

SESSION MINUTES, 1870-1897

MINUTES OF THE SESSION

OF THE

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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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 *rain 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 insertions 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 filed at the same time with the book of Minutes, it seems best that it should usually be a separate volume. Both, the two may be obtained bound together or apart.

Specimen of Records.

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

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JANUARY, Nov. 17, 1850.

1850.
Sept. 17th.

The Session met at the Parsonage at 3 o'clock, P. M. Present, Ser. 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. Eliza 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 ordinance 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 Fane 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 judicatory.

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

Closed with prayer.

Signed,

JAMES S., Clerk.

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Cranbury N. J.

April 17, 1870.

Session met on call, opened with prayer.
 Mr. C. Selver was chosen delegate to attend
 the adjourned meeting of Presbytery, at
 Princeton April 23rd. On motion he
 said that the moderator is instructed
 to inform Mr. John W. Sears that, his
 trial, on the charge of having injured
 himself at the last term of court, is
 postponed till after the coming term
 of court, when, on the call of the ses-
 sion, he will be required to answer
 to the charge. Adjourned. Closed with pray-
 er by the moderator.

Jas. S. Van Dyke mod.

Cranbury N. J.

May 7, 1870

Session met preparatory to the Commu-
 nion. All present. The following named
 persons were received to the Communion
 of the Church, on examination, Miss
 Sarah V. Jenner, Miss Cornelia Love, Miss
 Mary Elizabeth Emmons. The two last
 were requested to present themselves for suf-
 ferings. On motion it was unanimously
 resolved that, from May 1st to Oct 1st,
 the hour for morning service shall be
 henceforth in half past ten (10^{1/2}); the
 remainder of the year 11 o'clock. Opened &
 closed with prayer. Jas. S. Van Dyke, mod.

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Cranbury May 29/70
 Session met on the call of Moderator.
 All present, opened with prayer by the Moderator. The following paper was unanimously adopted;

Whereas Mr. John M. Dooz, under the charge of perjury, refused, at two different private interviews, to converse with members upon the subject, & subsequently, at a meeting of the Session, denied the Church the right to call him in question, for testimony given in a court of justice, & promptly refused to remain unless his two companions were allowed to remain, &

Whereas, action upon a citation afterwards issued, was by formal vote of Session, in accordance with the advice of Pres. Byler, postponed until the termination of the trial of Uly. V. C. Schenck in the civil court, in which case the alleged false testimony was given, &

Whereas, that case has been disposed of & whereas, Delay now is only embarrassing to the Church, dishonoring to religion, & may prove prejudicial to him, since his interest is pursued in Bruners Institute, well be advised at their house after June 20th.
 Therefore Resolved, that we send him the following note;

Action upon the citation sent you by the Session to stand trial on Wednesday April 20th on the charge of wilful swearing to falsehood, will, by

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formal vote of Session postponed till the termination of the trial of the state against Uly. V. C. Schenck. Of that you were informed by letter & were then assured that you would be required to answer that citation. The case of Uly. V. C. Schenck having been disposed of you are hereby notified & directed to answer that citation by presenting yourself for trial at the Session House, Friday, June 10th at 2 O'clock P. M. You are cited to appear there, when to answer to the above charge & submit to trial on the same.

Witnesses.

John Miller.
 E. Silvers
 Wm. P. Byler.
 John Silvers.
 Erastus Bloom.

Joseph Farr
 Vincent A. Hughes.
 Wm. S. Silvers
 George Cole

By order of Session.

J. S. Van Dyke mod.

Mr. Jacob Smedaker was appointed to serve the notice upon Mr. Dooz.

Closed with Prayer

J. S. Van Dyke, mod.

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Cranbury N.J. June 10/70
 Session met at 2 o'clock P.M. All the members were present, opened with prayer by the Moderator. Mr. Jacob Smeedaker reported that he had duly served the citation upon Mr. John M. Dorsey to appear at this meeting & stand trial on the charge of false swearing. After waiting till 3 o'clock Rev. E. S. Schuch & John M. Dorsey, accompanied with several young men from Braamich's Inst., presented themselves. The Moderator informed Mr. John M. Dorsey that Mr. Ezekiel Sifers, the prosecutor, was present with his witnesses ready to proceed with the trial. The Rev. E. S. Schuch immediately spoke claiming the right to act as counsel for defendant. Referring to the Book of Discipline, Chap. 4, sect. 21, the Mod. decided that Mr. Dorsey had a right to the choice of any member of the Session as counsel, but no right to bring in outside assistance to manage his case. From this decision Mr. Schuch appealed to the Session. The appeal being lost the Mod. read to Mr. Dorsey the charge & specifications of Mr. E. Sifers, as follows:—

1. Ezekiel Sifers, charge Mr. John M. Dorsey, a member of this church, with having knowingly taken oath to falsehood in testimony given in the Md. Co. Court Feb. 4. 1870 in the case of the state versus Alex. V. C. Schuch, in

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saying,

1. That in connection with Alex. V. C. Schuch he left Braamich Inst., for the fire (the burning of my barn on the Evening of Dec. 16th 1870) at about 20 minutes past eight o'clock & some time after the fall of the 3rd Pres. Ch. commenced to pray.

2. That he, in connection with Alex. V. C. Schuch passed John & Betty, in going to the fire.

Mr. Dorsey was then informed that he might manage his own case, or select any member of the Session to manage it for him, the witnesses for the plaintiff would be introduced first & examined, first by Mr. E. Sifers, then cross examined by himself or counsel; that his witnesses would then be introduced, just examined by himself or counsel, then cross examined by Mr. E. Sifers; that the testimony of each witness, given under oath, would be written out in full, subscribed to by each person giving it, & certified to by the Clerk; that both he Mr. Sifers would have an opportunity of commenting upon the testimony, that thereupon the case might perhaps be decided by this Session, perhaps referred to Presbytery.

Mr. Dorsey was then asked whether he was ready to proceed with the trial. He replied, "Not unless Mr. Schuch is allowed to manage my case for me." On being again informed that the Session had decided not to allow outside counsel, he, Mr. Schuch,

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those who came with them, withdrew.
The Session resolved to issue the 2nd citation & send it by gentlemen R.C. Stults & Aaron Lane. The following was sent:—

Cranbury June 10th 1870

Mr John H. Dorray; You are hereby cited to appear at the Session House before the Session of the 2nd Dist. Ct. this afternoon, June 10th at 5 1/2 O'clock to stand trial on the charge made by Mr. E. Silvers of having knowingly taken oath to falsehood in testimony given in the Dist. Ct. Court Feb. 4, 1870 in the case of the State against Alex. F.C. Schenk. This is the last citation ~~that~~ that will be sent you by this Session. If you do not appear at the appointed time the Session, besides censuring you for contumacy, will, if it sees fit, after assigning some one to manage your defence, proceed to take the testimony in your case, as if you were present.

John Miller
E. Silvers
W. P. Dwy.

Witnesses

John Silvers
Erastus Bloom
Jol. Farr.

Umarit S. Hughes
Wm S. Silvers
Geo. Cole.

By order of Session

J. S. Van Dyke Mod.

At 5 1/2 O'clock Mr. Stults & Mr. Lane reported that they had been

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unable to find Mr. Dorray, also that Mr. John M. Dorray sen. had failed in finding him. The Session resolved to send the same citation, changing the date to Sat. June 11th 10 O'clock, to the accused by John M. Dorray Sen. & Mr. Jol. Farr. Closed with prayer by the Moderator.

Jol. S. Van Dyke Mod.

June 11th 1870

Session met at 10 O'clock. All present opened with prayer by the Moderator. Mr. John Dorray Sen. & Mr. Jol. Farr reported that they had made numerous unsuccessful attempts to serve the citation upon Mr. John H. Dorray; that they were told he was not in the Institute but at his father's five miles distant; that on sending for him they found he was not there had not been; that Mr. Bloom, at their request, had made an effort to serve the citation but failed though told by Alex. Schenk that Dorray was in the kitchen; that he had been seen in the village that morning; that Mr. Leggett sent by them to serve ~~the~~ the citation, was told at the Institute that John Dorray had gone to his Uncle's John M. Dorray's sen., two miles distant; that this, on the subsequent affirmation of Mr. J. Dorray sen.,

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was found to be untrue. All efforts having so far failed, Session resolved to cite him to appear on Monday morning June 13th at 9 O'clock. The same citation altering the date was sent. Closed with prayer.

J. S. Van Dyke mod.

June 13th 1870. Week A.

Session met: all present; opened with prayer by the mod. The minutes in the Doeray case were read & approved. Mr. John Sainsou, a member of this ch. reported, that at the request of members of the Session, he had made several attempts to serve the citation upon Mr. J. M. Doeray: all proved unsuccessful: that he left a citation with Rev. E. S. Schenck, requesting him to hand it to Mr. Doeray; that this was subsequently returned, Rev. E. S. Schenck declining to deliver it, or to make known the whereabouts of Mr. Doeray. Mr. Jacob Sneider also reported that he failed in serving the citation given him, being unable to find Mr. Doeray or learn where he was. Mr. Wm. Field, a member of the ch., who had been requested to serve the citation, made a similar report. On motion, Resolved that the same citation, altering the date to June 17th at 2 P. M. or, if possible, delivered to him

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& that one for him be left with Rev. E. S. Schenck (who so far in all matters had assumed to act for Mr. Doeray) & another with his father Wm. Doeray, each accompanied with the declaration that unless Mr. John M. Doeray is present on Friday, June 17th, at 2 O'clock P. M. his trial will proceed whether or not the Session had proof of his having received the citation into his own hand. Closed with Prayer.

J. S. Van Dyke, Mod.

Franklin, June 17. 1870.

Session met at 2 P. M. All present, opened with prayer by the Moderator. Mr. Jacob Sneider reported that on Tuesday morning June 14, he left at Braunsville Institute for John M. Doeray, the citation issued on Monday June 13th for him to appear before the Session June 17th; that with the citation he left word that on Friday the Session would certainly proceed with the trial whether he was present or absent & without waiting for proof that he himself had personally received the written citation; that that citation was returned by Rev. E. S. Schenck being received by Mr. Sneider, was again returned on Thursday by Mr. Schenck (Rev. E. S.); that

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he also read to start with Mr. Wm. Doray, father of the defendant, the citation accompanied with the declaration that on Friday the Session would certainly proceed with the trial without waiting for positive proof that the citation had been handed to John M. Doray; that the defendant was believed to have been at his father's during that entire day.

These reports having been given & the defendant not appearing Session unanimously resolved to suspend him from the Communion of the Church for contumacy until he appears before Session & expresses repentance for having determinedly refused to stand trial. Resolved that the Moderator inform him by letter sent by the hand of Mr. John G. Stultz; & that the Mod. also inform the Pres. Com. on Education, under whose care he is of this action.

Resolved that we proceed to take the testimony in the case, that Mr. Smedaker is appointed to act as counsel for Mr. Doray, that the testimony be written out in full, given under oath, & subscribed to by each person giving it.

Testimony of the witnesses was then taken in full, written out & subscribed to (See Manuscript.)

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Resolved, that inasmuch as action had been brought against two members of this Session, in the civil court, for slander, & inasmuch as John Doray may even yet express a willingness to submit to trial & a desire to bring forward witnesses, that the decision of this case be postponed for the present.

Resolved that Mr. Jacob Smedaker be appointed delegate to attend the meeting of Synod at Elizabeth, Tuesday next, June 21st 1870.

Adjourned & closed with prayer.

Jo^l. S. Van Dyke Mod.

August 13. 1870.

Session met preparatory to the communion: Opened with prayer by Mr. Jacob Smedaker. Mr. John G. Stultz reported having delivered a letter to Mr. Doray, of which this is a true copy.

Mr. John M. Doray;

Cranbury N.J. June 18. 1870.

Dear Sir;

I am directed by the Session to ~~inform~~ inform you that the Presbytery of Cranbury to inform you that at their meeting held at 2 O'clock yesterday for the purpose of attending to you that

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on the charge made against you by Mr. C. Schuch of having knowingly taken oath to fellowship you were suspended from the communion of the church for contumacy until you repent. You refused at two different private interviews to converse with us upon the subject; you determinedly refused to remain at the second interview unless your two young friends were allowed to be present; you denied the Session the right to call you in question for testimony given in a court of justice; you refused to submit to trial until a person not a member of the Session was allowed to manage your case, because this was not permitted, contrary to the Book of Discipline, you withdrew from the meeting of Session to which you were summoned by the just citation, although the time of answering that citation had been, at the urgent of Rev. E. S. Schuch, postponed from April 30th to June 10th; finally, you neglected to answer either in person by note, or in any other way, the second citation which informed you that if you failed to be present you would be suspended for contumacy, that the Session, if it saw fit, after alleging some one to manage your defence, would proceed to take the testimony in your case, as if you were present, after such long continued refusal to

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appear & stand trial, no option was left the Session. We were forced to suspend you for contumacy. The Book of Discipline left us no choice. Greatly did we, & do we still regret the necessity; earnestly do we pray that this discipline may be blessed of God to your great spiritual good.

By order of Session

Joel J. Van Dyke, Mod.
 Certificates of the church membership of Siggie Hunt, from the Pres. Ch. in Steubenville, Pa., & of Mrs. Fanny A. Howland, from the Pres. Ch. of Shrewsbury, Pa. were received & by vote of Session unanimously accepted, the applicants welcomed to the communion.
 A committee consisting of the Pastor, J. C. Stultz & Bro. Barclay were appointed to raise money to pay off the debt of the Church, \$2000.

On motion it was unanimously resolved that we proceed to the nomination of six persons for recommendation to the congregation for election to the eldership; & of three to the Diaconate. The following persons were unanimously chosen
 For Elders.

Wm. Hughes.
 Isaac Lovat.
 John S. Danton
 Wm. S. Deeg.
 Wm. E. Borsen
 Isaac Mithen.

For Diacons.

Peter R. Stultz
 Bro. B. B. B. B.
 Alfred M. Burns.

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Committees were appointed to inform their brethren of the design of the Session to recommend them to the Cong. for election, to ascertain whether they will be willing to serve in case of election & report to the Session to-morrow morning at 9 1/2 o'clock. To this time the Session took recess.

Sunday Morning 9 1/2 o'clock. The committees reported all the above named gentlemen willing to allow their names to be presented to the Cong. for election. On motion it was unanimously ~~that~~ that the Session now render a decision in the case of John M. Doraz. The testimony being read & the charge stated, the Moderator asked each member (except Mr. E. Schaub, the accuser, & Mr. J. Smecker, counsel for defendant) "Is J. M. Doraz guilty or innocent?" Each answered, "Guilty." On motion unanimously resolved that he be suspended from the communion of the Church until he appears in person before the Session, makes acknowledgments & manifests repentance.

The following letter was ordered to be sent by the hands of John G. Stultz.

Cranbury N.J. Aug 11/42
 Mr. John M. Doraz;
 Dear Sir;
 You are hereby in-

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formed that the Session of the Presb. Ch. Cranbury, at a meeting held yesterday, decided your case upon the testimony taken on Friday June 17th & found you guilty of the charge brought against you by Mr. E. Schaub & unanimously resolved that you be suspended from the communion until you appear before the Session & give satisfactory evidence of repentance. The decision has been hitherto delayed in the hope that you might get charge your mind, see you did wrong in refusing to submit yourself for trial, secure a removal of the suspension for contumacy & feel desirous of bringing forward evidence to clear yourself of the charge. We have waited on you almost two months. The Session unanimously resolved to wait no longer. Hoping this action - forced upon us by your refusal to hold any conference with us & your continued contumacy - may be blessed of heaven to your spiritual good, we remain as ever.

By order of Session. Jos. L. Van Dyke Mod.

Resolved that the Mod. inform the Presb. Syn. on Education, under whose care Mr. Doraz formerly was, of this action.
 Closed with Prayer.

Jos. L. Van Dyke Mod.

* They were unanimously elected & duly installed

Resolved that

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Sept. 25th 1870.

Session met; opened with prayer, Mr. J. Marshon the Moderator reported having called on Mr. John M. Doray Jun. & received the assurance that he received the citation bearing date of June 13th. Left with his father, & also the two notices of suspension, one of suspension on the charge of contumacy, the other on the charge made by E. Silvers.

Resolved that we enter upon our minutes the fact that the present recommendation by the Session (see minute of Aug 13) to the office of Julius elder & deacon was duly elected ~~and~~ & ordained. Mr. J. Marshon was appointed to attend, as delegate, the coming meeting of Presbytery & Mr. R. C. Steels the meeting of Synod.

Adjourned. Closed with prayer.

Jos. S. Van Dyke Mod.

Nov. 12. at 9. 1870.

Session met after preparatory Lecture. Opened with prayer by the Moderator. The following persons were received by letter, Julius Lorenz & Caroline his wife, from Pres. Ch. Dayton, & Mrs. Anne Aman da Gulick, from the 1st Pres. Ch. of New Brunswick. Minutes of previous meetings

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were read & approved.

On motion unanimously Resolved that Mr. Elias Dyke be suspended from the communion of the church for wilfully absenting himself. Mr. John S. Davison & Mr. W. E. Berron were appointed a committee to hand down a letter, signed by the moderator, in favoring him of this action.

Closed with prayer.

Jos. S. Van Dyke Mod.

Feb. 11. 1871.

Session met after Preparatory Lecture. Opened with prayer by Mr. J. Marshon. The following persons were received by Certificate:—

Wm. S. McHairt.

Ulvia S. McHairt from 2nd Pres. Ch. Germantown Pa.

Charles Hart &

Mrs. C. Hart from Meth. Ep. Ch. Cranbury N.J.

Mrs. Mary D. McChesney from Pres. Ch. Old Smart N.J.

Mr. Ellison Petty was received on examination.

Closed with prayer by J. S. Davison.

Jos. S. Van Dyke
Mod.

April 1. 1871.

Session met per the call of the Moderator. All present; opened with prayer by Wm. S. Dyke. Mr. E. Silvers was appointed to attend, as delegate, the next meeting of Presbytery; April 11. at Bricklayers.

* Having been called to leave and report to a Presbytery in another place.

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Closed with prayer by Isaac Co-
vert.

Jo^s. I. Van Dyke
Mod.

Thus far examined & approved
Sessions of Presbytery at Pricksburg
April 12th 1871

Joseph B. Symmes,
Moderator.

Oranburg N.Y.
May 13. 1871.

Session met preparatory to the
Communion. All the members pres-
ent. Opened with prayer by Mr. W.
Hughes. Received by letter from the
First Presbyterian Church of Paw-
sey Joseph Brown & Amanda &
his wife. Closed with prayer by the
Moderator

Jo^s. I. Van Dyke Clerk

Aug. 12. 1871.

Session met preparatory to Communion.
All present. Opened with prayer by the
Moderator. After a few conversations on
the state of religion, - no persons present
were thought fit for admission, - closed with
prayer by Mr. Isaac Covert.

Jo^s. I. Van Dyke
Clerk

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Nov. 11. 1871.

Session met after Preparatory lec-
ture. All present. Opened with prayer
by the Moderator. Proceeded to the
Communion of the Church, by certificate
from the 1st Pres. Ch. Oranburg N.Y.
Mr. S. B. Scotton. Proceeded on exami-
nation Mr. Howard Keys & Cornelia, his
wife. A Committee was appointed
to wait upon Mr. Lincoln Walton
(Colored) & request him to meet the
session for a friendly conference in
reference to reports widely circulated
charging him with drinking intoxi-
cating liquors to excess.

The Committee, returning, report-
ed his denial of the truth of the re-
ports & his emphatic refusal to meet
the session. On motion

Resolved, - That since the reports charg-
ing Mr. L. Walton with drunkenness
rest on the assertions of several com-
petent witnesses, members of this church
& since he refuses to meet the session,
& since time before the coming com-
munion will not permit a formal
trial; - that he be enjoined to absent
himself from the Communion table on
the morrow. Closed with prayer by the
Moderator

Jo^s. I. Van Dyke
Clerk

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Cranbury N.J.
Jan 28/72

Session met after morning service, on the call of the Moderator. All present except S. Mershon. Opened with prayer. On motion

Resolved

That Mr. Hoofford Furr be cited to meet the Session, at the Session House, Sat. at 4 1/2 P. M. Feb. 10. 1872, to answer to the charge of willfully absenting himself from the Sanctuary.

Resolved.

That Lou Walton be cited to meet the Session at the Parsonage, Friday Evening, Feb. 7. at 7 O' clock to answer to the charge of drunkenness.

Resolved

That Mr. Chas Farr be cited to meet the Session, at the Parsonage, Wednesday Evening Feb. 7. at 7 O' clock to answer to the charge of willfully absenting himself from the Sanctuary & other habits unbecoming a church member.

Resolved

That Mr. Jos. Farr be cited to meet the Session at the Parsonage, Wednesday Evening Feb 7. at 7 O' clock to answer to the charge of unnecessarily absenting himself from the church & the indulgence in habits unbecoming a church member.

Resolved

That Mr. Vincent S. Hughes

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be cited to meet the Session at the Parsonage, Wednesday Evening, Feb. 7 at 7 O' clock to answer to the charge of unnecessarily absenting himself from Church.

Closed with Prayer by the Mod.

Jos. S. Van Dyke
Clk.

Feb 7. 1872

Session met at the Parsonage. Present Messrs. Lane, Barclay, D. Mershon, J. Mershon, Buzen, Sibers, Smidaker, Hughes & Denton.

On motion unanimously, Resolved that those presenting themselves in response to the citations issued, shall have an opportunity, after the Moderator had fully informed them of the charge or charges against them, to make any statement they may desire, to enumerate any justifying circumstances, to confess, or to plead Not Guilty & demand the proof. Having made their statement the Session shall have the opportunity of asking any questions they may desire, after which the person accused shall be invited to withdraw, when the Session shall consult, decide, & appoint one of their number to inform the accused of their decision: who for the person shall be invited to return & the decision announced to him.

In the case of Jos Farr the following action was taken:—

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Inasmuch as Mr. J. F. Farr had confessed to having causelessly absented himself from the sanctuary, & to having associated unnecessarily with persons whose influence upon him is decidedly injurious, & had promised to attend church regularly in future & break off from pernicious associations therefore—

Resolved That he be informed that all further action in his case on the charges mentioned in the citation be stayed so long as he keeps these pledges.

In the case of Vincent S. Hughes, the following action was taken—

Inasmuch as since the citation to answer to the charge of unnecessarily absenting himself from the church was issued, the bulk of a child had proved him guilty of anti-nuptial fornication & since he furnished no adequate excuse for having absented himself from the sanctuary therefore Resolved

That he be thereby & suspended from the communion of the church for six months, at the expiration of which time if he had attended church regularly, & returns to the session confessing penitence for his sin & asking to be reinstated, the Session will consider the question of restoration to church privileges.

In the case of Mr. J. F. Farr

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the following action was taken—

Inasmuch as he confesses to having unnecessarily absented himself from the church, to having been in the habit of drinking frequently at hotels, of having played at games for drinks, of having attended horse races & bet on the same, & inasmuch as he expresses deep sorrow for past conduct & had given as his solemn promise, to attend church regularly hereafter, to make no horse-races, nor bet on the results of horse-racing, to cease playing at games for drinks, etc. to frequent less frequently in hotels, therefore, Resolved

That he be informed that all action on these charges is suspended so long as these solemn promises are faithfully kept.

On motion Resolved That Samuel Walton be cited to appear before Session on Saturday, Feb. 10 in the Church at P. M. to answer to the charge of drunkenness, & that he be informed in the citation that if he fails the second time to meet the Session he will be suspended for four months.

Minutes read & approved by Session.

John S. Van Dyke
Clerk.

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Graham, Feb. 10. 1872.
 Session met after preparatory service,
 full present except W. C. Ferguson. Opened
 with Prayer by the Moderator. Proceeded
 to the communion of the Church on exam-
 Miss Mary Entwistle Day
 Miss Mary Murray.

By certificate from Pres. Ch. South Ombay.
 Mr. W. P. White &
 Mrs. J. White, his wife.

In the case of Sam. Walton the
 following action was taken

Whereas Mrs. Sam Walton has
 been twice regularly cited to appear in
 face the Session & answer to the
 charge of drunkenness & has refused to
 present herself therefore,

Resolved, that he be & hereby is
 suspended from the communion of
 the Church for contumacy.

Mrs. Spafford Reed, pre-
 viously cited, having failed to appear,
 the Session directed the Moderator to
 issue for her the second citation to
 appear before the Session in the Church,
 in morning service, Feb. 25- to an-
 swer to the charge of unnecessary ab-
 sencing herself from the church, in-
 forming her that if she failed to ap-
 pear, no adequate excuse being ven-
 ded, she will be suspended from
 church privileges for contumacy.

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After the appointment of several
 committees to hold a kind interview, ac-
 companied with reproof & admonition, with
 persons whose course of conduct cause
 the Session much solicitude, closed
 with Prayer by Mr. J. Smedaker.

Ed. S. Van Dyke
 Clerk.

Thus far examined & approved, in meeting
 of the Presbytery of Northampton at Burlington
 April 10. 1872.

J. B. Davis
 Mod.

April 7. 1872.

Session met after morning service. Mr. John-
 B. Danson was elected to attend the meeting
 of Presbytery (Sunday April 9. at Burlington)
 & Mr. Isaac Lane, alternate. A committee,
 consisting of Messrs. Barclay, A. Lane, J. Mur-
 shon, J. S. Danson, J. S. Van Dyke & Jacob
 Smedaker, was appointed, to examine Mr. Wm
 Newton (who from age & fullness of confir-
 mation to his room & solicit admission to the
 church) & if the way seems clear receive him
 to ch. membership & administer Baptism
 & the Lord's Supper. Closed with prayer.

Ed. S. Van Dyke
 Clerk.

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May 11, 1872.

Session met after preparatory service all present except Wm. Hughes.

The Com. appointed to examine Mr. Newton reported attendance to the duty, that the ordinances of Baptism & the Lord Supper were administered. The report was adopted and same orders to be entered on the Church Register.

Received by Letter

Wm. Howard

Hurrietta Newell Low Pres. Ch. South Canby
Miss Rachel W. Jordan 1st Pres. Ch. Canby

Received by examination

Garrat Stovasser

Jessica Stovasser

Mrs Nancy P. P. P.

John Hughes.

On motion Resolved that Mrs. Louisa Chilton, (wife of Harry) be cited to meet the session at the Session House May 24th 82 P. M. that a conference may be had in reference to her reported sin of Anti-Nuptial Fornication.

Opened with prayer by J. S. Dawson
Closed with Prayer by the Moderator.

J. S. Dawson Mod.
Clerk

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May 24, 1872.

Session met. Mrs. Henry Chilton, having confessed to having been guilty of Anti-Nuptial Fornication, was suspended from the communion of the church for six months, on the expiration of which time, the session on her personal application, agreed to consider the question of restoration to church privileges. Opened & Closed with prayer.

J. S. Dawson Mod.

August 10, 1872.

Session met, opened with prayer by Mr. J. Covert. All present. On nomination the following persons were received to Church membership:

Joshua P. Bagley.

Sarah W. Herbert.

Victoria Herbert.

Certificates of Dismission were granted to

Mrs. Louisa Hutchinson

Wm. P. P. Blackwell.

Sarah Blackwell.

Resolved, that the Pastor write to all our Church members who have removed beyond the sound of the congregation & urge them to take their certificates. On motion the following committees were appointed: J. S. Dawson, to visit Mr. & Mrs. Alexander S. Sewlaker, who have been for nearly two years in attendance on the 1st church, &

D. Washburn

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kindly invite them to accept certificates to the 1st Church (near which they reside) or to attend Church where their membership is; To visit Mr. Simson Errett wife & daughter, & request urge them to a more regular attendance on the services of the Sanctuary.

W. E. Bergen & S. Mershon, to visit Mr. Charles D. Jay, & inform him that the session, have learned with deep pain, & much solicitude for his spiritual welfare that he is accustomed to associate with drinking men, to visit hotels & hole sauc, & communicate to him our kind, earnest & unanimous advice to discontinue these practices:—

Messrs. Geo. Barclay & E. Silvers to visit Messrs. Jos. & Charles Farr & confer with them in reference to alleged repeated violations of the solemn pledges given this Session (see Min. of Feb. 7, 1872): Also to visit Mr. Smedek Farr Jun. & hold conference with him in reference to such spread reports charging him with drinking, spending whole days at hotels, associating with habitual drinking men, fast dining, & attendance at hole sauc.

