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PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

FIFTY-SIXTH ANNUAL CONVENTION

OF THE

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN

TENNESSEE SYNOD,

HELD IN

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THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN TENNESSEE SYNOD held its fifty-sixth regular meeting in St. John Church, Lexington Co., S. C., beginning on Thursday, the 5th day of October, 1876. A sermon was preached by Rev. J. C. Moser; Heb. 12: 1, 2.

Synod was opened by the President in the usual form, the roll of ministers was called, and lay-delegates presented their certificates.

MINISTERS.

NAMES.	RESIDENCES.
1. Rev. H. GOODMAN,*	Statesville, N. C.
2. " A. J. FOX,	Lincolnton, N. C.
3. " T. MILLER,*	Saunsville, Va.
4. " J. R. PETERSON,	Dallas, N. C.
5. " T. MOSER,*	Mt. Pleasant, N. C.
6. " S. HENKEL,	New Market, Va.
7. " D. EFIRD,	Pine Ridge, S. C.
8. " J. M. SMITH,	Conover, N. C.
9. " I. CONDOR,†	McGaheysville, Va.
10. " J. S. BENNICK,*	Forestville, Va.
11. " J. N. STIREWALT,*	Stony Man, Va.
12. " M. L. FOX,†	Sandy Creek, N. C.
13. " J. C. MOSER,	China Grove, N. C.
14. " M. L. LITTLE,	Seagle's Store, N. C.
15. " L. A. FOX,*	Waynesboro', Va.
16. " A. L. CROUSE,	Summit, S. C.
17. " J. P. STIREWALT,†	New Market, Va.

* Excused.

† Not excused.

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LAY-DELEGATES.

NAMES.	CHURCHES REPRESENTED.
JACOB EPTING,.....	St. John, Lexington, S. C.
J. H. FULMER,.....	St. Peter, Piney Ridge, S. C.
J. W. EARGLE,.....	St. Jacob, “
C. BOOKMAN,.....	Bethlehem, “
G. H. DRAFTS,.....	Zion, “
D. M. SOX,.....	Emanuel, “
S. P. DRAFTS,.....	St. James, “
D. T. HARE,.....	Cedar Grove, “
GEO. LONG,.....	St. Peter, “
E. J. PRICE,.....	St. Paul, “
F. K. BECK,.....	Grace and Salem, N. C.
S. S. MAUNY,.....	St. Mark, Luth. Chapel, Christ, N. C.
M. L. LITTLE,.....	Trinity, Bethpage, Philadelphia, and Sardis, N. C.

The President read his Report which was received, to be referred to the proper Committee.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

DEAR BRETHREN:—By the gracious providence of our Heavenly Father, we have been brought through the dangers, the trials, the labors, the successes and the disappointments of another year, and have again assembled in Synodical Convention. We meet to exchange views, to recount the joys and sorrows which have fallen to each, and to devise new, and execute old plans for the advancement of the Redeemer's kingdom.

A review of the condition of our Synod shows little of very encouraging nature. Death has been doing its work; and, while mortality among the members of our churches has not been greater than in former years, the place of our dear brother amongst us has been left vacant. Brother Thomas Crouse has been called from his labors in the Church militant to his reward in the Church triumphant.

Most of our pastoral charges are too large and should be divided; but in consequence of the scarcity of ministers this cannot yet be done; and it becomes duty to address ourselves anew to the work and put forth increased efforts to increase the number of ministers.

OFFICIAL ACTS.—During the year now ending, I have been called to perform but few official acts. By order of Synod, I renewed the license of Candidates, J. C. Moser and M. L. Little, and issued license for one year to candidate A. L. Yount.

VACANCIES.—By the death of Rev. Thomas Crouse the Davidson charge in North Carolina has become vacant and still remains so. Rev. T. Moser has resigned Emanuel Church, in Union County, N. C., and candidate A. L. Yount has resigned the charge of the Church in Monroe, N. C. These two Churches are still vacant and provision for their supply should be made with as little delay as possible. I have also been informed that in consequence of feeble health Rev. A. L. Crouse has resigned the Summit charge in S. Carolina. It is hoped, however, that this brother's health will so far improve as to enable him soon to resume his labors.

NEW ORGANIZATIONS.—Since last Synod, I organized a small congregation at King's Mountain Station, on the Piedmont and Air-Line Rail-

way in Cleveland Co., N. C. No other new organizations have been reported to me.

EDUCATION.—To meet the increasing demand for ministers to cultivate the fields already opened and but imperfectly occupied and also open up and occupy new ones, a school has been started in the village of Conover, Catawba Co., N. C. The leading object contemplated in the establishment of this school is to afford the means of education at the least possible cost. To this end it is believed that the location is a favorable one.—It is in the midst of a dense Lutheran population who are generally well to do farmers, and the means of living are abundant and cheap. With these advantages it is hoped that the enterprise will prove a success. I deem it proper to ask the interest of Synod in its behalf.

MISSIONS.—I again call the attention of the Synod to the work of missions, and urge upon it the importance of making provision for carrying on this work especially in States lying west of the Mississippi river.—During the last fifty years hundreds of Lutheran families have emigrated westward and settled in the States of Missouri, Arkansas, and Texas carrying their Lutheranism with them. Year after year petitions for ministers were addressed to Synod by these emigrants, and had timely efforts been made in their behalf these emigrants and their descendants might have been saved to the Church, and large and flourishing Lutheran congregations would now be found where the Lutheran name is scarcely known. Much time has been lost, but it is not yet too late. Something may yet be done. Within the last few years, a few ministers have been laboring among these people, and have succeeded in gathering some of them up and forming them into congregations. But what are they among so many? The territory over which their labors extend is large and help both in men and money is wanted. After repeated failures to obtain ministers these emigrant brethren ceased to make application to us and the consequence has been that many of them have been lost to the Church. The hopes of others have been somewhat revived and they have again made indirect application to us for help. Shall these calls be again unheeded, and this revived hope be permitted to again perish?

RECOMMENDATION.—I recommend that a Committee be appointed to prepare and report suitable resolutions upon the death of Rev. Thomas Crouse.

By Article IV, Section 4, of our Synodical Constitution it is provided that "Synod shall require a probationary period of not less than one year during which all candidates for the ministry shall be taken on trial." For some years this constitutional requirement has been carried out by a system of license. By this system candidates to the ministry have been authorized to perform all ministerial acts under license and without ordination. In my opinion this system is open to serious objections, and ought to be abandoned. If a candidate is known not to possess the necessary qualifications both mentally or morally or either, he should not in any way be invested with the office. On the other hand, if a candidate is believed to possess all the qualifications necessary to the successful discharge of ministerial duties, he should be put into the office not for one year only but for life, or during good behaviour in office. To carry out the provision of the Constitution in this regard, in a less objectionable mode, I recommend that Students in the Seminary be under the direction of the Professors, and that such as are under private instruction be directed by the pastors under whose care they have been placed.

And now, dear brethren "The God of peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the Sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

J. R. PETERSON.

Election for Officers for the ensuing year was held with the following results:

Rev. S. HENKEL,..... *President*,
 " J. M. SMITH,..... *Record. Secretary*,
 " J. R. PETERSON,..... *Cor. Secretary*,
 " A. J. FOX,..... *Treasurer*.

REGULAR COMMITTEES.

1. *On President's Report*.—Rev'ds A. J. Fox, J. M. Smith.
2. *On Unfinished Business*.—Rev'ds J. R. Peterson, D. Efird.
3. *On Examination*.—Rev'ds J. R. Peterson and J. M. Smith.
4. *On State of the Church*.—Rev'ds A. J. Fox, J. C. Moser, F. K. Beck.
5. *On Letters and Petitions*.—Rev'ds J. R. Peterson, M. L. Little.
6. *On Treasurer's Report*.—Rev'ds A. J. Fox, Dr. Eargle, J. H. Fullmer.

Letters, Papers, and Petitions, intended for Synod were now called for, handed in, and handed over to the respective Committees.

On motion Synod adjourned to meet to-morrow, 9 o'clock, A. M. Benediction by Rev. S. Henkel.

SECOND SESSION.

FRIDAY MORNING.

Synod met, and was opened with religious service. Roll was called. Minutes read and approved.

Rev. J. C. Moser was received as an advisory member of this Synod, and also H. A. Meetz, Esq.

Report on Letters and Petitions was read and received.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LETTERS AND PETITIONS.

Class I. Petitions for Ordination and Licensure.

Nos. 1 and 2 are petitions from Emanuel's and Zion's Churches, Lexington Co., S. C., praying for the license and services of candidates, Messrs. J. A. Cromer and E. L. Lybrand.

Nos. 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7 are petitions from Sardis Church, Catawba Co.; Trinity, and Bethpage, Lincoln Co.; St. Mark and Philadelphia, Gaston Co., N. C., praying for the ordination and services of Licentiate, M. L. Little.

Nos. 8 and 9 are petitions from Mt. Moriah and Phanuel Churches, Rowan Co., N. C., praying for the ordination and services of Licentiate, J. C. Moser.

No. 10 is a petition from the Church in Hickory, Catawba Co., N. C., praying for the ordination and services of candidate, A. L. Yount.

Nos. 11, 12, 13, are petitions from Phanuel Church, Rockingham Co., St. Paul and Powder Spring Churches, Shenandoah Co., Va., praying for the ordination and services of candidate, J. W. Hausenfluck.

Class II. Petitions for the admission of new congregations.

No. 1 is a petition from St. Matthew, Kings Mountain, N. C., praying for admission into this Synod.

No. 2 is a petition of same import from the Church at Hickory, Catawba Co., N. C.

No. 3 is a petition from St. Thomas, Lexington Co., S. C., of similar import. In the same, they appoint Col. Chapman as their delegate.

No. 4 is a petition of same import from St. Mark, Luray, Page Co., Virginia.

Class III. Petitions for the next Convention of Synod.

No. 1 is a petition from Coble's Church, Guilford Co., N. C., asking that the next Synod may be held in that church.

Class IV. On Letters.

No. 1 is a letter from Rev. J. B. Davis, D. D., delegate of the N. C. Synod in which he assigns the cause, and regrets the necessity, of his absence. Further, he expresses his own desire, and that of many others, of a closer union between that body and our Synod.

No. 2 is a letter from Rev. J. S. Bennick, in which he assigns too much work and want of money as a reason for his absence.

No. 3 is a letter from candidate R. A. Yoder, in which he states that he has returned to N. C. College, to finish his literary course which will end with the present scholastic year, and, for this purpose, he asks this body for an appropriation of \$147 dollars.

No. 4 is a memorial from certain members of St. Peter and St. John, Lexington Co., S. C., stating "that a great misunderstanding and trouble exist between Rev. D. Efird and many persons who are, and others who have been members and officers in his Churches," which the memorialists say, "must eventually result in such a disruption in the Churches in this section that will in time work their annihilation." They further ask an investigation of these difficulties.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

1. In reference to Nos. 1 and 2, Class 1st, your Committee recommend the Licensure of Bros. J. A. Cromer and E. L. Lybrand.

2. In reference to Nos. 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7 we recommend the examination and ordination of Bro. M. L. Little.

3. In reference to Nos. 8 and 9 we recommend the examination and ordination of Bro. J. C. Moser.

4. In reference to No. 10, we offer the same recommendation.

5. In reference to Nos. 11, 12, 13, we recommend that a Committee be appointed to examine and ordain candidate, J. W. Hausenfluck, if found qualified.

6. In reference to Class 2nd, Nos. 1, 2, 3, and 4, your Committee recommend the admission of those congregations into Synod.

7. In reference to Class four, No. 1, be it

Resolved, That we express our regret that Rev. J. B. Davis, D. D., did not find it convenient to be with us.

8. In reference to No. 2, we recommend that Bro. J. S. Bennick be excused.

9. In reference to No. 4, your Committee recommend that this application for beneficiary aid be postponed till the proper time.

10. In reference to No. 4, we recommend that the matter in question be placed in the hands of a committee to report to this present meeting of Synod, the course proper to be pursued.

J. R. PETERSON,
M. L. LITTLE,
S. S. MAUNY.

Report was now taken up, and acted upon item by item.

Class I.—Item 1st and recommendation postponed for the present.

Item 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, with recommendation of Committee, adopted.

Item 8 and 9, sustained.

Item 10 is similar, and sustained; it was moved that a Committee be appointed to examine Mr. A. L. Yount, and ordain him, if necessary. Committee, J. M. Smith, J. R. Peterson, A. J. Fox.

On motion, Synod now took recess until after sermon. During intermission, Rev. J. R. Peterson preached a Synodical sermon from Romans 16: 1, 2.

THIRD SESSION.

FRIDAY, 2 o'clock P. M.

Synod resumed business.

Item 11, 12, 13, with recommendation be sustained, and that a Committee be appointed, and that this be done at a regular or call session of the Va. Conference of the Tennessee Synod. Committee, L. A. Fox, I. Conder.

Class II.—No. 1. Received.

No. 2. Received.

No. 3. As soon as the officers be installed, it be received.

No. 4. Received.

Class III.—Petitions for Synod.

No. 1. Next meeting be held in Coble's Church, N. C.

Class IV.—No. 1. Resolution adopted.

No. 2. Brother J. S. Bennick excused.

No. 3. Recommendation of Committee be sustained.

No. 4. Adopted.

The Committee, Rev. J. R. Peterson, Rev. Dr. A. J. Fox, F. K. Beck, S. S. Mauny; by motion the President was added to this Committee.

Report was now adopted as a whole.

Report of Committee to submit a Constitution and Regulations for Home Missionary operations.

REGULATIONS FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF THE EVAN. LUTH.
TENN. SYNOD IN MISSIONARY WORK.

ART. I. There shall be elected, annually, by Synod an executive Committee of three, or five, or more members, as the nature and extent of the work may require, who shall hold office until their successors shall be appointed. Of this Committee the Committee on vacancies shall be a member.

ART. II. This Executive Committee shall have charge of the Missionary work between the conventions of Synod. They shall elect one of their number Treasurer, who shall hold, and disburse the missionary monies according to the directions of the Committee. The Executive Committee may establish or discontinue missions, may employ or dismiss missionaries, and shall have the superintendence and control of all missionary operations during their time of office.

ART. III. This Committee shall hold at least two meetings during the year. It shall keep a clear and correct account of all its transactions and especially of all monies received and disbursed, and report annually to Synod and be prepared with vouchers to sustain the same, which report shall be recorded by the Secretary of Synod.

ART. IV. All monies collected from congregations or otherwise, and donations for the purpose of missions shall be paid over to the Chairman of the Executive Committee for which he shall give his receipt.

ART. V. Diligent and rigid inquiry shall be made as to the condition of every community and the prospects of establishing a self-sustaining congregation or pastorate whenever application shall be made for aid, and where these are not favorable no money shall be expended as a mere venture.

ART. VI. Every pastor in connection with this Synod shall be required to take up collections in each of his congregations annually in the most judicious manner for missions.

ART. VII. These regulations shall be subject to amendment at any meeting of Synod after giving one day's notice of the proposed amendment and with the concurrence of two-thirds of the members present.

Your Committee in submitting the above plan would call the attention of the Synod to the importance of concentrated effort. It is a lesson learned after a dear experience by other bodies and they are now centering their labors upon a few places until they make them self-supporting. It is found to be far better to make large appropriations to one point and assist in building a Church than to scatter a small fund among many.

L. A. FOX,
A. KOINER,
A. L. CROUSE,
H. A. MEETZ,
J. R. PETERSON.

Adopted item by item.

Art. I, Adopted.

Art. II, Adopted.

Art. III, Adopted.

Art. IV, Adopted.

Art. V, Adopted.

Art. VI, Adopted.

Art. VII, Adopted.

Adopted as a whole.

Adjourned to meet again to-morrow at 9 o'clock. Dismissed with the benediction.

FOURTH SESSION.

SATURDAY MORNING.

Synod met and was opened with prayer by Rev. M. L. Little. Minutes read and adopted.

Rev. J. P. Smeltzer, D. D., of the S. C. Synod being present to-day, and presenting his credentials of election as corresponding delegate to this Synod, was received, and took his seat as such among us.

It was moved that the time for the next Convention of our Synod be on Thursday, before the 2nd Sunday of November, 1877.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON THE STATE OF THE CHURCH.

Your Committee are unable to report as accurately as is desirable.— In reference to the congregations in Virginia, we have learned, through various sources, that commendable progress is being made. Our ministers are at work, zealously, the people are becoming more and more interested, and our borders are being extended. In this section, we think great unity and harmony prevail.

We are happy to be able to say that in North Carolina there seems to be improvement in some of the congregations, where there had existed some discord. More friendly relations now exist and their prosperity is greater. It appears also that our people are very careful to take heed to our doctrines. Some congregations have not enjoyed regular services; hence we have no doubt, suffered loss. There have been accessions, but we are unable to say whether more or less than last year. This remark will also apply to the congregations in Virginia.

From the congregations in South Carolina, the reports are not so full as is desirable. In the cause of Beneficiary Education, these brethren are doing very well. However, the peace of some of the congregations seems to be disturbed, but with these exceptions they seem to do well.— Considerable accessions by confirmation have been made.

A. L. CROUSE,
J. M. SMITH.

Received and adopted.

REPORT ON THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

The undersigned Committee on the President's Report, respectfully submit the following:

We have examined the Report, and find the following items of interest to this Synod:

I. The President recommends the appointment of a suitable Committee to prepare a report, and submit it to the present convention of this Synod, on the death of our much lamented brother, Rev. Thomas Crouse.

II. He recommends that the licensure system, as it now exists in this Synod, be dispensed with; and that a different mode of complying with the requirements of our organic law, requiring a probationary period of

one year, for the candidates of the ministry previous to their ordination, be adopted.

III. He directs the attention of Synod to an educational enterprise lately commenced at Conover, Catawba Co., N. C., and asks the interest of this Synod in that undertaking.

IV. He directs the attention of this Synod to the subject of Missions, and especially to our destitute members west of the Mississippi River, and inquires whether the Synod will take any action in the matter, or let it rest as heretofore.

In regard to the above items, your Committee will make no recommendations, because we prefer that proper resolutions be prepared and offered upon each of them.

Respectfully submitted,

A. J. Fox,
J. M. SMITH.

Resolved, That a Committee of two ministers and one lay-man be appointed to prepare and submit to this Synod a suitable preamble and resolutions on the death of Rev. Thomas Crouse.

Resolved, That we hereby recind the action of this Synod in 1864, creating a licensure system among us, and that a Committee of two ministers, and one lay-man be appointed to prepare and submit to the present Convention of this Synod a plan by, which the requirements of our Constitution in regard to the candidates for the ministry in their period of probation, can be complied with.

Resolved, That the suggestions of the President in his Annual Report in regard to Missionary enterprises has been complied with in the adoption of a constitution, by which missionary enterprises must in future be regulated among us.

Resolved, That we are pleased to learn that our brethren in and around Conover, N. C., have commenced a School of a high order, and hope they may be successful, and most cheerfully invite the attention of all our people who desire to educate their sons in a good Lutheran School, to that Institution.

Received and taken up and acted upon item by item.

Item 1, and its resolution were adopted. Committee, Revs. J. R. Peterson, J. M. Smith, and Dr. Eargle.

Item 2, and its resolution adopted. Committee, Revs. A. J. Fox, J. R. Peterson, and Mr. Epting. On motion, the President was added to the Committee.

Item 3, and resolution adopted.

Item 4, and resolution adopted.

REPORT OF EXAMINING COMMITTEE.

We, the Committee on Examination have discharged the duty assigned us, and beg to report that the examination was well sustained, and we hereby recommend Licentiates, J. C. Moser, and M. L. Little, for ordination to the office of the holy ministry.

J. M. SMITH,
J. R. PETERSON.

Report and recommendation of Committee adopted.

Moved that the ordination of these young brethren take place on Monday next.

Moved that the President, Rev. S. Henkel, preach the ordination sermon on Monday next.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

We, your Committee on Unfinished Business of last session of Synod, beg leave to submit the following:

1. On page 10, we notice the appointment of a committee to prepare a pastoral letter to be appended to the minutes of this session of Synod. Has that been done?

2. On page 11 and 12, we notice the appointment of a Committee to collect statistics and material for the history of our Churches and Synod, and report the result of their efforts to this Convention of Synod. Has that been done?

3. On same page, we call attention to the appointment of a Committee to prepare a suitable constitution and regulations for Home Missionary operation, and present the same to this meeting of Synod. Has that been done?

4. On same page, we call attention to the appointment of Rev. S. Henkel, as a Committee of one to collect all the minutes and pamphlets of the different sessions of our Synod, and have them bound. Has that been done?

Respectfully submitted,

J. R. PETERSON,
D. EFIED.

Received and to be acted upon item by item.

Item 1, Complied with and that the Pastoral Letter be appended to our minutes.

Item 2, Not complied with, and Committee continued.

Item 3, Complied with.

Item 4, Complied with in part, and the Committee still continued.

A letter to Synod by Rev. L. A. Fox, in which he offers his excuse for non-attendance, was read in open Synod.—Rev. L. A. Fox excused.

A letter from Rev. A. L. Yount was read before Synod, and he was excused.

It was moved, that a report of the absentees be considered.

Rev. H. Goodman, excused.

“ T. Miller, excused.

“ T. Moser, excused.

“ I. Conder, not excused.

“ J. N. Stirewalt, excused.

“ M. L. Fox, not excused.

“ J. P. Stirewalt, not excused.

Adjourned now till after sermon.

During recess, Rev. J. P. Smeltzer, D. D., preached a sermon from Gal. 6: 14.

FIFTH SESSION.

SATURDAY, 2 o'clock.

Roll was called and business resumed.

The name of J. W. Nauman, Alma, Page Co., Va., was presented by Rev. S. Henkel, as applicant for the ministry in this Synod; he was by motion received under care of Synod, as a student having a view to the ministry.

REPORT ON TREASURER'S REPORT.

Your Committee on the Treasurer's Report have carefully examined that document, and find that the funds of this Synod have been properly managed during the past year. After paying all the necessary expenses; we find that there is remaining in the Treasury \$66.18.

Respectfully submitted,

A. J. Fox,
CARROLL BOOKMAN.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON OTHER SYNODS.

Your Committee on Minutes have been placed in the possession of two only such documents.

No. I. Are the Minutes of the Evan. Luth. Synod of N. C. We have carefully examined them and find nothing which demands any action of this Synod. These brethren manifest much zeal and energy in the work of our Divine Master, and in some respects are doing much to promote its interest.

Its officers are, Rev. L. A. Bickle, D. D., President, Rev. C. H. Bernheim, Rec. Sec., Rev. Prof. W. E. Hubbert, Cor. Sec., Rev. S. Rothrock, Treasurer.

No. II. Are the Minutes of the 9th and 10th Convention of the Evan. Luth. General Synod of North America. These Minutes are accompanied by a letter to the late President of this Synod, and through him addressed to this Synod. By the Secretary of that body directing special attention to certain items contained in these minutes.

We have carefully examined these Minutes and find only one item requiring any action by this Synod. On page 28th, we find a resolution, inviting this Synod, to reconsider its actions declining to unite with that body, and very earnestly urge us to unite with them, upon their basis of an unreserved acceptance of the Augsburg Confession.

The officers of this Synod are, Rev. J. P. Margart, President, Rev. H. S. Wingard, Sec., Mr. J. F. Schirmer, Treasurer.

Respectfully submitted,

A. J. Fox,
J. H. FULMER,
J. W. EAGLE.

Received.

Item 2, of this Report, was disposed of by the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That under existing circumstances, we regard it inexpedient to take any steps either, toward uniting with or in any way committing ourselves to any one of the General Lutheran Bodies in this country.

By motion Synod now proceeded to elect a Treasurer for the Beneficiary Fund.

Rev. T. Moser was re-elected as Treasurer of Beneficiary Fund.

Moved, a Committee of two ministers and one lay-man, be appointed to revise our Beneficiary Educational system and report at next meeting of Synod. Committee, A. J. Fox, J. R. Peterson, and A. Costner.

Moved, that a Committee be appointed, whose duty it shall be to prepare Theses on some doctrine, for discussion at the next meeting of Synod, and that they be published in *Our Church Paper* a few months previous. The Committee are Rev. J. R. Peterson and Rev. S. Henkel.

Resolved, That the members of this Synod return their most sincere thanks to the members of this congregation, and other citizens of this community for the many acts of kindness they have so generally extended to us, during our sojourn in their midst, and that it be made the duty of the President to read this resolution before the congregation, on Sunday, immediately before the first service and make such additional remarks as he may deem proper.

A call was now extended to the ministers present, to state whether our three several standing resolutions have been complied with. Each Minister, being called upon, made statements, as to his practice.

Moved to adjourn until Monday morning 9 o'clock. Dismissed with benediction.

SIXTH SESSION.

MONDAY MORNING, 9 O'clock.

Synod met and was opened with prayer by Dr. Smeltzer. Minutes read, amended, and adopted.

An executive Committee on Home Missions was appointed. Committee, Revs. J. R. Peterson, J. M. Smith, and Mr. A. Costner.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PROBATION OF CANDIDATES FOR THE MINISTRY.

Your Committee on the probation of candidates for the ministry, have examined the matter with as much care as we have had time to do, and regard it a matter that requires more time than we can command. Your Committee therefore recommend that a Committee of two ministers be appointed to mature a plan by which the requirements of Synod upon this subject can be successfully carried into effect, and report to the next annual Convention of this Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

A. J. FOX,
S. HENKEL,
J. R. PETERSON.

Received and adopted.

Committee, Revs. A. J. Fox, J. R. Peterson, S. Henkel.

The following Preamble and Resolution in reference to the above report were adopted.

WHEREAS, Petitions for the licensure of two candidates to the ministry have been addressed to this Synod, and

WHEREAS, By action of this meeting the licensure system has been abolished. Be it therefore,

Resolved, That Messrs. J. A. Cromer and E. L. Lybrand place themselves under the direction of some pastor or pastors connected with the Synod until the next meeting of Synod.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE PAPERS RELATING TO REV. D. EFIRD AND OTHERS.

Your Committee to whom the written document addressed to this Synod signed by certain individual members of St. John, St. Peter, Piney Woods, and St. Jacob Churches, Lexington Co., S. C., stating that unpleasant things exist in their midst, that are having a damaging effect upon the Church, and which if permitted to continue, they assert, will result in their annihilation; in proof of which they refer to two printed articles, one written by Rev. D. Efird and the other by certain parties who subscribe themselves Trustees and patrons of Pine Ridge Academy, have carefully examined these papers, and find those who have subscribed the memorial addressed to us, have neither preferred any charges against Rev. D. Efird themselves, nor named any persons who do. Nor do they express any opinion in regard to the matter. But simply ask Synod to investigate the matter. Your Committee therefore recommend that a Committee of two, one minister and one layman be appointed, whose duty it shall be to call a meeting at St. Peter, Piney Woods Church, or in its vicinity, at such time as may be most convenient, for the purpose of hearing any charges that may be preferred, with such evidence as they may offer also hear the defence of Rev. Efird and the proof he may offer, and make a record of them, and report them to the next annual Convention of this Synod.

The parties, however, who ask for this investigation are required to defray the traveling expenses of the Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

J. R. PETERSON,
A. J. FOX,
F. R. BECK,
S. S. MAUNEY,
S. HENKEL.

Received and adopted.

Committee, Rev. A. J. Fox and Mr. Ambrose Costner
or Mr. M. L. Cline.

IN MEMORY OF
REV. T. CROUSE.

WHEREAS, God, in his wise Providence, has called from his labors on earth, Rev. T. CROUSE, a faithful Minister of our Synod, to his rest and reward on high ; therefore,

Resolved, That we recognize the hand of God herein, and humbly bow to his righteous ways, that we cherish his memory, and pray God for grace, that we may meekly submit to his dispensation.

Resolved, That these resolutions be published in "OUR CHURCH PAPER," and a copy be sent to the family of the deceased.

J. M. SMITH,
J. R. PETERSON,
Dr. J. W. EARGLE.

Resolved, That a sufficient number of copies of the Minutes of this Convention of Synod be printed to supply the calls for them, and to furnish each minister of this Synod with three copies, and each General Body of Lutherans in this country, and the Synods in correspondence with this body two copies each.

CORRESPONDING DELEGATES TO OTHER SYNODS.

To. N. C. Synod, Rev. J. R. Peterson, *Principal*, Rev. M. L. Little, *Alternate*.

To S. C. Synod Rev. D. Eflord, *Principal*, and Rev. A. L. Crouse, *Alternate*.

To Holston Synod, J. R. Peterson, *Principal*, and Rev. J. M. Smith, *Alternate*.

To the Penn. Synod, Rev. S. Henkel.

Synod now adjourned until after service.

During recess, Rev. S. Henkel preached an ordination sermon from Mark 16: 15. Immediately after this sermon Brethren M. L. Little and J. C. Moser were ordained to the Holy Office of the Ministry. After this solemn service, Synod was called to order.

SEVENTH SESSION.

MONDAY, 3 o'clock, P. M.

The roll was called. Business was resumed.

Moved, that Mr. R. A. Yoder as beneficiary received \$150.00 ; \$50.00 to J. W. Nauman, and J. W. Hausenfluck, \$15.00, provided the funds will admit, if not then apportionately.

Resolved, That we place in a proper light, before our congregations the want of the Beneficiary cause and urge our people to contribute more liberally than heretofore.

Preamble and resolution adopted.

WHEREAS, Prof. Ben. Hyde Benton, President of Polytechnic Institute, at New Market, Va., has kindly tendered to this Synod, three free scholarships, in that Institute, one for the congregation of this Synod in S. C., and two for our Churches in N. C., upon condition that the candidates are over 14 years of age, and come with a recommendation from one of the ministers of this Synod.

Resolved, That we highly appreciate this kind offer and most cheerfully accept it; and tender our most sincere thanks to the kind donor.

Unanimously adopted.

Resolved, That the ministers connected with this Synod, when absent be admonished to be more prompt in writing to and sending in their reports to Synod,

Resolved, That the Synod now adjourn to meet at the time and place designated in these minutes. Closed by Rev. S. Henkel.

J. M. SMITH, *Secretary*.

Religious Services on Sunday.

A large congregation assembled and listened to a sermon in the morning by Rev. A. J. Fox, from 2 Cor. 3: 6.

A recess was given, after which the congregation re-assembled and heard a sermon delivered by Rev. J. M. Smith, from 2 Tim. 4: 2.

Confession and Absolution were then attended to, and the Holy Lord's Supper was administered to a goodly number of Lutherans.

Good order and attention characterized the assembly, and the Word preached will not return void.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Rev. S. HENKEL,

In account with

EVAN. LUTH. TENN. SYNOD.

1875.	Dr.
Sept. 9, To am't received for Minutes,	\$47.70
“ “ “ “ from Treas. of 1873,	35.00
“ “ “ “ “ Treas. of 1872,	3.15
“ “ “ “ “ Rev. J. S. Bennick,	10.30
“ 21, “ “ “ “ J. N. Stirewalt,	30
“ 29, “ “ “ “ A. Conrad, Esq.,	90
Oct. 29, “ “ “ “ Rev. J. N. Stirewalt,	2.36
Nov. 19, “ “ “ “ Maj. A. Koerner, Treas., 1874,	10.83
1876.	
Jan. 6, To am't from Rev. J. P. Stirewalt,	1.40
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	\$111.94
1875. Nov. To amount of Henkel & Co., for adver.	
in Minutes,	5.00
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	\$116.94
1876.	Cr.
Nov. By am't paid Henkel & Co., for	
printing Minutes,	\$45.00
Dec. 15, By am't paid for postage on Min.,	5.76
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	\$50.76
Sept. 30, By balance on hand, subject to order,	\$66.18
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	\$116.94

S. HENKEL, *Treasurer.*

REPORT OF TREAS. OF BENEFICIARY FUND.

T. MOSER,

In account with

EVAN. LUTH. TENN. SYNOD.

1875.		Dr.
Sept. 2,	To am't on hand,	\$33.55
Dec. 11,	" " from J. C. Moser's Charge,	12.75
1876.		
Jan. 8,	To am't from M. L. Little's charge,	20.15
" " " "	M. L. Fox's charge,	5.00
Feb. 10	" " " J. R. Peterson's charge,	21.00
" " " "	T. Moser's charge,	5.00
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		\$97.45

1876.		Cr.
Jan. 13,	By am't paid A. L. Yount,	\$14.00
" 21,	" " " R. A. Yoder,	30.00
Feb. 18,	" " " A. L. Yount,	50.00
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		\$94.00

Leaves a balance in my hands of \$3.45
 Respectfully submitted, T. MOSER, *Treasurer.*

TREASURER'S AGENT'S REPORT.

S. Henkel with Rev. T. Moser,

Treasurer of Tenn. Synod Beneficiary Association.

1875.		Dr.
Sept. 9,	To cash of Rev. A. L. Crouse,	\$ 5.95
" " " "	John Lohr, Mt. Zion Ch., Va.,	3.10
" " " "	Rev. J. S. Bennick,	30.00
1876.		
Jan. 6,	To cash of St. Paul Church,	2.63
Apr. 14,	" " Emanuel Church,	8.01
" " " "	Mrs. Mary M. Henkel,	3.15
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		\$52.84

1876.		Cr.
May.	By am't paid John W. Hausen-	
	fluck, as per order,	\$50.00
Sept. 30,	By Balance on hand,	2.84
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		\$52.84

S. HENKEL,

Agent of Beneficiary Treasurer.

The reports on Beneficiary Fund were not examined by Synod, but were placed in the hands of the President after the convention of Synod, who thought it proper to put them in Minutes.

S. HENKEL.

CONTRIBUTION FOR SYNODICAL TREASURY FOR 1876.

Rev. A. L. CROUSES' CHARGE:

Zion's, - - - - -	\$1.60
St. Peter—Meetzes', - - - - -	1.00
Cedar Grove, - - - - -	90
Emanuel, - - - - -	50
St. Paul, - - - - -	50

Rev D. EFIRD'S CHARGE:

St. Peter—Piney Woods, - - - - -	1.00
St. John, - - - - -	1.00
Bethlehem, - - - - -	60

Rev. T. MOSER'S CHARGE:

St. Martin, Stanley Co., N. C., - - - - -	60
St. Martin, Iredell Co., N. C., - - - - -	1.40

Rev. DR. A. J. FOX'S CHARGE:

Grace, - - - - -	1.60
Salem, - - - - -	1.60

Rev. J. M. SMITH'S CHARGE:

St. Stephen, - - - - -	1.60
St. Peter, - - - - -	50
St. John, - - - - -	2.00
St. Paul, - - - - -	2.00
St. James, - - - - -	50
Zion, - - - - -	1.20
Friendship, - - - - -	40
Hickory, - - - - -	50

Rev. J. R. PETERSON'S CHARGE, - - - - - 10.00

Rev. J. C. MOSER'S CHARGE, - - - - - 1.00

Rev. DR. M. L. FOX'S CHARGE, - - - - - 1.50

Rev. S. HENKEL'S CHARGE, - - - - - 3.50

Rev. M. L. LITTLE'S CHARGE, - - - - - 6.30

PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

MINISTERS REPORTING.

	Entered the Ministry.	Congregations.	Communicants,	Confirmations,	Adult Baptisms,	Infant Baptisms,	Letters.	Deaths,	Expulsions,	Sunday Schools,	Teachers,	Removals,	Synodical,	Ben. Education,	Current Expenses	Other Objects,
A. J. FOX,	1837	2	375	32	2	43	..	13	..	3	..	..	3	..	200 00	230 00
D. EFIRD,	1847	4	580	..	..	66	..	23	..	2	..	..	2	..	..	..
M. L. LITTLE,	1873	5	800	16	2	94	..	5	..	6	..	..	6	..	400 00	1800 00
J. M. SMITH,	1856	7	1315	75	..	102	..	31	..	8	..	..	8	..	400 00	..
S. HENKEL,	1850	3	330	20	3	19	..	10	..	3	..	..	3	..	..	..
J. R. PETERSON,	1843	5	414	17	3	44	7	5	..	10	..	..	10	..	453 00	..
J. S. BENNICK,	1866	7	640	45	15	46	..	20	..	8	..	..	8	..	400 00	1800 00
M. L. FOX,	1871	3	125	6	1	7	..	3	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	..
J. C. MOSER,	1873	3	185	13	..	20	..	6	..	1	..	..	1	..	250 00	..
A. L. CROUSE,	1871	6	636	56	..	50	4	7	..	3	..	..	3	..	275 00	..
J. N. STIREWALT,	1871	4	360	16	4	17	..	10	..	2	..	..	2	..	672 00	330 00
J. P. STIREWALT,	1873	3	160	25	8	14	..	7	..	2	..	..	2	..	..	1200 00
T. MOSER,	1844	2	150	1	3	16	..	..	..	3	..	..	3	..	..	..
L. A. FOX,	1804	1	89	3	1	6	6	5	..	1	..	..	1	..	600 00	400 00
J. W. HAUSENFLOCK, .....	..	..	..	..	14	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..

PASTORAL LETTER.

MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.

“Even so hath the Lord ordained that they which preach the gospel should live of the gospel.” If Paul was inspired, this language has the greatest possible force for binding the conscience. It is the conclusion, legitimately drawn, from a clear and irrefutable argument, free from every suspicion of fallacy because conducted by inspiration, and thus binds conscience through our reason. It, also, announces as a fact that God has made it a perpetual law, and thus binds the conscience by positive divine authority. It is, therefore, no longer a question of expediency or fitness, or a matter of choice but a duty as certain and imperative as any given in the Scriptures, and for which we will as surely be required to account. A man is no more excusable for neglecting to bear his part in supporting his pastor than he is for defrauding, for the same Lord who said, “Defraud not,” said also “that they who preach the gospel should live of the gospel.”

Whatever may be thought of the relation of the ministry to the “universal priesthood,” it will not be denied that the office of the ministry is of divine appointment: for the performance of a work which could not be accomplished without it. “He gave some, pastors and teachers, for the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ.” This office, so important to the existence and perpetuity of the Church, can be filled only by men “of like passions with ourselves,” who have necessities, sympathies, and affections in common with other men. They have no cruse of oil miraculously replenished, nor ravens to carry them food, and they are left to natural resources by which to support existence. God has made it the duty of the people to whom they minister to supply their physical wants.

If the minister is an ambassador of God he is an agent of the Church in performing that work which God carries on through His Church. The Church must teach every creature, but as the great body cannot go to foreign lands they send others, and through them discharge their duty to the heathen. So every congregation must preach the gospel to every person within its territory; it must administer the Sacraments, maintain a confession of the truth, and continually edify itself, not only by increasing its numbers but also by perfecting the saints through an advancing knowledge of the Word. But as the majority of every congregation must be engaged in secular pursuits it meets its responsibility only by selecting one to perform that common work.—Ministers are servants of the Church. “Ourselves your servants.” They have no further interest in their work than every Christian ought to have. Congregations have the right, and do call pastors, and deputize them to perform this general work. It is a matter of common justice that the congregations should compensate them according to the service rendered. “Thou shalt not muzzle the ox that treadeth out the corn,” said the law of Moses. “Doth God take care for oxen?” asked Paul. The argument is, that if God ordained a law that the oxen should be maintained while laboring for us, much more must every man receive adequate wages. Twice does Paul quote the Mosaic precept while discussing the duty of supporting the ministry, and once in connection with the language of the Savior, “The laborer is worthy of his reward.” The salary of a pastor is not a charity, but well-earned wages. Who does not expect to pay a lawyer for his counsel, a physician for his attention, the laborer for his service? It is common equity. They have no more right to expect a minister to spend his time and strength without compensation. This is the principle upon which both Christ and Paul place this duty. In every service the wages are regulated very much by the talent and preparation requisite to rendering them. There are neither the talents nor prerequisite training necessary to the laborer in the field that there are for the physician,—and they receive different rewards. There is no calling that demands a longer course of training and greater natural gifts than the ministry, and according to the Scriptural rule their salaries ought to range with the very highest; com-

mon equity would demand it. But as a matter of fact ordinary mechanics who have served an apprenticeship of eighteen months receive better wages. If the little stipulated salary be not regularly paid, as is very often true, what wrong! "Behold the hire of laborers, who have reaped down your fields, which is of you kept back by fraud, crieth, and the cries of them which reaped are entered into the ears of the Lord of Sabaoth." Much more the cries of a defrauded ministry.

Ministers are often treated as if they were drones—as a class to be supported for maintaining a decent appearance in society, which, if it were only fashionable, might easily be dispensed with. But on the contrary, the minister is the most useful member of the community. From the standpoint of mere financial interest, we cannot fail to see that he is of incalculable importance. Public preaching does far more to restrain passion and lust than the arm of the law. It keeps alive a moral sentiment in the public mind. It is a terror to evil doers. Shut up the churches of a community and very soon an oath loses its sanctity and the administration of justice is at end, property is not safe, trusts are betrayed, and life itself is constantly endangered. He is of equal importance to social culture. Education unregulated by moral sentiments only increases the power of evil. Who would desire to bring up a family of children in a community where there were no churches? A philosopher said that "Christianity is the foundation of modern civilization." If we remove the foundation, our civilization falls. France banished Christianity, and had the Reign of Terrors. But without the ministry Christianity could not exist. That man who does most to preserve and extend the civilization of any community is the minister. Any other man could, therefore, be better spared than a faithful, earnest pastor. If these things are true even the infidel, desiring to do justly, must contribute to the support of the ministry. But his labors considered in their bearing upon our immortal interest are immeasurably more important. Preaching often seems to do but little good. Congregations disperse apparently precisely like they were when they assembled. We do not know the benefit until after the churches have been closed a few years. A single drop does not perceptibly add to a bucket containing a quantity of water, but drop after drop

at length fills it, and when the dripping has ceased evaporation begins, and at last all is gone. Who warns and admonishes the sinner? Who dedicates the child through Holy Baptism? Who administers the Holy Supper? Who expounds the truth? Who ministers to the dying? He seeks us when we stray, strengthens us when we are weak, comforts us when we are in trouble, and sympathizes with us when we are distressed. Without his influence the Word had never found us when we were utterly indifferent, and without him we would again become cold, unbelieving, and finally be lost. "How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace and bring glad tidings of good things." Notwithstanding our religious literature and the multiplication of the Bible and Christian activity, since the ministry is the fountain of all, it may still be asked with all its original force, "How shall they hear without a preacher?" A life that ends in everlasting misery is worse than wasted. If we are damned "it had been better for us never to have been born." In return for the spiritual blessings and hopes that the ministry bring us, what is due them? "If we have sown unto you spiritual things is it a great thing if we shall reap of your carnal things." With much more than double emphasis we repeat that an earnest, faithful minister of the Word is the most indispensable man in any community. Common equity would say if every other man must go unrewarded the minister must not.

The work of the minister is one of great responsibility. It is the cure of souls. He must rightly divide the Word of truth. If any perish through his neglect God requires the blood of that one at his hands. His *whole time* is necessary for a proper discharge of the functions of his office. Is not this the rule given to Timothy? "Give attendance to reading, to exhortation, to doctrine. Neglect not the gift that is in thee which was given thee by prophecy. Meditate on these things; *give thyself wholly to them.*" It is not because he is too holy, but because he has not time to engage in secular pursuits that makes it wrong for a minister to seek a support from them. "It is not reason that we should leave the Word of God and serve tables." Whenever a minister combines a secular calling with his pastoral duties there is wrong somewhere. If it is for filthy lucre's sake, it

is with him ; but if to obtain a support, the wrong is with the people whom he serves.

The ministry has a right to ask a comfortable living. God gave the Levites no inheritance when He divided the Land of Promise, because they were to be supported by the offerings from the other tribes. "Do ye not know that they which minister about holy things live of the things of the temple, and they which wait at the altar are partakers with the altar?" Some have reproached those ministers who have asked a very modest living as being money preachers, not knowing that they impeach the apostle who, by the language just quoted, gave them the right to claim it. Ministers have never demanded what common equity would allow,—they have always been satisfied with an income that would meet necessary wants.

The people generally do not consider the many extra expenses of the ministry. For every thing he gets he must pay cash, except the few donations from his parishioners. He must buy provender for his horse and cow, and, if his home is in a town, often vegetables as well as flour, meat and groceries. He needs books and should purchase only standard ones, which are costly. He is expected to dress himself and family well, the people themselves complain when he does not make a respectable appearance in society. He must often entertain visitors. He must set an example of charity, and in many communities if a man has lost his house or barn by fire he comes to the minister to head the list of subscription for a new one. Then his children, are to be educated, for it is all he can expect to give them. These and many things would consume a much larger income than the great majority of ministers receive were it not for an economy rarely known beyond the threshold of a parsonage. He knows he ought to provide for old age, or for his family if he should die. But he sees no way, and he dismisses as quickly as possible a thought that if indulged would crush him. A salary upon which a minister can just keep out of debt is not a comfortable living. It ought to be large enough to make him easy in maintaining that style of life which is expected of him, to educate his children, and to lay aside something every year for a Winter's day. If it become a rule that he is to be discarded when he is fifty years old, it is the duty of those who receive the benefit of

his labors to provide for his comfort when those labors are no longer wanted.

In this matter our Synod is behind in duty. Our parochial reports reveal the fact that but one congregation makes an effort to support its pastor. This is not because there are no others able to do it. The great majority of our pastors are compelled to engage in other callings, notwithstanding the large number of communicants some of them report. Many of our pastorates could be divided into two or three, and each could give a comfortable salary. They would reap the benefit in many ways. They would have more frequent and better preaching. Their pastor could visit them, and a stronger feeling of interest would spring up between himself and his people. He could learn better their wants and address himself more directly and intelligently to meeting them. He could visit the sick. He could call on families that are out of all church relations and carry the gospel to firesides that can not be otherwise reached. Our ministers would all be more efficient and our congregations more prosperous.

The work is easy when earnestly begun. Men who give ten dollars could give seventy-five and not be a cent poorer at the end of the year. Many will say "Oh! that is too much, too much, I can't give that." But there are thousands in our country who are no wealthier than they are who give annually double that much. Many who give five dollars could give fifty. It can be done, for it has been done easily when once men were in earnest. They are not "broken up" yet and if God's promise does not fail they will never be by that sort of liberality, for He has said "the liberal soul shall be made fat." The time has come for our congregations to take a step forward, and now let each member boldly make an advance, and the work will be done grandly.

It must be done to preserve our existence. After men have spent from six to eight years and all their patrimony in preparing for the ministry they must be supported or they will locate elsewhere, or they will be deterred from entering the ministry at all. The time was when a lower standard of education sufficed, and our ministers having more time and money could live on less. If we close our eyes to the change, that does not alter the fact. Can the

Tennessee Synod after having stood and boldly confessed the truth for more than a half century, with such a history, and with so many souls under her care and within reach of her influence consent to betray her trust and ingloriously perish? Her record is too bright, her zeal too deep, her love for the truth too intense to allow her to consent to such an end. We may, then confidently appeal to our people to double and triple and quadruple their contributions to the support of the ministry until our self-sustaining charges be many times multiplied, and every minister be stripped of every excuse for leaving the word to serve tables.

L. A. FOX, }
S. HENKEL. } *Committee.*



STANDING RESOLUTIONS.

Resolved, That each of our Pastors be earnestly requested, to preach at least one Sermon in each of his congregations, annually, upon the subject of Beneficiary Education, and other benevolent enterprises, and report to the next succeeding convention of our Synod.

Resolved, That the Council of each congregation be requested to send, to each Annual Meeting of the Synod, a written Report of the condition of the congregation.

Whereas, The ancient Lutheran custom of thoroughly catechising those who propose to become members of our communion, previous to their Confirmation, is, in some places, falling into disuse, and rather a loose custom of receiving uncatechised persons into the Church, without the slightest examination of them in regard to their religious knowledge and other qualifications for Church membership, has been practiced by some ; be it, therefore,

Resolved, That we earnestly recommend all our Ministers and congregations in future to see to it, that, if it can possibly be done, all who make application for Church membership be thoroughly instructed, by Catechisation, in the doctrines and usages of our Church, previous to their Confirmation. But, in such extraordinary cases, as when persons of age and experience make application, or such young persons as have been so favorably situated as to have had opportunities to become acquainted with and to have informed themselves of our doctrines and customs, seek Church privileges, we recommend that their request be granted ; but, in no case, until such persons have been examined by the Pastor, before the Council, and have been approved by them.

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THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN TENNESSEE SYNOD held its fifty-seventh annual convention in Coble's Church, Guilford Co., N. C., beginning on Thursday, the 8th day of November, 1877.

The Synod was opened by the President in the usual form, the roll of ministers was called, the lay-delegates presented their certificates of election, and their names were enrolled.

MINISTERS.

NAMES.	RESIDENCES.
1. Rev. H. GOODMAN,.....	Statesville, N. C.
2. " A. J. FOX,.....	Lincolnton, "
3. " T. MILLER,*.....	Saumsville, Va.
4. " J. R. PETERSON,*.....	Dallas, N. C.
5. " T. MOSER,.....	Mt. Pleasant, N. C.
6. " P. C. HENKEL,†.....	Conover, "
7. " S. HENKEL, D. D.,.....	New Market, Va.
8. " D. EFIRD,.....	Pine Ridge, S. C.
9. " J. M. SMITH,.....	Conover, N. C.
10. " I. CONDER,†.....	McGaheysville, Va.
11. " J. N. STIREWALT,*.....	Stony Man, Va.
12. " J. S. BENNICK,†.....	Forestville, "
13. " M. L. FOX,.....	Sandy Creek, N. C.
14. " J. C. MOSER,.....	China Grove, "
15. " M. L. LITTLE,.....	Lincolnton, "
16. " L. A. FOX,*.....	Waynesboro', Va.
17. " A. L. CROUSE,.....	Summit, S. C.
18. " J. P. STIREWALT,.....	New Market, Va.
19. " J. W. HAUSENFLUCK,....	Grove Hill, "

* Excused.

† Not excused.

‡ Admitted at this meeting.

LAY-DELEGATES.

NAMES.	CHURCHES REPRESENTED.
CARROLL BOOKMAN,	Bethlehem, S. C.
J. A. CROMER,	Emanuel, “
D. H. WHEELER,	St. Peter, “
JACOB EPTING, Sen.,	St. John, “
M. W. SHEALY,	Cedar Grove, “
E. L. LYBRAND,	Zion, “
Dr. J. W. EARGLE,	Jacob, “
J. J. WESSINGER,	St. Thomas, “
R. A. YODER,	Daniel, N. C.
MICHAEL COBLE,	Coble, “
JOSEPH CROUSE,	Beck, “
JACOB BYERLY,	Emanuel, “
W. A. BECK,	New Jerusalem, N. C.
HENRY DARR,	Pilgrim, N. C.
Col. G. H. CHAPMAN,	St. James, S. C.
G. W. FOX,	Melanchthon, N. C.
CALEB RHODES,	Salem and Grace, N. C.
N. TOWNSAN,	{ St. John, St. Paul, St. James, Zion and Piney Grove, N. C.
J. T. FOGLEMAN,	Mt. Pleasant, N. C.
J. K. EFIRD,	St. Paul, S. C.

The President read his annual Report, which was received, to be referred to the proper Committee.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

DEAR BRETHREN IN CHRIST, JESUS:—May grace, mercy, and peace, from God the Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ our Savior, be and abide with us.

It is through the beneficent providence of our merciful Father in heaven, that we have been permitted to pass through another Synodical year, safely, and to assemble again in the capacity of a deliberative body, in which we are enabled to meet each other with fraternal greetings, sympathize with, counsel, and encourage each other, devise the best and most judicious means for promoting the Gospel, maintaining and perpetuating the sacred and glorious truths and principles of our holy religion, in their purity and entireness, and for the up building and extension of the Redeemer's Kingdom.

We should rightly appreciate these privileges and blessings, devoutly raising our hearts in gratitude and thankfulness to the great Father of Lights, the Giver of all Good, through Jesus Christ as the Mediator between him and us, and imploring Him for a continuance of his blessings.

The lives of all our ministerial brethren in connection with our Synod, have been preserved during the past year, and the deaths of our lay-members, have not been unusually numerous. The health of our Synod, in a physical, moral, and spiritual point of view, may be regarded as altogether in a normal condition.

OFFICIAL ACTS—During the synodical year, we have not been called upon to perform any official acts. The changes, during the year, in our Synod, have been few.

In accordance with a resolution passed at the last convention of our Synod, held in St. John's Church, Lexington county, South Carolina, October 5-10, 1876, appointing a committee to examine John W. Hausenfluck, of Shenandoah County, Va., as to his qualifications for the ministerial office, and if found qualified to ordain him to the office of pastor, the said Committee examined him, and he having sustained his examination, was ordained by the imposition of hands and with prayer, according to the rites of the Church, on the 14th day of May, 1876, during a meeting of the Virginia Special Conference of the Evan. Lutheran Tennessee Synod, convened at Solomon's Church, Shenandoah County, Va., May 12-15, 1877.

We recommend, that his name be enrolled among the names of the clergy, in connection with our Synod. His address is Grove Hill, Page Co., Va.

NEW CHURCH EDIFICES AND ORGANIZATIONS.—A large, commodious Church Edifice, having been erected, in good style, by the congregation of Solomon's Church, near Forestville, Shenandoah County, Va., Rev. J. S. Bennick's charge, to take the place of the old Church building, was dedicated to the services of God, under the name and title of Solomon's (Evang. Lutheran) Church, on the 13th day of May, 1877.

Members of Rev. J. N. Stirewalt's charge, Page County, Va., having purchased a Church building, formerly owned and occupied by the German Reformed, refitted and repaired it. A congregation was organized, and the house dedicated to the services of God, under the name and title of Grace, (Evang. Lutheran) Church, on the 5th Sunday of July, 1877.

No doubt this new congregation will apply for admittance into our Synod, at this session. If so, it should be received.

We also learn, that an excellent Church edifice has been erected by the Coble Church congregation, Rev. M. L. Fox's

charge, Guilford County, North Carolina, which will be dedicated, during this session of Synod. No other new organization, or Church edifices have been reported to us, during the Synodical year.

VACANCIES.—We are informed, that several congregations made vacant by the death of the lamented Rev. T. Crouse, in Davidson County, N. C., are being temporarily served by Rev. C. H. Bernheim, of the North Carolina Synod. Some action of Synod may be necessary in regard to these congregations. All our other vacant congregations, we believe, are being temporarily served

CHANGES IN PASTORATES.—St. Paul's Church, Page Co., Va., served by us, St. William's and Fairview, of the same county, served by Rev. J. N. Stirewalt, have been formed into a charge, which is now served by Rev. J. W. Hausenfluck. Zion Church and St. Paul's, I believe, Shenandoah Co., Va., served by Rev. J. S. Bennick, have been added to Rev. J. P. Stirewalt's charge. The Rochelle congregation, Madison County, Va., formerly served by Rev. J. E. Seneker, is now served by Rev. L. A. Fox.

Several changes have been made also in some of the charges in North Carolina, but we have not been informed as to the precise arrangement.

No doubt, as many of our charges are still too large, and not arranged in the most advantageous and convenient way, further changes would prove profitable to the Church, and convenient to pastors and people. Perhaps, it would be well to continue all judicious efforts, till the charges shall have been arranged to the best advantage.

CHURCH PROPERTY.—We have been informed that the Lutheran Church edifice located in Lincolnton, Lincoln Co., N. C., is now being occupied by some Baptist denomination.

We would recommend, that Synod appoint a suitable Committee, and authorize it to see after our interest in that property, and if there is no prospect of building up a Lutheran congregation there, the property might be sold and the proceeds used to advantage. But if it is thought, that Lincolnton is too important a point to be abandoned, Synod should make it a missionary point, and secure the services of a suitable minister to attend to it. This matter is worthy of the consideration of Synod.

EDUCATION.—We are informed, that the School, established at Conover, Catawba Co., N. C., under Church influence, is in operation. We would commend it to the favorable recognition of Synod, to take such action in regard to it as may be deemed proper. It seems to be a necessity in that section, and will, if properly managed, prove a blessing to the Church.

MISSIONARY OPERATIONS.—We would recommend, in conclusion, that Synod take some efficient action relative to Home Missionary operations. Perhaps, arrangements could be made to put a Missionary in the field.

May the Great Head of the Church preside over us, during our present meeting, guiding us in the way of truth and efficiency, so that our deliberations and transactions may contribute to the honor and glory of God and to the promotion of the Redeemer's Kingdom.

SOCRATES HENKEL.

Election for Officers for the ensuing year was held, with the following results:

Rev. S. HENKEL, D. D.,..... *President.*

“ J. PAUL STIREWALT,..... *Record. Secretary.*

“ M. L. LITTLE,..... *Cor. Secretary.*

“ D. EFIRD,..... *Treasurer.*

On motion Synod adjourned till after recess. Benediction by Rev. S. Henkel, D. D.

SECOND SESSION.

THURSDAY, 2 o'clock.

Synod resumed business.

Letters, papers, and petitions, addressed to Synod were called for, placed on the table, and handed over to the respective Committees.

REGULAR COMMITTEES.

1. *On President's Report.*—Rev'ds T. Moser, M. L. Little and Dr. J. W. Eargle.

2. *On Unfinished Business.*—Rev'ds A. L. Crouse, J. C. Moser, and Mr. Henry Darr.

3. *On Examination.*—Rev'ds T. Moser and H. Goodman.

4. *On the State of the Church.*—Mr. C. Bookman, Col. Jos. Crouse, and Rev. M. L. Little.

5. *On Letters and Petitions.*—Rev. D. Efird, Mr. J. Ep-ting, Sen., and Rev. T. Moser.

6. *On Treasurer's Report and Beneficiary Associations.*—Rev. J. C. Moser, Col. G. H. Chapman and Mr. W. A. Beck.

On motion the President was added to the Committee on Examination.

On motion, Rev. P. C. Henkel was unanimously received as a member of this Synod.

CORRESPONDING DELEGATES TO OTHER SYNODS.

To N. C. Synod, Rev. Dr. A. J. Fox, *Principal*, Rev. J. C. Moser, *Alternate*.

To S. C. Synod, Rev. M. L. Little, *Principal*, Rev. A. L. Crouse, *Alternate*.

To Holston Synod, Rev. J. M. Smith, *Principal*, Rev. T. Moser, *Alternate*.

To Penn. Synod, Rev. L. A. Fox, *Principal*, Rev. S. Henkel, D. D., *Alternate*.

To Va. Synod, Rev. J. N. Stirewalt, *Principal*, Rev. I. Conder, *Alternate*.

REPORT ON UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

1. We your Committee on unfinished business report that we find on page 8 of last year's minutes, that a committee was appointed to examine and ordain Mr. A. L. Yount, if necessary. We inquire if that committee has discharged its duty?

2. On page 15, we find that a Committee was appointed to submit a plan to meet the requirements of our organic law, requiring some probationary period of one year for our candidates for the ministry, prior to ordination. Is this committee ready to report?

3. On page 12, we find the continuation of a Committee to collect statistics and material for the history of our Churches and Synod, and we inquire whether this committee has done anything?

4. On some page, we find the continuation of a Committee to collect all the minutes and pamphlets of the different sessions of our Synod and have them bound, and we inquire if this work has been consummated?

5. On page 14, we find that a Committee on the revision of our Beneficiary Education system was appointed and to report at this meeting of Synod?

6. On page 15, we find that a Committee was appointed in the case of Rev. D. E. Bird and others, and we inquire what has been done?

A. L. CROUSE,
J. C. MOSER,
HENRY DARR.

The report was received and laid over for future action. There being no business before Synod, the Theses on the "Fall and rise of Man" were read, and received for discussion.

On motion Synod adjourned till Friday morning.—
Prayer by Rev. A. L. Crouse.

THIRD SESSION.

FRIDAY MORNING, 9 o'clock.

Synod met and was opened with prayer by Rev. A. L. Crouse. Roll called. Minutes read, received, and adopted.

On motion, Rev. E. P. Parker, of the N. C. Synod, was invited to a seat within the bar of Synod.

On motion the reprinting of our old Church Hymn Book was taken up, and after a free exchange of views, was indefinitely postponed.

On motion the Report on Unfinished Business was taken up, and considered by items.

Item 1. No action necessary.

Item 2. No action taken.

Item 3. Committee discharged.

On motion, a new Committee was appointed to collect statistics and material for the history of our Churches and Synod, and report the result of their efforts at the next convention of Synod. Committee, Revs. A. J. Fox, P. C. Henkel, L. A. Fox, and Rev. D. Efird.

Item 4 Favorably reported, and Committee continued.

Item 5. Report was read, received, and taken up, and on motion laid on the table.

On motion Synod adjourned till after recess. Benediction by Rev. S. Henkel, D. D.

During recess Rev. H. Goodman preached a sermon from 1 Cor. 2, 2.

FOURTH SESSION.

FRIDAY, 2 o'clock.

Synod was called to order by the President. Roll was called and business resumed.

Item 6, of Report on Unfinished Business was received.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE APPOINTED TO COLLECT THE EVIDENCE, PRO AND CON, IN REGARD TO CERTAIN CHARGES PREFERRED AGAINST REV. D. EFIRD.

Your Committee appointed to collect the testimony offered, on both sides, in regard to certain charges preferred against Rev. Daniel Efird, a member of this Synod, and report the same to the present convention of this Synod, would submit that, after some preliminary correspondence with both the accusers, and the accused, and being furnished with a written copy of the charges and specifications pre-

ferred against him, and being assured that a copy of the same had been properly served on the said Rev. Daniel Efird, in obedience to a resolution of this Synod, we called and attended a meeting for the purposes designated in our appointment, at St. Peter's (Piney Woods) Church, Lexington Co., S. C., on the 22nd, 23rd, and 24th days of May, 1877, heard and recorded the testimony as we were required to do.

Your Committee, upon considering this very difficult, but, nevertheless, grave and important matter, thought it would be best for all concerned, to have all the witnesses make their statements under a civil oath. And accordingly, all on both sides were publicly qualified by Mr. ——— Counts, Notary Public. The witnesses on both sides were heard and examined, and the substance of the statement made by each one was written down, and publicly read to him, while he was still upon the witness stand; and he was asked whether the statements then recorded is what he swears in this case—to which every one gave an affirmative answer.

Rev. Daniel Efird, by agreement of both parties, was permitted to present in writing, the principle part of his testimony in his own defense—this he did on oath.

After all the testimony offered on both sides, at that time, had been heard and recorded, the meeting adjourned, *sine die*.

