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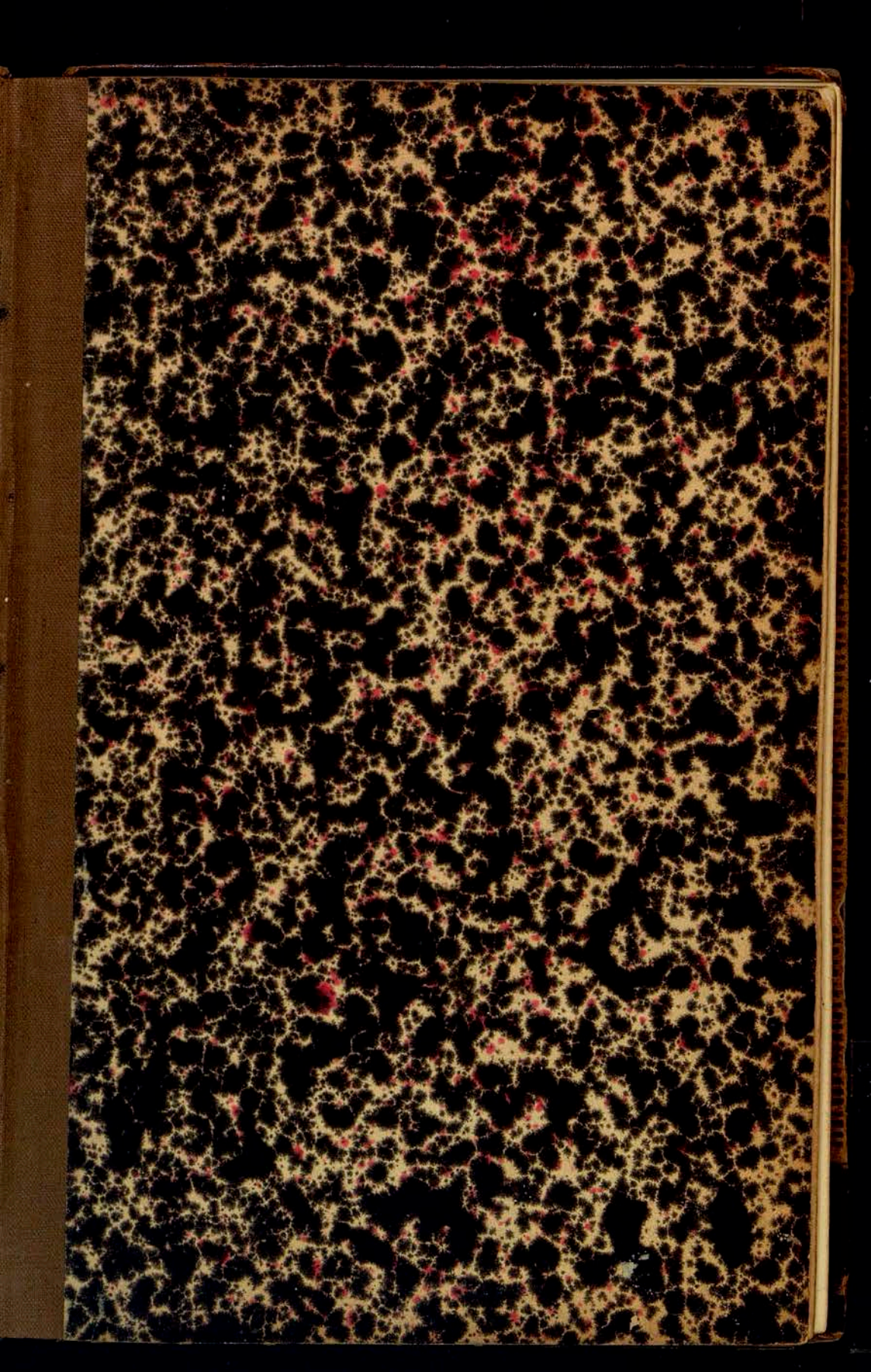
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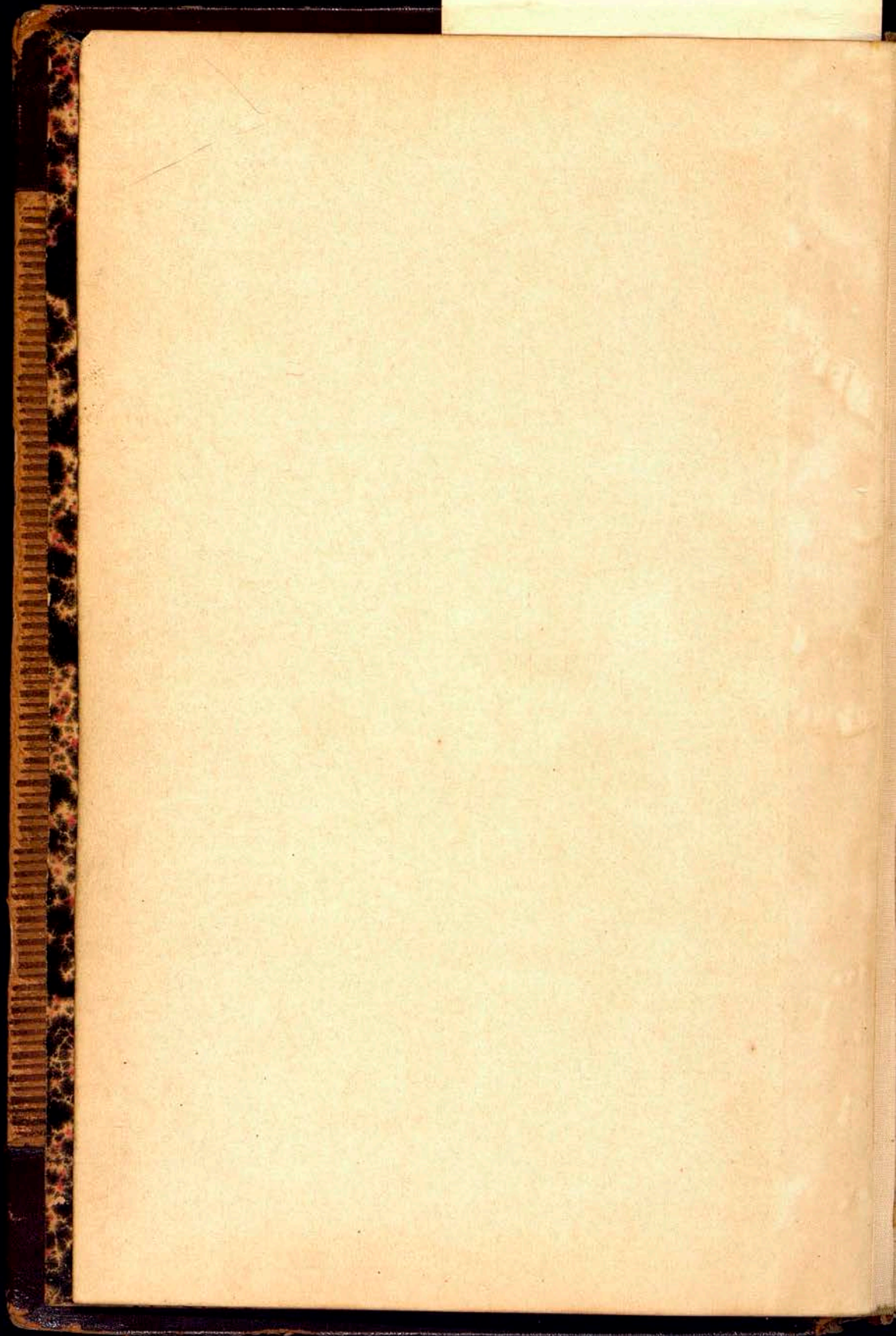
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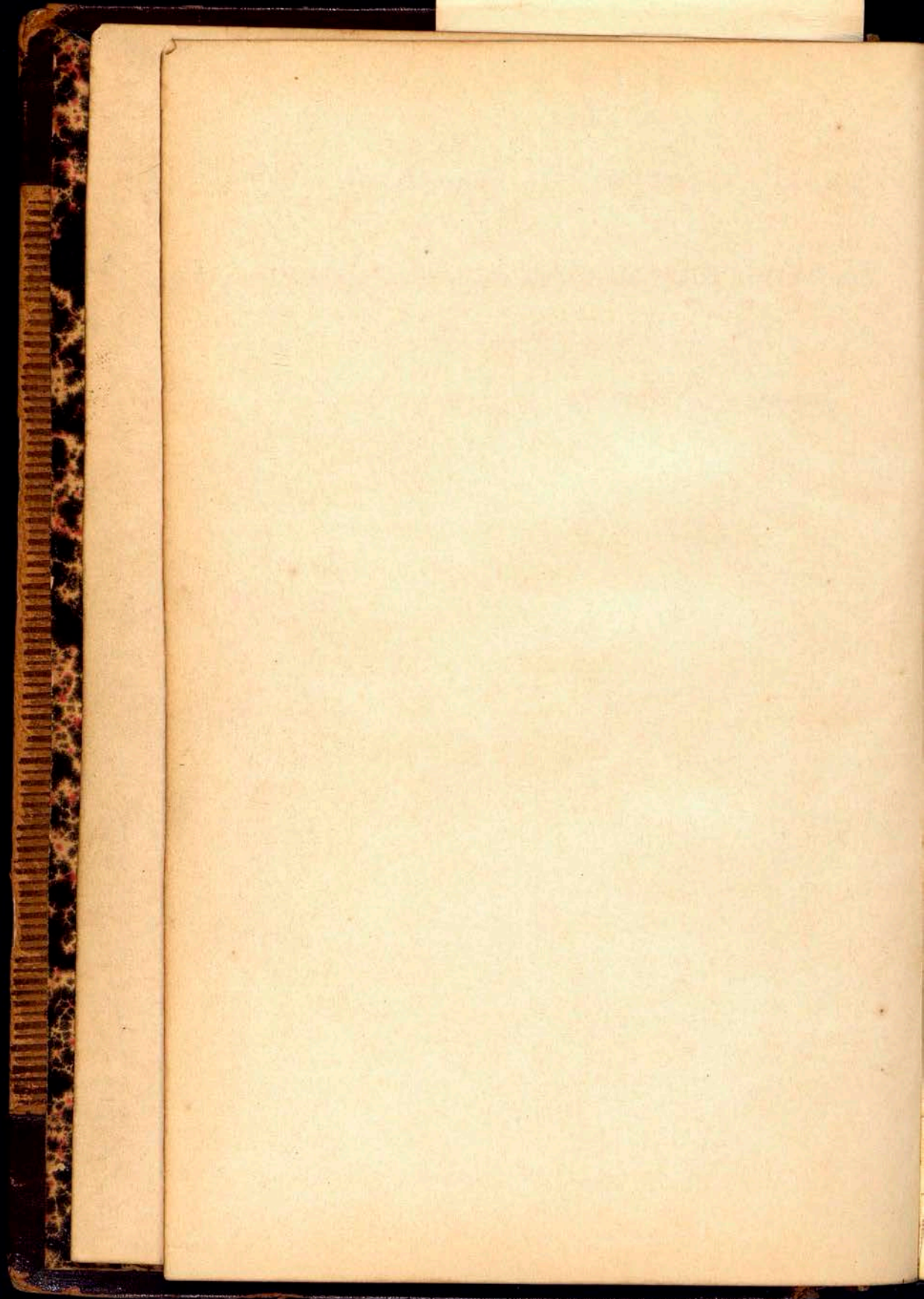
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1900-1910



Pottstown, Pa.

Sunday, Jan. 21, 1900.

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

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

On motion a certificate of dismission was granted to Mrs. Roe D. Thompson to the Pres. Church of Johnstown, Pa.

Adjourned with prayer.

Geo. Q. Sheppard,
Clerk.

Mod^l.

Pottstown, Pa.

Sunday, March 11, 1900.

Session met this morning after service.

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

all the minutes of meetings since the last approval by Pres.

lytens were read and approved.
On motion Elder W. P. Leaf
was appointed to attend the
meeting of Presbytery in Phila-
delphia on March 13th.

Adjourned with prayer.
Geo. Q. Sheppard,
clerk.

Mod⁷.

Pottstown, Pa.

Sunday, March 25, 1900.

Session met this morning
after service.

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

On motion a letter of dis-
mission was granted to Mrs.
Margaret Custer addressed to
the Church of the Transfig-
uration of Pottstown, Pa.

Adjourned with prayer.
George Q. Sheppard,
clerk.

Mod⁷.

Pottstown, Pa.

Friday, April 6th, 1900.

Session met this evening after preparatory service.

Present Rev. H. M. Dyckman, Pastor,
and Elders, Jrs. also, H. P. Leaf, Jrs.
M. K. Potts, and George Q. Sheppard.

After due examination the following
were received into full membership
on confession of faith,

Miss Olivia Anderson,

Mrs. A. C. Gay,

Miss Rosa Robert,

Alvin Church.

The following on motion were
received by letter.

A. B. Heller,

Mrs. A. B. Heller, (Sarah C.)

From Levering Pres. Church of Roxborough, Pa.

Alexander H. Holcombe,

From First Pres. Church of Lambertville, N. J.

Mrs. Alexander H. Holcombe, (Margaret R.)

From Memorial Baptist Church of Phila., Pa.

Adjourned with prayer.

Geo. Q. Sheppard,
Clerk.

mod^d.

Pottstown, Pa.

Friday, April 13, 1900.

Session met this evening after prayer meeting and was opened with prayer.

Present Rev. H. M. Dyckman, Pastor, and Elders H. P. Leaf, Jr., Mc K. Fotts, and Geo. Q. Sheppard.

After due examination George W. Witner was received into full membership on confession of faith.

Upon motion Christian Groetinger was received by letter from the First Union Pres. Church of New York City.

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

Mod^{er}.

Pottstown, Pa.

Sunday, April 15, 1900.

Session met before morning service and was opened with prayer.

Present Rev. H. M. Dyckman,

Pastor, ^{and} Elders, W. P. Leaf, Jrs. McK. Potts, and Geo. Q. Sheppard.

After due examination Edward P. Taney was received into full membership on confession of faith.

Upon motion Oscar W. Jones was received by letter from the Pres. Church. of Arondale, Pa.

Adjourned with prayer,
Geo. Q. Sheppard
clerk.

Mod^r.

The following report for the year from Apr. 15, 1899 to Apr. 15, 1900 was sent to Stated Clerk of Presbytery on Apr. 19, 1900.

Officers, { Elders,	5
Deacons,	6
Communi- { Added on examination,	12
cants, { " " certificate,	9
{ Dismissed ^{and} dropped,	19
{ Net total of communicants,	307
Baptisms, { Adults,	2
{ Infants,	6
Sabbath School membership,	284

Funds Contributed.	Home missions,	\$ 125.32
	Foreign " "	131.85
	Education,	8.84
	Sabbath School work,	51.01
	Church erection,	8.67
	Relief fund,	12.22
	Freedmen,	12.30
	Synodical aid,	12.10
	Aid for colleges,	7.78
	General Assembly,	20.44
	Congregational,	2704.89
	India famine, (Miscellaneous)	30.

The church has under its care
two students for the ministry.

George Q. Sheppard,
Clerk.

Mod^{rs}.

Pottstown, Pa.,

Wednesday, Apr. 18, 1900.

Session met after prayer meeting.

Present Rev. H. M. Dyckman,
Pastor, and Elders, Jrs. M. K. Potts and
H. P. Leaf.

On motion it was agreed
that the Session endorse the

petition to our national Senate
and House of Representatives in
favor of the Bowersock Bill and
authorize our Pastor, Rev. H. M.
Dyckman, to sign the same
in the name of the First Pres.
Church of Pottstown, Pa.

Adjourned with prayer.

H. P. Leaf,
clerk pro tem
Geo. Q. Sheppard,
clerk.

Mod⁷.

Pottstown, Pa.,

Sunday, April 29, 1900.

Session met this morning after
service

Present Rev. H. M. Dyckman, Pastor,
and Elders, Jno. McK. Totts and H. P. Leaf.

The minutes of all meetings of
Session from March 25th, 1900 to date
were read and on motion approved.

Adjourned with prayer.

H. P. Leaf, clerk pro tem.
G. Q. Sheppard, clerk.

mod⁷.

Examined and Approved,
in Presbytery of Wyncote
May 1 1900 W. H. Preston,
Moderator

Pottstown, Pa.

Sunday, June 24, 1900

Session met before morning service and was opened with prayer.

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

After due examination Lincoln Ellsworth and Thomas Lord were received into full membership on confession of faith.

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

Mod^{rs}.

Note. After morning service on Sunday, June 24, 1900, Lincoln Ellsworth and Thomas Lord (students about to graduate from The Hill School) were received in the presence of a few friends and the Communion of the Lord's Supper was administered.

Geo. Q. Sheppard,
Clerk.

Pottstown, Pa.,

Sunday, July 1, 1900.

Session met after morning service for conference and took no formal action.

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

George Q. Sheppard,
Clerk.

Mod^{er}.

Pottstown, Pa.,

Friday, July 6, 1900.

Session met this evening at the close of preparatory service.

Present Rev. H. M. Dyckman,
Pastor, and Elder, H. P. Leaf.

The following persons were received into membership on profession of faith.

Ada M. High,
Anna Bachman,
Hannah R. Kulp,
Anna J. Kulp,
Emily B. Shoemaker, Jr.

Note: The following were baptized
July 8, 1900.

Hannah R. Kulp,
Anna J. Kulp,
Comly B. Shoemaker, Jr.

H. P. Leaf,
Clerk pro tem.

Mod^r.

Pottstown, Pa.

Sunday, July 15, 1900.

Session met this morning at
close of service.

Present Rev. H. M. Dickman,
Pastor and Elders, Jrs. M. K. Pitts,
W. C. Beecher, and H. P. Leaf.

On motion of W. C. Beecher it
was agreed to recommend Byron
Hunsberger to the Presbyterian
Board of Education for assistance
in the pursuit of his studies
for the ministry.

Adjourned with prayer.

H. P. Leaf,
Clerk pro tem.

Mod^r.

Pottstown, Pa.

Sunday, Oct. 7, 1900.

Session met this morning after service.

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

On motion of Mr. Sheppard, seconded by Mr. Leaf, the following resolution was adopted,

Resolved that the Session approves of the introduction of the new Presbyterian Hymnal, and appoints Mr. Dyckman a committee to interest the ladies in the sale of the new Hymnal, and to find what can be done to furnish the books to persons who can not purchase; report to be made before final action.

Adjourned with prayer
Geo. Q. Sheppard,
Clerk.

Mod^r.

Pottstown, Pa.

Friday, Oct. 12, 1900.

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

Present Rev. H. M. Dyckman,
Pastor, and Elders, H. P. Leaf, Jrs. M^cK.
Potts, and Geo. Q. Sheppard.

The following persons were on motion received into the church by letter,

Hatfield, Danl. K., and	} from Woodland Pres. Church of Phila., Pa.
Hatfield, Mrs. Margaret, his wife	
Land, Edwin D., and	} from Lansdale Methodist Epis. Church of Lansdale, Pa.
Land, Lillie, his wife	
Leister, Claude W., and	} from Homewood Ave. Pres. Church of Pittsburgh, Pa.
Leister, Eva May, his wife	
Leister, George Woodward, and	} from First Pres. Church of Oakmont, Pa.
Leister, Mary K., his wife	

Adjourned with prayer.