Resolved that these Committees be requested to report to the session at a meeting to be held Aug. 25th 1872. Closed with prayer by the Moderator.

Jos. S. Van Dyke
clerk.

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Aug. 25th 1872.

Session met after morning service. Opened with prayer. Present J. S. Van Dyke, Geo. Barclay, Barrows Lane, E. Silvers, J. Covert, D. Mershon, S. Mershon, J. S. Hanson, W. E. Bergen, R. C. Stull, W. S. Dey, J. Smedeker. Absent Wm. Hughes.

The Com. appointed to visit Mr & Mrs. Alex. Smedeker reported attendance on their duty; that they preferred to leave their membership with the 2nd ch. & attend at the 1st. Since it was more convenient, that when informed that the session preferred they would either attend the 2nd or take certificates to the 1st. they requested certificates. Certificates were therefore granted to Mr. Alex. Smedeker & Elizabeth A. wife of Alex. Smedeker.

The same com. (see p. 28) reported having visited Mr. Simson Errett, wife & daughter—urged them to a more regular attendance on the services of the Ch. They promised greater regularity in future.

W. E. Bergen & S. Mershon reported having visited Char. Dey Jun. (see p. 28) & communicated the advice of session & received his promise of greater care of his conduct in future.

The Com. appointed to visit Messrs. Jos. & Charles Farr (see p. 28) reported attendance on their duty, that they confessed to having failed in keeping the promised grain the session (see p. 22) which

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the following action was unanimously taken;

Inasmuch as Mr. Charles Farr, according to his own confession, had broken the promises solemnly given this Session (see min Feb. 7, 1872 p. 29) & had since that time absented himself almost entirely from the sanctuary, inasmuch as he was then given to understand, & agreed to the same, that a failure to keep these promises would be followed by summary suspension. Therefore—

Resolved that he be now informed that he is hereby suspended from the communion of the Church until by an altered life he give satisfactory evidence of ~~an at-~~ ^{his} repentance & seek the ordination of the Lord's supper by personal application to the Session.

In the case of Mr. Jos. Farr precisely the same action was taken.

Mr. Frederick Farr Jun. being in the next action on his case was deferred.

The following action was unanimously taken;

Inasmuch as Mrs S. B. Sutton (received to the communion of this Church Nov. 2, 1873 (see p. 18) by letter from the 1st Pres. Ch. Assembly, which letter stated that she had absented herself from the communion of said church for four years previous) had in consequence of the questions then asked her by this Session, absented her

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self from the church, according to her own confession, nor since her reception, Therefore Resolved;

That she be hereby suspended from the communion of this ch. till she give satisfactory evidence of an altered state of mind.

The following was unanimously passed, Resolved that Mrs. Ann Davis, wife of Jas. W. Davis, be hereby suspended from the communion of this church for having, according to her own confession, willfully absented from its services for the past four years.

The following was unanimously passed, Resolved that a committee consisting of Messrs J. S. Danson & E. Silvers be hereby appointed & directed to visit Mr. & Mrs. J. Dallow & urge them to attendance on the means of grace inform them that continuance in willfully absenting themselves from the sanctuary can only result in speedy suspension.

Resolved that a committee consisting of Messrs Barclay & H. McWhorter be hereby appointed to visit Mr. Henry Johnson (colored) & confer with him in reference to alleged drunkenness, & inform him that it is with great pain that the Session have heard, on reliable authority, of at least three instances when he had been grossly intoxicated & assure him that if it occurs again, the Session will cite him to trial & if found guilty, will certainly suspend him.

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Resolved that Miss Cornelia Low, having removed to New York refused to take her certificate when urged so to do, & having as we are credibly informed, willfully absented herself from the means of grace for more than one year, be thereby is suspended from the Communion of the Church.

Resolved that Miss Anne E. Schenck, daughter of Rev. Elias Schenck - having removed without our consent & having neglected to take her certificate when urged so to do, & having failed to communicate to the session any reason for this continued neglect, be thereby is suspended from the Communion of the Church.

All the above resolutions were passed unanimously.

Closed with prayer.

J. S. Van Slyke Clerk.

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Granbury N. J.
Sept. 30. 1872.

Session met on the call of the Moderator. Opened with prayer. Present:

J. Marshon	W. E. Bergen
E. Barclay	E. Sibley
J. Marshon	J. Suedeker
W. S. Sly	W. M. Hughes.
J. S. Harlow	I. Court.

Absent. P. C. Stultz, & A. Lane.

Was appointed as delegate to Pellybury to meet in 1st Ch. Granbury, Oct. 1. 1872.

Communes Marshon, Primaries
Jacob Suedeker Secundus.

To Synod, to meet in Trenton, Oct.

W. S. Sly Primaries
Isaac Court Secundus.

The Conn. appointed to visit Mr & Mrs G. Barlow & confer with them respecting their absenting themselves from the sanctuary - reported, that they confessed to having done wrong & promised attendance hereafter.

The Conn. appointed to visit Mr H. Johnson (Colored) & confer with him in reference to alleged drunkenness reported - attendance on their duty, & that Mr. H. Johnson confessed to the drunkenness, expressed deep repentance & a desire to remain in the Communion of the Church & promised total avoidance of drinking hereafter; the Conn. informed him that the Session had ordered them to say that if they heard reports of drunkenness on his part hereafter

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he would be cited to stand trial & if found guilty would be suspended from the communion of the church. See Min. p. 31.

Jos. S. Van Dyke Moderator
& Clerk.

Cranbury N. J. Nov. 9, 1872

Session met Preparatory to Communion
Opened with prayer by the moderator.

All the elders present, viz:—

Jacob Smeedaker	J. Mershon	J. S. Dawson
L. Mershon	J. Covert	E. Scheub.
Geo. Barclay	W. S. Doy	W. E. Bergen
Aaron Lane	P. C. Stultz	Wm. Hughes

Received on ex-amination Mrs. Mary Scott Britton (widow of Dea.) & Mrs. Baird Applegat Fair (son of Friedrich) The former, not having been baptized, arrangements were made for the administration of the ordinance Sat. morning. Received by letter from the Old Town Meeting Church;—Caroline Johnson (daughter of Jm) The congregation was divided between the two churches, assigning to each about four teen families (there being 170 in all) for supervision &c. A letter of dismission was granted to Mr. & Mrs. Jos. Brown to unite with 2nd Pres. ch. Pohony. Closed with prayer by the moderator, the minutes of previous meetings having been read & approved.

J. S. Van Dyke Mod.

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Cranbury N. J.
Feb. 8, 1873

Session met after preparatory service. Opened with prayer by Mr. Wm. S. Doy.

Present

Wm. Hughes	Wm. E. Bergen	Wm. S. Doy
J. S. Dawson	Eskel Scheub.	Geo. Barclay
L. Mershon	P. C. Stultz	J. Mershon
J. Covert	J. Smeedaker	

Samuel P. Stultz, son of Peter R. was on ex-amination received to the church; Mrs. Mary Johnson widow of John B. was received by certificate.

The following committee were appointed to visit the following named persons & converse with them in reference to inconsistent deportment reported Feb. 25th.

To visit

C. E. Provost &
Mrs. Hooper — J. Mershon

John W. Doy, J. Mershon

Isaac Hestehendon J. S. Dawson.

Mary Eliz. Emmond J. Covert

Annie E. Hagerty, Geo. Barclay.

— Jos. S. Sutton Geo. Barclay.

Samuel Everett J. S. Dawson

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Leah Train, P. C. Stultz

If Becca Stonaker, Exhul. Sichert.

Certificates were given to the following persons:-

Mr & Mrs. Chester E. Pullen.

Mr. & Mrs. Frederick S. Stultz

Mr & Mrs. Ruted Louwer.

Mrs. Sarah Fisher.

A letter was written sent to Mrs. Amanda
Case requesting her, as she expects to reside per-
manently in Jersey City, to consider the propriety
of accepting a certificate to connect herself
with a Pres. Ch. in Jersey City.

Closed with Prayer

Jo! S. Van Dyke
Clerk

Feb 23. 1873.

Session met. Opened with prayer. Present
P. C. Stultz, Jacob Smeecher, J. S. Dawson,
E. Sichert, J. Covert, W. S. Day, Geo. Barclay,
W. E. Bergin, Wm. Hughes, Albert S. Mer-
shaw, S. Mershaw. Carow Lane.

The Committee reported (those appointed
at last meeting) that they had visited
the persons whom they were appointed
to visit, conversed with them on the
subjects they were directed to converse
with them & have received promises
of greater faithfulness to Christian

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duty in future.

Miss Mary Elizabeth Emmons appeared
in person before the Session, confessed to
having willfully & needlessly absented her-
self from the Church & to having taken
part in dances, having promised to
attend church hereafter, & to discontin-
ue entirely the custom of dancing the
session, the Session determined to take
no further action in the case so long
as these promises were kept.

Closed with Prayer -

Jo! S. Van Dyke
Moderator

Feb. Mar 28/73.

Session met after morning service. Pres-
ent, Carow Lane, Geo. Barclay, P. C. Stultz,
E. Sichert, Wm. Hughes, S. Mershaw, W. E. Ber-
gin, W. S. Day, J. Covert, Jacob Smeecher -
Clement, J. P. Davidson.

The following minute being read, was
ordered to be entered upon the minutes:-

Whereas it has pleased the Great
Head of the Church to remove by death
one of the oldest members of the Session
therefore

Resolved that the following be en-
tered upon the minutes:-

Dominicus Mershaw was born near
Oranbury Aug. 15. 1796. He united with
the 1st Presbyterian Church by profession.

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of faith. From the commencement of his Christian life he was noted for consistency of deportment, firmness of religious devotion, & ardent zeal in the Master's service. From its very inception he was among the most active friends of the Second Church. At the meeting for its organization, June 28, 1838, he was elected Spelling elder & ordained & installed July 22, 1838. He ever after gave it his warmest affections. For its welfare he gave liberally of his substance, was untiring in his personal efforts, fervent in his prayers for heaven's blessing upon its services. The covenant-keeping soul who ever encouraged the faithful, permitted him to see, as a part of his reward, his children, eight in number, enter its communion.

He was a man of marked integrity, thoroughly consistent Christian life, warm-hearted, regular in attendance on the services of the church, a man strong in faith, frequent in visitation of the sick, & warmly interested in all such people. He died, as he had lived, tranquil & beloved by all, in the calm hope of eternal rest. He died Feb. 26, 1873.

As an officer of the church he was conspicuous for faithfulness, good judgment, firmness, fairness, & willingness to unite cordially with the majority in measures deemed advisable.

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In the sorrowing relation we extend sympathy to the church, of which he was an honored officer, we implore God's blessing & hope that much of his spirit may ever exist among its members.

By order of session:

John L. New Dyer
Moderator

Thus far examined & approved
Sessions of Presbytery Freehold -
April 15th 16th 1873 - except the minute on page 32 -

Edward B. Hodge
Moderator

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Cranbury N. J.
May 10, 1873.

Session met after preparatory Lecture. Opened with prayer by Mr. S. Court. Present E. Silvers, Geo. Barclay, J. Court, Aaron Lane, J. Mashon, W. E. Bergen, J. Suedeker, J. S. Dawson, W. S. Day, Wm. Hughes, P. C. Stultz.

Mrs. Jennie Estball, wife of Henry Estball was received by letter from the Pres. Ch. of Hightstown. One motion Mrs. Mary Cummings, for leaving entire by failure to keep the promised gain the session Feb. 23, 1873 (see pp 54, 37) was, according to an understanding then had with her, suspended from the communion of the Church till she returns to attendance & discanting dancing at hotels.

On motion it was unanimously resolved that the following persons for the accompanying of wives should be cited to meet the Session in the Session House on Saturday Evening May 26th at 5 O'clock

Mr & Mrs Jos. Barlow, wife absent
John Borg, wife absent & drunkenness
Mrs. John ~~Barlow~~ ~~wife absent~~
Isaac Hutchinson, wife absent & con-
tinuing hobbling to ch. for 3 yrs.
~~And Mrs. Hutchinson wife absent~~
Simon Covert actually -

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D. C. Griggs, Secretary,
Closed with prayer by the Moderator

W. S. VanDyke.

Cranbury N. J.
May 26, 1873

Session met in the Session House at 5 P. M. Present, R. C. Stultz, Wm. Hughes, Jacob Suedeker, J. S. Dawson, G. Barclay, W. E. Bergen, C. Schuch, Isaac Court, Wm. S. Day, Aaron Lane - Absent J. Mashon. Opened with prayer by S. Barclay.

Mrs. Jos. Barlow, being present, spoke for herself & husband, (who was detained away by a trial) confessing absent from the sanctuary & giving as an excuse poverty, rendering them unable to purchase suitable clothing to attend, but promising attendance in future. Whereupon she was dismissed, being informed that a Com. would inform her of the decision of the Session. A Com. after her withdrawal, was appointed, Mr. Jacob Suedeker, to inform her the husband that we should expect their attendance henceforth as the condition of continued membership. Mr. S. was also requested to ascertain the extent of their necessities that the Treasurers might supply all really needful funds for their comfortable attendance at Church.

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John Dooy appeared, confessing to self abuse, but denying the charge of drunkenness. He promised attendance in future. Being told by W. E. Bergen that he had seen him, when he & three or four others with him considered him - (John Dooy) the worse for liquor & Wm. Hughes having told him that he saw, Wm. Hughes, had seen him, as he expressed it, "drunk", Mr. Dooy denied being drunk but confessed that if others had considered him drunk, his use of liquor had been at least careless, & calculated to dishonor the church, & promised more caution in future. He was then allowed to withdraw, being told that a Com. would inform him of the decision of the Session. A Com. consisting of E. Sibert & J. S. Davidson, was appointed to reprimand Mr. Dooy & inform him that the Session would insist hereafter on his attendance at church & such pay in the use of liquor that unrepentant persons would not consider him drunk. There he must consider as conditional of continued membership.

L. C. Gugg, having confessed to repeated acts of adultery, was suspended from the church.

Samuel Everett, denied the charge of adultery, but confessed to having committed himself, from the church.

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The Session having obtained entirely satisfactory evidence of his guilt, & being assured by Mr. Everett that neither out of regard to the feelings of his deeply sad wife, nor out of regard to the reputation of his children, nor his own reputation, nor the reputation of the church, would he discontinue his visits to the house of the person with whom he was charged with having committed adultery, he was unanimously suspended from the communion of the church.

Mr. Isaac P. Hutchinson, having confessed to long continued absence from the church, was unanimously suspended.

Closed with Prayer by J. Smedaker.

J. S. Van Dyke
Moderator.

Cranbury N. J.
August 3, 1878

Session met after morning service. Present, J. C. Stultz, Wm. Hughes, J. Forest, W. S. Dy, J. Marshon, Geo. Barclay, E. Sibert, J. S. Davidson, J. Smedaker. Absent W. E. Bergen, Aaron Lane.

On motion unanimously resolved that the Pastor be directed to write to the following persons; -
Mrs. Jol. Parr - requesting her to take her certificate
Miss Mary Smith, inquiring where she attends church.

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On motion resolved that a Committee consisting of Bro. Barclay, & J. S. Davison, & who are appointed to visit Mrs. Davis Stowaker & ascertain the reason of her absenting herself from the church & confer with her in reference to the unmerciful reports current charging her with gross moral delinquencies. The Committee was requested to report two weeks from Augt. 3rd, viz Augt. 17th.

On motion unanimously resolved that Mr. Frederick Jarr be cited to appear before the Session on Sabbath Augt. 17, in the church to answer to the charge of wilfully absenting himself from the ch. & conduct unbecoming a church member. Adjourned

Joh. S. Van Dyke
Moderator.

Augt. 17, 1873.

Session met. Present, J. S. Davison, Bro. Barclay, J. Meehan, Wm. Hughes, E. Schuch, W. S. Dy, J. Couch, P. C. Stotts, J. Smedaker, Aaron Lane, Albert W. E. Bergen.

Opened with prayer by the moderator, Mrs. Bro. Barclay & J. S. Davison reported on the case of Mrs. D. Stowaker. No further action was deemed necessary at present. The pastor reported that he had written letters to Mrs. Joh. Jarr & to Miss Mary Smith (see p. 43)

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Mr. Fred^d. Jarr having failed to answer the citation (see p. 43) resolved that he be cited to meet the Session Sabbath Augt. 24th 1873, after morning service to answer to the charge of wilfully absenting himself from the sanctuary & informed that if he does not respond to the second citation the Session will suspend him for contumacy. Passed.

It was unanimously resolved to make during the Fall a complete pastoral visitation of the congregation, each ^{man} his own district, accompanying the Pastor.

Closed with prayer by the moderator

Joh. S. Van Dyke
Moderator.

Augt. 24, 1873.

Session met. All present except the moderator. Rev. H. Knighton, moderator at the request of the Pastor, opened with prayer. Mr. F. Jarr, failing to answer the second citation, was suspended for contumacy (see min. Augt 17th).

Mr. J. S. Davison was chosen delegate to the next meeting of Synod; J. Smedaker alternate. Closed with prayer by the Rev. H. Knighton -

Joh. S. Van Dyke
Clerk.

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Sept. 21, 1873

Session met after morning service
 Present J. Smedaker, Aaron Lane, J.
 Marshow, E. Silvers, Geo. Barclay, P. Stultz
 J. Lovett, W. S. Ditz, Wm. Hughes, J. S.
 Davidson. Absent W. E. Bergen.

On motion resolved that the Treas-
 urer be authorized to pay \$20 towards
 the expenses of the suits against, S.
 Sutton, Saloon Keeper, & J. Conover, Ho-
 tel Keeper; suits for violations of law.

Resolved that John Doray be cited
 to meet the Session in the Session
 House to stand trial on the follow-
 ing charges.

1. Standing a minute of the Session, W.
 i. Bergen
2. Absenting himself from the Church
3. Using intoxicating liquor to excess.

Witnesses

W. E. Bergen. L. J. Clayton.
 Geo. Barclay. J. Van Duzee.
 J. Silvers
 P. Bergery
 O. Wateley

Trial set down for Friday Evening
 Sept Oct. 3, 1873

Opened & closed with prayer.

John L. Van Dyke

Moderator

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Oct. 3, 1873.

Session met. Opened with Prayer. Pres-
 ent, L. S. Davidson, J. Smedaker, W. E. Bergen,
 Geo. Barclay, E. Silvers -

Mr. John Doray, failing to answer
 the first citation, on motion unani-
 mously resolved, that he be cited to meet
 the Session Sabbath morning at 10 O'

Oct 5/73 clock in the Session House to answer to
 the three charges (see mem. Sept. 21). & be
 informed that if he fails to be pres-
 ent the Session will be under the ne-
 cessity of suspending him for contuma-
 cy. Mr. J. Smedaker was appointed to
 serve the citation. Closed with prayer.

John L. Van Dyke
 Mod.

Oct. 5, 1873.

Session met at 10 O'clock in the ses-
 sion house. Opened with prayer. Present
 Wm. Hughes, E. Silvers, J. Smedaker, W. E.
 Bergen, J. S. Davidson, Geo. Barclay
 Mr. John Doray being present confessed
 to having absented himself from the
 sanctuary. He also confessed to hav-
 ing called Elder W. E. Bergen a "Liar" he
 said Mr. B. had said that he saw
 John Doray when he & several others
 thought him drunk. Mr. Doray, tho'
 told how unchristian it was to call
 a man a forger merely because he

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said he thought another person drew parasites in calling him by the of-
fensive epithet. The choir sang
the hymn, & the session
asked him if he was ready to pro-
ceed to trial. He requested time. The
session requested him to name a
time convenient. In apparent an-
ger he withdrew. The session by a
unanimous vote suspended him from
the communion, on the first two
charges, he having declared his de-
termination to attend ch. no longer,
& refusing to make any kind of ac-
knowledgments to Mr. B. or Mr. Dorsey
departed without agreeing to a time for
trial on the charge of drunkenness, no
action taken on that charge

Jos. S. Van Dyke

Moderator

Cranbury N. J. Nov. 8/73

Session met after preparatory service.
Present J. S. Davison, E. Siders, Geo. Bar-
clay, W. C. Bergen, J. Musson, J. Cook,
W. E. Day, Wm. Hughes, R. C. Stull, J. Sme-
cher. Absent, Aaron Lane. Opened with
prayer by the Moderator. On motion
unanimously resolved that the following
names (of persons absent from the next
fourth) be placed upon the Petition

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List; — Mrs Emma Starr
Mrs Rebecca Stonaker
Mrs Carrie S. Andrews.
Miss Mary Smith.

Resolved that Mrs. Jane Sanford, now
residing in Philadelphia, be requested
by letter to take her Certificate to some
Pres. Ch. of Phila.

On motion unanimously resolved
that Miss Anne E. Hagert, having been
absent from Church many months, & request-
ed her name erased from our Church
roll, & having declared her determina-
tion to attend church no more, she be
thereby suspended from the commu-
nion of this church.

Mrs Sarah W. Knighton was
received to the communion of this Ch.
by letter from the First church of Oxford.

Mrs Louise Chilton having present-
ed herself before the session, confessed to the
sin of Anti-nuptial Fornication, acknowl-
edged the session did right in suspending
her, expressed deep penitence for the sin com-
mitted against God & earnestly requested res-
toration it was unanimously resolved that
she be restored & invited to our Commu-
nion Nov. 9, 1873. (For her suspension see min-
ute May 24, 1872 p. 27).

closed with prayer by the Moderator

Jos. S. Van Dyke
Moderator.

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Cranbury N. J.
Feb. 7. 1874

Session met after preparatory lecture o-
pened with prayer by Mr. Wm. Hughes.
Present, Wm. Hughes, J. S. Leonard, J. Smed-
aker, E. Silvers, Isaac Marshon, W. E. Bergen,
Geo. Barclay, Aaron Lane - P. C. Stultz,
Isaac Court, Abbott Wm. S. Dyk.

Miss Kate S. Pedersen, was received to
the ch. on examination. Mr. Abijah S.
Stultz presented himself to the session
asking for restoration to ch. privileges -
confessing he had so conducted himself
as not to merit suspension, claiming
he had ^{paid} the matter, our Intoxicating
liquors, & promising strict sobriety & ex-
traordinary caution in future. On Mo-
tion he

was restored

Closed with prayer by P. C. Stultz

J. S. Van Dyke
Moderator.

Cranbury N. J.
May 9/74

Session met after preparatory service, &
was opened with prayer by Mr. Geo. Barclay
Present, John S. Robinson, Geo. Barclay, P.
C. Stultz, E. Silvers, I. Court, W. S. Dyk, J.
Marshon, W. E. Bergen, J. Smedaker -
Wm. Hughes.
Absent Aaron Lane, being in public health

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Mr. John S. Grover & Julia A. Grover,
his wife were to the church by letter fr-
the Pres. ch. Dutch Neck.

Letters of Dismissal were granted Mr.
Wm. Havel & wife to unite with the
Pres. ch. South Amboy.

The moderator was directed to write to
request the following persons (having
moved beyond our bounds) to accept Cer-
tificates to unite with Presbyterian Ch's
where they reside; -

John P. Brown	Trenton
Ann Brown	" "
Wm. Brown	" "
C. Eliz. Jolly	Dayton
Eliz. Ann Fier	Trenton

Mr. P. C. Stultz & Jos. S. Van Dyke were
appointed a Committee to visit Henry
M. Gregg, Dayton, & endeavor to prevail
upon ^{him} to attend the 2nd ch. Cranbury
or accept a Certificate to Dayton Ch. near
which he resides which he usually attends
Also, the same a Committee to visit Mr.
John M. Long, a suspended member &
urge attendance at church & such care
in doing as shall justify restoration.

to visit

The following persons were appointed
the following suspended members & annul
them of their covenant obligations & express
to them the earnest hope of the Session -
that they will look forward to the time
when through amended lives they seek res-

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oration to the Commission:—

To visit Vincent B. Hughes
 Chas. Farr & Isaac Hutchinson
~~Frederick Farr~~ Matilda Nutt.
 So. Barclay & E. Selser.

To visit Miss Mary Emmons—
 Wm. Day & J. Covert

To visit Chas. Farr &
 Frederick Farr

J. Musher & J. Covert.
 Closed with Prayer Wm. Day

Jos. S. Van Dyke
 moderator.

Augt 8. 1874.

Session met after Preparatory Lecture—
 President So. Barclay, J. Sniederker, J. S. Doocin,
 E. Selser, W. Lane, W. S. Day, W. S. Bergen—
 P. C. Stultz & the moderator

Absent, Wm. Hughes, J. Covert, & J. Musher.
 Opened with prayer by the moderator.
 An examination the following persons
 were received to the Commission of the
 Church

Abner E. Brown. Wm. H. Anderson
 Sarah H. Brown. Andrew E. F. Stultz
 Lame L. Vreeland

On motion resolved that a certifi-
 cate of Church membership be given
 to Mrs. Eliz. Hooper, recommending her
 to the Synod. Pres. Ch. Crawley.

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On motion unanimously resolved that Mr
 Henry Johnson (colored) who was suspended for
 drunkenness be restored he having appeared be-
 fore the session, acknowledged he had done
 wrong, given proof that he had not used
 any liquor whatever for six months, & solemn-
 ly given his pledge of total abstinence.
 The following Committee reported

P. C. Stultz
 J. S. Van Dyke } that Mr. Henry Suggs could
 not be prevailed to take a certificate to the
 Dayton Church, promised occasional attend-
 ance at 2nd Church & contributions
 that Mr. John W. Doonay is
 still in the habit of using intoxicating
 liquors & unwilling to attend church, sus-
 pension should continue

Rev. Barclay } that Vincent B. Hughes (suspended
 for contemptible fornication) acknowledged
 his sin, expressed sorrow, desired restora-
 tion & promised attendance part of the time
 during the next three months, going the
 remainder of the time with his wife to
 the Methodist Church

Chas. Isaac Hutchinson is unre-
 pentant not attending church anywhere
 that Mrs. Matilda Nutt desired
 to return wishes baptism for her child
 Mrs Isaac Covert }
 Wm. S. Day } failed in being Mrs Ma-
 ry Emmons.

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S. Mershon,
J. Court } that Frederick Fox & Chas Fox were
unimportant.

On motion resolved that James Hagerty, Jos.
Barlow & Mrs Spofford Peck be informed that
as the session have frequently sent committees
to them urging them to attend church (recused
promises) of attendance which have not been
fulfilled that their further connection with
the church is made dependent on
their reasonably regular attendance on its
services.

R. C. Skells }
J. S. Van Dyke } that Wm. Geo. Day excused him-
self from attendance on the plea he had
no carriage but promised attendance: Aaron
Bulch presented from coming by infirmities
of age; Mrs. E. Cox. promised attendance.

The Moderator was directed to give a
letter of dismission to Mrs. Ely, fully to ac-
cite with the Pres. Ch. Doxton; also to
write to Mrs. Matthias G. Fox, Sinton &
Mrs. Nelson Pellen, Sinton & earnestly sug-
gest the propriety of their taking their citi-
zenship to unite with some ch. in Trenton.
Closed with prayer.

Jos. S. Van Dyke
Mod.

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Thus far examined and approved in
Presbytery at its meeting in Camden Oct-21st
1874 with the following minute.

While strongly commending that session
for their faithful and diligent care of the
members under their care, we at the same
time recommend them in all judicial
proceeding to be careful both to act strictly
according to the Book & to make more full
and accurate record of all their proceedings

Frank Chandler
Moderator

Deacons of Presbytery of Monmouth
at Camden Oct 21st 1874

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Cranbury N. J. Nov. 7. 1874

Session met after preparatory lecture, present Aaron Lane, E. Selous, J. Mushon, J. Suedaker, Geo. Barclay, P. C. Stultz, W. T. Dyke, Wm. Hughes, J. S. Davidson, J. Forest, W. E. Bergen, J. S. Van Dyke. None absent. Opened with prayer. Our examination Mrs. Sarah D. flew was received to the communion of the church.

By letter from the Central Presbyterian Ch. of Philadelphia the following were received - Matilda M^r Allister

Sarah Haworth

Wm. Wallaw M^r Chesney.

On motion it was unanimously decided to cite James Hagerty to meet the session on Friday Evening, Nov. 20th at six o'clock in the session house to answer to the charge of wilfully absenting himself from church.

