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SYNOD OF NEW JERSEY

for the year ending

October, 1857.

M I N U T E S
of the
ANNUAL SESSION
of the
SYNOD OF NEW JERSEY
for the year 1837
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Easton October 19, 1837

The Synod of New Jersey met according to adjournment at 3 o'clock p.m. and was opened with a Sermon from John 8:15 by the Rev. Isaac P. Brown, the Moderator and was constituted with prayer.

Present from the Presbytery of Newark		
<u>Ministers</u>	<u>Churches</u>	<u>Elders</u>
Rev. Dr. Hillier	Caldwell	Jonathan Provost
Dr. Fisher	Rockaway	Joseph Jackson
Mr. King	5th Ch. Newark	Isaac Nicholl
Dr. Weeks	2nd Ch. "	Robert Baldwin
Mr. Ford	3rd Ch. "	Aaron C. Johnson
Mr. Judd	4th Ch. "	John A. Payne
Mr. Allen	5th Ch. Wantage	Stephen Titsworth
Mr. Osborn	5th Orange	Abiathos Harrison
Mr. Chever	2nd Orange	John Nickoll
Mr. Eddy	Parsippany	John Mitchell
Mr. Moore	Bloomfield	Elias B. Crane
Mr. Mondville	Paterson	David Burnett
Mr. Pierson	Hanover	Jacob Ward
Mr. Cleveland	Succasunna	Wm. B. Lafever
Mr. Doolittle	Colored Ch. Newark	John Thompson
Mr. White		
Mr. Dayton		
Mr. Vance		
Mr. Johnston		
Mr. Hunt		
Mr. Treat		

Presbytery of Elizabethtown		
<u>Ministers</u>	<u>Churches</u>	<u>Elders</u>
Rev. Mr. Magie	1st Ch. Eliz. Town	William Crown
Mr. Williamson	2nd Ch. "	" Jonathan Townley
Mr. Barton	Chester and Mt.	Olive Aaron Salmon
Mr. Bond	Lamington	John Demuns
Mr. Johnson	Plainfield	Lucas V. Hoagland
Mr. Hunt		

Presbytery of Elizabethtown

<u>Ministers</u>	<u>Churches</u>	<u>Elders</u>
Rev. Mr. Arms	Menham	Stephen Thompson
Mr. Ogden	Chatham Village	William Parcell
Mr. Hover	Chatham	Ellis C. Thompson
Mr. Murray	New Providence	Jothan Potter
Mr. Cochran	New Vernon	Ebenezer C. Lindley
Mr. Hart	Morristown	Stephen A. Pruden
Mr. Jos. Cory		

Mr. Magic stated to Synod that the Rev. James M. Hunting in consequence of sickness was not able to attend the present session.

Presbytery of New Brunswick

<u>Ministers</u>	<u>Churches</u>	<u>Elders</u>
Rev. Dr. Miller		
Mr. Comfort	Kingston	Henry Vandyke
Mr. Brown	Boundbrook	Dr. Saml. Swan
Mr. Cooley	Allentown	Wm. Inlay
Mr. Shafer	Lambertsville	Wm. Wilson
Mr. Henry	Pennington	Joseph Titus
Mr. Perkins		
Mr. Rodgers	Trenton City	Thomas J. Stryker
Mr. Ogden	Lawrence	Caleb S. Green
Mr. John McLean		
Mr. Yeomans		
Mr. Beebee		
Mr. Betts		
Mr. Mahon		
Mr. Woodward		

Presbytery of Newton

<u>Ministers</u>	<u>Churches</u>	<u>Elders</u>
Rev. Mr. H. W. Hunt,	Sr. Greenwich	Leffert Houghawout
Mr. Sloan	Easton	Enoch Green
Mr. Campbell	Hackettstown	Job Johnston
Mr. Kirkpatrick	Mansfield	Phineas Barber
Mr. Castner	Amwell 5th	John Hagerman
Mr. Junkin	Knowlton	Cornelius T. Low
Mr. Clark	Hardwick	Aaron Hazen
Mr. Talmage	Belvidere	George R. King
Mr. Lowe	Oxford and Harmony	Isaac Loder
Mr. Gray	Milford	Cornelius Thompson
Mr. Hunt, Jr.	Clinton	Adam Stiger
Mr. Vanderveer	Mauch Chunk	James C. Bigger
Mr. Candee	Upper and Lower Mount Bethel	John Johnston
Mr. Barber		
Mr. Love	Flemington	Christopher Kuln

Presbytery of Newton (cont)

<u>Ministers</u>	<u>Churches</u>	<u>Elders</u>
Rev. Mr. McNair	Stillwater	Jonathan Peirson
Mr. Bradford		
Mr. Junkin		
Mr. Webster		
Mr. Scott		
Mr. Irwin		
Mr. McCullough		

Presbytery of Susquehanna

<u>Ministers</u>	<u>Churches</u>	<u>Elders</u>
Rev. Mr. Dorrance	Wilkesbarre	Henry C. Cunhuysen
Mr. Printz	Towanda	John Fox
Mr. Corss		

Presbytery of Montrose

<u>Ministers</u>	<u>Churches</u>	<u>Elders</u>
Rev. Mr. Cooke	Montrose	Wm. Jessup
Mr. Miller	Carbondale	Samuel Hodgdon
Mr. McReynolds	Brooklyn	George Chapman
Mr. Ketchem	Mt. Pleasant	Asa Smith
Mr. J.M. Babbit	Bethany	Jason Torrey

The Rev. Wm. B. Barton was chosen Moderator and the Rev. Eli F. Cooley and the Rev. Revaud K. Rodgers were chosen Clerks.

The committee appointed by Synod at the last meeting to make arrangements for the Missionary Meeting this evening reported the following which was adopted, viz.,

1. Moderator read a Hymn
2. Prayer by Dr. Weeks
3. Address by Dr. Miller, Mr. Dorrance and Mr. Murray
4. Prayer by Mr. Magie and Benediction by Moderator.