Since then, several copies of additional testimony of affidavits taken by Rev. Daniel Efird, in his own defense, have been forwarded to us, with a statement from him that the original are retained by him, to be presented to this convention of the Synod.

Your Committee having discharged all the portions of this most difficult duty assigned to us by the Synod to the best of our ability; now most respectfully beg leave to complete the work assigned us, by submitting this report in connection with the charges preferred—the evidence collected, and all the papers relating to this case, that have come into our hands, with the sincere hope, and prayer to Almighty God, that in the wisdom of this Synod, and with the guidance of the Holy Spirit of God, this case may be disposed of, in such a manner, that full justice shall be done to all concerned, to the honor and glory of the Great Head of the Church.

A. J. FOX,

A. COSTNER.

On motion, all the Ministers present were appointed a Committee to investigate the written evidence on the Efird—Chapman, (and others,) case.

The appointed Committee on the State of the Church read their report. The report was laid on the table

Adjourned till Saturday morning. Prayer by Rev. S. Henkel, D. D.

Friday evening a sermon was preached by Mr. E. L. Lybrand, from Luke 8, 4-8.

FIFTH SESSION.

SATURDAY MORNING, 9 o'clock.

Synod was opened by Rev. J. M. Smith. Roll called.

Rev. C. H. Bernheim of the N. C. Synod being present, and having presented his credentials of election as corresponding delegate from the North Carolina Synod, to this Synod, was received, and took his seat as such among us.

On motion, reading of yesterday's Minutes was dispensed with.

On motion, the report on the State of the Church was re committed.

On motion, the Committee on the State of the Church was discharged.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE PROBATION OF CANDIDATES FOR THE MINISTRY.

Your Committee, to whom this duty was assigned have examined the matter with as much care as time and opportunities have permitted us to do, and we must say, that we find it surrounded by many very serious difficulties. Owing to the peculiar situation of our Synod, and also the poorly defined, and unsettled views of the Church at this time, upon this subject. We however beg leave to submit the following:

Formerly our Synod recognized two grades in the Ministry, Deacon and Pastor. This custom, as observed by us, resulted in a two-fold Ordination, in almost all cases, and after some 45 years experience, with this custom, it was abandoned, and the licensure System, as practiced by many other Lutheran Synods, in this country was substituted, and this was in use among us for some 10 or 12 years. But was finally abandoned by a resolution of our last Synod. The first was abandoned, because it was supposed by some that there is no Scriptural warrant for a two fold Ordination as was practiced by us. The latter was abandoned because, it has no Scriptural warrant—is not practiced by the more genuine Lutheran Synods of this country; and is rapidly going into disuse, even among the more lax of our Lutheran Synods. The question now is with us, shall we return to either of our abandoned customs, or adopt some other

one. Our organic law requires a probationary period of at least one year, of all our candidates for the office of the Ministry. The Synods in connection with the General Bodies of our Church, have no difficulty in regard to this matter; because each one of them has a Theological Seminary under their care and direction, in which they generally require their candidates for the ministry to pass a regular pupilage from one to three years; and at the end of that time, they are prepared for ordination. With us, however, the case is very different, as we have no such Institution, in which to prepare our young men. The Church in this country, is in rather a transition state, and the greater portion may at no distant day, adopt a graded ministry embracing, not only the Deacon and Pastor, but the Bishop too. Besides, our Synod may in no very many years, see her way clear to unite with some one of the General Lutheran bodies of this country — In view of all these things, your Committee is of the opinion, that we as a Synod are bearly prepared, at this time, to take any decided action in regard to this matter, and therefore, recommend that a resolution be adopted at this convention of our Synod, advising all candidates for the ministry, who now are under the care of Synod, or who may at any time place themselves under her care, to place themselves under the care of some minister in our connection and prosecute their studies, and labor under his directions until they are prepared for ordination, or until this order is changed.

Respectfully submitted,

A. J. FOX,
S. HENKEL.

The recommendation in the Report was sustained.

Moved, that the Efird—Chapman, (and others,) case be now heard and considered.

Moved that the President appoint two persons as attorneys to conduct the case.

Appointments, Rev. Dr. A. J. Fox, on the part of the Plaintiffs, and Rev. P. C. Henkel, on that of the Defendants.

On motion Synod adjourned to meet after recess for the consideration of said case. Benediction by Mr. J. K. Efird.

During recess Rev. J. M. Smith preached from John 8, 29, 30, 31. After which the *pastor loci* administered the Rite of Confirmation to eight persons.

SIXTH SESSION.

SATURDAY, 2 o'clock.

The members of Synod assembled in private session, and were called to order by the President. Roll called.

Synod proceeded to consider the above named case.— After investigating and considering the two specifications under the first count, and the first specification under the second count being introduced, and the attorney for the plaintiff finding that a paper containing the principal evidence had been lost or misplaced, asked the consent of the attorney for the defence, to enter a *nolle prosequi*.— After some consultation it was granted.

NOLLE PROSEQUI.

COBLE'S CHURCH, Guilford Co., N. C., }
November 12, 1877.

This day by mutual agreement, Rev. A. J. Fox and Rev. P. C. Henkel counsel, in a case in which Col. Geo. H. Chapman and others. against Rev. Daniel Efird, brought before the Evan. Lutheran Tennessee Synod, in which case serious charges were preferred against the said Daniel Efird, the case being commenced and brought to a certain stage, when we the counsel on both parts by a mutual agreement made and publicly subscribed by each one of the counsel in the presence of the whole number of the members now present, enter a cessation of the prosecution.

A. J. FOX,	P. C. HENKEL,
<i>Counsel for the Prosecution.</i>	<i>Counsel for the Defendant.</i>

On motion, the entrance of the *nolle prosequi* was agreed to, by Synod.

The President then arose and delivered a suitable admonition, intermingled with traces of reprimand and prudence.

On motion, Rev. J. C. Moser was granted leave of absence.

Moved to adjourn till Monday morning, 9 o'clock Benediction by Rev. T. Moser.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES ON SUNDAY.

A large congregation assembled in the new Church edifice and listened to the dedicatory sermon by Rev. S. Henkel, D. D., after which the dedicatory services were conducted by Rev. P. C. Henkel.

At the same time a congregation assembled in the old Church, and were addressed by Rev. A. L. Crouse, from Rom. 10, 1, 2, 3.

A recess was given, after which the congregation assembled at the stand in the Grove, and heard a sermon delivered by Rev. Dr. A. J. Fox, from 1 Cor. 11, 26-32.

Confession and absolution were then attended to, and the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered to a goodly number of communicants.

During these lengthy exercises the large assembly was characterized by good order and marked attention.

SEVENTH SESSION.

MONDAY MORNING, 9 o'clock.

Synod met and was opened in the usual way, by the Secretary.

REPORT ON THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

The Committee on the President's Report submit the following.

1. That the name of J. W. Hausenfluck be entered on the ministerial roll of our Synod.

2. That a Committee of three be appointed to confer with a similar Committee, to be appointed by the Reformed Church, in reference to joint Church property at Lincolnton, N. C.

3. That we regard no further action on the part of this Synod, in reference to the Concordia High School, at Conover, N. C., as necessary.

4. That Synod put a traveling missionary in the field, as soon as the necessary arrangement can be made.

Respectfully submitted,

T. MOSER,
M. L. LITTLE,
J. W. EARGLE.

On motion, the Report was received and considered, item by item.

Item 1, sustained and bro. J. W. Hausenflucks' name enrolled.

Item 2, recommendation sustained and Committee appointed. Committee, Rev. J. R. Peterson, A. Costner, and Caleb Rhodes.

Item 3, recommendation of Committee sustained.

Item 4, recommendation of Committee sustained.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LETTERS AND PETITIONS.

Your Committee on Letters and Petitions beg leave to submit the following:

Class I. Petitions for Ordination.

Nos. 1 and 2 are petitions from St. John's and St. Peter's Churches, Lexington Co., S. C., asking for the examination and ordination of Messrs. J. A. Cromer, J. K. Eflord, and E. L. Lybrand.

Nos. 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 are petitions from Bethlehem, St. Jacob's, Cedar Grove, St. Paul's, Immanuel's and Zion's Churches, Lexington Co., S. C., praying for the examination, ordination and services of candidates, J. K. Eflord, E. L. Lybrand and J. A. Cromer.

Nos. 9 and 10 are petitions from St. Stephen's and Zion's Churches, Catawba Co., N. C., praying for the examination and ordination of candidate, R. A. Yoder.

Class II. Petitions for the next Session of Synod.

No. 1 is a petition from St. Matthew's Church, Shenandoah Co., Va., asking for the next session of this Synod to convene in said Church.

No. 2 is a petition from Emanuel's Church, New Market, Shenandoah Co., Va., of the same import.

No. 3 is a petition from St. Mary's Church, Shenandoah Co., Va., of similar import.

Class III. Petitions for dismissal.

No. 1 is a petition from Spanish Grove congregation, Forsythe Co., N. C., in which the petitioners asked to be dismissed from this Synod.

Class II. Memorials.

No. 1 is a memorial from Beck's Church, Davidson Co., N. C., in which the memorialists state, that they have been supplied with preaching this year, by Rev. C. H. Bernheim, of the N. C. Synod.

No. 2 is a memorial from Coble's Church, Guilford Co., N. C., in which the memorialist state that they have been faithfully served this year as pastor by Rev. Dr. M. L. Fox.

Class V. Letters to Synod.

No. 1 is a letter from Rev. J. S. Benuick. 1. He gives his reason for non-attendance at this session of Synod. — 2. Assigns his reasons for not raising any Beneficiary Funds this year. 3. He speaks of a petition from St. Mary's Church, Shenandoah Co., Va., asking for the next session of Synod to convene in said Church, and urges that Synod comply with said request.

No. 2 is a letter from Rev. J. R. Peterson, giving his reasons for his non attendance at this session of Synod, and speaks of education and missions.

No. 3 is a letter from Rev. J. I. Miller, in which he states his appointment by the Va. Synod, as Corresponding Dele-

gate to our Synod, and regrets his inability to be with us.—Tenders the fraternal greetings of the Va. Synod to this body, and calls the attention of this Synod to the late action of the General Synod, on the subject of the Richmond Mission.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

1. In reference to Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8, we recommend the examination of brethren J. K. Efird, E. L. Lybrand, and J. A. Cromer.

2. In reference to Nos. 9 and 10, we recommend that brother R. A. Yoder be examined and ordained.

3. In reference to Class 3rd, No. 1, we recommend that the petitioners request be granted.

4. In reference to Class 5th, No. 1, we recommend that Bro. Bennick be excused.

5. In reference to No. 2, we recommend that Bro. Peterson be excused.

7. In reference to No. 3, be it

Resolved, That we express our regret that Rev. J. I. Miller, did not find it convenient to be with us.

D. EFIRD.

JACOB EPTING, Sen.

Report was received and acted upon by items.

On motion, Rev. Dr. A. J. Fox was added to the Committee on examination instead of Rev. T. Moser absent.

Class I.—Items 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and recommendation postponed for the present.

Items 9 and 10, R. A. Yoder declined being examined.

Class II.—Petitions for Synod.

No. 1. Next meeting be held in St. Matthew Church, Virginia.

It was moved that the next meeting of the Synod be held in St. Matthew Church, Shenandoah Co., Va., beginning on Thursday before the first Sunday in September, 1878.

Class III.—No. 1. Complied with. Rev. P. C. Henkel and N. Townsan voted negatively.

Moved to adjourn till after sermon. During intermission Rev. P. C. Henkel preached from John 3, 5.

EIGHTH SESSION.

MONDAY, 2 o'clock.

Synod assembled and resumed business

Report on Letters and Petitions was taken up, considered and finished.

Class V.—No. 1. Rev. J. S. Bennick not excused.

No. 2. Rev. J. R. Peterson excused.

No. 3 Resolution unanimously adopted.

Rev. I. Conder not excused.

Rev. T. Miller excused.

Rev. J. N. Stirewalt excused.

Rev. L. A. Fox excused.

Report on Letters and Petitions was adopted as a whole.

On motion, Rev. T. Moser was granted leave of absence.

Reports on the condition of congregations were now read, being called for by the President.

Synod ajourned with prayer by Rev. M. L. Little.

NINTH SESSION.

TUESDAY MORNING, 9 o'clock.

Synod was opened with prayer by Rev. H. Goodman.—
Roll called.

On motion, it was made the duty of the President, verbally, to return to-day after divine worship, the most sincere thanks of the members of this Synod to the members of this congregation, and other citizens of this community for the many acts of kindness they have so generally extended to us, during our sojourn in their midst.

Resolved, That a sufficient number of copies of the Minutes of this Convention of Synod be printed to supply the calls for them, and to furnish each minister of this Synod with three copies, each General Body of Lutherans in this country, the Synods in correspondence with this body, our Institutions of learning, and our Lutheran publications two copies each.

Rev. C. H. Bernheim, Corresponding Delegate of the N. C. Synod, conveyed to this Synod in a few pertinent remarks, the fraternal greetings and kindly feelings of the N. C. Synod, and was appropriately replied to by Rev. S. Henkel, D. D.

The following resolution in reference to the congregations of the late Rev. T. Crouse, was unanimously adopted.

THE CONGREGATIONS OF THE REV. T. CROUSE.

Resolved, That the course pursued and the conduct manifested by Rev. C. H. Bernheim, of N. C. Synod, in serving as a supply the congregations left vacant by the

death of the late lamented Rev. T. Crouse, and in connection with this Synod, is commendable, and meets the approbation of this Synod.

On motion, the minutes were received and adopted without reading.

An election of Treasurer for Beneficiary Fund was held, and resulted in the re-election of Rev. T. Moser.

The Committee on Treasurer's and Beneficiary Treasurer's Report, have examined these Reports and find them correct.

M. L. LITTLE,
W. A. BECK.

REPORT OF TREASURER OF SYNOD.

Rev. A. J. FOX,

In account with

EVAN. LUTH. TENN. SYNOD.

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	Rev. S. Henkel, D. D.,	\$73.28

1876.

Dec. 5,	By am't paid Henkel & Co., for printing,	
	binding and mailing Minutes for 1876.	\$56 12
	To balance due Synod by Rev. S. Henkel, D. D.	17.16
	To cash on hand collected from congregations for Synodical Treasury,	\$43.30
	To balance due the Synod in cash and accounts,	60.46
	Respectfully submitted,	

A. J. FOX, *Treasurer.*

REPORT OF TREASURER OF BENEFICIARY FUND.

T. MOSER,

In account with

EVAN. LUTH. TENN. SYNOD.

1877.

		Dr.
	To amount on hand,	\$3.45
Jan. 10,	" " from Rev. J. R. Peterson's charge,	50.40
June 19,	" " " Rev. J. M. Smith's charge,	10 55
Nov. 11,	" " " Rev. M. L. Little's charge,	50 00
Nov. 11,	" " " Rev. T. Mosers charge,	2.60
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		\$117.00

1877.

Cr.

Jan. 10,	By am't paid R. A. Yoder,	\$29.55
May 1,	" " "	61.00
June 19,	" " "	12.00
July 23,	" " "	3.00
Nov. 8,	" " "	11.45

\$117.00

T. MOSER, *Treas. Ben. Fund.*

TREASURER'S AGENT REPORT.

S. Henkel with Rev. T. Moser,
Treasurer of Tenn. Synod Beneficiary Association.

1876.	Dr.	
Sept. 30, To balance due on account rendered,		\$2.86
1877. Jan. 25, of Mary M. Henkel,		3.15
“ Feb. 1, of L. M. Zirkle, Treas. Emanuel Church, New Market, Va.,		12.06
Aug. 14, of Rev. J. P. Stirewalt,		11.35
“ “ of Rev. J. N. Stirewalt,		4 82
“ “ of Rev. I. Conder,		22.00
Sept. 3, of Rev. J. P. Stirewalt,		4.62
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		\$60.86
1877.	Cr.	
April, By am't paid J. W. Hausenfluck, \$15.00		\$15.00
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		\$75.86

S. HENKEL, *Agent of Ben. Treas.*

On motion, the President appointed a Committee of three to prepare rules and regulations for the government of Beneficiaries to report at the next meeting of Synod. Committee, Rev. A. J. Fox, J. M. Smith, and Mr. M. L. Cline.

On motion, the following Executive Committee on Missions was appointed by the President. Revs. L. A. Fox, P. C. Henkel, and A. L. Crouse.

RESOLUTION RELATIVE TO REV. A. L. YOUNT.

WHEREAS, Rev. A. L. Yount, formerly a Beneficiary, and who had received some \$500 or \$600 of the Beneficiary funds of this Synod, and who had entered into an obligation to labor within the bounds of this Synod for a term of ten years, has removed to, and taken charge of Lutheran congregation at Murphysboro, Ill., and by this act has laid himself liable to refund the money he has received from this Synod with 6 per cent. interest Be it

Resolved, by this Synod that Rev. A. L. Yount, be hereby notified that he is expected and required to refund as early as possible, all the money he has received with the interest he has obligated himself to pay to this Synod.

Resolution adopted.

On motion, Synod adjourned to meet at the time and place above mentioned. Closed by Rev. Henkel, D. D.

After recess a sermon was preached by the Secretary from 1 Thes. 5, 17.

J. PAUL STIREWALT,
Secretary.

PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

MINISTERS REPORTING.	Entered the Ministry.	Congregations,	Communicants,	Confirmations,	Adult Baptisms,	Infant Baptisms	Letters,	Deaths,	Expulsions,	Teachers, Sunday Schools.	Removals,	Synodical.	Ben. Education	Curr'nt Exp'nses	Other Objects,	Mission'ry Fund
A. J. FOX.....	1837	2	375	16	16	35	18	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
D. EFIRD.....	1847	8	1175	58	58	86	17	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6
M. L. LITTLE.....	1873	5	824†	80	3	61	12	8	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
J. M. SMITH.....	1856	6	750	103	1	67	22	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
S. HENKEL.....	1850	2	220	22	10	27	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
J. R. PETERSON.....	1843	6	441	10	3	46	5	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
M. L. FOX.....	1871	3	150	17	1	21	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
J. C. MOSER.....	1873	4	210	5	2	16	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
A. L. GROUSE.....	1871	3	169	11	1	16	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
J. N. STIREWALT.....	1871	4	247	17	8	22	8	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
J. P. STIREWALT.....	1873	4	250	25	6	27	6	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
T. MOSER.....	1844	4	200	12	1	17	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
P. C. HENKEL,*.....	1843	9	976	2	2	55	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
I. CONDER.....	1861	4	200	9	2	15	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
J. S. BENNICK.....	1866	6	600	60	16	50	22	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
L. A. FOX.....	1864	1	100	18	3	3	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
J. W. HAUSENFLUCK.....	1876	2	117	6	1	21	5	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1

* From April 1, 1877, to Nov. 8, 1877.

† Taken from the new lists.

STANDING RESOLUTIONS.

Resolved, That each of our Pastors be earnestly requested, to preach at least one Sermon in each of his congregations, annually, upon the subject of Beneficiary Education, and other benevolent enterprises, and report to the next succeeding convention of our Synod.

Resolved, That the Council of each congregation be requested to send, to each Annual Meeting of the Synod, a written Report of the condition of the congregation.

Whereas, The ancient Lutheran custom of thoroughly catechising those who propose to become members of our communion, previous to their Confirmation, is, in some places, falling into disuse, and rather a loose custom of receiving uncatechised persons into the Church, without the slightest examination of them in regard to their religious knowledge and other qualifications for Church membership, has been practiced by some; be it therefore,

Resolved, That we earnestly recommend all our Ministers and congregations in the future to see to it, that, if it can possibly be done, all who make application for Church membership be thoroughly instructed, by Catechisation, in the doctrines and usages of our Church, previous to their Confirmation. But, in such extraordinary cases, as when persons of age and experience make application, or such young persons as have been so favorably situated as to have had opportunities to become acquainted with and to have informed themselves of our doctrines and customs, seek Church privileges, we recommend that their request be granted; but, in no case, until such persons have been examined by the Pastor, before the Council, and have been approved by them.

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MINUTES

OF THE

FIFTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL CONVENTION

OF THE

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN

TENNESSEE SYNOD,

HELD IN

ST. MATTHEW CHURCH, SHENANDOAH COUNTY, VA.,

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CALENDAR FOR 1878-'79.

REV. P. C. HENKEL, PRESIDENT,	-	-	-	<i>Conover, N. C.</i>
REV. L. A. FOX, RECORDING SECRETARY,	-	-	-	<i>Waynesboro, Va.</i>
REV. DR. A. J. FOX, CORRESPONDING SECRETARY,	-			<i>Lincolnton, N. C.</i>
REV. J. PAUL STIREWALT, TREASURER,	-	-		<i>New Market, Va.</i>

Examining Committee.

REV. S. HENKEL, D. D.,	REV. DR. A. J. FOX,
REV. J. N. STIREWALT,	REV. L. A. FOX.

Delegates to Other Synods.

North Carolina Synod.

REV. P. C. HENKEL, PRINCIPAL.	REV. A. L. CROUSE, ALTERNATE.
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Virginia Synod.

REV. S. HENKEL, D. D., PRINCIPAL.	REV. L. A. FOX, ALTERNATE.
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South Carolina Synod.

REV. M. L. LITTLE, PRINCIPAL.	REV. A. L. CROUSE, ALTERNATE.
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Holston Synod.

REV. J. M. SMITH, PRINCIPAL.	REV. T. MOSER, ALTERNATE.
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Pennsylvania Synod.

REV. L. A. FOX, PRINCIPAL.	REV. S. HENKEL, D. D., ALTERNATE.
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TRANSACTIONS

OF THE

FIFTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL CONVENTION

OF THE

EVAN. LUTHERAN TENNESSEE SYNOD.

The Evangelical Lutheran Tennessee Synod convened in its Fifty-eighth annual session in St. Matthew church, Shenandoah Co., Va., beginning on Thursday, the 29th day of August, 1878.

Synod was opened by the President in the usual form, the roll of Ministers was called, the lay-delegates presented their certificates of election, and their names were enrolled.

Ministers.

	NAMES.	RESIDENCES.
1	REV. A. J. FOX.....	Lincolnton, N. C.
2	“ J. R. PETERSON.....	Dallas, N. C.
3	“ T. MOSER *.....	Mt. Pleasant, N. C.
4	“ P. C. HENKEL.....	Conover, “
5	“ S. HENKEL, D. D.....	New Market, Va.
6	“ D. EFIRD *	Pine Ridge, S. C.
7	“ J. M. SMITH †	Conover, N. C.
8	“ I. CONDER.....	McGaheysville, Va.
9	“ J. N. STIREWALT.....	Stony Man, Va.
10	“ J. S. BENNICK	Forestville, “
11	“ M. L. FOX.....	Sandy Creek, N. C.
12	“ J. C. MOSER *.....	China Grove, “
13	“ M. L. LITTLE *	Lincolnton, “
14	“ L. A. FOX	Waynesboro, Va.
15	“ A. L. CROUSE.....	Summit, S. C.
16	“ J. P. STIREWALT.....	New Market, Va.
17	“ J. W. HAUSENFLUCK.....	Grove Hill, “
18	“ E. L. LYBRAND †.....	Columbia, S. C.
19	“ J. K. EFIRD †.....	Summit, S. C.
20	“ J. A. CROMER †.....	Columbia, S. C.

* Excused.

† Not excused.

‡ Examined and ordained at this meeting.

Lay-Delegates.

NAMES.	CHURCHES REPRESENTED.
J. K. EFIRD.....	{ St. James, St. Thomas, Cedar Grove, St. Peter, (Metz), St. Paul, S. C.
D. H. WHEELER.....	St. John, S. C.
E. L. LYBRAND.....	{ St. Peter or Piny Woods, Bethlehem and Zion, South Carolina.
J. A. CROMER.....	Jacob and Emanuel, S. C.
N. TOWNSAN.....	{ Zion, St. John, Conover, St. Paul, Piny Grove, Hickory, St. James, N.C.
PETER COBLE.....	{ Coble, Melanchthon and Mount Pleasant, North Carolina.
A. G. HENKEL.....	Bethlehem, Va.
W. H. ARENHART.....	St. Jacob, Bethany, Va.
J. F. MILLER.....	Trinity, Va.
JNO. T. HOAKE.....	Grace, “
HENRY SOILEFFER.....	Morning Star, Va.
JNO. H. ZIRKLE.....	St. Mark, Va.
D. H. HENKEL.....	Mt. Calvary, Va.
A. DODSON.....	St. Jacob, “
CAPT. JNO. E. TOWNS.....	St. Matthew, “
J. G. FELLERS.....	St. Paul, “
JOS. H. STICKLEY.....	Zion, “
JNO. J. HEPNER.....	Powder Springs, Va.
C. MILLER.....	St. Paul, Va.
M. FILTZMOYER.....	Rader, “
SAMUEL FILTZMOYER.....	St. Mary (Pine), Va.
GEO. BOWMAN.....	Solomon, Va.
D. S. HENKEL.....	Emmanuel, Va.
JNO. LOWERY.....	Mt. Zion, Va.

The President read his annual Report, which was received, to be referred to the proper Committee.

President's Report.

DEAR BRETHREN IN CHRIST:—May grace, mercy, and peace, from God the Father, and our Lord Jesus Christ, be and abide with us.

The allwise and merciful Being who transmitted his Kingdom to this world, saw fit to make men his instruments and ministers, to maintain, extend, dispense, and perpetuate it. Some of the interests of this Kingdom can be better promoted by assemblies and taking counsel together.

It is through the beneficent providence of our merciful Father in heaven, that we have been permitted to pass another synodical year, safely, and to assemble again for this purpose, in the capacity of a deliberative body, in which we are able to meet each other with fraternal greeting.

It becomes us, then, to devise the best and most judicious means for the object contemplated.

We should rightly appreciate these privileges, and form proper conceptions of the solemn and sacred duties resting upon us as ministers and as an ecclesiastical body. Our hearts should devoutly rise in gratitude and thankfulness to our Heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ as the Mediator between him and us, and implore him to continue his blessings, and to grant us the guidance and aid of the Holy Spirit, in all the relations of life.

The lives of our ministerial brethren in connection with our Synod, except that of Rev. father Goodman, who departed this life on Jan. 26th, 1878,—Synod will take proper action in regard to it,—have been preserved during the past year, and the deaths of our lay-members, have not been unusually numerous. The condition of our Synod, in a physical, moral, and spiritual point of view, seems to be in its normal health.

Official Acts.—During the synodical year, we have had no occasion to perform any official act, as president of Synod. There have been no important changes in our Synod, during the year, to require any such acts.

New Churches, &c.—A new church edifice is in process of completion, in Caldwell co., N. C., called Philadelphia, Rev. P. C. Henkel's charge. A new church house, Hickory, Catawba co., N. C., Rev. J. M. Smith's charge, is in process of erection. Arrangements have been made to erect a new church at King's Mountain, a station on the Charlotte and Atlanta Air Line Railroad, Cleveland County, N. C., Rev. J. R. Peterson's charge. A new congregation has been organized, by Rev. P. C. Henkel, at Table Rock, Burk Co., N. C. The congregation of Rader Church, Rockingham County, Va., Rev. J. S. Bennick's charge, are building a new church near Timberville.

Vacancies.—We learn, that are still some vacant congregations within the bounds of our Synod, which are not regularly supplied with the means of grace, and that those left vacant by the death of the lamented T. Crouse, are still being served by Rev. C. H. Bernheim, of the North Carolina Synod. We would recommend, that Synod make arrangements to supply the vacancies, and that, as the congregations left vacant by the death of Rev. T. Crouse are in rather an abnormal condition, being served by a minister not in connection with the Synod, to which they belong, Rev. C. H. Bernheim be requested to consider the propriety of uniting with the Synod, to which the congregations, which he is serving, belong. No doubt this would be gratifying to these congregations, and contribute much to the best interests of all concerned.

Changes in Pastorates.—As far as our information extends, very few, if any changes, have taken place during this year. No doubt, as many of our charges, are still too large, and not arranged in the most advantageous and convenient way, it would be well to consider the propriety of reducing them, and arranging them in the best and most judicious manner. Our people need more preaching, and our children more thorough instruction. This cannot be accomplished with the present arrangement

of some of our charges. It would evidently prove beneficial to the congregations to have regular, divine services more frequently.

Church Property.—As we are informed, there is church property within the bounds of our Synod, which has been partly abandoned,—as that in Shenandoah County, Va., near Red Banks, that in Stanley County, N. C., and other property, we would recommend, that committees, one in N. C., and one in Va., be appointed to look after such property, to take steps to bring it into requisition in the most profitable manner, and to report the result of their efforts to the next meeting of Synod. Such property should not be too much neglected, but utilized in some way.

Education.—As a school has been established at Conover, Catawba County, N. C., called Concordia High School, under church influence, as a congregational enterprise, perhaps it would be well for Synod to appoint a committee to examine into the propriety of making it a synodical enterprise, if it can be done consistent with the designs and character of the school, and report to next Synod.

Missionary Operations.—The times demand, that our Synod should arouse to missionary work. Much good could be accomplished it that way. There are many places within the bounds of Synod, where missions could be established, that would, in the course of a few years, become self-sustaining. We would, therefore, suggest, if the pecuniary circumstances of the Synod will admit, that active missionary services be, at once, brought into requisition.

May the Great Head of the Church preside over us, during our present meeting, guiding us in the way of truth and efficiency, so that our deliberations and transactions may contribute to the honor and glory of God and to the promotion of the Redeemer's Kingdom.

SOCRATES HENKEL.

Election of Officers for the ensuing year was held, with the following results:

REV. P. C. HENKEL, - - - - *President.*

“ L. A. FOX, - - - - - *Rec. Secretary.*

“ DR. A. J. FOX, - - - - *Cor. Secretary.*

“ J. PAUL STIREWALT, - - *Treasurer.*

It was moved, that the regular time for meeting during the Sessions of this Convention be 8½ A. M., and 2 P. M.—On motion Synod adjourned till 2 P. M. Benediction by Rev. P. C. Henkel.

During recess Rev. Dr. M. L. Fox preached.

SECOND SESSION,

House called to order by the President. Synod resumed business.

Letters, Papers and Petitions addressed to Synod, were

called for, placed on the table, and handed to the respective Committees.

Regular Committees.

1. *On President's Report.*—Revs. J. R. Peterson, M. L. Fox, and Mr. N. Townsan.

2. *On Unfinished Business.*—Revs. A. L. Crouse, J. K. Efrid, and Mr. D. H. Wheeler.

3. *On Examination.*—Revs. S. Henkel, D. D., Dr. A. J. Fox, J. N. Stirewalt, and L. A. Fox.

4. *On the State of the Church.*—Revs. L. A. Fox, J. R. Peterson, and A. L. Crouse.

5. *On Letters and Petitions.*—Rev. L. A. Fox and Mr. A. Dodson.

6. *On Treasurer's Report and Beneficiary Association.*—Rev. J. S. Bennick, Messrs. D. S. Henkel and M. Filtzmoyer.

The Executive Committee on Missions now handed in the following report:

Report of Executive Committee on Missions.

The Executive Committee of Missions has no official acts to report.—No mission and no funds came into our hands. In response to a call by our Chairman through OUR CHURCH PAPER, no application has been made for aid. The Committee itself knew of no place of sufficient importance to justify it in assuming the responsibility of commencing operations.

The Synod, however, has not been inactive; most of our pastors have been missionating in places outside of their regular pastorates. Our Conferences have missions under their charge. None of these missions have required pecuniary assistance, and have not fallen under the perview of this Committee.

We believe that there are points at which we might labor successfully, but as this is a new sphere of effort for us as a Synod, those most interested are slow to make application. It is necessary that our pastors be vigilant in this direction. They must find such places and bring them to the attention of Synod.

It is of grave importance that we should concentrate our missionary efforts. While we should not diminish but rather increase such labors as we have hitherto been engaged in, yet all missions demanding pecuniary aid should be put under the control of Synod. When they have been located all must co-operate, heart to heart, and support them most earnestly.

L. A. FOX,
A. L. CROUSE,
P. C. HENKEL.

The report was received.

The Treasurer's Report was received and placed in the hands of the proper committee.

Report of Delegate to the Pennsylvania Synod.

Your delegate to the Pennsylvania Synod could not attend the convention to which he was elected, but addressed to it a letter of fraternal greetings.

L. A. FOX.

On motion, Synod adjourned till Friday morning. Prayer by Rev. L. A. Fox.

THIRD SESSION.

FRIDAY MORNING, 8½ o'clock.

Synod met and was opened in the usual way by Rev. Dr. A. J. Fox. Roll called. Minutes of yesterday read, received, and adopted.

On motion, the congregation at Conover, Catawba Co, N. C., was received and the delegate enrolled.

The Committee on the President's Report, being called for, read the following report:

Report of Committee on President's Report.

We, the Committee upon President's Report, having examined that paper, beg leave to submit the following:

Item 1. In referenees to "Vacancies," your Committee have no reecommodation to make but leave it to Synod to take such steps and make such provisions as its wisdom may suggest.

2. Your Comuiittee have no recommendation to make in regard to change of pastorates, believing that necessary changes can be best made by the parties immediately concerned.

3. We sustain the recommendation of the President to appoint two Committees, one in Virginia and another in North Carolina, to look after Church Property.

4. Your Committee also approve the suggestion of the President concerning Concordia High School, and recommend that a Committee be appointed.

5. In the work of Missions, your Committee concur with the President, and reecommend that Synod take immediate steps towards active labor in that direction.

6. Your Committee recommend that a Committee of three be appointed to report suitable resolutions on the death of Rev. H. Goodman.

Respectfully submitted,

J. R. PETERSON,
M. L. FOX,
N. TOWNSEND.

The Report was received, and, on motion, was considered by items.

On motion, Rev. P. Miller, of the Virginia Synod, was invited to a seat within the bar of Synod.

Item 1. Passed by for the present.

Item 2. Passed by for the present.

Item 3. This resolution was passed.

“*Resolved* That this matter be referred to the Conferences in connection with this Synod.”

Item 4. Adopted, by appointing that Committee, which consists of Revs. J. R. Peterson and M. L. Little of N. C., Revs. S. Henkel, D. D., and J. S. Bennick of Virginia.

Item 5. Adopted, and Committee appointed by Synod, as follows: Revs. Dr. M. L. Fox, J. Paul Stirewalt, J. S. Bennick and A. L. Crouse.

Item 6. Passed by for the present. The Report was recommitted.

Item 7. Received and adopted. The Committee was appointed by the house as follows: Revs. P. C. Henkel, Dr. A. J. Fox and J. R. Peterson.

The Report was adopted as a whole.

Report on Unfinished Business.

We your Committee on Unfinished Business beg leave to report, that

1. On page 9, we find the continuation of the Committees to collect all minutes and pamphlets of the different conventions of our Synod and have them bound, and we ask if that committee is ready to report.

2. On page 9, we find that a new committee was appointed to collect statistics and material for the history of our churches and synod, and report the result of their efforts at the next convention of Synod. Our inquiry is, is the Committee prepared to report.

3. On page 12, we find that, in the report of the Committee on the probation of candidates for the ministry, a recommendation that a resolution be adopted, at this convention of our synod, advising all candidates for the ministry, who now are under the care of synod, or who may at any time place themselves under the care of some minister, in our connection, and prosecute their studies, and labor under his directions, until they are prepared for ordination, or until this order is changed, and as the resolution does not appear, from the record, to have been passed, nor the committee discharged, we suggest that some action is necessary.

4. On page 14, we find that it was determined to put a traveling missionary in the field, as soon as the necessary arrangements can be made, and we ask whether that arrangement cannot now be made and a missionary elected and put to work.

5. On page 14, we find that a Committee was appointed in reference to certain church property in Lincolnton, N. C., and we desire to know what has been done.

6. On page 19, we find the appointment of a Committee of three to prepare rules and regulations for the government of Beneficiaries to report to the next meeting of Synod, and we call for the report.

7. On page 19, we find the following :

Resolved, By this Synod that Rev. A. L. Yount be hereby notified that he is expected and required to refund as early as possible all the money he has received with the interest he has obligated himself to pay to this Synod. We enquire whether Rev. Yount has complied with this requirement.

Respectfully submitted,

A. L. CROUSE,

J. K. EFIRD,

D. H. WHEELER.

Item 1. Adopted and Committee continued.

Item 2. Adopted.

Report of the Committee to Collect Matter for the History of this Synod.

Your Committee appointed to collect material for the history of this Synod, would most respectfully submit that they have not been able to do much in that way, and supposing, as it does, that there remains but little, if anything more to be done in that way, would most respectfully ask to be discharged.

A. J. FOX,

P. C. HENKEL,

L. A. FOX.

This Report was received, and adopted and the Committee discharged.

Item 3. The Committee not ready to report now.

Item 4. In regard to this item, it was moved to appoint a Committee of three ministers to report a plan for Missionary labors. Committee, Revs. Dr. A. J. Fox, J. R. Peterson, and J. S. Benuick.

Item 5. The Committee report slow progress, and were discharged.

Item 6. Postponed till to-morrow morning.

Item 7. Matter deferred till the Report of Committee on Letters and Petitions be heard.

Report of Committee on Letters and Petitions.

Class I.—Letters.

No. 1 Is a letter from Rey. J. M. Smith. He gives as excuse for absence a want of means and an unwillingness to ask his people, who

have been so greatly taxed by the Concordia High School, to bear his expenses. He speaks earnestly of the importance of a Lutheran School in which ministers may be trained. He believes such school is more important now, as being preparatory, missionary effort.

Your committee recommends that he be excused.

No. 2 Is a letter from Rev. D. Efird. He assigns as his reasons for absence from this convention some legal business that demands his personal attention. He calls the attention of Synod to the revision of the Hymn Book and states that 300 or 400 copies have been subscribed for and will be paid for as soon as delivered.

We recommend that he be excused.

No. 3 Is a letter from Rev. T. Moser, asking to be excused for non-attendance.

We recommend that he be excused.

No. 4 Is a letter from Rev. M. L. Little, assigning the dangerous illness of his family as the chief reason of his absence.

We recommend that he be excused.

No. 5 Is a letter from Rev. J. C. Moser. He says that he was unable to raise the means of defraying expenses either from his own private funds or from the resources of the church.

We recommend that he be excused.

No. 6 Is a letter from Rev. A. L. Yount. He proposes to pay soon the amount he owes Synod. He asks for a definite statement of the amount Synod demands. He says that \$50 were received for missionary labors at Monroe.

We recommend that such a statement as he requests, be furnished.

Class II.—Petitions.

No. 1 These are petitions from Cedar Grove, St. Paul, and St. Peter (Metzes) in S. C., praying for the examination and ordination of J. K. Efird to the pastoral office.

No. 2 These are petitions from Bethlehem, Zion, and St. John, S. C., praying for the ordination to the pastoral office of E. L. Lybrand.

No. 3 These are petitions from St. Peter (Piney Woods), Emmanuel and St. Jacob, praying for the ordination of J. A. Cromer to the pastoral office.

These brethren are present and we recommend that they be examined.

No. 4 Is a petition from Conover for the ordination of R. A. Yoder. As he is absent we have no recommendation to make.

No. 5 Is a petition from St. James, Summit, Lexington co., S. C., asking that the next convention of Synod be held in their church.

No. 6 Is a petition from New Jerusalem, Davidson co., N. C., praying for the assistance of Synod in securing the pastoral services of some minister of our own Synod.

We recommend that this matter be referred to the North Carolina Conference of this Synod with the earnest request that they make arrangements to supply this Church until they can obtain a regular pastor.

L. A. FOX,
A. DODSON.

Moved to adjourn till 2 P. M. During recess a sermon was preached by Rev. A. L. Crouse.

FOURTH SESSION.

FRIDAY, 2 o'clock.

Synod was called to order by the President. Roll was called and business resumed.

The Report of Committee on Letters and Petitions was now considered by items.

Class I.—Nos. 1, 2, and 3, the recommendation of the Committee was sustained.

It was moved that the examination be private. The motion was sustained.

On motion, Rev. L. A. Fox was added to the Committee on Examination.

No. 4. It was moved to appoint a Committee to examine and ordain Mr. R. A. Yoder. Committee, Rev. J. R. Peterson and Rev. Dr. A. J. Fox.

In regard to No. 5, it was moved that the next meeting of Synod be held in St. James Church, Summit, Lexington Co., S. C., beginning on Thursday before the third Sunday of November, 1879.

No. 6. The recommendation was sustained.

Rev. V. Stickley, Corresponding Delegate from the North Carolina Synod was received.

Mr. J. S. Koiner, a student of Theology, was made an advisory member.

It was moved to recur to the 2nd item of the report of the Committee on the President's Report. The motion was rejected.

Report of Delegate to North Carolina Synod.

On account of the many other engagements, your Delegate to the Annual Convention of the Evang. Lutheran Synod of North Carolina could not attend that meeting, but addressed a fraternal letter to the Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

A. J. FOX.

This Report was received.

Corresponding Delegates to Other Synods.

To N. C. Synod, Rev. P. C. Henkel, Principal; Rev. A. L. Crouse, Alternate.

To Virginia Synod, Rev. S. Henkel, D. D., Principal; Rev. L. A. Fox, Alternate.

At its session in 1877, this Synod appointed Corresponding Delegates to the South Carolina and Holston Synods. These synods have not as yet convened, and hence this Synod did not appoint other delegates at its session in 1878.

On motion, Synod adjourned till Saturday morning.—Prayer by Rev. P. C. Henkel. Rev. J. S. Bennick preached in the evening, at early candle-lighting.

FIFTH SESSION.

SATURDAY MORNING, 8½ o'clock.

Synod met and was opened with prayer by Rev. I Conder. Roll called. Minutes of yesterday read, received, and adopted.

On motion, the Committee on Examination and Ordination reported as follows:

Report of Committee on Examination.

We, a committee, appointed to examine Messrs. Eli Lot Lybrand and James Albert Cromer, Columbia, S. C., and Jacob Killian Efrd, Summit, S. C., as to their qualifications to bear the office of the ministry, have performed that duty. In our opinion they sustained a very creditable examination. We would, therefore, in virtue of petitions desiring their services, unanimously recommend, that Synod ordain them to the office of pastor, according to the custom of the Church.

S. HENKEL,
A. J. FOX,
J. N. STIREWALT,
L. A. FOX.

The report was unanimously adopted.

It was moved that the ordination take place on Monday immediately after the sermon, and that Rev. Dr. A. J. Fox preach the ordination sermon.

On motion, it was made the duty of the Examining Committee to perform the ordination.

Rev. Dr. A. J. Fox read the Regulations for the Government of the Evangelical Lutheran Tennessee Synod in the Work of Beneficiary Education.

Regulations for the Government of the Evangelical Lutheran Tennessee Synod in the Work of Beneficiary Education.

ARTICLE I.—This Synod shall, from time to time, receive as many Beneficiaries, preparing for the Gospel Ministry, into her connection, as she can procure and collect funds to sustain.

ARTICLE II.—Every applicant for beneficiary aid from this Synod must be subjected to a rigid examination in regard to his Christian character, deportment, designs, talents, and advancements in Literary, or Theological attainments. No one can obtain beneficiary aid from this Synod, unless he is a member of some one of our congregations, in full communion with the same. His moral character and piety must be entirely above reproach, and his talents must, at least, reach mediocrity. He must unqualifiedly receive, and express a willingness to teach, all the doctrines of the entire collection of our Evangelical Lutheran Confessions. He must, at least, have attained to a sufficient amount of literary knowledge, to enable him to enter the Freshman class in regular Colleges. He must furnish satisfactory evidence that he has not, and cannot command, the necessary pecuniary means, to qualify him for the work of the Holy Ministry from his parents, or any other worldly source.

ARTICLE III.—Every minister educated by this Synod shall be held, in honor bound, to labor within the bounds of this Synod, as Pastor, for a term of not less than five years—unless he is excused by a resolution of this Synod, which he must ask for, and obtain before he is at liberty to make arrangements to go elsewhere. He may be excused upon the ground of refunding the money he has received with interest at 6 per cent. or upon any other ground satisfactory to this Synod.

ARTICLE IV.—This Synod should have full control of all her Beneficiaries, in regard to their studies, during the time they are receiving beneficiary aid from her. They must attend such schools as directed by Synod, only, and their studies must be approved by the Synod. They may prosecute their studies in either some college, school or Theological seminary, as per agreement with this Synod, and they must obtain from the President of such Institution, annually, a full report in regard to their conduct, capacity, and advancement in their studies, and forward the same to the President of this Synod, who shall submit it with his report, to the Synod for examination.

ARTICLE V.—Every minister in connection with this Synod is required to take up collections for beneficiary purposes, in each of his congregations, as often in each year as he may deem it expedient, and in whatever manner he and his council may think most prudent, and report the result of the same to the next annual convention of this Synod.

ARTICLE VI.—There shall be elected annually, by this Synod, a receiving and disbursing Agent, who shall discharge the duties of Treasurer, as described in the following Articles of these regulations; and hold his office until his successor shall be elected, or in case of his death, another shall be appointed by the President of Synod to fill the vacancy.

ARTICLE VII.—The President of this Synod shall recognize all the Beneficiaries received by this Synod, and shall give all orders upon the Treasurer in favor of Beneficiaries to whom appropriations have been made by the Synod. He shall keep a correct account of all orders given by him, and shall annually compare his account with the accounts kept by the Treasurer, and report the result of the same to the Synod. He must annually report to Synod all his other transactions including the number of Beneficiaries, their progress, prospects, and Christian deportment, and anything else he may deem interesting to the Synod. During the periods elapsing between the annual conventions of the Synod, all communications on the subject of beneficiary education, and all applications for aid, must be addressed to the President, and must be laid by him before the annual convention of the Synod.

ARTICLE VIII.—The Secretary of this Synod shall record the reports of the President and Treasurer, and in the event of the death or removal of the President, the Secretary shall discharge all the duties of the President in regard to beneficiary operations, until the next Synod shall fill the vacancy.

ARTICLE IX.—The Treasurer of the beneficiary funds shall keep a clear and correct account of all moneys, which shall come into his hands; and shall report the same to the annual conventions of the Synod, with all the disbursements he may make, during the previous Synodical year, accompanied with the proper vouchers for each disbursement. He must allow and pay all orders of the President out of the funds in his hands.

ARTICLE X.—All moneys collected from congregations, or otherwise, and donations for beneficiary purposes, shall be paid over to the Treasurer; for which he shall be required to give his official receipt, to the parties who may pay them over to him.

ARTICLE XI.—From every Beneficiary who receives any funds appropriated to him by this Synod, the Treasurer shall take suitable bonds, made payable to the Treasurer of the beneficiary funds of this Synod, for the full amount of all the funds he shall at any time have received, with interest at 6 per cent. If he, at any time afterwards, shall, without the consent of the Synod, either abandon his studies, or, after completing them, refuse to engage in the work of preaching the Gospel of Christ in connection with this Synod, during the time specified in Article III, or shall for any cause be expelled from this Synod, in either event, the obligation he has entered into for refunding the money he may have received shall immediately become due, and if he should refuse to pay the same, he shall by such refusal, make himself liable to public exposure.

ARTICLE XII.—This Synod may receive as many pledges for the subsequent payment of money, for beneficiary purposes as she can procure, but she shall, in no case, make any further appropriations, than she has actual cash in the Treasury; or can at any time make it immediately available when such appropriations are made.

ARTICLE XIII.—This Synod shall not at any time receive more Beneficiaries, upon her funds, than she has money to sustain for one year. And no Beneficiary shall receive less than a sufficient amount to enable

him, with proper economy, to prosecute his studies, for the current year. The Synod shall make an estimate of the probable expenses, necessary to sustain her Beneficiaries, and make her appropriations accordingly. The Synod shall not allow anything to her Beneficiaries, beyond the strictest, comfortable, living economy.

ARTICLE XIV.—No Beneficiary of this Synod shall be allowed to continue less than two years in connection with any school, college, or Theological seminary, without the consent of the Synod. And no Beneficiary shall be sustained more than two years, at any Institution of learning, without a special agreement between himself and the Synod.

ARTICLE XV.—These regulations shall be subject to amendment at any convention of this Synod. One day's notice is required to be given, with a written statement of the amendment asked for, by any one who may at any time desire any amendment.

ARTICLE XVI.—All rules and regulations heretofore adopted by this Synod, in regard to beneficiary education, are hereby rescinded from the adoption of these regulations.

A. J. FOX,

CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEE.

The Report was adopted.

Probationary Regulations.

To meet the requirements of the Constitution of Synod, that all candidates for the ministry be held in a state of probation for not less than one year, and to direct the studies of such students as pursue their studies under private instruction, the following regulations are adopted :

I. Every such candidate shall be placed under the care of some pastor in connection with this Synod, under whose direction such student shall pursue his studies not less than two years.

II. The pastor under whose care any student may be placed shall assign to such student any labor for which he may be found qualified.

III. Synod shall prescribe the course of study to be pursued by each student.

IV. The following text-books shall be used, viz. : Kurtz's Church and Sacred History, Horn's Introduction, Hutter's Compend, Knott's Theology, Book of Concord, Krauth's Conservative Reformation, Schmidt's Dogmatics, Mann's Schmidt's Christian Ethics, Vinet's Homiletics, Vinet's Pastoral Theology. Instruction shall also be given in Liturgies, Catechetics, and Ecclesiastical Polity.

V. There shall be a committee of examination, appointed at each annual meeting of Synod, before which every student shall be required to appear for examination at, or shortly before each convention of Synod. It shall be the duty of the committee of examination to report to Synod the progress made in his studies by each student.

A. J. FOX,

J. R. PETERSON,

S. HENKEL.

The Report was received as amended and unanimously adopted.

IN MEMORY OF



REV. H. GOODMAN.

WHEREAS, It has pleased Almighty God, in his wise providence, to remove Rev. Henry Goodman from his labors on earth to his reward in heaven,

Resolved 1. That in the death of Father Goodman, the Church has lost an earnest, faithful, and zealous laborer in his Master's vineyard;

Resolved 2. That we bow in humble submission to him who doeth all things well;

Resolved 3. That a copy of these resolutions be sent to "OUR CHURCH PAPER" for publication;

Resolved 4. That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the relatives of the deceased family.

Respectfully submitted,

P. C. HENKEL,
A. J. FOX,
J. R. PETERSON.

These resolutions were unanimously adopted by all the members of Synod standing in profound silence for a few minutes.

It was moved to appoint a committee of two ministers to prepare a biographical sketch of Rev. H. Goodman, to occupy not more than two pages, to be appended to these minutes. Committee, Revs. J. R. Peterson and J. M. Smith.

On motion, Rev. P. C. Henkel was added.

The Secretary now read the Treasurer's Report as follows:

Treasurer's Report.

D. EFIRD

In account with

EVAN. LUTH. TENNESSEE SYNOD.

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1877.			
Nov. 8,	To cash from Rev. J. R. Peterson's charge		\$18 20
" "	" " " L. M. Little's "		7 00
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Nov. 10,	" " " Rev. P. C. Henkel.		2 00
" "	" " " J. P. Stirewalt		2 20
" "	" " " D. Efird's charge		7 10
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" "	" " " Beck's Church, N. C.		1 20
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" "	" " " Pilgrim "		1 00
" "	" " " Rev. Dr. M. L. Fox.		2 00
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1878.		
Aug. 21,	By Cash on hand.....	71 50

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Respectfully submitted,

D. EFIRD,

TREAS. EVAN. LUTH. TENN. SYNOD.

On motion, Synod adjourned till 2 P. M., with prayer by the President.

During recess Rev. S. Henkel, D. D., preached.

SIXTH SESSION.

SATURDAY, 2 o'clock.

Synod was called to order by the President. Roll was called and business resumed.

Report on Treasurer's Report and Beneficiary Association.

We, your Committee, appointed to examine the Treasurer's Report, beg leave to say, that from the data furnished us we find it correct.

Respectfully submitted,

J. S. BENNICK,
D. S. HENKEL,
M. FILTZMOYER.

We, your Committee, appointed to examine the Report of the Treasurer of the Beneficiary Fund, find neither receipts nor disbursements and hence have no report to make.

Respectfully submitted,

J. S. BENNICK,
D. S. HENKEL,
M. FILTZMOYER.

Rev. T. Miller's Request for Dismission.

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN SYNOD OF TENNESSEE, I ask for a certificate of dismission from this body to the Evan. Luth. Synod of Virginia.

Respectfully submitted,

THOMAS MILLER.

Rev. T. Miller's request for honorable dismission from this body to unite with the Va. Synod was granted.

Rev. V. Stickly conveyed to this Synod the fraternal greetings of the N. C. Synod, and was replied to in a few pertinent remarks by Rev. P. C. Henkel.

Rev. S. Henkel, D. D., offered the following resolution :

WHEREAS, The publication of a new edition of our old church Hymn Book, in a revised form, has been brought before Synod on different occasions, and to place the Synod properly before the public, and as many of the congregations still use the old book ; be it,

Resolved, That Synod has no objection to the publication of such book, as an individual enterprise, and that such congregations as desire it, have a right, according to the Augsburg Confession, to use it.

The resolution was adopted.

On motion, it was made the duty of the President, verbally, to return, to-morrow after divine worship, the most sincere thanks of the members of this Synod to the members of this congregation, and other citizens of this community

for the many acts of kindness they have so generally extended to us, during our sojourn in their midst.

On motion, Synod adjourned till Monday morning, with prayer by Rev. J. N. Stirewalt.

Religious Services on Saturday Evening and Sunday.

On Saturday evening, at early candlelighting, Rev. J. K. Efrid preached.

At the same time Rev. I. Conder preached in St. John's (Reformed) Chapel.

A large congregation assembled on Sunday morning and listened to a sermon delivered by Rev. P. C. Henkel.

A recess was given, after which the congregation assembled and heard a sermon delivered by Rev. J. R. Peterson.

Confession and absolution were then attended to, by the Pastor, and the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered to a large number of communicants.

On Sunday evening, at early candlelighting, Rev. V. Stickly preached. At the same time Rev. A. L. Crouse preached in St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran church, at Tom's Brook Station.

During these lengthy exercises the large assembly was characterized by good order and marked attention.

SEVENTH SESSION.

MONDAY morning, 8½ o'clock.

Synod met and was opened in the usual way, by Rev. J. W. Hausenfluck. House called to order by the President. Minutes of Saturday read, received and adopted.

Report of Corresponding Delegate to the E. L. Virginia Synod.

As your delegate to the E. L. Virginia Synod, I have only to say, that on account of unavoidable circumstances, I did not attend the last convention of that Synod. I am therefore, without any knowledge of their condition or their progress in the great work of the salvation of souls.

Very respectfully,

J. N. STIREWALT

It was moved to reconsider No. 6 of Report of the Committee on Letters and Petitions. The motion was lost.

On motion, the resolution previously adopted was reconsidered, and resulted in the adoption of the following substitute :

WHEREAS, The publication of our old Hymn Book, the church Hymn Book, in a revised form, has been brought before Synod, at different times, and as the book is still extensively used in our Synod, and there is a desire to continue its use in some of our congregations, and as Synod has no funds, at this time, to invest in the publication of that work; be it,

Resolved, Therefore, that such publication, under the circumstances, is a matter for consideration on the part of the proprietors only of the work in making arrangements for its revision and publication, if deemed desirable and expedient, under such regulations as may be thought most judicious.

On motion a Committee, consisting of six ministers, two from Virginia, two from North Carolina, and two from South Carolina, on examination was appointed as follows:

Revs. S. Henkel, L. A. Fox, J. M. Smith, M. L. Little, D. Ebird and A. L. Crouse.

It was moved that the Treasurer have a sufficient number of copies of the minutes of this convention of Synod printed to supply the calls for them, and to furnish each minister of this Synod with three copies, each General Body of Lutherans in this country, the Synods in correspondence with this body, our Institutions of learning, and our Lutheran publications two copies each.

On motion, an executive committee on Missions, consisting of three ministers, was appointed as follows:

Revs. L. A. Fox, P. C. Henkel and J. R. Peterson.

It was moved to elect a Treasurer for the Beneficiary Association.

Rev. T. Moser was unanimously re-elected Treasurer of the Beneficiary Association

It was moved to dispense with the reading of the Parochial Report in Synod.

On motion, the theses on the Rise and Fall of man will be discussed at the next convention of the Synod.

The President called for the report of the ministers in regard to the standing resolutions on last page of minutes.

The ministers reported variously as to their operations and results, but there were sufficient to give evidence that the requirement of the resolutions are being observed.

It was made the duty of Rev. S. Henkel, D. D., to confer with Mr. J. W. Norman, our former Beneficiary, as to whether he will prosecute his studies with a view of entering the ministry in connection with this Synod.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of the body be expressed to the B. & O., W. C. V. M. & G. S., C. & O., C. C. & A. R. R., for favors done us in coming and returning to this convention.

On motion, Rev. Dr. A. J. Fox was made Chairman of the executive committee on Missions.

On motion, Synod adjourned till after divine service with prayer by the President.

EIGHTH SESSION.

MONDAY AFTERNOON, 2 o'clock.

Synod assembled and resumed business. The minutes of this convention were of Synod finally approved.

On motion, Synod adjourned to meet at the time and place above mentioned. Closed by Rev. T. Miller.

L. A. FOX,
Secretary.

ORDINATION SERVICES.

According to previous arrangement the ordination of Messrs. Eli Lot Lybrand and James Albert Cromer, Columbia, S. C., and Jacob Killian Efrd, Summit, S. C., took place. Rev. Dr. A. J. Fox preached the ordination sermon to a large and attentive congregation. After which, these three young men were solemnly ordained to the office of Pastor by the imposition of hands and prayer, by the examining committee.

Thus ended the pleasant, and we confidently hope profitable transaction and exercises of the Fifty eight annual convention of the Evangelical Lutheran Tennessee Synod.

L. A. FOX,
Secretary.

PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

MINISTERS REPORTING.

MINISTERS REPORTING.																		
	Entered the Ministry.	Congregations.	Communicants.	Confirmations.	Adult Baptisms.	Infant Baptisms.	Letters.	Deaths.	Expulsions.	Sunday Schools.	Teachers.	Removals.	Synodical.	Beneficiary Education.	Current Expenses.	Other Objects.	Missionary Fund.	
1. REV. DR. A. J. FOX.....	1837	3	410	1	1	23	14	2	14	7 1	2	4 00	4 00	.....	.....	.....	.....
2. " M. L. LITTLE.....	1873	5	840	31	65	66	2	7 1	2	4	.....	.....	9 00	.....	.....	.....	.....
3. " J. M. SMITH.....	1856	6	775	29	1	56	19	4	19	1 16	.....	.....	5 60	.....	.....	.....	.....
4. " S. HENKEL, D. D.....	1850	2	220	22	10	27	3	11	3	10	.....	.....	3 10	.....	.....	.....	.....
5. " J. R. PETERSON.....	1843	5	452	15	.....	22	5	.....	5	.....	.....	.....	5 00	.....	.....	.....	.....
6. " DR. M. L. FOX.....	1871	3	150	.....	1	16	1	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	1 60	.....	.....	.....	.....
7. " J. C. MOSER.....	1873	4	225	4	2	17	2	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	2 00	.....	.....	.....	.....
8. " A. L. CROUSE.....	1871	3	178	6	.....	13	3	.....	2	8	.....	.....	1 70	.....	.....	.....	.....
9. " J. N. STIREWALT.....	1871	4	347	.....	2	17	6 1	3 25	1	2	.....	.....	2 20	.....	.....	.....	.....
10. " J. P. STIREWALT.....	1873	4	270	5	4	16	3	1 6	.....	.....	.....	.....	3 30	.....	.....	.....	.....
11. " T. MOSER.....	1844	4	150	10	2	15	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 50	.....	.....	.....	.....
12. " P. C. HENKEL.....	1843	9	1082	.....	4	80	25	.....	25	.....	.....	.....	4 40	.....	.....	.....	.....
13. " I. CONDER.....	1861	4	200	3	.....	11	2	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	1 50	.....	.....	.....	.....
14. " J. S. BENNICK.....	1866	6	630	45	9	45	7	20	2	.....	.....	.....	6 50	.....	.....	.....	.....
15. " L. A. FOX.....	1864	1	101	6	2	12	4	5 4	1 16	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
16. " J. W. HAUSENFLOCK.....	1876	2	124	1	.....	2	.....	3	1 8	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
TOTAL.....	65	6154	178	103	438	19	123	6	26	86	2	51	40	47	84	1,700	170 00	6 00

IN MEMORIAM.*

REV. HENRY GOODMAN.

THE SUBJECT of this notice was the son of Michael and Elizabeth Goodman (Guthmann) born April 9th, 1798, was baptized in infancy, and in the year 1819, entered into full communion with the Ev. Luth. Church, by the imposition of hands and prayer, by Rev. Daniel Scherer, at St. John's church, Cabarras county, N. C.

He was intermarried with Esther Faggart, daughter of Jacob and Margaret Faggart, July 20th, 1819, by whom he had 14 children, 7 sons and 7 daughters; 2 sons and 3 daughters are still living. He had 57 grand children, of whom 50 are living, and 9 great grand children, of whom 8 are living.

He was licensed to preach by Revs. Daniel Moser and David Henkel, on the 29th of Nov., 1830, and preached his first sermon on the 19th of Dec., following, at his uncle, George Goodman's in Cabarras County, N. C.

He was ordained Deacon, by Revs. Philip Henkel, Adam Miller, and Daniel Moser, in Buhler's Church, Sullivan Co., Tenn., Sept. 13th, 1832.

During the whole of his ministry, as also before entering the ministry, he labored faithfully in defence of the pure Confessions of the Ev. Lutheran Church; often, especially in the early struggles of the Ev. Lutheran Tenn. Synod for the pure faith of the church of the Reformation, sacrificing much time as well as other means, to forward the work in this great crisis.

And even after the decision was made by his physician, that it was unsafe for him to venture from home, he traveled with the writer of this notice to a number of places, as

* After waiting a reasonable length of time, we wrote to the Chairman of the Committee appointed to prepare a biographical notice of Rev. H. Goodman, and he replied that the Committee had not met, and hence, we should insert the article which appeared in OUR CHURCH PAPER, in regard to his death, as it here appears.

he said, "to hear preaching, and to test the fact as to whether he might venture out by himself." So anxious was he, to be found at his post, that only seven days before his death, in an interview with the writer of this, he said, "I have been blessed with a good constitution, and if I should recover, so as to be able to labor any, I will cheerfully do what I can," but then adding, "my race is about run, and I would be glad to soon depart." He then said, "I am glad you come to see me, for after you leave me this time, you will not see me alive in this world any more, for I am assured my days on earth are about at an end, and I may go at any minute, but this gives me no trouble at all." He was too feeble to talk much at a time, but was greatly blessed in having his proper mind and memory to the last, and resting securely upon the gracious promises contained in God's Word.

