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118th ANNUAL MEETING IN LANCASTER, PA

The Society held its Annual Meeting on October 17, 1981 at Lancaster Theological Seminary. About one hundred persons were in attendance including a large group from North Carolina representing the Southern Chapter of the Society.

The annual address entitled "Philip Schaff: Christian Scholar, Historian and Ecumenist" was presented during the morning in the Hafer Center of the Philip Schaff Library by Dr. John B. Payne, President of the Society and Professor of Church History at the Seminary. The address described how Schaff sought to bridge the gap in nineteenth century America between faith and science, between pietism and rationalism by introducing into this country the rich resources of German theological scholarship. However, for all of Schaff's serious academic pursuits as one of the most outstanding theological scholars and church historians ever to appear in this country, he never lost sight of the practical focus of these studies, the up-building of the Church's present and future life.

After the address there was a tour of the archives conducted by Mrs. George H. Bricker, Archivist and Dr. Herbert B. Anstaett, Executive Secretary of the Society. Persons took a great deal of interest in the heritage of the Church and the work of the archives as explained by Mrs. Bricker and Dr. Anstaett. Also assisting were staff persons, Mrs. Edna Hafer and Miss Elizabeth Sanders. At lunch in the refectory the society was greeted warmly by the Reverend Horace S. Sills, President of Penn Central Confer-

ence and a former pastor in North Carolina.

At the business meeting held in Santee Chapel in the afternoon citations were presented to Dr. Herbert B. Anstaett and Miss Lucile Brackbill for their longtime faithful service to the Society. These citations and the annual reports given at the meeting will be found on the following pages of this newsletter.

RUPP MEMORIAL GIFT

The Society was the recent grateful beneficiary of a generous gift of \$1,000.00 by Mr. and Mrs. Alvin F. Rupp of Jensen Beach, Florida in memory of Mr. Rupp's father and mother, the Reverend Charles Edgar Rupp, a Reformed Church Pastor from 1907 to 1930 and his wife, Dora Boyd Sams Rupp. The gift is also in memory of Mr. Rupp's sister, Mary Margaret Rupp, a volunteer on the Society's staff for four years, 1977-1981.

APPRECIATION FOR THE LIFE OF CARL E. SCHNEIDER

Born at Jefferson City, Missouri on March 24, 1900, and dying July 24, 1981 at the age of ninety-one, Carl Edward Schneider attended Elmhurst College and Eden Theological Seminary, and was ordained in 1912 in Zion Evangelical Church, Evansville, Indiana. He served one year as pastor in Indiana, and then spent the next two years studying at the Universities of Leipzig and Tübingen, Germany (1913-1915.) After three more years as a pastor in Indiana, Carl became a professor at Eden in 1918. He received an M.A. degree in sociology at Washington University in 1924 and a Ph.D. degree in history at the University of Chicago in 1935.

Carl engaged in minute researches at Eden in preparation for the publication of his 579

page magnum opus, The German Church on the American Frontier: The History of the Evangelischer Kirchenverein des Westens, 1840-1866, in 1939. His mentor, William Warren Sweet, the Dean of American church Historians at Chicago, said of Carl in introducing his work that "this is not a denominational history in the narrow sense of the word. Much of the material ...included...has not only an interdenominational significance, but a social and economic and political significance, which makes this book an important contribution to the history of the American frontier."

Indeed, the book included more than Sweet's rather narrow frontier perspective indicated. Carl had done significant original research in German archives during a 1937 sabbatical from Eden, and has preserved many letters and other documents regarding 19th century German-American missionary relationships which remain in the Eden Archives in their photocopied form after the originals were destroyed during World War II.

The Eden Archives were developed after 1925 as a result of Carl's researches, and remain a unique collection of denominational materials which cannot be duplicated anywhere else in the world, and which represent Carl's unfulfilled vision for a German-Americana collection going beyond Evangelicals. Carl developed his archive, with the cooperation of the Evangelical and Reformed Historical Society and the Historical Commission and Council of the UCC. It is pleasant to report that local and denominational knowledge and support of the Eden Archives is probably greater now than it has ever been before.

