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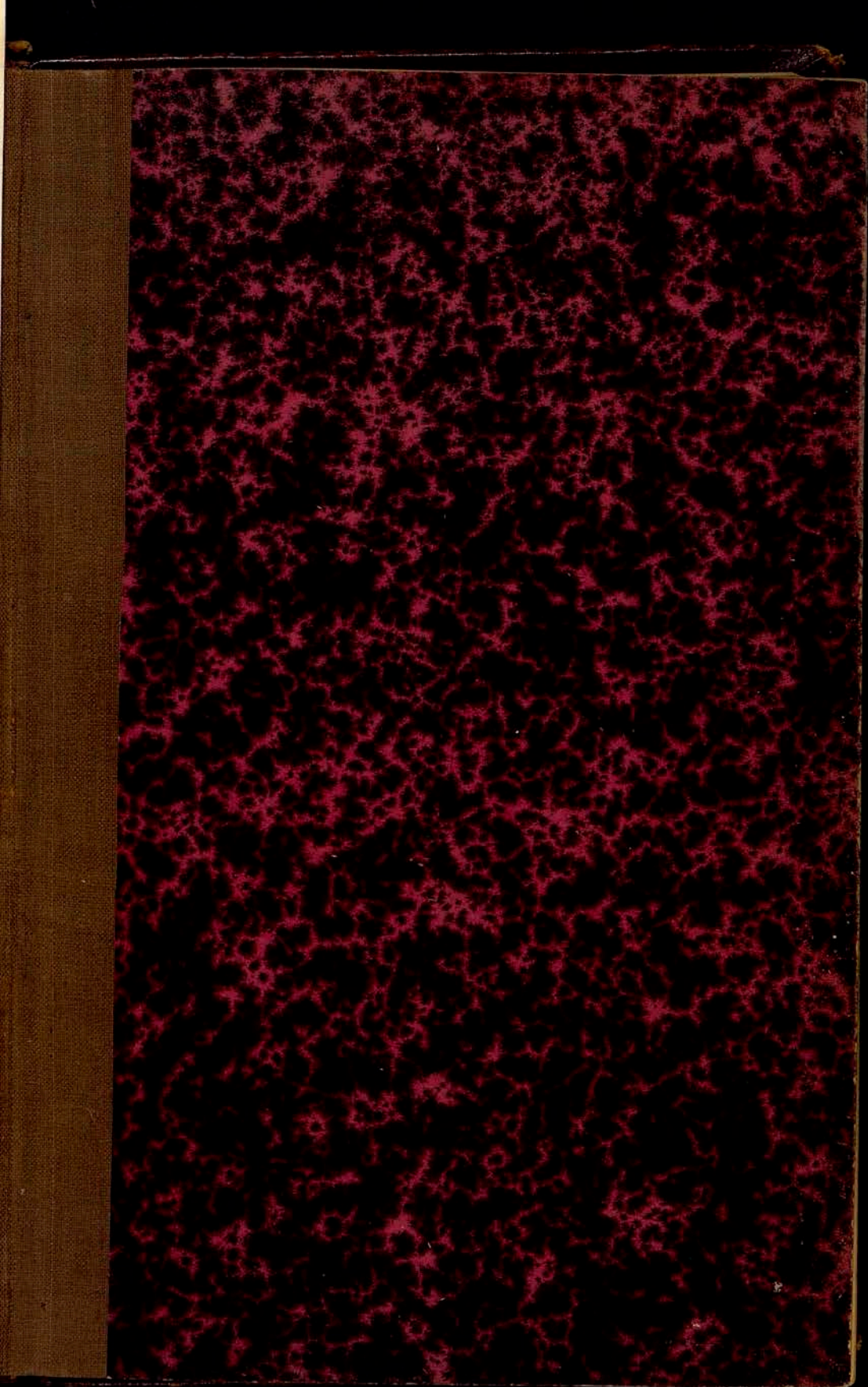


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Pottstown, Pa.

July 7, '82

Session met this evening.
Present, the Pastor Rev. H. B. Stevenson, and Elders, D. K. Hatfield, W. C. Beecher, Isaac Swinehart and Wm. M. Gordon. The meeting was opened with prayer.

The following persons presented themselves for admission to membership with our church on letters of dismissal from other churches, as specified below:

Miss Mary A. Keim, from Walnut st. Pres. ch.
Philadelphia, Pa.

Mrs. Ella Higginson, Breckinridge Pres. Ch.
Buffalo, N.Y.

Mr. Arthur A. Higginson from Methodist Ch.
Buffalo, N.Y.

On motion these persons were received into full membership. Adjourned with prayer.

Wm. M. Gordon
Clerk of Session.

At a meeting of the Session
held prior to the ^{Daily} ~~Special~~
Communion, the following
persons were received into
membership of this church:

Miss Laura Ellis,

Emma Brizzolari

Mrs. Stauffer

Josephine Cook,
by Profession of Faith;
and the following by letter;

Mrs Lizzie Mayo

from Market St. Ch. Germantown Pa.

Mr & Mrs. M. K. Alexander

from Upper Otzgrove Pres. Ch.

Parkersburg Pa.

Edgar S. Cook - Arch St. Pres. Ch.

Philada. Pa.

C. Harry McKersham

Pres. Ch. Coatesville, Pa.

Thos L. Gardiner

St. Matthew Ev. Luth. Ch

Reading, Pa.

Wm J. Gordon

Clerk of Session.

Pottstown, Pa.
Sept. 14. '82

Session met this evening,
and was opened with prayer.
Present Rev. H. B. Stennison, pas-
tor, and Elders Isaac Swine-
hart, D. K. Natfield, and Wm
M. Gordon.

On motion it was
agreed that time of Prayer
meeting be changed to
7.30 P.M. commencing
next week.

Adjourned with prayer
Wm M. Gordon
clerk of Session

Pottstown, Pa.

Sept. 27. '82

Session met this evening, and
was opened with prayer.

Present Rev. H. B. Stevenson
Pastor, and Elders D. K. Hatfield,
and Wm M. Gordon

On motion Wm M.
Gordon was appointed prin-
cipal, and Isaac Swinehart
alternate delegate to represent
our church at meeting
of Presbytery at Wakefield Ch.
Germantown.

Adjourned with prayer.

Wm M. Gordon
clerk of session

Pottstown, Pa
Sept. 28th '82

Session met this evening,
and was opened with prayer.
Present Rev. H. B. Stennison,
Pastor, and Elders D. K. Hat-
field, H. C. Beecher, Isaac
Burnhart, and Wm M Gordon.

On motion, letters
of dismissal were granted
Miss. Legnora Shelly, and
Mrs. Beer.

Adjourned with prayer.
Wm M Gordon
Clerk of Session.

Pottstown, Pa
Oct. 4, '93

Session met this evening,
and was opened with
prayer.

Present Rev. N. B. Steynson,
Pastor and Elders H. C. Becker,
and Wm. M. Gordon.

Miss Annie H. Eagle
presented herself for admis-
sion to membership on
Confession of faith, and
after having passed a satis-
factory examination, an
motion was received
into full communion
and fellowship with the
church.

Adjourned with prayer.
Wm. M. Gordon
Clerk of Session.

Sollstoun, Pa
Oct. 6th 82

Session met this evening,
and was opened with prayer.

Present Rev. H. B. Stevenson
Pastor, and Elders D. K. Nat-
field and Wm. M. Gordon.

The following persons
presented themselves for
admission to member-
ship on Confession of Faith,
and after having passed
satisfactory examinations
as to their faith in Jesus
Christ, were, on motion,
received into full commun-
ion and fellowship:

Mrs. Marion Butler Meigs
William Leaf
Sumner Erick.

On motion it was
resolved that \$10. be contrib-
uted from the 'Poor Fund'
to the Dorrsdale Church
Adjourned with prayer
Wm. M. Gordon
Clerk of Session.

Pottstown, Pa.

Jan'y. 4. '83.

Session met this evening, and
was opened with prayer.

Present, Rev H. B. Stearns, Pastor,
and Elders, M. C. Brecher, S. K.
Hatfield and Wm M Gordon.

On motion it was resolved
that of the Monthly concert
collections, eight should be
contributed to Foreign Mis-
sions, and 4 to Home Mis-
sions.

On motion it was resolved
that 4- be contributed from
the "poor fund" for the relief of
a poor blind stranger in
town.

Adjourned with prayer.

Wm M Gordon

clerk of Session.

Pottstown, Pa
Jan'y 10. 183

Session met this evening,
and was opened with prayer.
Present, Rev. H. B. Stennison,
Pastor, and Elders D. M. Hatfield,
H. C. Brechen, Isaac Swinehart,
Wm. M. Gordon.

The following persons pre-
sented themselves for admis-
sion to membership, and
after having passed satis-
factory examinations as
to their faith in Christ
on motion, were received
into full communion
and fellowship:

Miss. Clara Clay.

John T. Augusta.

On motion a letter
of dismissal was granted
to Miss. Mary M. Coleman,
to the St. Matthew Lutheran
church of Reading, Pa.

Adjourned with prayer.
Wm. M. Gordon
Clerk of Session

Pottstown, Pa

Jan'y. 12. 83.

Session met this evening,
and was opened with prayer.

Present Rev H. B. Stearns on
Pastor, and Elders H. C. Brecher,
D. K. Hatfield, and W. M. Gordon.

On motion Miss Fannie
B. Dyer was receivd into
membership from the
Trinity Reformed Church
of Pottstown, Pa, on certificate
Adjourned with prayer,
Wm M Gordon
Clerk of Session.

Pottstown, Pa.

Jan'y. 24. '83

Session met this evening,
and was opened with prayer.
Assent Rev H. B. Stevenson, Pas-
tor, and Elders, D. K. Hatfield,
H. C. Beecher, and Wm M. Gor-
don.

On motion the following
committee was appointed
to look after strangers
in our congregation:

Mrs. D. K. Hatfield

" Jas W. K. Botte,

Mrs. Anna Lang

W. Y. Fryer,

Howard Leopold

W. M. Casselbury

Adjourned with prayer,
Wm M. Gordon

clerk of session

Pottstown Pa
April 6. '83.

Session met this evening
at the Parsonage. Meeting
was opened with prayer.
Present Rev H. B. Stevenson, Pastor,
and Elders, D. K. Hatfield, W. C.
Brecher and Wm M Gordon.
Miss. Carrie Roe, was
admitted into membership
of the church, on
letter of dismissal from the
Presbyterian Church, Cornwall,
N.Y.

On motion Isaac
Swinehart was chosen
principal delegate and
Wm M Gordon alternate to
meeting of Presbytery at
Hartsville, Pa. 17th inst.
Adjourned with prayer.
Wm M Gordon
Clerk of Session.

Boltstoun, Va.
July 9. '83

Session met this day,
and was opened with pray-
er. The meeting was moder-
ated by Rev. D. M. Young
of Philada. Elders W. C.
Bercher, D. K. Hatfield, L.
Swinehart, and W. M. Gordon
were present.

Mrs. Hendricks was
received into the membe-
rship of our Church, by
certificate from Green-
wich St. Mrs. Church,
Philada.

Adjourned with
prayer. W. M. Gordon
Clerk of Session.

Pottstown, Pa.

Sept. 9, '83

Session met this evening.
Rev. Mr. Maury, Pastor of the
1st Pres. Church of Chester, Pa.,
acting as Moderator.

Elders Isaac Swinbank
H. C. Bercher, D. K. Hatfield
and Wm M Gordon were pre-
sent.

Letters of dismissal were
granted to Mr. and Mrs.
Alexander.

Adjourned with
prayer

Wm M Gordon
Clerk of Session

—Note—

Jan. 1, 1884. Our Pastor Rev. H. B.
Stevenson returned this day
to his work amongst us, after
an absence dating from
April 12, 1883; this vacation
having been granted him by
the Congregation on account
of his ill health.

Pottstown, Pa.
Jan'y. 9. '54

Session met this evening, and was opened with prayer.

Rev. W. B. Stennison, Pastor and Elders, W. C. Brecher, Isaac Swinehart, J. K. Hatfield and Wm. Gordon, were present.

It having been agreed upon, at a Congregational meeting held last Sabbath (6th inst), to omit the regular preaching service, in the evening during this and next month, in order to render the work of our Pastor as light as possible until he shall have become more thoroughly inured to his full duties, it was on motion agreed at this meeting of the Session, to hold Prayer Meeting services every Sabbath evening.

during ^{the} ~~this~~ of omission of
regular preaching services.
Adjourned.
Wm. M. Gordon
Clk of Session

Sottstown, Pa.
Jan'y 17. '84
Session met this evening.
Present Rev. H. B. Stevenson, Pastor, &
Elders, Isaac Swinehart, D. K.,
Natfield, H. C. Creech, and Wm.
McGordon.

The meeting was
opened with prayer.

Peter L. Zimmerman
presented himself as a
candidate for church
membership, and after
a careful examination
by the Session, it was deemed
best that his reception into
membership of the church be
deferred for a while, and
the following motion was

passed, Resolved that Peter
L. Zimmerman be received
under the watchful care
of the Session, with the
view of his joining our
church April next.

On motion E. Bruce
Lytle was received into
the membership of our
church by certificate from
the Presbyterian Church
of Shamokin, Pa.

Adjourned.

Wm. M. Gordon
Clerk of Session

Pottstown, Pa

Feb. 19th '84

Session met this evening,
and was opened with
prayer.

Present Rev. H. B. Sterner-
son, Pastor, and Elders
O. Hatfield, W. C. Brecher,
Isaac Swinehart, and
H. M. Gordon.

The time was oc-
cupied mainly by an
informal conversation
concerning the interests
of the Church and Sabbath
School. Prayer was
offered, and Divine guidance
sought, that our efforts
for the advancement of
Christ's Kingdom in our
midst may be directed
aright.

On motion it was
agreed that the prayer
meeting services which are
now being held on Sabbath

evening (in accordance with
the action of Session, at
last meeting, Jan'y 9th)
be continued for a while,
on account of the salu-
tary impressions which
are evidently being made
upon the hearts of our
young people especially,
through these means of
grace.

Adjourned.

Wm M Gordon
Clerk of Session.

Pottstown, Pa
April 2, 1884

A meeting of Session
was held this evening
and opened with prayer.

^{Pastor} Present Rev. H. B. Stern-
son, and Elders W. C. Beecher,
Isaac Swinehart, D. K. Hatfield,
and W. M. Gordon.

On motion letters of
dismissal were granted
to Swan Markle, now of Hazle-
ton, Pa, and Miss Emma
Thomas, now of Caln, Pa.

On motion W. C. Beecher
was appointed principal
delegate, and W. M. Gordon
alternate, to meeting of
Presbytery to be held at
Asphurn Church, 15th inst.
Adjourned.

W. M. Gordon
Clerk of Session.

Pottstown, Pa.
April 9, 1884

Session met in Lecture
Room. Present H. B. Stevenson,
Isaac Swinehart, Wm. C.
Beecher and D. K. Natfield.
Bro. Swinehart led in
prayer.

The following persons
presented themselves for
membership and after due
examination were received.

Wm. B. Henderson
Mrs. Josephine Henderson
Miss Ella Tomlinson
" Lydia E. Fox
" Mary E. Feger
Barton H. Potts.

By letter Mrs. Lorab. Gardner
Adjourned.

D. K. Natfield

Clerk Pro. temp.
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Pottstown Pa.

April 12. '84

Session met this evening
and was opened with prayer.

Present Rev. H. B. Sturgeson,
Pastor, and Elders Wm C.
Bricher, Isaac Sunnhaft,
and Wm M Gordon.

John Steele and
Lewis Carty, pre-
sented themselves for
admission to membership,
on Confession of Faith
and after a satisfactory
examination they were
on motion, received into
the fellowship of the Church.

Mrs. Katie L. Saylor
was received into the
membership of this Church
by letter from the Methodist
Epis. Church of Pottstown.

Adjourned

Wm M Gordon
Clerk of Session

Thus far examined and ap-
proved by Presbytery at its meeting
in Ashbourne April 15th/1884.

Moderator—

Pottstown, Pa
July 9th 1884.

Session met this evening, and
was opened with prayer.

Present Rev. H. B. Stannison, Pastor,
and Elders W. C. Beecher, Isaac
Swinhart, and W. M. Gordon.

Mrs. Henry P. Leaf, and Esther
his wife presented letters of
dismissal from the Cohock-
sink Church of Philada, and
sought admission to our
membership. On motion
they were received into fel-
lowship with our Church.

Adjourned

Wm M Gordon
Clerk of Session

Pottstown, Pa

July 11th 1884

Session met this evening and
was opened with prayer.

Present Rev & B. Stannison,
Pastor, and Elders Wm. C. Beech-
er, and Wm. N. Gordon.