Jo. S. Van Dyke.

Moderator.

Cranbury N. J.

Nov. 20. 1874

Session met in the session House at six o'clock. Present Wm. Hughes, E. Selous, Geo. Barclay, J. Suedaker, J. S. Davidson & J. S. Van Dyke. Absent, W. T. Dyke, J. Forest, J. Mushon, P. C. Stultz. Opened with prayer by the moderator.

Mr. J. Suedaker reported that

W. E. Bergen present.

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he had served the citation upon Mr. James Hagerty Nov. 9. 1874 (see minute Nov. 7)

Mr. Hagerty not being present it was unanimously resolved to send him a second citation to meet the session in the session House Friday Evening, Nov. 27 at quarter to eight o'clock to answer to the charge of wilfully absenting himself from church, & that the citation close with these words. "If you fail to be present the session will be under the necessity of suspending you from the communion for contumacy."

Mrs. Emma P. Hoagland was received to the full communion of the church by letter from the Millstone Reformed Church. Closed with prayer by the moderator.

Jo. S. Van Dyke

Moderator

Nov. 27. 1874

According to appointment the following members of session met, J. Suedaker, John S. Davidson, Geo. Barclay, E. Selous & J. S. Van Dyke. Opened with prayer by Mr. J. Suedaker. Mr. James Hagerty, being present, confessed to having absented himself from church for several months, alleging that he was prevented from coming by his parents who being strong Catholics, were violently opposed to his

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attending Protestant service. He was willing that two of the Session should call upon them, with the purpose of persuading them, if possible, to sustain his attendance, agreeing on his part to attend if their cordial consent could be secured; but if consent could not be obtained, requesting that his name should be stricken from the roll. Messrs. E. Silvers & J. Suedaker agreed to visit his parents & prevail upon them, if possible, to encourage him (according to a promise given by them at the time he united with the church) or at least not oppose the attendance of James upon the services of the 2nd Church. adjourned with prayer to meet Sabbath evening in the Session House at 6¹/₂ o'clock, Nov. 29.

Joel S. Van Dyke
Moderator.

Nov. 29, 1874.

Session met according to adjournment in the Session House at half past six p. m. opened with prayer by the Moderator. Present, J. Suedaker, J. S. Davison, Aaron Lane, E. Silvers. Geo. Barclay, W. E. Bergen, & J. S. Van Dyke. Messrs. E. Silvers & J. Suedaker reported that they had called upon Mr. & Mrs. Hagerty & found them evidently

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& determinedly opposed to their son's attendance upon Protestant worship; that James when separate from his parents would neither promise an effort to attend in future, nor even express a desire to attend. Session desiring time for consideration & preferring to have all the members present when final action was taken, adjourned to meet next Sabbath, Dec. 6. After morning service closed with prayer.

Joel S. Van Dyke
Moderator.

Sabbath morning Dec. 6, 1874.

Session met according to adjournment. Present, Wm. Hughes, P. C. Stultz, J. Lovett, W. E. Dyg, J. Suedaker, Geo. Barclay, J. S. Davison, J. Suedaker, W. E. Bergen, E. Silvers, & J. S. Van Dyke. On motion unanimously resolved that James Hagerty be suspending from the communion of the church till he returns to attendance on its services.

On motion Messrs. E. Silvers & J. Suedaker were appointed a committee to visit Mr. J. Sutton & confer with him in reference to current reports charging him with permitting & encouraging gambling in his opera saloon. closed with prayer.

Joel S. Van Dyke
Moderator

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Jan. 24, 1875:

Sabbson met after morning service. Opened with prayer by the moderator. Present, J. Smedaker, Rev. Barclay, J. S. Davison, P. C. Stultz, W. E. Bergen, E. Silvers, J. Court, & J. S. Van Dyke. Absent, Aaron Lane, J. Mershon, W. S. Dy.

The minutes of the meetings held since Nov. 27th 1874 were read & approved. Mess J. Smedaker & E. Silvers reported the conference held with Mr. J. Sutton, informing Sabbson that he defended his conduct & desired his name erased from the church roll. They also informed Sabbson that there was abundant evidence to prove that he kept a disorderly house. On motion unanimously resolved that Mr. J. Sutton be cited to meet the session in the Sabbson House on Friday evening Feb. 5th at 5 O'Clock to answer to the charge of keeping a "disorderly house."

Mess J. S. Davison & Rev. Barclay were appointed a committee to visit J. Sutton & endeavor to convince him to meet the session at the time & place above named, to convince him of the impropriety of a church member allowing gambling for request for oysters & permitting profanity

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& rowl in his saloon.

Mess J. S. Davison & E. Silvers were appointed Delegates from the second ch. to the annual meeting of the N. J. State Temperance Alliance to meet in New Brunswick Jan. 28, 1875.

Closed with prayer by E. Silvers adjourned to Feb. 5.

Jos. S. Van Dyke
Moderator.

Feb. 5, 1875:

Sabbson met according to adjournment. Opened with prayer by Mr. Wm. Hughes.

Present, Wm. Hughes, W. E. Bergen, J. S. Davison, E. Silvers, Rev. Barclay, J. Smedaker & Jos. S. Van Dyke.

Mr. J. S. Davison reported having served the citation upon Mr. J. Sutton; & that he confessed to permitting playing at games for request oysters, but defended his conduct & again desired his name erased from the church roll.

Mr. J. Sutton not being present, it was unanimously resolved that he be cited to appear before the session, at the church, on Saturday afternoon Feb. 13th at 4 1/2 O'Clock to answer to the charge of keeping a disorderly house, & that he be informed that if he is not present the ses-

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son will be under the necessity of suspending him for contumacy.
Mr. Wm. Hughes was appointed to confer with Mr. J. Sutton & prevail upon him, if possible, to discontinue gambling, or at least to meet the session at the time & place above named.

Closed with prayer by J. S. Dawson.
Adjourned to Feb 13.

Jos. S. Van Dyke.
Moderator.

Feb. 13. 1875.

Session met according to adjourned, after preparatory lecture.

Opened with prayer by W. E. Bergen.
Present, Wm. Hughes, J. S. Dawson, E. Scherf, J. Court, W. S. Day, J. Sueda-her, Rev. Barclay, P. C. Stultz, J. Mershon, W. E. Bergen, & Jos. S. Van Dyke. Absent, John Lane.

The following persons were received to the communion on examination;

Elyaleh Van Pelt former.

Wm. Paterson former.

Bertrude Sueda-her.

Lillie Fisher Stultz.

Mr. Wm. Hughes reported calling upon J. Sutton, & endeavoring to dissuade him from permitting gambling, & convince him to meet the

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session. In both efforts he was unsuccessful. Mr. Sutton expressed a strong desire to be free from church restraints.

Mr. Dawson, (J. S.) reported that he had served upon him the second citation to meet the session.

On motion unanimously resolved that as Mr. J. Sutton had refused to obey the two citations served upon him he be suspended from the communion of the church till he repents (see Book of Discipline chap. IV. Sec. X.), the penalty prescribed by our book of Discipline for contumacy.

Mr. Wm. Hughes was appointed to bear the written sentence signed by the moderator to him & inform him that his refusal to meet the session left us no alternative but to suspend him, & to assure him of our earnest desire that he will sincerely endeavor to secure light upon the path of duty, & we shall continue to feel a warm interest in his religious welfare.

Under all the circumstances, the session still hoping to be able to reclaim him, deferred for the present his trial upon the original charge of keeping a disorderly house.

Closed with prayer by P. C. Stultz.

Jos. S. Van Dyke
Moderator

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April 18, 1875.

Session met on the call of the moderator. Opened with prayer by J. S. Van Dyke. Present, R. C. Stultz, Wm. Hughes, Geo. Barclay, E. Silvers, J. Lovett, W. S. Dy, J. Marston, W. E. Bergen, J. Suedaker, Absent, J. S. Davison, & Aaron Lane.

On motion Mr. R. C. Stultz was appointed delegate to the meeting of Presbytery, & W. E. Dy alternate.

Adjourned; closed with prayer by W. E. Dy.

Jos. S. Van Dyke
Moderator.

Examined and Approved in Pastory
at Farmington April 21st 1875.

Jos. M. Hubbard,
Moderator

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May 8, 1875.

Session met after Preparatory Lecture opened with prayer by Mr. W. Hughes. Present, R. C. Stultz, Wm. Dy, Wm. Hughes, Jacob Suedaker, W. E. Bergen, J. S. Marston, E. Silvers, J. Lovett, Geo. Barclay. Absent Aaron Lane.

Mrs. Rebecca Maas was received by letter from the German Reformed Church N. B.

Mrs. J. Sussie Stultz by letter from the Farmington Pres. Church.

Received on Examination J. Addison Stultz

On motion unanimously resolved to hold a regular monthly meeting of the session, the first sabbath of the month. Closed with prayer

Jos. S. Van Dyke
Moderator.

Farmington N. J.
July 24, 1875.

Session met after preparatory Lecture. All present except Mr. Aaron Lane - Opened with prayer by the moderator. Received to baptism & the Lord's Supper (to full church membership) on examination, Annie E. Emly Lydia Ann Dy Sarah Emly Jacob Gordon. On motion unanimously resolved

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that Mrs. Fanny Kelly be granted a letter of dismission to unite with the Pres. Ch. of Park Embury.

The Pastor was directed to write to Mrs. Sarah W. Knighton & ^{Miss Martha Knight} ~~Miss Martha Knight~~ suggesting to them that as they have moved beyond our bounds, & not expecting to return, it would be better for them to accept certificates to Ch. within convenient distance.

A committee was appointed to visit Mrs. John M. Snow, & confer with her in reference to reports charging her with drunkenness, with cruelty to the children of her husband, & with separating from her husband. The committee consists of Jos. S. Southbyke & J. C. Stultz were requested to report at the monthly meeting of Session, first sabbath of September.

Mr. J. C. Stultz was appointed to visit Mrs. Eliza Day (a member of this Ch. residing near Old Summit Ch.) & confer with her in reference to her absence from Church services.

Our motion unanimously resolved that the following paper be read from the pulpit on sabbath morning (Communion's season)

The Session of this church having good reason to fear that in some cases their action in suspending un-

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worthy members from the communion had not become known to the entire membership—whereby the honor of Christ's name had suffered—embraces this opportunity to state that it is out of regard to the feelings of friends that they have heretofore refrained from mentioning from the pulpit the names of suspended persons. We have held ourselves ready & do now hold ourselves ready to mention the names to all inquirers & are anxious that every member should know who belongs to the church who has been separated therefrom. We moreover hereby express our conviction that it is the duty of every Christian to make known to the Session all cases calling for discipline. We on our part, aided by your sympathy & prayers, will humbly endeavor to vindicate the honor of the church. We desire also to inform the membership that all persons suspended are sincerely invited by the Session to seek by reformation & presentation before the Session to return to the communion of the church. We hereby announce that over a year we will read from the pulpit the names of all church members in good & regular standing closed with prayer by

Jos. S. Southbyke
Moderator.

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Nov. 6. 1875.

Session met after preparatory service
 Present Wm. Hughes, P. V. Skulte, E. Selous,
 John S. Larson, J. Marston, Geo. Barclay, W.
 H. Bergen, J. Sunders, J. Lovest

Absent W. S. Day, Aaron Lane -

On examination Hiram M. Bush was
 received to the communion of the Ch.
 By letter from the Synod of Ch. of N. B.

Andrew Miller

Johanna Pilacca hit wife -

Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Lovest Brown having
 confessed to antinuptial fornication
 & expressed deep penitence for the same
 was, by vote of Session unanimously sus-
 pended from the communion of the Ch -
 she cordially consenting to the same -
 till in the judgment of the Session
 the honor of Christ's name is sufficient-
 ly vindicated; Also Peter Skulte, same conditions.

On motion of Session it was unani-
 mously agreed to recommend to the
 membership of the Ch. at the Commu-
 nion table (Sunday Nov. 7) the careful ob-
 servance of Friday Nov. 12 as a day of
 fasting, humiliation prayer & an-
 nounce & service for the evening.

A pastoral letter prepared by the
 Session was ordered to be read at the
 Communion table -

Mrs. Victoria Herbert White, on
 confession of antinuptial fornication
 was unanimously suspended from the

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Communion table.

On motion unanimously resolved that
 the following letter be sent to the follow-
 ing named persons, Henry M. Briggs, Mar-
 garet M. Doory, Mrs. Susan P. Reed: -

Dear -

The Session of the 2nd
 Church some time since announced its
 determination of reading to the congrega-
 about Jan 1st a complete list of the
 church members in good regular stand-
 ing in the 2nd Church. They now decide
 to defer the reading of the roll till about
 April 1st 1876, the beginning of the ecclesi-
 astical year, & to address to you among
 others an earnest invitation to make
 strenuous & self denying efforts to become
 a regular attendant on the services of the
 sanctuary, from this time forth. We are
 deeply solicitous that all our members
 should be in their places in God's house
 on the Lord's day. As we have missed you
 quite frequently & need your cooperation
 & influence & believe that regular attend-
 ance is necessary to continued growth
 in grace, we sincerely hope & ardently
 pray that this invitation warmly given
 may induce regular attendance on your
 part that so we shall be able with-
 out fully to continue your name among
 the members in good & regular stand-
 ing, in all respects. As a Session we

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are unanimous in the desire that faithfulness to covenants on the part of God's people may speedily secure God's blessing upon our own souls & upon the impenitent. Deeply interested in the spiritual welfare of the entire brotherhood, we remain as ever

Yours most sincerely -

Jos. I. Van Lyke
mod.

Feb. 5th 1876.

Session met before communion - after Drs. -
Paratory Lecture. Present. W^m Hughes -
E. Silvers, J. I. Hanson, J. Lovett, R. C. Stillis
J. Messthan, E. Bergen, J. Suedaker, Geo. Barclay,
W. S. Dy. Absent A. Lane. Opened
with prayer by W^m Hughes.

The following persons having been carefully examined on the three preceding Sabbaths were formally received to the communion of the church

Eliwood Brown.

W^m M^r Cabi

Paul A. Taylor

Lottie Matilda Perrine

These were younger

John F. Holmes.

Amanda Stillis

Eltha Ann Cook

Amie B. Van Derpeck. +

This number to the ordinance
of Baptism

Matilda Clemens.

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Isaac Forest	Frank A. Brown
Saddie A. Forest.	David C. Lewis
John Henry Martin	W ^m S. Perrine
Isaiah B. Barclay	Henry David Amos Miller
Kate V. W. Barclay	Ella Robinis
John I. Silvers	Louisa Harper Long
Rebecca Maria Smith	May Agnes Sabar
Mary Clemens	Caroline C. Sabar
Mattie A. Van Horn	

Received by letter fr. 1st Ch. Granbury N. Y.

" " Francis D. & Naomi Ellen Sabar.

" " Reformed Presbyterian Ch. N. Y.

W^m J. Brown.

" " 1st Cong. Ch. Abbotbury Ct.

Leonard S. & Ida M. Brown

The following persons being young, (about sixteen) & not appearing to have a very accurate & extended knowledge of scripture were examined, urged to make the work thorough, & recommended to await formal union with the church till the next communion season

Jennie L. Hutchinson

May V. Joly.

They were requested to be regular in their attendance at Sabbath school, Prayer meeting, & church services.

closed with prayer by

Jos. I. Van Lyke

moderator

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April 8. 1876

Session met, opened with prayer on motion Mrs. Elizabeth Bowne, suspended for antenuptial fornication (see Min. p. 72) & Peter B. Stubbs suspended for the same reason were unanimously restored to communion - both having requested restoration & expressed deep penitence for their sin & for the dishonor brought upon the Church by their conduct

A committee consisting of Messrs. J. S. Van Dyke, J. S. Davidson, & Geo. Barr Clay was appointed to prepare a complete & corrected list of the members in good & regular standing to be read to the congregation at the May communion; also to prepare a manual of Ch. work to submit to the session. Mr. J. S. Davidson was appointed to attend Presbytery at Matawan April 11/76. Closed with Prayer

J. S. Van Dyke

Moderator & Secy.

Examined and approved in Presbytery at Matawan April 12th 1876.

J. M. Anderson
Moderator

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Cranbury N. J.
May 6. 1876.

Session met after preparatory service. Present - G. Barclay, J. S. Davidson, J. Hudson, E. Silvers, Wm. Hughes, W. E. Berger, P. C. Stubbs, W. S. Day, J. Mashon, J. Court - Absent, owing to feebleness of age, A. Lane.

Opened with prayer by J. Court,

Received by letter

Almerci Selzer - Jr. 2nd Pres. Ch. New Brunswick
Jos. Potts " 1st Pres. Ch. Cranbury N. J.

Rebecca M. Potts " "

Emma Jane Curtis 1st Ch. Pennington N. J.

Charles Wyckhoff Pres. Ch. Eggertown

Ella " " "

Annie Amelia Maut 2nd Ch. Trenton

— On Examination

Mrs. Margaret Suedaker

Wm. Morris.

Carolina Hutchinson

May S. Jolly

John B. Reed.

Geo. Stetzel.

Emma Cox.

The moderator was directed to send certificates of admission to

Elysa Day.

Caroline Day

Julia A. Silvers

Henry M. Gregg;

requesting them to please accept them, & unite with the churches upon whose services they are in at-

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tendance, reminding them of the advantages of so doing, & assuring them of our cordial interest in their spiritual welfare.

The Roll of members, having been thoroughly purged - by securing the acceptance of certificates by the absentees - & placing the names of the unknown upon a retired list, absentees within the bounds of the congregation having been either suspended or induced to attend by letter (see p. 73) & the grossly immoral having been suspended (which work of preparation was gradually carried forward during three preceding years) was ordered to be read at the Communion service May 7, 1876. The roll, as prepared, consisted of 294 members, nearly all of whom are now residing within the bounds of the congregation & are reasonably regular in attendance.

(The Roll was read Sabbath morning nearly every communicant being present, the effect admirable).

Closed with prayer by the moderator

So! S. Van Dyke
moderator

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July 2, 1876.
Session met on call of moderator. Opened with prayer. Letters of Dismission were received & accepted in favor of - Mrs. Maggie J. Guin, from Epis. Sh. Carlondale Pa. & Nicholas Friedrichs from the Baptist church of Old Bridge.

On motion it was unanimously resolved that a citation be issued to Mrs. Catharine M. Hutchinson to meet the session in the Session House on Friday evening July 14th at 8 o'clock to answer to the charge made by Comm. man James H. Haining violated the eighth commandment in stealing; a few weeks since, a pair of shoes from the store of Jacob Taylor.

Also a citation to Jos. Barlow to meet the Session at the same time & place to answer to the charge of unlawfully absenting himself from the services of the Church.

Closed with prayer.
So! S. Van Dyke

July 14, 1876.
Session met in the Session House. Present Bro. Barclay, J. S. Davison, E. Silvers, Jacob Sweedaker & the moderator. Mrs. C. M. Hutchinson being present was asked briefly she had to make to the charge of theft. She answered that she was not guilty, was ready.

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to submit to trial immediately. In examining the witnesses, Jacob Barger, Mrs. Sager & Winfield Meason, session having heard, Mrs. H. at full length in vindication of herself unanimously resolved to defer the decision of the case till Sabbath morning after services.

As Mr. Jos. Barlow was not present it was unanimously resolved to issue a second citation to him to meet the session on Friday evening July 21st at the session house informing ^{him} at the same time that if he fails to meet the session at the appointed time & place they will be under the necessity of suspending him for contumacy, unless he assigns satisfactory reasons for non appearance (Mr. Jacob Suedaker had previously reported that the first citation had been by him duly served).

Opened & closed with prayer

John Van Dyke
Moderator

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July 16, 1876
Session met according to adjournment after morning service. Present all except Aaron Lane. Opened with prayer by Mr. Wm. Hughes. The question being put, "Was Mrs. L. M. Hutchinson guilty of stealing?" the session unanimously by vote of "Ayes" but motion it was unanimously resolved to suspend her from the communion of the church - Mrs. J. S. Davison & W. E. Bergen being appointed a committee & carry a letter from the moderator pronouncing her suspensior, & to converse with her urging confession & repentance.

Closed with prayer by the moderator. Adjourned to meet July 24th
John S. Van Dyke

July 21, 1876.
Session met according to adjournment Mr. J. Suedaker, committee to serve citation upon Mr. Jos. Barlow, reported the duty performed. Mr. Barlow not being present, & several members of session being absent, Resolved that we adjourn & report the case to full session for action. Present E. Selver, F. Bardley, J. Suedaker, W. E. Bergen, J. L. Davison & J. S. Van Dyke. Opened & closed with prayer.
John S. Van Dyke

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Cranbury Aug 7/76

Session met after preparatory Lecture.
All present except the pastor, ab-
sent on account of sickness.

The following persons were receiv-
ed by letter—

Mrs. Viola Clark, Jr. 2nd Pres. Ch. N. B.
Mrs. Maggie J. Lewis, Trinity Ch. Marlboro' P.
N. Fredericks, Baptist Ch. Old Bridge.

Received on examination Miss
Harriet Mount, — to whom bap-
tism is to be administered.

Owing to the absence of the Pas-
tor, it was resolved to take no ac-
tion in the case of Mrs. Joseph
Barlow, but await the Pastor's
presence.

Opened & closed with prayer.

Jos. S. Van Dyke.

Clerk.

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Aug. 13. 1876

Session met on the call of the modera-
tor, after morning service. All present.
On motion, resolved that Mr. Jos.
Barlow be suspended from the church
for contumacy, having been sume-
cited to meet the session & answer
to the charge of wilfully absenting him-
self from church, & having neglected to
meet us. (see minutes July 21, July 14 &
July 2.)

New notes books were ordered for
the choir & Mr. Silvis appointed a
committee to invite, on the part
of the session, the following addi-
tional singers into the choir:—
Peter Barclay Mrs. Lora Stults
David Farr Rachel Stults
Chas. Wychoff Minnie Brown
Elias Suedaker

Opened & closed with prayer—

Jos. S. Van Dyke

Moderator.

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Cranbury N.J.

Nov. 4. 1876.

Session met after preparatory Lecture.
Mrs. Charlotte Charnulacian was received
by letter from The Presbyterian Church
of Hightstown

Dec. 8. 1876

Session met after Friday Evening dis-
cuss - pro motion Mr. Herani Buch
for drunkenness - to which he confessed
was - was suspended from the com-
munion of the church till such time
as the session has reasonable ground
for believing that he has mastered the
habit of drinking to excess.

All present except Mr. A. Lane

Opened & closed with prayer

John S. Van Dyke
moderator

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Cranbury N.J.

Feb. 4. 1877

Session met after preparatory Lecture.
All the members of session present ex-
cept Mr. A. Lane, now infirm from age.
Received by letter from First St. Ch. Spang
Chas. S. Wyckoff.
Received on examination
Lillie S. Van Dyke.
Lucius H. Lewis.
Lizzie W. Lye. (Baptized)
Lannie S. Everett.
Mrs. L. Stillington (colored)

Opened & closed with prayer

John S. Van Dyke.
moderator

Cranbury N.J.

May 5. 1877

Session met after Preparatory Service
on Saturday afternoon - all present ex-
cept Mr. Aaron Lane. Opened with prayer.
Mrs. Mary Baker, wife of Ralph the
Bushman was received by letter from
the Reformed Church of Six Mile Run.
pro motion it was unani-
mously resolved to petition Synod
this Fall to be set off to the New-
Brunswick Presbytery. Closed with
prayer

John S. Van Dyke moderator

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Franklin N.J.
May 6 1877

Session met before service - all present except Mr. Lane, on motion unanimously resolved that in this Fall publish the hymn of New-Jersey to transfer the 2nd Church from the Presbytery of Abington of the Presbytery of New Brunswick.

On motion resolved that Mr. A. Stults be cited to meet the session on Friday evening May 18th to answer to the charge of drunkenness - to meet in session house 6 o'clock P.M.

Opened & closed with prayer

John Van Dyke
mod.

May 18th 1877

Session met - Present E. Schus - J. S. Dawson, W. Hughes, S. Barclay, J. Snedoke, E. Berger - Opened with prayer.

Mr. A. Stults was present & confessed to drunkenness - On motion unanimously resolved that the session for the present defer action on the charge - for the

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purpose of ascertaining how future conduct corresponds with present penitence & promises.
Closed with prayer

John S. Van Dyke
mod.

Examined and approved in Franklyn at
Groom Ridge June 12th 1877

John S. Van Dyke

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Cranbury June 17, 1877
 Session, on the call of the moderator, met immediately after morning service. All the elders were present except Mr. A. Lane - who no longer takes part in the active duties of the eldership owing to the increasing infirmities of old age. Closed with prayer.

On motion it was unanimously resolved to issue a citation to Mr. Derrick S. Dawson to meet the session in the Session House on Sabbath morning, July 1, 1877 at 10 o'clock to answer to the charge of wilfully absenting himself from the church. Sabbath morning was chosen to accommodate Mr. D. who is absent from home the entire week.

Closed with prayer.

Jos. S. Van Dyke
 Mod.

July 1, 1877

Session met - All present except Mr. A. Lane & Mr. W. Bergen. Opened with prayer. Mr. Geo. Barclay reported that the citation to Mr. D. had been served. As Mr. D. S. Dawson was not present it was unanimously resolved to issue a second citation to him to meet us Sabbath morn-

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ing in the Session House, July 8, at 10 o'clock, & accompany the citation with the required notice that if not present the session would be under the necessity of suspending him for contumacy of closed with prayer.

Jos. S. Van Dyke
 Moderator

July 8, 1877.

Session met - Present Mess. E. Schuy, G. Barclay, J. S. Dawson, J. Court, L. Suedaker & the moderator.

Mr. G. Barclay reported that the citation to Mr. D. S. Dawson had been duly served. Mr. D. not being present, on motion, it was unanimously resolved that Mr. D. S. Dawson be suspended from the communion of the church for contumacy - that he be through Mr. G. Barclay informed of this action - & that for the present no further action be taken upon the original charge.

Closed with prayer.

Jos. S. Van Dyke
 Moderator.

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AUG. 4, 1877

Session met after preparatory service.
 All present except Mr. A. Lane & Mr.
 Wm. S. Dyer. Opened with prayer by
 Mr. J. Lovest

Received by letter

Mr. & Mrs. Matthew Stonaker from the
 Presbyterian Ch. of Hightstown N. J.
 Mr. & Mrs. L. S. Louver from Old In-
 ant Church -

Mrs Mahala Petty Jr, Pres. Ch. of Dayton
 on examination & to baptism
 Gilbert L. Logan

Lily Lullinon (colored).

Mr. Elias Dey, a suspended
 member, having appeared before the Ses-
 sion, confessed to the sins for which
 he was suspended, asked restoration
 & consented to make a public acknow-
 ledgement before the congregation, and
 unanimously restored to the communion
 of the Church, not however to the elder-
 ship, such restoration, being, according
 to the decision of the Gen. Ass., not with-
 in the power of the Session.

Mr. Dey having been suspended about seven
 years, having, asked the forgiveness of
 those he injured, & now showing
 deep penitence & being willing to make
 a public confession, no injury it
 was thought would result to the

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honor of religion by his restoration to the
 privileges of the Church.

Closed with prayer by R. C. Stultz

Josh. Van Dyke
 Moderator.

Cranbury N. J.

Nov. 3, 1877

Session met ^{after} preparatory service.
 All present except Mr. Aaron Lane.
 On examination Mr. Holmes Ingersoll
 was received into the communion
 of the Church

Opened & closed with prayer -

Josh. Van Dyke
 Moderator

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Dec. 2. 1877.

Session met on *Evng* before morning service. All present except Mr. Aaron Lane. Opened with prayer, Mr. Vincent S. Hughes, who was suspended, Feb. 2. 1872, for ante nuptial formation, being present, confessed the sin of which he had been guilty, acknowledged the session had done right in suspending him, thereby undecating the honor of religion, & desired restoration to church privileges, promising a sincere endeavor, by God's assistance, to live a life void of offense, & attendance upon church services; whereupon it was unanimously resolved that he be restored to the communion of the church.

Closed with prayer.