In the above interview, the writer of this quoted many passages of Scripture, and briefly commented on the same, to which he attentively listened, and would frequently say, "that is another meal for the soul; the soul needs food as well as the body, and though it be repeated ever so often, it still remains the same substantial food."

Thus another faithful, and aged minister of Christ, came to his last retreat, full of piety, and full of days: "as a shock of corn, ripe with age, and laden with plenty, cometh in, in his season." Job 5: 29.

How calm was the evening of his life! When his flesh and his heart failed, how reviving was the remembrance of an all sufficient Redeemer; once dying for our sins, now risen again for our justification: How cheering the well grounded hope of pardon for our transgressions, and peace with God through Jesus Christ our Lord. This assuages the agonies, and sweetens the bitterness of death.

When death comes what can all the golden mountains of wealth bestow! A well grounded hope in Christ surmounts everything else; but, alas! how few make this the all important consideration.

He preached his last sermon, on the 4th Sunday of Nov., 1877, in Sharon Church, Iredell Co., N. C., from 1 John 5: 7, 8.

The subject of the above notice died at his late residence in Iredell county, N. C., on the morning of the 26th of Jan-

uary, 1878; aged 79 years, 9 months, and 17 days; his consort having been called to her reward Oct. 17th, 1876; aged 74 years, 8 months, and 22 days.

His perishable remains were deposited in the Cemetery at St. Martin's Church, Iredell County, N. C., on the next day after his departure from this life; and notwithstanding the day was very rainy, a large concourse of people assembled to take a last view, and to sympathize with the many relatives, whose faces were bathed in tears, but in hopeful resignation to the will of Him who had taken His faithful servant *home*.

After the burial service ended, the many relatives and friends of the deceased repaired to the Church, to hear the funeral sermon which was based on 2 Tim. 4: 7, 8, and delivered by the Pastor of the congregation.

P. C. HENKEL.

STANDING RESOLUTIONS.

Resolved, That each of our Pastors be earnestly requested, to preach at least one Sermon in each of his congregations, annually, upon the subject of Beneficiary Education, and other benevolent enterprises, and report to the next succeeding convention of our Synod.

Resolved, That the Council of each congregation be requested to send, to each Annual Meeting of the Synod, a written Report of the condition of the congregation.

Whereas, The ancient Lutheran custom of thoroughly catechising those who propose to become members of our communion, previous to their Confirmation, is, in some places, falling into disuse, and rather a loose custom of receiving uncatechised persons into the Church, without the slightest examination of them in regard to their religious knowledge and other qualifications for Church membership, has been practiced by some; be it, therefore,

Resolved, That we earnestly recommend all our Ministers and congregations in future to see to it, that, if it can possibly be done, all who make application for Church membership be thoroughly instructed, by Catechisation, in the doctrines and usages of our Church, previous to their Confirmation. But, in such extraordinary cases, as when persons of age and experience make application, or such young persons as have been so favorably situated as to have had opportunities to become acquainted with and to have informed themselves of our doctrines and customs, seek Church privileges, we recommend that their request be granted; but, in no case, until such persons have been examined by the Pastor, before the Council, and have been approved by them.

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MINUTES

OF THE

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THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN TENNESSEE SYNOD convened in its Fifty-ninth Annual meeting in St. James Church, Lexington County, S. C., on Thursday, the 13th day of November, A. D., 1879.

The meeting was opened by the President, Rev. P. C. Henkel, with appropriate religious exercises. In the absence of the Secretary, Rev. M. L. Little was appointed Secretary, *pro tem*. The roll of Ministers was called and absentees noted.

Ministers.

NAMES.	RESIDENCES.
1 REV. A. J. FOX*.....	Lincolnton, N. C.
2 " J. R. PETERSON.....	Dallas, "
3 " T. MOSER*.....	Mt. Pleasant, "
4 " P. C. HENKEL.....	Conover, "
5 " S. HENKEL, D. D.....	New Market, Va.
6 " D. EFIRD.....	Pine Ridge, S. C.
7 " J. M. SMITH.....	Conover, N. C.
8 " I. CONDER†.....	McGaheysville, Va.
9 " J. N. STIREWALT†.....	Stony Man, Va.
10 " J. S. BENNICK†.....	Forestville, "
11 " M. L. FOX.....	Sandy Creek, N. C.
12 " J. C. MOSER.....	China Grove, "
13 " M. L. LITTLE.....	Lincolnton, "
14 " L. A. FOX†.....	Waynesboro, Va.
15 " A. L. CROUSE.....	Summit, S. C.
16 " J. P. STIREWALT*.....	New Market, Va.
17 " J. W. HAUSENFLUCK†.....	Grove Hill, "
18 " E. L. LYBRAND.....	Columbia, S. C.
19 " J. K. EFIRD.....	Summit, "
20 " J. A. CROMER.....	Columbia, "
21 " R. A. YODER.....	Conover, N. C.

* Excused.

† Not excused.

Lay-Delegates.

NAMES.	CHURCHES REPRESENTED.
LOUIS SHEALY	St. James, South Carolina.
GEO. H. CHATMAN	St. Thomas, “
E. S. SEISS	St. Paul, “
W. W. LORICK	Bethlehem, “
D. A. SOX.....	Emmanuel, “
D. H. WHEELER.....	St. Peter, “
J. W. SUMMER.....	St. John, “
L. F. SEAY.....	St. Andrew, “
JACOB WINGARD	Zion, “
D. I. DRAFTS	Cedar Grove, “
G. A. KAMINER.....	St. Peter or Metz, S. C.
A. COSTNER	Rev. A. J. Fox's charge, N. C.
P. C. HAHN, } M. J. DEITZ, }	Rev. P. C. Henkel's charge, N. C.
R. A. YODER.....	St. James and Concordia, N. C.
W. W. STROUP.....	Christ, Sharon, Luth. Chap. “
L. H. QUIKLE.....	Daniel, N. C.
W. A. MAUNEY.....	St. Matthews, N. C.
D. M. WYONT	Trinity, “
JNO. M. RHODES	Philadelphia, “
M. E. RUDISILL.....	St. Mark, Sardis & Bethage, N. C.
P. C. SHINSON.....	Morning Star, N. C.
P. KILLIAN.....	Rev. L. A. Fox's charge, Va.

The President read his annual Report.

President's Report.

DEAR BRETHREN:—By the kind providence of our Heavenly Father, we have passed through the labors, dangers and trials of another year, and are once more assembled in Synod, and in our deliberations, it is greatly desired that we may see eye to eye, and in the unity of the faith speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among us, but that we be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment.

Official Acts.—During the year now ending, I have not been called to perform any official acts, which might concern our Synod directly.

Missionary Work.—“The field is white unto the harvest.” If Synod can devise any means in this direction, to do more than is being done by pastors in charge of congregations, we heartily recommend it.

Education.—To meet the demand for ministers to cultivate the fields already opened, as well as to do missionary work, a school has been opened in the village of Conover, Catawba county, N. C., and as allusions have been made to this school in different reports to Synod, in the past, and a committee having been appointed at the last sitting of Synod, to look after the terms upon which Synod could take and control said school: I recom-

mend that the Synod call for the report of that committee, and that this matter be prayerfully considered.

Recommendations.—1. I gave notice through *Our Church Paper* that I intended to recommend to Synod the prayerful consideration and investigation of the doctrine and worship of secret societies, as well as the subject of altar and pulpit fellowship and Chiliastic views.

As it is one of the duties of Synod “to detect and expose erroneous doctrines; and as I am grieved in conscience at the thought of being partaker in any way with those who knowingly hold a doctrine at variance with our confessions of faith, and worship God otherwise than Trinity in Unity and Unity in Trinity, as our noble Athanasian Creed demands; I beg Synod not to cause distress of conscience by delaying an investigation of the false worship and doctrine practiced and held by secret societists, and with which some of our ministers are probably affiliating and we with them. If my troubles are unfounded, I ask Synod to remove them, by clearly showing that secret society worship and doctrine are in keeping with our confessions and the Holy Scriptures or otherwise remove the grounds by which such evils may be imputed unto us.

Constitution of Synod.—Permit me to offer a few recommendations on the constitution of our Synod.

REC. 2. In Art. III, S. 1; The Synod should rather be said to be *composed of congregations represented by their pastors and lay-delegates*. The language as it now reads may imply that the ministry is a distinct and separate *class* in the church, whereas it is only an office in the church, and the pastor a servant of the congregation. [1 Cor. 3; 5. Col. 2; 24, 25.]

In Art. IV, S. 1. This Art. establishes as a part of the business of Synod, “To * * * depose from the holy office of the ministry such as refuse, after due admonition, to repent of their wrongs.” This is a power which cannot be vested in Synod, as the office of the ministry can only be taken away through the same power by which it was conferred. The office, however, is conferred through the congregation, [Matt. 18; 15, 20. 1 Peter 2; 5, 10] therefore also the congregation alone can depose from the ministry. Synod can *expel from* its connection, and recommend the congregations concerned to depose.

Also in Sec. 3. This section should rather read, “upon application to examine candidates *regularly* called to the ministerial office, etc., as ordination without such a call would imply that the office is conferred in ordination, whereas it is *conferred in the call*, and ordination is only an apostolic churchly practice, and not of divine institution.

Sec. 4. Should be entirely stricken out, as it would be very wrong to permit men to officiate at all, of whom there is not sufficient evidence that they are duly qualified for such office.

By-Laws.—I have a few words to say in regard to the by-laws: But permit me to remark that I do not very highly favor a Standing Presidency, nor Visitation and would prefer the position, [in regard to this] of the Tenn. Synod in her first formation. I know that Dr. Martin Luther favored

the office of Visitator . and I admit that good may be accomplished by it, if we could be certain that properly disposed men could always be had in this office, but of this we have no assurance ; and a shrewd, proud, aspiring man in this office could so intimidate pastors and their congregations, (with probably a very few exceptions) as to bring them under his supreme control ; for when a head or single rulership is once set up it naturally grows greater and greater in the estimation of the subjects governed, and can easily become a terror . Such are my fears, and I cannot be satisfied to conceal them. But time will show. If, however, the present arrangement will be preferred, I would recommend that in the By-Laws, Art. IV, Sec. 2, after admonition by the church council has proven fruitless, the case should be referred to the whole congregation before going to Synod. The language of this section implies that the church council is the highest judicatory in the congregation, whereas the last appeal, according to Matt. 18 ; 15, 18, is the congregation. "To whose decision he must yield" might be entirely omitted, because the decisions of Synod are not, *per se*, binding. God's word alone binds. I Cor. 7 ; 29.

In Sec. 3, Whenever such accusation of error in doctrine or life are made against a minister and the congregation report the same to the President of Synod it might be very dangerous to defer the investigation three months. In all such cases, after the congregation has made all efforts to put it to rights, and fail, let report be made to the President immediately, and his aid, or that of a committee of investigation, be called for. If, after such investigation, the charge be well grounded (I Tim. 5 ; 19) and, if here he still remain impenitent, let him be expelled from Synod, and his congregations advised to depose him.

I desire also to call the attention of Synod to the subject of the revision and reprinting of our Church Hymn Book, as there are many desiring to see the Synod have her own hymn book.

That our deliberations and transactions may redound to the glory and honor of God, and the promotion of the Redeemer's kingdom is my sincere and humble prayer.

P. C. HENKEL.

The report was received and referred to the proper committee.

An election for Officers now ensued, which resulted as follows :

REV. J. R. PETERSON,	- - -	<i>President.</i>
" M. L. LITTLE,	- - - - -	<i>Rec. Secretary.</i>
" J. M. SMITH,	- - - - -	<i>Cor. Secretary.</i>
" S. HENKEL, D. D.,	- - -	<i>Treasurer.</i>
" T. MOSER,	- - - - -	<i>Treas. of Ben. Fund.</i>

Synod now adjourned for a recess of one hour.

SECOND SESSION.

THURSDAY, Nov. 13th, 2 P. M.

The roll was called. The President announced the following

Regular Committees.

1. *On President's Report.*—Revs. S. Henkel, D. D., J. M. Smith, and A. Costner, Esq.

2. *On Unfinished Business.*—Revs. R. A. Yoder, E. L. Lybrand, and Lewis Shealy.

3. *On Examination.*—Revs. P. C. Henkel, M. L. Fox, and J. C. Moser.

4. *On Letters and Petitions.*—Revs. J. K. Efird, J. C. Moser, and Capt. D. M. Wyont.

5. *On State of the Church.*—Revs. J. P. Stirewalt, J. C. Moser, and J. A. Cromer.

6. *On Treasurer's Report and Beneficiary Treasurer's Report.*—Revs. M. L. Fox, R. A. Yoder, and J. M. Rhodes, Esq.

The President called for papers, letters, and petitions pertaining to Synod. These were classed and placed into the hands of the proper committees.

The Treasurer of Synod read his report which was referred to the committee. Parochial reports were also read and handed to the Secretary.

The President read the "Standing Resolutions" and inquired after the practice of the Ministers in regard to these Resolutions. Nearly all the Ministers reported that they had complied with the requirement of Synod. Synod now resolved to consider

Petitions of Congregations for Admission into Synod.

1. A Petition from St. Michael's, Cleburne Co., Alabama, was read.

On motion, this Congregation was received.

2. A Petition from St. Andrew's, Richland Co., S. C., was read.

On motion, this congregation was received.

Adjourned Friday morning, 9 A. M. Prayer by the President.

THIRD SESSION.

FRIDAY, *Nov. 14th*, 9 A. M.

The devotional service was conducted by the President.

The roll was called and the minutes read and approved.

On motion Rev. J. Hawkins was received as corresponding delegate from the S. C. Synod, and invited to a seat within the bar of Synod. On motion Rev. E. Kaufman, of the same synod, was received as an advisory member.

Report of Committee on Letters and Petitions.

We your Committee on Letters and Petitions submit the following Report :

No. 1 is a petition from St. Michael's, Cleburne Co., Ala., in which the petitioners pray for the service of a pastor.

We recommend that this congregation be supplied, as frequently as possible, by the ministers of South Carolina.

No. 2 is a petition from St. Paul's Church, Lexington Co., S. C., reading as follows :

LEXINGTON Co., S. C.,)
October 27th, 1879. }

Whereas there are some existing difficulties at St. Paul's Church, Lexington Co., S. C., and whereas such difficulties are exerting a damaging influence upon the congregation, and if permitted to continue, will eventually destroy it ; we the members of said Church petition your honorable body to appoint a committee to investigate the troubles, adjust the matter, and if possible unite the congregation.

C. S. Keisler, E. M. Keisler, P. C. Keisler, Jacob Keisler, D. F. Keisler, A. P. Keisler, E. S. Sease, J. L. Sease, A. A. B. Keisler, Hiram Keisler, S. R. Keisler, W. M. Rauch, M. J. Hook, O. J. Hook, G. J. Hook, D. M. Hook, Joel Keisler, Sr., A. Anderson, E. B. Keisler, R. H. Leaphart, A. Griffith, P. H. Craps, J. E. Price.

We recommend that a committee of two of our ministers be appointed to inquire into the difficulties, and endeavor to adjust them if possible.

No. 3 is a petition from Concordia Congregation, Conover, N. C., praying for the examination of Mr. R. A. Yoder, as to his theological attainments, and if found qualified to ordain him at the next meeting of the N. C. Conference of our Synod. They also ask his services.

No. 4 is a petition from St. James Church, Catawba Co., N. C., also asking for the examination and ordination of Mr. R. A. Yoder. They also desire his services.

We recommend that Synod grant these petitions.

No. 5 is a petition from Concordia Congregation, Conover, N. C., praying for the next session of this body.

Nos. 6 and 7 are letters from sister Synods.

We recommend that they be read.

No. 8 is a letter from Rev. J. P. Stirewalt asking to be excused from attendance on this session of Synod.

We recommend that he be excused.

No. 10 is a letter from Rev. A. J. Fox asking to be excused from attendance on this meeting.

We recommend that the Synod excuse him.

No 11 is a letter from Rev. T. Moser asking to be excused from attending this meeting of Synod.

We recommend that he be excused.

He also states that he received of A. L. Yount a draft on the bank of Nokomis, Ill., for three hundred and twenty-five (\$325) dollars in payment of his account with the Tennessee Synod, as beneficiary. Brother Yount desires to be relieved of the interest.

We recommend that the interest be required.

Rev. T. Moser also asks what he shall do with the draft received from Rev. A. L. Yount.

We recommend that it be cashed.

No. 12 is a letter from Rev. C. H. Bernheim, of the N. C. Synod, in which he makes a report of the congregations which he serves in connection with the Tennessee Synod, in Davidson Co., N. C.

Your committee deplore the anomalous condition of those congregations.

We recommend that Rev. Bernheim be advised to find a remedy for this state of affairs, if possible.

Respectfully submitted,

J. K. EFIRD,
J. C. MOSER,
D. M. WYANT.

This Report was received to be acted on item by item.

Petitions.

Item 1. Adopted.

Item 2. Amended. (1) That the congregation make an earnest and prayerful effort to remove the troubles, and in case of failure to adjust the difficulties, that the committee be called to act, the congregation bearing the expenses of said committee. (2) That, that committee consist of one minister and one layman. Adopted as amended. Committee:—Rev. M. L. Little, and A Costner, Esq.

On motion, Rev. A. D. L. Moser, was invited to a seat within the bar of Synod.

Items 3 and 4. Adopted. Committee:—Ministers of the N. C. Conference.

Item 5. Recommendation of committee not sustained.

St. Peter's Church, Catawba Co., N. C., was chosen as the place for the next meeting of Synod.

Adjourned for recess.

FOURTH SESSION.

FRIDAY, *Nov. 14th*, 2 P. M.

During recess a sermon was delivered by Rev. Dr. M. L. Fox. Text, I Cor. 13:13. Roll called. Synod resumed business.

The President announced the following

Corresponding Delegates :

Rev. L. A. FOX, - - - -	Virginia Synod.
" J. C. MOSER, - - - -	North Carolina Synod.
" J. K. EFIRD, - - - -	South Carolina Synod.

Committee's Report on Letters and Petitions continued.

Letters.

Items 6 and 7. Recommendations not sustained.

Item 8. Adopted

Item 9. Adopted.

Item 10. (1) T. Moser excused. (2) Amended—interest charged from September, 1878 to the time the check was received by the Treasurer Adopted as amended. (3) Adopted.

Item 11. Amended.—That those congregations be advised to find a remedy for this state of affairs, by procuring a minister in connection with our Synod.

Report of Committee on Unfinished Business.

The committee made the following report :

We, your committee on unfinished business, beg leave to report that :

1. On page 9 we find that two committees were appointed, one in North Carolina, Revs. J. R. Peterson and M. L. Little, and one in Virginia, Revs. S. Henkel, D. D., and J. S. Bennick, to look after church property; are they ready to report?

2. On page 9 we find that Revs. Dr. M. L. Fox, Paul Stirewalt, J. S. Bennick and A. L. Crouse, were appointed a committee to make some inquiries concerning Concordia High School, upon what terms it could be made the property of Synod, etc.; is that committee ready to report?

3. On page 12, we find that a committee was appointed to examine and ordain R. A. Yoder: we ask what has been done in this matter.

4. On page 10, we find the continuation of a committee to collect all minutes and pamphlets, etc.; is that committee ready to report?

5. On page 12, we find that it was made the business of the N. C. Conference of this Synod to assist New Jerusalem Congregation in securing pastoral services of one of our ministers; what was done?

6. On page 13, we find that Rev. P. C. Henkel was appointed delegate to the N. C. Synod; did he attend their meeting?

7. On page 13, we find that Rev. S. Henkel was appointed delegate to the Virginia Synod: did he attend?

Respectfully submitted,

R. A. YODER,
E. L. LYBRAND,
LEWIS SHEALY.

On motion, this report was received for action item by item.

Item 1. Committee continued.

Item 2. Committee not ready to report.

Item 3. No request for ordination.

Item 4. Committee continued.

Item 5. Nothing done.

Items 6 and 7. Delegates did not comply.

On motion, a committee was appointed to report some plan by which the Synod's Mission Work may be transferred to the Conferences. Committee:—Revs. J. C. Moser, E. L. Lybrand, and P. Killian, Esq.

On motion, the President was added to this committee. Adjourned till 7 P. M., with benediction.

FIFTH SESSION.

FRIDAY, Nov. 14th, 7 P. M.

The roll was called and Synod resumed business.

The President appointed the following

Committee on Examination:

REVS. S. HENKEL, D. D., and L. A. FOX, Virginia.

“ J. M. SMITH and M. L. LITTLE, North Carolina.

“ D. EFIRD and A. L. CROUSE, South Carolina.

Report of the Committee on the Transfer of the Missionary Work to the Conferences.

The committee made the following report:

The committee on the transfer of the mission work of Synod to the Conferences present the following resolutions:

Resolved:—1st. That the mission work of this Synod be transferred to the several Conferences.

2nd. That the Conferences be urged to engage earnestly and actively in this work under such regulations as may to them seem best.

3d. That it be the duty of the Conference to make a report of the work done, to the annual sessions of Synod.

J. C. MOSER,
E. L. LYBRAND,
P. KILLIAN,
J. R. PETERSON.

This report was adopted.

Report of Committee on Treasurer's Report and Beneficiary Treasurer's Report.

We your committee appointed to examine the Treasurer's report and the report of the Treasurer of beneficiary fund, have examined them and we find them to be correct.

M. L. FOX,
R. A. YODER.
J. M. RHODES.

This report was received and adopted.

On motion,

THURSDAY BEFORE THE SECOND SUNDAY IN NOVEMBER, 1880, was fixed as the time for the next meeting of Synod.

The resolution in regard to the publication of Minutes adopted at the last meeting of Synod was amended by adding—"and a copy to each of our beneficiaries." As amended, this resolution was adopted:

It was moved that the Treasurer have a sufficient number of copies of the minutes of this convention of Synod printed to supply the calls for them, and to furnish each minister of this Synod with three copies, each General Body of Lutherans in this country, the Synods in correspondence with this body, our Institutions of learning, and our Lutheran Publications two copies each, and our beneficiaries one copy each.

Appropriation for Beneficiary Education.

1. On motion, Mr. Thomas C. Armentrout, McGaheysville, Va., was received as a Beneficiary student, and an appropriation of seventy dollars was made for his use. He was directed to continue his studies in the Polytechnic Institute, New Market, Va.

2. On motion, Mr. Willie A. Smith, Conover, Catawba Co., N. C., was received as a beneficiary student, and an ap-

propriation of fifty dollars was made to him. He was directed to continue his studies at Concordia High School, Conover, N. C.*

3. On motion, Mr. D. A. Sox, Reeder's Store, Lexington Co., S. C., was received as a beneficiary student, and an appropriation of fifty dollars was made to him. He was directed to pursue his studies at Concordia High School.

Rev. M. L. Little gave notice that he would offer an amendment on to-morrow to the second article of "The Regulations for the government of the Synod's Beneficiary Work," which amendment was read before Synod.

Adjourned, to meet at 9 o'clock to-morrow, with benediction.

SIXTH SESSION.

SATURDAY, Nov. 15th, 9 A. M.

The devotional service was conducted by Rev. J. C. Moser. The roll was called and the minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

The following resolutions of thanks were passed:

Resolved: That the thanks of this body are expressed to the C. C. & A. R. R., the Chester & Lenoir Narrow Gauge R. R., and C. C. R. R., for favors done us in coming to and returning from Synod.

Resolved: That it be made the duty of the President to return, verbally, on to-morrow morning after divine service, the most sincere thanks of this body to the members of this congregation for the many acts of kindness they have so generally extended to us, and the good music they have furnished us during our sojourn in their midst.

On motion, the excuses of absent members were considered and acted upon.

Rev. I. Conder, not excused.

" J. N. Stirewalt, not excused.

" J. S. Bennick, not excused.

" J. W. Hausenfluck, not excused.

Amendment to Article II of Regulations for the Government of Synod's Beneficiary Work.

Resolved, That every application for Beneficiary aid be made to the President of the Synod who, upon such application, shall appoint a com-

*[We learn, that after mature consideration, Mr. Wm. A. Smith has concluded, that it is better for him not to accept the amount appropriated for his benefit, at this time.—PUBS.]

mittee to examine the applicant or applicants according to the requirements contained in the Synod's Regulations for Beneficiary Work, and it shall be the duty of this committee to examine and report the result of the examination to the President of the Synod, who shall, if * approved by the committee, recommend such applicant or applicants to the favorable attention of Synod.

Ordination Certificates.

WHEREAS, This Synodical body has no neatly printed ordination certificates for her ministers as they are ordained,

Resolved, That a committee of two be appointed to get up a new form to be submitted to next meeting of Synod.

Committee, Revs. S. Henkel, D. D., and L. A. Fox.

Report of the Executive Committee of Missions.

The Committee made the following report :

The committee of missions have had no meeting during the year, and, but little work has been done in this field.

Soon after the rising of last Synod, Rev. A. L. Crouse was authorized to attend to the spiritual wants of Lutheran families who are without regular Lutheran pastoral care.

During the year just passed Rev. A. L. Crouse organized two congregations, one in Cleburne Co., Ala., with 47 members, and another in Richland county, S. C., with about 20 members. As no application for pecuniary aid was asked from Synod, the missionary has been laboring at his own expense ; while thus laboring he contracted a debt of twenty dollars, besides his loss of two weeks time.

Your committee recommend that Synod make an appropriation sufficient to relieve Rev. Crouse of his indebtedness, and compensate him for his loss of time.

Respectfully submitted,

P. C. HENKEL

J. R. PETERSON.

The report was received and adopted. The Missionary was allowed Fifteen Dollars for his services. The money—the debt of Twenty Dollars and the Fifteen Dollars for services—was ordered to be paid by the several Conferences, each Conference bearing one-third of the expense.

Report of Committee on Examination.

We, your Committee on Examination report that we have examined Mr. R. A. Yoder as to his qualifications to bear the office of the Holy Min-

istry, and finding him well qualified, we recommend that he be ordained by the Committee already appointed for that purpose.

Respectfully submitted,

P. C. HENKEL,
M. L. FOX,
J. C. MOSER.

This report was received and approved.

A vote of thanks was tendered to Rev. A. L. Crouse for printing the daily proceedings of Synod.

Report of the Committee on President's Report.

We, the committee appointed to report on the President's Report, submit the following:

I. The President suggests the importance of devising a plan, by which more ministerial labor can be brought into requisition.

In regard to this, we submit, that the change made relative to our missionary work, may be so utilized as to secure a greater amount of such labor.

II. Relative to education with a view to prepare persons for the ministry, the President calls attention to the High School at Conover, Catawba Co., North Carolina.

With respect to this matter, a committee was appointed at last Synod to see whether that school can be placed under the control and supervision of Synod.

We deem a recommendation, on our part, unnecessary, relative to that matter, as no doubt the committee will report at the proper time.

III. The President recommends the consideration of the doctrine and worship of secret societies.

In reference to these matters, we suggest the following:

WHEREAS, This Synod is invested only with advisory power; and whereas the general policy of this Synod has not been to encourage such doctrines, worship or fellowship, be it

Resolved 1. That this Synod, as we have, so far as we know, no minister now in affiliation with such societies, we advise all who may be looking to the office of the ministry in connection with this Synod, not to associate or hold fellowship with any societies that practice a deistic worship or service, to the disparagement of the adoration due Jesus Christ, or that comes in conflict with the orthodox worship of the church, or that set up a plan of salvation coming in conflict with that set forth in Divine Revelation, through the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, as the Mediator between God and man; as it is the sentiment of this Synod that such could not be received.

2. That we regard these matters as subjects for investigation and instruction, and our ministers are advised to give such information as they may deem proper, when it is desired.

With respect to altar and pulpit fellowship, it is the sentiment of this Synod, that our ministers and people adhere to the practice set forth in the

Confessions of the Church, using all necessary precaution, prudence, and judiciousness in the exercise of such privileges, lest the sacredness of the altar and pulpit be violated, or the consciences of any be oppressed, and reference should always be had to the preparation designated in the Augsburg Confession, Article eleven, and in Luther's Catechism, where it is said, "Let a man examine himself," etc., and "He only is truly worthy and well prepared, who has faith in these words," etc.

In regard to Chiliaism, we would simply say, it is clearly rejected in the 17th Article of the Augsburg Confession.

IV. Relative to the allusion in the President's report, to certain articles in the Constitution of Synod; we would simply remark that organic laws should be seldom changed, and as no proposition has been made, in accordance with the 8th Article of the said constitution, for any change or alteration, no action is required on the part of the Synod.

V. With respect to the matter of revising and publishing our Church Hymn Book, we deem the action taken by our Synod last year, all that we could recommend.

Respectfully submitted.

S. HENKEL,
J. M. SMITH,
A. COSTNER.

On motion, this report was received to be acted on item by item. The report was adopted, item by item, without any change.

Adjourned for recess. Prayer by the President.

SEVENTH SESSION.

SATURDAY, Nov. 15th, 3 P. M.

The roll was called and business resumed.

The Secretary offered the following resolution concerning

Our Church Paper.

Resolved, That this Synod recommend to all the families of the Synod *Our Church Paper*, and especially urge it upon the Ministers to endeavor to extend its circulation and thereby widen its sphere of usefulness.

The resolution was adopted.

The Committee appointed at the last meeting of Synod to confer with the Trustees of Concordia High School in order to ascertain upon what terms this school could be made the property of Synod, submitted the terms obtained from said Trustees. This committee was discharged at its own request, and the following resolution was adopted:

WHEREAS, The committee appointed at last Synod were discharged, and,

WHEREAS, The proprietors of the Concordia High School, at Conover, N. C., is desirous to be under the supervision and control of this Synod, and,

WHEREAS, We need a School of that grade under church influence, and the Synod would rejoice at seeing such arrangement, be it

Resolved, That a committee of two be appointed to take the initiary steps in co-operation with the proprietors of the school, to bring about this result, and report to the next meeting of Synod.

Committee: Revs. S. Henkel, D. D., and J. C. Moser.

The committee on State of the Church was excused from making a report.

Synod now adjourned to meet at the time and place appointed.

Closing exercises by the President.



Summary of Sermons.

Prof. R. A. Yoder preached, Nov. 13, 7 P. M.—Text : Isaiah 35, 8.

Rev. Dr. M. L. Fox preached, Nov. 14, 12 M.—Text : I Cor. 13, 13.

“ J. C. Moser preached, Nov. 15, 7 P. M.—Text : St. John 3, 16.

“ S. Henkel, D. D., preached, Nov. 16, 10½ A. M.—Text : Heb. 10, 24.

“ J. M. Smith preached, Nov. 16, 2 P. M.—Text : I Cor. 11, 1, 2.

“ M. L. Little preached, Nov. 16, 6½ P. M.—Text : Luke 23, 46.

The religious services were well attended, and the seed sown will doubtless bring forth its fruit in due season. In addition to the regular services of Sunday, Confession and Absolution were attended to and the Holy Communion administered to a goodly number of communicants.

“Not unto us, not unto us, O, Lord, but unto thy name give glory for thy mercy and for thy truth's sake.” Amen.

M. L. LITTLE, *Secretary*.

Reports.

Treasurer's Report.

J. PAUL STIREWALT,

In account with the

EVANG. LUTH. TENNESSEE SYNOD.

1878.		
Aug. 30,	To cash of Rev. D. Efird, former Treasurer,	\$71 50
“	“ Amount received at Synod for Minutes.....	50 70
Sept. 3,	“ of Rev. L. A. Fox for Missions, &c.....	12 50
		\$134 70

1878.		CR.
Sept. 10,	By cash to Henkel & Co., for printing Minutes of 1877, due from Rev. D. Efird, former Treasurer.....	\$12 39
Sept. 10,	By cash to Henkel & Co., for printing Minutes of 1878.....	45 00
Sept. 10,	By amount over paid Henkel & Co., and subject to the order of Synod...	27 61
Dec. 9,	By amount paid F. Zeiler, postage on Minutes	4 74
		\$89 74

1879.		
Nov. 7,	Balance in hand at this time subject to order of Synod	\$44 96

Respectfully submitted,

J. PAUL STIREWALT,

Treasurer.

Report of Treasurer of Beneficiary Education Fund.

REV. A. L. YOUNT,

In account with

EVAN. LUTH. TENNESSEE SYNOD.

1873.									Dr.
June 15,	To cash	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	\$50 00
Sept. 27,	"	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	25 00
1874.									
April 22,	To cash	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	43 00
" 23,	"	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	30 85
Sept. 3,	"	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	61 20
Nov. 16,	"	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10 00
1875.									
Jan. 18,	To cash	60 00
Feb. 9,	"	4 00
May 17,	"	20 00
July 28,	"	6 00
1876.									
Jan. 13,	To cash	14 00
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									\$324 05
1876. Feb. 18,	To cash for missionary services allowed by Synod							\$50 00
1878.									Cr.
May 2,	Draft on Bank..	.....	.....						\$325.00

Respectfully submitted,

T. MOSER,

Treasurer of Beneficiary Education Fund.

Treasurer's Agent's Report.

Rev. S. HENKEL, Virginia Agent for Rev. T. Moser,

Treasurer of Beneficiary Fund of Evan. Luth. Tennessee Synod.

1879.

Nov.,	To amount appropriated to J. W. Nauman, which he did not accept, as he entered into other business.....	\$50 00
Jan. 25,	To amount from Rev. J. W. Hausenfluck's charge.....	2 50
Nov. 8,	" from Rev. J. P. Stirewalt's charge.....	8 02
Nov. 2,	" from Rev. S. Henkel's charge.....	3 24
Nov. 10,	" from Emmanuel, Rev. S. Henkel's charge.....	6 50

T. MOSER, Treasurer of Beneficiary Education Fund,

In account with

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN TENNESSEE SYNOD.

1879. May 2,	Received of Rev. A. L. Yount on his indebtedness to Synod, draft, Bank, Nokomis, Ill., for	\$325
	To Importers and Traders National Bank, New York.	

As there were no orders from the President the above still remains in my hands.

Respectfully submitted,

T. MOSER,

Treasurer Beneficiary Education Fund.

PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

MINISTERS REPORTING.

MINISTERS REPORTING.	Entered the Ministry.	Congregations.	Communicants.	Confirmations.	Adult Baptisms.	Infant Baptisms.	Letters.	Deaths.	Expulsions.	Sunday Schools.	Teachers.	Scholars.	Removals.	Synodical.	Ben. Education.	Curr'nt Exp'nses.	Other Objects.	Mission'ry Fund.
1. REV. A. J. FOX.....	1837	3	430	9	1	46	...	13	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	\$400	\$1800	\$50 00
2. " J. R. PETERSON,	1843	5	528	14	1	36	...	4	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
3. " P. C. HENKEL,	1843	8	1100	127	13	165	...	33	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
4. " T. MOSER,	1844	4	160	2	1	17	...	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
5. " D. EFIRD,†.....	1847	7	990	36	5	113	...	24	...	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
6. " S. HENKEL, D. D.,.....	1850	2	230	8	5	17	...	4	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	8 01
7. " J. M. SMITH, *.....	1856	6	711	36	1	66	...	18	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
8. " I. CONDOR,.....	1861	4	210	9	1	6	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
9. " L. A. FOX,.....	1864	1	102	4	2	5	...	6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
10. " J. S. BENNIC,	1866	6	650	40	5	40	...	19	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
11. " M. L. FOX,.....	1871	3	150	9	1	10	...	3	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
12. " A. L. CROUSE,†.....	1871	2	100	14	1	25	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
13. " J. N. STIREWALT,	1871	4	373	27	11	34	...	16	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
14. " M. L. LITTLE,.....	1873	5	850	31	1	82	...	12	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
15. " J. C. MOSER,.....	1873	5	240	14	2	19	...	3	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
16. " J. P. STIREWALT,	1873	4	280	19	2	21	...	6	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
17. " J. K. EFIRD,.....	1877	2	251	24	2	32	...	4	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
18. " J. W. HAUSENFLOCK,	1876	2	134	9	3	14	...	5	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
ALABAMA MISSION†, .....	.....	1	47	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	20 00	.....	.....

†Assisted by J. A. Cromer and E. L. Lybrand

*Assisted by R. A. Yoder.

†Rev. Crouse serves Alabama Mission.

NOTE.—Some of our Ministers have failed to report.

Standing Resolutions.

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THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN TENNESSEE SYNOD assembled in its sixtieth annual convention in St. Peter's Church, Catawba County, N. C., on Thursday, 11th day of November, 1880. A sermon was preached by Rev. J. Paul Stirewalt from Matt. 11:28, after which the meeting was called to order by the President, Rev. J. R. Peterson. Rev. J. C. Moser was chosen Secretary, *pro tem*. The roll of ministers was called and absentees noted.

Ministers.

NAMES.	RESIDENCES.
1 Rev. A. J. Fox,	Lincolnton, N. C.
2 " J. R. PETERSON,	Dallas, N. C.
3 " T. MOSER,	Mt. Pleasant, N. C.
4 " P. C. HENKEL,	Conover, N. C.
5 " S. HENKEL, D. D.,	New Market, Va.
6 " D. EFIRD,	Pine Ridge, S. C.
7 " J. M. SMITH,	Conover, N. C.
8 " I. CONDOR, †	McGaheysville, Va.
9 " J. N. STIREWALT, †	Stony Man, Va.
10 " J. S. BENNIC, *	Forestville, Va.
11 " M. L. FOX,	Sandy Creek, N. C.
12 " J. C. MOSER,	China Grove, N. C.
13 " M. L. LITTLE, *	Lincolnton, N. C.
14 " L. A. FOX,	Waynesboro, Va.
15 " A. L. CROUSE,	Summit, S. C.
16 " J. P. STIREWALT, ..	New Market, Va.
17 " J. W. HAUSENLUCK, *	Grove Hill, Va.
18 " E. L. LYBRAND,	Columbia, S. C.
19 " J. K. EFIRD, †	Summit, S. C.
20 " J. A. CROMER,	Columbia, S. C.
21 " R. A. YODER,	Conover, N. C.
22 " C. H. BERNHEIM,	Lexington, N. C.

*Excused.

†Not excused.

The certificates of Lay-delegates were called for and the following presented credentials :

Lay-Delegates.

NAMES.	CHURCHES REPRESENTED.
J. L. WAGNER,.....	St. Martin's, Iredell, N. C.
SILAS BOST,	Sharon, " "
TOBIAS BARNES,....	Salem, Alexander, "
D. M. PUETT,.....	Bold Spring, "
W. W. FRY,.....	Friendship, "
C. T. SIGMON,.....	St. Peter's, "
J. M. MILLER,.....	St. Stephen's "
NOAH HAWN,	Zion, "
D. W. MOOSE,	Piney Grove, "
F. L. HERMAN,.....	St. Paul's, "
LOGAN DELLINGER.	St. John's, "
G. M. YODER.....	Grace, "
M. L. CLINE,..	Hickory, "
M. HALLMAN.....	St. Luke's, "
CALEB RHODES,....	Salem, Lincoln, N. C.
LEVI HASS,.....	Trinity, " "
HENRY SETZER.....	Philadelphia, Gaston, N. C.
W. M. ROBINSON...	Lutheran Chapel, "
Q. Y. STROUP.....	Christ's, "
D. V. CLIPPARD....	Salem, Lincoln, "
S. H. EFIED,.....	St. Martin's, Stanley, "
J. P. GOODMAN,....	Phanuel, "
PHILIP FISHER	Morning Star, "
D. A. GOODMAN....	Concordia, "
M. E. RUDISILL,....	St. Mark's, Catawba, "
P. W. CARPENTER.	Bethphage, "
H. C. GOODMAN, ...	St. Mark's, Rowan, "
H. H. CONRAD,.....	Pilgrim and Emanuel. "
GEORGE HEDRICK,.	New Jerusalem and Beck's, N. C.
LAWSON LINK,.....	Philadelphia, Caldwell, "
J. W. SUMMER,	St John's, St. Peter's, St. Jacob's and Bethlehem, S. C.
J. W. CRAPS,.....	St. James' and St. Thomas', S. C.
G. F. DRAFTS,.....	St. Andrew's, Zion, and St. Paul's, S. C.
D. A. SOX,.....	Emmanuel, S. C.
D. S. HENKEL,.....	Emmanuel and Mt. Zion, Va.
J. M. ROBERTS,.....	St. Matthew's, N. C.
A. M. HUIT.....	St. James', "

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

Rev. S. HENKEL, D. D.,	President.
“ J. C. MOSER,	Rec. Secretary.
“ J. R. PETERSON,	Cor. Secretary.
“ J. M. SMITH,	Treasurer.

The retiring President then read his Annual Report.

President's Report.

To the Members of the Evangelical Lutheran Tennessee Synod in Convention assembled: Grace, mercy, and peace, from God our Father and Jesus Christ our Lord.

DEAR BRETHREN:

Our thanks are due the Triune God for that kind providence, which has watched over us during the year now ending, and for the privilege of again meeting in the capacity of a Synod. The lives of our ministers have been spared; and with a single exception, their health has been such as to enable them to perform their accustomed labors. One dear brother, (Rev. M. L. Little) has, for months, lain upon a sick bed from which he is slowly recovering. Our prayers should ascend to the throne of grace, in behalf of our afflicted brother.

During the Synodical Year, I have been called upon to perform but few official acts.

Beneficiaries.—Concerning beneficiaries, Messrs. T. E. Armentrout and D. A. Sox, I have had satisfactory information. Mr. Armentrout is pursuing his studies at the Polytechnic Institute, New Market, Va. His progress in study has been commendable, and his character and prospects entirely satisfactory. No call was made upon me for an order upon the Treasurer of Beneficiary Fund in his favor, but Rev. S. Henkel, D. D., informed me that he paid the amount appropriated by Synod for his benefit out of money in his hands, belonging to Synod. Mr. Armentrout asks an additional appropriation of \$75.00 or \$100.00. I recommend that an appropriation be made.

Mr. Sox is pursuing his studies at Concordia High School, Catawba Co., N. C. His progress in his studies during the year has been quite satisfactory. His Christian character is above reproach and his prospect for usefulness is encouraging. On the 3rd day of August last, I gave an order upon the Treasurer of Beneficiary Fund for \$50—the amount appropriated for his benefit by the last Synod. He asks of Synod an appropriation for the incoming year. I recommend that the necessary appropriation be made.

Church Dedication.—On Sunday, the 3rd day of October, during a meeting of the N. C. Conference of this Synod, a new church, situated in the northern part of Rowan County, N. C., was dedicated to the service of the Triune God, to be known as St. Mark's Evangelical Lutheran Church.

This church is under the pastoral care of Rev. J. C. Moser and will be presented to this convention for admission as an integral member of Synod.

And now, brethren, thanking you for the confidence you have reposed in me and for the forbearance you have exercised toward me in the imperfect manner in which I have served you, I commend you to God and the word of his grace and invoke for your guidance the direction of the Holy Spirit, to whom with the Father and Son, be all honor and glory ascribed, world without end.

J. R. PETERSON, PRESIDENT.

The report was received and referred to the proper committee.

The president announced the following

Regular Committees.

1. *On President's Report.*—Revs. P. C. Henkel, J. M. Smith, and Mr. Silas Bost.

2. *On Unfinished Business.*—Revs. J. R. Peterson, T. Moser, and Mr. Logan Dellinger.

3. *On Examination.*—Revs. A. J. Fox, T. Moser, and A. L. Crouse.

4. *On Letters and Papers.*—Revs. J. M. Smith, J. A. Cromer, and G. M. Yoder.

5. *On State of the Church.*—Revs. L. A. Fox, D. Efrid, and R. A. Yoder.

6. *On Treasurer's and Beneficiary Treasurer's Report.*—Messrs. D. S. Henkel, C. T. Sigman, and Franklin Herman.

The papers, letters and petitions intended for Synod were called for. These were classed and placed in the hands of the proper committees.

Synod now adjourned until Friday morning, 9 o'clock. Benediction by the President.

SECOND SESSION.

FRIDAY MORNING, 9 O'CLOCK.

Synod was opened with religious exercises by Rev. A. L. Crouse. The roll was called, and the minutes were read and adopted. Rev. L. A. Fox arrived.

Report of Committee on Unfinished Business.

We the committee on unfinished business have examined the minutes of last Synod and refer

1. To page 9, and recommend Synod to inquire whether the committee appointed to adjust the troubles then existing in St. Paul's Church, Lexington Co., S. C., were called upon to act; and if so, what has been the result.

2. We refer to page 10, Item 11 on Letters, and recommend that inquiry be made whether any changes have been made since last Synod in the relations existing between Rev. C. H. Bernheim and the congregations served by him and belonging to this Synod.

3. We refer to page 12, and recommend Synod to inquire what has been done in mission work by the several Conferences of this Synod, since the last meeting.

4. On page 14, we find that a committee was appointed to prepare a new form of ordination certificate, and report to this committee. Is that committee prepared to report?

5. We refer to page 17, and recommend Synod to inquire whether the committee appointed to report upon a transfer of Concordia High School to this Synod is prepared to report as required by Synod.

J. R. PETERSON,

T. MOSER,

LOGAN DELLINGER.

The report was received and considered by items.

Item 1. Passed by.

Item 2. Postponed until the committee on letters and petitions report.

Item 3. It was moved that the representatives of the several Conferences be required to report on to-morrow with regard to this item.

Item 4. The committee not being ready to report was continued.

Item 5. Postponed until to-morrow 10 A. M. This report was adopted as far as acted upon.

The Report of the Committee on President's Report.

We your committee, appointed to examine the President's report, beg leave to state that there is nothing in it to demand the special action of Synod further than its recommendations in regard to our beneficiaries.—We respectfully recommend that the recommendation of the President be approved.

P. C. HENKEL,

J. M. SMITH,

SILAS BOST.

son County, N. C., stating that the condition of the Church is good, and that they have selected Rev. C. H. Bernheim as their pastor.

No. 12 is an honorable dismissal of C. H. Bernheim from the N. C. Synod to the Tennessee Synod. We recommend that he be received as a member of Synod.

J. M. SMITH,
J. A. CROMER,
G. M. YODER.

On motion, this report was received and acted upon by item.

Item 1. The recommendation of the committee was sustained.

Item 2. In reference to this item it was moved that the next session of this Synod be held in Emmanuel Church, in New Market, Va. St. Mary's Pine Church was put in competition with Emmanuel.

Place and Time of Next Meeting.

EMMANUEL CHURCH, New Market, Va., was chosen as the place of the next meeting of Synod. Saturday before the second Sunday in September, was fixed as the time of next meeting.

The rules were suspended and item 12 was taken up.

Item 12. It was moved that the recommendation of the committee be sustained.

Rev. C. H. Bernheim was unanimously received as a member of this Synod.

Item 3. The recommendation of the committee was sustained. St. Mark's Evang. Lutheran Church, Rowan Co., N. C., and its delegate were received.

Pending the consideration of this report Synod adjourned until Saturday morning, 8 o'clock. Benediction by Rev. T. Moser.

FOURTH SESSION.

SATURDAY, 10 A. M.

Synod met, and was opened with devotional exercises by Rev. M. L. Fox. The roll was called, and the minutes of yesterday's session were read, corrected and adopted.

The Committee on the reception of Concordia High

School under care of Synod, which was made the special order for 10 o'clock this morning, reported.

This report was received.

Pending the discussion of this subject, Synod adjourned until after the recess. Benediction by Rev. M. L. Fox.

During the recess a funeral discourse was preached by Rev. T. Moser. Text: 1 Thess. 4, 13-18; 2 Cor. 5, 8.

FIFTH SESSION.

Candidate J. B. Fox was received as an advisory member. The following resolution was substituted for the report of the committee on the reception of Concordia High School.

Resolution on the Reception of Concordia High School under Care of Synod.

WHEREAS, The Trustees of Concordia High School, Conover, N. C., have made a proposition to Synod to take the Institution under her care and supervision, and

WHEREAS, It is the desire and wish of this Synod to have an Institution of learning in her connection, therefore,

Resolved, That a Committee of three, on the part of Synod, be appointed to confer with the Trustees of said school, and prepare an agreement which may serve as a basis upon which said school may become the recognized Institution of Synod, and that this committee be required to report to the next session of Synod.

Resolved further, That we hereby recommend Concordia High School to the members of our Church, and to the public generally, as a school of meritorious character.

Adopted.

The President appointed the following persons on this committee: Revs. J. C. Moser, J. R. Peterson, and C. H. Bernheim.

On motion, A. Costner, Esq., and Mr. O. T. Sigman were added to this committee.

Report of the Committee on the Examination of Mr. J. A. Rudisill.

We, your committee, appointed to examine applicant J. A. Rudisill in reference to his qualifications to become a beneficiary of Synod, report that we have discharged that duty, and are well pleased with the brother, and recommend that he be taken under care of Synod, and directed and sustained according to our beneficiary regulations.

T. MOSER.

A. L. CROUSE.

The committee, appointed to take into consideration the revised Constitution laid before Synod on Thursday, made the following:

Report of Committee on Proposed Amendments to the Constitution and By-Laws of Synod.

We, the committee, appointed to consider the amendments proposed to be made to the Constitution and By-Laws of Synod, submit the following:

Constitution—That Article 3, Sec. 1, be so amended as to read, This Synod shall be composed of congregations represented by their pastors and lay-delegates. The lay-delegates shall be appointed by the congregations in connection with this Synod, to represent them in the synodical meetings.

We recommend, that Sec. 5 of Article 3 be transferred to Article 6, Sec. 2 of the By-Laws.

That Sec. 1 of Article 4, be amended by striking out all in said Sec., after the words "finding them guilty," and by inserting in their place, the following: to expel from Synod such as refuse to repent, after due admonition, and recommend his congregation or congregations to sever his pastoral or ministerial relations.

That Section 2 of Article 4, be stricken out.

That Section 3, Article 4, be amended by striking out the words "by a majority of the members voting," and the word "appointing," shall be changed to appoint.

By-Laws—In regard to the By-Laws, we recommend the following amendments:

That Sections 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7 of Article 4, be stricken out and the following substituted:

Sec. 2.—Should any member of the Church know a minister to be guilty of a private offense, he shall reprove him according to (Matth. 18, 15.) And if in the process, as required in this text, he be restored fully to the favor of his charge, or congregation, as to his membership and fitness to perform the functions of the ministry, the matter should rest here; but if his offense shall have been of such a serious character, in violating the principles of piety, rules of morality, or errors in the fundamental doctrines of our church, and the decision of the congregation or charge shall not have been satisfactory to the Synod, Synod shall investigate the matter, and if in her judgment, his offense has been such as to disqualify him to discharge the functions of the ministry, she shall sever his synodical relation, and recommend the congregation or congregations to sever his pastoral or ministerial relations; and any congregation refusing to do so, its connection with this Synod shall be dissolved.

Sec. 3.—In the event of an offense committed by a minister of this Synod, requiring the aid of Synod to adjust it satisfactorily, the member

or members acquainted with the facts in the case, shall immediately inform the president of Synod, who shall call without delay a session of Synod, if two ministers and two laymen request it, to be held in one of the congregations of the accused.

The president shall notify specially the parties of the call session and enjoin it upon them to appear at the time and place appointed, prepared to furnish all the testimony for and against the accused. When all the evidence shall have been collected, the Synod shall proceed to give the subject a fair, candid, and impartial investigation, and dispose of it according to the evidence in the case.

Sec. 4.—If a minister against whom serious charges are preferred be duly notified and he refuse to attend the meeting appointed to investigate his case, his connection with Synod shall be severed, and his charge advised to sever his pastoral and ministerial relations.

That Section 2 of Article 5, be stricken out.

That Section 3 of Article 5, be stricken out, and the following be substituted in its place:

Sec. 3.—Whenever one or more congregations make application for the services of a candidate for the ministry, he shall be carefully examined in reference to his literary and theological attainments. If he sustains the examination to the satisfaction of Synod he shall be ordained to the office of pastor according to Article IV, Sec. 3 of Constitution.

That Section 4 of Article 5 be stricken out.

That relative to the Reception of Ministers or Candidates for the Ministry, and Altar and Pulpit Fellowship, we recommend that the following, known as the Summit Rule, be adhered to, which reads as follows:

This Synod is invested only with advisory power; and whereas the general policy of this Synod has not been to encourage such doctrines, worship or fellowship, be it

Resolved 1. That this Synod; as we have, so far as we know, no minister now in affiliation with such societies, we advise all who may be looking to the office of the ministry in connection with this Synod, not to associate or hold fellowship with any societies that practice a deistic worship or service, to the disparagement of the adoration due Jesus Christ, or that comes in conflict with the orthodox worship of the church, or that set up a plan of salvation coming in conflict with that set forth in Divine Revelation, through the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, as the Mediator between God and man; as it is the sentiment of this Synod that such could not be received.

2. That we regard these matters as subjects for investigation and instruction, and our ministers are advised to give such information as they may deem proper, when it is desired.

With respect to altar and pulpit fellowship, it is the sentiment of this Synod, that our ministers and people adhere to the practice set forth in the Confessions of the Church, using all necessary precaution, prudence, and judiciousness in the exercise of such privileges, lest the sacredness of the

altar and pulpit be violated, or the consciences of any be oppressed, and reference should always be had to the preparation designated in the Augsburg Confession, Article eleven, and in Luther's Catechism, where it is said, "Let a man examine himself," etc., and "He only is truly worthy and well prepared, who has faith in these words," etc.

In regard to Chiliaism, we would simply say, it is clearly rejected in the 17th Article of the Augsburg Confession.

S. HENKEL,
A. L. CROUSE,
P. C. HENKEL

NOT BEING SATISFIED,
T. MOSER,
R. A. YODER.

This report was received and considered section by section.

The amendment to Article 3, Sec. 1, was rejected.—Revs. P. C. Henkel and J. M. Smith asked to have their names recorded in the affirmative.

Rev. D. Efird was excused from further attendance on the sessions of this Synod.

On motion, Synod adjourned to meet Monday morning at 9 o'clock. Benediction by the President.

Sunday Services.

At 10 A. M. a very large congregation having assembled, Rev. S. Henkel, D. D., preached on the subject of the Lord's Supper, Text, Acts 18: 21. After the sermon the Holy Communion was administered to a very large number of communicants. After a recess Rev. C. H. Bernheim preached from Gen. 7: 1. Great interest was manifested in these services, and we trust much good was done in the name of Jesus and for his glory.

SIXTH SESSION.

MONDAY MORNING, 9 O'CLOCK.

Synod met at the appointed hour. The devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. J. P. Stirewalt. The roll was called.

Excuses of absentees were heard.

Rev. I. Conder was not excused.

Rev. J. N. Stirewalt was not excused.

Rev. J. S. Bennick was excused.

Rev. M. L. Little was excused.

Rev. J. W. Hausenfluck was not excused.

Rev. J. K. Efird was not excused.

Resolution of Thanks.

Resolved, That our heartfelt thanks are due the good people of this congregation for their exceedingly kind and hospitable treatment during our stay amongst them.

Continuance of the Report on Letters and Petitions.

Items 6, 7, 8, and 9 were re-committed to the Committee on the State of the Church.

Item 10. In reference to this item, Synod adopted the following resolution :

Inasmuch as Synod is not in possession of all the facts, she deems it unwise to give advice in that particular case.

The report was adopted as a whole.

The Corresponding Delegate to the S. C. Synod reported that he was in attendance upon the last meeting of that body, and that Rev. Prof. G. W. Holland was appointed delegate to this meeting with J. A. Sligh alternate.

The Corresponding Delegate to the N. C. Synod reported that he had discharged the duty imposed upon him.

Report of the Committee on the State of the Church.

Your Committee are able to report reasonably favorable on the state of the congregations in connection with our Synod in the State of Virginia. The spirit of liberality is being manifested to a greater degree than in former years. The ministers are actively and zealously engaged in the work of the Master's Vineyard, and their efforts have been crowned with an eminent degree of success. But one slight change in pastoral relation, has taken place, and that only temporarily. In one congregation there is a little discord between Pastor and members of the congregation; but as far as our information goes, no serious trouble is likely to result from this difficulty. With this single exception, our congregations, in this part of our Synod, enjoy a reasonable share of prosperity. The increase in membership has been good.

Relative to the state of the Church in North Carolina, we, your Committee, regret that we are not able to make upon the whole a very favor-

able report. In some portions of the Church here the work is being carried forward with some degree of efficiency and zeal. But most of our pastoral charges are much too large, and more laborers are greatly needed, in order that our Church work may be prosecuted with that degree of efficiency which the nature of the work demands. Among our ministers, both personally and in our Church work, there is not that entire harmony which is desirable. We believe, however, that the outlook for more laborers, more effectual work, and greater unity and harmony is improving.

Our congregations in South Carolina, are doing tolerably well. There seems to be more harmony existing among the congregations—with one exception—than has been for some years past. All our congregations in this State are regularly supplied with divine services; and in most of the congregations, the children are being catechised. Our members attend regularly on public worship. Taken altogether, we believe, there has been much improvement during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

J. PAUL STIREWALT,
J. C. MOSER,
J. A. CROMER.

The Appointment of Delegates to other Synods.

Rev. S. Henkel, D. D., was appointed Delegate to the N. C. Synod.

Synod adjourned until after recess. Benediction by Rev. R. A. Yoder.

SEVENTH SESSION.

With regard to Mission Work, the following resolutions were passed:

1. *Resolved*, That as the work of Missions has been transferred to the Conference, the regulations of Synod in regard to said work are hereby repealed.

2. *Resolved*, That the reports of the Conferences in regard to Mission Work, be referred to the Committee on the state of the Church.

3. *Resolved*, That all moneys collected or subscribed for the Mission Work be retained for such purpose in the Conference in which such subscription or collection has been made.

Notice was given that at the next session of this Synod, an amendment would be offered to the By-Laws, establishing a Standing Committee on Missions.

Resolved, That the Treasurer have a sufficient number of copies of the Minutes of this Convention of Synod printed to supply the calls for them, and to furnish each Minister of this Synod with three copies, each general

body of Lutherans in this country one copy, our Institutions of learning one copy each, our Lutheran Publications two copies each, and our Beneficiaries one copy each.

Conference Report.

LEXINGTON Co., S. C., }
Aug. 28, 1880. }

TO THE EVANG. LUTHERAN TENN. SYNOD :

In accordance with requirement of Synod, we report that this Council has adopted a plan for Home Mission work, elected officers and made a beginning which we hope will be eminently successful in prosecuting the work committed by Synod to our care.

The further consideration of the report of the committee on the Amendments to the Constitution was postponed until the next meeting of Synod.

Synod now adjourned to the time and place already appointed. Closing exercises by the President.

J. C. MOSER, SECRETARY.

Religious Services.

Rev. J. Paul Stirewalt preached, Nov. 11, 12 M., Text, Matt. 11: 28.

Rev. J. C. Moser preached, November 12, 12 M., Text, 2 Tim. 1: 12.

Rev. D. Ebird preached, November 12, 7 P. M., Text, John 5: 39.

Rev. T. Moser preached a funeral sermon, Nov. 13, 12 M., Texts, 1 Thes. 4: 13-18 and 2 Cor. 5: 8.

Rev. J. A. Cromer preached, Nov. 13, 7 P. M., Text, Isa. 63: 1-3.

Rev. S. Henkel, D. D., preached Nov. 14, 10 A. M., Text, Acts 18: 21.

Rev. C. H. Bernheim preached, Nov. 14, 3 P. M., Text, Gen. 7: 1.

Great interest was manifested in all the services. The communion was an unusually large one. May God bless these services to the good of his Church and to the praise of his own great glory.

J. C. MOSER, SECRETARY.

Treasurers' Reports.

SOCRATES HENKEL, TREASURER,

In account with

	THE TENNESSEE SYNOD.	DR.
1879.		
Nov. 22.	To amounts of former Treasurer, Rev. J. P. Stirewalt.....	\$44 96
" "	received of different parties at Synod.....	38 30
Nov. 29.	" " P. C. Hahn, Esq.,.....	2 70
1880.		
Jan. 5.	" " Rev. J. N. Stirewalt.....	1 40
" 8.	" " J. K. Eflrd.....	35
" 30.	" " Geo. Hedrick.....	1 00
" "	" " H. J. Wisinger.....	10
" "	" " Zion Church, S. Henkel's Ch.	80
Feb. 21.	" " Rev. T. Moser.....	2 00
May 21.	" " J. C. Moser.....	50
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		\$92 11
1880.		CR.
Dec. 13.	By am't pd. Henkel & Co. for printing minutes and postage on same.....	\$49 96
	Bal. on hand, and subject to Order of Synod.....	\$42 15

T. MOSER

In account with

	THE EVAN. LUTH. TENNESSEE SYNOD.	DR.
1879.		
—	To cash on hand.....	\$325 00
1880.		
Jan. 9.	To interest on Rev. A. L. Yount's note.....	\$12 00
	Amount.....	<hr/>
		\$337 00
1880.		CR.
Aug. 10.	By Cash paid D. A. Sox.....	\$50 00
" "	Postage.....	25
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		\$50 25
	Balance in my hands.....	\$286 75

T. MOSER,

TREAS. BEN. FUND.

REV. S. HENKEL'S ACCOUNT,

AS AGENT FOR REV. T. MOSER,

TREASURER OF BENEFICIARY EDUCATION FUND.

1880.		DR.
Nov. 7.	To amount in his hands on Report, Nov., 1879.....	\$60 26
1880.		CR.
Apr. 3.	By amount paid, appropriated to Thomas E. Armentrout, by Synod at session in Nov., 1879....	\$70 00
1880.		DR.
July 18.	To amount of Rev. I. Conder's charge	\$14 00
" 28.	" refunded by J. S. Koerner a former beneficiary	42 00
Nov. 7.	" from Mt. Zion Church.....	3 89
"	" " Emmanuel Church.....	6 75
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		\$126 40
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		\$70 00
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	Balance in S. Henkel's hands.....	\$56 40

This account does not appear in T. Moser's statement, but leaves the balance of \$56.40, subject to the order of the Treasurer, in S. Henkel's hands.

NOTE.—In regard to Mr. J. A. Rudisill, an appropriation of \$50.00 was made for his benefit, while he was requested to continue his studies in Concordia High School. This action of Synod seems to have been omitted in the body of the Minutes.

PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

Ministers.