Geo. Q. Sheppard,
Clerk.

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Pottstown, Pa.

Sunday, Oct. 14, 1900.

Session met this morning before service and was opened with prayer.

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

The following persons were received into the church by letter.

Freduci, Franklin, and Freduci, Harriet M. his wife } from First Pres. Church of Lafayette, Ind.

George Q. Sheppard.
Clerk.

Wedrd.

Pottstown, Pa.

Sunday, Nov. 4, 1900.

Session met this morning after service.

Present Rev. H. M. Dyckman, Pastor, and Elders Wm. C. Beecher, Jos. Kelso, H. P. Leaf, Jos. McK. Potts, and Geo. Q. Sheppard.

On motion a letter of dismission was granted to Wm. Leaf and Annie L. Leaf, his wife, to the

Oak Lane Pres. Church of Oak Lane,
Pa.

Adjourned with prayer.

George Q. Sheppard,
Clerk.

Mod^{er}.

Pottstown, Pa.

Sunday, Jan. 6, 1901.

Session met this morning
after service.

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

On motion it was resolved
that the Session recommend to
the church for election as elders,
D. K. Hatfield (formerly an elder
in our church and recently
returned to Pottstown after residing
in Phila. for a few years), Geo.
Leister, and either E. R. Cassel
or M. C. Daniels as Mr. Dyckman
shall decide after conference with
each of the gentlemen.

On motion it was resolved

that Jos. McK. Potts be appointed
to represent the church at
the meeting of Presbytery on
Tuesday, Jan. 8th.

Adjourned with prayer.

Geo. Q. Sheppard,
Clerk.

Modth.

Pottstown, Pa.,

Friday, Jan. 18, 1901.

Session met after preparatory service.

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

The following persons were
received into the church by
letter,

Barr, John and
Barr, Mrs. Lillie, his wife } from St. John's
Zolzer, Mrs. Esther, from Bethany } Reformed Church
née Esther Barlow, Pres. Church of } of Lansdale,
Phila., Pa. } Pa.

Session adjourned to the home of Lloyd Keim on High St. There Benjamin Taylor (an octogenarian, who on account of illness could not come to the church) and Mrs. Lloyd Keim (Sarah D. Keim, ^{Mr. Taylor's daughter}) after due examination were received into full membership on confession of faith. Communion was administered of which Mr. Lloyd Keim and Mrs. Taylor partook with the Session, Mrs. Keim, and Mr. Taylor.

Adjourned ^{with prayer} to meet at the church on Sunday, Jan. 20 before the morning service.

Sunday, Jan. 20, 1901.

After due examination the following were received into full membership on confession of faith.

Fink, Clayton,

Fink, Irene E, his wife.

Adjourned with prayer.

Geo. Q. Sheppard,
Clerk.

At a congregational meeting held on Wednesday evening, Jan. 9, 1901, D. K. Hatfield and George Leister were elected Elders, and Lewis Carty, Jr. and Harry Kinzey were elected Deacons.

On Sunday, Jan. 27 George Leister was ordained and installed and D. K. Hatfield was installed as Elders.

On Sunday, Feb. 3, Harry Kinzey was ordained and installed and Lewis Carty, Jr. was installed as Deacons.

George Q. Sheppard,
Clerk.

Pottstown, Pa.

Friday, Apr. 12, 1901.

Session met this evening after preparatory service.

Present Rev. H. M. Dyckman, Pastor, and Elders, D. K. Hatfield, H. P. Leaf, Jr. M. K. Potts, and Geo. Q. Sheppard.

Upon motion after due examination the following were received

under the care of the Session;

Alice Gruff, 15 years old.

Raymond Engle, 13 " "

Paul Morris, 13 " "

Norman Taylor, 14 " "

After due examination the following were, upon motion, received into full membership on confession of faith;

Jennie S. Church,

Flora M. D. High,

Blanch Lauby,

Lettie J. Maxwell,

Helen Eliz. Mehlman,

Mary Emma Mehlman,

Ann Mintzer,

Mrs. Emma L. Morris,

Gertrude M. Saylor,

Richard B. Cook,

Frank W. Copeland, and

George Copeland, his son,

George M. Longaker,

S. Ray Morris.

The following were received into the church by letter, upon motion;

Sarah Copeland, { From First Meth-
 (wife of Frank W.) { odist Epis. Church
 Florence Wickersham, { of Pottstown, Pa.
 (wife of Edgar) { From Fifth Street
 { Methodist Epis.
 { Church of
 { Pottstown, Pa.

Upon motion Elder D. K. Hatfield was appointed to attend the May meeting of Presbytery.

It was decided to request all the societies of the church to submit their annual reports to the Session for approval.

Adjourned with prayer.
 George Q. Sheppard,
 clerk.

Mod^{re}.

The following report for the year from Apr. 15, 1900 to Apr. 15, 1901 was sent to Stated clerk of Presbytery on Apr. 19, 1901.

Officers, { Elders,	7
{ Deacons,	6

Communicants,	{ Added on examination,	39
	" " certificate,	17
	Dismissed and dropped,	18
	Deceased,	3
	Net total of communicants,	342.
Baptisms,	{ Adults,	8
	{ Infants,	12
Sabbath School membership,		289
Funds contributed,	{ Home missions,	\$ 132.00
	Foreign " "	99.00
	Education,	11.00
	Sabbath School work,	11.00
	Church erection,	10.00
	Relief fund,	17.00
	Freedmen,	16.00
	Synodical aid,	15.00
	Aid for colleges,	9.00
	General Assembly,	18.42
Congregational,		2762.00
Miscellaneous,		119.00

The church has under its care
 one student for the ministry.
 Geo. Q. Sheppard,
 clerk.

Mod^r. W. D. Jackson

Pottstown, Pa.

Sunday, May 5, 1901.

Session met this morning
after service.

Present Rev. H. M. Dyckman,
Pastor, and Elders, Wm. C. Beecher,
D. K. Hatfield, H. P. Leaf, Geo. A.
Leister and Geo. Q. Sheppard.

The minutes recorded in this
book on pages 9 to 21 were read
and on motion approved.

Adjourned with prayer.

Geo. Q. Sheppard,
Clerk.

^{Mrs. J.}
Examined and Approved,

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J. J. [Signature]
Moderator.

Pottstown, Pa.

Sunday, June 23, 1901.

Session met before morning service
Present Rev. H. M. Dyckman, Pastor,
and Elders, H. P. Leaf, Geo. A. Leister,
Jr. M. K. Potts, and Geo. Q. Sheppard.

After due examination the
following students of The Hill
School were received into full
membership on confession of
faith.

John Borden,
Jos. F. Cottrell,
Chas. B. Long,
Edward S. Mills,
Bruce D. Smith.

All the above were about to
graduate from the school, ex-
cept Ed. S. Mills who will
graduate after one year.

It was agreed that the
staff captain of the Salvation
Army from Philadelphia be allowed
to speak in ^{the} church at the
regular morning service on
Sunday, July 7, presenting the

subject of the rescue work
of the Army.

After discussion about
supplies during the pastor's
summer vacation the meeting
adjourned with prayer.

Geo. Q. Sheppard,
clerk.

Mod^{re}.

Note. After morning service
on Sunday, June 23, 1901, the
five students named on page
23 were received in the presence
of a few friends and the
Communion of the Lord's Supper
was administered.

Geo. Q. Sheppard,
clerk.

Pottstown, Pa.,

Friday, July 12, 1901.

Session met this evening
after preparatory service.

Present Rev. H. M. Dyckman,
Pastor and Elders, D. H. Hatfield,

Jos. McK. Potts, and H. P. Leaf.

The clerk, G. Q. Sheppard, being absent, H. P. Leaf acted as clerk on motion of D. K. Hatfield.

Upon motion the following were received into the church by letter,

John W. White { From Hancock St. Meth-
and odist Epis. Church
of Phila., Pa.

Elizabeth White, { From Susquehanna
his wife { Nor. Pres. Church of
Phila., Pa.

Edgar H. Kurtz { From Second Pres.
his wife { Church of Pittsburg,
Pa.

Mr. Dyckman having acquainted the Session of the gross offence against chastity of O. K. Sink, a member of this Church, who had fully confessed his guilt and repentance for the same and expressed a determination to live a new Christian life, the Session decided that, though desiring to encourage him in his good

resolves, it could not do less than express its condemnation of his offence. Therefore on motion of D. K. Hatfield Rev. W. M. Dyckman, Pastor and Geo. Q. Sheppard, clerk, were authorized to prepare a letter of censure to be sent to O. K. Fink.

Adjourned with prayer to meet at the church on Sunday, July 14, before the morning service.

Sunday, July 14, 1901

Upon motion Margaret McIntyre was received into the church by letter from Ballywalley Church, Presbytery of Coleraine, Ireland.

H. P. Leaf,
clerk pro tem.

Mod⁷.

Pottstown, Pa.

Sunday, Oct. 6, 1901.

Session met after morning service and was opened with prayer.

Present Rev. H. M. Dyckman,
Pastor, and Elders, Wm C. Beecher,
D. K. Hatfield, Jrs. Kelso, H. P. Lenz,
Geo. Leister, Jrs. M. K. Potts, and
Geo. Q. Sheppard.

The sewing of the elements at
the communion on Sunday, Oct.
13th was arranged for.

On motion it was resolved
that Mr. Dyckman request a
brief silence after the benediction
at the close of church services.

Adjourned with prayer.

Geo. Q. Sheppard,
Clerk.

Wedrd.

Pottstown, Pa.,

Friday, Oct. 11, 1901

Session met after prepara-
tory service.

Present Rev. H. M. Dyckman,
Pastor, and Elders, D. K. Hatfield,
Jrs. M. K. Potts, and Geo. Q. Sheppard.

It was decided to hold a
regular monthly meeting of

the Session after morning service on the third Sunday of each month.

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

Mod⁷.

Pottstown, Pa.

Sunday, Oct. 20, 1901.

Session met after morning service for the regular monthly meeting.

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

The minutes recorded on pages 23 to 28 were read and approved.

After conference and prayer by each member present, adjourned

Geo. Q. Sheppard.
Clerk.

Mod⁷.

Pottstown, Pa.

Sunday, Nov. 10, 1901.

Session met after morning service.

Present Rev. H. M. Dyckman, Pastor, and Elders, D. K. Hatfield, Geo. Luster, H. P. Leaf, Jrs. M. K. Potts, and Geo. Q. Sheppard.

Upon motion Jrs. Kelsor was appointed delegate to attend the meeting of Presbytery in our church on Tuesday, Nov. 12 with D. K. Hatfield as alternate.

Adjourned with prayer.

Geo. Q. Sheppard,
Clerk.

Nov 12.

Pottstown, Pa.

Sunday, Nov. 17, 1901.

Session met after morning service for the regular monthly meeting.

Present Rev. H. M. Dyckman, Pastor, and Elders, D. K. Hatfield, H. P.

Leaf, Geo. Luster, and Geo. Q. Sheppard.

The minutes of the last two meetings were read and approved.

On motion letters of dismission were granted to Mrs. Mary R. Ellis to First Pres. Church of Reedsville, Pa. and to Mr. and Mrs. Wm. R. Fraim to First Pres. Church of Reading, Pa.

On motion the Pastor was authorized to grant letters of dismission in emergencies where he believes the time too short for the calling of a meeting of Session and it is clear that a letter should be granted.

adjourned with prayer.

Geo. Q. Sheppard.
Clerk.

Mod^{er}.

Pottstown, Pa.

Sunday, Dec. 1, 1901.

Session held after morning service.

Present Rev. H. M. Dyckman, Pastor, and Elders, D. K. Hatfield, J. K. Kelso, J. M. K. Potts, Geo. Leister, and Geo. Q. Sheppard.

On motion after due examination Rudolph Chas. Roether was received into full communion on confession of faith, and it was ordered that he be publicly received on Sunday morning, Dec. 8, that not being a regular communion service.

On motion adjourned.

Geo. Q. Sheppard.
Clerk.

Modⁿ.

Note: Mr. Roether was about to remove his residence to Pittsburg and wished to unite himself with the church before going among strangers.

Pottstown, Pa.

Sunday, Dec. 15, 1901.

Session met after morning service for the regular monthly meeting.

Present Rev. H. M. Dyckman, Pastor, Mrs. Elden, D. K. Hatfield, H. P. Leaf, J. M. K. Potts, Geo. Luster, Mrs. Geo. Q. Sheppard.

A letter was presented by the Pastor and read by the clerk from Mrs. Earline S. Shultz, requesting that she be appointed by the Session official church visitor to work in the homes of the town, making regular reports of her work to the Session. A motion to accept Mrs. Shultz's services was lost. Then a motion was carried directing the Pastor to talk with Mrs. Shultz, express appreciation of her offer, but to urge her to do her work in an unofficial capacity, making however regular reports to the Session.

On motion the Pastor was authorized to arrange for five nights of special services for the week following the week of prayer in Jan., 1902.

The Pastor presented a request from the King's Daughters to have Mrs. Isabella Davis of N. Y. City address a public meeting in the interest of the King's Daughters in our Church Monday evening, Dec. 6, 1902 (the first evening of the "week of prayer").

On motion the Pastor was authorized to decide after consultation as to the nature of the address.

On motion adjourned with prayer to meet after evening service.

Session met again after evening service.

After conference without action adjourned to meet at the Pastor's study Thursday evening, Dec. 19.

Session met in the Pastor's study Thursday evening, Dec. 19, ^{and}

was opened with prayer.

Present Rev. Dr. W. Dyckman,
Pastor, ^{and} Elders D. K. Hatfield,
W. P. Leaf, ^{and} Geo. Q. Sheppard.

The Pastor reported that Mrs. Shultz
had consented to work in an un-
official capacity ^{and} also reported
progress in arranging ^{for speakers} for special
services for Jan. 13 to 17, 1902.

On motion the Pastor was
authorized to procure "welcome
cards" for distribution.

A letter from Rev. Alex. Henry,
Chairman of the committee of
Presbytery ^{Synodical} on sustentation was read
and ordered referred to the Ladies
Home Missions Society with
the request that they favorably
consider the request to contribute
 $\frac{1}{3}$ of their funds to the Board
of Synodical Sustentation.

Annual reports were read ^{and}
on motion approved from the
following organizations of our
church, Board of Deacons, Sunday
school, Ladies Mite Society, Y. P. S.

B. E. Home ^{and} Foreign Missionary Societies.

It was agreed that the regular prayer meeting be omitted on Wed. evening, Dec. 25, in favor of the Sunday school entertainment to be held in the church on that evening.

On motion the evening of Friday, Jan. 3, 1902 was chosen for the annual congregational meeting.

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

Mod^r.

Pottstown, Pa.

Friday, Jan. 10, 1902.

Session met after preparatory service.

Present Rev. H. M. Dyckman,
Pastor and Elders, D. K. Hatfield, Geo.
Leister, H. P. Leaf, Jr., M^cK. Potts, and
Geo. Q. Sheppard.

Upon motion the following were received into the church by letter,

Mrs. Frances Agnew Pine,	} from University Heights Pres. Church of New York City.
Frank W. Pine and	
Mrs. Mabel Durand Pine,	} from Lake Forest Pres. Church of Lake Forest, Ill.
his wife	
Mrs. Isadora Vanfossan,	} from the Hazelwood Pres. Church of Pittsburgh, Pa.
Mellie Ruth Vanfossan,	

A letter from Chas. B. Adamson about holding a special missionary meeting in our church on Feb. 3rd was read and on motion was ordered referred to the Ladies Home Missionary Society with the session's approval.

Adjourned with prayer to meet at 10 A. M. Sunday, Jan. 12.

Sunday, Jan. 12, 1902.
Session met at 10 A. M. for the adjourned meeting and was opened with prayer.

Upon motion the following were received into the church by letter,

Rollo Harris,
Miss Fannie Harris,
Miss Charlotte Harris, } from First Pres.
Church of Falls
Creek, Pa.

On motion adjourned.

Geo. Q. Sheppard,
Clerk.

Modth.

Pottstown, Pa.,

Sunday, Jan. 19, 1902.

Session met after morning
service for the regular monthly
meeting.

Present Rev. H. M. Dyckman, Pastor,
and Elders D. H. Hatfield, Geo. Leister,
and Geo. Q. Sheppard.

Minutes from Nov. 17 were read and
approved.

On motion it was ordered that
the clerk send invitations to the
churches of the town to attend the
home missionary meeting in our
church on Monday ev., Feb. 3, to be
addressed by Dr. Holt of Oregon.

Adjourned with prayer.

Modth.

Geo. Q. Sheppard,
Clerk.

Pottstown, Pa.

Sunday, Feb. 16, 1902.

Session met for the regular monthly meeting after morning service.

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

^{minutes for Jan. 19 were read and approved.}

On motion a letter of dismission to the Church of Christ of Hartford Conn. was granted to Byron K. Hunsberger.

Adjourned with prayer.

Geo. Q. Sheppard.
Clerk.

Mod^r.

Pottstown, Pa.,

Sunday, March 16, 1902.

Session met for the regular monthly meeting after morning service.

Present Rev. H. M. Dyckman, Pastor, and Elders, D. K. Hatfield, H. P. Leaf, Geo. Leister, Jr. and Wm. K. Potts, and Geo. Q. Sheppard.

Minutes of Feb. 16 were read ^{and} approved.

After conference in view of the coming communion and with reference to applicants for admission to the church adjourned with prayer.

Geo. Q. Sheppard,
Clerk.

Mod^{re}.

Pottstown, Pa.,

Friday, April 11, 1902.

Session met after preparatory service.

Present Rev. H. M. Dyckman,
Pastor, and Elders, D. K. Hatfield,
H. P. Leaf, Geo. Leister, Jos. McK.
Potts, and Geo. Q. Sheppard.

After due examination the following were by motion admitted into full communion on confession of faith.

Florence H. Crofode,
Alice Anna Crofode,
Alice A. Guff,

Adelaide F. Harley,
 Ella A. Hartman,
 Dr Octavia L. Krum,
 Gertrude Willauer,
 William C. Brook,
 David D. Kramer,
 Roy D. Fredrick,
 R. Ross Longaker,
 Paul L. Morris,
 Harry L. Swinck,
 Norman F. Taylor.

Upon motion the following
were received by letter,

Mrs. Virginia Huber, from
 Christ Church, Pottstown, Pa.
 Daisy May Kehl, from
 First Pres. Church, Reading, Pa.
 John G. Sample and
 Jessie B. Sample, his wife, from
 First Pres. Church,
 Phoenixville, Pa.

Upon motion the following
 were dropped from the roll for
 long continued ^{after frequent solicitation} non-attendance.
 Mrs. Barbara Bryan,
 Miss Lizzie Bryan,

Irving Geisinger, ^{Ans}
 Mary Geisinger, his wife.
 Adjourned with prayer.
 Geo. Q. Sheppard,
 Clerk.

Modth. Pottstown, Pa.

Sunday, April 13, 1902.

Session met after morning service.