Tuesday Evening Dec 11. 1877

Session met on call in the session House, at 7 P.M. Opened with prayer by the elder, Mr. T. Court. Mr. Derrick S. Danson, who was suspended July 8. 1874, for contumacy in declining to meet the session in response to a second citation to answer to the charge of unjustly absenting himself from the church, being present was informed that his

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suspension terminated. After a lengthy and conference, it was agreed by the session, to grant him the adjourned certificate, he agreeing to accept the same:—

This is to certify that Mr. Derrick S. Danson was a member in good regular standing of the 2nd Pres. Church of Granbury until some where about April 1873, since which time he has not been in attendance upon its services, that he has hereby dismissed to the Jamesburg Pres. Church, or any other which he in this Pres. session may order to let, with the issue of this certificate, which he agreed to accept, all connection & responsibility to this ch. ceases

By order of session
Granbury Dec 11. 1877 J. Van Dyke
moderator

Closed with prayer—

J. Van Dyke
moderator

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March 2, 1878.

Session met after preparatory seat-
ing. All present except Mr. Aaron
Lane. On examination the follow-
ing persons were received to the com-
munion of the church; -

Miss Emeline Finner-
Alfred Hellenson (colored)
Mrs. Wm. Hooper

Opened & closed with prayer

Jos. S. Van Dyke.

Thus far examined & approved
in Freelying at Cranbury April 10th 1878.

F. R. Harbawij
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Dranbury May 4/78

Session met. Opened with prayer -
Mr. Geo. Barclay & Mr. John S. Dawson
were appointed a committee to con-
fer with Messrs. Frossard & Chas. Parr,
suspended members of this church, &
assure them that the session were seri-
ously interested in their spiritual wel-
fare & earnestly desired them to attend
divine service & seek restoration to the
communion - expressing to them our
sorrow & reluctance to proceed to ex-
communication.

Mr. John S. Dawson was appoint-
ed to confer with Mr. Lincoln Smith,
a suspended member, & ascertain
his feelings in reference to restora-
tion or excommunication.

Mr. Wm. Hughes was appointed
to confer with Mr. Wallace Melcher
in reference to alleged desecra-
tion of the Sabbath in making & vend-
ing Ice cream at Ocean Grove on
Sabbath.

Mr. E. Selius & Mr. W. Hughes
were appointed to visit & confer with
Mr. David C. Gigg's, a suspended mem-
ber of this church, in reference to renew-
ed reports of unchristian language & con-
duct - also to ascertain whether he was
looking forward to restoration - or de-
sired we should proceed to excommuni-
cation - closed with prayer - J. S. Van Dyke mod.

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June 2, 1878

Session met - opened with prayer -
It was resolved that the young people
have our sanction to celebrate the
Fourth of July, the proceeds to go towards
the indebtedness upon the organ - if
more than sufficient to pay this
indebtedness it raised the remainder
to be expended in the purchase of
copies of The Presbyterian Hymnal
for the use of the church - it being
understood, however, that there shall
be no roffling, no gambling in
any form whatever - & nothing in
any way unbecoming the sanctity
of God's house, or inconsistent with
the religious purpose to which the
proceeds are to be applied.

Mr. Geo. Bailey reported his in-
terview with Mr. F. Fair - he desired
a certificate to the First Church -
He was informed that when he had
complied with the conditions upon
which his suspension was made in
definite - he should be restored &
might then have a certificate.

Mr. Jas. Fair expressed a desire
to return to attendance upon the
services of the church - was urged to
do so - & to look forwards to restora-
tion.

Mr. Abijah Stultz, having
confessed to forger, was unani-

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mously suspended from the commun-
ion of the church, till such time
as the session is satisfied he has re-
formed - This forger being one of the last
of a series extending through several years,
he having also been under the especial
separation of the session in reference
to the use of unbecoments (see minutes
p. 86) - suspension to continue till in
the judgment of the session complete
reformation had been attained & restora-
tion is desired -

Closed with prayer

John Van Dyke
mod -

Cranbury N. J.
Aug. 3, 1878.

Session met after preparatory discourse
All present except Mr. A. Lane & Mrs.
S. Day. Opened with prayer - on mo-
tion, Resolved that henceforth the el-
ders conduct, on the church, on the
first Sabbath of each month, a com-
municants Prayer meeting

Received by letter, from the Pres-
byterian Church of Bloombury - Henry
& J. Carter & Mrs. Mary Hulshizer,
Closed with prayer

John Van Dyke -

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Cranbury N. J.

Sept. 15. 1878

Session met on the call of the mod-
erator after morning service. Present
P. C. Stultz, J. S. Mashon, W. E. Ber-
gen, E. Schrad, Geo. Barclay, J. Suedaker,
I. Court & J. H. Larson. Absent Wm. S. Day & Aaron
Lane.

On motion the following delegates
were appointed

To attend, called meet of Pres. Sept 16. P. C. Stultz
Regular Fall meet Oct 1. W. E. Bergen
Synod, Mountain Cot - P. C. Stultz

Mr. Charles V. Auguste, (Colored)
a student in Lincoln University, & candid-
date for the ministry, on examination
was received to the communion of the
church.

Opened & closed with prayer -

Josh. Van Dyke

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Nov. 2. 1878

Session met after preparatory dis-
cuss - Present - P. C. Stultz, J. S. Lar-
son, E. Schrad, Geo. Barclay, J. Mashon,
W. S. Day, J. Suedaker -
Absent, Aaron Lane

Received by Letter

Rose Holmes, Reformed Ch. Rocky Hill
Pott. Voorhes - Baptist - Lightstown
Wm. G. Lookey Pres. Ch. Dayton

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John Mickle, Pres. Ch. Lightstown.

Received on Examination

Frederick Farr - (who was subsequently
by baptizd).

On motion of Mr. E. Sch-
rad it was unanmously
Resolved, That whereas, frequent
well authenticated reports have come
to us charging Mr. J. W. Day with
the excessive use of intoxicating beer
and, & whereas Mr. Wm. E. Bergen, testi-
fy a member of this session, testi-
fies to having seen him recently when
intoxicated, & whereas there is not
sufficient time before to-morrow's
Communion for a full trial,
That Mr. Wm. Hight & Wm. E. Ber-
gen be a Committee to visit Mr.
Day & inform him that the session
recommends & desires that he shd
absent himself from the Communion
con table on the morrow & until
such time as his case is finally
adjudicated.

Opened & closed with prayer

Josh. Van Dyke

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Cranbury N.J. Jan. 12. 1879
 Session after morning service, on the call of Mr. Julius the moderator. On motion it was unanimously resolved that Mr. John W. Day be cited to meet the session at the Session House on Sabbath morning Jan. 26. at 9.30 to answer to the charge of using intoxicating liquors to excess. (Sabbath morning was selected because we had been assured by Mr. Day's friends that he would be far more likely to meet us at that time.)

Mr. Jacob Suedaker was appointed a committee to send the citation.
 Opened & closed with prayer.

J. S. Van Dyke mod.

Jan 26. 1879

Session met in the Session House at 9.30 A. M. - opened with prayer. Mr. J. Suedaker reported that he had served the notice upon Mr. J. W. Day,

Mr. J. W. Day, being present, was asked what answer he made to the charge. He replied, "I do not deny the truth of it." "I have used intoxicating liquor to excess. I desire keeping the matter under control in future, & desire to remain in the communion of the Church."

Various members of the session conversed with him freely, reminding him of the injury he was doing to the Church & himself, to his family & to religion; & others

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effly endeavored, but in vain, to induce him to give the session his solemn promise to abstain entirely. As it was Sabbath & the session desired time for consideration; Mr. Day was invited to meet us again on the Saturday preceding communion (which is after preparatory dis-
 cussion). This he promised to do.

Closed with prayer.

J. S. Van Dyke mod.

Feb. 1. 1879.

Session met after preparatory service. Received to the communion of the Church from the M. E. Church of Cranbury, by letter; Mrs. Mary H. Christophers
 Mrs. J. Walker.

Mr. J. W. Day being detained at home by sickness, action in his case was deferred - it being understood that the action taken by the session Nov. 2. 1878 was still in force - & that, consequently, Mr. Day was not at liberty to commune on Sabbath, Feb. 2. should he be able to be present & desire to commune.
 Opened & closed with prayer, J. S. Van Dyke mod.

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April 6th 1879

Session met after morning service - present P. C. Stebbins, J. S. Dawson, Wm. E. Benson, J. Smidaker, Geo. Barclay, J. S. Mason, I. Court, E. Selvers & Moderator

Opened with prayer by Mr. J. S. Dawson - On motion Mr. J. Court was appointed delegate to the meeting of Presbytery at Middleboro April 8, & 20th J. Day alternate.

On motion it was unanimously resolved that the following citation should be issued to Mr. John Henry Martin.

Cranbury April 6. 1879

Mr. John Henry Martin;

Dear Brother; You are hereby cited to meet the Session of the 2nd Church in the Session House on Friday Even^g April 18th, after prayer meeting, 8^o o' clock & answer to the charge.

1. Of signing an application a applicants for Hotel license.
2. Undersigned to issue a license or licenses to keep an Inn Tavern or Lager Beer Saloon.
3. Undersigned to pay the salary you stipulated to pay & assigning as a reason the approval of the church to you securing a license for your Hotel!!

Closed with prayer by J. S. Dawson

J. S. Van Dyke

Moderator

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Plans for examination & approval in Scrapsyng at Newark April 9th 1879.

Louis R. Ford
Moderator

Cranbury N. J. Apr. 22/79

Session met in the Session House - opened with prayer - Present E. Selvers, J. S. Dawson, Wm. Hughes, Jacob Smidaker, Geo. Barclay & the Moderator.

Mr. J. H. Martin being present, confessed himself guilty of the three indictments in the charge (see p. 102) & claimed that there was no sin in them. The Session after laboring long with him to induce him to perceive that such conduct brought reproach upon religion, & having prayed with him, entered into an agreement with him to meet them one ground-to-night for further conference & prayer.

The following, in reference to the death of Mr. Aaron was passed or record in the minutes: -

Memorial of Aaron Lane.

Mr. Aaron Lane, an Elder of this church, who died in Cranbury on Friday, April 15, 1892. He moved to Cranbury in the spring of 1818 & thereafter sat long after his ar-

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several he made a public profession of his faith & united with the 1st Church of this place; in which he was chosen Feeling Elder Oct. 3. 1829. He was one of the three Elders who at the organization of the 2nd cost in his lot with that people. From the first he was active, prominent, liberal His place in the prayer meeting was seldom vacant, his seat in the sanctuary rarely unoccupied. In anything pertaining to the material & spiritual welfare of this Church he was deeply interested. He was kind & faithful to all its members, deeply interested in the conversion of the unpent & devoutly solicitous that God's people should grow in grace.

As an elder he cooperated with his brethren in the most harmonious manner. There was never any jar, no alienation of feeling, nothing save the most cordial relations. In recent years, owing to the infirmities of age, he was unable to take an active part in the duties of the Session. His interest however continued. His advice for the spiritual welfare of this portion of the Lord's servants had been ardent. May the Master raise up many friends to that Church who will labor for its success as self-denyings, give as liberally, exemplify genuine religion as well, give as little occasion to the enemy to reproach & as as much in their generation. Such is the prayer of a Session

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many of whose members are rapidly journeying to the borders of life

To his surviving friends we extend our most sincere sympathies, expressing the ardent hope that from the memory of his many virtues, & especially from the remembrance of a consistent Christian life they may draw comfort in this season of bereavement & be prompted to follow him as he followed the Master till an unbroken family they gather in that home where death never enters, where the infirmities of age are unknown, where partings are no more.

Closed with prayer

John Van Dyke
Mod.

Cranbury N. J.
April 20/79

Session met after prayer meeting - opened with prayer. Present - W. E. Bergen, E. Selzer, G. Barclay, W. H. Hughes, J. Smedaer, J. S. Dawson, & the moderator.

Mr. J. H. Martin, being present, agreed that in future he would make no further efforts for license to keep either a tavern or a Lager Beer Saloon, that he would sign no more applications for license unless it might be for one in connection with sale of his house as a Hotel & in case the sufficient number of signers could not be obtained with

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out him) that he would hereafter contribute to the church as he was able. Whereupon the session passed the following, Whereas, Mr. J. H. Martin has agreed that in future he will abstain from the courses of conduct deemed improper, save, possibly, in one particular in one instance, & whereas, no application can be made for a license in said house till April, 1880, & whereas, he is hereby assured that we can not endorse his signing an application for license under any circumstances, & will endeavor, during the year, to dissuade him from doing so should the case, as he presently is, become a temptation, Therefore Resolved that the entire matter terminate here for the present & Mr. Martin be assured that he is cordially retained as a member of this church in good regular standing, enjoying our confidence & sympathy

Closed with prayer

J. Van Dyke
Moderator.

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May 3, 1879

Session met after Preparatory Lecture.
Opened with prayer, Present, the entire session except Wm. S. Day -

The following persons were received by letter, Mary B. Skells, from 1st Ch. Granby, Mrs. Sarah Thomas " Fontenot Ch., on examination

Peter G. Bodine
Margaret A. Petty,

Mrs. Spafford Reed having agreed with the session some two years since that her connection with the church should depend upon her attendance with a reasonable degree of regularity & that the session might suspend her without citation if the promise was not kept; & it being certified to the session that the promise had not been adhered to, so far as attendance is concerned, but that, before the agreement, she is uniformly absent, spending the Sabbath in visiting a entertaining company, she was, in accordance with her agreement, suspended from the communion.

It was determined that the following persons, having removed beyond our bounds be written to & invited to accept certificates

Mrs. Caroline Dawson
Carri Lewis.
Charlotte Charulubin.

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Resolved that a letter be written to Mrs. Jane Van Horn earnestly requesting her attendance upon the means of grace.

Resolved that a letter be written to the following named persons who for more than two years have been absent from church without sufficient (as by previous confessions with them by com^y had been ascertained & acknowledged by them) - reminding them that vital church membership implies attendance at divine services, if not mixed attendance at prayer meetings & support of religion - & that as they have shown no desire to maintain membership by the performance of the duties, we shall be constrained, reluctantly, to conclude that if they do not attend in future they do not desire to retain membership, but prefer we should consider them separated from the church by their own act.

Resolved that a letter be written from this session to Mr. Walter McChristy, now residing at Albany Park, desiring from him a letter as to his intentions for the coming summer in reference to the sale of ice cream on Sabbath & reminding him that common

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* Ch^d D. by
Sarah F. Cornt.
Elyz Cornt.
A. M. Mount.

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Jane had charged him for two seasons with having sold & delivered & even manufactured cream on the Lord's day; also reminding him that common law charges him with using profane language.

The letters for these several objects were read & approved & Mr. P. S. Hanson & the moderator were appointed a committee to make copies & see that the persons receive each a copy.

Closed with prayer

Jos. Van Dyke
moderator

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Augt. 2. 1879
 Session met after preparatory service. Proceeded to the communion on examination Mr. Alexander Paul & Miss Anna Perrine, daughter of A. M. Perrine Esq.

Opened & closed with prayer

John Van Dyke
 Moderator.

Nov. 7. 1879.
 Session met after preparatory service - Proceeded to communion on examination Edward Suedaker & Jonathan Le Grove -
 Opened & closed with prayer

John Van Dyke
 Moderator

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Feb. 1. 1880.
 Session met after preparatory service. Opened with prayer. Present, P. Stultz, E. Schulz - W. E. Bergen, J. Merlton, W. S. Dey, J. S. Hanson, J. Suedaker, Rev. Barclay, Wm. Hughes & the Moderator.

Proceeded on examination;

John Dvoray
 Edward Reed.
 Rose Kennedy
 Andrew Steine
 John Steine
 Aurelia B. Park.
 Isaac Bogart
 John C. Jounice
 Willie Jounice,
 Emma Clayton
 Jol. Pigley,

Dorcas J. Ferris

Rev. W. Hoagland
 John Hagerly
 Mrs Harriet H. Steele
~~Abel J. Ferris~~
 by letter from
 Reformed Ch. North Branch
 Mel Jod Moore,

closed with prayer.

John Van Dyke Moderator

Examined in Synod by the at S. Clifton
 Aps. 14. 1880. and approved

R. Taylor Moderator

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Franklin N.J.

May 2, 1880.

Session met after preparatory lecture.
Present, Messrs. Stulck, Scheid, Barclay,
Merrison, Day, Bergen, Suedaker, Knight,
Harrison & Forest.

Received by letter from Presbyterian
Church of Hightstown - J. D. Van-
Noren - on examination -

W. Suydam
Wm. Applegat.
Geo. Brunck -
Adelaida Braun -

It being currently reported
that Mr. Elad Day, a member of
this church (formerly an Elder) now
disparaged by the church of this church
had been for some time past begging
money, ostensibly for clothing, & spend-
ing money for liquor & was unan-
imously resolved to appoint Mr. R. C.
Stulck & E. Scheid a committee to
confer with him in reference to the
report & report to session at the first
convenient opportunity.

Opened & closed with prayer

John Van Dyke
mod.

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Aug. 1, 1880

Session met, all present, opened with prayer.
The committee appointed to visit Mr. Elad Day,
reported the performance of their duty - that he
denied the reports, confessing only so much as
referred to his begging money - which he prom-
ised to discontinue - & assured the com.
that his conduct in future should be so
carefully guarded as to give no just oc-
casion for suspicion.

Received on examination, Miss
Buckelew, John Williamson, May Wil-
harrison, his wife, & Miss Harriet J. Devere.
Closed with prayer.

John Van Dyke
mod.

Nov. 7, 1880.

Session met. All present except Mr. Ber-
gen, opened with prayer.

Received by letter,

Mrs. Wm. Bayles, from Kingston Pres. Ch.,
Mrs. Caroline Day - having returned to Franklin
to see handed in the letter given her for-
merly from this session to unite with the
Brunner Ch. & was restored to membership.
By letter from 2nd Presbyterian Ch. of Cam-
den, Mrs. Jane Sanford.

Received on examination
Mrs. Catharine Valentine (colored).
Mr. Albert Johnson.

Closed with prayer -

John Van Dyke
mod.

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Feb. 6, 1851.

Session met. All present except Mrs. E. Sibell. Opened with prayer.

Received by letter —

Miss Magdaline Van Dyke fr Reform Ch. July 20
Mrs. Joanna Applegat - Pres. Ch. Jamelburg.
Mrs. P. Van Horn Mth. Ch. Hightstown.

Recurs on Examination

Geo. B. Meskhon

The session, after mature deliberation, determined to recommend to the congregation the election of three more elders; to invite the deacons to meet with them for the purpose of considering the propriety of increasing the number of deacons, to confer in joint session upon the persons whom they should recommend to the congregation for an election — meeting to be on Feb 10, 7 o'clock in the school, voting to be by ballot — choice to be for three elders and as many deacons as officers may determine to nominate.

Opened closed with prayer

John Van Dyke

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Mr. J. S. Meskhon, whose death we deeply deplore, was an active, prominent, efficient elder in this church. His place in the prayer meeting was seldom vacant, his seat in the sanctuary rarely unoccupied. In everything pertaining to the welfare of this church he was deeply interested. He was kind to all its members, interested in the conversion of the impenitent & devoutly solicited that God's people should grow in grace.

As an elder he cooperated with his brethren in perfect harmony, being always solicited to promote brotherly kindness & a spirit of Christian fellowship. Esteemed by all who knew him, & justly so, for his may well be said to merit to mingle

own sorrow with that of his relatives etc express the warm hope that divine comfort may be vouchsafed to the mourners in measure proportioned to their great loss. To them we extend our most sincere sympathies, hoping that from the remembrance of his Christian virtues they, both now & in subsequent years may draw consolation & encouragement, being prompted to imitate his example, as he imitated Christ; till an unhewn family they gather in that home where the joys of friendly communion are unbroken & sorrow is not permitted to enter.

In accordance with our custom from respect to his memory we, the elder & pastor of

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of this Church will meet upon the arm for the period of four weeks.

Whilst we earnestly beseech the descent of God's richest blessings upon the widow & child, we also fervently hope that it may please our Heavenly Father to raise up many friends to this Church who will labor as self denyingly, & unfeignedly genuine religion as plainly, being as little reproach upon Christianity, but as devoutly attached to the sanctuary & as much good in their generation.

We authorize the pastor to furnish the widow a copy of this minute.

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Friday Evening Feb 11/81.
 Officers met in joint session for the
 purpose of putting persons on nomination
 for Elders & Deacons.

On motion it was unanimously resolved
 to recommend four names to the congrega-
 tion for Elders & eight for deacons.

Before entering upon the election
 the following paper was unanimously a-
 dopted by the officers in joint session;

- We the present officers solemnly
 agree among ourselves with each other;
1. To have regard primarily to the welfare
 of the church & to seek for persons having
 fitness for the office to which we recom-
 mend them.
 2. To speak kindly freely with each other
 in reference to the fitness of each person
 recommended.
 3. To maintain absolute silence in reference
 to anything said in this meeting.
 4. To agree unanimously in recommending
 those who receive a majority of the ballots
 cast, submitting individual judgments to
 the judgment of the majority.
 5. That each will put on paper three
 names, four for elders, eight for deacons
 - which nominations are then to be can-
 vassed individually with a view to ascer-
 taining their fitness for office.
 6. When discussion is ended the formal
 vote shall be taken by ballot.

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Each person receiving a majority of the votes cast being considered nominated by the officers to the church for election. The result shall be announced to the congregation on Sabbath next & they shall be informed that if no objection is made, either publickly nor to the officers, within three weeks, the persons nominated shall be considered elected.

The balloting resulted as follows
For elders J. D. Barclay
L. C. Lewis
J. H. Stults
J. S. Lewis.

For deacons, —

J. S. Day
J. S. Mission
Peter Barclay
John Henry Day
Job. Greer

Frank Brown
Jos. Farr -
Wm. Stults.

Committee were appointed to inform these persons of their election & ascertain whether they are willing to act as officers.

Adjourned to meet Sabbath morning Feb 13.

Job. Van Dyke
Moderator

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Sabbath Morning
Feb. 13th St.

Officers met. Committee reported the persons willing to act in the office to which they were nominated - of the congregation, in the usual way, acceded.

Adjourned
Job. Van Dyke.

The names were read three sabbaths & no objections being made the persons were declared elected since subsequently ordained in office.

April 10. 1881.

Session met.

Mr. Isaac Covert was selected to attend the meeting of Pres bytery on Tuesday next April 12 - Mr. John S. Lawton being chosen alternate

Job. Van Dyke.

Examined and Approved
In Presbytery At Jamesburg
Apr. 12. 1881.

R. J. Phillips
Moderator

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May 1, 1881.

Session met. Received on examination
 Belle Day }
 Ella Herbert } on ~~Com. of~~ } Mrs Anna Vanday, Jr.
 Joseph W. Vanday, Sr.

opened & closed with prayer

John Van Dyke
 moderator

Cranbury Aug 7, 1881.

Session met after preparatory service.
 Henry Johnson (Colored), having confessed
 to adultery, was unanimously suspended from
 the communion. The session ordered the
 following read from the pulpit;
 "The session has indefinitely suspended
 H. Johnson from the communion
 of the church for violation of the
 seventh commandment."

The session desired to announce that
 in future the names of persons suspended
 for crimes like that of which Mr. Johnson
 had been guilty, will be read from
 the pulpit. This determination has been
 reached by the officers in the hope that
 they may do something towards rendering
 such crimes more odious & may inform
 all that separation has been effected
 Opened & closed with prayer

John Van Dyke
 mod.

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Oct. 2, 1881.

Session met after morning service. Opened
 with prayer by the moderator.
 On motion D. C. Lewis was appointed
 delegate to the Presbytery to meet at
 Englishtown Oct. 4; John S. Stultz, alternate.
 Delegate to Synod, John S. Lewis
 viron; John Henry Stultz, alternate.
 It was resolved to undertake a
 complete visitation of the congregation
 by elder & pastor - to begin
 at once - on Thursday, Oct 6.
 closed with prayer -

John Van Dyke
 moderator

Nov. 5, 1881.

Session met after preparatory service, all
 present. The following named persons were
 received to the communion of the church;
 On examination Addison Fair

By letter

Rev. B. W. Van Dyke ✓
 Fanny J. Garabrant ✓
 Mrs Lydia E. Stultz ✓
 Mrs. Mary Garabrant

Opened & closed with prayer.

John Van Dyke,
 moderator

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Feb. 21, 1882

Session met. All present. Received on
examination Charles W. Van Dyke &

Luther Gore
Rebecca W. Gore
Ella S. Basford.

By letter Mrs. Amelid Thomas.

Letters of dismission were granted to
Mrs. Camelia & Miss Selma Skutta to
unite with the Dayton Church.

Opened & closed with prayer

John Van Dyke
moderator.

April 6, 1882

Session met. Opened with prayer - Mr.
D. C. Lusk was appointed to meet
Presbytery on Tuesday evening at 7 1/2
- Jo S. Davison alternate -
Closed with prayer

John Van Dyke mod

Examined and Approved
to Proceed by At Highstown
Aix, 12, 1882.

James McDougal
Moderator

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May 7, 1882.

Session met - all present except J. H. Stull.
Opened with prayer.

Received by letter -

John Embly
Lydia Embly
Lara J. Embly
Lucia H. Lewis
Matthe W. Lewis.

On examination
Sarah Jane Logan
Minnie S. Van Dyke.

Mrs. A. J. Dyckhoff -

On motion Mr. John S.
Davison & D. C. Lusk were appointed
a committee to act in conjunction
with committee of the M. E. & 1st Pres.
Church (the appointment of which they
are to solicit) in an effort to sup-
press fast during in the village on
Sunday afternoon - & to insert a notice
in the "Tranley News" requesting its dis-
continuance & giving information that
if refused continue the practice they will
be prosecuted according to
law.

On motion it was unanimously
resolved to extend our invitation to the
Christian friends to meet at the home
of Rev. Jas. W. Van Dyke, a returned missionary
from Spain, on Thursday evening May 10.
to give expression to their interest in
our his work, & assure him of an interest
in their synodical & their prayer in his
uninterrupted return to his dear old field of
labor.

John Van Dyke mod.

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quorum present Aug. 6. 1882.
 Session met - recorded by letter
 Mrs. Mary F. Silvers
 Mrs. Edward Sredaker -

Henry F. Edrall on examⁿ
 Dominick C. Mithon -

Suspended, for fornication,
 must undergo Confession & the having
 been cited at a previous meeting, & evidence of guilt -
 having been presented & closed with prayer
 at this meeting,

John Van Dyke Mod.

Oct. 1. 1882

Session met - on motion Mr. John
 Silvers was appointed delegate to the
 next meeting of Presbytery, at Shrewsbury
 Aug. Oct. 3; Mr. Wm. S. Dwyer alternate.
 Mr. John S. Garrison was appointed
 delegate to Synod, at Hackettstown
 Oct. 17; Mr. Dyckert Silvers alternate.

The following minute in refer-
 ence to the death of Mr. George Bar-
 clay was ordered entered on the min-
 utes.

Memorial of George Barclay.

Whereas Mr. Geo. Barclay, a ruling elder

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in this church for twenty six years,
 has been removed by death from the
 church on earth, therefore

Resolved 1. That as expression of our
 deep grief we desire to record our
 testimony to his worth as an officer
 & his consistency as a Church mem-
 ber. To principles of honesty & truth-
 fulness he added the grace of liberality
 & kindness, being moreover regular
 in his attendance on Church services,
 constant in his fidelity to the Church,
 consistent in his conduct & conscien-
 tious in all the duties of religion.
 Our esteem for him was very great.

Resolved 2. That as officers of this
 church we express our gratitude to
 the Disposer of human affairs for
 raising up, & continuing in life, one
 who had done much for the material
 & spiritual prosperity of Zion; & while
 we endeavor to bow in submission to
 the divine decree which called him
 to his eternal reward, we desire to give
 expression to our sense of loss over the
 removal of one whose strength for
 successful labor in the Lord's vineyard
 was as yet unimpaired, & whom we
 regarded as a wise counsellor, a con-
 sistent Christian, an earnest worker,
 & a highly esteemed friend. That he
 may raise up many such it our
 sincere prayer.

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Resolved 3 That at expression of our sorrows we, pastors & elders, wear crepe upon the right arm at least four weeks.

Resolved 4. That we extend our best sympathy to his deeply bereaved family & express the hope that the God of all consolation will comfort them abundantly, enshading them, amidst sweet memories of the departed, to anticipate with joy a happy reunion where "there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying."

