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Dear Brother Wilson.

Your letter was received  
at Syosset and the report was used.

Dr. Luskis was unable to be present at  
Syosset at all, and we made Dr. Gorman  
our spokesman. He read your paper; Elder  
Luskis read his paper, and he allowed  
mine. We made certain observations,  
at times, but the pleasantries do not  
suit the critics — and quite properly, I  
admit. They were referred back and  
went. I was obliged to come away  
before Dr. Gorman obtained the floor  
to present our varied language and

I do not know the exact action of the  
body. My own says there was a tent-  
ed discussion upon the merits or de-  
merits of the "Church at Home and Abroad,"  
but he can give me no intelligent ac-  
count of it.

A Committee on revision of the Stand-  
ing Rules embodied in their report a  
recommendation that the Com. on <sup>A</sup> Fin.  
Misc. hereafter consist of eight mem-  
bers - one from each Presbytery - the pro-  
posed of seven and had it changed to  
sixteen - one minister and one elder from  
each Presbytery. I believe that Dr.  
Graham was on the Com. to nominate  
the new Fin. Misc. Com. and I was told

that they proposed to leave off Wentworth and  
Dr. Quaker.

We have virtually a long pull of work  
ahead of us. The cause of Dr. Wentworth  
is not in good shape in the Prot. Ch.  
Dr. Dixon spoke admirably upon our re-  
port mentioning the way in which the  
whole Church is held responsible for a defi-  
cit even when a large section like our  
one Synod has come up to its duty. He  
wanted the blame put where it belongs.  
He also deprecated the habit of making  
extreme appropriations, retaining an  
income from bequests, as well as from the  
gifts of the living. He thought it sound  
principle that the living members  
should be assessed a support from the liv-

the Church - while the gifts of the young  
were used for special and extraordinary  
purposes.

But there, there was the usual popular  
meeting - Dr. Ellsworth spoke - He told us  
how early the Board had appropriated nine  
hundred thousand dollars for the current  
year in the face of a debt. Dr. Davis,  
Dr. Eddy of Syria and Dr. Nelson also spoke;  
and Lynd was for the moment up in the  
air with enthusiasm. Imagine our  
feelings in reporting the next day, and  
asking for your presence, and co-operation,  
and material effort. I am not  
just sure about the make up of the pro-  
tem Com. - not sure whether I am or it -  
but, any way, I shall work for the cause  
as I can. I hope you are forthcoming -  
yours truly  
P. F. Leavenworth

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Rev. William H. Belton

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