	Entered the Ministry.	Congregations.	Communicants.	Infant Baptisms.	Adult Baptisms.	Confirmations.	Letters.	Deaths.	Expunitions.	Sunday Schools.	Teachers.	S. S. Scholars.	Removals.	Synodical.	Ben. Education.	Current Expenses.	Other Objects.
1. REV. A. J. FOX	1837	5	500	30	8	37	4	14	2	5	2	5	20	5	20	350 00	.....
2. " P. C. HENKEL	1843	8	1100	132	29	2	16	23	5	.....	.....	.....	.....	7 45	\$25 00	.....	.....
3. " J. R. PETERSON	1843	4	515	29	2	16	.....	5	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3 00	.....	.....	.....
4. " T. MOSER	1844	4	169	8	19	2	4	2	15	1	8	50	.....	2 90	11 07	.....	.....
5. " S. HENKEL, D. D.	1850	2	232	19	2	4	2	13	2	2	18	120	.....	5 30	4 13	.....	.....
6. " J. M. SMITH	1856	4	600	62	1	10	.....	5	3	3	18	20	.....	1 50	40	80 00	40 00
7. " J. N. STIREWALT	1871	5	396	7	4	5	.....	.....	1	1	3	50	.....	2 20	3 44	.....	.....
8. " A. L. CROUSE	1871	2	109	6	7	6	3	.....	1	1	1	3	50	1 50	.....	.....	100 00
9. " M. L. FOX	1871	3	150	6	.....	.....	.....	5	2	12	100	.....	.....	7 00	.....	.....	.....
10. " J. P. STIREWALT	1873	3	200	21	.....	4	.....	9	3	4	18	200	.....	4 00	.....	350 00	.....
11. " M. L. LITTLE	1873	5	858	45	1	17	1	2	4	18	200	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
12. " J. C. MOSER	1873	5	266	30	3	28	.....	2	4	18	200	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
13. " J. W. HAUSENFLUCK	1876	3	175	7	1	1	.....	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
14. " J. K. EFIRD	1877	2	250	21	13	1	.....	6	2	13	.....	1	.....	.....	14 45	16 00	.....
15. " J. A. CROMER	1877	1	40	12	.....	.....	1	1	1	10	49	.....	.....	60	4 25	.....	.....
16. " E. L. LYBRAND	1877	3	275	24	17	1	.....	5	3	15	112	.....	.....	1 70	18 00	225 00	100 00
17. " R. A. YODER	1878	2	175	29	2	5	.....	4	1	6	.....	.....	.....	90	.....	.....	.....
18. " L. A. FOX *	1864	2	120	8	2	6	.....	.....	2	20	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
19. " J. S. BENNICK *	1866	6	650	25	15	.....	.....	5	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	6 70	.....	.....	.....
20. " D. EFIRD *	1847	7	990	113	36	.....	.....	24	5	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
21. " I. CONDER	1861	3	120	6	1	7	.....	3	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	12 00	.....	.....

* Made up from Minutes of last year.

CALENDAR FOR 1880-'81.

Officers of Synod.

REV. S. HENKEL, D. D.,	....New Market, Va.,	.....PRESIDENT.
“ J. C. MOSER,	.....China Grove, N. C.	.....REC. SECRETARY.
“ J. R. PETERSON,	....Dallas, N. C.	.....COR. SEC.
“ J. M. SMITH,	.....Conover, N. C.	.....TREASURER.

Committee on the State of the Church.

REV. L. A. FOX,	.....Waynesboro, Va.
“ D. EFIRD,	.....Pine Ridge, S. C.
“ R. A. YODER,	.....Conover, N. C.

Committee on Examination.

REV. J. R. PETERSON,	.....Dallas, N. C.
“ T. MOSER,	.....Mt. Pleasant, N. C.
“ D. EFIRD,	.....Pine Ridge, S. C.
“ A. L. CROUSE,	.....Summit, S. C.
“ L. A. FOX,	.....Waynesboro, Va.
“ I. CONDER,	.....McGaheysville, Va.

Place and Time of Next Meeting.

EMMANUEL CHURCH, New Market, Va., Saturday before the Second Sunday of September, 1881.

Delegates to Other Synods.

REV. S. HENKEL, D. D., to North Carolina Synod.

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MINUTES

OF THE

SIXTY-FIRST ANNUAL CONVENTION

OF THE

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN

TENNESSEE SYNOD,

HELD IN

EMMANUEL CHURCH, NEW MARKET, VA.,

September 10-14, 1881.

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PRESIDENT—REV. A. J. FOX, M. D.,Lincolnton, N. C.
SECRETARY—REV. L. A. FOX, D. D.,Waynesboro, Va.
COR. SECRETARY—REV. J. M. SMITH,.....Conover, N. C.
TREASURER—REV. S. HENKEL, D. D.,.....New Market, Va.

Standing Committees.

On Missions :

REVS. S. HENKEL, D. D., J. R. PETERSON, A. L. CROUSE.

On the State of the Church :

REVS. L. A. FOX, D. D., A. L. CROUSE, J. C. MOSER.

On Examination :

REVS. S. HENKEL, D. D., L. A. FOX, D. D., P. C. HENKEL, T. MOSER,
A. L. CROUSE, D. EFIRD.

Place and Time of the Next Meeting :

The next Convention will be held in St. Jacob's Church, Lexington County, S. C., commencing on Saturday before the Third Sunday in October, 1882.

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PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

SIXTY-FIRST ANNUAL CONVENTION

OF THE

EVANG. LUTH. TENNESSEE SYNOD.

NEW MARKET, VA., }
Sept. 10, 1881. }

THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN TENNESSEE SYNOD assembled in its Sixty-first Annual Convention in Emmanuel's Church, New Market, Va., Rev. S. Henkel, D. D., pastor—on Saturday, 10th day of September, 1881. Devotional exercises were conducted by the President, Rev. Dr. Henkel. Rev. L. A. Fox was appointed Secretary, *pro tem*. The roll of ministers was called and absentees noted.

Clerical Roll.

NAMES.	RESIDENCES.
1 Rev. A. J. Fox, M. D.....	Lincolnton, N. C.
2 " J. R. PETERSON*.....	Dallas, "
3 " T. MOSER*.....	Mt. Pleasant, "
4 " P. C. HENKEL*.....	Conover, "
5 " S. HENKEL, D. D.....	New Market, Va.
6 " D. EFIRD*.....	Pine Ridge, S. C.
7 " J. M. SMITH.....	Conover, N. C.
8 " I. CONDER.....	McGaheysville, Va.
9 " J. N. STIREWALT.....	Stony Man, Va.
10 " J. S. BENNIK.....	Forestville, "
11 " M. L. FOX, M. D.....	Sandy Creek, N. C.
12 " J. C. MOSER*.....	China Grove, "
13 " M. L. LITTLE.....	Lincolnton, "
14 " L. A. FOX, D. D.....	Waynesboro, Va.
15 " A. L. CROUSE.....	Summit, S. C.
16 " J. P. STIREWALT.....	New Market, Va.
17 " J. W. HAUSENFLOCK.....	Grove Hill, Va.
18 " E. L. LYBRAND*.....	Columbia, S. C.
19 " J. K. EFIRD*.....	Summit, S. C.
20 " J. A. CROMER*.....	Columbia, S. C.
21 " PROF. R. A. YODER.....	Conover, N. C.
22 " C. H. BERNHEIM*.....	Lexington, N. C.
23 " PROF. J. S. KOINER.....	Waynesboro, Va.

*Absent and Excused.

The following Lay-Delegates were enrolled as members of the present Convention.

Lay-Delegates.

NAMES.	CHURCHES REPRESENTED.
CHRISTIAN PRINTZ,	Morning Star, Va.
JOHN D. PRINTZ,	Mt. Calvary, “
J. J. SHANK,	St. Mark's, Luray, Va.
A. J. SILLINGS,	St. Paul's, (Augusta) Va.
D. P. DELLINGER,	St. Jacob's, Va.
WM. COFFMAN,	St. Matthew's, Va.
J. B. HESS,	Mt. Zion, “
L. M. ZIRKEL,	Emmanuel, “
N. W. BOWMAN,	Bethany, “
PHIL. KILLIAN,	Bethlehem, “
WM. H. AREHEART,	Rader's, “
CALVIN F. MOSER,	Melanchthon, N. C.
C. M. EFIRD,	St. James and others, S. C.
HARRISON PENCE,	Solomon's, Va.
DAVID FUNKHOUSER,	Powder Springs, Va.
JOEL FULTZ,	St. Paul's, (Page) Va.
J. R. MILLER,	St. Paul's, (Shenandoah) Va.
D. F. JUDY,	St. William's, Va.
D. F. MILLER,	Trinity, “
G. SOURS,	Grace, “
J. J. LONG,	Zion, (Shenandoah) Va.
THOS. E. ARMENTROUT,	McGaheysville, Va.

Letters and Petitions were called for and presented and placed in the hands of a special Committee, constituted of Revs. J. M. Smith and R. A. Yoder, for arrangement and classification.

The President, Rev. S. Henkel, D. D., read his annual report, which was received and held for the Committee to be subsequently appointed.

President's Report.

DEAR BRETHREN IN CHRIST JESUS:—May grace, mercy, peace, from God the Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ our Savior, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be and abide with us.

It is through the kind, beneficent providence of our merciful Father in heaven, that we have been permitted to pass through another Synodical

year, safely, and to assemble again in the capacity of a deliberative body, in our Sixty-first annual Convention, in which we are enabled to meet each other with fraternal greetings, sympathize with each other, counsel and encourage each other, devise the best and most judicious means for promoting the Gospel, maintaining and perpetuating the sacred, saving and glorious truths and principles of our holy religion, in their purity and entireness, and for the upbuilding and extension of the Redeemer's Kingdom here on earth.

We should rightly appreciate these privileges and blessings, devoutly raising our hearts, in gratitude and thankfulness, to the Father of Lights, the Giver of all Good, through Jesus Christ as the Mediator between him and us, and imploring him for a continuance of his blessings and tender mercies.

The lives of all our ministerial brethren in connection with our Synod, have been preserved during the past Synodical year, whilst the deaths among our lay-members have been rather unusually numerous, especially among the more advanced in age. The health of our Synod, however, in a physical, moral, and spiritual point of view, may be regarded as altogether in a normal condition.

Official Acts.—During the Synodical year, we have performed few official acts. The changes, during the year, in our Synod have not been numerous.

Relative to our beneficiaries, in pursuance of a resolution making appropriations, we issued an order on the Treasurer, Rev. T. Moser, in favor of Mr. D. A. Sox, of South Carolina, for One Hundred and Twenty-five Dollars; one on the same, in favor of Mr. Thomas E. Armentrout, of Virginia, for One Hundred Dollars; and one, on the same, in favor of Mr. J. A. Rudisill, of North Carolina, for Fifty Dollars.

Mr. Armentrout pursued his studies in the New Market Polytechnic Institute. The reports in regard to him are altogether satisfactory. At the late Commencement of said Institute, the degree of A. B. was conferred on him.

Mr. Sox, we learn, pursued his studies in Concordia High School, at Conover, North Carolina, and so did Mr. Rudisill.

1. We would recommend the consideration of the propriety of making appropriations in favor of these young men to enable them to continue to pursue their studies, if they desire so to do.

2. We would recommend, that Synod take such action in regard to beneficiary education, as will, in its judgment, awaken a greater interest in our people in contributing towards this much needed work.

Installation.—We requested Rev. A. L. Crouse, Summit, South Carolina, to install Rev. J. K. Eflord, Kaughman's, South Carolina, into his charge, according to the forms of the Church. We learn he performed this solemn duty.

In conclusion, we pray the Great Head of the Church, to preside over us, guiding us in the way of all truth and efficiency, so that our delibera-

tions and transactions, as well as our individual ministrations, may contribute to the honor and glory of God, and the promotion of the Redeemer's Kingdom.

SOCRATES HENKEL.

The hours of eight o'clock in the morning and two in the afternoon were fixed for the opening of the sessions.

During the intermission, Rev. A. L. Crouse, at the request of the President, preached the synodical sermon. Text, Nehemiah 6, 3.

SECOND SESSION.

2 o'clock.

The Synod convened immediately after the sermon. The roll was called. Revs. J. M. Smith and M. L. Little were appointed tellers, and the election for officers was held.

Officers.

REV. A. J. FOX, M. D.,..... *President.*

REV. L. A. FOX, D. D.,..... *Secretary.*

REV. J. M. SMITH,..... *Cor. Secretary.*

REV. S. HENKEL, D. D.,..... *Treasurer.*

Rev. J. A. Snyder of the Va. Synod and Rev. H. Wetzel were received as advisory members.

The President announced the following

Standing Committees:

I. *President's Report.*—Revs. L. A. Fox, A. L. Crouse, and Mr. P. Killian.

II. *Unfinished Business.*—Revs. J. M. Smith, M. L. Little, and L. M. Zirkle, Esq.

III. *Letters and Petitions.*—Revs. J. P. Stirewalt, R. A. Yoder, and Mr. C. M. Efrid.

IV. *State of the Church.*—Revs. L. A. Fox, A. L. Crouse, and J. C. Moser.

V. *Treasurer's Report*—Revs. J. P. Stirewalt, J. W. Hausenfluck, and Mr. C. M. Efrid.

VI. *Report of the Treasurer of the Beneficiary Fund.*—Revs. M. L. Fox, J. N. Stirewalt, and Mr. D. F. Judy.

VII. *Missions*.—Revs. S. Henkel, J. R. Peterson, and A. L. Crouse.

VIII. *Examination*.—Revs. S. Henkel, D. D., L. A. Fox, D. D.

Synod adjourned. Prayer by the Secretary.

THIRD SESSION.

MONDAY, *Sept. 12, 8 o'clock.*

The session was opened with devotional exercises conducted by Rev. A. L. Crouse. The minutes of Saturday were read and adopted.

A committee was appointed, on motion, to inquire into the expediency of placing monuments at the graves of Rev. Ambrose Henkel at New Market, Va., and Rev. Philip Henkel at Richland Church, Randolph County, N. C. The committee, Revs. A. J. Fox and S. Henkel.

The committee on Letters and Petitions reported, and the report was considered item by item.

Report on Letters and Petitions.

We your committee on Letters and Petitions submit the following report:

1st. Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8 are letters from Revs. J. R. Peterson, J. C. Moser, C. H. Bernheim, J. A. Cromer, J. K. Efird, D. Efird, E. L. Lybrand and P. C. Henkel asking to be excused from this convention of Synod. We recommend that they be excused.

2nd. In No. 2, Rev. J. C. Moser, as chairman of the committee for considering the propriety of receiving the Concordia High School into connection with this Synod, conveys the information that said committee is not prepared to report and requests that the same be continued. We recommend that said committee be continued.

3d. In No. 8, Rev. P. C. Henkel suggests that Synod consider the propriety of forming district Synods of the different Conferences in our connection. We recommend that said suggestion be considered.

4th. No. 9 is a letter from Rev. W. H. Cone, Corresponding Delegate from the Evang. Luth. Synod of North Carolina, to this body, sending fraternal greetings, and expressing his sincere regrets that he is not able to be with us on account of ill health. We recommend that said letter be read before Synod.

5th. Nos. 13 and 14 are petitions from Mt. Pleasant Church and Philadelphia Church, Caldwell County, N. C., praying for the examination, and

if found qualified, the ordination and services of Mr. D. A. Goodman. We recommend that their petitions be granted, and that the Revs. P. C. Henkel, J. M. Smith, and Rev. Yoder be the Committee to attend to this work at said Mt. Pleasant Church, at such time as said congregation deem most convenient.

6th. Nos. 11 and 12 are petitions from St. Luke's, Lincoln Co., N. C., and St. Matthew's churches, King's Mountain, N. C., asking for the examination, and, if found qualified, the ordination and services of Prof. W. P. Cline. We recommend that said petitions be granted, and that a committee consisting of Revs. A. J. Fox and T. Moser be appointed to do said work.

7th. No. 15 is a copy of Rules that Rev. J. R. Peterson requests to be added to the By-Laws of Synod. We recommend said addition.

1. There shall be appointed at each annual meeting of Synod a committee of three to be known as "The Mission Committee."

2. It shall be the duty of this committee to report to Synod the mission work which shall be performed during the year of their appointment.

3. It shall be the duty of the Secretaries of the several conferences of Synod to report to Synod all the mission work done by the conferences during the year, and into the hands of this committee these reports shall be placed.

8th. No. 16 is a petition from the S. C. Con. of E. L. T. Synod and the members of St. Jacob's church, Lexington County, S. C., praying that the next session of Synod be held in said church. We recommend its adoption.

9th. No. 18 is a letter from our beneficiary, Mr. J. A. Rudisill, asking an appropriation of \$150 to pursue his studies at the Capital University, Columbus, O. We recommend that an appropriation of \$50 be made, provided there be money enough, to the said J. A. Rudisill, and that he be directed to continue his studies in Concordia High School, Conover, North Carolina.

10th. No. 18 is a letter from a few of the members of St. Peter's (Piney Woods) and St. Jacob's churches, S. C., relating to the unfavorable condition existing between the pastor and said members.

In view of this unfavorable condition, and in view of the fact that the pastor's resignation has not been accepted, be it

Resolved, That this Synod advise the disaffected parties to try to make some satisfactory agreement with the majority, whom, we learn, are in harmony with one another and the pastor.

Respectfully submitted,

J. P. STIREWALT,
R. A. YODER,
C. M. EFIRD.

Item 1st. The recommendation sustained, and the fact noted in the clerical roll.

Item 2nd. The committee was continued. That committee is composed of Revs. J. C. Moser, S. Henkel, C. H. Bernheim, and Messrs. A. Costner and C. T. Sigman.

Item 3. The recommendation was not sustained.

Item 4. The letter of Rev. W. H. Cone was read.

Item 5. Adopted.

Item 6. Adopted.

Item 7. Adopted.

Item 8. Adopted. The time was fixed for the Convention at 10 o'clock, on Saturday before the third Sunday in October, 1882.

Item 9. Adopted.

Pending the consideration of the remaining part of the report the Synod adjourned. Benediction by the President.

FOURTH SESSION.

MONDAY, 2 o'clock.

Synod met and was opened with prayer by Rev. J. M. Smith.

Prof. J. S. Koerner was invited to a seat within the body.

The Secretary was directed to publish the Order of Business in the Minutes.

The rule of Synod requiring a written excuse was suspended and Rev. T. Moser was excused for absence from the present Convention.

Item 10 of report on Letters and Petitions was recommit-
tied.

The Treasurer, Rev. J. M. Smith, submitted his report.

Treasurer's Report.

REV. J. M. SMITH IN ACCOUNT WITH

J. M. SMITH.

DR.

1880.

Nov. 12.	To amts. rec'd of different persons at different times.....	\$ 60 70
"	" cash of Rev. J. C. Moser.....	40
"	" amt. from former Treasurer.....	42 11
"	" amt. collected by former treasurers and handed to me	3 00

\$106 21

1880.

CR.

Dec. 24.	By amt. paid Henkel & Co. for printing, binding, and mailing 800 copies of Minutes.....	\$ 40 61
	By amount to balance.....	65 60

\$106 21

1881.

Sept. 13.	To bal. due Synod, in my hands, subject to its order.....	\$65 60
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Respectfully submitted,

J. M. SMITH, TREASURER.

The Committee on Examination was announced by the President: Revs. S. Henkel, L. A. Fox, P. C. Henkel, T. Moser, A. L. Crouse, and D. Efrid.

The Committee on President's Report submitted a report which was considered by items.

Report of Committee on President's Report.

The Committee on the President's Report find two recommendations:

1st. In reference to two students, Messrs. Sox and Rudisill, who have been receiving aid from the fund of beneficiary education, that appropriations be made for these young men to pursue their studies, if they desire to do so. We submit the following:

Resolved, That the recommendation of the President be sustained, provided the funds of Synod will admit.

2nd. That action be taken in regard to awakening greater interest in the work of beneficiary education.

We recommend that a committee of three, of whom the President of Synod shall be one, be appointed to investigate this matter, and report to this convention of Synod.

A. L. CROUSE,
L. A. FOX,
PHILIP KILLIAN.

Item 1. Adopted.

Item 2. Adopted, and the President having announced two other members, the committee was constituted of Revs. A. J. Fox, S. Henkel, and A. L. Crouse.

The Committee on Unfinished Business reported, which was considered by items and then recommitted.

Report of Committee on Unfinished Business.

We, the Committee on Unfinished Business, have examined the minutes of last Synod and refer

1. To page 11, and recommend that Synod inquire whether that committee have performed their duty.

2. To page 17, on proposed Amendments to Constitution and By-Laws of Synod to be disposed of.

3. To page 7— a committee was appointed to prepare a form of an ordination certificate. Has that committee performed that duty?

4 and 5. As to other items of business, we refer to the appointment of two committees, one to prepare a history of the Synod, and another to collect and have bound a file of the Minutes of this Synod, who have not as yet reported. Are they ready to report?

Respectfully,

J. M. SMITH,
M. L. LITTLE,
L. M. ZIRKLE.

Item 1. Already disposed of.

Item 2. The consideration of the proposed amendments to the Constitution was postponed until the next convention of the Synod.

Petitions having been presented orally for the ordination of Prof. J. S. Koiner, his examination was appointed at eight o'clock to-morrow morning.

Parochial reports were read.

Synod adjourned. Prayer by Rev. I. Conder.

In the evening, Rev. M. L. Fox preached; text, Ephs. 4, 4-6. Afterwards Synod engaged in special prayer for Rev. J. S. Bennick in his great affliction.

FIFTH SESSION.

TUESDAY, 8 o'clock.

Synod was called to order by the President, and was opened with prayer by Rev. J. W. Hausenfluck. Minutes of yesterday were read and adopted.

A letter from Rev. T. Moser, containing his report as Treasurer of the Beneficiary Fund and his excuse for absence, was announced as having just been received.

The Committee on Unfinished Business continued its report. This in its completed form is found on a former page.

Item 3. The committee, Revs. S. Henkel and L. A. Fox, was continued.

Item 4. Dr. S. Henkel reported that he was still engaged in gathering material for the history of the Synod.

Item 5. Dr. S. Henkel reported that he had not been able to complete a file of the Minutes.

The examination of Prof. J. S. Koiner was conducted in open Synod by the Committee of Examination.

The examination being entirely satisfactory, the ordination of Prof. Koiner was ordered at the close of the ordination sermon.

By action of Synod, the President, Rev. A. J. Fox, was appointed to preach the ordination sermon, at 1½ o'clock to-day.

The Report of the Committee on Treasurer's Report was read and adopted.

Report of Committee on Treasurer's Report.

We your committee, appointed to examine the Treasurer's Report, submit the following :

We have examined that paper and the vouchers which came into our hands, and report that it is correct.

Respectfully submitted,

J. P. STIREWALT,
J. W. HAUSENFLUCK,
C. M. EFIRD.

Synod adjourned with prayer by Rev. J. P. Stirewalt.

During the recess, as by order of Synod, Rev. A. J. Fox preached the ordination sermon—text, 1 Tim. 4, 16; and Prof. J. S. Koiner was ordained Pastor.

SIXTH SESSION.

TUESDAY, 2 o'clock.

Immediately after the ordination the Synod was called to order.

The committee on Letters and Petitions reported the item recommitted. As finally adopted it is found in the

report on another page. Rev. A. L. Crouse was excused from voting.

The Committee on the Report of the Treasurer of Beneficiary Fund was received and adopted.

Report on Report of Treasurer of Beneficiary Fund.

We your Committee on Treasurer's Report of Beneficiary Fund have examined said report and find it to be correct.

Respectfully submitted,

M. L. FOX,

J. N. STIREWALT.

Report of Treasurer of Beneficiary Fund.

T. MOSER, TREASURER OF BENEFICIARY FUND,

In account with the

EVANG. LUTHERAN TENNESSEE SYNOD.

1880.	Dr.
Nov. 11, To cash on hand.....	\$286 75
“ “ “ “ From Rev. J. R. Peterson.....	16 35
“ “ “ “ “ J. W. Craps.....	7 06
“ “ “ “ “ E. L. Lybrand	18 00
“ “ “ “ “ J. Cromer.....	4 25
1881. Dec. 17, To cash from J. K. Ebird.....	14 45
Amount.....	\$346 86

In the hands of Rev. S. Henkel.

1880.	Dr.
“ Nov. 11, To cash on hand	\$56 40
“ Dec. 3, “ “ from Rev. J. N. Stirewalt.....	4 13
1881. Feb. 16, “ “ “ Rev. P. Stirewalt.....	3 44
Amount.....	\$63 97

1881.	Cr.
Feb. 16, By cash paid Thos. E. Armentrout....	\$ 63 97
1880. Nov. 15, By cash paid D. A. Sox.....	125 00
1881. Feb. 16, By cash paid Thos. E. Armentrout	36 03
“ July 28, By cash paid J. A. Rudisill,.....	50 00
Amount	\$211.03

Balance in my hands.....\$135 83

Deduct for postage..... 13

T. MOSER, *Treas. Ben. Fund.*

Rev. T. Moser was unanimously re-elected Treasurer of the Beneficiary Fund.

Responses were made to the call of President as to compliance with the standing resolution concerning Beneficiary Education.

Synod adjourned with prayer by Rev. J. N. Stirewalt.

In the evening, Rev. M. L. Little preached. Text, John 2: 5.

SEVENTH SESSION.

WEDNESDAY, 8 o'clock.

Synod was opened with prayer by Rev. J. P. Stirewalt.

The Minutes of yesterday were read and adopted.

Report of Committee on Awakening Greater Interest in Beneficiary Education was adopted.

We the Committee, appointed to report on the recommendation of the Committee on the President's report, in regard to awaking a greater interest in Beneficiary Education, would submit the following :

That a Committee of one be appointed in each Conference whose duty it shall be to call, by correspondence or otherwise, attention to the duties relative to this important matter, urging the congregations, through the Ministers or in any other way, to consider the propriety of aiding with their substance this much needed work, by contributing liberally; or to devise some systematic plan for raising means for such purpose, putting them in remembrance of these duties and privileges.

S. HENKEL,

A. J. FOX,

A. L. CROUSE.

The Committee was appointed, Revs. J. N. Stirewalt, J. M. Smith, A. L. Crouse.

The Committee on Missions reported which was adopted.

We the Committee appointed to report on Home Mission Work, as reported by the Secretaries of the Conferences in connection with this Synod, would submit the following :

1. The Secretary of the South Carolina Conference reports that some money has been raised for Home Missionary Work, that one point has received some means, and the Executive Committee are endeavoring to establish other missions, and that one of the ministers is performing mission work without material aid from the Society. The prospects are favorable.

2. The Secretary of the Virginia Special Conference reports, that steps have been taken to inaugurate a regular plan for carrying on Home Mission Work in a systematic way, that the work has been progressing steadily, that various points have been selected, that work has been commenced at them, that the indications are encouraging, that there are still other points which will receive due attention, that collections have been taken to aid the work, and that object is, as soon as practicable, to put a Home Missionary in the field with the hope, that the congregations in connection with Conference will be induced to support such a laborer.

3. The Secretary of the North Carolina Conference, has sent no report, and hence we are unable to report anything in regard to that Conference.

S. HENKEL,
A. L. CROUSE,
J. M. SMITH.

The Committee on the State of the Church submitted the following which was adopted.

Report on the State of the Church.

A report on the State of the Church is difficult to make. A number of congregations obey the rule of the Synod, and make official reports, but a majority do not. We are compelled to draw very largely upon our general information of the condition of our churches and such facts as we may gather from Parochial reports and the statement of brethren in attendance. Were it in the province of your Committee, we would urge a more general respect to this rule, so important to our acquaintance with the real state of our churches.

It is difficult also to avoid evasive generalities,—words that gloss over the true condition, and give no true and practical idea of it. It is easy to say that there have been lights and shadows, successes and reverses, progress yet not perfect work. This would be a correct statement, but not particular enough to enable us to lay hand upon those things that retard and positively injure, and correct them. If there is disease, it is better for us to confess it frankly to ourselves and apply the remedy.

In looking over the general field, we are encouraged. There are manifest signs of life, and in nothing does that life reveal itself more than in the consciousness of the need of a better state. The evils are great enough to make the living deplore them, but small enough to be overlooked or unfelt by the dying.

Many of our congregations are prosperous. Their pastors labor with success. The Sunday schools are carried on with efficiency. The number of communicants is every year increased. A fact worthy of notice is, that the most prosperous congregations in the bounds of the Synod are in those very sections where there seems to be the most of difficulty, showing that whatever of disease there may be, it is not of the vital organs. Nowhere,

however is there a benevolence at all commensurate with the wants of the church. We are compelled to acknowledge that the contributions to our treasurers are very far below the abilities of the people. Our pastors are very inadequately supported, necessitating a division of time and labor greatly to the detriment of the church. There is need of much more money for missionary work. The time has come when the people must feel that not the ministry alone but they also were commissioned to carry the Gospel to the whole creation, and that the ministry must not do the work and bear the expense also but that they must help by giving. If there was such a spirit of sacrifice among the people as is among our ministry—if they gave only half as much what a full and outflowing treasury we should have!

Of Virginia we can report favorably. There is entire concord among the ministry. Our brethren dwell in fraternal love. For ten years there has not been a single thing that bore the least semblance of discord. The spirit of mutual respect, concession and forbearance makes their association beautiful. Our congregations are slowly building up, and through our missionary efforts new ones are in the process of formation. Our relations with other religious bodies are such that there are very few conflicts between us and them. We carefully avoid encroachments upon the common rights of men and we are suffering perhaps less and less every year from such encroachments upon our rights. We are very far from what we might and ought to be, but yet we are seeking by labor and prayer to advance towards perfection. The greatest hindrance to our work during the year has been the sad affliction of one of our most active and successful ministers, which has deprived his congregations of his regular service. Our progress is hindered much by a disposition of young men to go West and in some communities our losses in this way nearly equal our gains by confirmation. A division of a few of our pastorates would be greatly to their advantage. Instead of seven ministers there ought to be ten or twelve. The people however do not see their ability to support so many.

In N. C. in some respects the state of the church is a sad one. Many of our pastorates are too large. As many as six congregations have only one pastor, and preaching on the Lord's day at some of the churches is had only once in two months. No man can care properly for such a large field. Some of the pastorates are very badly arranged. Some of the pastors go about twenty miles to preach to churches at the door of other pastors. A better division of labor ought by all means to be effected. More ministers could profitably to the church be engaged. The saddest feature is the alienation of feeling which exists between some of the ministers.

There is some divergence in opinion that prevents hearty co-operation but the chief difficulty is personal. There is not that respect for each other which ought to be felt among neighbors and among ministers. Brotherly love is suspended if not destroyed. These unpleasant relations now become known and the effects upon the Church are seen and will continually increase unless they be adjusted. Your committee would willingly step

beyond its province and suggest a remedy if it were able. We must sadly ask with the prophet, "Is there no balm in Gilead? Is there no physician there?"

There is a want of united effort in Church work. From some cause they do not heartily and earnestly concentrate upon mission work nor upon any general enterprise. Divided forces are always feeble.

There comes a complaint of a lack of efficiency in Sunday-School work.

There comes also a lamentation of a lack of interest in literature. The people do not read as they should the church periodicals and the valuable books which could so easily be procured. There is a consequent lack of information and interest in the church beyond their own communities.

The absence of the member of the committee from S. C. deprives us of an adequate report from the congregations of that State. We know however that the old difficulties so often brought to the attention of the synod still exist. It is to be hoped that they are to some extent diminishing. We can only pray that by another year that they be forever destroyed. In a matter so long standing there must be mutual wrong and there is need of mutual concession and forbearance. Peace must be sought at a sacrifice and when so great damage comes to the cause of Christ great sacrifices ought to be made.

There is alienation also among the ministers. What shall be said when there is no effort at reconciliation, no spirit of confession, none of forgiveness? What would Paul say? Possibly his rebuke would be more burning than of the lately converted Gentile Christian at Corinth.

We can in conclusion only express our regret that we can not present a fuller and more favorable report.

L. A. FOX,
R. A. YODER.

The following resolution submitted by Prof. R. A. Yoder was adopted:

WHEREAS, the spiritual interests of the colored people, in our territory as elsewhere, are sadly neglected, and,

WHEREAS, their worship, where they have any at all, partakes more of the form of heathenism than Christianity, be it

Resolved, That the ministers of this Synod make all efforts in their power to educate religiously the colored people, by preaching, lecturing, and catechisation, with a view sooner or later of getting men of their own color to look after the spiritual interests of their race in connection with the Lutheran church.

Synod adjourned with prayer by Prof. Yoder.

EIGHTH SESSION.

WEDNESDAY, 2 o'clock.

Synod was opened with prayer by Rev. J. M. Smith. The roll was called.

The committee on the matter of monuments for the graves of fathers Henkel, not being prepared to report, was continued.

Rev. A. J. Fox was appointed delegate to the N. C. synod.

An appropriation of \$50 was made to J. A. Rudisill, provided he continue his studies in Concordia High School.

No application was made by Mr. Sox.

An appropriation of \$140 was made to T. E. Armentrout, to continue his literary studies in Polytechnic Institute, New Market, Va.

The following resolutions of thanks and in regard to the number of minutes to be printed was adopted:

Resolved, That the hearty thanks of the Synod be unanimously tendered to the pastor and members of Emmanuel congregation, and other friends of the town of New Market and vicinity for their fraternal reception, kind and excellent entertainment of the members during their stay among them.

Resolved, That the President of Synod read this resolution, accompanied with suitable remarks, at the close of services to-night.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Synod be tendered to the officers of the B. & O. R. R. Company, and of the different Clyde lines passed over, for their kindness in giving members reduced fare over their roads.

Resolved, That the Treasurer have a sufficient number of copies of the minutes of this convention of Synod printed to supply the calls for them, and to furnish each minister of this Synod with three copies, each general body of Lutherans in this country one copy, our institutions of learning one copy each, our Lutheran publications two copies each, and our Beneficiaries one copy each.

Synod adjourned to meet at the time and place before selected.

In the evening the Secretary preached a sermon, after which the President led the Synod in prayer and pronounced the convention formally adjourned.

L. A. FOX, *Secretary*.

NOTE.—The publishers received a postal from Mr. J. A. Rudisill, in which he states that he will be able to get through the present year without the appropriation made by Synod for him at its last sitting, and requests us to note the fact.

SERMONS.

Saturday.

Morning : Synodical Sermon, Rev. A. L. Crouse, Text, Heb. 6, 3.

Evening : Rev. J. M. Smith, St. Mark 16, 15-16.

Sunday.

Morning : Emmanuel, Rev. A. J. Fox, St. John 15, 1-7.
St. Matthew, Rev. Prof. R. A. Yoder. Forestville, Rev. L. A. Fox.

Evening : Emmanuel, Rev. Prof. R. A. Yoder, Rom. 1, 16.
Methodist church, Rev. Jno. N. Stirewalt, Ps. 119, 80.

Monday.

Evening : Rev. M. L. Fox, Eph. 4, 4-6.

Tuesday.

Noon : Ordination sermon, Rev. A. J. Fox, 1 Tim. 4, 16.

Evening : Sermon, Rev. M. L. Little, St. John 2, 5.

PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

MINISTERS REPORTING.

NOTE.—This report is very incomplete, in many particulars, and does not show the full strength of, and the actual work done by, the Synod. Some failing to make full reports.

Entered the Ministry.	Congregations.	Communicants.	Adult Baptisms.	Infant Baptisms.	Confirmations.	Letters.	Deaths.	Expulsions.	Sunday Schools.	Teachers.	S. S. Scholars.	Removals.	Synodical.	Ben. Education.	Current Expenses.	Other Objects.
REV. A. J. FOX,	1837	5	500	31	2	12	22	18	3	22	160	...	...	...	...	...
" P. C. HENKEL,	1843	6	860	108	2	3	2	20	3	...	...	...	...	...	\$350 00	\$15 00
" J. R. PETERSON,	1843	4	512	19	3	3	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	150 00	...
" T. MOSER,	1844	4	165	8	2	5	7	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...
" S. HENKEL,	1850	2	230	27	5	4	1	17	1	6	55	...	3 00	\$18 88	...	...
" J. M. SMITH,	1856	4	614	37	1	14	8	...	...	...	3	...	...	...	...	...
" D. EFIRD,	1847	4	578	43	...	15	12	...	4	...	...	...	...	...	300 00	250 00
" C. H. BERNHEIM,	1855	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
" I. CONDER,	1861	4	150	5	...	2	2	...	3	...	...	...	2 00	...	240 00	...
" L. A. FOX,	1864	2	122	9	...	2	5	...	2	...	140	5	...	...	500 00	75 00
" J. S. BENNICK,	1866	5	...	30	5	25	10	...	3	...	...	5	8 30	...	...	...
" J. N. STIREWALT,	1871	4	380	20	3	9	6	...	3	18	120	...	1 70	12 19	...	...
" A. L. CROUSE,	1871	3	154	19	...	12	4	...	2	9	67	...	1 00	5 00	160 00	15 00
" M. L. FOX,	1871	3	130	9	...	...	...	2	2	7	80	...	...	2 00	...	...
" J. P. STIREWALT,	1873	3	200	16	...	...	11	...	2	...	100	...	1 10	5 50	...	...
" M. L. LITTLE,	1873	5	860	84	2	23	1	15	...	...	3	...	...	...	450 00	...
" J. C. MOSER,	1873	5	272	20	3	7	3	4	5	21	220	...	3 50	12 00	351 00	...
" J. W. HAUSENFLOK,	1876	3	194	17	4	13	4	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
" J. K. EFIRD,	1877	2	250	18	...	1	2	...	...	2	...	...	...	9 95	...	...
" J. A. CROMER,	1877	1	52	11	...	10	1	1	44	2 00
" E. L. LYBRAND,	1877	3	275	10	...	6	3	3	2	15	170	5	1 40	...	225 00	15 00
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ORDER OF BUSINESS.

FIRST DAY.

- 1.—Devotional exercises by the President.
- 2.—Call of Clerical Roll.
- 3.—Reception and Enrollment of Lay-Delegates.
- 4.—Reading of President's Report.
- 5.—Election of Officers.
- 6.—Reception of Advisory Members.
- 7.—Reception of Letters and Petitions.
- 8.—Appointment of Standing Committees.
- 9.—Devotion.

OTHER DAYS.

- 1.—Devotion.
- 2.—Calling the Roll.
- 3.—Reading and Correction of Minutes.
- 4.—Unfinished Business.
- 5.—Reports of Standing Committees.
- 6.—Reports of Special Committees.
- 7.—Resolutions.
- 8.—New Business.
- 9.—Devotion.

STANDING RESOLUTIONS.

Resolved, That each of our Pastors be earnestly requested, to preach at least one sermon in each of his congregations, annually, upon the subject of Beneficiary Education, and other benevolent enterprises, and report to the next succeeding convention of our Synod.

Resolved, That the Council of each congregation be requested to send, to each Annual Meeting of the Synod, a written Report of the condition of the congregation.

WHEREAS, The ancient Lutheran custom of thoroughly catechising those who propose to become members of our communion, previous to their confirmation, is, in some places, falling into disuse, and rather a loose custom of receiving uncatechised persons into the church, without the slightest examination of them in regard to their religious knowledge and other qualifications for church membership, has been practiced by some; be it, therefore,

Resolved, That we earnestly recommend all our Ministers and congregations in future to see to it, that, if it can possibly be done, all who make application for church membership be thoroughly instructed, by Catechisation, in the doctrines and usages of our church, previous to their confirmation. But, in such extraordinary cases, as when persons of age and experience make application, or such young persons as have been so favorably situated as to have had opportunities to become acquainted with and to have informed themselves of our doctrines and customs, seek church privileges, we recommend that their request be granted; but, in no case, until such persons have been examined by the pastor, before the council, and have been approved by them.

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STANDING COMMITTEES.

ON MISSIONS :

Revs. Dr. A. J. Fox, J. R. PETERSON, A. L. CROUSE.

ON STATE OF THE CHURCH :

Revs. A. L. CROUSE, J. C. MOSER, J. K. EFIRD.

ON EXAMINATION :

Revs. J. M. SMITH, J. C. MOSER, A. L. CROUSE, J. N. STIREWALT,
J. K. EFIRD, E. L. LYBRAND.

PLACE AND TIME OF THE NEXT MEETING :

The next Convention will be held in Concordia Church, Conover, Catawba County, N. C., commencing on Saturday before the first full moon in October, 1883.

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PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

SIXTY-SECOND ANNUAL CONVENTION

OF THE

EVANG. LUTHERAN TENNESSEE SYNOD.

LEXINGTON COUNTY, S. C., }
 OCT. 14, 1882. }

THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN TENNESSEE SYNOD convened in its Sixty-Second Annual Session in St. Jacob Church, Lexington County, S. C., on Saturday, October 14, 1882. The congregation being vacant, Rev. A. L. Crouse, at the request of the Council, conducted devotional exercises. The President, Rev. Dr. A. J. Fox, preached the Synodical Sermon from 1 Cor. 4, 1, 2.

The Secretary being absent, Rev. J. Paul Stirewalt was appointed Secretary, *pro tem*. The clerical roll was called and the absentees noted.

Roll of Ministers.

NAMES.	RESIDENCES.
1 Rev. A. J. Fox, M. D.,.....	Lincolnton, N. C.
2 " P. C. HENKEL,	Conover, "
3 " J. R. PETERSON,.....	Dallas, "
4 " T. MOSER,*,.....	Mt. Pleasant, N. C.
5 " D. EFIRD,.....	Pine Ridge, S. C.
6 " S. HENKEL, D. D.,.....	New Market, Va.
7 " C. H. BERNHEIM,†.....	Lexington, N. C.
8 " J. M. SMITH,†.....	Conover, "
9 " I. CONDER,	McGaheysville, Va.
10 " L. A. Fox, D. D.,*.....	Salem, Va.
11 " J. N. STIREWALT,†.....	Stony Man, Va.
12 " A. L. CROUSE,.....	Waynesboro, "
13 " M. L. Fox, M. D.,†.....	Conover, N. C.

*Excused.

† Not excused.

NAMES.	RESIDENCES.
14 REV. J. P. STIREWALT,	New Market, Va.
15 " M. L. LITTLE,	Dallas, N. C.
16 " J. C. MOSER, *	Conover, "
17 " J. W. HAUSENFLUCK, *	Alma, Va.
18 " J. K. EFIRD,	Caughman's Store, S. C.
19 " J. A. CROMER,	Columbia, S. C.
20 " E. L. LYBRAND,	" "
21 " R. A. YODER, *	Conover, N. C.
22 " J. S. KOINER,	Conover, N. C.
23 " D. A. GOODMAN,	Gamewell, N. C.
24 " W. P. CLINE,	Newton, N. C.

CANDIDATES FOR THE MINISTRY.

Mr. D. J. SUTTLEMYER,	Dallas, N. C.
Mr. J. A. RUDISILL,	Jug Town, N. C.
Mr. T. E. ARMENTROUT,	Waynesboro', Va.

BENEFICIARIES.

Mr. P. C. WYKE,	Conover, N. C.
Mr. D. A. SOX,	Conover, N. C.

The following Lay-Delegates presented evidences of their election and their names were enrolled as members of Synod.

Lay-Delegates.

NAMES.	CHURCHES REPRESENTED.
DR. J. W. EARGLE,	St. Jacob, South Carolina.
CARROLL BOOKMAN,	Bethlehem, " "
THOS. N. EPTING,	St. John, " "
C. M. EFIRD,	St. Peter's, (Piny Woods) South Carolina.
COL. G. H. CHAPMAN,	St. Thomas, South Carolina.
LEWIS SHEALEY,	St. James, " "
A. L. EARGLE,	Cedar Grove, " "
E. S. SEASE,	St. Paul's, " "
MAJ. H. A. MEETZE,	St. Peter's, (Meetze) South Carolina.
GEO. S. DRAFTS,	Zion, South Carolina.
J. P. PRICE,	Emmanuel, South Carolina.
EMMANUEL LAMINACK,	St. Michael, Alabama.
C. B. SIKES,	Emmanuel and Morning Star, N. C.
Q. Y. STROUP,	Christ and Sharon, N. C.
JACOB K. RHYNE,	Trinity, St. Mark, and Philadelphia, N. C.
A. J. CANSLER,	Graee, Salem, St. Luke, Holy Trinity, N. C.
P. C. WYKE,	St. Stephen, St. Peter, Friendship, Salem, N. C.
W. A. SMITH,	St. John, St. Paul, Piny Grove, N. C.
D. A. SOX,	St. James, Concordia, N. C.

*Exeused.

†Not Exeused.

The Rule of Order concerning the reading of the President's Report was suspended.

Revs. A. L. Crouse and J. S. Koiner were appointed tellers, and an election for officers was held with the following result :

REV. S. HENKEL, D. D.,	- - -	President.
" J. PAUL STIREWALT,	- - -	Rec. Secretary.
" J. M. SMITH,	- - -	Cor. Secretary.
" M. L. LITTLE,	- - -	Treasurer.

The President, Rev. Dr. A. J. Fox, read his Annual Report, which was received and properly reserved for the Committee yet to be appointed.

President's Annual Report.

DEAR BRETHREN IN CHRIST:—In the course of events, another year in the history of the Evangelical Lutheran Tennessee Synod, has passed. And in the Providence of our kind Heavenly Father, some of us are, once more, permitted to assemble ourselves together in Synodical Convention—professedly to confer with each other, and deliberate upon the best means by which the great interests of that portion of the Church of Christ committed to our care, may be best promoted. It is to be sincerely hoped, that none of us have come here with any feelings or motives contrary to the Holy Religion we profess; for in its beneficent provisions, that Religion utterly precludes all merely ambitious and selfish aspirations. Nothing but pure love to God, and an ardent desire for the salvation of our fellow men, should be allowed to actuate any one in the work of meetings of this kind.

We should be sincerely grateful to the Great Head of the Church for the special care he has exercised over us, during the year that has gone by, as well as for the many years of our former existence, as a Synod. With one single exception, the lives and a reasonable degree of health have been preserved to all the Ministers of our connection, since we were last assembled; and that all have been permitted in some way, to some extent, to be engaged in the great work of our Divine Master.

Official Acts.—The rule of custom, as well as the law of our Synod, require me, as the Presiding Officer of this Synod, to render some account of my official transactions during the year now ended. There seems to me to be some considerable defect in this matter, which may be the result of some oversight or misapprehension in regard to making the necessary reports to, and demands upon, the Presiding Officer of Synod, which will enable him to make a correct statement of what things may have transpired during his term of office within the bounds of Synod. At any rate,

such reports are often very defective, for the want of proper data. On this account, this report must necessarily be very imperfect.

Some time after the last Convention of Synod, I received a letter from our beneficiary, Thomas E. Armentrout, requesting me to issue an order upon the Treasurer of this Synod for the amount appropriated to him by a resolution of last Convention. I immediately sent an order to him for One Hundred and Forty Dollars (\$140.00), which I presume he received in due time, though I have heard nothing from him since.

The appropriation made to J. A. Rudisill of Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) has not been called for.

Some time last Spring, I received a communication from Rev. W. M. Gilbreath, a member of the East Ohio Synod, asking for a copy of the Constitution and By-Laws of our Synod; and stating that he and his congregations were somewhat dissatisfied with their Synodical relations, and were thinking of asking a connection with this Synod. I immediately forwarded to him the required documents, and asked for a copy of the Minutes of the last Convention of his Synod. Soon afterwards, I received the Minutes, but otherwise have heard nothing from him.

On the 9th day of October, 1881, I resigned my Pastoral connection with St. Luke's Church, Lincoln County, N. C., and Rev. W. P. Cline was immediately elected as my successor, and as he was present he accepted the call. On the day following he was publicly ordained, as per order of Synod, and being President this year, by request of the congregation and consent of the Pastor-elect, in obedience to a rule of Synod, I also publicly installed him as Pastor of the congregation.

On the 22nd day of last April, I publicly installed the officers of a new congregation at Mt. Holley, in Gaston County, N. C. On the day following, by request, I dedicated a new house of worship at that place, and it received the name of the place—Mount Holley. Prof. Junius B. Fox, a candidate for the Ministry, is supplying them with regular, monthly services. Our prospects there are truly flattering.

Some time last July, I received a communication from Rev. A. L. Crouse, informing me that he had received and accepted a call from Bethlehem E. L. Congregation, near Waynesboro, Augusta County, Va., which had lately become vacant by the resignation of Rev. L. A. Fox, D. D., to accept a call to the Professorship of Mental and Moral Science in Roanoke College. In obedience to the custom of Lutheran Synods, as well as to comply with a special rule adopted by this Synod at her Convention in 1872, he requested me, as the President of Synod, to appoint a committee to regularly install him Pastor of said congregation at an early day. I immediately wrote to Revs. Prof. L. A. Fox, D. D., and Irenaeus Conder, appointing them to perform this duty. Soon after I received a letter from Prof. L. A. Fox, stating that it would not be convenient for him to discharge the duty assigned the committee, very soon, but would do so as soon as convenient.

Since then I have not heard from any of the parties concerned, but I have no doubt that if the thing has not yet been done, in due time it will be attended to.

In his communication, Rev. Crouse also informs me, that by his removal his late Pastorate—St. James' and St. Thomas' congregations, in Lexington County, S. C., are rendered vacant.

Some time in the month of August, I received a communication from Rev. Daniel Efrid, officially informing me that he has resigned the Pastoral oversight of his congregations—St. John's, St. Peter's, St. Jacob's, and Bethlehem Churches, in Lexington County, S. C., and that they are consequently vacant.

Early in this month, I received a postal from Rev. J. P. Stirewalt, officially informing me that he has resigned his former Pastorate, and has accepted a call from the late Pastorate of our deceased and much lamented brother, Rev. J. S. Bennick. He also informed me that his late Pastorate is now vacant, and that St. Stephen's Church, near Strasburg, until lately in connection with the Concordia District of the Ohio Synod, has severed its connection with that Synod and united with his former Pastorate, and will apply for admission into this Synod at its present Convention.

Very lately I received a letter from Rev. J. W. Hausenlueck, informing me that he has within the last synodical year organized two new congregations, and added them to his Pastorate, viz.: Alma Fairview and Cedar Point, which will make application to be received into connection with this Synod during this Convention.

Inasmuch as the 3rd Section of Art. I. of the By-Laws of this Synod require the President "to make a statement of all important events that have occurred relating to Synod, which may have come to his knowledge," I feel it my duty to report some additional things which have occurred, and, properly, should have been officially reported to me, but by some means have not been furnished me;—having seen some of them stated in the public prints, and heard of others from reliable sources:

I have heard that Revs. J. S. Koerner, J. C. Moser and Dr. M. L. Fox have removed from their former places of residence, and that the two former have taken, each, a Professorship in Concordia College, and the latter also resides at Conover.

I have also learned, that by the removal of Rev. J. C. Moser, his late Pastorate, consisting of St. Mark's, Mount Moriah and Phanael's Churches, in Rowan County, N. C., and Morning Star, in Mecklenburg, and Emmanuel's, in Union, County, N. C., have become vacant; I have, however, heard that Rev. J. R. Peterson has taken a temporary oversight of the two latter Churches.

I am credibly informed that Prof. J. C. Moser is regularly serving Sharon's and St. Martin's Churches, in Iredell County, N. C.

Although I was the Presiding Officer of Synod, I was not aware that

Rev. J. S. Koiner had been installed as Pastor of Zion's Church, until I saw it stated in the columns of *Our Church Paper*.

I have no official notice of the facts, but have seen it stated in *Our Church Paper*, that Houses of Worship have been dedicated during the year in Mt. Pleasant Congregation, Watauga County, N. C., and in Bold Spring Congregation, Caldwell County, N. C., and also in Philadelphia Congregation, Caldwell County, N. C.

I have also learned, that the corner-stone was laid some time ago, and that a new House of Worship is being constructed in Pilgrim's Congregation, Davidson County, N. C.

I am informed that Concordia College, at Conover, N. C., has a fair patronage and enjoys a reasonable degree of prosperity.

Through the columns of *Our Church Paper*, I learned soon after it occurred, that Rev. J. S. Bennick, our highly esteemed fellow-laborer in the vineyard of our Lord, departed this life within the last synodical year. I would recommend the appointment of a suitable committee to prepare a suitable report to his memory for publication in our Minutes, and also in the columns of *Our Church Paper*.

These, dear brethren, are the facts I have felt it my duty to lay before you in this report. There are some things I would like to recommend in addition to these statements, but the report is already a very lengthy one.

Now, permit me to surrender the Chair you so kindly placed me in, and humbly hope that upon whom you devolve its duties for the next year, may be better able to discharge them than I have been.

Respectfully submitted,

A. J. FOX.

Letters, Petitions, and Papers, addressed to Synod, were called for and presented, to be placed in the hands of a Committee, consisting of Revs. J. R. Peterson and M. L. Little, for arrangement and classification.

The President announced the following

Standing Committees :

I. ON MISSIONS.—Revs. Dr. A. J. Fox, J. R. Peterson, and A. L. Crouse.

II. ON STATE OF THE CHURCH.—Revs. A. L. Crouse, J. C. Moser, and J. K. Efrid.

III. ON EXAMINATION.—Revs. J. M. Smith, J. C. Moser, A. L. Crouse, J. N. Stirewalt, J. K. Efrid, and E. L. Lybrand.

IV. ON PRESIDENT'S REPORT.—Revs. J. R. Peterson, I. Conder, and Maj. H. A. Meetze.

V. ON TREASURERS' REPORTS.—Maj. H. A. Meetze and Rev. E. L. Lybrand.

VI. ON UNFINISHED BUSINESS.—Revs. A. J. Fox, J. P. Stirewalt, and Mr. C. M. Efrd.

VII. ON LETTERS AND PETITIONS.—Revs. M. L. Little, J. A. Cromer, and Col. G. H. Chapman.

VIII. ON COMMITTEE ON EXAMINATION OF CANDIDATES FOR THE MINISTRY.—Revs. P. C. Henkel, J. S. Koiner, and I. Conder.

IX. ON ORDINATION.—Revs. A. J. Fox, J. R. Peterson.

The hours of 9 A. M., 12 M., 2 P. M., and 4 P. M., were fixed as the hours of opening and closing the sessions.

On motion, Synod adjourned to meet on Monday at 9 o'clock. Benediction by Dr. S. Henkel.

SECOND SESSION.

MONDAY, Oct. 16, 9 A. M.

Session was opened with devotional exercises, conducted by Rev. J. R. Peterson.

The Minutes of Saturday were read and adopted.

Rev. Peter Miller, Corresponding-Delegate from the South Carolina Synod, was received and invited to a seat within the bar of Synod.

On motion, St. David's Congregation, Shenandoah Co., Va., and Mt. Nebo Congregation, Rochelle, Madison Co., Va., were received into connection with our Synod.

The Committee on Unfinished Business submitted the following report, which was received and acted upon by items, and then recommitted.

Report of Committee on Unfinished Business.

We, the Committee on Unfinished Business, make the following report :

Item 1. On page 7, we find a Committee, consisting of Rev. Dr. A. J. Fox and Rev. Dr. S. Henkel, appointed to inquire into the expediency of erecting tombstones at the graves of Rev. Ambrose Henkel, New Market, Va., and Rev. Phil. Henkel, Richland Church, Randolph County, N. C. Is that Committee ready to report ?

Item 2. On same page, we find a Committee appointed, of which Rev. P. C. Henkel is Chairman, to examine and, if found qualified, to ordain Mr. D. A. Goodman to the office of Pastor. Has that Committee discharged its duty ?

Item 3. On page 8, a Committee, of which Rev. Dr. A. J. Fox is Chairman, was appointed to examine and, if found qualified, to ordain Prof. W. P. Cline to the office of Pastor. Has this been done?

Item 4. On page 11, we find the proposed amendments to the Constitution and By-Laws of Synod were postponed until this meeting of Synod.

Item 5. On page 12, we find that a Committee, consisting of Rev. S. Henkel and Rev. L. A. Fox, was appointed to prepare a form of an Ordination Certificate. Is this Committee prepared to report?

Item 6. On same page, we find that a Committee, of which Rev. J. N. Stirewalt is Chairman, was appointed to memorialize the Ministers and people on the subject of Beneficiary Education.

Respectfully,

A. J. FOX,
J. P. STIREWALT,
C. M. EFIRD.

Item 1. Not complied with. The Committee was continued with the substitution of Rev. A. L. Crouse for Rev. S. Henkel.

Item 2. Complied with, and the name of Mr. D. A. Goodman was recorded in the clerical roll.

Item 3. Complied with, and the following Report of the Committee on the Ordination of Candidate W. P. Cline, was received and adopted.

Report of Committee on Ordination of Candidate, W. P. Cline.

As Chairman of your Committee, I beg leave to submit the following:

After consulting Rev. T. Moser the other member of the Committee, Mr. Cline, and the Congregation at St. Luke's, Lincoln County, N. C., I made an appointment, for the purposes designed by the appointment of the Committee, at that place, on the 11th day of December, 1881. At the time agreed upon, I went to the place appointed, and met Mr. Cline and the Congregation assembled, but Rev. T. Moser, the other member of the Committee, failed to meet us; as he soon afterwards informed me, on account of ill-health. Mr. Cline and the Congregation were anxious to proceed in the work for which we were assembled. Being alone as I was, I felt considerable hesitancy in regard to the matter; but inasmuch as Mr. Cline had been preaching steadily for those people, and as it was understood that immediately after his ordination he would take the Pastoral oversight of the Congregation, I, at length, proposed to the Officers of the Congregation, that I would do as they desired, provided they would join me in conducting a public examination of the candidate, and in the event we should find him qualified to bear the office of the Ministry, and with me, subscribe a certificate of ordination. In view of his probably becoming their Pastor, they readily consented. His examination

proved entirely satisfactory. He was found well qualified, both in Literary and Theological attainment. On the day following he was publicly consecrated, in the manner and form prescribed in our Lutheran Liturgy, and received his credentials, signed by the Chairman of the Committee and the Officers of the Congregation.

Should these transactions be approved by the Synod, his name should be placed upon our regular Catalogue of Ministers.

Respectfully submitted,

A. J. FOX,
Chairman of Committee.

Item 4. In regard to this item the motion was sustained, and the Committee consists of Revs. S. Henkel, D. D., A. L. Crouse, P. C. Henkel, T. Moser, and Prof. R. A. Yoder.

Moved, That the proposed amendments to the Constitution of Synod be entrusted to a Committee whose duty it shall be to consider them and report at the convention of Synod next year.

Item 5. Not complied with. The Committee was discharged. Revs. J. R. Peterson and M. L. Little were constituted a Committee to prepare a form of Ordination Certificate.

Item 6. Complied with, and a Committee, composed of Revs. A. J. Fox and J. P. Stirewalt, was appointed to call the attention of Ministers and people in our connection, by letter, or otherwise, to the subject of Beneficiary Education, urging upon them its importance and their duty.

The Committee on President's Report submitted a report, which was considered by items.

We, your Committee, appointed to examine and report on the President's Report, find nothing in that document requiring our action, except his reference to the death of our lamented brother, Rev. J. S. Bennick, and we recommend, that a Committee of three be appointed to report resolutions of this sad event. Respectfully submitted.

J. R. PETERSON,
I. CONDER,
HENRY A. MEETZE.

Item 1. Sustained, and the President appointed Revs. J. R. Peterson, I. Conder and J. P. Stirewalt, to prepare the resolutions on the death of Rev. J. S. Bennick.

St. Stephen's Congregation, Shenandoah County, Va., Cedar Point, and Alma Fairview, Page County, Va., were received into connection with this Synod.

The Annual Report of the retiring President was re-committed.

The following resolution, offered by Rev. A. L. Crouse, was adopted:

Resolved, That the Secretary be instructed to prepare, for the Archives of Synod, a complete roll of all Congregations in its connection, and that the Ministers give him, at his request, all the assistance they can.

Resolution adopted.

The Committee on Unfinished Business, presented the remaining item of their report.

Item 7. Said report being re-committed. the Committee beg leave to enquire further, if the Committee appointed on page 7, (Minutes of 1881), of which Rev. J. C. Moser is Chairman, in regard to receiving Concordia High School into connection with this Synod, is ready to report?

A. J. FOX,

J. P. STIREWALT,

C. M. EFIRD.

The Committee, not being ready to report, was, at their own request, continued.

The Report on Unfinished Business was adopted as a whole.

The Committee on Letters and Petitions reported, and the report was received and considered by items.

Report on Letters and Petitions.

Your Committee on Letters and Petitions beg leave to submit the following report:

CLASS I.—EXCUSES FOR ABSENCE FROM SYNOD.

No. 1 is a letter from Rev. L. A. Fox, D. D., in which he asks to be excused for his non-attendance upon this Convention of Synod, assigning, as a reason, pressure of duties. We recommend that he be excused.

No. 2 is a letter from Rev. J. M. Smith, of similar import. We recommend that he be not excused.

No. 3 is a letter from Rev. M. L. Fox, of same import. We recommend that he be not excused.

No. 4 is a letter from Rev. T. Moser, assigning the reason of his ab-

sence to be bodily infirmities and want of means. We recommend he be excused.

No. 5 is a letter from Rev. C. H. Bernheim, asking to be excused from this meeting. We recommend that he be not excused.

CLASS II.—PETITIONS FOR ORDINATION.

Nos. 1, 2, and 3 are Petitions from St. Mark's, Mt. Moriah, Rowan County, and Phauel's, Cabarrus County, N. C., asking for the examination, and, if found qualified, the ordination of Prof. D. J. Suttlemyer, to the holy office of the Ministry, praying also for his services.

Nos. 4 and 5 are Petitions of like import, from Killian's, Catawba County, and Luther's, Burke County, N. C. Your Committee recommend the appointment of a Committee of three, consisting of Revs. P. C. Henkel, J. R. Peterson, and J. M. Smith, to attend to this work at such time as may be agreed upon by the Committee and the candidate.

CLASS III.—PETITIONS FOR NEXT CONVENTION OF SYNOD.

No. 1 is a Petition from Beck's Church, Davidson County, N. C., praying for the next meeting of Synod to be held in their church.

No. 2 is a Petition from Pilgrim's Church, Davidson County, N. C., of same import.

No. 3 is a Petition from Concordia Church, Conover, N. C., of like import.

CLASS IV.—MISCELLANEOUS.

No. 1 is a Petition from Killian's Church, Catawba County, N. C., asking to be received into connection with this Synod. We recommend that this congregation be received.

