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S Y N O D O F N E W J E R S E Y

for the year ending

October, 1852.

M I N U T E S
of the
ANNUAL SESSION
of the
SYNOD OF NEW JERSEY
for the year 1852
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New Brunswick, New Jersey October 19, 1852

The Synod of New Jersey met in the 1st Presbyterian Church in the city of New Brunswick, New Jersey on the 3rd Tuesday in October 1852 at 3 o'clock p.m. and was opened with a Sermon by the Rev. S. Beach Jones, D.D. the Moderator from 2 Thess. II 13:14.

After public worship the Synod was constituted by prayer.

Present

From the Presbytery of Elizabethtown

<u>Ministers</u>	<u>Elders</u>	<u>Churches</u>
Dr. Magie	R. T. Haines	2nd Ch. E. Town
Dr. Williamson		Chester
Mr. Bond		1st Woodbridge
Mr. Blauvelt	Lucas V. Hoagland	Plainfield
Mr. Ogden	B. McLowell	Lamington
Mr. Hunting	James G. Putman	1st Eliz. Town
Dr. Murray		New Vernon
Mr. Harris		Perth Amboy
Mr. J. Cory	Elias Crane	Connecticut Farms
Mr. Street	William Annan	Liberty Corner
Mr. English	Jacob Collyer	Baskingridge
Mr. Locke	John Little	New Providence
Dr. Richards	Chas. C. Lathrop	1st Rahway
	Elias Marsh	Elizabeth Port
Mr. Rankin		2nd Woodbridge
Mr. Rienhart		1st Paterson
Mr. Edgar	Abraham Fordgee	Mount Freedom
Mr. Hornblower	Thos. Morris	2nd Rahway
Mr. McMurray	Archer Stevens	Mt. Olive
Mr. Lee	Francis Hastings	Pluckamin
Mr. McConnell		German Ch. Paterson
Dr. Halsey		
Dr. Brunsmade		
Mr. B. Cory		

Presbytery of New Brunswick

<u>Ministers</u>	<u>Elders</u>	<u>Churches</u>
Dr. Janeway	R.V. Brick	Ewing
Dr. Van Doren		1st Cranbury
Mr. Comfort	John Polhemus	Boundbrook
Dr. Cogswell		Seedsville
Mr. Cooley	Austin B. Blackwell	Kingston
	A.S. Neilson	1st New Brunswick
Mr. Webster		2nd Cranbury
Dr. Henry	James Rue	Freehold
Mr. Rodgers	Enoch A. Titus	Pennington
Dr. Hodge		Cold. Ch. Princeton
Dr. McLean		Dutch Neck
Dr. Watson	David H. Bryan	Shrewsbury
Dr. Davidson	Saml. Roberts	1st Trenton
	John W. Van Schaick	Millstone
Mr. L. Van Doren	Peter V. De Graw	1st Princeton
Dr. Nassau		Middletown Mt.
Dr. Hope	John C. Burrows	Titusville
Mr. Hale		2nd Trenton
Mr. Ely	Amos Richards	Village Ch. Free.
Mr. Hall	Xenophan J. Maynard	3rd Trenton
Dr. Cuyler		Suan Village
Mr. Luffield		Goshen
Mr. Gosman		2nd Princeton
Mr. Shannon	Saml. L. Hamill	Lawrence
Mr. J.B. Davis	R. R. Kollo	2nd New Brunswick
Mr. Rowell		Cedar Ark.
Mr. White		

Presbytery of Newton

<u>Ministers</u>	<u>Elders</u>	<u>Churches</u>
Dr. Sheffer		Newton
Mr. Talmage		Harmony
Mr. Johnson		Middle Smithfield
Mr. Hand		Stroudsburgh
Mr. Tully	James Stewart	Greenwich
Mr. McWilliam		Musconetong Valley
Mr. Townley		1st Stillwater
Mr. Rielley		2nd Stillwater
Mr. Bush		Upper Mt. Bethel
	Wm. McIlenny	Lower Mt. Bethel
Mr. Reeves		Oxford
	Robt. S. Kennedy	Stewartsville
	Fred. P. Huffman	Fox Hill
	Ephriam Marsh	Hackettstown
	Phincas B. Kennedy	Belvidere
	Joseph Rosenberry	Mansfield
	Wm. Wack	German Valley



Presbytery of Raritan

<u>Ministers</u>	<u>Elders</u>	<u>Churches</u>
Dr. Studdiford		Amwell United 1st
Dr. Hunt		Amwell 2nd
Mr. Sherwood	Wm. Wilson	Lambertsville
Mr. Porter		Solebury
Mr. Carrol	Peter C. Schenck	Amwell 1st.
Dr. Janeway	Lenard Kuhl	Flemington
Mr. Kirk		Clinton
Mr. MacJimpsey	Robt. C. Stephens	Pleasant Grove
	Fred W. Bloom	Kingwood
	Jesse Sinclair	Holland

Presbytery of Susquehanna

<u>Ministers</u>	<u>Elders</u>	<u>Churches</u>
Mr. Foster		Iron
Mr. Colt		Orwell
Mr. Hunting		Silver Lake
Mr. Van Dewater		Friendsville
Mr. L. A. Chapman		Rush
Mr. Todd		Herrickville
Mr. Camp		Calusing
	Willis Bronson	Towanda

Presbytery of Luzerne

<u>Ministers</u>	<u>Elders</u>	<u>Churches</u>
Mr. Harned		Tunkhannock
Mr. Osmund		Scranton
Dr. Henry Wells		Newton
Mr. Webster		Lackawanna
Mr. Parke		Northmoreland
	A. C. Carpenter	Tamaqua
	Geo. Wiggan	

Presbytery of West Jersey

<u>Ministers</u>	<u>Elders</u>	<u>Churches</u>
Mr. Janvier		Pittsgrove
Dr. Kollock	W.B. Ewing	Greenwich
Mr. Graham		Woodbury
Mr. Williamson		Blackwoodtown
Dr. Jones		Cold Spring
Mr. Ford		Cedar Ville
Mr. Brown		Gloucester City
Mr. Cattell		Williamsburgh
Mr. Helme	Joseph Reeves	1st Bridgeton
	Saml. L. Fithian	2nd Bridgeton

Presbytery of Burlington

<u>Ministers</u>	<u>Elders</u>	<u>Churches</u>
Mr. Perkins	Robt. Vanderbeek	Allentown
Dr. Van Benschelaer		Columbus
Mr. Miller	Saml. Curtis	St. Holly

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The hearing of the Statistical Reports from the Presbyteries was proceeded with in part; when the Rev. Edward Harris, Rev. J. C. Edwards, the Rev. Saml. S. Sheddan and the Rev. James Petrie of the Presbytery of Elizabethtown and R. B. Westbrook of Presbytery of Burlington took their seats as members of Synod.

