

Peter R. Bergen
Mod. & Clerk

Oranbury, Oct. 4. 1890.

Session met for Preparatory Service, and was opened with prayer. Present, the Pastor, Rev. Jos. G. Symmes, together with Rev. Mr. D. G. Ferriss, A. E. Stultz, P. R. Bergen, W. H. Thomas, J. G. Stultz, T. Ferriss, J. J. Bergen, W. B. Stultz, H. C. Symmes, A. J. Duncan & Mrs. R. Thomas. Absent John Liberson and W. H. Duncan.

Pastor's vacation.

A. S. Society.

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And then the following persons, having been baptized in infancy, were admitted to the Lord's Table on profession of their faith:

- 15. Asa M. Davison, a child
- 16. Anna E. Hutchison, daughter of John D.

It was resolved that if, in the future, there should be applications for the privilege of taking lessons or practicing on the Pipe Organ, such applications must be made directly to the Session.

Organ. A. Jackson Duncan, with Rev. R. Thomas as alternate, was appointed to attend the meeting of Presbytery on the 6th at Yorkton.

Presbytery by Peter R. Bergen, with D. G. Ferriss as alternate.

Synod. was appointed to attend the meeting of Synod at Atlantic City on the 20th inst.

The question of permitting women to lecture in the Church was brought up, and after discussion was postponed to the next Monthly meeting.

Women. Recess till tomorrow morning.

Sabbath Morning 9:30 o'clock
Session met, present as before, together with John Liberson.

- 17. Vincent Day, son of Joseph P., was admitted to the Lord's Table on profession of his faith.

The Pastor preached from Mark 1. 8 and administered the Lord's Supper, aid in the latter by Rev. W. S. Steer.

After service closed with prayer.

Joseph G. Symmes.
Mod. & Clerk.

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MINUTES OF SESSION.

Cranbury, November 2: 1890.

Session met & opened with prayer.
Present the Pastor, six Elders, & five Deacons.

Women
lecturing.

The question of permitting women to lecture in the Church was called up: & after further discussion it was resolved: that this Session express their disapproval of women lecturing in the Church before a promiscuous assembly.

The vote was unanimous, with one exception.

Closed with prayer.

Joseph G. Symmes, Mod. & Clerk.

Cranbury December 7: 1890.

Session met and opened with prayer.
Present the Pastor, five Elders, & three Deacons.

It was, after much discussion, resolved to order the Treasurer to supply Mrs. Hannah Day with a ton of coal, amounting to \$ 7. 00

Presbytery
in
Cranbury.

It having been reported to Session that the Presbytery of Monmouth had adjourned to meet in this Church on April 14: 1891 the following were appointed to act with the Pastor as a Committee of arrangements: viz: Peter R. Bergen, David C. Symmes and Deacons John M. Chamberlain; and they were directed to ascertain if we can secure the use of Old Fallow Hill for that occasion, & on what terms.

Closed with prayer.

Joseph G. Symmes, Mod. & Clerk.

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Cranbury Jan. 4: 1891.

Session met & opened with prayer.
Present, the Pastor, and five Riding Elders,
and by invitation four Deacons.

The Committee on meeting of Presbytery reported that we can have the Hall!

It was resolved to order the Treasurer to appropriate Five Dollars to each of the following persons, viz: Mrs. Lydia G. Applegate, Mrs. C. E. Wadlington, Mrs. P. Walker, Miss B. Cook, and Mrs. C. Voorhees: \$ 11. 00 to John Wilson.

Relief.

Adjourned; closed with prayer.

Joseph G. Symmes, Mod. & Clerk.

Cranbury Jan. 31: 1891.

Session met for Preparatory Service.

In the absence of the Pastor from illness Peter R. Bergen was elected Moderator. Pro-tem Prayer was offered by Derrick G. Perrine. Present, Riding Elders, Dr. G. Perrine, A. G. Smith, P. R. Bergen, R. J. Bergen, Dr. H. C. Symmes and Chas. R. Thomas.

The Treasurer was directed to pay to Miss Dorah Walker \$ 10. 00 to aid her in the purchase of a new Sewing Machine. And also to pay the tax of Jacob Vance amounting to \$ 5. 00. \$ 5. 00 to be aid G. L. Jameson. Recess till tomorrow morning.

Relief.

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Sabbath Feb. 1: 1891.

Session met; present as before, together with W. S. Stults & John G. Stults; absent John Kilson, W. H. Inman, A. J. Inman & F. Perrine & W. H. Thomas.

A. H. Brown and aided by Rev. W. C. Steen administered the Lords Supper. After which adjourned.

Closed with prayer by Rev. Allen C. Brown.

Attest. Peter R. Bergen
Mod. & Clerk.

Cranbury, Sabbath March 1: 1890

Monthly Meeting. Present, the Pastor, four Elders and three Deacons.

It was voted to order the Treasurer to pay a store bill for Maria Gimeson amounting to \$5.00.

Adjourned, closed with prayer.

Joseph G. Symmes.
Mod. & Clerk.

Cranbury April 5: 1891.

Monthly meeting, opened with prayer. Present, the Pastor, six Elders & four Deacons.

The minutes of Session for the last year were read and approved.

In view of Mrs. Furdence Walker's frequent and severe attacks of illness it was voted to order the Treasurer to pay to her out of our fund \$25.00

Minutes.

Relief.

MINUTES OF SESSION.

1891.

It was reported to Session that Mrs. James Harbness had continued to be a member of this Church, but, though living near at hand and in good health, never attends upon our services. Joseph P. Dey was thereupon appointed to wait upon her and kindly say to her that the Session are not willing that such a relation shall continue, and that we require that she must resume her attendance upon our services, or take her letter to some other Church.

Presbytery.

Henry C. Symmes, M. D., with S. J. Bergen as alternate, was appointed to attend the meeting of Presbytery in this Church on the 14th inst.

Collections

The Deacons voted to continue the system of Collections as heretofore in use.

The Pastor reported that he had dismissed the following persons, which action was approved, viz:

Dismissals.

Maria and Sarah A. Hartough to 1st A. B.; Rose E. Provasco, to Highstown; Ann G. Belover, to High St. Newark; Sarah E. Dey, to sd Cranbury; Joseph Symmes Driscoll, to Dayton; Christopher B. Souder, to 4th Frenton; and David J. Perrine, to 4th Reformed A. B. S. J. Bergen was added to the Committee to attend to Maria Gimeson.

Blower.

Peter R. Bergen & Dr. H. C. Symmes were appointed to attend to the Organ Blower with power. The following concubial report was approved closed with prayer. Joseph G. Symmes.
Mod. & Clerk.

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Report to Presbytery April 15: 1891.

Members as per last report	430.
" Deceased	14
" Dismissed	8
	22.
	398.
" Added on Ex ^{ts}	8
" " " Cert ^y .	1
	9
	407

Adults baptised 2.
 Infants " 7

Financial Statement.

Home Missions, ---	221.00
Foreign, " ---	306.15
Education, " ---	35.00
Publication, ---	27.00
Church Erection, ---	35.00
Relief, ---	30.00
Freed men, ---	35.00
Sustentation ---	84.00
Aid for Colleges ---	15.00
General Assembly ---	46.20
Kongregational ---	220.00
Miscellaneous ---	114.00
Total ---	\$3078.35

Joseph G. Synnnes.
 Mod. & Clerk.

Thus far examined and approved in regular session
 of Presbytery at Cranbury April 14, 1891.

Chas. Everett
 Moderator

1891.

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May 3. Prayer meeting.

Cranbury June 6: 1891.

Preparatory meeting, opened with prayer.
 Present the Pastor, Rev. Joseph G. Synnnes, to-
 gether with Ruling Elders, D. G. Perrine, John
 Gibson, A. J. Stults, P. R. Berger, W. H. Thomas,
 Geo. J. Thomas, S. J. Berger, John G. Stults,
 W. S. Stults, & H. E. Synnnes, A. D. Absent
 William Duncan, & A. J. Duncan.

1. Wm. H. Johnson, and his wife
 2. Emma H. Johnson were received by letter
 from the Ref^d Church of Franklin Park N. J.
 The following were received to both
 sacraments on profession of their faith
 in Christ: viz
 3. Ralph L. Sells;
 4. John A. Wyckhoff;
 5. Emeline Wyckhoff, wife of above;
 6. Arjah Applegate, son of T. Armstrong;
 7. John E. Bradley, son of Roderick;
 8. Estelle A. Guild, daughter of Hollis H. Deck
 The following, having been previously
 baptised, were admitted on a side profession
 9. Mary Applegate, W. Arjah;
 10. Barbara Stetthall, Wm. Martin;
 11. William H. Suddaker, son of Alex. T.;
 12. Cornelius C. Stults, son of Corn. T. ; and
 13. Jennie Stults, daughter of Jacob H.;
- After preparatory service the Pastor and two
 Elders called at the home of G. Debow and admitted
 Kenneth Debow to the Lord's Table, and
 Loma Belle Anderson to both sacraments.
- 14.
 - 15.
- Session took recessive tomorrow morning.

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Sabbath morning 9:30 o'clock.
Session met, present as before, with
the addition of A. J. Duncan.

The Pastor preached from Eph. 4:11
and administered both sacraments
to a large congregation.

After the service the Pastor and two
Elders proceeded to the House of Rich^d
Perrine, where they received both
sacraments and administered both to

16. Annad. Perrine, wife of Hendrick C. &
daughter of Richard.

After which session closed with prayer.

Joseph G. Symmes.
Mod. & Clerk.

July 5th - Aug. 2nd & Sept. 6th
Prayer meetings were held.

Item

On Tuesday April 7th 1891,
Vincent Perrine, one of the Elders of
this Church, departed this life.

7. Perrine. He was a son of Matthias K. Perrine,
born at Cranbury Station Feb. 5th 1839.

He was admitted to full communion
Feb. 6. 1858; and ordained a Ruling
Elder Feb. 17. 1889. He lived where he

was born until April 1890, when he moved
to Cranbury. He was a man faithful
in all the duties of life, and greatly respected
and beloved by all who knew him.

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Cranbury Oct. 3. 1891.

Preparatory service, opened with prayer.
Invant the Pastor, Rev. Geo. G. Symmes, together
with Ruling Elders, D. G. Perrine, A. J. Stults,
P. R. Bergen, Wm. H. Thomas, John G. Stults,
S. J. Bergen, H. J. J. Stults, H. C. Symmes, S. D.
M. Duncan, & Sec. R. Thomas; absent John
Kibson & William Duncan.

17. Elizabeth Krychoff, widow of Peter was re-
ceived from the Church at Hightstown.

18. Abram Miller, from Dutch Neck.

19. Peter William Kriggs, being with John D. Perrine
was admitted to both sacraments on pro-
fession of his faith in Christ.

Presiding: Wm. H. Thomas to Epewood on 5th inst.

The Sabbath School in the Village reported
the election of the following officers, which e-
lection was approved: viz

Supt. Peter R. Bergen; Treasr. H. C. Symmes, Ad.
Secs. Mrs. Emma Chawberkin; Sect. John G. Clayton.

Librarian William P. Kibson.

1st Asst. " William D. Perrine.

2nd " " Robert G. Walker.

Synod Adjournd till tomorrow morning.
D. G. Perrine to Epewood on 5th inst.

Sabbath morning 9:30 o'clock.

Session met present as before, with
the addition of John Kibson.

The Pastor preached from Matt. 26:38 &
administered both sacraments.

After which session was closed with prayer.

Joseph G. Symmes.
Mod. & Clerk.

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on this day, \$5.00 each were ordered paid to Mrs. C. B. Birmingham. Miss H. B. Cook, Mrs. Lydia Applegate, Mrs. Kate Rogers, and Mrs. C. G. King & 7 others. Any meetings had been held on Nov. 1st & Dec. 16th.

And on Jan. 3: 1892 S. J. Bergen was made Moderator pro tem. In view of the Pastor's vacation, which had already been extended for four weeks closing with Dec. 20th, was further extended for four weeks beginning with to-day. The Pastor had been very ill since about the 1st of October, and the Session judged it prudent that he should still further rest. A ton of coal was ordered to Mrs. H. Day = \$5.50

Canbury Feb. 5: 1892.

Session met for Preparatory Service, and was opened with prayer. Present the Pastor, Rev. Jos. W. Symmes together with ruling Elders, D. G. Payne, J. Gibson, P. R. Bergen, W. H. Thomas, John G. Stultz, S. J. Bergen, W. S. Stultz, H. C. Symmes, H. D., A. G. Duncan, & L. R. Thomas.

20. Nellie H. Cramer, wife of Jos. C. was received on certificate from the Ref^d Church of Freehold.

The following, having been baptized in infancy, were admitted to the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper on a profession of their faith in Christ: viz.

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21. Sophia Rudin Day, wife of W. S.;
22. Bessie Woodward Burroughs, Daugh. Geo. W.;
23. Maacie Belle Perrine, Lt. of John B.;
24. Mary Emma Perrine, W. H. Seward, who as a member of the Baptist Church comes to us on a renewal of her profession.

The following were admitted to both Sacraments on a similar profession of their faith in Christ: viz.

25. John Seward Perrine, S. David J. Act.
26. Harrie Perrine, W. - Alfred; and Bessie Burroughs ought to have been here.

The minute previously inserted was approved, concerning Vincent Perrine. The application of Jacob Prince for aid was referred to D. G. Perrine and W. S. Stultz with power. \$ 6.00

J. P. Dece.

Recess till tomorrow morning.

Sabbath morning 9 o'clock Session met present as before, with W. S. Duncan absent from both meetings.

27. Fannie L. Duncan, wife of John A. was received on certificate from the Ref^d Church Canbury.
28. Sylvanus Wilson, son of Esau Cobble, was admitted to the Lord's Table on confession of faith in Christ.

Mrs. H. Day

A ton of coal was voted to Mrs. H. Day, and this case was referred to the next meeting.

The Pastor preached from Titus 2: 13, and administered both Sacraments. Adjourned with prayer.

Joseph C. Symmes.

According to my usual method of numbering these have been No. 11.

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The following minute was adopted and ordered upon our records: viz.

Alexander Svedeker Stults, an Elder in this Church, departed this life December 10th 1891. He was a son of Jacob Stults, a former Elder in this Church, and was born near Prospect Plains June 6 1823. He was baptised in infancy, and was admitted to the Lord's Table Oct. 3: 1857. He was ordained a Ruling Elder in this Church June 26: 1870. Faithful in all the duties of life he was ever ready for every good word and work. He was baptised as above, but to avoid confusion always wrote Alex. J.

Alex. J. Stults.

Oranbury Mar. 6: 1892

Monthly meeting, opened with prayer. Present the Pastor, Jos. G. Symmes, with four Elders and one Deacon.

After considerable discussion it was resolved, on account of the small number present to defer the case of Mrs. Hannah Dex. Closed with prayer.
Joseph G. Symmes,
Mod & Clerk.

Item - \$6.00 was voted to Jacob Prince.

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Oranbury Apr. 3: 1892.

Monthly meeting, opened with prayer. Present the Pastor, Rev. Jos. G. Symmes, four Elders, and four Deacons. The minutes of Session for the last year were read & approved. The Pastors act in dismissing

the following persons was approved: viz. P. D. M. L. Vothers, and his wife, Matilda, & his daughter Sarah Ellen & Edmund D. to Hamlet Jan. 2: 1892. D. A. D. C. C. C. to Dutch Creek May 9.

Margaret C. Donnell to Hightstown June 2: 1892. L. J. Groves, Jr. - Geo. H. C. to Bathery, Clinton Sept. 21. M. C. Vothers, Jr. - Wm. F. D. to Andover Sept. 21. Anna C. Ridgway, W. D. - Westminister Dec. 15. Sarah C. Blouwing, R. F. Highland Park, N. C. - Feb. 9. W. D. Vothers & wife, Hannah, Westminister, Col. 18. Elizabeth Baskalou, Jr. - Andover Park, Mar. 19.

George T. Thomas, with D. G. Perrine as alternate was appointed delegate to Synodary of Dec. 1891. The Treasurer reported that she had paid to Mrs. Hannah \$1.50 for each month since including last April, according to order of Session. And Session voted the Day was \$1.00.

The whole amount paid out on account for fund under the John Gordon legacy was \$39.64: viz, W. James \$5.00: Apr. 3rd 1891: Wm. P. Walker \$2.50: Dec. 1st Mrs. H. Day coal \$1.00: Jan. 2: 1892, Mrs. S. Walker \$1.00: Jan. 11. Mrs. C. Overingham \$5.00: Jan. 15: 1892: Jan. 16: Mrs. D. Applegate \$5.00: Feb. 1: 1892: Vothers \$5.00: Feb. 8: Jacob Prince \$1.00. Mrs. N. D. Perrine was dismissed to Newburg, N. Y. April 18.

Dismissions

Presbytery

Treasurer

Relief

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Report to Presbytery April 10: 1892.

Members as per last report, 407.

" deceased, - 13

" dismissed, - 14

Total 380

" added on Ex^{ca} - 22.

" " " Conf. - 6

Total 408.

Adults Baptised, 13.

Infants " 17.

Financial Statement.

Home Missions, - 200. 00.

Foreign " - 201. 00.

Education, - 30. 00.

Publication, - 16. 00.

Church Erection, - 30. 00.

Relief, - 30. 00.

Preachers, - 25. 00.

Sustentation, 82. 00.

Aid for Colleges, 12. 00.

General Assembly, - 48. 82.

Congregational, - 2296. 00.

Miscellaneous, 8. 00.

Total, \$2973. 82

Joseph G. Symmes.

This was examined and approved in regular Session of Presbytery at Freehold, April 12, 1892.

Wm. P. Finney,
Moderator.

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1892.

May 1: 1892, Prayer meeting.

Oranbury June 4: 1892.

Session met, - Preparatory service, opened with prayer. Present, the Pastor, Rev. Joseph G. Symmes: together with Rufus Eldon, D. G. Perrine, John Gibson, P. R. Berger, W. H. Thomas, John G. Stultz, S. J. Bergen, W. Irving Stultz, W. C. Symmes, A. D., A. J. Duncan & H. S. Thomas absent, W. Duncan.