Synod had a recess until 7 o'clock.

After recess they spent a season in religious exercises with a special reference to the cause of Missions agreeably to previous arrangements.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read.

Those persons present who were absent from that last meeting of Synod assigned reasons for their absence which were sustained.

Bills and Overtures

Messrs. Brown, Castner, Magie, D. Fisher, Dorrance, Cook, Ministers

Dr. Swan, Stiger, Hoagland, Smith and Fox, Elders to meet tomorrow morning at half past eight o'clock in the church and afterwards on their own adjournment.

The Rev. George C. Hyde of the Association of Kennabuk being present was invited to sit as a correspondent.

Resolved, that the order of the day for tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock be to receive Presbyterial reports.

Adjourned to meet tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

Wednesday October 18, 1837 9 o'clock a.m.

Synod met according to adjournment- began with prayer- present as before together with the Rev. Elias R. Fairchild, Daniel Haines, Elder from the congregation of North Hardiston, John S. Brown, Elder from the congregation of South Orange and Charles C. Williams, Elder from Central Church of Newark, Rev. Alfred Chester, Geo. W. Wood, of the Presbytery of Newark, Thomas L. Janeway and John Feese, Elder from congregation of Baskingridge of the Presbytery of Elizabethtown, Rev. Joseph H. Jones and James T. English of the Presbytery of New Brunswick, Mr. Wm. Long, Elder from congregation of Durham of Presbytery of Newton, Rev. Isaac Todd and Oscar Harris of Presbytery of Susquehanna and Stephen Torrey, Elder from the congregation of Honesdale of the Presbytery of Montrose.

The Minutes of yesterday were read.

Minutes of General Assembly

Mr. Magie, J. McLean, and Mr. D.X. Junkin

Treasurer's Account

Mr. C. S. Green and Mr. Haines

The Statistical Report: of the Presbyteries of Newark, Elizabethtown, New Brunswick, Newton, Susquehanna and Montrose were presented and accepted and are as follows (see reports).

The Rev. Joseph S. Gallagher of the Presbytery of Newark, the Rev. Wm. Townley and Orlanda C. Kirtland, Geo. W. Wood of the Presbytery of Elizabethtown, the Rev. Charles Fitch of the Presbytery of New Brunswick and the Rev. W. Platt and Rev. Ebenezer H. Snowden of the Presbytery of Susquehanna and the Rev. Joseph Correll, James W. Olmstead, David Hull and John H. Redington of the Presbytery of Newton being present took their seats as members.

	Committees on Records of
Newark	Rev. Ir. Campbell, Mr. Perkins and Mr. Brown, Elder
Elizabethtown	Rev. Mr. Eddy and Mr. Miller Mr. Baldwin, Elder
New Brunswick	Rev. Mr. Holloway Hunt of N. Town and Mr. Barbour Mr. Potter, Elder
Newton	Rev. Mr. Henry and Mr. Chever Mr. Townley, Elder
Susquehanna	Rev. Dr. Junkin and Mr. Ford Mr. Ward, Elder
Montrose	Rev. Mr. Comfort and Mr. Johnson Mr. Stryker, Elder

The committee appointed at the last meeting of Synod to make arrangements for the Celebration of the Lord's Supper reported the following which was adopted, viz.,

1. Moderator read a Hymn and offer the introductory prayer
2. Dr. Miller distribute the Bread
3. Mr. Williamson distribute the Wine
4. Rev. Mr. Kirkpatrick make a brief concluding address
5. Rev. Mr. Ketchum offer the concluding prayer
6. Rev. Mr. Clark read a Hymn and pronounce the Benediction.

The Rev. Mr. Williamson, Mr. Shafer and Mr. King and Mr. Truden and Payne, Elders were appointed a Judicial Committee.

Resolved, that it be the order of the day for 3 o'clock this afternoon to receive written reports on the State of Religion; and that Mr. J. M. Ogden, Mr. Jones and Mr. Doolittle be a committee to draft a narrative.

The Rev. Wm. Torrey of the Synod of New York and the Rev. John P. Hecht of the German Lutheran Synod, and the Rev. Bernard C. Vole of the German Reformed Synod being present were invited to sit as correspondents.

Resolved, that the entire minutes of the Synod be published in pamphlet form under the direction of the Stated Clerk and that he be directed to send a copy to every member and Minister and the Session of every vacant church. The Stated Clerk presented the following report which was accepted, viz., (see said report).

Synod recommended the resolution respecting the order of the day for 3 o'clock and commended receiving written reports on the State of Religion.

Paper purporting to be an appeal from certain heads of families and members of the Church of German Valley from a resolution of the Presbytery of Newton were laid before Synod and referred to the Judicial Committee.

Resolved, that a collection of one dollar from each member be taken up for the contingent fund.

Resolved, that the next meeting of Synod be held at Morrisstown on the 3rd Tuesday of October 1838 at 3 o'clock p.m.

Messrs. Gray and D. M. Junkin were appointed a committee to make arrangements for the Synodical Prayer Meeting tomorrow evening.

The committee on the Treasurer's Accounts reported that they had examined the same and found them correct; and that there was a balance due the Treasurer of \$15.81.

Resolved, that it be a Standing Rule of this Synod that in future the Presbyteries send in written reports on the State of Religion within their bounds and that a committee be appointed to make from their reports a general narrative.

Resolved, that the Stated Clerk be directed to make out the Synodical Report and forward the same to the next General Assembly.

Synod had a recess until 2 o'clock p.m.

After recess Synod proceeded to business. The Judicial Committee to whom was referred an appeal from certain heads of families and members of the church of German Valley reported that in their opinion the appeal is not in order; the persons appealing not having signed said appeal nor does it appear to be signed by their directions. The above report was accepted and adopted.

Mr. Williamson, Lowe, Salmon and Hager obtained leave of absence after the present session of Synod. Finished receiving written reports on the State of Religion.