In 1945 Carl was one of the first church men called to Geneva by the World Council of Churches for work in interchurch aid following World War II. He returned in 1948 for additional work. On one early project, an effort to relay 20,000 food packages into Hungary, he spent six weeks in Vienna only to be told by the Russians, "The packages can come in, but Schneider can't." Through church friends in Hungary Carl sent the packages on. His interest in getting into the East zone was to study

archives which he had seen in Berlin in 1937, but which had been removed. An East-zone colleague volunteered to help and much to Carl's surprise, he received microfilm of all the volumes via the regular mail. It is my recollection that Carl said that during those years he helped encourage Eberhard Bethge to begin the collection of what became the famous Bonhoeffer Letters and Papers from Prison. Upon his return to the U.S. Carl reported on his adventures to 7,500 persons at the E & R General Synod in St. Louis.

Following his retirement from Eden in 1954, Carl visited Germany for the fifth time with the help of a Fulbright teaching scholarship. He was the first Fulbright scholar to be honored with an honorary doctorate in Germany, from the University of Mainz. His son, Carl Jr., was also a Fulbright scholar at the same time at the University of Bonn.

Carl's daughter, Marion Clayton, also contributed to European rehabilitation work after World War II. in England, Berlin, France, and Austria, while his wife, Louise Fischer Schneider, who also survived him, served faithfully in the background as pianist and hostess.

We can see Carl Schneider today as a remarkable member of that unprecedented genius-laden group of talented graduates of Eden whose dedication to the church universal was exceeded only by their loyalty to Christ, the head of the church. Carl remained simply and clearly a faithful evangelical Christian believer of enormous dedication and talent.

Lowell H. Zuck

RESOLUTION OF THE CCHS (Cont. from p. 12)

Christian Historical Society hereby records its deep appreciation for the life and work of this good friend. We would ask permission of Pennsylvania Germans to confer upon his memory New England's highest accolade, "YANKEE GENIUS."

Rev. Dr. Arthur E. Wilson
President

TWENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY PAPERWEIGHTS can be ordered from Church Leadership Resources (U.C.C.), Box 179, St. Louis, MO 63166 at a cost of \$6.50.

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

The business meeting was held at 1:30 o'clock in Santee Chapel. The opening prayer was offered by Dr. Lowell Zuck, first vice-president.

The reports of the President and Archivist, Executive Secretary, Treasurer, Dr. Zuck's report on the Eden archives and the Rev. Banks D. Shepherd's for the Southern Chapter of the Society were presented and accepted. These reports are printed in full in this Newsletter.

Dr. Philip W. Weiss, second vice-president, presented a check for \$100.00 to the Society, a gift from the Chapel Committee of the Wyncote Church Home, Wyncote, PA.

Citations for years of service were presented to Miss Lucile Brackbill and Dr. Herbert B. Anstaett.

Tentative plans for future meetings were announced as follows, October 22, 1982 in St. Louis, Missouri, exact location not yet determined, and October 8, 1983 at St. John's-St. Luke's UCC, Detroit, Michigan. The church will be observing the 150th anniversary of its founding.

The following officers were elected for a one year term.

Officers

President - John B. Payne
First Vice President - Lowell H. Zuck
Second Vice President - Philip W. Weiss
Third Vice President - James E. Wagner
Secretary - Rudolf G. Schade
Treasurer - Myron E. Wolf
Executive Secretary - Herbert B. Anstaett

Directors-At-Large

(listed in alphabetical order)

Mrs. Florence M. Bricker
I. C. Gordon Campbell
Owen L. Fox
Martha B. Kriebel
Nevin E. Schellenberger
Banks D. Shepherd
Frank W. Snider

The business meeting was adjourned. As has been the custom for many years, Dr. Philip Weiss pronounced the benediction in the German language.

Respectfully submitted,

Florence M. Bricker, Secretary protem

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

The Evangelical and Reformed Historical Society Executive Committee met on the evening of October 16, 1981. The following members were present: Herbert B. Anstaett, Mrs. George H. Bricker, Owen L. Fox, Nevin Schellenberger, Banks D. Shepherd, Frank W. Snider, Dr. Philip W. Weiss, Myron E. Wolf, Dr. Lowell H. Zuck and Dr. John B. Payne, President who presided. The agenda is attached.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Dr. Payne.

Minutes of the March 10, 1981 Executive Committee Meeting held at the First Reformed Church in Philadelphia as published in the News of the Evangelical and Reformed Historical Society UCC, v.9, no.1, May 1981, page 5, next to last line, were approved with one correction. The honorarium for Myron E. Wolf, Treasurer, was set at \$1,000 and not \$500 as recorded.