The following persons were admitted to both Sacraments on a profession of their faith in Christ:

10. Mattie Stultz, wife of Isaac S., and
11. Emma Chamberlain Berger, D. of W. & Mary

The following persons, having been baptized in infancy, were admitted to the Lords Table on a like profession:

12. Mattie Perrine, D. of W. C.
13. Frank H. Perrine, D. - " "
14. Mary A. Hillson, D. - " "
15. Malie Thompson, D. - Joseph R.
16. Alice Day Gilberly, D. - Isaac S.
17. Addison Nyckoff, D. - Joseph S.
18. Oliver Hutchison Day, S. - Allison D. and
19. Archibald O. Rue, D. - Alfred.
20. Catherine J. Day, Wd. Alfred W. was received from family
21. Harvey S. Day, D. - " " " " " " " " " " " "
22. Mary S. Applegate, D. " " " " " " " " " " " "
23. Mount J. Duncan, - from Kingston,
24. Kate J. Duncan, W. - above
25. Nancy P. Conover, Wd. William, Kaula

I should have begun numbering with the first of the year. Doing so, the first in this list would have been 16, as it is written.

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1892.

Session took recess till tomorrow morning.

Sabbath Morning June 5th 9 o'clock.

Session met, - presented before.
The Pastor preached from Mt John 5:13
and administered both Sacraments.
Adjourned with prayer.
Joseph G. Symmes,
Mod. & Clerk.

Branbury July 3: 1892.

Sessional Prayer meeting.

Branbury Aug. 7: 1892.

Monthly meeting opened with prayer.
Present the Pastor, five Elders & one Deacon.
The Village Sabbath School reported the
election of the following officers for one year
from June 1st 1892 to June 1st 1893.

Peter R. Bergen, Superintendent.

W. C. Symmes, A. D. 1st Assistant "

W. Irving Stults 2nd

Wilson W. Brayton Treasurer.

Arch. O. Rye Secretary.

Isaac C. Hoffman, Librarian.

John J. Bradley, 1st Asst. "

Robert S. Walker, 2nd

Adjourned with prayer was approved.

Joseph G. Symmes,
Mod. & Clerk.

D. D.

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1892.

Branbury June 11: 1892.

The Session met after morning service in the
Church agreeably to notice from the Pastor. There
were present nearly all the Elders & Deacons.
John Gibson was chosen Moderator in the absence
of the Pastor, who on taking the chair stated the object
of the meeting. Whereupon it was moved and
Carried that the Pastor be granted a vacation
of four weeks when most suitable to himself.
W. Irving Stults and R. J. Sulick were appointed
a Committee to furnish supplies for the Pastor
in the Pastor's absence, and to notify him of
the above action.

Pastor's
Vacation.

Session Adjourned.

John - Gibson Mod. Pastors.

Branbury Sept. 4: 1892.

A prayer meeting was held; Pastor absent.
Present, two Elders and one Deacon.
It was voted to grant \$4.00 to the family of
W. J. Jameson, he being very ill.
Adjourned.

W. Jameson

Branbury Oct. 1: 1892.

Preparatory Service - opened with prayer.
Present, the Pastor, Rev. J. G. Symmes, together
with Reading Clergy, D. S. Bernier, John Gibson,
P. R. Bergen, Wm. H. Thomas, John S. Stetson,
& J. Bergen, W. Irving Stults, W. C. Symmes, and
W. J. Durson. Absent William Demson
and George S. Thomas.

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The Session received on certificate from the Presbyterian Church of Kingston,
 26. William Willson;
 27. Elizabeth Willson, his Wife, and
 28. Sibylie Willson, his Daughter.

Minutes The minutes of meetings held from April 2nd up to date were read and approved.

J. Prince. The Treasurer was ordered to pay a balance on a bill of John Houtchison against Jacob Prince amounting to \$5.57.
 Session took recess till tomorrow morning.

Sabbath morning 9 o'clock.
 Session met: present as before, together with bro. R. Thomas.

29. Bro. Elmer Bergen, a member of the Hightstown Baptist Church, was received on a renewal of his profession of faith.

Pastory. John L. Stultz, with W. S. Stultz as alternate, was appointed to attend the meeting of Presbytery at Shrewsbury on the 4th inst.

Synod. Derrick L. Perrine, with A. L. Duncan as alternate, was appointed to attend the meeting of Synod at Baldwin on the 18th inst.

The Pastor preached from John 1:38-39, and administered the Double Communion.

Adjourned, - closed with prayer.

Joseph L. Symmes,
 Mod. & Clerk

MINUTES OF SESSION.

1892.

Nov. 6 - no meeting.

Cranbury Dec. 4: 1892.

Monthly meeting - opened with prayer.

Present, the Pastor, two Elders & two Deacons.

J. Prince. Two bills were presented of Jacob Prince, one for tax and one for coal. They were referred to Derrick L. Perrine for settlement. Both James and J. Prince granted \$5.47. Adjourned, closed with prayer.

Joseph L. Symmes,
 Mod. & Clerk.

Cranbury Dec. 18: 1892.

The Elders & Deacons were called together at the close of service in the Church, in informal meeting. Present the Pastor,

W. S. Applegate, 4 Elders and seven Deacons. It was resolved to appropriate \$20.00 to Mrs. Lydia Applegate, ill & in need.

Adjourned.
 Joseph L. Symmes,
 Mod. & Clerk.

Cranbury Jan. 1: 1893.

Monthly meeting - opened with prayer.

Present, the Pastor, three Elders and four Deacons.

It was voted to order the Church to pay to the following persons \$50.00, viz. Saml. H. Hight, bro. Carter, Thomas, J. W. Wilson, Jacob Prince tax & coal in good

Dec. 4, \$20.00 & 25th and cash \$5.00. To Mrs. H. A. Coe. Her son, J. W. and \$10.00 was placed in the hands of D. S. Perrine for distribution.

Jacob Prince was granted in addition \$5.00.

Adjourned with prayer.

Relief.

Joseph L. Symmes, Mod. & Clerk.

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MINUTES OF SESSION.

Oranbury Jan. 5: 1898.

The Pastor and Elders S. V. Bergen, by request, and in company with Rev. H. Hardy, D. D. and Elder A. B. Nyhoff of the Rightstone Church, repaired to the house of Stephen J. Perrine in Rightstown, where David David Nyhoff lay ill, and expecting to die. After a short prayer, profession of his faith in Christ he was received into this Church, having been baptised therein in infancy, and thereupon the Lords Supper was administered to him and to a number of friends present.

Signed,

Joseph G. Synnnes,
Mod. & Pastor.

Oranbury Feb. 4: 1898.

Session met for Preparatory Service, and was opened with prayer. Present, the Pastor, Rev. G. G. Synnnes, together with Culing Elders, D. G. Perrine, John Libson, P. R. Bergey, W. H. Thomas, John G. Stultz, S. J. Bergen, H. Irving Stultz, H. C. Synnnes, A. D. Jackson, Duncan and Rev. H. Thomas. Heart Throes.

The action of the Pastor and Elders S. V. Bergen on Jan. 3rd last, in receiving D. G. Nyhoff into full communion was ratified.

Then the following two Brothers were admitted to both sacraments on profession of their faith in Christ:

1. Daniel Bennett, son of Anthony: &
2. Aaron Bennett, " both near Yonkers.

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4. George Lee, and his wife,
 5. Eliza Lee, appeared before the Session and stated that they were members of the Baptist Church of Herston, but desired to be admitted into this Church. They were so admitted on profession of faith.
- Session took recess until tomorrow 9:00 o'clock.

Sabbath Morning 9:30 o'clock.

Session met, present as before.

6. Charles V. Hoffman, was received from Jamesburg.
 7. Berie Hoffman, his wife, from Kathalapan.
- The Pastor preached & administered both sacraments. Adjourned with prayer. Jos. G. Synnnes, Mod. & Pastor.

March 5, a prayer meeting was held.

Oranbury April 2: 1898.

Monthly meeting, opened with prayer.

Present the Pastor, Rev. J. G. Synnnes, together with Ruling Elders, Derrick G. Perrine, John Libson, Peter R. Bergey, William H. Thomas, John G. Stultz, A. D. Jackson, Bergey, Irving Stultz and George P. Thomas, absent, Henry G. Synnnes, A. D., D. Jackson, Bergey, & H. Thomas. The minutes were read and including last October were read and approved.

There were seven deacons present, viz: Kenneth S. Stultz, Alex. S. Stultz, Redford J. Kattler, Henry P. Duncan, Joseph P. Day, John A. Perrine and John M. Chamberlain, absent, James Bergen and Cornelius B. Hoagland.

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Presbytery. Derrick L. Perrine, with A. Jackson Duncan as alternate, was appointed our delegate to attend the meeting of Presbytery at Matawan on the 11th inst.

Benevolence. It was agreed to continue our present method of collecting our benevolent contributions.

The Pastor reported that he had given letters of dismission to the following persons, which action was approved: viz. Martin A. Stultz and Jane H. Stultz to the Presbyterian Church of Hightstown;

Dismissal. Lydia A. Davison, to Cambridge second; Matthew M. Hoagland, to Pres. Ch. Hightstown; and Jessie F. Bohrenck and his wife Sarah A. Bohrenck, to Dayton. The dates of the same were May 20; Jan. 26; Jan. 27; and Feb. 1.

The financial report to Presbytery was read and approved.

Adjourned with prayer
Joseph L. Symmes,
Mod. and Clerk.

1893.

MINUTES OF SESSION.

Report to Presbytery April 11, 1893.
Members as per last report 408.

" Deceased 9.

" Dismissed 6. Total - 393

" added on profession 16.

" " " certificate 11. Total - 420

Adults baptized 4.

Infants " 12.

Financial Statement.

Bible Society	7.35
Home Missions	116.97
Foreign	307.95
Education	30.00
Publication	17.75
Church Erection	26.00
Relief	30.00
Freelimen	30.00
Sustentation	81.60
Aid for Colleges	5.00
General Assembly	10.00
Congregational	10.00
Miscellaneous	10.00

\$265.97

Joseph L. Symmes, Mod. and Clerk.

Thus far examined and approved in regular session of
Presbytery at Matawan; April 11, 1893.
Benj. S. Everett Moderator

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Oranbury May 7: 1893.

Monthly meeting, opened with prayer.
Present, the Pastor, Five Elders, Three Deacons.
The Treasurer was ordered to pay the bill for a load of coal for Miss H. C. B. Cole, amounting to \$5.92.

Devrick G. Perrine and Wm. H. Thomas were appointed to accompany the Pastor as occasion may require in visiting various delinquent members.

Adjourned with prayer.

Joseph G. Symmes.

Oranbury June 3: 1893.

Session met for Preparatory Service: and opened with prayer. Present the Pastor, Rev. J. G. Symmes, together with Ruling Elders, D. G. Perrine, John R. Adams, J. R. Beza, Wm. H. Thomas, John G. Stultz, S. Jones Berney, W. J. Stultz, H. C. Symmes, A. D., A. G. Durbin, & Ken. R. Thomas. Absent Wm. Duncan.

The following persons were admitted to the Lord's Supper, on profession of their faith, in Christ, having been baptized in infancy:

8. Allen L. H. Blacum; - colored.
9. Ella May Stultz, daughter David G.;
10. George Armstrong Radnot, son Alfred;
11. Franklin Radnot
12. Selah Gulick, son R. J. Gulick;
13. John Duncan Gulick
14. Carter de Maxwell Davison, "Daughter" Aniel H.

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15. Sophia Hausschel, daughter of Edward, was admitted to both sacraments on this profession. Session took recess till tomorrow at 9:30. o.c.

Sabbath morning 9:30.

Session met, present as before.

16. Alfred A. Bennett was received from Dutch Tech.
 17. Sarah Bennett, wife above
 18. Mary Adelaide Perrine, w. - Mrs. Rev. Dr. Bowditch N. Y.
- The Pastor preached from Luke 12:13 and administered both sacraments. After which session closed with prayer.

Joseph G. Symmes,
Mod. & Clerk.

Oranbury July 2: 1893.

Session held a proper meeting, and then after public service met again. All the Elders were present except L. Adams & Duncan. By a unanimous vote it was agreed that the U. S. B. C. E. should take charge of the growing service during the months of July & August. It was also agreed by a like vote that the Pastor should have four weeks vacation, to be taken at his pleasure. W. J. Stultz and R. J. Gulick were appointed a committee to supply the Pulpit during the Pastor's absence. Session then adjourned.

Moderator Pres. Thom.

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Aug. 6. - No meeting - Pastor absent.

Sept. 3. A Prayer meeting.

Oranbury Sept. 30: 1893.

Preparatory meeting, opened with prayer.
Present, the Pastor, Rev. Geo. G. Symmes, together
with Ruling Elders, D. G. Ferrine, John G. Steuts,
Peter R. Bergen, W. H. Thomas, John G. Steuts,
G. J. Berger, W. S. Steuts, H. C. Symmes, M. D., A. J.
Duncan & Geo. R. Thomas. Absent, W. Duncan.

19. Sarah Ellen Varian, W. Henry S., was received on
a letter from Rev. Ch. J. Kanaalapan.

D. G. Ferrine and S. J. Bergen were appointed a
Committee to have charge of Jacob Finner, to
care for his property and execute his wants from
time to time. John Wilcox, a colored &
suspended member, (see page 110) reported thro
the Pastor his expression of contrition and desire
for restoration. Whereupon, his penitence seeming
to be satisfactory, he was restored, and the
Treasurer was authorized to expend \$10.00 in
relieving his wants.

Session took recess till tomorrow morning.

Oct. 1: 1893, 9:30 A.M.

Session met, present as before.

The Pastor preached from 20: 24, and ad-
ministered the Lords Supper.

The session then adjourned, closed with prayer.

Joseph G. Symmes,
Mod. & Clerk.

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Nov. 5, no meeting, Pastor absent.

Item. After public service on Nov. 12: 1893
the Pastor called all the officers together, Elders,
Deacons and Trustees, and by a unanimous
vote was authorized to take a collection, at
a suitable time, to purchase a safe.

Safe.

Sept 11
Collection.

It was also resolved to take a collection for
the Assembly's Temperance Committee, &
which amounted to \$

J. G. S.

Dec. 3: 1894 - no meeting.

Oranbury Jan. 7: 1894.

Monthly Meeting open with prayer.
Present, the Pastor, three Elders, and four deacons.
Relief was voted to the following persons:
Abroad of Coal to each Mrs H. B. Cole
and Mrs. Phoebe Day at \$5.00 each load.
To Mrs. C. Everingham and Mrs Sarah
Mc Walker each \$5.00; and the Treasurer
was authorized to expend \$10.00 in relieving
the necessities of John Wilson.
Closed with prayer.

Joseph G. Symmes,
Mod. & Clerk.

Oranbury Feb. 3: 1894.

Session met for Preparatory service, and
was opened with prayer. Present the Pastor,
Rev. Joseph G. Symmes, together with Ruling Elders,
D. G. Ferrine, P. R. Bergen, John G. Steuts, W. S. Steuts,
H. C. Symmes M. D., A. J. Duncan, & G. R. Thomas.
Absent, W. H. Thomas, S. J. Bergen, & W. Duncan.

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1. Charles Kicoff, son of John A., was admitted to both sacraments on profession of his faith. In like manner the following were admitted to the Lord's Supper, having been baptized in infancy.
2. Irving W. Day, son of Joseph P.:
3. Annie S. Drebin, daughter of John W. and Jennie P. Everett, daughter of Albert E. dect.

Session to recess until tomorrow morning.

Sabbath morning Feb. 4th.

Session met, present as before.

The Pastor preached from Rom. 8:15, and administered both sacraments.

After service Session adjourned.

Closed with prayer.

Joseph G. Symmes,
Mod. & Clerk.

Cranbury March 4: 1894.

Monthly meeting, opened with prayer.

Present the Pastor and three kneeling Elders.

The Pastor reported that evil reports having reached his ears touching the behavior of Wilson, a colored member of this Church, he called upon him. The boy confessed that the reports were true, and that he had acted in a manner unworthy of his profession.

He was ready to acquiesce in his suspension from Church privileges. Accordingly he was so suspended until he gives satisfactory evidence of repentance.

Closed with prayer.

Joe G. Symmes,
Mod. & Clk.

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Cranbury April 12 1894.

Monthly Meeting, — opened with present. Present the Pastor, Rev. J. G. Symmes, kneeling Elders, J. G. Perrine, P. R. Bergen, Wm. H. Thomas, John G. Stults, A. L. Duncan & Geo. R. Thomas.

Minutes. The Minutes of Session during the last year were read and approved.

Devinck & Perrine, with John G. Stults as alternate, was appointed to attend the meeting of Presbytery at Beverly, on the 10th inst. Session took recess till after service.

Session met at the close of public service and resolved to take another recess until tomorrow evening at 7^o clock at the Parsonage.

Parsonage April 20: 1894.

Session met 7¹/₂ o'clock P. M.; present as before except that W. S. Stults was present & W. H. Thomas was absent.

The Pastor reported that he had held a conference with R. A. Lucas, wherein he confessed that his conduct for several years had not been consistent with his profession, but rather had been very far out of the way. He frankly expressed the opinion that he was unworthy of membership, and stated that he would acquiesce in suspension. Whereupon he was suspended from the communion of the Church until he shall give satisfactory evidence of repentance.

The Session spent some time in conference over absent and delinquent church members. Some absent ones have lately been heard from, and gave satisfaction, and some had been heard from and the report was not satisfactory.

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Delinquents.

The whereabouts of a few were entirely unknown. Some within our bounds are delinquent in Church attendance, and yet desision felt constrained to bear with them for various reasons. Some of them are inexorable in their delinquency. With the first names of their special labors are to be used. But the conclusion with reference to many both of the present and the absent ones was that they should be placed on a Retired list. Their names are to be placed in a Book kept for that purpose, to be closed as soon as the Session receive satisfactory reports.

