

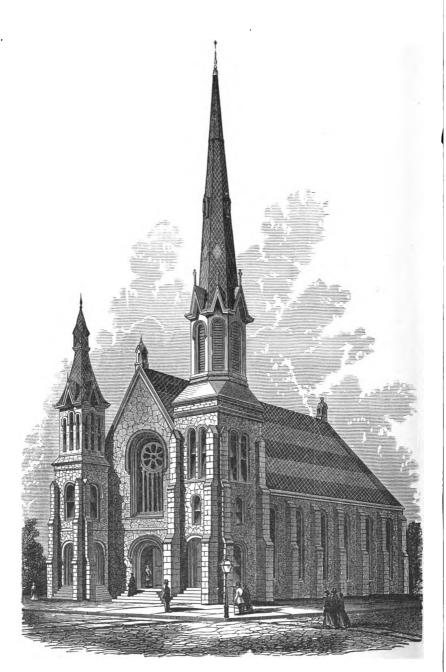
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REV. W. T. WYLIE, Pastor.

"Thou shalt remember all the way which the Lord thy God led thee."

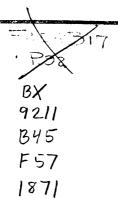
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## Presbyterian Church,

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1870.

From the narrative given by Dr. Linn, we learn that no record has been kept of the organization of this church, but that "application had been made for supplies for this place, and sometimes for Milesburg, as early as 1795, and perhaps earlier; and its organization may have been about the year 1800."

Some time in 1802, Henry R. Wilson, a licentiate of the Presbytery of Carlisle, was chosen to be pastor, and was installed, in the spring of 1803, pastor of the united congregations of Bellefonte and Lick Run.

In 1809, Mr. Wilson removed to Carlisle, when Mr. James Linn was called to the united churches of Bellefonte and Lick Run, and installed as their pastor. In the fall of 1839, Mr. Linn was released from the Lick Run Congregation, and gave all his time to Bellefonte.

On October 5, 1859, the pastor and people celebrated the completion of Dr. Linn's service of fifty years in the ministry, and in the pastorate of this congregation.

A printed record of the services on that occasion is in the Congregational Library, and may be examined by any who are interested in doing so.

In November, 1860, Rev. J. H. Barnard entered upon his labors as assistant pastor, and continued until the first of July, 1866, when he removed to the West.

Rev. Alfred Yeomans entered on his labors as assistant pastor, December 2, 1866. In January, 1869, he removed to Orange, N. J. Dr. Linn continued senior pastor until his death, which took place February 23, 1868.

In July, 1869, a call was made on Rev. W. T. Wylie, of Newcastle, Pa., and he entered on his labors as pastor in November, although the installation services were postponed until the dedication of the new church, June 28, 1870.

The present house of worship was completed at a cost of nearly \$40,000, and, entirely free of debt, was dedicated to the worship of God on the 28th of June, 1870. On the afternoon of the same day the installation services took place. Rev. H. S. Butler, of Clearfield, preached the sermon, from John x. 14. Rev. R. Hamil, D.D., presided, and proposed the constitutional questions. Rev. Dr. McLean, D.D., delivered the charge to the pastor, and Rev. D. H. Barron the charge to the people. In the evening, the Synod of Harrisburg was constituted by the order of the Assentibly.

For the accommodation of the Sabbath-School, Congregational Temperance Society, and other meetings of the congregation, a temporary building,  $60 \times 70$ , has been erected, at a cost of some \$1,500. It will seat about 600 persons, and is known as "The Sabbath-School Bethel."

All the meetings of the congregation, except the regular Sabbath services, are held in this building.

## PRESENT PRGANIZATION.

#### Pastor.

Rev. W. T. Wylie. Residence, Presbyterian Parsonage.

WE preach not ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord; and ourselves your servants for Jesus' sake."-2 Cor. iv. 5.

Persons who wish to converse on the subject of personal religion are *always* welcome at the pastor's study; or he will visit them, if desired, at their own homes.

## Ruling Elders.

"NOT as being lords over God's heritage, but as examples to the flock."—

1 Peter v. 3.

E. C. Humes,

JAMES HARRIS,

H. N. McAllister,

A. O. Furst.

The nature and duties of the office of Ruling Elders are defined in the *Form of Government*, chapters v. and ix.

Stated Meetings of Session are held on the first Saturday evening of each month, at the pastor's study, at 7 1-2 P.M.

#### SUGGESTIONS.

A. Jas. v. 14: "Is any sick among you? Let him CALL for the elders of the church." Do not wonder that you are not visited, if the pastor or elders be not informed of your sickness, and invited to see you.

**B.** I Thess. v. 25: "Brethren, pray for us." It is ever true that "a praying people make a preaching pastor."

In your families, in your closets, and in your social meetings, ask God's blessing on your pastor, and upon those who are associated with him in the oversight of the church.

## Religious Services.

Services commence punctually at the time appointed. It is well for each to be in his place, if possible, five minutes before service begins.

"It is part of my religion not to disturb the devotions of others."

Public Worship—Sabbath morning, 10 1-2 o'clock. Sabbath evening, 7 1-2 o'clock.

Communion in January, April, July, October. Public worship on Friday and Saturday preceding the Communion.

Baptism.—The Sacrament of Baptism is administered on the Saturday afternoon before the Communion.

Parents are requested to hand to the pastor, in writing, their own names, and the names of their children, with date of their birth, in order that they may be correctly entered on the church record.

#### A Secret Worth Knowing.

A Sabbath well spent
Brings a week of content,
And strength for the cares of the morrow;
But a Sabbath profaned,
Whatsoe'er may be gained,
Is a certain forerunner of sorrow.

Who will lay this to heart? Reader, will you?

## THE CHOIR.

"HESE are they whom David set over the service of song in the house of the Lord, after that the ark had rest."—1 Ch. vi. 31.

THE OFFICE of the Choir is not to sing to the people, or for the people, but to lead the people in singing to the Lord.

- A. Let all the people sing to the Lord.
- B. Endeavor to sing with the spirit and with the understanding.
- C. Prepare for this service by becoming familiar with the congregational tunes generally in use.
- **D.** Let our children and youth be instructed and *trained* for this service.
- MAKE a joyful noise unto the Lord, all the earth: make a loud noise, and rejoice, and sing praise."-Ps. xxviii. 4.

"LET US SING UNTO THE LORD."-Ps. xcv. I.

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

(1) DOTH God take care for oxen?"—Read 1 Cor. ix. 9, "Let him that is taught in the word communicate unto him that teacheth in all good things."—Gal. vi. 6.

JAMES A. BEAVER, Pre-	sident,	,		1871
ADAM HOY, -	-	-	-	1871
HARVEY MANN, -	-	-	-	1872
EDMUND BLANCHARD,	-	-	-	1872
C. T. ALEXANDER,	-	-	-	1873
JAMES S. SOMMERVILL	E,	-	-	1873
EDWARD C. HUMES, 7	reasur	rer.		
WILLIAM HAMILTON,	Secreta	ry.		

Stated Meetings of the Board are held on the 1st of January. All other meetings are at the call of the President.

At a congregational meeting, held July 9, 1870, the following resolutions were passed. These resolutions explain the method adopted for the support of the Gospel in this congregation. Each member of the church, and each adherent, will be supplied with a card for subscription, and with the necessary envelopes, on application to the Trustees. Each is called to give according as God hath prospered him:

#### ACTION OF THE CONGREGATION.

Resolved, 1. That the pews in the Presbyterian Church of Bellefonte be open and free, and that all well-behaved persons be and are hereby cordially invited to enter and occupy, to hear the Word of God read and expounded.

And whereas it is desirable that the families of the congregation be kept as much as possible together, the children continuously in the care and under the eye of the parents; therefore,

Resolved, 2. That the several families and individuals of the congregation, now present, proceed to make choice of pews or sittings in the church, and that all who desire pews or sittings hereafter shall make selections from those not taken, by application to William Hamilton, Secretary to the Board of Trustees, in the order of their applications. Should any conflict arise in choosing by two or more securing the same pew or sitting, the choice shall be determined by lot.

Resolved, 3. That whilst every pew in the church shall be considered open and free to every person who shall enter, outside the regular attendants; as between themselves the allotments so made shall be scrupulously respected.

Resolved, 4. That as well in contributions for the maintenance and support of the minister, the Sabbath-school, and all the incidental expense of the congregations, as in the contributions to the Boards of the Church, we hereby recognize the Scripture rule requiring every member to give as God hath prospered him.

## RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES

Of the Congregation of the Presbyterian Church of Bellefonte, for the Year 1870.