The following persons pre-
sented themselves for exam-
ination, and on Confession
of their Faith, with satisfact-
ory evidence of their con-
version, they were by motion
admitted into full member-
ship and Communion of
our Church:

Mr. Robert McGee, and
his wife Sara. —

Mr. Harry Richards.

~~~~~ Mrs. Lila Richards  
(wife of Harry Richards) pre-  
sented a letter of dismissal  
from the Church of the "United  
Brethren" at Pine Grove, Pa; and on  
motion was received into member-  
ship with us. Adjourned

Wm. N. Gordon clerk of Session



Pottstown Pa.  
Oct. 1<sup>st</sup> '84

Session met this evening, and  
was opened with prayer.

Present Rev. H. B. Stinson,  
Pastor, and Elders S. K. Natfield,  
and Wm M Gordon.

On motion, Isaac Surri-  
hart was appointed delegate,  
and H. C. Bucher alternate,  
to coming meeting of Presby-  
tery. Adjourned

Wm M Gordon  
Clk of Session

Pottstown Pa.

Oct. 10, 1884.

Session met this evening, and  
was opened with prayer.

The meeting was devoted  
to conversation concerning  
the interests of our Prayer  
meetings, the Sabbath School,  
and Church; and also con-  
cerning the poor of the Church.

Adjourned

Wm M Gordon  
Clerk of Session



Pottstown, Pa

Jan'y. 6, 1885

Session met this evening, and  
was opened with prayer.

Present Rev. H. B. Stinson, Pastor,  
and Elders W. C. Beecher, D. K.  
Natfield, and Wm M Gordon

The following persons, pre-  
sented letters of dismissal  
from other churches, and  
on motion were received  
into membership with us:

Walker E. Roe,

<sup>from</sup>  
Pres. church of Cornwall, N.Y.

Irwin M. Cook, and Catharine  
his wife; also his daughter  
Mrs. Kate S. Forker, all from  
the First Presbyterian Church  
of Chester, Pa.

Adjourned

Wm M Gordon

Clerk of Session

Pottstown Pa

Jan'y 9<sup>th</sup> 1885

Session met this evening, and was opened with prayer.

Present Rev. H. B. Stinson  
Pastor, and Elders D. K. Natfield, Wm  
C. Beecher, Isaac Swinhart, and  
Wm M Gordon.

Ernest Abbott (a pupil  
at the "Hill" School) presented  
himself for examination,  
desiring to unite with us  
on Confession of Faith. He  
passed satisfactory examination  
and on motion, was received  
into the membership of our  
Church. Adjourned.

Wm M Gordon

Clerk of Session



Pottstown Pa

April 9, 1885

Session met this evening, and was opened with prayer.

Present Rev. H. B. Sturgeson, Pastor, and Elders, W. C. Bercher, D. K. Natfield, Isaac Swinehart, and Wm M Gordon.

Theodore Miller presented himself for admission to membership on Confession of Faith. His examination was very satisfactory and on motion he was received into membership with us.

On motion W. C. Bercher was chosen delegate, and Isaac Swinehart, alternate, to meeting of Presbytery to be held at Germantown, 21st inst. Adjourned

Wm M Gordon

Clk of Session



Bottstown, Pa.

April 11, 1885

Session met this evening,  
and was opened with prayer.  
Present, Rev. H. B. Stinson,  
Pastor, and Elders Isaac  
Sinnhaft, and Wm M Gordon.  
— John L. Mickle

and Harry Jumbler

Millville, N. J.

Easton, Pa

Both pupils of the "Hill" School  
presented themselves for ad-  
mission to our Church on  
Confession of Faith; and  
having passed a very satis-  
factory examination, were  
on motion admitted to  
membership with us.

Adjourned

Wm M Gordon

Clk of Session.

Examined, thus far and approv-  
-ed in Presbytery in 2nd Church  
Germanstown April 21st 1885

Edw F. Shields

mod.



Cottstoun, Pa  
Oct 5<sup>th</sup> 1885.

Session met this morning in  
the Lecture Room of the Church.  
Meeting was opened with  
prayer.

Present Rev. H. B. Stevenson  
Pastor and Elders D. K. Watfield  
H. C. Beecher and Isaac Swinehart.

Isaac Swinehart was appointed  
to go to Presbytery. J. M. Gordon  
was appointed alternate.  
adjourned.

J. M. Gordon  
Clerk of Session

Pottstown Pa  
Oct. 8<sup>th</sup> 1885.

Session met this evening.  
Present Rev. L. B. Stennison, Pastor,  
and Elders. W. C. Beecher, Isaac  
Simpson, and D. K. Hatfield.  
The meeting was opened with  
prayer.

George Gailey presented  
himself for examination  
and was unanimously  
received.

Adjourned  
D. K. Hatfield  
Clerk of Session  
Bro. Kemp.



Pottstown, Pa  
Jan'y. 8. 1886  
Session met this evening.  
Present Rev. H. B. Stennison, Pastor,  
and Elders W. C. Beecher, D. K.  
Hatfield, Isaac Swinehart, and  
Wm. M. Gordon.

Meeting was opened  
with prayer.

The following persons pre-  
sented themselves for admis-  
sion to membership and after  
examination were received.  
Miss. Mattie Snowden.

" Sallie H. Leaf.  
William R. Lochran  
Edging Row  
R. Paul Stout  
Chas. E. Boyle Jr.  
Chas. E. Milburk  
Irving O. Bush  
Lawrence A. Dodeworth  
John A. Kelso.

} Students  
at  
'Hill'  
School

Adjourned.  
Wm. M. Gordon  
Clerk of Session



Pottstown, Pa

Jan'y 10<sup>th</sup> '86-

Session met this evening.  
Present Rev H B. Stevenson  
Pastor, and Elders D K. Hatfield,  
W C. Beecher, and Isaac Sumner  
hart.

Opened with prayer by  
W C. Beecher.

Letters of Dismission  
were given to Mrs. Susie  
Hendricks to Penn Presby. Chapel  
Phil.

Miss. Mary H. Roe was re-  
ceived by letter from Memor-  
ial Presby. Church of Brooklyn,  
N.Y. Sime E. Roe was re-  
ceived by letter from Broadway  
Presby. Church of Fort Worth,  
Texas.

adjourned.

Wm M. Gordon

Clerk of Session



Scottstown, Pa.

Feb'y 17, 1886.

Session met this evening.  
Present Rev. R. B. Stevenson, Pastor,  
and Elders Isaac Swinehart,  
W. C. Beecher, D. K. Watfield, and  
Wm M Gordon.

Meeting was opened with  
prayer.

Letter of Dismissal  
was given to Mrs. Gress.

On motion it was  
agreed that the collection  
to be taken the first Sabbath  
in March for the benefit  
of the 2<sup>d</sup> Presbyterian Church  
of Homestead, should include  
also, a collection for the  
purchase of supplies for  
our Sabbath School.

Adjourned.

Wm M Gordon

Clerk of Session

Pottstown, Pa

April 7, 1856

Session met this evening.  
Present Rev H. B. Stennison, Pastor,  
and Elders W. C. Beecher, Isaac  
Supinehart, D. K. Hatfield, and  
Wm M Gordon.

Meeting was opened  
with prayer.

A letter soliciting con-  
tributions to the Presbyterian  
Orphanage <sup>Phila</sup> was read, and on  
motion it was agreed  
that the plea be presented  
to the congregation upon  
next Sabbath, and that  
persons desiring to con-  
tribute, be requested to  
hand their offerings to the  
Church Treasurer.

Adjourned

Wm M Gordon,

Clerk of Session.



Pottstown, Pa.

April 9, '86

Session met this evening.

Present Rev. H. B. Steunson, Pastor,  
and Elders, W. C. Beecher, D. K.  
Hartfield, and Wm. H. Gordon.

Meeting was opened with  
prayer.

The following persons pre-  
sented themselves as candi-  
dates for Church membert-  
ship, and after examina-  
tion as to their Faith and  
experience were received:

Miss Elizabeth B. Richards

Mrs. Emily Buchanan.

George J. Armes.

Letter of Dismissal  
was granted E. Bruce Lytle,  
to Reading.

Mrs. Charles Banks was re-  
ceived by letter from Phoenix-  
ville; and Mrs. Saml Rosh-  
pack by letter from Hornistown,

Pa.  
W. C. Beecher was appointed

delegate to Presbytery, and  
D. K. Natfield was appointed  
alternate.

adjourned  
Wm. J. Gordon,  
Clerk of Session

Examined and approved by Presbytery  
at Germantown. Pa. April 21 1886

Tr. P. White  
Mod. of Presbytery



Pottstown Pa.  
Oct. 8<sup>th</sup> '86

Session met this evening, and was opened with prayer. Present Pastor Rev. H. B. Steunson, and Elders H. C. Beecher, Isaac Burnhart, D. K. Natford and Wm. Gordon. Mrs. Lizzie Root presented herself for admission to membership; also Miss Mamie Thillauer, and having been examined as to their faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, were received into membership.

On motion certain bills for Books were approved, and the Pastor authorized to present the same to H. C. Beecher, Trust. of Church for payment.

On motion adjourned.

Wm. Gordon,  
Clerk of Session.



Pottstown, Pa.  
Nov 10, '86

Session met this evening, and  
was opened with prayer.

Present Rev. H. B. Steunson, Pas-  
tor and Elders Isaac Swine-  
hart, H. C. Beecher, D. K. Hatfield,  
and Wm. Gordon.

On motion it was agreed  
that a special collection be  
taken on Thanksgiving day  
for the 'Building Fund'.

It was also decided that  
the Sabbath School classes  
bring their offerings on that  
day to be devoted to the  
same Fund.

On motion the following  
Committee of Ladies was ap-  
pointed to visit the poor  
families: Mrs. Kiester, Mrs.  
Keiser, Miss Anna Long, Mrs.  
Richards, and Miss Anna  
Gordon.

Adjourned,  
Wm. Gordon  
Clerk of Session.



Pottstown, Pa.

Decr. 29, 1886.

Session met this evening  
and was opened with prayer.  
Present Rev. H. B. Sturgeson,  
Pastor, and Elders W. C. Beecher,  
H. K. Hatfield, and Isaac Sumner-  
hant.

The need of organizing the  
Morning Choir was discussed  
and it was voted that Joshua  
Hatfield be appointed leader  
at a salary of \$100, a year,  
Adjourned.

H. B. Sturgeson

Modr.

Jan'y 7, '87

Session met this evening, and was opened with  
prayer. Present Pastor, and Elders Hatfield, Sumner-  
hant, Beecher & Gordon. On motion Miss Jane  
Hamilton, was received by letter from 1<sup>st</sup> Presby-  
terian Church of Rathfriland. On motion  
it was agreed that Joshua A. Hatfield be  
made leader of the Church music.

Adjourned. Wm. Gordon  
clerk of session



Pottstown, Pa.

Apr. 8, '89

Session met this evening, and  
was opened with prayer.

Present Rev. Mr. Licht of Morris-  
town, Moderator, and Elders  
O. K. Hatfield, W. C. Beecher,  
Isaac Swinburny and Wm. M.  
Gordon.

H. W. Casselberry was received  
by certificate from the Calvary  
Presbyterian Church of York, Pa.

It was voted that the  
hour of Prayer meeting shall  
be changed to 8 o'clock from  
May 1<sup>st</sup> next.

On motion it was agreed  
that H. W. Casselberry be  
recommended to the Presbytery  
as a student for the Minis-  
try. adjourned

Wm. M. Gordon

Clerk of session

Committee calls attention to the  
omission in the records of closing  
the meetings with prayer.

W. W. Hammon  
Moderator



Pottstown, Pa

May 15, 1887.

Session met this evening, and was opened with prayer.

Present Elders W. C. Beecher, Isaac Swinehart, D. K. Natfield and Wm McGordon. In absence of a Moderator W. C. Beecher was called to the chair.

Mrs. Nellie B. Stennison having requested a letter of dismission from this Church to the Presbyterian Church of Geneva, N.Y., on motion the request was granted.

On motion it was authorized that a letter be written recommending W. W. Casselberry to the notice of the Presbytery of Phila. North, and in accordance therewith the following letter was written:

"We take pleasure in testifying -"  
"ing to the Christian character"  
"of W. W. Casselberry, who early in"  
"his youth entered our Sabbath"



"School and later on was re-"  
"ceived into the membership of"  
"our Church."

"His life amongst us has"  
"always evinced earnest interest"  
"in Christian labor, and we"  
"wish for him a successful"  
"future in the ministerial work"  
"for which he is endeavoring"  
"to prepare himself."

On motion it was  
agreed that Rev. George Stearns  
be requested to be present  
on Children's Day.

Adjourned with prayer.  
J. M. M. Gordon,  
Clerk of Session



Pottstown, Pa

July 30. '87

Session met this morning  
and was opened with prayer.  
By request Rev. Mr. Rutter,  
acted as Moderator.

Present Elders, W. C. Beecher,  
D. K. Natfield, I. Surinchar, and  
Wm. M. Gordon.

George Newton present-  
ed his letter of dismissal from  
the Church

and desired to join himself  
in membership with our  
Church. On motion his  
request was granted

Adjourned with prayer.

Wm. M. Gordon

Clerk of Session



Pottstown, Pa.

Aug 31 '89

Session met this evening  
and was opened with prayer.

Present W. C. Beecher, D. K.  
Natfield, J. Sumner and  
Wm Gordon Elders. In the ab-  
sence of a Moderator, D. K.,  
Natfield was called to the  
chair.

On motion, Joshua A  
Natfield was authorized  
to offer Miss Laura Ellis, and  
Miss Stubblebin, each fifty  
(\$50-) per annum for Choir  
service; and Twenty five  
(\$25-) per annum to Charlie  
Custer for playing the  
organ at the Wednesday even-  
ing prayer meetings.

On motion it was  
agreed that a collection  
be taken up the second  
Sabbath of September for the  
Woman's Foreign Missionary  
Society. Adjourned with prayer.  
Wm Gordon Clerk of Session.



Pottstown, Pa

October 14, '87

Session met this evening and  
was opened with prayer.

Present Elders W. C. Beecher, D. K.  
Natfield and Wm Gordon.

In the absence of a Moderator,  
W. C. Beecher was called to the  
chair.

On motion, it was agreed  
that a congregational meeting  
be called and held from Monday  
evening 26<sup>th</sup> inst, to elect a  
Pastor if the way be clear.

Elders D. K. Natfield and  
J. Swinehart were appointed  
delegates to Resbury.

Adjourned with prayer.

Wm Gordon.

Clerk of Session

Pottstown, Pa.  
January 1888.

Session met this evening, and was  
opened with prayer.

Present Elders D. K. Natfield, M. C.  
Beecher and Wm. M. Gordon. In the  
absence of a Moderator, M. C. Beech-  
er was called to the Chair.

On motion the following  
letters of dismissal were  
granted:

to Miss Mary J. Tomlinson, to  
The Central Presby. Church of  
Norristown, Pa.  
and to Irving Bush to Ply-  
mouth Church, Brooklyn,  
N.Y.

Adjourned with prayer.

Wm. M. Gordon,

Clerk of Session



Pottstown, Pa

Feb. 22<sup>d</sup> '88

Session met this evening, and  
was opened with prayer.

Rev. H.M. Dyckman was requested  
to act as Moderator.

Present Elders D.K. Hatfield,  
W.C. Beecher and Wm. Gordon.

On motion a letter of dismissal  
was granted to Miss Jane  
Namielton.

adjourned with prayer.

Wm. Gordon.

Chk of Session

H.M.D. acceptd call

Pottstown, Pa.

April 4, '88

Session met this evening and  
was opened with prayer.

Guest Rev. H. M. Dyckman,  
Elders W. C. Beecher, D. K. Hatfield,  
and J. Sumichart.

Carl Marlburg pre-  
sented himself as a candi-  
date for membership on  
Confession of faith,  
and after a satisfactory  
examination was received  
into membership.

adjourned.

Thos M Gordon

Clk of Session



Pottstown Pa  
April 6<sup>th</sup> 88

Session met this evening  
and was opened with prayer.  
Present Rev H M Dyckman,  
and Elders Isaac Sumner,  
L K Hatfield, M. C. Beecher and  
Wm M Gordon.

The following persons  
after satisfactory examina-  
tion were received into church  
membership, on confession of  
faith:

Margaret J. Beecher  
J. Nestor Beecher  
Oscar V. Rice.

and the following persons  
were received by certificate, and  
letters of dismissal from other  
churches:

Jonas D. Smith from the Memorial  
Pres. Church of Vancouver, Wash-  
ington Territory, and Miss Martha  
E. Kinn from the First Presbyterian  
Church of Carlisle, Pa.  
Mr. Lawrence Schollenberger from



the Congregational Church of  
Albuquerque, New Mexico, and  
Fred. H. Law from the First Church  
of Christ, Springfield, Mass.

Wednesday evening Prayer meet-  
ing hour was changed from  
7.30 o'clock to 8 o'clock.

Frank Clemmer and Clinton  
Seavoy were taken under the  
care of the Session.

Adjourned -

Wm M Gordon  
Treasr.

Examined thus far and approved. 1<sup>st</sup> Ch.  
Germantown April 17. 1888

Joseph Beggs Modr



Pottstown, Pa.

May 24, 1888.

Session met this evening and was opened with prayer. Present Rev H. M. Dyckman, Pastor, and Elders H. C. Beecher, D. K. Hatfield and Wm. N. Gordon.

A letter was received from J. A. Hatfield, asking to be relieved from leadership of the Church choir by the first of June next.

On motion it was resolved that he be requested to continue in his position of choir leader, until after the first Sabbath of July next.

Mr. George L. Sheppard presented a letter of dismissal from the Second Presbyterian Church of Bridgeton, N. J., and asked for admission to membership with us, and on motion he was received. It seeming to be desirable that the coming (July) communion be observed

somewhat earlier than usual,  
it was resolved that the matter  
of fixing the time be left to  
the judgment of the Pastor.

Adjourned with prayer

Wm. M. Gordon.

Clk of Session



Pottstown, Pa

July 6. '88

Session met this evening,  
and was opened with prayer.  
Present Rev. H. M. Dyckman,  
Pastor, and H. C. Bucher, Isaac  
Sunichart, D. K. Hatfield and  
Abram Gordon Elders.

The following persons pre-  
sented themselves for admis-  
sion to membership, on con-  
fession of Faith, and after  
having passed a satisfact-  
ory examination, they are  
on motion duly received:

Miss Clara A. Yocum

" Isabelle Yocum

Mrs Annie L. Leaf (wife of Wm)