Mrs. Harbrows.
John D. Perrine

The Pastor was directed to confer with two of our members, Mrs. Cornelia ^{Harbrows} ~~Harbrows~~ and John D. Perrine, who are regular attendants upon other churches, with a view to bring them out of this position.

The Pastor reported that he had dismissed the following persons to other churches: Which action was approved:

Dismissions

1. Julia S. Ferris, to Jamesburg: May 1893.
2. Mary G. Day, to Cranbury 2nd: June "
3. Sarah E. Day, to Hightstown: Feb. 1894.
4. Abraham S. Miller, to Cranbury 2nd: " "
5. Harriet Dickenson, to Hightstown: " "
6. Henry L. Applegate & Wife, to Long Branch. March "
7. H. Applegate, to Lawrenceville: " "
8. Frances A. Margerum: 2nd Princeton: " "
10. Louisa F. Nizer: Cranbury 2nd: " "
11. Aurelia M. Millan: Grace Camden: " "
12. Charles W. Riggs: Royal Amundale: " "
- 13/14. Aaron Houtchison & Wife: Princeton 2nd: " "
15. Albert G. Duncan: New Brunswick 1st: Apr. 97

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16. Henrietta Cook: Dutch Neck: Apr. 4: 1894.
 Gemina P. Bowne and Ada F. Stults having visited the Baptist Church their names were dropped from our roll.
 The minute concerning John Gibson was, and was ordered upon the records, and will be found below.

Session was closed with prayer.

Joseph H. Szymura,
Mod. & Clerk.

John Gibson.

John Gibson was born at Ten Mile Run May 2nd 1825. In 1857 he settled at Cranbury Station, and there resided during the remainder of his life. He was appointed of the C. & N. R. R. in 1852, which position he held until his death. And in the same year he was married to Margaret Perrine, daughter of Matthias M. Perrine, who served Sun. In 1859, Feb. 5 he united with his church by both sacraments. He was ordained a Ruling Elder in this Church June 26: 1870. Owing to a complication of diseases his life was for many years a fight with death. Yet he was prompt and punctual in the duties of his office. He fell on sleep Dec. 13: 1893.

J. H. S.

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Report to Presbytery April 10: 1894.

Members as per last report:—	420.
" Deceased:—	11.
" Dismissed:—	16.
" Retired list:—	28
" Into Baptist Church:—	2
" Suspended:—	2
" Added on Ex ^{co} :—	12.
" " one both Westard	5.
	374
	17
	391.

Adults Baptised 2.

Infants " 10.

Financial Statement

Home Missions. —	124. 00
Foreign " —	188. 00
Education. —	25. 00.
Publication. —	14. 20.
Church Erection. —	30. 00.
Relief. —	30. 00.
Freedmen. —	25. 00.
Sustentation. —	84. 00.
Aid for Colleges. —	5. 00.
Isabel Assembly. —	50. 40.
Congregational. —	1869. 00
Miscellaneous. —	195. 35
Am. Bible Society. —	4. 65

Thus far examined & approved in regular session of Presbytery
at Beverly, April 10, 1894.

A. M. Dashiell
Moderator

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Beverly April 19: 1894.

Deacons met at Inauguration by previous agreement.
Opened with prayer. Present the Pastor, Deacons
John M. Chamberlain, Joseph P. Day, Garrett S. Stebbins,
Rev. D. Stebbins, Wm. S. Hoagland, Alfred J. Gulick,
Wm. S. Duncan & John S. Perrine. Absent, Jacob Bergen.
Much time was spent in discussing plans for the
collection of Lenten vest offerings.

At length it was resolved that we drop the
present plan of canvassing by the Deacons and
adopt the envelope plan and the vote was
unanimous. The envelopes supplied by the
different Boards shall be distributed in the
Church and collected on the following week
bath.

And for that distribution, J. P.
Day & A. S. Stebbins shall serve on the North Side;
R. J. Gulick & W. S. Duncan, on the Middle Side;
J. M. Chamberlain & J. S. Perrine, on the South
Side; & G. S. Stebbins at the back door, with Wm. S.
Hoagland and Jacob Bergen for alternates
to any absent ones.

It was voted to accept Collecting Basket
which the Ladies Aid Society had offered to
supply. And that when procured they
shall be passed from side to side; and
J. M. Chamberlain & R. J. Gulick shall be
appointed to set on the Middle Side; J. P. Day
on the North Side; with J. S. Perrine, on the
South Side; with A. S. Stebbins & W. S. Duncan,
the Hall Pews; and the Sexton, up stairs.
And G. S. Stebbins, W. S. Hoagland and Jacob
Bergen shall act as alternates.

It was also resolved that this arrangement
shall be followed for six months per year;

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namely, in April the offering shall be divided betwixt Education & Freedmen; in July, all to Foreign Missions; in October, betwixt Church Erection and Relief. On Childrens Day the collection shall go to the S. S. Dept of the Board of Publications; and these shall be special collections for the Bible Society.

Adjourned with prayer.

Joseph G. Symmes,
Mod. & Clerk.

Cranbury Apr. 22: 1894.

Session met on call of the Moderator at the close of Public Worship. Present, the Pastor and Seven Elders.

The foregoing actings of the Deacons was reported to the Session, and unanimously approved & endorsed.

Adjourned.

Joseph G. Symmes,
Mod. & Clerk.

May 6: 1894 Session Prayer Meeting.

Cranbury June 2: 1894.

Session met for Preparatory Service, opened with prayer. Present, the Pastor Rev. J. G. Symmes, together with Rev. Elders D. S. Perkins, J. R. Ferguson, W. H. & G. H. Stone, J. S. Struts, S. J. Keegan, W. S. Stebbins and A. J. Duncan. Absent Dr. H. C. Symmes & N. D. Stone.

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The following persons were admitted to both Sacraments on profession of their faith in Christ: George V. Nicoff, son of John W. Nicoff; Laura D. Nicoff, wife of the above; and Arthur C. Perkins, son of John C.

The following were admitted to the Lords Supper on a similar profession:

Kellie Day, daughter of Joseph D.; and Jennie R. Duncan, daughter of Geo. K.

Session took recess till tomorrow morning.

Sabbath Morning 9th o'clock

Session met, present as before.

Dotie D. Bradley, daughter of Roderick, was admitted to both Sacraments as above. The Pastor preached from Rom. 2: 7 and administered both Sacraments.

At the close of the service the Session was closed with prayer.

Joseph G. Symmes,
Mod. & Clerk.

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Sabbath Morning July 1st 1894
 Session met as usual at 7 1/2 o'clock
 Elders present.

S. J. Bergen - W^m H. Thomas - Geo. Thomas,
 W. J. Stultz - A. J. Duncan - Peter R. Bergen -
 and John H. Stultz.

Deacons present:

John M. Chamberlain and Alexander Stultz.

Peter R. Bergen was elected Moderator. Pro-tem.

Our beloved Pastor - Rev. Joseph B. Symmes D.D.

Died on Saturday night June 23rd about eleven o'clock.
 Sabbath morning June 24th Rev. Joseph B. Van Dyke D.D.
 took charge of the service. When the congregation
 came together at half past ten and saw
 the Church heavily draped in mourning there
 was deep sorrow and sadness.

W. J. Stultz and Peter R. Bergen were appointed a committee to supply the pulpit until further notice.

Meeting opened and closed with prayer.

Rev. W. B. Steen, of Ohio, preached.

Peter R. Bergen Moderator.

Sabbath Morning July 8th 1894

Rev. Joseph B. Curry of Huntsville Ohio.

Preached a very excellent sermon.

Session was called together immediately after service and unanimously agreed to ask Mr. Curry to preach the next Sabbath - July 15th.

Peter R. Bergen Moderator, &c.

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RESOLUTION
 WITH REFERENCE
 TO DEATH
 DR. SYMMES

Resolutions adopted in reference to the death of our beloved Pastor Rev. Joseph B. Symmes D.D. At a session we are meeting under a great sorrow. Our dear Pastor Rev. Joseph B. Symmes D.D. who for 37 years has been our Instructor, Guide and Friend, was called to his heavenly reward on June 24th 1894. We know our God ordered it, and we bow submissively to his righteous will. No words can express our sorrow and sense of loss, or our appreciation of him and his work.

Watchful of all the interests of this Church, his hand guided what his wisdom planned and his efforts sought for her good. In the pulpit, practical, earnest, instructive, spiritual - in our homes, wise, kind, helpful. In public affairs, interested, active, patriotic. In his family a pattern of devotion and tender care. As preacher, pastor, citizen, and friend beloved, trusted, followed. His manliness, his integrity, his friendliness, as well as his godliness - endeared him to all, and won for him an influence, seldom granted to anyone. To natural gifts of a high order, God added large measures of grace and thus fitted him for the place he filled, and the work he did, so well among us, all these years. We thank God for lending him to us so long, and for the assurance that now our loss will be his gain. We place on record this tribute to his memory, and amid our grief, desire in this way to honor

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him, both for what he was, and for what he did -

To his family who have been so closely identified with our Church and so valuable to it, we extend our sympathies, and pray that the "sufficient grace" promised by Christ Jesus may fully sustain and bless them.

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Crabtree Sabbath Morning July 15th 1894
Rev. J. O. Curry Preached an excellent sermon to a large congregation.

A notice was read from the Pulpit asking the Elders - Deacons & Trustees to meet in the Chapel on Monday night July 16th at 8 o'clock.

Monday night July 16th 1894
according to appointment officers met.
Present - Elders - W. H. Thomas - George Thomas
A. J. Duncan - John S. Stultz - W. S. Stultz -
and Peter R. Bergen - Absent - J. J. Bergen - Seth H. B.
Spencer, & William Duncan, also Demelt & Perrine
Deacons - John M. Chamberlain - Alexander S.
Stultz - R. J. Gulick - Henry P. Duncan -
Cornelius Hoagland - Garret S. Stultz - Joseph H.
Dey - and John B. Perrine.
Trustees - Allison Dey - George M. Duncan -
John A. Micoff - and Nelson J. Clayton.

on motion it was unanimously agreed to ask the Rev. Joseph O. Curry to become the Pastor of the First Church.

Elders - J. J. Bergen and Peter R. Bergen were appointed a Committee to go to Princeton and make inquiry of Prof. Henry Brown regarding the character & standing of Rev. J. O. Curry, because it was by his recommendation that Mr. Curry came to us to preach as a supply.

One motion it was unanimously agreed to recommend to the congregation to pay to our deceased Pastor's Widow, his salary to Oct 1st 1894.

on motion meeting adjourned - Peter R. Bergen
Moderator

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Cranbury, Tuesday July 17th 1894
 Elders S. P. Bergen and myself went to
 Princeton and saw Prof. Henry Green and
 He gave us a most excellent and satisfactory
 account of Rev. Mr. Curry,
 as soon as convenient we reported our
 interview with Prof. Green to the different
 members of Session, and all deemed it best
 Peter R. Bergen

Cranbury Sabbath July 22nd 1894
 Rev. J. H. Decker of Providence Rd. Preached.

Cranbury July 29th 1894.
 Rev. Ruby Wain of Kingston N.J. Preached

Cranbury, Sabbath Aug 5th 1894
 Session met in regular monthly meeting.
 Elders Present - A. J. Duncan - John S. Stultz -
 S. P. Bergen - W. S. Stultz - George Thomas -
 Doct. H. C. Szymmes - and Peter R. Bergen.
 Absent - Demek L. Brinn - W. H. Thomas -
 and William Duncan.

Peter R. Bergen was chosen Moderator Pro-tem.
 Deacons Present - John B. Perrine - Alexander
 S. Stultz - Henry P. Duncan - Cornelius Hoagland -
 R. J. Bullock - Joseph P. Day - and Garret S. Stultz.

The committee appointed to interview Prof. Green
 made their report, which was accepted, a letter
 from the Rev. Doctor Thompson of the Presbytery of
 Anderson, Ohio, of which Mr. Curry was a member.
 Henry

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was then read. Highly recommending him, and
 hoping we would not call him away from
 them, also a letter, from the P. M. of Hillsville,
 expressing deepest regrets at the possibility of
 losing Rev. Mr. Curry as a citizen.

Doct. H. C. Szymmes promptly moved that
 we have a notice read from the Pulpit at the
 present morning service calling a meeting
 of the congregation on Wednesday Aug. 14th at
 three o'clock, P. M. for the purpose of making
 call for a pastor. the motion was carried and
 a notice prepared by Doct. Szymmes, and read
 from the Pulpit.

It was also decided upon the recommendation
 of Rev. Doct. Dashiell, Synodical Missionary,
 for the Presbytery of Morristown, to ask Rev.
 B. S. Owen, D. D. of Jamesburg, N. D. to be the
 Moderator of our Session, and to preside at our
 congregational meeting.

Meeting opened and closed with Prayer
 Peter R. Bergen, Moderator Pro-tem
 a good sermon was preached by Rev. W. H. Vandover
 of Shatterson, N. J.

Sabbath morning Aug 12th 1894
 Rev. James W. Vandyske Preached.

Tuesday Aug 14th 1894. 3 o'clock P. M. congregation
 came together in church. Rev. B. S. Owen was Moderator.
 Doct. H. C. Szymmes was chosen clerk, after prayer by the
 Moderator, the congregation voted unanimously to call
 Rev. S. P. Curry to be their pastor, and to pay him a salary
 of twelve hundred dollars per year in two equal payments, \$600.00 per year.

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Cranbury Sabbath Aug 19th 1894
Rev. C. J. Garrison of Cranbury Preached.

Cranbury Sabbath Aug 26th 1894
Rev. A. C. Smith of York R. Preached

Sabbath Morning Sept. 2nd 1894

Session met in regular monthly meeting.
Elders present: W. J. Stulto - John F. Stulto -
J. J. Bergen - W. H. Thomas - George Thomas -
A. J. Duncan - Deak. H. C. Symmes and R. R. Bergen.
Deacons Present - John M. Chamberlain and A. S. Stulto.
Meeting opened with Prayer.

On motion it was unanimously agreed to
omit the evening service for the month
of September.

Deak. A. Pining and R. R. Bergen
were elected delegates to attend the meeting
of Presbytery at Keyport: Oct. 2nd
Rev. W. H. Vandoren of Spottwood Preached.

Sabbath morning Sept-9th 1894
Rev. Joseph S. Van Dyke^{2d} Preached

Sabbath morning Sept-16th 1894
Rev. Thomas D. Gae D.D. of Hightstown Preached

Sabbath Morning Sept-23rd 1894
Rev. George Swain D.D. of Allentown N.J. Preached

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Cranbury Sabbath Morning Sept 30th 1894

Session was called together after service
and preaching by Rev. Frank R. Symmes.
Elders present: W. H. Thomas - George Thomas -
A. J. Duncan - John F. Stulto - W. J. Stulto.
J. J. Bergen and R. R. Bergen.
R. R. Bergen was elected Moderator Boston.
Deak. H. C. Symmes was chosen clerk
A letter of dismission was granted to
Mrs. Emma Chamberlain Forman to the
Church at Bayone N.J.

Saturday P.M. Oct. 6 1894.

Session met for preparatory service.
Elders present: Deak. A. Pining -
J. J. Bergen - W. J. Stulto - W. H. Thomas -
George Thomas - A. J. Duncan - and R. R. Bergen.
Rev. Frank R. Symmes was chosen Moderator.
Rev. Joseph S. Curry, Pastor elect was also present.
W. J. Stulto was directed to furnish Mrs. Phoebe
Dey with a cord of wood - also two or three dollars
worth of groceries -

Session received on Examination Keyport R.
Sudder. Son of Howard C. Sudder Dey.

Preparatory service was held in the Church
and a sermon was preached by Rev. Frank R. Symmes.
At the meeting of session before the church service
Resolutions adopted by the Presbytery of Monmouth
at its meeting at Keyport - was read Oct. 2nd as
was for the death of our beloved Pastor Rev. Joseph
S. Symmes D.D. was read and ordered
recorded on the session Book.

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Action of the Presbytery of Monmouth
at its meeting in Presbyterian Church Newport.
October 29th 1874

A true extract from the minutes.

Whereas it hath pleased the great Head of the Church
to remove by death our honored and dearly
beloved Co-Pastor the Rev. Joseph S. Egmont D.D.
Therefore

Resolved I. That we gratefully acknowledge the
goodness of our God in permitting him to labor
so long, and with such marked acceptance
among the same people; in endowing him so
beautifully with those natural graces which
enabled him to acquire and retain the entire
confidence of his ministerial brethren, and gave
lustre and emphasis to acquired Christian
graces, recommending the Christian religion;
in crowning his life with such marked
success as an ecclesiastic, as a pastor, as an
advocate of moral reforms, as a friend,
husband and father; in continuing him down
to old age the happy recipient of the undiminished
esteem of the people whom he had loved and
served for full thirty seven years.

Resolved II. That while we deeply deplore
his sudden and unexpected departure, and
especially coming as it has, at a time when
ripened experience qualified him for services
which were needed, and would have been
warmly appreciated, we recognize the facts
that the very suddenness, such as he seemed
warmly to covet - lessened the possibilities of
suffering and afforded an easy passage for

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our brother, ^{honor} the outer to the inner court of the great
temple of our God.

Resolved III. That we hereby extend expressions
of our warmest sympathies to the bereaved Church,
which he served so faithfully, and which appreciated
his services so warmly, to his children who will
never know how much they owe to the loving
heart which has ceased to beat, and especially to
his deeply bereaved widow who can scarcely ever
hope to be able to gather up the broken threads
of a once exceedingly happy life, and weave
them into a garment of new joy, whom, as all
the bereaved, we lovingly commend to the tender
consolation of him whose gentle hand can alone
smooth the asperities of human life - whose gen-
tleness maketh us great.