Resolved 5. That a committee consisting of J. S. Danson, Job Brewer & the pastor be appointed to transcribe this minute, sign it on behalf of the officers & present a copy thereof to the friends.

Opened & closed with prayer

Job. Van Dyke
Moderator.

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Nov. 4. 1883.
Session met after preparatory lecture.
Opened with prayer, a quorum not present.

There being no business on hand, adjourned

Opened & closed with prayer

Job S. Van Dyke.

Feb. 3. 1883
Session met after preparatory lecture.
opened with prayer.

on motion received by examination
Harriet Crawford Emily,
Nov. Fair Day

By letter from Pres. Church of Manalapan
Rose Bridge—

Closed with prayer

Job S. Van Dyke
Mod.

Examined and Approved
by Presbytery at Burlington
Apr. 11. 1883.

F. J. Brown,
Mod.

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Lo. ranburg N. J.

The following paper prepared in reference to the death of Mr. R. C. Skille was ordered in record in the minutes—

Whereas Mr. R. C. Skille, a ruling elder in this church has been removed by death, therefore Resolved & That as an expression of our deep grief we desire to enter upon our minutes an expression of our high appreciation of his character & services. Writing with this church by letter Jan 21 83 & becoming by ordination a ruling elder March 29 1867 he was continuously a warm friend of the church, active in his labors, liberal in his giving, & warm hearted in his intercourse with the other officers with all the members of the communion. We desire to record our testimony to his generous, warm, forgiving heart; his self-devotion to the spiritual pecuniary welfare of the church, his extreme cordiality to all christians.

2. That the officers of this church express gratitude to the friends of the church unnumbered for having raised up & confirmed among us even to old age, one so well fitted by nature

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gifts & by special graces for usefulness; & to express the hope that in the great mercy he may raise up others to take his place & may kindly lengthen their lives, chiefly affording them opportunities of usefulness. May all who loved him—the most dear to all—walk in his steps so far as he walked in the footsteps of the Master.

3. While resigning ourselves to the will of God, we desire to give expression to the earnest hope that the love which this church sustained, in the departure to a better world, of one who for many years has been the president of the Board of Trustees, & an influential elder, kind in his deportment, wise in counsel, firm in attachment to the sanctuary, may be blessed to all ground in numbers & in spirituality.

4. As an expression of our sincere sorrow, the pastor, elders & deacons, may, ere upon the right arm of least four weeks.

5. That we extend to the sacred union to the large family of children & to the many relatives an expression of our sympathy, sincerely hoping that he who comforted the surviving may comfort them to these sweet memories of the departed with warm affection after reunion in a world where death never enters.

March 14 83

J. H. Vanduzee Clerk

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Cranbury N.J.

May 5. 1883.

Session met on Saturday after preparatory service. All the elders were present. Opened with prayer. On motion it was unanimously resolved that ~~Carolus~~ ^{having been} ~~of having~~ ^{been} ~~sanctified~~ ^{sanctified} of the sin of adultery, a child having been born to her though unmarried, ~~be~~ ^{is} & hereby is, suspended from the communion of this ch.; & that the pastor & Mr. Jacob Snodden be a committee to hand her a written copy of this action of the session in suspending her.

On examination received to the communion of the church Mr. James Petty.

Received by Letter

Mrs. Mary A. Carr + Miss A. F. Dyckhoff
opened & closed with prayer

John S. Van Dyke
Clerk

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Cranbury N.J.

Aug. 4. 1883.

Session met after preparatory lecture all present. Opened with prayer.

Received by letter -

Wm. Stovoker
Mrs Wm. Stovoker
Laura Stovoker
Isaac Bogart.

On examination -

Lizzie Farr.
Magge Farr.
Marrie Farr.

Closed with prayer.

John S. Van Dyke.
Clerk.

Nov. 8 1883.

Session met preparatory to communion all present. Opened with prayer.

No one coming forward to unite with the church either by letter or on examination, session adjourned & closed with prayer.

John S. Van Dyke
Clerk.

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Feb. 1883

Session met preparatory to communion - All present saw the Pastor, Reports having become current that Mr. Edward Suedaker, a member of this church, had been seen under the influence of liquor, a Committee of Mr. J. Covert & Mr. J. H. Stutta was appointed to see him & confer with him in reference to the matter. This committee reported on Sabbath morning, before Communion, & reported that Mr. Edward Suedaker had acknowledged to have been somewhat under the effects of intoxicants & promised to be extremely cautious in future, assuring the committee that the session should have no occasion of uneasiness, in reference to him, in future, & thanking them warmly for the interest they had manifested in his moral welfare.

Rev. J. B. Davis, in the absence of the Pastor was invited to administer the communion.

Some presenting themselves for admission to the church session adjourned. Closed with prayer

Jos. Van Dyke
Clerk.

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Examined and Approved
L. Pr. sby. y At Cranbury
Apr. 9. 1884

Wm. L. Smith,
Moderator.

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Saturday, May 3. 1884

Session met preparatory to Communion: opened with prayer. Present, J. S. Darrin, E. Bergen, J. Smedaker, J. H. Stull, J. D. Barclay - J. Covert, Wm. Hughes, E. Silvers, J. S. Silvers, W. S. Day & the Moderator - none absent.

The following persons were received to the communion on this occasion:

Mrs. Hannah Hughes, wife of Wm. H. Jew
 Mrs. Anna M. Johnson - Exord.
 Edward George
 Emily George, her wife.

On Examination:

Mrs. Maggie S. Stull, wife of Rostin -
 Bella L. Van Dyke, daughter of L. W.
 Julia V. George, daughter of Edward Geo.

On motion it was unanimously resolved that at our next regular meeting June 1. the session would take into consideration -

1. The duty of the session in reference to the habit of dancing.
2. The duty of the session in reference to our suspended members.

Closed with prayer

J. S. Van Dyke

Moderator.

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June 1. 1884

Session met Present John S. Dareson, Isaac Forest, Wm. Hughes, John Henry Stull, Jacob Smedaker, D. C. Linn, John Silvers, Ezechie Silvers. About W. S. Bergen & Wm. S. Day, on motion & by certificate from the Presb. Church of Trenton, Mrs. Ann Eliza Day, widow of Peter W. Day, was received to the communion of the church.

On motion the following committees were appointed for purposes as hereuntoled

1. A committee, consisting of J. H. Stull & Ezechie Silvers, to visit Mr. John Dorsey, a suspended member of this church, & re-monstrate with him in reference to the course he is pursuing in continuing the habit of drinking & riotously abusing the session for having suspended him; it being understood that the committee have the authority of this session for assuring him that as many years have passed since he was suspended the session have rejoiced with him often much, & his course grows no better, but worse, he may anticipate excommunication in the near future unless there is a change for the better.

2. A committee, consisting of Ezechie Silvers & D. C. Linn to visit Mrs. John Darrin, a suspended member of this church, & inform her that as she was suspended for not attending church, & as the session learn that she is now in attendance on the sessions of the first church, the session will be left

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to meet her & if the way be clear facilitate her reception into the First Church.

3. A Committee consisting of Mr. Ezekiel Silvers & Jos. S. Van Dyke, to visit Miss Lucretia Farr, an unmanly member of this ch., who is reputed to be the mother of a child, to ascertain what she has to say in reference to this charge.

It was unanimously resolved that we hereby agree to disapprove of dancing & to do all in our power to induce our members to discontinue the practice.

Opened & closed etc

Jos. S. Van Dyke.

Granbury Mt.

Augt 2. 1884

Session met preparatory to Communion. Opened with prayer by Mr. Wm. Hughes. Present J. S. Davison, Ezekiel Silvers, J. W. Stultz, Isaac Corlett, S. D. Barclay, Wm. Hughes, D. C. Leuit, J. Smeedaker, Wm. E. Bergen.

The committee appointed to visit John Doray reported the performance of duty & received the promise from Mr. Doray of greater care in future in reference to the use of liquor.

The Com. appointed to visit Mrs. J. W. Davis reported - that she was desirous of

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of uniting with the First Church on whose services she was now attending. She acknowledged to having done wrong in willfully absenting herself from church, but as an explanation of her conduct assigned the condition of things in her family during the life term of her husband & also that she was under suspension from the S. M. Church for drunkenness. On motion it was unanimously resolved that she be furnished with a letter to the First Church, the letter to contain a record of the facts in the case.

The Committee appointed to visit Mrs. Lucretia Farr reported that she acknowledged violation of the seventh commandment: whereupon she was unanimously suspended from the communion of the church.

On motion it was unanimously resolved that we undertake a thorough visitation of the congregation, an elder accompanying the pastor.

Resolved by letter

Mrs. Peter W. Day

Mrs. Mary L. Van Doren.

By profession, J. Van Dusen & Maggi Doray,
closed with prayer

Jos. S. Van Dyke
Mod.

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Nov. 1, 1884

Session met preparatory to Communion.
Present, Eldas, Silas (J. S.), Dawson (J. S.),
Doy (W. P.), Stettin (J. H.), Silas (Ezekiel),
Snedaker (Jacob), Hughes (W.), Bergen
(Wm S.), Barclay (J. D.), Lind (J. C.),
and the Moderator.

The following named persons were
referred to the communion of the ch.
on examination:—

Emhart Christ
Sophia Christ, his wife,
Mrs. Margaret E. Van Dornier.

Received by letter;

Mrs. Mary Jane Jounes for S. Ambroy
John S. Bergen Hanson Place Brooklyn
Anna D. Bergen, his wife,
J. F. Mc Kinnon Hillboro, Texas.

Opened & closed with prayer

John Van Dyke Mod.

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Jan 31, 1885

Session met preparatory to Communion.
All present. Opened with prayer.

The committee, consisting of Mr. Elzeil
Silas & Wm. Hughes, appointed to see Mr.
Edward Snedaker in reference to the
current reports charging him with drink-
ing intoxicating liquors to excess, & au-
thorized to suggest to him the propriety of
he was in the habitual use of intoxicants,
or if he used them occasionally to excess, to
remain away from the communion table
till such time as he mastered the besetting
temptation, reported, that Mr. Edward
Snedaker, while neither denying nor con-
fessing the charges, but simply requesting
the committee to bear in mind that re-
ports are apt to be exaggerated, nevertheless
concurred in the opinion—most cordially
concurred—that under existing circumstan-
ces it was best for him & best for the
church that he should cease for the
present to partake of the communion,
agreeing to continue attendance at church
& to endeavor himself to conduct himself
in such manner as to give no occasion
for censure on the part of his family
or of the church officers.

The session received on examination
the following persons—
Lizzie C. Everett. Laddie T. Snedaker.
Clara S. Hughes. Augustus T. Skellern.
Ella Rice. Lizzie Strocker.

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Jonnie R. Stevener.

By letter

Fred. M. Rice, from the Congregational Church of Satish, Mass.

The just four, being unbaptized, were directed to present themselves for baptism in conjunction with their formal reception to the church on Sabbath morning.

closed with prayer.

John Van Dyke
Moderator

April 5. 1855.

Session met in the Chapel 9 1/2 P. M.
All present except Isaac Smedaker.

On motion Mr. John S. Danson & Ezekiel Lebur were appointed a committee to see Mrs. Rosa Englund in reference to the current report that she had been guilty of anti-nuptial fornication & report to session, what she had to say in reference thereto.

On motion, Mr. Van Dyke was appointed to see Mrs. Clifford Coroner & inform her that for anti-nuptial fornication, with which she stands charged, & of which the session has satisfactory proof on her part, she is suspended from the communion of the church until such time as repentance & confession on her part, & regard to the hon-

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or of religion, seem to warrant the session in restoring her to the privilege of the church.

Mr. John S. Danson, with Mr. Isaac Corser as alternate was appointed delegate to the session of Presbytery to meet at Freehold on Tuesday April 14/55.

On motion it was agreed, (Mr. Van Dyke having introduced the subject & recommended action), that this session inform the Presbytery of Monmouth at its ensuing meeting that inasmuch as we have entered our deliberate protest against the principle involved in assessing expenses of Session & Presbytery upon the several churches as tho they were a tax which the churches must pay; inasmuch as we have called pointed attention to the fact that presbytery has constitutionally at right which can not be ignored; & inasmuch as the right to demand a certain amount from each church is tacitly surrendered by substituting the word "assessment" for "assessment"; & inasmuch as we do not desire to be understood, in having declined to pay more than \$20 a year, as objecting to the payment of our full proportion of needed funds, but merely as determinedly committed to the scriptural method of raising money for church purposes, viz by simply appeal to the liberality of Christians.

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The second church of Grandbury will henceforth, until it reforms the presbytery otherwise, pay said appointments as in the judgment of this presbytery, may be deemed necessary to meet current expenses.

Opened & closed by religious services

Joh. Van Dyke
Moderator.

Examined and Approved
in Presbyt. y At Frsch. Id
Apr. 16, 1886.

Robert J. Kent
Moderator

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Saturday May 2nd 1886

Session met after preparatory lecture. Present, Eschiel Selver, John S. Dawson
J. H. Stultz Wm. D. Day
Jared Snodcker John S. Selver
W. E. Bergren L. H. Hougher
J. D. Barlow J. Smith.

Received on examination:

May E. Sells James Scott
Sarah Adelaide Day Wm. Hougher Jun.
Marcus L. Ward Day Simon Maas.
Alfred Rice.

By letter

Mr. & Mrs. J. S. Patten Jun. Vermont
Presbyterian Church

Mrs. Nora England, having confessed to a committee appointed by the session to confer with her - Com. consisting of J. S. Dawson & Eschiel Selver - that she had been guilty of anti-nuptial fornication, & having expressed deep penitence for the sin, it was unanimously resolved that Mr. John S. Dawson & Eschiel Selver be appointed a com. to inform her that in order to vindicate the honor of religion she is required by a unanimous vote of the session to absent herself from the communion till informed by the session that she may return to the communion.

Mr. J. Steine, being charged by Com. men James with the sin of anti-nuptial fornication, it was unanimously resolved that he be cited to meet the session.

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on Sabbath morning May 17 d. 1883
in the Chapel to answer to the charge -
not for formal trial, but to give his
answer to the charge.

Opened & closed with prayer

Jo^s. S. Van Dyke
Moderator

Sabbath morning May 17. 1883

Session met - all present. In answer to
the citation Mr. John Slime was pres-
ent - He acknowledged to having received
the citation - pleaded guilty to the charge
of Anti-nuptial fornication. He was sus-
pended from the communion of the Church
till such time as in the judgment of
the Session it is advisable to reinstate him,
it being understood that such reinstatement
will not occur in less than one
year from date. Opened & closed with prayer

Jo^s. S. Van Dyke Moderator.

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Granbury N. J.
August 2, 1883.

Session met after Preparatory
Lecture opened with prayer. Pres-
ent. W. S. Burgin, Wm. Hughes, J. S.
Schess, E. Schess, J. D. Barclay, J. H.
Stull, J. Suedaker, J. Lovett. Ab-
sent, Wm. S. Day, J. S. Garrison

Received on examination
Anna Schess, wife of William S.
Schess.

Received by letter: -
Mrs. Eliza Sutton, Jr. 2nd Princeton
Mrs. Margaret F. Butcalt, "Ashby Park
Chad Appliget. Pres. Ch. Hightower.
Mrs "

Closed with prayer.

Jo^s. S. Van Dyke.

Sept. 6. 1883.

Session met at 9^{1/2} A. M. in
the Chapel. Present - all, except
J. Suedaker, W. S. Day & J. H. Stull
& J. Lovett. On motion it was
unanimously resolved; Inasmuch as
Mr. Eduard Suedaker, with whom
this Session has frequently remon-
strated & with whom it entered into an un-
derstanding that he should tempora-

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richly cease partaking of the Communion (See p. 139), is charged with the frequent & excessive use of intoxicants, & when, instead of presenting evidence that he is sincerely endeavoring to master the temptation, is apparently becoming more completely subject thereto, therefore Resolved that he be cited to meet this session in the Chapel on Saturday evening Sept. 19th at 7 1/2 o'clock to answer to the charge of the immoderate use of intoxicating liquors; that Messrs E. Siders & Wm. Hughes be a committee to serve the written citation to Murray Sept. 17th; & that the same committee be authorized to communicate to each of his friends as they choose an account in full of the efforts put forth by the session in Mr. E. Sneider's behalf, & the formal action heretofore taken.

opened & closed with prayer.

Jos. S. Van Dyke

Moderator.

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Sept. 19. 1883 -
Session met. Opened with prayer, Pres. read all except 20, S. Day.

Messrs E. Siders & W. Hughes reported having served the citation upon Mr Edward Sneider (See minutes p. 146); & expressed the opinion that no effort of the session could have been taken to meet the session in answer to the citation.

After awaiting in the Chapel a reasonable length of time, & not finding Mr. Sneider present the session unanimously resolved to serve a second citation to him to meet us on Friday evening Sept 25. 1883, in the Chapel at 8 o'clock, & to answer to the charge of the immoderate use of intoxicants, the citation to be accompanied with the statement that if he failing in meeting the session he would be suspended for contumacy - the citation to be handed to him by Mr. Wm. Hughes.

Adjourned

Jos. S. Van Dyke
Moderator

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Sept. 23. 1883-

Session met in the C. Chapel at 8 O'clock
 Present J. S. Dawson, S. Sibus, J.
 Smediker, W. Hughes the moderator
 There being no quorum present
 & Mr. Edward Smediker having failed in
 presenting himself (see Min. 7/147) the
 session adjourned to meet, Sabbath
 morning, after service

John S. Van Dyke
 Moderator.

Sabbath Morning Sept 27/83

Session met - all present except
 W. S. Doy. Mr. Wm. Hughes reported
 having served the second citation upon
 Mr. Edward Smediker (7/147); that
 present in C. Chapel on Friday evening
 reported that he failed to meet and
 sent no excuse for absence, where-
 upon it was unanimously resolved
 that he be suspended from the Com-
 munion of the Church for contin-
 uance, that for the present no fur-
 ther action be taken. Mr. J. Smediker
 was appointed to hand him the written
 notice of suspension.

Opened & closed with prayer

John S. Van Dyke
 Moderator

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Oct. 31. 1883-

Session met after Preparatory Lecture.
 Present J. Smediker, J. S. Dawson, Wm. Hughes,
 E. Sibus, J. H. Stull, J. S. Sibus, J. D. Barclay,
 D. C. Lewis, W. S. Doy.

Received on examination, Miss Lizzie
 M. Gregg, daughter of D. C. Briggs.

The session, on motion, unanimously
 resolved to undertake, commencing on
 Wednesday Nov. 4, a complete visitation
 of the congregation, with the special pur-
 pose in view of impressing, if possible,
 upon each pt. member the obligations of
 mission-work within our bounds.

Opened & closed with prayer.

John S. Van Dyke Mod.

Dec 6. 1883:

Session met.

On motion it was unanimously
 resolved that Mr. J. D. Barclay be a com-
 mittee to visit Mr. James B. Mershon &
 inform him that he is currently reported
 to have treated his sister, Margaret B.
 Mershon & Cornelia V. Mershon, in an un-
 christian manner, & to have been guilty of dis-
 honest practices towards them; Mr. B.
 will invite him to meet the session for
 a conference upon the matter.

Opened & closed with prayer John S. Van Dyke
 mod.

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Dec 20. 1886

Session met.

Mr. J. D. Barclay, committee to visit Mr. James B. Mashon, reported that he had done so, that Mr. Mashon declined to meet the session, made no explanation of the conduct deemed improper. Whereupon it was unanimously resolved ~~that~~ ~~he~~ to be cited to meet the session in the chapel on Jan 3, at 9 O'clock, to answer to the charge of unchristian conduct.

It being currently reported that Mrs. James B. Mashon had made statements that were known by members of the session to be entirely untrue, it was also unanimously resolved that she be cited also to meet the session at the same time & place with her husband - to answer to the charge of unchristian conduct, that each citation contain the statement that at the proposed meeting the respects in which their conduct had been undermining a christian would be specified.

Mr. D. C. Lewis was appointed a committee to deliver the citations.

Present. J. S. Danison, E. Selous, J. S. Selous, J. D. Barclay, J. Smedaker. J. Lovett.

Opened & closed with prayer

John S. Van Dyke Mod.

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Jan. 3. 1886

Session met. All present viz. J. S. Danison, D. C. Lewis, J. H. Stultz, E. Selous, J. Lovett, W. E. Ferguson, W. S. Day, J. Smedaker - except John S. Selous.

After waiting till 9.15 O'clock, & Mr. & Mrs. J. B. Mashon not appearing, it was unanimously resolved, on motion of Mr. J. H. Stultz, that a second citation be issued to each - viz James B. Mashon & Mrs. James B. Mashon - to meet the session on Feb. 7, 1886, in the chapel at 9 O'clock, to answer to the charge of unchristian conduct, the specifications to be made known at the just meeting Feb. 7, that a committee be appointed to visit Mr. & Mrs. M. & tell them the exact nature of the charges against them & to reason with them & to counsel them, endeavoring to induce them to meet the session, & to consider carefully the moral nature of the conduct they have manifested towards Margaret B. Mashon deceased, who sister, Fimelia V. Mashon, etc have with them the written citations.

Mr. D. C. Lewis had previously reported that the just citations were duly served.

The Committee appointed to carry out the above resolution were J. H. Stultz, J. S. Danison & E. Selous. The citations were prepared, each containing the statement "If you fail to present yourself at that time

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in answer to the second citation, the session has no alternative left but to immediately suspend you for contumacy, may proceed to make arrangements for your trial on the charge & specifications, & may also suspend you on that charge, if you are proved guilty, whether you present yourself or decline to do so."

The time was fixed a month hence because the session ardently hoped that time for reflection might result in good to Mr. & Mrs. Mershon.

Jos. S. Van Dyke mod.

Jan 12, 1886.

Session met at 7 o'clock P. M. at the house of Mr. J. S. Danison, the call to the meeting having been made on Sabbath Jan. 10, at morning service.

Present: J. S. Danison, E. Schuch, J. N. Steble, Wm. Hughes, J. S. Van Dyke, and S. D. Barclay

The committee appointed (see p. 107) to see Mr. & Mrs. J. B. Mershon reported that they had done so, & that Mr. & Mrs. Mershon were present, by arrangement with them under authority of session, to confer with the session; that as they had consented to meet the session the citations were not served.

The charges made by current reports

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against J. B. Mershon were made known to him. He acknowledged that they were substantially true; but insisted that he had had no intention of defrauding his sisters. He confessed he had done wrong, & expressed sorrow.

The charge against Mrs. M. was made known to her. She emphatically asserted that the statements attributed to her were never uttered by her.

The session informed them that they would report the interview to the entire session at its next meeting Feb. 7th for consideration.

Jos. S. Van Dyke, clock.

Feb. 7, 1886

Session met preparatory to communion.

Mr. Charles Christophen, who ceased communing with the church some time past, was, on conference with the session and at his earnest request, restored to the privilege of the church.

Received by letter from S. Chambers, Pres. Ch. Philadelphia Penna. Mrs. Polk, School Sustain.

The interview between Mr. & Mrs. J. B. Mershon & the session, held Jan 12, was reported to full session; whereupon it was resolved that on order that time may be given to Mr. & Mrs. Mershon, & as nothing seems to demand immediate action, the consideration of the case be deferred for the present.

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Present, John S. Davison, E. Silvers,
John S. Silvers, Wm. Hughes, Jacob
Snedeker, J. Cowart, Wm. S. Dyg, Wm. E.
Bergen, J. D. Barclay, D. C. Lund & the
Moderator.

Absent, J. H. Stultz.
Closed with prayer
Jos. S. Van Dyke
Clerk.

April 4, 1886

Session met. Present; J. S. Silvers, J. S.
Davison, W. E. Bergen, Wm. S. Dyg, J. Co-
wert, Wm. Hughes, J. Snedeker, J. D.
Barclay, D. C. Lund, Absent, J. H. Stultz.
Moderator present.

On examination the following per-
sons were received to the membership
of the church:

Mrs. William Seire.

Predrick Korse; same re-
quested to meet the session again for
conference on Sabbath morning May 2,
before membership service.

The minutes were read & approved.
The following persons were appointed to
attend the meeting of Presbytery, at Mat-
awan April 13, 1886:

John H. Stultz Presmoder
D. C. Lund Secunder
Opened & closed with prayer -
Jos. S. Van Dyke mod

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Thus far examined and approved in
Presbytery at Matawan April 14th 1886

Joseph G. Symmes.
Moderator.

May 1, 1886.

Session met. Present, J. S. Davison, J. H.
Stultz, Wm. Hughes, Wm. S. Dyg, J. S. Silvers
W. E. Bergen, J. D. Barclay & the Moderator.
Absent, D. C. Lund, Jacob Snedeker.

Received on examination
Amy Florence Sutton
John Manchester
Lilla D. Farr

By letter

Mrs. Charlotte M. Van Pelt
Mrs. Catharine E. Lund
Sarah L. Van Pelt
Martha E. Van Pelt.
Clifford K. Coyle
Mame K. Coyle
Annie Stein

Mrs. Wm. W. Heitchman
opened & closed with prayer

Jos. S. Van Dyke
Moderator

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Oct. 3. 1886

Session met. Opened with prayer.
Mr. S. Covert was chosen delegate to the
coming meeting of Presbytery, at Ashby
Park: Mr. S. Selous alternate.

Mr. J. D. Barclay was chosen dele-
gate to coming meeting of Synod; Mr.
Wm. Hughes alternate.

John S. Van Dyke Clerk

Nov. 6. 1886

Session met. Present E. Selous, J. H.
Stultz, L. D. Barclay, J. S. Dawson, W. E.
Bryson, John S. Selous, J. Smidacher,
J. Covert, D. C. Sims: Wm. Hughes,
Recited to the communion of the ch.;
By letter Mrs. Jennie D. Smith
On examination; Peter D. Stultz.

Louisa Petty
Susan B. Foss (Mrs
Maggie B. Pett)
Laura Virginia Foss
Henry Pindney Foss.

Mrs. Lizzie Housel for anti-trinitarian
heresies was suspended from the
communion of the church.

Mr. A. Rice, for a long time under
the ban of watch care of session, was
by consent on his part suspended from
the Com. for drunkenness

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Opened solemn with prayer.

John S. Van Dyke Moderator

Feb. 5. 1887.

Session met after Preparatory Lecture. Opened
with prayer.

The following persons were received to
the communion of the church on pro-
fession of faith; Sarah Craig
Marcus S. Foss.

Closed with prayer - all present

John S. Van Dyke
Mod.

April 3. 1887

Session met. All present except J. S. Da-
verson.

After lengthy conference the following ac-
tion was taken;

Whereas, Mr. Jas. B. Mershon, at a
meeting of session held Jan 2. 1887, ac-
knowledged he had done wrong to his
sisters, Margaret B. + formalist D., through
denying any intention of fraud, +

Whereas, By formal vote of session ta-
ken Feb. 7. 1886, it was resolved to defer
action in the case, in order to give Mr.
Mershon time to manifest a changed

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disposition towards the suffering sister, Cornelia V., & give evidence, so at least an attempt to make restitution, that he had no intention of defrauding her, &

Whereas, This session is made fully aware that an unbecoming disposition is still manifested by him, & no effort has been made restitution by the payment, even to any extent whatever, of the money he owes her, but his property is put out of his hands, &

Whereas, Mrs. Jas. B. Mershon has asked for the certificate of her son Dominicus; also for her own & Mrs. Mershon's (Mrs. Mershon being present & acquiescing) accompanying the request with the attention that she does not want hers unless Mrs. Mershon may have hers, now, therefore,

Resolved, That a Committee of two be appointed, to hand to Dominicus Mershon his certificate (which is hereby granted) & to assure Mrs. Mershon that the session is ready to grant her a certificate any time she requests, unconditionally; & to inform Mrs. Jas. B. Mershon that the session is willing to afford him further time to manifest a changed disposition towards his sister Cornelia V. & show a willingness to at least attempt to pay his indebtedness to her; but that if he does not the case decided now, or before he has shown an altered spirit, the session does not feel at liberty to comply

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with the request; but is prepared to suspend them.

Messrs J. Forest & W. E. Bergen were appointed a committee to carry out the above resolution.

On Motion, Mr. W. Hughes was appointed delegate to the coming meeting of Men. Presbytery at Allentown; John H. Stebbins alternate.

Adjourned
J. S. Van Dyke, Clerk.

