REPORTS

*Bergen Reformed Church*

Jersey City, N. J.

*MAY 1910*
Bergen Reformed Church
ORGANIZED 1660

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

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"Hitherto Forth the Lord helped us

PUBLISHED BY
ORDER OF THE CONSISTORIOUS
MAY 1910
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. BRENNESSHOLTZ
 CHARLES M. DUBBS
 BENJAMIN TAYLOR VAN ALEN

 Treasurer
 THOMAS P. KING

 Clerk
 WILLIAM H. BRENNESSHOLTZ
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 ALEN

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

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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

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

YOUNG WOMAN'S GUILD

President.............................MISS MAE GEMMELL
Vice President........................MRS. CORNELIUS BRETT
Secretary.............................MRS. FREDERICK WALKER
Treasurer.............................MRS. SAMUEL DRAYTON

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY

President.............................MRS. ELIJAH S. COWLES
Vice President........................MRS. PHILIP K. GREEN
Secretary.............................MRS. CHARLES M. DUBBS
Treasurer (Foreign Branch)...........MISS BUFFET
Treasurer (Domestic Branch)..........MISS DU BOIS

MEN'S CLUB

President............................MR. MARSHALL VAN WINKLE
Vice President........................MR. JOHN C. PAYNE
Secretary............................MR. WILLIAM D. CRANSTOUN
Treasurer.............................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 .......................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 .................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

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 .................................................................. 168.77
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

Total expenses .................................................. $9,007.98
Balance in bank March 20, 1910 .............................. 336.70

$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

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:**

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<td>Church collections</td>
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<td>Woman’s Board</td>
<td>147.20</td>
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<td>S. S. offering</td>
<td>50.00</td>
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<td>The Arabian Mission</td>
<td>35.39</td>
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<td>Special for Industrial School in Arcot Mission</td>
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**Domestic Missions and Church Building Fund:**

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<td>Church collections</td>
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<td>Woman’s Board</td>
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<td>S. S. offering</td>
<td>50.00</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td><strong>303.56</strong></td>
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<td>20.00</td>
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<td>Western Theological Seminary</td>
<td>21.15</td>
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<td>Hope College</td>
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<td>Faith Reformed Church, Jersey City</td>
<td>75.00</td>
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<td>91.77</td>
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<td>Cash for West Side Building Fund up to April 1</td>
<td>1,253.10</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td><strong>$2,421.96</strong></td>
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Offerings for Benevolent objects interdenomination:

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<td>Civic Righteousness Federation</td>
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<td>Anti-Saloon League</td>
<td>120.90</td>
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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

.......................................................... $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
.......................................................... $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

.......................................................... 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.”

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