Resolved IV. That the clerk of Presbytery be
directed to send a copy of this minute to the
Session of the First Church; also a copy to the
family, through the hand of the bereaved widow
affect

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Benjamin S. Everett
Stated Clerk

Demick to Rome was appointed a delegate to
attend meeting of Synod in Trenton. (2^d Church)
Oct 16th. A notice was ^{sent} read from the pulpit
(calling a congregational meeting on Tuesday
Oct 27th to see if the congregation were willing to sell
a part of the parsonage farm, by a vote of the con-
gregation the trustees were authorized to sell it.
N.B. The above notice was given from the pulpit, Oct 30th)

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Cranbury Sabbath Morning Oct. 7th 1894

Session met in regular meeting in Chapel.

Elders present - Dimech & Bonnie -

Mr H Thomas - A J Duncan - W J Stultz -

John S Stultz - George Thomas & J Bergen -

Doctrs H C Symmes - and Peter R Bergen.

Rev. Frank R Symmes, Moderator, was also present - a half hour was spent in devotional exercises, after which session adjourned to the Church.

An excellent sermon was preached by Rev. Joseph G. Curry, Pastor, Oct. from 1st Cor. 11:24. This is my body which is broken for you.

Rev. Frank R Symmes administered the Communion.

Session opened and closed with prayer.

These minutes of the meeting, in the interim, were read and approved at the meeting of Nov. 4th 1894. J. G. Curry

Cranbury, Nov. 4th 1894

The session convened in regular monthly meeting for prayer and conference and was commended with prayer by the Moderator, President Elders - Peter R Bergen, G. J. Stultz, Dr H C Symmes and Bro R Thomas - Deacons John M Chamberlain & Ruford J Gulick

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About half an hour was spent in prayer and praise, after which the minutes of the meetings held in the interim were read and approved. And the acting Moderator and Clerk, Elders Peter R Bergen, entrusted to transcribe the same to the session minute book.

Session ordered bill of Peter R Bergen for keeping supplies paid.

Also that Mr George Phares be compensated for his services as janitor during the absence of Mr Davis, the sexton.

Took recess until after the regular money services -

Saved Day -

Moderator having called the attention of session to Resolution 8 in the report of the Synod's Com. on Young Peoples Societies -

requesting the appointment of one member of session as Correspondent for young Peoples work with Presbyterian & Episcopal Committee; it was decided to call a meeting for the 14th of the month. That and other matters needing attention the meeting to be held at Mr R J Bergen.

Adjourned - closed with prayer by Elders P. Bergen

J. G. Curry, Mod. Clerk

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Cranbury Nov. 14th 1894

Pursuant to adjournment session met at the home of Elder S. J. Bergen and was constituted with prayer by the moderator.

Present Elders - D. G. Perrine, John J. Stultz, Peter R. Bergen & J. Bergen, W. J. Stultz, Dr. H. C. Symmes and J. R. Thomas

Dr. H. C. Symmes was elected Correspondent for money (copies) work as per suggestions of Synod's Permanent Committee on Young People Societies in their annual report.

After some discussion it was thought best to abandon the Regalor scheme for afternoon services in the surrounding neighborhood as the conditions under which it was adopted, more than forty years ago, were largely changed. It was determined to leave the matter of additional services in the pastor's power to arrange, as occasion might demand.

A committee was appointed to assist the pastor in revising and transcribing the roll of Communicants. Comprising

D. G. Perrine, Peter R. Bergen and W. J. Stultz.
 Also by certificate Mrs. Alice Cummings Gurry
 Also relieved by certificate

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from the United Presbyterian Church of Hightstown.
 Adjourned - closed with prayer by W. J. Stultz

J. R. Thomas, Mod. & Clerk

Cranbury, Dec. 5th 1894.

On request of P. R. Bergen and W. J. Stultz the moderator convened session - Present Elders P. R. Bergen, W. J. Stultz and Dr. H. C. Symmes. After session was constituted with prayer by the Moderator, W. J. Stultz made a statement concerning the needy condition of Mrs. Ann Eliza Everingham, Dr. Symmes, her physician also made a statement to the effect that she was in a dying condition & needed immediate help. It was agreed to sustain the trustees to give her \$5.00 and to look further to her needs.

Received by certificate, Mrs. Howard Bergant, wife of the above
 Adjourned. Closed with prayer by Dr. H. C. Symmes.
 J. R. Thomas, Mod. & Clerk

Cranbury Dec. 18th 1894

Session met at the Parsonage on call of the moderator and was by him opened with prayer.
 Present Elders D. G. Perrine, P. R. Bergen

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John J. Stultz, W. J. Stultz, Dr. H. C. Symmes
and J. R. Thomas Deacons Henry
Duncan R. J. Dulick and John B. Perkins
The minutes of the previous
meeting - viz. Nov 4th Nov. 14th Dec 5th
were read and approved.
The action of the Moderator in
issuing certificates to Mr & Mrs George
Davison, Mr & Mrs Luther Gooves
and Rufus Perrine was approved.
Mrs Catherine L. Wycoff and her
son John Van Buren Wycoff and
William Hamilton Howell were
received on profession of their faith.
Mrs Wycoff & her son to be baptized
which was arranged for both
public reception on next Sabbath Dec. 23rd
The session ordered the moderator
and clerk to draw the following
orders on the Treasurer
One in favor of Miss Harriet B Cole for
ton of coal and \$5.00
One in favor of the Walker sisters for \$10.00
One in favor of Miss Hattie Stultz for
\$10.00 this last to be drawn by her
J. R. Brown presented by him a person
session further instructed the
Treasurer to grant Mrs Hannah Day
\$1.00 per month, beginning from the
last payment and to continue monthly
payments of that amount until further in-
structed.
Adjourned closed with prayer by Dr. H. C. Symmes
J. C. Curry Moderator

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Cranbury Jan. 6th 1895

Session met at the Chapel on call
of the Moderator, and was by him
opened with prayer. Present, Elders
D. G. Perrine, P. R. Bergen, W. J. Stultz & R.
Thomas - Minutes of the last meeting
read & approved.

Orlando Nelson appeared, and
upon promises made was re-
stored to the privileges of the
Church from which he had been
set aside.

The following persons were received
on examination & profession of their
faith, Harry C. Stultz, Clifford D.
Stultz and Charles L. Stultz.
Adjourned closed with prayer by W. J. Stultz.

J. C. Curry, Moderator

Cranbury Jan. 12th 1895

Session met in the Church on the
call of the Moderator - immediately
after the afternoon services in the
week of prayer - and was by him opened
with prayer. Present, D. G. Perrine, P. R.
Bergen, W. J. Stultz, J. G. Stultz &
W. J. Stultz and J. R. Thomas.

The action of the pastor in con-
tinuing the meetings was approved.
Willie Conover Dalmar appeared.

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And on report of Examination made by the pastor, was received upon profession of her faith.

Adjourned - closed with prayer by J. J. Stultz
J. E. Curry mod & clera

Cranbury Feb. 1st 1895

At an informal meeting it was decided to postpone our Feb. Com. one month or until Feb. 2nd 1895.

J. E. Curry mod.

Cranbury N. J. Feb 2nd 1895

Session met at the Chapel on call of the Moderator and was by him constituted with prayer.

Present Elders - D. G. P. Brown, W. H. Thomas, A. J. Duncan, J. J. Stultz, P. R. Bergen, S. J. Bergen, W. J. Stultz & H. C. Lyburne & J. R. Thomas.

The records of the meetings of Jan. 6th & 12th were read & approved and the action of the adjourned meeting affirmed. The following persons were received by Certificate William Lyndal Hoar

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Sarah Elizabeth Grove and William Lyndal Hoar Jr. from South Neck Pr. Ch. and Mrs. Margaret Parr from Jamesburgh, Pr. Ch.

Received on Prof. of faith & c.

Clifford Gibson Brown	Charles Andrew Damm
John Hauschel	Mathew Alexander Rur
Charles C. Bergen	Harvey W. Coff
Ida May W. Coff	Gertie M. W. Coff
Ada R. R. R.	Anna May Felt
Lizzie Mourstead	Wm. H. Haverock
James Edwin Blakley	Charles Edward Davis
Henry Jamieson	- Those who had not received the ordinance of baptism were instructed to appear for it on Sabbath Mch. 3d

Adjourned closed with prayer by W. H. Thomas

J. E. Curry mod & clera

Cranbury Feb 16th 1895

Session met at the call of the Moderator and was by him opened with prayer. Present Elders - A. J. Duncan, J. J. Stultz, P. R. Bergen, S. J. Bergen, W. J. Stultz & J. R. Thomas. Some time was spent in the study of God's word and a praise service after which the session proceeded to examine the candidates who presented themselves for admission. The examination of the following persons proved satis-

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factory they were admitted into the full communion of the church. Those not having been baptized were told to appear for the same on Sat. Mch. 3^d.

On Examination of Professors

Julia Etha Baker May Rice
 Sarah Jane Davis Abner Capoll Bolt
 Sarah C. Dunton Nellie Stephenson
 Blanch May Ervine Eliza D. Ervine
 Albert Clark Jones Alexander Cairns
 Calvin Holmes Pitty Peter Henry Dunton
 David Peter Jernette Rozemillean Lucas
 Charles Henry Jones (Colo.) Spencer Whittell Corrine
 Louise Babb

The moderator reported giving a certificate to Mrs. Cornelia Lunsby Andrews which action was approved.

Mr. Archie Rice, was named by the session as a suitable person to see the young men, not holding sittings in the Ch. to solicit from them some aid in support of the ordinances.

Adjourned closed with prayer by A. J. Duncum

J. G. Stultz mod. v. ch.

Cranbury Feb 23^d 1895

Session met in the Chapel on the call of the moderator and was by him constituted with prayer
 Present Elders. D. G. Perrine, W. H. Duncum

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J. G. Stultz, P. R. Boyer A. J. Duncum W. H. Duncum and J. H. Duncum

The minutes of the preceding meeting sup. viz. Feb 2^d & 16th were read & approved. Elder Boyer reported that he had seen Mr. Archie Rice and that he had agreed to canvass among the young men - without sittings for aid in support of the ordinances. Mrs. Dove Clark Perrine was received, one certificate from the Episcopal Church Jersey City. It was agreed to accede to request of W. H. D. to invite their speaker to speak in the church at the time of the regular society services. The following persons were received, on examination of profession of faith.

James Day Curbely William Henry Samuels
 Russell Pitty John Gordon Pitty
 William Bate Raymond Dean Whitton
 John Weyer Dawson George M. Nixon (Colo.)
 Mrs. Hattie N. Rice (Colo.)

Adjourned closed with prayer by J. G. Stultz

J. G. Stultz mod. v. ch.

Cranbury, Moh. 24th 1895

^{in chapel}
 Session met at the call of the moderator and was by him constituted with prayer.
 Present Elders. John G. Stultz, D. G. Perrine
 A. J. Duncum P. R. Boyer W. H. Duncum

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The minutes of Dec. 23^d were approved
The session proceeded to examine
those who had presented them-
selves for membership.
The examination proving satisfactory,
the following persons were received
on examination & profession of the faith.

Elyza Appleby. Elva May Chamberlain.
Mrs Grace Amalucens. William Polty Jr.
Abigail Louise Hoffmann. Frederick Parr Schaub.
Martha Stultz. Nellie Clark Voorhees
Anna Rebecca Voorhees. Juiah William Wilson. (Colo.)
Mrs Cornelia Phares (Colo.) Samuel Henry Hardwell "

After some time spent in conference
upon the spiritual questionnaire the session
proceeded to act upon the following
certificates. One from the Highstown
Baptist Church - Certifying to Christian
character of Mrs Mary Emma Gibson she
was received upon the certificate.

One that had been given Mrs Matilda
Appleby by the former Moderator, the late
Dr. Symmes - It had not been read
and as her name had been crossed
from the roll, & the certificate had not
been issued quite a year it was decided
to receive her, it being known to
members of session, why the certificate
had not been read.

One regular in every way from the
Detroit West Cong. Certifying Mrs Ellen Hill Jones.
She was received.

Adjourned prayer by D. G. Pomeroy. Henry J. ...

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Crumbury, N. J. Feb 3^d 1895.

Session met in the Chapel on call of
the moderator & was by hymn constituted with
prayer Present Elders W. H. Roseman, P. R.
Boyer John G. Stultz M. L. Stultz, D. G. Pomeroy
& J. G. Pomeroy & J. G. Stultz were examined to as-
surge the bottles & elements.
The minutes of the previous meeting were
read & approved.

The session proceeded to examine
Mr Willie Cramer Applegate and
Mr Lewis Gore Appleby both had pre-
sented themselves for membership.

The examination proving satisfactory
they were admitted to full communion.
The session also received upon cer-
tificates. Mrs Lodie Roseman, from the
Highstown Baptist Ch. and Mrs
Anna E. Long (Colo.) from the
M. E. Ch. Crumbury. Took a recess
to meet after the sacrament of the Lord's
Supper had been observed.

Same day in ch. The session came together
after the services.

Seventy eight adults received ordination / baptism
Sixty two received on profession of their faith
Fifteen received upon certificates
Making seventy six accessions.
The Lord hath done great things for us
whereof we are glad.
Adjourned prayer P. R. Boyer. Henry J. ...

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Cranbury Feb. 11th 1895

Session met on the parsonage on call of the moderator and being constituted the following items of business were attended to. Voted to purchase one half doz. A. J. Deane's books for Chris. Inspected Mr. R. R. Bergen to handle the purchase & secured money from Treasurers - also allowed bill for printing presented by the pastor.

Present Elders P. R. Bergen, A. J. Deane and J. R. Thomas.

Adjourned with prayer. J. R. Thomas

J. R. Thomas, Mod. & Sec.

Cranbury April 7th

Session met in the Chapel on the call of the moderator and was by him constituted with prayer. Present Elders - A. J. Deane and P. R. Bergen & J. R. Thomas. Session proceeded at once to examination of Mr. Charles Stuart Hoxby, who had presented himself for membership. Upon proving satisfactory he was admitted to full fellowship & communion of the Church. Took a recess - to meet at the home

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constituted by prayer
P. R.

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of Elder A. J. Deane Monday Evening Apr 8th 1895Cranbury Apr 8th 1895

Pursuant to agreement the session met at the home of Elder S. J. Bergen. Present Elders A. J. Deane, Peter R. Bergen, S. J. Bergen and W. J. Stultz.

A general review of the year's work showed that God's blessing has attended the Cong. in its various departments of work.

Attention was given to the roll of communicants and benevolent contributions during the year just past.

The minutes of meetings held Nov. 2^d, 11th & April 7th were approved. And the record of this present meeting read & adopted - Whereupon the session adjourned - with the feeling that God hath blessed us beyond our desires.

Prayer by Mod. J. R. Thomas Mod. & Sec.

For Minutes see next page

Peter R. Bergen was appointed Mod. & Sec.

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Report to Presbytery Apr 9th 1875.

Members as per last report	391
Deceased	9
Dismissed	7
Retired list	1 28
Received on Ex-profession	365
" " Certificate	69
Restored	14
Present Membership	<u>452</u>

Home Missions	168.69
Foreign Missions	150.69
Education	33.00
Publishing	16.37
Church Erection	30.16
Ministerial Relief	38.15
Preachers	33.00
Synodical Hall	53.54
General Assembly	46.87
Congregational	2258.04
Miscellaneous	100.00

Thus far examined and approved in regular session of
Presbytery at Cranbury Apr. 9, 1875.

A. H. Cooper Mod

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Cranbury N. J. May 1st 1875

Session met, at the Chapel on
call of the moderator and was
by him constituted with prayer.
Present the moderator and
Elders: D. D. Perrine, W. H. Pouncey,
A. J. Duncan, P. R. Bergen, J. Stultz
and W. J. Stultz.

The moderator reported
that he had given certificates of
dismissal to Mrs. J. Stultz
Mrs & Miss Anna S. Campbell, Mrs
Anna G. Davison, Mrs & Miss Jane
Groundy - His action was ap-
proved.

The session then proceeded
to the examination of Mr Walter
Andrew Loydville, who had
performed himself for membership
dup. The examination proving
satisfactory, he was admitted
to full membership -

After the usual arrangements
for observing the Lord's Supper had been
the session took a recess until
Sabbath morning -

Sabbath morning June 1st
All the members being present
session spent half hour in devo-
tional exercises - After which
voted twenty (20) dollars out

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of the "poor fund" to the Presbyterian Hospital of Phil: in recognition of the services rendered Mrs. Catharine Reed.

Services gathered in front of the pulpit after the sacrament of the Lord's Supper had been so served - and as no further business presented itself adjourned closed with prayer by John J. Hulls.

Read & Approved - July 30th

J. B. Brown
W. L. Clark

Granbury July 30th 1885

Pursuant to Call of the Moderator the Officers assembled in the Chapel and the service was concluded with prayer by the Moderator

Present: Elders

D. G. Perrine
J. J. Hulls
J. J. Boyer
A. J. Duncan
J. J. Hulls
J. R. Thomas
P. R. Boyer

Deacons:

R. J. Grubb
M. Thompson
Connelly
J. P. Duncan
J. R. Perrine
Alex. Hall

Trustees

J. J. Brown
J. B. Brown
D. J. Hulls
J. J. Hulls

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The Call having been issued to all the officers of the Church to act upon matters of special interest to the Church - all responded promptly and went into a joint session. The subject of the employment of a chorist and organist was introduced and after general discussion it was agreed to pay the organist Miss Florence Boyer One Hundred (100) dollars per annum. The year to begin October 1st 1885.

It was further resolved to set aside a day - the second Sabbath of May on which the people should be given an opportunity to make a free contribution to our chorist. Mr. Peter R. Boyer for his services in their behalf. It is further resolved that this resolution should be construed to supersede and set aside the existing contract by the terms of which the Church is paid one hundred dollars, out of which he compensates the organist. The discussion elicited much praise - both of our chorist and organist - no. The discharges of their duties in service of the congregation. It was further agreed to pay the organist

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after the sum of twelve dollars
per annum. Year to begin
July 1st 1845.

Adjourned closed
with prayer by deacon
J. P. Day

Read and approved Sept 24

J. C. Curry Moderator

Cranbury Station Aug. 23^d 1895

Session met in response
to a call of the Moderator
at the house of Mr Thomas Collins.
Present the Moderator and Elders
D. G. Brown, A. J. Duncan, S. J. Bergen
and J. M. D. Smith.