Resolved, that immediately after the Sermon this evening the Synod will hear the Hon. W. Lowrie on the subject of Foreign Missions.

Synod had a recess until 7:15 o'clock.

After recess Synod met and attended public worship when Rev. Graham preached a Sermon from Gen. 32:28.

Synod then listened to a statement by the Hon. W. Lowrie, Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions on the business operations of the Board, the relations and responsibilities of these churches to the Missionaries of the Board and the present providential openings for Missionary labour.

The hearing of the Statistical Reports of the Presbyteries was proceeded with and completed.

When the Rev. Ephraim Simanton and the Rev. Hugh N. Wilson, D.D. of the Presbytery of Newton, the Rev. Lion Christian, Rev. Frederick Kington, Rev. D. Streatton, of the Presbytery of West Jersey, Rev. R. B. Westbrook of Presbytery of Burlington took their seats as members of Synod.

The Rev. H. Perkins was chosen Moderator and A. K. Rodgers and J. McWilliam Clerks.

Resolved, that during the present session of the Synod it be the order to meet at 9 a.m. to have a recess from half past 12 to half past 2 o'clock p.m. and from 5 to 7 p.m.

Synod then adjourned to meet tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

Wednesday Morning 9 o'clock

Synod met pursuant to adjournment and was opened with prayer.



Present as before together with Rev. W. Finley and John H. Campbell, Elder from Metuchen of Presbytery of Elizabethtown, Rev. J. A. Alexander, D.D. and Rev. William A. Dodd and W. R. Murphy, Elder from 2nd Church Princeton of Presbytery of New Brunswick, Dr. Kirkpatrick and Dr. Thos. Skillman an Elder from Howell United 1st of the Presbytery of Baritan. Rev. Mr. Snowden and Howard Kimball, Elder of Warren Church of Presbytery of Susquehanna, and Rev. Mr. Glen of Presbytery of Luzerne and Van Kenschelaer and Miller of Burlington.

The Minutes of the last session of Synod were read. W.X. Junkin Correspondent. The Rev. Dr. W.X. Junkin, delegated by a committee of the Presbytery of Baltimore for the purpose presented to the Synod a statement of the nature of the enterprise in which the Presbytery engaged in efforts to erect a Church Edifice in Washington City and the peculiar claims and importance of that enterprise and the subject was placed on the docket.

The Minutes of the last stated meeting were read in progress of which Ministers absent from that meeting and now present assigned reasons for their absence which were sustained.

The Rev. Carl E. Low D.D. of the Particular Synod of New York of the Reformed Dutch Church being present was invited to sit as a corresponding member.

The Stated Clerk announced that there had been laid on the table of Synod the complaint and appeal of Dr. Solomon Adrews against the Presbytery of Elizabethtown ordered that it be referred to the Judicial Committee hereafter to be appointed.

Resolved, that the Stated Clerk of the several Presbyteries be directed to send the Presbyterial Statistical Reports up the Clerk of Synod at least a week before the meeting of Synod that said Clerk may have a complete list of the members of Synod ready to be called when the body shall be prepared to organize and this shall supersede the reading of the several reports at the time of organizing.

The Rev. W. H. Green of the Presbytery of New Brunswick appeared in Synod, etc.

The Moderator announced the appointment of the following committees (No. 1).

The committee on Bills and overtures were ordered to meet immediately after the adjournment this morning and afterward their own adjournment. And the Judicial Committee on the call of the Chairman.

The Rev. J. F. Clark of the Synod of New York, Rev. Thos. L. Janeway, D.D. of Synod of Philadelphia, Rev. Geo. Sheldon of the Synod of South Carolina, the Rev. Wm. H. Taylor of the Particular Synod of New York of the Reformed Dutch Church and the Rev. Bot. R. Wells of the Synod of Northern Indiana being present were invited to sit as corresponding members.

The narratives of the state of religion from the Presbyteries were called for, presented and referred to the committee on narrative.

The records of the Presbyteries were called for, presented and referred to the committees severally appointed on the records.

The committee on Devotional Exercises presented the following report which was accepted and adopted (No. 2).

The Synod then listened with deep interest to an address by the Rev. Dr. Thomas L. Janeway on behalf of the Board of Missions calling special attention to the present position and importance of church extension, the highly commendable and liberal efforts and labours of the Western Executive Committee, the policy of the Board in bringing the missionary churches speedily to support themselves, and the special efforts of the board to act on the foreign population in our country.

The committee appointed at last Synod to whom was referred the subject connected with the complaints against the Presbytery of Newton presented the following report which was accepted and adopted (No. 3 on file).

Resolved, that the next stated meeting of the Synod be held in the 3rd Presbyterian Church in the City of Newark and the Moderator with Dr. Brunsmade and Mr. John R. Davidson were appointed a committee of arrangements.

The Clerks were appointed a committee to revise the Standing Rules of Synod and report at next stated meeting.

Drs. Henry and Murray were appointed a committee to nominate a preacher on Foreign Missions for the next year.

The committee on the assessment of Presbyteries for the expenses of Synod presented the following report which was accepted and adopted (No. 4).

The committee on the records of the Presbytery of New Brunswick reported, recommending the approval of the records as far as written. The report was adopted.

The committee appointed at last Synod on the subject of Domestic Missions within the bounds of the Synod presented their report which was accepted and its further consideration was made the order of the day immediately after the recess this afternoon (No. 5).

The committee appointed to nominate a preacher on Foreign Missions recommended the appointment of Prof. Pope, principal and Prof. Green alternate. The recommendation was adopted.

Then Synod had a recess. After recess Synod met.

The committee on the records of Presbytery of West Jersey, reported, recommending that the records be approved as far as written, which was accepted.

Resolved, that in the opinion of this Synod all possible encouragement should be given to every well directed effort to disseminate sound religious doctrine among our congregations by means of books, tracts and papers and in accordance with this opinion the Synod earnestly commends to the prayers and patronage of our churches the General Assembly's Board of Publication in whose success and increasing usefulness the Synod heartily rejoices; and the Synod would bid "God speed" to all other agencies concerned in the dissemination of a sound religious literature.