" M. Ada Kerper (" " Edwin)

Lewis E. Lauby

John Barr

The following persons  
were on motion received  
by letter from other churches  
to wit:

Miss Alice Bachman from

the Methodist Epis. Church of  
Bracknell, Pa.

Mrs. Carrie Lauby, (né Bachman)  
wife of Lewis E. Lauby, from the  
First Presbyterian Church of Sun-  
bury, Pa.

James McQuiston, and Amanda  
J. his wife from the Ebenezer  
Church of the Evangelical Asso-  
ciation of Allentown, Pa.

Mrs. Elizabeth Guest, from the  
Fairview Presby. Church of  
Glen Mon, Pa.

On motion adjourned  
with Prayer.

Thos M. Gordon

Clk of Session



Pottstown, Pa

October, 26, 1888.

Session met this evening (after prayer meeting) and was opened with prayer. Present Rev. H.M. Dyckman, and Elders Isaac Sunnchart, H.C. Beecher, and Wm. M. Gordon.

The following persons presented themselves for admission to membership on confession of faith, and on motion were received.

Miss. Minnie L. Sandge  
George H. Buchanan  
Frank Chamber.

The following persons were received by letter:

Mrs. Sallie F. Burkey, from  
Unity Presbyterian Church  
of Berwyn, Pa.

Mr. R. B. Parke, and Anna  
his wife, from the Forks of  
Brandywine Presby. Church  
of Brandywine Manor, Pa.

On motion the



meeting was adjourned with  
Prayer.

Wm M Gordon,  
Clerk of Session.

Pottstown, Pa.  
Jan'y. 11. 1889.

Session met and was  
opened with prayer. Present  
Rev. H. M. Dyckman, Pastor  
and Elders. H. C. Beecher and Isaac  
Sunnebank. The following persons  
presented themselves for admis-  
sion to membership on con-  
fession of faith, and after  
examination, they were  
received.

Mrs. Catherine Sisler  
Miss Marcella Dry.

On motion the meeting  
was adjourned, and closed  
with prayer.

Wm M Gordon,  
Clerk of Session.



Pottstown, Pa  
Feb'y 89

Session met this evening  
and was opened with prayer.  
Present Rev. H. M. Dyckman,  
Pastor, D. K. Hatfield, M. C. Beecher  
and Wm. J. Gordon, Elders.

On motion letters of  
dismissal were granted to  
Laurie Schollinberger and  
Lydia his wife (ne Fox) to the  
Congregational Church of  
Albuquerque, New Mexico,  
and Mrs. Mary R. Thicker-  
shorn (ne Evans) to Presby-  
terian Church of Beaver  
Falls, Pa.

On motion adjourned  
with prayer.

Wm. J. Gordon  
Clk of Session

Pottstown, Pa

March 24, 1889,

Session met this evening  
and was opened with prayer,  
President Rev. H. M. Dyckman Pastor  
and Elders W. C. Bucher, Isaac  
Sumihart, and D. K. Hotfield.

On motion it was  
resolved that Jonas Smith  
be cited to appear before the  
Session to answer a charge  
of dishonesty; and Wm  
Brizzolan to answer the  
charge of dealing in in-  
toxicating drinks.

On motion a letter of  
dismissal was granted to  
Miss Calam Clay, to enter  
work under the Board of  
Home Missions at Albuquer-  
que, New Mexico.

On motion Mrs Geo. J.  
Newton was received by  
letter from



On motion DK Hatfield  
was chosen delegate, and  
Isaac Sumner, alternate  
to the meeting of Presbytery  
at Fox Chase Pa April 16. '89  
Adjourned with prayer,  
sig. DK Hatfield  
Chas. B. Camp

Pottstown, Pa

April 12, 1889

Session met this evening  
and was opened with  
prayer. Present Rev H. M.  
Dyckman, Pastor, and  
Elders, D. K. Hatfield, Wm C.  
Becher and Wm M. Gordon.

Miss Ayne Dechurst  
presented her letter from  
the Pres. Church of Columbus,  
Ohio, desiring admission  
to membership with us,  
and on motion she  
was duly received.

On motion it was  
agreed that the hour  
for Wednesday evening  
Prayer meeting be changed  
from 7.30 to 8 o'clock  
and to take effect Wednes-  
day next 17<sup>th</sup> inst.

Meeting adjourned  
with prayer.

Wm M. Gordon,

Clerk of session



Approved at Fox Chase, April 16, 1889.  
Alex. Henry. M.D.

Pottstown, Pa  
June 7, '89

Session met this evening  
Present Rev. N. M. Dyckman Pastor,  
and Elders H. C. Beecher, S. K. Hat-  
field, and Wm. Gordon.  
The meeting was opened with  
prayer.

The case of William Briz-  
zolari, a member of this  
church, charged with en-  
gaging in the business  
of selling intoxicating  
liquors was brought up.

The Clerk stated that he  
had duly notified William  
Brizzolari, and Jonas Smith  
(the latter charged by common  
fame with the sin of theft),  
to appear before this meeting  
of session.

William Brizzolari appeared  
before the Pastor during the  
early part of the week, and  
plead guilty to the charge,  
and declined to give up



his business. On motion  
he was expelled from Church  
membership, and his name  
stricken from the roll, and the  
~~James Smith~~ Pastor, instructed  
to so notify him by letter.  
Jonas Smith did not  
appear, and it cannot be  
ascertained where he is  
living at this time.

The evidence was strong  
and conclusive that he  
had stolen a watch from  
a fellow boarder and im-  
mediately left the country.  
On motion he was ex-  
pelled the church and  
his name stricken from  
the roll.

At their own request James  
Wharston, and Amanda  
J. his wife were given  
letters of dismissal.

On motion adjourned,  
with prayer  
J. M. Gordon  
Clerk of Session



Pottstown Pa

July 12<sup>th</sup> 89.

Session met this evening  
and opened with prayer.  
Present Pastor and Elders  
D K Hatfield, W C Beecher &  
J M Gordon.

The following persons  
were received by letter  
from other churches.

Mrs. S. Lindas Damm of 1<sup>st</sup>  
Pres. Church West Chester Pa  
Mr. H. G. Tinker and Sophia  
his wife from the 2<sup>d</sup> Pres. Ch.  
of Oil City, Pa

Mrs. M. A. Saylor from the  
St. Matthews Ev. Lutheran Ch. of  
Schuylkill Haven, and  
Mrs. Mary<sup>W</sup> Bair wife of Geo.  
Bair from 1<sup>st</sup> Presb. Church  
of West Chester Pa.

The following persons were  
received on Confession of their  
faith Mrs. Harriah Seares  
Clemmie P. Thompson,  
George Bair



adjourned with prayer,  
Hiram Gordon,  
Chk. of  
Session

Pottstown, Pa  
Jan'y. 10. 1890

The session met at the call of  
the Pastor, to examine candi-  
dates for admission to the  
church, and to receive letters  
of transfer from other chur-  
ches.

Harper Rice, and William  
Sands were received on  
profession of faith.

Miss Annie Fisher was  
received by letter from the  
First Park, Presbyterian Church,  
Philado.; and Maggie and  
Miriam Barker from  
the First Presbyterian Church  
of Oxford, Pa.

Letters of dismissal  
were given to Mrs. Emily  
Stauffer, and to A. H. Law  
to First Congregational Church  
of Keene, N.H.; also to  
Mrs. Agnes (George) Bourn  
to the Grace Methodist Epis.  
church, Harrisburg Pa.  
John Briggs Clerk pro tem.



Pottstown, Pa  
March 7, 1890.

A meeting of Session was held this evening in the Pastor's study, and was opened with prayer. Present, the Pastor Rev. H. W. Dyckman, and Elders Isaac Swinehart, John Meigs, Henry G. Tinker, H. C. Becker and Wm. Gordon.

On motion a committee consisting of John Meigs was appointed to look into the matter of the sale of the Police Gazette, and other kindred papers, in our town, and see if some concerted action can not be brought about among the churches of our borough, to devise some means for the prohibition of the sale of such papers.

A committee consisting of the Pastor, and D. K. Hatfield



was appointed to revise the  
roll of church memberships.  
It was agreed, that, for  
the purpose of securing a  
more thorough presenta-  
tion of the claims of our  
various Church Boards,  
to our congregation, the  
Board Collections, and  
matters incident thereto  
be placed in the hands  
of the Elders, in the follow-  
ing order:

Jan'y. Foreign Missions - H. G. Tinker  
Feb'y. Aid for Colleges - D. K. Watfield  
Mar. Sustentation - John Meigs  
Apr. Home Missions - do do  
May. Sabbath School Work - D. K. Watfield  
July. Church Extension - W. Beecher  
Sept. Ministers Relief - Wm. Gordon  
Oct. Education - W. Beecher  
Dec. Freedmen - I. Swinhart  
And that the Elders shall  
take special efforts to see  
that the congregation are  
fully informed as to



the current needs of the Board, as from time to time collections are asked for, and use every endeavor to have as large contributions made as possible.

After considerable discussion upon the matter of Church service on the Sabbath evenings, it was agreed upon, that notice be given next Sabbath from the pulpit, that on the following Sabbath, morning, immediately after service, a congregational meeting will be called to discuss the matter of changing the evening service to 4.30 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the action of ~~the~~ the Pastor in



employing Mrs. Dry as a  
Home missionary was  
ratified.

On motion a letter of  
dismissal to the Presbyterian  
Church at Darnell, Pa, was  
granted to Miss. Clemmie  
Thompson.

On motion it was agreed  
upon that the First Friday  
night of each month be  
appointed as regular meet-  
ing night for Session  
adjourned with prayer

Wm Gordon,  
Clerk of Session



Pottstown, Pa

Apr 11<sup>th</sup> 1890

Session met this evening  
and was opened with prayer.  
Present, Pastor Rev. H. M. Dyck-  
man, and Elders Hatfield,  
Swinkhart, and Gordon.

The following persons  
presented themselves for  
admission to member-  
ship on profession of  
Faith:

Miss Bessie Leopold,  
Kate May Detweiler  
Barclay B. Scheetz,  
Thomas Miller and his wife  
Anna Laura Miller

and after examination  
were duly received.

On motion D. K. Hatfield  
was appointed principal,  
and Isaac Swinkhart  
alternate delegates to meeting  
of Presbytery Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup>,  
next at Jacansy, Pa



On motion a Committee  
consisting of Wm Gordon,  
D. K. Hatfield, and A. N. Shultz  
was appointed to confer  
with John March, Master  
of Bethany Union Sabbath  
School, of this Borough  
concerning the purchase  
of the property, (Building &  
and lot) of said Sabbath  
School.

adjourned with  
prayer. Wm Gordon.  
Chas of Session

Approved in Presbytery at Tacoma Apr.  
16<sup>th</sup> '90, excepting 1st, of the meeting of  
Jan. 10<sup>th</sup> in which there is no mention  
of those present, nor any record of  
prayer being offered, although mem-  
bers were received into the Church.  
2<sup>nd</sup>. The Sessional Report to Presbytery  
is not recorded, & there is no record  
of any approval of minutes.

L. W. Eckard  
modr



Pottstown, Pa.

June 21<sup>st</sup> 1890

Meeting of Session was held this evening, and was opened with prayer. In the absence of ~~H. L. Tinker~~ Elder Hymn Gordon, Elder H. L. Tinker was appointed Clerk pro. tem.

The committee consisting of Rev. H. M. Dyckman, and ~~Elder~~ D. K. Hasfild, appointed to revise the list of church members submitted their report and recommended that the following persons whose residences <sup>are not known and who</sup> cannot be reached, be placed on the retired list.

Conrad Eagle

M. A. Eagle

Annie Eagle

Robbie Glover

Mary Grant

Mrs. Gambo

Henry D. Holst

Arthur Higginson



Ella Higginson  
W B Henderson

Mrs. do

Wm Mellors

Lizzie Mayo

Saura Poir

Carrie Reinhardt

On motion the report was received and the recommendation carried out.

On motion it was agreed that certain members of the church be assigned to certain members of the session for Pastoral care.

On motion a letter of dismissal was granted to Miss Annie Fisher to the Pres. Church of Lanesdowne. Letters were also granted to J. Roberts Magre and Sarah his wife to the Market Square Presbyterian Church, Harrisburg. Adjourned with prayer  
H. G. Tinker

clerk Pres. term,



Pottstown Pa,

July 10. '1890

Session met this evening,  
and was opened with prayer.  
Present Pastor Rev. H. M. Dyck-  
man, and Elders W. C. Becker,  
H. G. Trinker, and D. K. Hatfield.  
Miss. Mary Gould Wilmer  
presented herself for admis-  
sion to Church membership  
on Confession of Faith  
and after a satisfactory  
examination, was received.

Adjourned with prayer

D. K. Hatfield

Clerk pro. tem.



Pottstown, Pa.

Sept 21, 1890

Session met this evening at the Pastor's study, and meeting was opened with prayer.

Present Rev. H. M. Dyckman Pastor, and H. C. Beecher, H. G. Tinker, and H. M. Gordon Elders.

On motion, letters of dismissal were granted to Mrs. Jennie Allen (nee Arms) to the East Liberty Presbyterian Church of Pittsburg, Pa. Letters of dismissal were also granted to Miss Maggie Barker, and Miss Miriam Barker.

On motion it was agreed to adopt the same rule that prevails in Presbyterian meetings, with reference to calling roll, and noting absences and excuses for absence.

On motion the clerk was directed to notify each member



of the session, in due time  
of each regular monthly  
meeting of Session.

The Pastor was authorized  
to purchase seven small  
note books for the use of  
members of Session, in re-  
cording whatever matters  
of Church work, &c. that may  
from time to time be assigned  
to each.

D.K. Natfield, was duly ap-  
pointed principal delegate,  
and Isaac Swinburn alternate  
to meeting of Presbytery to be  
held at Newtown, Pa, Oct  
2 & 3 1890.

H.G. Tinker, was appointed  
to supervise the interests and  
work of the Christian Endeavor  
department, and D.K. Natfield  
assisted by Wm. Gordon, was  
appointed to look after the  
Sabbath School work, and  
these committees, were in-  
structed to report to the



session from time to time the progress of work in their respective departments.

Mr. Surnehart was also appointed to look after the work of Home mission<sup>work</sup>, under the care of Mrs. Fry.

H. G. Tinker and D. K. Hatfield together with H. C. Beecher and H. M. Gordon, were appointed visiting committees.

It was agreed that our Church join in the Union services, which it has been proposed to hold under the direction of the Young Men's Christian Assn. of Pottstown.

Mrs. Annie Fisher, at her request was dismissed to the Pres. Ch. at Lansdowne, Pa.

Adjourned with prayer,  
H. M. Gordon  
Chaplain



Pottstown, Pa  
Oct 3. '90

Session met this evening in the Pastor's study, and was opened with prayer.

Rev. H. M. Dyckman, Pastor, and Elders Tinker, Beecher, Swinehart and Gordon, were present; absent, Elders Hatfield, and Meigs.

Letter of dismissal was granted to Sumner Eriek to the Market Square Presbyterian Church of Harrisburg.

Mrs. Ery's report of the Pottstown Home Mission work was presented and was received with commendation of her faithfulness.

It was resolved that the Home & Foreign societies, and the Mission Boards of our Church be requested to co-operate in making the monthly evening concert exercises more interesting.



The following was adopted as  
the order of business for our  
sessional meetings:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Prayer
- 2<sup>d</sup> Reading minutes
- 3<sup>d</sup> Roll call, noting of  
absentees, and hearing excuses.
- 4<sup>th</sup> Hearing requests for  
letters of dismissal
- 5<sup>th</sup> Applications for mem-  
bership.
- 6<sup>th</sup> Reports
- 7<sup>th</sup> New business
- 8<sup>th</sup> Unfinished do
- 9<sup>th</sup> Discussion on the state  
of Religion and kindred topics.
- 10<sup>th</sup> Closing Prayer.

The meeting was adjourned  
with prayer.

Wm. J. Gordon,  
clerk of session



Pottstown Pa  
Oct 10, '90

A special meeting of Session  
was held in the Pastor's study  
this evening. Prayer was  
offered in opening.

Rev H. M. Dyckman Pastor, and  
Elders Swinchart, Finster, Nat-  
field and Gordon were pres-  
ent; absent Elders Meigs,  
and Beecher.

Miss Lizzie M. Bryan presented  
herself for membership  
and on motion was received.

On motion it was agreed  
that our Church petition the  
Columbian Exhibition au-  
thorities to close their gates  
during the Sabbath Days.

Adjourned with prayer.  
J. M. Gordon  
Clerk of Session

Rev H. M. Dyckman  
Mod.



Pottstown, Pa  
Nov. 7, '90.

The regular monthly meeting of Session was held this evening in the Pastor's study, and was opened with prayer.

Rev. H. M. Dyckman, Pastor, and Elders Beecher, Meigs, Swinehart, Hatfield, and Gordon were present; absent Elder Trinker.

Reports of Visiting Committees were made by Elder Hatfield, and also by the Pastor.

It was resolved that our Pastor be instructed to confer with the societies of our Church, with reference to their aid in the work of contributing to the interest of our monthly concert meetings.

On motion it was agreed that the following change be made in the order of our Church collections for the Church Boards,



to wit: That the collection for "Sustentation", be taken up on the first Sabbath in December next, in place of, for "Freedmen"; and that the collection for "Freedmen" be taken up the first Sabbath in March.

Mrs Fry's report of the Pottstown Home Mission work, for last month, was received, and commended.