The call for a meeting had been
issued in response to a request
of Mrs Annie Dickler Collins who
is lying very low with Consumption,
to be received into the Malvern
Chap of the Church.

After consulting the session
with prayer the Moderator re-
ported that he had ascertained
that she had received the
ordnance of baptism and
that he had issued the call
on the evidence of her con-

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version after which the creden-
tials were formally examined.
The examination proving satis-
factory she was admitted to the
full communion & fellow-
ship of the church.

The Lord's supper was then
celebrated - there being present
to partake of the supper in addi-
tion to the deacon & candidate
Mrs John Gibson, Mrs Dickler (mother
of Mrs Collins) Josephine Day & Mrs Mary
Anna Gibson - took a recess
until the 10th following -

Aug. 25th The moderator called the
session together - and reported to
the full session the above meeting
which was heartily endorsed.
Adjourned closed with prayer
by John G. Smith

Read & approved Sept 24th 1895

J. C. Curry Moderator

Cranbury N. J. Sept 24th 1895

Session met in the pastor's
study on call of the moderator and
led by him. Concluded with prayer.
Present the Moderator and Elders
A. J. Duncan, P. R. Bergen John G. Smith

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Mr. J. Stultz and G. R. Thomas
The minutes of previous meetings
viz July 30th & Aug. 23 & 25th were
read and adopted.

The following resolution was adopted.
Resolved that we spread upon
our minutes the full which has
long been operative in relation to
Representation of Elders, at called
meetings of presbytery.

That an elder elected
to represent the congregation
at any called meeting of presby-
tery shall unless specifi-
cally muddled, or released by
session represent the Congrega-
tion at all called meetings
of presbytery between his elec-
tion and the next regular
meeting - or until his successor
is regularly elected.

G. J. Stultz was appointed to at-
tend the October meeting of
Presbytery at Englishtown with
A. J. Duncan, alternate.
Mr. P. R. Bergen was elected to
represent the Cong. at Synod
with G. R. Thomas, alternate.

Session instructed the Mod-
to pay for quarterly topic cards
out of the Friday night collection.

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The clerk was instructed to draw
an order on the Treasurer for the
price of two tons of Coal, for Miss
Harriet Cole.

Adjourned, closed with
prayer of G. R. Thomas
Approved J. C. Cherry Mod. Clerk

Oct 5th
Session met before commencing
for prayer - Appointed Porter of Paper to each upon
also Locom. and Hygiene at Englishtown on Dec 17th 1895
Crawbury N. H. Dec. 17th 1895
Approved

Session met at the
Porton Study on the call of the
Moderator and was by him con-
cluded with prayer.
Present the Moderator and Elders
P. R. Bergen, G. J. Stultz, D. H. Spence
and G. R. Thomas.

The pastor was appointed
a committee to wait upon Mr.
Dorsey Dey & wife in reference to
their secedent church of the 1st Con-
mandment -

Adjourned, closed
with prayer by G. J. Stultz
Approved J. C. Cherry Mod. Clerk

Crawbury N. H. Oct. 5th 1895

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Amherst, Jan 24th 1896

Session met in the
pastor's study at Coll. of the
Methodist Church by their Constitu-
tuted with prayer -
Present The Moderator and
Deacons P. R. Benson A. P. Deacon
W. J. Kulla J. G. Stultz J. R. Brown
Drocon J. M. Chamberlain C. B.
Spaulding Jos. P. Day A. S. Kulla
H. P. Darned J. B. Perrine and
R. J. Julick.

The pastor was requested to
prepare a statement, and at
an opportune time read it before
the congregation to the effect
that it was the policy of
the session to deal gently and
kindly with all who came
before it for discipline and when
there was confession and satis-
factory evidence of sincere repen-
tance and reformation not
to withhold the privileges of the
church.

Com. on Abuse of Comm. Com.
reported that he possessed a
desire to come before the session.
The clerk was requested to
draw an order on the treasurer
for \$10⁰⁰ in favor of the Walker Dist.

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Mrs. Aurelia McMullen was received
as a communicant from the Presby-
terian Church of North Cross Hill
N. J. Moderator reported having
given a certificate of dis-
mission to Mrs. Ralph and Cook
and Armura Petty, which ac-
tion was approved.

Harvey Day appeared both on
behalf of himself & his wife - and
for both plead guilty to White Slipped
Fornication. He expressed deep
shame & sorrow for the same
and on behalf of both promised
faithfully to live above reproach
in the future - The session was
satisfied with the frank manly con-
fession and as to the genuineness
of their repentance. Session decided
inasmuch as they gave satisfactory
evidence of repentance - not to withhold
the privileges of the church from them.
Adjoined to love with prayer

Approved.

By Jos. P. Day

J. Cherry Moderator

Mrs. Mc
Millen

Mrs. Ralph
and
Cook
Armura Petty

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Cranbury N.J. Feb. 1st 1896

Session met on call of the moderator and was by him opened with prayer.

Present the Moderators and Elders
DePerrine, J. Stultz, A. J. Duncan,
P. R. Bergen, W. J. Stultz, D. C. Ogden
and George P. Thomas.

There appeared before the session for admission into the church on profession of faith & baptism, Mrs. Daniel Reed on profession of faith Anna C. Wolf, Ethel Thomas and Mabel Edwards.

There answered questions factually the questions put to them & were received into the fellowship of the church. Received one Certificate from the Presbyterian Church of Mansfield Man. Aaron Edwards.

It was agreed to allow Mrs. Aaron J. (S) dollars as a compensation for extra services during special meetings.

Took recess -

Same Day - Session was called together after services - to consider Alan Dennis case: He had been

Samuel
Reed

Anna C.
Wolf

Ethel Thomas

Mabel Ed.
Edwards

Aaron
Edwards

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delayed. After Alan had made his statement - the session was not satisfied with it and his case was continued.

Took a recess
Took the morning Feb. 2nd

Session
Come together to spend half an hour on prayer & praise - and to make final arrangements for administering the Lord's supper - Took a recess

Same Day - After services session convened - and all expressed their gratitude to God for the beautiful Communion which he had given us.

Adjourned - Closed with prayer by W. J. Stultz

Approved -

J. Cherry Moderator

Cranbury N.J. Mch. 9th 1896

The Session met at the call of the moderator at the house of Mrs. C. Applegate for the purpose of receiving Mrs. Beal & her daughter into the Church, she being too infirm to come to the public service. Present Moderators and Elders P. R. Bergen A. J. Duncan & J. Stultz.

Anna
C. Wolf

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The moderator constituted the meeting with prayer - and proceeded to Examine Mr Dy as to his faith, hope, & beliefs. The Examination was quite satisfactory. Mr Dy expressed a belief that a Change of heart had come about two years previously.

He was admitted and the sacrament administered to him & the members of the family present.

Adjourned to the Postors Study.

Same Day. In addition to the elders above mentioned John & Stella, D.R. Symmes and G. Richardson and Geo. R. Symmes was elected a delegate to the Spring meeting of Pres. to meet in Allentown Apr 14th 1896.

The following persons were received in profession of faith.

Mr & M^{rs} H. Muller, John King, McMillen, Minnie Stultz, Grope Everingham, Emily Longstreet.

Miss Stultz, Mrs Longstreet and Mr Everingham & his wife.

Mod & D. Symmes appointed com. on Ch. Manual adjourned closed with prayer.

Mrs Estella Stultz
Mrs Emily Longstreet
& et al

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by Mr & J. Duncan

Approved -

J. C. Curry Moderator
Report to Presbytery Apr 14th 1896

Members as per last report. 452

Deceased	6	
Dismissed by cong.	9	
Retired list	2	17
Reinstated in Examination		435
" by Certificate		13
Present Membership		450

Benevolences		
Home Missions		185.00
Foreign		292.95
Education		27.60
S.S. Work		14.75
Church Extension		27.60
Ministerial Relief		59.99
Brotherman		546.88
Synodical Aid (Part of)		98.98
Aid for College		100.00
General Assembly		77.00
Congregational	22	76.00
Miscellaneous	1	52.00

J. C. Curry Moderator and clerk

A Collection to the Million Dollar fund amounting to \$12.92 - 63¢ disbursed as follows: 50 to Home 50 to Foreign and 42.7 to Freedmen - and have appear to their Church

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Thus far examined and approved in regular session of
Presbytery at Allentown, April 15, 1896.

O. Herr, Moderator.

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Cranbury N. J. June 6th 1896

The session met in the Chapel on Call
of the moderator, and was by him opened
with prayer. Present Elders - A. J. Duncan, J. P.
Stultz, S. J. Bergen, P. R. Bergen, W. J. Stultz, and
G. R. Thomas.

Certified
Hannah Clayton
Conn.

H. Angier
Geo. Ger
Elyse "

Received
Certificates
Mrs. Eliza M.
Stilwell

Received
on Examin-
ations
& prof-

The moderator reported having
certificates to the following persons,
Mrs. Hannah Clayton - to Keyport M. E. Church
Nov. 31st Mr. Haney Angier to Col. One Ch
New York May 15th and to Mr. George
Jes and his wife Eliza - to the
One Ch. Lapewood N. J. May 20th

The action of the Moderator in
each case was followed.

Mrs. Eliza M. Stilwell was received
on certificates from the First Presbyter-
ian Church of Princeton N. J.

The following persons were re-
ceived on profession of their faith
Frank Lewis Day, Samuel Vanhook, Davison
Ida M. Ues, Mary Ellen Van Hart
Lydia Emily Fisher - and on pro-
fession of faith & baptism -

Rolland Newry, G. W. G. Farnie,
Gymnde Appleby, William Dayton
Wilson, Caryl Wilson and
Mr. Richard Broynard
Adjourned until June 1st at 4:30 - closed
with prayer - J. C. Curry Mod & Sec

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Cranbury N.J. Sabbath Morning June 7th '96

The session met pursuant to adjournment in the Chapel at 9:30 - members present same as in previous day with the addition of W. H. Thomson

The session spent half an hour in prayer & singing -

Received in epistle from the Rev. Bro. Ch. Cranbury - Mr Abram Edsall, Mrs Charlotte Edsall his wife and their son Ebenezer Edsall and daughter Mary Edsall

In making the arrangements for service the latter it was agreed to ask Mr Garrett Stultz a deacon to assist - Took a recess until after service -

Same day - session met after the sacrament of the Lord's Supper had been observed - and agreed to give Rev W. S. Bangsman the morning collection as an acknowledgment & appreciation of his services. Also surmised cloud with prayer by W. H. Thomson

J. E. Curry Mod. & Clk.

Recd by
Lvt.
Abram Edsall
Charlotte "
Ebenezer "
Mary "

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Cranbury N.J. Aug. 4th 1896

The session met on the call of the Moderator in the parson's study - and was opened with prayer by the moderator.

Elders present - D. J. Perrine S. J. Bergen A. J. Dineen P. R. Bergen J. F. Stultz W. S. Bangs and Geo. R. Thomson

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and adopted.

The moderator reported having given a certificate to Mary Day Applegate wife of Jedway Applegate to consort with the Pres Church of Englishtown N.J. His action was approved.

It was agreed to raise the amt paid for our organ blowe to 16.00 per annum Mr Peter R. Bergen was appointed to communicate this to the blowe - Mr John Fishick

A bill of 147 for rostr music was presented by Mr P. R. Bergen and allowed by session

A committee consisting of Mr S. J. Bergen & Mr G. R. Thomson was appointed to wait upon my dear applegate - a member, who has recently gone into his grand old hotel as barkeeper. to rebury with him & if possible induce him to give up such occupation

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The deacons were appointed to arrange for and superintend a conv. picnic to be held on the possession lawn - adjourned closed with prayer by Elder J. J. Beyer
 J. C. Curry Mod. & clk.

Cranbury N. J. Oct. 31 1846

The session met on Coll of Moderator - in regular full meeting preceeding the October meeting of presbytery, and was concluded with prayer by the moderator.

Insent Elders - D. G. Perrine, J. J. Beyer, W. J. Thomas, J. D. Stultz, W. D. Stultz, & G. P. Thomas.

The Moderator reported having given a certificate to Mrs. Carrie V. Marshon to unite with the Pres. Ch. of Dayton N. J. Sept 29th 1846. His action was approved.

Elder W. D. Stultz reported that Mr. Chas. Long - a colored member was in a somewhat destitute condition through sickness. Stultz was appointed a com. with power to use his own

Certificate
 to
 Mrs. C. V. Marshon

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judgement on the demands of the Com & draw on the members our needed supplies.
 Minutes of previous meeting read and adopted - adjourned until Sabbath morning Oct 4th 1846 - at 9³⁰ A. M. closed with prayer.

Sabbath morning Oct 4th 1846

Session met pursuant to adjournment. In addition to Elders present on Oct. 3rd was Mr. P. R. Beyer. Minutes of previous meeting read & adopted.

Mr. W. J. Thomas was appointed a delegate to presbytery with Mr. J. R. Altman. Mr. J. D. Stultz was appointed a delegate to Synod - meeting at Allamuchy with P. R. Beyer alternate.

The committee appointed to confer with Louis Appleton - see minutes Aug 24 reported that they had conferred with him but were not satisfied that there was ground to hope for amendment.

Look a recess until after services same day - Session met after the sacrament had been observed and adjourned & closed with prayer by - J. P. R. Thomas

J. C. Curry Mod. & clk.

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Cranbury, Nov. 9th 1896

Session met on the call of the moderator - in the morning study & was concluded with prayer by the moderator.

Present: Elders D. P. Perrine A. J. Durcan J. G. Stultz G. D. Stultz and J. P. Thomas. Minutes of the previous meetings read & adopted.

It was agreed to meet on the 17th inst. to take leave of an applicant to meet with the Session on that date and to give reason why he should not be suspended from the privileges of the Church.

The moderator was appointed to serve the citation.

W. D. Stultz reported that he had allowed to contribute \$10.40 of aid to the amount of \$10.40 of

It was thought best owing to the case, its peculiarities & Mr Stultz' experience, with it to leave it in his hands with power to meet ourselves.

Adjourned - closed with prayer by W. D. Stultz.

J. C. Curry Mod & Clk.

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Cranbury N. J. Nov. 17th 1896.

The session met, pursuant to adjournment on the call of the Moderator, ^{included} and was by the Mod. concluded with prayer. Present: Elders D. P. Perrine P. C. Bergen G. D. Stultz W. D. Stultz and S. H. C. Gummer.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read & adopted.

The moderator reported having served the citation upon Mrs. Davis applicant on her notice - carefully specifying time & place of meeting.

He did not appear and the Session expounded every known measure to reclaim him - it was agreed to suspend him indefinitely - both for conduct unbecoming a professing Christian and contumacious.

By arrangement of the Pastor Mrs. Mar Jane Post appeared before the session and confessed her self to have been guilty of the sin of Anti-Nuptial Publication and expressed her deep sense of guilt and shame & the Session very well satisfied with her repentance & her absolute renunciation of her ill membership. On the suggestion of our

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Resolved Mr. Symmes & P. Brown
a committee was appointed
to perfect all arrangements
by which the now held
by members of the Cong. be
given an opportunity to
conclude & refer to the
support of the Church.

The committee appointed
consisted of the pastor and
Elders - P. R. Boyer H. C. Symmes
& the Treasurer Symmes & Brown.

At this point the deacons &
vesters came in and some
matters relative to the policy
of the Church in relation
to things were discussed.

The deacons requested
the vesters not to permit
the school building - located
on the ground of the Ch. sold
for less than \$125 - & if a
school will for less - to purchase
it for use of Ch.

A signed Card with prog
by Dr. H. C. Symmes -

J. C. Curry Mod. 1886

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Cranbury N. J. Dec. 8th 1886

The session met at the
parsonage on the call of the Mod.
erator and was by him constituted
with prayer - Present Elders A. J. Deacon
P. R. Boyer J. G. Mills W. L. Mills Dr. H. C.
Symmes & Gen. R. Thomas. The
minutes of the previous meeting
were read and adopted.

At a previous meeting
the subject of Responsive Readings
for the morning service was
thoroughly discussed - and the
advisability of introducing them
into action was deferred to
before the meeting of the session
and further because some
members were unavoidably ab-
sent. This subject was taken
up and it was resolved to

introduce Van Dyke's Respon-
sive Readings into the Morning
service - The bal. of the Congrega-
tional Library fund in the hands
of the Treasurer was voted to the pur-
chase of these books. The copies of the
required to be made up by individ-
ual subscription - for books.

Resolved further resolved to
grant the women permission
to make such alterations in the
luncheon for the sacramental

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table, as they deemed advisable.
The pastor made a request for a two weeks leave of absence that he might assist his brother in the dedication of a new house of worship at Jewell, Ia. and in evangelistic services connected therewith.

On motion their request was referred to a meeting of all the officers of the church, to be called together from the pulpit at the close of the morning services.

Adjourned - closed with prayer by Dr H C Gynnes

J. E. Berry Mod. etc

Cranbury N. H. Dec. 7th 1896

At a call from the pulpit the Elders, deacons, & trustees assembled - after the morning service - there were present

Elders	} D. J. Perrine A. J. Duncanson P. R. Berger S. J. Berger W. J. Dobbins Dr H C Gynnes Geo R Thomas	} Doctrines	} H. Duncanson C. M. Gynnes D. J. Perrine Alex. Smith Geo. P. Day	} David Smith Mrs Berger Helene Clayton				
					} Trustees			
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Informal Meeting

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Dr H. C. Gynnes was elected temporary Chairman - On Motion it was Resolved, that we grant our pastor Rev. J. E. Berry two weeks vacation in order that he may assist his brother in the dedication of his Church and in evangelistic services connected therewith. Such vacation to be an additional vacation to the regular four weeks vacation for the year 1897.

Informal Meeting

After the passage of this resolution the moderator took the chair and on the recommendation the session & deacons - two boxes of coal were voted to Mrs Harnett B Cole and one to Mrs Phoebe Day - A. J. Duncanson and O. J. Berger were appointed a committee to look after the needs of Miss Cole.