Resolved, that as a Synod our interest in the cause of Temperance continues unabated and that we regard it our duty and our privilege to use all proper means to promote its interests.

The Rev. Dr. Baird, the Rev. Chas. F. Correl of the Presbytery of New Brunswick, the Rev. W. Scovill of Burlington and the Rev. Alfred Chester of the Presbytery of Elizabethtown appeared in Synod and assigned satisfactory reasons for their late attendance.

The Stated Clerk was directed to procure a suitable leather case for the safe preservation of the Synod's Book of records.

Synod then took up the consideration of the report on Domestic Missions within the bounds of the Synod - in progress of a lengthened debate on a motion to recommend the report.

The Rev. Am. Anderson and the Rev. Geo. Van Nest of the Particular Synod of New York of the Reformed Dutch Church and the Rev. Dr. Byington of the Synod of Arkansas being present was invited to sit as corresponding members.

The motion to recommit having been withdrawn.

It was then moved to commit the report to a committee with instructions to expunge those parts of the report which reflect on the Boards of Missions and the resolutions appended to the report. The motion was put and lost.

The report was then adopted and the resolutions appended to the report were amended and adopted as follows.

Resolved, that the Rev. Dr. Byington be invited to address the Synod after the sermon this evening on the subject of Missions amongst the Indians.

The committee to whom was referred at the last meeting of Synod the subject of Parochial Schools presented a report and after Dr. Pope had been heard on the subject the report was accepted and the further consideration of it was made the order of the day for tomorrow morning at $\frac{1}{2}$ past 10 o'clock.

Dr. Humphrey, an Elder from the Church of Orwell of the Presbytery of Susquehanna appeared in Synod and assigned satisfactory reasons for late attendance.

Synod had a recess.

After recess synod convened. The rev. r. Van Rensselaer preached the Annual Missionary Sermon from Luke IV 13 "the Spirit of the Lord is upon us, etc." and then the rev. Cyrus Byington addressed the synod according to the invitation.

The Stated Clerk announced that there had been placed in his hands the appeal and complaint of the Rev. R. C. Finley against the Presbytery of Elizabethtown which was placed in the hands of the Judicial Committee.

It was on motion Resolved, that the synod will hear the Rev. Geo. Sheldon, Agent of the American Bible Society, tomorrow at 10 o'clock.

Dr. Stephen G. Goodbridge, Elder from the church of Perth Amboy and Dr. David Burnett, an Elder from the 1st Church of Paterson of the Presbytery of Elizabethtown appeared in synod and assigned reasons for late attendance which were regarded as satisfactory.

The Stated Clerk was directed to forward the Statistical Report of the Synod to the Stated Clerk of the General Assembly.

The committee of bills and overtures reported overture (No. 4) from the Presbytery of Elizabethtown in regard to the Rev. Mr. Rosenthal, a foreign minister, and the report of the committee was accepted, adopted and is as follows and David Karl Rosenthal, being present took his seat in synod.

The Rev. Dr. Froudfit of the Particular Synod of New York of the Reformed Dutch Church being present was invited to sit as a corresponding member.

The committee of Bills and overtures reported overture (No. 1) an overture from the Presbytery of Elizabethtown, etc., etc. The report was accepted and its further consideration was indefinitely postponed.

The committee of Bills and overtures, reported overture (No. 2). The report was accepted. Watson presented the following paper- dissent.

Synod adjourned, concluded with prayer.

Thursday Morning 9 o'clock

Synod met pursuant to adjournment and was opened with prayer.

The Minutes of the last session were read, and approved.

The committee on leave of absence reported that they had given leave of absence to Rev. J. M. Huntington, J. Ogden, O. Harris, Cooley, Dr. Nassau, Rev. Mr. Harned, Chas. Webster and Messrs. Ainck, Eryan and Richardson, T.P. Hoffman, Polhenus, D. Hope, Mr. Blackwell, Mr. Janvier, Mr. Colt, Mr. Carrol, Mr. Stephens, McMurray, Mr. Fordyce and Mr. Burrows.

Mr. Baird then addressed the Synod on the great importance of, and the mode of procedure in conducting missionary labours and efforts in evangelising the foreign Popish emigrants coming to this country.

The consideration of overture (No. 2) and of the report of the committee on the subject was taken up and adopted and is as follows.

The committee on bills and overtures reported overture (No. 3) from the Presbytery of Elizabethtown with reference to the formation of a new presbytery. The report was accepted and adopted and is as follows (see Minute for overture No. 3) and the name of David Karl Rosenthal, Pastor of the church in Paterson was added to the roll of ministers constituting the new presbytery.

The Rev. Mr. Comfort had leave of absence from the remaining sessions.

The committee on the Minutes of the General Assembly reported calling the attention of the Synod to various items. The report was accepted.

Resolved, that this Synod notice with grief the continuance of business on the Delaware and Raritan canal on the Sabbath day by which men and boys are led to the profanation of the Sabbath and deprived of an opportunity of attending the house of God and by which many others are on the Sabbath drawn to the locks.

The Rev. Mr. Halden addressed the Synod on the operations and claims of the American Bible Society. Whereupon it was resolved, etc.



The report on Parochial Schools was taken up, the report was again read and after considerable discussion on a motion offered on the subject; the whole subject was postponed until next meeting of Synod.

The Rev. Samuel I. Irine of the Synod of New York being present was invited to sit as a co-responsing member.

The committee on the Treasurer's account beg leave to report that they have examined said account and the accompanying vouchers and find the same correct and that there is a balance in the Treasury of \$7.49. The report was accepted and adopted.

The committee on the records of the Presbytery of Elizabethtown presented a report which was accepted and the items of the report were taken up serially and in part adopted when the subject was postponed.

The committees on the records of the Presbyteries of West Jersey and Luzerne severally reported recommending that the records be approved. The report was accepted and adopted.

The report of the committee on the records of the Presbytery of Elizabethtown was again taken up and the part of the report not acted on by the Synod was re-committed.

The committee again reported, the report was accepted and the entire report was adopted and is as follows.

The Judicial Committee presented the following report on the complaint and appeal of Solomon Andrews against the Presbytery of Elizabethtown which was adopted. Resolved, that the Synod will now proceed to the consideration of the appeal (On file).