Amount received from Envelopes paid Treasurer\$2,321	95
Amount received from Envelopes not yet paid Treasurer 89	57

## Total......\$2,411 52

#### EXPENSES PROPERLY CHARGEABLE TO 1870.

Pastor's Salary	2,000 00
Sexton's Wages	120 00
Commissioners of Centre Co., rent, fuel, and gas	50 00
E. & E. Blanchard, Prayer-Meeting Room for 1870	40 00
Dr. Wylie, services at Protracted Meeting	50 <b>0</b> 0
H. P. Harris, permanent book-case at Parsonage	35 00
Rev. J. Nesbit, Temperance Sermon and expenses	12 00
Missionary Map, tracts, etc	33 30
C. B. Gould, printing, 1870	40 00
J. D. Miller, blank books	2 50
Gas bills to January 1	150 20
Services for blowing organ	12 00
Insurance	17 91
R. A. Kinsloe, printing for Church and S. S	30 50
Fuel	75 00

Total.....\$2,668 41

552 31

#### STATEMENT OF

## RECEIPTS AND APPROPRIATIONS.

Made by the Session of the Presbyterian Church of Bellefonte out of the Benevolent Fund for the Year 1870.

Total amount contributed through envelopes to the

Benevolent Fund		94
Deduct counterfeit	-	25
Leaving	\$2,102	69
APPROPRIATED AS FOLLOWS:		
Foreign Missions	. \$550	00
Domestic Missions	. 450	00
Board of Education	. 100	00
Board of Publication	. 125	00
Board of Church Erection	. 200	00
Disabled Ministers	. 125	00
Tract Society	110	00
Books for Contributors	. 24	00
Miss N. Ammerman	. 50	00
Temperance Society Books	. 54	80
Bellefonte Sabbath-School	. 130	89
Freedmen	. 153	00
Poor of the Church	. 30	00
	\$2,102	 69

Add additional contributions to special objects, including S. S. contributions, not controlled by Session...

Total.... \$2,655 oo

#### ESTIMATE FOR 1871.

We want for the year 1871, in the Presbyterian Congregation of Bellefonte, to meet its current expenses, Three Thousand Five Hundred Dollars. A contribution of five cents per day from each member of the church will furnish this amount. Including the friends of the church who are members of the congregation, the average per day for each person will be less than four cents. Can you give more or less than four cents per day? Answer this question conscientiously on the card which accompanies this statement.

The items for our estimated expenses are:

Deficiency for years 1868, 1869, and 1870	\$500	00
Pastor's Salary	2,000	00
Sexton's Wages	150	00
Incidentals for Sexton—brooms, tapers, etc	15	00
Blowing organ	12	00
Music-books for Choir	9	00
Gas for Church and Bethel	200	00
Fuel for "	125	00
Fuel for " "	50	00
Parsonage repairs—roof and paint	100	00
Printing cards, envelopes, etc	30	00
Printing and engraving C. Manual	75	00
SABBATH-SCHOOL—Library		
Papers for distribution		
Miscellaneous expenses25 00	179	50
	<b>\$</b> 3,445	50

There may, and no doubt will be, calls upon the treasury which we cannot anticipate, so that \$3,500 is not too high an estimate of our needs. Insurance, fuel, light, and sexton's wages, it will be observed, will be higher this year than last.

## SABBATH-SCHOOL.

"COME, ye children, hearken unto me: I will teach you the fear of the Lord."-Ps. xxxiv, 11.

#### Officers.

James A. Beaver, Superintendent. A. O. Furst, Assistant Superintendent. WILLIAM HAMILTON, Secretary and Librarian. James Harris, Treasurer.

Each class has adopted a class name and motto, by which it is distinguished. It is very important that every member of the congregation, who can do so, should be connected with the Sabbath-school. Every adult in the congregation, not connected with the Sabbath-school already, is invited to join the *ADULT Bible-Class*. Before proceeding to give the roll of classes, we introduce the following concise card, which was prepared for the last State Sunday-School Convention:

## Sunday-School Teachers' Duties.

Lore Your Work.
Study Your Lessons.
Be Punctual.
Preserve Order.
Occupy the Time.
Yisit Your Scholars.
Pray for Success.

## Mission Work for Every One.

We print the roll of the Sunday-School, leaving room in which to record the name or names of new scholars introduced.

"Oh! shall I wear a starless crown
In yonder world of glory?
Or will some little friend be found
To whom I've told the story?
The wondrous story of the cross;
The sufferings of the Saviour,
Who died, that he from worldly dross
Might win us to his favor.

O happy day! O happy place! we soon shall meet together. Where Jesus stands, with smiling face, to crown us his for ever.

## To Every Reader.

It is important that every member of this congregation be in living sympathy with the Sabbath-School, and, if possible, in active service in it. If you cannot teach, you are invited to join a *Bible*-class, and unite in the study of the Word of God. If your duty requires you to be elsewhere, at least give the Sabbath-School your thought, your sympathy, your prayers, and encourage others to attend it.

#### Scholars' Duties.

- 1. PREPARE THE LESSON.
- 2. BE PUNCTUAL IN ATTENDANCE.
- 3. BE ORDERLY AND DEVOUT IN BEHAVIOR.
- 4. ATTEND DILIGENTLY.
- 5. Give for benevolent objects regularly.
- 6. Pray for God's blessing on your teacher.
- 7. APPLY THE TRUTH FAITHFULLY TO YOURSELF.
- 8. Be doers of the Word, and not hearers only.

## BIBLE CLASSES.

#### Class No. 1.

#### Taught by EDMUND BLANCHARD.

PUPILS.

William Potter,

Isaac Johnston, John Maguire.

#### Class No. 2.

#### Taught by JAMES H. RANKIN.

PUPILS.

Robert D. Ickhoff,

James Ryan.

#### Class No. 3.

#### Taught by MRS. W. T. WYLIE.

#### PUPILS.

Helen Derr, Elmira Humes, Margaret McKnight, Mary Potter, Jane Miles, Margaret McClellan, Christie Krape, Fanny A. Rankin, Justia Hoy, Sophia C. Keller,

Margaret Shope.

#### Class No. 4.

### Teacher, MISS ELIZA D. HARRIS.

#### PUPILS.

Henrietta Smith, Maria Owens,
Margaret Morgan, Anna M. Flowers
Rachel Nichols, Matilda Mott.

#### Class No. 3.

### Taught by MRS. N. D. ORBISON.

#### PUPILS.

Elizabeth Humes, Mary Devling,
Jane Gehrett, Mary Sommerville,
Lucy M. Potter, Amanda Yeager,
Ellen Hayes, Rachel Davis.

#### Class No. 6.

#### Taught by MISS ABBY RANKIN.

#### PUPILS.

Caroline Humes, Mary Luft,
Lizzie Shortlidge, Eliza Davis.

#### Class No. 7.

#### Taught by MRS. FRANCES A. BOAL.

#### PUPILS.

William Brown, John Corman,
Charles McCafferty, L. P. Corman,
John Clark, William Harter,
D. McCallister, William Morgan,
John Adams, William Smith.

#### Class No. 8.

#### Taught by MRS. JOHN P. HARRIS.

#### PUPILS.

Allen Landis, Isaiah Davis,
Thomas Newell, John Henny,
William Parsons, John Sharpe,
Charles McCartney.

#### Class No. 9.

#### Taught by MRS. NANNIE J. DARE.

#### PUPILS.

John H. Martin,George H. Cook,Essington K. Meese,Fred. Martin,Thomas Adams,Jas. W. McCafferty.

#### Class No. 10.

#### Taught by MISS MARY CALDWELL.

#### PUPILS.

Thomas C. Twitmire, Rudolph Mulholland, T. Irvin Humes, James D. Seibert.

#### Class No. 11.

(Merged into another class.)

#### Class No. 12.

#### Taught by MISS SARAH B. McALLISTER.

#### PUPILS.

Nannie Harris, Jennie Dare, Emma Geisinger, Lizzie Sharpe. Rachel Humes, Mary Tripple,

Clara Strickland.

#### Class No. 13.

#### Taught by MISS MARY A. McGILL.

#### PUPILS.

Nannie Wilson, Ida Roan, Mary McMurtrie, Lizzie Campbell.

#### Class No. 14.

#### Taught by DAYID F. FORTNEY.

#### PUPILS.

John Hibler, William I. Curtin, Samuel Wylie, James H. Potter, Thomas Mann, Herbert Edmunds, Joseph Woods,
E. C. Humes,
O. A. Kinsloe,
J. N. Gordon,
W. B. Rankin,
John G. Curtin,
Moran Hibler.

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#### Class No. 13.

#### Taught by MISS JANE HARRIS.

#### PUPILS.

Mary Smith, Margaret Lewis, Mary Eckert, Martha J. Spicer, Susan Miller, Matilda Geiswhite.

#### Class No. 16.

#### Taught by MISS MARY SHUGERT.

#### PUPILS.

William Brenner, Charles Smith, Charles Tripple, Charles Martin,
Joseph Undercoffler,

Harry Hibler,

Harry Green.

