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FOR THE YEAR ENDING EASTER 1910
WITH OTHER INFORMATION CONCERNING
THE CHURCH



“Hitherto Forth the Lord helped us

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TO THE
Members of the Congregation
OF THE
Bergen Reformed Church

THIS report of a year's work for ourselves and others is affectionately dedicated, in the hope that a careful study may stir up a holy enthusiasm for renewed efforts in the year just begun.

May we by our prayers, our personal work, and our gifts make this Anniversary Year the best in the history of our beloved Church.

The Consistory

Officers of the Church

Pastor

REV. CORNELIUS BRETT, D. D.

Associate Pastor

REV. JOHN J. MOMENT

Members of Consistory

Term Expires Easter 1911

Elders

THOMAS P. KING
JOHN P. LANDRINE
CALVIN F. KYTE, M. D.

Deacons

ROBERT A. ALBERTS
ERSKINE B. MAYO
SAMUEL DRAYTON

Term Expires Easter 1912

JOEL W. BROWN
JOHN J. TOFFEY
ELIJAH S. COWLES

WILLIAM H. BRENNESHOLTZ
CHARLES M. DUBBS
BENJAMIN TAYLOR VAN ALLEN

Treasurer

THOMAS P. KING

Clerk

WILLIAM H. BRENNESHOLTZ

Committees

Finance

JOEL W. BROWN JOHN J. TOFFEY ELIJAH S. COWLES

Lands and Buildings

JOHN P. LANDRINE ROBERT A. ALBERTS E. B. MAYO

Music

THOMAS P. KING ROBERT A. ALBERTS DR. C. F. KYTE

Pews

CHARLES M. DUBBS THOMAS P. KING B. T. VAN ALLEN

Heating and Ventilation

SAMUEL DRAYTON

Auditing

J. J. TOFFEY W. H. BRENNESHOLTZ SAMUEL DRAYTON

West Side Chapel

DR. BRETT MR. MOMENT MR. BRENNESHOLTZ

Young People's Work

MR. MOMENT DR. KYTE MR. ALBERTS

Sexton

WILLIAM H. MEAD

Janitor

NOAH OSBORNE

Choir

MRS. MARIE STREBEL LEDERHAUS, *Soprano*

MRS. GEORGIA R. IRVING, *Alto*

MR. ERNEST A. BURKHARDT, *Tenor*

MR. ALBERT A. WIEDERHOLD, *Bass*

MR. HARRIS G. CRAWFORD, *Organist and Choir Master*

Our Sunday Schools

SUNDAY SCHOOL OF THE CHURCH.

Superintendent.....REV. JOHN J. MOMENT

Assistant Superintendent.....MR. THOMAS P. KING

Department Superintendents.....MR. W. STUART MESSER

MR. HOWELL S. BENNETT

Secretary.....MR. DEAN FENN

Treasurer.....MR. WILLIAM D. CRANSTOUN

Pianist.....MRS. E. B. MAYO

Chorister.....ALFRED EVANS

WEST SIDE SUNDAY SCHOOL

Superintendent.....MR. W. H. BRENNESHOLTZ

Assistant Superintendent.....JOB C. HOAG

Librarian.....GILBERT BRENNESHOLTZ

Chorister.....THOMAS N. STREET

CHILDREN'S HOME SUNDAY SCHOOL

Superintendent.....MRS. GARRETT BRINKERHOFF

Organizations of the Church

LADIES' AID SOCIETY

<i>President</i>	MRS. PETER SIP VAN WINKLE
<i>Vice Presidents</i>	MRS. JOHN J. TOFFEY
	MRS. WILLIAM A. GEMMELL
	MRS. BESSON APGAR
	MRS. M. RINGLE
<i>Secretary</i>	MRS. EDWIN F. BRITTEN
<i>Treasurer</i>	MRS. PHILIP K. GREEN

YOUNG WOMAN'S GUILD

<i>President</i>	MISS MAE GEMMELL
<i>Vice President</i>	MRS. CORNELIUS BRETT
<i>Secretary</i>	MRS. FREDERICK WALKER
<i>Treasurer</i>	MRS. SAMUEL DRAYTON

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY

<i>President</i>	MRS. ELIJAH S. COWLES
<i>Vice President</i>	MRS. PHILIP K. GREEN
<i>Secretary</i>	MRS. CHARLES M. DUBBS
<i>Treasurer</i> (Foreign Branch).....	MISS BUFFET
<i>Treasurer</i> (Domestic Branch).....	MISS DUBOIS