The Moderator announced to the Synod that they were about to sit in a Judicial capacity and enjoined on the members to recollect and regard their high character as judges of a court of Jesus Christ and the solemn duty which they are about to discharge.

The sentence appealed from was read, also the sentence of the Session of the church of North Troy, the original sentence appealed from.

The reasons assigned by the appellant for his appeal and which are on file were read.

Synod had a recess.

After recess the committee on the records of the Presbytery of Tusquehanna and Haritan reported recommending their approval. Adopted.

The Synod again sat in a Judicial capacity and took up the appeal of Dr. Andrews. The regular procedure in issuing appeals was arrested and the Synod proceeded to consider a motion of reference. After considerable debate the court rose.

The Synod then took up the consideration of the subject presented by Dr. Junkin. When it was resolved, that the members of the Synod be referred on this subject to the action of General Assembly 1852 page 222.

The Synod again resumed the consideration of Judicial business. It was resolved, that the motion to refer this case to a committee be indefinitely postponed.

It was resolved, that the Synod reconsider their action in adopting the report of the of the Judicial Committee and the consideration of the report of the Judicial Committee on the appeal (and complaint) of Dr. S. Andrews was resumed.

It was then moved to amend the report and after considerable discussion the mover of the amendment had leave to withdraw his amendment.

It was then resolved, that the Presbytery of Elizabethtown withdraw from the Synod and the report of the Judicial Committee was adopted.

The committee on Narrative reported. Adopted- to be read at meeting of General Assembly.

The committee on leave of absence gave notice that they had given leave of absence to the following members of Synod, Mr. Davidson, Miller, Messrs. Hand, Stewart, Reilly, Hunt, Kingston, Ed. Harris, Street, McJimsey, Webster, Parke, Finley, Drs. Hodge and Van Kenschelmer, Messrs. Edwards, Lee, Morris, Haines, Dr. Laird, Messrs. Scovil, Carrel, Schenck, Burnett, Miller, Green, Helm, Kuhl, Brown, Mr. Magie and Mr. Pithian.

Synod had a recess.

After recess Synod met and attended to the exercises of the Synodical Prayer Meeting.

A motion was offered on the low state of religion which was laid on the table.

Synod then sat in a judicial capacity and proceeded to issue the appeal of Mr. Andrews. The reading of the testimony in the case was entered on and having been proceeded with in part was suspended.

Resolved, etc. (Mr. Bufffield's Motion).

The reading of the testimony was resumed and proceeded with in part and the court rose.

Synod adjourned. Concluded with prayer.

Friday Morning 9 o'clock

Synod met pursuant to adjournment and was opened with prayer.

The Minutes of the last session of Synod were read.

The reader for named Rev. Messrs. J. C. Wilson and John H. Townley as the committee on the narrative.

The committee on leave of absence reported that leave had been given to Messrs. McIlhenny, Roscnbury, Johnson, Guliy, Humphrey, Dr. Mafer and Runnede, Kirk, Sinclair, Osmond, Lathrop, Shodan, Hamill, Reeves, Kennedy, Howell, Bufffield, Lond, England, Foster, Chester. Adopted.

The Synod then sat in a judicial capacity and the reading of the testimony in the case of the appeal of Mr. Andrews was resumed.

The reading of the testimony was concluded and then the court rose.

The Janitor's bill, \$5.00 agreed to be paid and a bill for stationery \$1.70.

Resolved, that the thanks of Synod be tendered to the citizens of New Brunswick etc., and to the trustees.

Resolved, that the thanks of Synod be tendered to the Directors of the Camden and Amboy Railroad, New York and Erie Railroad, and the New Jersey Central Railroad for their liberality to members of Synod traveling by those roads to the meeting of Synod.

A resolution was offered in regard to appointing a preacher to deliver a sermon on the subject of parental instruction, etc. which was laid on the table.

The Synod resumed the consideration of the appeal of Dr. Andrews. The records of Presbytery of Elizabethtown not being in the house or accessible the Moderator decided that the case cannot be constitutionally proceeded with and the proceeding in the case were arrested, and the court rose.

An appeal was taken from the decision of the Moderator- the appeal was not sustained- the decision of the Moderator prevailed and the trial of the appeal was arrested.

Synod had a recess.

After recess the following paper was offered for the consideration of Synod and adopted, whereas, etc., etc., Dr. Watson's.

Committee on records of Presbytery of Watson, etc.

Synod adjourned to meet at Trenton on Tuesday the 16th of November at 3 o'clock p.m. Concluded with prayer.

M I N U T E S
of an
ADJOURNED MEETING
of the
SYNOD OF NEW JERSEY
for the year 1852
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Trenton, New Jersey, November 16, 1852

The Synod of New Jersey met pursuant to adjournment at 5 o'clock p.m. in the first Presbyterian Church in Trenton and was opened with prayer.

Rev. J. E. Rockwell of the Synod of New York present was invited to sit as a correspondent.

Rev. Messrs. Ely and Alexander had leave of absence.

The Minutes of the last session of Synod were read.

Rev. Jas. Beattie of the Synod of Mississippi sit as a correspondent.

Mr. Blythe, Mr. S. D. Alexander and Isaac S. Brown assigned reasons for late attendance.

Resolved, that the proceedings in the case of the appeal of Dr. Andrews be now resumed- when the proceedings of the Presbytery of Elizabethtown from whose decision Dr. Andrews appealed, were read.

The appellant was heard in support of his appeal when in consequence of his having called the attention of the Synod to the complaint which was stated in the Minutes of the Presbytery of Elizabethtown to be withdrawn and the propriety of its being brought forward being questioned, the Moderator decided that Dr. Andrews had a right to bring to the view of the Synod the said complaint- appeal was taken from the decision of the chair when the question was taken and the appeal was lost. After Dr. Alexander had read certain other documents the Synod had a recess until $\frac{1}{2}$ past 7 o'clock.

At the close of the recess Synod met. Dr. Andrews resumed his remarks in defence of his appeal. In the course of his remarks he presented a paper, but a portion of which had been read before the Sessions or the Presbytery and which the Moderator of the Synod declared that he might read. An appeal was taken from the decision of the Moderator and the question on the appeal having been taken the appeal was lost and the decision of the Moderator was sustained. Dr. Andrews then proceeded to read the paper. Having finished the reading he commenced reading the testimony with statements of conversation held at the meetings of the Session of the church of Perth Amboy. Objection being made to this course; the Moderator declared that although Dr. Andrews might read the papers objected to as a part of his speech to illustrate his subject, yet that he could not read any papers as evidence which had not been before the lower court. After some progress therein, Synod adjourned to meet at 8:30 o'clock tomorrow morning. Concluded with prayer.