#### Class No. 17.

#### Taught by MISS MARION L. MILLIKEN.

#### PUPILS.

Maggie Mulholland, Mardie Roan, Annie McKnight, Edith Tipple, Mary Meese, Caroline Seibert.

#### Class No. 18.

#### Taught by MRS. L. C. HUGHES.

#### PUPILS.

Nelly Boal, Maria Longwell, Mary Campbell, Gertrude Butts, Nannie Hoy,

Laura J. McAllister.

#### Class No. 19.

#### Taught by MISS CARRIE E. SAYER.

#### PUPILS.

Annie Rankin, Ida Landis, Lizzie Hoover, Maggie Roan, Lizzie Rush, Kate Green, Bella Hoover, Sarah Rankin.

#### Class No. 20.

#### Taught by M. T. MILLIKEN.

PUPILS.

Geo. L. Potter,

John S. Lyon,

John Harris Orbison.

Bond Sommerville,

Class No. 21.

Taught by MISS LIZZIE MORRISON.

PUPILS.

Mary Nichols, Mary Roan, Bertie Alexander.

Annie Alexander.

Class No. 22.

Taught by MISS JANE A. RANKIN.

PUPILS.

Mary Etelle,

Anna Hibler,

Mary Downing.

Grace Dunham,

Carrie Rankin.

Class No. 23.

Taught by SIMON' S. WOLF.

PUPILS.

Philip Etelle, ·

Thad. M. Longwell,

John Blanchard,

John Holmes.

John Rankin.

Class No. 24.

Taught by MISS LOUISA VAN TRIES.

PUPILS.

Clara Milliken,

Caroline Haldeman, Barbara Luft,

Martha Hoover, Emma Hughes,

Anna Lyon,

Anna Luft.

Anna Dun.

#### Class No. 25.

#### Taught by MISS LAURA J. WYLIE.

#### PUPILS. .

Ellie Orbison, Bessie Sommerville, Francis Pratt, Jane Howieson,.

Ida Hov.

#### Class No. 26.

#### Taught by HAMMON SECHLER.

#### PUPILS.

George Dare, George Hoover, Henry Hayes, Robert McKnight, Henry Wilson, Linn Longwell.

#### Class No. 27.

#### Taught by MISS MILIE HUMES.

#### PUPILS.

Ellen Weaver, Kate Devling, Martha Morrisson, Isabella Rankin, Sarah Cowher. Kate Furey.

Class No. 28.

Taught by MRS. R. B. WILSON.

PUPILS.

Charles Campbell,

William Wilson,

Herbert Butts.

#### Class No. 29.

#### Taught by Rev. JAS. P. HUGHES.

#### PUPILS.

Hamilton Humes. W. S. Sewell. Charles F. Cook, H. B. Marcy, I. E. Ross, Jos. Williams, Nathl. B. Beck. Aaron Williams. Wm. Mulholland. Jas. Gorden, Geo. O. Boal, W. H. Day, John I. Rankin, Isaiah Zimmerman, S. B. Hoffer. 1. I. Hagerman, Frank Wetzell. Claude Cook. W. P. Davis. Geo. Van Tries, A. S. Hoover. Robert Lawrence, R. A. Kinsloe, Robt. H. Irwin. Ias. Alexander. John I. Irwin. Jos. Alexander, Robt. H. Gilmore.

## Senior Bible Class.

Class No. 30.

Leader, W.M. M. HOLMES.

#### MEMBERS.

Saml. Van Tries. R. F. Hays, M.D., E. C. Humes. Jas. H. Rankin, Jos. A. Rankin, Mrs. Jos. A. Rankin, Wm. H. Humes, Mrs. E. C. Humes, Albert Ammerman. Mrs. Nancy M. Reed, Wm. P. Wilson, Mrs. Albert Ammerman. John Given, Mrs. Eliz. McKinney, Geo. D. Pifer, Mrs. Anna Alexander, Ias. S. Sommerville, Mrs. Elizabeth Livingston, H. N. McAllister. Mrs. Catherine Campbell. Mrs. Thomazine Potter. P. B. Wilson.

#### Class No. 31.

#### Taught by MISS LIZZIE H. MILES.

#### PUPILS.

Charles Stevenson, Andrew Parsons,
Herman Stevenson, Austin Ammerman,
James McMurtric, John Ammerman.

## INFANT CLASS.

#### Teacher, MRS. H. N. McALLISTER.

#### PUPILS.

Bella Johnson, Louisa Johnson, Agnes Orbison, Tom Orbison. Fanny Brenner, Alfred Herkimer, Jerry Herkimer, May Holmes, Harry Holmes, Millie Longwell, Lizzie Blanchard, Mary Blanchard, Emma Green, May Green, Chesta Campbell, Alice Smith, Bessie Smith, Annie McCartney, Lyman Corman, Ira Corman. Charles Harter. Elmer Clark, Agnes Clark, Adda Harter. Elmira Derstine, Henry Campbell, Scott Harris, Linn Harris, Edith Harris, Emily Harris, Samuel Parker, Rachael Humes, Annie Watson. Sadie Roan, Nannie Roan,

Robert Wells, Mattie Wells, Mollie Wells, Louis McAfferty, George McAfferty, Ettie Seibert. Rachael Mulholland, Fred. Dunham, John Sommerville, Mary Sommerville, Watsie Wylie, Mary Triple, Ellie Rankin, Ann Virginia Rothrock, Ella Bland. Mary Bland, Samuel Nichols, Charles Ettelle, Mary Butts, Walter Butts, Lawrence Butts, Cooper Dare, Annie McCartney, Annie Shortidge, Martha McChristian, Maggie Downing, Bertie Tipple, Nellie Tipple, Nannie Hoy, Bianca Ballot, Maggie Hoover, Beckie Mulholland. Etta Seibert. Laura Morgan, Lizzie Wilson.

# YIEW OF THE PRESBYTERIAN SABBATH-SCHOOL OF BELLEFONTE, PENNSYLVANIA,

For the School Year ending October 2, 1870.

			S	chol	ars.				ach- rs.	
No. of Class.	Names of Teachers.	No. 3, Oct., 1869.	No. 2, Oct., 1870.	Increase.	Decrease.	Average Attendance.	Contributions for Year.	Sabbaths Present.	Sabbaths Absent.	Date of Organization.
22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29	Miss S. B. McAllister Miss M. A. McGill D. F. Fortney Miss Jane Harris Miss Mary Shugert Miss M. L. Milliken Miss Alice Gilliland Miss Marv McBride M. T. Milliken M. T. Milliken Miss Mary Nesbitt Miss Sarah Caldwell	6 4 4 3 5 5 12 2 2 5 5 8 8 6 5 4 7 7 6	4 4 6 6 8 11 5 7 1 6 8 2 4 7 4 6 5 3 6 4 2 2 6 9 6 3		22 46 61  4  11  23 3 	3/4/4 7 68 9 6 3 2 1/4 4 7 6 8 9 6 3 2 1/4 4 1/4 1/4 1/4 1/4 1/4 1/4 1/4 1/4 1	\$9 15 7 29 3 60 62 6 24 6 24 5 500 2 65 2 67 1 7 62 3 84 3 34 1 20 65 2 67 2 72 2 72 2 40 0 60 1 1 60 1 1 80 1 1 80 1 1 81 1 1 90 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	46 37 16 37 45 38 36 40 42 45 35 36 40 42 45 45 45 46 38 39 46 31 83 46 31 83 83 83 83 84 84 84 84 84 84 84 84 84 84 84 84 84	15 333 36 15 7 15 14 16 12 10 17 17 13 6 29 24 11 31 18 18 12 14 13 6 5 5 4 2	Old Class. Merged in No. 9. Old Class.
33	W. M. Holmes	199	15 291	7 118	25	12 212	*184 73	52 26	 7	2d Oct., 1869.

## PRAYER-MEETING.

CORSAKE not the assembling of yourselves together, as the manner of some is."—Heb. x. 25.

## I. The General Congregational Prayer-Meeting

Meets every Wednesday evening. Occupies one hour precisely. Es Come for part of the hour, if you cannot for the full hour.

- "Sweet hour of prayer, sweet hour of prayer,
  That calls me from a world of care,
  And bids me at my Father's throne
  Make all my wants and wishes known.
  In seasons of distress and grief,
  My soul has often found relief,
  And oft escaped the tempter's snare
  By thy return, sweet hour of prayer.
- "Sweet hour of prayer, sweet hour of prayer,
  Thy wings shall my petition bear
  To him whose truth and faithfulness
  Engage the waiting soul to bless.
  And since he bids me seek his face,
  Believe his word, and trust his grace,
  I'll cast on him my every care,
  And wait for thee, sweet hour of prayer."

#### INTS.

- A. Let nothing keep you from a prayer-meeting which would not keep you from a business engagement or from a party of pleasure.
- **B.** If you could earn ten dollars by going, would you be able to get there? God's favor is better than great riches.
- C. "Am I my brother's keeper?"—CAIN. Your example, if careless, may hinder others; if correct, will aid others.