Present Rev. H. M. Dyckman,
 Pastor, ^{Ans} Elders, D. K. Hatfield,
 Jrs. Kelso, H. P. Leaf, Geo. Leister, ^{Ans}
 Geo. Q. Sheppard.

Upon motion it was decided
 that hereafter the expense of
 sending a delegate from Session
 to the meetings of Presbytery
 be paid by the Church.

Upon motion Mr. H. P. Leaf
 was appointed a delegate to the
 May meeting of Presbytery to
 be held in Germantown, Pa.

Closed with prayer.
 Geo. Q. Sheppard,
 Clerk.

Modth.

Pottstown, Pa.

Wednesday, Apr. 16, 1902

Session met after prayer meeting.

Present Rev. S. M. Dickman,
Pastor, ^{and} Elders, D. K. Hatfield ^{and}
George Leister.

The church report as
entered below was read and
on motion approved.

Adjourned with prayer.
George Q. Sheppard,
Clerk.

D. K. Hatfield
Clerk pro tem.

Mod^r.

The following report for
the year from Apr. 15, 1901 to
Apr. 15, 1902 was sent to Stated
Clerk of Presbytery on Apr. 18, 1902.

Officers,	{ Elders,	6
	{ Deacons,	6
Communicants,	{ Added on examination,	20
	" " certificate,	17
	Dismissed ^{and} suspended,	23
	Absentee roll,	10
	Deceased,	2
Net total of com- municants,		335

Baptisms,	{ Adults,	5
	{ Infants,	5
Sabbath School membership,		230
Funds contributed,	{ Home missions,	\$ 337
	{ Foreign " "	153
	{ Education,	13
	{ Sabbath School work,	36
	{ Church erection,	13
	{ Relief fund,	32
	{ Freedmen,	23
	{ Synodical Aid,	18
	{ Aid for colleges,	14
	{ General Assembly,	27
	{ Congregational,	2512
	{ Miscellaneous,	77

Attest.

Geo. Q. Sheppard,
Clerk.

Mod.

Pottstown, Pa.,

Sunday, May 11, 1902.

Session met after morning service.

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

Minutes of March 16 and thereafter were read and approved.

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

Mod^r.

Examined and Approved,

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Moderator.

Examined and Approved,

May 13, 1902.

Moderator.

Pottstown, Pa.

Sunday, May 18, 1902.

Session met for the regular monthly meeting after morning service.

Present Rev. H. M. Dyckman, Pastor, and Elders, H. P. Leaf, Geo. Lister, D. K. Hatfield, and Geo. Q. Sheppard.

On motion it was decided that on and after Sunday, June 1 the hour for Sunday school should be 9.45 A. M. and for church service 11 o'clock A. M. during the entire year.

On motion adjourned with prayer.

Geo. Q. Sheppard,
Clerk.

Mod⁷.

Pottstown, Pa.

Sunday, June 22, 1902.

Session met before morning service and was opened with prayer.

Present Rev. H. M. Dyckman,

Pastor, ^{and} Elders, D. K. Hatfield, Jos. Kelso, H. P. Leaf, Jos. M. K. Potts, ^{and} Geo. Q. Sheppard.

After due examination the following students of The Still School were received into full membership on confession of faith,

Frederick Ackert,
Frederick C. Letts,
Dwight R. Meigs,
Thomas L. Sherlin,
Hugh R. Wilson.

All the above were about to graduate from the school, except Frederick Ackert who graduated in June, 1901.

Adjourned with prayer.

George Q. Sheppard,
Clerk.

Mod^{rs}.

Note. After morning service on Sunday, June 22, 1902 the five students named above were received in the presence of a few friends and the

Communion of the Lord's Supper
was administered.

George Q. Sheppard,
Clerk.

Pottstown, Pa.

Sunday, July 6, 1902.

Session met after morning
service.

Present Rev. H. M. Dyckman,
Pastor, and Elders, D. K. Hatfield, H. P.
Leaf, and George A. Luster.

On motion of D. K. Hatfield, H.
P. Leaf acted as clerk.

On motion of Geo. A. Luster it
was ordered that a copy of the
revised creed be placed in the
hands of each member of the
church.

Our Pastor, Rev. H. M. Dyck-
man having named the month of
August as the period of his
vacation it was agreed upon
motion of D. K. Hatfield, that
the offer of Rev. J. F. ^{Nicholas} Nichols, as
a supply, for August 17th and 24th
be accepted, and that the church

be closed on August 3^d, 10th, and 31st.

Adjourned with prayer.

H. P. Leaf,

clerk pro tem.

Wed^d.

Pottstown, Pa.

Friday, July 11, 1902.

Session met at close of
preparatory service.

Present Rev. H. M. Dyckman,
Pastor, and Elders, L. K. Hatfield,
H. P. Leaf, Geo. A. Leister, and Jrs. M. K.
Portts.

H. P. Leaf acted as clerk.

After due examination Mrs.
Sara Amanda Hetzel was on
motion admitted into full com-
munion on confession of faith.

Adjourned with prayer.

H. P. Leaf,

clerk pro tem.

Wed^d.

Pottstown, Pa.

Sunday, Sept. 28, 1902.

Session met after morning service for the regular monthly meeting one week after the usual time of meeting.

Present Rev. H. M. Dyckman, Pastor, and Elders, D. K. Hatfield, H. P. Leaf, Geo. A. Leicester, and Geo. Q. Sheppard.

On motion privilege was granted the Sunday school to hold its rally-day exercises in the church at the hour of and in the place of the regular morning service on Sunday Oct. 5th.

Adjourned with prayer.
George Q. Sheppard,
Clerk.

Mod^{er}.

Pottstown, Pa.

Friday, Oct. 10, 1902.

Session met after preparatory service.

Present Rev. H. M. Dyckman, Pastor, and Elders, D. K. Hatfield, Geo. Leister, Jos. McK. Potts, and Geo. Q. Sheppard.

After due examination

Mabel Jaggart and

Florence Wickersham

were on motion admitted into full communion on confession of faith and were baptized.

Minutes of meetings from May 18 to Sept. 28 were read and approved.

Because of the change in the hour for the Sunday morning church service it was on motion decided to have the regular monthly session meeting on the third Wednesday evening of the month after prayer meeting.

Adjourned with prayer.

Geo. Q. Sheppard,
Clerk.

Mod.

Pottstown, Pa.

Wednesday, Nov. 19, 1902.

Session met for the regular monthly meeting after prayer meeting.

Present Rev. H. M. Dickman, Pastor and Elders, D. K. Hatfield, Geo. Leister, and Geo. Q. Sheppard.

On motion it was decided that, in case there was no objection by the Board of Trustees, the Church year should end March 31, instead of Dec. 31, and the annual congregational meeting be held on the ^{after first Sunday} evening of the first Wednesday in April, instead of January.

Adjourned with prayer.

George Q. Sheppard,
Clerk

Wed^d.

Pottstown, Pa.

Wednesday, Dec. 31, 1902.

Session met after prayer meeting.

Present Rev. H. M. Dickman, Pastor,

and Elders, D. K. Hatfield, Geo. Leister, Jos. M. K. Potts, and Geo. Q. Sheppard.

Arrangements were made for the week of prayer, elders taking two of the meetings and Mr. Tatlock a third.

A letter from the evangelistic committee of Presbytery in regard to special evangelistic services was read and carefully considered, without action being taken.

Adjourned with prayer.

George Q. Sheppard,
Clerk.

Mod³.

Pottstown, Pa.

Friday, Jan. 9, 1903.

Session met after preparatory service

Present Rev. H. M. Dyckman, Pastor, and Elders, D. K. Hatfield, H. P. Leaf, Geo. Leister, and Geo. Q. Sheppard.

Upon motion the following were received into the church by letter,

Helen W. Dyckman, } Trinity Church of
 St. Isabel Dyckman, } East Orange, N. J.
 Mrs. Maud Sellers, } Second Pres. Church of
 Port Royal, Pa.

John D. Warnock, } First Pres. Church of
 New Haven Conn.

Mrs. John D. Warnock, } Second Pres. Church of
 his wife, } Bloomington, Ill.

Mrs. Helen W. Tatlock, } Pres. Church of
 Mrs. Helen C. Woodruff, } Saranac Lake, N. Y.

On motion Elder D. K. Hatfield
 was elected treasurer of Session.

After further discussion of the
 letter from the evangelistic com-
 mittee of Presbytery it was agreed
 to take no action for at least a
 month.

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

Mod⁴.

Pottstown, Pa.,

Wednesday, Jan. 21, 1903.

Session met for the regular monthly meeting after prayer meeting.

Present Rev. H. M. Dyckman, Pastor and Elders, D. K. Hatfield, H. P. Leaf, Geo. Leister, and Geo. Q. Sheppard.

Minutes on pages 50 to 53 were read and approved.

After consultation without any action adjourned with prayer.

George Q. Sheppard,
Clerk.

Mod^r.

Pottstown, Pa.,

Wednesday, Feb. 18, 1903.

Session met after prayer meeting for the regular monthly meeting.

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

Upon motion it was ordered

that the annual reports of all church organizations and societies be called for on Sunday, March 15th.

Mr. Dyckman presented a bill for church expenditures as follows.

Printing cards and pastoral letter.	
and church covenants	\$ 5.90
Postage : church literature,	5.21
Bibles, testaments, books, tracts,	8.81
Expenses of missionaries,	1.40
	\$ 21.32

Upon motion an order upon the treasurer was granted for the amount.

Adjourned with prayer.

Geo. Q. Sheppard,
Clerk.

Mod^{re}.

Pottstown, Pa.

Wednesday, March 18, 1903.

Session met this evening after prayer meeting for the regular monthly meeting.

Present Rev. G. M. Dyckman,
Pastor, and Elders, H. P. Leaf, Geo.
Leister, Jrs. M. K. Potts, and Geo. Q. Sheppard.

The following motions were made, seconded, and passed,

That letters of dismission be granted to Mr. and Mrs. John W. White.

That special services be held ^{on each of} the first four evenings of the week ending April 11, the week before our regular communion Sunday, and that members of Presbytery be invited to address the meetings.

That the annual congregational meeting be postponed one week to April 15th.

That Elder Leaf and Lister be appointed a committee to confer with the Ladies' Mite Society as to the housing, care, &c., of the individual communion set in case the Session decides to adopt the system.

Adjourned with prayer.
George Q. Sheppard,
Clerk.

Pottstown, Pa.

Sunday, April 5, 1903.

Session met this morning after service.

Present Rev. H. M. Dyckman, Pastor, and Elders H. P. Leaf, Geo. Leister, D. K. Hatfield, and Geo. Q. Sheppard, and Jrs. M. K. Potts.

Moved, seconded, and carried, that the Treasurer of Session pay to the Board of Trustees \$30, which sum the Board paid for pulpit supplier during the summer of 1902.

Adjourned with prayer to meet Friday evening, April 10, after service.

Geo. Q. Sheppard,
Clerk.

Wed^d.

Pottstown, Pa.

Friday, April 10, 1903.

Session met this evening after preparatory service.

Present Rev. H. M. Dyckman, Pastor, and Elders, D. K. Hatfield,

H. P. Leaf. Geo. A. Leister, Jr. M. K. Potts.

On motion of D. K. Hatfield
H. P. Leaf acted as Secretary pro tem.

After due examination the following were upon motion admitted into full communion on confession of faith;

Charles Gruff,
Ella Haines,
Maggie Hartnft,
Madrice Maxwell,
Jamer Morris,
Kulu Ladner,
Mrs. Rose Therissa Page,
Estella Yost.

The following were received by letter

Mrs. Jennie Allen, {From East Liberty Pres.
Church, Pittsburg, Pa.
Charles Allen, {From Conshohocken Pres.
Church, Conshohocken, Pa.
Miss Carrie Mac Intyre {From First Pres.
Church of Chestnut
Hill, Pa.

The year's financial reports of the various church organizations

were read and on motion were approved.

Adjourned with prayer.

W. F. Leaf.

Sec. pro tem.

Mod^r.

The following report for the year from Apr. 15, 1902 to Apr. 15, 1903 was sent to Stated Clerk of Presbytery Apr. 21, 1903.

Officers,	Elders,	6
	Deacons,	6
Communicants,	Added on examination,	16
	" " certificate,	10
	Dismissed by " "	7
	Reserved roll,	26
	Deceased,	1
	Net total of Commu ^{nicants} ,	327
Baptisms,	Adults,	5
	Infants,	7
Sabbath School membership,		223
Friends contributed.	Home missions,	\$ 251
	Foreign " "	207
	Education,	11
	Sabbath School work,	22

Funds contributed cont.	{ Church erection,	\$ 11
	{ Relief fund,	46
	{ Freedmen,	29
	{ Synodical aid,	27
	{ Aid for colleges,	24
	{ General Assembly,	34
	{ Congregational,	3494

Attest:

Geo. Q. Sheppard
Pottstown, Pa. Clerk.

Sunday, Apr. 26, 1903

Session met this morning
after service.

Present Rev. H. M. Dyckman,
Pastor, and Elders, D. K. Hatfield,
H. P. Leaf, Geo. N. Leister, Jr. M^cK.
Potts, and Geo. Q. Sheppard.

Mr. Dyckman requested the
Session to grant him leave of
absence over the second and third
Sundays of July with the privilege
of furnishing a supply for the
fourth Sunday in addition to
his regular vacation, in order
that he might attend the Harvard
University summer school of

theology.

After consultation and a conference with Mr. Dyckman by a committee appointed for the purpose the request was, upon motion, granted.

Geo. Q. Sheppard
Clerk.

Mod^r.

Pottstown, Pa.

Sunday, May 10, 1903.

Session met this morning after service.

Present Rev. H. M. Dyckman, Pastor, and Elders D. K. Hatfield, H. P. Leaf, Geo. K. Leister, Jr., M. K. Pitts.

Minutes from Jan. 21 to Apr. 26, 1903 were read and approved.

Elder D. K. Hatfield was elected a delegate to Synod, Tuesday, May 12th, in Jeffersonville Church.

Upon motion an order on the Treasurer was granted for

\$ 3 $\frac{85}{100}$ for expenses of speakers
during the special services of
the week April 6th to 11th.

Adjourned with prayer.
George Q. Sheppard,
Clerk.

D. K. Hatfield,
Mod^r. Clerk pro tem.

Examined

May 12th
1903

proved,

at Jeffersonville

J. M. Scott

Moderator.

Pottstown, Pa.

Sunday, May 17, 1903.

Session met after morning
service.

Present Rev. H. M. Dyckman,
Pastor, and Elders, D. K. Hatfield, Jos.
Kelso, H. P. Leaf, Geo. Leister, and Geo.
Q. Sheppard

Upon motion the pastor and
clerk were appointed to draw
up resolutions of respect for

our deceased brother, Elder Jos. McK. Potts, and of sympathy for his family, such resolutions to be sent to the family and entered upon the minutes of Session.

Upon motion Elders Hatfield and Lister were appointed a committee to send a floral offering to the family in the name of the Session.

Arrangements were made for the members of Session with Mr. Mahlon Daniels to act as pall bearers at the funeral.

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

Modⁿ.

Copy of resolution sent
to the family of Elder Joseph
McKane Potter.

Whereas it has pleased
Almighty God in His allwise
providence to remove from our
midst Joseph McKane Potter
a ruling elder in the First
Presbyterian Church of
Pottstown, Pa.

Be it resolved that we
hereby express our deep
sense of loss in the re-
moval of our brother and
hereby bear testimony to
his life of fidelity in
the Master's service.

We also convey to his
family our heartfelt sym-
pathy and love and express
the conviction that the
loving Father whom he
served for so many years
will give all comfort and
peace to his loved ones,
that they may endure

as seeing Him who is invisible.

Be it also resolved that a copy of ^{this} resolution be spread upon the sessimal records of this church and a copy be sent to the family.

By order of Session

Mord^r.

George Q. Sheppard,
Clerk.

Pottstown, Pa.

Wednesday, June 17, 1903.

Session met after prayer meeting.

Present Rev. H. M. Dyckman,
Pastor ^{and} Elders, D. K. Stetfield,
H. P. Leaf, Geo. Leister, ^{and} Geo. Q.
Sheppard.

Minutes on pages 62 to 65 were read and approved as read.

After much discussion upon

the nonattendance of certain members, upon motion the clerk was ordered to send a suitable letter to Mr. ^{and} Mrs. H. H. Owens requesting them to accept a letter of dismission since they do not attend this church.

Mr. Dyckman reported that Rev. Henry Forman, of India, had been engaged to supply the pulpit on the third Sunday of July. On motion Mr. Dyckman was empowered to arrange for a supply for the fourth Sunday of July.

Mr. Dyckman reported that he had decided not to go to Harvard University for the summer course in theology, instead he would go to Northfield, Mass. for a session of sixteen days, leaving here after the second Sunday of July. The Session approved of Mr. Dyckman's return for the first Sunday of September.

Upon motion an order upon

the Treasurer for \$15 was granted in favor of Mr. Dyckman for testaments, bibles, gift books, cards, and postage.

The clerk read a letter received from the Ladies' Mite Society presenting to the Session an individual communion set for use in the church. Upon motion the clerk was directed to reply, thanking the society and accepting the gift.

Upon motion adjourned with prayer.
Geo. Q. Sheppard,
Clerk.

Mod³.

Pottstown, Pa.

Friday, July 10, 1903.

Session met this evening after preparatory service.

Present Rev. H. M. Dyckman, Pastor, and Elders, H. P. Leaf and Geo. A. Lister.

After due examination the

following were upon motion
admitted into full communion
on confession of faith;

Sallie Ochs,

Annie Shadler.

Mrs. Rosalin M. Kenney was re-
ceived by letter from the First
Methodist Church of Pottsville,
Pa.

Adjourned with prayer.

H. P. Leaf,

clerk pro tem

Geo. Q. Sheppard,
clerk.

Mo. Fr.

Pottstown, Pa.

Sunday, Sept 20, 1903.

Session met this morning
after service.

Present Rev. H. M. Dyckman,
Pastor, and Elders, D. K. Hatfield, H.
P. Leaf, Geo. A. Luster, and Geo. Q.
Sheppard.

By motion the following
committee was appointed to take
control of collections in connection

with the "forward movement" and
the sustaining of our own mis-
sionary on the foreign field;

S. K. Hatfield,

Geo. N. Luster,

Geo. Witman,

Frank Fink,

R. Ross Longaker,

Mrs. Jas. Morris,

" Howard Leopold,

" Warren Mintzer,

Miss Charlotte Merrick,

" Mary Long,

" Sallie Leaff.

Upon motion the Treasurer
was ordered to pay a bill of
\$3 for copies of "The Assembly
Herald" and to provide envelopes
and other necessaries for the
"forward movement" missionary
collections.

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

Mod^r.

Pottstown, Pa.

Friday, Oct. 9, 1903.

Session met this evening
after preparatory service.

Present Rev. H. M. Dyckman,
Pastor, ^{and} Elders. D. K. Hatfield,
H. P. Leaf, Geo. A. Leister, ^{and}
Geo. Q. Sheppard.

Upon motion the following
were received by letter,

Mrs. Adile Page Hallock
from the Classon Ave. Pres.
Church of Brooklyn, N. Y.

Mrs. M. Anna Worman,
from Trinity Reformed Church
of Pottstown, Pa.