Thus far examined and approved
in Presbytery at Allentown April 1878

Donald M. Lamm
Moderator.

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Session met ^{May 1, 1887.} preparatory to
communion. All present. Opened
with prayer. On examination the
following persons were received to the
communion of the church by profes-
sion of faith: Miss Cornelia Stultz, &
Miss May A. Hutchinson.

Closed with prayer.

Lois S. Van Dyke
Moderator.

May 29, 1887.

Session met. Present, J. S. Davison,
J. H. Stultz, I. D. Barclay, W. S.
Dy. J. Covert, W. E. Bergen, E. Sibers,
J. S. Sibers, D. C. Lewis, & the Moder-
ator. Absent, W. M. Hughes.

Opened with prayer.

The Com. consisting of Messrs. J. Co-
vert & W. E. Bergen, appointed to see
Mr. J. B. Meehan wife & son; to give
to the son a certificate, to inform
Mrs. M. that the session was ready
to give her a certificate whenever she
requested it unaccompanied with the
declaration (which had accompanied a
person's request) that she did not
want it unless the session would
also grant one to her husband; &
to inform Mr. Meehan that the
session was ready to give him for
the time (see min. p. 153, 187) to

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consider the advice given him to manifest
a changed disposition towards his sister, C. E.
Meehan, & present evidence of a willing-
ness to deal honestly by her, but if he desired
to have the matter settled, the session was
prepared to suspend him on the charge of
dishonesty as committed in acts confessed by
him - reported the duty performed. The Com.
also reported that Mr. & Mrs. Meehan, several
receiving from their hands a written copy
of the action of session as taken April 3, 1887,
were informed by them what its exact im-
port was; also, reported that Mrs. Meehan
insisted that she did not want her certifi-
cate & was unwilling to accept it unless
one was granted to her husband; that
Mrs. Meehan was unchanged in feeling &
unwilling to take any step towards attempt-
ing to make payment of indebtedness,
or acknowledge improper treatment, but
demanded the session the right to inquire into
the honesty or dishonesty of her business trans-
actions.

The Com. having completed its report, Mr.
E. Sibers informed session that Mr. Meehan
called upon him yesterday (May 28th) & stated
that neither he nor his wife understood the
action of the session, as announced to them
by Messrs Covert & Bergen; that neither he
nor his wife knew why certificates were
not granted them, that they wanted both
certificates for neither, & that if session was
unwilling to grant them they desired their

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names erased from the Church roll. Thereupon, Messrs Corant & Bergen readent w that they gave Mr & Mrs M. a written copy of the action of session & explained it to them fully, w that they certainly seemed to understand it.

On motion of Mr. D. C. Lewis, seconded by J. Corant, with the design of securing the presence of Mr. M. before the session, that there might be no possible ground of misunderstanding, the following action was unanimously taken: Resolved that Mr. J. B. Merdson be & surely is cited to meet the session in the Chapel on Saturday Evening June 11 at 7 1/2 O'clock, to answer to the charge of unchristian conduct (he was cited in Dec. 1885. see Min. p. 150 - also p. 151.)

Messrs J. H. Stultz & W. S. Day were appointed a Com. to serve the citation

Closed with prayer

J. S. Van Dyke.
Mod.

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June 5, 1887.
Session met. Opened with prayer.
Present W. H. Haight, J. D. Barclay, E. Selver, D. C. Lewis, J. S. Dawson, J. H. Stultz. Absent J. S. Selver, W. S. Day, & W. E. Bergen.

Mr. J. H. Stultz reported that he served the citation upon Mr. J. B. Merdson; that he promised to be present to meet the session in the chapel on Saturday Evening June 11, at 7 1/2 O'clock.

Closed with prayer

J. S. Van Dyke
Mod.

June 11, 1887.

Session met in the Chapel at 7 1/2 P.M.
Present; J. S. Dawson, W. H. Haight, J. S. Selver, J. H. Stultz, J. Corant, D. C. Lewis, E. Selver, & the moderator. Absent, W. S. Day & W. E. Bergen. Also present, J. D. Barclay.
Opened with prayer.

The following charge was formulated in the case of J. B. Merdson, with whom the session had been laboring by Committee for a year & a half in the hope of bringing him to change his spirit towards his sister, Amelia V. Merdson & make at least an attempt to effect a settlement with her; but had labored in vain:

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The Presbyterian Church in the United States of America, Prosecutor; James B. Merriam Defendant.

Charge, Unchristian Conduct, - Breaking Servant & Dishonesty.

I Breaking Covenant.

Specifications; I In failing to pay interest to Margaret B. & Cornelia V. Merriam, or either of them, from April 1, 1874 to March 1883 (except less than \$175 during the entire time) on a certain Bond & Mortgage on a farm near Dayton N.J., bearing date April 1, 1874, given to secure the payment of the principal sum of \$2000 at the end of one year with lawful interest; this interest was left unpaid (except as above stated) in violation of written covenant though payment was often solicited, though during the entire time other pecuniary obligations were met by the said J. B. Merriam.

2 I'm not making payments that were verbally promised.

3 I'm demanding staking money from the hands of Mr. John S. Dawson (one of the commissioners for the sale of a house & lot in Cranbury, jointly owned by Margaret B. & Cornelia V. Merriam) after, this Mr. Dawson, he had promised the same might be

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paid to Cornelia V. Merriam in part payment of his indebtedness to her; viz. taking \$44 (one distributive share of the interest of Margaret B. Merriam, deceased, in said house & lot) & taking it, when he not only owed C. V. Merriam \$1750 (1/2 to her personally & 1/2 to her as administratrix of the estate of M. B. Merriam, deceased), but when he had promised that his distributive share of said estate might be paid to C. V. Merriam.

II Dishonesty.

Specifications: 1. I'm not paying, to the aforesaid mortgagee, after the barn on the farm was burned & the insurance money was paid to him, any part of said money, though earnestly requested to do so; nor erecting another barn on the premises, though aware of intent at that time (1883) were in the neighborhood of \$1000.

2 I'm not paying, to the aforesaid mortgagee, from April 1, 1883 to April 1, 1885 (after he removed from the farm & rented the same) any portion whatever of the rent, or any interest, or furnishing any products of the farm in lieu of money, or doing any work in lieu of interest; though requested to do so; & when, at his request, the mortgagee was giving him time to effect a sale of the premises, he received \$80 rent the first year & rented the house & a part of the land the second year

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4 I carried the remainder himself.
3. In putting his property out of his hands, after, on the death of M. B. Merston, Cornelia V. Merston commenced foreclosure proceedings in Sept. 1878.

4 I'm carting cord wood from the premises & appropriating the same, after foreclosure proceedings were commenced.

5 I'm refusing to pay the taxes, unpaid on the farm at the time of foreclosure sale, which taxes were a charge against him since less than \$5 which he was asked by C. V. Merston, through John S. Darden, to pay; & that the hands of the latter he received from the estate of M. B. Merston in time to pay said taxes.

6 I'm not paying at the time, or since, to C. V. Merston the aforesaid \$44, received thro' Mr. J. S. Darden from the estate of Margaret B. Merston, who he was owing her, & is still owing her \$17.50.

Witnesses. I Breaching Covenant; C. V. Merston, James B. Merston, E. Selous, John S. Selous, John S. Darden

II Dishonesty; C. V. Merston, J. B. Merston, J. H. Stultz, John S. Darden, Osa Bennett, Peter Barclay, Samuel Gore, John Henry Gore, J. D. Heath. D. Omerced Merston, Mrs. J. D.

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B. Merston, John Barclay.

The above charges, with the specifications & the names of the witnesses were ready to be handed to Mr. J. B. Merston at this meeting, which the session were intending to regard as the first meeting for formal trial-proceedings—previous meetings having been for conference with a view of inducing Mr. M., (as he had confessed to having treated his sister unpropitiously) to change his spirit towards her & show a disposition to pay her as he was able, & especially as she made very liberal concessions to him.

After waiting till 10 O'clock—Mr. Merston not appearing in person to the citation & according to promise given to Mr. J. H. Stultz—the session unanimously decided to give issue upon him by the hand of Mr. J. S. Selous, a second citation to meet the session on Friday evening June 17th in the chapel at 8 1/2 O'clock, to answer to the charges & stand trial at upon the same, of Enchained conduct, Breaching Covenant & Dishonesty; & to inform him that if he did not meet the session at the designated time aforesaid, he ~~could~~ ^{will} be suspended for contumacy, & that the session ^{will} ~~would~~ consider itself at liberty to proceed with the trial, if such a course seemed advisable. The citation was prepared & handed to Mr. J. S. Selous, for service. Closed with prayer. J. S. Van Dyke, Moderator & clerk.

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Friday Evening June 17/87
 Session met. Present D. C. Lewis, E. Schreier, J. S. Silvers, J. H. Stewart & the Moderator. After waiting till about 9-30, Mr. Melshon not appearing in answer to the second citation served up on him by Mr. John S. Silvers, & a quorum of session not being present, adjourned to meet Sabbath morning June 19th. after morning service.

J. S. Van Dyke

Moderator

Sabbath Morning June 19/87
 Session met according to adjournment Present D. C. Lewis, E. Schreier, J. S. Daulin, H. Stultz, J. S. Silvers, W. Hughes, J. D. Barclay

Absent, W. S. Day, Rev J. S. Van Dyke,
 On motion Mr. E. Schreier was selected temporary moderator
 on motion of Mr. J. H. Stultz adjourned to meet on Sabbath morning next

J. S. Van Dyke Clerk

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Sabbath Morning June 26, 1887
 Session met according to adjournment. Present: J. Covert, W. Hughes, J. H. Stultz, E. Schreier, J. D. Barclay, J. S. Silvers, D. C. Lewis, & the Moderator. Absent, J. S. Daulin, (sick), W. S. Day (absent for the summer) & W. S. Bergen.

Opened with prayer by Mr. J. Covert.
 Mr. John S. Silvers, the person appointed to serve the second citation upon Mr. Jas. B. Melshon, to meet the session June 17, 1887 & answer to the charge of Inebriation, Conduct; Breaking Covenant & Dishonesty, reported that he performed the duty assigned him, handing the citation to Mrs. Melshon at her home, & that she assured him, on reading the contents, that her husband would not meet the session.

The following action was taken unanimously; -

Whereas, Mr. James B. Melshon, who was cited to meet the session June 17, 1887 & answer to a charge of Inebriation, Conduct; & Dishonesty, failed to meet the session; &

Whereas, he also failed to meet the session June 17, in answer to a second citation; &

Whereas, the session, after waiting some days, has received no word from Lewis therefore, Resolved, That he be cited

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Suspended from the communion of the Church for contumacy; that he be informed of this action.

Resolved & that trial on the original charge be deferred for the present; that Mr. Washon be informed by the session that he will be regarded as contumacious & suspended until such time as he presents himself for trial.

Closed with prayer by Mrs. C. Lind.

Jos. S. Van Dyke
Moderator

Augt. 6, 1884.

Session met after Preparatory School present except W. L. Day.
Minutes of preceding meetings were read & approved.

On examination the following persons were received to the communion; Mrs. Anna V. Perrine
Mrs. Eliza J. Grover
Eliad W. Farr
Ella M. Hutchinson

Opened & closed with prayer

Jos. S. Van Dyke
Mod.

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Augt. 21, 1884

Session met. Opened with prayer. A letter was read (sent to the session by Mr. James B. Washon expressing readiness to meet the session, & asking a copy of all papers read or sent to him by the session.)

On motion it was unanimously resolved to send him by mail the following reply:

Grandview N. L. Augt. 21/84.

Mr. James B. Washon;

Dear sir;

Your bearing date July 17 was received yesterday & read to the session to-day.

The session is ready to receive you to trial at any date convenient to you & to them, time sufficient being allowed to make the necessary preliminary arrangements.

Under our church rules, you are entitled, at your own expense, to a copy of the minutes entered on the session of records in your case.

Yours truly

By order of session

Jos. S. Van Dyke, Mod.

Closed with prayer

Jos. S. Van Dyke Clerk

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Oct. 2. 1887

Session met.

On motion Mr. W. S. Day
was chosen delegate to the meeting of Pres-
bytery, at Shrewsbury Oct. 4; & Mr. J. Covert
alternate.

Mr. _____ was appointed deli-
gate to the next meeting of Synod at
Adbury Park Oct. 17; & Mr. _____
alternate.

Opened & closed with prayer

Jos. S. Van Dyke Clerk.

Nov. 5th 1887

Session met preparatory to communion.
Present: W. S. Day, John S. Darnson, J. D.
Barclay, Jr. H. Strick, D. Collins, J. Covert,
W. E. Bergen, J. S. Schors, E. Silvers & the
Moderator.

Received to the communion of the ch.
on examination

Lillie F. Kull
By Lillie Samuel Ely Perrenie.

Opened & closed with prayer

Jos. S. Van Dyke

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Feb. 4th 1888

Session met preparatory to commun-
ion. All present except John S. Darnson
and Wm. E. Bergen - both sick.

Received on examination; -

Ophelia Augusta Applegat }
Mary A. Jones } baptized
Le Harler Petty }

Lillie F. Brindcker
Sarah Helena Van Dyke
Ezekiel S. Barclay.

Jos. Van Dyke Moderator.
James Edward Van Dyke & Josephine Brantley.

By Letter:

Mrs. Elizabeth A. Day, Jr. Pres. ch. Dutch Knoll
Augustus S. Fenn. Kronstree

Mrs. Mary Ann Petty, Pres. Spec. Princeton
Mrs. Eliz. Rathgeber, Ref. ch. New Brunswick

On motion, unanimously resolved that
the name of Mr. Addison Fair (who has
removed beyond our bounds & failed to ask
for a certificate) be placed upon the Retired
Roll.

Opened & closed with prayer.

Jos. S. Van Dyke
Mod. &
Clerk.

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April 1, 1888.

Session met before service. Opened with prayer.

Present E. Schars, J. S. Schars, J. S. Davison, W. Hughes, J. W. Stults, J. D. Barclay, W. S. Day, D. C. Lewis, J. Covert; Absent W. L. Bergen.

Mr. John S. Davison offered his resignation as superintendent of the Sabbath school, assigning as his reason, continued impaired health. On motion, his resignation was reluctantly accepted, he being warmly thanked for his long-continued, arduous, faithful & eminently efficient services; & the session respectfully requested him to continue the duties till such time as the session was prepared to recommend to the school some one as his successor.

On motion unanimously resolved that the Sept. of the Sabbath school be elected superintendent for one year.

Resolved that we recommend Mr. J. S. Brewer to the school as sept. for the ensuing year; that Mr. John S. Schars & Mr. J. D. Barclay be appointed a Committee to inform him of our desire that he would accept the

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position; & to report his answer to the session.

On motion, Mr. T. Covert was elected Commissioner to the next meeting of Men. Presbytery to meet at Jamesburg on Sunday April 10th; Mr. W. S. Day was chosen alternate.

Closed with prayer.

J. S. Van Dyke
Clerk.

Annual Report to Presbytery		
Elders		10
Deacons		8
Added on Certificate		5
" Examination		15
Total number of Communicants		298
Baptism - adults		6
" Children -		16
S. S. membership		300
Contributions to Benevolence.		
Home Miss.	286	for. Section 8
Foreign "	341	Men. Presby 100
Education	15	Freedman 18
Publication	45	Sustentation 5
aid Gen'l Col	20	Total \$863.
Congregational		1877
Miscellaneous		287
Gen'l Debts -		
Total amt monies raised		\$ 3060.33

J. S. Van Dyke

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Thus far examined & approved
 Presbyter, W. Jameson, N. J. Apr 11th 1888
 Edwards, H. H. Cong.
 Moderator

May 5, 1888.

Session met. Opened with prayer. All present, except W. S. Day

On examination the following persons were received to the membership of the Church:

Louis S. Schandelin - baptized

Pose Ella Brown

John W. Barclay

Wm. P. Day.

By letter Mrs Annie B. Hagerty.

The com., consisting of J. S. Schulz & J. W. Barclay, appointed to inform Mr. J. S. Brown of the desire of the session that he should accept the superintendency of the sabbath school for the ensuing year, reported that Mr. Brown declined.

Mr. John S. Darsen, the present superintendant, consented to continue his health having greatly improved.
 closed with prayer.

L. S. Van Dyke, Secy

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May 6, 1888

Session met, all present

The following action was taken: Whereas, it is known to the members of the session that Mrs. Lucid Bastedo has been guilty of anti-nuptial fornication - a child having been born to her in less than twenty four hours after marriage - therefore resolved that she be, & hereby is, dismissed from the communion of the church; that a letter informing her of this action be prepared by the pastor, in the name of the session, & handed to her by Mr. John S. Darsen.

The letter was prepared, read to the session, approved, & given to Mr. J. S. Darsen to be handed to Mrs. Lucid Bastedo.
 Opened & closed with prayer

L. S. Van Dyke.

	clock,
Monies raised from April 1869 - June 88	
For Missions, Home & Foreign	6646
For other Benevolent Objects	2970
For congregational Purposes	42725
Miscellaneous objects	3546.
Total to Semi-Annony June 28/88	55887.
Received during my Ministry, by letter 107	
On Exam.	258
Dismissed	230
Deed	115

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Sept 4, 1888.
 Session met. Present: E. Silvers,
 J. S. Darrin, J. Lovatt, J. W. Stults,
 D. C. Lewis, J. D. Barclay, Wm. Hughes,
 the moderator. Absent: John S.
 Silvers, W. E. Bergen & Wm. S. Day.
 Opened with prayer.

Mrs. Caroline A. Morse was re-
 ceived by letter from the Baptist
 Church of Trenton.

Mrs. Catharine H. Morse was
 received ^{and} examination

Closed with prayer
 Jos. S. Van Dyke
 Clerk.

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Nov. 3, 1888
 Session met after Preparatory Service.
 Present; John S. Darrin, Wm. Hughes, J.
 Corral, Ezekiel Silvers, John S. Silvers, John
 W. Stults, J. D. Barclay; Absent, Wm. S. Day
 & Edward Bergen. Also, present, D. C. Lewis.
 On motion it was unanimously
 resolved to make a visitation of the
 congregation this autumn by the Pastor
 and an Elder, to begin in the latter part
 of November.

There being no further business
 session adjourned.

Opened & closed with prayer
 Jos. S. Van Dyke
 Clerk.

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Feb. 2. 1889.

The session met after preparatory service. Present; E. Selous, J. S. Selous, J. H. Skelton, S. Forest. Wm. King-his, W. S. Osg. J. D. Barclay, D. C. Lewis. Absent - John S. Dawson, who is confined to the house by sickness.

On motion, after examination the following persons were received to the communion of the church, on profession of faith;

John Witzel

Saddie Baslow.

Mr. Wm. Elwood Bergen, an elder in this church, having departed this life, a Committee, consisting of J. S. Van Dyke, Ezechiel Selous & D. C. Lewis, was appointed to prepare a suitable minute in reference thereto.

The following was prepared:

Whereas, it had pleased the Great Head of the Church to remove by death Mr. Wm. Elwood Bergen, after calling him to endure protracted & severe suffering, now therefore

Resolved 1. that we hereby bear unanimous testimony to his high worth, as a gentleman of unsurpassable

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integrity, kindly impulses, warm affection, fervent piety, consistent Christian conduct, & uniform kindness, during the entire period in which he has been associated with us in official duties

Resolved 2. that we hereby extend to the members of his family our sincere sympathy in the loss they have sustained, & earnestly hope that they may find comfort in the remembrance of his many excellent qualities, in the assured hope that entrance upon the rewards of his life of devotion to his humanity is unsurpassable gain.

Resolved 3. That we hereby commend them to Him who can comfort the bereaved, & send to such as are bereaved, especially to the widow & the fatherless, humbly trusting that special strength may be imparted for the endurance of this special burden. May the afflicted say the benighted promise, "let thy day thy strength shall be"

Resolved 4. That these resolutions be entered upon our church records, & a copy be given to the bereaved family.

Opened & closed with prayer

Jos. S. Van Dyke
Clerk.

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Feb. 9, 1889

Session met: Opened with prayer.

A committee, consisting of the Moderator & John S. Garrison & Frank B. Brown, was appointed to prepare a minute in reference to the death of Mr. Ezekiel Silvers:

Jos. S. Dure Dyke Clerk.

Testimonial to E. Silvers

Whereas it has pleased our Heavenly Father to remove by death, Mr. Ezekiel Silvers, one of the oldest members of this church and an efficient & prominent elder for more than thirty years, now therefore the Elders & Deacons of said church through a committee appointed for that purpose desire to give expression of their appreciation of his services as an elder and his worth as a Christian.

1. We express our devout gratitude to God for the exemplary character he was enabled to manifest in this community, for the remarkable confidence and affection he secured from all

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who knew him, being thus furnished with the means of being eminently useful among us; for the warm piety that glowed in his heart & opened other hearts to receive the truth; for the length of time he was permitted to serve God in connection with the church he loved most warmly; for the honor in his consistent life & Christian spirit reflected upon the brotherhood; for the warm friendship we were permitted to enjoy thro' a protracted period.

2. We desire also to express our exceedingly high appreciation of his many excellent qualities - his integrity, his excellent judgment, his firmness in adhering to right, his kindness of heart, his gentleness of manner, his conscientiousness in the performance of any known duty, his loyalty to friends, his love of peace, his exceptionally strong attachment to this church, his interest in anything that promised material, moral or religious advantage to the community.

3. We desire also to commend the poor, dejected widow & the deeply afflicted children & provide to his covenant-keeping God; to assure them that in our judgment, they may find comfort such as comes

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to best few, in the sweet memories they are permitted to entertain of his noble, honorable, useful, religious life; that in the fair name he has left behind him they may safely remember that

"The chamber where the good man made his home

"Is paved beyond the common way

"Of ordinary life, quite on the verge of heaven."

4. We ardently hope that God in his boundless mercy may raise up others who will love our church as warmly, serve it as wisely, sacrifice self as completely, live with its members as lovingly, honor it as much.

5. We order a copy of this paper entered of in our church records, that posterity may know the extent to which we stand, acknowledge obligations to the gentleman in whom we had entire confidence, whom we are willing to designate a "worthy beloved;" that a copy be handed to the widow that she and children may have the means of recalling the estimate we placed upon him whose loss we deeply deplore.

John S. Dutton
Ed. S. Van Dyke
Frank A. Brown

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Feb 7. 1889.

Session met. Opened with prayer. Present, John S. Selous, L. J. Bondag, John Corset, Wm. Hughes, D. C. Lewis, Alant, John S. Dutton (in ill health), John H. Steets + Wm. S. Day.

The following persons were received to the communion of the church on profession of faith:-

Julia P. Selous
Cernie S. Sutton,

Mrs. Wm. Hughes was appointed delegate, + Mrs. D. C. Lewis alternate, to the next meeting of Presbytery in Burlington Tuesday April 9. 1889

Closed with prayer

Ed. S. Van Dyke
Clerk.

Examined this journal and approved in Presbytery at Burlington, N. J. April 10. 1889

George Swann
Moderator

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May 4th 1889

Session met. Opened with prayer.
 All present except John S. Dawson,
 absent on account of sickness.
 Received to the communion on ex-
 aminations: -

Ellsworth, Appliget
 John Dory,
 Julia A. Silvas
 Kate Pitt
 Annie Sutton

Closed with prayer
 L. S. Van Dyke.

Nov. 2, 1889

Session met preparatory to com-
 munion. All present except Mr. John
 S. Dawson. Opened with prayer. Received
 to the Communion, on examination -

Richard Hagerty
 Henry Andrews.
 Chas. Bodine

by letter Mr. & Mrs
 Derrick S. Dawson.

Closed with prayer
 L. S. Van Dyke Clerk

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Feb. 1, 1890

Session met after preparatory service.
 Present: - Isaac Court, Wm. Hughes, J.
 C. Lewis, J. D. Barclay, John W. Stults
 John S. Schurr, W. S. Day. Absent John S.
 Dawson, owing to continued ill-health.

Received on examination

Edwin M. Walker
 Kate E. Perrine
 Larna E. Perrine
 Edith Steinhilber
 Laurence Voorhes.

The Year Just to Baptism -
 Opened & closed with prayer.

L. S. Van Dyke
 Clerk.

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Mar. 23, 1880

Session met - On motion a Committee consisting of D. Lewis, J. D. Barclay & Jos. S. Van Dyke was appointed to prepare a suitable minute, on behalf of the Session, in reference to the death of John S. Davison, one of our members, & present a copy of the same to Mrs John S. Davison & to enter them up on the Records.

On motion Mr. J. D. Barclay was appointed delegate to the meeting of Presbytery to be held in Highstown April 8; & John H. Stultz was appointed alternate.

Present, J. Court, W. S. Day, John H. Stultz, J. D. Barclay, D. C. Lewis, John S. Selness, Wm. Hughes & Moderator

Jos. S. Van Dyke
Clerk.

Minute adopted by the session of the Second Pres. Church in reference to the death of John S. Davison, a Presby's elder:

It had pleased our Heavenly Father, who ordains all things wisely for our good, to remove from our

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number by death, our Brother in Christ, Mr. John S. Davison, who was for many years identified with the Second Church of Grandbury, in all its interests both spiritual & secular; & who was permitted for so many years to go in & out among us; & who always contributed liberally of his substance to the cause of the Master. We will long be missed from our counsels in all good works, he can speak of this our brother departed only with sorrow, yet believing that what may be a loss to us will be his gain, firmly believing he had gone to that rest with our Heavenly Father which bringeth unto everlasting peace.

We deeply sympathize with the widows & near relatives in their great affliction; & would commend them to our Heavenly Father in this their great sorrow, who is abundantly able & ever ready to help that which we cannot to his helping.

Resolved that a copy of this paper be given to the widows & that it be spread upon our minutes

D. C. Lewis
J. D. Barclay
Jos. S. Van Dyke
com.

Jos. S. Van Dyke
Clerk of
Session

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Approved in Presbytery at Highstown
April 8th 1890 with the exception that the
Annual Report of the Church to Presbytery
is not incorporated in the Minutes.

W. C. Alexander Mod.

May 2nd 1890

Session met after preparatory Lecture
Present S. Crest, Wm Hughes, J. S. Sel-
ress, D. C. Lewis, Wm. S. Day, J. D. Barclay
& the moderator.

Record on examination

Louisa W. Schuch
Laura Dawson French
Fanny Neith.

By letter

Dr. J. L. Whitaker, Pres. Ch. Immuelle N.Y.
Julia Whitaker " "
Ida Whitaker " "
Ruth Whitaker " "
John W. Pullen 1st St. Pres. Ch. Cranbury
Lizzie A. Pullen " "

On motion, it was unanimously
Resolved, that in accordance with Chap. VII
Sec. 49 Book of Discipline, the following
named persons, having remained beyond
our bounds & declined to receive certifi-
cates or failed in taking them, with-
out giving sufficient reasons, or having

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been absent more than three years, as all of
them have been, the plan of procedure of
many of them being unknown, so and here
by are suspended from the Church, & their
names be entered upon a separate roll &
no certificates of Dismissal be granted to
them until they satisfy the session that
they are entitled to restoration.

Rose Bridge	James Scott
Sarah D. Flou	John Stone
Helena Pettit	Joseph Barlow
Alfred Dellinson	Rose Barlow
Elta Foray	John Kagerty
Lenard Mass.	Chas. Argente
Hete D. Redgway	Matilda Silvers
Harriet Redgway	Charlotte F. Hamblin
John Reed	Kenny F. Schall
Martha Hunt	Jessie Scarsal
Kenny Carter	Susan B. Farr
J. S. Carter	Elta C. Herbol
John C. Grimes	David D. Stultz
Sarah Emley	James Kagerty
Car. S. Smith.	

On motion, Resolved, that the following
named persons, in accordance with Chap.
VII, Sec. 50 of the Book of Discipline, hav-
ing neglected the ordinances of the Church
for more than two years, on circumstances
such as the session regards as a serious in-
jury to the cause of religion, & as they have been
frequently admonished to attend or to re-
ceive or on religious services somewhere, be
thereby are suspended from the Church.