November 17th 1852 8:30 O'clock a.m.

Synod met pursuant to adjournment and was opened with prayer. The minutes of the 1st session of the Synod were read.

The Rev. A. B. Gardiner of the Synod of Wisconsin being present was invited to sit as a correspondent.

Resolved, that the Presbytery of Elizabethtown be directed to plan all the documents in the case of Dr. Andrews against the Session of the church of Perth Amboy which were before the said Presbytery including the records of the Session of the church and all papers touching his case which are on file of said session on the table of the Synod. The Presbytery having complied with the direction of Synod.

Dr. Andrews resumed his remarks in defence of his appeal in the progress of which Synod had a recess until 2 o'clock.

Synod convened at the close of the recess and proceeded to business. Dr. Andrews resumed his remarks in defence of his appeal, and having finished his remarks Synod then took a recess for 10 minutes.

At the close of the recess when the Presbytery was heard in defence of its action- during the progress of the remarks in defence of their proceedings Synod had a recess until 7 o'clock.

At the close of the recess Synod met and proceeded to business. The Presbytery was further heard in defence of its action in the case of Mr. Andrews.

The Rev. Mr. Geo. W. Arroughs of the Synod of Philadelphia being present was invited to sit as corresponding member.

Rev. Infield W. Parsons of the Synod of Buffalo was also invited to sit as a corresponding member.

The Presbytery was further heard when the Synod adjourned to meet tomorrow morning at 8:30 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

November 18th 1/2 8 O'clock a.m.

Synod met pursuant to adjournment and was opened with prayer.

The Minutes of the last session of Synod were read.

The Presbytery having been heard in defence of their action in the case of Mr. Andrews, he, (Mr. A.), was then heard in reply.

The parties having been heard to their full satisfaction withdrew from the procedure. The roll was then called to give the members of the Synod an opportunity to express their opinion.

The roll having been called in part the Synod had a recess until 2 o'clock.

Synod met, etc.

\$1.00 for Stationary and Janitor's bill to be paid
2.50. \$10.00 for additional services to stated clerk.

Moderator gave notice that Mr. Andrews had given him notice of his intention to complain to the General Assembly of the action of the Synod in the case of his complaint to the Synod against the proceedings of the Presbytery of Elizabethtown.

The roll was further called to give the members an opportunity to give their opinion in the case of Mr. Andrews.

The final vote was then taken and the appeal of Dr. Andrews was not sustained. Ordered, that the following minute be entered in the case.

(Cooley's minute here)

The Synod in the case of the appeal of Dr. Solomon Andrews, from the decision of the Presbytery of Elizabethtown sustaining the action of the Session of the Church of Perth Amboy in suspending said appellant from the Communion of the church; having read all the written testimony of the inferior court touching the case; and having heard the original parties to their entire satisfaction, and also an opportunity having been given to the members of the Presbytery of Elizabethtown to make observation if they choose, the original parties withdrew. The roll was called and an opportunity given for the members of the Synod to express their opinions on the subject before them and the roll having been gone through then it was resolved, that the appeal of Dr. Solomon Andrews be not sustained.

Send copies to Elizabethtown Presbytery and Dr. Andrews.

Resolved, that the Presbytery of Elizabethtown be directed to require of the Session of the Church of Perth Amboy to review and correct their records in the case of Dr. Andrew's wife and daughter, so as that those records shall present a permanent history of said case with date of their proceeding appended.

Dr. Kirkpatrick and Dr. Blauvelt appointed to defend the Synod in the case of the complaint of Dr. Andrews against the action of the Synod in the case of his complaint against the Presbytery of Elizabethtown.

Certified copy to Dr. Andrews, Presbytery of Elizabethtown, etc.

Adjourned. Concluded with prayer to meet at Newark on the 3rd Tuesday in October 1853 at 3 o'clock p.m.

A P P E N D I X

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

1852

No. 1. The committee appointed at the last meeting of the Synod, and to whom was referred the subject connected with the complaints against the Presbytery of Newton, presented the following report, which was accepted and adopted.

The committee to whom were referred the complaint of Daniel Hulshizer and Robert S. Kennedy against the Presbytery of Newton—the complaint of the session of the church of Stewartville against the same Presbytery, and the complaint of the Rev. Messrs. McWilliam and Townley against the same Presbytery, with directions to review the papers and records in the case complained of and to decide in the same and report to the present meeting of Synod respectfully report.

That on the 6th day of July 1852, the committee met in the school house between Greenwich and Stewartville and continued in session until the 7th of the same month. The pastors and the members of the sessions of the two churches were present during all the meetings, and in each other's presence gave whatever information was sought in addition to the records and documents in the hands of the committee. It was not thought expedient or necessary to ask the Presbytery of Newton to be represented at this meeting of the committee as the nature of the complaint was such that if the subjects of difference between the original parties could be amicably adjusted, any reference to the action of the Presbytery might be avoided as this result was happily effected it precluded the necessity of entering upon such an examination of the course of the Presbytery as would have made it proper that they should have been represented before the committee. After reading all the records and papers belonging to the complaints, the respective sessions were fully heard and every opportunity afforded for consultation and conference among the parties and with the committee.

The committee upon a careful consideration of the case came to the conclusion that the following principles would determine the general questions in controversy.

1. The records of a session should, as a general rule contain only the proceedings of the session--such proceedings being the only proper subjects of review and control by the higher courts, and the business of the Congregation and church when transacted in their respective meetings having no proper connection with the business of the session.

2. Yet there may be occasion in which it is proper for a session in their discretion to state upon their minutes what has been done by the congregation or church in their respective meetings. In such cases the record should consist of no more than a copy or synopsis of the proceedings quoted as they appear on the face of the original minutes without addition by comment explanation or otherwise, as if part of the record.