Resolved, that the Stated Clerk be authorized to procure a copy of the confessions of Faith and Assembly digest for the use of Synod.

The committee appointed to examine the records of the Presbytery of Newark made a report which was accepted and after some discussion was recommitted to some committee.

The committees of the records of the Presbyteries of New Brunswick and Montrose, reported respectively and they were recommitted to the same committee.

Dr. Junkin introduced the following resolutions, viz., (see resolution) which were postponed in order to receive the report of the committee on the Printed Minutes of the last Assembly.

Resolved, that the Synod will hear this evening the statements which the Rev. Obidiah M. Johnson, seaman and Chaplain at Rio Janeiro shall wish to make.

The committee appointed to examine the Printed Minutes of the last General Assembly made a report which was accepted, amended and while under consideration Synod had a recess until 7 o'clock.

Here add the Minute respecting records of Elizabethtown.

After recess the Synod attended on the Celebration of the Lord's Supper and the exercises were performed generally according to the previous arrangement. After the services of the evening Synod adjourned till tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

Thursday October 19, 1837 9 o'clock a.m.

Began with prayer. Present as before together with Rev. E. Corey from Presbytery of Elizabethtown and Peter O. Studdiford from Presbytery of New Brunswick.

Minutes of yesterday were read.

The Synod having heard last evening at the close of the Sacramental Exercise a statement of the Rev. O. M. Johnson of the efforts which have been made on behalf of seaman, etc. (see No. 1).

The committee to whom was recommitted the Presbyterial records of New Brunswick and Newark report respectively which reports were accepted and laid on the table.

The Treasurer of the Synod reported that he had received from the Presbytery of Montrose (see the report).

The Synod took up the unfinished business of yesterday, viz., the consideration of the report of the committee on the Printed Minutes of the last General Assembly and after further amendments the report was unanimously adopted. (see No. 2).

The Rev. Daniel Miller of the Lutheran Synod of New York being present was invited to sit as a correspondent.

The committee to whom was recommitted the records of the Presbytery of Montrose made a report which report was accepted and laid on the table.

The committee on the records of the Presbytery of Newton made a report which report was accepted and laid on the table.

Leave of absence from the remaining sessions of the Synod was given to Messrs. Shafer, Beebee and Peirson, Elder and King.

The committee to make arrangements for the Synodical Prayer Meeting reported the following which was adopted (see No. 3).

The Synod had a recess until 2 o'clock p.m.

After the recess the Synod proceeded to business.

Resolved, that the consideration of the reports on the Presbyterial Records of New Brunswick, Newark, Newton and Montrose which were laid on the table this morning be deferred till the next stated meeting of Synod.

The majority and minority of the committee appointed to examine the records of the Presbytery of Susquehanna presented their reports to the Synod which reports were accepted.

Resolved, that the consideration of those reports be postponed until the next stated meeting of the Synod.

The Rev. Geo. Junkin, D.D. gave notice that he with such other persons as may join him will protest against the decisions of the Synod in postponing the considerations of the reports on the Presbyterial records of Susquehanna, Newark, New Brunswick, Newton, and Montrose and complain to the next General Assembly of said proceeding.

The following preamble and resolution relative to the formation of a new Presbytery by transferring of members from the Presbyteries of Newton and Susquehanna, were presented to the Synod, viz., (see No. 3).

After some discussion the subject was postponed to receive the notice on the State of Religion drawn up by the committee appointed for that purpose which on being read was amended and adopted and is as follows, viz., (see No. 4).

The Synod resumed the discussion of the subject relative to the formation of a new Presbytery as proposed above and it was on motion Resolved, that the whole subject be laid over to the next stated meeting of Synod.

Ayes and Noes

AYES. Willyer, Fisher, King, Weeks, Force, Judd, Allen, Osborn, Cheever, Eddy, Moore, Mandeville, Pierson, Cleveland, Doolittle, White, Dayton, Vance, C. W. Johnson, Hunt, Treat, Fairchild, Gallagher, Hoover, Provost, I. Nichols, Baldwin, A. C. Johnson, Paine, Titworth, Harrison, J. Nichol, Mitchel, Crane, Burnet, Ward, La Fevre, J. Thompson, Haynes, Williams, J. S. Brown, Magie, Bond, D. W. Johnson, Arms, J. M. Ogden, Cochran, Hart, J. Cory, Chester, W. Townley, Kirtland, Wood, Wm. Brown, J. Pownley, Hoagland, S. Thompson, E. C. Thompson, Parcoll, Potter, Lindsley, Crudden, J. Maclean, Betts, Woodward, Kirkpatrick, Hunt, Jr., Davis, A. Miller, McReynolds, Ketcham, Babbitt, Richardson, Jessup, Hodgdon, Chapman, Smith, J. Torrey, C. Torrey. - 79.

NAYS. Murray, Jeneway, Deman, Brees, S. Miller, Comfort, I. V. Brown, Cooley, Henry, Rodgers, Studdiford, B. Ogden, Yeomans, Mahon, Perkins, Jones, English, Fitch, Van Dyke, Swan, Imley, Wilson, Titus, Stryker, C. S. Green, Sloan, Campbell, Castner, C. Junkin, Gray, Vanderveer, D. W. Barber, Love, McNair, Bradford, D. W. Junkin, Webster, Scott, Irwin, McCullough, Worrel, Olmstead, Hall, Reddinton, Haughawort, J. Johnson, P. Barber, Hagerman, C. Thompson, Stiger, Bigger, Kulm, Long, Fraser, Holbrook, E. Green, Connelly, Dorrance, Printz, Course, Todd, Harris, Platt, Snowden, Anhauser, Fox, - 67.

Non Liqueat. B. Cory, W. W. Hunt, Sr.

The Synod had a recess until 7 o'clock this evening.

After recess the Synodical prayer meeting was attended, and the several parts of the service were performed according to the previous arrangements.