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until they give satisfactory evidence of
the sincerity of their purpose of repentance.
John Williamson
Jane Van Loren
Mary Ann Wilson

Resolved that committee be appointed to
visit the following named persons & of
fraternally admonish them to attend
on the services of the church, whose services
they have been neglecting:

Lycia Stultz, Com. Wm. Hughes
Mrs. S. J. McChaff, Com. J. D. Barclay
Margaret Reading " J. S. Van Dyke
Jeddo A. My Rice " " "
Lucy Dillanson " " "
Leobard Christ Com. J. N. Stultz
Sophia Christ " " "
Rose A. Forest " J. Christ
Fanny Thomas " " "

Unanimously adopted

Resolved, that the following named
persons, though they have removed be-
yond our bounds, be continued as
members in full, as, tho. some years
absent, they have expressed a desire that
owing to age they may be continued in
their present relations; & that they be
informed that the session will be
happy to have them attend the ch.,
as occasion offers to contribute to
its support as circumstances may

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warrant:

Margaret A. Ancker
Isaac Brokaw
Jane Sanford
Sarah Ann Longstreet
Catharine Ann Applegate.

Unanimously adopted

Resolved that the following minutes, after
adoption by the session, be entered upon the
session book:

Whereas **Wm. A. J. Skillman**, ^{Member}
of this ch., removed some months since
beyond our bounds & had not asked for
his certificate of Dismission; whereas it
is generally reported that **his conduct**
had been inconsistent with church member-
ship, therefore Resolved, that when he asks for
his certificate, if he ~~can~~ so, he be infor-
med that the session did not feel at liberty
to grant ~~it~~ until the charges made
by session against him are investigated
& session is convinced that **there is no out-
standing objection** to granting it.

Unanimously adopted

Resolved that **Wm. Hughes** be a com-
mittee to see **Wm. J. Perrine** & invite
him to meet the session on the first Sat-
sday of June 9th A. M. in the Chapel -

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As the session desires a friendly conference with him in reference to the current reports that he is using inter-courts to excite war, signing Hotel License, & is planning venting a building at a Hotel.

Unanimously adopted

Opened & closed with prayer

Lord Van Dyke Clerk

July 22, 1880

Session met at the request of Mr. A. T. Shellman.

Present, Mr. Wm. Hughes, S. Crest, W. S. Day, J. H. Stultz D. C. Leair, John S. Schuid & the moderator, & J. D. Barclay.

The moderator informed the session that in compliance with an order taken by the session (see minutes p 895) he had informed Mr. A. T. Shellman, on his application for a certificate, that the session did not feel at liberty to grant it until certain charges made against him by Garrison James were investigated; that it was upon that subject Mr. Shellman, who was present, desired a conference with the session.

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Mr. Shellman, on being told that the charges made against him by Garrison James were Dishonest practices & the use of profane language, confessed to the latter but denied the former; & earnestly requested that if on consideration, the session did not feel at liberty to grant him a certificate, they would give him a formal trial on the two charges.

He complained that no member of the session had ever spoken to him upon these subjects, but now, after he had moved, these charges were brought against him. Whereupon D. C. Leair, John S. Schuid & Jos. S. Van Dyke asserted that they, as individuals, had spoken to him; the session admitted it. He was told that as soon as he asked the session for a certificate & the session had, at a session, become aware of these charges, a certificate, session felt, can not be given him without investigation.

After protracted conference Mr. Shellman repeated his request for a certificate, or a trial upon the charges; & withdrew after promising given him that the decision arrived at would be communicated to him.

After his withdrawal the following action was unanimously taken; Whereas, the session does not feel at liberty to grant Mr. Shellman a certificate; and whereas, he has requested that in that event, a trial should be given him upon the two charges; &

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Whence, through Mr. Shillman, had confessed to the use of profane, ^{language} he denied being in the habit of saying, ^{it} joining his confession to its use when under provocation, though common fame charged him with saying it frequently in ordinary conversation when not under provocation, therefore Resolved, That ~~that~~ he be cited to answer, in the Chapel Aug 5. 1880 at 2 O'clock P. M. to the charges, Dis-sonest practice & the use of profane language.

Mr. John S. Selzer was appointed to deliver the written citation to Mr. Shillman. Opened & closed with prayer.

Jos. S. Van Dyke, Mod.

Aug 2. 1880

Session met. All present except Mr. S. Covert. Opened with prayer.

The following named persons were received to the communion of the Ch. by certificate

Miss. Eliza Gow, Jr. Englestown Pres. Ch.
Miss Sarah E. Day from Chantry 1st "
Closed with prayer

Jos. S. Van Dyke, Mod.

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Aug 5. 1880

Session met. Present, Wm King his John S. Selzer, D. C. Lewis, John W. Stultz & the Moderator: Absent Isaac Covert, sick; Wm. S. Day absent at Ocean Grove; J. D. Barclay in attendance on the Sunday School picnic

Opened with prayer by the Elder, Mr. Wm. Hedges.

The following charges, with specified times & the names of the witnesses, were formulated & unanimously adopted as the charges upon which Mr. Shillman should be put upon trial:—

The Presbyterian Church in the United States of America presents against you, A. T. Shillman, the following charges with specifications:—

I. Dishonest practice:

Specifications:

1. In the measurement of ten rods, contracts to be put on by the 19 foot the measurements being with intent to defraud. Witnesses: Rev. D. S. S. Symonds, D. S. Perrine, J. J. Chamberlain, Peter Barclay, A. S. Cole, John S. Selzer. 2. In making efforts to collect bills previously paid you, which payments you could not have been ignorant of. Witnesses: Charles Covert, John S. Berger, Symonds Perrine, C. V. Messner, John Covert, David Shippeard & Jos. S. Van Dyke

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II The use of profane language. Witnesses: Elias D. Smedeker, Charles Connor, John S. Schell, Rev. B. Morrison, Peter Barclay, Charles Harder.

Mr. John S. Schell reported the citation served upon Mr. Shellenman.

About three o'clock Mr. Shellenman proceesed himself.

The clerk formulated charges, with the specifications & the names of the witnesses were read to him; & a copy handed him. Being asked if he would answer to the charges now, or desired time as accorded him by the Book of Discipline, he replied that he would answer at once. The moderator asked, "Do you plead Guilty or not Guilty to this first charge?" He answered, "Not Guilty." "Do you plead Guilty or not Guilty to this second charge?" He answered, "Not Guilty." "Then you plead not Guilty to ~~each~~ charges?" "I do."

Being asked to name a time for trial he persistently declined to do so; & requested that it be put off for at least one month, saying that when it became convenient to him he would sign the citation. When upon, after a lengthy proffusion in which the session stood most con-

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stantly to induce Mr. Shellenman to name a day for trial but to induce him to do so, the following action was taken, Mr. Shellenman assenting to the same:—

Whereas, Mr. A. T. Shellenman is not a slave, as he says, to fix upon a time for trial during this week, or next, & a later period seems inconvenient to this session;

Whereas he has agreed with this session to come upon a day fixed by them, if he possibly can, & want any sight he may have to delay of the date; and

Whereas he has been told that absence at the time named upon may result in suspension for contumacy, therefore—

Resolved, That Mr. A. T. Shellenman be & he is cited to meet this session on Thursday Aug 7, 1880 at 10 o'clock A.M. in the chapel to stand trial on the charges a copy of which has been given him.

Mr. Shellenman said, he was desirous to ask the session to give him legal counsel, & had made selection of a lawyer. Being advised that our Book did not permit him outside counsel, but that he might request any member of the session to take charge of, or assist in the management of, his defense he insisted that he was entitled to a lawyer as counsel; that it would be

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unfair to permit a member of the session to act as her counsel. The session, after striving in vain to persuade him that he had no such right—under our Book of Discipline & urging him to select counsel from the session, informed him that in case he selected no counsel, was not present to conduct the case himself, counsel would be appointed him by the session. All efforts to induce him to select a member of the session as counsel having failed, the matter was left.

Mr. Mrs. Shellenbarger kept reiterating his innocence on each of the charges, the moderator asked him, how he came then to acknowledge at the previous meeting that he had been guilty of perjury. Whereupon he stoutly & repeatedly denied that he had made such a confession; & persisted in such denial though every member who was present assured him that he certainly had made such a confession.

He also reasserted, as he had asserted on July 22 & been contradicted, that no member of the session had ever spoken to him on these subjects.

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On being asked to name any witnesses he might desire to introduce, & being told that the session would issue citations to such witnesses & endeavor to secure their presence, he named, D. C. Lewis, John S. Selous & Jos. Van Dyke.

We were informed that those and any other he might name would be cited.

The session ordered the moderator to issue out the citations—to Mr. Shellman (the witness), & have the same served by some competent person.

A citation to Mr. A. J. Shellenbarger to meet the session on Thursday next 7th 1880 at 10 o'clock A. M. in the chapel, to stand trial on the above two charges was written out, signed by the moderator & handed to Mr. Shellman in the presence of the session. The session adjourned to meet next 7th at 10 o'clock A. M. in the chapel. Closed with prayer.

Jos. Van Dyke
Moderator

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Augt 7. 1880

Session met. Present 2nd Mr. Hughes
J. H. Stultz, J. C. Court, D. C. Lewis,
John S. Selous & the Moderator; Ab-
sent, J. D. Barclay, Supt, Wm. S.
Dwy, at Ocean Grove.

Opened with prayer

The minutes of previous meeting
were read & approved - July 22 to date.

On motion the following was unan-
imously adopted, after waiting con-
siderable time for Mr. Skellman &
citations to witnesses reported some:-

Whereas Mr. A. T. Skellman who
was cited to meet the session at this
time & place to stand trial on charg-
es a copy of which was given him,
is not present, either personally or
by counsel & has sent no excuse;

Resolved, That he be cited to meet
this session in this chapel on Tues-
day Augt 19th, at 10 O'clock A. M.
to stand to trial on said charges;
& that he be informed that if he is not
present at that time in this place
he will be suspended for contumacy;
that the session, after appointing one
of their number as his counsel, will
proceed to trial & judgment in
this case, in his absence.

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else, the following was unanimously a-
dopted:-

Whereas, Mr. Skellman consented to this
date for trial, & witnesses were accordingly
cited to appear at this time; &

Whereas, Witnesses per present now &
here, & considerable inconvenience, both to
them & us, will result in their being
cited again, therefore,

Resolved, That Mr. D. C. Lewis be appoint-
ed Prosecutor & Mr. J. H. Stultz be ap-
pointed Counsel for Mr. Skellman & the
evidence of witnesses present be taken
in the case & written down, which evidence,
if he is not present on Augt 19, at 10
O'clock, or soon thereafter, shall be ac-
cepted as evidence as it stands & form a
part of the record in the case; but in
case he is present on Augt 19 & desires
to present said witnesses & cross exam-
ine them for himself or by counsel of
his own selection, said witnesses shall
be cited again & Mr. Skellman shall
have the opportunity, by himself or by
counsel of his own selection, to cross-
examine them & the additional evidence
shall be added to that now taken & the
original & extended evidence - that tar-
ken now & that which may be taken then
- shall constitute a part of the record
in the case.

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The following named witnesses were sworn, examined, cross-examined & their testimony written down: -

Charles A. Conner

Charles Warden

Peter Barclay

Stephen J. Chamberlain

Rev. D. L. S. Symmes.

Adjourned to meet Augt 18

Closed with prayer,

Job S. Van Dyke Mod.

Augt 19. 1880

Session met. Present, Wm. Hughes, J. H. Stultz, D. C. Lewis, John S. Sellers & the Moderator; Absent, Isaac Forest, Seth, I. D. Barclay, Seth, Wm. S. Day, absent at Ocean Grove.

Opened with prayer by W. Hughes.

Mr. Shellman was present several minutes & withdrew to the ante-room while the session considered some questions preliminary to entrance upon the trial.

After his withdrawal, on motion, the following was unanimously adopted;

Whereas, Mr. A. T. Shellman has been guilty in the presence of this session of deliberate falsehood in emphatic

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cally & persistently denying, viz on Tuesday Augt 5, that he had on July 22 made confession before this session of having been guilty on the one charge - the use of profane language - maintaining such denial in the face of the explicit declaration made to him by members of the session who were present on July 22nd that he certainly had made such confession; & as all the members now present emphatically assent was a fact, therefore, Resolved, that Mr. Shellman be now tried on a hearing on this charge, as provided for in sec 47. Chap VII, Book of Discipline for offense committed before a judiciary,

On motion, unanimously Resolved that inasmuch as Mr. A. T. Shellman is now present, the testimony taken in his case on Augt 7, be the same as has been entirely ignored; & that witnesses be again examined with his presence, & a new testimony, taken down on writing, be testimony in the case.

Mr. Shellman was called in; & the moderator read to him the above paper charging him with having been guilty of deliberate wilful falsehood in the presence of this session; on reading section 47, Chap VII, Book of Discipline, asked him if he desired time before answering this charge or would answer to it at once, on his saying that he would answer to it at once

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He was accorded a full hearing, again asserting that he had not confessed to the use of profane language. The members of the session, on hearing his assertions & explanations, again by individual oral sessions, were of the opinion that he most certainly had made such a confession in the previous session on July 22^d & denied the same on Aug. 5.

At this stage a witness was invited in the anteroom who desired to give his testimony so that he might depart, the session determined to defer the consideration of this matter for the present in order to proceed with the trial upon the two tailed charges, Dr. Forrest practices the use of profane language.

Mr. Skellernan, acting as his own counsel, witnessed and duly sworn, examined, cross-examined their testimony matter down. The witnesses examined were:

Leander Harder

And. Cole

Peter Barclay.

During the testimony given by Mr. Harder, Mr. Skellernan took exception to Mr. Harder's not being required by the moderator to specify the date at which the two rods were

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put on for Mr. Benj. Miller at Dayton. He also took exception to the decision of the session in not allowing the introduction of a letter, purporting to have been written by a Mr. Waters of Pa. - By which letter Mr. Skellernan said he desired to prove that Mr. Harder was not a proper witness.

After the taking of testimony of the above mentioned three witnesses, Mr. Skellernan said he wanted no more of the case; that session might do as it pleased - might pass judgment; that he had no witnesses of his own that he desired to introduce, & wanted no more to do with the trial. He was informed that the Moderator had not noted the case, when were more witnesses to be heard.

It being after noon, it was resolved that no more testimony be taken in the case at present.

Mr. Skellernan was again asked if he had anything more to say in reference to the charge of wilful falsehood, introduced in the previous session. He replied that he had no more to say. The moderator then read to him sec. 47, Chap. VII Book of Discipline, stating that he had the constitutional right to ask for ten days delay before judgment was rendered on this charge, asked him if he desired to avail himself of this time,

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He answered, "No; the session may do what it pleases; I won't find fault. Mr. Shillman was invited to withdraw. He said he desired to return home. After being told that he would be no lessness what action was taken, he withdrew."

After his withdrawal, the session unanimously passed the following:
Resolved 1. That on the perjury of this session Mr. Shillman has been guilty of deliberate and wilful falsehood uttered in its presence.

Resolved 2. That he be informed that there will be an adjourned meeting of session on Friday Augt 22 at 7 o'clock P.M. on the church building to render judgment to him & assess the penalty, for his deliberate and wilful falsehood uttered in the presence of this session, & to make such disposition as may seem possible in reference to the trial, judgment or penalty on the two charges, Disobedience & the use of profane language. Adjourned to meet Augt 22.
Closed with prayer.

John S. Van Dyke
Mod.

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Augt 22, 1880

Session met according to adjournment.
Present, D. C. Luce, John H. Streets, Wm. Hughes, John S. Selous the Moderator.
Absent: Isaac Conel, sick; J. D. Barclay, sick; Wm. A. Day, at Ocean Grove.

Mr. Shillman was not present.

The following was passed unanimously;
Whereas, Mr. A. T. Shillman has expressed entire unwillingness to have anything more to do with the trial, & is not present this evening, & had sent no word, the citation to him being also reported served; & Whereas, The Prosecutor is willing to discontinue the taking of testimony on the charge of the use of profane language; & Whereas, on the charge of dishonest practices the Prosecutor desires that further testimony be taken before judgment is rendered, the session desires to have Mr. Shillman present when evidence is taken, in order that he may hear the testimony, cross-examine the witnesses & conduct his own case— Hoping to secure his presence if time is allowed him for consideration, therefore
Resolved 1. That no further testimony be taken on the charge of the use of profane language, & a vote be taken at this meeting upon the question

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"Is Mr. A. J. Shellman, according to the evidence, guilty or not guilty of the charge, 'the use of profane language?'"

Resolved 2. That trial on the charge of dishonest practices be discontinued for the present, the session reserving to itself the right to resume the same, from the point ~~where~~ ^{at} now stands, & pass to a final issue, at any time it chooses, on giving Mr. Shellman ten days notice of a meeting to be held for that purpose; & according to Mr. Shellman the privilege of calling for a completion of the trial on this charge at any time, on giving the session ten days notice of such desire — the former notice to be given when Mr. Shellman is not absent from Hightown & the latter when a majority of the session, the moderator being one of the number, are at home & not physically unable to meet — two members being now such men absent from home.

After the unanimous passage of this paper, the moderator

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took a vote by the "yeas & nays" on the question, "Is Mr. A. J. Shellman, according to the evidence, guilty or not guilty of the charge, 'the use of profane language?'" "Yeas," all present, five: Nayes, none. A decision of guilty was entered instead upon the record.

Whereupon, by unanimous vote, the following was passed:—

Resolved, That Mr. A. J. Shellman, for deliberate and wilful falsehood uttered in the presence of this session, & for the use of profane language, as proven by several testimonies, be & hereby is indefinitely suspended from the communion of the church.

Resolved 2. That Mr. A. J. Shellman be informed of this action.

The minutes from Sept 14 to date were read, corrected & approved.

Opened, & closed with prayer

Jo^hn Van Dyke
Moderator

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Nov 1. 1890

Session met. All present. Opened
with prayer.
There being no business, adjourned with
prayer. Jos. S. Van Dyke Mod.

The following paper, passed unanimously
by the Session, at a special meeting held
Feb 20/90 was ordered entered upon the books
of minutes. Whereas it has pleased God to re-

move by death Mr. Isaac Corset, a ruling el-

der in this church the remaining elders desire
to give expression to their confidence in him, to their respect for
him & their sympathy with his bereaved relatives, by entering upon
the records & transmitting to the widow a copy of, the following
paper:

Mr. Isaac Corset was a gentleman of unimpeachable
moral & religious character, of warm piety, of consistent devout
morals in daily life, of a self denying spirit & of fervent zeal for
the growth of this church & the honor of the Master. By his presence
he commanded & enjoyed the warm affection of the church who
he served with great fidelity & the just esteem of his co-elders. An
officer he was loyal to right, deeply interested in the material &
spiritual welfare of the church, he loved, judicious in the exercise
of official duties, firm in his allegiance to right & true to all
without sacrificing what he deemed conducive to the spiritual
well being of any. His name will remain fresh in our memory:
we firmly hope that the appeals he made in prayer meetings &
in seasons services in connection with the work of prayer may yet
yield abundant fruit; that many may continue to honor the
members of him for the good he has done; what the church
which he loved so warmly for whose success he labored so untiringly
& may be so fortunate as to enjoy the services of others, as deserving
of grateful recognition as he was. To the eternal union and the
children of his affection we extend our sincere sympathy, commending
them to the grace of Him who can put the best face on the hardest
when it is teachers in that trial hour may issue in joy hereafter.

By order of Session

Jos. S. Van Dyke mod.

Testimonial to
Mr. I. Corset
1891

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Jan 31. 1891.

Session met. Present I. D. Barclay, Wm.
Hughes, John S. Schurz, John U. Stultz,
Wm. Day, D. C. Lewis & the Moderator.

Received on examination;

Isaac Farr
Sallie Stultz.

Opened & closed with prayer.

Jos. S. Van Dyke
Mod.

March 1. 1891.

Session met. Present. Wm.
Hughes, John S. Schurz, I. D. Barclay, John
U. Stultz, D. C. Lewis & the Moderator.

On motion it was unanimously resolved
to receive nominations of persons for election
to the office of Ruling elders; & that after
receiving nominations in person to be held by
ballot two persons whom the Session will recom-
mend to the church for election to said of-
fice.

Nominations being received the matter passed
and carefully, a ballot was taken resulting in
the unanimous selection of D. J. L. Whitman
and Mr. Joseph Mathew, at the persons whom
the Session would recommend to the church for
election. Mr. D. C. Lewis was appointed a Com-
mittee to inform these gentlemen of our ac-
tion & ascertain whether they are willing
to serve. Opened & closed with prayer. Jos. S. Van Dyke mod.

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March 6, 1891.

Session met. Present, D. C. Lewis, J. D. Barclay, John S. Selvid, Wm. Hughes & the Moderator.

On receiving a report that D^r. J. L. Whitaker & Mr. Joseph Matther had signified their willingness to act as elders, the following paper was prepared to be read to the congregation on Sabbath March 8th/91:

The session in consequence of the depletion of their number by death have decided to recommend to the congregation the election of two additional elders, for the present deeming this sufficient.

They therefore recommended by unanimous vote, the election of D^r. J. L. Whitaker & Mr. Joseph Matther; in accordance with the custom which has always prevailed in this church, they submit the names of these gentlemen to the congregation for approval, it being understood that if any one is disposed to object to either of them such objection will be made known to some member of the session; & that if no objection is made or none such as seems to necessitate contrary action, the said persons, after three sabbaths have intervened shall be declared elected. Passed unanimously

Opened & closed with prayer

J. S. Van Dyke
Mod.

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April 12, 1891. D^r. J. L. Whitaker & Joseph Matther were installed in the office of Ruling elder, after sermon at the morning service.

J. S. Van Dyke
Clerk.

April 12. 91. Session met at the place of morning service. Present: D. C. Lewis, Wm. Hughes, J. H. Stultz, J. D. Barclay, D^r. J. L. Whitaker, Joseph Matther.

On motion D^r. Whitaker was elected delegate to the meeting of Presbytery, in 1st church Tuesday April 14, 1891, & J. H. Stultz alternate.

Received by letter

Mrs. Britton Mount

Miss Helen Mount

Annual Report to Presbytery was read, and adopted; & is as follows:—

Elders	8
Deacons	9
Added on examination	5
Added by letter	10

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Total No. Communicants	305
Adults baptized	4
Infants baptized	8
Contributions	
Home Missions	\$ 121.
Education	10
Foreign Missions	407
Sabbath S. Week	8
Church Erection	10
Relief Fund	8
Freedman	10
Sustentation & bym. aid	117
aid for colleges	5
Gen. Assembly	
Congregational	1907
Miscellaneous	45

Total Contributions

Absent of this meeting, John S. Selous
and Wm. S. Day

Opened & closed with prayer

Thus far examined & approved
in regular session of Presbytery
at Ft. Cranbury April 15, 1891.

Jos. Van Dyke
Clerk.
C. Everett Moderator.

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May 2, 1891
Session met after Preparatory Lecture
Present: D. C. Lewis, J. H. Stultz, L. D.
Whitaker, J. S. Selous, L. D. Barclay, Jos.
Mather, Wm. Hughes, the Moderator.
Absent; Wm. S. Day.

The following named persons were re-
ceived to the communion of the Church
on profession of faith:

Hattie Peison, daughter of Mr. Jaher
Henry M. C. McDougal.

John Major

The rite of baptism was administered
(at the Sabbath morning service) to
Mr. John Major.

Jos. S. Van Dyke
Clerk.

Augt. 1, 1891

Session met after Preparatory Lecture -
Present Wm. Hughes, John S. Selous, L.
D. Barclay, John H. Stultz, D. C. Lewis, J. S. Selous,
Jos. Mather, D. C. Lewis. Absent Wm. S. Day.
Present also Jos. S. Van Dyke.

Received to the communion of the

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Church, on profession of faith there
and Scudder Stults.

Mrs. Clara Woodland, for an
temptational fornication, was unani-
mously suspended from the Com-
munion of the Church until on
repentance & a request for restora-
tion the Session may deem it wise
to restore.

Opened & closed with prayer -

Jos. S. Van Dyke clerk

Nov. 1. 1891

Session met. Present, John S. Adams,
J. H. Stults, Wm. S. Day, J. D. Barclay, D.
Whitaker, Joseph Mathis, Wm. Hughes,
D. C. Lewis & the Moderator, none
sent.

Received on examinations

Wm. S. Day Edwin Hutchinson
Jos. S. Van Dyke James Willet
Joseph Koser

Opened & closed with prayer.

Jos. S. Van Dyke
clerk

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Feb. 5. 1892

Session met. Present, D. C. Lewis, J. H.
Stults, J. S. Adams, Wm. S. Day, J. W. Whit-
aker, Joseph Mathis, J. D. Barclay, Wm.
Hughes & the Moderator

Received by letter from the Reformed Ch.
Franklin Park

Sent. Wagsman,

Received on profession of faith

Wm. Hughes, son of John

Wm. Stults, son of Wm.

Emily, illegitimate daughter of that.

Opened & closed with prayer -

Jos. S. Van Dyke
clerk.

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Annual Report to Presbytery.

Elders	8
Deacons	9
Added on Examination	12
Added by Letter	1
Total Members	268
Adults Baptized	1
Infants	6
S.S. Membership	300
Home Missions	64
Foreign Missions	269
Education	15
S.S. Work	305
Church Erection	5
Relief Fund	12
Freedmen	12
Sustentation	202 582
Aid for Colleges	5
General Assembly	33.55
Congregational	177 8
American Bible Soc.	8
Miscellaneous	121

J. H. Van Dyke
clerk

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Thus far examined and approved in
regular meeting Presbytery at
Frederick April 12th 1892.

Wm. P. Finney,
Moderator.

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Oranburg N. J.

May 1. 1892.

Session met. Present J. H. Stults, J. C. Lewis, D^r J. W. Whiticar, J. D. Barclay, J. S. Selous, Joseph Mather, Wm. Hughes, & the Moderator. Absent Wm. S. Dyke.

Received by letter:

Mrs. Wm. Jounes

Mr & Mrs De Hart

Mrs. Mary A. Van Pelt;

On examination

Ismaie Stencher Perrine.

On motion, Mrs Florence Voshes, for unscriptural fornication (of which he had made confession) was suspended from the communion until such time as in the judgment of the session, saw her application restoration may be deemed advisable. Also; Mrs. Charles Hughes, for continued & persistent absenteeship was suspended from the communion.

Opened & closed with prayer.

Jos. S. Van Dyke
clerk.

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Augt. 6. 1892

Session met. Present J. H. Stults, J. D. Barclay, J. C. Lewis, John S. Selous, Wm. Hughes, D^r J. W. Whiticar, Joseph Mather. Absent. W. S. Dyke.

Opened with prayer.

On examination received to the Communion Edward Walker

Closed with prayer.

Joseph S. Van Dyke, clerk.

Nov. 6. 1892.

Session met. Present, J. H. Stults, J. D. Barclay, J. C. Lewis, John S. Selous, Wm. Hughes, D^r J. W. Whiticar, Joseph Mather, & Wm. S. Dyke - also Moderator

There being no report of sickness, Session considered the spiritual condition of the ch^{urch}, & discussed ways & means of doing Christian work; but took no formal action, & recommended no special measures.

Opened & closed with prayer.

Jos. S. Van Dyke
clerk.

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Feb. 4, 1893

Session met, Present; Wm. Hughes
John W. Stealls, J. D. Barclay, J. S.
Seliss, D. C. Lewis, Joseph Matthe
& the Moderator. Absent, D. J. L. Whit
tear & Wm. S. Dy.

Opened with prayer. Received on Confes-
sion: Miss Corolla Perrine Eldredge

" Ketter B. Peltz
" Ethel A. Bergen
Lizzie F. Bennett
Jonathan Acherman

Received by letter:
Mrs. Lydia M. Dawson wife of Mr.
Dwight S. Dawson - from 1st Presby-
terian Church of Cranbury;
Mr. Frank B. McCall &
Anna C. McCall, from Meth-
odist Episcopal Church of Cranbury N. J.

Closed with prayer

Jos. S. Van Dyke
Clerk

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Annual Report to Presbytery
Elders

Deacons	8
Added on examination	26
Added on Certificate	6
Total of Communicants	250
Adults baptized	0
Infants baptized	6
S. S. Membership	300
Home Missions	269
Foreign Missions	299
Education	13
S. S. Work	25
Church erection	5
Relief Fund	5
Freedmen	15
Sustentation by Home Missions	61
Aid for col	5
Gen. Assembly	
American Bible Society	0
Miscellaneous	288

Thus far examined & approved in regular session of
Presbytery at Chatawan, April 11, 1893.