Reports attached to the minutes were given by the following officers:

- (1) A combined report of President Payne and Archivist Mrs. Florence M. Bricker (presented by Dr. Payne)

- (2) Executive Secretary, Dr. Herbert B. Anstaett
- (3) Treasurer, Myron E. Wolf
- (4) Eden Archives, Dr. Lowell H. Zuck
- (5) Southern Chapter, Rev. Banks D. Shepherd

Citations of Herbert B. Anstaett and Lucile Brackbill were read and approved, to be presented at the Business Meeting the following afternoon.

The status of the incorporation of the Society was reported by Dr. Payne. It was agreed that no further action should be taken on this item to implement it pending a talk with Dr. Joseph Evans, an Executive Officer of the United Church of Christ to determine if the Society would be able to use the UCC tax exempt number of the Internal Revenue Service. If so, it was felt that the main reason for incorporating would be eliminated. Another reason for concern is how the Eden Archives would fit into such an arrangement with two states in the picture.

Action was taken to designate Dr. John B. Payne, presently a member on the UCC Historical Council to take the place of Dr. George Bricker, deceased, on the Council. The Executive Council will then elect someone to take Dr. Payne's place.

A discussion relating to Article III.1 of the By-Laws took place. It stipulates that there are to be not less than seven nor more than ten Directors-at-large on the governing Board. In order to implement this item to bring it to seven, two more were nominated, as is seen in the report of the Nominations in the Business Meeting Minutes.

The Nominating Committee consisting of Fox, Schellenberger and Snider recommended the officers of the Society to be elected at the Annual Meeting. Their names as elected are listed above in the report of the annual business meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Herbert B. Anstaett, Secretary protem

A TRIBUTE TO MISS LUCILE BRACKBILL

The Evangelical & Reformed Historical Society assembled in their Annual Meeting in Lancaster, Pa. October 17th, honors Miss Lucile Brackbill who retired as a cataloger of the Society in 1979 after serving 63 years as a professional cataloger. She did all of the cataloging and drove her car to the archives until she was nearly 90 years old. A fall resulting in a broken hip forced her to give up her work in the archives.

Miss Brackbill attended the New York Public Library School 1913-1914 and from there received a professional certificate. She began her career as a professionally trained librarian at Union Theological Seminary, New York City in 1916. In 1921 she became a member of the staff of Princeton University Library. After two years at Princeton, she returned to Lancaster to help with the recataloging of the Lancaster Seminary collection which was a two year project. During the spring term of 1925 she returned to Union Seminary for special work, and during the summer of 1927 did special cataloging at Yale Divinity School.

From May 1928 until June 25, 1934 Miss Brackbill was a member of the staff of Franklin and Marshall College Library. On September 1, 1937 she became Chief Cataloger and remained there until her retirement on September 7, 1955. In 1967 she became the official cataloger of the Evangelical & Reformed Historical Society. Miss Brackbill was a noted cataloger of special collections. For a twenty year period, 1920-1940, she was consultant on a voluntary basis to Miss Charlotte Appel, Curator of the Society. She cataloged the 1400 volumes of the Allen R. Bartholomew Library of Missions which was given to the Society by the Board of International Missions of the Evangelical and Reformed Church in 1962.

As we pay tribute, we are grateful for the rich and full life of our colleague - Miss Lucile Brackbill.

Dr. John B. Payne, President
October 17, 1981

A TRIBUTE TO DR. HERBERT BULOW ANSTAETT

Born August 4, 1902 in Batavia, Ohio, Herbert B. Anstaett, for most of his life, has been surrounded by books. After graduating from Miami University, Oxford, Ohio, B.S. in 1924, and from Columbia University School of Library Service, B.S. in 1927, M.S. in 1932, he has had a long career in the field of library service. He became head librarian at Franklin & Marshall College, Lancaster, Pa. in 1927 and remained in that post until 1967. Awarded the degree of Doctor of Humane Letters by Franklin & Marshall College in 1967, he has been librarian emeritus in that institution since August, 1967. After retiring from Franklin & Marshall College he served as acquisitions librarian from 1969 to 1976 at Millersville State College, Millersville, Pa., and where he also holds emeritus status. Dr. Anstaett's other services to his profession have been numerous. He has held positions in state and national library associations including president of the Pennsylvania Library Association, 1946, and a member of the Governor's Advisory Council on Library Development. He was editor of several publications: editor of Books in Print, 1957. Dr. Anstaett has taken an active interest in local historical societies as a member of the executive committee of the Lancaster County Historical Society, 1942-1961, and as a member of the Board of Directors of the Pennsylvania German Society, 1966-1975. While Dr. Anstaett has been a most professional librarian, he has also been a devoted member of the church. He became a member of St. Paul's Reformed Church, Lancaster, Pa. (now the Church of the Apostles United Church of Christ) in 1930, where he served as deacon, elder and trustee. From 1964 to 1966, he was a member of the Church and Ministry Committee of the Lancaster Association of Penn Central Conference of the United Church of Christ.