The churches of Moscow and Caledonia having obtained the consent of the Presbytery of Newton, to which they belong, requested to have their relation transferred to the Presbytery of Susquehanna.

Resolved, That the request be granted.

Resolved, further, that in granting the request, the Synod do not intend to express any opinion in reference to the expediency or constitutionality of the proceedings of the Presbytery of Newton in receiving said churches.

The following protest and complaint were received and ordered to be entered on the minutes, viz:-

We the subscribers, availing ourselves of a constitutional privilege, beg leave to protest against the decision of the Synod of New Jersey, by which that body refused to pass upon the minutes of the Presbyteries of Susquehanna, Newark, New Brunswick, Newton and Montrose, any opinion expressing approbation or disapprobation of the same, but postponed them until the next stated meeting.

Among the reasons of protest and complaint we state the following, viz:-

1. By Book of Disc. Chap. VII, sec. 1, "it is the duty of every judicatory above a church session, at least once a year to review the proceedings of the judicatory next below". Now we believe that "to review" implies and means expressly to pass judicially an act of approval or disapproval; and therefore, in sub sec. iii it speaks of "recording their animadversion or censure". And in sub sec. iv it speaks of "reversing a judicial decision". It is clear, therefore, that in refusing to act, the most important duty of review and control has been neglected.

2. The minutes of the Presbytery of Susquehanna contain many and very important decisions in reference to matters of deep interest to churches within their bounds, and to the church at large, and to which the churches of that Presbytery are looking with anxiety to the Presbytery.

We therefore think the Synod were very specially called to the duty of review.

3. The Presbytery wished to have their minutes passed under review, as was their duty; and therefore the Presbytery was deprived of a right, by said vote of the Synod.

4. If Synods may postpone the performance of "the duty of review and control" for one year, we can see no reason why they may not postpone it for two or three years, or indefinitely, and thus one chief object of Synodical existence is lost, "to review the records of Presbyteries and approve or censure them". (Form of Govt. Chap. XI) Should the General Assembly tolerate such neglect, and refusal to review, our beautiful and efficient system of spiritual supervision is destroyed, and the main dependence of our churches as to means for the guardianship of her purity and order is taken away.

For those reasons, and such as may hereafter be presented to the Assembly, we complain against said decision, and request the General Assembly to settle the principle

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For these reasons, and such as may hereafter be presented to the Assembly, we complain against said decision, and request the General Assembly to settle the principle of constitutional duty by deciding on this complaint.

Signed by- Joseph Campbell, Daniel M. Barber, Isaac W. Platt, Henry Perkins, William Long, John McNair, Adam Stiller, Alanson Holbrook, James T. English, George Junkin, Isaac N. Candee, David X. Junkin, Jacob R. Castner, Robert Love, Leslie Irwin, George Printz, Thomas L. Janeway, Isaac Todd, Phineas Barber, T. W. Snowden, Richard Webster, James C. Bigger, Donald Fraser, John Correl, Job Johnson, Henry C. Anhauser, David Hull, Charles C. Corss, Arthur B. Bradford, John H. Reddington, John Deman,

Resolved, that Messrs. Jessup, Dr. Miller, and Isaac W. Brown be a committee to defend the Synod before the Assembly, in the case of the above protest and complaint.

Resolved, That five hundred copies of the minutes of the Synod be printed.

Resolved, that Messrs. Chester and Kirtland, ministers, and Mr. Prudden, elder, be a committee to make arrangements for the Missionary meeting and for the celebration of the Lord's Supper at the next stated meeting of the Synod.

Resolved, That the thanks of the Synod be tendered to the inhabitants of the borough of Easton for their kindness and hospitality to its members during their sessions.

Resolved, That the several Presbyteries under the care of this Synod be directed to take measures to send up to the next Assembly agreeably to the order of the last, the brief abstracts of doctrine, by the adoption of which their churches are accustomed to admit members to their communion.

Ordered, That the janitor's bill, amounting to five dollars, be paid by the Treasurer from the funds in his hands.

Resolved, That a copy of the proceedings of this Synod in regard to irregularities in church order, be forwarded to the next General Assembly, agreeably to the directions of the last assembly.

The resolution of Dr. Junkin were taken up, and a motion was made to postpone the further consideration of them till the next meeting of the Synod; whereupon, the previous question being called, it was decided in the negative, and the resolutions were indefinitely postponed.

Adjourned to meet in Morristown on the third Tuesday of October, 1836, at 3 o'clock P.M. Concluded with prayer.

George Pierson, Stated Clerk

A P P E N D I X

1. RESOLUTIONS AND IMPORTANT ACTIONS.
2. NARRATIVE OF THE STATE OF RELIGION.
3. PRESBYTERIAL STATISTICAL REPORTS.

The Stated Clerk reports to the Synod of New Jersey that according to direction very soon after the last meeting, he presented to Mr. Albert Baldwin, the young man whose name occurs on our records as having saved the minutes, the thanks of the Synod, and also offered the sum of sixty dollars to remunerate him for his loss. Mr. Baldwin hesitated whether he should accept the above named sum until June last, at which time it was paid over to him and a receipt taken. The Stated Clerk also reports that, agreeably to the direction of Synod, he has procured a transcript of the lost minutes, from the copy in the possession of the Synod of New York; that for this transcript he is accountable in the sum of fifty dollars, which sum is believed to be no more than a reasonable remuneration to the transcriber, estimated according to the ordinary allowance of clerks in counting houses.

All which is respectfully submitted.

George Pierson, Stated Clerk.