Adjourned with prayer,
Geo. Q. Sheppard,
clerk.

Mo^{rs}.

Pottstown, Pa.

Wednesday, Oct. 21, 1903.

Session met this evening after
prayer meeting for the regular
monthly meeting.

Present Rev. H. M. Dyckman,

Pastor, and Elders, D. K. Hatfield
Geo. N. Luster, and Geo. Q. Sheppard.

Minutes of meetings from June
17 to Oct. 9 were read and approved.

The clerk reported correspondence
with Mr. H. H. Owens (see page 66) to
the effect that Mr. Owens did not
care for a letter ^{of dismission} and that Mrs.
Owens did not care for a letter
addressed to any particular
church.

By motion it was ordered that
the names of Mr. and Mrs. H. H.
Owens be dropped from the roll.

By motion the clerk was
ordered to summon Lewis Lauby
before the Session at the next
regular meeting, Nov. 18, to
show cause why his name
should not be dropped from the
roll for nonattendance.

Adjourned with prayer
Geo. Q. Sheppard,
clerk.

modr.

Pottstown, Pa.

Wednesday, Nov. 18, 1903.

Session met this evening after prayer meeting for the regular monthly meeting.

Present Rev. H. M. Dyckman, Pastor, and Elders, D. H. Hatfield, Geo. A. Leister, and Geo. Q. Sheppard.

^{minutes of the meeting of Oct. 21 were read and approved.}
The Clerk reported that on Oct. 26 Lewis Lauby was summoned to appear before the Session this evening (see page 75). Since he had not replied or obeyed the summons, it was by motion ordered that the name of Lewis Lauby be dropped from the roll on the grounds of nonattendance and drunkenness, and the clerk was directed to notify him of the action.

By motion it was ordered that by notice from the pulpit the congregation be given an opportunity to make a Thanksgiving offering to the Presbyterian Hospital of Philadelphia, Pa.

By motion a letter of dismission was granted to Wm. J. Fricke.

Adjourned with prayer.

mod:

Geo. Q. Sheppard, clerk.

Pottstown, Pa.

Wednesday, Dec. 23, 1903.

Session met this evening after prayer meeting for the regular monthly meeting.

Present Rev. H. M. Dyckman, Pastor, and Elders, D. K. Hatfield, Geo. N. Lester, and Geo. Q. Sheppard.

Minutes of Nov. 18 were read and approved.

Arrangements for the services of the week of prayer were talked over and Mr. Dyckman reported that he had secured speakers from out-of-town for two evenings at least.

Adjourned with prayer.

Geo. Q. Sheppard,
Clerk

Mod².

Pottstown, Pa.

Friday, Jan. 8, 1904.

Session met this evening after preparatory service.

Present Rev. H. M. Dyckman,

Pastor, ^{and} Elders S. K. Hatfield,
H. P. Leaf, ^{and} Geo. Q. Sheppard.

Upon motion the following
were received into membership
by letter,

Thomas Todd } from First Reformed
William Todd } Pres. Church of
Newburgh, N. Y.

After due examination
the following were received
into full membership upon
confession of faith,

H. Arthur Cunningham,
Mrs. Hannah Christianne Oaks.

Upon motion letters of dis-
mission were granted to Mr. ^{and}
Mrs. Geo. J. Norton to the
Calvary Pres. Church of
Riverton, N. J. ^{and} to Mrs.
Robert A. Daugherty to the
West Pres. Church of Ger-
mantown, Pa.

An urgent request for
a letter of dismission for
Robert A. Daugherty having
been received from the pastor

of the West Pres. Church of Germantown, Pa., upon motion it was ordered that he be informed that Robert Daugherty was a member of our church and had not been disciplined, but there were facts not entirely creditable connected with his life here. Also if, in view of his improved life in Germantown as reported to our Session by the pastor of the West Church, the Session of the West Church, knowing the full facts, is willing to assume all responsibility, then he is dismissed by us to the West Church.

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

Mod³.

Pottstown, Pa.

Wednesday, Feb. 17, 1904.

Session met this evening after prayer meeting for the regular monthly meeting.

Present Rev. H. M. Dyckman, Pastor, ^{and} Elders, D. K. Hatfield, Geo. A. Leister, ^{and} G. E. Sheppard.

Minutes of the last two meetings were read and approved.

A letter was presented to the Session from the West Pres. Church of Germantown, Pa. stating that the West Church could not receive Robert A. Daugherty upon the letter sent by our Session. (see pp. 78 ^{and} 79). Upon motion the Pastor was directed to inform the West Church Session that our Session could not grant a letter of ^{the usual form} dismission to Robert A. Daugherty.

Upon motion letters of dismission were granted to

Franklin Fredric ^{and}
Harriet M. Fredric, his wife

to Olivet Pres. Church of
Reading, Pa.

The Clerk reported that he
had on January 17th informed
Lewis Lanby of the dropping
of his name from the roll of
members of our church.

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

Mod³.

Pottstown, Pa.

Sunday, March 6, 1904.

Sessim met this morning
after service.

Present Rev. H. M. Dyckman,
Pastor, and Elders, D. K. Hatfield,
H. P. Leaf, Geo. A. Linter, and
Geo. Q. Sheppard.

Upon motion Elder D. K.
Hatfield was appointed delegate
to Presbytery.

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

Mod³.

Pottstown, Pa.

Wednesday, March 16, 1904.

Session met for the regular monthly meeting this evening after prayer meeting.

Present Rev. H. M. Dyckman, Pastor, ^{and} Elders, H. P. Leaf, Geo. A. Leister, ^{and} Geo. Q. Sheppard.

Minutes of meetings on Feb. 17 ^{and} March 6 were read ^{and} approved.

The Pastor reported that he had arranged for special meetings on the evenings of the last week in March, the week before our next communion service, ministers of our Presbytery, Revs. Montgomery, Dunham, ^{and} Lee had promised to speak. On motion the action of the Pastor was approved.

Upon motion the clerk was directed to write to Robert A. Daugherty urging him to meet the Session or to send in writing.

any reason he might have
why his name should not
be dropped from our roll.

Adjourned with prayer.

Geo. Q. Sheppard,
clerk.

Modth.

Pottstown, Pa.

Friday, April 8, 1904.

Session met this evening
after preparatory service.

Present Rev. H. M. Dyckman,
Pastor, and Elders, D. K. Hatfield,
Geo. N. Leicester, and H. P. Leaf.

On motion H. P. Leaf acted
as clerk.

After due examination the
following were received into
full membership upon con-
fession of faith,

Lewis R. Banks,

Mable Stanley,

E. May Lambly,

Lizzie Hipple,

Ida Yerger.

It was reported that a

letter had been prepared to be sent to Robert A Daugherty (see page 82), but before it had been mailed it was learned that he had been received into the West End Pres. Church of Germantown Pa. upon confession of faith. Upon motion the consideration of his case was discontinued.

Adjourned with prayer.

H. P. Leaf.

Clerk pro tem.

Mod².

The following report for the year from Apr. 15, 1903 to Apr. 15, 1904 was sent to Stated Clerk of Presbytery Apr. 18, 1904.

Officers, { Elders.

5

{ Deacons.

6

Communicants,	{ added on examination,	9
	{ " " certificate,	5
	{ Dismissed by " "	10
	{ Absentee roll; ⁵ Dropped, ⁴	9
	{ Deceased,	5
	{ Net total of Communi- ^{cants.}	317
Baptisms,	{ Adults	4
	{ Infants,	4
Sabbath School membership,		223
Funds contributed,	{ Home missions,	\$ 161
	{ Foreign " "	550
	{ Education,	13
	{ Sabbath School work,	21
	{ Church erection,	11
	{ Relief fund,	37
	{ Freedmen,	17
	{ Synodical aid,	10
	{ Aid for colleges,	10
	{ General Assembly,	32.70
	{ Congregational,	34.25
	{ Miscellaneous,	10

attest.

Geo. Q. Sheppard,
clerk.

Pottstown, Pa.

Sunday, May 1, 1904.

Session met this morning after service.

Present Rev. H. M. Dyckman, Pastor, and Elders, D. K. Hatfield, Geo. A. Lister, and Geo. Q. Sheppard.

Minutes on pages 82 to 85 inclusive were read and approved.

Upon motion W. P. Leaf was appointed delegate to Presbytery, May 3rd, with D. K. Hatfield as alternate.

Upon motion an order was granted upon the Treasurer in favor of Mr. Dyckman for \$15 $\frac{59}{100}$, for books, postage, and circulars \$3 $\frac{84}{100}$, and expenses of speakers during the week of special services \$11 $\frac{75}{100}$.

Examined and approved
Wynne
May 3 1904
Prayer.
Moderator.
Geo. Q. Sheppard,
Clerk.

Mod. $\frac{7}{100}$

Pottstown, Pa.

Wednesday, May 18, 1904.

Session met this evening after prayer meeting.

Present Rev. H. M. Dyckman, Pastor, and Elders D. K. Hatfield, Geo. A. Leister, and Geo. Q. Sheppard.

Minutes on page 86 were read and approved.

The Pastor presented a letter from the Board of Publication in reference to a church library. Upon motion the matter was deferred until the next regular meeting to be then taken up as new business.

Adjourned with prayer.

Geo. Q. Sheppard,
Clerk.

Mod^{er}.

Pottstown, Pa.

Wednesday, June 29, 1904.

Session met this evening after prayer meeting.

Present Rev. H. M. Dyckman,

Pastor, ^{and} Elders D. K. Hatfield,
H. P. Leaf, Geo. A. Leister, ^{and} Geo. Q.
Sheppard.

Upon motion letters of dis-
mission were granted to Mr. ^{and}
Mrs. Alexander H. Holcombe to
the Second Pres. Church of Scranton,
Pa.

Upon motion it was ordered
that the collection on com-
munion day, the second Sunday
of July, be this year given to
the Pottstown Hospital and
that a day in July be
designated for the reception of
contributions for the Hospital.

Upon motion an order on
the Treasurer ^{for \$6⁵⁷/₁₀₀} was granted to
H. P. Leaf for communion wine
and freight on same.

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

Mod^o.

Pottstown, Pa.,

Friday, July 8, 1904.

Session met this evening
after preparatory service.

Present Rev. H. M. Dyckman,
Pastor, and Elders, D. K. Hatfield,
H. P. Leaf and Geo. N. Lester.

Mr. Leaf acted as clerk pro
tem.

After due examination the
following were received into full
membership upon confession of
faith

Mr. Samuel Skinner and
Ellen Skinner, his wife.

Upon motion it was decided
to close the church on Sundays
Aug. 14 and 21st and to arrange
for supplies for Aug. 28 and Sept.
4th during the Pastor's vacation.

Adjourned with prayer

H. P. Leaf
clerk pro tem.

Wrd¹².

Pottstown, Pa.

Wednesday, Sept. 28, 1904.

Session met this evening
after prayer meeting.

Present Rev. H. M. Dyckman,
Pastor, ^{and} Elders H. P. Leaf, Geo. A.
Leister, ^{and} Geo. Q. Sheppard.

Minutes on pages 87 to 89 were
read and approved.

The question of a church
library (see page 87) was discussed.

Answers were framed to the
questions asked by the Committee
on Temperance of Presbytery ^{and}
the report was ordered to be
forwarded to the chairman of
the committee.

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

Mod^{er}.

Pottstown, Pa.

Friday, October 7, 1904.

Session met this evening
after preparatory service.

Present Rev. H. M. Dyckman,

Pastor, and Elders, D. K. Hatfield, N. P. Leaf, Geo. N. Linter, and Geo. Q. Sheppard.

Upon motion an order was granted on the Treasurer for \$3⁴⁰/₁₀₀ for envelopes to be used in the "forward movement".

Upon motion the Session authorized the "forward movement" committee to pay an expense of \$11 for printing of the annual report and incidental expenses connected with the "forward movement" out of the regular "forward movement" funds.

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

Mod^r.

Pottstown, Pa.,

Wednesday, Oct. 19, 1904.

Session met for the regular monthly meeting this evening after prayer meeting.

Present Rev. J. M. Dyckman,

Pastor, and Elders, D. K. Hatfield,
Geo. N. Leister, and Geo. Q. Sheppard.

Minutes of the meetings of
Sept. 28 and Oct 7 were read and
approved.

After consultation adjourned
with prayer.

Geo. Q. Sheppard,
clerk.

Mod^{ry}.

Pottstown, Pa.

Wednesday, Nov. 16, 1904.

Session met for the regular
monthly meeting after prayer
meeting.

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

Minutes of Oct. 19 were
read and approved.

Upon motion it was ordered
that November be the month
for the regular annual col-
lection for the Board of Minis-
terial Relief.

On motion adjourned.

mod^{ry}.

Geo. Q. Sheppard, clerk.

Pottstown, Pa.

Wednesday, Dec. 28, 1904.

Session met this evening
after prayer meeting.

Present Rev. H. M. Dyckman,
Pastor, and Elders, Geo. A. Linter ^{and}
Geo. Q. Sheppard.

Minutes of Nov. 16 were
read and approved.

On motion letters of dis-
mission were granted to

Claude W Linter and
Mrs. Eva May Linter, his wife.

Arrangements for the services of
the week of prayer were made.

Adjourned with prayer.

George Q. Sheppard
Clerk.

Mod⁷.

Pottstown, Pa.

Friday Jan. 6, 1905.

Session met after prepar-
atory service.

Present Rev. H. M. Dyckman,
Pastor, ^{and} Elders, D. K. Hatfield,

Geo. N. Lister, ^{and} Geo. Q. Sheppard.

Upon motion the following
were received by letter from the
First Pres. Church of Conchohocken, Pa.

Angelo Volpi,

Mrs. Ida Volpi, his wife.

Joseph Susiani.

Moved, seconded and carried that
the date of the spring communion
be changed to Easter Sunday
and that the previous week be
observed as a week of prayer.

Upon motion the clerk was
directed to send the following
letter to William Rudy.

"Having noted with regret
your persistent absence from
the services of the church and
entire neglect of all church
duties the Session request
you to meet with them at
their regular meeting, Feb. 15,
after prayer meeting, to confer
about the matter of retaining
your church membership."

Adjourned with prayer.

Mord.^r.

Geo. Q. Sheppard, Clerk.

Pottstown, Pa.

Jan. 18, 1905.

Session met this evening
after prayer meeting.

Present Rev. H. M. Dyckman,
Pastor, and Elders, D. K. Hatfield,
Geo. N. Leister and H. P. Lerf.

Upon motion H. P. Lerf acted
as clerk.

The question of a change of
Hymnal for prayer meeting
use was considered and a
committee, consisting of Steward
Lerf, Chairman, Mrs. Duden,
and Sherman Guss, was appointed
to examine books and report
at their convenience a suit-
able Hymnal in place of
the one now in use.

Adjourned with prayer.

H. P. Lerf.

Mod^r.

clerk pro tem.

Note. Because of the absence from town of the Pastor on the evening of Feb. 15, 1905 no meeting of the Session was held. William Rudy, did not appear in response to the letter (see page 94) which was mailed to him on Feb. 2, 1905.

Geo. Q. Sheppard,
clerk.

Pottstown, Pa.,

Wednesday, March 15, 1905.

Session met for the regular monthly meeting this evening after prayer meeting.

Present Rev. W. M. Dyckman, Pastor and Elders, S. K. Hatfield, Geo. A. Luster and H. P. Leaf.

On motion H. P. Leaf acted as clerk.

Minutes from top of page 93 were read and approved.

On motion the Committee on a new Hymnary (see page 97) were discharged at their own request.

On motion it was decided that the regular annual meeting of the congregation be held on the first Wednesday after the second Sunday in April (see page 51).

William Rudy having failed to notice the request from the Session (see pages 94^{and} 98) that he meet with them "to confer about the matter of retaining his church membership" the clerk by motion was ordered to regularly cite him to appear before the Session at its regular monthly meeting on April 19 to show cause why his name should not be dropped from the roll of church members.

The Pastor, announced the arrangements for speakers during the week of prayer previous to Easter Sunday.

Adjourned with prayer.

H. P. Leaf

clerk pro tem.

mod. ^{by}

Pottstown, Pa.

Sunday, March 19, 1905.

Session met this morning
after church service.

Present Rev. H. M. Dyckman,
Pastor, ^{and} Elders, S. K. Hatfield,
St. P. Leaf, Geo. A. Leister, ^{and} Geo. Q.
Sheppard.

Upon motion the Moderator
^{and} clerk were directed to sign
for the Session and church
and to forward to the Governor
of the state and to our rep-
resentation at Harrisburg
protests against proposed legis-
lation which, it is believed, is
intended to stop the work of
the Law ^{and} Order Society of
Philadelphia.

Adjourned with prayer.
Geo. Q. Sheppard,
clerk.

Mod^r.

Pottstown, Pa.,

Friday, April 21, 1905.

Session met this evening after preparatory service.

Present Rev. J. W. Dyckman, Pastor, and Elders, D. K. Hatfield, W. P. Leif, Geo. V. Lenter, and Geo. Q. Sheppard.

After due examination the following were, upon motion, received into full membership upon confession of faith,

Emma C. High,

Eunace Y. Hitner,

Mrs. Carrie Kehl

Edith Kerper,

Edith G. Oberly

Upon motion J. H. Maxwell was received by letter from the First Methodist Church of Pottstown, Pa.

Minutes of the last two meetings were read and approved.

The clerk reported that he had on April 6th regularly cited William Rudy to appear before

the Session on the evening of April 19th (see page 99). The clerk also read a letter received from William Rudy on April 19th, which letter gave as a reason for nonattendance upon the services of the church a loss of his former faith. The Session, believing that they found in the letter evidences of regret at having his name dropped from the church roll, now, by motion instructed the clerk to write, assuring him of our sympathy and prayer, and stating our willingness to wait any reasonable time if only we could have hope of saving him to the Christian religion and to the church, and also urging upon him the reasonableness of refraining from speaking his doubts to others who might, ^{thus} be injured in their faith.

By motion H. F. Leaf was

appointed delegate to the May meeting of Presbytery with D. H. Hatfield as alternate.

Upon motion letters of dismission, given at various times during the year by the Pastor (see page 30) to the following persons, were regularly approved,

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Binder,

Mrs. Irene King,

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Maris,

Mrs. Maude Sellers,

Dr. and Mrs. Char. A. Smith,

Miss Ella D. Tomlinson.

Upon motion the clerk was instructed to regularly cite Mrs. M. Esther Sheeler to appear before the Session at its regular meeting in May to show cause why her name should not be dropped from the roll of church members for nonattendance and conduct unbecoming a Christian.

Upon motion adjourned with prayer to meet Sunday, Apr. 23 at 10.30 o'clock A. M.

10.30 A.M.

Sunday, Apr. 23, 1905

Present Rev. H. M. Dyckman,
 Pastor, and Elders S. K. Hatfield,
 Joseph Kelso, S. P. Leaf, Geo. H.
 Lester, and Geo. Q. Sheppard.

Upon motion after due ex-
 amination the following were
 received into full membership
 upon confession of faith,

Mrs. Helen H. Fincke,
 Katharine Kehl,
 Robert Martin and his wife
 Mrs. Jennie Martin.

Upon motion adjourned.
 Geo. Q. Sheppard,
 clerk.