No. 2 is a letter from Rev. C. H. Bernheim, asking this Synod to take into consideration the division of the Synod into State district Synods.

No. 3 is a Petition from Melancthon's Church, Randolph County, N. C., asking Synod to send them a preacher.

Respectfully submitted,

M. L. LITTLE,
J. A. CROMER,
G. H. CHAPMAN.

Class I.—No. 1. Rev. L. A. Fox, D. D., excused.

No. 2. Rev. J. M. Smith not excused.

No. 3. Rev. M. L. Fox not excused.

No. 4. Rev. T. Moser excused.

No. 5. Rev. C. H. Bernheim not excused.

Class II.—Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5. Pending the discussion of these items, Synod adjourned. Prayer by the President.

THIRD SESSION.

MONDAY, Oct. 16, 2 o'clock.

During recess, Rev. J. P. Stirewalt preached from Eph. 3: 19.

House was called to order by the President. Roll called.

The pending items of the report on Letters and Petitions were resumed and after some discussion, the recommendation of the Committee was sustained.

Class III.—Nos. 1, 2, 3. It was moved to ballot for the place of holding the next Convention. The motion was sustained.

Concordia Church, Conover, Catawba County, N. C., was chosen, by ballot, as the place for the next Convention of Synod. The time for the Convention was fixed at 10 o'clock, on Saturday before the first full moon in October, 1883.

Class IV.—No. 1. The recommendation prevailed, and Killian's congregation, Catawba County, N. C., was received.

No. 2. It was moved that Synod consider the propriety of Districting herself according to States. After discussing the subject, the following resolution, offered by Rev. Dr. S. Henkel, was adopted.

In view of various contingent circumstances, I offer the following as a substitute, for the motion before Synod: Be it *Resolved*, That in regard to Rev. C. H. Bernheim's suggestion to district our Synod, Synod is not prepared to entertain said suggestion at this time, whilst, however, it may be desirable in the near future.

No. 3. It was moved, that a Committee of two be appointed to consider the petition from Melancthon's Church, and report at this session of Synod. Committee—Revs. P. C. Henkel and A. J. Fox.

The Report on Letters and Petitions was adopted as a whole.

The Treasurer, Rev. Dr. S. Henkel, submitted his report.

Treasurer's Report.

NEW MARKET, SHENANDOAH COUNTY, VA., }
October 11th, 1882. }

SOCRATES HENKEL IN ACCOUNT WITH

EVANG. LUTHERAN TENNESSEE SYNOD.

1881.				Dr.	
Sept. 14,	To amount from former Treasurer, Rev. J. M. Smith.	\$	65	60	
" "	" " " " Rev. J. R. Peterson.....		9	35	
" "	" " " " Rev. W. P. Cline.....			30	
" "	" " " " Rev. C. H. Bernheim.....		1	80	
" "	" " " " Rev. J. M. Smith.....		3	80	
" "	" " " " G. D. Armentrout.....			60	
" "	" " " " Rev. A. J. Fox		3	50	
" "	" " " " Rev. P. C. Henkel.....		3	00	
" "	" " " " Rev. R. A. Yoder		2	50	
" "	" " " " N. W. Bowman.....			50	
" "	" " " " Rev. J. N. Stirewalt		1	40	
" "	" " " " Rev. D. Efird.....			70	
" "	" " " " Dr. Eargle.....			30	
" "	" " " " Mr. J. F. Drafts.....			50	
" "	" " " " J. K. Efird.....		2	70	
" "	" " " " Rev. Dr. M. L. Fox.....		2	00	
" "	" " " " Mr. L. M. Zirkle.....		2	00	
" "	" " " " Rev. I. Conder.....			40	
" "	" " " " Rev. T. Moser.....		2	00	
" "	" " " " H. J. Wessinger			20	
" "	" " " " Rev. Lybrand.....			90	
" "	" " " " Rev. Goodman.....		1	15	
" "	" " " " Rev. J. C. Moser.....		3	00	
" "	" " " " Rev. S. Henkel.....		1	00	
Nov. 1.	" " " " Mr. Jos. Shealey.		1	00	
" "	" " " " Rev. Lybrand.....			30	
Nov. 30.	" " " " Rev. Hausenfluck.....			50	
Dec. 22.	" " " " "			90	
1882.					
Jan. 5.	" " " " Minutes sold.....			40	
					<u>\$112.30</u>
1881.					
Oct. 10.	To amount paid Henkel & Co. for printing, binding, and mailing 800 copies of Minutes.....	\$45.50			
1882.					
Oct. 10.	Balance on hand, due Synod	\$66.80			
					<u>\$112 30</u>

The Committee on Treasurers' Reports submitted the following reports which were received and adopted.

TO THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN TENNESSEE SYNOD.—The Committee appointed to examine the accounts of the Treasurer of this Synod have discharged that duty and find the same to be correct. He has a balance in his hands and due the Synod of sixty-six dollars and eighty cents.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY A. MEETZE, CHAIRMAN,
E. L. LYBRAND.

SOCRATES HENKEL'S REPORT AS AGENT FOR TREASURER OF

BENEFICIARY FUND. Oct. 10, 1882.

1881.		DR.	
Sept. 3,	To amount from Mt. Zion Church)		\$ 4 38
	S. Henkel's charge..... }		
" 27,	To amount from Emmanuel's..... }		14 50
" 14,	To amount from Rev. J. N. Stirewalt's charge.....		12 19
" 14,	To amount from Rev. J. K. Eflord's charge.....		4 00
" 14,	To amount from Rev. J. A. Cromer.....		2 00
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			\$37 07
1882.		CR.	
June 5,	By amount paid T. E. Armentrout.....	\$40 00	
Oct. 10,	To amount from Rev. J. P. Stirewalt's charge.....		\$19 40
" 11,	To amount from Emmanuel's Church.)		12 00
	S. Henkel's charge..... }		
" 11,	To amount from Mt. Zion Church..... }		6 00
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			\$74 47
			40 00
			<hr/>
			\$34 47

Report of Treasurer of Beneficiary Fund.

T. MOSER, TREASURER OF BENEFICIARY FUND,

In account with the

EVANG. LUTHERAN TENNESSEE SYNOD.

1882.		DR.	
Sept. 10,	To cash on hand.....		\$135 70
Dec. 10,	To cash from J. C. Moser's charge.....		12 00
1882.	From T. Moser's charge,		
" Sept. 17,	St. Mark's, Rowan Co., N. C.		2 00
" " 17,	Mt. Moriah, " "		10 00
" " 24,	St. Martin's, Stanley Co., "		1 50
" Oct. 1,	St. Martin's, Cabarrus " "		6 35
" " 8,	Phanuel, Rowan Co., "		3 00
			<hr/>
Amount.....			\$170 55

1881.	Cr.
Dec. 20, By cash paid T. E. Armentrout,.....	\$100 00
“ 20, “ “ Postage	13
Amount.....	\$100 13
Balance in my hands.....	\$70 42

T. MOSER, TREAS. BEN. FUND.

The Committee on the Report of the Treasurer of the Beneficiary Fund reported as follows:

TO THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN TENNESSEE SYNOD:—The Committee appointed to examine the account of the Treasurer of the Beneficiary Fund have discharged that duty, and find the same to be correct, and that there is in his hands a balance of Seventy Dollars and forty-two cents, and in the hands of his agent, Dr. S. Henkel, the sum of Thirty-four Dollars and forty-seven cents, making in the aggregate the sum of One Hundred and Four Dollars and eighty-nine cents.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY A. MEETZE, CHAIRMAN,
E. L. LYBRAND.

Oct. 16, 1882.

Synod adjourned. Benediction by Rev. S. Henkel, D. D.

FOURTH SESSION.

TUESDAY, Oct. 17, 9 o'clock, A. M.

The session was opened with devotional exercises, conducted by Rev. J. K. Efird. House was called to order by the President. Roll called.

Rev. P. Miller conveyed to this Synod the fraternal greetings of the Evang. Lutheran Synod of South Carolina, and, at the request of the President, was replied to by Rev. Dr. A. J. Fox in a few pertinent remarks.

The following resolution, offered by Rev. A. L. Crouse, was adopted:

Resolved, That we recommend “Grades in the Ministry,” a book by the late Rev. Jacob Stirewalt, to the careful study and impartial examination of our people, both clerical and lay.*

Report of the Delegate to Evang. Lutheran Synod of N. C.

Your Delegate begs leave to submit the following:

Some very urgent business matters being very unexpectedly thrust upon me, demanding immediate attention, prevented me from discharging

*The book can be had of the Publisher, Rev. J. P. STIREWALT, New Market, Va.

the duty assigned by my appointment. For several reasons I was anxious to meet our brethren of the Synod of North Carolina, and regretted my inability to do so very much; I, however, addressed a fraternal letter to the Synod, a copy of which I herewith submit. I learn this letter was very kindly received and read before the Synod.

I learn from the public prints, that a committee of two ministers and one layman, was appointed to meet and confer with a similar committee from this Synod, in regard to such territory as may be in dispute between the two Synods. It is my opinion, that the committee asked for should be appointed, and trust every suitable means will be employed to secure an amicable adjustment of every misunderstanding, which in any way disturbs the peace and prosperity of our beloved Lutheran Church in North Carolina.

Respectfully submitted,

A. J. FOX.

The report was received and adopted.

On motion, a Committee, composed of Revs. A. J. Fox, P. C. Henkel, and Mr. A. Costner, was appointed to confer with a Committee, appointed by the North Carolina Synod, in regard to such territory as may interlap between the two Synods.

Parochial Reports were now read.

Synod adjourned till after recess. Benediction by the President.

During recess, Rev. J. R. Peterson preached from Matt. 22: 1, 14. Rev. Dr. A. J. Fox preached Monday evening, in Mt. Olivet Lutheran Church, Spring Hill, from 1 John 1: 5, 6, 7, 8.

FIFTH SESSION.

TUESDAY, 2 P. M.

Synod was called to order by the President. Roll called.

The following resolution, offered by Rev. Dr. S. Henkel, was adopted:

Be it *Resolved*, That it be the duty of our ministers to obtain the number of baptized persons, infants and adults, as well as that of the communicant members, and report the result of their efforts to the next session of Synod, with a view to arranging our Parochial Report, so as to give the whole strength of our Synod, by adding a column for the insertion of such members.

The resolution, offered by Maj. H. A. Meetze, on Sunday school work, was adopted:

Resolved, That until otherwise ordered, at the future meetings of this Synod, Sunday afternoons shall be devoted to Sunday school work ; and the *pastors loci* where synodical meetings are held are charged with the duty of making the necessary arrangements, to give interest and effect to these services.

The following resolution, offered by Rev. Prof. J. S. Koiner, was adopted :

Resolved, That each of our Pastors is required to teach his people the duty of Christian giving, and to take up in each of his congregations collections for beneficiary education, and to report at each regular Convention of our Synod.

The following resolution, offered by Rev. Dr. S. Henkel, was adopted :

It is meet and right, that the dignity, sacredness, and solemnity of the ministerial office be preserved and perpetuated, and in order that it may not be lowered and disparaged, be it *Resolved*, That Synod recommend, that all applicants for examination and ordination, and for whom there are petitions to Synod from a congregation, or congregations, praying for such examination and ordination, and extending a call or a request for pastoral services on the part of the subject of such petition or petitions, appear at some session of this Synod, prepared to submit to such examination, and if found qualified, to receive such ordination, and be it further *Resolved*, that it is the sentiment of this Synod, that this recommendation should be acquiesced in, in all possible cases, as the order of Synod in all ordinary cases.

The Committee on Petition from Melanchthon Congregation read the following report. The report was adopted.

Report of Committee on Petition from Melanchthon Congregation.

Your Committee on petition from Melanchthon Church, Randolph County, N. C., for a minister, would report the following: Inasmuch as we have no one whom we could send to them at this time, we recommend Rev. Dr. M. L. Fox, and others, be advised to visit them as often as possible, until their request can be complied with.

Respectfully submitted,

A. J. FOX,
P. C. HENKEL.

Report of the Committee on Examination was read and adopted.

Report of Committee on Examination.

We, your Committee on examination of P. C. Wyke, an applicant for beneficiary aid, report that we have held such examination ; and, being convinced that he possesses the necessary qualifications, recommend that

he be received and directed according to our regulations. We have, also, had an interview with J. P. Price, and are satisfied as to his moral qualifications, but in view of the fact that he has made scarcely a beginning in his education, we deem it unnecessary to place his name upon our roll of students at present, but recommend that he pursue his studies as zealously as he is able to do.

A. L. CROUSE,
J. K. EFIRD,
E. L. LYBRAND.

Synod having ascertained the condition of the Beneficiary Treasury, it was moved to consider appropriations for which application was made.

On motion, Synod made an appropriation of eighty dollars (\$80.00) to Mr. P. C. Wyke. The motion was sustained.

It was moved, that Synod make an appropriation of one hundred and fifty dollars (\$150.00) to Mr. D. A. Sox. The motion prevailed.

The Committee on Missions submitted the following report, which was received, considered, and adopted :

Your Committee on Missions report, that it has no data from the Secretaries of the Virginia and North Carolina Conferences; and, therefore, has no report to make in reference to the work in those sections. A paper has been addressed to the Synod from a Committee of the South Carolina Conference, which we herewith submit, and recommend that it be read in Synod, considered, and such action taken as may seem necessary.

Respectfully submitted,

A. J. FOX,
P. C. HENKEL,
A. L. CROUSE.

Report of S. C. Conference of E. L. Tennessee Synod in Regard to Mission Work.

TO THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN TENNESSEE SYNOD :

The South Carolina Conference, connected with your body, during its July meeting, constituted the subscribed parties a Committee to bring its acts and views in the mission work before you, in accordance with which action, we beg leave to submit the following :

1st. Said Conference, in obedience to the resolution of Synod, passed Nov., 1879, at Summit, at its next meeting, Aug., 1880, adopted a systematic plan for prosecuting the work, which plan provides an Executive Committee with proper adjuncts, into whose hands the work is entrusted, subject to the approval of the Conference. Said Committee is now in active existence.

2d. Said Committee has from time to time expended such funds as have been put in their possession in giving such aid to such people and places, as it deemed best. We now have in operation a systematic plan for raising funds, and at one time had a German Missionary, who visited all Germans immigrating to this State upon their arrival, and which has been discontinued, because we have no man who can fill the place.

3d. Said Committee finds itself much hampered for the scarcity of ministers, and after bringing its views before said Conference, and discussing the same fully, the Conference unanimously agreed—That the said work could not be pushed effectively, except by some men who had the time to visit remote places,—spending days with the people—working up their resources—gathering up the stray ones, and encouraging those already at work. Certain it is that no one Conference in our Synod, has or will accomplish thus much.

THEREFORE we beg leave to *recommend*:

1st, That the Synod rescind its action of November, 1879.

2d, That it recommend the Conferences to keep in active force their plans for raising missionary funds.

3d, That the Synod put a regular missionary in the field.

All of which we think can be effected by the earnest and energetic co-operation of the Conference, in connection with what the people aided could pay toward the salary of said missionary.

All of which we respectfully submit for the earnest and prayerful consideration of your body.

HENRY A. MEETZE, CHAIRMAN,
C. M. EFIRD,
E. L. LYBRAND.

October 13th, 1882.

The report was received and considered by items.

Pending the discussion of item 1st of this report, Synod adjourned till Wednesday morning. Benediction by Rev. M. L. Little.

SIXTH SESSION.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18, 9 o'clock.

Synod was opened with divine services, conducted by Rev. I. Conder. House called to order by the President. Roll called.

On motion, Rev. T. Moser was re-elected Treasurer of Beneficiary Fund.

The following resolution was adopted:

WHEREAS, Our Treasurer of Beneficiary Funds is absent,

Resolved, That his agent is authorized to receive all moncy's that can be

paid over at this session of Synod, and pay to our beneficiaries half the amount appropriated, provided he obtains satisfactory receipts, and for which they shall execute their bonds when the whole appropriation is received.

Rev. J. C. Moser was excused.

Rev. R. A. Yoder was excused.

Rev. J. N. Stirewalt was not excused.

Rev. J. W. Hausenfluck was not excused.

The following resolutions, offered by Rev. A. L. Crouse, were adopted:

Resolved, That the names of all our regularly received candidates for the ministry be appended to our clerical roll.

Resolved, That the names of all our beneficiaries be appended to our clerical roll.

The usual vote of thanks, expressed in the following language, was adopted:

Resolved, That we, the members of this Convention of Synod, hereby tender our most sincere thanks, to the members of this Congregation, and other citizens of this vicinity, for the very kind and cordial manner in which they have received and entertained us, during our stay among them; and that the President of Synod read this resolution to-day, at the close of the sermon.

Resolved, That the Treasurer have a sufficient number of copies of the Minutes of this Convention of Synod printed, to supply the calls for them, and to furnish each minister of this Synod with three copies; each general body of Lutherans, in this country, one copy; and the Synods with which this Synod is in correspondence, one copy each; our institutions of learning, one copy each; our Lutheran publications, two copies each; and our beneficiaries and applicants, one copy each.

Corresponding Delegates to other Synods:—

To S. C. Synod.—Rev. M. L. Little, Principal; Rev. E. L. Lybrand, Alternate.

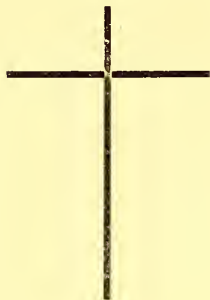
To N. C. Synod.—Rev. J. R. Peterson, Principal; Rev. Prof. R. A. Yoder, Alternate.

To Virginia Synod.—Rev. A. L. Crouse, Principal; Rev. J. Paul Stirewalt, Alternate.

It was moved to re-open correspondence with the E. Lutheran Holston Synod.

Rev. S. Henkel, D. D., was appointed Corresponding Delegate to the Holston Synod, with Rev. Dr. A. J. Fox, Alternate.

IN MEMORY OF



REV. JOHN S. BENNICK.

We, your Committee, appointed to prepare suitable resolutions, have adopted the following :

WHEREAS, It hath pleased Almighty God, in his all-wise Providence, to remove our lamented brother, J. S. Bennick, from his work on earth to his reward in heaven ;

Be it Resolved 1. That we bow in humble submission to the will of Him who doeth all things well.

Resolved 2. In his death, the Church militant has lost a most efficient and faithful laborer.

Resolved 3. That a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the face of the Minutes, and that one page be devoted to his memory.

Resolved 4. That a copy of these resolutions be sent to his bereaved family.

J. R. PETERSON,
I. CONDER,
J. P. STIREWALT.

These resolutions were unanimously adopted by all the members of Synod, standing in profound silence for a few minutes.

It was moved that our applicant, Mr. T. E. Armentrout, be directed to place himself under the care of Rev. A. L. Crouse for this Synodical year, and that he prosecute his studies as rapidly as possible. The motion was sustained.

The Chairman of the Committee on the State of the Church, read his report, which was received and considered ; and, being amended, stands as follows :

Report of Committee on the State of the Church.

The Committee on the State of the Church is represented here by only one member, and its report cannot be as full as it should be. Much that should be brought out will necessarily escape attention.

In many respects we find that the general condition of the Synod has been improved. In many places new and elegant houses of worship have been built, both by old and new congregations. Several new congregations have been organized, and estranged ones reclaimed. More interest in mission work has been manifested. Money has been raised, missions established and supplied. This indicates that our people are becoming more concerned about the extension of the church ; hence, we find somewhat less selfishness.

The accessions to our membership have been as large, and perhaps of as worthy character, as any year in our history. We do not think that any body, with an equal number of laborers, has outstripped us in this respect. We are also confident, that the majority of persons received into our communion have been well trained in the catechetical class and Sunday school.

We notice also, that our people are manifesting greater interest in the cause of education. Many have been induced to give to our colleges and schools, who a few years ago thought such a thing an innovation not to be tolerated. No doubt more has been done in this way, by a number of congregations, during the past year, than any previous one. Parents, too, have been moved to give more attention to the education of their children, and, as a natural consequence, we hear of an increase in the number of young men making an effort to prepare for the work of the ministry.

There is an improvement in the work of beneficence, but not commensurate with the resources of the people and the demands of the Church. More money has been collected this year than last, and yet we are not doing our whole duty.

Most of our Ministers have been prosecuting the work with zeal and energy, but many of them at a sad disadvantage, in view of the extent of

their charges. Notwithstanding these disadvantages, the best possible has been done, considering the depleted ranks of our ministry.

In view of these elements of prosperity, we have a right to expect that the fond hopes entertained at our last Convention were all realized, but, with sadness, we are compelled to report otherwise, in respect to some of the features of the state of the Church.

In Virginia, we can safely say, as aforetime, that there are no divisions in the congregations, and that the ministers are keeping the unity of the spirit in the bonds of peace. They walk in love and respect each others feelings. They are not given over to jealousy, but know how to honor each others ability and excuse each others infirmities.

In North Carolina, we "hear that there are divisions, and we partly believe it." We do not think that there are any serious differences in matters of faith, but there is not that concert of action that should characterize a Conference. Neither is there sufficient respect for the feelings of each other among some of the ministers. Ministers should not think more highly of themselves than they ought to think, lest they look more to the immortalization of their names than the glory of God. "Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus," for "Ye are brethren." Ministers should not think more highly of themselves than they ought to think, lest they look more to the extension of their territory and influence, and the immortalization of their names than the glory of God. "Let this same mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus," for you are his servants.

In South Carolina, some of the things formerly complained of have been removed, and the internecine strife once carried on has, in a great degree, abated. One minister has resigned, and another moved away, and their action has been criticised, perhaps, too freely. However, we think that good has already resulted from some, if not all, of the changes that have been made.

In Alabama, our cause is holding out bravely, and the people have done admirably well. There is but one hindrance to almost unbounded prosperity there, and that is the want of laborers. The people are liberal and zealous, and will do their part well.

Looking again at the whole Synod there is, in many places, a lack of interest in Sunday schools, and a fearful want of attention to the reading of Church literature. The Minutes of Synod are not circulated as they ought to be, and the people are not well enough acquainted with the work and demands of Synod.

There is also too much negligence in training the people in the responsive service in the Church.

While all these things that are wrong, are unpleasant and need correction, we have much to cause us to thank God and take courage.

A. L. CROUSE.

The two amendments to the report on the state of the church were adopted. The report was adopted as a whole.

The following paper was read before Synod, and discussed to a limited extent:

WHEREAS, The Evang. Lutheran Tennessee Synod has in time past held aloof from direct connection with other Lutheran bodies in this country, from reasons patent and well known to all persons acquainted with her history; and since said reasons have been dispelled by other bodies, planting themselves on the same basis as ourselves; and whereas in union and co-operative energy there is resistless strength; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Evangelical Lutheran Tennessee Synod, now in Convention assembled, do adopt the Constitution of "The Evangelical Lutheran General Synod in North America," and do elect a delegation, proportioned according to Article II. of said Constitution, to represent this Synod in the next regular Convention of said General Synod, to sit in the City of Charleston, in April proximo.

Pending the discussion of this paper, pertaining to effecting a union with the General Synod in North America, Synod adjourned. Benediction by the President. During recess, Rev. E. L. Lybrand preached from Phil. 2: 5.

SEVENTH SESSION.

WEDNESDAY, 2 o'clock.

House was called to order by the President, the roll was called, and Synod at once proceeded to business.

The following preamble and resolution, offered by Rev. S. Henkel, were adopted:

WHEREAS, A paper is before Synod, asking Synod to take into consideration the propriety of effecting some connection with the Southern E. L. General Synod, and whereas, this is a matter which requires careful and matured consideration; hence, in view of the late hour of this session of Synod, in which the said paper was offered, be it

Resolved, That this paper be deferred to our next Annual Session of Synod, for consideration.

The following resolution, offered by Rev. S. Henkel, D., was adopted:

As a substitute for the motion now before the Synod, I offer the following: In view of the probability of some change taking place in the present polity of our Synod at no far distant date, be it

Resolved, That we deem it injudicious, as well as impolitic, to change our present system of missionary work, as indicated in the report of the

South Carolina Conference of the Evang. Lutheran Tennessee Synod, suggesting a change in our present policy of missionary operations.

On motion, it was made the duty of the Secretary to prepare an extract of the proceedings of this Convention of Synod, for publication in *Our Church Paper*.

The following resolution, offered by Rev. Dr. A. J. Fox, was adopted :

Resolved, That the facts set forth by the report of the Committee on the State of the Church, showing as they do, that rather an unfavorable state of things exists among our people in the State of North Carolina, this Synod most earnestly advises all concerned to, at the earliest possible period, make a united effort to adjust any difficulties that may exist in that section of our Church.

It was moved to reconsider Rev. J. W. Hausenfluck's excuse. After due consideration, Rev. J. W. Hausenfluck was excused.

The following resolution, offered by Rev. Dr. A. J. Fox, was adopted :

Resolved, That we have heard with pleasure the statement of the President in regard to his writing the history of our Synod, and hope that his expectations may be realized, and the work forthcoming by the next session of this Synod.

It was moved to dispense with reading the Minutes. The motion prevailed.

Synod adjourned to meet at the time and place appointed. Closed by Rev. S. Henkel, D. D.

J. PAUL STIREWALT, *Secretary*.

PAROCHIAL REPORT.

MINISTERS REPORTING.

Entered the Ministry.	Congregations.	Communi- cants.	Ad. Baptisms	In. Baptisms.	Contractions.	Letters.	Deaths.	Expulsions.	S. Schools.	Teachers.	S. S. Scholars.	Removals.	Synodical.	Ben. Educa- tion.	Current Ex- penses.	Other Ob- jects.
REV. A. J. FOX, M. D.	1837	5 550	2 52	31 40	1	5 35	260	2	30	1 90	3 30	2	3 30	1 90	400 00	...
" P. C. HENKEL.	1843	4 720	2 11	19 52	14	2 5	100	2	30	3 30	2	3 30	3 30	38 00	350 00	...
" J. R. PETERSON.	1843	5 348	24 16	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	6 30	38 00	350 00	...
" T. MOSER.	1844	6 285	3 35	14 4	6	3	130	3	3	4 00	22 80	2	4 00	22 80	300 00	...
" D. EFIRD.	1847	4 550	38 29	16	3	3 20	130	1	3	3 00	18 00	2	3 00	18 00	300 00	240 00
" S. HENKEL, D. D.	1850	2 240	3 25	19 2	16	1 6	50	1	6	3 10	8 75	1	3 10	8 75	140 00	...
" C. H. BERNHEIM.	1855	4 331	5 25	18	3	2	...	9	1	6 00	200 00	...	...	...	...	...
" J. M. SMITH.	1856	3 500	28 22	9	1	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
" I. CONDER.	1861	4 154	7 5	1	1	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
" L. A. FOX, D. D.*	1864	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
" J. N. STREWALT.	1871	5 450	2 28	4 14	1	4 31	200	1	8	1 00	21 00	2	1 00	21 00	350 00	160 00
" A. L. CROUSE.	1871	1 90	13	5	1	1	45	1	1	50	1 50	1	50	1 50	...	...
" M. L. FOX, M. D.	1871	3 120	10 2	1	1	1	100	1	8	4 00	19 40	1	4 00	19 40	500 00	65 00
" J. P. STREWALT†	1873	7 750	11 37	20 422	1	1 8	100	1	4	12 00	14 00	2	12 00	14 00	250 00	400 00
" M. L. LITTLE†	1873	7 1000	1 79	30 11	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
" J. C. MOSER.	1873	2 230	1 33	16 1	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
" J. W. HAUSENFLUCK.	1876	5 208	2 14	12 14	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
" J. K. EFIRD.	1877	3 320	1 24	12 1	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
" J. A. CROMER§.	1877	2 84	2 18	11 1	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
" E. L. LYBRAND.	1877	2 250	13 21	2 6	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
" R. A. YODER.	1878	2 200	12 19	3 2	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
" J. S. KOENER.	1881	1 100	20 5	3 2	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
" W. P. CLINE.	1881	1 40	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
" D. A. GOODMAN.	...	3 117	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
ST. JAMES AND ST. THOMAS CONGREGATIONS, S. C.¶	...	2 130	3 18	3 1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
ST. MICHAELS, ALA.¶	...	1 49	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...

*Has no charge at present. †Including former pastorate. ‡Assisted by candidates D. J. Suttlenmyre and J. A. Rudisill.
 §Supplying St. Peter's (Piny Woods) congregation. ¶Rev. A. L. Crouse's former pastorate and served part of the year.

SERMONS.

Saturday.

Synodical Sermon, Rev. Dr. A. J. Fox, Text, 1 Cor., 4, 1-2.

Sunday.

Morning : Rev. S. Henkel, D. D., Text, Hosea, 14, 1-2.
Afternoon : Rev. I. Conder, 1 Chron. 29, 5—last clause.
Mt. Olivet, Spring Hill : Rev. Prof. J. S. Koerner, St. Luke 14, 16-24.

Monday.

Rev. J. Paul Stirewalt, Text, Eph. 3, 19—first clause.
Evening : Mt. Olivet, Rev. Dr. A. J. Fox, Text, 1 John 1, 5-8.

Tuesday.

Rev. J. R. Peterson, St. Matth. 22, 1-14.

Wednesday.

Rev. E. L. Lybrand, Phil. 2, 5.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

FIRST DAY.

- 1.—Devotional exercises by the President.
- 2.—Call of Clerical Roll.
- 3.—Reception and Enrollment of Lay-Delegates.
- 4.—Reading of President's Report.
- 5.—Election of Officers.
- 6.—Reception of Advisory Members.
- 7.—Reception of Letters and Petitions.
- 8.—Appointment of Standing Committees.
- 9.—Devotion.

OTHER DAYS.

- 1.—Devotion.
- 2.—Calling of Roll.
- 3.—Reading and Correction of Minutes.
- 4.—Unfinished Business.
- 5.—Reports of Standing Committees.
- 6.—Reports of Special Committees.
- 7.—Resolutions.
- 8.—New Business.
- 9.—Devotion.

LIST OF CHURCHES

IN CONNECTION WITH THE

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN TENNESSEE SYNOD.

ALABAMA.

CLEBURNE COUNTY.—St. Michael.

SOUTH CAROLINA.

LEXINGTON COUNTY.—Zion, St. Peter, (M.), St. Paul, Cedar Grove, St. James, Emmanuel, St. Peter, (P. W.), St. John, St. Jacob, Bethlehem, St. Thomas.

RIOHLAND COUNTY.—St. Andrew.

NORTH CAROLINA.

CLEVELAND COUNTY.—St. Matthew.

GASTON COUNTY.—Lutheran Chapel, Christ, Philadelphia, Mount Holly, St. Mark.

LINCOLN COUNTY.—Bethpage, Daniel, Salem, St. Luke, Trinity.

CATAWBA COUNTY.—Sardis, Grace, Zion, Holy Trinity, St. Stephen, St. Peter, St. John, St. Paul, Killian, Piny Grove, St. James, Concordia.

ALEXANDER COUNTY.—Friendship, Salem.

CALDWELL COUNTY.—Philadelphia, Mt. Zion.

WATAUGA COUNTY.—Mt. Pleasant.

IREDELL COUNTY.—Sharon, St. Martin.

MECKLENBURG COUNTY.—Morning Star.

UNION COUNTY.—Emmanuel.

CABARRUS COUNTY.—St. Martin, Luther Union.

STANLEY COUNTY.—St. Martin.

ROWAN COUNTY.—Mt. Moriah, St. Mark, Phaniel.

DAVIDSON COUNTY.—Pilgrim, Beck, New Jerusalem.

RANDOLPH COUNTY.—Melanchthon.

ALAMANCE COUNTY.—Mt. Pleasant.

GUILFORD COUNTY.—Coble.

BURKE COUNTY.—Luther.

VIRGINIA.

AUGUSTA COUNTY.—Bethlehem, St. Paul.

ROOKINGHAM COUNTY.—Bethany, (St. Jacob), McGaheysville, Trinity, St. Peter, Rader.

PAGE COUNTY.—St. Paul, St. William, Fairview, Grace, Mt. Calvary, Morning Star, St. Mark, Cedar Point.

SHENANDOAH COUNTY.—Emmanuel, Mt. Zion, Solomon, St. Mary, (Pine), Powder Springs, St. Paul, St. Jacob, Zion, St. Matthew, St. Stephen, St. David.

MADISON COUNTY.—Mt. Nebo.

STANDING RESOLUTIONS.

Resolved, That each of our Pastors be earnestly requested to preach at least one sermon in each of his congregations, annually, upon the subject of Beneficiary Education, and other benevolent enterprises, and report to the next succeeding convention of our Synod.

Resolved, That the Council of each congregation be requested to send, to each Annual Meeting of the Synod, a written Report of the condition of the congregation.

WHEREAS, The ancient Lutheran custom of thoroughly catechising those who propose to become members of our communion, previous to their confirmation, is, in some places, falling into disuse, and rather a loose custom of receiving uncatechised persons into the church, without the slightest examination of them in regard to their religious knowledge and other qualifications for church membership, has been practiced by some; be it, therefore,

Resolved, That we earnestly recommend all our Ministers and congregations in future to see to it, that, if it can possibly be done, all who make application for church membership be thoroughly instructed, by Catechisation in the doctrines and usages of our church previous to their confirmation. But, in such extraordinary cases, as when persons of age and experience make application, or such young persons as have been so favorably situated as to have had opportunities to become acquainted with and to have informed themselves of our doctrines and customs, seek church privileges, we recommend that their request be granted; but, in no case, until such persons have been examined by the pastor, before the council, and have been approved by them.

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Horne's Introduction,—Price,	\$4.50.	Knapp's Theology,—Price,	\$3 00.		
Kurtz's Sacred History,	"	\$1.50.	Krauth's Conservative Ref-		
Kurtz's Church History,	"	\$3.00.	ormation,	"	\$5.00.
Hutter's Compend,	"	\$1.50.	Schmidt's Dogmatics,	"	\$6.00.
Book of Concord,(Henkel,			Mann's Schmidt's Ethics,	"	\$1.25.
First Edition),	"	\$2.75.	Vinet's Homiletics,	"	\$1.75.
Book of Concord,(Jacob's			Ripley's Sac. Rhetoric,	"	\$1.25.
Edition, 1882),	"	\$6.00.	Vinet's Pas. Theology,	"	\$1.25.

Instruction must be given in Liturgics, Catechetics, and Ecclesiastical Polity.

At the request of several parties, we append the prices to the above list of works, which can be had at our office, at the prices given.

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ADDENDA.

Since the copy of the Minutes was placed in the hands of the printer and printed, I have received the following, which the reader will observe instead of what appears in the regular Parochial Report :

In Rev. J. C. Moser's report, read \$15.00 instead of \$14.00 for Beneficiary Education.

In Rev. D. A. Goodman's report read the following :

Entered the Ministry, 1882; Congregations, 2; Communicants, 107; Infant Baptisms, 35; Adult Baptisms, 2; Confirmations, 17; Deaths, 5; Sunday S. Scholars, 30; Removals, 1; Ben. Education, \$3.07; Current Expenses, \$200.

SECRETARY.

MINUTES

OF THE

SIXTY-THIRD ANNUAL CONVENTION

OF THE

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN

TENNESSEE SYNOD,

HELD IN

CHAPEL OF CONCORDIA COLLEGE, CONOVER, N. C.

October 13—17, 1883.

OFFICERS OF SYNOD.

PRESIDENT—REV. J. R. PETERSON,.....Dallas, N. C.
SECRETARY—REV. A. L. CROUSE,.....Waynesboro, Va.
COR. SECRETARY—REV. C. H. BERNHEIM,.....Lexington, N. C.
TREASURER—REV. J. N. STIREWALT,.....Stony Man, Va.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

ON MISSIONS:

REVS. J. M. SMITH, J. C. MOSER, AND W. P. CLINE.

ON STATE OF THE CHURCH:

REVS. T. MOSER, J. S. KOINER, AND A. L. CROUSE.

ON EXAMINATION:

REVS. J. C. MOSER, A. J. FOX, A. L. CROUSE, J. N. STIREWALT, J. K.
EFIRD, AND J. A. CROMER.

PLACE AND TIME OF THE NEXT MEETING.

The next Convention will be held in St. Mary's (Pine) Church, near Mt. Jackson, Shenandoah county, Va., commencing on Saturday, 10 A. M., before the last Sunday in September, 1884.

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

SIXTY-THIRD ANNUAL CONVENTION

OF THE

EVANG. LUTHERAN TENNESSEE SYNOD.

CONOVER, N. C., }
OCT. 13, 1883. }

THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN TENNESSEE SYNOD met in its Sixty-Third Annual Convention with St. James congregation, in the Chapel of Concordia College, in Conover, N. C., on Saturday, October 13th, 1883. Rev. J. N. Stirewalt preached the opening sermon from 1 Cor. 3, 11.

After recess the house was called to order. Divine services were conducted by the President. The Secretary called the clerical roll:

Roll of Ministers.

NAMES.	RESIDENCES.
1 REV. A. J. FOX, M. D.,.....	Lincolnton, N. C.
2 " P. C. HENKEL, D. D.,.....	Conover, N. C.
3 " J. R. PETERSON,.....	Dallas, N. C.
4 " T. MOSER,.....	Mt. Pleasant, N. C.
5 " D. EFIRD,*.....	Lexington, S. C.
6 " S. HENKEL, D. D.,.....	New Market, Va.
7 " C. H. BERNHEIM,.....	Lexington, N. C.
8 " J. M. SMITH,.....	Conover, N. C.
9 " I. CONDER,*.....	McGaheysville, Va.
10 " L. A. FOX, D. D.,*.....	Salem, Va.
11 " J. N. STIREWALT,.....	Stony Man, Va.
12 " M. L. FOX, M. D.,.....	Sandy Creek, N. C.
13 " A. L. CROUSE,.....	Waynesboro, Va.
14 " J. P. STIREWALT,.....	New Market, Va.

*Absent and excused.

	NAMES.	RESIDENCES.
15	REV. M. L. LITTLE,.....	Dallas, N. C.
16	" J. C. MOSER,.....	Conover, N. C.
17	" J. W. HAUSENFLUCK,*.....	Alma, Va.
18	" J. K. EFIRD,.....	Prosperity, S. C.
19	" J. A. CROMER,*.....	Columbia, S. C.
20	" E. L. LYBRAND,.....	Columbia, S. C.
21	" R. A. YODER,*.....	Philadelphia, Pa.
22	" J. S. KOINER,.....	Spring Hill, S. C.
23	" D. A. GOODMAN,.....	Happy Home, N. C.
24	" W. P. CLINE,.....	Newton, N. C.
25	" D. A. SOX,†.....	Oak Level, Alabama.
26	" D. J. SETTLEMYRE,†.....	China Grove, N. C.
27	" J. A. RUDISILL,†.....	Jug Town, N. C.

CANDIDATES FOR THE MINISTRY.

T. E. ARMENTROUT,.....	McGaheysville, Va.
J. F. MOSER,.....	Conover, N. C.
A. L. SIGMAN,.....	Conover, N. C.

BENEFICIARIES.

P. C. WIKE,.....	Conover, N. C.
W. A. BOYTE,.....	" "
J. P. PRICE,.....	" "
W. L. DARR,.....	" "
N. G. DEAL,.....	" "
D. M. MOSER,.....	" "

The following Lay-Delegates presented evidences of their election, and their names were enrolled :

Lay-Delegates.

NAMES.	CHURCHES REPRESENTED.
W. W. LORICK.....	Bethlehem, St. Jacob's, and St. Thomas, S. C.
MAJ. H. A. MEETZE.....	St. Peter's (Meetze's) and St. Andrew's, S. C.
J. P. PRICE.....	Emmanuel, S. C.
J. W. SUMMER.....	St. John's, St. Peter's (P. W.) & Cedar Grove, S. C.
J. T. MONTS.....	Zion, St. Paul's, and St. James, S. C.
WM. JENKINS.....	Antioch, N. C.
JOHN D. HOOVER.....	Salem, N. C.
DAVID LOHR.....	Grace, N. C.
A. M. LONG.....	Emmanuel and Morning Star, N. C.
I. R. STROUP.....	Christ's, N. C.
N. P. EFIRD.....	St. Martin's, Stanley Co., St. Martin's and Lutheran Union, Cabarrus Co., N. C.
P. A. KEPLY.....	New Jerusalem, N. C.

*Absent and excused. †Ordained at this session.

NAMES.	CHURCHES REPRESENTED.
W. L. GRIMES.....	Pilgrim, N. C.
HALEY MYERS.....	Emmanuel, N. C.
J. S. LIPE.....	Mt. Moriah, N. C.
H. C. GOODMAN.....	St. Mark's, N. C.
J. P. COLLINS.....	St. Martin's, Iredell Co., N. C.
J. L. YOUNT.....	Concordia, N. C.
M. W. SHOOK.....	Sharon, N. C.
D. D. SEITZE.....	Zion, N. C.
W. M. ROBINSON.....	Luther Chapel, N. C.
SAM'L E. KILLIAN.....	Emmanuel, N. C.
HENRY SETZER.....	Philadelphia, N. C.
D. P. YOUNT.....	Trinity, N. C.
P. W. CARPENTER.....	Bethphage, N. C.
L. M. RHEINHARDT....	Sardis, N. C.
JOHN D. HOKE.....	Luther Chapel, N. C.
JAS. T. MILLER.....	St. Stephen's, N. C.
Q. M. SMITH.....	St. Peter's, N. C.
F. L. FRY.....	Friendship, N. C.
ANTHONY MOSER.....	Melanehthon, N. C.
G. W. L. MEIZE.....	Philadelphia, N. C.
J. E. CORPENING.....	Mt. Zion, N. C.
N. WINEBERGER.....	Mt. Pleasant, N. C.
D. W. MOOSE.....	Piny Grove, N. C.
F. L. HERMAN.....	St. Paul's, N. C.
J. P. YOUNT.....	St. John's, N. C.
W. S. MAUNEY.....	St. Matthew's, N. C.
D. V. CLIPPARD.....	Sharon, N. C.
D. E. WHITENER.....	Holy Trinity, N. C.
A. M. YOUNT.....	St. James, N. C.
A. A. BROWN.....	Newton, N. C.
F. C. SIPE.....	St. John's, N. C.
D. A. SOX.....	St. Michael's, Ala.
A. M. HUIT.....	St. James, N. C.

The President read the following report :

President's Report.

DEAR BRETHREN IN CHRIST JESUS:—May grace, mercy, and peace, from the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be and abide with us.

It is through the tender mercy and beneficent providence of our heavenly Father, that we have been permitted to pass through another Synodical year, safely, and to assemble again in the capacity of a deliberative body, in its sixty-third annual convention, in which we are enabled to meet each other with fraternal greetings, to sympathize with each

other, to counsel and encourage each other, and to devise the best and most judicious ways and means for promoting the Gospel, maintaining and perpetuating the sacred, saving, and glorious truths and principles of our holy religion, in their purity and integrity, and for the promotion and extension of the Redeemer's kingdom on earth.

We should rightly appreciate these privileges and blessings, as well as properly realize the sacred duties devolving upon us, devoutly raising our hearts in thankfulness and gratitude to the Father of Lights, the Giver of all good, through Jesus Christ as the Mediator between him and us, and imploring him for a continuance of his mercies and providential care.

The lives of all our ministerial brethren, in connection with this Synod, have been preserved during the past Synodical year, whilst the deaths among our lay-members, have not been unusually numerous. The health of our Synod in a physical, moral, and spiritual aspect, may be regarded as altogether in a normal condition.

OFFICIAL ACTS:—October 17, 1882, I paid to Beneficiary D. A. Sox, per order, as agent for Treasurer of Beneficiary Association, seventy-five dollars, \$75.00,—one-half of the appropriation made by Synod in his favor. October 17, 1882, I also, under the same circumstances, paid over to Beneficiary P. C. Wike, forty dollars, \$40.00,—one-half of the amount appropriated for his benefit, by Synod. Jan. 10, 1883, I issued an order on the Treasurer of Beneficiary Association, Rev. T. Moser, to Beneficiary P. C. Wike, for forty dollars, \$40.00. February 9, 1883, I issued an order on said Treasurer in favor of Beneficiary D. A. Sox for seventy-five dollars, \$75.00.

PASTORAL CHARGES:—Rev. J. K. Efrid notified me, that he had resigned St. Peter's or Meetze's church, and had taken charge of St. Peter's (Piny Woods) church, and St. John's, Lexington co., South Carolina. Rev. I. Conder informed me, that he had taken charge of a church near Matthews, North Carolina. Rev. Prof. M. L. Little informs me, that the following changes have taken place in his charge:—A new congregation has been organized at Cherryville, North Carolina, of which he is now pastor, and that a new, commodious church-edifice has been erected there. Early in the year, he resigned Bethphage. Recently he resigned Sardis church, Catawba co.; and Trinity, Lincoln co., N. C. In August, he reorganized a congregation near Dallas, Gaston co., N. C., where arrangements are being made for the erection of a new brick church. Having received a call, he has taken charge of Luther Chapel. Rev. J. I. Miller has taken charge of St. Luke's church, Luray, Page co., Va., according to certain understanding and regulations, whose parochial report is submitted to Synod. Candidate J. A. Rudisill has taken charge of Bethphage, Trinity, Lincoln co., Sardis, Catawba co., and a newly organized congregation at Glen Alpine, Burk co., N. C. Candidate D. J. Settlemyre has taken charge of St. Mark, Mt. Moriah, and Phanuel

churches, Rowan co., N. C. Rev. Prof. R. A. Yoder resigned his pastoral relation to Concordia congregation, Conover, N. C. Zion's, St. Jacob's, St. Matthew's, and St. Stephen's churches, Shenandoah county, Va., are partially supplied by Rev. S. Henkel, D. D., and Rev. J. P. Stirewalt. Rev. J. S. Koerner has taken charge of St. Jacob, St. Thomas, and Bethlehem churches, Lexington co., South Carolina.

BENEFICIARIES:—Mr. P. C. Wike and Mr. D. A. Sox pursued their studies in Concordia College, Conover, North Carolina.

RECOMMENDATIONS:—1. If deemed beneficial in promoting the interests of the church, That Synod take such action, as she may, in her wisdom, see fit, with a view to inaugurate a Southern Lutheran Synodical Conference, properly based on the Confessions of the Church, and invested with only advisory powers, to be occupied with the more general work and operations of the Church.

2. If consistent with the charter and the desire of the proper authorities and those pecuniarily interested, That some action be taken to effect proper relations between Concordia College, located at Conover, Catawba co., N. C.,—a church institution,—and this Synod,—such relations as are customary and practicable.

3. That the agreement between the E. L. North Carolina Synod and the E. L. Tennessee Synod, inaugurated, by the committees, at Hickory, Catawba co., N. C., March, 1883, appointed by said Synods, in regard to church operations, so as to prevent conflict in mission work and other church work, be considered and acted on, by Synod, and that the Secretary furnish said paper to be appended to our minutes, as well as the action of Synod relative to it.

In conclusion, we pray the Great Head of the Church, to preside over us, guiding us in the way of all truth and efficiency, so that our deliberations and transactions, as well as our individual ministrations, may contribute to the honor and glory of God, and the promotion of the Redeemer's Kingdom.

SOCRATES HENKEL.

On motion, the report was received and reserved for the proper committee.

An election was held for officers. Revs. J. K. Efrid and C. H. Bernheim acted as tellers, and the result was

REV. J. R. PETERSON, - - - - President.

" A. L. CROUSE, - - - - Rec. Secretary.

" C. H. BERNHEIM, - - - - Cor. Secretary.

" J. N. STIREWALT, - - - - Treasurer.

On motion, Rev. M. J. Stirewalt, of the Indiana Synod, Rev. A. L. Yount, of the Pittsburg Synod, Candidates J. A. Rudisill, D. J. Settlemyre, D. A. Sox, Prof. J. F. Moser, and P.

C. Wike, of our own Synod, were received as advisory members.

Papers for Synod were called for and placed in the hands of the proper committee.

The following committees were appointed:

ON MISSIONS.—Revs. J. M. Smith, J. C. Moser, and W. P. Cline.

ON STATE OF THE CHURCH.—Revs. T. Moser, J. S. Koiner, and A. L. Crouse.

ON EXAMINATION.—Revs. J. C. Moser, A. J. Fox, A. L. Crouse, J. N. Stirewalt, J. K. Efrid, and J. A. Cromer.

ON PRESIDENT'S REPORT.—Rev. J. M. Smith and Maj. H. A. Meetze.

ON UNFINISHED BUSINESS.—Revs. A. J. Fox, J. P. Stirewalt, and Mr. W. W. Lorick.

ON LETTERS AND PETITIONS.—Revs. C. H. Bernheim, D. A. Goodman, and Mr. J. L. Yount.

ON ORDINATION.—Revs. S. Henkel, J. S. Koiner, and A. J. Fox.

ON TREASURER'S REPORT—OF BENEFICIARY FUND—Revs. C. H. Bernheim and D. A. Sox.

On motion, Lutheran Chapel congregation was received into connection with Synod.

On motion, Synod adjourned to meet Monday morning, at 9 o'clock, A. M. Benediction by the President.

MONDAY, OCT. 15, 9 O'CLOCK, A. M.

Divine service was conducted by Rev. A. J. Fox. Rev. H. M. Brown, of the Evan. Luth. N. C. Synod, and Rev. J. W. S. Sheppard, of the Evan. Luth. S. C. Synod, were invited to seats as advisory members. Minutes of Saturday were read, received, and adopted.

The Committee on Unfinished Business made the following report, which was received and acted upon by items:

Report of Committee on Unfinished Business.

Your committee on unfinished business beg leave to submit the following:

1.—On page 9, the minutes of last year, we find that committee, of

which Rev. A. J. Fox is chairman, to inquire into the expediency of erecting tombstones to mark the places of burial of Revs. Philip Henkel and Ambrose Henkel, was continued from the previous year. Is that committee prepared to report?

II.—On page 10, we find that a committee, whose chairman is Rev. S. Henkel, D. D., to consider the proposed amendments to the constitution of Synod, and report to this convention, was appointed. Is that committee ready to report?

III.—On page 11, we find that Revs. J. R. Peterson and M. L. Little were appointed to prepare an ordination certificate. Has that duty been performed?

IV.—On same page, we find a committee on Beneficiary Education, of which Rev. A. J. Fox is chairman,—is that committee prepared to report?

V.—On page 12, we find that a committee, whose chairman is Rev. J. C. Moser, was appointed in regard to forming some connection between Concordia College and this Synod. Is that committee ready to report?

VI.—On page 13, we find that Revs. P. C. Henkel, J. R. Peterson, and J. M. Smith were appointed, to examine and ordain candidate D. J. Settlemire to the office of the ministry. Has that duty been performed?

VII.—On page 18, we see a committee, composed of Revs. A. J. Fox, P. C. Henkel, and A. Costner, Esq., was appointed to meet a similar committee from the E. L. Lutheran Synod of North Carolina to make an effort to devise some plan by which a satisfactory arrangement can be made, in regard to overlapping territory between the two Synods. Has that duty been complied with?

VIII.—On the same page, we see that it was made the duty of each pastor of this Synod to collect the number of baptized persons—infants, adults, as well as communicants, and to report them to this convention of Synod. Has that rule been complied with?

IX.—On page 26, we find that the consideration of a paper, proposing a connection of this Synod with the Southern Gen. Synod of the E. L. Lutheran church, was postponed to the present convention of this Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

A. J. FOX,	}	COMMITTEE.
J. P. STIREWALT,		
W. W. LORICK,		

Item 1. No action had been taken, and the Committee, consisting of Rev. Dr. A. J. Fox and Rev. A. L. Crouse, was continued.

Item 2. Consideration postponed until Tuesday morning, nine o'clock.

Item 3. Not complied with. The committee was discharged, and Revs. J. C. Moser and J. M. Smith were appointed to attend to the matter.

Item 4. The committee had not complied and was discontinued.

Item 5. Passed over for the present.

Item 6. Not complied with by mutual arrangement.

Item. 7. The Committee made a report which was received and unanimously adopted.

Report of Committee to Meet Committee of North Carolina Synod.

Report of the committee, appointed by this Synod, to meet and confer with a similar committee, appointed by the E. L. Synod of North Carolina, in regard to *overlapping and disputed territory*.

Your committee beg leave to submit the following:—After some epistolary correspondence between the chairmen of the respective committees, in regard to the duty assigned them—the members of the committees from their respective Synods met, in the town of Hickory, Catawba co., N. C., in the E. L. Church in that place, on the 27th day of March, 1883. An organization was effected, by electing Rev. A. J. Fox, M. D., President, and Rev. L. A. Bikle, D. D., Secretary. The meeting was a very cordial one—the discussions fraternal and respectful, and the decisions prompt and unanimous.

The following paper was presented, carefully considered, and adopted by items, and then with great readiness and unanimity, it was adopted as a whole :

“We the undersigned committees, appointed by the North Carolina and Tennessee Synods, at their sessions, in 1882, respectfully submit the following as the conclusions and results of our deliberations, at Hickory, N. C., on the 27th of March, 1883, relative to the important matter placed in our hands. The object of our meeting being to mature and to submit, for the consideration of and the adoption by said Synods in convention assembled, some expedient, judicious, equitable plan, or policy, to prevent—between these Synods in their efforts to extend the Redeemer’s Kingdom in the occupancy of places, the establishment of missions, the erection of church edifices, the organization of congregations, etc.,—conflicts calculated to disparage the efforts at and the prosperity of such places, establishments, erections, organizations, etc., as are already occupied and inaugurated by the one or the other of these Synods, and in process of existence,—we submit the subjined plan or policy as practicable and effective :

1. That inasmuch as the aforesaid Synods confess, and teach in accordance with the confessional basis of the Evangelical Lutheran Church,

as set forth in her Symbols, and so long as these Synods shall thus confess and teach, neither Synod, in its efforts to promote the Gospel and cause of Christ, shall occupy places, erect churches, establish missions, organize congregations, etc., where such things have already been done or instituted by the other, in villages or towns whose inhabitants do not exceed 2,000; and, so too, in regard to churches and church-work in the country or communities, as due respect should be paid to locations at a reasonable distance, in order to prevent conflict of interest by the inauguration of such efforts too nearly contiguous.

2. That in towns or cities the number of whose inhabitants shall exceed 2,000, or shall be large enough to support two or more Lutheran Churches, it may be advantageous and proper for both Synods to operate without any view of conflict or infringement.

3. That when or where the one Synod has a member or members residing in a community, village, or town, already occupied by the other Synod, it shall be the duty of that Synod, having such member or members, to advise the same, to unite with those of the Lutheran faith already engaged in the Redeemer's work in such town or village.

4. That in all proper efforts to promote the interests of the Church, friendly Christian relations between the two Synods shall be maintained and cherished, each respecting the rights of the other, as it becomes Christians to do in the dissemination of the Gospel, and in the promotion of the Church.

This paper was subscribed by each member of the respective Committees, as follows:

L. A. BIKLE,	} COM. OF	
S. ROTHROCK,		N. C.
D. R. HOOVER.		SYNOD.
A. J. FOX,	} COM. OF	
P. C. HENKEL,		TENN.
AMB. COSTNER.		SYNOD.

Inasmuch as the Evang. Lutheran Synod of North Carolina has, in her late annual convention, adopted these articles of agreement, your Committee most respectfully recommends their unanimous adoption by this Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

A. J. FOX,
P. C. HENKEL,
A. COSTNER.

Item 8. Answers to be heard through the Parochial reports.

Item 9. Deferred for future action.

The report was adopted as a whole.

The following report was received and adopted:

Report of Delegate to Holston Synod.

Report of visit to the E. L. Holston Synod, as alternate of the Delegate appointed in 1882:

Inasmuch as 6 congregations, in the State of Tennessee, lately vacated by the removal of Rev. Professors Wagner and Barb, had extended a call to me, to become their pastor, I decided to visit them, and extend my visit, some 70 miles, and attend the annual convention of the E. L. Holston Synod, in Buehler's Church, Sullivan co., Tenn., Dr. A. J. Brown, pastor.

Not being well, I did not attend on the first day of the meeting; but on the morning of the second day, though considerably indisposed, I put in my appearance, and was most kindly and cordially received by all the members of Synod.

Inasmuch as I had not been informed by Rev. S. Henkel, who was delegate *primarius*, that he could not attend the Synod, I naturally expected to meet him there. In this I was disappointed. As he was absent, I was introduced and received as corresponding delegate from this Synod. But on taking my seat, I was considerably embarrassed to find an official letter, containing the fraternal greetings of this Synod, etc. The Synod, however, somehow managed to retain me as the corresponding delegate, and also receive and recognize the official letter of the principal.

I am exceedingly sorry, that I was so much indisposed as to prevent my attending much upon their deliberations, but from what I saw and could learn, I feel confident that a spirit of zeal and activity, in the Master's cause, prevails, that is both commendable and that others will do well to emulate.

Rev. A. J. Brown, D. D., was appointed delegate to this Synod, and Rev. J. C. Miller, alternate.

I would respectfully recommend the appointment of a delegate by this Synod, to meet that Synod in her next annual convention.

Respectfully submitted,

A. J. FOX.

The report of the Committee on Letters and Petitions was received and considered by items.

Report on Letters and Petitions.

Your Committee on Letters and Petitions would respectfully submit the following report:

No. 1—Letters from Revs. R. A. Yoder, J. W. Hausenfluck, and J. A. Cromer, asking that they be excused from attending the present session of Synod, giving distance, want of means, and family conditions, as the reason of their excuse. We recommend that they be excused.

No. 2—Petitions from various churches, asking for the examina-

tion and ordination of candidates J. A. Rndisill, Junius B. Fox, D. A. Sox, D. J. Settlemyre, and J. W. S. Sheppard. We respectfully refer this matter to the Committee on examination and ordination.

No. 3 is a petition from the Elders of St. Martin's, Cabarrus Co., St. Martin's, Stanley Co., and Luther Union Churches, stating that their pastor, Rev. T. Moser, in consequence of declining health, is no longer able to serve them regularly; and asking Synod to aid in procuring the services of another regular pastor. We refer this to the consideration of Synod, and we furthermore recommend that if no pastor can be obtained that they be supplied with visits from the pastors of the N. C. Conference.

No. 4 is a petition from St. Mary's, (Pine Church,) Shenandoah Co., Va., asking for the next convention of Synod to be held in their church, stating also that this is the third time they have petitioned for the meeting of Synod. We recommend their petition to the favorable consideration of Synod.

No. 5 is a letter from Rev. F. W. Peschau, Cor. Secretary of N. C. Synod, endorsed by the President of his Synod. We recommend that his letter be read.

No. 6 is a preamble and resolution of Bethlehem Church, Va., deprecating the expenditure of time, labor and money, in holding the sessions of Synod by reason of the widely extended boundaries of Synod, and asking for a more practicable, suitable and amicable arrangement of Synodical boundaries.

We recommend this to the favorable consideration of Synod in the following practicable manner:

1. That the three State Conferences, composing this Synod, be resolved into three Synods, confined by State lines.

2. That the Tenn. Synod, in order to perpetuate her history, &c., be denominated the Joint Tenn. Synod, and said Synod meet in triennial convention on middle ground, composed of the above named three district Synods, and such other Synods as may desire to unite with us, for the purpose of transacting and having the superintendence of the general church work.

No. 7 is a letter, signed by G. L. Hunt, M. L. Carpenter, D. C. Huffman, C. H. L. Schuette, making a formal request to meet in a free Conference the members of this Synod, or as many as are willing to meet with them, *in or near* Conover, on or about the 16th prox., leaving it to us to fix the exact time and place of meeting. The letter concludes with these words, "Hoping that you will for the love and peace of our dear church give a favorable consideration to our proposal, and answer us at your earliest convenience, we are yours in the love of Christ." We recommend that a committee of two be appointed to meet the undersigned individuals of said letter, and ascertain the direct aim and purpose of such proposed Conference, and that said committee report early to this Synod.

No. 8 is a preamble and resolution, praying this body to advise Zion and Hickory congregations to call a pastor, acceptable to the Lutherans there, irrespective of Synodical connection. This communication is signed by the committee, H. C. McAlister, Secretary, and Rev. W. A. Lutz. We refer this matter to the consideration of Synod.

No. 9 is a letter from Rev. A. J. Brown, D. D., delegate from the Holston Synod to this body, expressing his regret at not being able to meet with us in our convention, and conveying to us the fraternal greetings of said Synod. We hereby express our regret and disappointment of Dr. Brown not being able to meet with us.

No. 10—Petitions from Evangelical Lutheran congregation in Newton, N. C., and the Evangelical Lutheran congregation at Antioch, asking to be received in connection with this Synod. The former congregation have appointed A. A. Brown as delegate to this body. We recommend that the congregations be received.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

C. H. BERNHEIM,
D. A. GOODMAN,
J. L. YOUNT.

ADDENDA.—No. 11 is a petition of St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Cherryville, N. C., asking to be received in connection with this Synod, and F. C. Sipe elected delegate.

We recommend their petition be granted.

Respectfully,

C. H. BERNHEIM,
D. A. GOODMAN.

Synod adjourned for divine service and refreshments.

MONDAY, 2 o'clock, P. M.

Synod was called to order, roll called, and the report of the Committee on Letters and Petitions was taken up for consideration.

Items 9 and 10 were adopted, and the congregations enrolled.

Item 7 was amended and adopted.

Item 2 was adopted.

Item 1. The recommendations of the Committee were sustained.

Revs. D. Efrid and L. A. Fox, D. D., were excused for non-attendance.

Item 3. The recommendation of the Committee was sustained.

Pending the consideration of the report, Synod adjourned to meet Tuesday, 16th, at 9 o'clock, A. M. Prayer with the President.

TUESDAY, 16, 9 o'clock, A. M.

Synod met. Divine services were conducted by Rev. C. H. Bernheim. The roll was called, minutes read, corrected, and adopted.

The special order for the hour was suspended, and the Committee on the President's Report made the following report, which was received and adopted:

Report of Committee on President's Report.

The committee, to whom was referred the President's report, beg leave respectfully to submit the following in relation thereto:

The first recommendation calls to the attention of this body the propriety of considering some general plan or basis upon which the Southern Lutheran church might meet for more general church-work.

In relation to this matter, your committee have only to call the attention of this body to the fact, that there is now before it a proposition which lies over from last meeting, and which will come up under the head of unfinished business, to unite this body with the Southern General Synod. The discussion of this question will doubtless bring this whole subject to the attention of this Synod, and your committee have felt it unnecessary to report further upon this point.