Five dollars were voted to the winter astew -

Dr H C Gynnes - Chairman

J. E. Berry Mod.

Cranbury N. H. Jan 12th 1897

Session of Elders - Trustees Deacons met on call of the moderator in the Chapel and was conducted with prayer by the moderator. Present Elders - A. J. Duncanson, P. R. Berger, Alex. Smith, Dr H C Gynnes, Doctrines - H. Duncanson, C. M. Gynnes, D. J. Perrine, Alex. Smith, Geo. P. Day, Trustees - David Smith, Mrs Berger, Helene Clayton, Deacons - Geo R Thomas, W. J. Dobbins, S. J. Berger, A. J. Duncanson, P. R. Berger, and John B. Perrine. Minutes - D. J. Perrine, H. Duncanson

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Informal
Meeting
approved
Minutes
adopted

The Minutes of the last regular meeting were read and adopted. Also the Minutes of the informal meeting held Dec. 12 were read, approved & adopted.

The Moderator reported having given a certificate to the Princeton Day to unite with the Pr. Ch. M. of which Dr. White is pastor. This action was approved.

The Com. appointed to devise & complete a plan by which all non paid holding members might have an opportunity to contribute regular to the support of the Church reported that in their judgment the envelope system was the one best suited to meet the requirements of the case.

This report was accepted and the Committee conferred with instructions to complete the plan in detail.

On motion it was agreed to purchase 200 copies of Dr. Henry Van Dyke's "The Progressive Readings" out of the Treasury employing the sale of Civil War funds - from set aside for the purpose Dec. 11th - the deal required to purchase the 200 copies

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to be advanced by Treasury of Ch. to which reimbursement was to be made by sale of copies to individuals. All agreed closed with prayer by Elson for P. Day.

J. C. Curry Mod. & cl.
Sabbath School Officers Elected for 1897

Supt. P. R. Berger
Asst. " J. H. Peaslee
Treas. H. F. Clayton
Sec. A. O. Rife
Sib. John Bradley
Asst. " J. C. Hoffmann
Supt. Primary Robert Walker
Organist James E. Worth.
Musical Recorders

J. C. Curry, Mod.

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Jan 19. 1897.

H.C. STAMES, CLERK.

BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS.

Cranbury New Jersey
Jan. 19th 1897.

Session met in pursuance of call from the pulpit Jan. 17. 1897 & was opened with prayer by the pastor. Elders present:—A. Jackson Duncan, W. Irons Stultz, George Thomas & Henry Symmes. Absent:—D. G. Orrome Peter R. Bergren, W. H. Thomas, S. Johna Bergren & W. M. Duncan. The minutes of last meeting, Jan. 10, 1897, were read and approved.

Henry C. Symmes, MD. was elected clerk of session. Symmes & Orrome of the Committee appointed by the session to consider the matter of the sabbath morning collection made the following report for the committee, to wit:—The committee after deliberate consideration advised the session to reconsider the resolution passed at a former meeting, adopting the plan of surplus collection on sabbath morning. By which plan surplus would be given to every person promising to give a stated sum every sabbath the proceeds to be given on stated sabbath to Brothman & the remaining collection to the general fund of the congregation. The committee advised the session to adopt the same resolution abandoning it by appropriating all the sabbath morning surplus collections to Brothman.

This being advisable as the pew rentals and other income of the congregation was sufficient for the general expenses of the congregation. Our motion the report was accepted and ordered adopted.

On motion the Committee was re-tained and ordered to perfect the arrangements to put the motion into effect.

The meeting on motion was then adjourned with prayer by elder George R. Thomas.

Henry C. Symmes, clerk. J. L. Curry, Mod.

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Feb. 6. 1897

Rev. J. D. CHANDLER

Rev. S. H. PEARSON

PREPARATORY

SERVICE.

Feb. 7. 1897.

KATIE LOUISA SCHUCH

Feb. 6. 1897

Meetings were held during the week preceding the Sabbath communion season. Rev. Thomas Appleby etc. of Hightstown preached on Wednesday; Rev. J. B. Edgar of Philadelphia Thursday evening and Rev. Mr. Spruill of Lagshtown on Friday evening.

The session met according to custom at 2.30 P.M. on Saturday Feb. 6th 1897, and was constituted with prayer by the pastor. Then our present, the pastor, Rev. J. E. Curry, Elders Derrick G. Ferriss, A. Jackson Duncan, John G. Stultz, W. Irons Stultz, George Thomas & H. C. Symmes, MD., clerk absent. Peter R. Bergren, S. Johna Bergren, William H. Thomas and William Duncan.

The minutes of the last meeting, held Jan. 19th 1897, were read and in motion approved.

The certificate of Mrs. John D. Chanhola from the 1st Reform Church of New Brunswick, N. J. and of Mrs. Symmes H. Ferriss from the 2nd Presbyterian Church of Cranbury, N. J. were offered and the same accepted and the persons named received into membership.

The meeting was adjourned to meet sabbath morning Feb. 7th 1897 at 9.30 am. Close a with prayer by W. Irons Stultz.

The preparatory service was held in a few persons. Dr. Spaul of Hightstown was expected to preach but was not present in account of storm. The pastor led the congregation assembled in a profitable prayer meeting.

Session assembled according to adjournment sabbath morning Feb. 7. 1897 at 9.30 am and was opened with prayer by the pastor. Present, the pastor, Rev. J. E. Curry, of the Elders Derrick G. Ferriss, A. Jackson Duncan, Peter, R. Bergren, John G. Stultz, W. Irons Stultz, & George R. Thomas, absent of the Elders. W. H. Thomas, H. C. Symmes, & W. M. Duncan.

Katie Louisa Schuch, daughter of Joseph, was received into the communion on profession of her faith.

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COMMUNION.

The pastor preached from Luke XIII: 19. and administered the Communion. After which the session was dismissed with prayers by A. Jackson Deacon.

Henry C. Lymanus, Clerk.

J. E. Curry Mod.

March 30th 1897.

March 30th 1897.

This regular monthly meeting was opened by prayer by the pastor.

Present, the pastor, officers & deacons, A. Jackson Deacon, Peter R. Bergew, G. J. Smith, S. R. Thomas & H. C. Lymanus. Absent, of elders, D. Birch, G. Permie, W. H. Thomas, John G. Little, S. John Bergew and Tillman Deacon.

Minutes of last meeting held Feb. 6th & 7th were read and in motion adopted.

S. John Bergew was elected delegate to Synod at Jamesburg April 13th 1897 & A. Jackson Deacon was appointed alternate.

The pastor, Peter R. Bergew & H. C. Lymanus Mod. were appointed a committee to revise the roll.

The pastor and John G. Little were appointed a committee to attend to the matter of discipline with reference to M. Thompson and Calvin Petty.

\$1.00 was appropriated to the Board for Relief to Colleges.

\$2.00 of the poor fund was ordered sent to the Dispensary Hospital for the purpose of aid to Mrs. Rose Walden.

\$2.00 of poor fund was voted as aid to M. Thompson.

\$1.00 was appropriated for Christmas music.

\$5.00 was ordered sent to the Permanent Committee on Programs of the General Assembly.

The minutes were then read and adopted.

On motion the meeting was adjourned with prayer by G. R. Thomas.

Henry C. Lymanus, Clerk.

J. E. Curry Mod.

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Report to Presbytery April 13th 1897.

REPORT TO
PRESBYTERY.

Members as per last report.	450
Accrued by certificate	7
" " profession	11
	<hr/> 468
Dismissed by certificate	6
Suspended	1
Lost by death	7
Retired this year.	11
	<hr/> 25

Whole number at present upon the roll 443.

Home Missions	\$ 242.80
Foreign Missions	281.00
Educational	19.72
Sabbath School work.	13.37
Church Extension	28.40
Relief fund	28.40
Proseque	19.71
synodical aid.	99.44
Aid for colleges	10.00
Congregational	54.00
General Assembly	2079.97
Miscellaneous	15.00
	<hr/> 2880.93

This has been examined and approved in regular session of Presbytery at Jamesburg April 13, 1897.

J. E. Curry Mod.

MINUTES OF SESSION.

May 24th 1897.May 24th 1897

The session and trustees met in accordance with the call of the moderator and were constituted with prayer by pastor Rev. J. C. Barry.

Present: pastor, Rev. J. C. Barry, Elders: A. J. Duncan, Peter R. Bergin, John E. Slatts, S. Thomas, Bergin, W. S. Slatts, George Thomas and H. C. Symmes.

Deacons: J. M. Chamberlain, Alex. S. Slatts, H. P. Duncan and John B. Perrine. Trustees: John B. Perrine, John E. Slatts, Mrs. Brown. Absent: Elders: D. G. Perrine, W. H. Thomas, Mrs. Duncan.

MEMORIAL TO
REV. J. C. BARRY, D.D.

On motion it was resolved that the congregation erect a memorial to the late pastor Rev. T. J. Symmes, D.D., and that the following committee should have charge of the matter:—
S. Thomas, Bergin, J. M. Chamberlain, John E. Slatts, Peter R. Bergin, A. J. Duncan, A. S. Slatts, George Thomas and Mrs. Brown.

On motion the meeting adjourned with prayer by Mrs. Brown Slatts.

J. C. Barry, Mod.

See minutes of meeting held
June 5th 1897. See page 261

July 15th 1896.July 15th 1897.

Officers met at the parsonage, meeting opened by prayer by the pastor.

DISBURSEMENT OF
SACRED BENEVOLENT
FUND.

On motion it was voted to pay the Synodical Home Missions appropriation of \$99.00 out of the 1st quarter benevolent fund & the balance of said benevolent fund to be divided equally between Boards of Home & Foreign Missions.

REPORT COMMITTEE
ON MEMORIAL.

The Committee soliciting fund for a memorial to the late Dr. Symmes reported \$26.00 pledged with prospect of more. The matter of changing the memorial from a stained glass window to a memorial desk or tablet was discussed with a final decision that the committee visit the subscribers again and obtain their opinion upon the

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CONGREGATIONAL
VISIT

matter of making a change in the character of the memorial. On motion it was voted to have a congregational visit to the pastor at the parsonage on Wednesday 28th of July.

On motion it was voted that the members of session with their wives together with Mrs. H. P. Duncan, Mrs. R. J. Gulick and Mr. Joseph P. Dry be appointed a committee of arranging committee with power, to confer on motion with prayer by S. H. Thomas

J. H. Perrine, Secy for text

J. C. Barry, Mod.
Aug 9th 1897.

Aug 9th 1897.

Session met on call of moderator and was by him opened with prayer.

Present: the pastor, Elders: A. J. Duncan, Peter R. Bergin, S. Thomas, Bergin, John E. Slatts, W. S. Slatts, S. R. Thomas, Deacons: J. M. Chamberlain, C. B. Hoagland, R. G. Gulick, Alex. S. Slatts, Trustees: H. P. Duncan, John B. Perrine, John E. Slatts & William Brown.

MEMORIAL
A DESK.

The matter of a memorial to Dr. Symmes was taken upon and after voting upon erecting a window or shaft or tablet with negative it was carried to place a memorial desk upon the pulpit platform.

The pastor on motion was appointed to prepare a memorial service when the desk should be placed.

MEMORIAL
SERVICES.

A committee consisting of the pastor, J. M. Chamberlain and S. Thomas, Bergin was appointed with power to purchase. P. R. Bergin was made alternate for S. Bergin meeting closed with prayer by S. Thomas, Bergin.

Rev. J. C. Barry, Secy & moderator.

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Sept 26th 1897Sept 26th 1897.

The session met on summons of the moderator in front of the pulpit. Rev. Dr. Dyack presided and opened with prayer.

DELEGATE TO
PRESBYTERY.

Present: Elders, D. G. Perrine, A. T. Duncan, S. Thomas, Bergren, P. R. Bergren, John G. Stultz, M. J. Stultz, George R. Thomas. Elder John G. Stultz was chosen a delegate to Presbytery which meets at Columbus Tuesday Sept. 28th 1897 with A. Thomas Bergren as alternate. Adjourned with prayer by Rev. Dr. Dyack.

H. C. Curry, Mod.
P. R. Bergren, Clerk/Protent.

Oct 2nd 1897.Oct 2nd 1897.

Session met at the usual hour, on preparatory day, at the chapel and was opened with prayer by the pastor.

PREPARATORY
MEETING.

Present: the pastor, elders, D. G. Perrine, A. T. Duncan, S. Thomas, Bergren, John G. Stultz, M. J. Stultz & George R. Thomas. Mr. John G. Stultz reported attendance upon the meeting of Presbytery held at Columbus Sept. 28th 1897. A. Thomas Bergren was appointed Treasurer of the Memorial fund.

Minutes of the meetings of session held July 15th Aug 9th and Sept 26th 1897 were read and approved.

The session took a recess until Sabbath Oct 3rd at 9.30 AM.

Sabbath morning Oct 3rd 97. Session met and after some time spent in devotional exercises proceeded to excommunicate Calvin Petty, a member who voluntarily appeared before session to confess the sin of premarital fornication. The session satisfied with the genuineness of his repentance after admonishing him decided not to withhold the privileges of membership.

DISCIPLINE OF
CALVIN PETTY.

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A. M. STULTS

Andrew M. Stultz son of Jacob Stultz was spanned for membership on profession and the spanned was satisfactory was received into membership of the church. A. T. Duncan was appointed delegate to the meeting of Synod at Plainfield Oct 19th next. John G. Stultz as alternate. The sacrament of the Lords Supper having been observed, the pastor preaching from the text "The memory of the just is blessed" PROV. 10-7. The session closed with prayer by A. T. Duncan.

LORDS SUPPER

Rev. J. C. Curry, Moderator & Clerk.
Protent.

Oct 18th '97

Pastors study Oct 15. 1897.

The session met on call of the moderator and was opened by him with prayer.

Present: the pastor: Elders, S. Thomas, Bergren, A. T. Duncan, John G. Stultz, P. R. Bergren, M. J. Stultz, and George R. Thomas together with S. M. Perrine, Treasurer.

BENEVOLENT

DISTRIBUTION

Treasurer reported on hand of benevolent funds for the second quarter, not designated by the donors, \$173.73 of which the following appropriation was made: Home Missions \$50.00 - Foreign Missions \$20.00 - Ministerial Relief \$30.00 - Prudential \$20.00 - Aid for Colleges and Academies \$53.73

Treasurer of Memorial Pulpit fund was ordered to pay the expenses of P. R. Bergren who went with the Committee to New York to purchase a pulpit.

Refunded expenses of printing programmes & invitations for Memorial services to the pastor. Adjourned with prayer by M. J. Stultz.

Rev. J. C. Curry, Moderator & Clerk.
Protent.

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December 7th 1897

The session met in the pastor's study upon call of the moderator and was constituted with prayer by the pastor. Present, the pastor, Elders, John R. Bague, W. D. Slutt, George R. Thomas and Dr. H. C. Lyman, absent D. S. Perrine (of Duncan), P. R. Bague, William H. Thomas, John G. Slutt & William Duncan.

The minutes of the meetings held Oct 2nd and 18th 1897 were read and approved.

APPROPRIATIONS OF
POOR FUND.

On motion it was resolved to appropriate of the poor fund two loads of coal to Miss H. B. Cole, \$500 to Mr. Phok Dry \$1000 to the Walker sisters.

CERTIFICATES OF
DISMISSION

The pastor reported that he had given a certificate of regular standing to Mrs. William S. Applegate having no record. Pastor also reported giving a certificate of good and regular standing to Mrs. Laura Edwards (Clark), action was approved.

OPEN CHURCH FOR
CHRISTMAS EXERCISES

On motion it was voted to open the church on Christmas for Christmas exercises of a proper character, upon condition that the program be submitted in writing to the pastor for his approval before it should be declined.

APPROPRIATIONS.

The sum of \$6.25 was voted to be reimbursed to the pastor for expenses he had paid to visiting clergy during the memorial services.

On motion the session closed with prayer by S. Thomas Boyer

Henry Lyman, clerk

J. C. Lyman, Mod.

Dec 28, 1897 see page 262.

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The minutes of the meeting held June 5th are here recorded.

June 5th 1897.

June 5, 1897.

The session met in the chapel and was constituted with prayer by the pastor. Present, the pastor and Elders of Duncan, S. Thomas Bague, John G. Slutt, W. D. Slutt, George R. Thomas & Henry C. Lyman absent D. S. Perrine, William H. Thomas and William Duncan.

MRS. GEORGE LANE

Minutes of last meeting held May 24th 1897 were read and approved. Mrs. George Lane who was under discipline appeared to confess her sin and to express her sorrow for having broken the commandment of God & at her request the privileges of the church was extended to her.

DISMISSALS.

Mrs. THOMAS PERKINS

Miss NA. C. BOLDT

Miss LUCIA C. FARR

The pastor reported having granted letters of dismission to Mrs. Thomas Perkins to Colway Presb. Church, Newberg, Wyo. Miss Alice Boldt to First Free Presb. Church, Fort Collins, Co. Mrs. Lucia C. Farr to 2nd Presb. Church, Crawfury, New Jersey. On motion the action of pastor was approved.

RECEIVED.

RALPH S. FARR

ANJAN APPLEGATE

FLORENCE GOODRICH

Ralph S. Farr was then received on certificate from the Presb. Church, Dayton, New Jersey. The following were received on profession, viz:— Abigail Applegate and Florence Goodrich, daughters of Isaac A. Cull for cleaning the organ in the chapel was presented and referred to the Sabbath School. The meeting then adjourned to next Sabbath morning June 6th 1897 at 9:30 am.

June 6th 1897

RECEIVED

Miss MARY ANN

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The session again assembled at 9:30 am. Present, the pastor, Elders of Duncan, John R. Bague, John G. Slutt, W. D. Slutt, S. Thomas Bague, George R. Thomas and Henry C. Lyman. Absent D. S. Perrine and William Duncan.