Though we acknowledge the many accomplishments of Dr. Anstaett, we honor him for his work as executive secretary of the Evangelical & Reformed Historical Society, a position which he has held since 1967. Previously, 1940-1947, he was curator and librarian of the Historical Society of the Evangelical & Reformed Church in the United States, which was housed in the Fackenthal Library of Franklin & Marshall College. Under his leadership, files were set up, materials were cataloged and collections of books were received. In 1965 the Society moved from the Fackenthal Library to the Philip Schaff Library on the campus of the Lancaster Theological Seminary. Here the files, the archives, the indexing continue to grow. This is the meticulous concern of Dr. Herbert B. Anstaett, who works with untiring devotion.

It has been said of Dr. Anstaett, "He is like an ardent stamp collector who never allows his fingers to despoil a classic bit of philately." So Dr. Anstaett deals with every bit and piece, every name, date and reported event with "tender loving care" and does his utmost in assisting those who come to the Society and its archives for help.

To Dr. Herbert B. Anstaett and his wife Alice, who for many years worked by his side, we give tribute and express our deep gratitude. Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon them, and establish Thou the work of their hands, yea, the work of their hands establish Thou it.

Dr. John B. Payne, President
October 17, 1981

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT AND OF THE ARCHIVIST

The Society sustained a severe jolt when its beloved President since 1973, the Reverend Dr. George H. Bricker died on January 11, 1981. He had been librarian and archivist of the

Central Archives and Library of the Evangelical and Reformed Historical Society since 1961 as well as archivist of the United Church of Christ since 1970. We refer the readers of this report to the May issue of the Newsletter of the Society for a tribute to and meditation on his rich life and work. That newsletter was dedicated in his honor. It was reported there that the fund of gifts to the Society in memory of George Bricker totals \$1,110. They now total \$1,320.00. This memorial fund will be used to publish the register of local church and pastoral records held in the Central Archives upon which Mrs. Bricker has been working for several years. This manuscript is nearly ready for publication. Frank Snider reported at the Executive Committee meeting in March that the Southern Chapter has also established a George Bricker Memorial Fund which is to be used for the recording of "Oral History."

Since George Bricker's death we carry on the work of the Society as best we can though not with his spirit and ability. The Executive Committee of the Society at its March meeting elected John B. Payne to be the President of the E and R Historical Society and Florence Bricker to be archivist. At the request of the Historical Council she serves also as archivist of the United Church of Christ. The E and R Historical Society and the UCC Historical Council are grateful that she has been willing to assume this important double office, for the work of both Council and Society centers around the archives.

Since the first of the year a complete inventory of the books in the archives has been made. In May and June twenty cartons of materials from Heidelberg Church, Philadelphia, a church which has disbanded, have been sorted and cataloged. In September we began to sort and catalogue seven cartons received from the Division of Evangelism, Gerald Judd files, 1960-1975. We have received several shipments of materials from the Office of Church in Society. All of these papers have been cataloged. New materials continue to be sent to us from the Boards and Instrumentalities.

Many groups of visitors come to the archives - confirmation classes, senior citizens, the local chapter of the Society of Palatinates to America, two groups of young people from Tohoku Gakuin University, formerly North Japan College, and others. Dr. Akira Demura also from this university in Sendai, Japan spent several weeks of the summer in the archives photocopying records of the university. He had been sent on this mission by the president of the university to replace records that had been lost by fire during the war. To all these visitors we explain the value of the archives and show them our holdings, especially those in which they have a particular interest.