Although in ordinary circumstances it might be deemed unnecessary, if not unsuitable, for Synods to express judgments on the proceedings of the highest judicatory of the church, yet, as the doings of the last Assembly have been made the subject of much animadversion and even of great severity of censure; it may be due to truth and justice to express the opinion of this Synod in regard to some of the most prominent acts of that body. This becomes the more advisable because the expressed opinions of the inferior judicatories may furnish an important indication of the course most proper to be pursued in future, therefore,

1. Resolved, that the Plan of Union adopted by the Assembly of 1601 was formed without any legitimate authority; that it was unconstitutional; that its operation for a number of years past, has been injurious to the interests of the Presbyterian Church; and that the last Assembly, in abrogating that Plan, fulfilled an obvious and important duty to the churches under its care.

2. Resolved, that although we respect and love the Congregational churches of New England and elsewhere, who accord with us in the fundamental articles of the Christian faith, as sister churches, and desire to maintain Christian intercourse with them, yet in the judgment of this Synod, the incorporating of churches formed on Congregational principles with the Presbyterian Church, at whatever time,

or by whatever means, ought to be regarded as an unnatural union, which could not fail of interfering with the orderly and comfortable operation of our system, and which ought by no means to be continued.

3. Resolved, that upon the principle of the preceding resolution, the Synod of the Western Reserve never had any constitutional connection with the Presbyterian Church; and therefore, that the General Assembly in declaring said Synod no longer connected with our body, formed a decision equally just and conformable to the spirit of our Form of Government.

4. Resolved, That in the judgment of this Synod, the act of the General Assembly, declaring the Synods of Utica, Geneva and Genesee to be no longer connected with our body, was equally just and proper with the act of the Assembly in the case of the Synod of the Western Reserve; for, whether the said Synods derived their origin from the Plan of 1801, as many of their churches undoubtedly did; or, as has been alleged, chiefly from the act of the Assembly of 1808, by which two large bodies of congregational ministers and churches were received, retaining their congregational character, as constituent parts of the then Synod of Albany, they cannot be considered as occupying, on account of their alleged origin, any more favorable ground than the Synod of Western Reserve. On the contrary, the act of 1808, being a still more palpable and extraordinary violation of our ecclesiastical constitution, than even the Plan of 1801, the former furnishes a basis even less tenable than the latter for the support of a Presbyterian body. To which may be added the notorious fact that a large number of the churches and ministers composing the said Synods were not only congregational when first irregularly introduced into the Presbyterian church, but still retain that form of Government.

5. Resolved, That in the judgment of this Synod, the decisions of the General Assembly, in declaring that the four disowned Synods never had been constitutionally united with the Presbyterian church, and cannot now be considered as connected with our body, ought by no means to be rescinded; nor any part of those Synods to be restored to membership with the General Assembly in any other way than that pointed out by the General Assembly in page 445 of the printed Minutes, viz: by any Presbytery, if such there be, strictly Presbyterian in doctrine and order, and by any

individual churches or ministers, of like character, separating themselves from their Congregational neighbors and making application, with proper evidence of their character and wishes, as the case may be, either to the next General Assembly, or to some convenient Presbytery or Synod, authorized to take order thereon.

Resolved, That the Synod has heard with much interest, Mr. Johnson's account of the state, prospects, and importance of the mission at Rio Janeiro, for the benefit of seamen.

Resolved, that the Synod deeply regrets that the American Seaman's Friend Society has been constrained to suspend its missionary efforts in that country.

Resolved, That the Synod would cordially recommend the American Seamen's Friend Society to the patronage of our churches; and would earnestly express the hope that the liberality of the Christian public will speedily enable that society to recommence the important mission in which Mr. Johnson has been for two years engaged.

The Presbytery of Montrose	\$12.00
" " Susquehanna	7.50
" " Newton	33.50
" " New Brunswick	24.00
" " Elizabethtown	28.00
" " Newark	39.00
	<u>\$144.00</u>
1 counterfeit bill	1.00
	<u>\$143.00</u>

The committee appointed to examine the Minutes of the General Assembly, and to report whether they contain anything requiring the action of the Synod, beg leave to report:

That in the opinion of the committee, there is nothing which demands peculiarly the attention of this body, with the exception of the resolution on pages 496 and 497 of the printed Minutes of the Assembly, enjoining upon the Synod of New Jersey to take special order in regard to the subject of irregularities in church order, charged by common fame upon some of their Presbyteries.

The committee find but two Presbyteries within the bounds of this Synod to which the above injunction can have any particular application, viz., the Presbyteries of Susquehanna and Montrose. As the former of these Presbyteries has already acted on this subject, the committee suppose that nothing further is requisite in respect to that Presbytery. The Presbytery of Montrose has reported five Congregational churches within its bounds and now forming a part of said Presbytery. With respect to this Presbytery the committee recommend the adoption of the following resolutions, viz:

1. We regard the Presbytery of Montrose as having, up to the present time, acted only in accordance with the arrangements entered into with this Synod in 1821; which arrangements have been in authorized operation up to this time.
2. We enjoin upon the Presbytery of Montrose to take order, as soon as it can conveniently be done, to bring all the churches within its bounds to an entire conformity with our standards, and to inform such churches that they can retain their present connection with the Presbytery on no other terms.

In giving the foregoing direction to the Presbytery of Montrose, the Synod have no desire to interfere with the friendly relations hitherto existing between the Presbytery and the Congregational churches under its care, farther than to separate them from their present connection, so that they shall not be considered a constituent part of said Presbytery, nor be entitled to a vote or representation in it.

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5. That Mr. Comfort offer a prayer.
6. That Mr. Henry read a Psalm or Hymn and pronounce the benediction.

Whereas, the Presbytery of Susquehanna now covers so large an extent of territory as to render it not only inconvenient, but impracticable for some of its members to attend its regular meetings, and for the Presbytery to superintend its churches; therefore,

1. Resolved, That the Rev. Isaac W. Platt, the Rev. David Harrowar, and the Rev. Edwin Bronson, with the church of Bath, of the Presbytery of Susquehanna; together with the Rev. John H. Reddington, and the churches of Caledonia and Moscow, of the Presbytery of Newton, be, and they hereby are, erected into a new Presbytery, to be called the Presbytery of Caledonia.