It was resolved that the Home Mission Society of our Church be requested to consider the matter of taking up practical mission work, in the line of domestic training of young people and others of poor homes; and to further consider the use of the Bethany Union Chapel, for such a training school.

The Moderator was, together with the Clerk, appointed a committee to prepare a

letter to be sent to the membership  
with reference to Christian duties  
in connection with Church  
work.

Adjourned with prayer.

Wm. H. Gordon

Clerk of Session

Rev. H. M. Dyckman  
Mod.



Pottstown, Pa  
Decem<sup>r</sup> 5, 1890.

The regular monthly meeting of Session was held this evening in the Pastor's study, and was opened with prayer. Present, Rev. H. M. Dyckman, Pastor, and Elders Meigs, Natfield, Swinehart and Gordon; absentees, Elders Brecher and Finkler, were excused; the former being ill, and the latter being out of town.

The minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

Halter C. Ror, and Mary W. his wife, of Fort Worth, Texas, having applied for letters of dismissal to the Broadway Presby. Ch. of Fort Worth, the same was authorized and granted.

Mrs. Elizabeth M. Setzler was received by letter from the 1<sup>st</sup> Presbyterian Church of Morristown, Pa.



The report of Mrs. Fry concerning the Pottstown Home Missionary work was read,

The report was quite full, and spoke encouragingly of the work during the month of Nov<sup>r</sup> just past. The report was accepted, and thanks voted to Mrs. Fry.

On motion the Pastor was requested to preach a sermon on Sabbath day 1<sup>st</sup> inst, with special reference to the solemnities of the following week of prayer under the ministrations of Rev. Smiley; and that the congregation be particularly invited to attend the meeting for consecration on the 15<sup>th</sup> inst.

Adjourned with prayer  
G. M. Gordon  
Clerk.

Rev. H. M. Dyckman  
Mod<sup>r</sup>



Pottstown, Pa.  
Jan'y. 21. '91.

The monthly meeting of session  
was held this evening in  
the Pastor's study, and  
was opened with prayer.

Rev. H. M. Dyckman, Pastor,  
and Elders, Sumichart, Hatfield  
and Gordon, were present,  
Elders, Beecher, Meigs and  
Finker absent.

The minutes of preceding  
meeting were read and ap-  
proved.

The Home Missionary work  
of Mrs. Fry, was reported,  
and the report ordered to  
be filed, and the work of  
Mrs. Fry was commended.

The appointments for  
the work of prayer were  
as follows;

Monday eve. services - in charge of Elders  
Finker & Hatfield

Tuesday, Rev. H. M. Dyckman and  
Geo. J. Newton. -



Wednesday - Elders, Meigs and Beecher

Thursday - Elders, Swincharl & Gordon.

Friday Preparatory Services

On motion it was resolved  
that the Pastor be authorized to  
frame a letter covering the points  
with reference to visiting the various  
families of our congregation  
and said letter be sent to the  
Wife, and Home and Mission  
societies of our Church.

Adjourned with prayer,  
J. M. Gordon  
Clerk -

Rev. H. M. Dyckman,  
Modr.



Pottstown Pa.  
Jan'y. 9, 1841.

Session met this evening  
in special meeting at the  
Chapel, and was opened  
with prayer.

The Pastor Rev. H. M.  
Dyckman Mod. in the  
Chair, and Elders, Natfield,  
Swinehart, Meigs, Finken and  
Gordon present. Elder Brecher  
absent.

The following persons pre-  
sented themselves for admission  
to membership, and after  
satisfactory examination  
were received, in confession of faith:

Theodore C. Baldwin.

Samuel K. Hunsberger.

John N. Greff

Mrs. Harriett A. Greff (wife of John N.)

Jesse E. Naines

Thamzin J. Naines (wife of Jesse E.)

Charles Rhoads

Clara E. Rhoads, (wife of Chas.)

Miss Helen Siler

The following persons were re-  
ceived by letter from other churches:  
Miss May Cunningham, from the  
Second Pres. Ch. of Philada, Pa.  
and Miss Emily Ashburner  
from Broadway Ave. Presby. Ch.  
of Baltimore, Md.

Adjourned with prayer.  
Horn Gordon  
Clerk.

Rev H. M. Dyckman  
Mod.



Pottstown Pa  
April 3, 1891

The monthly meeting of Session was held this evening in the Pastor's study. Rev. H. M. Dyckman, Moderator in the chair; and Elders, Meigs, Beecher, Hatfield and Gordon present. Elders Swinehart and Tinker absent. The meeting was opened with prayer.

The minutes of previous meetings <sup>not</sup> being at hand, reading of the same was necessarily dispensed with.

Sprrt Casselberry having applied for a letter of dismissal to the Oxford St Church of Philad, the same was duly granted him.

Sprrt Gordon was duly appointed delegate, and D. K. Hatfield, alternate to the meeting of Presbytery Church at Hornistown, Pa. April 21<sup>st</sup>. -

The meeting was adjourned  
with prayer.

J. M. Gordon,  
Clerk

Rev. Mr. Dyckman  
Mod.



Pattstown, Pa.

April 10, 1891.

Special meeting of Session  
was held this evening at  
the Chapel. Rev H. M. Dyckman  
Moderator presiding; and  
Elders Meigs, Surinchar, Tinker,  
Hatfield and Gordon present;  
Elder Beecher, absent.

The meeting was opened  
with prayer.

The following persons  
presented themselves for  
admission to membership,  
and after satisfactory exam-  
ination were received into  
membership on Confession  
of faith:

Peter Willaurs

Mrs. Margt A. Willaurs (wife of Peter)

Miss " C. Willaurs (daughter " )

Miss Mary Effie Sterrett

" Catharine Ashburner

" Julia A. Bihle

" Mary Andora Sisler

Mrs Mary A. Sivarley.

" Annie E. Naries



Miss Mary E. Guff  
Christie A. Guff  
William O. Hunsbarger  
Mrs " " Hunsbarger

The following persons were  
received by letter from  
other churches:

Mrs Geo. P. Bair from the 1<sup>st</sup>  
Methodist Epis. Ch. of Allentown, Pa.  
Miss Sue W. Finnegan from  
the Presbyterian Church of Coates  
ville Pa.

Mr. Holland Merrick  
Mrs. Eliz. Merrick (wife of Holland  
Miss Juliet Merrick daughter " "  
" Charlotte Merrick " " "  
from the Presbyterian Church  
of Upper Lehigh, Pa.

On motion a letter of  
dismissal was granted to  
Earnest H. Abbott, at his request,  
to the Plymouth Congregational  
Church, Brooklyn, N.Y. Adjourned  
with prayer. Henry Gordon  
Ruth M. Dyerman mod. Clerk.



Approved in Presbytery at Norrisham  
April 21. 1891

Louis Logan  
Moderator

Pottstown, Pa.  
June 5<sup>th</sup>, 1891.

The regular monthly meeting of session was held this evening in the Pastor's study. Present Pastor Rev. H.M. Dyckman, and Elders Beecher, Swinehart, Finke and Gordon.

D. A. Pennypacker made request for dismissal to the New York Ave. Pres. Church, <sup>Washington D.C.</sup> and on motion the same was granted.

On motion it was agreed that collections for the benefit of the Sabbath School be taken up as follows:

On the third Sabbath of each month of July, May, Aug and Nov of each year.

It was also agreed that a collection for each one of the Boards of the Church shall be taken up in the



Sabbath School, upon the  
same Sabbath days as said  
collections are taken up  
in church.

Meeting opened and closed  
with prayer.

J. M. Gordon,

Rev. H. M. Dyckman  
Modt

Chk of Session

Pottstown, Pa

July 10. 1891

Session met this evening at the Chapel, and was opened with prayer. Present Pastor, Rev. N.M. Dyckman, and Elders Hatfield, Sumichant, Finke, Beecher, and Gordon.

On motion, Sumner Frick, and Ray M. his wife, having presented their letters of dismissal from the Market sq. Pres. ch. of Harrisburg, Pa. were received into membership, with us; also Mrs. Mary Reed Ellis from the East Fishacoguilas Pres. Church, Readville, Pa.

Adjourned with prayer.

Rev. N.M. Dyckman, J. P. Gordon,  
Modt. Clerk of Session



Pottstown Pa,

July 12. '91

Session met this morning  
at the Chapel, and was opened  
with prayer.

On motion the following  
persons were received into  
membership, by letter.

Mrs. Lily Barr, wife of John Barr  
from Grace Lutheran Church,  
Reading, Pa.; and J. M. Quirkhauf,  
from Christ Reut. Church of  
Welland, Canada.

Saml. D. Ernst, was received on  
confession of faith, having  
passed a satisfactory exami-  
nation.

adjourned with prayer,

J. M. Gordon,

Clk of Session

Rev. H. M. Dyckman  
Mod.



Pottstown Pa

Oct 2<sup>d</sup> 1891.

Session met this evening and was opened with prayer.

Present Pastor Rev. H. M. Dyckman, and Elders. H. G. Tinker, D. K. Hatfield, and Wm. Gordon.

On motion D. K. Hatfield was appointed committee, to have the Prayer Meeting hymn Books repaired, and cost of same, to be handed to the Trustees for payment.

On motion it was agreed that a special collection be taken up the third Sabbath of this month, for the Second Church of Morristown, (at Bridgeport, Pa.) in accordance with request of Presbytery, as per circular letter.

On motion Wm. Gordon was appointed principal, and D. K. Hatfield alternate, delegate to the meeting of Presbytery at Meshanung Falls.



On motion the following  
resolution of thanks was  
adopted, and the Clerk in-  
structed to forward ~~the~~ copy  
of same to Rev. A. J. Kynett.

Resolved that the earnest  
and hearty thanks of the  
session of this Church, be,  
and are hereby tendered to  
the Rev. A. J. Kynett our beloved  
brother of the 1<sup>st</sup> Methodist Epis.  
Church of Pottstown, for his  
esteemed and helpful officia-  
tion at the services of  
our public worship, Sab-  
bath ~~xxxxxxxx~~ evening  
Sept. 27. 1891.

On motion adjourned  
with prayer.

Wm Gordon  
Clerk of session

Rev Hm Dyckman  
Modr.



Pottstown, Pa.  
Nov 16, 1891.

Session met this evening, and was opened with prayer.

Present Pastor Rev. H. M. Dyckman, and Elders, D. K. Hatfield, H. G. Zinker, John Meigs, Isaac Surin-hart, and Henry Brown.

Application for letter of dismissal, was made in behalf of Henry G. Tomblin, Jr., to the 1st Pres. Church of Easton, Pa, and on motion the letter was granted.

D. K. Hatfield reported the Prayer Meeting Hymn books repaired, at a cost of 20¢ per book.

A short discussion of the state of religion was had, and the matter of ar-ranging for special services was taken up, and after some talk thereupon, the sub-ject was continued for fur-ther consideration, at a



future meeting.

On motion adjourned, with  
prayer.

Wm. Gordon  
Clerk of Session

Rev. H. M. Dyckman  
Mod.

Pottstown, Pa.

Nov 29, 1891

Session met this (Sabbath) morning in the Chapel, and was opened with prayer, by Elder Sumner.

Present Pastor, Rev. H. M. Dyckman, and Elders, D. K. Hatfield, W. C. Beecher, Isaac Sumner, John Meigs, and H. G. Tinker.

On motion the Pastor was requested to confer with the Pastors of the other Evangelical Churches of Pottstown, with the view of securing their co-operation in a proposed series of Union, Evangelistic meetings.

On motion John Meigs was appointed delegate, with H. G. Tinker, alternate to meeting of presbytery to be held in Phil. Nov. 30<sup>th</sup>.

adjourned with prayer

H. G. Tinker

Rev. H. M. Dyckman  
Mod.

clerk of session  
pro temp.



Pottstown, Pa.

Dec 13, 1891.

A meeting of Session was held this (Sabbath) morning in the Chapel, and was opened with prayer.

The following resolution was unanimously adopted.

Whereas, this day, the 13<sup>th</sup> of Dec 1891, has been appointed by the Trinity Reformed Church of Pottstown, as the occasion for special ~~services~~ exercises in celebration of the twentieth anniversary of the ministerial services of their Pastor Rev. L. K. Evans, Therefore be it Resolved, that we as a sister church of the same common Faith of our Lord Jesus Christ send Christian greeting to them, and to our beloved Brother in Christ, their Pastor, with all heartiness of congratulation, in view



of the blessing of God which hath  
rested upon them in these con-  
tinued years of unbroken asso-  
ciation as Pastor and people.

That we sincerely rejoice  
with them in the progress  
of their Christian work and  
in the prosperity with which  
the Lord hath crowned their  
years of service in His King-  
dom, and we pray that Grace,  
Mercy and Peace from our  
Lord Jesus Christ may be  
multiplied unto them abund-  
antly in the years yet ap-  
pointed unto them of the  
Lord.

Resolved that a copy of  
these resolutions be sent to  
Rev. L. K. Evans, Pastor of the  
Trinity Reformed Church,

adjourned with prayer.

Wm Gordon

Rev. H. M. Dyckman  
Modr

Clerk of Session



Pottstown, Pa.

Decr 30, 1891.

Session met this evening, and was opened with prayer.

Present Pastor Rev. St. M. Dyckman, and Elders John Meigs, H. G. Finke, and Wm. Gordon.

The New Year's Pastoral letter was presented, and after discussion, with a certain slight modifications it was directed to be issued.

A letter from the Trinity Reformed Church of Pottstown, was read, and on motion the same was ~~authorized~~ to be placed upon record in the minutes of this meeting, as follows:

Pottstown Pa

Decr. 14, 1891.

Mr Wm. Gordon Secy.

Dear Brother in Christ:

"The friendly overture"  
"from the Session of the First"  
"Presbyterian Church of Pottstown, Pa."



"was duly received, and read from"  
"our pulpit at our Sunday Even-"  
"ing services. At a special meet-"  
"ing of the Consistory of Trinity Ref.  
"Church, it was unanimously "  
"resolved, that we express our "  
"heartfelt appreciation of your "  
"kind greetings, - hearty con- "  
"gratulation, and fervent ben- "  
"edictions, and that the same "  
"be spread upon our minutes, "  
"and that Pastor L. K. Evans ack- "  
"nowledge the same to you, "  
"our dear brother in Christ.

"I can assure you that it is "  
"with greatest pleasure that I "  
"do so. Your fraternal greet- "  
"ings, thus repeatedly, are a source "  
"of great joy and comfort to "  
"me as to my people. We cannot "  
"certainly, - (and do it most sincerely) "  
"reciprocate your kind greetings,"  
"and fervent prayers. We remain "

Yours with fraternal regard "  
(signed), L. Kyder Evans Pastor  
Trinity Ref. Ch. Pittsburg, Mo



Pottstown, Pa.  
Jan'y 8. 1892.

Session met this evening  
and was opened with prayer.

On motion a letter of dis-  
missal to Columbia Ave.  
Pres. Ch. Phila. was granted  
to Mrs. Alvin S. Gushee,  
(née Sheetz)

Mrs. Wilhelmina Sunday  
presented her letter of dis-  
missal from the Pres. Ch.  
of Upper Lehigh, Pa, and on  
motion was received into  
membership with us.

Adjourned with prayer,

H. G. Trinker  
Ruth M. Dyckman Clerk of session  
Modr. pro. temp.



Pottstown Pa.  
April 8, 1892

Session met this evening at  
the Chapel, and was opened  
with prayer.

Present, Pastor Rev. H. M. Dyck-  
man, and Elders, John Heigs,  
H. C. Beecher, H. G. Tinker, Isaac  
Sumichrath and Spry M. Gordon.

The following persons pre-  
sented themselves for admission  
to Church membership on con-  
fession of their Faith in the  
Lord Jesus Christ, and after  
passing satisfactory examina-  
tion were received into mem-  
bership with us.

Miss Eva R. Seavers

" Lily E. Gruff

" Elvina J. Wadzfield

" Carrie E. Rook

" Grace Beecher

And Douglass Merrick  
Seeward Leaf.

Evan D. Mintzer

J. P. R. Nunsberger.



George K. Jinkins  
LeRoy S. Leopold  
Edwin Mickusham  
Mrs. Ella M. Boyer (wife of Jones D.)  
Jones D. Boyer  
Warren W. Minzyer  
Charles Himes  
Mrs. Lavinia Overford  
" Maggie Housekeeper  
" Jane Herley,  
" Ella Laro, (wife of Saml Laro)

The following persons were also  
on motion, received by letter.  
Harry M. Huber from the  
Trinity Ref. Ch. Pittstown  
and Mrs. Harry Huber, his wife,  
from Ch. of the Transfiguration  
(Lutheran) Pittstown Pa.

On motion John Shinkhouse  
was taken under the care  
of the session, it not being  
deemed expedient to act other-  
wise on his application for  
membership.

On motion John Meigs



was chosen delegate, and H. G.  
Tinker alternate, to meeting  
of Presbytery at Doylestown Pa  
April 19<sup>th</sup> next,

Adjourned with prayer,

Wm Gordon

Rev H. M. Dyckman  
Mod.

Clerk of Session

Examined thus far and  
Approved in Presbytery at  
Doylestown April 30<sup>th</sup>, 1892.

J. W. Kirk  
Moderator,



Pottstown, Pa.

May 6, 1892

Session met this evening and was opened with prayer.

Present Rev. H.W. Dyckman Pastor, and Elders Isaac Surnickart, D.K. Hatfield, H.G. Tinker, John Meigs, and Wm. M. Gordon.  
Absent W. C. Beecher.

Byron Hunsberger, a member of the Sabbath School was present at this meeting and made a formal expression of his desire to become a student for the ministry.

After a due examination it was resolved that he be taken under the care of the Session, with a view of aiding him in this matter.

Adjourned with prayer.

Wm M Gordon  
Clerk of Session

Rev H W Dyckman  
mod



Pottstown, Pa.

July 8, 1892.

Session met this evening and was opened with prayer. Present, Rev. H. M. Dyckman, Pastor, and Elders John Meigs, Isaac Sunn-  
hart, D. K. Watfield, Wm. C. Beecher, and Wm. M. Gordon. Absent H. G. Tinker.

Mrs. Retta Celesta Sanborn