We receive 25-30 letters a week from patrons seeking information about ministers, churches, pictures of ministers, materials for anniversaries, actions taken at Synods or Conference meetings of earlier years. Quite a few are for genealogical research but we have a policy to do no extensive research, but only to verify a birth, baptism, marriage or burial if exact information is given. All other letters are answered with a form letter, stating our policy and referring them to genealogists. Many letters are requests for microfilm of church records and these are sent out almost daily.

Right now we are carrying on an exchange program with several conferences; for example, Minnesota and Nebraska are intensifying their efforts to develop their historical programs. Duplicate copies of their holdings are sent to us if we do not have them and we in turn send them duplicate copies of Year Books of past years, anniversary booklets, etc.

In addition to this we have our routine work each day: cataloguing, and filing of periodicals, church papers, Conference papers, biographical material on individuals, keeping our membership list correct and up-to-date, assisting researchers who come to the archives, and seeing to it that everything of historical value is preserved and accessible.

We are very fortunate to have added to our staff the services of Mrs. Edna Hafer. She is familiar with the history of our church and has known personally many ministers and outstanding leaders of our church.

At the top of the first page of our newsletter we made an appeal to the membership to remit their dues to show their support for the work of the Society and to continue to receive the newsletter. Due to our increased costs we have decided to revise our mailing list and drop those who have not paid their dues for the past three years. We made the announcement in the previous newsletter but it had little effect. By placing it at the top of the first page, we were hoping we would obtain a larger response, and so far that seems to be the case.

We have been pleased to support the work of and association with historical societies and archives in other parts of the denomination. Mrs. Bricker represented the E & R Historical Society at the meeting of the Congregational Christian Historical Society in May at Portland, Maine. The Society also supported the presence of the Reverend Philip Weiss at the 150th Anniversary Celebration of the North Carolina Classis of the Reformed Church in the United States in May at the Brick Church in Whitsett. The Society has likewise contributed to the purchase of filing cabinets for the Eden Archives.

We both attended the executive committee meeting of the UCC Historical Council which was held on June 30, 1981 in connection with General Synod in Rochester, N.Y. The committee was enthusiastic about the progress of our new Historical Council Associates program. Associates are persons chosen by the Conferences to help the Historical Council keep informed about activities within the Conferences that should be part of the United Church of Christ archives. We plan to send a questionnaire to them and invite them to state how the Historical Council and the two Societies, CCHS and ERHS can be helpful to them in their work. We were also pleased with the report concerning the warm reception being given the Historical Intelligencer, the new journal sponsored by the Historical Council, the first issue of which appeared in 1980. This journal is given to members of the two societies. The executive committee was likewise pleased with the report concerning the participation of the Historical Council in the UCC 25th Anniversary celebration. The OCLL working group in charge of planning for the Anniversary received our overtures favorably; the Historical Council's preparation of historical pieces for the Sunday bulletins had been accomplished; our booth at General Synod displaying the work of the Council and of the two Societies was accorded a prominent position in the exhibit room and was well patronized, and the sale of commemorative paperweights was going well.

On the not so bright side the committee discussed the need for raising more funds for the important work of the Historical Council especially in the light of the very tight Executive Council budget. The Historical Council has been given permission by the Executive Council to seek supplemental funding from select individuals and plans are in progress to attempt to do this. Especially in need of funding is the Archivist's post. At the present time there are no Historical Council funds for the UCC Archivist. Florence Bricker, the current acting archivist is paid out of the ERHS budget. We are very much in need of funds to pay for a full-time UCC archivist.

Besides the booth the work of the Historical Council became known to this General Synod in other ways. The chair person of the Council, Randall Buchman, gave a brief report at a plenary session which was followed by a warm and striking tribute to Dr. George H. Bricker by President Avery Post. Slides of Dr. Bricker were projected on the screen as President Post read to the synodical gathering an appropriate citation which expressed gratitude for the important contribution of Dr. Bricker to the United Church of Christ. This citation was then handed to Mrs. Bricker.

At this General Synod the Historical Council sponsored for the first time an evening session on historical aspects of the United Church of Christ which was surprisingly well attended. We left General Synod quite pleased that the work of the Historical Council and of the two Societies it represents was having a seemingly increasing impact upon the life of the church.

We append to this report the financial account for 1981 through September. The E & R Historical Society continues to be the grateful beneficiary of generous gifts without which the Society could not long stay in existence.

The President and Archivist are deeply appreciative of the members' support of the Society - both financial and moral - during this difficult year of transition.