MEN'S CLUB

<i>President</i>	MR. MARSHALL VAN WINKLE
<i>Vice President</i>	MR. JOHN C. PAYNE
<i>Secretary</i>	MR. WILLIAM D. CRANSTOUN
<i>Treasurer</i>	MR. JOHN EGGIE

YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN
ENDEAVOR

President.....MR. DEAN FENN
Vice President.....MISS ETHEL C. BUSH
Corresponding Secretary.....MR. HENRY A. MESSER
Recording Secretary.....MR. JAMES GLASSEY, JR.
Treasurer.....MISS MARJORIE TUTTLE

JUNIOR SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR

Superintendent.....MRS. JAMES GLASSEY, JR.

BRETT CLUB

President.....EDWIN J. SCHWANHAUSER
Vice President.....JOHN C. PAYNE
Recording Secretary.....OSCAR STEINLE
Corresponding Secretary.....SAMUEL ELLIS
Treasurer.....HAROLD BLOOM

Statistics for the Year

Ending Easter 1910.

Families enrolled, 377.

These include all families in which we have one or more members of the Church in full communion; or pew holders; or contributors to the supplementary fund.

Members in full communion:

Received on confession.....	21
By letter	7
Total	<hr/> 28

Died 7.

Dismissed by letter to other churches 17.

Total now in communion 728.

We have also 218 absentee members, whose residence is unknown to the Pastor or consistory.

Baptisms—Adults 8.

Infants 9.

Sunday Schools:

Church	465
West Side	175
Children's Home	40
Total	<hr/> 680

Treasurers Report

Abstract of the Report of the Treasurer of the Bergen Reformed Church for the year ending March 20th, 1910:

RECEIPTS

Balance April 1st, 1909.....	\$209.12
Pew rents	6,590.04
Envelopes Supplementary Fund.....	843.77
Easter offering 1909.....	695.54
Plate collections, evenings and special.....	492.62
Interest	112.71
Loan to meet emergency.....	250.00
Deacon's Fund.....	107.34
Miscellaneous	43.54
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Total receipts.....	\$9,344.68

PAYMENTS

Salaries—Pastors, Music, Sexton, Treasurer.....	\$7,059.32
Repairs—Church Lecture Room, Parsonage.....	239.44
Light, gas and electricity, including power for organ.	225.67
Coal	206.00
Emergency notes paid.....	500.00
Interest	108.77
The Intimation.....	141.12
Advertising	17.50
South classes of Bergen, including share of expenses of Particular and General Synod.....	91.77
Water rent—Church, Lecture Room, Parsonage.....	45.05
Interest to Sunday School on bond held in trust.....	50.00
Pensioners	60.00
Care of organ.....	30.00
Printing and Postage.....	117.29
Sundries	116.05
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Total expenses.....	\$9,007.98
Balance in bank March 20, 1910.....	336.70
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	\$9,344.68

EXPLANATORY NOTE.

All bills have been paid to the close of the fiscal year. The only liabilities (exclusive of notes secured by the lots on Duncan Ave. for the West Side Chapel which are not included in this statement), are notes to the value of \$750.

If, however, the arrearages for pew rents amounting to \$1,145.51 were all paid, these notes might be cancelled and a working balance remain in the treasury. To meet liabilities promptly the treasurer is authorized to borrow, on temporary notes, such sums as may be needed. These are paid as soon as possible. Last year while it was found necessary to borrow \$250, the treasurer was enabled to pay \$500.

It appears therefore that the income of the last year met all the expenses with a surplus as follows:

Increase in balance.....	\$127.58
Balance on notes.....	250.00
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Surplus	\$377.58

DUNCAN AVENUE CHAPEL SITE.

The consistory has recently acquired three lots on the corner of Duncan Avenue and Apollo Street as a site for the West Side Chapel. The chapel is now being moved, and enlarged. Within a few weeks it will be reopened for Sunday School and other services.

A mortgage for \$1,400 was assumed, and a Church note for \$2,300 given.

The interest on both mortgage and note has been pledged by the Board of Domestic Missions. A part of the payment for interest in the Report included this item, but the treasury will be reimbursed by the Board.

The officers of the West Side Sunday School have in hand nearly \$2,000 for a building fund. They expect to raise the entire cost of removal, enlargement and refitting which will exceed \$3,000.