2. Resolved, That the said Presbytery hold its first meeting in the village of Bath, on the 3d Tuesday of November, next, at 6 o'clock p.m., and that it be opened with a sermon by the Rev. David Harrowar, or in case of his absence, by the oldest minister present.

Resolutions
 The Synod of New Jersey, having been permitted again to assemble to look at the state of the churches under their care, and to deliberate respecting their interests, may well suppose that the inquiry will again be made to them, by the friends of Zion, "Watchman, what of the night?"

In attempting to answer this inquiry, in relation to the events of the past year, the Synod feel that it is no small cause of thankfulness that the churches under their care have enjoyed to so great a degree the stated ministrations of the Word and the ordinances of the Gospel.

Amid all our unworthiness, few if any, have been left to a famine of the Word. Perhaps in no former year have the churches been more generally supplied with pastors. They have had line upon line and precept upon precept. There is reason to believe also, that with few exceptions, the external attendance upon the means of grace has rather increased than diminished. Nor has God left us without special, nay signal, tokens of his gracious presence in some of our churches.

To those especially of New Brunswick and Boundbrock, in the Presbytery of New Brunswick, the past has emphatically been a "year of the right hand of the Most High". To the former of these churches there have been added as the fruits of the most signal and general outpouring of the Spirit of God upon it, more than 120 members, and to the latter more than 100.

There have been very few indeed of the churches connected with the Presbytery of Newark, where there have not been cheering and decided indications of the special presence of the Holy Spirit. In some of these churches the work of the Lord has been more extensive and powerful. They have been permitted to rejoice in a large accession of hopeful converts. In other churches the work has been more silent and less extensive in its influence. As the result of these visits of mercy, the churches of Caldwell, Succasunna and Paterson have been enlarged by the addition of members to the number of from fifty to seventy each. In the church at Bloomfield, from which no particular report has been received, the number of hopeful converts is believed to have been still greater. On the churches of Hanover, Parsippany; on several of those within the city of Newark, and also on those of Newfoundland and North Hardiston, the gracious influence has descended, and numbers have been added to the Lord, while believers have been encouraged and quickened.

The Spirit of the Lord has also been poured out on the churches of Connecticut Farms, New Providence and Liberty Corner, in the Presbytery of Elizabethtown. And in the churches of Lower Mt. Bethel, Mansfield and Greenwich, in the Presbytery of Newton; and in those of Montrose and Honesdale, in the Presbytery of Montrose, revivals to some extent have been enjoyed. In other churches from which no revival has been reported, there has been a gradual accession of members, and in some more than usual seriousness now prevails. For these tokens of good, the Synod feel called upon to offer their devout thanksgiving to the Great head of the church, that in the midst of deserved wrath he has remembered mercy.

In the churches generally throughout our bounds, the Synod are gratified to learn that Sabbath Schools not only exist, but are increasingly numerous and prosperous; and that attention has been paid by the pastors generally to the catechetical and Biblical instruction of the youth of their respective charges. Deeply impressed with a sense of the vital importance of this part of pastoral duty, the Synod would renewedly commend it to the particular attention of every pastor.

The monthly concerts for prayer have been generally observed, though in by far too many cases, former complaints of indifference and negligence in attending them on the part of many professing Christians are still repeated.

It is a most encouraging indication for good that from almost all our churches we hear of an increase of interest in the great cause of benevolence. The Synod are more and more convinced that the time has come when every friend of the Redeemer is called upon to feel more deeply for a world that lieth in wickedness, and to engage in greater earnest in the work of seeking its conversion to God; and they are pained to learn that in any of our churches the spirit of covetousness and worldliness should still so steel the hearts and close the hands of those who profess to be the Lord's stewards, against the loud and reiterated appeals that are made to them for their aid and their prayers in behalf of the perishing.

A spirit of enlarged benevolence is not less necessary to the growth of piety in the heart, than it is imperiously demanded of every friend of Zion, in view of the present aspects of divine providence towards the church and the world.

While the cause of temperance in several of our churches has been making progress during the past year, and has been promoted with zeal and success, intemperance continues to be one of the crying evils of the day in most of our congregations, and in some is said to be increasing. Notwithstanding all the light which has been poured upon the wide spread miseries and suffering occasioned by the manufacture and sale of ardent spirits, distilleries are still in successful operation in many of our congregations, and those disposed to indulge in habits of intemperance find the means of gratification at hand. On this subject, therefore, the Synod again feel called upon to lift their warning voice, urging upon all the members of our churches and all the friends of humanity to

unite their efforts with still more determined zeal in endeavoring to stay the progress of this deadly evil. And as evidence of the manner in which God regards this cause, it is stated that in a single congregation where the Lord has poured out his Spirit during the past year, the number of subscribers to the pledge of total abstinence was almost immediately doubled.

The Sabbath continues to be desecrated to a most lamentable extent, particularly upon our public highways, although the Synod are gratified to learn that on one of our most public routes there has been an improvement in this respect, by the determination on the part of one of our most important transportation companies no longer to furnish the means of travelling on the Sabbath. This is an example in favor of the Sabbath which we could wish might be universally followed, and we cannot doubt but that the happiest results would ensue.

The Theological Seminary at Princeton continues to prosper, and has numbered among its candidates for the ministry during the past year as many as 142.

The College of New Jersey also continues in a highly flourishing condition, and has had during the past year in all 240 students, 40 or 50 of whom were members of the church. The Bible, Tract, Education, and Foreign Missionary Societies of the College have been well sustained; and though there has been no special attention to the subject of religion, yet there have been one or two cases of hopeful conversion.