Respectfully submitted,

John B. Payne, President
Florence M. Bricker, Archivist
October 1981

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

This is the first time in my many annual reports that I have included the room numbers in identifying the location of the Society's suite, in the library. Room 211 is named "In Memory of Mr. and Mrs. Irvin B. Kline, Presented by Mr. and Mrs. Robert H. Kline, Skippack, PA." It was designated as the Secretary's Office, now used by the Executive Secretary. The donors were members of Trinity Church at Skippack when the presentation was made. Room 212 is called the Omwake Room, "In Memory of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Omwake, Presented By Their Granddaughter Mrs. Matilda Omwake Newman, Waynesboro, PA." Mrs. Newman was a member of Trinity Church in Waynesboro when Dr. Bricker was Pastor there from 1945-1954 and afterwards, and a member of the Corporation of the Lancaster Theological Seminary, 1964-1968. The Cataloging Room, with an unassigned number, with entrances from Rooms 211 and 212, was given "In Memory Of The Reverend William J. Rupp, Presented by Friends and Members of Zwingli Church, Souderton, Pennsylvania." Reverend Rupp, a noted Pennsylvania historian, born April 5, 1911, was Pastor of Zwingli Church from 1957 until his death on September 24, 1966. Reverend Rupp and Dr. Bricker were classmates at Franklin and Marshall College and at the Lancaster Theological Seminary.

During the report year the Society published two numbers of the NEWS from the EVANGELICAL AND REFORMED HISTORICAL SOCIETY, Sponsored Agency of the Historical Council, United Church of Christ, issued as volume 8, no.3, December 1980, and volume 9, no.1, May 1981. The December issue was the last one edited by Dr. George H. Bricker before his death on January 11, 1981. He was responsible for the editorship covering all issues from volume 1, no.1, December 1970, a total of eighteen numbers, a total of 107 pages of material. The current issue, volume 9, no.1, May 1981 edited by Dr. John B. Payne, the Society's President, succeeding Dr. Bricker, included, in addition to the usual annual reports, Tributes and Memorials to Dr. Bricker prepared by Dr. Payne and Rev. Horace S. Sills, current President of Penn Central Conference, and to the late Rev. Dr. James H. Lightbourne, an outstanding leader of the Church who died on January 22, 1981, prepared by Mrs. George H. Bricker, Archivist. This issue also contained a brief tribute to the memory of Mary Margaret Rupp who was a volunteer on the Lancaster Central Archives staff for four years, working on special projects one morning each week. She made a real contribution in putting in useable order very valuable archival material.

The combined annual report of President Payne and Archivist, Mrs. Florence M. Bricker, contains a brief statement of the very fortunate addition of Mrs. Edna M. Hafer to the Society's staff. Mrs. Hafer served in August as a volunteer and was appointed as Assistant Researcher in September. She was a member of the Lancaster Theological staff from 1953 until her retirement in 1980, first as Secretary to the Faculty to 1960 and then Assistant to Presidents Moss, Distler and Glasse.

My duties as the Executive Secretary remain the same as last year and are repeated for this report. I am responsible for reporting required data, throughout the year, to the Internal Revenue Service for the staff members. I write all vouchers which are submitted to the Treasurer. I attempt to keep the addresses of members in the membership file up-to-date and check various sources in order to remove the cards of deceased members from the file. I write thank you letters for financial contributions made directly to the Society. I assist in the Reference work given to those who come to use the Society's library and to others who write for various kinds of information relating to the contents of the collection. It is of

interest to mention as a sort of footnote to these duties that in July 1966 when Dr. Bricker succeeded Dr. Charles D. Spotts as treasurer of the Society he asked me to begin to submit vouchers for all expenditures. Since that time 2,022 vouchers have been issued.

In 1918 a reorganization report of the Society was made to Eastern Synod. The concluding paragraph read as follows: "The Historical Society of the Reformed Church, with its Museum, its Library, its dreams of the past, its visions of the future, is yours, part of the wealth of the Church. Claim your portion. Make it a possession. Share in its labors. Enrich it with a sympathetic, earnest, active cooperation in its aims and efforts, and thus also share its fruitage of richest blessings upon those who toil for the upbuilding of our dear old Church." The spirit of this reorganization statement still lives. With this final comment I conclude my fortieth annual report.