Mrs. Carrie Dawson wife of Harry Dawson was received on profession. The following were received by certificate: Joseph Chamberlin and wife, M. A. Chamberlin wife of Mrs. Anderson, Anna and Clara from Presb. Church, Englishtown, New Jersey, and other three kids from Presb. Church, Fort Collins, Col.

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JOHN ALBERT TITUS. Upon a statement from John Albert Titus that he was a member of a Methodist Church in Camden New Jersey and after a statement by the pastor that he had made satisfactory inquiry with reference to Mr Titus' case, John Albert Titus was received into membership.

The pastor then preached from Ps. 116: 12, 13.

COMMUNION.

The communion of the Lords supper was served to a large attendance of communicants and baptisms administered. The session adjourned on the prayer of Peter R. Bergus
Thos. L. Symmes, clerk. J. E. Cassey, Mod.

DEC. 28th 1897December 28th 1897.

Session met in pastor's study. Meeting was opened with prayer by the pastor. Present, the pastor, and elders A. Jackson Duceau, John G. Stults, W. Irwin Stults, George R. Thomas & Th. C. Symmes. Minutes of meeting of Dec. 7, 1897, were read and approved.

The following young men:—William Edward Ginter, John Euclid Pilled, Albert Holmstedt, Joseph William Buntney, Lewis Henry Rogers and Joseph Herbert Cunningham, presented themselves for admission to membership, after a satisfactory profession of their faith in Jesus Christ and a faithful promise by the help of God to live as required by the law of God and with undivided and unswerving minds from the pastor and members of session present they on all upon motion received into the communion of the church of God.

Resolutions touching the control of the Sabbath School by the session were discussed and on motion it was voted to meet on Friday evening Dec 31st after prayer meeting to further discuss the interests of the Sabbath School.

It was voted to discontinue the stipend, voted Jan 5th 1890, to Mrs. Hannah Day on account of her continual and un-supplained absence from the services of the church. The matter of the election of new elders was discussed and referred to the attention of members of session.

RECEIVED.

W. E. QUINCY

J. ENOCH FULLER

ALBERT H. STULTS

GEORGE W. BUSHNET

SAMUEL NYERER

THOS. L. SYMMES

SABBATH SCHOOL

SIPEND HAN. DAY

NEW ELDERS

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APPROPRIATIONS.

It was voted to appropriate \$10.00 of for fund to Mrs. H. B. Cole and \$10.00 to the Walker sisters. On motion the meeting closed with prayer by George R. Thomas.
Thos. L. Symmes, clerk. J. E. Cassey, Mod.

DEC. 31. 1897.

December 31st 1897

The session met in chapel as per adjournment and was opened with prayer by pastor. Present, the pastor and elders A. Jackson Duceau, Peter R. Bergus and W. Irwin Stults.

REPORT ON
MEMORIAL SERVICES
TO DR. SYMMES.

The pastor presented the following report on memorial services which was accepted and adopted ver:—

As a committee of one appointed with full powers and authority by the session to prepare a suitable programme for the services in connection with the unveiling of the memorial tablet to the late pastor Dr. Symmes I beg to submit the printed programme, as follows.

Memorial services

Rev. Edward B. Hodges, D. D. presiding

Devotional Exercises led by:

Rev. Thomas F. Gault, D. D.

Statement of treasures.

J. John Bergus

Hymns:

Unveiling tablet, being released by Mrs. Charles D. D. by means of a call by prayer.

Benjamin S. Everett, D. D.

Prayers:

Dr. Symmes and I thank him.

Rev. Jacob Cooper, D. D.

As a presbyter

Rev. A. L. Daubert, D. D.

As a pastor

W. Irwin Stults

Thos. L. Symmes

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Dr. Symmes as a Co-laborer.

Rev. J. S. Van Dyke, D.D.,
As a counsellor.
Rev. W. P. Finney

Hymn.

Evening services - Rev. J. R. Symmes, presiding

Antiphon

Prayer.

Hymn.

Sermon by Rev. Samuel M. Stoddard, D.D.

Committee appointed by Monmouth Presbytery to attend Memorial services. Rev. D. S. Smith, D.D., Rev. L. B. Wood, D.D., Rev. A. D. Daiches, D.D., Rev. J. S. Van Dyke, D.D., Rev. W. P. Finney, Rev. J. R. Symmes & Rev. Chas. F. Taylor. Elders: Raper, Hoff & Spencer Gulick.

Whole programme was fully carried out with but a single exception. Rev. A. H. Daiches, D.D., on account of illness was unable to be present. He sent his regrets along with a letter full of beautiful & tender tribute to the character of Dr. Symmes. The programme was designed to present in its fullness the character and work of the late pastor. God favored us with a beautiful day and the occasion is one of blessed memory which has passed into the life and history of our beloved church. The Holy Spirit was manifestly present, all present being strongly commiserated by Him of the power of a righteous life. I would recommend if it meets with the approval of the session that our clerk be instructed to send to each speaker a letter expressing our thanks as a session for their services so cheerfully rendered. Respectfully submitted, T. S. Cury

A resolution authorizing the pastor and trustees to distribute the quarter business was passed.

The following officers of the Sabbath School

MINUTES OF SESSION.

now then appointed:-

OFFICERS OF
SABBATH SCHOOL.

Superintendent:- Symmes H. Perren
Vice Superintendent:- Addison, H. Symmes.
Supt. Primary Dept:- Miss. Maud Burroughs.
Secretary:- C. O. Rice
Treasurer:- Nelson J. Clayton
Librarians }
John Bradley
Isaac O. Hoffmann
Robert Walker.
Organist:- Mm. Lattie Drey.

On motion meeting adjourned with prayer by Dr. J. Stettin
Rev. J. R. Cury, clerk. J. E. Cury mod.

Jan 9, 1898

Cranbury Jan 9th 1898

At a informal meeting of the session after morning services the pastor explained plans for evangelistic services that had been proposed by the pastor of the three churches: viz: Meetings to be held in the 2nd Church during the evenings of the week beginning Jan 10th and if found that to continue these meetings in the 1st Church during the following week. The plan was approved by the session. It was voted that the pastor and officers of our church be permitted to dispose of the organ in the chapel to the best advantage of the Sabbath School. The meeting was then adjourned. J. E. Cury mod.

J. E. Cury mod.

EVANGELISTIC
SERVICES.

MINUTES OF SESSION.

Feb. 5. 1898

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The session met in the Chapel at 2.30 and was constituted with prayer by the pastor. Present, the pastor, elders:- D. G. Perrine, A. J. Duceau, P. R. Berger, John G. Muttler, W. S. Stultz, G. R. Thomas and H. C. Symmes. Absent, P. Berger, W. S. Stultz & M. Duceau.

The following were received into the communion of the Church on profession of their faith in Our Lord Jesus Christ, viz:- Catharina Rena Bradley, Rena Bradley, Nelson Updike, Irving Whiting, David Band Dawson, Michael Stoll, Isaac Parody, Rena Edith Dry.

The meeting adjourned to meet at 10 a. m. Feb. 6th 1898

Feb. 6th 1898

The preparatory services were held at 9 o'clock and the pastor preached

Feb. 6th 1898

The session met and was opened with prayer by the pastor. Present:- the pastor; elders, D. G. Perrine, A. Jackson Duceau, Peter R. Berger, John G. Muttler, W. S. Thomas, W. S. Stultz, G. R. Thomas & Henry C. Symmes, MOD.

Joseph K. Chamberlin an elder of Englishtown N. J. Presb. Church was invited to assist with the distribution of the Communion. The session resolved to meet in the future the usual children's services held on the Sabbath following the February Communion. The pastor then preached from Ps. 65-4 and baptisms were administered & the communion of the Lord's Supper solemnized. The session closed with prayer by W. S. Thomas.

Henry C. Symmes Clerk.
J. C. Curry Mod.

CATHERINE R. BRADLEY
RENA BRADLEY
NELSON UPDIKE
IRVING WHITING
D. DAVID DAWSON
MICHAEL STOLL
ISAC PARODY
RENA E. DRY.

COMMUNION

MINUTES OF SESSION.

Feb. 22nd 1898Feb. 22nd 1898

Session met in pastors study and was opened by prayer by the moderator. Present, the pastor; Elders. A. Jackson Duceau, Peter R. Berger, W. Irving Stultz & H. C. Symmes.

Minutes of Feb. 5th & 6th read and approved

MANUAL
On motion the committee on manual work:- the pastor and elder H. C. Symmes were authorized to print a manual of the congregation not to exceed the cost of \$500-

The treasures of the church were present and made a very interesting report of the result of the Sabbath morning benevolent collection gathered in the envelopes, approximating that the benevolent collections for this year, would by the new plan of envelopes & systematic mode of collecting, be increased by about \$250.00 and the assessments for Syn. Assembly and Synodical Missions were also raised instead of taking a special collection or by taking from the general fund.

On motion the treasurer was directed to have the envelopes for collections for ensuing year printed as before.

The pastor was authorized to give letters of dismission to Charles Daw and wife India Daw

DISMISSALS,
CHAS. DAN.
IDA DAN.
J. K. CHAMBERLIN
REMINATED TO BE
ELDER.

It was resolved to nominate to the congregation the name of Joseph K. Chamberlin, (an elder coming to us from the Englishtown church) for the office of ruling elder.

Elder A. Jackson Duceau was appointed a committee to make arrangements for a meeting of the elders for prayer and the administration of the sacraments at the home of elder William Duceau who has been for several years confined to his home and has not been privileged to enjoy the blessing of divine services in the public house of God. Meeting closed with prayer by Peter R. Berger.

Henry C. Symmes, Clerk.
Minutes approved April 8. 1898. J. C. Curry Mod.

MINUTES OF SESSION.

April 2nd 1898April 2nd 1898

The session with deacons and trustees met at call of moderator in the church and once more was opened with prayer by the pastor. Present the pastor: elders, D. J. Perrine, A. J. Druce and John S. Shuttle. John S. Shuttle, Joseph H. Chamberlain, George Thomas, M. S. Shuttle and H. C. Symmes. Deacons: J. C. Chamberlain, Gamell S. Shuttle. Henry C. Druce and Alex. S. Shuttle. Church Trustees: David Shuttle, John S. Perrine, John S. Shuttle, H. C. Druce. The statistics of the congregation to be sent to Presbytery was discussed and arranged. Henry C. Symmes appointed depts. of Pr. On motion the pastor with deacons and trustees of church was appointed a committee to distribute the benevolent collections. Adjourned with prayer by Gamell S. Shuttle

Henry C. Symmes, clerk.
Minutes approved Apr 8th 1898

J. C. Curry, mod.

March 6th 1898

The nomination of Joseph H. Chamberlain as ruling elder having been previously made to the members of the church; and they having unanimously approved of the action of the session in nominating him for ruling elder, Mr Chamberlain was called forward and before the congregation this day assembled in domestic meeting with solemn and impressive services as an elder in this church. The elders and deacons came forward and gave the new elder the right hand of fellowship.

Henry C. Symmes, clerk.
Minutes approved Apr 8th 1898.

J. C. Curry mod.

MINUTES OF SESSION.

Report to Presbytery April 12th 1898.

Members per last report	443.
Received on certificate	7.
" " profession	17.
Dismissed	6.
Lost by death	5
Retired	14.
Whole number at present upon the roll.	442.

Foreign Missions	429.78
Home Missions	315.25
Synodical Home Missions	99.00
Ministerial Relief	30.00
Breadman	30.00
Aid to colleges	35.00
Publication and S. S. work.	37.56
Education	37.00
Church Extension	36.74
General Assembly	53.16
New Jersey Children's Home	7.25
Pres. Committee on Temperance	7.28
American Bible Society	6.75
Congregational	175.00
Miscellaneous	254.80
	3124.77

Henry C. Symmes, clerk.

This was approved and affirmed in regular meeting of Presbytery at Burlington April 12 1898

as J. C. Curry moderator

The pastor and clerk H. C. Symmes were present at the meeting of Presbytery Burlington Apr. 12. 1898.

MINUTES OF SESSION.

April 8th 1878April 8th 1878

The session was called together after prayer meeting in an informal meeting. Present: the pastor, elders: A. J. Duncan, W. D. Smith and Henry C. Symmes.

The minutes of meetings held Feb. 22nd March 6th and April 2nd were read and approved.

These minutes approved April 26th 1878

J. C. Curry Mod. Henry C. Symmes clerk.

April 26th 1878April 26th 1878.

Meeting opened with prayer by the pastor

Present: the pastor, elders, A. Jackson Duncan, P. R. Bergus, John S. Stultz, Joseph K. Chamberlin, W. D. Smith, Henry C. Symmes, Mod. deacons, John M. Chamberlain, Henry D. Duncan, John B. Perrine, Redford Gulick, F. W. Miller, Henry P. Duncan, H. B. Perrine, John S. Stultz.

It was resolved that the official board approve of the plan of using individual Communion cups. The pastor was authorized to gather all information upon the matter with care but so to endeavor to have the system introduced for trial at our June Communion.

On motion the resolution was directed to send \$100.00 to Dr. Swain for the John Boyd monument fund.

The meeting adjourned closed with prayer by W. K. Chamberlin. Minutes approved June 4th 1878.

J. C. Curry Mod. Henry C. Symmes. clerk.

May 15th 1878May 15th 1878.

The session met in informal meeting after service.

Present, elders, A. J. Duncan, Peter R. Bergus, S. Thomas Bergus, W. D. Smith & Henry C. Symmes. Mod.

MINUTES OF SESSION.

May 15th 1878.

DISMISSAL.

At her request the session granted to Mrs. Ellsworth Brown her certificate of membership recommending her to the fellowship of the Hamilton Square Mt. Prob. Church.

The pastor being absent attending the General Assembly as a commissioner from Presbytery of New-month, the clerk was directed to grant certificate.

Approved June 4th 1878.

Henry C. Symmes, clerk.

June 4th 1878.

J. C. Curry Mod

June 4th 1878.

Meeting was constituted with prayer by the pastor.

Present: the pastor, Elders, Derrick S. Perrine, A. Jackson Duncan, John S. Stultz, J. K. Chamberlin, S. Thomas Bergus, W. D. Smith, George R. Thomas and Henry C. Symmes, Mod.

DISMISSED

MRS. CHAS. LONG

Minutes of meetings April 26th & May 15th read and approved.

MRS. J. H. STULTS

Mrs. Charles Long was at her request dismissed to the Free Presb. Ch. Coarabony.

FANNIE D. BENNETT

Mrs. Mary Madrona Stultz wife of Jacob N. Stultz was received by certificate of membership given by Robert Ch. Kightstown.

James Demason, Remont was received on profession.

Session adjourned to meet June 5th at 10 a.m.

COMMUNION.

Session met with all members present for first time in a long while opened with prayer by pastor. Present: pastor, elders, D. S. Perrine, A. J. Duncan, Peter R. Bergus, John S. Stultz, J. K. Chamberlin, W. K. Thomas, S. Thomas Bergus, W. D. Smith, S. Thomas, Henry C. Symmes.

Short devotional exercises were held. The Communion table supper was administered. Pastor preached from text. This day as remembrance of me. The meeting of session was closed with prayer by W. D. Smith.

Minutes approved Aug 15th 1878.

J. C. Curry Mod.

Henry C. Symmes, clerk.

MINUTES OF SESSION.

June 19th 1898

COMMUNION CUPS

Session met after services. It was resolved to purchase the individual communion cups as used at the June Communion only substituting the cup with felt band and glass for aluminum. It was resolved that a special collection be taken to cover expenses if the amount realized by the special collection was not sufficient to raise deficiency by solicitation.

Approved Aug 15th 1898.

J. C. Cary Mod.

Henry C. Symmes clerk.

July 3rd 1898.July 3rd 1898

At an informal meeting of session held after Sabbath morning services, arrangement was made to attend the funeral services of Elder W^m Duncan.

A committee of session consisting of Arthur Raper, P. R. Raper and Henry C. Symmes, M.D. W. Smithville was appointed to draft suitable resolutions which were to be sent to the family, printed in the Cranbury Press and recorded in the minutes. The resolutions drafted were as follows:-

RESOLUTION UPON
DEATH OF ELDER
WILLIAM DUNCAN

Whereas:- Our Father in Christ has been fit to remove from this earthly home to His home in Heaven our respected brother William Duncan for many years a ruling elder in our Church, a very efficient superintendent of the Sabbath School and whereas:- we recognized in him during health and active life a noble and meritorious man for whom,

Therefore:- as a session we desire to express our sorrow for the loss of a faithful member of our body and hereby show a respectful memory for his services to the Church of God in our midst. Resolved:- that we extend our heartfelt sympathy to the family of our deceased brother

Resolved that this action be communicated to the family that it be printed in the Cranbury Press and recorded in the minutes of session.

MINUTES OF SESSION.

J. J. Buel, Clergy
E. R. Barger
W. Smithville
Henry C. Symmes, M.D.
Committee of session.

It was resolved to appropriate \$10.00 of poor fund to walk in Lenten. Approved Aug 15th 1898.

J. C. Cary Mod.

Henry C. Symmes, clerk.

July 16th 1898July 16th 1898.

An informal meeting opened with prayer by W^m D. Mink and was held at the parsonage.

Mr. Mink, the representative of the student movement in mission was present and set before the session the plan of the movement.

It was decided to endeavor on Sabbath July 17th 1898 to obtain by pledge the salary of a missionary in the foreign field. Approved Aug 15th 1898.

J. C. Cary Mod.

Henry C. Symmes

NOTE. The congregation of Sabbath July 17, 1898, so nearly pledged a salary that W^m Mink was assured that the Church would raise the salary of a missionary pastor. This desired object was soon attained and the was appointed by the Board of Foreign Missions as our missionary pastor.

H.C.S.

MINUTES OF SESSION.

July 28, 1898.

July 28, 1898

Session met at passover and was opened with prayer by pastor. Present: the pastor - Elders A. J. Duncan, John G. Stultz, J. R. Chamberlin, E. M. Thomas, W. D. Stultz, deacons, J. M. Chamberlin, J. P. Day, H. P. Duncan, Alip. S. Stultz, John B. Perrine, trustees John G. Stultz, H. P. Duncan, John B. Perrine.