#### GOOD RULES.

The following, if heeded, would not fail to make our prayer-meetings always interesting:

- I. Feel it to be your duty to be present.
- II. Be punctual at the appointed hour.
- III. Come with the spirit of prayer.
- IV. Sit near the desk.
- V. Take an active part in the meeting.
- VI. Let no moment be wasted.
- VII. Bring some unconverted person with you.

#### SUGGESTIONS.

- 1. Do what you can to add to the interest of the meeting. If it be only to select and read an appropriate verse or passage of Scripture, do it. Let your voice be heard.
- 2. Can you not bring some other one with you who has not been in the habit of coming? Try it; and when you have introduced them, see that you help to keep them.
- **3.** Hand to your pastor, or to the Leader of the Meeting, any question the discussion of which will add to the interest of the meeting, or give *light* and *comfort* to some one present.
- **4.** When you have a topic fixed for the next meeting (and there always should be), *Read*, *Think*, *Pray*, and *Talk* about it during the week.
- 5. MIND THE P's.—Punctuality, Promptness, Pointedness, Preparation, Prayerfulness, are valuable P's in these meetings. Study and apply them—to yourself.
- 6. Five Minutes should be the limit for any one exercise when the meeting is thrown open. Condense! Lose no time in "beginning to begin."
- 7. Always look for Jesus at the meeting. Take him with you to it. Keep near him in it. And when you return home, constrain him, saying, "Abide with us."

#### **QUESTIONS.**

- 1. Do I love the prayer-meeting, and think and speak of it?
- 2. Am I a faithful attendant at it?
- 3. Do I use my influence to lead others to it?
- 4. Do I endeavor to carry the spirit of it into the world?
- 5. Do I attend it in the spirit of worship?

## 2. Young Men's Prayer-Meeting.

The young men of the congregation hold a meeting for one hour every Tuesday evening.

This meeting is intended not only for those who have recently made a public profession of faith, but for all who are interested in the question of personal salvation.

This prayer-meeting has proved to be very useful to all who attend upon it, and every male member of the church who hesitates to take part in the general prayer-meeting is earnestly urged to connect himself with this, and exercise himself in the service of social prayer.

## MINTS FOR THE DIRECTION

OF THE

#### YOUNG MEN'S PRAYER-MEETING.

Meets every Tuesday Evening.

Holds One Hour-in Winter from 7 to 8.

(Keep your watch on the table before you.)

- 1. Commence promptly, and be careful to speak distinctly.
- 2. As a rule, do not sing more than two verses.
- 3. Read the passage or verse selected for the evening; and usually, in reading the Scriptures, do not read whole chapters, but so much as relates to the subject before the meeting.

- 4. Let the Leader make a few pointed, suggestive remarks on the subject of the evening.
  - 5. Lead or call on some other to lead in prayer.

(The above exercises should not occupy more than 12, or, at the outside limit, 15 minutes.)

- 6. Let the Leader then announce a hymn (2 verses only), and state that after singing this the meeting is open for prayer, exhortation, reading the Scriptures, or singing.
- 7. No one should speak or pray longer than 5 minutes, and, in a full meeting, 3 minutes is a better limit. Beware of rambling talks.
- 8. When a hymn is well known, do not read it over. Simply announce the first line and page or number in the book. LET EACH WHO CAN DO SO raise the tune. Practise on this at home.
- **9.** Let two prayers frequently follow each other in succession. NEVER let *more than two* exhortations come together.
- 10. When you take part in the meeting, BE PARTICULAR TO SPEAK DISTINCTLY, and so LOUD that the person furthest from you can easily hear. *Face* the audience, or the largest part toward which you can turn.
- 11. Take part promptly, especially at the time in which the meeting is thrown open.
- 12. Always begin the *closing exercises* 5 minutes before the hour is up. Lack of promptness in closing will assuredly injure the meeting.
- 13. Pe careful to make your selections of passages of Scripture and hymns BEFORE you go to the meeting.
- WHATSOEVER things ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them."—Mark xi. 24

## JOPICS FOR YOUNG MEN'S PRAYER-MEETING.

## (1871.)

- Jan. 3. Christ calls us, "Young man, I say unto thee, Arise."-Luke 7: 11-16.
  - 10. Christ goes home with one who hears his call: "Follow me."—Mark 2: 13-17.
  - 17. Talents to be used for God's glory.-Matt. 25: 14-30.
  - 24. "Go out into the highways."-Luke 14: 16-24.
  - 31. The Christian's pole-star."-Heb. 12: 1-4.
- Feb. 7. Joy in heaven over one repenting sinner.—Luke 15: 1-10.
  - 14. We shall reap as we sow.—Gal. 6:7-10.
  - 21. The new birth.—John 3: 1-11.
  - 28. Worship in spirit and in truth.-John 4: 16-30.
- Mar. 7. The brazen serpent.--Num. 21: 4-9; John 3: 14, 15.
  - 14. Pain preferable to sin.—Mark 9: 43-50.
  - 21. How to be saved.—John 3: 16-21.
  - 28. For what to labor.--John 6: 22-29.
- April 4. Christ our Shepherd .-- Psalm 23.
  - 11. Temperance.—Gal. 5: 16-26.
  - 18. Rules of conduct.-Ephes. 4: 22-32.
  - 25. Fight the good fight.--Ephes. 6: 10-17.
- May 2. Government of the tongue.—Jas. 3: 1-10.
  - 9. A wise prayer.—1 Kings 3: 5-15.
  - 16. The danger of prosperity.—Deut. 8: 10-19.
  - 23. Abiding in Christ.-John 15: 1-10.
  - 30. The Holy Spirit our Comforter.-John 16: 1-15.
- June 6. The proof of our discipleship.-John 14: 21-26.
  - 13. Love of the brethren.-1 John 3: 14-18.
  - 20. How to plan our business.—Jas. 4: 13-15.
  - . 27. Effectual Prayer .- Jas. 6: 16-20.
- July 4. Christian Liberty. 2 Pet. 2: 19-22.
  - 11. How a young man may cleanse his way.-Ps. 119: 9-16.
  - 18. The Law of the Lord-its uses.-Ps. 19: 7-14.
  - 25. Encouragement and Warning .- Rev. 2: 1-7.
- Aug. 1. Dead faith and living faith.-Jas. 2: 14-26.
  - 8. Caution against backsliding.—Heb. 3: 12-19.
  - 15. "A good soldier of Jesus Christ."-2 Tim. 2: 1-7.
  - 22. Children of the light-their work.-1 Thes. 5:5-13.
  - 29. Risen with Christ.—Col. 3: 1-8.
- Sept. 5. Joy in the Lord-themes for thought .-- Phil. 4: 4-8.
  - 12. Christ our example.—Phil. 2: 1-10.
  - 19. God's grace magnified in us.-Ephes. 2: 1-10.
  - 26. The Christian under affliction.-Job. 1: 12-22.

- Oct. 3. Peter's denial of Christ.—Luke 22: 56-62.
  - 10. Christ crucified.—Luke 23: 26-34.
  - 17. The Ascension of our Lord.—Acts 1:1-11.
  - 24. The Last Judgment.-Matt. 25: 31-46.
  - 31. Our Heavenly Home.-Rev. 22: 1-7.
- Nov. 7. Blessings on the Mountain.-Matt. 5: 1-12.
  - 15. What demands our first thought.-Matt. 6. 25-34.
  - 22. Danger of a false profession.-Matt. 7: 21-29
  - 29. Lessons on Prayer.-Matt. 6: 5-15.
- Dec. 5. "Let down your nets for a draught."-Luke 5: 1-11.
  - 12. Pleading with Christ for others.-Luke 7: 1-10.
  - 19 "Seeking fruit on this fig-tree."-Luke 13:6-9
  - THANKSGIVING, CONFESSION, REQUESTS—" The End of all things is at hand."—1 Pet. 4: 7.

## 3. The Ladies' Prayer-Meeting.

These are held on Thursday afternoon, at  $3\frac{1}{2}$  P.M., at stated places. The ladies named in connection with each will give information to all who desire such.

- 1. Mrs. Wm. H. Humes. No. of members, 18.
- 2. Mrs. Jas. A. Beaver. No. of members, 11.
- 3. Mrs. Evan Blanchard. No. of members, 11.
- 4. Mrs. J. P. Harris. No. of members, 12.
- 5. Room in the Academy. No. of members, 15.
- "HELP those women who labored with me in the Gospel."-Phil. iv. 3.

## TO INTS.

- A. Let each member lead the meeting in turn.
- **B.** Let each resolve *always* to undertake and do as well as possible whatever she is called to do. Even should you fail, try again.
- C. At each meeting select some subject for the next meeting, and let it be the *centre* of all the remarks, prayers, hymns, and selections of Scripture.
  - D. Once in three months hold a Union Service, at which all the

members of each meeting shall be present. Occasionally invite the pastor to these meetings.