Mr. Jos. Edgar Sanborn and his wife Mary Agnes Sanborn presented themselves for admission into Church membership by profession of faith; and after examination, were, on motion, duly admitted.

The pastor reported that he had visited Johan Philip Ladner, an old and afflicted man, who is now upon a sick, and probably dying bed. He had had several conversations with Mr. Ladner, and found him anxious



to join himself with the  
people of God. The Pastor's  
examination as to his  
faith in Jesus Christ  
was satisfactory, and in ac-  
cordance therewith, as he  
could appear at the Church,  
he was thus received into  
membership, and on motion  
the action of the Pastor  
was duly confirmed.

The Pastor announced the  
following as the arrangements  
made for supplying the  
pulpit during his vacation:

Last Sabbath in July - Rev. Dr. White  
20 & 3<sup>d</sup> " " Aug. " Mr. Patton

4<sup>th</sup> " " " " " " Speer.

1<sup>st</sup> " " " Sept. " " Janvin

Adjourned with prayer.

Wm. Gordon

Clk. of Session

Rev. H. M. Dyckman

Mod.



Pottstown, Pa.

Oct. 7, 1892.

Session met this evening and was opened with prayer.

Present Rev N. M. Dyckman, Pastor and Elders, W. C. Beecher, H. G. Tinker, D. K. Hatfield and Wm. M. Gordon.  
Absent John Meigs and Isaac Burnhart.

The following persons were admitted to membership on letter from other Churches.

Wm. E. Maris from the 1<sup>st</sup> Pres. ch. of West Chester, Pa.

Mr. Geo. Whitman and Anna his wife from Linfield Reformed Church, Linfield, Pa.

Mrs. Margaret B. Rudy from the 2<sup>d</sup> Pres. Church of Columbus, Ohio.

After due examination Mrs. Barbara Bryan, and Daniel Webster were on motion admitted to membership, on profession of faith.



On motion a letter of dis-  
missal was granted to Mrs.  
John M. Cunningham for  
McDowell Memorial Presb Church,  
Philada.

Adjourned with prayer  
Thos M Gordon  
Clerk of Session

Rev H. M. Dyckman  
Modr.



Pottstown, Pa.,  
Dec 17. '92

Session met and was opened  
with prayer. Present Rev. H. M.  
Dyckman Pastor and Elders  
H. C. Beecher, H. G. Tinker, and  
Wm M. Gordon. Absent John Meigs  
S. K. Hatfield, and Isaac Swinehart.

There being no business to bring  
before the Session, several  
matters of general import-  
ance were informally dis-  
cussed; after which the  
meeting was adjourned  
with prayer.

Wm M. Gordon  
Clerk of Session

Rev H. M. Dyckman  
Mott.



Pottstown Pa

Jan'y. 6, 1893

Session met this evening and was opened with prayer, and the minutes of previous meeting read and approved.

Present Rev. H. M. Dyckman, Pastor and Elders H. G. Tinker, W. C. Beecher, D. K. Hatfield, John Meigs, and Thos. M. Gordon. Absent Isaac Swinehart.

On motion Mrs. Joshua A. Hatfield was received by letter from the Lutheran Church of the Transfiguration, Pottstown Pa.; and Geo. Washington Jameson from 3<sup>d</sup> Pres. Church of Trenton, N. J.

On motion it was resolved that the next regular collection in behalf of "Freedmen", be devoted to Lincoln Institute

On motion it was resolved that a collection be taken up on the 3<sup>d</sup> Sabbath in this month (Jan'y) for Board of Foreign Missions, inasmuch



as the regular collection recently  
taken, was quite small on ac-  
count of the bad weather.

Adjourned with prayer,  
Wm M Gordon  
Clerk of Session

Rev H. M. Dyckman  
Modr.

Pottstown Pa.  
Jan'y. 8. '93

Session met this Sabbath morn-  
ing and was opened with prayer.

Present Rev. H. M. Dyckman  
Pastor, and Elders H. C. Beecher  
D. H. Natfield, H. G. Tinker, John  
Meigs and Wm M Gordon,  
Absent Isaac Swinbank.

Miss Mary C. Kulp presented  
herself for admission to mem-  
bership, on profession of faith,  
and after due examination  
was, on motion received.

Adjourned with prayer.  
Wm M Gordon  
Rev H. M. Dyckman  
Modr. Clerk of Session



Pottstown, Pa.

Feb'y 2<sup>d</sup> 1893.

Session met this evening, and  
was opened with prayer.

Present Rev. H. M. Dyckman, Pastor,  
and Elders, John Meigs, H. G. Jinkins  
W. C. Beecher, and Wm. Gordon.  
Absent D. K. Natfield.

Reference was made to the death  
of Isaac Swinehart one of the  
Elders of this Church, and it  
was resolved that the following  
be spread upon the minutes,  
and that a copy of the resolution  
be forwarded to his family,  
and also that it be published  
in the Presbyterian.

It is with the most sincere  
sorrow we are called on  
to record the death of our brother  
Elder, and member of this  
Session, Isaac Swinehart,  
who after a prolonged and  
painful sickness passed away  
from this life into the  
higher service of the Master.



on the day of Jan'y. 1893.

We unite in glad remembrance  
of his faithful service, his wise  
counsel, and helpful work.

We had early learned to love him  
for his honest, straightforward  
conduct, for his fearless support  
of the right and for that quiet  
but constant exercise of an  
influence so characteristic  
of his upright and Godly life.

We shall miss him in our  
gathering together for counsel.

Resolved that we recommended  
the adoption of the Evangelical  
Hymnal for our Church music,  
and that the matter be brought  
before the congregation for  
consideration on Wednesday  
evening March 8<sup>th</sup> next.

Adjourned with prayer.

Wm. Gordon

Clk. of Session.

Rev. W. M. Dyckman  
MOD.



Pottstown, Pa

April. 5 1893

Session met this evening  
and was opened with prayer.  
Present Rev. H. M. Dyckman, Pas-  
tor and Elders W. C. Beecher, D. K.  
Hatfield, H. G. Tinker and  
Thos. M. Gordon. Absent John  
Meigs.

The following persons  
presented themselves for ad-  
mission to membership on  
profession of faith, and on  
motion, after due examina-  
tion were received:

Geo. W. Wilson  
Catharine D. Wilson (wife of Geo. W.)  
Emmanuel R. Cassel  
Annie M. Harrison  
Sadie J. Harrison  
Geo. D. Natzfield  
and on motion Mrs. A. N.  
Shultz from the Methodist  
E. Church of Canton, Ind.,  
was received by letter.  
Henry C. A. Skirgum and



Thomas M. Brizzolari were  
taken under the care of the  
session for Christian  
instruction and help.

Thomas E. Church

Rebecca Church

Mary Berta Church

were received by letter from  
the Pres. Church of Fairview  
Pa.

W. L. Beecher was on motion  
chosen delegate, and Henry  
G. Tinker alternate, to the  
meeting of Presbytery at  
Germantown, Pa. April 18<sup>th</sup>  
next.

Adjourned —

Wm Gordon  
Clerk of session

Rev W M Dyckman  
Modr



Examined & approved in Presbytery  
Genesee County Second, Apr 18. 1893

Thomas R. Beecher Mod.

Pottstown, Pa.

May 5. 1893.

Session met this evening and  
opened with prayer. Present Rev.  
H.M. Dyckman Pastor, and Elders  
Thos. R. Beecher, G.K. Natfield and  
Thos. M. Gordon; absent John Meigs  
and Henry G. Tinker.

On motion it was resolved that  
the Pastor be authorized to arrange  
for a theological student to occupy  
the pulpit during the coming month  
of August, while the Pastor is absent  
on his vacation.

Hour of prayer meeting was changed  
to 7.45 P.M., commencing next  
week. Adjourned with prayer.

Thos M Gordon  
Chur of Session

Rev. H.M. Dyckman  
Mod.



Pottstown Pa.

July 7<sup>th</sup> 1893.

Meeting of Session was held  
this evening, opened with  
Prayer.

Present. Pastor Rev. H. M. Dyck-  
man, and Elders Thos. Beecher,  
D. K. Hagfield, and Thos. M. Gordon.

The following persons presented  
themselves for admission to mem-  
bership on confession of faith.

Florence M. Brizzolari.

Bertha M. Wilson.

Jennie M. Blackley  
and after examination were  
regularly received.

It having been reported that  
John Barr, member of this Church  
was seen intoxicated on the  
street, a motion was passed in-  
structing the Pastor to write him  
an admonitory letter.

Henry G. Tinker having removed  
his residence to Wheeling, West Va.  
the clerk of the Session was instructed  
to prepare a minute to be placed



on record, concerning his withdrawal  
from the session.

Letter of dismissal was granted  
to Geo. H. Pennypacket.

Adjourned with prayer

Wm M Gordon  
Rev H M Dyckman  
Mott  
Clerk of Session

Pottstown, Pa.

Oct. 6<sup>th</sup> 1893

Sessions met this evening and  
was opened with prayer. Speech  
Pastor Rev. H. M. Dyckman and  
Elders Wm L. Beecher, D. K. Hatfield  
John Briggs and Wm M Gordon.

On motion letters of dismissal  
were granted to Henry G. Tinker,  
Mrs Sophia Tinker, and George  
K. Tinker, to the Irish Presbyterian  
Church of Wheeling, West Va.

The following was presented by the clerk of session,  
in accordance with action of previous meeting, and was  
unanimously adopted:

Whereas Henry G. Tinker, one of the Elders of this church,  
having left Pottstown to take up his residence in Wheeling  
West Va. has thus severed his connection with this



Session, and Church, we desire to record our appreciation of his efficient and faithful services in the Church and Sabbath School here. We wish for him that blessing and prosperity of our Lord and Father in the new associations to which he has gone. Resolved that this minute be entered upon the Sessional records, and a copy forwarded to Mr. Tucker.

Adjourned with prayer. Wm M Gordon  
Clerk of Session  
Pottstown, Pa.

Nov 29. 93

Session met this evening, and was opened with prayer.

Present Pastor Rev. H. M. Dyckman and Elders, D. K. Natfield, Wm. L. Beecher, and Wm M Gordon.

Ephraim B. Rudy presented his letter from the Second Pres. Church, Columbus Ohio, and on motion was received into membership of this Church.

After some conference with regard to the coming work of prayer, with view of subsequent revival services, the meeting was adjourned with prayer.

Wm M Gordon  
Clerk of Session

Rev H. M. Dyckman  
Mod.



Rottstown, Pa.

Jan'y 12. 1894

Session met this evening, and was opened with prayer.

Present Pastor Rev. H. M. Dyckman, and Elders Wm. L. Beecher, John Meigs, D. K. Hatfield, Wm. M. Gordon.

The following persons presented themselves as candidates for membership on Confession of faith:

Lewis H. Davis

Lewis H. Kramer

Miss Leah Kramer

Mrs. Eliz. K. Maris (wife of Wm E. Maris)

" Mary A. Boyd.

J. Howard Missimer

Mrs. Annie J. Missimer

and after due examination were, on motion, received into the Church.

The following persons presented letters of dismissal from other churches, and were on motion duly received into membership of this Church.

Mrs. Anna M. Maris from the West Minister Church, of West Chester, Pa.



Mrs. Maud Brock (wife of A.W. Brock)  
A.W. Brock

from the Foundry M.E. Church,

Washington D.C.  
*Miss May Cunningham was dismissed to Salisbury, Pa.*

Adjourned with prayer.

Thos M Gordon

Clerk of Session

Rev H.M. Dyckman,  
Mod.

Pottstown Pa.

April 10<sup>th</sup> 1894.

Session met this evening, and was  
opened with prayer. Present, Pastor, Rev.  
H.M. Dyckman, and Elders D.K. Hatfield,  
Thos. C. Beecher, John Meigs, Thos M Gordon.

The following persons were duly  
examined, and on motion were  
received into membership, on  
Confession of faith.

Miss Jennie Coferde. (Jane Elizabeth)

Lewis Turner (son of Wm N. & Alice)

Mrs. Alice T. Turner (wife of Wm N.)

Wm N. Turner

David Sherman Guss.



Mrs. Ada Guss. (wife of D. Sherman Guss)  
 Claude M. Scheetz. (Sabbath School scholar)  
 Isaac Evan Church " " "  
 Bertha J. Boyer " " "  
 Elwood H. Boyer " " "  
 Wm. N. Howard " " "  
 John A. Saylor  
 Jos. T. Bradford  
 Tozo Ohno - Japanese -  
 Adam Swanley  
 Frank H. Shaner  
 James H. Housekeeper  
 Saml N. Shantz.  
 Frank B. Harley  
 Wm. J. Ochs.  
 Mrs. Kate S. Swanley (wife of Adam S.)  
 " Margt. J. Dwyer

On motion Gerard Nallet was received by letter from the Reformed Church, of Linden, N.J.

A letter of dismissal was granted to John N. Steete to the Tabernacle Pres. Church, Philada.

Wm. L. Beecher was appointed principal, and John Meigs alternate delegate to meeting of Presbytery at Germantown 17<sup>th</sup> April 1894 -



Danl. Harrison

Mrs. Mary Harrison (wife of Danl.)

Laurence Whitman

Mrs Whitman (wife of Laurence)

Bessie Fry.

were taken under the care and  
instruction of the Session

Adjourned with prayer

Wm M Gordon

Clerk of Session

Rev Wm. Dyckman  
Mod

Approved by Presbytery  
Market Square April 18 1899  
Franklin L. Sheppard  
Moderator



Pottstown, Pa.

July 7, 1894

Session met this evening and  
was opened with prayer.

Present, Pastor Rev. N. M. Dyckman,  
and Elders D. K. Watfield, Wm. C.  
Beecher, and Wm. W. Gordon.

Bessie Fry presented herself  
for admission to membership,  
and after satisfactory examina-  
tion was duly received.

The following persons were ad-  
mitted to membership by letter  
from other churches:

Wm. G. McKinney from the Calvary  
Pres. Ch. of Rutledge, Pa.

Mrs. J. May McKinney from 3<sup>d</sup> St.  
Reformed Ch. of Easton, Pa.

Mrs. Moore from the  
Swiss Presb. Ch. Reading, Pa.

Adjourned with prayer.

Wm. W. Gordon  
Clerk of Session

Rev. N. M. Dyckman  
Mod.



Pottstown, Pa.  
Sept 30, '94

A meeting of Session was held this evening, and opened with prayer. Present Pastor Rev. H. M. Dyckman, and Elders Wm. C. Beecher, John McLeigh, Danl. K. Hatfield and Wm. W. Gordon. On motion Wm. W. Gordon was appointed representative to meeting of Synod to be held at Frankford, Pa 2d & 3d proximo. The following resolution was offered:

Whereas the Sabbath School work, and other religious exercises which have for some time been conducted at the Bethany Chapel (Pottstown) under the care and direction of quite a number of the members of this church, have grown into a <sup>phase of</sup> much importance, and whereas appeals have been made to this church from those interested in the Chapel work, soliciting



this Church to take charge  
of this very important field  
as a mission work. Therefore  
be it resolved that we as a session  
do take charge of the Bethany  
Chapel mission; and resolved  
that the congregation of our  
Church be advised of this  
action, and that it be recom-  
mended that the sum of two  
hundred dollars pro annum  
be raised for the prosecution  
of the work.

This resolution was unani-  
mously adopted.

Adjourned with prayer.

Wm M Gordon  
Clerk of Session

Rev H M Dyckman  
Mod



Pottstown Pa.

Oct 12, '94

Session met with the Moderator  
in the chair.

Mrs. Elizabeth C. Gausman was  
received by letter from the Walnut  
st Presbyterian Church of Philadelphia.

Sarah B. Weiman was  
taken under care of the session.

On motion the clerk was  
instructed to summon Mr & Mrs.  
Thomas Gardner to appear  
before the session, and show  
cause for their neglect of duty  
as members of the Church.

Adjourned after prayer  
by O K Hatfield.

John Meigs  
clerk-pro. tem.



Pottstown, Pa.

Nov<sup>r</sup> 4, 1894. —

Session met this morning and was opened with prayer.

Present Rev. N. M. Dyckman, Pastor and Elders Beecher, Meigs, Hatfield and Gordon.

On motion it was agreed that the last Sunday in this month (Nov<sup>r</sup>) be appointed for the reception of Subscriptions to the help of paying the proportion of the deficit of the Board of Foreign Missions, to be borne by the Presbytery of Philadelphia North. The total debt, being \$258,000.; and the proportion of our Presbytery being \$3000.—

The question of repeating the Lord's Prayer by the congregation in the service on Sabbath morning was taken up; and after considerable conference upon the matter, the following resolution was passed:

Resolved that we deny it —



inexpedient at this time to introduce into the church service, the reciting of the Lord's Prayer by the congregation.

Adjourned with prayer.  
Thos. Gordon  
clerk.

Rev. H. M. Dyckman  
Mod.

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December 16, 1894.

A meeting of session was held this morning, opened with prayer. Present Rev. H. M. Dyckman and Elders Meigs, Beecher and Gordon.

In order to secure a more thorough organization of the work at the Bethany Mission, the Moderator was authorized to appoint Messrs. George Q. Sheppard, Tozo Ohno and Peter Willaums (all members of this church) to serve as a Board of Directors, to direct the affairs and to look after the details of that important adjunct of our



## Church operations.

A committee, consisting of  
Rev. N. M. Dyckman, H. C. Beecher, and  
D. K. Hatfield, was appointed to  
re-arrange matters concerning  
our choir and church music  
for the coming year.

Adjourned with prayer.

Thos M Gordon  
Clerk

Rev. N. M. Dyckman,  
Moderator.



Pottstown, Pa.

Jan'y. 11<sup>th</sup> 1895.

A meeting of Session was held this evening. Present Rev. N. M. Dyckman, Pastor, and Elders Beecher, Hatfield and Gordon. The meeting was opened with prayer.

Daniel H. Gosman, and Sarah Bertha Weiman, presented themselves for membership, on their confession of faith, and after examination, they were, on motion, duly received.