The certificate of Mrs. Lizzie A. Schull from Moonstown Presb. Ch. was accepted.

On motion it was resolved to choose a Missionary in China as our foreign pastor.

It was moved to collect the money for the missionary's salary with the usual envelope collection beginning Aug 7th 1898.

On motion adjourned closing with prayers by Joseph P. Day. Approved Aug 15th 1898.

J. C. Curry Mod. Henry C. Symmes. clerk.

Aug 15, 1898

August 15th 1898

Meeting opened with prayer by the pastor. It was moved and carried that we visit the pastor on Aug 31st 1898. The elders, deacons & trustees with their wives then made the necessary preparations for the annual visit to the pastor. The meeting was closed with prayer.

Approved Nov 22nd 1898.

J. C. Curry Mod. Henry C. Symmes. clerk.

Sept 25, 1898

September 25th 1898.

Met after morning service. Opened with prayer by pastor. Joseph R. Chamberlin was elected delegate to Synod at Trenton. Pastor was authorized to write Presbytery to meet in our church for spring meeting of 1899. Closed with prayer by H. C. Symmes. Approved Aug 26th 1898.

J. C. Curry Mod. Henry C. Symmes. clerk.

PRESBYTERY.

MINUTES OF SESSION.

Oct 1st 1898October 1st 1898

Meeting opened with prayer by the pastor. Those who were present, the pastor; Elders Donnet G. Perrine, A. J. Duncan, Joseph R. Chamberlin, John G. Stultz, W. M. R. Thomas, W. D. Stultz, George R. Thomas and Henry C. Symmes.

CERTIFICATES

GEORGE DAVISON

MARY A. DAVISON

SARAH M. REID

LIZZIE D. R. HUFFINGS

Certificate of George Davison and wife Mary, A; from Truyston Presbyterian Church.

Mrs Sarah M Reid, Railway, Presb. Ch. N.Y.

Mr. Siggie H. R. Shuffington St. Collins, Col. Presb. Ch. was presented and accepted and those above named persons were received into the membership of 1st Presb. Ch. Crawbury.

George M. Thomas was elected delegate to Synod.

The session then adjourned to attend preparatory services. The session met at the home of George Thomas immediately after preparatory services. Rev. Mr. Taylor of the 2nd Church, who preached at the preparatory service was present by invitation also present the pastor Rev. J. C. Curry, Elders Donnet G. Perrine, W. M. R. Thomas, W. D. Stultz, George Thomas and Henry C. Symmes.

GEORGE TIMM

George Timm was received as a member of the church upon his profession of faith in Our Lord Jesus Christ.

The session adjourned with prayer by Rev. Mr. Taylor to meet Sabbath morning Oct 2nd at 9.30 a.m. in chapel.

Oct 2, 1898.

Oct 2nd 1898.

Session opened with prayer by pastor, Present: Pastor; Elders Donnet G. Perrine, A. J. Duncan, P. R. Boyer, John G. Stultz, W. M. R. Thomas, Joseph R. Chamberlin, W. D. Stultz, George Thomas and Henry C. Symmes. The communion of the Lord's Supper was solemnized, Pastor preaching from St. John XII - 8: "Lord show us the Father and it sufficeth us". The session then met at the residence of George Thomas the right of Baptism was administered and two members solemnized. Present: Pastor, Elders P. R. Boyer, W. M. R. Thomas, W. D. Stultz and H. C. Symmes. The session closed with prayer by pastor.

Approved. Nov 22nd 1898.

J. C. Curry Mod. Henry C. Symmes. clerk.

MINUTES OF SESSION.

Nov. 22 nd 1898.	<p style="text-align: center;">November 22nd 1898</p> <p>Pastor opened the meeting with prayer. Present: pastor; elders: Jackson Duncan, Wm. S. Stultz; George R. Thomas and H. C. Symmes. Minutes of the meetings of Aug. 15, Sept. 15 and Oct. 1st 1898 were read and approved.</p>
K.H. HOWELL, DUEY	<p>The clerk was ordered to write to Willard H. Howell and direct him to appear before the session within a short time to answer to the charge of antinomianism and living in unlawful separation from his wife. The same action was taken with reference to his wife Mrs. Jennie Earnest Howell.</p>
MRS. JENNIE E. HOWELL	<p>Wm. S. Stultz lead in prayer and after discussion of some cases of discipline the meeting on motion was closed with prayer by G. R. Thomas.</p>
	<p>Minutes approved Feb. 4, 1899. <i>J. C. Curry</i> Mod., Henry C. Symmes, clerk.</p>
Jan 10 th 1899.	<p>Session met pursuant to call of moderator and was opened with prayer. Present: Pastor; elders Wm. S. Stultz and G. R. Thomas.</p>
SABBATH SCHOOL OFFICERS.	<p>The work of the sabbath school for the past year was reviewed. Its progress and condition were asked, gratifying.</p>
	<p>The entire corps of officers was re-elected and, Wilson D. Clayton treasurer who resigned, Charles Davis was elected treasurer.</p>
	<p>The office of assistant primary superintendent was created and Mrs. Laura Sandusky elected to fill the office.</p>
	<p>It was agreed to appoint Friday night Jan 27th 99 to try the case of Willard H. Howell and clerk was instructed to so notify him.</p>
Jan 27 th 1899.	<p>Adjourned closed with prayer by G. R. Thomas. Minutes approved Feb. 4th 1899. <i>J. C. Curry</i> Moderator & clerk.</p>
	<p><i>J. C. Curry</i> Moderator & clerk.</p>

MINUTES OF SESSION.

Feb. 4, 1899.	<p style="text-align: center;">Feb. 4th 1899.</p> <p>Opened with prayer by the pastor. Present: Pastor; Elders; Derrick L. Perrine, Jackson Duncan, John S. Stultz, Joseph K. Chamberlin, Wm. S. Stultz, G. R. Thomas and H. C. Symmes. Minutes of Nov. 22nd 1898, Jan. 10th and 27th 99 read and approved.</p>
HANNAH CLAYTON	<p>The certificate of Mrs. Hannah Clayton from Report of the Ch. was accepted and her name enrolled in our membership.</p>
RETA CROSHAW	<p>Mrs. Retta Gabel Croshaw was dismissed to Highgate Baptist Ch. Willard Howell having seen the pastor and signified his willingness to appear before the session it was moved to give him a consoling hearing. It was moved to appropriate of \$100.00 to Mrs. Sarah D. Wether. Meeting adjourned to meet Sabbath morning Feb. 5th 9.30 a.m.</p>
Feb. 5, 1899.	<p style="text-align: center;">Feb. 5th 9.30 a.m.</p> <p>Opened with prayer by the pastor. Present: Pastor; elders: D. L. Perrine, Jackson Duncan, John S. Stultz, Peter R. Bergen, Wm. S. Stultz, George R. Thomas, Henry C. Symmes, Mod.</p>
COMMUNION.	<p>The communion of the Lord's supper was solemnized pastor preaching. Meeting adjourned with prayer. Minutes approved March 26, 1899. <i>J. C. Curry</i> Mod., Henry C. Symmes, clerk.</p>
Mar. 26 th 1899.	<p style="text-align: center;">March 26th 1899</p> <p>Session met at the parsonage, opened with prayer by the pastor. Present: Pastor; Elders: Jackson Duncan, P. R. Bergen, John S. Stultz, G. R. Thomas and H. C. Symmes. Minutes of Feb. 4th 1899 read and approved.</p>
ADA E. HUTCHINGS	<p>Mrs. Ada B. McMellon and her husband were dismissed to Highgate Baptist Ch. by the pastor.</p>
JONAS McMILLAN AURELIA McMILLAN	<p>The roll of membership was read and received. Wm. S. Stultz was elected delegate to Presbytery to meet in Galway 1st April 11th 1899. P. R. Bergen was appointed alternate. Meeting closed with prayer by John S. Stultz. Minutes approved Apr. 5, 1899. <i>J. C. Curry</i> Mod., Henry C. Symmes, clerk.</p>

MINUTES OF SESSION.

Apr. 5th 1879.April 5th 1879

Met at parsonage. Opened with prayer by pastor. Present: Pastor; Elders; Agastan Duceu, Joseph K. Chamberlin, W. J. Smith, George R. Thomas, Wm. C. Symmes, Minutes of March 28th 79. read and approved.

The session discussed the matter of Comminations which is very prevalent in our midst and a committee was appointed to examine into the matter and suggest a remedy and report to the session, the committee was appointed as follows:—

W. C. Symmes Mod. W. J. Smith and Jos. K. Chamberlin.

Resolved to appropriate a load of coal to Charles Long.

Minutes of this meeting were read and approved. The meeting was closed with prayer by W. J. Smith.

W. C. Symmes Mod.

Wm. C. Symmes, Clerk.

MINUTES OF SESSION.

Report to Presbytery April 11th 1879.

Memberships as per last report	442	
Record on certificate	6	
" " profession	2	450
Dismissed and dropped	18	
Lost by death	7	25
Whole number at present.		445

Foreign Missions	\$ 584.00
Home Missions	325.
Synodical Home Missions	155.
Ministerial Relief	40.
Fordman	40.
Aid to Colleges.	30.
Publication and S. S. work	30.
Education	30.
Church Erection	30.
General Assembly	49.
American Bible Society	8.
Congregational	2454.
Miscellaneous	13.
	3788.00

Thus far examined and approved in regular session of Presbytery at Cranbury April 11th 1879.

Am. Aud. P. Butler.
Moderator.

MINUTES OF SESSION.

Apr. 5th 1899.April 5th 1899

Met at parsonage. Opened with prayer by pastor. Present: Pastor; Elders; Adjutant Duceau, Joseph K. Chamberlin, W. J. Smith, George R. Thomas, Wm. C. Symmes, Minutes of March 26th 99. read and approved.

The session discussed the matter of formation which is my present in our midst and a committee was appointed to examine into the matter and suggest a remedy and report to the session, the committee was appointed as follows:—

W. C. Symmes Mod. W. J. Smith and Geo. R. Chamberlin.

Resolved to appropriate a load of coal to Charles Long.

Minutes of this meeting were read and approved. The meeting was closed with prayer by W. J. Smith.

H. Curry Mod

Wm. C. Symmes, Clerk.

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This has been examined and approved in regular session of Presbytery at Cranbury April 11th 1899.

Am. Aud. P. Butler
Moderator.

Oct. 1870	Presbytery	Jamesburgh	Alex. J. Stultz
" "	Synod	Montrose	John Gibson
April, 1871	Pres.	Bucksburgh	P. R. Beizer
Oct. 1871	Pres.	Beverly	D. G. Perrine
" "	Synod	Bloomfield	Alex. J. Stultz
Apr. 1872	Pres.	Burlington	J. Gibson
Oct. "	Pres.	Cranbury	W. Everett
" "	Synod	Leontia	D. G. Perrine
Apr. 1873	Pres.	Freehold	D. G. Perrine
Sept. "	Pres.	Levent	S. S. Duncan
Oct. "	Synod	Washington	W. Duncan
Apr. 1874	Pres.	Montrose	J. J. Applegate
Oct. "	Pres.	Spartan	John Gibson
" "	Synod	Camden	P. R. Beizer
Apr. 1875	Pres.	Jamesburg	M. H. Perrine
Oct. "	Pres.	Red Bank	J. J. Applegate
" "	Synod	Orange	E. O. Howell
Apr. 1876	Pres.	Matawan	J. W. Beizer
Oct. "	Pres.	Highstown	S. S. Duncan
" "	Synod	Elizabeth	J. J. Applegate
Apr. 1877	Pres.	Burlington	S. S. Duncan
Oct. "	"	Beverly	John Gibson
" "	Synod	Newark	D. G. Perrine

Apr. 1878 - Pres. - Cranbury, 2nd - J. J. Applegate.
Oct. " " - Bordentown, - W^m. Duncan.
" " Synod - Morristown, - J. H. Bergen.
Apr. 1879 - Pres. - Fuzhold, - E. O. Howell.
Oct. " " - Manalapan, - W^m. Everitt.
" " Synod - Trenton, - John Gibson.
April 1880 - Pres. - Allentown, - John Gibson.
Oct. " " - 1st Cranbury, - W^m. Everitt.
" " Synod, Bridgeton, - E. O. Howell.
April 1881 - Pres. - Jamesburg, - Alex. J. Stults.
Oct. " " - Englishtown, - John Gibson.
" " Synod, Ashbury Park, - Peter R. Bergen.
April 1882, Pres. - Hightstown, - D. G. Perrine.
Oct. " " - Shrewsbury, - John Gibson.
" " Synod, Hackettstown, - W^m. Duncan.
Apr. 1883, Pres. - Burlington, - P. R. Bergen.
Oct. " " - Lakewood, - W^m. Duncan.
" " Synod, - Orange, - D. G. Perrine.
Apr. 1884, Pres. - 2nd Cranbury, - Alex. J. Stults.
Oct. " " - Red Bank, - D. G. Perrine.
" " Synod - Elizabethtown, - P. R. Bergen.
Apr. 1885 - Pres. - Fuzhold, - D. G. Perrine.
Oct. " " - Manasquan, - John Gibson.
" " Synod Atlantic City, - John Gibson.

April - 1886: Pres. - Matawan - P. R. Bergen.
Oct. - " " - Asbury Park - J. Gibson.
" " Synod - Carlisle - D. G. Perrine.
April - 1887 - Pres. - Allentown - D. G. Perrine.
Oct. " " - Shrewsbury - W^m. Duncan.
" " Synod - Asbury Park - D. G. Perrine.
April - 1888 - Pres. - Jamesburg - Alex. J. Stults.
Oct. " " - Pennant -
" " Synod - Asbury Park - A. J. Stults.
April - 1889 - Pres. - Burlington - F. Perrine.
Oct. - " - " - Oceanic - F. Perrine.
" - " - Synod - Asbury Park - F. Perrine.
April - 1890 - Pres. - Hightstown - P. R. Bergen.
Oct. " " - Pres. - Jackson: A. J. Duncan.
" " Synod - Atlantic City: P. R. Bergen.
April 1891. Henry C. Symmes, H. D. - 1st Cranbury
Oct. " " - W^m. H. Thomas - Lakewood.
" " Synod: D. G. Perrine, Asbury Park.
April 1892 - Pres. - Geo. R. Thomas: Fuzhold.
Oct. " " " " " " Synod.

Books of Record.

- 72.—The Presbytery urgently recommends that Sessions procure
- (1st).—The Book for Sessional Records prepared by the Board of Publication, which shall have the name of the church put distinctly on the cover.
 - (2nd).—The Church Register, prepared by the same Board, in which shall be kept a full record of Pastors, Elders, Deacons, Communicants, Baptisms, Marriages and Deaths.
 - (3rd).—A separate blank book for the Records of all Congregational Meetings and important items of Church History.

Rules for Church Sessions.

- 73.—The Stated Clerk shall keep a correct list of the names of the Ruling Elders comprising the Sessions of the several Churches of Presbytery, and to aid in this the roll of churches shall be called at each Fall Meeting to learn if any changes have occurred by death or otherwise.
- 74.—When a change in the membership of any Session occurs by death or otherwise, the Clerk of such Session is required immediately to report the change, in writing, to the Stated Clerk of Presbytery.
- 75.—Churches not represented by a Ruling Elder at any Stated Meeting of Presbytery shall be required to give reasons therefor.
- 76.—Church Sessions are required to forward to the Committee appointed to prepare Narratives for Synod and General Assembly, a written Narrative of the State of Religion within their bounds, at least two weeks before the Spring Stated Meeting of Presbytery, and any additional important facts occurring before the Fall Stated Meeting shall be reported to the same Committee.
- 77.—Ruling Elders must be duly elected by the Sessions in order to be entitled to a seat in Presbytery, except when a church possesses but one Ruling Elder.
- 78.—Church Sessions shall be required to review their rolls at suitable intervals and to purge them of the names of such members as have been absent for a long time, or whose residence is not known; and such names shall not be reported to the General Assembly; at the same time a separate list of such names shall be kept to be used as may be judged expedient in case these persons should at some subsequent time make their appearance. (See Assembly's Digest, page 52.)
- 79.—The Sessions of the churches are required to defray the expenses of their delegates to Presbyterial and Synodical Meetings.
- 80.—Sessional Records of Churches shall be submitted for review at the Stated Meeting in April; and churches then delinquent shall present their books at the next Stated Meeting.
- 81.—At the close of each year (April 1st) a full Statistical Report of the Church shall be sent to the Presbytery and also embodied in the records of Sessions.

Rules for Keeping Records of Sessions.

- 82.—Avoid erasure, interlineations and foot-notes. Insert on the Records no written or printed matter on separate slips of paper.
- 83.—Record the date, time and place of the meetings; the names of the Moderator and Elders present at every meeting; and the names of the absentees.
- 84.—Record the opening and closing of each meeting with prayer, and the reading and approval of the minutes of the last meeting.
- 85.—Record nothing which is not vital to the transactions of the meeting, such as plans, suggestions, discussions, motions that are lost, except by special order of the Session; of which order the Record should take notice.
- 86.—Record the Administration of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper at the next Regular Meeting succeeding.
- 87.—Record the full name of applicants for church membership; in case of married females, the maiden name, and wife or widow; in case of minors, son or daughter of; and in every case, whether baptized.
- 88.—Record the full title of the church, to which a certificate of dismission is granted, the date of the certificate and the full name of the person dismissed.
- 89.—In case of discipline, record every step in the process, as provided by the Book of Discipline. Carefully record the testimony given by the respective witnesses.
- 90.—When the previous action of the Session appears in the Record, the page, or pages, on which it is recorded should be distinctly noted.
- 91.—Record the name of the Elder appointed as delegate to the meetings of the Presbytery and Synod, and also a report of his attendance.
- 92.—The Record of each meeting is to be duly attended by the Clerk or Moderator.
- 93.—The Clerk of each Session is directed to fasten, neatly and securely, a copy of these rules in the Book of Sessional Records.