The committee were then disposed to recommend such an amendment of the historical record contained in the Greenwich session book respecting the formation of the Stewartsville church, as would make it accord more strictly with the above principles and accordingly suggested a plan for that purpose. To this proposition the objection was made by the Greenwich session that it would require such a mutilation of their book of records, as they were not at liberty to consent to. The committee then endeavored to frame such a minute as without referring to the details of the points of controversy would be assented to by both parties as a ground of conciliation. This resulted in the unanimous agreement of the committee to the following minute, which having been separately assented to by the sessions of the churches of Greenwich and Stewartsville was adopted, and according to the terms of the agreement entered upon the respective sessional records by the committee.

Stewartsville, July 8th 1852

The committee appointed by the Synod of New Jersey, at their sessions in Princeton, October 1851, on the complaint of Robert S. Kennedy, Daniel Hulshizer and other against the Presbytery of Newton in reference to the session book of the church of Greenwich, after examining all the papers, documents and minutes and fully hearing the sessions of the churches of Greenwich and Stewartsville, are unanimously of opinion that the whole conduct of the persons who engaged in, and carried out the organization of the church at Stewartsville, so far as we have been able to discover, was proper, unobjectionable and praise worthy and deserving of commendation rather than censure or disapprobation. And we hereby direct this minute to be entered on the session books of both the Greenwich and Stewartsville churches, as a final settlement of the whole matters referred to us. And that the complainants do withdraw their complaints, to the Synod of New Jersey, which have been referred to us.

¶ 2 The committee appointed by the Synod at its last meeting to enquire into the condition and prospects of the missions in the entire missionary fields within the bounds of this Synod with the view of representing the case fairly to the Board of Missions, and if necessary to make the facts in the case known through the press to the people of God, bear leave to report.

That soon after the rising of the Synod a circular was addressed by the committee to the stated clerk of each Presbytery connected with this body, with the view of obtaining from them all the information of which they might be possessed with reference to the state of the missionary fields within their respective bounds--to which circular answers were received which serve to shew that notwithstanding all that has been done in years past for the establishment of the Kingdom of Christ, within the bounds of this Synod, there remaineth yet very much land to be possessed. The idea appears to have taken possession of the minds of many that there is but little if any necessity for missionary action of a domestic character on the eastern side of the Alleghany mountains--that all the means of the church should be applied to the support of gospel ordinances, and the extension of the church, South and Southwest, and West

inasmuch as so many new and feeble churches have been organized in those sections of the country, and so many large and important fields are now awaiting religious cultivation. Your committee most fully coincide with those who believe that every care should be taken of that interesting field which stretches out to the Rocky Mountains, and thence to the shores of the Pacific and that the church with which we are connected should furnish a far greater amount of means for the purpose of granting gospel privileges to those who have gone out from the homes and the churches of their childhood, so that they and their may not be led away by error, and fall into the snare of the devil. Through the influence of the aid which has been extended many portions of the vast western wilderness have been made to bud and blossom as the rose, and many have been made joyful in the house of their pilgrims.

But there are other sections of the country where there is at this moment as loud a call for missionary aid and as much necessity for missionary effort as in the South and West--nay it may be said that at our own doors or within our own borders we may find fields which need cultivation of a moral character as much as any which lie along our western rivers, or even on the sides of, or beyond the Rocky Mountains..

The report from the Stated Clerks of the several Presbyteries of this Synod show us that there are calls for missionary labor in all the Presbyteries, and some of them inform us that there is no probability for years to come that all the churches within their bounds will become self-supporting. This is especially the case with the Presbyteries of New Brunswick--East Jersey--Susquehanna and Luzerne. The other Presbyteries have missionary fields within their borders, but none as extensive as those to which reference has just been made. It is very true that a smaller amount of money has been expended than formerly as will appear from a tabular statement furnished by the Corresponding Secretary of the Board of Missions, (to which we shall presently refer.) and the hope is indulged that still smaller amounts

will be found to be necessary for the support of feeble churches in these districts. Inasmuch however as there are two large missionary fields, within the bounds of the Synod, to wit, the Pines of New Jersey stretching along the Atlantic here, and within the bounds of the Presbyteries of New Brunswick, Burlington and West Jersey, and the coal fields and coal region of Pennsylvania, within the bounds of the Presbyteries of Susquehanna and Luzerne, but particularly the latter, there is little ground to believe that the reason is at hand when all the churches in these fields will be able to support the gospel without aid from abroad, and the idea of "getting rid" of these churches, to use the language of the last report of the Board of Missions (page 32) because they are feeble, and cannot sustain themselves, is one which your committee feel assured the Synod of New Jersey will never entertain--no--not for an hour.

Your committee have greatly regretted to find that there is a disposition in some quarters to compare the Synod of New Jersey as a large and influential Synod with other Synods and then to express surprise that the Synod of New Jersey should call for so much assistance to sustain certain churches, within their bounds, without taking into the account at all, perhaps from entire ignorance on the subject that the two large missionary fields to which allusion has been made, are as destitute, and as unable to erect churches and sustain gospel ordinances as any region of their size west of the Mississippi River. Nor are there any missionary fields in any of the Synods on the Atlantic slope, so far as your committee know, which require so much missionary aid as these--none being in so destitute a condition.

The people inhabiting the region which is denominated "the Pines" are generally Colliers--and for the most part, poor. The population is scattered and the soil is unproductive--and it is withal, so far as religious matters are concerned, very needy, and there is no reason to suppose that it will be other-

wise for a long time to come. The larger portion of those dwelling in the "Coal Region" are miners--dependent for their daily bread upon the demands elsewhere for coal-- and although a great deal has been said about the mineral wealth of the state of Pennsylvania, and surprise has been expressed that such a region as the coal region does not sustain the gospel, it should be borne in mind that the larger part of this region is owned by capitalists residing within the bounds of the Synods of New York and Philadelphia--that many of them owe their wealth or a part of it, to the sweat of the brow of the poor miner who toils on in their employment, and that by his labor, they are enabled to swell the amount of their donations, without a thought being spent upon the fact that the foundation of their ability in this regard is laid in the coal beds. Some of those, it is true, who are interested in the lands of the coal regions, (and the fact should be stated to their credit,) have come forward with a liberality, which does them great honor, and aided in the erection of churches and the support of the gospel. But such instances of liberality are rare.