- **E.** Before you go to the meeting, *always* make preparation to take some part if the meeting is thrown open. Have some passage of Scripture, or suitable hymn, or pointed extract, from book or paper, which you can present promptly.
- **F.** It is well to engage for a little in silent prayer, but beware of *long, embarrassing pauses*. If a subject has proved very interesting, it is often well to continue it for a second day.

## 4. Monthly Concert of Prayer for Missions.

The harvest truly is plenteous, but the laborers are few.

"PRAY ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he would send forth laborers into the harvest."—Luke x. 2.

By the order of Session, the first Sabbath evening of each month is set apart for prayer for the spread of the Gospel. At these meetings, extracts are read from the American Missionary, the Foreign Missionary, the Missionary Herald, and other periodicals. Letters from the teacher, sent by this congregation to the South, and from other laborers in the field of missions, are read from time to time, and lectures are given by the pastor and others on the work in various home and foreign fields.

## CONSIDER.

- **A.** That in these meetings we are called to honor God by faithful attendance and hearty co-operation.
- **B.** Each member of the church should make it a matter of conscience to be in his place at this service.
- **C.** Let parents and teachers seek to kindle the spirit of missions in the hearts of the youth of our congregation.

Should not many go forth from our church as ministers and teachers, to point perishing sinners to Christ, both in home and foreign fields?

Who desires to prepare for or enter on such a work? Your pastor will be glad to see you, and talk and pray with you about it. Go and see him.

## 5. Occasional Prayer-Meetings.

"WHERE two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them."—Matt. xviii, 20.

In cases where members of the church have been confined by long-continued sickness, and desire a prayer-meeting at their homes, arrangements will be made to hold such a meeting at a convenient time.

Persons who wish to have a prayer-meeting at their house on account of sickness, or for any other reason, are requested to give the pastor information.

### SEWING CIRCLE.

" SHOWING the coats and garments which Dorcas made, while she was with them."—Acts ix. 39.

The object of this organization is to aid in furnishing and preparing suitable clothes for children, who would not otherwise be able to attend the Sabbath-school and church. Also to prepare such boys' clothing as may be helpful to the families of home missionaries who are laboring in the destitute places of our country.

## CONTRIBUTIONS

of money, of clothes which can be cut down or otherwise made serviceable, and of materials, will be gladly received, and may be sent to Mrs. Frances A. Boal.

## NOTICE OF MEETING

will be given from the pulpit, and all the ladies who can aid are invited to be present whenever such meeting is announced.

# BAND OF BIBLE READERS.

AS the rain cometh down, and the snow from heaven, and returneth not thither, but watereth the earth, and maketh it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower, and bread to the eater: so shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it."—Isaiah Iv. 10, 11.

There are many cases where the pastor requires more aid than can be given by the Session, in looking up and caring for those who need counsel and assistance.

The Band of Bible Readers is composed of such members of the church as are willing, so far as their time will allow, to undertake, by visitation and personal effort, any work which may be called for in leading souls to Christ.

#### THE WORK IS:

- A. To distribute tracts.
- **B.** To invite to the church and Sabbath-school those who are not in the habit of attending.
- **C.** To read the Scriptures to, and converse with, those who may not be in the habit of studying God's Word.
- **D.** To hold or arrange for cottage prayer-meetings, where the way is open for such.
- **E.** To report to the pastor such work as demands his personal attention at once, either among the sick, the destitute, or those who may be concerned about their souls.

Every one willing to engage in such work is requested to give his or her name to the pastor. Last season, a goodly number were thus enrolled.

"
A ND there went with him a band of men, whose hearts God had touched."

-1 Sam. x. 26.

## CONGREGATIONAL REUNION.

"TWO are better than one; because they have good reward for their labor. For if they fall, the one will lift up his fellow: but woe to him that is alone when he falleth; for he hath not another to help him up."—Eccles. iv. 9.

#### OCCASIONAL MEETINGS

of the congregation are held at the Sunday-School Bethel, for the purpose of promoting the acquaintance of members with each other, and also to afford opportunity for the introduction of strangers who have come to reside or sojourn in our town.

## A COMMITTEE OF ARRANGEMENTS

will look after the meetings, and see that the objects in view are promoted as far as possible.

For the present year, the Committee consists of:

John P. Harris. Mrs. Boal. Robert McKnight. Mrs. Wm. Humes. George W. Patton. Miss Marion Milliken.

At these meetings, each church-member will bear in mind that his or her particular duty is to care for the enjoyment of the stranger.

"Hand-shaking is a means of grace."—Dr. John Hall.

"A MAN that hath friends must show himself friendly."-Prov. xviii, 24.

# CHURCH TEMPERANCE SOCIETY.

"WINE is a mocker, and strong drink is raging, and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise."-Prov. xx. 1.

#### THIS SOCIETY

meets on the first Wednesday evening of each month. Its object is to bring the influence of the church to bear in the most practical way on the evil of intemperance, by organizing and directing the power of Christians to the best advantage; by educating the youth of the church and of the community to hate this sin, and training them to oppose it; and by extending Christian sympathy and a helping hand to all who desire to escape from the snares of the bottle and the bowl.

#### RECORD OF ORGANIZATION.

The Session of the church, after prayerful deliberation, called a meeting of the congregation, and laid before that meeting the following paper, which was unanimously adopted, and the society at once organized:

In order that the congregation of the Presbyterian Church of the Borough of Bellefonte may exert its influence more effectively in promoting the cause of Temperance, that it may give an unmistakable utterance as to its position as a Christian church, that it may educate the youth in its connection in the great principles taught in the Bible on this subject, and that it may extend its aid and Christian sympathy more heartily to those who are seeking to escape the bondage of intemperance in which they are now held, the Session of the church have determined to recommend the organization of a Temperance Society, which shall be called:

## NAME.

"The Presbyterian Church Temperance Society of Bellefonte."

### MEETINGS.

It shall meet on the first Wednesday evening of each month, the meeting to take the place of the regular Wednesday Evening Congregational Prayer meeting.

#### EXERCISES.

The devotional and other exercises arranged for each evening to have special reference to the subject of "Temperance."

## OFFICERS.

The officers of the Society shall consist of a President, who shall be the pastor of the church, a Secretary, a Treasurer, and an Executive Committee, who shall be elected annually by the members at the January meeting. It shall be the duty of the officers of the Society to make arrangements for lectures, essays, music, the circulation of temperance tracts, and to report to the Society any measures which, in their opinion, may or should be taken to promote the success of the cause in our community and at large.

#### MEMBERS.

Every person who subscribes the following "Pledge" shall be a member, and entitled to all the privileges of the Society.

#### PLEDGE.

We do hereby pledge ourselves to oppose the manufacture, sale, and use of intoxicating drinks as a beverage, and do hereby agree to associate ourselves together as an organization, under the name and upon the basis recommended by the "Session of the Presbyterian Church," as herein contained.

"THE fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith."—Gal. v. 22.

#### OFFICERS.

President, the Pastor of the Congregation.

Secretary, James H. Rankin.

Executive Substitute No. 1870. 1871.

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Robert McKnight, A. O. Furst, David F. Fortney. S. S. Lyon.

Committee on Music, George W. Patton, Miss Carrie E. Sayres, R. A. Kinsloe, Mrs. R. B. Wilson.

#### ROLL OF MEMBERS.

"BE not among winchibbers; among riotous eaters of flesh: for the drunkard and the glutton shall come to poverty: and drowsiness shall clothe a man with rags."—Prov. xxiii. 20.