Benj. S. Everett
Moderator

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Augt. 5. 1893

Session met after preparatory service
All present.

On motion Miss Laura Virginia
Carrner was unanimously suspended
from the Communion of the
Church for anti-nuptial fornication.

Mrs. Mary C. D. 19, wife of James
Dey was received by letter from The
First Presbyterian Church of Cair-
sburg.

D^r. Whitaker moved that here-
after when any member of the Seced-
ed Church is suspended for cause the name
of such suspended member & the cause
of suspension be announced from the
Pulpit.

During the consideration of the
above resolution, it was moved & carried
that the Moderator & D^r. Whitaker be
a committee to confer with D^r. Byrnum
in reference to the advisability of having
both sessions concern in some efficient
action looking towards the condemnation
on the part of the Church of all viola-
tions of the seventh Commandment.

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Report of some subsequent meetings of
the session.
Opened & closed with prayer.

John S. Van Dyke, Clerk.

Nov. 1893

Session met. All present. There being
no business, session spent an hour in
conference in reference to the state of relig-
ion in our midst.

D^r. Whitaker reported his conference
with D^r. Byrnum, as member of committee
with the Moderator (see previous minutes)
& informed the session that no action seemed
feasible at present. Whereupon the entire
subject was dismissed for the present.

Opened & closed with prayer.

John S. Van Dyke
Moderator

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Feb. 3. 1894

Session met after Preparatory Lecture.
Present, D. C. Lewis, S. D. Barclay, Wm.
Hughes, J. S. Selous, P. Whitaker, Joseph
Matha, John Henry Stultz, Wm. S. Dyke
the moderator

Opened with prayer. The following
named persons were received to the
Communion of the Church; -
By letter from Jamaica Pond Ch.

Lydia Peterson

By letter fr. Cranbury Meth. Ch.

Adelice C. McCall.

By nomination;

Charles C. Groves

Charles R. Applegate

John R. Applegate

Charles E. Pitty

Herreck K. Lomer

Charles A. Lomer

George F. Nutt

Mattie M. Holman

Buttha Stonaker

Stella Stonaker

Elmer Schall

Decided upon to meet
Sabbath Morning Feb. 4. 1894. Closed with
prayer.

Jo. S. New Dyke
Moderator

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Sabbath Morning Feb. 4/94

Session met. All present. A letter from
Mrs. A. J. Shellman, requesting a meeting
of the session for the purpose considering
the question of granting him a letter of
dismissal was read; & the following
was ordered sent to him in form of a letter
Cranbury N. J. Feb. 4/94

Mr. A. J. Shellman;

Dear Sir; Your letter request-

ing a meeting of the session of the sec-
ond Church with the view of restoring you
to the Communion of the Church is received;
& has been read to the session.

The session hereby informs you that,
as you were informed at the time, you were
suspended "for deliberate & wilful falsehood,
"for the use of profane language." The first
step towards restoration must necessarily be
taken by you in an acknowledgment of
the sins, accompanied by evidence of contri-
tion & repentance. As soon as you express an
intention your readiness to confess the sins of
which the session believe you were proved guilty,
the session will be most happy to meet
you & endeavor to facilitate your return to
the bosom of the Church, & of course will then
give you a certificate of dismissal if you
are restored.

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While we would most gladly aid you if you sincerely desire to live a three-term life, a deep sense of duty prompts us to say, Acknowledgment and repentance seem the first steps to a Christian life.

By order of Session
 These being much religious ^{signed} interest with in the bounds of the congregation, it was unanimously resolved to hold meetings during the evenings of the coming week (a continuation of meetings held last week); & to have a meeting of the Session Sabbath morning next after service.

Opened & closed with prayer.

Jos. S. Van Dyke
 Moderator.

May 5th. 1894

Session met: Present, D. C. Lewis, J. D. Barclay, W. S. Day, John H. Stultz, J. S. Selmer, W. H. Hughes, J. L. Whitaker, Jos. Mather. None absent

Received on examination

Julia R. Applegate

Mark Key Clayton.

Mr. John Doney, a suspended member, was restored on his confession of repentance expressed for excessive use

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of intoxicants & the use of profane language, on which charges he was adjudged guilty & suspended from service.

Opened & closed with prayer.

Jos. S. Van Dyke
 Clerk

June 17, 1894

Session met. Present J. H. Stultz, John S. Selmer, D. C. Lewis, J. D. Barclay, Jos. Mather, J. L. Whitaker, W. H. Hughes & the Moderator.

The following minute in reference to the death of Mr. W. S. Day, an elder of this Church, was ordered to be entered up on record:

Whereas it hath pleased the Almighty Dispenser of all events to remove from the labor of earth to the rewards of Heaven our esteemed fellow member, W. S. Day, a ruling elder of this Church, therefore we the Session members of the Session he so long honored by his faithful counsel & efficient service, would give expression to our feelings by the following resolutions

Resolved that in the death of Elder W. S.

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By, this session has lost a wise, temperate & faithful counsellor, this Church an ornamentation, deacon, conscientious Christian minister & this family this community a bright example of Christian living; and we earnestly pray that his memory may ever be to us all a benediction. The many excellencies of his Christian character be found worthy of emulation by all who know him.

Resolved, that through his sudden and unheralded departure this Church & community be charged to heed the admonition, be ye also ready, for ye shall not know as ye think not the son of man cometh.

Resolved, that these resolutions be entered upon the Record of the session & a copy be sent to the family of the deceased.

On motion of Dr. Whitaker the following paper was unanimously passed: -

Whereas Mr. A. J. Shillman a resident of Highstown N.J. and a member of this Church was cited to appear before this session on Thursday Aug. 7th, 1890 to answer to charges of wicked falsehood, doctrinal practices & profanity, and

whereas at a meeting of the session on Aug. 22, 1890 after a regular and lawful trial he was declared guilty of falsehood & profanity & was suspended from

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from the Communion of this Church (the charge of dishonest practices being held in abeyance) and

Whereas since this action, during the last three years he has repeatedly called for his letter of dismissal from this Church & had been answered by the session that without confession of wrongdoing & profession of repentance for the same he can not be restored to the fellowship & communion of this Church, which standing is absolutely indispensable before a letter of dismissal can be given to any member, and

Whereas during the time since his suspension (more nearly four years) he has not manifested any disposition towards repentance or confession though repeatedly urged to do so, but on the contrary has exhibited a contumacious spirit & defiant attitude towards the session, therefore be it

Resolved, that this session having done all that could be done to induce Mr. A. J. Shillman to repent of his evil ways & conform to the rules & practices of the Presbyterian Church, now firmly believe that the best interests of religion & of this Church of which they are members, call for the excommunication of the said A. J. Shillman from the fellowship & communion of this Church.

Resolved that this session agree to meet in the Chapel on Tuesday evening June 26/94 at 7 o'clock P. M. & proceed to vote upon the question of the excommunication of Mr. A. J. Shillman from

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the Second Presbyterian Church of Lansing according to our Book of Discipline Question for Book Chapter XI Section VI.
Resolved that a copy of these resolutions be sent upon Mr. A. T. Skillman & he be invited to be present if he has anything to say, & if not his sentence of excommunication should not be pronounced.

By order of session

Opened & closed with prayer.

J. S. Van Dyke
Moderator

June 21st. 1894

Session met. All present, Opened with prayer.

Mr. A. T. Skillman was present.

& confessed to the two charges proved against him; viz Deliberate and willful falshood & the use of profane language. He also expressed sorrow & promised a reformed life.

Whereupon, on motion he was restored to the communion of the Church by formal vote, & the Moderator was directed to inform him of his restoration & the willingness of the session to

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to grant him a certificate on application.
Closed with prayer.

J. S. Van Dyke
Moderator

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July 1. 1894
 Session met - all present.
 On report made by Mr. John
 S. Schurr & Mr. D. C. Lewis that Mr.
 John Dorray had been seen in Cran-
 bury Sunday, interpreted it was unani-
 mously Resolved that Mr. John Dorray
 be cited to meet the session in the
 Church on Sat. afternoon Augt 4/94,
 after Preparatory Lecture, to answer to
 the charge of Drunkenness.

Opened & closed with prayer

John Van Dyke
 Mod.

Augt. 4. 1894
 Session met after preparatory Lec-
 ture. Present, J. L. Whiteker, John
 Schurr, D. C. Lewis, Wm. Hughes, John H.
 Statts, J. D. Bonday, Joseph Mathes, &
 the moderator.

Mr. John Dorray being present in
 obedience to citation to answer to
 the charge of drunkenness, con-

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ferred to the charge, expressed deep sorrow
 for his lapse, promised greater caution in
 future & requested another trial. Whereupon
 the session decided, after his withdrawal,
 to take no further action at present
 in the form of discipline but to inform
 him that he was afforded an opportu-
 nity of convincing the session by total
 abstinence of the severity of his promise &
 of his repentance.

Received by Elders, Geo. M. S. Ch. Bonday

Alexander Evingham

Jr. 1st Pres. Ph. Bonday Mod. Louisa K. Dixon
 Dr. Examinator, Geo. M. S. Ch. Bonday
 Cornelius Bonday.

Opened & closed with prayer

John Van Dyke Clerk.

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Cranbury, N. J.

March 2, 1895.

Session met; all present.

Recused on examination;

Henry Johnson	Isaac Mabel Johnson
Thomas J. Perrine	Anna M. Dorsey
Anna Johnson	Fridaunt S. Perrine
Anna M. Johnson	Peter B. Applegate
May F. Reed	Abijah Tuttle
Evart J. Egder	Lotter C. Goodwin
Walter S. Reed	James Pitman
Frank S. Davis	Mrs Susan Wilson
James Kirkness	Charles Gardner
N. J. Mason	Alfred S. Sedall
Ernest Voorhees	Charlotte J. Sedall
Ernest L. Stultz	May S. Sedall
Samuel L. Mc Hugh	Emil A. Walker
Clara Bergen	Caral B. Brown
Augustus Schaffhauser	
Irma Snyder	
Rachel A. Foubling	
Bertha Cathgeber	
Harry Gross	
William Holman	
Wm. Spangler	
Henry Baltorf	
William Budden	

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Recused by letter

From 1st Ch. Cranbury Mt. James Kirkness
Nathan Miller

Baptist Ch. Kiplinton James O'Neil,

Opened & closed with prayer

J. S. Van Dyke, Clerk.

March (?)
May 7, 1895.

Session met.

On motion the following named persons were placed on the Retired List:

Joseph Rigley	Mrs Zimmerman
Rebecca Rigley	Lemmas Ward
Fanny Thomas	Katy Anderson
Ellie Wellert	Reta Bridge

Sadie Barlow, for non attendance two years, was suspended; non attendance being due to her having married a Catholic.

Annual Report to Presbytery

Elders 8	For. Miss 228	at large
Deacons 8	Education 5	Miss 186.
added on ex. 41	S. S. 2000	5
" " set 5	Ch. Sec 25	
Total number 284	Wm. Relief 5	
Baptisms, adults 18	Freemason 5	
Infants 6	Syn. H. Miss 50	
S. S. membership 300	and Col. 5	
Home Miss 308	Gen. Adv. 27	

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Edus present; Wm. Hughes, J. S. Silvers,
S. D., Barclay, D. C. Lewis, J. H. Stultz,
Joseph Matther, Alben F., J. L. Whitaker.
John Henry Stultz was appointed
as delegate to the meeting of Presbytery
in Second Church, Cranbury Apr. 9/85.

Opened & closed with prayer.

Jos. S. Van Dyke
Clerk.

This far examined and approved in regular session
of Presbytery, at Cranbury April 9, 1885.

J. H. Keiper Mod.

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June 1, 1895
Session met after Preparatory lecture.
Present J. H. Stultz, D. C. Lewis, John S. Sil-
vers, Wm. Hughes, J. L. Whitaker, J. D. Barclay,
Joseph Matther.

Received to the communion of the Church
By Letter John Edward Pitt, ...
Leah Emma, his wife, Pres. Ch. Warriner
Margaret Lynn -
Winnice D. Roth. Pres. Ch. Jamesburg N. J.

On Examination;

Samuel E. Day, son of James Day
Emma Day, daughter of James Day.

Closed with prayer. Jos. S. Van Dyke Clerk.

Nov. 9, 1895

Session met. Present J. H. Stultz, D. C. Lewis,
John S. Silvers, Wm. Hughes, J. L. Whitaker,
J. D. Barclay, Joseph Matther.

A request was received from the Deacons that
the Elders would assume charge of the choir,
as is contemplated in our standards. Request
complied with; charge assumed: Mrs. Mar-
cella Foss was chosen as organist for
one year from Oct. 1 at a salary of \$100
for the year. A committee, consisting
of John S. Silvers, J. D. Barclay & D. C. Lewis
was appointed to have general charge of
the choir, subject to session.

Jos. S. Van Dyke

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Dec. 1, 1895
 Session met. Present J. W. Stalls, D. C.
 Lewis, J. D. Barclay, Joseph Mathers,
 Wm. Hughes, J. L. Whitaker, John S.
 Silvers.

Received by letter from the First Pres-
 byterian Church of Bridgeton N. J.
 Mary Hampton Brown.

Opened & closed with Prayer

Jos. S. Van Dyke Clerk

March 1, 1895
 Session met. All present. Opened with
 prayer. Received by letter from the First Ch.
 Cranbury N. J.

John Gordon Petty
 After conference on the state of religion
 closed with prayer.

Jos. S. Van Dyke Clerk

April 5, 1896
 Session met - all present. Mr J.
 D. Barclay was appointed delegate
 to Presbytery to meet at Allentown
 April 14/96; D. C. Lewis alternate

The Annual Report to Presbytery
 was made out & is as follows:

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Elders	7
Deacons	7
Added on Mem.	2
By Certificate	6
Baptisms	12
Sabb. Sch. Mem.	312
Home Missions	279
Foreign	501
Education	9
S. S. Work	5
Church Treas.	5
Relief Fund	5
Freedmen	5
Synodical aid	53
aid for col.	5
Gen. Ass	48 ²⁵ / ₁₀₀
Conferences	2340

Miscellaneous 35-

Total amount of money raised \$ 3285 -
 opened & closed with prayer

Jos. S. Van Dyke Clerk

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June 6, 1896
 Session met, Present; D. C. Lewis,
 J. D. Barclay, Wm. Hughes, J. H.
 Stultz, John S. Lewis, Joseph Mat-
 thew, J. L. Whitaker -
 Opened with prayer -

Received by letter from the First Pres-
 byterian Church of New Brunswick
 Mrs Selma T. Van Dyke;

By letter from the First Congrega-
 tional Church of Elizabethtown, Miss Ger-
 me Hoffmann's

On examination,
 Charles Hoffmann
 Annie Bennett.

The club was directed to send to
 the next meeting of session a
 complete list of persons who, ac-
 cording to sections 49 + 50, Book
 of Discipline, are in conditions jus-
 tifying separation of them from the
 church or calling for the special at-
 tention of the session.

Closed with prayer

J. S. Van Dyke
 Clerk

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Sept. 5, 1896

Session met after Preparatory Lec-
 sure. In the absence of the pastor
 Rev. Mr. Cury who preached the
 preparatory sermon preached.

Present: J. L. Whitaker, J. D. Barclay,
 J. H. Stultz, Wm. Hughes, Joseph Matthe-
 w, D. C. Lewis - only John S. Lewis sang

Absent: Mr. Frank B. Clayton
 & Kate D. his wife were received by
 letter from the Presbyterian Ch.
 of Kingston.

Opened & closed with prayer.

Clerk

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Sept 11. 1895
On the formal call of Joseph
Mather & D. C. Lewis Session met
in the Chapel. On motion it
was unanimously decided to invite
Dr. J. Shack of Hightstown, who
was present, to act as moderator.
He accepted the invitation.

Present: John S. Selous

Joseph Mather

J. D. Barclay

~~Wm. Hughes~~

D. C. Lewis.

Absent: John H. Stultz

Wm. Hughes

J. L. Whitaker

Mr. John S. Selous was elected tem-
porary secretary, in the absence of
the pastor, the usual secretary.

It was moved and seconded
to proceed to a fiducial investi-
gation of the rumours affecting
one of the members of this church.

After discussion in the hope of
having a full attendance of the
session in the consideration of
the subject, it was resolved on
motion to adjourn to meet in
this place (the Chapel) on Friday

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Sept. 15th at 2 o'clock P. M. for the
purpose of further considering the a-
fore question.

John S. Selous Sect.

Corranbury N. J.

Sept 15. 1896.

Session met according to adjourn-
ment. All present; viz Dr. J. Shack,
the person invited to act as modera-
tor in the case in hand, Wm. Hughes,
D. C. Lewis, John H. Stultz, J. L.
Whitaker, Joseph Mather, John
S. Selous & J. D. Barclay;

The business under consideration
at the last meeting ~~meeting~~, viz,
The rumours affecting one of the
members of this church, was intro-
duced.

The session being informed
that the individual in question was,
on her own motion, ready to come on
the premises, to appear before the
session & was willing to give the rea-
sons for her conduct, on motion
it was resolved to give her an im-
mediate hearing.

Miss Joseph S. Van Dyke being
introduced made her statement in
full & answered questions asked her by

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Memorial of the Session (See statement & answers to questions File A dated Sept 18. 1895) Whereupon the following minute was unanimously adopted; Having Mrs Van Dyke's reasons for her conduct, we voluntarily bearing her husband, we strongly disapprove of the same, but postpone further action for the present.

Opened & closed with prayer

Adjourned

J. C. Lewis Secretary.

Oct 4. 1896

Session met in the Chapel. Present: J. L. Whitaker, J. H. Stults, J. C. Lewis, J. D. Barclay, Joseph Matthes, John S. Silvers, Wm. Hughes.

Opened with prayer by Mr. Wm. Hughes. The minutes of the three preceding meetings were read and approved. On motion Mr. Wm. Hughes was appointed delegate - Mr. J. D. Barclay alternate - to the next meeting of Presbytery to meet at Farmingdale, Sunday Oct 6.

Mr. John S. Silvers was appointed delegate to the coming meeting of Synod. Closed with prayer by the Moderator.

J. S. Van Dyke, Clerk.

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Session met at the Oct 6. 1896
Call of the Moderator after Preparatory service & was opened with prayer by the moderator.

Present, Rev. Dr. Van Dyke, Moderator
Messrs Hughes, Lewis, Stults, Barclay
& Whitaker, Silvers. Absent Joseph Matthes.
On motion the The Trustees were

authorized, in accordance with an agreement made by the Session of the 2nd Church, Cranbury, with their Pastor, Rev. Joseph S. Van Dyke D.D., to pay Dr. Van Dyke Two hundred dollars at salary for the months of October & November, 1896; & after Dec 1. 1896 to pay him at the rate of two hundred dollars per year so long as he remains pastor.

On motion J. L. Whitaker was elected Clerk.

The Committee on supplies were instructed not to pay more than twelve dollars reimbursement while here for supply for one Sabbath.

On motion Rev. Thomas Byrke was chosen as Moderator of the Session during the absence of the pastor at any time between the present & the time the pastorate of Dr. Van Dyke may terminate.

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the invitation to be extended to him by Dr. Van Dyke, at once & the desire to inform him as his presence was needed, Dr. Van Dyke being absent.

Closed with prayer.
J. D. Whitaker Clerk

2^d Pres. Ch. Broadway, Jan 24, 1897

Pursuant to an agreement of its members the session met in the Chapel at 9.30 A.M. In the absence of the Pastor, the Rev. Dr. Izack was invited to act as Moderator. Meeting was opened with prayer. Izack, Hughes, Lewis, Mathew, Whitaker, Barclay, Abrah, Silas, Hutto.

The Election of the following Officers for the Sabbath School were approved. Suph. F. H. Brown. Apts Suph. J. L. Whitaker, Sec. E. S. Roney. Lib. F. J. Davis. Apts Lib. W. S. Silvers, John Meyer, Texas, John Meyer. Organist, Julia C. Silvers.

The following minute was adopted: The session having reason to believe that the people of this congregation are prepared unanimously to elect a Pastor, which election if made shall be subject to the action of Presbytery at its regular meeting in April of this year, adopted the following resolution viz: Resolved that a meeting of the congregation for the election of pastor be held in the church on Tuesday Jan. 26 Inst. at 8 P.M. & that the notices for that meeting be given from the pulpit this day in accordance with form of government Chap. XV, Sec. 3. — Resolved, That Rev. Dr. Izack be invited to attend the meeting and to preside in the proposed election of Pastor. Session then took a recess until after the morning service.

On reassembling all were present. The following minute was then adopted: The session having deliberately considered the case of Mrs. Selie J. Van Dyke, a member of this church, who is living apart

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from her husband, and having patiently listened to her reasons for so doing, and judging them insufficient, do further judge and determine that the said Selie J. Van Dyke ought to be, and hereby is suspended from the communion of the Church, so long as she remains the legal wife of the Rev. J. S. Van Dyke, D.D. and continues to live apart from him. Session then adjourned with prayer by the Moderator.

J. D. Whitaker Clerk

2^d Pres. Ch. Broadway

Mar. 6, 1897

The session met in the Chapel immediately after morning service, due notice having been given. In the necessary absence of Dr. Izack Elder D. L. Lewis was called to preside and the session was opened with prayer. All members present.

Mr. Wm. Slonaker & Kate G. his wife presented their certificate of dismission and recommendation from St. Pauls M. E. Church of Freedom & requested that they be admitted to the membership of this church. Their certificate was found to be in order & their request was granted.

Joseph Regly & Rebecca his wife requested a certificate of dismission from this church & recommendation to the 2^d Pres. Ch. of Painsdon. The certificate was granted & they were recommended upon the terms of their removal from our home. Mrs. Chas. Farr a member of this church having confessed to the sin of Adultery & fornication was suspended from the communion of the church until such time as she manifested ^{shall} repentance and confession. Closed with prayer.

J. D. Whitaker, Sec.

2^d Pres. Ch. Broadway & J.

March 7, 1897

The regular monthly meeting of session was held in the Chapel at 9.30 A.M. All members present. In absence of Dr. Izack, Elder Lewis was called to preside, opened with prayer. Elders Silvers, Barclay, Hutto & Mathew were appointed to distribute the elements at the approaching communion. Mr. Charles Farr having previously been suspended from communion, came before the session and upon acknowledging his sin and confessing his repentance and sorrow for

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He came with a desire to live a christian life, was restored to the communion of the church. There being no other business the session adjourned with prayer.

2^d Presb. Ch. Cranbury N. J.
March 21, 1897

J. L. Whitaker *clerk*

Pursuant to a call of its members the session met in the chapel at 9.30 A.M. Elder Lewis was elected to preside & the meeting was opened with prayer. Elisha Petty, Mahada his wife & Ches. E. their son were given letters of dismission & recommendation to the Presbyterian Church of Roseville N. J. and Ethel A. Bergen to the Church at Englestown N. J. All members were present.

The following minute was then adopted: The session having reason to believe that the people of this congregation are prepared with a good degree of unanimity to elect a pastor, which election if made shall be subject to the action of Presbytery at its regular meeting in April of this year, therefore Resolved: That a meeting of the congregation for the election of pastor be held in the church on Tuesday March 30th at 3 P.M. and that notice thereof be given to the congregation at the two sabbath morning services intervening according to form of Gov. Chap. XV. Sec 3. Resolved the Rev. Dr. Lyack be invited to attend the meeting and to preside at the election of pastor.

Elder Lewis, Mather, Milliker & Bondy were appointed a committee to revise the roll of membership of this church. There being no other business the session adjourned with prayer.

2^d Presb. Church Cranbury N. J.
April 4, 1897

J. L. Whitaker *clerk*

Regular monthly meeting of session convened in the Chapel at 9.30 A.M. ^{all members present} Elder Lewis was appointed Moderator & meeting opened with prayer. Mrs Lydia Peterson, Bertha Strucker & Stella Strucker asked for letters of dismission & recommendation to 2^d Presb. Ch. of Camden N. J. The request were granted

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The committee appointed to revise the roll of church membership, recommended the following names to be placed on the revised list, which recommendation was approved:

Fanner Saults	Rose England	Phoebe Morse
Mrs. Fanner Saults	Saml. L. Prove	Daniel Peterson
Rachel Conklin	Lydia Hutchinson	Hattie Peterson
John Dorray jr	John Dieckler	Ella Rice
Mrs Jno. Dorrison	John Manchester	John Steine
Catharine Day	Henry Mc Dougall	Phoebe Ann Shryver
LSusan E. Everett	H. L. Mason	Steve Snyder, John Westgal.

The annual report to Presbytery was made out, read & approved and was as follows:

Elders 7	Home Missions	240.61
Deacons 8	Foreign "	240.94
Added on Exam 2	Education	490
" " Certif 6	S. S. work	4.00
Total Communicants 262	Ch. Section	4.00
Baptisms 8	Relief fund	4.00
Sabbath School 248	Freedmen	4.00
Synodical Aid 62.48	Colleges	4.00
General Assembly	Congregational	1711.90
Miscellaneous 126.94		
Total amount for all purposes		2442.81

On motion Elder Dr. C. Lewis was appointed delegate to Presbytery & Mr. J. L. Whitaker alternate. The minutes of the preceding meetings from Oct. 4, 1896 were read and approved. Adjourned with prayers.

J. L. Milliker *clerk*

Thus far examined & approved in regular session of Presbytery at Jantsburg April 13, 1897.

J. E. Curry *Mod.*

NUMBERED PAGES BEARING NO OTHER WRITING
HAVE BEEN OMITTED IN FILMING

June 17th 1866

Mr Van Dyke

Sir I write
to ascertain if you married
parties answering to the
name of Trumbly and
Elta Dye on Jan 6th or
on June 6th I shall
expect you to answer
this as I hope by this
to find out the whole
truth of the affair as
I think ~~being~~ the
certificate has been
tampered with and
if possible I intend as
an interested party to
know they acknowledge
to having sworn falsely
in reference to the same

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mother father is 9 age
yet please anchor at
once they go as far
as to say their marriage
was put in the
Cranbury paper last
January as I no
longer expect to be a
victim to this
deception direct

Wm L. H. Clay
Bridgton
Maine

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J. Van N. Ely, being about to be married by Rev. J. S. Van Dyke to Miss Mary E. Day - and being duly sworn, do hereby solemnly aver that on this sixth day of June, A. D. eighteen hundred and sixty six I am over the age of twenty one - that I reside in Motouan Mon. Co. N. J. and am the son of Mr. Wm. H. Ely.

Sworn subscribed to this sixth day of June 1866 in the presence of
 J. S. Van Dyke
 Geo. B. Van Dyke.

I, Mary E. Day of Motouan Mon. Co. N. Jersey, being duly sworn do hereby solemnly under oath that on this sixth day of June A. D. eighteen hundred & sixty six I am over the age of eighteen years. Mary E. Day

Sworn subscribed to this sixth day of June 1866 in the presence of.

J. S. Van Dyke
 Geo. B. Van Dyke.

written for 10 or 12 years
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 it is all their money
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Deputy Corner

Rev. J. S. Van Dyke was licensed by the Presbytery of Elizabethtown, at its session at ~~Baskingridge~~ Oct. 3, 1860. Received as a licentiate from Presbytery of Elizabethtown (certificate signed by S. S. Shedd - dau) at Hope N. J. Oct. 1, 1861, Newton Presbytery, Wm. H. Kirk, Mod. Fall for services presented at same time & place from Bloomsbury. Examination made the order of the day for next morning, 9 o'clock.

Oct 2, 1861 examined on Arts & Sciences, Latin, Greek, Hebrew, Heb. Ch. Hist. Ch. Gov. & the Sacraments. Accepted the call.

Acts 16:31 assigned as text for trial sermon - to be delivered at Bloomsbury on day of ordination & installation.

Time for ordination Oct. 10, 1861

Rev. Andrew Tully preside & propose &c

W. H. Kirk preach the sermon

J. S. Goudit charge to pastor

Wm. Allen charge to people

Was ordained & installed Oct 10, 1861 at B. The Ch. of Bloomsbury & three others were set off by Synod Oct 19, 1861 from Newton to Raritan. Dissolution of pastoral relation (from Bloomsbury) May 4, 1869. Installed at Gladwyne May 13, 1869, having moved on 10th. In readjustment of Presbytery's limits consequent on Raritan was transferred from N. B. to Monmouth.