The statement which has been furnished to your committee by the corresponding secretary of the Board of Missions shows that the region to which reference is now made is a very needy one. The amount of money paid out for the support of feeble churches in the Synod of New Jersey for the years 1850-1 was \$5397--of which sum \$740 were expended in the Presbytery of Susquehanna, and \$1584 in the Presbytery of Luzerne, leaving \$3073 to be divided among the other six Presbyteries. In the years 1851-2 (for 11 months) the sum of \$4300 was expended--in the Presbytery of Susquehanna \$430, being a deduction from the previous year of \$310, and in the Presbytery of Luzerne, \$1265, being less by \$299, than in the year preceding--giving hope that the churches are becoming better able to sustain the gospel among themselves, but still showing beyond all evil, that they cannot support the gospel without assistance. Judging from the past, a long time must elapse ere they will become self-supporting. The same reduction is seen upon comparing the two tables furnished by the corresponding secretary, for instance,

1850--1

Presbytery of Elizabethtown	4	Missionaries	400.
" " New Brunswick	6	"	919.
" " Burlington	2	"	356.
" " West Jersey	6	"	785.
" " Newton	5	"	644.
" " Baritan	3	"	<u>180.</u>
			7077.

1851--2

Presbytery of Elizabethtown	5	Missionaries	591.
" " New Brunswick	3	"	25.
" " Burlington	3	"	448.
" " West Jersey	6	"	807.
" " Newton	4	"	218.
" " Baritan	2	"	<u>160.</u>

Shewing an increase in the Presbytery of Elizabethtown of \$198.--in the Presbytery of Burlington of 162--in the Presbytery of West Jersey \$22--and a decrease in the Presbytery of New Brunswick of \$666--in the Presbytery of Newton of 274--and in the Presbytery of Baritan of 280--an increase in all of \$372, and a decrease in all of \$660, making a difference or decrease of \$288 in the six presbyteries, which added to the difference between the two years in the Presbyteries of Susquehanna and Luzerne will shew a decrease in the Synod of 1489, which your committee cannot but consider as a favorable one.

Your committee regard it as a matter of small moment that feeble churches wherever established, whether eastward or westward, should be sustained, well knowing, from what has already occurred that unless care be taken of these churches other denominations will step in and take advantage of our indifference and build upon ground which we occupied but which we gave up, with the view of extending the assistance elsewhere, which ought to have been continued to those to which we have just referred.

The command is pre-ach the gospel to every creature--and the church must obey it. This command is binding upon us as well with reference to those who dwell in the States of New Jersey and the coal region of Pennsylvania as to those whose lot has been cast upon the extended prairies of the West. The monies collected for the Board of Domestic Missions are in most cases collected without any order on the part of those giving it, where it is to be expended, and it is of last as even consequence that the feeble churches in the eastern section of the country which must be aided in order to their existence, be assisted, as that aid be extended to those in the far west and southwest with a view to their continuance. These funds your committee think should be cheerfully expended where there is the most prospect of doing good, even though there may be more paid out from the treasury of the Board of Missions than may be paid in by the several presbyteries of a Synod--and while referring to the matter of funds in connection with the condition of the missionary fields within the bounds of the Synod, your committee feel constrained to say that they regard it as well nigh unkind to publish statements on this subject which are calculated to leave an erroneous impression. One of this kind was prepared at the office of the Board of Missions and published in the Home and Foreign Record of October 1851, in which special care seems to be taken to show that the Synods of Philadelphia--Pittsburgh and New York with their membership of 27,859---21,852---and 17,770 respectively pay in more, and take out less than the Synod of New Jersey--and suppose they do--are they not far more able to do it? Do any of us think of comparing the churches of the Synods of New York and Philadelphia which contain the largest and most wealthy cities and churches in the Union with the Synod of New Jersey within the bounds of which, there are no large cities, and no very wealthy churches? The document to which your committee allude says of this Synod, "The Synod of New Jersey the third membership and ninth in average, draws out every dollar it pays in, and runs in debt to the treasury of \$1447-- and then, without any explanation whatever there is added, "and although it has 6000 more members than New York, it does not contribute half as much by \$355." Not a word is said about any comparative ability

nor a word is said about missionary fields within their respective bounds. The question might well be asked, How many missionary churches has each Synod, and what is the general condition of each Synod as it respects necessity for missionary aid? The Synod of New York has about 100 churches--the Synod of New Jersey has about 100, and in the former there are congregations which can almost let out the Synod of New Jersey and then have a surplus left for other purposes! And is there within the bounds of the Synod of New York a missionary field which can compare with the mines of New Jersey or the coal region of Pennsylvania? No, we re-assert that there is not another Synod east of the Alleghany ridge where there is more destitution than there is in these two fields, and guilt shall not be found when there are calls upon the treasury of an institution established for the purpose of sustaining feeble churches, and when means are furnished for the accomplishment of this very object.

But the mines of New Jersey and the coal region of Pennsylvania are not the only missionary fields within the bounds of the Synod of New Jersey which call for assistance in order to their being kept under our control. We have a number of German churches which must be cared for. The Germans who have cast in their lot among us are for the most part in indigent circumstances and are unable to support the ministry, even themselves--and are we to withhold from them a small assistance which may go far toward lightening their burdens, because they have settled in this region of the country? Shall we, when we hear their plaintive cry, "Come over and help us," refrain from doing what cannot but be regarded as an imperative duty, because rather than locate themselves afar off from us, they have chosen to pitch their tents in our own district? Shall we cease to recommend them to the Board of Missions because that Board has proclaimed to the world that the Synod of New Jersey, having called for more aid for her feeble churches and destitute regions, than she has placed in the treasury has run in debt to that treasury--and that too when the money which was used was placed in that treasury for the express purpose of aiding these feeble churches? Your committee

have made enquiry as it respects the number of Germans within the district covered by this Synod, and from all the information which we have, are said in saying that there are not less than nine or ten thousand Germans--and after many of them we must look. We have said that they were in indigent circumstances. Though this is the case, they are for the most part an industrious people, but still unable to provide themselves with the ordinances of the Gospel, and must be, as we have said cared for by the church.

If then we look at the political condition of the two great missionary fields of which we have spoken and connect with these feeble churches which are found in other parts of the Synod, and connect with these the Germans as a people, your committee think that a long time must elapse before these churches can become self supporting, and they cannot but believe that to withdraw from them the aid which is necessary in order to sustain gospel ordinances among them, because they may have for many years past been assisted by the Board of Missions would be suicidal in the extreme. The cause of religion would in such a case suffer, and the interests of Presbyterianism would receive a blow from which the churches could not recover for year.