Mod⁷.

The following report for
 the year from Apr. 15, 1904 to
 Apr. 15, 1905 was sent to
 Stated Clerk of Presbytery
 Apr. 19, 1905.

Officers,	Elders,	5
	Deacons,	6
Communicants,	Added on examination,	9
	" " certificate,	4
	Dismissed by " ,	13
	Absentee roll diminished by	9
	Deceased	3
Net total of communi ^{cants}		323

Baptisms,	Adults,	1
	Infants,	10

Sabbath School membership 163

Home missions (including Presbytery) \$ 146

Foreign " 626

Education, 12

Sabbath School work, 15

Church erection, 12

Relief funds, 24

Freedmen, 21

Aid for colleges, 12

General Assembly, 29

Congregational, 3527

Attest.

Geo. Q. Sheppard,
Clerk

Mod^{rs}.

Funds contributed,

Pottstown, Pa.
 Sunday, April 30, 1905.
 Session met this morning
 after service.

Present Rev. H. M. Dyckman,
 Pastor, and Elders D. K. Hatfield,
 Joseph Hels, H. P. Lof, and
 Geo. Q. Sheppard.

Minutes on pages 101 to 105
 were read and approved.

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

Exception sustained that the minutes
 of the last meeting were not approved &
 there is no note of Congregational
 Meeting made -

Examined and Approved,

Jacob K. Brown 5/2 1905 - H. M. Dyckman
 Moderator.

Note. Because of the absence from town of the Pastor on the evening of May 17, 1905 no meeting of the Session was held. Mrs. M. Esther Sheeler did not appear in response to the letter (see page 103) which was mailed to her on May 7, 1905.

Geo. Q. Sheppard,
Clerk.

Pottstown, Pa.

Wednesday, May 24, 1905.

Session met this evening after prayer meeting.

Present Rev. W. M. Dyckman, Pastor, and Elders, D. K. Hatfield, Geo. A. Leister, and Geo. Q. Sheppard.

Minutes from top of page 106 were read and approved.

The clerk read a letter from W^m. D. Rudy in reply to the clerk's letter (see page 102) of April 23, 1905. After full discussion the clerk was by motion directed to write him again.

in the spirit of the previous letter stating that the Session, not being assured as to his position on matters of faith, would refrain from dropping his name from the roll of the church for six months, hoping in the mean time to hear from him from his new home in Embreeville, Tennessee.

The clerk reported that he had regularly cited Mrs. M. Esther Sheeler, to appear before the Session at its regular meeting on May 17 and that she had not appeared (see pages 103 and 107). Moved, seconded, and carried that the name of M. Esther Sheeler be dropped from the roll of church members and that the clerk be instructed to inform her of the fact.

Upon motion it was ordered that the collection at the morning service on the

first Sunday in June, be regularly given to the Pottstown Hospital and that from the pulpit the congregation be urged to contribute during the entire month of June articles useful in carrying on the work of the Hospital.

Adjourned with prayer
Geo. Q. Sheppard,
Clerk.

Mod^r. Thos. R. Butler
Pottstown, Pa.,

Sunday, June 25, 1905

Session met after morning service with all the members present.

The Pastor announced that Rev. Mr. Landis has been secured to supply the pulpit the first and last Sundays of August during the Pastor's vacation. It was agreed that there should be no preaching service on the remaining two

Sundays of August

Upon motion Mr. Kelso was elected delegate to the July meeting of Presbytery with Mr. Hatfield as alternate.

Geo. Q. Sheppard,
Clerk.

Mod^{re}.

Pottstown, Pa.

Friday, July 7, 1905.

Session met this evening after preparatory service.

Present Rev. H. M. Dyckman, Pastor, and Elders D. K. Hatfield, H. P. Leaf, and Geo. N. Leicester.

On motion H. P. Leaf acted as clerk pro tem.

Upon motion after due examination Sara Jane Shade was received into full membership upon confession of faith.

Upon motion Mr. and Mrs.

Christian Leon Lapp were received
by letter from the Fourth Street
Presbyterian Church of Lebanon, Pa.

Upon motion a letter of
dismissal was granted to
Mrs. Alice McElurg to the First
Presbyterian Church of Chester, Pa.

Adjourned with prayer.
H. P. Leaf.
Clerk pro tem.

Mod⁴.

Pottstown, Pa.

Sunday, September 17, 1905.

Session met this morning
after service.

Present Rev. H. M. Dyckman,
Pastor, and Elders, D. K. Hatfield,
H. P. Leaf, Geo. A. Leister, and
Geo. Q. Sheppard.

Upon motion letters of dis-
missal were granted to Mr.
and Mrs. Sumner B. Frick to
the Central Presbyterian Church
of Norristown, Pa.

Upon motion H. P. Leaf was

appointed delegate to Presbytery
at Germantown, Sunday, Sept. 19, 1905,
with D. K. Hatfield as alternate.

Communications from the
Prison Society and the Anti-Saloon
League of Penna. were read by
the Pastor. Each wished to
present its cause to our church
on a Sunday in October. Upon
motion the Pastor was directed
to reply ^{to each} that it was not
deemed advisable to comply
with the request this year.

Upon motion adjourned
with prayer to meet at
the time of the regular October
meeting.

Geo. Q. Sheppard,
clerk.

Modth.

Pottstown, Pa.

Sunday, Sept. 24, 1905.

At a meeting of the Session,
called by the Pastor after
morning service, with the same

members present as on Sept. 17,
a letter from the Anti-Saloon
League was read, urging the
Session to reconsider and grant
to the League a Sunday in
October for the presentation of
its cause in our church. Upon
motion the Pastor was directed
to write, offering the League
a Sunday evening service for
the presentation of its cause
by one of its speakers.

Geo. Q. Sheppard,
Clerk.

Mod^r.

Pottstown, Pa.

Friday, Oct. 6, 1905.

Session met this evening
after preparatory service.

Present Rev. H. M. Dyckman,
Pastor, and Elders D. K. Hatfield,
J. P. Leaf, Geo. A. Leister, and
Geo. Q. Sheppard.

Minutes from page 107 were

read and approved.

After due examination
Jrs. Campbell was upon
motion received into full
communion upon confession
of faith.

Upon motion letters of
dismissal were granted to

Mrs. Olivia Ellis { to Emanuel
Lutheran Church
of Pottstown, Pa.

Mrs. W^m. J. Funke { to Second Pres. Ch.
of Cleveland, Ohio.

Samuel S. Staring { to Meth. dist
Epis. Church of
Phila., Pa.

Miss Adelaide F. Starley to St. Paul's
Lutheran Ch. of
Pottstown, Pa.

The Pastor reported that the
Anti-Saloon League had accepted
the second Sunday evening in
November for the presentation of
its cause in our church (see
pp. 112 and 113).

The clerk reported having
written W^m D. Rudy (see p. 107) and
M. Esther Sheeler (see p. 108) on
May 28, 1905, as directed by
the Session.

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

Modth.

Pottstown, Pa.,

Sunday, Oct. 29, 1905.

Session met this morning
after service.

Present Rev. H. M. Dyckman,
Pastor, and Elders, D. K. Hatfield,
Geo. W. Leister, and Geo. Q. Sheppard.

After full discussion it was
decided by motion that our
church with some eight or nine
other churches of Pottstown
should hold union evangelistic
services for two weeks in
January, the services to be
conducted by Rev. Chas. H. Yattman.

Adjourned with prayer.

Geo. Q. Sheppard,
Clerk.

Modth.

Pottstown, Pa.

Sunday, Nov. 5, 1905

Session met this morning
after service.

Present Rev. H. M. Syckman,
Pastor, ^{Ans} Elders, D. K. Statfield,
N. P. Leaf, Geo. N. Leister, ^{Ans} Geo.
Q. Sheppard.

Upon motion D. K. Statfield
^{Ans} Geo. N. Leister were appointed
a committee with the Pastor
to meet the representatives
from the other churches on
Friday evening, Nov. 10, to
plan for the evangelistic
union services in January
(see p. 115).

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

Mod^{er}.

Pottstown, Pa.

Wednesday, Dec. 20, 1905.

Session met this evening
after prayer meeting.

Present Rev. H. M. Dyckman,
Pastor; and Elders, D. K. Hatfield,
Geo. W. Leister, and Geo. Q. Sheppard.

Minutes from middle of page
113 were read and approved.

On motion letters of dismis-
sion were granted to Misses Emily
and Katharine Ashburner to the
Presbyterian Church of Arlington,
Maryland.

On motion the clerk was di-
rected to confer with the Board of
Deacons with reference to the
appointment of more ushers for
the Sunday church services.

Upon motion Mr. D. K. Hatfield
was appointed delegate to the
January meeting of Presbytery.

Upon motion the clerk was
directed to write W^m. D. Rudy,
reminding him of the letter from
the Session of May 28, 1905.

(see pages 114 and 107), also urging him to reply, and stating to him that the only course left to the Session in case of no reply would be the dropping of her name from the roll.

Adjourned with prayer
George Q. Sheppard,
clerk.

Modth.

Pottstown, Pa.

Jan. 12, 1906, Friday.

Session met this evening after preparatory service.

Present Rev. H. M. Dyckman, Pastor, and Elders D. K. Hatfield, Geo. N. Leister, and H. P. Lenf.

On motion of D. K. Hatfield H. P. Lenf acted as clerk pro-tem.

Minutes of the meeting of Dec. 20, 1905 were read and approved.

Upon motion Dorothy M. Free was received into membership.

ship by letter from The First
Methodist Epis. Church of
Pottstown, Pa.

Upon motion of Geo. N. Leister
the morning service of the
second Sunday of February
was granted to the Anti
Saloon League for the presen-
tation of its cause, with
the proviso that we be not
called upon for the privilege
next year.

Adjourned with prayer.

W. P. Leaf

clerk, pro tem.

Mod^{er}.

Pottstown Pa.

Wednesday, Feb. 21, '06.

Session met this evening
after prayer meeting.

Present Rev. W. M. Dyckman
Pastor, and Elders Geo. N. Leister and
Geo. Q. Sheppard.

The clerk stated that he had

written W^m D. Rudy on Jan. 5, 1906, as directed by the Session (see page 117).

Upon motion D. K. Stratfield was appointed delegate to attend the March meeting of Presbytery.

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

Mod^r.

Pottstown, Pa.

Wednesday, March 28, 1906.

Session met this evening after prayer meetings.

Present Rev. H. M. Nyckman
Pastor, and Elders H. P. Lenz, Geo. A. Leister, D. K. Stratfield, and Geo. Q. Sheppard.

Minutes of the meetings of Jan. 12 and Feb. 21, 1906 were read and approved.

The Clerk referred to the fact that he had written W.

D. Rudy, as reported at last meeting.

Moved, seconded, and carried that the name of W. D. Rudy be dropped from the roll and the clerk be directed to inform him of the action. (See pages 119, 117, 114, 107, 102, 99, 98, 94).

Moved, seconded, and carried that the names of Mrs. Sarah Philippi ^{and} Mrs. Kate Smith ^{be dropped from the roll} on the ground that the Session has lost all clue to their whereabouts.

Moved, seconded, and carried that the following names be put upon the "reserved roll",

Mrs. Sallie A. Custer,

Mrs. Rosa T. Page,

Mr. Chas. A. Rhoads, and his wife

Mrs. Clara A. Rhoads,

Mrs. Helen W. Tatlock,

Mrs. Helen C. Woodruff.

Upon motion the clerk was directed to formally cite before the Session, to show cause why their names should not be

dropped from the roll, the following.

Roy D. Freducci,
Ephraim B. Rudy, and his wife,
Mrs. Margaret B. Rudy,
Norman F. Taylor.

Upon motion the clerk was directed to write the following, urging upon them the advisability of taking their church letters so that they might be actively united with a church at their present home.

C. H. Wickersham and his wife,
Mrs. Laura Wickersham.

Adjourned with prayer.
Geo. Q. Sheppard,
clerk.

Modⁿ.

Pottstown, Pa.

Friday, April 13, 1906.

Session met this evening after preparatory service.

Present Rev. H. M. Dyckman,
Pastor, and Elders. H. P. Laf. Geo. W.

Leister, J. K. Hatfield, and Geo. Q. Sheppard.

Upon motion the following were received into membership by letter.

Mrs. Florence Low Fry { from First Pres.
Church of
Porter ville, Pa.

Mr. Starvo M. Laughlin, and his wife
Mrs. Helen M. Laughlin { from the Pres.
Church of
Stoneybrook, Pa.

Upon motion after due examination the following were received into membership upon confession of faith,

Everlyn Barlow,

Arthur W. Becker, and his wife,

Emily A. Becker,

Maude A. Hartman,

Geo. E. Mehlman, and his wife,

Anna M. Mehlman,

Mary J. Shute,

Dorothy J. Taylor.

Upon motion a letter of dismission was granted to Mrs. Mazie Reifensnyder.

Minutes of the meeting of

March 28 were read and approved.

The clerk reported having written to Wm D. Rudy that his name had been dropped from the roll (see page 121). The clerk also reported that he had made the citations ordered at the last meeting for the regularly meeting on May 16, and had written the other letters as directed (see pages 121, 122).

Upon motion an order on the treasurer for \$32 was granted in favor of the Pastor for expenses of speakers at special services, printing, and supplies.

Adjourned with prayer.

Attest.

Geo. Q. Shppard,
Clerk.

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The following report for the year from Apr. 15, 1905 to Apr. 15, 1906 was sent to Stated Clerk

of Presbytery Apr. 16, 1906.

Officers, { Elders, 5
Deacons, 6

Communi- { Added on examination, 12
cants, { " " certificate, 6
Dismissed by certificate, etc., 11
Reserved Roll, 3
Deceased, 5
Net total of Communicants, 322

Baptisms, { Adults, 4
Infants, 6

Sabbath School membership, 229

Home Missions { Braid and Miscellaneous, 190
Presbyteries and Synods, 10

Foreign Missions, 518

Education, 11

Sabbath School work, 15

Church erection, 15

Relief fund, 24

Free men, 24

Aid for colleges, 16

General Assembly, 2934

Congregational, 2850

Miscellaneous, 115

Temperance, 50

Attest. Geo. Q. Sheppard
clerk

mod.

Funds contributed,

Pottstown, Pa.

Wednesday April 18, 1906.

The annual congregational meeting was held this evening in the chapel.

With the Pastor presiding, after a brief devotional service, reports were given by representatives of each official body and each society and organization of the Church and congregation.

Then, with the president of the Board of Trustees in the chair, after regular nomination the following officers were elected by ballot.

As trustees for a term of three years,

E. R. Cassel,

Geo. Q. Sheppard,

George Witman.

As deacons for a term of three years,

Milton R. Cox,

John D. Warnock.

On motion adjourned.
 E. R. Cassel,
 Sec. Cong. Meeting.

Pottstown, Pa.

Sunday, Apr. 29, 1906.

Session met this morning
 after service.

Present Rev. H. M. Dyckman,
 Pastor, and Elders L. K. Hatfield,
 H. P. Leif, and Geo. Q. Sheppard.

Minutes of the meeting of
 April 13, the annual church
 report, and the minutes of
 the annual congregational
 meeting were read and ap-
 proved.

Upon motion Joseph Kelso
 was appointed a delegate to
 to Presbytery for the May
 meeting.

An appeal from the Board
 of Home Missions of the Pres-
 byterian Church for the congre-
 gation which suffered by the
 earthquake and fire in San

Francisco was read Upon motion it was decided to devote to the fund for church buildings in San Francisco the collection taken on the next communion Sunday in July, if the Board of Deacons approve.

A letter was read from Parke V Mosteller, stating that he had joined another church on confession of faith. Upon motion his name was dropped from our roll.

Adjourned with prayer after the reading and approval of the minutes of this meeting

George R. Sheppard,
Clerk.

Most^r.

Note.

These sessional records were expressed to Presbytery in session at Abington in May. Through some error the book did not reach Presbytery, but lay in the express office at Abington for a week and then was returned by express to the clerk.

Geo. Q. Sheppard,
clerk.

Pottstown, Pa.

Wednesday, May 16, 1906.

Session met this evening after prayer meeting.

Present, Rev. H. M. Dyckman, Pastor, and Elders, D. K. Hatfield, H. P. Leof, Geo. N. Luster, and Geo. Q. Sheppard.

Of those cited to appear at this meeting (see page 122) Norman F. Taylor only appeared. He claimed he attended the Baptist Church Sunday evenings, preferring that Church; that he did not gamble or "drink"; and that he was about to remove to Norristown. He was urged to attend church in Norristown and Mr. Dyckman promised to write the pastor of the Baptist Church in Norristown concerning him.

The following having failed to answer the summons in any way, their names were upon motion dropped from the

roll, (see page 122),

Roy D. Fredrick,
Ephraim B. Rudy, and his wife,
Mrs. Margaret B. Rudy.

The clerk reported having received a letter from Miss Mary Siler stating that she did not know the address of Charles Ramsey, one of our absentee members about whom the clerk had written her.

Adjourned with prayer
Geo. Q. Sheppard,
clerk.

Mod^d.

Pottstown, Pa.

Wednesday, June 20, 1906.

Session met for the regular monthly meeting this evening after prayer meeting.

Present Rev. J. M. Dyckman,
Pastor, and Elders, D. K. Hatfield,
Geo. A. Leister, and Geo. Q. Sheppard.

Upon motion Mr. Dyckman was empowered to grant a letter of dismission to Mrs. Marcella

Phillips to the Lutheran Church of the Transfiguration, if after conference with her she still desires such a letter, the Session expressing the hope that she may remain with us and also bring her husband into our church.

Upon motion Geo. A. Leister was appointed delegate to the July meeting of Presbytery with H. P. Leaf as alternate.

Upon motion a letter of dismission was granted to George Ware to the Methodist Epis. Church of Asbury Park, N. J.

Upon motion an order upon the Treasurer was granted to Mr. Hatfield for \$2 $\frac{82}{100}$ (50¢ expressage on Sessional records and \$2 $\frac{32}{100}$ advertising for a brouwer for our legacy of \$2000).

Adjourned with prayer.
Geo. Q. Sheppard,
Clerk

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Pottstown, Pa.

Friday, June 22, 1906.

Session met this evening in the Study at The Still School.

Present Rev. H. M. Dyckman.
Pastor. An Elder Geo. Q. Sheppard.

After due examination the following members of the graduating class of The Still School were received into full communion on confession of faith;

Russell S. Fenn,

Edwin A. Fish,

J. Ford Johnson, Jr.,

Ruthven A. Woodell.

After the reception Mr Dyckman officiated at a communion service in The Still School Chapel, at which Professor John Mergs, the ladies of his family, and the church members of the graduating class were present.

Geo Q. Sheppard,
Clerk

Mod^r.

Pottstown, Pa.

Friday, July 6, 1906.

Session met this evening
after preparatory service.

Present Rev. S. M. Dyckman,
Pastor, and Elders, D. K. Hatfield,
S. P. Leaf, Geo. A. Luster, and
Geo. Q. Sheppard.

After due examination the
following were ^{upon motion} received into full
Communion on confession of faith
Frank Maurer and his wife,
Ida Maurer.