Wm. Theodore Wylie, Jas. H. Rankin, H. N. McAllister, J. P. Hughes, L. C. McGinnes, S. B. McAllister, A. O. Furst, E. C. Humes, H. Humes. George Livingston, Mary A. McGill, Geo. W. Patton, L. S. Roberts, M. H. Roberts. Catharine Humes, Susan E. Weaver, Margret Caldwell, Margaret Rothrock, Nannie Ammerman, R. F. Marshall. Mary E. Rankin, Nancy M. Reed, S. Van Tries. Susan M. Van Tries, Mary A. Potter, Mary H. Weaver, Lucy M. Potter, Mira Humes. William Hamilton, Louisa Van Tries, Abbie M. Rankin, Catherine A. Campbell, Mary Campbell, Maggie E. Roan,

Harry Hibler, Moran Hibler, Mrs. Samuel Harris, Samuel Harris. Margaret Morgan, Rachel Nicheaul, Henrietta Knox. Henrietta Smith, R. A. Kinsloe, Mary Smith, Margaret Shope, J. H. Orbison, S. T. Longwell, Samuel Wylie, J. Irwin Hagerman, Chas. F. Cook, William H. Mulhollan, J. B. Antes, Jas. D. Hyers, Charles Dougan, David Clayton, Alex. Clayton, D. F. Fortney, Robert McKnight, John P. Harris, Randall H. Hughes, Mrs. J. P. Harris, Mrs. E. W. Wylie, Nannie Wilson, Maria W. Longwell, Nannie J. Dare, B. A. Rankin, M. A. Blanchard, James A. Beaver,

Eliza D. Harris, Mary Shugert, Marion L. Milliken, Marsh E. Spicer, Mary McMurtrie, J. W. McCafferty, C. K. McCafferty, C. A. McCartney, Larne Shope, R. B. Wilson, J. T. McCallister, Lizzie G. Morrison. William H. Humes. William P. Davis. D. H. Canan, F. F. Drake, G. L. Van Tries. Mary E. Devling, Sarah C. Caldwell, A. M. Longwell, Carrie E Sturdevant, Carrie E. Savre, Amanda Knox, Nancy D. Orbison, Nannie J. Musser, Sarah E. Wilson. Mrs. Annie Alexander, Mrs. N. J. Strickland, Maria Owens. Lucy Burnside, Ella W. Weaver, R. W. Gilmore, Maggie Lewis, Mary A. Knox, William Brown, Ellen Rothrock. Mary Francis Taylor, Wm. I. Curtin, Jennie A. Rankin, Mrs. E. D. Ardell,

E. J. Livingston, Joseph A. Rankin, A. Ammerman, Maggie McKnight, J. H. Potter, Louisa H. Hoy, Mary M. Beaver, James S. Sommerville, Mary E. Hoover, Annie M. Rankin, Sarah C. Rankin, H. A. Bailev, Isaac Lose. Samuel L. Irwin. Carrie E. Rankin, John A. Rankin, Jane Sommerville, Clara V. Milliken, John Blanchard, S. Stewart Lyon, Robert F. Hayes, Geo. O. Boal, F. A. Boal, A. B. Hutchison, Ada S. Hutchison, M. Runkle, John I. Rankin, G. L. Potter, Ir., T. M. Potter, Annie Alexander, Mrs. H. F. Kinsloe, Nannie G. Harris, A. V. Lyon, M. N. Sommerville, W. V. Sewell. H. W. Edmonds, W. B. Rankin, W. Stewart. J. Hibler, George S. Dare,

Alice J Dare,
Ella Hays,
Laura J. Wylie,
J. W. Moore,
Eliza McKinney,
J. Cooper Knox Dare,
Joseph M. Woods,
Isaiah Zimmerman,
David F. Fortney,
Sallie J. Weaver,

James H. Green, Charles W. Tripple, Mary A. Tripple, Wm. P. Brenner, John M. Holmes, William Parson, Gertrude Butts, Mary McMurtrie, Mattie Hoover, Charles E. Martin,

John J. Irwin.

# FORM USED IN THE BAPTISM OF CHILDREN.

In presenting your children for baptism, you do solemnly renew your covenant made with God upon your admission to the full privileges of his church, and claim the benefits of that covenant for your offspring.

You acknowledge that you and your children belong to a sinful race, of which every individual, however young, has need of cleansing; and you profess your faith in the efficacy of the blood of Christ, as applied by the Holy Spirit, to cleanse from all sin.

You accept the promise of God as made to believers and their children; and you profess your hope and expectation that your children, when they come to years of discretion, will be led by God's grace to assume for themselves the vows which you now take in their behalf.

As this promise is conditioned upon your faithfulness, you do solemnly engage to train up your children with the feeling that they are consecrated to God; frequently to remind them of their obligations to him and to his Church, of which they now become members by baptism; to teach them God's Word; to pray with them and for them; to oblige them, so soon as they arrive at a proper age, regularly to attend the services of God's worship; and, by every other means in your power, to endeavor to bring them into the fold of the Good Shepherd.

Do you thus believe and promise?

The vows of God rest upon you.

## FORM

# USED IN THE PUBLIC RECEPTION OF MEMBERS INTO THE CHURCH.

(The persons who have previously appeared before the Session, being seated in a front pew, rise, and answer the following questions:)

- 1. Do you believe that there is one God, in three persons, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, and that these three persons are the same in substance, and equal in power and glory?
- 2. Do you believe that the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the Word of God, the only infallible rule of faith and practice?
- 3. Do you believe that man, though at first created holy, has fallen from his first estate; and that all men are by nature and by practice sinners against God, and under his wrath and curse?
- 4. Do you believe that Jesus Christ, the Son of God, is the only Saviour of sinners, and that by his completely obeying God's law in our behalf, and suffering God's wrath in our stead, he has for ever put away the sins of all who believe in him?
- 5. Do you believe that *your* sins have been forgiven through his blood? And do you trust in him alone for pardon and eternal life?
- 6. Do you desire and determine in his strength to lead a holy life, to depart from sin, and witness for Christ in all your walk and conversation?
- 7. Do you promise in all things to seek the peace and prosperity of the whole Church of Christ, and especially of this church in particular, engaging yourself to attend its worship, to advance its efforts in building up Christ's cause by your personal labors, prayers, and contributions, and to submit to its discipline, and recognize its authority over you in the Lord?

(Here let the members of the church arise and stand while the Pastor reads the following welcome:)

In virtue of these your baptismal vows, which you have thus publicly acknowledged and assumed, we welcome you to the fellowship and privileges of the Church of Christ; exhorting you to adorn the doctrine of the Lord Jesus in all things, and commending you to the word of his grace.

And now let us ask the blessing of God on this connection established with his Church.

# "To Every Man His Work."

The fact that your name is recorded here is intended to remind you that you are called to be a *Workman* for the Lord. Endeavor each day not only to keep near to the Saviour, but to make direct effort to bring some other one near to him.

" ABIDE in me."-John xv. 4.

Adams, Isabella Alexander, Mrs. Anna L. Ammerman, Albert Ammerman, Miss Nannie Alexander, James K. Ardell, Mrs. Elizabeth D.

" RE thou faithful unto death."-Rev. ii. 10.

Beaver, James A. Boa
Beaver, Mrs. Mary M. Boa
Beck, Nathaniel Burr
Belford, Samuel Bust
Blanchard, Edmund Butt
Blanchard, Mrs. Mary F. Butts, Mrs. J. B.

Boal, Mrs. Frances A. Boal, George O. Burnside, Miss Lucy Bush, Mrs. Louisa Butts, David M. Butts, Mrs. Eliza A.

"COMMIT thy way unto the Lord."-Ps. xxxvii. 5.

Cathcart, Miss Ann T. Cathcart, Miss Sarah Caldwell, Miss Jane Caldwell, Miss Mary Caldwell, Miss Sarah Cook, Mrs. Margaret Cook, Miss Mary F.

Cook, Charles F.
Cooke, Mrs. Mary T.
Cowher, Miss Sarah Jane
Curtin, Mrs. Eliza
Curtin, William I.
Crider, Mrs. Mary Adaline

Campbell, Mrs. Catherine

Campbell, Miss Mary T.

"DELIGHT thyself also in the Lord."-Ps. xxxvii. 4.

Dare, Mrs. Nannie J. Devling, Joseph Devling, Mrs.

## "FAITHFUL is he that calleth you."-1 Thess. v. 24.

Fortney, David F. Furst, A. O.

Furst, Mrs. A. O. Furey, Miss Sarah J.

"Prov. iv. 14.

Gehrett, Miss Jane M. Gordon, Mrs. Mary Graffius, George

Glenn, Mrs.

Glenn, Margaret Griffith, Mrs. Rachel Green, Mrs. Clementine Green, Mrs. Dr.

Gross, Mrs. M.

## cc HEARKEN unto me, my people." -Isa. li. 4.

Hagerman, J. Irwin
Harris, Miss Ellen
Harris, Miss Ellea
Harris, Miss Eliza D.
Harris, James
Harris, Miss Jane
Harris, John P.
Harris, Mrs. Mary S.
Harrison, Mrs. Ruth
Hayes, Robt. F.
Hayes, Mrs. Anna C.
Habgood, Mrs. J.
Holmes, W. M.
Holmes, Mrs. C.
Hoover, Mrs. John T.

Hoover, Mrs. Mary
Hoover, Miss Lizzie
Howell, Miss Rachel S.
Hoy, Mrs. Louisa H.
Humes, Edward C.
Humes, Mrs. Lucy A.
Humes, Miss Mira
Humes, Hamilton
Humes, William H.
Humes, Mrs. Catherine
Humes, Miss Elmira
Humes, Miss Elizabeth
Hughes, Randall H.
Hughes, Rev. James P.
Hughes, Mrs. Emma S.

"NCLINE my heart unto thy testimonies."-Ps. cxix. 36.

Irwin, Samuel M. Irwin, Mrs. S. M. Irwin, John J.