While we have abundant cause for gratitude in view of the past, we cannot forget that there remaineth yet very much land to be possessed. Many of our churches are reported as being in a low and declining state as regarding vital piety. Irreligion abounds. Souls almost within sight of our sanctuaries are thronging the road to eternal death. We are called upon to be deeply humble before God in view of our past apathy and abuse of our spiritual privileges. And while we have such abundant evidence of God's readiness to help, and power to save, it becomes the watchmen on the walls of Zion, and the elders and members of our churches, one and all, to awake and put on strength in the work of the Lord, and as we look around upon the multitudes among us still under the reign of spiritual death, to unite with greater fervency than ever in the prayer, "Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live".

PRESBYTERIAL
STATISTICAL REPORTS

1. The Presbytery of Newark report to the Synod of New Jersey that they consist of 33 ministers, and that they have under their care 29 churches, viz; Caldwell, Rockaway, 1st, 2d, 3d, 4th, Central, 1st Free, 2d Free, and Colored, Newark; 1st and 2d Orange, 1st and 2d Wantage, Bloomfield, Paterson, Parsippany, Hanover, Hardiston, North Hardiston, South Orange, Frankford, West Milford, Newfoundland, Succasunna, Jersey City, Berkshire Valley, Boonton, Dover. The Presbytery moreover report that on the 19th day of October, 1836, they received the Rev. Edward D. Griffin, from the Berkshire Association, Mass:- That on the 14th day of November they dissolved the pastoral relation between the Rev. Sylvester Eaton and the congregation of Paterson, and on the same day dismissed him with a view to his joining the Presbytery of North River:- That on the 31st day of Jan'y 1837, they organized the Central Presbyterian Church in the city of Newark:- That on the same day, they received the Rev. Charles Hoover from the Presbytery of Elizabethtown, and installed him Pastor of said church:- That on the 21st day of February they received the Rev. John P. Clark from the Presbytery of Newton, and on the same day installed him pastor of the congregation in Paterson:- That on the 18th day of April they dissolved the pastoral relation between the Rev. Henry Artell and the 2d congregation in Orange, and likewise the pastoral relation between the Rev. Peter Kanouse and the 1st Free Church in Newark, and on the same day dissolved the church at Stoney Brook:- That on the 6th day of June they installed the Rev. Joseph C. Moore pastor of the congregation in Succasunna:- That on the 4th day of October they dismissed the Rev. Albert Williams with a view to his joining the Presbytery of South Alabama:- That on the same day they erased the name of the congregation of Whippany from their list of churches, that church having irregularly withdrawn to connect themselves with a Congregational Association:- That on the same day they received under their care Joseph S. Gallagher, a licentiate of the 3d Presbytery of New York, and on the 12th of October ordained and installed him pastor of the 2d congregation in Orange.

All which is respectfully submitted.

By order of Presbytery,

Ebenezer Seymour, Stated Clerk

2. The Presbytery of Elizabethtown reports to the Synod of New Jersey that they consist of 25 ministers, and they they have under their care 22 churches, viz: Mt. Freedom, 1st and 2d Elizabethtown, Chester, Mt. Olive, Woodbridge, 2d Woodbridge, Plainfield, Mendham, Lamington, Chatham Village, Chatham, Westfield, Rahway, New Providence, Morristown, Springfield, New Vernon, Perth Amboy, Connecticut Farms, Baskingridge, Liberty Corner. That they also have under their care 4 licentiates.

The Presbytery moreover report, that on the 19th day of October, 1836, they received the Rev. Cyrus Gildersleeve from the Presbytery of Newark:- That on the 15th day of Jan'y 1837, Mr. Gildersleeve departed this life:- That on the 24th day of January they dismissed the Rev. Charles Hoover to join the Presbytery of Newark:- That on the 22d day of March they received the Rev. Orlando L. Kirtland from the Presbytery of Delaware:- and on the 25th day of March they installed Mr. Kirtland pastor of the church of Morristown:- That on the 20th day of April they licensed Charles L. Mills to preach the gospel:- That on the 16th day of May they ordained George W. Wood to the gospel ministry, as an evangelist, with a view to his going to Singapore as a foreign missionary:- That on the 10th day of June they organized a church at Liberty Corner:- That on the 4th day of October they received the Rev. William Townley from the Presbytery of Hudson.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

By order of Presbytery,

James W. Hunting, stated Clerk.

3. The Presbytery of New Brunswick report to the Synod of New Jersey that they consist of 31 ministers, and that they have under their care 20 churches, viz: Kingston, Trenton, 1st Church, Princeton, Middletown Point, Cranbury, Board Brook, Allentown and Nottingham, Lambertsville, Solebury, New Brunswick, Pennington, Trenton Church, Shrewsbury, Freehold, Dutch Neck, 2d Church Upper Freehold, 1st Church Howell, Lawrence, 1st Church Bloomsbury. That they have under their care 11 licentiates and 13 candidates. The Presbytery further report that on the 8th of November, 1836, they dissolved the pastoral relation between the Rev. Levi S. Bebee and the congregation of Upper Freehold, and between the Rev. Daniel W. McClean and the congregation of Freehold:- That

That on the 7th day of February they dismissed James Lyon, a licentiate, to put himself under the care of the Presbytery of Wolston:- Jahleel Woodbridge to put himself under the care of the Presbytery of Louisiana and Henry G. Comingo, a licentiate, to put himself under the care of the Presbytery of Steubenville:- That on the 8th of the same month they licensed Joseph Gilcox, Stephen T. Wynkoop, Frederick S. Ernst, John Moule and Ezekiel Quillon to preach the gospel:- That they received Elias C. Schenck, a licentiate, from the Presbytery of New York, and that on the 21st of the same month they organized a church in Bloomsbury:- That on the 1st of August they dismissed William G. Allen, a licentiate, to put himself under the care of the Presbytery of North Alabama:- That on the 3d of October they dismissed the Rev. Samuel W. McDonald to joining the Presbytery of Carlisle, John Moule, a licentiate, to put himself under the care of the Dutch Reformed Classis of New York, and received James Clark, a licentiate, from the Presbytery of Philadelphia, and the Rev. Charles Hitch from the Presbytery of Buffalo:- That on the 4th of the same month they dismissed the Rev. James P. English, to join the Presbytery of Elizabethtown, and ordained as evangelists, Frederick S. Ernst, George W. Woodward, and Samuel B. Jones:- That they dismissed the Rev. George H. Woodward to join the Tolland Association of Connecticut, and Samuel B. Jones to join the Presbytery of Mississippi:- That they licensed E. Bradbury, and dismissed Isaac S. Henderson, a licentiate, to put himself under the care of the Presbytery of Mississippi.