Upon motion Phoebe E. Thomas
was received by letter from the
First Methodist Epis. Church of
Pottstown, Pa.

Adjourned with prayer
Geo. Q. Sheppard,
clerk

Mod^r.

Pottstown, Pa.

Thursday, July 26, 1906.

Session met this evening in special session to arrange for a meeting of the congregation to take action on the resignation of our Pastor, Rev. H. M. Dyckman.

Present Elders D. K. Hatfield, Geo. N. Lester, and H. P. Lerf.

Elder D. K. Hatfield acted as moderator, the Pastor being absent and it having been found inconvenient to have some other clergyman as moderator, and H. P. Lerf acted as secretary.

On motion it was decided to call a meeting of the congregation for Sunday, Aug. 19th, after morning service.

Meeting was opened and adjourned with prayer.

H. P. Lerf,

clerk, pro-tem.

Mrs. [illegible]

Pottstown, Pa.

Sunday, August 19, 1906.

A meeting of the congregation was held this morning after service.

Rev. B. M. Gemmill acted as moderator and H. P. Lief as secretary.

The following letter was read:

Pottstown, Pa., July 23, 1906.

First Presbyterian Church of
Pottstown, Pa.

Dear Brethren:

It is with the deepest regret that I tender my resignation as the pastor of the First Presbyterian Church. My eighteen years of service have been made light by your love and sympathy, and what little success I may have had has been made possible by your loyal co-operation and assistance. Your unfailing kindness and charity with me has rendered these years very

happy men, and I have
nothing in my heart but
love for you one and all.

The call to a larger
field of labor, coming, as it
did, unsought and being unan-
imous, seemed to me the call
of God, and so I have deter-
mined to accept it.

I pray that God's richest
blessing may rest upon this
church and that a faithful
minister may soon be secured
to succeed me.

I have good hopes from your
staunch loyalty in the past
that you will rally about
your Church at this time.

I hereby resign my office
as pastor, to take effect on
the 9th day of October next;
and do request you to appoint
commissioners to Presbytery to
unite with me in requesting
the dissolution of our relations.

Yours faithfully,
(signed) J. M. Dyckman.

The following resolutions were adopted:

Whereas, our pastor, Rev. Henry M. Dyckman, has thought best to tender his resignation in order to take up a larger work to which he has been called; therefore, be it

Resolved, That we, the congregation of the First Presbyterian Church of Pottstown, Pa., in view of the fact that the change means a promotion for Mr. Dyckman, vote to accept the resignation, and be it

Resolved That with the acceptance of the resignation are coupled our great regret that we can no longer retain him as our minister and our high appreciation of his services in our midst for the last eighteen years, many of which years have been exceptionally trying especially because of the hard times through

which our town and therefore
our church passed from 1893 to
1898, and be it

Resolved, That it is our
earnest prayer that God's
blessing may follow him to
the new field of labor to the
salvation of souls and the up-
building of the Kingdom of Heaven
upon the earth.

Upon motion Geo. Q. Sheppard,
with D. K. Hatfield as alter-
nate, was appointed commissioner
to Presbytery to unite with
Mr. Syckman in requesting
the dissolution of the relations
of pastor and people.

H. P. Leaf,
Sec.

Mod^{er}.

Portstown, Pa.

Wednesday, Sept. 19, 1906.

Session met this evening after prayer meeting for the regular monthly meeting.

Present, Rev. H. M. Dyckman, Pastor, and Elders, D. H. Hatfield, S. P. Leaf, Geo. W. Luster, and Geo. Q. Sheppard.

Minutes on pages 129 to 139 inclusive were read and approved.

Upon motion letters of dismission were granted to

Mrs. Marcella Phillips,

Mrs. Helen W. Tatlock,

Mrs. Helen C. Woodruff.

The clerk announced that he had on July 7, 1906 written to

Roy D. Fredrick,

Ephraim B. Rudy and his wife,

Mrs. Margaret B. Rudy,

informing them that their names had been dropped from our rolls (see page 131).

Adjourned with prayer,

Geo. Q. Sheppard,
clerk.

mod. $\frac{1}{2}$.

Pottstown, Pa.
Friday, Oct. 5, 1906.

Session met this evening
after preparatory service.

Present Rev. H. M. Dyckman,
Pastor, and Elders, H. P. Leaf,
Geo. A. Leister, D. K. Hatfield,
and Geo. Q. Sheppard.

Minutes on page 140 were
read and approved.

Upon motion H. P. Leaf
was appointed delegate to
Presbytery for the November
meeting.

Adjourned with prayer.

Geo. Q. Sheppard,
Clerk.

Mod^r Thomas R. Beeber

Pottstown, Pa.
Sunday, Oct. 14, 1906.

Session met this afternoon.
Rev. Dr. Beeber of Norristown, who
had preached and deeded the
pulpit vacant at the morning
service, acted as moderator.

Present, Elders D. K. Hatfield,
H. P. Leaf, Geo. N. Leister, and Geo.
Q. Sheppard.

The full list of applicants
for the pastorate was carefully
gone over, Dr. Beeber giving valuable
advice and counsel.

The meeting was opened and
adjourned with prayer.

Geo. Q. Sheppard,
Clerk

Mod^r.

Pottstown, Pa.,

Sunday, Jan. 13, 1907

Session met this afternoon at
2.30 o'clock and was opened with
prayer. Rev. Dr. Beeber of
Morristown acted as moderator.

Present Elders D. K. Hatfield,
Geo. N. Leister, H. P. Leaf, and Geo. Q.
Sheppard.

Minutes on pages 141 and 142
were read and approved.

On motion letters of dis-

mission were granted to
Arthur W. Becker, and
Emily A. Becker, his wife,

Florence Wickersham,
Mrs. Isaac J. Becker.

On motion D. K. Hatfield
was appointed delegate to the March
meeting of Presbytery with H. P.
Leaf as alternate.

The whole subject of a new
pastor was carefully talked
over and plans and candidates
discussed.

Adjourned with prayer.
Geo Q. Sheppard,
Clerk.

Thomas R. Beeber
Mod. ~~Wm. McKenney~~

Pottstown, Pa.

Friday, March 29, 1907.

Session met this evening
at 7 o'clock and was opened
with prayer. Rev. Mr. McKenney,
who was present to conduct

preparatory service, acted as moderator.

Present Elders D. K. Hatfield, H. P. Leaf, Geo. A. Leister, Geo. Q. Sheppard.

Minutes of Jan. 13th were read and approved.

Upon motion a letter of dismission was granted to Henry H. Saylor to the First Pres. Church of East Orange, N. J.

Upon motion H. P. Leaf was appointed delegate to the May meeting of Presbytery.

Upon motion it was decided that the Session should call a congregational meeting for Wednesday evening, April 10.

After due examination

Minim F. Willauer was upon motion received into full communion on confession of faith.

Upon motion the following were received by letter,

James A. Parker ^{my}
 Lora A. Parker, his wife.

Upon motion adjourned
 with prayer.

Geo. Q. Sheppard
 clerk.

Moderator W. K. McKinney.

Congregational Meeting.

Pottstown, Pa.

Wednesday, April 10, 1907

According to call a congregational meeting was held this evening at 7.45 in the Chapel. Rev. Dr. Beeber of Norristown, moderator of the Session, acted as moderator.

After brief devotional exercises it was moved, seconded and unanimously carried that the meeting proceed to the election of a pastor.

The moderator appointed Messrs. E. R. Cassel and W. Y. Fryer as tellers.

Moved, seconded and carried that the tellers be instructed to receive signed ballots of absent members as an expression of opinion only, it being understood that such ballots are in no way to affect the results of the election.

The tellers reported the results of the election as follows,

Rev. H. H. Stubbell, 58

Rev. W^m. McHenry, 27

Rev. L. Y. Graham, Jr., 4

Rev. J. S. Miles, 1

Also signed ballots as follows,

Rev. H. H. Stubbell, 4

Rev. W^m. McHenry, 6

At once it was moved, seconded and unanimously carried that the vote be made unanimous.

Moved, seconded and carried that the salary be fixed at (\$1500) fifteen hundred dollars per year and that the annual

vacation by one month.

Moved, seconded and carried that the following be appointed a committee to sign the call.

D. K. Hatfield,	} from the	Session.
Geo. Q. Sheppard,		
E. R. Casel,	} from the Board	of Trustees.
Geo. Whitman,		
M. R. Cox,	} from the Board	of Deacons.
L. Learty,		
H. Kinzey,		
Dr. A. C. Shute		

Moved, seconded and carried that the following be appointed a committee to prosecute the call before the Presbytery,

H. P. Leaf,
Jrs. Kelso,
J. H. Maxwell.

The secretary read a letter announcing the death of our ex-pastor Rev. Halsey B. Stevenson, and a motion was made and carried that the secretary be instructed to telegraph Rev. Mr. Hubbell at Auburn Theological

Seminary to purchase a wreath for \$10 to be put from the congregation upon the tier of Professor Stearnson.

At this point, the special meeting adjourned and the regular annual meeting of the congregation for the election of trustees and deacons was held with the president and secretary of the board of trustees acting as chairman and secretary respectively.

Attested

Geo. Q. Sheppard,
Clerk of Session,
Secretary.

Wm. Thomas R. Beeber

The election of officers resulted as follows, each being elected for three years,

Harry Kinney, } for trustees.
Dr. A. C. Shute,

E. W. Kurtz, } for deacons.

J. W. Maxwell, }
Attested Geo. Q. Sheppard,
Clerk of Session.

The following report for the year from Apr 15, 1906 to March 31, 1907 was sent to Stated Clerk of Presbytery Apr. 13, 1907.

Officers,	Elders,	5
	Deacons,	6
	Added on examination,	7
	" " certificate,	3
	Restored,	6
Communi- cants,	Dismissed by certificate, etc.,	14
	Suspended roll,	0
	Deceased	2
	Net total of communicants,	322

Baptisms,	Confession,	0
	Infants	2

Sabbath School membership, (not home department or cradle roll) 174

Home Missions, \$ 353

Foreign Missions, 603

Education, 11

Sabbath School work 21

Church erection, 16

Relief fund, 29

Free men, 20

Aid for colleges, 16

General Assembly, 35.42

Congregational, 3900.

Funds
contrib-
uted.

Miscellaneous,

Attested.

George Q. Sheppard,
Clerk.

Pottstown, Pa.

Sunday, May 12, 1907.

Session met this afternoon
at 3 o'clock and was opened with
prayer.Present Elders D. K. Hatfield,
Geo. N. Leister, H. P. Leaf, and
Geo. Q. Sheppard.Upon motion H. P. Leaf
acted as moderator in the absence
of a minister.Minutes from the bottom of
page 143, including the minutes
of this meeting were read and
approved.

Adjourned with prayer.

Attested

Geo. Q. Sheppard,
Clerk.

Moderator.

S. J. Evans

Approved,

H. P. Leaf

1907

May 14th

Examined and

Pottstown, Pa. June 2⁵, 1907

Session met this Sunday morning before service and was opened with prayer.

Present Elders D. K. Hatfield, H. P. Leaf, Geo. K. Linter, and Geo. Q. Sheppard.

Upon motion H. P. Leaf acted as moderator in the absence of a minister.

Upon motion it was ordered that the Session call a congregational meeting for Wednesday evening, June 12, for the election of a pastor.

Attested

Geo. Q. Sheppard,
Clerk.

Hon. H. P. Leaf
Mod^r.

Congregational Meeting.

Pottstown, Pa.

Wednesday, June 12, 1907.

According to call a congregational meeting was held this evening at 7.45 in the chapel.

Rev. W^m. Tatlock of Jeffersonville acted as moderator.

After brief devotional exercises it was moved, seconded, and unanimously carried that the meeting proceed to the election of a pastor.

Moved, seconded, and carried that an informal ballot for nomination be taken with the understanding that the one receiving the highest vote should be the nominee of the meeting. The result of the ballot was the nomination of Rev. W^m. J. Wilkinson.

Upon motion it was decided to elect Mr. Wilkinson by a standing vote. Every person present stood up when the vote was called for, thus electing Mr. Wilkinson by seventy-six votes.

Upon motion the salary was fixed at \$1500 ^{per year} and the vacation at one month.

Moved, seconded, and carried that

the following be appointed a committee to sign the call,

D. K. Hatfield,	} from the
Geo Q Sheppard,	
E R Cassell,	} from the
H. C. Kenney,	
Geo W. Whitman,	} Trustees.
M. R. Cox,	
E. H. Kurtz,	} from the
J. H. Maxwell,	
Dr. A. C. Shute,	} Deacons.

Moved, seconded, and carried that the following be appointed a committee to prosecute the call before the Presbytery.

Jos. Kelso,
H. P. Leaf.

Upon motion the secretary was instructed to telegraph Mr. Wilkinson of his election.

The meeting adjourned by the singing of a hymn and the benediction.

Attested

William Tallock

Mrs. ²

Geo. Q. Sheppard,
Clerk

Pottstown, Pa.

Friday, July 12, 1907

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

Present Rev. W^m. J. Wilkinson, Pastor and Elders H. P. Leaf, Geo. A. Leister, D. K. Hatfield and Geo. Q. Sheppard.

Minutes on pages 151 to 153 were read and approved.

Upon motion the following were received by letter from the First Presby. Church of Phoenixville, Pa.

Louis Raymond Jones and
Mrs. Cora Jones Walts.

After due examination the following were received into full communion on confession of faith.

Kellie Grace Kauffman,
Katharine Keim Sheppard.

Upon motion letters of dismission were granted to
Helen W. Dyckman.

M. Isabel Dyckman.
 Adjourned with prayer.
 attested Geo. Q. Sheppard,
 clerk.

Mr.

Pottstown, Pa.
 Wednesday, August 14, 1907.
 Session met this evening
 after prayer meeting.

Present Rev. W^m. J. Wil-
 kinson, Pastor, and Elders, H. P. Leaf,
 Geo. A. Lester, S. H. Hatfield.

After due examination
 Christine Potts Hammer was re-
 ceived into full communion on
 confession of faith.

Adjourned with prayer.

attest.

H. P. Leaf,

clerk pro-tem.

Mr.

Porterstown, Pa.

Monday, Sept. 23, 1907.

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

Present Rev. W^m. J. Wilkinson, Pastor, and Elders S. K. Stanfield, Geo. H. Linter, and Geo. Q. Sheppard.

Minutes on pp. 154 and 155 were read and approved.

The report of the committee to Presbytery to prosecute the call of Rev. W^m. J. Wilkinson (see page 153) was made by Mr. Wilkinson in the absence of Elders Kelso and Leaf.

The date of the installation had been fixed as Wednesday evening, Oct. 30, 1907, and the following, in addition to the Moderator of Presbytery, Rev. T. J. Elms, had been invited to participate in the exercises.

Rev. J. R. Beebe, D. D. of Harrisburg

Rev. John F. Sheppard of Conshohocken

Rev. J. F. Drupp, D. D. of Germantown.

Upon motion adjourned with
prayer.

Attest

Geo. Q. Sheppard,
Clerk.

Mod^{tr}.

Pottstown Pa.

Friday, October 11, 1907

Session met this evening
after preparatory service.

Present Rev W^m J. Williamson,
Pastor and Elders D. K. Hatfield,
H. P. Leaf, Geo. N. Leister, and Geo.
Q. Sheppard.

Upon motion the following
were received by letter

Anna Wells Bly, } from First Pres.
Helen Phillips Bly, } Church of New
Albany, Ind.

Frank U. Kennedy from Second Pres.
Church of Carlisle, Pa.

After due examination the
following were received into full
communion upon confession of
faith, Vivian Anita Ludwick,
Barton Thomas,
John C. Wylie.

Upon motion a letter of
dismissal was granted to
Anna Dewhurst to

Upon motion adjourned with
prayer.

Attest.
Geo. Q. Sheppard,
Clerk.

Mrs.

Pottstown, Pa.

Wednesday, Oct. 16, 1907.

Session met this evening after
prayer meeting for the regular
monthly meeting.

Present Rev. W^m. J. Williamson,
Pastor, and Elders D. K. Hatfield, Geo.
A. Leister, and Geo. Q. Sheppard.

Minutes of last two meetings
were read and approved.

By motion a letter of dis-
missal was granted to Mrs.
Sarah Jane Grundon to Meth-
odist Episcopal Church of Conshohocken, Pa.

By motion D. K. Hatfield

To the
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to address it has
been designated to
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repeated efforts to
find out Miss
Dewhurst's desires.

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is sent this blank
will be filled in.

G. Q. S.

after 5/10/08.

Pastor

N. Lester, H. P. Leaf,
Sheppard.

Minutes of Oct. 16 were read
and approved.

Upon motion a letter of dismis-

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Sheppard,
Clerk.

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Wilkinson,
Hatfield, Geo.
Geo. Q.

Upon motion a letter of
dismissal was granted to
Anna Dewhurst to

Upon motion adjourned with
prayer.

Attest.
Geo. Q. Sheppard,
Clerk.

Mrs.

Pottstown, Pa.

Wednesday, Oct. 16, 1907.

Session met this evening after
prayer meeting for the regular
monthly meeting.

Present Rev. W^m. J. Williamson,
Pastor, and Elders D. K. Hatfield, Geo.
A. Leister, and Geo. Q. Sheppard.

Minutes of last year meetings
were read and approved.

By motion a letter of dis-
missal was granted to Mrs.
Sarah Jane Dunder to Meth-
odist Episcopal Church of Conshohocken, Pa.

By motion D. K. Hatfield

was appointed delegate to the November meeting of Presbytery.

By motion it was decided that 79 names be put upon the absentee roll to be headed, "The following members are not now resident in Pottstown or its vicinity." (This makes an absentee roll of $79 + 23 = 102$).

Adjourned with prayer.

Attest.

Geo. Q. Sheppard,
Clerk.

Mrs. F.

Pottstown, Pa.,

Wednesday, Nov. 21, 1907.

Session met this evening after prayer meeting.

Present Per. Wm. J. Wilkinson,
Pastor, and Elders D. K. Statfield, Geo.
N. Leister, H. P. Leaf, and Geo. Q.
Sheppard.

Minutes of Oct. 16 were read and approved.

Upon motion a letter of dismis-

sion was granted to Mabel Stanley to the Spring Garden Methodist Epis. Church of Philadelphia, Pa.

Moved, and seconded, and carried that a roll of members, active and absentee, be printed.

Moved, seconded, and carried that Mr. Statfield confer with the best lawyer he can find and invest, according to the advice received, the legacy of \$2000 held by the Session and now on deposit with the Security Company.

Upon motion adjourned with prayer.

Attest.

Geo. Q. Sheppard,
Clerk.

Mod^o.

Pottstown, Pa.,

Friday, Jan. 10, 1908.

Session met this evening after preparatory service.

Present Rev. W^m. J. Wilkinson, Pastor, and Elders, J. H. Statfield, Geo. A. Leister, and J. P. Leaf.

Upon motion H. P. Leaf was appointed to act as secretary.

Upon motion the following were received into membership by letter,
 Mrs. Agnes R. Luswick from the
 Pres. Ch. of Mullerstown, Pa.
 Mrs. Elizabeth Mac Latchie from
 Emmanuel Lutheran Ch. of
 Pottstown, Pa.