The second recommendation in relation to Concordia College is now in the hands of a committee, charged with the whole subject, and we deem that it would be improper in us to make any suggestion in relation thereto.

The third recommendation in relation to the agreement between this and the North Carolina Synod in relation to mission and other church-work has been finally met by a report of a committee of this Synod, especially charged with the same, and which has been adopted by this body—and your committee ask leave to be discharged from the further consideration of said report.

Respectfully submitted,

J. M. SMITH,

HENRY A. MEETZE,

COMMITTEE.

The Committee on the Constitution made a report on the Articles of the Constitution, but not on the By-Laws, which report was taken up for consideration, and after some discussion was postponed until to-morrow morning, 9 o'clock.

On motion, Rev. Prof. J. C. Moser was elected Treasurer of the Beneficiary Fund *vice* Rev. T. Moser resigned on account of impaired health, and Rev. S. Henkel, D. D., was appointed his agent in Virginia. Parochial Reports were called for, read, and handed to the Secretary. Rev. J. I. Miller, who is serving St. Mark's congregation, Luray, Va., in connection with our Synod, according to a certain understanding and regulations, made a parochial report.

The following was adopted :

Resolved, That the Secretary add a column to the parochial report, in which he shall place the number of souls, as far as reported, and that all our ministers be requested to report annually the whole number of souls belonging to their charges, that is, all entitled to commune, as well as all who are baptized—and not confirmed, in their respective charges.

Synod adjourned to meet at one o'clock. Benediction by the President.

TUESDAY, 1 o'clock, P. M.

Synod met, the roll was called, and the following report was made, received, and adopted:

Report of Committee on Treasurer's Report of Beneficiary Fund.

Your committee on the Treasurer's report of the Beneficiary Fund would respectfully report, that they have examined the same, and find it correct, leaving a balance in the treasury of \$30.94.

Respectfully submitted,

C. H. BERNHEIM,

D. A. SOX.

The following report was received and adopted:

Report of the Corresponding Secretary.

There was placed in my hands a copy of the minutes of the Holston Synod, which convened in Buehler's Church, Sullivan Co., Tenn., Aug. 16th to 19th, 1883. The officers are Rev. J. K. Hancher, Pres.; Rev. J. G. Schaidt, Secy.; Mr. Geo. O. Houser, Treas.; and Rev. G. H. Cox, Missionary President.

The brethren are actively engaged in building up the Master's kingdom in their midst.

C. H. BERNHEIM, CORR. SECY.

The consideration of the report on Letters and Petitions was resumed.

Item 4 was adopted and St. Mary's (Pine Church) Church, Shenandoah Co., Va., was chosen as the place of the next meeting of Synod, and Saturday, 10 o'clock, A. M., before the last Sunday in September, 1884, as the time.

Item 5. The recommendation of the Committee was sustained, and the letter read.

Item 6. Referred to a special committee, consisting of Rev. C. H. Bernheim, Rev. S. Henkel, D. D., and Maj. H. A. Meetze, with instructions to report to-morrow morning, at nine o'clock. All propositions bearing upon the subject of union were referred to this committee, among them an official letter from the Virginia Synod, addressed to the Secretary of this Synod, was read in open Synod.

Item 8. The following was adopted :

Resolved, Inasmuch as both Hickory and Zion congregations are supplied with pastors, we deem it inexpedient to advise the above congregations in the matter recommended by the Ex. Com.,—H. C. McAlister, Secretary.

Item 9. Adopted.

The report was adopted as a whole.

The following was adopted :

Resolved, That the Treasurer of Beneficiary Education Fund be requested to furnish for publication in our minutes the amounts paid for beneficiary education, designating specifically the sums contributed by each congregation, according to pastorates, as well as the names of special donors.

The following report of the Committee on the Reception of Concordia College was received, considered, and adopted :

Report of Committee on Reception of Concordia College.

We, the committee, appointed by Synod, to confer with the Trustees of Concordia College, and prepare an agreement which may serve as a basis upon which said school may become the recognized institution of Synod, present the following report :

A meeting of the Board of Trustees having been called, the following resolution was adopted :

WHEREAS, There seems to be a general desire to establish proper relations between Concordia College and the Evangelical Lutheran Tennessee Synod, and,

WHEREAS, It is generally believed that such relations would inure to the interest of this school, as well as to the good of the Synod or Church, at a meeting held in said institution, on Oct. 15th, by the Board of Trustees, the Faculty, and others immediately interested, the following action was taken :

Resolved, That, with a view of establishing proper relations between Concordia College, situated at Conover, N. C., and the Evangelical Lutheran Tennessee Synod, we, in meeting assembled, agree, 1. that, whenever a vacancy, or vacancies, occur, either by death, resignation, or removal, in the Board of Trustees or in the Faculty, the said Synod shall have the right as well as the privilege to recommend a suitable person, or persons, to fill such vacancy or vacancies ; 2. that the Synod shall have the right to appoint a Board of Visitors, whose duty it shall be annually to visit said school, and make such report of the condition of the school to each session of the Synod, as may be deemed most advantageous ; 3. that it shall be the duty of the President of the Faculty to make a report annually to Synod, relative to moral and literary condition of the school, which report shall also be signed by the secretary of the faculty ; 4. that the President of the Board of Trustees shall also make an annual report to Synod, in regard to the financial condition of the school, which report shall likewise be signed by the secretary of the Board of the Trustees ; 5. that this school shall be continued and conducted as a church institution, under such rules and regulations, as may be instituted by the Board of Trustees, in accordance with the charter, and the Confessions of the Church as set forth in the Christian Book of Concord, each teacher, instructor, or professor, taking an obligation not to teach anything in said school that is contrary to said Confessions.

These stipulations or propositions shall be valid and in force, provided the said Synod shall acquiesce, and is disposed to lend said institution its fostering care and encouragement, as well as its influence and moral force ; provided, that if the Synod shall fail, after notice, to recommend, in due time, a suitable person or persons to fill such vacancy or vacancies, the proper authorities of said institution, shall proceed to fill such vacancy or vacancies.

J. M. SMITH, SECRETARY.

D. D. SEITZ, PRESIDENT.

We, your committee, offer the following resolution :

Resolved, That we, as a Synod, accept the propositions made to us by the Board of Trustees of Concordia College, and that in consideration of the rights and privileges therein granted, we will lend to said institution our fostering care, influence, and moral support.

J. C. MOSER,

J. R. PETERSON,

C. H. BERNHEIM.

Synod adjourned to meet at seven o'clock, P. M. Benediction by Rev. S. Henkel, D. D.

TUESDAY, 7 o'clock, P. M.

Synod met, and the roll was called. Revs. E. L. Lybrand, D. A. Goodman, and M. L. Fox were excused from further attendance.

Rev. I. Conder was excused for non-attendance.

The following vote of thanks was passed :

Resolved, That we, the members of this Convention of Synod, hereby tender our most sincere thanks to the members of this congregation and other citizens of this vicinity for the very kind, cordial manner in which they have received and entertained us, during our stay among them ; and that the minister of this congregation read this resolution to the congregation at the first service held in this church.

Resolved, That the Treasurer have a sufficient number of copies of the Minutes of this convention of Synod printed, to supply the calls for them, and to furnish each minister of this Synod with three copies ; each beneficiary and applicant one copy ; each general body of Lutherans in this country one copy ; the Synods with which this Synod is in correspondence one copy each ; our institutions of learning one copy each ; our Lutheran publications one copy each.

On motion, the Treasurer was instructed to hunt up a blank book once used by Synod for preserving the clerical and congregational rolls, and if that cannot be found he buy and forward to the Secretary a suitable book for that purpose, and that he use funds of Synod in his hands.

The following corresponding delegates were appointed :

To S. C. Synod :—Rev. J. S. Koimer, Principal ; Rev. E. L. Lybrand, Alternate.

To Virginia Synod :—Rev. S. Henkel, D. D., Principal ; Rev. J. P. Stirewalt, Alternate.

To N. C. Synod :—Rev. C. H. Bernheim, Principal ; Rev. W. P. Cline, Alternate.

To Holston Synod :—Rev. J. M. Smith, Principal ; Rev. J. K. Efrid, Alternate.

On motion, the Secretary was requested to furnish an abstract of the minutes for publication in OUR CHURCH PAPER, and request the LUTHERAN VISITOR to copy.

Synod adjourned to meet to-morrow morning, at 8½ o'clock. Prayer with Rev. C. H. Bernheim.

WEDNESDAY, 8½ o'clock, A. M.

Synod met, and divine service was conducted by Rev. A. L. Crouse. The roll was called, minutes read, received, and adopted.

The Committee on the Constitution and By-Laws made a report which was considered and adopted:

Report of Committee on the Constitution and By-Laws of Synod.

Your Committee, appointed to consider amendments to the Constitution and By-Laws of Synod, submit the following :*

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE III.

SEC. 1. This Synod shall be composed of regularly ordained ministers of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, and lay-delegates. The lay-delegates shall be appointed by the congregations in connection with this Synod to represent them in the Synodical Meetings.

That Art. 3, Sec. 1, be so amended as to read: This Synod is an association of congregations. Its conventions shall be composed of regularly ordained ministers in their connection, and their lay-delegates.

SEC. 5. No business shall be transacted secretly or under closed doors, unless an unhappy period should arrive, in which the Church would be liable to persecution, except such as relates to the moral character of a minister, and to the examination of candidates for the ministerial office. Cases of this kind, if deemed necessary and expedient, may be attended to in a private session of Synod.

That Sec. 5 of Art. 3, be made Sec. 2 of Art. 6 of the By-Laws.

ARTICLE IV.

SEC. 1. The business of this Synod shall be to employ the proper means for the promulgation of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, to impart its advice in matters of Christian faith and life, to detect and expose erroneous doctrines and false teachers, and to investigate charges of false doctrines, wrong practice, and immoralities of life, preferred against any of its ministers, and finding them guilty, to expel and depose from the Synod and holy office of the ministry, such as refuse after admonition to repent of their wrong.

That Sec. 1 of Art. 4, be so amended as to read: The business of this Synod shall be to employ the proper means for the promulgation of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, to impart its advice in matters of Christian faith and life, to detect and expose erroneous doctrines and false teachers, to recommend orthodox liturgies, hymn books, catechisms, parochial and

* MEMORANDUM.—The matter which appears in the smaller type, presents the reading of the present constitution in regard to the Articles and Sections indicated, and to be amended, and that in the larger, the reading of the constitution as amended, relative to said Articles and Sections.—PUBLISHERS.

Sunday-school books, to engage in missionary work—domestic and foreign, to aid indigent young men in preparing for the work of the ministry, and to investigate charges of false doctrines, wrong practices and immoralities of life, preferred against any of its ministers, and finding them guilty, to suspend or expel from Synod such as are deemed unworthy to bear the office, and advise their pastorates to sever their official relations with them.

Sec. 2. It shall be the duty of Synod as soon as the wants of the church shall demand, and its resources will justify, to engage in the work of Missions both domestic and foreign: and also in the work of Beneficiary Education for the purpose of preparing indigent young men of talents and piety for the work of the ministry in connection with the Lutheran Church according to such regulations as it may adopt, and consider best calculated to promote these great objects.

That Sec. 2 of Art. 4, be stricken out.

Sec. 3. Upon application to examine candidates for the ministry, this Synod shall make the necessary provisions to attend to such application, and after due approval by a majority of two-thirds of the members voting, appointing one or more Pastors to consecrate such candidate to the office of the ministry at some suitable time and place by the laying on of hands and prayer.

That Sec. 3 (2) of Art. 4, be so amended as to read: Upon application to examine candidates for the ministry, this Synod shall make the necessary provisions to attend to such application, and after due approval appoint one or more pastors to consecrate such candidate to the office of the ministry, by the laying on of hands and prayer.

Sec. 5. Upon application, this Synod may receive congregations who may desire to be connected with it, provided they subscribe this Constitution.

That Sec. 5 (4) of Art. 4, be so amended as to read: Upon application, this Synod may receive congregations in its connection, provided they subscribe this constitution.

BY-LAWS.

That sections 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7 of Art. 4, be stricken out, and the following substituted:

Sec. 2. Should any member of the church know a minister to be guilty of a private offense, he shall reprove him according to Matt. 18, 15; and, if in the process, as required in this text, he be restored fully to the favor of his charge, or congregation, as to his membership and fitness to perform the functions of the ministry, the matter should rest here; but if his offense shall have been of such a serious character, in violating the principles of piety, rules of morality, or errors in the fundamental doctrines of our church, and the decisions of the congregation or charge shall not have been satisfactory to the Synod, Synod shall investigate the matter, and, if in her judgment, his offense has been such as to disqualify him to discharge the functions of the ministry, she shall sever his Synodical relation, and recommend the congregation or congregations to sever

his pastoral or ministerial relations; and any congregation refusing to do so, its connection with this Synod shall be dissolved.

Sec. 3. In the event of an offense committed by a minister of this Synod, requiring the aid of Synod to adjust it satisfactorily, the member or members, acquainted with the facts in the case, shall immediately inform the president of Synod, who shall call, without delay, a session of Synod, if two ministers and two laymen request it, to be held in one of the congregations of the accused. The president shall notify the parties of the call session, and enjoin it upon them to appear at the time and place appointed, prepared to furnish all the testimony for and against the accused. When all the evidence shall have been collected, the Synod shall proceed to give the subject a fair, candid, and impartial investigation, and dispose of it according to the evidence in the case.

Sec. 4. If a minister against whom serious charges are preferred, be duly notified and he refuse to attend the meeting appointed to investigate his case, his connection with Synod shall be severed, and his charge advised to sever his pastoral and ministerial relations.

That Sec. 2 of Art. 5, be stricken out.

That Sec. 3 of Art. 5, be stricken out, and the following be substituted in its place:

Sec. 3. Whenever one or more congregations make application for the services of a candidate for the ministry, he shall be carefully examined in reference to his literary and theological attainments. If he sustains the examination to the satisfaction of Synod, he shall be ordained to the office of pastor, according to Article IV, Sec. 3 of Constitution.

That Sec. 4 of Art. 5, be stricken out.

That relative to the reception of ministers or candidates for the ministry, and pulpit and altar fellowship, we recommend that the following, known as the Summit Rule, be adhered to, which reads as follows:

This Synod is invested only with advisory power; and whereas the general policy of this Synod has not been to encourage such doctrines, worship or fellowship, be it

Resolved 1. That this Synod, as we have, so far as we know, no minister now in affiliation with such societies, we advise all who may be looking to the office of the ministry in connection with this Synod, not to associate or hold fellowship with any societies that practice a deistic worship or service, to the disparagement of the adoration of the Lord Jesus Christ, or that comes in conflict with the orthodox worship of the Church, or that sets up a plan of salvation coming in conflict with that set forth in Divine Revelation, through the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, as the Mediator between God and man; as it is the sentiment of this Synod that such could not be received.

2. That we regard these matters as subjects for investigation and instruction, and our ministers are advised to give such information as they may deem proper, when it is desired.

3. With respect to altar and pulpit fellowship, it is the sentiment of this Synod, that our ministers and people adhere to the practice set forth in the Confessions of the Church, using all necessary precaution, prudence, and judiciousness in the exercise of such privileges, lest the sacredness of the altar and pulpit be violated, or the consciences of some be oppressed, and reference should always be had to the preparation, designated in the Augsburg Confession, article eleven, and in Luther's Catechism, where it is said, "Let a man examine himself," etc.; and "He only is truly worthy and well prepared, who has faith in these words," etc.

4. In regard to Chiliasm, we would simply say, it is clearly rejected in the 17th article of the Augsburg Confession.

SOCRATES HENKEL,
T. MOSER,
P. C. HENKEL,
A. L. CROUSE.

The following was adopted :

Resolved, That the Rev. A. L. Yount be requested to furnish OUR CHURCH PAPER with a copy of his sermon, delivered before Synod on Monday night, the 15th inst.

In answer to an inquiry about the meaning of the "Summit Rule," the following was adopted :

Resolved, That this Synod holds that the Summit Rule does not favor Pulpit and Altar service with the denominations.

The following report was received for consideration :

Report of Committee on Districting, Joint Union, &c.

We, your committee, appointed to report on all propositions bearing on the subject of districting the Evangelical Lutheran Tennessee Synod, and forming a joint union out of said districts and other synods, that may favor such joint union, and that of a Southern Lutheran Synodical Conference, submit the following :

WHEREAS the committee on letters and petitions recommend, that the three State Conferences, composing the E. L. Tenn. Synod, be resolved into three Synods, confined by State lines; second, that the E. L. Tenn. Synod, in order to perpetuate her history, &c., be denominated the Joint Tenn. Synod, and meet in triennial conventions on middle ground, composed of the above named three district Synods, and such other Synods as may desire to unite with us, for the purpose of transacting and having the superintendence of the general church work of said Joint Synod; we your committee respectfully recommend, that this matter be referred to these Conferences for consideration, indicating their wishes.

WHEREAS, At its last session, a paper was laid before our Synod, asking it to take into consideration the propriety of effecting some connection with the Southern E. L. Genl. Synod; and

WHEREAS the following action was taken by our Synod, relative to that request,

Resolved, That this paper be deferred to our next annual session of Synod for consideration; and

WHEREAS there is a desire, as well as an element at work, to establish a more general union among the E. L. Synods South, in the form of a Genl. Lutheran Southern Synodical Conference, based on the Confessions of the Church, as extant in the Christian Book of Concord; be it therefore

1. *Resolved*, That in view of this aspect of things, we deem it in opportune to take any action at this time, in regard to that paper or request;

2. *Resolved*, That it is the sentiment of this Synod, if there be sufficient internal union to justify external, organic union, that union in the form of a Genl. Southern Lutheran Synodical Conference, properly based on the Confessions of the Church, with only advisory power, and invested with the more general operations of the Church, is the safest, and most feasible, and churchly policy that can be inaugurated, under the present circumstances;

3. *Resolved*, That with a view of accomplishing this desirable object, this Synod appoint a committee, consisting of three from Virginia, four from North Carolina, and two from South Carolina, whose duty it shall be, provided the move meet with sufficient encouragement in their judgment, to co-operate with other similar committees, or individuals, who may favor such move, in appointing a suitable time and place for the assembling of such a diet, and to represent this Synod in such diet, to inaugurate such Southern Lutheran Synodical Conference, submitting the result of their efforts and actions to the different Synods for their approval or disapproval: and, if deemed proper, appoint another time and place for the consummation of such Conference.

We would further submit, that we rejoice, to be able to state that this sentiment is indicated in resolutions, passed by the late sessions of the Evangelical Lutheran Holston Synod, as set forth in its minutes, transmitted to our Synod, as well as in resolutions, passed at the recent sessions of the E. L. Virginia Synod, communicated to us in session assembled, in which a time and place are designated for the holding of a diet or other Conference for such purpose.

Respectfully submitted,

C. H. BERNHEIM,
SOCRATES HENKEL,
HENRY A. MEETZE.

Synod adjourned for refreshments. Benediction by Rev. W. P. Cline.

WEDNESDAY, 2 o'clock, P. M.

Synod met, and the roll was called.

The following report was received and adopted:

Report on Treasurer's Report of the E. L. Tennessee Synod.

We, your committee, have examined the Treasurer's report, and find it correct. There is in the treasury a balance of seventy dollars and thirty-eight cents (\$70.38.) In the hands of the former Treasurer, \$46.20; and in the hands of Henkel & Co., \$24.18. We recommend that these amounts be paid over into the hands of the newly elected Treasurer.

Respectfully submitted,

C. H. BERNHEIM,
D. A. SOX.

The following was adopted:

WHEREAS, There are in this country about 6,370,000 Germans, 700,000 Swedes, 500,000 Norwegians, and 200,000 Danes;

WHEREAS, Lutheran Emigration has taken unprecedented proportions: Germans, yearly, 232,000; Swedes, 59,000; Norwegians, 27,000; and Danes, 18,000;

WHEREAS, About $\frac{2}{3}$ of the Germans and nearly all the Scandinavians are Lutheran; and

WHEREAS, Immigration statistics show that these people scatter over the whole country, in every county and town; therefore, be it

Resolved, That we recognize in all this the providence of God in opening to our church a most effectual door for advancing Christ's cause; that we earnestly request *all* our pastors and *congregations* to make special efforts to keep a list of such people, to circulate among them Lutheran tracts and papers in their own languages, to welcome the parents into our churches and their children to our Sunday schools, and by exchanging pulpits or otherwise to secure a sermon for them occasionally in their native tongue.

Rev. M. J. Stirewalt, of the Indiana Synod, addressed Synod in a feeling manner, and, at the request of the President, was appropriately responded to by Rev. C. H. Bernheim. Rev. A. L. Yount, of the Pittsburg Synod, made an interesting and timely address, and was responded to by Rev. M. L. Little.

The following was adopted:

Resolved, That this Synod urgently request, that every minister in its

connection arrange to hold a Luther festival in every congregation in his charge—services commemorative of the 400th anniversary of the birth of Dr. Martin Luther—during the year.

The following report was read, received, and adopted :

Report of the Committee on the State of the Church.

We, your committee on the State of the Church, submit the following brief statement of the facts, as far as we have been able to ascertain them :

Upon a survey of the whole field, we think we are able to report considerable progress in the work of the Church; and although there are many things which must be deplored, yet encouraged by the progress of the past year, we are inclined to look on the bright side, and to hope for better things in the near future.

In North Carolina, we are able to report improvement and progress. The outlook is more encouraging, we think, than it has been for some time. An unusually large number of congregations have been organized, during the past year. A number of good church edifices have been erected. A growing interest in education has been manifested everywhere. A greater degree of harmony and unanimity seems to be prevailing, and the evils heretofore complained of are abating.

In most quarters, however, there is great negligence in the matter of pastoral support, and in some places it appears that absolutely nothing is done in the general benevolence of the Church. There is also a great want of preachers among us in this State; but the want is bringing its supply, and we trust the time is soon coming when the supply will fully meet the demand.

In South Carolina, there appears to be improvement in the general condition of our churches. Our people manifest more life in the work of the Master. The interest in all the operations of the Church is increasing. The Sunday-school work and catechisation are receiving due attention in all the congregations. Our pastors now, as in the past, are poorly paid for their services. A decided improvement in this respect would result in much good to the Church. In general benevolence, too, there is much room for improvement among all our congregations. Proper church discipline is not always exercised among our people, and some of the good old Lutheran customs are sadly neglected.

In Virginia, there is a great want of ministers; but all the churches have some service, and are doing as well as possible. Unity and harmony prevail among the ministers. The money raised for benevolent purposes does not meet the demands of the Church; and, perhaps, this trouble is met with everywhere, and that our people do as well, or better, than others.

We are glad to hear that our cause in Alabama is still quite hopeful, and now becoming more encouraging.

A. L. CROUSE,
J. C. MOSER,
J. K. EFIRD.

The following was adopted :

WHEREAS, The New Market, Va., edition of the Christian Book of Concord is exhausted, be it

Resolved, That Henkel & Co. be requested to furnish circulars to the ministers of this Synod, as well as to other Synods, indicating whether they would furnish a new, revised edition of said work, as a memorial of the four-hundredth anniversary of Luther's birth, and the probable cost, and whether subscribers would be necessary to secure such publication, and that this matter receive prompt attention, and that the ministers respond as soon as possible to such circular.

The following report was received, and acted upon by items :

Report of Committee on Examination, &c.

We, your committee on examination of applicants for beneficiary aid, and candidates for the ministry, submit the following report :

We have had a conference with Messrs. W. A. Boyte, J. P. Price, W. L. Darr, D. M. Moser, and N. G. Deal, and being satisfied as to their qualifications and progress, we recommend that they be placed under care of Synod, and directed according to our beneficiary regulations.

We recommend that Synod appropriate \$75.00 to Mr. W. A. Boyte.

We recommend that Synod appropriate \$75.00 to Mr. J. P. Price.

We recommend the appropriation of \$75.00 to Mr. W. L. Darr.

We also recommend the appropriation of \$100.00 to Mr. P. C. Wike.

We recommend the appropriation of \$60.00 to Mr. N. G. Deal.

To Mr. D. M. Moser, \$25.00.

We recommend that these young brethren be directed to pursue their studies in Concordia College, Conover, N. C.

We further recommend that Prof. J. F. Moser be received under the care of this Synod, as a candidate for the ministry.

J. C. MOSER,
A. L. CROUSE,
J. K. EFIRD,
J. N. STIREWALT.

After due consideration, the report was adopted, and the appropriations made.

Brother T. E. Armentrout was directed to pursue his studies under direction of Dr. S. Henkel.

The report of the committee on papers concerning a diet, etc., was taken up and considered by items. After considerable discussion, the entire report was adopted without any change.

The following were appointed delegates according to the provisions of the report:

Rev. S. Henkel, D. D., Rev. A. L. Crouse, Maj. A. Koiner, from Virginia. Rev. P. C. Henkel, D. D., Rev. C. H. Bernheim, Rev. M. L. Little, A. Costner, Esq., from North Carolina. Rev. J. S. Koiner and H. A. Meetze, Esq., from South Carolina.

The following report was made, received, and considered by items:

Report of Committee on Ordination.

Your committee on ordination respectfully submit the following report:

1. We have performed the duty assigned to us of examining the brethren, D. J. Settlemyre, J. A. Rudisill, and D. A. Sox, as applicants for ordination. We find their qualifications, in every respect, quite sufficient to warrant our recommendation that they be ordained.

2. Inasmuch as Prof. Junius B. Fox could not be present at this examination, your committee recommed that the request of the petitioners for his examination and ordination be granted, and a committee be appointed to attend to that duty.

3. Whilst a petition was placed in our hands, asking for the examination and ordination of Prof. Sheppard, he did not appear before your committee.

S. HENKEL,	} COMMITTEE.
A. J. FOX,	
J. S. KOINER,	

Item 1 was adopted, and the ordination ordered to take place.

Item 2 was adopted, and the N. C. Conference was appointed the committee.

Item 3 was adopted, and it was noted that the S. C. Synod requested the right to ordain Mr. Sheppard, as he had been educated by that Synod, and for that reason he did not appear before the committee.

The report was adopted as a whole.

Synod adjourned to meet after preaching to-night. Benediction by Rev. T. Moser.

At 7 o'clock, an ordination sermon was preached by Rev. Dr. A. J. Fox, after which the candidates were ordained by the committee.

WEDNESDAY, 9 o'clock, P. M.

Synod met, and the roll was called.

The following report was made, received, and adopted :

We, the committee appointed to convey the action of this Synod in regard to a certain paper, addressed to this Synod, signed by E. L. Hunt and others, requesting a free conference, submit, that we conveyed the said action of this Synod relative to this paper, and had a short interview with them, and that they furnished us no definite response, but intimated that, as their meeting had adjourned, it was too late at this time, for such conference.

S. HENKEL, }
M. L. LITTLE, } COMMITTEE.

The following was unanimously adopted :

Resolved, That we have heard with pleasure the statement of the Rev. A. L. Yount of the efforts of the Pennsylvania Synod, to put up a new Seminary building, at Philadelphia. This effort has our warmest sympathy, and we only regret that we are unable to assist pecuniarily in this commendable work, but the wants of our church and her institutions prevent it at this time. We commend it to the kind consideration of our people, and ask for it donations from individuals.

The following was adopted :-

Moved that this Synod instruct its President to grant to Rev. Dr. A. J. Fox an honorable dismissal from this body to the Holston Synod, in case he request it prior to our next regular convention.

Synod adjourned to meet at the time and place elected, and was closed in due form.

A. L. CROUSE, SECRETARY.

Treasurer's Report.

DALLAS, GASTON CO., N. C., }
October 13, 1883. }

M. L. LITTLE IN ACCOUNT WITH THE

EVANG. LUTHERAN TENNESSEE SYNOD.

1882.	Dr.
To amount received from Rev. J. K. Efrd.....	\$ 2 10
“ “ “ “ “ J. A. Cromer.....	70
“ “ “ “ “ R. A. Yoder.....	2 50
“ “ “ “ “ J. R. Peterson.....	6 30
“ “ “ “ “ I. Conder.....	1 00
“ “ “ “ “ P. C. Henkel.....	3 30
“ “ “ “ “ M. L. Fox.....	50
“ “ “ “ “ J. S. Koimer.....	1 00
“ “ “ “ “ J. M. Smith.....	3 50
“ “ “ “ “ E. L. Lybrand.....	1 70
“ “ “ “ “ S. Henkel.....	3 00
“ “ “ “ “ T. Moser.....	3 10
“ “ “ “ “ D. A. Goodman.....	1 40
“ “ “ “ “ M. L. Little.....	8 00
“ “ “ “ “ Emmanuel Laminac ..	1 00
“ “ “ “ “ Louis Shealy.....	40
“ “ “ “ “ H. J. Wesinger.....	10
“ “ “ “ “ A. S. Frick.....	20
“ “ “ “ “ Benj. F. Whitener.....	2 20
“ “ “ “ “ Jacob Anthony.....	1 40
“ “ “ “ “ Dr. J. W. Eargle.....	1 20
“ “ “ “ “ L. G. Wheeler.....	1 00
“ “ “ “ “ C. Bookman.....	50
“ “ “ “ “ Col. G. H. Chatman.....	10
Amount on hand.....	46 20
“ due Synod from Henkel & Co., as per following statement.	24 18
Amount total.....	\$70 38

Statement.

REV. M. LITTLE, TREAS.,

IN ACCOUNT WITH

EVANG. LUTHERAN TENNESSEE SYNOD.

1882.	CR.
Oct. 15, By amount from former Treas.	\$66 80
“ 25, “ “ Cash of H. J. Wesinger.....	20
Dec. 27, “ “ “ Rev. C. H. Bernheim.....	2 00
1883.	
Jan. 5, By cash of Rev. J. P. Stirewalt.....	4 50
“ 12, “ “ “ J. C. Moser.....	2 30
Feb. 15, “ “ “ J. N. Stirewalt.....	2 40

\$78 20

1883.	DR.
Dec. 14, To amount paid Henkel & Co., for printing and mailing Minutes.....	\$54 02
To amount to balance	\$24 18

\$78 20

To balance due Synod, in hands of Henkel & Co., subject to order of Synod.....	\$24 18
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Report of Treasurer of Beneficiary Fund.

T. MOSER, IN ACCOUNT WITH

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN TENNESSEE SYNOD.

1882.	DR.
Oct. 21, To cash on hand.....	\$70 42
Nov. 25, “ “ St. Martin's church, Stanly.....	25
Dec. 9, “ “ Rev. D. A. Goodman.....	3 10
1883.	
Feb. 28, To cash Rev. J. C. Moser.....	15 00
“ 28, “ “ “ J. S. Koimer.....	5 00

\$93 77

1883.	CR.
Jan. 20, By cash paid P. C. Wike.....	\$40 00
Feb. 28, “ “ “ D. A. Sox.....	53 00
“ 28, “ “ “ Postage.....	13

\$93 13

Balance on hand.....	64
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Respectfully submitted,

T. MOSER, TREAS. BEN. EDUCATION.

Treasurer's Agent's Report of Beneficiary Fund.

SOCRATES HENKEL'S REPORT AS AGENT FOR

TREASURER OF BENEFICIARY FUND.

Oct. 8, 1883.	DR.
To am't in my hands at report or settlement made Oct. 10, 1882....	\$34 47
1882. -	
Oct. 16, To amount from Rev. J. K. Eiford's charge.....	23 20
“ “ “ “ Emmanuel's, S. C.	3 60
“ “ “ “ Rev. E. L. Lybrand's charge	15 00
“ “ “ “ Rev. A. L. Crouse's charge } Alabama, \$3 00; Bethlehem church, \$21 00..... }	24 00
Oct. 16, To amount from Rev. J. M. Smith's charge.	8 75
“ “ “ “ Rev. J. A. Cromer's charge	1 40
“ “ “ “ Bethlehem church, S. C., per C. Bookman	15 00
“ “ “ “ Rev. P. C. Heukel's charge.....	3 40
“ “ “ “ St. Jacob's, S. C., per Dr. Eargle.....	15 00
1883.	
Feb. 10, To amount from Mrs. Col. N. I. Henkel.....	1 00
Apr. 11, “ “ Rev. J. N. Stirewalt's charge } Morning Star, \$1 40; Mt. Calvary, \$1 60 per J. S. Printz } ...	3 00
May, To am't from Miss Mary E. Sommers, Mt. Nebo church, Va.	1 00
Oct. 2, “ “ Rev. S. Henkel's charge } Emmanuel's, \$8.50; Mt. Zion, \$5.11..... }	13 61
Oct. 2, To am't from St. Luke's, per Rev. J. I. Miller.....	5 00
	<u>\$167 43</u>
1882.	CR.
Oct. 17, By amount paid Beneficiary D. A. Sox. \$75 00	
“ “ “ “ “ P. C. Wike. 40 00	
1883.	
Mar. 9, By amount paid Beneficiary, D. A. Sox, per Treasurer's order, Rev. T. Moser..	22 00
By postage	13
	<u>\$137 13</u>
Balance in my hands.....	\$30 30

S. HENKEL.

PAROCHIAL REPORT.

MINISTERS.

MINISTERS.	Entered Ministry	(Congregations.	Communicants.	Souls.	Adult Baptisms.	Infant Baptisms.	Confirmations.	Letters.	Deaths.	Expulsions.	Sunday Schools.	Teachers.	S. S. Scholars.	Renewals.	Synodical.	Beneficiary Edu- cation.	Current Expenses	Other Objects.
REV. A. J. FOX, M. D.	1837	5	575	.....	351	28	10	20	.....	2	328	200	2	2	\$6.30	.....	.....	.....
" P. C. HENKEL, D. D.	1843	4	730	1425	180	22	12	.....	.....	.....	2	5	.....	.....	3.80	\$27.10	\$400.00	.....
" J. R. PETERSON.	1843	4	200	436	21	14	2	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	2.40	15.20	300.00	.....
" T. MOSER.	1844	3	150	.....	6	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2.00	3.50	.....	.....
" S. HENKEL, D. D.	1850	2	245	463	728	8	15	.....	.....	.....	1	7	50	.....	2.70	13.61	\$350.00	\$235.00
" J. M. SMITH.	1856	3	528	.....	121	25	10	.....	.....	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	3.10	6.00	160.00	.....
" I. CONDER.	1861	4	.....	.....	6	4	2	1	.....	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	1.20	.....	300.00	.....
" J. N. STIREWALT.	1871	5	405	690	20	3	6	.....	.....	.....	430	251	4	.....	4.30	10.00	.....	.....
" M. L. FOX, M. D.	1871	3	120	.....	120	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1.50	.....	.....	.....
" A. L. CROUSE.	1871	1	104	161	5	1	3	1	.....	.....	114	98	1	.....	1.10	12.20	3.23	15.00
" J. P. STIREWALT.	1873	5	700	1050	441	61	14	.....	.....	.....	216	200	.....	.....	6.90	10.00	.....	500.00
" M. L. LITTLE*.	1873	9	1140	.....	369	24	21	.....	.....	.....	212	125	.....	.....	10.00	.....	600.00	2800.00
" J. C. MOSER.	1873	5	450	.....	27	6	2	.....	.....	.....	210	150	.....	.....	5.10	30.50	450.00	.....
" J. W. HAUSENFLOK.	1876	5	240	.....	926	14	11	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
" J. K. EFIRD.	1877	3	695	1279	53	18	321	.....	.....	.....	416	200	1	.....	3.50	5.00	400.00	.....
" J. A. CROMER.	1877	3	192	300	121	5	3	2	.....	.....	318	110	2	.....	2.20	8.30	180.00	125.00
" E. L. LYBRAND.	1877	3	310	653	114	9	7	.....	.....	.....	320	190	.....	.....	2.50	16.00	200.00	.....
" R. A. YODER.	1878	3	218	.....	18	15	10	1	.....	.....	112	88	.....	.....	.....	10.18	250.00	.....
" J. S. KOINER.	1881	3	315	652	0	19	0	5	0	.....	317	160	4	.....	2.70	11.00	238.00	72.25
" W. P. CLINE.	1881	5	370	.....	118	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
" D. A. GOODMAN.	1882	3	109	.....	312	1	5	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1.50	7.05	400.00	200.00
" J. I. MILLER.	1859	1	40	.....	1	3	1	10	1	.....	1	7	55	.....	1.00	5.00	.....	.....
" D. J. SETTLEMERE.	1883	3	200	410	9	3	2	2	.....	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	1.60	.....	.....	.....
" D. A. SOX.	1883	1	49	86	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1.20	.....	22.00	.....
Four Churches†	.....	4	275	560	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

* Assisted by J. A. Rudisill and J. W. S. Sheppard. † Partially served by Revs. S. Henkel and J. P. Stirewalt.

RELIGIOUS EXERCISES.

SATURDAY.

Synodical Sermon—Rev. J. N. Stirewalt, 1 Cor. 3-11, at 10 o'clock, A. M. Rev. E. L. Lybrand—7, P. M.

SUNDAY.

In College Chapel, 10½, A. M.—Rev. S. Henkel, D. D., Mark 16, 16.

In Grove, 10½, A. M.—Rev. C. H. Bernheim, Matt. 22, 11-13.

In College Chapel, 1, P. M.—Service of the Holy Communion, conducted by the President, and the Sacrament administered to 207 communicants.

Rev. M. J. Stirewalt, of Indiana, 7, P. M., Matt. 6, 33.

MONDAY.

Rev. A. L. Crouse—11 A. M.—1 Cor. 9, 24-27.

Rev. A. L. Yount, of Nova Scotia, 7, P. M.—Ps. 126, 3.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

FIRST DAY

- 1.—Devotional exercises by the President.
- 2.—Call of Clerical Roll.
- 3.—Reception and Enrollment of Lay-Delegates.
- 4.—Reading of President's Report.
- 5.—Election of Officers.
- 6.—Reception of Advisory Members.
- 7.—Reception of Letters and Petitions.
- 8.—Appointment of Standing Committees.
- 9.—Devotion.

OTHER DAYS.

- 1.—Devotion.
- 2.—Calling of Roll.
- 3.—Reading and Correction of Minutes.
- 4.—Unfinished Business.
- 5.—Reports of Standing Committees.
- 6.—Reports of Special Committees.
- 7.—Resolutions.
- 8.—New Business.
- 9.—Devotion.

STANDING RESOLUTIONS.

Resolved, That each of our pastors is required to teach his people the duty of Christian giving, and to take up in each of his congregations collections for beneficiary education, and to report at each regular convention of our Synod.

Resolved, That the Council of each congregation be requested to send, to each Annual Meeting of the Synod, a written Report of the condition of the congregation.

WHEREAS, The ancient Lutheran custom of thoroughly catechising those who propose to become members of our communion, previous to their confirmation, is, in some places, falling into disuse, and rather a loose custom of receiving uncatechised persons into the Church, without the slightest examination of them in regard to their religious knowledge and other qualifications for church membership, has been practiced by some; be it, therefore,

Resolved, That we earnestly recommend all our Ministers and congregations in future to see to it, that, if it can possibly be done, all who make application for church membership be thoroughly instructed, by Catechisation in the doctrines and usages of our Church, previous to their confirmation. But, in such extraordinary cases, as when persons of age and experience make application, or such young persons as have been so favorably situated as to have had opportunities to become acquainted with and to have informed themselves of our doctrines and customs, seek church privileges, we recommend that their request be granted; but, in no case, until such persons have been examined by the pastor, before the council, and have been approved by them.

THEOLOGICAL COURSE FOR PRIVATE STUDENTS.

Horne's Introduction,—Price, \$4.50.	Knapp's Theology,—Price, \$3.00.
Kurtz's Sacred History, “ \$1.50.	Krauth's Conservative Re-formation, “ \$5.00.
Kurtz's Church History, “ \$3.00.	Schmidt's Dogmatics, “ \$6.00.
Hutter's Compend, “ \$1.50.	Mann's Schmidt's Ethics, “ \$1.25.
Book of Concord, (Henkel, First Edition), “ \$2.75.	Vinet's Homiletics, “ \$1.75.
Book of Concord, (Jacob's Edition, 1882), “ \$6.00.	Ripley's Sac. Rhetoric, “ \$1.25.
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CONSTITUTION

OF THE

EVANG. LUTHERAN TENNESSEE SYNOD,

(AS REVISED IN 1883.)

ARTICLE I.

The name of this Synod shall be THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN TENNESSEE SYNOD.

ARTICLE II.

SEC. 1. The Holy Scriptures, the inspired writings of the Old and New Testaments, shall be the only rule and standard of doctrine and church discipline.

SEC. 2. As a true and faithful exhibition of the doctrines of the Holy Scriptures, in regard to matters of faith and practice, this Synod receives the three Ancient Symbols: the Apostolic, Nicene, and Athanasian creeds; and the unaltered Augsburg Confession of Faith. It receives also the other Symbolical Books of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, viz.: The Apology, the Smalcald Articles, the Smaller and Larger Catechisms of Luther, and the Formula of Concord—as true Scriptural developments of the doctrines taught in the Augsburg Confession.

ARTICLE III.

SEC. 1. This Synod is an association of congregations. Its conventions shall be composed of regularly ordained ministers in their connection, and their lay-delegates.

SEC. 2. Each one of these congregations shall have the right to appoint one such delegate, who shall have equal rights and privileges with the ministers transacting the business of Synod.

SEC. 3. Every minister desiring to be received into connection with this Synod, shall, on his reception, be required to subscribe this Constitution.

SEC. 4. No minister, in connection with this Synod, shall be allowed to teach any thing, nor shall Synod transact any business contray to the confessional basis as set forth in Article II.

ARTICLE IV.

SEC. 1. The business of this Synod shall be to employ the proper means for the promulgation of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, to impart its advice in matters of Christian faith and life, to detect and expose erroneous doctrines and false teachers, to recommend orthodox liturgies, hymn books, catechisms, parochial and Sunday-school books, to engage in missionary work—domestic and foreign, to aid indigent young men in preparing for the work of the ministry, and to investigate charges of false doctrines, wrong practices, and immoralities of life, preferred against any of its ministers, and, finding them guilty, to suspend or expel from Synod such as are deemed unworthy to bear the office, and advise their pastors to sever their official relations with them.

SEC. 2. Upon application to examine candidates for the ministry, this Synod shall make the necessary provisions to attend to such application, and, after due approval, appoint one or more pastors to consecrate such candidate to the office of the ministry, by the laying on of hands and prayer.

SEC. 3. Synod shall require a probationary period of not less than one year, during which time all candidates for the ministerial office shall be taken on trial.

SEC. 4. Upon application, this Synod may receive congregations in its connection, provided they subscribe this Constitution.

ARTICLE V.

The officers of this Synod shall be a President, Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, and Treasurer. A majority of all votes cast will be required to constitute an election to any office. The duties of these officers shall be such as usually devolve upon the same in other public bodies, or as may be made obligatory upon them from time to time by Synod. They shall be elected by ballot, at the regular session, annually, and hold their offices until their successors are elected.

ARTICLE VI.

Synod shall meet from time to time upon its own adjournments. Extra sessions may be called by the President, when requested for good and sufficient reasons, to do so, by two ministers and two lay-men in its connection.

ARTICLE VII.

Synod may at any regular meeting, by a concurrence of two-thirds

of all the members present, make such regulations and by-laws as may be deemed necessary, not inconsistent with this Constitution.

ARTICLE VIII.

If any thing contained in these articles should hereafter be deemed contrary to the Confessional Basis of this Synod, oppressive, or inexpedient, it may be altered or amended. But nothing contained in this Constitution shall be altered or amended unless a proposition for alteration or amendment shall have been laid before one of the sessions of Synod, in writing, and agreed to by two-thirds of all the members voting. The proposition thus agreed to, shall then be laid, in due form, by the Synod in its Minutes before the congregations in its connection, for ratification or rejection by them: and the ministers or vestries of these congregations shall, at some suitable time, before the next succeeding sessions of Synod, take the vote of these congregations, on the Constitution as amended, allowing the members to vote for its ratification or rejection and send a statement of the vote to that session of Synod. If, then, it shall be ascertained by Synod that a majority of these congregations have voted in favor of ratification, the amendment shall become and be declared by Synod on the face of its Minutes a valid part of said Constitution, and the parts thereof repugnant to such alteration, void.

RULES OF ORDER AND BY-LAWS.

RULES OF ORDER.

RULE 1.—At the time and place appointed for meeting, if three ordained ministers and three lay-delegates be present, they shall constitute a quorum.

RULE 2.—The first session shall be opened by the President with suitable religious exercises; and, in the absence of the President, by the Secretary; and, in the absence of both, by one of the older ministers present. And every succeeding session shall be opened and closed with prayer, after which, in opening, the roll shall be called and, if the first session of the day, the minutes of the preceding day read, amended, if necessary, and approved.

RULE 3.—The lay-delegates shall then present their certificates of

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election, and their names shall be registered by the Secretary as members of Synod.

RULE 4.—The President shall read his Annual Report as the last official act of his term, and then announce the election of officers for the ensuing year. The election shall then be held.

RULE 5.—Delegates from other ecclesiastical bodies may be admitted, and advisory members may be received.

RULE 6.—The minutes of the last session of Synod may be read; all papers intended for Synod shall be handed in; and verbal notice may be given of any important business intended to be brought before Synod.

RULE 7.—If the number of papers laid before Synod be large, the President may appoint a committee to class and number them according to their contents; if, however, the number be small, the President shall arrange them and place them in the hands of the committees to which they appropriately belong. The President shall appoint the following

COMMITTEES :

1. On President's Report.
2. On the State of the Church.
3. On Examination.
4. On Ordination.
5. On Letters and Petitions.
6. On Unfinished Business.
7. On Missions.
8. On Church Institutions.
9. On Treasurer's Reports.

The President may appoint as many special committees as may be necessary.

RULE 8.—The vacant congregations shall be inquired after, and provisions shall be made for them.

RULE 9.—The report of committees may be heard and acted upon at any time, and the intervals be occupied by the items of promiscuous business.

RULE 10.—When any member is about to speak or deliver any matter, he shall rise from his seat and respectfully address the President, but shall not proceed until recognized by him.

RULE 11.—Whenever any member shall be called to order by the President he shall sit down, and, also, when called to order by any member, unless the President decide in his favor.

By leave of Synod a member called to order may clear a matter of fact or explain, but shall not proceed in debate so long as the decision is against him but by permission of the House. Any member may appeal from the decision of the President, and, if, upon the appeal the decision be in favor of the member called to order, he may proceed; if

otherwise, he shall not, except by leave of the House; and if, in the judgment of the House, the case requires, he shall be liable to censure.

RULE 12.—When two or more members rise at the same time the President shall name the member to speak.

RULE 13.—Whilst the President is putting a question to or addressing the House no member shall speak, stand up or walk out or across the house; nor when any member is speaking, entertain private discourse, stand or pass between him and the Chair.

RULE 14.—Every member who shall be in the house when the question is put, shall give his vote, unless the House shall for special reasons excuse him.

RULE 15.—When a motion is made and seconded, it shall be stated by the President, or, if it be written, it shall be handed to the President and it shall be read aloud either by himself or some one whom he may designate.

RULE 16.—Every motion shall be written if the President or any two members desire it.

RULE 17.—After a motion is stated or read by the President it shall be deemed in possession of the House, but may be withdrawn or amended before a decision, except in case of a motion to reconsider, which motion shall be deemed and taken to be in possession of the House and shall not be withdrawn without the leave of the House.

RULE 18.—When a question is under discussion, no motion shall be received, but to adjourn, to lay on the table, to postpone indefinitely, to postpone to a certain day, to commit, or to amend.

RULE 19.—When a question is postponed indefinitely, it shall not be acted upon again during the session.

RULE 20.—Any member may call for a division of the question when it shall admit of it, which shall be determined by the President.

RULE 21.—When a motion has once been carried in the affirmative or negative, it shall be in order for any member of the majority to move for the reconsideration thereof, and no motion to reconsider shall be taken from the table except by a two-thirds vote.

RULE 22.—When the yeas and nays are called for on any question, it shall be on motion, and if seconded by one-fifth of the members present, the question shall be decided by yeas and nays.

RULE 23.—Decency of speech shall be observed; and personal reflections carefully avoided.

RULE 24.—No member or officer shall absent himself from the house without leave, unless from sickness or inability.

RULE 25.—Any member may excuse himself at the time of his appointment, if he is a member of two standing committees.

RULE 26.—If any member shall necessarily be absent on any business

of the House when the vote is taken, he shall, on motion, upon entering the house be permitted to cast his vote.

RULE 27.—Each minister in connection with this Synod shall hand in his Parochial Report, which may be read before Synod, and shall embrace the usual items, and any other the Synod may at any time require.

RULE 28.—Election of delegates to ecclesiastical bodies in correspondence with this Synod, shall be held.

RULE 29.—The time and place of holding the next session of Synod, shall be determined.

RULE 30.—Should any of the officers of Synod be absent, they shall send their reports with the documents which may have come to their hands during the interval of Synod. In case of the necessary absence of an officer during the sessions of Synod, he shall nominate a substitute *pro tempore*.

RULE 31.—A motion to adjourn shall always be in order except when the House is voting or some member is speaking, and shall be decided without debate.

RULE 32.—This Synod shall be dismissed by the President with appropriate religious service.

RULE 33.—Any of the foregoing rules may be altered or amended, at any regular session of Synod, by the concurring vote of two-thirds of the members present, after having given notice at the previous session of Synod.

BY-LAWS.

ARTICLE I.

OF THE PRESIDENT OF SYNOD.

SEC. 1. The President must be chosen from among the ordained ministers of this body; and at every session of Synod, if present, he shall deliver the opening sermon: and in connection with the pastor *loci* and elders of the congregation in which the Synod convenes, shall appoint the individuals who shall preach during the sessions of Synod.

SEC. 2. The President shall preside at all the sessions of Synod; see that order is observed; not suffer more than one member to speak at a time, securing to each the liberty to speak without interruption from others; and prevent the speaker from deviating from the subject before the House.

SEC. 3. The President at the commencement of every Synod shall present a written report of all the official business transacted, of the letters received by him, since the last regular meeting, and of all the important events that have occurred relating to Synod which may have come to his knowledge; and he may recommend for consideration such measures as he may deem necessary or calculated to promote the interest of the Church. This report shall be dealt with as other papers coming before Synod.

SEC. 4. If any minister of this Synod removes into the bounds of any other Evan. Lutheran Synod, the President, upon his request, may grant him an honorable dismission to that Synod.

SEC. 5. The President, by substituting a chairman, is at liberty to take part in the discussion of any subject. When on any question the vote should be a tie, the President shall give the casting vote except when voting by ballot.

SEC. 6. Should the President depart this life, or cease to be a member of this Synod, the senior minister shall himself succeed him or shall appoint some one to fill the chair.

ARTICLE II.

OF THE SECRETARY.

Sec. 1. The Secretary must be elected from among the ordained ministers of this Synod, and should possess suitable qualifications for the discharge of the duties of this office.

Sec. 2. He shall make a faithful and accurate record of the proceedings of Synod, and carefully preserve all the papers and documents unless otherwise disposed of by the keeper of the archives of Synod. The Secretary shall attest with his official signature all certificates, all resolutions respecting ministers, delegates or churches, and the Minutes of Synod.

Sec. 3. If during the interval of the sessions of Synod the Secretary should become disqualified for his office or cease to be a member of this Synod, the President shall take charge of all the papers of Synod which were in his hands and retain them, or shall appoint some one to discharge the duties of the office until the next meeting of Synod.

ARTICLE III.

OF THE TREASURER.

Sec. 1. The Treasurer shall take charge of all the moneys belonging to Synod, and shall keep them subject to its order. He shall present at each annual meeting of Synod a detailed and faithful account of the state of the Treasury.

Sec. 2. An order from the President attested by the Secretary, shall be a sufficient voucher for him to pay money out of the Treasury.

Sec. 3. The Treasurer is to see to the printing of the Minutes, if the Synod orders their publication, and to distribute them to each of the minister's charges in proportion to the amount of money received by Synod from them for that purpose.

Sec. 4. Should the Treasurer depart this life or become in any way disqualified for his office, during the recess of Synod, the Secretary shall take charge of all the property belonging to Synod that may be in his hands and discharge the duties of the office until the vacancy is filled by Synod.

ARTICLE IV.

Sec. 1. As the honor and success of the Gospel depends very much upon the character of its Ministers, the Synod should guard with the utmost care and impartiality the characters of its members. No Minister on account of his office should be screened from the hands of justice; neither, on the other hand, should scandalous charges be received or circulated against him on slight and uncertain grounds.

Sec. 2. Should any member of the church know a minister to be guilty of a private offense, he shall reprove him according to Matt. 18, 15; and, if in the process, as required in this text, he be restored fully to the favor of his charge, or congregation, as to his membership and fitness to perform the functions of the ministry, the matter should rest here; but if his offense shall have been of such a serious character, in violating the principles of piety, rules of morality, or errors in the fundamental doctrines of our church, and the decisions of the congregation or charge shall not have been satisfactory to the Synod, Synod shall investigate the matter, and, if in her judgment, his offense has been such as to disqualify him to discharge the functions of the ministry, she shall sever his Synodical relation, and recommend the congregation or congregations to sever his pastoral or ministerial relations; and any congregation refusing to do so, its connection with this Synod shall be dissolved.

Sec. 3. In the event of an offense committed by a minister of this Synod, requiring the aid of Synod to adjust it satisfactorily, the member or members, acquainted with the facts in the case, shall immediately inform the President of Synod, who shall call, without delay, a session of Synod, if two ministers and two laymen request it, to be held in one of the congregations of the accused. The president shall notify the parties of the call session, and enjoin it upon them to appear at the time and place appointed, prepared to furnish all the testimony for and against the accused. When all the evidence shall have been collected, the Synod shall proceed to give the subject a fair, candid, and impartial investigation, and dispose of it according to the evidence in the case.

Sec. 4. If a minister against whom serious charges are preferred, be

duly notified and he refuse to attend the meeting appointed to investigate his case, his connection with Synod shall be severed, and his charge advised to sever his pastoral and ministerial relations.

ARTICLE V.

ADMISSION OF MINISTERS.

SEC. 1. Any person desiring to become a Minister in this body, shall make application to the Synod, when a committee of three shall be appointed to confer with him upon his motives in becoming a Minister, and ascertain as far as possible his character as regards morality and piety, and report the result to Synod; if it be favorable, he shall then be directed to place himself under the care of some member of this Synod (who may grant him when qualified license to preach and catechise *until the next annual session*); or to put himself under the tuition of some approved Theological Seminary.

In the interim of annual sessions, this application must be made to the President, who with another Minister shall examine him, and, if satisfied, direct him to the care of some Minister or approved Seminary.

SEC. 2. Whenever one or more congregations make application for the licensure of a candidate for the ministry he shall be carefully examined in reference to his literary and theological attainments. If he sustains the examination to the satisfaction of Synod, he shall be publicly licensed to the next annual session of Synod. The vote shall be taken by ballot, and it shall require a two-thirds vote to secure license.

SEC. 3. Whenever one or more congregations make application for the services of a candidate for the ministry, he shall be carefully examined in reference to his literary and theological attainments. If he sustains the examination to the satisfaction of Synod, he shall be ordained to the office of pastor, according to Article IV. Sec. 3 of Constitution.

ARTICLE VI.

SPECIAL DUTIES.

SEC. 1. When any particular duty is assigned to any minister or ministers by resolution of Synod, or otherwise, it shall be their duty faithfully to comply with such requirements; but, should they fail to do so, they must render their excuse, if satisfactory, they shall be excused; if not, they shall be censured or otherwise dealt with as the nature of the case requires.

SEC. 2. No business shall be transacted secretly or under closed doors, unless an unhappy period should arrive, in which the Church would be liable to persecution, except such as relates to the moral character of a minister, and to the examination of candidates for the ministerial office. Cases of this kind, if deemed necessary and expedient, may be attended to in a private session of Synod.

SEC. 3. This Synod shall neither invite nor receive advisory members from any other organization, than that of the Lutheran Church; nor ask such to a seat within the bar of Synod.

SUMMIT RULE.

OF DOCTRINE AND WORSHIP OF SECRET SOCIETIES, ALTAR AND PULPIT FELLOWSHIP, &c.

As this Synod is invested only with advisory power; -and as the general policy of this Synod has not been to encourage such doctrines, worship or fellowship, be it

Resolved 1. That this Synod, as we have, so far as we know, no minister now in affiliation with such societies, we advise all who may be looking to the office of the ministry in connection with this Synod, not to associate or hold fellowship with any societies that practice a deistic worship or service, to the disparagement of the adoration due Jesus Christ, or that comes in conflict with the orthodox worship of the Church, or that sets up a plan of salvation coming in conflict with that set forth in Divine Revelation, through the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, as the Mediator between God and man; as it is the sentiment of this Synod that such could not be received.

2. That we regard these matters as subjects for investigation and instruction, and our ministers are advised to give such information as they may deem proper, when it is desired.

3. With respect to altar and pulpit fellowship, it is the sentiment of this Synod, that our ministers and people adhere to the practice set forth in the Confessions of the Church, using all necessary precaution, prudence, and judiciousness in the exercise of such privileges, lest the sacredness of the altar and pulpit be violated, or the consciences of some be oppressed, and reference should always be had to the preparation, designated in the Augsburg Confession, article eleven, and in Luther's Catechism, where it is said. "Let a man examine himself," etc.; and "He only is truly worthy and well prepared, who has faith in these words," etc.

4. In regard to Chiliasm, we would simply say, it is clearly rejected in the 17th article of the Augsburg Confession.

Regulations for the Government of the Evangelical Lutheran Tennessee Synod in the Work of Beneficiary Education.

ARTICLE I.—This Synod shall, from time to time, receive as many Beneficiaries, preparing for the Gospel Ministry, into her connection, as she can procure and collect funds to sustain.

ARTICLE II.—Every applicant for beneficiary aid from this Synod must be subjected to a rigid examination in regard to his Christian char-

acter, deportment, designs, talents, and advancements in Literary, or Theological attainments. No one can obtain beneficiary aid from this Synod, unless he is a member of some one of our congregations, in full communion with the same. His moral character and piety must be entirely above reproach, and his talents must, at least, reach mediocrity. He must unqualifiedly receive, and express a willingness to teach, all the doctrines of the entire collection of our Evangelical Lutheran Confessions. He must, at least, have attained to a sufficient amount of literary knowledge, to enable him to enter the Freshman class in regular Colleges. He must furnish satisfactory evidence that he has not, and cannot command, the necessary pecuniary means, to qualify him for the work of the Holy Ministry from his parents, or any other worldly source. Every application for Beneficiary aid shall be made to the President of the Synod, who, upon such application, shall appoint a committee to examine the applicant or applicants according to the requirements contained in the Synod's Regulations for Beneficiary Work, and it shall be the duty of this committee to examine and report the result of the examination to the President of the Synod, who shall, if approved by the committee, recommend such applicant or applicants to the favorable attention of Synod.

ARTICLE III.—Every minister educated by this Synod shall be held, in honor bound, to labor within the bounds of this Synod, as Pastor, for a term of not less than five years—unless he is excused by a resolution of this Synod, which he must ask for, and obtain before he is at liberty to make arrangements to go elsewhere. He may be excused upon the ground of refunding the money he has received with interest at 6 per cent. or upon any other ground satisfactory to this Synod.

ARTICLE IV.—This Synod should have full control of all her Beneficiaries, in regard to their studies, during the time they are receiving beneficiary aid from her. They must attend such schools as directed by Synod, only, and their studies must be approved by the Synod. They may prosecute their studies in either some college, school or Theological seminary, as per agreement with this Synod, and they must obtain from the President of such Institution, annually, a full report in regard to their conduct, capacity, and advancement in their studies, and forward the same to the President of this Synod, who shall submit it with his report, to the Synod for examination.

ARTICLE V.—Every minister in connection with this Synod is required to take up collections for beneficiary purposes, in each of his congregations, as often in each year as he may deem it expedient, and in whatever manner he and his council may think most prudent, and report the result of the same to the next annual convention of this Synod.

ARTICLE VI.—There shall be elected annually, by this Synod, a receiving and disbursing Agent. who shall discharge the duties of Treas-

urcr, as described in the following Articles of these regnlations; and hold his office until his successor shall be elected, or in ease of his death, another shall be appointed by the President of Synod to fill the vaeancy.

ARTICLE VII.—The President of this Synod shall recognize all the Beneficiaries received by this Synod, and shall give all orders upon the Treasurer in favor of Beneficiaries to whom appropriations have been made by the Synod. He shall keep a correet aecountt of all orders given by him, and shall annually compare his aecount with the accounts kept by the Treasurer, and report the result of the same to the Synod. He must annually report to Synod all his other transaetions including the number of Beneficiaries, their progress, prospeets, and Christian deportment, and anything else he may deem interesting to the Synod. During the periods elapsing between the annual conventions of the Synod, all communications on the snbjeet of beneficiary edncation, and all applications for aid, must be addressed to the President, and must be laid by him before the annual convention of the Synod.

ARTICLE VIII.—The Secretary of this Synod shall record the reports of the President and Treasurer, and in the event of the death or removal of the President, the Secretary shall discharge all the duties of the President in regard to beneficiary operations, until the next Synod shall fill the vacaney.

ARTICLE IX.—The Treasurer of the beneficiary funds shall keep a clear and correet account of all moneys, which shall come into his hands; and shall report the same to the annual conventions of the Synod, with all the disbursements he may make, during the previous Synodical year, accompanied with the proper vouchers for each disbursement. He must allow and pay all orders of the President out of the funds in his hands.

ARTICLE X.—All moneys collected from congregations, or otherwise, and donations for beneficiary purposes, shall be paid over to the Treasurer; for which he shall be required to give his official receipt, to the parties who may pay them over to him.

ARTICLE XI.—From every Beneficiary who receives any fnds appropriated to him by this Synod, the Treasurer shall take suitable bonds, made payable to the Treasnrer of the beneficiary funds of this Synod, for the full amonnt of all the fnds he shall at any time have received, with interest at 6 per cent. If he, at any time afterwards, shall, without the consent of the Synod, either abandon his studies, or, after completing them, refuse to engage in the work of preaching the Gospel of Christ in connection with this Synod, during the time specified in Article III, or shall for any cause be expelled from this Synod, in either event, the obligation he has entered into for refunding the money he may have received shall immediately become due, and if he should refuse to pay the same, he shall by such refusal, make himself liable to public exposure.

ARTICLE XII.—These regulations shall be subject to amendment at any convention of this Synod. One day's notice is required to be given, with a written statement of the amendment asked for, by any one who may at any time desire any amendment.