Respectfully submitted,

Herbert B. Anstaett, Executive Secretary
October 15, 1981

Statement of Income and Expenses -- Operating Account

Nine Months Period -- January 1, 1981 - September 30, 1981

<u>INCOME</u>		
Executive Council -- U.C.C.		\$ 3,038.00
Conferences: Indiana-Kentucky	\$ 200.00	
Penn Central	450.00	650.00
Associations: Hudson Mohawk, N.Y. Conference	25.00	
Lincoln, NE Conference	25.00	50.00
Dues received Through Lancaster		735.00
Historical Council Financial Campaign		1,500.00
Interest on Investments		1,870.00
Miscellaneous Income (Photocopies, microfilm rental, etc.)		892.32
Memorial Gifts and Other Gifts:		
Arcadia Foundation	\$ 11,000.00	
Edith Steinbright	5,000.00	
Gifts as Memorial To Rev. Dr. George Bricker	1,320.00	
Erma Rebuck Bricker Mem. Gift by Dr. Bricker	100.00	
Dr. James E. Wagner	100.00	
Alvin Rupp	100.00	
Frieden's Church in Honor of Dr. John B. Frantz	139.45	
Others	107.60	\$17,867.05
Historical Council -- Archives		1,000.00
Total Income		<u>\$27,602.99</u>
<u>Expenses</u>		
Lancaster:		
Salaries	\$ 6,040.80	
Supplies	335.07	
Equipment	41.97	
Binding	40.00	
Postage	167.30	
Telephone	43.73	
Miscellaneous	665.07	\$ 7,333.94
Eden: (Paid from Lancaster)		
Salaries	3,850.31	

Eden (cont.)		
Supplies	\$ 30.14	
Equipment	468.00	
Postage	21.13	
Miscellaneous	13.33	\$ 4,382.91
General:		
Salaries	\$ 2,366.59	
Meetings and Travel	1,336.03	
Honoraria	328.35	
Printing and Postage	852.76	
Miscellaneous	167.14	5,050.87
Historical Council -- Archives		3,321.79
Total Expenses		<u>\$ 20,089.51</u>
Surplus as of 9/30/81		\$ 7,513.48

Respectfully submitted,
Myron E. Wolf, Treasurer

Balance Sheet -- Operating Account

September 30, 1981

<u>ASSETS</u>		
Checking Account -- Hamilton Bank	\$	764.22
24 Hour Statement Savings account -- Hamilton Bank		24,933.96
First Federal Savings & Loan Assoc. -- Savings account		29.13
First Federal Savings & Loan Assoc. -- Certificate of Deposit		4,400.00
Hamilton Bank -- Certificate of Deposit		10,000.00
Wellington Fund (Book Value)		1,008.00
St. Paul's Preservation Fund -- Hamilton Bank C/D		3,000.00
TOTAL ASSETS		<u>\$ 44,135.31</u>
<u>LIABILITIES AND PRINCIPAL</u>		
Liabilities: Annual Meeting Luncheon Ticket Deposits		7.00
Principal -- 12/31/81	\$ 36,614.83	
Plus: Surplus as of 9/30/81	7,513.48	\$ 44,128.31
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND PRINCIPAL		<u>\$ 44,135.31</u>

Respectfully submitted,
Myron E. Wolf, Treasurer

REPORT TO THE ERHS REGARDING THE EDEN ARCHIVES

The work of the Eden Archives continues with Wilferd Bohley serving as Archivist and Lowell Zuck guiding the work as Librarian. At the end of August Mr. Bohley was operated on for lung cancer. He continues to work faithfully in the Archives with monthly breaks for radiation treatments. A junior student at Eden Seminary, Joseph Mills, is presently aiding in the work with the help of work-study funds. We are keeping alert to possible personnel changes, as may be necessary.

Following the retirement of Dr. Robert T. Fauth as President of Eden Seminary, the Eden Archives Committee is being re-organized under the leadership of the new Eden President, Dr.

Malcolm Warford. Its first meeting will be on November 5, 1981. Other members of the Committee include Dr. John L. Schmidt, Dr. Harold C. Grunewald, Dr. Fred Allrich, along with Messrs. Bohley and Zuck.

The previous meeting of the Eden Archives Committee on May 12, 1981 noted the following items.

A \$400 additional appropriation from Lancaster to underwrite the services of Christiane Bätjer, an Eden student from Germany, was noted with appreciation, along with an additional contribution to cover half the cost of 3 recently acquired file cabinets.