## ( KEEP my sayings in thy heart."-Prov. iv. 21.

Kinsloe, Mrs. Harriet F. Kinsloe, Oregon A. Kinsloe, R. A. Kinsloe, Mrs. Alice R. Kennedy, Miss Ann Kepheart, Mrs. Martha Keller, Mrs. Ella C. Knox, Mrs. Knox, Miss Henrietta Knox, Miss Amanda

## ( JABOR not for the meat that perisheth."-John vi. 27.

Landis, Mrs. Barbara
Li
Larimer, Miss Kate
Liewis, Miss Margaret J.
Leech, Miss Lettitia
Linn, Mrs. Isabella
Livingston, Mrs. E. J.
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Livingston, George Livingston, Mrs. Eliza Ann Longwell, Mrs. Anna M. Lose, Isaac Lose, Mrs. I. Lyon, Stewart S.

# · Lyon, Mrs. Anna V. "MEDITATE upon these things."—1 Tim. iv. 15.

McAllister, H. N.
McAllister, Mrs. Margaret H.
McAllister, Miss Sarah B.
McBride, Mrs. Anna
McBride, Miss Mary L.
McCafferty, Mrs. Harriet N.
McClain, Mrs. Margaret
McGill, Miss Mary Ann
McKnight, Robert
McKnight, Mrs. R.
McKnight, Miss Margaret
Macmanus, James
McQuistion, Mrs. Nannie
McKinney, Mrs. E.

Malin, Wilmer L.
Mann, Mrs. Jane F.
Marshall, Miss Rachel T.
Martin, John
Martin, Mrs. Elizabeth
Miles, Miss Lizzie H.
Milliken, Miss Marion L.
Miles, Mrs. Margaret
Moran, Mrs. Martha
Morgan, Miss Maggie
Morrison, Miss Lizzie J.
Mulholland, William H.
Musser, John I.
Musser, Mrs. Nancy

(( NOW is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation."-2 Cor.

Nichols, Miss Rachel

Nesbit, Miss Mary L.

"-Luke xix. 13.

O'Bryan, Mrs. Matilda Orbison, Mrs. N. D.
Owen, Miss Hannah Maria

"PS. cxlvii. 1.

Patton, George W. Pifer, George D. Pifer, Mrs. Harriet Potter, Mrs. Lucy Potter, Wilson W. Potter, Mrs. Sarah I. Potter, Mrs. Tamazine M.
Potter, Miss Mary A.
Potter, Miss Lucy M.
Potter, William
Potter, John F.
Potter, Mrs. R. J.

## CE RETURN, we beseech thee, O God."-Ps. lxxx. 14.

Rankin, Joseph A. Reed, Mrs. Nancy M. Rankin, Mrs. Mary E. Reed, Miss Catherine Rankin, Miss Abbie M. Roan, Mrs. Nannie M. Rankin, James H. Roan, Miss Margaret E. Rankin, Mrs. Barbara A. Roan, Miss Ida Rankin, Miss Jane A. Rikard, Mrs. Olivia Rankin, Miss Bella K. Rothrock, Mrs. Margaret Rankin, John I. Rothrock, Miss Ella Rankin, Mrs. F. E. Roan, Mrs. Mary C.

## GEEK ye first the kingdom of God."-Matt. vi. 32.

Sechler, Hammon
Sommerville, Miss Elizabeth
Shope, Miss Margaret
Shortlidge, William
Shortlidge, Mrs. R. M.
Shugert, Miss Mary
Sommerville, James S.
Sommerville, Mrs. Jane
Sommerville, Miss Elizabeth
Smith, Mrs. S. E.
Smith, Miss Mary
Strickland, Mrs. Nancy
Steel, Robert
Steel, Mrs. Rebecca

16 THANKS be unto God for his unspeakable gift."-2 Cor. ix. 15.

Taylor, Mrs. Margt. H. Trcziyulny, Miss Sarah Turner, Mrs. Mary Ann

" VISIT me with thy salvation, O God."-Ps. cvi. 4.

Van Tries, Samuel Van Tries, Mrs. Susan
Van Tries, Miss Louisa

"-Mark xiii. 33.

Weaver, Mrs. Susan E.
Weaver, David
Weaver, Mrs. Susanna
Wilson, P. Benner
Wilson, William P.
Wilson, Mrs. Margaret H.
Wilson, R. Bryson
Wilson, Mrs. Sarah
Wolfe, Simon S.
Wylie, W. T., Pastor.
Wylie, Mrs. E. W.
Wylie, Miss Laura J.
Wylie, Samuel
Williams, Mrs. Ephraim

"ZION, thou art my people."—Isa. li. 16.

Zimmerman, Mrs. Theo. E. Zimmerman, Isaiah

## DIED.

We know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. Therefore we are always confident, knowing that, whilst we are at home in the body, we are absent from the Lord: we are confident, I say, and willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord."—2 Cor. v. 1.

MISS MARY CAMPBELL, JAMES TURNER, MISS MARY M. WEAVER, HARVEY MANN, Sr.

## CERTIFICATES.

Should a member of this church remove to another place, it is his duty to ask for a certificate of dismissal, and present it to that church within whose bounds he settles. "And when he (Apollos) was disposed to pass into Achaia, the brethren wrote, exhorting the disciples to receive him: who when he was come, helped them much which had believed through grace."—Acts xviii. 27. Mark the last clause of this verse, "Who, when he was come, helped them much."

# A FORM OF SELF-DEDICATION.

I TAKE God the Father to be my God (1 Thess. 1:9).

The Son to be my Saviour (Acts 5:31).

The Holy Ghost to be my Sanctifier (1 Pet. 1:2).

I take the Word of God to be my Rule (2 Tim. 3: 16, 17).

The people of God to be my people (Ruth 1: 16, 17).

I also dedicate myself,

My soul and body, my time, my talents, and my possessions, to the Lord (Rom. 14:7,8).

And I do this Deliberately (Josh. 24:15).

Sincerely (2 Cor. 1:12).

Freely (Ps. 110:3).

And For ever (Rom. 8: 35, 39).

" My faith looks up to thee, Thou Lamb of Calvary,

Saviour divine!

Now hear me while I pray,

Take all my guilt away;

Oh! let me from this day

Be wholly thine."

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# Questions for Self-Examination.

- 1. Do I acknowledge that I am a sinner in the sight of God?
- 2. Do I recognize the necessity of repentance—and what good reasons have I to suppose that I have repented of my sins?
- 3. What reasons have I to suppose that I have experienced that change of heart which is so frequently spoken of in Scripture?
- 4. Am I sure that, as a sinner, unable to save myself, I am resting my only hope upon the sole merits of the Lord Jesus Christ?
- 5. Do I look upon the Lord Jesus Christ as a divine Saviour, who took our nature upon him, and died on the cross, as an all-sufficient satrifice for the sins of the world?
- 6. Do I think that I am capable, without the influence of the Spirit of God, to turn myself to his service?
- 7. Do I feel as if it were my duty, as well as privilege, to spend a stated time every day in prayer to God; and do I take delight in this?
- 8. Do I believe that the Bible is the Word of God, and that I am bound to obey its requisitions?
- 9. Do I think that I ought to read the Bible with regularity and prayer, and do I love to do so?
- 10. Do I believe that I am bound to give up my heart and life to the service of God?
- 11. Do I believe it to be my solemn duty to make a public profession of religion; and do I think that I am called upon to maintain a consistent Christian profession?
- 12. What is my candid and free opinion as to the nature of what are called the amusements of the world—such as theatres, balls, games, etc.
- 13. Is it my opinion that with any kind of consistency I could engage in these things?
  - 14. Do I love any of these things now?
- 15. Should I be led astray in relation to these things, what do I think ought to be my own opinion of my spiritual state, and what do I think ought to be the conduct of my pastor towards me?
- 16. Do I think that I ought to be engaged in advancing the Lord's cause by every lawful means?
- 17. Am I determined, by the grace of God, to adorn the doctrine of God my Saviour, and let my light shine—to grow in conformity

to God, and to seek above all things the glory of God and the salvation of my soul?

18. Have I prayed over these questions, and have I answered them sincerely, and in the fear of God?

BEDELL.

" Be not deceived, God is not mocked."

# FAMILY WORSHIP.

"IT is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord, and to sing praises unto thy name, O most High: to show forth thy loving-kindness in the morning, and thy faithfulness every night."—Ps. xcii. 1, 2.

#### **EVERY FAMILY**

should establish at its organization, and sustain faithfully, the family altar. Children, and those in the employ of the parents, as well as the stranger, should be called to the service, and remembered in the arrangement of it.

Matthew Henry says, "They do well who read. They do better who read and pray. They do best who read, and praise, and pray."