Miss. Mary C. Miller presented her letter from the Free Methodist E. Church of Pottstown, requesting admission to membership with <sup>us</sup>, and on motion she was duly received.

On motion the following persons were taken under the care of the Session:

Mrs. Amanda Chaner (wife of Frank Chaner)

" Mary Neintzen " Henry Neintzen

Lawrence Whitman

Mr " "  
Frank DeWiler



The meeting was closed with  
prayer. Adjourned.  
Wm M Gordon  
Clerk.

Rev N. M. Dyckman  
Mod

March 31<sup>st</sup> 1895.

Session met this morning, and  
was opened with prayer.

Present Rev. N. M. Dyckman, Pastor,  
and Elders Beecher, Meigs, Hatfield,  
and Gordon.

On motion, Wm M Gordon was  
appointed delegate to the meeting  
of Presbytery to convene Tuesday  
16<sup>th</sup> of April in the First Pres-  
byterian Church of Germantown.

The matter of re-arranging the  
work of Bethany Mission was  
presented; but after some confer-  
ence upon the subject, it was  
resolved to postpone further  
action until Wednesday even-  
ing next, 3<sup>d</sup> Proximo.

Adjourned with prayer  
Rev N. M. Dyckman Mod  
Wm M Gordon Clerk.



Pottstown, Pa  
April 3<sup>d</sup> 1895.

A meeting of Session was held this evening. Present Rev. N. M. Dyckman, Pastor, and Elders. Beecher, Hatfield and Gordon.

The following resolution was presented, and adopted:

Whereas at a meeting of this Session held Sept 30. 1894, a resolution was passed, by which the Session assumed the charge of Bethany Mission, located in the seventh ward of Pottstown, with the understanding that Prof. John Meigs would engage to raise one hundred dollars per annum, provided the First Presbyterian Church of Pottstown, would raise two hundred dollars per annum, additional for the support of Mr. Tozo Ohno as preacher at said Mission, and Whereas, on account of some difficulties in the way of a more perfect governance of the Mission it



is deemed advisable by the Session to discontinue our relations therewith, therefore be it Resolved that this Session, now, and hereby dissolves the relation entered into by it with Bethany Chapel, and re-commits the whole matter to the care and responsibility of the Mill School.

The meeting was closed with prayer and duly adjourned.

Wm. M. Gordon  
Clerk.

Rev. N. M. Dyckman,  
Moderator

Approved by Presbytery, at the First  
Church of Germantown, April 17, 1895.

Chas. R. Edman  
Moderator.



Pottstown Pa.

April 19<sup>th</sup> 1895.

Session met this evening at close of prayer meeting and was called to order by Rev H. M. Dyckman, Pastor (and Moderator.) Elders present, Am. C. Beecher, and Wm W. Gordon.

Miss Alice L. Allport, and Frank Detwiler, presented themselves, as applicants for church membership, on profession of their faith, and after satisfactory examination, were duly admitted.

On motion, a leave of absence for the months of July and August, and the first Sabbath of September of this present year be granted to our Pastor.

The meeting was opened and closed with prayer, and duly adjourned.

Wm W. Gordon.  
Chk.

H. M. Dyckman  
Mod.



Pottstown, Pa.

June 14, 1895.

Session met this evening and was called to order by the Pastor, and Moderated Rev. N. W. Dyckman, and opened with prayer. Elders present, with Mr. C. Bucher, and Mr. W. Gordon.

William R. Spain and wife presented certificate of membership from the Methodist Epis. Church of Hamburg, Pa; and Mr. Harvey Owen and his wife from the Presby. Ch. of Riverton N. J.

On motion these persons were duly admitted to membership with this Church.

Duly adjourned with prayer.

Wm W Gordon  
clerk.

N W Dyckman  
Modr



Pottstown, Pa.

Sept<sup>r</sup> 29. 1895.

Session met this morning and was called to order by the Pastor and Moderator, Rev H. M. Dyckman. Elders present, Wm. C. Beecher, D. K. Hatfield, and Wm. M. Gordon.

It was voted that D. K. Hatfield represent this Session as Principal delegate, and Wm. M. Gordon as alternate, at the meeting of Presbytery, at Abingdon, Pa Tuesday and Wednesday next 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>d</sup> prox. -

The meeting was opened and closed with prayer.

Wm. M. Gordon,  
Clerk.

H. M. Dyckman



Pottstown Pa.

Oct<sup>r</sup> 11<sup>th</sup> 1895

Session met this evening and was called to order by the Moderator (and pastor) Rev. N. M. Dyckman. Elders present, D. K. Hatfield, and Wm. Gordon.

The following persons presented certificates of membership from other Churches, and on motion were duly admitted to membership of this Church:

Wm. Wade, from 1<sup>st</sup> Pres. Ch., Wilkes Barre, Pa.  
Harry Barlow } from Linfield Ref.  
Mrs. Lizzie Barlow, wife of Harry } Church, Linfield, Pa.  
James C. Kennedy, fr. 1<sup>st</sup> Congl Ch. Lorain, Ohio  
Ella A. Kennedy, wife of Jas. C. " " Toledo, "

The following persons presented themselves for membership, on profession of their faith, and, after a satisfactory examination were duly admitted:

Mrs. Mary Anna Jaggart,  
Miss Esther Arline Custer,  
Harry N. Saylor,  
Daniel DeKalt.



Cyrus William Rice

The meeting was opened and closed  
with prayer.

Duly adjourned

Wm. Gordon  
Clerk. —

H. Dyckman  
Mod.



Pottstown, Pa.

Jan'y 10<sup>th</sup> 1896

Session met this evening, and was  
opened with prayer. Present Rev.  
N. M. Dyckman Pastor, and Elders  
D. K. Warfield, W. C. Bucher, and  
Wm. Gordon.

The following persons presented themselves for admission to membership on letters from other churches:

Churches.  
Mrs. Eva W. Peacock fr. 3<sup>d</sup> Christian Ch. Phil.  
" Lizzie Shade } from Linfield Reformed Ch.  
Miss. Belle " } Linfield, Pa.

Mahlon C. Daniels, Jr. Luther Cong. Egypt Ch. Lehigh Co. Pa.  
Mrs " " " " Tioga Pres. Ch. Philada.  
and on motion were duly received.

Mrs. Mary E. Heinzen was examined as to her Christian faith and experience, and on motion was admitted to membership on profession of faith.

The following persons were taken under care of the Session for further instruction:

Miss. Sarah S. Snell,



Miss. Mary M. Hartenstine  
" Mary E. Lightcap.  
George A. Lightcap.

The following letter of resignation, was  
received from Prof John Meigs, an  
Elder, and member of the Session, & was  
presented for action:

Dear Mr. Dyckman:

"I beg to tender my resignation"  
"as an Elder of the First Presbyterian"  
"Church, in the hope and prayer"  
"that the Spirit and blessing of our"  
"God will more and more richly abide"  
"in the Church of my Childhood"  
"my youth and my manhood's af-"  
"fection."

Pottstown Pa

Dec 5. 1895

Faithfully yours,  
(sig) John Meigs.

On motion the resignation  
of Prof John Meigs, from the  
Session of the Church was  
accepted, and the Clerk in-  
structed to make suitable reply  
to Mr. Meigs, advising him



of the action of the Session.  
Adjourned with prayer.  
Wm. M. Gordon  
Rust H. Dyckman, Clerk.

Pottstown, Pa  
April 8<sup>th</sup>, 1896.

Session met this evening and was  
opened with prayer. Present, Pastor  
Rev. H. M. Dyckman, and Elders Wm.  
C. Beecher, D. K. Hatfield, and Wm.  
M. Gordon.

On motion Wm. M. Gordon,  
was chosen principal and D. K.  
Hatfield alternate delegate to  
meeting of Presbytery to be  
held at Germantown, 21<sup>st</sup> inst.

On motion it was resolved that  
notice of a general meeting of the  
congregation be given on next  
Sabbath, to be held Wednesday even-  
ing, 29<sup>th</sup> inst, for the election of  
one or more Elders.

Adjourned with prayer.  
Wm. M. Gordon  
Clerk.



Pottstown, Pa.

April 10<sup>th</sup> 1896

A meeting of Session was held this evening, and was opened with Prayers. Present Pastor Rev. H. W. Dyckman, and Elders, H. M. Beecher, D. K. Hatfield, and Thos. McGordon,

The following persons presented letters of dismissal from other Churches, and on motion were duly received into memberships with this Church:

J. Winfield Baughman } from Linfield Ref.  
Mrs. Mayme Baughman } Church, Linfield, Pa.  
Milton R. Cox - from 1<sup>st</sup> Pres. Ch. West Chester, Pa.  
Parke T. Mosteller, - St. Matthew's Ref. West Vincent, Pa.

Narry Kinsey and Holland M. Menick from the Sabbath School, presented themselves for admission to Church membership, on profession of faith, and after a satisfactory examination, were, on motion, received. On motion it was voted to change the time of the July Communion, for this one instance, to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sabbath of June.

Adjourned to meet Monday evening



13<sup>th</sup> inst.

closed with prayer.

Thos M Gordon  
clerk.

H M Dyckman

Moderator

Pottstown, Pa.  
April 20<sup>th</sup> 1896

Session met this evening and was  
opened with prayer. Present, Rev.  
H. M. Dyckman pastor, and Elders  
Amos Beecher, D. K. Nottfield and  
Thos M Gordon.

The following reports to be  
made to Presbytery were pre-  
sented, and on motion were  
approved:

Annual Report on Sabbath  
School Work:

Number of Officers & Teachers 28.

" " Scholars 300.

" " Officers, Teachers & Scholars 328.

School held all the year  
Average attendance 206

Number of Scholars in full  
membership of the Church } 65



Scholars received during past year }  
into full membership. 6

Shorter Catechism is taught  
Week Minister Lesson helps are used.

Books in library 300.

Contributions

To Sabbath School work of Pres. Board \$21.00

" the other Boards of Church 26.00

" other benevolent objects 125.00

" support of the School 136.00

Pastor Rev. H. M. Dyckman

Supt. D. K. Hatfield

Asst. H. C. Beecher

Primary Class Teacher Mrs. H. Leopold

" " " Miss Ida Long

## Annual Church Report

Number of Elders. 3.

" " Deacons. none

" " Communicants 270.

Received on examination 10.

" " certificate 18.

Baptisms — 2 Adults

" — 7 Infants.

Sabbath School membership. 328



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|---------------------|----------|
| Contributions:      |          |
| Nome Missions       | \$ 71.00 |
| Foreign do          | 112.00   |
| Education           | 22.00    |
| Sabbath School Work | 45.00    |
| Church Erection     | 9.00     |
| Relief Fund         | 95.00    |
| Freedmen            | 26.00    |
| Synodical Aid       | 26.00    |
| Aid for Colleges    | 28.00    |
| Congregational      | 3700.00  |

The Church has under its care  
one student for the ministry.

All the minutes of previous  
meetings were approved after  
reading thereof.

Adjourned with  
Prayer.

Am. Dyckman  
Mod.

Thos. W. Gordon  
Clk.

Wakefield Church

April 21<sup>st</sup> 96

approved

Alex. Henry, Mod.



Pottstown Pa.

June 14<sup>th</sup> 1896.

A meeting of Session was held this morning immediately after church service, and was opened with prayer. Present Pastor Rev. N. M. Dyckman, and Elders



Pottstown, Pa.

May 16. '96

In pursuance of a regular notice given from the pulpit 26<sup>th</sup> ult, a Congregational meeting was held this evening, for the purpose of choosing one or more Elders, additional to those now serving.

The meeting was called to order by the Pastor Rev. N. M. Dyckman, and Wm. Gordon clerk of the Session, was chosen Secretary.

The object of the meeting was duly set forth by the Pastor, as Chairman of the meeting.

On motion of George J. Newton, seconded by Isaac J. Dreker, a Committee of four, consisting of Joseph McK Potts, Lewis Cart, Wm. Maris, and Wm. Fraine, was appointed to present nominations to the meeting.

This Committee in due course presented the names of Henry P. Leaf, and



George Q. Sheppard, who were  
elected by ballot to serve as  
Elders of this Church, after  
which the meeting adjourned.

Amos B. Fox.

Secy of Congregational  
Meeting

Note:

On Sabbath morning  
Henry T. Leaf and George Q. Shep-  
pard were ordained and installed  
to the Eldership.



Pottstown, Pa.

June 14. 1896.

A meeting of Session was held this morning after Church Service. Present, Pastor Rev. H.M. Dyckman, and Elders, Henry P. Leaf, George Q. Sheppard, D.K. Natfield, H.C. Beecher, and H.M.W. Gordon. The Moderator called attention to the report of a very recent case tried at the Morristown Court, which was published by the "Daily News" (Pottstown, Pa.) in such gross and shamefull expression, as to deserve the rebuke of the community; and in order that our influence as a Church might have a rightful exercise in behalf of good morals, it was, on motion agreed that the Clerk of Session be authorized, and is hereby directed to prepare, and present to the Editor and Publishers of the "Daily News" a letter of protest against such publications as the



the one referred to.

The following letter was sent  
as authorized and directed:

"Editor of 'Daily News'  
Pottstown, Pa.

Dear Sir:

"At a meeting of the Session"  
"of the First Presbyterian Church of"  
"Pottstown, Pa., held June 14<sup>th</sup> 1896,"  
"the following action was taken."

"In view of the fact that our atten-"  
"tion has been called to a publication"  
"in a recent issue of the 'Daily News'"  
"of this Borough, reporting in shame-"  
"ful fullness, the proceedings of a"  
"certain adultery case, tried"  
"at Morrisstown Court, we feel"  
"called upon, in behalf of the"  
"Church, which we represent, to"  
"kindly remonstrate against"  
"such uncalled for elaboration"  
"in a public newspaper, of such"  
"scandalous proceedings as"  
"occurred in the case referred"  
"to."

"A proper regard for that which"



" pertains to the conserving and up-  
" building of good, clean, moral  
" character in our Community, we  
" hold, should be particular and  
" watchful care of the Public Press  
" and especially of every Publication,  
" which seeks entrance into the  
" homes of our people, as a family  
" newspaper."

" There can be no enemy to the  
" healthful moral culture of our  
" children and young people, more  
" insinuating, despicable, and hurt-  
" ful, than wanton, sensational,  
" and unbridled public print; and  
" as a tracter of evil, it can rend-  
" er work of the most destructive  
" and damnable sort; while on  
" the other hand, a careful and  
" conscientious regard for the  
" moral sense of the people, in  
" the issuance of news and  
" knowledge, fortifies and en-  
" larges the sphere of the public  
" Press, as a promoter of the  
" highest good."



Resolved that the foregoing utter-  
ances of this Church, by its assem-  
bled Session, upon this matter  
be forwarded, in copy, to the  
Editors of the "Daily News" with the  
earnest solicitation that they  
consider it in the same  
spirit of anxious desire for  
the moral welfare of our com-  
munity, and especially as it  
relates to our children and  
young people, as that in  
which we have presented  
it.

Yours truly  
J. M. Gordon,  
Clerk of Session.

The meeting of Session was  
opened and closed with prayer.

J. M. Gordon  
Clerk of Session



Pottstown Pa.

June 26, 1896.

Session met this evening, and was opened with prayer.

Present, Pastor Rev. N. M. Dyckman, and Elders D. K. Natfield, Henry R. Leaf, Geo. Q. Sheppard, Wm. C. Beecher and Wm. M. Gordon.

The following persons were, on motion duly elected to membership in this Church. Mrs. Emma N. White, by letter from the Centennial Pres. Church of San Francisco, Cal.

On profession of faith:  
Mrs. Isabella C. Kinsey,  
Miss. Olivia S. Christman,  
Oscar K. Fink,

Miss. Sarah J. Snell,

" Mary E. Lightcap,  
George A. Lightcap,  
Miss Maggie M. Hartenstine.  
J. Michael Trapp.

By letter, Miss. Mary E. Clark,  
from the German Ref. Church of  
Pottstown, Pa. Adjourned with prayer  
Wm. M. Gordon clerk



Tottstouny Pa.  
Oct. 9<sup>th</sup> 1896.

Session met this evening. Present,  
Pastor Rev. N. M. Dyckman, and Elders,  
D. K. Natfield, Henry P. Leaf, George Q.  
Shippard, <sup>Le Beder</sup> ~~Mr. W. J. Gordon~~, and Mr. W.  
Gordon.

The following persons were on  
motion, duly elected to the mem-  
bership of this Church.

By letter.

|                      |                                                      |
|----------------------|------------------------------------------------------|
| John J. Grotzinger   | } from the<br>Memorial<br>Pres. Church<br>Phila. Pa. |
| Mrs. Mary Grotzinger |                                                      |
| Joseph Grotzinger    |                                                      |

Christian Grotzinger, from the  
Tabernacle Pres. Ch., Phila. Pa.

On profession of faith:

Miss Rosaline Denkhans.

Frederick C. Denkhans

Henry Phillis,

Mrs. Bertha H. Kelley.

On motion Miss Daisy M. Wal-  
ton, was taken under care of the



Session. Opened  
and Adjourned with prayer.  
Wm M Gordon  
Clk of Session.

Pottstown, Pa.

Oct. 25, 1896.

Session met this morning.  
Present. Pastor Rev. H. M. Dickinson,  
and Elders Wm. C. Brecher, D. K.  
Natfield, Henry R. Leaf, and  
Wm M Gordon.

A letter from Mrs. Sara  
N. Riser, (nee Evans) was present-  
ed, asking for letter of dis-  
missal to the Pres. Church  