After due examination the following were received into full membership upon confession of faith,

Mrs. Jennie Galey,
 Maggie Taylor Heim,
 Robert Wm. Mac Latchie.

On motion a contribution of ten dollars from the sessional fund was made to the presbyterial evangelistic fund.

On motion D. K. Hatfield and H. P. Leaf were authorized to invest the 1st bequest of \$2000 (see p. 166) in refunding bonds of the Chicago, Rock Island, and Pacific Railroad.

On motion it was decided to donate through the "Presbyterian" a pulpit bible to some needy congregation.

Adjourned with prayer to meet Sunday morning, Jan. 12, at 10.30 o'clock.

Attest

Geo. Q. Sheppard,
clerk.

Mod^r.

H. P. Leaf.

Sec. pro tem.

Pottstown, Pa.,

Sunday, Jan. 12, 1908.

Session met this morning before service

Present Rev. W^m. J. Wilkinson,
Pastor, and Elders, D. K. Hatfield,
H. P. Leaf, and Geo. Q. Sheppard.

On motion Jrs. Kelso was appointed delegate to the January meeting of Presbytery.

On motion adjourned.

Attest

Geo. Q. Sheppard,
clerk.

Mod^r.

Pottstown, Pa.

Wednesday, Jan. 15, 1908.

Session met this evening after prayer meeting for the regular monthly meeting.

Present Rev. W^m. J. Wilkinson, Pastor, and Elders D. H. Hatfield, Geo. A. Leister, H. P. Leaf, and Geo. Q. Sheppard.

Minutes of Nov. 21, 1907, Jan. 10 and Jan. 17, 1908 were read and approved.

The committee on investment of the 2nd legacy (see pp. 160th & 161) reported progress and was continued.

Upon motion it was decided that the following should be communion Sundays in each year, first Sunday in January, Easter Sunday, third Sunday in June, and first Sunday in October.

On motion adjourned with prayer.

Attest.

Mob^l.

Geo. Q. Sheppard,
clerk.

Pottstown, Pa.,

Wednesday, Feb. 19, 1908.

Session met this evening after prayer meeting for the regular monthly meeting.

Present: Rev. W. J. Wilkinson, Pastor, and Elders, D. H. Hatfield, Geo. A. Leister, and Geo. Q. Sheppard.

Minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

The committee on investment of the York legacy reported that they had purchased at par three bonds of the city of Ardmore, Oklahoma, \$641 each, bearing 6% interest payable Oct. 1st. They also had paid accrued interest amounting to \$38 $\frac{46}{100}$, leaving a balance in hand from the legacy of \$2000 of \$77 still uninvested. On motion the report was accepted and approved and the committee discharged.

By motion letters of dismission were granted to
Thomas Todd to Meth. Epis. Church
of Spring City, Pa.

Roy A. Hatfield to First Pres. Church
of Norristown, Pa.

Frank K. Fink to Market Sq. Pres.
Church of Germantown, Pa.

By motion it was decided
to send our old pulpit bible to
the Pres. Church of Mill Creek,
Oklahoma, Rev. W. T. Eagleson,
D. D., pastor.

By motion D. K. Hatfield
was appointed delegate to the
March meeting of Presbytery.

On motion adjourned with
prayer.

Attest.

Geo. Q. Sheppard,
Clerk.

Mrs. A.

Pottstown, Pa.

Tuesday, March 31, 1908.

Session met this evening at
7.45 o'clock in the Chapel and was
opened with prayer.

Present Rev. W. J. Wilkinson,
Pastor, and Elders, N. P. Leaf, D. K.
Hatfield, Geo. A. Leister and Geo. Q.

Sheppard.

Minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

Mr. Statfield reported that our pulpit bible had been sent by express as ordered at the last meeting (see page 165), but no word had been as yet received, though it had been sent on March 4th.

By motion letters of dismission were granted to Mr. and Mrs. Harry Kinsey to Methodist Epis. Church of Schuylkill Haven, Pa.

By motion orders were granted for the following bills

Expressage on pulpit bible	\$1.75
Tres. evangelistic fund, (see p. 161),	10.
Expenses of installation,	22.50
Printing and postage,	8.41
Communion wine	6.75
Delegate to presbytery.	4.20
	\$53.61

The treasurer reported a balance of \$44.81 in the treasury after the

payment of the above bills, in addition to the balance of the legacy un-invested amounting to \$77 (see page 164).

Approved with prayer.

Attest.

Geo. Q. Sheppard,
Clerk.

ms⁴.

Pottstown, Pa.

Friday, April 17, 1908.

Session met this evening after preparatory service.

Present Rev. Wm. J. Wilfaisn, Pastor, and Elders Geo. N. Leister, D. K. Hatfield, H. P. Lenf, and Geo. Q. Sheppard.

Minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

After due examination the following were received into full communion upon confession of faith.

Harry Cook,
John King Leister,
Margaret Meigs,

Marion Meigs,
 Edith May Fotts,
 Viola Mary Sureani,
 Teresa Mary Volpi,
 Florence Williams,

Mr. Hatfield reported that the
 pulpit bible had been received
 and fully acknowledged (see p. 166).

Upon motion it was ordered
 that two dozen hymn books be
 bought for prayer meeting use
 and paid for out of the
 Session's funds.

Upon motion Messrs Hatfield
 and Deiter were appointed a
 committee to investigate the
 need of hymn books in the
 church and supply the
 same, charging the expense
 to the Session's funds.

Upon motion adjourned
 with prayer.

Attest.

Geo. Q. Sheppard,
 Clerk.

ms^A.

The following report for the year from Apr. 16, 1907 to March 31, 1908 was sent to Stated clerk of Presbytery Apr. 17, 1908.

Officers,	Elders,	5
	Deacons,	6
Communicants,	Added on examination,	9
	" " certificate,	7
	Restored,	15
	Dismissed by certificate, etc.,	10
	Suspended roll,	79
	Deceased,	2
	Net total of communicants,	262
Baptisms,	Confession,	0
	Infants,	8
(Part, Long department & cradle roll)		
Sabbath School membership,		170
Funds contributed,	Home missions,	\$ 292
	Foreign missions,	784
	Education,	23
	Sabbath School work,	50
	Church erection,	25
	Relief fund,	38
	Freedom in,	21
	Aid for colleges,	11
	General Assembly,	33.81
Congregational,		2849.

Miscellaneous,

89.

Attest
Geo. Q. Sheppard,
Clerk.

Pottstown Pa., Apr. 22, 1908.

The annual Congregational Meeting of The First Pres. Church was held in the Chapel this evening, Rev. W. J. Williamson presiding.

After devotional exercises and remarks bearing on the financial situation of the church, the pastor vacated the chair and Geo. Q. Sheppard, President of the Board of Trustees, became the presiding officer and E. R. Canal was called to act as secretary.

The reading of reports by the various organizations of the church was dispensed with in order to give more time for the discussion of other subjects.

The meeting then proceeded to the election of two trustees and

two deacons to serve for three years each. The following were elected,

Dr. G. M. Glenney, } for trustees.
 Lemuel Leaf,
 Lewis Carty, } for deacons.
 Geo. W. Witman.

Mrs. E. S. Cook informed the meeting that the Ladies Aid Society had decided to raise for the Board of Trustees for the year 1908-09 the sum of \$500. On motion a vote of thanks was extended to the Ladies Aid Society for their generous offer.

After fully discussing the advisability of making certain changes in the interior of the church, a motion was carried directing the Board of Trustees to formulate plans for changing the location of the organ, pulpit, and pews, also for installing steam heat and cementing the cellar. The estimates on these alterations are to be submitted to the congregation.

at some future date.

On motion adjourned.

E. R. Casel,
 Sec.
 Ges. Q. Sheppard,
 Chairman.

Pottstown, Pa.

Sunday, May 10, 1908.

Session met this morning
after service.

Present Per W^m J. Wilkinson,
 Pastor and Elders, D. K. Hatfield,
 Ges. N. Leister, J. P. Leaf, and
 Ges. Q. Sheppard.

Minutes from page 167 to page
172 were read and approved.

On motion letters of dismis-
 sim were granted to

Gerard Hallock and

Mrs. Adele Page Hallock, his wife,
 to the Congregational Church of
 Great Barrington, Mass.

By motion D. K. Hatfield was
 appointed delegate to the May meeting
 of Presbytery with Jno Kelso as al-
 ternate.

After the reading and approval
of the minutes of this meeting,
adjourned with prayer.

Attest

Geo. Q. Sheppard,
Clerk.

Mod^r.

Examined & approved
May 12th 1908

J. F. Sheppard Moderator

Pottstown, Pa.

Wednesday, May 20, 1908.

Session met this evening after prayer meeting for the regular monthly meeting.

Present Rev. Wm. J. Wilkinson, Pastor, and Elders, W. K. Hatfield, H. P. Leaf, Geo. H. Leister, and Geo. Q. Sheppard.

After informal discussion without action adjourned with prayer.

Attest

Geo. Q. Sheppard,
Clerk.

Wm. J. Wilkinson

Pottstown, Pa.

Wednesday, June 17, 1908.

Session met this evening after prayer meeting for the regular monthly meeting.

Present Rev. Wm. J. Wilkinson, Pastor, and Elders, Geo. H. Leister and Geo. Q. Sheppard.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Upon motion Geo. K. Leister, was appointed treasurer of the Session to succeed Elder D. K. Hatfield, who died May 28, 1908.

Upon motion H. P. Leaf was appointed delegate to the July meeting of Presbytery.

By discussion it was arranged that the Pastor should have for his vacation the last three weeks of July and the last three weeks of August.

Adjourned with prayer.

Attest.

Geo. Q. Sheppard,
Clerk.

Mo⁷.

Note. The following letter signed by all the members of the Session, Board of Trustees, and Board of Deacons was sent to the family of Elder D. K. Hatfield after his death on May 28, 1908.

Pottstown, Pa. May 29, 1908.

To

Mrs. D. K. Hatfield and family:

We, the Elders, Trustees, and Deacons
of The First Presbyterian Church.
in joint session take this occa-
sion to express to you our deepest
sympathy in your great afflic-
tion.

At this time we desire to
bear testimony to the lifelong
and unselfish devotion of our
fellow worker, your husband and
father, to the highest and best
interests of our Church and
Christ's Kingdom.

We believe that the spirit
of his life, which has been inter-
woven in the fibre of this Church,
will ever inspire its officers
and members to higher and greater
endeavors toward realizing the
same noble ideals.

Again expressing our sym-
pathy and appreciation, we re-
main,

Most affectionately yours,

Pottstown, Pa.

Friday, June 26, 1908.

Session met this evening after preparatory service.

Present Rev. Wm. J. Wilkinson,
Pastor, and Elders G. N. Lenter and
H. P. Leaf.

In the absence of the clerk H. P. Leaf acted as clerk pro tem.

On motion Flora L. White was received into membership by letter from the Arch Street Pres. Church of Philadelphia, Pa.

After due examination John Haley was received into full communion on confession of faith.

Adjourned with prayer.

H. P. Leaf

clerk pro tem.

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Pottstown, Pa.

Friday, Oct. 2, 1908.

Session met this evening after preparatory service.

Present Rev. Wm. J. Wilkinson, Pastor;

and Elders, H. P. Leaf, Geo. A. Leister, and Geo. Q. Sheppard.

Minutes of June 17 and June 26 were read and approved.

On motion a letter was granted to Norman Taylor to the First Methodist Church of Harrisburgh, Pa.

Adjourned with prayer.

Attest.

Geo. Q. Sheppard
Mod^r. Clerk.

Pottstown, Pa.

Thursday, Oct. 22, 1908.

Session met this evening in the chapel and was opened with prayer.

Present Rev. Wm. J. Wilkinson, Pastor, and Elders, H. P. Leaf, Geo. A. Leister, and Geo. Q. Sheppard.

Minutes of Oct. 2 were read and approved.

Upon motion Mr. Kelso was appointed delegate to the Nov. meeting of Presbytery.

The Treasurer, Geo. A. Leister, re-
ported as follows,

Dr.		Cr.	
Balance from last year,	\$6.35	Sundries,	\$1.
(See page 166, where the balance of \$44.81 in- cluded this \$6.35 and the \$38.46 paid as accrued interest on the bonds (see page 164))		Presbytery in Board	6.25
Uninvested legacy,	77.	O. H. Fink,	2.
(see page 164)		Stymon Books,	37.26
Interest on bonds to Oct. 1,	115.38	(See page 168)	
[Return of accrued interest	\$198.73	Bal. in bank,	152.22
\$38.46 + earned interest			
76.92 = \$115.38]			\$198.73
\$1923 remains invested in bonds (see page 164)			

Upm motion adjourned with prayer.

Attest.

Geo. Q. Sheppard,
Clerk.

Mr. H.

Note, John Haley recorded as received
by the Session upon confession of faith
(See page 177) never appeared for public
ratification of the Session's action. The Session
have lost knowledge of him.

Geo. Q. Sheppard,
Clerk.

Pottstown, Pa.

Wednesday, Nov. 18, 1908.

Session met this evening after prayer meeting for the regular monthly meeting.

Present Rev. W^m. J. Wilkinson, Pastor, and Elders, Geo. A. Leister and Geo. Q. Sheppard.

Minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

The Pastor reported upon his attendance of Presbytery with Mr. Kelso (See page 178).

After consultation without any definite action, adjourned with prayer.

Attest.

Geo. Q. Sheppard
Clerk.

Mo^{rs}.

Pottstown, Pa.,

Wednesday, Dec. 30, 1908.

Session met this evening after preparatory service.

Present Rev. W^m. J. Wilkinson, Pastor, and Elders, H. P. Leaf, Geo. A. Leister, and Geo. Q. Sheppard.

The note on page 179 and minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

After ^{upon meeting} due examination the following were admitted to full membership upon confession of faith.

Henry Moyer,
Edmund Wells Thomas.

By motion letters of dismission were granted to,

Mrs. S. F. Jenkins to the Pres.
Church of Westchester, Pa.

W^m. Sands to the First Pres.
Church of Ambidge, Pa.

Upon motion adjourned with prayer.

Attest.

Geo. Q. Sheppard,
Clerk.

Mos^r.

Pottstown, Pa.,

Wednesday, Feb. 17, 1909.

Session met this evening after prayer meeting.

Present, Rev. W^m. J. Wilkinson,
Pastor, and Elders, Geo. M. Lester and Geo.
Q. Sheppard.

Minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

Mr. Wilkinson reported the arrangement of speakers for the usual week of special services during the week preceding Easter.

Mrs. seconded and carried that a contribution of \$10 be made to the Elders Association of the Pres. of Phila. Meth. By motion an order on the treasurer for \$12 was granted to Mr. Wilkinson to pay bills for printing, stationery, postage, etc.

By motion Mr. Deaf was appointed delegate to the March meeting of Presbytery.

By motion letters of dismission were granted as follows

W ^m . C. Bork, and	First Pres.
May S. Bork, his wife	Church of Reading, Pa.
Harvey M. Laughlin, and	First Pres.
Stelen M. Laughlin, his wife	Church of Phoenixville, Pa.
May Beecher	Northminster Pres. Church of Phila., Pa.
Sophie Klinge	Methodist Epis Church of Havertown, Pa.

prayer.

Mrs. 2.

attest Geo. Q. Sheppard, clerk.

Pottstown, Pa.

Wednesday, March 17, 1909

Session met this evening
after prayer meeting.

Present, Rev. W^m. J. Wilkinson,
Pastor, and Elders, Geo. N. Dieter and Geo.
Q. Sheppard.

Minutes of last meeting
were read and approved.

By motion, a letter of dismission
was granted to Dorothy J. Taylor to
Park Congregational Church of
Worcester, Mass.

By motion the following were
restored to the active roll from the
absentee roll.

Warren W. Mintzer, and
Lizzie Mintzer, his wife,
Ann Mintzer.

Upon motion adjourned with
prayer.

Attest.

Geo. Q. Sheppard,
Clerk.

Mod^r.

Pottstown, Pa.

Friday, April 9, 1909.

Session met this evening after preparatory service.

Present Rev. W^m. J. Wilkinson,
Pastor, and Elders, H. P. Leaf, Geo. A.
Leister, and Geo. Q. Sheppard.

Minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

The following were received by letter,

Mrs. George Whitner {from Irish Pres. Church
Titusville, Pa.
Arthur Judson {from Irish Congregational Church
Montclair, N. J.
Mrs. Arthur Judson {from Calvary Pres. Church
Cleveland, Ohio.
Mrs. A. Porter {from Meth. Epis. Church
Rogers, Pa.

After due examination the following were by motion received into full communion on confession of faith,

William Raymond Barr,
Herbert Allen Beam,
W^m. Le Roy Fink,
Lily Margaret Hoffman,
Jennie Eliz. March,
Lewis Harold Reihl,
Livingston Saylor, Jr.,

Anna Louise Van Bursick,
Chas. Robert Wylie, Jr.

Upon motion the following
were transferred from the active
to the reserve roll,

Dorothy M. Furee,

C. L. Lapp,

Mrs. C. L. Lapp,

Mrs. Robert Lorce,

Mrs. W^m. McFarland.

Adjourned with prayer to meet
before morning service on Sunday.
Apr. 11, 1909.

Attest

Geo. Q. Sheppard
Clerk.

Mobth.

Sunday, April 11, 1909.

Session met this morning before
service.

Present Rev. W^m. J. Wilkinson,
Pastor, and Elders, Jos. Kelso, N. P. Leif,
Geo. A. Leister, and Geo. Q. Sheppard.

The following were received by
letter.

Mrs. Sarah Magle

Harry W. Stewart

{ from Market Square
Pres. Church of
Harrisburg, Pa.
from Whitney Ave.
Memorial Christian
Church of Washington, D.C.

After due examination the following were by motion received into full communion on confession of faith.

John Haley (see pages 177 and 179)
Harry Damb Quinter.

Attest:
Geo. Q. Sheppard,
Clerk.

Mrs.

Pottstown, Pa.,

Wednesday, Apr. 14, 1909

The annual meeting of the congregation was held this evening in the chapel.

After devotional exercises conducted by the Pastor and reports from the various Church organizations, the President of the Board of Trustees, Geo. Q. Sheppard, presided at a business meeting and E. R. Cassel acted as secretary.

By ballot the following were elected elders.

Edgar H. Huntz.

Frank W. Pine,
John D. Warnock.

By ballot the following were
elected as trustees

E. R. Cassel,
Geo. Ingster,
Paul Morris,
Dr. Chas. Potts.

By ballot the following were
elected as deacons,

Jos. Cook,
Geo. M. Glenney,
H. W. Stewart.

By motion it was decided
to increase the Pastor's salary
to \$1800 for the year ending
March 31, 1910.

Attest.

Geo. Q. Sheppard,
Clerk.

The following report for
the year from Apr. 1, 1908 to
March 31, 1909 was sent to
Stated Clerk of Presbytery on
Apr. 12, 1909.