As was reported previously, the Eden Archives have purchased a microfilm camera. Mr. Bohley reports that the work of microfilming church records is proceeding, with numerous churches submitting their records for filming. The local church is requested to pay for the film (\$20.00 per roll), which will provide one copy for the church and one for the Eden Archives. In addition, the church pays for the labor, which amounts to about \$20.00 per roll of film. Our collection of microfilm church records is expanding rapidly, and their use by visitors to the Archives is increasing greatly.

Dr. and Mrs. Harold Grunewald presented a microfilm reader to the Archives which allows use of both 35 mm. film and 16 mm. film, the latter size being the one used by our camera.

An open house at the Archives during the Eden Spring Convocation attracted a goodly number of visitors.

Mr. Bohley reported in May 1981 that forty-four persons had visited the Archives since January 1981, not counting those from the Ministers' Wives Organization, confirmation classes, and the Convocation open house.

The Archives received a \$1,667.00 bequest from the estate of a former missionary, Ms. Hilda Huefe, who was for a time secretary in the Archives. This enabled the Archives to make a \$3,000.00 investment in the Dreyfuss Fund, from which we receive interest. This slightly better financial situation for the Archives is much appreciated. We are able to continue with the help of the ERHS and with provision of room and utilities by Eden Seminary.

Respectfully submitted,
Lowell H. Zuck, Librarian
14 October 1981

REPORT OF THE SOUTHERN CHAPTER TO THE
EVANGELICAL AND REFORMED HISTORICAL SOCIETY
October 17, 1981

One of the highlights of the past year for the Southern Chapter was the celebration of the 150th anniversary of the formation of the N.C. Classis, on May 23, 1981, at Brick Church, Whitsett, N.C. The organizing meeting of the Classis was held in the middle of a three day meeting on May 23, 1831 in Brick Church. The celebration consisted of a worship service and a re-enactment of the first meeting of the Classis, including representatives of the remaining active churches of the 17 which constituted the original organization. A number of these congregations had historical artifacts on display. The Rev. Frank Snider coordinated plans for the day and served as Narrator of the re-enactment. We were pleased with the response. Over 130 people registered for the day. The E and R Historical Society was ably represented by Dr. Philip Weiss. The program was video taped, and we will have a copy made for our archives as soon as we determine the size we need for the equipment available for us.

The work of sorting and cataloging materials in our archives at Catawba College, Salisbury,

N.C. continues as our archivist, Mrs. Jackie Sims, an employee of the Catawba Library, has time and as we have the money. Mrs. Sims reports a brisk business in inquiries for information for genealogical research.

The Southern Chapter keeps alive its aim to gather oral history, interviewing and recording conversations with older pastors, representatives of institutions, and outstanding lay persons in the former Southern Synod and the N.C. Classis.

The momentum of the work of our Chapter was slowed by the death of Dr. James H. Lightbourne, Jr., Conference Minister, friend and member of our Chapter, and a member of the Historical Council, as well as a supporter of our work locally. We are further hampered by the recent illness of Dr. Edwin M. Alcorn, Associate Conference Minister for the Western N.C. Association and treasurer of our Chapter.

Respectfully submitted,
Banks D. Shepherd

RESOLUTION OF THE CONGREGATIONAL CHRISTIAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY
REGARDING GEORGE H. BRICKER

"George Bricker, President of the Evangelical and Reformed Historical Society and Archivist of the United Church of Christ, was seldom absent from the annual meetings of the C.C.H.S. Our meetings always carried an extra grace note when he and Florence were with us. Today, assembled in Portland, Maine for the 29th annual meeting of our Society, we would express our admiration and affection for this comrade of many years.

George Bricker's life was shaped by two disciplines: scholarship and fellowship. With a mind that was keyed to research, he produced many fruits for historical bins. With unflagging joyousness he and Florence have often played host to historical gatherings. Their home on College Avenue in Lancaster, Pennsylvania has been an oasis of unforgettable hospitality.

No ivory-tower man, George enjoyed the skills of hand as well as of brain, much to the profit of home and seminary. These interests and strengths served us well when he became the first Archivist of the United Church of Christ. He enjoyed the mechanics of correct classification, filing and storage of records. He saw them not as yellowing pages but as a key which unlocks vital church history.

Pastor, teacher, librarian, historian, archivist, goodly companion, - the Congregational
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