#### MAXIMS.

- 1. Avoid tediousness. Endeavor to make the service interesting to each.
  - 2. Avoid absolute uniformity.
- 3. Regularity is essential. Nothing will be done regularly for which we have not a fixed time and place.
- **4.** Occasionally let the children read the selections of Scripture in concert or in turns, or verse about.
- 5. Now and then let the entire family repeat the Lord's Prayer in concert, either at the opening or close of the exercise.
- 6. Sometimes sing more than one hymn, and let different members of the family select the ones they wish to have sung.
- 7. Let the resolve of *Howard* be yours: "Where I have a resting-place, *God shall have an altar*."
- 8. No home is a *Christian home* unless the family, as a family, acknowledge God and worship him.

### IF YOU HAVE NOT YET

erected a family altar, do so at once. Let your house be no longer a godless house.

# LIST OF RELIGIOUS PAPERS.

NOTE.—Every member of the congregation is invited to present to the Library any book which will contribute to instruction and entertainment.

It is hoped that the books already collected may prove a nucleus for a large and valuable library in the future.

Mr. Joseph A. Rankin will receive subscriptions to the following religious periodicals and papers:

New York Evangelist, Christian Union,

Christian Union,
Sunday-School Workman,
The Interior,

Presbyterian,

Christian at Work, Sunday-School Times,

Presbyterian Banner.

Christian Union Work.

## RESOLUTION OF SESSION.

In order that our members and the youth of the church may be trained to an intelligent activity in the Lord's work, we consider it very important that every family be provided with a copy of at least one of the papers of our denomination.

Resolved, That, in case any family desire to take such paper, and feel unable to pay the full subscription, upon paying what they can pay, the Session will see that they are supplied.

# System of Gospel Support and Extension.

" All at work, and always at work, for Christ."

## THE SYSTEM.

CARDS.—There are two sets of cards, or else one card printed on both sides, one side for the Trustees, who manage the temporal interests of the congregation. On this side, under the head of

## SUPPORT OF THE GOSPEL,

an estimate is made of the money required for the year for pastor's salary, sexton's services, Sabbath-school work, fuel, light, repairs, etc. This, divided by 365, gives how much is needed

## EVERY DAY

for the year. This result, divided by the number of communicants, shows the average per day required for each. Some, of course, can give far more than this average amount, while others fall below it. The contributions of friends, adherents, and children, in addition to communicants, will almost certainly secure the average required.

The second side is for the

## SPREAD OF THE GOSPEL.

No estimate is placed on this, but each communicant is enjoined to give, as God enables, a daily sum, to which, from time to time, may be added, as a special contribution, whatever the giver is able to set apart. Every friend is also invited to join in this. The sum total of this fund is before the Session, who appropriate, as they think best, to the different Boards, and other claims which are brought before the church, and report their action to the congregation.

#### ENVELOPES.

Two sets of envelopes accompany these cards. One package of twelve, or one for each month, of a dark color, is furnished by the Trustees. The other package also contains twelve envelopes, and of a light color, the different colors being used to distinguish them.

The cards are distributed to the congregation, and given to

## EVERY MEMBER AND ADHERENT,

and also to the children of church-members. The object is explained, and each is urged to make his duty a matter of careful and prayerful study, and then to fill up the blanks in each card, sign his name, and return on the next Sabbath. It is very important that families so divide their contributions that each member, even the little child, has some share in the work.

When the cards are returned, the names are entered on the sheet prepared for the yearly record, together with the amount subscribed by each. The twenty-four envelopes are placed with each card (twelve dark for church-support, and twelve light for the spread of the Gospel), and they are given to the person whose name is on the card. On the back of each envelope is written the person's name, as on the card. At the close of each month, every individual places the amount of his contribution in the envelope, seals it, and drops it into the collection on Sabbath. The treasurer opens the envelopes, credits each with the payment made, and thus the work goes on to the close of the year.

In case some members of the church have not sent in their cards at the first, as is likely to occur through delay or carelessness, such should be called on by a Committee of Session for the work of benevolence, and by a Committee of Trustees for the support of the Gospel.

Not *one* member of the church should be left whose name is not enrolled as giving, if only *one cent* a day.

A neat box, made of japanned tin, and handsomely finished, has been prepared for each contributor. It has a pocket for the envelopes, and a box for the money, and, hung up in the most convenient place, constantly reminds the giver of day, and keeps everything in the best possible shape for its performance. These boxes cost but little by the quantity, and are of great value.

## ADVANTAGES OF THIS SYSTEM.

These are numerous and decided both as to the individual giving and the cause. They are even more important in a spiritual point of view than in a pecuniary.

- 1. Every one is called to do his share in the Lord's work.
- 2. Each gives in the easiest way, Day by Day, Little by Little.
- 3. Each is called to exercise conscience, and act habitually as toward God, thus educating himself in God's work.
- 4. Daily thought and daily prayer are directed to our first great work in life—sustaining and extending the Lord's cause.
- 5. The Session can see just how each member is performing his duty.
- 6. There is no annoyance from collectors, each being his own collector; and the account can be prepared so that a glance will show how it stands.
- 7. The poorest member of the church can do his share just as well as the wealthiest, and feel that all are helpers of Christ's work, "each as God enables him."
- If you have not been supplied with cards, please call on the Pastor, or the President of Board of Trustees, and get one at once.

# CONGREGATIONAL LIBRARY.

" CIVE attendance to reading, to exhortation, to doctrine."-1 Tim. iv. 13.

Along with other works, this library contains a large number of volumes on temperance. Books can be obtained on Wednesday evening, half an hour before prayermeeting begins.

Rules which regulate the use of books are pasted on the inside cover of each book.

**Donations** of **Books** and **Money** from members of the congregation are solicited to increase our library.

LIST OF BOOKS IN PRESBYTERIAN CONGREGATIONAL LIBRARY. (Those marked with a star are Temperance Books.)

1. Alcohol, its Nature and Effects.\*
2. Alcohol and Tobacco.\* 3. Andrew Douglas.\*

4. Aunt Dinah's Pledge.\*
5. Adam and his Times. 6 and 7. Autobiography of Lieuten-ant-General Scott, 2 vols.

8. Almost a Christian. 9. Anxious Inquirer.

10. Bible Rule of Temperance, The.\*
11. Broken Rock, The.\*
12. Bridge, The Red.\*
13. Best Things, The.
14. Blind Man's Offering, The.
15. Bible and Geology Consistent.

16. Baxter. Life of. Boardman on Original Sin.
 Boston's Fourfold Estate.

10 to 30. British Reformers, 12 vols.

31. Communion Wine.\*

22. Christian Mistake.
33. Charles Lamb, Works of.
34. Christian Consistency.

35. Christ Crucified. 36. Confession of Faith.

37. Campbell's Voyage.
38. Church of Rome—the Apostasy.
39. Christian Education.
40. Chief End of Man.

for 41. Catechetical Instruction Young Communicants. 42. Christian Portion.

43. Christian's Great Interest

44. Councils of Trent. 45. Communicant's Companion 46. Charnock on Regeneration.

47 and 48. Calvin's Institutes, 2 vols. 49 and 50. Charnock ou the Attributes, 2 vols.

51. Donald Deane, his Cross.\*

52. Dealings with the Inquisition. 53. Daniel Wilson, Life of. 54. Doddridge's Rise and Progress.

55. Dying Hours. 56. Dying Thoughts. 57. Destruction of Jerusalem. 58. Devout Breathings.

59. Discourses on the Atonement. 60. Daille on the Fathers.

61. Echo Bank.\* 62. Elsie Morgan and the Old Still-House. 63. Eckert, Philip.\*

64. Eldorado; or, Adventures in the Path of Empire, 2 vols.

65. Edwards on Baptism. 66. Eastern Manners.

67. Essays on the Church of God. 68. English Martyrology.

60. Essays on Romanism.

70. Four Pillars of Temperance.\*
71. Fountain Kloof, The.
72. Fleming's Fulfilling the Scriptures.

73. Fruits of the Spirit.

73. Friendly Visit.
75. Fleval on Antinomianism.
76. Forgiveness of Sin, "Psalm 130."

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                                                142. Our Parish.*
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                                                144. Owen on Indwelling Sin.
                                                145. Owen on the Holv Spirit.
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                                                147. Owen and Janeway.
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120. Mission of Inquiry to the Jews.
121. McGinness, J. Y., Life of.
122. Müller's Life of Trust.
                                                 179. Scripture Directory.
                                                 170. Scripture Directory.
180. Saint's Encouragement
181. Scripture Sanctification
182. Scripture Help.
183. Spruce Street Lectures.
184. Soul's Conflict, The.
123. Morning of the Reformation.
      Memoirs of Gen. Burn.
Missionary Tales.
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198. Tobacco, The Use of, rs. Purity,
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199. Threepenny Bit, History of.
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213. World to Come, The.
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216. Way of Salvation.
217. Zoological Temperance Convention.*
218. Zwingle, Life of.
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TO THOSE WHO HAVE NOT ACCEPTED CHRIST.

"We are journeying unto the place of which the Lord said, I will give it you: come thou with us, and we will do thee good: for the Lord hath spoken good concerning Israel."—Num. x. 29.



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