

REPORT OF

THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON
FORMS AND SERVICES.

FATHERS AND BRETHREN:

Your Special Committee on Forms and Services, in presenting their Report, beg leave to call your attention to the nature and conditions of the task committed to them.

The General Assembly of 1903, in answer to Overtures from the Presbytery of Denver and the Synod of New York, on the recommendation of the Committee on Bills and Overtures after consultation with representatives of the Board of Publication, unanimously passed the following resolutions:

Resolved, 1. That a Committee of eleven be appointed by the Moderator, in conference with the Editorial Committee of the Board of Publication, to take into consideration, and if possible to prepare, in harmony with the Directory for Worship, a Book of Simple Forms and Services, which shall be proper and helpful for voluntary use in Presbyterian Churches in the celebration of the Sacraments, in marriages and funerals, and in the conduct of public worship.

Resolved, 2. That in the preparation of these voluntary services the Committee be instructed to draw from the Holy Scriptures and the usage of the Reformed Churches, to avoid those forms which savor of ritualism; to embody sound doctrine in the language of orderly devotion, and to keep ever in mind the end of Presbyterian worship, which is that all the people should join in the service of God as He is revealed in Jesus Christ.

Resolved, 3. That this Committee shall report to the next General Assembly, and shall submit whatever work they have been