ARTICLE XIII.—All rules and regulations heretofore adopted by this Synod, in regard to beneficiary education, are hereby rescinded from the adoption of these regulations.

Probationary Regulations.

To meet the requirements of the Constitution of Synod, that all candidates for the ministry be held in a state of probation for not less than one year, and to direct the studies of such students as pursue their studies under private instruction, the following regulations are adopted :

I. Every such candidate shall be placed under the care of some pastor in connection with this Synod, under whose direction such student shall pursue his studies not less than two years.

II. The pastor under whose care any student may be placed shall assign to such student any labor for which he may be found qualified.

III. Synod shall prescribe the course of study to be pursued by each student.

IV. The following text-books shall be used, viz.: Kurtz's Church and Sacred History, Horne's Introduction, Hutter's Compend, Knapp's Theology, Book of Concord, Krauth's Conservative Reformation, Schmidt's Dogmatics, Mann's Schmidt's Christian Ethics, Vinet's Homiletics, Vinet's Pastoral Theology. Instruction shall also be given in Liturgies, Catechetics, and Ecclesiastical Polity.

V. There shall be a committee of examination, appointed at each annual meeting of Synod, before which every student shall be required to appear for examination at, or shortly before each convention of Synod. It shall be the duty of the committee of examination to report to Synod the progress made in his studies by each student.

MINUTES

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REVS. P. C. HENKEL, D. D., J. K. EFIRD, AND A. L. CROUSE.

ON EXAMINATION:

REVS. P. C. HENKEL, D. D., A. L. CROUSE, J. N. STIREWALT,
J. K. EFIRD.

PLACE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING:

The next Convention will be held in St. Peter's (Meetz's) Church,
near Lexington, S. C., commencing on Saturday before the first Sunday
in November, 1885.

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

SIXTY-FOURTH ANNUAL CONVENTION

OF THE

EVANG. LUTHERAN TENNESSEE SYNOD.

ST. MARY'S (PINE) CHURCH,

September 27th, 1884.

The Evan. Lutheran Tennessee Synod met in its sixty-fourth annual convention in St. Mary's (Pine) Church, on Saturday, September 27th, 1884.

In the absence of the President, Rev. J. R. Peterson, Rev. A. L. Crouse preached the opening sermon from Luke 18, 10-14.

After recess the house was called to order. Divine service was conducted by Rev. A. L. Crouse, and the clerical roll was called.

Roll of Ministers.

	NAMES.	RESIDENCES.
1	REV. P. C. HENKEL, D. D.,.....	Conover, N. C.
2	" *J. R. PETERSON,.....	Dallas, N. C.
3	" *T. MOSER,.....	Mt. Pleasant, N. C.
4	" †D. EFIRD,.....	Lexington, S. C.
5	" S. HENKEL, D. D.,.....	New Market, Va.
6	" C. H. BEIRNHEIM,.....	Conover, N. C.
7	" ‡J. M. SMITH	Conover, N. C.
8	" I. CONDER,.....	McGaheysville, Va.
9	" *L. A. FOX, D. D.,.....	Salem, Va.
10	" J. N. STIREWALT.....	Stony Man, Va.
11	" M. L. FOX, M. D.,.....	Sandy Creek, N. C.
12	" A. L. CROUSE,.....	Waynesboro, Va.
13	" J. P. STIREWALT,.....	New Market, Va.

* Absent and excused.

† Absent.

‡ Absent and not excused.

	NAMES.	RESIDENCES.
14	REV. M. L. LITTLE,.....	Dallas, N. C.
15	" *J. C. MOSER,.....	Conover, N. C.
16	" J. W. HAUSENFLUCK,.....	Alma, Va.
17	" J. K. EFIRD,....	Prosperity, S. C.
18	" *J. A. CROMER,.. . . .	Columbia, S. C.
19	" *E. L. LYBRAND,.....	Columbia, S. C.
20	" †R. A. YODER,.....	Newton, N. C.
21	" *J. S. KOINER,.....	Spring Hill, S. C.
22	" *D. A. GOODMAN,.....	Happy Home, N. C.
23	" †W. P. CLINE,.....	Fair Grove, N. C.
24	" *D. A. SOX,.....	Oak Level, Alabama.
25	" *D. J. SETTLEMYRE,.....	China Grove, N. C.
26	" J. A. RUDISILL,.....	Jug Town, N. C.
27	" ||H. WETZEL,.....	Woodstock, Va.
28	" ||J. I. MILLER,.....	Luray, Va.

CANDIDATES FOR THE MINISTRY :

T. E. ARMENTROUT,.....	Almondville, Va.
J. F. MOSER,.....	Conover, N. C.
A. L. SIGMAN,.....	Conover, N. C.

BENEFICIARIES:

P. C. WIKE,.....	Conover, N. C.
W. A. BOYTE,.....	" "
J. P. PRICE,.....	" "
W. L. DARR,.....	" "
N. G. DEAL,.....	" "
D. M. MOSER,.....	" "
D. I. OFFMAN,.....	New Market, Va.
J. Q. LIPPARD,.....	Statesville, N. C.

The following Lay-Delegates presented evidences of their election, and their names were enrolled :

Lay-Delegates.

NAMES.	CHURCHES REPRESENTED.
ELON O. HENKEL, Alternate JOSEPH HUPP,...	Emmanuel, Va.
GEO. LOHR,.....	Mt. Zion, Va.
E. BOWMAN,.....	Zion, Va.
G. D. DOVEL,.....	St. Peter, Va.
B. M. SWITZER,	Bethany, Va.
PHILIP LOHR,.....	Mt. Nebo, Va.
DAVID GOLLDAY,.....	St. David, Va.

*Absent and excused.

†Absent and not excused.

||Received at this meeting.

Lay-Delegates—Continued.

NAMES.	CHURCHES REPRESENTED.
ABRAHAM FUNKHOUSER,.....	Powder Spring, Va.
GEO. SOURS,.....	Grace Church, Va.
GEO. GRIFFITH,.....	Morning Star, Va.
SILONE ZIRKLE,.....	St. Mary's, Va.
PAUL MULLER,.....	Solomon's, Va.
GEO. AREHART,.....	Rader, Va.
FENTON MILLER,.....	St. Paul's, Va.
ABRAHAM DODSON,.....	St. Jacob's, Va.
WM. SCHWARTZ,.....	St. Matthew's, Va.
A. PRINTZ,.....	Alma, Va.
WM. E. MILLER,.....	St. Paul's, Augusta Co., Va.
WM. J. SHENK,.....	St. Mark's, Va.
H. J. GOOD,.....	Cedar Point, Va.
REUBEN SOMNERS,.....	Mt. Calvary, Va.
PETER FANSLER,.....	St. John's Church, Va.
P. C. WIKE,.....	St. James', Grace, Salem, N.C.
A. J. MORETZ,.....	Mt. Pleasant, N. C.
MAJ. H. A. MEETZE, Delegate for all South Carolina congregations.	

The President's report was read, received, and referred:

President's Report.

To the Evangelical Lutheran Tennessee Synod, in Convention Assembled—

DEAR BRETHREN: Through the kind providence of our Father in Heaven, we have passed through another synodical year, and, with a single exception, the ranks of our ministry remain unbroken. On the 10th day of last June, our lamented brother, Rev. A. J. Fox, departed this life. I recommend that a committee be appointed to report suitable resolutions to his memory.

During the early part of the year, I issued orders on the Treasurer of the beneficiary fund of synod in favor of beneficiaries—W. A. Boyte, Wm. L. Darr, J. P. Price, P. C. Wike and D. M. Moser—for the amounts appropriated for the benefit of each.

Early in July, I received a communication from Rev. J. I. Miller, Luray, Va., enclosing a letter of dismission from the Evang. Lutheran Synod of Virginia, and asking admission into this Synod. As neither the constitution nor the by-laws of Synod confer upon the President authority to admit ministers of other ecclesiastical bodies to membership, I transmit Rev. Miller's certificate to you, and recommend that his application be granted.

About the middle of July, I received a letter from the President of

the Evan. Lutheran Synod of South Carolina, asking the co-operation of this Synod in the support of the Theological Seminary, located at Newberry, S. C. I transmit said letter to you, and recommend that you give it proper attention.

Several changes in pastoral relations have been made, of which I received no official notice. Rev. R. A. Yøder informed me that he had accepted a call, to supply the congregations made vacant by the death of Rev. A. J. Fox, until the end of the present year.

Rev. C. H. Bernheim also informed me that he had accepted calls from Sharon and St. Martin's churches, in Iredell county, N. C.

In the event that the proposed amendment to the constitution and by-laws of the Synod shall be approved, I recommend that a committee be appointed to prepare the amended constitution and by-laws for the press, and that they be published, either with the Minutes or in separate form.

I cannot too strongly urge upon the pastors and congregations the importance of giving greater attention to the first standing resolution of Synod, with a view to a better development of the resources of the Church.

"Now the God of peace, that brought us again from the dead, our Lord Jesus, that Great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work; to do his will, working in you that which is well pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen."

J. R. PETERSON.

On motion, the report was received and referred to the proper committee. An election was then held for officers. Rev. I. Conder and Silone Zirkle acting as tellers, the result was

REV. PROF. C. H. BERNHEIM, - President.

" I. CONDER, - - - - - Secretary.

" A. L. CROUSE, - - - - - Cor. Secretary.

" J. N. STIREWALT, - - - - - Treasurer.

" PROF. J. C. MOSER, - - - - - Treas. Ben. Fund.

" S. HENKEL, - - - - - Ass't Treas. Ben. Fund.

Papers for Synod were called for and placed in the hands of proper committees.

The following committees were appointed :

1. ON PRESIDENT'S REPORT—Revs. S. Henkel, J. P. Stirewalt, and Maj. H. A. Meetze.

2. ON STATE OF THE CHURCH—Revs. P. C. Henkel, J. K. Efrd, A. L. Crouse.

3. ON EXAMINATION—Revs. A. L. Crouse, P. C. Henkel, J. N. Stirewalt, J. K. Efrd.

4. ON ORDINATION—Revs. S. Henkel, P. C. Henkel, and M. L. Fox.

5. ON LETTERS AND PETITIONS—Rev. A. L. Crouse, and Messrs. P. C. Wike and Silone Zirkle.

6. ON UNFINISHED BUSINESS—Revs. I. Conder, J. N. Stirewalt, and Mr. E. O. Henkel.

7. ON MISSIONS—Revs. A. L. Crouse, J. W. Hausenfluck, and Capt. Geo. Arehart.

8. ON CHURCH INSTITUTIONS—Revs. A. L. Crouse, ~~S.~~ Henkel, and J. W. Hausenfluck.

9. ON TREASURER'S REPORT—Messrs. P. C. Wike and Philip Lohr.

10. COMMITTEE ON THE REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF CONCORDIA COLLEGE, AND ON THAT OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE FACULTY—Revs. A. L. Crouse, S. Henkel, and J. W. Hausenfluck.

Report of Committee on the Henkel Monuments.

As the only present member of this committee, I beg to report :

That, in reference to the work at the grave of Rev. Ambrose Henkel, I am collecting funds in Virginia, and hope soon to be able to erect a suitable monument to mark the resting place of that good man :

That, in regard to the work at the grave of Rev. Philip Henkel, in Randolph county, N. C., I have had some correspondence with a view to obtain help from his descendants, but have failed to receive any encouragement. I ask to be discharged from further consideration of this part of the duty of the committee, and suggest that a committee be appointed in the State of North Carolina, charged with the prosecution of this commendable work.

A. L. CROUSE.

On motion, Rev. A. L. Crouse was relieved from further duty in North Carolina, and Rev. J. M. Smith was appointed to operate in that State in the interest of Rev. Philip Henkel in place of Rev. A. J. Fox, deceased.

The following report was read, received, and adopted :

Report of the Committee on the State of the Church.

This report has been written and signed by only one member of the committee, but the other members have furnished valuable assistance.

We think that the expressed hope of the committee last year, "for better things in the near future," has been so far realized, that we have great cause to thank God. The beautiful side of the picture beams with increased brightness. Behold, some old things, which vexed the Lord's people, have passed away, and some have become new. At the same time, some old things, which had been neglected, appear in their proper places. There is, if possible, a more sacred regard for the things that mark a distinctive type of pure Lutheranism. And, although far removed from each other, the pastors have increased in their common defense and support of the Confessions of the Church.

The work of building houses of worship, parsonages, and school buildings, has been prosecuted with commendable zeal. In some places it has been unprecedented. With this progress in substantial things, there is unmistakable evidence of increased love and zeal in spiritual things.— Very little has been done in the way of organizing new congregations, but the old ones have been strengthened.

The cause of education receives still greater interest. Our college and high schools are better patronized, and many elementary schools are subject to the guidance of our pastors and laymen. In places there are movements to re-establish parochial schools, which our people lost in their transition from the German to the English language.

Sunday-school work and catechisation by the pastors have been performed in nearly or quite all the congregations, albeit with various degrees of industry and success. Sometimes one is carried on too much to the exclusion or neglect of the other.

In general benevolence, many of our people have made praiseworthy progress. There have been increased contributions toward beneficiary education, missions, and Concordia College. It would be gratifying, if we could say this much for all.

Things that ought not so to be are :

1. Insufficiency and inefficiency of all the pastors.
2. Lack of sufficient support of the pastor by the charge. With the present arrangement, most of the pastors devote too much time to secular pursuits to be able to attend to their spiritual work as Shepherds of the flock of God.
3. Scarcity of willing, earnest, persevering laborers in the Sunday-schools.

4. Want of interest in the edifying literature of the Church, by the mass of our people. The Minutes of our Synod, our Lutheran books, pamphlets and periodical papers, receive too little attention. In a few congregations, the Church Book has not yet been introduced, whilst the devotions and growth of the people in divine things are hindered by the want of suitable books to use in their public worship.

5. Among many of our people, the want of a proper estimate of the nature and value of public and family worship, the preached Word of God, the Christian training of their children, the proper use of the Lord's Day, also the indulgence, by some, in vices, such as profanity, intemperance, superstitious practices, etc.

6. Proper church discipline, the want of which has wrought great damage to the churches in past years, has not yet been restored.

We cannot close without one local mention. In Alabama a pastor has been secured, a parsonage and school-house built on the church land, and both congregation and school are doing well. A. L. CROUSE.

Synod adjourned to meet Monday morning at 9 o'clock.
Prayer with Rev. A. L. Crouse.

MONDAY, 9 o'clock, A. M.

Divine service was conducted by Rev. M. L. Little.— Minutes of Saturday were read, received, and adopted. Prof. J. D. Dreher, Ph. D., of Roanoke College, Va., and Rev. J. I. Miller, of Luray, Page county, Va., were invited to seats as advisory members.

The treasurer's report was received and referred to proper committee.

Report of Committee on Unfinished Business.

We, your committee on unfinished business, beg to submit the following :

(1) On page 10, we find that a committee, composed of Revs. J. C. Moser and J. M. Smith, was appointed to prepare an ordination certificate. Has that duty been discharged?

(2) With regard to the amendments to the Constitution and By-Laws, as adopted at the last session of Synod, we would respectfully inquire, whether the said amendments have been duly accepted and ratified by all the congregations, to which they were submitted?

(3) On page 23, we find a recommendation on the part of the Committee on Districting the Synod, that the matter be referred to the sev-

cral conferences composing this Synod. We would ask, Has that recommendation been complied with?

(4) On page 28, we find that a committee was appointed, at the last session of Synod, to confer with similar committees from other Lutheran bodies in the South, with a view of appointing a time and place for the convention of a Diet, looking to the unification of all Lutherans in the South. Has that committee any report to make?

(5) On page 27, we find a resolution that Henkel & Co., Publishers, New Market, Va., be requested to furnish circulars to the ministers, composing this Synod, as well as to other Synods, indicating whether they would furnish a new, revised edition of the Book of Concord, as a memorial of the 400th anniversary of Luther's birth, and the probable cost, and whether subscribers would be necessary to secure such publication. Has this resolution been complied with?

(6) On the same page, we find that brother T. E. Armentrout was directed to pursue his studies under the direction of Dr. S. Henkel. Has he done so?

(7) On page 19, we find a motion, that the treasurer was instructed to hunt up a blank book for preserving the clerical and congregational rolls. What about it?

(8) On pages 25 and 26, we find a request of Synod, that every minister in its connection arrange to hold a Luther Festival, in every congregation in his charge, commemorative of the 400th anniversary of the birth of Dr. Martin Luther. Was this done?

Respectfully submitted.

I. CONDER,
J. N. STIREWALT,
ELON O. HENKEL.

Item 1. Nothing done. The Committee was discharged and another appointed, consisting of Revs. M. L. Little and S. Henkel, D. D.

Item 2. Referred to a Committee composed of Revs. A. L. Crouse, J. P. Stirewalt, and Silone Zirkle.

Item 2. Complied with.

Item 4. Committee continued

Resolved, That the Treasurer of the Evangelical Lutheran Tennessee Synod be authorized to pay out of the treasury the expenses of the delegation to the diet, to be held on the 12th of November, 1884, in the town of Salisbury, N. C., and that each pastor in connection with the Tennessee Synod take up collections in each of his congregations in order to replace in the treasury the amount used for this purpose.

Items 5 and 6. Postponed.

Item 7. Complied with.

Item 8. Partially complied with.

On motion, Rev. Mr. Whitmore, a minister of the Reformed Church of the United States, was invited to a seat with us.

Report of Committee on Treasurer's Report and Assistant Treasurer's of Beneficiary Fund.

We, your Committee on Treasurer's Reports, state that we find the reports of both Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer of Beneficiary Funds to be correct.

Balance in the hands of Treasurer,\$ 34.23

.. .. Assistant Treasurer,.....115.64

Total,.....\$149.87

Respectfully submitted.

P. C. WIKE,

PHILIP LOHR.

Also we state as Committee on the report of Treasurer of Synod, that we have examined his report and find it correct.

Balance in the hands of the treasurer of Synod.....\$72.19

P. C. WIKE,

PHILIP LOHR.

Report on Letters and Petitions.

We, your Committee on Letters and Petitions, would respectfully report the following :

No. 1 is a petition from St. John's congregation, Rockingham Co., Va., in which the petitioners pray for admission into this body. We recommend that said congregation be received.

No. 2 is a letter from Rev. Prof. J. C. Moser, in which he states that he cannot attend this meeting of Synod on account of his duties as a member of the Faculty of Concordia College. He, therefore, asks to be excused. We recommend that he be excused.

No. 3 is a letter from Rev. Prof. L. A. Fox, D. D., stating that on account of sickness in family connection, he cannot attend this meeting of Synod. We recommend that he be excused.

No. 4 is a letter from Rev. R. A. Yoder in which he states that on account of press of labor and great distance to Synod, he cannot attend. We recommend that he be excused.

No. 5 is a letter from Rev. D. A. Sox, in which he expresses his inability to be present at this meeting for want of funds. We recommend that he be excused.

No. 6 is a letter from Rev. J. R. Peterson, in which he asks to be excused for absence and gives his reason, want of means. We recommend that he be excused.

No. 7 is a letter from Rev. J. M. Smith, in which he asks to be excused from this meeting of Synod. He gives as a reason, want of means. We recommend that he be excused.

No. 8 is a letter from Rev. J. S. Koiner, asking to be excused for his absence on account of the health of his family. We recommend that he be excused.

No. 9 is a letter from Rev. T. Moser, in which he assigns his excuse for absence, the feeble state of his health. We recommend that he be excused.

No. 10 is a letter from Rev. F. W. E. Peschau, Corresponding Secretary of the North Carolina Synod, in which he conveys the fraternal greetings of that Synod to ours, and refers to page 9 of their minutes, in which it is regretted that neither delegate nor letter was received from our Synod at their last convention.

No. 11 is a letter from Rev. E. L. Lybrand, asking Synod to excuse him. He gives as his excuse, press of business and want of means.— We recommend that he be excused.

A. L. CROUSE.

P. C. WIKE,

SILONE ZIRKLE.

Item 1. Recommendation of Committee complied with.

Items 2, 3, 5, 6, 9, 10 and 12. Revs. Profs. J. C. Moser, L. A. Fox, J. R. Peterson, D. A. Sox, J. S. Koiner, T. Moser, and E. L. Lybrand, were excused for non-attendance.

Items 4 and 7. Revs. R. A. Yoder and J. M. Smith were not excused.

Item 8. Pending discussion on organizing the Tennessee Synod into three district Synods, it adjourned for refreshments and divine service. Benediction by Rev. I. Conder.

MONDAY, 2 o'clock, P. M.

Synod was called to order and roll called. The further consideration of item 8 was postponed until to-morrow.

Items 9, 10, and 12. Revs. J. S. Koiner, T. Moser, and E. L. Lybrand were excused. Rev. Kuegele was invited to a seat with us.

The Assistant Treasurer's report was placed in the hands of committee on Treasurer's report.

The Committee on the President's Report made the following report, which was received and adopted :

Report of Committee on President's Report.

We the committee, to whom the President's report was referred, beg leave to submit the following :

(1) The first recommendation requiring attention is in regard to the application of Rev. Prof. J. I. Miller, of Luray, Page Co., Va., to become a member of our Synod, and suggests that the application be granted.

Relative to this matter, your committee suggest, that the application be referred to the committee on applications.

(2) In the second place, he recommends, that Synod give proper attention to a request on the part of the President of South Carolina Synod, that our Synod co-operate in supporting a Theological Seminary, located at Newberry, South Carolina.

In regard to this matter, we would remark, that whilst we feel the great need of such an institution located at some suitable place in the South, and that we feel the importance of giving such institution a liberal support, we deem it inopportune to take decisive action in regard to this matter at this time, in view of pending events.

(3) In the third place, he recommends, that a committee be appointed, if the proposed amendments to our Constitution and By-laws be adopted by Synod, to prepare the amended Constitution and By-laws for the press, and that they be published in the Minutes or in a separate form.

With respect to this matter, we recommend, that the committee be appointed, and that the Constitution and By-laws be printed in the Minutes, and that 200 copies besides be bound separately, for the use of the ministers and each church, or congregation, and that the Secretary be that committee.

(4) Again, he recommends, that a committee be appointed to prepare suitable resolutions in regard to the death of Rev. A. J. Fox.

We suggest that said committee be appointed.

Respectfully submitted,

S. HENKEL,
HENRY A. MEETZE,
J. P. STIREWALT.

Item 1. The committee suggests that the application be referred to the committee on applications.

Item 2. Recommendation of committee sustained.

Item 3. Adopted.

Item 4. Revs. A. L. Crouse, J. K. Efrid, and Maj. H. A. Meetze, were appointed to draft suitable resolutions on the death of Rev. A. J. Fox.

Place and Time of Next Meeting.

St. Peter's (Meetze's) Church, Lexington county, South Carolina—on Saturday before the first Sunday of November, 1885.

Mr. Wm. J. Shenk was excused from further attendance during this meeting of Synod.

Synod now adjourned to meet to-morrow at 9 o'clock, A. M.

Prayer with Rev. M. L. Fox.

TUESDAY, 9 o'clock, A. M., Sept. 30th.

Synod met. Divine services were conducted by Rev. Prof. J. I. Miller. The roll was called, and the proceedings of yesterday read and adopted.

The Report of the Committee on Examination was received and considered by items:

Report of Committee on Examination.

We, your committee on examination, beg to submit that—

1. We have had a conference with Rev. H. Wetzel and Rev. Prof. J. I. Miller, on doctrinal subjects, and, as far as we have had time to examine them, find that they subscribe the doctrines and confessions of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, and we recommend that they be received as members of this body, and their names be placed upon the clerical roll.

2. We have also considered a letter from Rev. L. A. Bikle, D. D.

We recommend that, as it is the custom of this Synod to examine applicants for membership in this Synod, the committee on examination in N. C., examine the said Dr. Bikle, and if the result prove satisfactory, they report the fact to the President, and that he order his name to be enrolled as a minister of this Synod.

3. We have also had a conference with Mr. D. I. Offman, and recommend that he be received as a student. Also the name of Mr. John Q. Lippard, of N. C., has been handed to us. We refer him to the members of our committee in North Carolina.

4. We recommend that the following appropriations be made, if Synod can do so: D. I. Offman, \$40; P. C. Wike, \$120; W. L. Darr, \$75; W. A. Boyte, \$100; J. P. Price, \$80; N. G. Deal, \$60; D. M. Moser, \$60.

P. C. HENKEL,
A. L. CROUSE,
J. N. STIREWALT,
J. K. EFIRD.

Item 1. Recommendation of committee sustained.

Item 2. Amended and adopted.

Item 3. Adopted.

Further action on this report was postponed.

Resolved, That hereafter the arrangement of the usual Committees shall appear in the Minutes in the following order:

No. 1. On President's Report; No. 2. On the State of the Church; No. 3. On Examination; No. 4. On Ordination; No. 5. On Letters and Petitions; No. 6. On Unfinished Business; No. 7. On Missions; No. 8. On Church Institutions; No. 9. On Treasurers' Reports.

Rev. Prof. J. I. Miller was excused, after morning service, from further attendance on this meeting.

Report of Committee on Unfinished Business resumed.

Item 5. The publication of the Book of Concord partially complied with. The same committee was continued.

Item 6. Complied with as far as the health of Mr. T. E. Armentrout would permit.

The 8th item of Report of Committee on Letters and Petitions resumed. Pending this animated discussion, Synod adjourned until after divine services.

Benediction by Rev. H. Wetzel.

TUESDAY, 2 o'clock, P. M.

Synod met, and, after the calling of the roll, the discussion of the 8th item was continued with increased animation. It was finally re-committed to report to-morrow morning.

Resolved, That the following be adopted and properly numbered and placed among our By-laws:

This Synod shall neither invite nor receive advisory members from any other organization, than that of the Lutheran Church, nor ask such to a seat within the bar of Synod.

Rev. A. L. Crouse was appointed to assist the Secretary, in arranging and collating the Revised Constitution and By-laws for the press.

Your committee, appointed to report upon the votes of the congregations upon the amendments of the Constitution of Synod, submit that we find that sixty of our congregations, which are a majority, have adopted all of the amendments proposed, and one adopted all except the one which amends the old two-thirds majority rule in voting upon the question of the ordination of a candidate.

We recommend the following:

Resolved, That the Constitution, By-laws, and Rules of Order, as now amended, be and they are hereby declared to be of full force and effect: that they be placed in our book containing clerical and congregational rolls.

A. L. CROUSE,
J. P. STIREWALT,
SILONE ZIRKLE.

Report of Committee on Examination concluded.

Item 5. Recommendation of committee complied with.

The sum of \$40 was appropriated to Mr. D. I. Offman.

Synod adjourned.

Benediction by Rev. P. C. Henkel.

WEDNESDAY, 9 o'clock, Oct. 1st, 1884.

Divine services were conducted by Rev. M. L. Fox.

Report of Committee on Letters and Petitions on item No. 8, made the following report, which was adopted:

No. 8 is a copy of preamble and resolutions, adopted by the North Carolina Conference of the Evangelical Lutheran Tennessee Synod, at its recent meeting held in St. James Church, Catawba county, N. C., urging Synod to resolve herself into three district Synods, and that these form a joint Synod.

We recommend the following:

WHEREAS, This Synod, at its convention in October, 1883, took the following action, to-wit:

“WHEREAS, The committee on letters and petitions recommend, that

the three State Conferences, composing the E. L. Tenn. Synod, be resolved into three Synods, confined by State lines; second, that the E. L. Tenn. Synod, in order to perpetuate her history, &c., be denominated the Joint Tenn. Synod, and meet in triennial conventions on middle ground, composed of the above named three district Synods, and such other Synods as may desire to unite with us, for the purpose of transacting and having the superintendence of the general church work of said Joint Synod; we your committee respectfully recommend, that this matter be referred to these Conferences for consideration, indicating their wishes." And

WHEREAS, A majority of the congregations have not taken decisive action in regard to the districting of the E. L. Tenn. Synod and the formation of a joint union, and

WHEREAS, Under the Constitution of this Synod, such change cannot be effected except by the consent of a majority of all the congregations, therefore,

Resolved, That the ministers in connection with this Synod be required to submit the question of districting and joint union to their respective congregations, and report the result to the next meeting of Synod, where and when further action may be taken, if deemed necessary.

The following reports on the moral and financial condition of Concordia College were received and adopted:

CONCORDIA COLLEGE, CONOVER, N. C.

It is made my duty, as President of the Board of Trustees to report annually to Synod the financial condition of this school, and it affords me pleasure to say, that we have property at Conover in valuation not less than \$6,000.00, but am sorry to report, that there is a debt of not less than \$550.00 resting on it yet, and that much is still needed to furnish the school with needful apparatus, &c.

D. D. SEITZ, PRESIDENT.

J. M. SMITH.

SEC. OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF CONCORDIA COLLEGE.

SEPT. 3, 1884.

Report of the President of Concordia College. Located at Conover, Catawba County, N. C.

CONOVER, CATAWBA COUNTY, N. C.,
Sept. 24, 1884.

It is made our duty by resolution of the Ev. Luth. Tenn. Synod, annually to report to Synod the moral and literary condition of this school.

We are happy to be able to state, that its condition in both these respects is good and highly commendable, and that the School is in a prosperous condition, with encouraging prospects for the future.

Respectfully submitted,

P. C. HENKEL, PRESIDENT OF THE FACULTY.

J. M. SMITH, SECRETARY.

Report of Committee on Reports of Concordia College, Conover, North Carolina.

Having examined the report of the President of the Board of Trustees of Concordia College, as well as that of the President of the Faculty, we take pleasure in being able to state, that the financial condition of this School is in as favorable a condition as could be expected, in view of the circumstances,—the debt unprovided for being only about \$550.00; and that the moral and literary condition of the School is commendable and praiseworthy, and the prospects for the future, encouraging.

In regard to the indebtedness, we would suggest that the financial agent make an effort to raise an amount sufficient to liquidate the debt, and to secure a more desirable outfit for the institution, and that our ministers and congregations give him such aid and encouragement as deemed proper for the accomplishment of such object.

Respectfully submitted,

A. L. CROUSE,

S. HENKEL,

J. W. HAUSENFLUCK.

Resolved, That this Synod is gratified to learn of the increased usefulness of the High School, at Dallas, N. C., under the control and direction of Rev. M. L. Little, as Principal, and are satisfied that it deserves the confidence and support of our people.

Revs. J. M. Cromer and D. A. Goodman were excused for non-attendance, and W. P. Cline not excused.

Synod adjourned. Benediction by the President.

WEDNESDAY, 1 o'clock, P. M.

Synod convened, the roll was called, and the following resolutions adopted:

Resolved, That articles twelve, thirteen, and fourteen of our beneficiary regulations be and they are hereby repealed.

NOTE.—Some time after the list of candidates for the ministry was printed off, we learned that Mr. L. L. Lohr, of Gaston co., N. C., is pursuing a course of studies in Gaston High School, with a view to the ministry. Hence this note.—[PUBLISHERS.]

Resolved, That our Beneficiary Regulations and all subsequent action thereupon, be placed in the hands of the Committee, on the collation and publishing of the Constitution, Rules, and By-Laws, for the same purpose of collation and publishing.

The following persons were elected Trustees of Conover College: Rev. A. L. Crouse and Hon. A. Coiner, of Virginia; Rev. R. A. Yoder, of North Carolina; Maj. H. A. Meetze and Mr. D. H. Wheeler, of South Carolina.

Revs. T. Moser, M. L. Fox, and J. K. Efird were chosen to visit, during the present Synodical year, Conover College, and report the condition and prosperity of the School, at the next meeting of our Synod.

IN MEMORY OF
REV. A. J. FOX.

WHEREAS, Our Lord God has again wisely chastened us by the removal from our midst of REV. ALFRED J. FOX, and reminded us of his over-ruling providence in calling his servant from his labors here to his rest in heaven—

Resolved, That in the death of Father Fox, we recognize the loss of a noble and successful servant in the Master's earthly work; an earnest, zealous co-laborer and a warm-hearted friend and brother.

Resolved, That we bow, humbly, to the call of Him who never errs and only wounds to heal.

Resolved, That our sympathies are extended to the bereaved widow and family, and that, while we mourn with them, we cherish upon the altar of his memory fond recollections of his virtues.

Resolved, That this feeble tribute be placed upon a separate page of our Minutes, one copy sent to the widow of our brother, and one be published in OUR CHURCH PAPER.

A. L. CROUSE.
HENRY A. MEETZE.
J. K. EFIRD.

The following vote of thanks was passed :

Resolved, That the President of this body, in the name of the Synod, return thanks to the people in the neighborhood of St. Mary's (Pine) Church, for their kind and hospitable treatment during its meeting.

Resolved, That the Treasurer have a sufficient number of copies of the Minutes of this convention of Synod printed, to supply the calls for them, and to furnish each minister of this Synod with three copies; each general body of Lutherans in this country, one copy; and the Synods with which this Synod is in correspondence, one copy each; our institutions of learning, one copy each: our Lutheran publications, two copies each; and our beneficiaries and applicants, one copy each.

Report of committee on examination concluded.

Item 5. The recommendation of the committee was sustained, and the following appropriations made for our beneficiaries :

Mr. P. C. Wike, \$120; Mr. W. L. Darr, \$75; Mr. W. A. Boyte, \$100; Mr. J. P. Price, \$80; Mr. N. G. Deal, \$60; Mr. D. M. Moser, \$60.

Resolved, That the action of the Board of Trustees of Concordia College, in calling Revs. C. H. Bernheim and J. S. Koerner to professorships in said college, meets with the cordial approval of this Synod.

The following corresponding delegates were appointed :

To Virginia Synod :—Rev. J. P. Stirewalt.

To Holston Synod :—Rev. P. C. Henkel.

To N. C. Synod :—Rev. R. A. Yoder.

To S. C. Synod :—Rev. J. K. Efird.

Synod now adjourned to meet at the time and place designated, and was closed in due form by the President.

I. CONDER, SECRETARY.

Treasurer's Report.

STONY MAN, PAGE CO., VA.,)
September 26, 1884.)

J. N. STIREWALT IN ACCOUNT WITH THE

EVANG. LUTHERAN TENN. SYNOD.

1883.	Dr.	
Oct. 17, To amount from former Treasurer.....	\$	46 20
To amount paid in for minutes..		63 30
To amount for advertisements.....		16 00
To balance due Synod in the hands of Henkel & Co.,.....		28 28
Oct. 26, 1884, To am't due Synod in hands of Henkel & Co.,.....		88
Total amount.....	\$	154 66

1883.	Cr.	
Dec. 18, By amount paid Henkel & Co., for printing, mail- ing, and expressing 1500 copies Tenn. Synod Minutes.....	\$	81 27
	\$	73 39

1884.		
Sept. 26, By amount paid Rev. A. L. Crouse for blank book for Secretary according to action of Synod on page 19.....	\$	1 20
Balance in hands of Treasurer.....	\$	72 19

Report of Treasurer of Beneficiary Fund.

J. C. MOSER, TREASURER OF BENEFICIARY FUND,

IN ACCOUNT WITH THE

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN TENNESSEE SYNOD.

1883.	Dr.	
Oct. 16, To cash from Rev. T. Moser, former Treasurer as per his report to last session of Synod,.....	\$	64
Oct. 16, To cash from Rev. J. S. Koiner's charge— Bethlehem \$6.00; St. Thomas, \$2.00; St. Jacob's, \$3.00)		11 00
Oct. 16, To cash from Rev. J. N. Stirewalt's charge— Mt. Nebo, \$4.02; Morning Star, \$3.00... ..)		7 02

Oct. 16,	To cash from Rev. J. A. Cromer's charge—	St. Peter's, \$4.30; Emmanuel's, \$4.00.....	30	80
Oct. 16,	To cash from Rev. J. R. Peterson's charge—	Lutheran Chapel, \$7.20; Christ's, \$10.75; Sharon, \$5.00; Morning Star, \$4.50; Emmanuel, \$3.40.....	30	85
Oct. 16,	To cash from Rev. T. Moser's charge—	St. Martin's, \$3.50...	3	50
" "	To cash from Rev. P. C. Henkel's charge—	St. Stephen's, \$10.35; Salem, \$7.25; Friendship, \$6.00; St. Peter's, \$3.50.....	27	10
Oct. 16,	To cash from Rev. D. A. Goodman's charge—	Philadelphia, \$7.05.....	7	05
Oct. 16,	To cash from Rev. J. M. Smith's charge—	St. Paul's, \$4.00..	4	00
" "	" " " " R. A. Yoder's charge—	St. James, \$10.18.	10	18
" 18,	" " " " S. Henkel, Ass't. Treas. as per his report to last session of Synod		30	30
Oct. 16,	To cash from Rev. A. L. Crouse's charge—	Bethlehem, \$12.20	12	20
Nov. 20,	To cash from Rev. J. K. Eflord's charge—	Cedar Grove, \$5.20; St. Peter's, \$5.00; St. John's, \$4.00	14	20
Dec. 20,	To cash from Rev. E. L. Lybrand's charge—	Zion, \$8.00; St. Paul's, \$4.70; St. James, \$4.40..	17	10
Dec. 21,	To cash from H. A. Davis.....		3	50
1884.				
Jan. 5,	To cash from Haley Myers.....		10	00
" "	" " Jacob Byerly.....		5	00
Feb. 26,	" " Peter A. Keply.....		5	00
Mar. 29,	" " M. L. Barringer.....		5	00
" "	" " James T. Miller.....		5	00
" "	" " Rev. J. C. Moser's charge—	Concordia, \$11.00; Sharon, \$9.50; St. Martin's, \$5.00; Newton, \$5.00; Zion, \$8.48.....	38	98
Mar. 31,	To cash from Rev. J. R. Peterson's charge—		11	00
April 19,	" " Rev. J. A. Cromer's charge—	St. Peter's, \$6.55; Emmanuel, \$2.50.....	9	05
May 3,	To cash from Rev. P. C. Henkel's charge—	Friendship, \$11.79; Salem, \$4.08; St. Stephen's, \$6.33; St. Peter's, \$3.35.....	25	55
May 26,	To cash from Rev. A. L. Crouse's charge—	Bethlehem...	5	50
June 8,	" " " " A. J. Fox's charge—	St. Matthew's.....	7	16
July 5,	" " " " T. Moser's charge—	Lutheran Union...	3	00
" 28,	" " " " D. A. Goodman's charge—	Zion.....	7	05
Aug. 18,	" " " " S. Henkel, Asst. Treasurer.....		50	00
" 31,	" " " " R. A. Yoder's charge—	St. James.....	10	00

	CR.
1883.	
Nov. 15, By cash to P. C. Wike.....	\$50 00
“ 16, “ “ W. A. Boyte.....	25 00
1884.	
Jan. 5, By cash to Wm. L. Darr.....	45 00
“ 8, “ “ W. A. Boyte	25 00
“ 19, “ “ J. P. Price.....	40 00
“ 29, “ “ D. M. Moser	25 00
April 19, “ “ W. A. Boyte.....	25 00
May 19, “ “ P. C. Wike..	25 00
“ 23, “ “ J. P. Price	25 00
July 14, “ “ J. P. Price	10 00
Aug. 9, “ “ P. C. Wike.....	25 00
Sept. 13, “ “ Wm. L. Darr.....	30 00
	<u>\$350 00</u>
Sept. 20, By Balance on hand subject to order of Synod.....	\$34 23
	<u>\$384 23</u>

Respectfully submitted,

J. C. MOSER,

TREAS. OF BEN. FUND OF EVANG. LUTHERAN TENN. SYNOD.

Report of Assistant Treasurer of Beneficiary Fund.

To balance in my hand at settlement made at Synod, Oct. 8, 1883.	\$30 30
Nov., To cash from Rev. J. P. Stirewalt's charge.....	10 00
Dec. 18, To amount from Rev. J. N. Stirewalt's charge.....	4 64
1884.	
Apr. 29, To amount from Mrs. Col. N. I. Henkel.....	1 00
May 27, To check, a bequeathment made, by Mrs. Martha S. Rhodes, nee Baker, through her executor, Mr. George W. Miley.....	\$150 00
	<u>\$195 94</u>
Oct. 10, Credit by amount paid over to Rev. J. C. Moser, Treasurer of Beneficiary Fund	\$30 30
1884, Aug. 19, Credit by amount paid same.....	50 00
	<u>\$80 30</u>
Balance in my hands.....	\$115 64

S. HENKEL, ASST. TREAS.

PAROCHIAL REPORT.

MINISTERS.

MINISTERS.	Ent'd Ministry.	Congregations.	Communicants	Souls.	Adult Baptisms	Inf't Baptisms.	Confirmations.	Letters.	Deaths.	Expulsions.	Sund'y Schools	Teachers.	S. S. Scholars.	Removals.	Synodical.	Beneficiary Education.	Cur. Expenses.	Other Objects.
REV. P. C. HENKEL	1843	4	760	1500		77	56	20	1		3	6			\$3.40	\$25.36	\$250.00	
" J. R. PETERSON	1843	4	178	368	1	12	14	1	1	1	1			1	5.00	27.50	250.00	
" T. MOSER	1844	3	150			14									2.50	11.35		
" S. HENKEL	1850	2	246	480	2	23	7	3	17	1	8				3.50	15.55	430.00	\$ 150.00
" C. H. BERNHEIM	1855	2	207			28	38	1							2.60		300.00	
" J. M. SMITH	1856	4	175			31	20	11							2.00	5.75	142.00	
" I. CONDER	1861	4	125	182	2	1	6	5							1.00	12.31	300.00	
" J. N. STIREWALT	1871	5	413	713	1	22	14	11							3.60	8.08		100.00
" M. L. FOX, M. D.	1871	3	120	250		8									1.10	4.50	100.00	
" A. L. CROUSE	1871	1	71	127	1	3		3	1							5.50	350.00	17.00
" J. P. STIREWALT	1873	5	700	1100	3	48	15	4	16					4	8.40	42.34	400.00	100.00
" M. L. LITTLE	1873	4	350			52	32	10							4.50		500.00	2000.00
" J. I. MILLER	1879	1	47			1		6	1						1.50	12.00	200.00	3500.00
" J. C. MOSER	1873	5	440	855	1	48	12	48	13						5.50	40.00	500.00	3000.00
" J. W. HAUSENFELCK	1876	5	254			11	12	14	7								300.00	
" J. K. EFIED	1877	2	400			41	3	10	22						2.05		300.00	
" J. A. CROMER	1877	3	195	310		15	2	2	3						2.30	18.00	180.00	60.00
" E. L. LYBRAND	1877	4	375	918	2	33	18	11	5							20.00	300.00	
" R. A. YODER	1878	3	375			1	13	5							4.20	10.00	500.00	1000.00
" J. S. KOENER	1881	3	329	679		23	25	7	5						1.50	12.00	505.00	60.00
" W. P. CLINE	1881	4	352	668	7	25	3		3						2.80		300.00	750.00
" D. A. GOODMAN	1882	3	117	246	3	16	2	6	2						1.80	7.05	400.00	50.00
" D. J. SETTLEMIRE	1883	5	280	488	1	18	19	3	4									
" D. A. SOX	1883	1	46	97		15		3	3						1.50			
" J. A. RUDISIL	1883	6	850	1450	6	72	70	2	10						4.00		300.00	800.00
" *L. A. BIKLE	1883	2	150												3.00			
*Four Churches,	1859		280	570														

Partially served by Revs. Sociates Henkel and J. P. Shirewath.

*Received after adjournment of Synod, as a member of Synod.

RELIGIOUS EXERCISES.

SATURDAY.

Rev. A. L. Cronse, Luke 16.

SUNDAY.

In the Church, 10½, A. M.—Rev. C. H. Bernheim, John 1, 29.

In the Grove, 10½, A. M.—Rev. I. Conder, Rom. 10, 13.

Confession and Absolution were conducted by the Pastor Loci and the Sacrament of the Holy Communion was administered to a large number of communicants.

In Grace Reformed Church, 6½, P. M.—Rev. J. K. Efird, John 20, 29.

In Forestville, 6½, P. M.—Rev. J. A. Rudisill, Ps. 118, 8.

In New Market—Rev. M. L. Fox, M. D.

MONDAY, 1 O'CLOCK, P. M.

Rev. P. C. Heukel, D. D., Acts 2, 39.

TUESDAY, 1 O'CLOCK, P. M.

Rev. M. L. Little, Eph. 2, 8.

In Forestville, 6½, P. M.—Rev. J. K. Efird, Matt. 6, 6.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

FIRST DAY.

- 1.—Devotional exercises by the President.
- 2.—Call of Clerical Roll.
- 3.—Reception and Enrollment of Lay-Delegates.
- 4.—Reading of President's Report.
- 5.—Election of Officers.
- 6.—Reception of Advisory Members.
- 7.—Reception of Letters and Petitions.
- 8.—Appointment of Standing Committees.
- 9.—Devotion.

OTHER DAYS.

- 1.—Devotion.
- 2.—Calling of Roll.
- 3.—Reading and Correction of Minutes.
- 4.—Unfinished Business.
- 5.—Reports of Standing Committees.
- 6.—Reports of Special Committees.
- 7.—Resolutions.
- 8.—New Business.
- 9.—Devotion.

STANDING RESOLUTIONS.

Resolved, That each of our pastors is required to teach his people the duty of Christian giving, and to take up in each of his congregations collections for beneficiary education, and to report at each regular convention of our Synod.

Resolved, That the Council of each congregation be requested to send, to each Annual Meeting of the Synod, a written Report of the condition of the congregation.

WHEREAS, The ancient Lutheran custom of thoroughly catechising those who propose to become members of our communion, previous to their confirmation, is, in some places, falling into disuse, and rather a loose custom of receiving uneatechised persons into the Church, without the slightest examination of them in regard to their religious knowledge and other qualifications for church membership, has been practiced by some; be it, therefore,

Resolved, That we earnestly recommend all our Ministers and congregations in future to see to it, that, if it can possibly be done, all who make application for church membership be thoroughly instructed, by Catechisation in the doctrines and usages of our Church, previous to their confirmation. But, in such extraordinary cases, as when persons of age and experience make application, or such young persons as have been so favorably situated as to have had opportunities to become acquainted with and to have informed themselves of our doctrines and customs, seek church privileges, we recommend that their request be granted; but, in no case, until such persons have been examined by the pastor, before the council, and have been approved by them.

THEOLOGICAL COURSE FOR PRIVATE STUDENTS.

Horne's Introduction,—Price,	\$4.50.	Knapp's Theology,—Price,	\$3.00.
Kurtz's Sacred History, ..	\$1.50.	Krauth's Conservative Re-	
Kurtz's Church History, ..	\$3.00.	formation, ..	\$5.00.
Hutter's Compend, ..	\$1.50.	Schmidt's Dogmatics, ..	\$6.00.
Book of Concord, (Henkel,		Mann's Schmidt's Ethics, ..	\$1.25.
First Edition), ..	\$2.75.	Vinet's Homiletics, ..	\$1.75.
Book of Concord, (Jacob's		Ripley's Sac. Rhetoric, ..	\$1.25.
Edition, 1882), ..	\$6.00.	Vinet's Pas. Theology, ..	\$1.25.

Instruction must be given in Liturgies, Catechetics, and Ecclesiastical Polity.

At the request of several parties, we append the prices to the above list of works, which can be had at our office, if the persons wishing them do not care to order the books from the publishers, at the prices given.

Ten per cent. must be added to the above prices, when the books are to be sent by mail, prepaid. We will send them *prepaid* at the prices given, if \$2.50 or more dollars' worth are ordered, to one address.

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HENKEL & CO.,
New Market, Shenandoah Co., Va.

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CONSTITUTION

OF THE

EVANG. LUTHERAN TENNESSEE SYNOD,

(AS REVISED IN 1883.)

ARTICLE I.

The name of this Synod shall be THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN TENNESSEE SYNOD.

ARTICLE II.

SEC. 1. The Holy Scriptures, the inspired writings of the Old and New Testaments, shall be the only rule and standard of doctrine and church discipline.

SEC. 2. As a true and faithful exhibition of the doctrines of the Holy Scriptures, in regard to matters of faith and practice, this Synod receives the three Ancient Symbols: the Apostolic, Nicene, and Athanasian creeds; and the unaltered Augsburg Confession of Faith. It receives also the other Symbolical Books of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, viz.: The Apology, the Smalcald Articles, the Smaller and Larger Catechisms of Luther, and the Formula of Concord—as true Scriptural developments of the doctrines taught in the Augsburg Confession.

ARTICLE III.

SEC. 1. This Synod is an association of congregations. Its conventions shall be composed of regularly ordained ministers in their connection, and their lay-delegates.

SEC. 2. Each one of these congregations shall have the right to appoint one such delegate, who shall have equal rights and privileges with the ministers transacting the business of Synod.

SEC. 3. Every minister desiring to be received into connection with this Synod, shall, on his reception, be required to subscribe this Constitution.

SEC. 4. No minister, in connection with this Synod, shall be allowed to teach any thing, nor shall Synod transact any business contray to the confessional basis as set forth in Article II.

ARTICLE IV.

SEC. 1. The business of this Synod shall be to employ the proper means for the promulgation of the Gospel of Jesns Christ, to impart its advice in matters of Christian faith and life, to detect and expose erroneous doctrines and false teachers, to recommend orthodox liturgies, hymn books, catechisms, parochial and Sunday-school books, to engage in missionary work—domestic and foreign, to aid indigent young men in preparing for the work of the ministry, and to investigate charges of false doctrines, wrong practices, and immoralities of life, preferred against any of its ministers, and, finding them guilty, to snspond or expel from Synod such as are deemed unworthy to bear the office, and advise their pastorates to sever their official relations with them.

SEC. 2. Upon application to examine candidates for the ministry, this Synod shall make the necessary provisions to attend to such application, and, after due approval, appoint one or more pastors to consecrate such candidate to the office of the ministry, by the laying on of hands and prayer.

SEC. 3. Synod shall require a probationary period of not less than one year, during which time all candidates for the ministerial office shall be taken on trial.

SEC. 4. Upon application, this Synod may receive congregations in its connection, provided they subscribe this Constitution.

ARTICLE V.

The officers of this Synod shall be a President, Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, and Treasurer. A majority of all votes cast will be required to constitute an election to any office. The duties of these officers shall be such as usually devolve upon them from time to time by Synod. They shall be elected by ballot, at the regular session, annually, and hold their offices until their successors are elected.

ARTICLE VI.

Synod shall meet from time to time upon its own adjournments. Extra sessions may be called by the President, when requested for good and sufficient reasons, to do so, by two ministers and two lay-men in its connection.

ARTICLE VII.

Synod may at any regular meeting, by a concurrence of two-thirds

of all the members present, make such regulations and by-laws as may be deemed necessary, not inconsistent with this Constitution.

ARTICLE VIII.

If any thing contained in these articles should hereafter be deemed contrary to the Confessional Basis of this Synod, oppressive, or inexpedient, it may be altered or amended. But nothing contained in this Constitution shall be altered or amended unless a proposition for alteration or amendment shall have been laid before one of the sessions of Synod, in writing, and agreed to by two-thirds of all the members voting. The proposition thus agreed to, shall then be laid, in due form, by the Synod in its Minutes before the congregations in its connection, for ratification or rejection by them; and the ministers or vestries of these congregations shall, at some suitable time, before the next succeeding sessions of Synod, take the vote of these congregations, on the Constitution as amended, allowing the members to vote for its ratification or rejection and send a statement of the vote to that session of Synod. If, then, it shall be ascertained by Synod that a majority of these congregations have voted in favor of ratification, the amendment shall become and be declared by Synod on the face of its Minutes a valid part of said Constitution, and the parts thereof repugnant to such alteration, void.

RULES OF ORDER AND BY-LAWS.

RULES OF ORDER.

RULE 1.—At the time and place appointed for meeting, if three ordained ministers and three lay-delegates be present, they shall constitute a quorum.

RULE 2.—The first session shall be opened by the President with suitable religious exercises; and, in the absence of the President, by the Secretary; and, in the absence of both, by one of the older ministers present. And every succeeding session shall be opened and closed with prayer, after which, in opening, the roll shall be called and, if the first session of the day, the minutes of the preceding day read, amended, if necessary, and approved.

RULE 3.—The lay-delegates shall then present their certificates of

election, and their names shall be registered by the Secretary as members of Synod.

RULE 4.—The President shall read his Annual Report as the last official act of his term, and then announce the election of officers for the ensuing year. The election shall then be held.

RULE 5.—Delegates from other ecclesiastical bodies may be admitted, and advisory members may be received.

RULE 6.—The minutes of the last session of Synod may be read; all papers intended for Synod shall be handed in; and verbal notice may be given of any important business intended to be brought before Synod.

RULE 7.—If the number of papers laid before Synod be large, the President may appoint a committee to class and number them according to their contents; if, however, the number be small, the President shall arrange them and place them in the hands of the committees to which they appropriately belong. The President shall appoint the following

COMMITTEES:

1. On President's Report.
2. On the State of the Church.
3. On Examination.
4. On Ordination.
5. On Letters and Petitions.
6. On Unfinished Business.
7. On Missions.
8. On Church Institutions.
9. On Treasurer's Reports.

The President may appoint as many special committees as may be necessary.

RULE 8.—The vacant congregations shall be inquired after, and provisions shall be made for them.

RULE 9.—The report of committees may be heard and acted upon at any time, and the intervals be occupied by the items of promiscuous business.

RULE 10.—When any member is about to speak or deliver any matter, he shall rise from his seat and respectfully address the President, but shall not proceed until recognized by him.

RULE 11.—Whenever any member shall be called to order by the President he shall sit down, and, also, when called to order by any member, unless the President decide in his favor.

By leave of Synod a member called to order may clear a matter of fact or explain, but shall not proceed in debate so long as the decision is against him but by permission of the House. Any member may appeal from the decision of the President, and, if, upon the appeal the decision be in favor of the member called to order, he may proceed: if

otherwise, he shall not, except by leave of the House; and if, in the judgment of the House, the ease requires, he shall be liable to censure.

RULE 12.—When two or more members rise at the same time the President shall name the member to speak.

RULE 13.—Whilst the President is putting a question to or addressing the House no member shall speak, stand up or walk out or across the house; nor when any member is speaking, entertain private discourse, stand or pass between him and the Chair.

RULE 14.—Every member who shall be in the house when the question is put, shall give his vote, unless the House shall for special reasons excuse him.

RULE 15.—When a motion is made and seconded, it shall be stated by the President, or, if it be written, it shall be handed to the President and it shall be read aloud either by himself or some one whom he may designate.

RULE 16.—Every motion shall be written if the President or any two members desire it.

RULE 17.—After a motion is stated or read by the President it shall be deemed in possession of the House but may be withdrawn or amended before a decision, except in case of a motion to reconsider, which motion shall be deemed and taken to be in possession of the House and shall not be withdrawn without the leave of the House.

RULE 18.—When a question is under discussion, no motion shall be received, but to adjourn, to lay on the table, to postpone indefinitely, to postpone to a certain day, to commit, or to amend.

RULE 19.—When a question is postponed indefinitely, it shall not be acted upon again during the session.

RULE 20.—Any member may call for a division of the question when it shall admit of it, which shall be determined by the President.

RULE 21.—When a motion has once been carried in the affirmative or negative, it shall be in order for any member of the majority to move for the reconsideration thereof, and no motion to reconsider shall be taken from the table except by a two-thirds vote.

RULE 22.—When the yeas and nays are called for on any question, it shall be on motion, and if seconded by one-fifth of the members present, the question shall be decided by yeas and nays.

RULE 23.—Decency of speech shall be observed, and personal reflections carefully avoided.

RULE 24.—No member or officer shall absent himself from the house without leave, unless from sickness or inability.

RULE 25.—Any member may excuse himself at the time of his appointment, if he is a member of two standing committees.

RULE 26.—If any member shall necessarily be absent on any business

of the House when the vote is taken, he shall, on motion, upon entering the house be permitted to cast his vote.

RULE 27.—Each minister in connection with this Synod shall hand in his Parochial Report, which may be read before Synod, and shall embrace the usual items, and any other the Synod may at any time require.

RULE 28.—Election of delegates to ecclesiastical bodies in correspondence with this Synod, shall be held.

RULE 29.—The time and place of holding the next session of Synod, shall be determined.

RULE 30.—Should any of the officers of Synod be absent, they shall send their reports with the documents which may have come to their hands during the interval of Synod. In case of the necessary absence of an officer during the sessions of Synod, he shall nominate a substitute *pro tempore*.

RULE 31.—A motion to adjourn shall always be in order except when the House is voting or some member is speaking, and shall be decided without debate.

RULE 32.—This Synod shall be dismissed by the President with appropriate religious service.

RULE 33.—Any of the foregoing rules may be altered or amended, at any regular session of Synod, by the concurring vote of two-thirds of the members present, after having given notice at the previous session of Synod.

BY-LAWS.

ARTICLE I.

OF THE PRESIDENT OF SYNOD.

SEC. 1. The President must be chosen from among the ordained ministers of this body; and at every session of Synod, if present, he shall deliver the opening sermon; and in connection with the pastor *loci* and elders of the congregation in which the Synod convenes, shall appoint the individuals who shall preach during the sessions of Synod.

SEC. 2. The President shall preside at all the sessions of Synod; see that order is observed; not suffer more than one member to speak at a time, securing to each the liberty to speak without interruption from others; and prevent the speaker from deviating from the subject before the House.

SEC. 3. The President at the commencement of every Synod shall present a written report of all the official business transacted, of the letters received by him, since the last regular meeting, and of all the important events that have occurred relating to Synod which may have come to his knowledge; and he may recommend for consideration such measures as he may deem necessary or calculated to promote the interest of the Church. This report shall be dealt with as other papers coming before Synod.

SEC. 4. If any minister of this Synod removes into the bounds of any other Evan. Lutheran Synod, the President, upon his request, may grant him an honorable dismission to that Synod.

SEC. 5. The President, by substituting a chairman, is at liberty to take part in the discussion of any subject. When on any question the vote should be a tie, the President shall give the casting vote except when voting by ballot.

SEC. 6. Should the President depart this life, or cease to be a member of this Synod, the senior minister shall himself succeed him or shall appoint some one to fill the chair.

ARTICLE II.

OF THE SECRETARY.

Sec. 1. The Secretary must be elected from among the ordained ministers of this Synod, and should possess suitable qualifications for the discharge of the duties of this office.

Sec. 2. He shall make a faithful and accurate record of the proceedings of Synod, and carefully preserve all the papers and documents unless otherwise disposed of by the keeper of the archives of Synod. The Secretary shall attest with his official signature all certificates, all resolutions respecting ministers, delegates or churches, and the Minutes of Synod.

Sec. 3. If during the interval of the sessions of Synod the Secretary should become disqualified for his office or cease to be a member of this Synod, the President shall take charge of all the papers of Synod which were in his hands and retain them, or shall appoint some one to discharge the duties of the office until the next meeting of Synod.

ARTICLE III.

OF THE TREASURER.

Sec. 1. The Treasurer shall take charge of all the moneys belonging to Synod, and shall keep them subject to its order. He shall present at each annual meeting of Synod a detailed and faithful account of the state of the Treasury.

Sec. 2. An order from the President attested by the Secretary, shall be a sufficient voucher for him to pay money out of the Treasury.

See. 3. The Treasurer is to see to the printing of the Minutes, if the Synod orders their publication, and to distribute them to each of the minister's charges in proportion to the amount of money received by Synod from them for that purpose.

See. 4. Should the Treasurer depart this life or become in any way disqualified for his office, during the recess of Synod, the Secretary shall take charge of all the property belonging to Synod that may be in his hands and discharge the duties of the office until the vacancy is filled by Synod.

ARTICLE IV.

SEC. 1. As the honor and success of the Gospel depends very much upon the character of its Ministers, the Synod should guard with the utmost care and impartiality the characters of its members. No Minister on account of his office should be screened from the hands of justice; neither, on the other hand, should scandalous charges be received or circulated against him on slight and uncertain grounds.

SEC. 2. Should any member of the church know a minister to be guilty of a private offense, he shall reprove him according to Matt. 18, 15; and, if in the process, as required in this text, he be restored fully to the favor of his charge, or congregation, as to his membership and fitness to perform the functions of the ministry, the matter should rest here; but if his offense shall have been of such a serious character, in violating the principles of piety, rules of morality, or errors in the fundamental doctrines of our church, and the decisions of the congregation or charge shall not have been satisfactory to the Synod, Synod shall investigate the matter, and, if in her judgment, his offense has been such as to disqualify him to discharge the functions of the ministry, she shall sever his Synodical relation, and recommend the congregation or congregations to sever his pastoral or ministerial relations; and any congregation refusing to do so, its connection with this Synod shall be dissolved.

SEC. 3. In the event of an offense committed by a minister of this Synod, requiring the aid of Synod to adjust it satisfactorily, the member or members, acquainted with the facts in the case, shall immediately inform the President of Synod, who shall call, without delay, a session of Synod, if two ministers and two laymen request it, to be held in one of the congregations of the accused. The president shall notify the parties of the call session, and enjoin it upon them to appear at the time and place appointed, prepared to furnish all the testimony for and against the accused. When all the evidence shall have been collected, the Synod shall proceed to give the subject a fair, candid, and impartial investigation, and dispose of it according to the evidence in the case.

SEC. 4. If a minister against whom serious charges are preferred, be

duly notified and he refuse to attend the meeting appointed to investigate his case, his connection with Synod shall be severed, and his charge advised to sever his pastoral and ministerial relations.

ARTICLE V.

ADMISSION OF MINISTERS.

Sec. 1. Any person desiring to become a Minister in this body, shall make application to the Synod, when a committee of three shall be appointed to confer with him upon his motives in becoming a Minister, and ascertain as far as possible his character as regards morality and piety, and report the result to Synod; if it be favorable, he shall then be directed to place himself under the care of some member of this Synod (who may grant him when qualified license to preach and catechise *until the next annual session*); or to put himself under the tuition of some approved Theological Seminary.

In the interim of annual sessions, this application must be made to the President, who with another Minister shall examine him, and, if satisfied, direct him to the care of some Minister or approved Seminary.

Sec. 2. Whenever one or more congregations make application for the licensure of a candidate for the ministry he shall be carefully examined in reference to his literary and theological attainments. If he sustains the examination to the satisfaction of Synod, he shall be publicly licensed to the next annual session of Synod. The vote shall be taken by ballot, and it shall require a two-thirds vote to secure license.