Officers,	Elders,	4
	Deacons,	6
Communicants,	Added on examination,	10
	" " certificate,	1
	Restored,	13
	Dismissed by certificate, etc,	12
	Suspended roll,	5
	Deceased,	6
	Net total of communicants,	263
Baptisms,	Confession,	3
	Infants,	6
Sabbath school membership, (Not home-departing or cradle roll)		235
Funds con- tributed,	Home missions,	\$ 179
	Foreign " ,	622
	Education,	52
	Sabbath school work,	17
	Church erection,	13
	Relief fund,	52
	Freeman,	89
	Aid for colleges,	20
	(Anti-Saloon League) Temperance,	23
	General Assembly,	39.83
	Congregational,	3769
	Miscellaneous,	106

Attest
Geo. Q. Sheppard,
Clerk.

Pottstown, Pa.

Wednesday, Apr. 21, 1909.

Sessin met this evening
after prayer meeting for the
regular monthly meeting.

Present Rev. W^m. J. Wilkinson,
Pastor, and Elders, E. H. Hunt,
Geo. N. Lister, F. W. Pine, Geo. Q.
Sheppard and J. D. Warnock.

Minutes of April 9th and
11th were read and approved.

By motion Mr. Leaf was
appointed delegate to May meeting
of Presbytery.

By motion it was decided to
observe "Labor Sunday" as recommen-
ded by the Department of Church
and Labor, and an expenditure of
\$2⁵⁰ ^{copies of the} for "Labor Sunday" service
was authorized.

By motion a bill of \$4⁵⁰
for printing and postage for a
circular letter, sent out before
the last communion service,
was ordered paid.

The Treasurer presented the

following report for the year
ending March 31, 1909

Dr.		Cr.	
Balance from last year	\$6.35	Presbyterian Board	\$6.25
Municipal Bonds 1923.		Printing,	2.
Uninvested Legacy <u>77.</u>	2000.00	Styminals,	37.26
Legacy,		Paid for Bonds, 1923.	00
Interest,	115.38	Uninvested Legacy	77.
		Support of Presby-	
		terian Evangelist,	10.
		Sundries,	1.
		Balance,	65.22
	<u>\$2121.73</u>		<u>\$2121.73</u>

Adjourned with prayer.

Attest.

Geo. Q. Sheppard,
Clerk.

Mo^{re}.

Portsmouth, Pa.

Sunday, May 9, 1909.

Session met this morning
after morning service.

Present Rev. W^m. J. Wilkinson,
Pastor, and Elders, Geo. H. Leister, Geo. Q.
Sheppard, and John D. Warnock.

The minutes, beginning at the
middle of page 186 and including
the minutes of this meeting, were
read and approved.

Adjourned with prayer.

Attest.

Geo. Q. Sheppard
Clerk.

Mr. R.

Examined and Improved,

May 11 1909 R. P. B. Bennett
Moderator.

Pottstown, Pa.

Wednesday, May 19, 1909.

Session met this evening for the regular monthly meeting after prayer meeting.

Present Rev. W^m. J. Wilkinson, Pastor, and Elders E. H. Kutz, Geo. N. Lester, J. W. Pine, Geo. Q. Sheppard and J. D. Warnock.

A request for the use of our church for an organ recital from Miss Alberta Huber was read. By motion it was decided not to grant the request.

After discussion without further action adjourned with prayer.

Attest.

Geo. Q. Sheppard
Clerk

Mod².

Pottstown, Pa.

Sunday, May 30, 1909.

Session met this morning after church service.

Present Rev. W^m. J. Wilkinson, Pastor,

and Elders, Geo. A. Leister, F. W. Pine
and Geo. Q. Sheppard.

By motion it was agreed to
have a representative of the Anti-
Saloon League occupy our
pulpit on the morning of
Sunday, July 18, for the pre-
sentation of his cause.

By motion it was also
agreed to allow a speaker and
a number of singers to present
the claims of Tuskegee Institute
in our chapel on Tuesday evening,
June 15.

Adjourned with prayer.
Attest
Geo. Q. Sheppard
Clerk

Wm. J.

Pottstown, Pa.

Wednesday, June 16, 1909.

Session met this evening
after prayer meeting for the
regular monthly meeting.

I present Rev. Wm. J. Wilkinson,
Pastor, and Elders, E. H. Kuntz, Geo. A.

Leister, F. W. Pine, and Geo. Q. Sheppard.

By motion it was ordered that the name of Mrs. Eveline S. Shultz be dropped from our roll of members at her own request.

By motion H. P. Leaf was appointed as delegate to the July meeting of Presbytery.

By motion Geo. A. Leister was made a committee of one to purchase for use in the chapel one hundred Bibles at a cost of not more than \$25.

Adjourned with prayer.

Attest.

Geo. Q. Sheppard,
Clerk.

Mrs.

Pottstown, Pa.

Friday, June 25, 1909

Session met this evening after preparatory service.

Present, Rev. Wm. J. Wilkinson,
Pastor, and Elders, Geo. A. Leister, F. W. Pine and J. D. Warnock.

Mrs. Leister was appointed clerk pro tem.

After due examination the following were admitted to full membership upon confession of faith.

Thos. W. Kauffman And

Annie Laura Kauffman, his wife.

Mr. Wilkinson reported progress in regard to supplies for the pulpit during his vacation. Mr. Wilkinson also stated that Dr. Fulton of the General Assembly's Temperance Committee desired to speak in our church on Sunday evening, June 27, and arrangements were made for Dr. Fulton's address at that time.

On motion adjourned with prayer.

Attest.

Geo. A. Lester,
Clerk pro-tem.

Wm. S.

Pottstown, Pa.

Wednesday, Sept. 15, 1909.

Session met this evening after prayer meeting for the regular monthly meeting.

Present Rev. Wm. J. Wilkinson,

Pastor, ^{and} Elders, Geo. N. Leister ^{and} Geo. Q. Sheppard.

Mr. Wilkinson presented letters of dismission of Mr. ^{and} Mrs. Thos. W. Kauffman from the First Eng. Lutheran Church of Baltimore. Mr. ^{and} Mrs. Kauffman were received into our Church on June 25 upon confession of faith (see page 195), these letters having not then been received.

Upon motion a letter of dismission was granted to Mary A. Sisler to St. Paul's Pres. Church of Philadelphia, Pa.

Upon motion the following names were put upon the reserved roll because the members had left Pottstown.

Arthur Jasson ^{and}
 Gertrude F. Jasson, his wife,
 Mrs. Anna W. Bly
 Miss Helen P. Bly.

Upon motion the following, having returned to Pottstown, were transferred from the reserved to the active roll,

Christian L. Lapp, and
 Mrs. Christian L. Lapp,
 Robert Martin ^{and}
 Mrs. Jennie Martin, his wife.

Upon motion Mr. Sheppard was appointed delegate to Presbytery meeting at Tacong on Sept. 21 with Mr. S. P. Leaf as alternate.

Mr. Leister, who was appointed on June 16 a Committee to purchase 100 Bibles for \$25 (see page 194), reported his inability to get a satisfactory edition at that price. Upon motion he was authorized to spend \$40 in the purchase of 100 Bibles of a satisfactory edition.

The Treasurer, Mr. Leister, reported that he had invested \$100 at 6% with the Calvert Mortgage and Deposit Co. of Baltimore, Md. \$77 was the uninvested balance of the Tessim's legacy of \$2000 (see page 164) and \$23 were from the Tessim's treasury. By motion the action of the Treasurer was approved.

Adjoined with prayer.

Attest.

Md.

Geo. Q. Sheppard, clerk.

Pottstown, Pa.

Wednesday, Oct. 20, 1909

Session met this evening after prayer meeting for the regular monthly meeting.

Present Rev. W^m. J. Williamson, Pastor, and Elders, E. H. Kurtz, Geo. N. Leister, H. P. Leaf, J. W. Pine, Geo. Q. Sheppard, J. D. Warnock.

All minutes were read from top of page 192, and were approved.

Mr. Leister reported the purchase of 100 Bibles ^(see page 197) for use in the Chapel. The report was accepted with thanks to Mr. Leister.

The Pastor and Mr. Sheppard reported upon the Sept. meeting of Presbytery, which they attended at Tacoma, Pa.

Upon motion Mr. Kelso, with Mr. Leaf as alternate, was appointed delegate to the Nov. meeting of Presbytery.

After much discussion of our Church work, upon motion adjourned with prayer.

Attest.
Geo. Q. Sheppard, clerk.

Pottstown, Pa.

Wednesday, Nov. 17, 1909.

Session met this evening after prayer meeting for the regular monthly meeting.

Present Rev. W^m J. Wilkinson,
Pastor, and Elders E. N. Kurtz, Geo. N.
Leister, F. W. Pine and Geo. Q. Sheppard.

Minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

Mr. Wilkinson reported on the November meeting of Presbytery.

By motion a letter of dismission was granted to Miss Dorothy M. Free to the Princeton Pres. Church of Philadelphia, Pa.

By motion an order on the treasurer for \$2 ²⁵/₁₀₀ for a new Sessional records book was granted.

Upon motion adjourned with prayer.

Attest
Geo. Q. Sheppard
clerk.

Wm. J.

Pottstown, Pa.

Wednesday, Dec. 22, 1909.

Sessim met after prayer meeting this evening for the regular monthly meeting.

Present Rev. Wm. J. Wilkinson, Pastor,
and Elders E. W. Kutz, Geo. St. Leister, J. W.
Pine, and Geo. Q. Sheppard.

Minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

By motion \$10 was voted to the Elders' Association of the Presbytery of Philadelphia North towards the support of the presbyterial evangelist for the year 1910.

By motion Mr. W. P. Leaf was appointed delegate to the January meeting of Presbytery.

Upon motion adjourned with prayer.

Attest
Geo. Q. Sheppard
Clerk.

Mod^r.

Pottstown, Pa.

Friday, Dec. 31, 1909.

Session met this evening after preparatory service.

Present Rev. W^m. J. Wilkinson Pastor,
and Elders, J. P. Leaf, Geo. N. Lupton, F.
W. Pine and Geo. Q. Sheppard.

Minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

By motion Deborah D. Weisel was received by letter from the Deep Run and Doylestown Pres. Church.

A request from the State Sabbath Association for the privilege of presenting their cause in our church on Sunday evening Jan. 9, 1910 was left to Mr. Wilkinson for final decision after further investigation.

Upon motion adjourned with prayer.

Attest
Geo. Q. Sheppard
Clerk.

Pottstown, Pa.

Wednesday, Jan. 19, 1910.

Session met this evening after prayer meeting for the regular monthly meeting.

Present Rev. W^m. J. Wilkinson, Pastor, And Elders, Geo. A. Heister, F. W. Pine, Geo. Q. Sheppard and John D. Warnock.

By motion a letter of dismission was granted to Mrs. Robert Loebe to the Bethany Meth. Epis. Church of Hamburg, Pa.

Upon motion adjourned with prayer.

Attest.
Geo. Q. Sheppard
Clerk.

Pottstown, Pa.

Wednesday, Feb. 16, 1910.

Session met this evening after prayer meeting for the regular monthly meeting.

Present Rev. W^m. J. Wilkinson, Pastor, And Elders, W. P. Leaf, Geo. A.

Leister, E. H. Kentz, Geo. Q. Sheppard and
J. D. Warnock.

Minutes of the last two
meetings were read and approved.

The Pastor announced that Rev.
A. Esler would hold special meetings
in our church each evening ex-
cept Saturday of the week preced-
ing Easter Sunday.

Upon motion H. P. Leaf was
appointed delegate to the March
meeting of Presbytery.

Adjourned with prayer.

Attest.

Geo. Q. Sheppard,
Clerk.

Mod.

Pottstown, Pa.

Wednesday, March 16, 1910.

Session met this evening
after prayer meeting for the
regular monthly meeting.

Present, Rev. W^m. J. Wilkerson,
Pastor, and Elders, Geo. H. Leister and
Geo. Q. Sheppard.

Minutes of last meeting were

read and approved.

Mr. Wilkinson reported upon the March meeting of Presbytery.

Upon motion it was agreed to allow Booker T. Washington to present the claims of his work for negroes at Tuskegee Institute Alabama, in our Church at the evening service on Sunday April 3 or April 10th.

Upon motion the Pastor was authorized to send out to the congregation a letter urging attendance upon the services of the week preceding Easter Sunday and of the Communion upon that day.

Adjourned with prayer.

Attest.

Geo. Q. Sheppard,
Clerk.

Mr. [unclear]

Pottstown, Pa.

Friday, March 25, 1910.

Session met this evening after preparatory service.

Present Rev. W^m. J. Wilkinson, Pastor, and Elders, E. D. Huntz, H. J. Leaf, Geo. A. Leister, F. W. Pine, and Geo. Q. Sheppard.

Minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

Upon motion the following persons were received by letter:

H. A. Bell and Mrs. Granelle Bell his wife } from the Pres. Ch. of Canton, Pa.

Jacob S. Gabel from the First Baptist Ch. of Pottstown, Pa.

John W. E. Boettner, } from Zion's Reformed Ch. of Pottstown, Pa.
Erwin Twine

Grafton M. Thrasher from First Pres. Ch. of Kewanee, Ill.

John W. Zelt from Third Pres. Ch. of Washington, Pa.

After due examination the following were by motion received into full communion upon confession of faith;

Hazel C. Bachman,
 Mildred C. Boettner,
 John G. Ludwick,
 Laura V. Oakes,
 Stella E. Oakes,
 Margaret L. Shute,
 George B. Sheppard,
 John F. Tenison, ^{and}
 Mrs. Mary E. Tenison, his wife,
 Elizabeth Wiley.

By motion the following were
 put upon the reserve roll;

Joseph Tunani,
 Viola Tunani.

By motion a letter of dismissal
 was granted to Mrs. Laurier Tenary
 to Brown Memorial Pres. ch. of
 Baltimore, Md.

Upon motion adjourned with
 prayer.

Attest.

Geo. Q. Sheppard,
 Clerk.

Mrs. ^{Q.}

The following report for the year from Apr. 1, 1909 to March 31, 1910 was sent to States Clerk of Presbytery on Apr. 15, 1910.

Officers,	Elders,	7
	Deacons,	6
Communicants,	(Added on examination,	23
	" " certificate,	14
	Restored,	12
	Dismissed by certificate, etc,	5
	Suspended roll,	10
	Deceased,	7
	(Net total of Communicants,	290
Baptisms,	Confession,	0
	Infants	6
(not home department or cradle roll)		
Sabbath School membership,		235
Funds contributed,	Home missions,	\$ 142
	Foreign " ,	627
	Education,	16
	Sabbath School work,	28
	Church erection,	18
	Relief fund,	48
	Freedman,	9
	Aid for colleges,	9
	Temperance,	8
	General Assembly,	28 $\frac{93}{100}$

(Congregational,	\$ 3666.
Miscellaneous,	28 $\frac{85}{100}$

Attest.
Geo. Q. Sheppard,
Clerk.

Pottstown Pa.

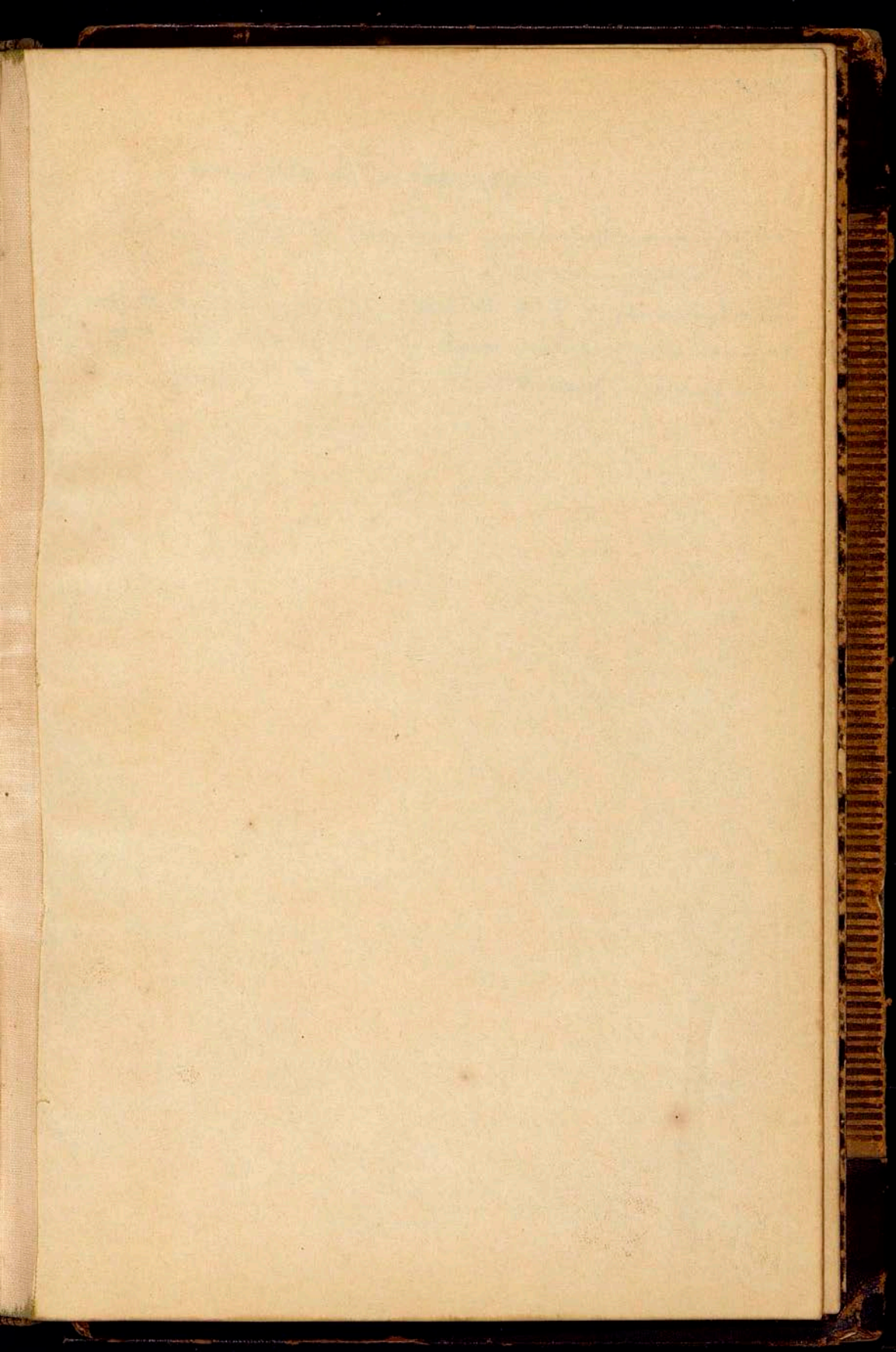
Wednesday, April 20, 1910.

Session met this evening after prayer meeting for the regular monthly meeting.

Present Rev. Wm. J. Wilkinson
Pastor and Elders, E. H. Kurtz, Geo.
A. Leister, F. W. Pine and J. D. Warnock.
F. W. Pine acted as clerk.

By motion an order upon the treasurer for \$10 to pay for printing a new roll of the church was granted.

By motion the matter of pulpit supplies for the time of the pastor's vacation was put into the hands of Mr. Wilkinson. An expenditure of \$15 per Sunday and of \$5 for the prayer meeting was authorized. By motion H. P. Leaf was appointed delegate to May meeting of Presbytery.
Attest. J. W. Pine, clerk pro tem.



Reference in this Volume

Communion Sundays minute of Jan. 15. 1908.

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