By order of Presbytery,

Eli F. Cooley, Stated Clerk.

4. The Presbytery of Newton report to the Synod of New Jersey that they consist of 39 ministers, and they they have under their care 39 congregations, viz: Bethlehem, Alexandria, Hackettstown, Amwell United 1st, Amwell 2d, Stroudsburg, Smithfield, Mansfield, Amwell 1st, Knowlton, Hardwick, Easton, Pleasant Grove, Belvidere, Newton, Oxford, Harmony, Milford, Clinton, Kingwood, 6th Church Amwell, Allentown, Greenwich, Mauch Chunk, German Valley, Fox Hill, Allentownship, Upper Mt. Bethel, Lower Mt. Bethel, Flemington, Marksboro, Scott's Mountain, Danville, Stillwater, Stillwater 2d, Durham, Musconetcong Valley, Moscow, Caledonia. That they have under their care 6 licentiates and 9 candidates.

They further report that on the 15th day of November, 1836, they ordained Joseph Worell to the gospel ministry:- That on the 27th day of December, they dismissed the Rev. John F. Clark to join the Presbytery of Newark;- That on the 15th of March they received the Rev. James W. Olmstead from the Presbytery of Wuntington, and on the 19th of April installed him pastor of the church of Flemington;- That on the 25th of April, 1837, they received the Rev. David Hull from the Presbytery of Northumberland:- That on the 26th of April they dismissed the Rev. Michael Carpenter to join the Presbytery of Oxford, Indiana:- and on the same day licensed Thaniel B. Condit to preach the gospel:- That on the 18th of June they installed the Rev. Richard Webster pastor of the church of Mauch Chunk:- That on the 4th of July they installed the Rev. John McNair pastor of the church of Milford:- That on the 9th of August they received under their care, in accordance with the recommendation of the last General Assembly, Azariah Prior, a licentiate of the late 3d Presbytery of Philadelphia:- That on the 3d of October they dissolved the pastoral relation between the Rev. Benjamin I. Lowe and the congregation of Hardwick, and also between the Rev. John McNair and the congregation at Milford and likewise dismissed the Rev. Thomas McDermott to join the Presbytery of Beaver, Ohio:- That on the 4th of October they licensed Samuel Ayers and Jonathan H. Sherwood to preach the gospel:- That on the 18th of October they received the Rev. John W. Heddington late of the Presbytery of Ontario, and on the same day received under their care the churches of Moscow and Caledonia.

By order of Presbytery,

Isaac N. Candee, Stated Clerk.

5. The Presbytery of Tusquehanna report to the Synod of New Jersey that they consist of 13 Ministers, and that they have under their care 16 churches, viz: Warren, Orwell, Wyalusing, Wysox, Towanda, Wilkesbarre, Kingston, Tunkhannock, Northmoreland, Hanover, Falls, Braintrim, Windham, Troy, Canton, Bath. That they have under their care 4 candidates.

The Presbytery moreover report that on the 23d of November, 1836, they dissolved the pastoral relation between the Rev. John Sherer and the congregation of Wysox, and dismissed Mr. Sherer to join the Presbytery of Montrose:-

That they have also dissolved the pastoral relation between the Rev. Oscar Harris and the congregation of Towanda. The Presbytery further report that agreeably to the acts of the last General Assembly the churches of Pike, Smithfield and Athens, the two former being congregational, and the last a mixed church, have been declared no longer constitutionally connected with the Presbytery. They have also received the Rev. David Harrower of the Presbytery of Chemung, the Rev. F. H. Snowden of the Presbytery of Watertown, the Rev. Edwin Bronson of the Presbytery of Chenango, and the Rev. Isaac W. Pratt of the Presbytery of Bath.

The Presbytery would further inform the Synod that at their last stated meeting they appointed a committee to visit the churches of Athens, Smithfield and Pike, and to inform them that their connection with us is unconstitutional and to advise them to take such form of organization as they prefer, and if it shall appear that they prefer to conform to the constitution of the Presbyterian Church, the said committee was directed to proceed to their regular organization, and as this committee has not yet reported, and it is unknown to the Presbytery what course the said churches will adopt, their names are not inserted in the reported list of churches, as connected with this Presbytery.

By order of Presbytery,
John Dorrance, Stated Clerk.

6. The Presbytery of Montrose report to the Synod of New Jersey that they consist of 15 ministers and that they have under their care 23 churches, viz: Warford, (Cong), Montrose, Silver Lake (cong), Middletown (Cong), Springfield, Conklin, Great Bend, Liberty, Franklin, New Milford (Cong), Brooklyn, Gibson, Ararat (Cong), Dundaff, Bethel, Herrick, Mt. Pleasant, Bethany, Monesdale, Carbondale, Canaan, Salem, Sterling.

The Presbytery moreover report that on the 27th of Sept. 1836, they ordained Philander K. Williams to the gospel ministry, and on the same day dismissed him to join the Presbytery of Onondaga, and also dissolved the pastoral relation between the Rev. Joel Campbell and the congregation of Monesdale. That on the 25th of October they organized a church called Liberty:- That on the 16th of November they ordained Stephen Ellis to the gospel ministry:-

That on the 11th of April, 1837, they received the Rev. John Sherer from the Presbytery of Susquehanna:- That on the 27th of September they installed the Rev. Anthony McReynolds pastor of the churches of Mt. Pleasant and Herrick.

By order of the Presbytery,
Sylvester Cooke, Stated Clerk