of Beaver Falls, Pa., which  
request was on motion, duly  
granted. The meeting was  
opened and closed with  
prayer. Adjourned

Wm M Gordon  
Clk of Session



Pottstown, Pa.  
Nov<sup>r</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> 1896.

A meeting of the Teachers of the Sabbath School was held this day to take action on the resignation of D. K. Natfield of the Superintendency of the Sabbath School, occasioned by his proposed removal from Pottstown.

Rev. N. M. Dyckman presided at the meeting. On motion, a committee of Teachers, consisting of Mr. W. M. Gordon, Mrs. Elizabeth Minzger and Howard Leopold was appointed to prepare a testimonial to Mr. Natfield, in view of his long service.

The following paper was presented by the Committee, and was, on motion, duly received and adopted as the expression of the School:

"In accepting the resignation of"  
"Mr. D. K. Natfield, of the Superintendency"  
"of the Sabbath School of the First Presbyterian"  
"Church of Pottstown, Pa., we desire to ex-"  
"press our regret at losing the services"  
"of one, who for about twenty six years has"  
"had uninterrupted charge of our"  
"School, and who, in all this time, has"



" Shown such considerate and pru-  
" dent care for the interests of both  
" Teachers and scholars; and who  
" with faithfulness and devotion,  
" has so unselfishly given his time  
" and efforts to the progress and  
" welfare of this Sabbath School.  
" And now, that in the providence  
" of God, he is called to other fields  
" of business, and Christian work,  
" we wish for him success and  
" prosperity; and pray that Grace,  
" Mercy and Peace from our Lord  
" Jesus Christ, may be multiplied  
" unto him abundantly."

Signed by the Committee. —

Wm Lloyd  
Elizabeth Minter  
Howard Leopold.



Attstoun, Pa.

Jan'y 8. 1897.

A meeting of Session was held this evening. Present, Rev. N. W. Dyckman, Pastor, and Elders Wm. C. Brecher, Geo. Q. Sheppard, H. P. Leaf, and Wm. Gordon.

The following persons presented themselves for acceptance to membership on profession of faith, and after examination, were, on motion, duly received.

Mrs. Martha W. Binder,  
Wm. C. Robert,  
Charles M. Robert.

Mention was made of the earnest and faithful efforts of George Whitman, among his fellow workmen, and others, to bring them to the Lord Jesus Christ; and in appreciation of this work the following resolution was adopted, and the clerk of Session directed to forward a copy of the same to Mr. Whitman:

Resolved that we as a Session of



this Church do heartily appreciate  
the quiet, earnest efforts of Bro. George  
Whitman, to bring others to a knowledge  
of the Gospel; and his active Christian  
work among his associates, which  
has resulted in ~~the~~ adding to our  
Church membership.

Our motion letters of dismission  
were granted to

|                      |                   |
|----------------------|-------------------|
| Daniel K. Watfield,  | { to the Woodland |
| Mrs. D. K. Watfield, |                   |
| Chas. J. Watfield    |                   |

{ Mrs. Church  
Philston,

The meeting was opened and  
closed with prayer.

Adjourned

Wm. Gordon,  
Clerk of Session

Madison



Pottstown Pa.

April 9<sup>th</sup> 1897.

Session met this evening and was opened with prayer. Present W. M. Dyckman, Pastor, and Elders, N. P. Leaf, Geo. Q. Sheppard and J. W. Gordon.

The following persons presented themselves for admission to membership, by letter, and on motion were so received:

Henry L. Susnek } from Emmanuel  
Mrs. Cecilia Susnek } Lutheran Ch., Pottstown.

The following persons on confession of faith, were, after due examination, received into membership.

Mrs. Annie M. Mehlmann.

Miss Annie M. Mehlmann.

John A. Susnek

Wm. H. Nairns

Narry E. Turner

Samuel S. Haring

Albert C. Stelpwine

Katie R. Gruff

Sallie M. Hagler

George Dwyer

} from the  
Sabbath School



Wm B. Fink  
Mrs. Mary R. Fink.  
Harriet M. VanDyne.

The following persons having  
been cited to appear before  
the Session, to answer charges  
of irregularities of Christian  
conduct, and having failed  
to appear, on motion it  
was decided that they be, and  
are hereby suspended from  
Church membership, and from  
participation in the Sacrament  
of the Lord's Supper, pending  
further examination of  
their reported unchristian  
conduct. Franklin Shaner, Saml Shantz, John Swinley.

Thomas Gardiner and his  
wife having for several years  
absented themselves from all  
the services of our Christian  
Church, and having failed  
to appear before the Session  
after citation, were on  
motion expelled from membership.



Mrs. Elizabeth Setzler having been  
cited to appear before the Session  
to make answer concerning cer-  
tain gross unchristian conduct,  
and having failed to appear,  
and the Session being satis-  
fied of the correctness of report,  
on motion she was expelled  
from membership.

On motion Geo. J. Sheppard  
was chosen delegate to meeting  
of Presbytery appointed for  
April 20<sup>th</sup> 1897.

Adjourned with prayer,  
Wm. Gordon  
Secy of Session

Moore  
Approved in Presbytery at Session  
in Chautauque Church Phil<sup>a</sup>.  
April 21 1897.

Jas. A. Smith  
Moderator



Pottstown, Pa.

April 25<sup>th</sup>, 1897.

Session met this Sabbath morning after service, and was opened with prayer. Present Rev. W. M. Dyckman, Pastor, and Elders H. P. Leaf, W. C. Beecher, and Wm. M. Gordon.

It having been rumored that Isaac J. Decker, a member of this Church was seen in supposed intoxication, and this report coming to the knowledge of Mr. Decker, he called upon the Pastor, desiring an investigation of the charges.

Mr. Decker was present at this meeting, and stated that for six years he had been a member of the church, and during that time had not taken anything intoxicating whatsoever. That of late he had been under the care of a physician, on account of severe attacks of vertigo, and that on the particular occasion of his alleged intoxication he was on his way home, and was



suffering the effects of an attack which left him unsteady in his walk. The report of his alleged drunkenness was given out by two or three young men (not members of this church) who witnessed what they supposed to be his intoxication; confessing at the same time their utter astonishment that Mr. Decker (whom they knew well, and whose character they considered above any suspicion on this score) should have been overtaken by such a fault.

On motion it was voted that the investigation be continued, and that Geo. Shenton, Hilton Binder, and N. A. Shenton, who, it was understood had witnessed the alleged condition of Mr. Decker, be requested to be present at the meeting to be held May 1<sup>st</sup> next, and that also Dr. Ritter, Mr. Decker's physician be requested to be present at that meeting.

Mrs. Overford having promised to be present at this meeting of



and having failed to appear, now  
for the second time, it was voted  
that she be suspended from Church  
membership, pending further  
investigation.

Adjourned with Prayer  
Thos. M. Gordon,  
Clerk of Session

Mod<sup>o</sup>

Pottstown, Pa.  
May 1<sup>st</sup> 1897.

Session met this evening and  
was opened with prayer. Present Rev.  
H. M. Dyckman pastor and Elders N. P.  
Leaf and Thos. M. Gordon.

In answer to request George Shun-  
ton was present, and gave his  
Statement as to his impressions  
as to the alleged intoxication  
of Mr. Decker. What he had said  
to others concerning the matter, was  
principally in his own home, to  
his Mother H. A. Shenton & others; but  
it was said without malice, and



rather with regret that should a con-  
dition as Mr. Decker seemed to be in,  
should have overtaken him. It was largely  
<sup>suspected, from appearances,</sup>  
N. S. Threlton did not appear, giving as  
a reason that he had not seen  
Mr. Decker in the reported condition;  
that he had simply been told of it.  
Alton Binder was unable to be  
present. Dr. Ritter could not appear,  
but sent a paper, later, to the  
effect that "there was no alcoholic  
intoxication in the case of Mr.  
Isaac J. Decker".

In view of all that had been pre-  
sented, and with the fullest informa-  
tion that could be elicited from other  
sources, it was unanimously voted  
that the charges of intoxication  
of Mr. Decker were without foundation.

Adjourned with prayer  
Wm. Gordon,  
Clerk of Session.

Moore



Pottstown, Pa.

June 25<sup>th</sup> 1897.

Session was called together this evening and opened with prayer.

Present Rev. N. M. Dyckman, Pastor, and Elders H. P. Leaf, George Q. Sheppard, and Wm. M. Gordon.

The following persons were taken under care of the Session:

Joseph Beekler and his wife Eleanor.

Bessie E. Swenck.

The following were received by letter:

Geo. W. Landis,

Sarah J. Landis, his wife,  
from the 1<sup>st</sup> Presbyterian Church  
of Skelton, Pa.

Adjourned with prayer  
Wm. M. Gordon,  
Clerk of Session.

M. D.

Record of Oct 8, 1897. omitted - See forward



Pottstown, Pa.

Jan'y 7, 1898.

Session met this evening and was opened with prayer. Present Rev. H. M. Dyckman, Pastor, and Elders George J. Sheppard, H. P. Leaf and Wm. M. Gordon.

The following persons were received into membership, on Confession of Faith:

Robt. Campbell,

Bessie E. Surnek,

Monroe A. Hoffman,

Narrison Geisinger

<sup>and</sup> Mary A. Geisinger, his wife  
and the following by letter

Mr. & Mrs. Ed. W. Shading, prop. 175 East 3rd St. Ch. Cleveland, Ohio.  
Annie Klinge, from the Pres.

Church of the Redeemer, New York City.

Samuel Lee Beerbaums from the  
Emmanuel Pres. Ch., Phila.

Sophia A. Klinge was taken under care of the Session.

Adjourned with prayer,  
Wm. M. Gordon

Clerk of Session

M. M.



Pottstown, Pa.

April 8<sup>th</sup> 1898.

Meeting of Session was held this evening and was opened with prayer. Present Rev. N. M. Dyckman, Pastor, and Elders N. P. Heaf, Geo. C. Sheppard, and Joseph Kelso.

The following persons presented themselves for admission to membership by letter from other Churches:

J. Elmer Porter from Trinity Reformed Church, Pottstown, Pa.

Mrs. Ada Porter from the St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church of, Pottstown, Pa.

The following persons were received on confession of Faith:

Mrs. Jennie Cramer,

St. Lewis Cramer (son.)

Miss Annie Willaust,

George Ware.

The following persons were taken under care of the Session:

Katie S. Smith,

Sallie A. Matz and Magie A. Kershner.



The meeting was adjourned with  
Prayer.

Wm M Gordon  
Clerk of Session.

Mod<sup>n</sup>

Pottstown Pa.

April 10, 1898

Session met this evening and was  
opened with Prayer. Present Rev.  
H. M. Dyckman, Pastor and Elders  
H. P. Leaf, George G. Sheppard,  
and Wm. M. Gordon.

On motion it was voted that  
Wm. M. Gordon be appointed as  
delegate to meeting of Presbytery  
Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> inst. Mr. Mrs. J. A. Hatfield were  
dismissed to 1<sup>st</sup> Mrs. Ch. Edgworth, Hopkinton, S. I. N. Y.  
Adjourned with Prayer.

Wm M Gordon  
Clerk of Session.

Mod<sup>n</sup>



— omitted from regular place in  
record. —

Pottstown, Pa.

Oct 8<sup>th</sup> 1897. —

Session met this evening and was opened  
with prayer. Present Rev. W. M. Dyckman,  
Pastor, and N. P. Leaf, and Geo. Q. Sheppard, <sup>Joseph Kelso</sup>  
Elders. Mr. Sheppard was appointed  
clerk pro. tem. Kelso

The following persons were received by letter:  
Charles A. Smith from Bern Evangelical  
Lutheran Church of Bern, Berks Co., Pa.

Mrs. Helen B. Smith from Emmanuel Pro. Ch.  
Phila., Pa.

Joseph Fleming from 1<sup>st</sup> Pres. Ch. Germantown,  
Pa.

Margaret Fleming from Market Square, Pres.  
Ch. Germantown, Pa.

Dr. G. M. Glenney was received on  
Confession of Faith

Adjourned with prayer.

Geo Q. Sheppard  
clerk pro. tem.

Mod<sup>5</sup>



Pottstown Pa.  
June 1<sup>st</sup> 1898.

Session met this evening and was opened with Prayer. Present Rev. N. M. Dyckman Pastor, and Elders Geo. J. Sheppard, H. P. Leaf, and Wm M. Gordon.

The following persons were after due examination, admitted to membership of the Church, on profession of Faith.

Miss Ruth Minzes,

Cyrus V. B. Whitman, 13 yrs old

Claude M. Daniels 14 " "

Ray Scheetz, 14 " "

L. Eastburn Potts, 14 " "

Wm Rudy, 16 " "

Susanna B. Richards

Edna T. Miller

Alberta S. Huber

Mary A. Root

Sophia A. Klinge

Eva Ernst

Joseph Bechler

Mrs. Eleanora Bechler (wife of Joseph)

Geo. M. Bechler (15 years old)

Frank H. Ochs 17 " "

from the  
Sabbath  
School



Zelma L. Kinsey  
 Katie S. Smith  
 Mame A. Kershner  
 Sallie A. Matz  
 Edward W. Warley Jr.

} from the  
 Sabbath School.

The following persons were received  
 into membership, by letter from  
 other churches:

Mrs. Crockett's Kyle - } from New Providence  
 Pres. Church.

Mrs. Frances M. Glenney } St. Paul St. Methodist  
 (wife of Dr. George Glenney) } Church,  
 St. Catharines, Ont.  
 Miss. Martha J. Kerr, 1st Pres. Church Renovo, Pa.

On motion, letters of dismissal  
 were granted to,

Mr. N. Turner  
 Mrs. Alice T. Turner  
 Harry E. Turner  
 Lewis Turner

} to the Westminster  
 Pres. Ch.,  
 Lansingburg,  
 N.Y.

On motion, adjourned with  
 prayer

Wm. J. Gordon  
 Clerk.

M. D. T.



Pottstown, Pa.

June 4<sup>th</sup> 1898.

Session met this evening and was opened with prayer. Present Rev. N. M. Dyckman, Pastor, and Elders H. P. Keaf and H. M. Gordon.

The following persons were received into memberships on profession of faith:

Joseph W. Cook

J. William Binder

Mary F. Hagle

Mahlon Henry Gilbert

Clara V. Gilbert (wife of Mahlon H. G.)

Joseph F. Huber

Mrs. Sarah J. Huber (wife of Jos. F.)

Mrs. Jennie Stackhouse.

The following persons were received by letter

Robert A. Daugherty and Mrs. Lydia Ann Daugherty from the Westside Presbyterian Church, Germantown, Pa. Also Mrs. John P. Reid fr. Overbrook Pres. Ch. Philadelphia.

On motion adjourned with prayer

H. M. Gordon

Modr

clerk



Pottstown, Pa.

July, 3<sup>d</sup> 1898.

Session met this evening and was opened with prayer. Present Rev. H. M. Dyckman Pastor, and Elders Geo. C. Shepard, H. P. Leaf and Wm. M. Gordon.

On motion it was agreed that the Third Sabbath in September be included in the Pastor's vacation.

It was voted that Byron Hunsberger be employed by the Session as a keeper in looking after the interests of the Church one day each week, and prayer meeting every other week for six weeks, and to be paid thirty dollars for the period; to be raised by the Session and funds. It was voted that the church be closed for two Sabbaths in August.

Adjourned with prayer.  
Wm M Gordon  
clerk.

M. M.



Pottstown Pa.

July 10, 1898-

Session met this morning, and was opened with prayer. Present Rev. N. M. Dyckman, Pastor and Elders H. P. Leaf and H. M. Gordon.

The following persons were received into membership on letters from other churches:

George High } from the Moravian  
Elizabeth High } Church, Bethlehem  
Clara K. High. } Pa.

Miss Stella Reed from the Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Pottstown Pa.

On motion it was voted that the clerk of the Session be and is hereby instructed to have the following record transmitted in copy to Miss Bertha Heiman.

At a meeting of the Session held this day, the following action was taken:

It is with great sorrow that the Session has come to the knowledge that Miss Bertha Heiman, a member of this



church has broken her covenant vows,  
being confessedly guilty of the sin  
of unchastity. Her case having been  
brought before the Session has been  
taken under the most <sup>charitable</sup> ~~favourable~~ con-  
sideration in view of her confession  
and avowed penitence. The Session  
desirous of helping her back again  
into the way of righteousness, feels  
called upon to impress upon her  
mind the dreadful nature of her sin,  
and the necessity of a close walk  
and constant communion with  
God, that she may be enabled  
to resist all temptation, and be  
kept from again dishonouring the  
Lord who hath called her by His  
Salvation from all sinful  
ways. And to this end the Session  
deems it proper and important,  
in order that she be fully im-  
pressed with the enormity of her  
sin, and the disgrace brought upon  
the Church of Jesus Christ to en-  
join upon her the following  
requirements: That she be, and



is hereby suspended from participation  
in the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper,  
for such a period of time as will  
satisfy the Session of her sincere sor-  
row, and penitence for her sin; and  
exhibit by her regular and continued  
attendance upon the means of Grace;  
to wit: Public worship in the  
House of God, Prayer Meeting and  
Sabbath School; and by a modest,  