Offerings

Offerings for the year, for the boards and funds under the care of the Reformed Church in America:

Foreign Missions:

Church collections.....	\$288.49	
Woman's Board	147.20	
S. S. offering.....	50.00	
The Arabian Mission.....	35.39	
Special for Industrial School in Arcot Mission	13.00	
	————	\$534.08

Domestic Missions and Church Building Fund:

Church collections.....	\$175.81	
Woman's Board.....	77.75	
S. S. offering.....	50.00	
	————	303.56
Board of Publication.....	12.02	
Board of Education.....	50.76	
Widows' Fund.....	20.00	
Disabled Ministers' Fund.....	34.00	
Western Theological Seminary.....	21.15	
Hope College.....	26.52	
Faith Reformed Church, Jersey City.....	75.00	
Classis	91.77	
Cash for West Side Building Fund up to April 1....	1,253.10	
		<u>\$2,421.96</u>

Offerings for Benevolent objects interdenomination:

Civic Righteousness Federation.....	\$156.92
Anti-Saloon League	120.90

Deacons' Fund.....	107.34
American Bible Society.....	24.61
Taylor Hospital.....	24.21
Young Woman's Christian Association.....	21.46
Children's Home.....	12.24
Home for Aged Women through Mrs. W. H. Speer...	71.00

Through the Sunday School:

Fresh Air Fund.....	25.00
Whittier House.....	28.38
Hudson County S. S. Association.....	12.18
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	\$604.24

Total contributions for the church:

Pew rents	\$6,590.04
Supplementary Fund.....	843.77
Easter offering 1909.....	695.54
Plate collections	492.62
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	\$8,621.97

Ladies' Aid Society	\$150.00
Men's Club	295.00
Sunday School self support.....	818.02
Young Woman's Guild.....	496.00
Y. P. S. C. E.....	40.00
Intermediate C. E.....	30.46
Junior C. E.....	5.43
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	1,834.91

Total Congregational Receipts.....\$10,456.88

Aggregate contributions for the year :

The Church.....	\$10,456.88
The Denomination.....	2,421.96
Other objects	604.24

Total\$13,483.08

These figures represent actual *cash* which has passed through the hands of the several treasurers.

A SCHEDULE OF OFFERINGS AT THE SUNDAY MORNING SERVICES.

January

First Sunday.—Foreign Missions.

Second Sunday.—The Waldensian Church in Italy.

Third Sunday.—Church Building Fund.

Fourth Sunday.—Board of Education.

February

First Sunday.—Foreign Missions.

Second Sunday.—Hope College.

Third Sunday.—Disabled Ministers' Fund.

Fourth Sunday.—Domestic Missions.

March

First Sunday.—Foreign Missions.

Second Sunday.—West Side Chapel.

Third Sunday.—Church Building Fund.

Fourth Sunday.—Communion Sunday—Poor of the Church.

April

First Sunday.—Foreign Missions.

Second Sunday.—American Tract Society.

Third Sunday.—Domestic Missions.

Fourth Sunday.—The Arabian Mission.

May

First Sunday.—Foreign Missions.

Second Sunday.—Western Theological Seminary.

Third Sunday.—Church Building Fund.

Fourth Sunday.—The Widows' Fund.

June

First Sunday.—Foreign Missions.

Second Sunday.—Young Woman's Christian Association.

Third Sunday.—Communion Sunday—Poor of the Church.

Fourth Sunday.—Domestic Missions.

July

First Sunday.—Foreign Missions.

Second Sunday.—Whittier House.

Third Sunday.—Domestic Missions.

Fourth Sunday.—Union Service.

August

All offerings for Union Services.

September

First Sunday.—Union Services.

Second Sunday.—Board of Publication.

Third Sunday.—Church Building Fund.

Fourth Sunday.—Communion Sunday—Poor of the Church.

October

First Sunday.—Foreign Missions.

Second Sunday.—To be assigned.

Third Sunday.—Domestic Missions.

Fourth Sunday.—American Bible Society.

November

First Sunday.—Foreign Missions.

Second Sunday.—Newman Home.

Third Sunday.—Church Building Fund.

Fourth Sunday.—West Side Chapel.

December

First Sunday.—Foreign Missions.

Second Sunday.—Organized Aid Society.

Third Sunday.—Communion Sunday—Poor of the Church.

Fourth Sunday.—The Children's Home.

On Easter Sunday and on the Sunday before Thanksgiving, a special offering will be made for the church, setting aside the assigned object for that day. All offerings on the fifth Sunday mornings are for the Sunday School of the Church. All evening offerings, unless otherwise announced, are for the Church Treasury.

“Freely ye have received freely give.”

PLEASE PRESERVE FOR REFERENCE.