Sec. 3. Whenever one or more congregations make application for the services of a candidate for the ministry, he shall be carefully examined in reference to his literary and theological attainments. If he sustains the examination to the satisfaction of Synod, he shall be ordained to the office of pastor, according to Article IV. Sec. 3 of Constitution.

ARTICLE VI.

SPECIAL DUTIES.

Sec. 1. When any particular duty is assigned to any minister or ministers by resolution of Synod, or otherwise, it shall be their duty faithfully to comply with such requirements; but, should they fail to do so, they must render their excuse, if satisfactory, they shall be excused; if not, they shall be censured or otherwise dealt with as the nature of the case requires.

Sec. 2. No business shall be transacted secretly or under closed doors, unless an unhappy period should arrive, in which the Church would be liable to persecution, except such as relates to the moral character of a minister, and to the examination of candidates for the ministerial office. Cases of this kind, if deemed necessary and expedient, may be attended to in a private session of Synod.

SEO. 3. This Synod shall neither invite nor receive advisory members from any other organization, than that of the Lutheran Church; nor ask such to a seat within the bar of Synod.

SUMMIT RULE.

OF DOCTRINE AND WORSHIP OF SECRET SOCIETIES, ALTAR AND PULPIT FELLOWSHIP, &c.

As this Synod is invested only with advisory power; and as the general policy of this Synod has not been to encourage such doctrines, worship or fellowship, be it

Resolved 1. That this Synod, as we have, so far as we know, no minister now in affiliation with such societies, we advise all who may be looking to the office of the ministry in connection with this Synod, not to associate or hold fellowship with any societies that practice a deistic worship or service, to the disparagement of the adoration due Jesus Christ, or that comes in conflict with the orthodox worship of the Church, or that sets up a plan of salvation coming in conflict with that set forth in Divine Revelation, through the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, as the Mediator between God and man; as it is the sentiment of this Synod that such could not be received.

2. That we regard these matters as subjects for investigation and instruction, and our ministers are advised to give such information as they may deem proper, when it is desired.

3. With respect to altar and pulpit fellowship, it is the sentiment of this Synod, that our ministers and people adhere to the practice set forth in the Confessions of the Church, using all necessary precaution, prudence, and judiciousness in the exercise of such privileges, lest the sacredness of the altar and pulpit be violated, or the consciences of some be oppressed, and reference should always be had to the preparation, designated in the Augsburg Confession, article eleven, and in Luther's Catechism, where it is said, "Let a man examine himself," etc.; and "He only is truly worthy and well prepared, who has faith in these words," etc.

4. In regard to Chiliasm, we would simply say, it is clearly rejected in the 17th article of the Augsburg Confession.

Regulations for the Government of the Evangelical Lutheran Tennessee Synod in the Work of Beneficiary Education.

ARTICLE I.—This Synod shall, from time to time, receive as many Beneficiaries, preparing for the Gospel Ministry, into her connection, as she can procure and collect funds to sustain.

ARTICLE II.—Every applicant for beneficiary aid from this Synod must be subjected to a rigid examination in regard to his Christian char-

acter, deportment, designs, talents, and advancements in Literary, or Theological attainments. No one can obtain beneficiary aid from this Synod, unless he is a member of some one of our congregations, in full communion with the same. His moral character and piety must be entirely above reproach, and his talents must, at least, reach mediocrity. He must unqualifiedly receive, and express a willingness to teach, all the doctrines of the entire collection of our Evangelical Lutheran Confessions. He must, at least, have attained to a sufficient amount of literary knowledge, to enable him to enter the Freshman class in regular Colleges. He must furnish satisfactory evidence that he has not, and cannot command, the necessary pecuniary means, to qualify him for the work of the Holy Ministry from his parents, or any other worldly source. Every application for Beneficiary aid shall be made to the President of the Synod, who, upon such application, shall appoint a committee to examine the applicant or applicants according to the requirements contained in the Synod's Regulations for Beneficiary Work, and it shall be the duty of this committee to examine and report the result of the examination to the President of the Synod, who shall, if approved by the committee, recommend such applicant or applicants to the favorable attention of Synod.

ARTICLE III.—Every minister educated by this Synod shall be held, in honor bound, to labor within the bounds of this Synod, as Pastor, for a term of not less than five years—unless he is excused by a resolution of this Synod, which he must ask for, and obtain before he is at liberty to make arrangements to go elsewhere. He may be excused upon the ground of refunding the money he has received with interest at 6 per cent. or upon any other ground satisfactory to this Synod.

ARTICLE IV.—This Synod should have full control of all her Beneficiaries, in regard to their studies, during the time they are receiving beneficiary aid from her. They must attend such schools as directed by Synod, only, and their studies must be approved by the Synod. They may prosecute their studies in either some college, school or Theological seminary, as per agreement with this Synod, and they must obtain from the President of such Institution, annually, a full report in regard to their conduct, capacity, and advancement in their studies, and forward the same to the President of this Synod, who shall submit it with his report, to the Synod for examination.

ARTICLE V.—Every minister in connection with this Synod is required to take up collections for beneficiary purposes, in each of his congregations, as often in each year as he may deem it expedient, and in whatever manner he and his council may think most prudent, and report the result of the same to the next annual convention of this Synod.

ARTICLE VI.—There shall be elected annually, by this Synod, a receiving and disbursing Agent, who shall discharge the duties of Treas-

urer, as described in the following Articles of these regulations; and hold his office until his successor shall be elected, or in case of his death, another shall be appointed by the President of Synod to fill the vacancy.

ARTICLE VII.—The President of this Synod shall recognize all the Beneficiaries received by this Synod, and shall give all orders upon the Treasurer in favor of Beneficiaries to whom appropriations have been made by the Synod. He shall keep a correct account of all orders given by him, and shall annually compare his account with the accounts kept by the Treasurer, and report the result of the same to the Synod. He must annually report to Synod all his other transactions including the number of Beneficiaries, their progress, prospects, and Christian deportment, and anything else he may deem interesting to the Synod. During the periods elapsing between the annual conventions of the Synod, all communications on the subject of beneficiary education, and all applications for aid, must be addressed to the President, and must be laid by him before the annual convention of the Synod.

ARTICLE VIII.—The Secretary of this Synod shall record the reports of the President and Treasurer, and in the event of the death or removal of the President, the Secretary shall discharge all the duties of the President in regard to beneficiary operations, until the next Synod shall fill the vacancy.

ARTICLE IX.—The Treasurer of the beneficiary funds shall keep a clear and correct account of all moneys, which shall come into his hands; and shall report the same to the annual conventions of the Synod, with all the disbursements he may make, during the previous Synodical year, accompanied with the proper vouchers for each disbursement. He must allow and pay all orders of the President out of the funds in his hands.

ARTICLE X.—All moneys collected from congregations, or otherwise, and donations for beneficiary purposes, shall be paid over to the Treasurer; for which he shall be required to give his official receipt, to the parties who may pay them over to him.

ARTICLE XI.—From every Beneficiary who receives any funds appropriated to him by this Synod, the Treasurer shall take suitable bonds, made payable to the Treasurer of the beneficiary funds of this Synod, for the full amount of all the funds he shall at any time have received, with interest at 6 per cent. If he, at any time afterwards, shall, without the consent of the Synod, either abandon his studies, or, after completing them, refuse to engage in the work of preaching the Gospel of Christ in connection with this Synod, during the time specified in Article III, or shall for any cause be expelled from this Synod, in either event, the obligation he has entered into for refunding the money he may have received shall immediately become due, and if he should refuse to pay the same, he shall by such refusal, make himself liable to public exposure.

ARTICLE XII.—These regulations shall be subject to amendment at any convention of this Synod. One day's notice is required to be given, with a written statement of the amendment asked for, by any one who may at any time desire any amendment.

ARTICLE XIII.—All rules and regulations heretofore adopted by this Synod, in regard to beneficiary education, are hereby rescinded from the adoption of these regulations.

Probationary Regulations.

To meet the requirements of the Constitution of Synod, that all candidates for the ministry be held in a state of probation for not less than one year, and to direct the studies of such students as pursue their studies under private instruction; the following regulations are adopted :

I. Every such candidate shall be placed under the care of some pastor in connection with this Synod, under whose direction such student shall pursue his studies not less than two years.

II. The pastor under whose care any student may be placed shall assign to such student any labor for which he may be found qualified.

III. Synod shall prescribe the course of study to be pursued by each student.

IV. The following text-books shall be used, viz.: Kurtz's Church and Sacred History, Horne's Introduction, Hutter's Compend, Knapp's Theology, Book of Concord, Krauth's Conservative Reformation, Schmidt's Dogmatics, Mann's Schmidt's Christian Ethics, Vinet's Homiletics, Vinet's Pastoral Theology. Instruction shall also be given in Liturgies, Catechetics, and Ecclesiastical Polity.

V. There shall be a committee of examination, appointed at each annual meeting of Synod, before which every student shall be required to appear for examination at, or shortly before each convention of Synod. It shall be the duty of the committee of examination to report to Synod the progress made in his studies by each student.

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PLACE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING:

The next Convention will be held in the College Chapel congregation, Dallas, Gaston Co., N. C., commencing on Saturday, 10 A. M., before first full moon in Nov., 1886.

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The Evangelical Lutheran Tennessee Synod met in St. Peter's Church, Rev. J. A. Cromer, pastor, Lexington Co., S. C., on Saturday, 10 A. M., Oct. 31, 1885, and continued its sessions until Wednesday, 5 P. M., Nov. 4, 1885.

The President, Rev. C. H. Bernheim, preached the synodical sermon from 1 Cor. 16, 13.

The following pastors and lay-delegates, were present at the organization, or appeared during the proceedings :

PASTORS.	LAY-DELEGATES.
Rev. P. C. Henkel, D. D.	
“ J. R. Peterson.	
“ D. Efird.....	
“ C. H. Bernheim.....	C. M. Wagner—Sharon, St. Martin's.
“ J. M. Smith.....	
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“ A. L. Crouse.....	
“ M. L. Little.....	L. L. Lohr—St. Mark's, St. John's, Gas- ton Co., N. C.; E. Lewis—Luther Chapel.
“ J. C. Moser.....	F. A. Yount—St. John's; J. P. Price— Concordia; P. C. Wike—Zion.
“ J. K. Efird... ..	J. W. Summer—St. John's; L. G. Wheeler —St. Peter's; D. G. Whites—St. Jacob's.
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Rev. E. L. Lybrand.....	A. E. Crapps—St. James' : P. H. Crapps —St. Paul's; D. T. Hare—Cedar Grove.
“ R. A. Yoder.....	G. M. Yoder—Grace, Salem, St. James'.
“ D. A. Sox	Emanuel Laminack—St. Michael's, Ala.
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.....	J. K. Rhyne, Philadelphia.
.....	R. H. Cline, Mt. Pleasant.
.....	J. C. Fulmer, St. Thomas.
.....	E. J. J. Efrid, St. Martin's.

The President read his report which was received.

President's Report.

To the Evangelical Lutheran Tennessee Synod :

DEAR BRETHREN: Another synodical year is numbered with the past. Its lost opportunities for doing good and extending the Redeemer's kingdom cannot be retrieved. Of whatever neglect or remissness of duty we have been guilty, we should endeavor through the help of our heavenly Father to be more vigilant and faithful in the future. Our stewardship will soon cease, and we must give an account as those who watch for souls. God in his merciful providence has spared our lives, and the ranks of our ministry remain unbroken.

During the year I gave orders on the Treasurer of the Beneficiary fund in favor of our beneficiaries, viz.: W. A. Boyte, P. C. Wike, D. M. Moser, D. I. Offman, J. P. Price, N. G. Deal, and W. L. Darr, for the several amounts appropriated for the benefit of each.

On Nov. 6, 1884, I sent on the name of Rev. L. A. Bikle, D. D., to the Secretary, to be entered on our clerical roll, as advised by the Committee on Examination.

Rev. Prof. J. S. Koimer, through his acceptance of the position to which he was elected in "Concordia College," has made vacant the charge which he served in So. Ca., one of which churches, St. Jacob's, is supplied with preaching this year by Rev. J. K. Efrid.

I received a letter from Rev. D. A. Sox, bearing date of June 24th, notifying me, that he has resigned the church in Alabama, and accepted a call to the vacant churches in the Valley of Virginia, in Shenandoah Co.

Valle Crucis and Mt. Pleasant churches, in Watauga Co., N. C., are now served very acceptably by Mr. R. H. Cline.

During the year I have had correspondence with Rev. J. Steck, D. D., President of the So. Ca. Synod with a view of establishing peace between the litigants of St. John's church, and taking the matter out of court. Nothing has yet been done, by reason of both of us being much absent from home, laboring in the same work for our several colleges.

I recommend that his last letter be read, and that a committee be appointed by this Synod, to meet a like committee of the S. C. Synod, in order to establish peace in this congregation.

1. I would recommend, that Synod elect a Theological Professor, to labor conjointly with the Faculty of "Concordia College," that our young men, having the ministry in view, may, with their literary course, also receive a theological training *at home*. Synod will provide a way by a special assessment upon all the churches for the support of said professor.

2. I also recommend, that all of our churches in the bounds of our Synod be laid off and established into pastorates, for the more efficient and successful church work, and that these charges remain unchanged, when so constructed, except by the voice of Synod or Conference, in which such pastorates be located.

3. I further recommend, that an earnest, faithful, and persevering effort be made by all of our pastors, to introduce family prayer in all of our congregations, and they make special effort by sermons, example, and otherwise to lead our congregations into this grace, that the standard of piety may be elevated among us, and that we may not "hold the truth of God in unrighteousness."

4. I also recommend, that we all observe "Uniformity of Worship," as it is directed in the "Church Book," that there be no divisions amongst us in this matter, and we become more united, and that thus we come in the "Unity of the Faith and Bond of Peace."

It is made my duty, as your presiding officer, to call your attention to the action of the "Southern Lutheran Diet," held in Salisbury, N. C., November 12-13, 1884. It has adopted a sound and true Lutheran Basis, viz.: The entire Symbols of the Evangelical Lutheran Church. It has also adopted a Constitution, which, though it may not be as full and complete as some would desire it, is nevertheless so far as it is, an excellent bond of union for all the churches in our Southland, and designed to bring us all together "in the unity of the Faith and bond of peace." It is presented to your consideration, and for action during this session of Synod.

I now return to you my sincere and hearty thanks for your partiality in having honored me as your presiding officer. I have served you to the best of my ability, though with much weakness and fear. The term of my office is expired, and I vacate the chair to a more worthy and efficient successor.

"And now may the God of peace make you perfect in every good work: to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.

C. H. BERNHEIM.

Then followed an election of officers for the ensuing year, which resulted in the choice of

REV. J. M. SMITH,	-	-	-	-	President.
REV. R. A. YODER,	-	-	-	-	Secretary.
REV. A. L. CROUSE,	-	-	-	-	Cor. Sec.
REV. J. K. EFIRD,	-	-	-	-	Treasurer.

The President appointed the following committees :

1. *On President's Report*—Revs. A. L. Crouse, J. R. Peterson, and Maj. H. A. Meetze.
2. *On State of the Church*—Revs. P. C. Henkel, J. K. Efird, and A. L. Crouse.
3. *On Examination*—Revs. P. C. Henkel, J. C. Moser, A. L. Crouse, J. N. Stirewalt, J. K. Efird, and E. L. Lybrand.
4. *On Ordination*—Revs. P. C. Henkel, J. R. Peterson, and J. C. Moser.
5. *On Letters and Petitions*—Revs. M. L. Fox, J. A. Rudisill, and G. M. Yoder, Esq.
6. *On Unfinished Business*—Revs. D. A. Sox, R. H. Oline, and P. C. Wike.
7. *On Missions*—Revs. M. L. Fox, C. H. Bernheim, and Mr. C. M. Efird.
8. *Church Institutions*—Revs. R. A. Yoder, A. L. Crouse, and Mr. Aaron York.
9. *On Treasurer's Report*—Rev. M. L. Little, and Messrs. F. A. Yount and C. M. Wagner.

Rev. C. H. Bernheim and Maj. H. A. Meetze were appointed a committee to report on the matter of districting Synod.

All documents pertaining to Synod were now called for and handed over to the proper committees.

Report of the Committee on the President's Report.

1. In reference to the litigation at St. John's, S. C., we recommend, that a committee, composed of Rev. P. C. Henkel, D. D., and Rev. J. M. Smith, be appointed, to meet a similar committee appointed by the S. C. Synod, to whom this whole matter shall be referred.

2. Recognizing the necessity of electing and sustaining a theological

professor at Coneordia College for the present, we recommend, that

(a) Our congregations be requested to contribute annually not less than 12 cents *per capita*, which shall constitute a fund out of which the said professor shall be supported :

(b) The salary of the professor shall be \$800 per annum ;

(c) In the event that the fund will warrant it, the Board of Trustees of Coneordia College shall employ such professor as early as Jan. 1st, 1886, or at the beginning of the next scholastic year, subject to the subsequent ratification of their action by Synod.

(d) Said professor shall be chosen from among the members of the Tennessee Synod, if possible; shall have been a pastor not less than ten years, and shall faithfully discharge his duties in strict conformity with the confessional basis of our Synod.

(e) Our pastors shall lay this matter before their people at once, and report to the President of Coneordia College without delay.

3. In regard to pastorates we recommend, that,

As this matter has already been referred to the Conference, they are urged to attend to it during this Synodical year and report to Synod.

4. Respecting the recommendation relative to family worship we recommend, that, notwithstanding the fact that many of our people recognize its importance and engage in it, our pastors shall endeavor, as much as lieth in them, to make it more nearly universal.

5. In relation to the recommendation of the President in regard to uniformity in worship, we recommend, that his suggestions be recognized as the sentiment of this Synod, and that the pastors and people give due attention to the matter.

6. In relation to the proposed general body referred to in the President's report, we beg leave to submit the following :

1. That this Synod ratify said Basis of union ;

2. That it ratify the proposed Constitution.

We recommend the adoption of the following resolutions :

1. *Resolved*, That we concur in the action of the Synods of Virginia and South Carolina, recommending a meeting of delegates in Roanoke City, in Virginia, on Wednesday before the 4th Lord's day in May, 1886, or whenever the Southern General Synod shall meet, with the view to form the general body proposed.

2. That this Synod elect nine delegates—six clerical and three lay, to represent it at said meeting, and that their expenses be paid out of the treasury of the Synod.

3. That a copy of these proceedings be forwarded to the President of the Diet.

Respectfully submitted,

A. L. CROUSE,

HENRY A. MEETZE,

J. R. PETERSON.

This report was adopted.

In reference to item No. 6, in relation to the adoption of the constitution of the proposed general Lutheran body, Revs. P. C. Henkel, D. D., and A. L. Crouse requested, that it be stated in the records of this Synod that they approve the Constitution so far as it goes, but that they decline to vote for its adoption, because it is silent in regard to Pulpit and Altar Fellowship, Secret Societies, and Chiliasm.

The following were appointed delegates to the next meeting of the Diet: Revs. S. Henkel, D. D., A. L. Crouse, P. C. Henkel, D. D., C. H. Bernheim, M. L. Little, and E. L. Lybrand; and Messrs. A. Koimer, A. Costner, and W. A. Meetze.

ALTERNATES: Revs. J. P. Stirewalt, J. S. Koimer, and J. K. Efird; and Messrs. Philip Killian, W. A. Mauney, and C. M. Efird.

Report of the Committee on the State of the Church.

In so far as we are able to learn, we, your committee, submit the following statements:

In view of the whole ground of our church work, we think we are able to report considerable progress; though there are some things not as they should be. Progress, however, in the right direction, seems still to be moving on.

We learn, that in the State of Va., church work is moving on prosperously, notwithstanding the meagre supply of ministers. The congregations in Virginia, during the past year, have manifested great liberality in contributing for the upbuilding of Concordia College at Conover, as far as opportunity was given to them. South Carolina, in this respect, has also responded most nobly to the call made on them for our College.

Concordia College, as well as the Tennessee Synod (under whose care it is), express their thanks to the kind donors for their Christian liberality. Rather let God be praised for this work.

The churches in South Carolina seem to be in a prosperous condition generally.

In the State of North Carolina, the church is in her usual state of prosperity. We think peace and harmony are generally prevailing, as well as an encouraging degree of prosperity.

In all three of the States, however, with probably some small excep-

tions, the ministers are not supported in their work as they should be, so as to enable them to devote their whole time to the work of the church. This should not be so.

In all the three States, the number of ministers is too small to accomplish what should be done in our now organized congregations.—There are prospects, however, for a better supply, but this is not as large as it should be; doubtless, because it is seen that a minister must have more than ordinary muscular power, and brain too, so as to enable him to labor with his hands in some secular calling, such as farming, or teaching school, &c., in order to supplement his salary. Very few can do this long, and fill their office in ministerial work as necessarily it should be done. Even such as may be able to labor in this way successfully, could do infinitely more if they could be sustained in the work. It is hoped the congregations, or churches, will prayerfully study this matter, and change it by coming up to their duty fully in contributing to the interests of the church, and thus be instrumental in blessing themselves and their children, as well as the community at large. The prosperity of the church puts the stamp valuation on all our earthly possessions.—Without Christianity in the land our property is worth little or nothing; safety for life and property would be wanting: and what is infinitely above all, the chances for eternal life and salvation would be wanting.

We are glad to know though, that, in general benevolence, many of our people have made praiseworthy progress; still of the whole number who claim membership this number is small. It is very sadly deplorable, to know that a great number, claiming membership, really give nothing at all, even to support their pastor. They should *not be compelled* to do otherwise, as, in this event, they would only pay for their own condemnation.

If possible, however, their eyes should be opened, so as to enable them to see that they are entirely dead in sin, and that the Gospel is to them the savior of death unto death. Should such be compelled to pay money or anything else for such a result? We answer, No! No! Never!—This state of darkness, if it cannot be removed by the everlasting Gospel of Jesus Christ, will have to remain. In the person of the Christian there is a willing and cheerful disposition to promote the interests of the Redeemer's Kingdom. God loves a cheerful giver.

If possible each congregation should have its own Pastor, so that all the families in the charge might be visited from time to time,—family worship introduced in every family—the children of the church trained to realize the benefit of church life, for both time and eternity.

A word to all. Let all come up to their duty, that it may be truly said: Ye are our epistle written in our hearts, known and read of all

men: *Forasmuch as ye are* manifestly declared to be the epistle of Christ ministered by us, written not with ink, but the Spirit of the living God; not in tables of stone, but in fleshly tables of the heart."—2 Cor. 3, 2, 3.

P. C. HENKEL,
A. L. CROUSE,
J. K. EFIRD.

This report was adopted.

Report of Committee on Ordination.

We, the Committee on Ordination, have examined Robert H. Cline with a view to ordination to the office of pastor, and find him qualified to perform the functions of that office, and recommend him to be ordained accordingly.

Respectfully submitted, P. C. HENKEL,
J. R. PETERSON,
J. C. MOSER.

Synod adopted this report and sustained the recommendation; and appointed Revs. P. C. Henkel, D. D., J. M. Smith, and R. A. Yoder a committee to ordain Bro. R. H. Cline, at such a time and place as may be most convenient to all concerned.

Report of Committee on Letters and Petitions.

We, your Committee on Letters and Petitions, would respectfully report the following:

No. 1 is a petition from the members of Mt. Pleasant Church, Watauga Co., N. C., for the examination, and, if found qualified, the ordination of Brother R. H. Cline to the office of pastor—asking for his services. We recommend that the request of these petitioners be complied with.

No. 2 is a petition from the members of E. L. Church, near Jacksonville, Calhoun Co., Ala., who were formerly served by Rev. D. A. Sox whose services were appreciated. We recommend that said petition be read before Synod, and that Synod take such action in the matter as she may think best.

No. 3 is a petition from the congregation at College Chapel, Dallas, Gaston Co., N. C., asking to be received in connection with this Synod. We recommend that their request be granted.

No. 4 is a petition from St. John's, Catawba Co., N. C., asking for the next session of our Synod to be held in their church.

No. 5 is a petition from College Chapel, Dallas, Gaston Co., N. C., also asking for the Synod to be held there next year.

No. 6 is a petition from Grace Church, Catawba Co., N. C., also asking for Synod to be held at that place at its next convention.

No. 7 is a petition from St. James, Catawba Co., N. C., asking that Synod meet in St. James at her next meeting.

No. 8 is a letter from S. S. Rahn, corresponding delegate from the S. C. Synod. We recommend that this letter be read before Synod.

No. 9 is a letter from Rev. Geo. H. Cox from the Holston Synod, Tenn., corresponding delegate from said synod, in which he sends his excuse for his absence from this session of our Synod.

No. 10 is a letter from D. J. Settemyer, asking to be excused for his non-attendance at this meeting of Synod, on account of bodily afflictions of himself and his family. We recommend that he be excused.

No. 11 is a letter from Rev. T. Moser, asking to be excused for non-attendance at this Synod on the ground of feeble health. We also recommend that he be excused.

No. 12 is a letter from J. W. Hausenfluck, also asking to be excused for his absence from this Synod for the want of means. We recommend that he be not excused.

No. 13 is a letter from Rev. L. A. Bikle, also asking to be excused for his non-attendance at this Synod for the want of means and other reasons. We recommend that he be excused.

No. 14 is a letter from Rev. Prof. J. S. Koiner, asking to be excused from attending Synod on the ground that he has not at this time any regular charge and for other reasons. We recommend that he be excused.

No. 15 is a report from Rev. T. Moser in which he states that his churches voted unanimously in favor of districting the Synod.

No. 16 is a report of a committee of Bethlehem congregation, Augusta Co., Va., in which they report unfavorable in regard to districting our Synod at the present time.

No. 17 is a letter from I. Conder, McGaheysville, Va., in which he presents several matters. We recommend that his letter be read before this Synod and several items in the letter be acted upon.

No. 18 is a telegram from Revs. S. Henkel and Stirewalt in which they send a reason for their being absent at this meeting of Synod, and we recommend that they be excused.

No. 19 is a petition from the members of St. Michael's Church, Cleburne Co., Ala., in which they ask for a Minister and also pecuniary aid to sustain him.

No. 20 is a petition from Holy Trinity Church, Hickory, N. C.,

praying for the next convention of Synod to be held in their church.

No. 21 is a letter from J. I. Miller, Luray, Va., in which he assigns a reason for his absence during this meeting of our Synod, together with other items which properly belong to other committees. The reason assigned for his absence is the want of time, the expense of traveling, and bad health of his son. We recommend that he be excused.

Respectfully submitted,

M. L. FOX,
J. A. RUDISILL,
G. M. YODER.

This report was received and considered item by item:

Item 1. Adopted, and recommendation of committee sustained.

Item 2. Recommendation complied with, and letter was read before Synod, and, on motion, was referred to Committee on Missions.

Item 3. Recommendation sustained; and secretary ordered to place the congregation on our Church Register.

Items 4, 5, 6, 7, and 20. All petitions for next convention of Synod were considered, and College Chapel congregation, Dallas, Gaston Co., N. C., was chosen as the place for the next convention of Synod. Time for next meeting of Synod: Saturday, 10 A. M., before first full moon in Nov., 1886.

Items 8 and 9. Adopted, and letters read; and the following resolution adopted:

Resolved 1, That we regret that these brethren have been unable to be with us, and that we heartily reciprocate the kindly greetings expressed by them towards our body.

Items 10, 11, 12, 13, 14. Adopted, and Revs. D. J. Settemire, T. Moser, L. A. Bikle, and J. S. Koimer, were excused. Rev. J. W. Hausenfluck not excused.

Items 15 and 16. Considered, and reports referred to the special committees on districting Synod.

Item 17. Adopted, and letter read. Rev. I. Conder was not excused.

On motion, the secretary was required to complete the

roll of congregations and preaching stations, and have it published in the Minutes.

Item 18. Adopted, and Revs. S. Henkel, D. D., and J. P. Stirewalt excused for non-attendance.

Item 19. Considered, and letter referred to Committee on Missions.

Item 21. Adopted. Rev. J. I. Miller excused.

Revs. L. A. Fox, D. D., J. N. Stirewalt, D. A. Goodman, were not excused.

Revs. H. Wetzel and W. P. Cline were excused.

Report of Committee on Unfinished Business.

We, your Committee on Unfinished Business, submit the following :

(1) On page 7, we find that Rev. A. L. Crouse was appointed to collect funds to erect a monument at the grave of Rev. Ambrose Henkel in Va. Has this been done ?

(2) On same page, we find that Rev. J. M. Smith was appointed to collect funds to erect a monument at the grave of Rev. Philip Henkel, in Randolph Co., N. C. Has he done this ?

(3) On page 10, we find a committee appointed, consisting of Revs. M. L. Little and S. Henkel, to prepare an ordination certificate. Have they discharged their duty ?

(4) On same page, we find a committee continued from the Minutes of '83, to confer with similar committees from other Lutheran bodies in the South, with a view of appointing a time and place for the convention of a Diet, looking to the unification of all Lutherans in the South. Has this committee acted ?

(5) Also on page 10, we find a resolution requiring the Treasurer of the Evan. Luth. Tenn. Synod, to pay the expenses of the delegation to the Diet, and that each pastor in connection with the Tenn. Synod take up collections in each of his congregations in order to replace in the treasury the amount used for this purpose. Has this been complied with ?

(6) On page 15, we find a committee appointed to continue the publication of the Book of Concord. What has this committee to report ?

Respectfully submitted,

D. A. SOX,
R. H. CLINE,
P. C. WIKE.

Report received and considered item by item.

Item 1. Complied with, and the Committee, Rev. A. L. Crouse, submitted his report.

Report of Committee on the Ambrose Henkel Monument.

Your committee begs leave to report, that a suitable stone has been erected at the grave of the late Rev. Ambrose Henkel, in Emmanuel Church-yard, New Market, Va. It bears a suitable inscription. The money to the amount of \$82.05 was contributed by members of the Church in the Valley of Virginia, and has been expended in paying for and setting up the monument. A small balance was paid by Rev. S. Henkel, D. D., thus leaving the work without debt. Your committee respectfully asks to be discharged from further attention to this matter.

A. L. CROUSE.

Item 2. Nothing done; the committee, Rev. J. M. Smith, relieved, and Rev. M. L. Fox appointed in his place, to collect funds and have a suitable stone erected at the grave of the Rev. Philip Henkel.

Item 3. Complied with, and the Committee, Rev. M. L. Little, submitted his report.

Form of Ordination Certificate.

Your Committee on Ordination Certificate, beg leave to submit the following form, as a suitable one :

IN NOMINE JESU. AMEN.

To all Christians Greeting, Know that

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 of.....
 having received a call from.....
congregations
 and having given Evidence of the possession of adequate acquirements in
 THEOLOGY ; and presented authenticated testimonials in regard to his Chris-
 tian Character, having, furthermore, publicly and solemnly bound himself
 to the DOCTRINES of our EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH, as laid
 down in our ecclesiastical CONFESSIONS, and also taken upon himself the vow,
 to devote, with conscientious fidelity, his time and energies to the sacred office of the
 GOSPEL MINISTRY, has, by the LAYING ON OF HANDS AND PRAYER, according
 to the Order of the Church, been solemnly ORDAINED and CONSECRATED to
 the OFFICE OF PASTOR of the EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH, on the.....
 day of.....
 A. D.....at.....

IN WITNESS WHEREOF we have hereunto set our hand and caused the
 Seal of the.....
 to be affixed.

Done at.....this.....day of.....
 A. D.....

.....President.
Secretary.
Treasurer.

Respectfully submitted,

M. L. LITTLE.

The above form was adopted by Synod, and the Secretary was ordered to have one hundred copies printed, and draw on the treasurer of Synod for the amount of the cost.

Item 4. Complied with.

Item 5. Complied with by some of the pastors.

By request of Maj. H. A. Meetze, the amount of his expenses to the Diet, as delegate from this Synod, was ordered to be paid over by the treasurer of Synod into the Beneficiary fund.

Item 6. The Committee, Rev. S. Henkel, D. D., not being present to report, he was continued.

Report of Committee on Missions.

We, your Committee on Missions, submit the following report :

Viewing the mission in Alabama a very important work with its hope of success in the very near future, we deem it essential that Rev. D. A. Sox return thither, laboring as he does with very great efficiency, and that he, by the direction of this Synod, be relieved of the call to the churches in the Valley of Virginia.

M. L. FOX,
C. H. BERNHEIM,
C. M. EFIRD.

Report adopted, and recommendation sustained.

Report of Committee on Church Institutions.

We, your Committee on Church Institutions, beg leave to submit the following report :

From the various papers in the hands of the Committee concerning Concordia College, we are glad to learn of its healthy condition. We herewith submit the following reports :

Report of the President of the Board : Report of the President of the Faculty ; Report of the Visiting Committee.

We have also in our hands the resignation of Rev. P. C. Henkel, D. D., as President of Concordia College. We recommend that this Synod accept the same, and recommend as his successor Rev. Prof. J. C. Moser.

Respectfully submitted,

R. A. YODER,
A. L. CROUSE,
AARON YORK.

Report of the Board of Trustees of Concordia College.

Upon the whole the Board can report favorably upon the condition of this Institution. Through the zealous labors of Prof. C. H. Bernheim, our Financial Agent, the finances are improving. The small debt on our dormitory is being rapidly paid off. Much needed improvements have been begun. Our buildings will soon be much better arranged and furnished, than they have been, for conducting successfully and conveniently the work of teaching.

Our teachers are, we believe, giving general satisfaction, and are doing thorough work in the school-room. The students are making very satisfactory progress, and their deportment is in general excellent.

We cannot report as large a number of pupils as some institutions that enroll on their catalogues the pupils of public schools conducted in their connection, yet the high school and college departments of our school make a favorable showing in numbers for a young institution.

The Board has continued, by recent action, Rev. Prof. C. H. Bernheim as financial agent, and we ask that this action be endorsed by Synod, that he may continue his labors, until our school be as thoroughly equipped for her work as best institutions of the land.

J. M. SMITH, Sec.

Report of the President of Concordia College,

Located at Conover, Catawba County, N. C.

CONOVER, CATAWBA Co., N. C.,
October 30, 1885.

As it is made my duty, by resolution of the Ev. Luth. Tenn. Synod, annually to report the moral and literary condition of this school to Synod, I submit the following:

I take pleasure in stating that the moral and literary condition of the school is good and very commendable. The school is in a prosperous condition, and the prospects for the future are bright and encouraging.

Respectfully submitted,

P. C. HENKEL,
PRESIDENT OF THE FACULTY.

Report of the Visiting Committee.

We a committee chosen at the last convention of the E. L. Tenn. Synod, to visit Concordia College during the present Synodical year, and make a report as to the condition and prosperity of the school at this meeting of Synod, beg leave to submit the following, viz. :

We have complied with the duty assigned us as far as practicable.

We have visited the school, and are happy to report that its condition is good.

We found the Professors all laboring diligently and successfully in imparting instruction to their pupils in the various classes.

We also find the school in a prosperous condition: Well attended with students, with a proper respect and regard existing between both teachers and pupils, and, so far as we were able to judge, all things pertaining to the school, are working together in perfect harmony.

We find, however, a deficiency in regard to a Theological teacher, which will be felt more in the future than it has been in the past, if that deficiency be not soon supplied.

We would therefore call the attention of Synod to this subject, and recommend that she take such action in regard to this matter as she in her wisdom may think best.

Respectfully submitted,

T. MOSER.

M. L. FOX.

J. K. EFIRD.

Synod adopted the following resolution:

Resolved, That in the acceptance of the resignation of Rev. P. C. Henkel, as President of Concordia College, by this Synod, it does so with regret and only under a sense of duty which is due under statements and representations made by him; and, in parting with him, the Synod desires to express its most hearty thanks for the sacrifices which he has made gratuitously for the institution, and prays God's richest blessings upon him.

Revs. M. L. Fox and J. R. Peterson were appointed a committee to visit Concordia College, and report to the next convention of Synod.

Report of Committee on Beneficiary Treasurer's Report.

Your Committee on Beneficiary Treasurer's Report have examined the Report of said Treasurer, and find the same correct.

M. L. LITTLE.

G. M. WAGNER,

F. A. YOUNT.

Report of Treasurer of Beneficiary Fund.

J. C. MOSER, TREASURER OF BENEFICIARY FUND,

IN ACCOUNT WITH THE

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN TENNESSEE SYNOD.

1884.	Dr.
To balance on hand as per report made to Synod, Sept. 29, 1884,—	
see Minutes page 11.	\$ 34 23
Oct. 9, To amount from Rev. S. Henkel, Assistant Treasurer.....	160 00
Oct. 12, To cash from Rev. J. S. Koimer's charge.....	4 00
" 20, " " " Rev. C. H. Bernheim's charge—	} 20 77
Sharon, \$12 50; St. Martin's, \$8 27	
Oct. 20, " cash of Rev. J. C. Moser's, charge—	} 44 50
Newton, \$3 51; Zion, \$9 24; Holy Trinity,	
\$4 00; Concordia, \$23 00; St. John's, \$4 75)	
Nov. 14, " cash of Rev. T. Moser's charge—	} 8 35
St. Martin's, Stanley, \$3 00; St. Martin's,	
Cabarrus, \$5 35.....	
Dec. 10, " cash of Rev. E. L. Lybrand's charge—	} 23 00
Zion, \$10 00; Cedar Grove, \$4 75; St. Paul's,	
\$4 50; St. James, \$3 75.....	
1885.	
Jan. 25, " cash of Rev. J. A. Cromer's charge—	} 9 00
St. Andrew's, \$4 00; St. Peter's, \$3 35; }	
Emmanuel's, \$1 65.....	
Feb. 21, " cash of Rev. J. S. Koimer's charge.....	8 00
March 6, " " Rev. D. J. Settlemire's charge—	} 30 00
Mt. Moriah, \$14 15; Phanuel's, \$5 00; St. Mark's,	
\$1 90; Morning Star, \$7 00; Emmanuel, \$1 95.)	
" 14, " cash of Rev. S. Henkel	11 00
April 1, " " " Rev. J. M. Smith's charge—	} 5 75
St. Paul's, \$4 50; Bethel, \$1 25	
June 11, " cash of Rev. L. A. Bikle's charge, Philadelphia.....	10 00
July 4, " " " Rev. D. A. Sox's charge.....	7 00
Aug. 30, " " " Rev. J. R. Peterson's charge.....	20 00
Oct. 29, " " " Rev. D. A. Goodman's charge, Phila.....	10 00
" 29, " " " Rev. L. A. Bikle's charge, St. Matthew....	10 00
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1884.

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Oct. 23, By cash to W. A. Boyte.....	\$55 00
Nov. 25, " P. C. Wike.....	40 00
Nov. 28, " D. M. Moser.....	30 00
Dec. 24, " J. P. Price.....	40 00

1884.			
Feb. 21,	By cash to W. A. Boyte.....	\$25 00	
March 17,	" P. C. Wike.....	25 00	
April 1,	" J. P. Price.....	25 00	
May 19,	" P. C. Wike.....	25 00	
May 23,	" W. A. Boyte	20 00	
July 4,	" J. P. Price.....	15 00	
July 15,	" P. C. Wike.....	30 00	
Oct. 21,	" W. L. Darr.....	40 00	
Oct. 23,	" N. G. Deal.....	35 00	
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		\$405 00	
Oct. 29,	By balance in my hands	10 60	
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		\$415 60	

Respectfully submitted,

J. C. MOSER,

TREASURER OF BENEFICIARY FUND OF E. L. TENNESSEE SYNOD.

Report of Assistant Treasurer Beneficiary Fund—Oct. 29, 1885.

1884.			
Sept. 30,	To amount on hand at settlement with Synod at said date,.....		\$115.00
1884.			
Sept. 30,	To amount from St. Mark's, Rev. J. I. Miller's charge,	12.50	
" "	" " " " from Rev. I. Conder's charge.....	12.30	
" "	To amount from Rev. S. Henkel's charge— Emmanuel, \$8.40; Mt. Zion, \$4.13; Zion's, \$3.02.)	15.50	
Sept. 30,	To amount from Rev. Dr. M. L. Fox's charge.....	4.50	
" "	To amount from Rev. J. N. Stirewalt's charge— Mt. Calvary, \$3.08; Morning Star, \$2.00.....)	5.08	
Sept. 30,	To amount from Rev. J. P. Stirewalt's charge— St. Paul's, \$5.28; Solomon's, \$8.64; Powder Spring,) \$4.95; St. Mary's, \$6.00.....)	24.87	
Sept. 30,	To am't, balance, left from Rev. J. S. Bennick's Monument.....	9.69	
	Rev. J. W. Hausenfluck's charge—)		
Sept. 30,	To amount from Alma, \$1.40.	5.40	
Oct. 11,	To amount from St. Paul's, \$4.00.....)		
" 28,	" " " " Rader's, J. P. Stirewalt's charge.....	7.48	
Dec. 16,	" " " " Mt. Nebo, Rev. J. N. Stirewalt's charge	3.00	
1885.			
Jan. 23,	To amount from Bethlehem, Rev. A. L. Crouse's charge	5.55	
May 23,	" " " " from Mrs. Col. N. I. Henkel.....	1.00	
Oct. 19,	" " " " Rev. S. Henkel's charge—Mt. Zion.....	3.04	
" 17,	" " " " Rev. S. Henkel's charge—Zion.....	3.00	
" 27,	" " " " Rev. S. Henkel's charge—Emmanuel's.....	10.00	
Oct. 26,	To amount from Rev. J. P. Stirewalt's charge— Rader's, \$10.00; Solomon's, \$4.32; Powder Spring,) \$4.52; St. Mary's, \$3.00; St. Paul's, \$3.40.....)	25.24	
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		\$263.15	

1884.	CR.
Oct. 25, By am't paid or sent to Rev. J. C. Moser,	\$160.00
1885.	
Jan. 2, By am't paid Beneficiary, D. I. Offman,	
per order of President.....	40.00
Mar. 14, By am't paid Treasurer, J. C. Moser.....	11.00
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	\$211.00
Amt. to balance, due Beneficiary Treasurer....	52.15
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	\$263.15
On hand.....	\$52.15

Rev. Prof. J. C. Moser was re-elected Treasurer of Beneficiary Fund.

Report of Delegate to Holston Synod.

On Friday, 21st of August, 1885, I left my residence at Conover, in company with Rev. Dr. A. J. Brown, and we landed on Saturday morning at the place appointed for the meeting of the Evan. Luth. Holston Synod, viz., in Solomon's Church, Greene Co., Tenn. I was very kindly received by all the members of this Synod, and so treated by all, during the Synod's sessions.

As your delegate I was cordially and unanimously recognized. The usual greetings passed,—the Synod transacted her business with much dispatch, an account of which was published in *Our Church Paper*.

Many have been the trials, conflicts, and battles of the old Tenn. Synod, which led me, with great pleasure, to allude to the able defence made, time and again, by Rev. A. J. Brown, D. D., for the Synod while he was a member of the same. He came into her connection at a very critical and trying period, and was the only man in the Carolinas, at that time, who was able successfully to defend her, in her truly Lutheran position.

In the Holston Synod, we are very much reminded of the old Tenn. Synod. I, however, felt myself much embarrassed in the higher act of fellowship, which I was not able to render; not on account of anything I saw or heard during her sessions.

My views and feelings are extensively known in the Church in regard to the "*Four Points*," especially one of the points, viz., Secret Society worship and its plan of salvation. In regard to its form of worship, it is certainly Atheistic; and, in regard to its plan of salvation, it undermines the great central doctrine of Justification by Faith.

I am truly glad to know that Dr. A. J. Brown and other ministers of this Synod, are not in antagonism with me in regard to this, to me, very

annoying and painful corruption, into which many excellent and well meaning men have fallen.

This Synod appointed Rev. Prof. Geo. H. Cox as delegate to this Synod.
P. C. HENKEL.

Report of the Corresponding Delegate to the S. C. Synod.

As your delegate corresponding with the S. C. Synod, I beg leave to report, that it has met twice since our last session. The first meeting I did not attend for want of time and means, but sent a letter bearing the fraternal greetings of this body. I learned from individual members, and also from the proceedings of said Synod, that my letter received a hearty recognition, and that a delegate was appointed to attend this session of our Synod. The last meeting, which was but one week ago at Lexington C. H., I did not attend, on account of press of business, and sent no letter because I did not think myself properly the delegate for that meeting, not having had any correspondence from the S. C. Synod since the last from the Tennessee Synod.

Respectfully submitted.

J. K. EFIRD.

Rev. E. L. Lybrand was appointed corresponding delegate to the South Carolina Synod and Rev. J. K. Efird, alternate.

Rev. R. A. Yoder, to the North Carolina Synod and Rev. M. L. Little, alternate.

Rev. A. L. Crouse, to the Virginia Synod and Rev. J. P. Stirewalt, alternate.

Rev. J. A. Rudisill, to the Holston Synod and Rev. D. J. Suttlemire, alternate.

Revs. P. C. Henkel, D. D., and J. M. Smith were appointed a committee to meet a similar committee from the South Carolina Synod, to try and adjust the difficulties in St. John's congregation, Lexington Co., S. C.

The secretary was ordered to communicate this action of Synod to the secretary of the South Carolina Synod.

Report of Committee on Districting Synod.

Your committee, to whom was referred the papers relative to districting the Synod, would beg leave to report that, in view of the fact, that there is most probably to be effected a union of all the churches in

the South through the medium of the Southern Luth. Diet, and also from the very meagre reports of all the churches in the Synod relative to this matter, the majority having sent no reports at all, we would say that the present time is inopportune, and we would therefore advise the postponement of the districting of the Synod to the future development of the Church.

Very respectfully,

C. H. BERNHEIM,
HENRY A. MEETZE.

Report adopted.

Our Beneficiary Work—Appropriations and Resolutions.

The following appropriations were made: To J. P. Price, \$100.00; W. L. Darr, \$60.00; N. G. Deal, \$60.00—subject to the approval of Examining Committee in N. C.; D. M. Moser, \$60.00; P. C. Wike, \$60.00; D. I. Offman, \$35.00.

Resolved, That our beneficiaries and students of theology shall neither preach nor absent themselves from their recitations without special permission of the faculty of Concordia College, and that we advise that they preach not more than once a month.

Resolved, That the officers of each church within our bounds be requested to see, that each member of their congregation and Sunday school pay at least 5 cents per annum into the beneficiary fund.

Resolved, That the Treasurer have a sufficient number of copies of Minutes of this convention of Synod printed, to supply the calls for them, and to furnish each minister of this Synod with three copies; each general body of Lutherans in this country, one copy; and the Synods with which this Synod is in correspondence, one copy each; our institutions of learning, one copy each; our Lutheran publications, two copies each; and our beneficiaries, one copy each.

Resolved, That it be made the duty of the President of Synod, to arrange for the Sunday school services, to be held on Sunday afternoon of each convention of Synod, by appointing a speaker or speakers, by assigning or suggesting subjects, and informing the speakers of their selection at least two months previous to each meeting of Synod.

Resolution of Thanks.

Resolved, That we express our sincere and hearty thanks to the members of this congregation and citizens for the kind hospitality we have enjoyed during our sojourn among them, and pray that the blessing of God may rest upon them.

R. A. YODER, SECRETARY.

STONYMAN, PAGE Co., VIRGINIA.

HENKEL & Co., I understand you have the printing of the Minutes of the late session of the E. L. Tenn. Synod. As my report as Treasurer failed to reach Synod, I therefore send it to you for insertion, and hope the next convention of Synod will appoint a committee to examine the same.

Yours most respectfully,

J. N. STIREWALT, TREASURER.

Treasurer's Report.

STONYMAN, PAGE Co., VA., OCT. 31, 1885.

J. N. STIREWALT IN ACCOUNT WITH THE

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN TENNESSEE SYNOD.

Oct. 31, 1885, Balance on hand from last year.....	\$72 19
Sept. 28, 1884, To amt. paid in for Minutes	42 60
“ for advertisements.....	7 75

Total amount\$122 54

Nov. 29, 1884, By amount paid Henkel & Co. for printing, mailing, and expressing 1000 Ten. Syn. Min.	\$65 89
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Balance in hands of Treasurer... ..\$56 65

Diet Receipts and Expenses.

Nov. 12, 1884, To amt. from Rev. P. C. Henkel's charge.....	\$13 50
Nov. 26, 1884, “ “ A. L. Crouse's “	4 40
“ “ J. N. Stirewalt's “	4 13
Jan. 9, 1885, “ “ M. L. Little's “	4 50
Feb. 7, 1885, “ “ J. I. Miller's “	4 50
“ “ J. S. Koimer's “	3 30
“ “ J. C. Moser's “	4 00

Total amount received.....\$38 33

Rev. P. C. Henkel's expenses to Diet.....	\$ 3 25
“ A. L. Crouse's “ “	14 95
“ M. L. Little's “ “	6 25
“ J. S. Koimer's “ “	12 95
“ S. Henkel's “ “	17 50
Jan. 28, 1885, P'd Rev. L. L. Smith for printing Diet Min.	8 10
“ “ Paid for four postal orders.....	44

Total cost.....\$63 44

To Diet Expenses in excess of receipts.....\$25 11

\$63 44

Bal. in hand of Treasurer.....	\$31 54
Amt. in hand of Henkel & Co..	20 83

Total amount due Synod.....\$52 37

J. N. STIREWALT, TREASURER.

MINISTERS.

PAROCHIAL REPORT.

Entered Ministry.	Congregations.	Communicants.	Souls.	Adult Baptisms.	Infant Baptisms.	Confirmations.	Letters.	Deaths.	Expulsions.	Sunday Schools.	S. S. Teachers.	S. S. Scholars.	Removals.	Synodical.	Beneficiary Education.	Current Expenses.	Other Objects.
1843	4	780	1800	...	97	2	...	48	...	2	6	...	...	\$ 1.30	\$12.75	\$250.00	...
REV. P. C. HENKEL.....																	
1843	4	178	368	1	8	5	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	4.00	20.00	250.00	...
" J. R. PETERSON.....																	
1844	3	120	260	110	5	...	8	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
" T. MOSER.....																	
1850	2	254	512	814	18	...	24	...	...	1	7	50	...	4.00	16.04	270.00	\$ 9.60
" S. HENKEL.....																	
1855	2	254	516	113	25	1	...	8	...	...	...	...	...	2.20	11.09	150.00	100.00
" C. H. BERNHEIM.....																	
1856	2	200	...	...	48	33	...	23	...	1	...	...	...	1.50	4.00	250.00	...
" J. M. SMITH.....																	
1861	4	127	185	2	6	4	...	2	...	2	...	45	...	3.00	3.03	...	75.00
" I. CONDER.....																	
1871	5	429	729	5	27	22	...	12	...	5	32	235	...	1.20	4.25	100.00	...
" J. N. STIREWALT.....																	
1871	3	120	300	1	6	10	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
" M. L. FOX.....																	
1871	1	91	153	6	8	20	4	6	...	115	95	...	...	...	20.00	228.00	35.00
" A. L. CROUSE.....																	
1873	5	725	1125	19	60	70	4	30	...	210	100	...	...	7.30	25.24	500.00	...
" J. P. STIREWALT.....																	
1873	4	375	...	4	49	33	...	210	...	...	...	...	...	5.00	...	350.00	800.00
" M. L. LITTLE.....																	
1859	1	45	100	1	2	...	1	...	...	1	7	67	4	6.50	...	800.00	150.00
" J. I. MILLER.....																	
1873	5	520	925	1	42	50	21	12	...	535	420	...	...	6.60	44.50	...	...
" J. C. MOSER.....																	
1876	5	265	...	11	23	25	...	11	...	216	180	...	...	...	...	...	...
" J. W. HAUSENLUCK.....																	
1877	3	878	1600	354	58	3	...	32	...	318	275	...	...	2.60	10.00	375.00	...
" J. K. EFIED.....																	
1877	5	365	700	...	35	28	1	3	...	526	205	1	...	3.00	31.55	300.00	...
" J. A. CROMER.....																	
1877	3	375	675	...	32	63	9	15	...	320	150	...	...	3.20	15.00	250.00	350.00
" E. L. LYBRAND.....																	
1879	3	407	700	1	29	34	...	8	...	325	300	...	...	4.30	24.20	500.00	100.00
" R. A. YODER.....																	
1881	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
" J. S. KOENER*.....																	
1881	4	395	686	...	34	48	...	6	...	...	...	...	...	2.80	13.00	...	800.00
" W. P. CLINE.....																	
1882	3	121	...	12	5	...	6	...	...	2	4	91	5	1.00	12.25	110.00	...
" D. A. GOODMAN.....																	
1883	5	291	500	...	21	11	4	1	...	310	100	...	...	...	...	...	...
" D. J. SETTLEMIRE.....																	
1883	1	64	120	3	22	9	...	2	...	1	4	71	...	1.00	2.10	150.00	100.00
" D. A. SOX.....																	
1883	6	840	1500	3	70	40	...	15	...	215	140	6	...	3.90	...	300.00	1000.00
" J. A. RUDSILL.....																	
1859	2	150	250	...	13	13	...	...	...	1	8	45	...	...	20.00	200.00	...
" L. A. BIKLE.....																	
1885	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
" R. H. CLINE†.....																	
1841	...	40	...	6	...	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
" H. WETZEL.....																	

EIGHT VACANT CHURCHES;—about 650 communicants—4 in Virginia served by Revs. S. Henkel and J. P. Stirewalt.
 *No charge. †Obtained since Synod; no report. ‡Two Mission points.

CLERICAL ROLL

Rev. P. C. Henkel, D. D.....	Conover, N. C.
“ J. R. Peterson.....	Dallas, N. C.
“ T. Moser.....	Mt. Pleasant, N. C.
“ D. Efird.....	Lexington, S. C.
“ S. Henkel, D. D.....	New Market, Va.
“ H. Wetzel.....	Woodstock, Va.
“ Prof. C. H. Bernheim.....	Conover, N. C.
“ J. M. Smith.....	Conover, N. C.
“ Prof. J. I. Miller.....	Luray, Va.
“ Prof. L. A. Bikle, D. D.....	Dallas, N. C.
“ I. Conder.....	McGaheysville, Va.
“ Prof. L. A. Fox, D. D.....	Salem, Va.
“ J. N. Stirewalt.....	Stony Man, Va.
“ M. L. Fox, M. D.....	Sandy Creek, N. C.
“ A. L. Crouse.....	Waynesboro, Va.
“ J. P. Stirewalt.....	New Market, Va.
“ Prof. M. L. Little.....	Dallas, N. C.
“ Prof. J. C. Moser.....	Conover, N. C.
“ J. W. Hausenfluck.....	Alma, Va.
“ J. K. Efird.....	Rightwell, S. C.
“ J. A. Cromer.....	Columbia, S. C.
“ E. L. Lybrand.....	Summit Point, S. C.
“ R. A. Yoder.....	Newton, N. C.
“ Prof. J. S. Koimer.....	Conover, N. C.
“ D. A. Goodman.....	Happy Home, N. C.
“ Prof. W. P. Cline.....	Fair Grove, N. C.
“ D. A. Sox.....	Edwardsville, Ala.
“ D. J. Suttlemeyer.....	China Grove, N. C.
“ J. A. Rudisill.....	Jug Town, N. C.
“ R. H. Cline.....	Moretz Mills, N. C.

CANDIDATES FOR THE MINISTRY:

T. E. Armentrout.....	Almondville, Va.
Prof. J. F. Moser.....	Conover, N. C.
A. L. Sigman.....	Conover, N. C.

BENEFICIARIES:

P. C. Wike.....	Conover, N. C.
J. P. Price.....	“ “
W. L. Darr.....	“ “
N. G. Deal.....	“ “
D. M. Moser.....	“ “
D. I. Offman.....	New Market, Va.

LIST OF CHURCHES
IN CONNECTION WITH THE
EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN TENNESSEE SYNOD.

ALABAMA.

CLEBURNE COUNTY.—St. Michael.

SOUTH CAROLINA.

LEXINGTON COUNTY.—Zion, St. Peter, (M.) St. Paul, Cedar Grove, St. James, Emmanuel, St. Peter (P. W.), St. John, St. Jacob, Bethlehem, St. Thomas.

RICHLAND COUNTY.—St. Andrew.

NORTH CAROLINA.

ALAMANCE COUNTY.—Mt. Pleasant.

ALEXANDER COUNTY.—Friendship, Salem.

BURKE COUNTY.—Luther, Lutheran Chapel.

CALDWELL COUNTY.—Philadelphia, Mt. Zion, Lutz.

CABARRUS COUNTY.—St. Martin, Lutheran Union.

CATAWBA COUNTY.—St. James, Grace, Concordia, St. John, St. Paul, St. Peter, St. Stephen, Zion, Holy Trinity, Newton, Sardis, Bethel.

CLEVELAND COUNTY.—St. Matthew.

DAVIDSON COUNTY.—Pilgrim, Beck, Emmanuel, New Jerusalem.

GASTON COUNTY.—St. Mark, Philadelphia, Lutheran Chapel, St. John, Antioch, Christ, College Chapel, Mt. Holly.

GUILFORD COUNTY.—Coble.

IREDELL COUNTY.—Sharon, St. Martin.

LINCOLN COUNTY.—Daniel, Trinity, Salem, Bethphage, St. Luke, Sharon.

MECKLENBURG COUNTY.—Morning Star.

RANDOLPH COUNTY.—Melanchthon.

ROWAN COUNTY.—Mt. Moriah, St. Mark, Phanuel.

STANLEY COUNTY.—St. Martin.

UNION COUNTY.—Emmanuel.

WATAUGA COUNTY.—Valle Crusis, Mt. Pleasant.

VIRGINIA.

AUGUSTA COUNTY.—Bethlehem, St. Paul.

ROCKINGHAM COUNTY.—Bethany, (St. Jacob), McGaheysville, Trinity, St. Peter, Rader, St. John.

PAGE COUNTY.—St. Paul, St. William, Fairview, Grace, Mt. Calvary, Morning Star, St. Mark, Cedar Point.

SHENANDOAH COUNTY.—Emmanuel, Mt. Zion, Solomon, St. Mary, (Pine), Powder Springs, St. Paul, St. Jacob, Zion, St. Matthew, St. Stephen, St. David.

MADISON COUNTY.—Mt. Nebo.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES.

- Saturday, 10, A. M., Oct. 31—Rev. C. H. Bernheim, 1 Cor. 16, 13.
 Saturday night, Oct. 31, at St. Thomas Church—Rev. A. L. Crouse,
 Ps. 103, 9-12.
 Sunday, 10, A. M., Nov. 1—Rev. J. C. Moser, (Church), John 8,
 31, 32.
 Sunday, at St. Thomas Church—Rev. A. L. Crouse, Matt. 25, 1-13.
 Sunday, 10, A. M., Nov. 1—Student P. C. Wike, (Grove), Ps. 17, 4.
 Sunday, 7, P. M., Nov. 1—St. Stephen's, Lexington, Rev. R. A.
 Yoder, Luke 15, 2.
 Monday, 12, M., Nov. 2—Rev. M. L. Little, Rev. 3, 11.
 Tuesday, 12, M., Nov. 3—Rev. R. A. Yoder, Jonah 1, 2.
 Tuesday, 7, P. M., Nov. 3—Rev. J. M. Smith, 2 Tim. 2, 19.
 Wednesday, 12, M., Nov. 4—Rev. J. M. Smith, Mark 16, 15, 16.
 Thursday night, St. James Church, at Summit—Rev. A. L. Crouse,
 Num. 10, 29.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

FIRST DAY.

- 1.—Devotional exercises by the President.
- 2.—Call of Clerical Roll.
- 3.—Reception and Enroilment of Lay-Delegates.
- 4.—Reading of President's Report.
- 5.—Election of Officers.
- 6.—Reception of Advisory Members.
- 7.—Reception of Letters and Petitions.
- 8.—Appointment of Standing Committees.
- 9.—Devotion.

OTHER DAYS.

- 1.—Devotion.
- 2.—Calling of Roll.
- 3.—Reading and Correction of Minutes.
- 4.—Unfinished Business.
- 5.—Reports of Standing Committees.
- 6.—Reports of Special Committees.
- 7.—Resolutions.
- 8.—New Business.
- 9.—Devotion.

STANDING RESOLUTIONS.

Resolved, That each of our pastors is required to teach his people the duty of Christian giving, and to take up in each of his congregations collections for beneficiary education, and to report at each regular convention of our Synod.

Resolved, That the Council of each congregation be requested to send, to each Annual Meeting of the Synod, a written Report of the condition of the congregation.

WHEREAS, The ancient Lutheran custom of thoroughly catechising those who propose to become members of our communion, previous to their confirmation, is, in some places, falling into disuse, and rather a loose custom of receiving uncatechised persons into the Church, without the slightest examination of them in regard to their religious knowledge and other qualifications for church membership, has been practiced by some: be it, therefore,

Resolved, That we earnestly recommend all our Ministers and congregations in future to see to it, that, if it can possibly be done, all who make application for church membership be thoroughly instructed, by Catechisation in the doctrines and usages of our Church, previous to their confirmation. But, in such extraordinary cases, as when persons of age and experience make application, or such young persons as have been so favorably situated as to have had opportunities to become acquainted with and to have informed themselves of our doctrines and customs, seek church privileges, we recommend that their request be granted; but, in no case, until such persons have been examined by the pastor, before the council, and have been approved by them.

THEOLOGICAL COURSE FOR PRIVATE STUDENTS.

Horne's Introduction.	—Price.	\$4.50.	Knapp's Theology.	—Price,	\$3.00.
Kurtz's Sacred History,	"	\$1.50.	Krauth's Conservative Re-		
Kurtz's Church History,	"	\$3.00.	formation,	"	\$5.00.
Hutter's Compend,	"	\$1.50.	Schmidt's Dogmatics,	"	\$6.00.
Book of Concord. (Henkel,			Mann's Schmidt's Ethics,	"	\$1.25.
First Edition).	"	\$2.75.	Vinet's Homiletics,	"	\$1.75.
Book of Concord. (Jacob's			Ripley's Sac. Rhetoric,	"	\$1.25.
Edition, 1882).	"	\$6.00.	Vinet's Pas. Theology,	"	\$1.25.

Instruction must be given in Liturgies, Catechetics, and Ecclesiastical Polity.

At the request of several parties, we append the prices to the above list of works, which can be had at our office, if the persons wishing them do not care to order the books from the publishers, at the prices given.

Ten per cent. must be added to the above prices, when the books are to be sent by mail, prepaid. We will send them *prepaid* at the prices given, if \$2.50 or more dollars' worth are ordered, to one address.

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