womanly deportment that it is her  
desire to regain her character, and  
live an upright, virtuous Christian  
life, relying upon the help of Jesus  
Christ her Lord & Saviour.

Adjourned with prayer  
Wm. Gordon,  
Clerk. —

M. A. D.



Pottstown, Pa,  
Sept. 11, 1898

Session met this morning and  
was opened with prayer.

Present Rev. H. M. Dyckman, Pastor,  
and Elders Geo. C. Sheppard, Jos.  
Kelso, H. P. Leaf, and Wm. Gordon.

The foregoing minutes were  
read and approved. -

Joseph Kelso was appointed  
principal, and Wm. Gordon, al-  
ternate delegate to meeting  
of Presbytery to be held in Phila  
Sept 13<sup>th</sup> 1898.

Adjourned with prayer.

Wm. Gordon,  
Clerk. -

Mass?



Pottstown, Pa.

Sept<sup>r</sup> 25. 1898.

Session met this a.m. Present  
Pastor Rev. H. M. Dyckman, and Elders  
Joseph Kelen, George O. Sheppard,  
H. P. Leaf, W. C. Beecher, and Wm.  
Gordon.

On motion, a letter of dismissal  
was granted to George Wilson.

The following letter, recommend-  
atory of Byron K. Hunsbry, was  
authorized to be sent to Rev. W.  
Kirk, Chairman of Committee on  
Education, Presby of Phila. North.  
To Rev. J. W. Kirk

Chairman Com. Education  
Station 1, Phil.

Dear Sir: Byron K. Hunsbry, a  
member of this Church, and under  
the care of Presbytery, and student at  
Princeton, is hereby earnestly recom-  
mended to your Committee for  
financial aid, in the prosecution  
of his studies. He has been connect-  
ed with our Sabbath School and  
Church, since early boyhood, and



"gives promise in his disposition"  
and character of an earnest faith-  
ful worker in the ministry."

"Will you kindly give the"  
application your favorable"  
consideration."

"Yours truly"

"By action of Session of"  
"1st Pres Ch. Pottstown."

signed { H M Dyckman Modr.  
J M Gordon clerk.

Session opened and closed with  
prayer.

J M Gordon  
clerk.



Pottstown Pa

Oct. 8<sup>th</sup> 1898

Session met this evening. Present Pastor.  
Rev. N. M. Dyckman, and Elders H. P. Leaf.  
George J. Sheppard, and Wm. Gordon.

The following persons were admitted  
into membership by letter:

Charles G. McCollum and his wife  
Sallie E. McCollum from the Calvary  
Presbyterian Church of York, Pa.

A. C. Shute and his wife Mary E.  
Shute from the 1<sup>st</sup> Methodist E.  
Church, of Cornetville, Pa.

George H. Ehot was admitted to  
membership on confession of  
faith.

Session was opened and closed with  
prayer. Adjourned.

Wm. Gordon

Clerk of Session



Pottstown, Pa.

Jan'y 6. 1899.

Session met this evening after preparatory service, and was opened with prayer.

Present Rev. H. M. Dyckman, Pastor, and Elders Geo. Q. Sheppard, and H. P. Leaf.

Wm M. Gordon, being absent, Geo. Q. Sheppard was appointed Clerk Pro. tem.

Lewis Gorgy presented himself for examination as to his fitness for Church Membership; and after a talk with him upon the subject, he was taken under care of the Session, for further advice and instruction.

Wm M. Gordon from the Session, and Jos. W. K. Potts, and Thomas E. Church from the Board of Deacons, were appointed a Committee to take special charge of collections for the Ministerial Relief.

Adjourned with prayer.

Geo. Q. Sheppard  
Clerk Pro. tem

Mod.



Pottstown Pa.

April 7<sup>th</sup> 1899.

Meeting of Session was held this, Friday evening, after preparatory service.

Present, Rev. H. M. Dyckman Pastor, and Elders Geo. Q. Sheppard, and Wm M. Gordon. The meeting was opened with prayer.

After due examination, the following persons were received into membership on profession of faith:

Mary A. Dougherty

Edith M. March

Fornest M. Hollis

from the Sabbath School.  
The following were received by letter:

Mrs. Leila C. Mylie  
from East Park Pres. Church  
of Philade.

Harry Smith from Olivet  
Pres. Church, Reading, Penna.

Adjourned with prayer.

Wm M. Gordon  
Clerk of Session

Moderator



Pottstown, Pa.

April 9.<sup>th</sup> 1899.

Session met this (Sabbath) morning after service, and was opened with prayer.

Present Rev. H. M. Dyckman Pastor, and Elders, Joseph Kelso, Henry P. Leaf, George Q. Sheppard, and Wm M. Gordon.

All the minutes of previous meetings, since last endorsement of Presbytery, were read and approved.

Expecting shortly to remove from Pottstown, Wm M. Gordon tendered his resignation as Clerk of Session, which was accepted, and George Q. Sheppard, duly elected to fill the vacated position.

Adjourned with prayer.

Wm M. Gordon,

Clerk of Session

M. D.

Approved by Pres. at Gl 4.25.99

Wm F. Lee Moderator.



Pottstown, Pa.

Sunday, May 7, 1899.

Session met this morning after service.

Present Rev. H. M. Dyckman, Pastor, and Elders, Geo. Q. Sheppard and H. P. Leaf.

The Pastor presented the following letter which was approved and ordered to be sent.

The First Presbyterian Church of  
Pottstown  
to the  
Lutheran Church of the Transfiguration  
on the occasion of the tenth anniversary of the pastorate of  
the Rev. O. P. Smith, D. D.

Greeting:

"Grace be unto you<sup>and</sup> peace from  
God the Father and our Lord Jesus  
Christ.

We give thanks unto God and  
the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ  
praying always for you.

The Lord make you to increase  
and abound in love one toward



another, and toward all men,  
even as we do toward you.

To the end that we may  
stablish your hearts unblameable  
in holiness before God, even our Father,  
at the coming of our Lord Jesus  
Christ with all saints.

Now unto Him who is able  
to do exceeding abundantly  
above all that we can ask or  
think according to the power  
which worketh in us. Unto Him  
be glory in the Church by Christ  
Jesus throughout all ages,  
world without end. Amen.

George Q. Sheppard  
Clerk of Union.

Modr.



Pottstown, Pa. Md. May 24, 1899.

In pursuance of a regular notice given from the pulpit Sunday, the 14<sup>th</sup>, a congregational meeting was held this morning after prayer meeting, for the purpose of electing an Elder to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mr. Wm. M. Gordon.

The meeting was called to order by the Pastor, Rev. H. M. Dyckman, and Geo. Q. Sheppard, Clerk of Session, was chosen Secretary.

On motion of E. Kerper, seconded by H. P. Leaf, Joseph M<sup>c</sup>K. Potts was nominated for Elder and was elected by ballot; after which the meeting adjourned.

Geo. Q. Sheppard,

Sec. Cong. Meeting.

Note: On Sunday morning, May 28<sup>th</sup>, Joseph M<sup>c</sup>K. Potts was ordained and installed to the Eldership.

G. Q. S.



Pottstown, Pa. Wed, June 7, 1899.

In pursuance of a regular notice given from the pulpit Sunday, May 28<sup>th</sup>, a congregational meeting was held this evening after prayer meeting, for the purpose of electing a Deacon to fill the vacancy caused by the election of Joseph M<sup>c</sup>K. Potts to the Eldership.

The meeting was called to order by the Pastor, Rev. H. M. Dyckman, and W<sup>m</sup>. E. Maas was chosen Secretary.

On motion of J<sup>rs</sup>. M<sup>c</sup>K. Potts seconded by Lewis Cartey, George Witman was nominated for Deacon and was elected by ballot, after which the meeting adjourned.

W<sup>m</sup>. E. Maas,

Sec. Cong. Meeting.

Note: On Sunday morning, June 11<sup>th</sup>, George Witman was ordained and installed to the Deaconship.

G. Q. S.



Pottstown, Pa. Fri., June 7, 1899.  
Session met this evening after  
preparatory service

Present Rev. W. M. Dyckman, Pastor,  
and Elders H. P. Leaf, Jos. McK. Potts, and  
Geo. Q. Shepard. The meeting was  
opened with prayer.

After due examination the fol-  
lowing persons were received into  
membership on profession of faith;

Frank K. Fink,

Mrs. Eviline Spooner Schultz,

Mrs. M. Esther Sheeler.

The following were received by  
letter;

Mrs. Irene King } from  
Presbyterian Church  
of Hancock, Md.

Mrs. Emily Stauffer } from  
Woodland Pres. Church  
of Philadelphia, Pa.

Lewis Yorgey, who was taken  
under the care of the Session  
on Jan. 6, 1899, again presented  
himself for examination as to his  
fitness for church membership.



After a talk with him, which revealed evidences of a better life, it was agreed that he should still remain under the care of the Session, for further advice and instruction.

It was agreed that the collection on Communion Sunday, July 9<sup>th</sup>, which <sup>collection</sup> usually goes to the poor fund, should be given to the Pottstown Hospital, if the Board of Deacons approve. Owing to improved financial conditions, it was stated, that there were very few calls for help out of the poor fund.

Rev. W. M. Dyckman, Pastor, stated that he would take his vacation during the month of August <sup>and</sup>, if there were no objections, he would furnish supplies for the pulpit one or two of the Sundays in Sept.

After consultation it was voted that the Church be closed two Sundays in August, preferably the first <sup>and</sup> third Sundays <sup>and</sup> that Dr. Dripps of Philadelphia, <sup>and</sup>



Christian Grotzinger, a member of our Church and a student in Union Theological Seminary, N.Y. he engaged as supplies for the remaining two Sundays of Aug. It was further voted that Byron K. Hunsberger, a member of our Church and a student for the ministry in Princeton College, be engaged to lead the prayer meetings during August.

Adjourned with prayer.  
Geo. Q. Sheppard,  
Clerk of Session.

Mod<sup>r</sup>. Pottstown, Pa.  
Sunday, June 9, 1899

Session met this morning and was opened with prayer. Present, Rev. S. M. Dyckman, Pastor, <sup>and</sup> Elders Wm. C. Becker, Jrs. Keler, H. P. Lenz, Jrs. M. K. Potts, Geo. Q. Sheppard.

After due examination Anna Estelle Rice was received into membership on profession of faith <sup>and</sup> Session adjourned with prayer.  
Geo. Q. Sheppard,  
mod<sup>r</sup>. Clerk of Session.



Pottstown, Pa, Sept. 20, 1899.  
Session met this, Wed. evening after  
prayer meeting and was opened with  
prayer.

Present Rev. H. M. Dyckman,  
Pastor and Elders H. P. Leaf, Jrs. M<sup>c</sup>K.  
Potts, Geo. Q. Sheppard.

A resolution was passed endorsing  
the application of Byron K. Huns-  
berger for aid from the Pres. Board  
of Education.

After a discussion as to how  
to awaken and deepen the spirit-  
ual life of the church during  
the closing months of this year,  
the meeting was closed with prayer.

Geo. Q. Sheppard,  
Clerk of Session.

Mod<sup>r</sup>.

Pottstown, Pa.,  
Friday, Oct. 6, 1899.

Session met after preparatory service  
and was opened with prayer.

Present Rev. H. M. Dyckman,  
Pastor, and Elders H. P. Leaf, Jrs. M<sup>c</sup>K.  
Potts, and Geo. Q. Sheppard.

On motion certificates of dismis-



sion were granted to Mr. and Mrs. Wm.  
M. Gordon and to Mr. and Mrs. John P.  
Reid.

Adjourned with prayer  
Geo. Q. Sheppard  
Clerk of Session.

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Pottstown, Pa.

Sunday, Dec. 17, 1899.

Session met after church this  
morning and was opened with prayer.

Present Rev. H. M. Dyckman,  
Pastor, and Elders, Jos. Keler, H. P. Leaf,  
Jos. McPotts, Geo. Q. Sheppard.

The necessity of revision of the  
roll of church members was pre-  
sented by the Pastor and it was  
agreed to meet on Sun., Dec. 24 for  
this purpose.

Because our church would hold a  
Christmas entertainment for the Sunday  
school one Sunday afternoon, Dec. 24,  
and other churches would hold similar  
entertainments on the same Sunday  
evening, it was ordered on motion  
that our usual evening service



be omitted on that day.

On motion certificates of dis-  
mission were granted to Mr Henry  
Phillis and his wife Rosalie, nee Dult-  
haus, also to Mr. Saml L. Beurbauer.

Adjourned with prayer.

Geo. Q. Sheppard,  
Clerk of Session.

Mod<sup>3</sup>.

Pottstown, Pa.

Sunday, Dec. 24, 1899.

Session met after morning  
service.

Present Rev. H. M. Dyckman,  
Pastor, and Elders, W. P. Leaf, Jos. McK.  
Potts, and Geo. Q. Sheppard.

The object of the meeting was  
to revise the Church roll. After  
discussion in each case it was  
ordered upon a motion that a  
letter be sent to the following,

Jones D. Boyer,  
Mrs. Jones D. Boyer, (Ella M.)  
Edwood W. Boyer,  
Mrs. Barbara Boyer,  
Miss Lizzie Boyer.



Mrs. Margaret J. Dwyer,  
Jas W. Housekeeper,  
Mrs. Jas W. Housekeeper, (Maggie)  
W<sup>m</sup>. F. Ochs,  
Frank H. Ochs,

the letter to  
read as follows,

By order of the  
Session of the First Presbyterian  
Church you are required to ap-  
pear before them at the Church  
on Sunday, January 7<sup>th</sup>, 1900,  
at 11.45 A.M., to show reason  
why you should not be drop-  
ped from the roll for non-  
attendance.

Upon a motion it was  
ordered that a letter be sent  
to the following,

Parke V. Mosteller,  
Oscar V. Rice,  
Miss Minnie L. Savidge  
Miss Mary Sisler,

acting  
them to state their desire as to  
the disposition to be made of  
their church membership, and urging



them to request their certificate of dismission to some church with which they can be actively associated. Of the four all, except Miss Saridge, have left our town.

Upon a motion it was ordered that the following be dropped from the roll on the ground of nonattendance and disappearance,

Miss Maggie M. Hartenstine,

Miss Florence A. Hoffman,

Mrs. Jennie S. Tackhouse, [She was examined and accepted by the Session, but never came for the public reception into the Church]

Mrs. Kate S. Swarley,

Mrs. Mary A. Swarley.

Upon a motion it was ordered that Mr. Dyckman see the following nonattendants to urge upon them their duty and to ascertain their desire as to their membership.

Frank B. Harley,

Lewis E. Lauby,

Mrs. Lewis E. Lauby, (Carrie)

Mrs. Geo. W. Wilson, (Catherine)

Miss Bertha M. Wilson.



For the same purpose Wm.  
Sheppard was requested to see  
Robert A. Dougherty.

Upon a motion it was de-  
cided that with the cooperation and  
approval of the Board of Trustees  
there be printed together the annual  
report of the Treasurer, the  
annual pastoral letter, and the  
revised roll of the church, for  
distribution at the congregational  
meeting, Tues. evening, Jan. 9, 1900.

On motion the Church  
was pledged for \$5, and as much  
more as possible, to Synodical  
Missions and Sustentation for the  
year, ending Sept. 30, 1900.

Adjourned with prayer.

Geo. Q. Sheppard,  
Clerk.

mod<sup>r</sup>.



Pottstown, Pa.

Sunday, Jan. 7, 1900.

Session met after morning service and was opened with prayer.

Present Rev. H. M. Dyckman,  
Pastor <sup>and</sup> Elders, J. Keler, H. P. Lief,  
Geo. Q. Shepard.

Of the ten, who were cited to appear, (see minutes of '24/99) the following were present.

Mrs. Barbara Bryan,

Miss Lizzie Bryan,

W<sup>m</sup>. F. Ochs,

Frank H. Ochs,

<sup>and</sup> Mrs. Margaret J. Dwyer was represented by her son, Geo. Dwyer. All explained their nonattendance, expressed their desire to be retained on the church roll and to live a more active Christian life in the future. Before they withdrew prayer was offered.

On motion the following, who did not respond to the summons, were dropped from the roll,

Jones D. Boyer,



Mrs. Jones D. Boyer, (Ella M.)

Elwood W. Boyer,

Jas. W. Strusekuper,

Mrs. Jas. W. Strusekuper. (Maggie.)

Mr. Dyckman and Mr. Shepard reported in regard to the six members, whom they were directed to see, (see minutes of 12/24/99) and they were retained on the roll.

The clerk reported having received answers from

Miss Minnie L. Savige and

Miss Mary Sisler, expressing a desire to be retained.

Park V. Mosteller and

Oscar V. Rice had not been heard from.

Adjourned with prayer.

Geo. Q. Sheppard,  
clerk.

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Pottstown, Pa.

Friday, Jan. 12, 1900.

Session met this evening after preparatory service <sup>and</sup> was opened with prayer.

Present Rev. H. M. Dyckman, Pastor, <sup>and</sup> Elders Jos. Keler, S. P. Leaf, <sup>and</sup> Geo. Q. Sheppard.

After due examination Miss Annie Reiff Cassel was received into full membership on confession of faith.

Wm. Howard Engle

Mrs. Wm. Howard Engle (Mary Alice) were received by letter from the Immanuel Lutheran Church of Pottstown, Pa.

On motion it was ordered to reconsider the action taken Dec. 24, 1899 to drop from the roll Mrs. Mary A. Swartzley, <sup>and</sup> to retain her as a member.

On motion Bertha Krizan was dropped from the roll. She was suspended July 10, 1898 for the sin of unchastity, (see minutes



of July 10, 1898), and had given  
no evidence of a true realization  
of the enormity of her sin  
or of a true repentance.

Adjourned with prayer.

Geo. Q. Sheppard,  
Clerk.

**Examined and Approved,**

Moder.

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**Moderator.**







Harney, Barlow - Oct 11, 1895

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Anne R. Cassal - Jan 12, 1900