To show that your committee are not mistaken in their views as it respects the prospects of the missionary fields to which they have alluded, they beg leave to lay before the Synod some extracts from the letters of the stated clerks of the Presbyteries with reference to the state of things within their respective bounds--and the first to which they direct attention is the statement made by the stated clerk of the Presbytery of Luzerne that being the most needy of all the Presbyteries of the Synod. This Presbytery consists of fifteen ministers, and at the last meeting of Synod, they reported twenty churches. But five of these are self-supporting churches viz, Wilkesbarre--Mauch Chunk--Summit Hill, Scranton and Kingston.

"The oldest church and one of the feeblest" says the stated clerk in his communication "is Northmoreland, in a farming district. They have hitherto had aid to the amount of \$100---two hundred dollars would be necessary for a year or so, to enable a minister to remain with comfort."

"Dunhammock, the seat of justice in Browning county is now vacant. It needs an able man with an allowance of \$110. The congregation has been formed for twenty years--has suffered from frequent changes of ministers and ought by no means to be neglected."

"Newton long known as Falls, is a farming district, the land being only lately taken up. It has a pastor--a house of worship and a manse-- is steadily growing and will need missionary aid to the amount of, at least \$100 for some years."

"Jackawanna will still need aid, though as Pittston, with which it is connected, is growing, the hope is that the amount will be reduced next year."

"Hanover, is an old congregation, but very feeble. It has a rich coal bed--and with sufficient aid, say \$150, a minister might be placed here who would gather a good--almost a self-sustaining congregation."

"Wyersing, has a pastor and a manse, and is about to erect a house of worship and should be handsomely sustained by the Board for the next two years."

Of Barwick it is said that "the prospects are encouraging and a reduction of missionary aid is contemplated in the course of a year or two."

Of Conyngbam it is said that it has a missionary and that in view of the destitution which prevails in its borders, it would be sinful to remove the missionary or reduce the appropriation at present."

"Beaver Meadow will need assistance continued to it, though the hope is indulged that the way will soon be open to reduce the appropriation."

White Haven is represented as needing \$200 for some time.

It is stated that every effort will be made to dispense altogether with missionary aid at Tarvaqua.

Schuykill Valley and Port Carbon are represented as standing in need of assistance.

Of Donaldson it is said, "the lowest depression seems to have been reached, two unfinished houses of worship stand mournfully amid empty houses and deserted mines. The prospects of the place are brightening, we need a good missionary, and the full amount of \$300 for his support."

Thus much for the Presbytery of Luzerne.

The stated clerk of the Presbytery of Jusquehanna says, "there are at present four churches under the care of the Presbytery receiving aid from the Board, viz:

"Warren \$100--Tone .75---Athens \$100 and Canton \$75 a year--in all \$350--and he adds that there seems to be no way open at present whereby these churches can be sustained without aid. Of one of the members of that Presbytery it is said that he is devoting his whole time to a number of places where the people are anxious to have the means of grace, but have not sufficient zeal or strength to sustain a laborer." and then the remark is appended, "How he is to get his bread unless the Board grants aid, we do not know after referring to destituting within their borders and all around them, the stated clerk of Jusquehanna adds a few remarks to which the committee desire to call the special attention of the Synod.

"The question then stands as in the face shall we leave the ground? Abandon it to others? or lend a helping hand to sustain the organizations we have and just others here they are needed? This is not a question for us alone, who are on the ground, and have labored and are laboring under discouragement and even privations which are seldom met in the Synod of New Jersey; it is a question for the Synod--for the church at large. These brethren feel that the Board would do well to grant such aid as is imperiously needed--so far as the funds will permit--and your committee feel assured that the Synod will feel as they do with respect to the matter of duty in these premises.

In the Presbyteries of New Brunswick, East Jersey and Burlington, your committee have said that there is a large amount of destitution. There are churches in these Presbyteries which cannot be sustained without the aid of the Board, and although efforts may be made among themselves with a view to the reduction of appropriations, as it is hoped will be the case, still they must be assisted, or the ground which they occupy must be abandoned to others who may be more particular in regard to its cultivation.

With respect to the Presbytery of New Brunswick, the stated clerk of that body says, that "Goshen, Toms River, Cedar Creek, Squan Mill and Shark River, Manchester and the vicinity of Shrewsbury are places where aid has been needed, and in most of these received in years past." These churches must be assisted in order to their continuance. And the same remark may be made with regard to some of the churches in the Presbytery of Burlington. The central portion of the territory within the bounds of this Presbytery says its stated clerk, "belongs to the Pines zone and familiarly known as a very destitute missionary field--the population is scattered and migratory, consisting chiefly of poor people--Colliers etc. This is one of those fields, the wants of which must always strongly appeal to Christian faith, but can never be expected to yield very large or encouraging harvests. Can the church refuse to supply the destitutions of a territory which she thus circumscribes?"

And this is an enquiry which the church must answer. Will she answer it in the affirmative? For the honor or religion we hope not.

Your committee learn from the stated clerk of the Presbytery of West Jersey that there are districts within their bounds in a state of great destitution--and it is very clear that a long time will elapse before all the churches of that Presbytery will become self sustaining. There are connected with that Presbytery six churches receiving aid from the Board, and if that aid should be withdrawn, those who now minister to these churches must either engage in some secular employment for a living or leave their fields of labor, and as long as a little aid from the Board will prevent, under God, occurrences of this character, your committee trust that these churches will continue to be recommended to the Board, and that the necessary assistance will not be withheld, even though there maybe among them, those which may have been aided for a number of years past. Your committee are told that "so late as May 1851, in two entire counties, the Presbytery of West Jersey had only two organized churches, one of which had existed nearly one hundred and fifty years, and these two churches were separated by a distance of 36 miles. In the same county are now five churches and yet between two of them is a space of 27 miles in which there is no Presbyterian church. Within a few years an important aid also has been given to the work of missions by a more extensive system of itinerant labor, and yet there is room for the employment of more missionaries both on the east and the west, and the work of church extension needs to be carried on much more vigorously." Shall such a section of country be neglected? We submit the enquiry under the circumstances for the serious consideration of the Synod, and all others who are interested in the building up of the Presbyterian church.

In the Presbytery of Newton your committee are happy to say, not few churches are calling for aid from the Board of Missions. They feel as doubtless all feel that if the churches were "cast upon their own resources, they would find themselves in most instances possessed of a strength of which they were be-

fore unconscious." This Presbytery is making all proper efforts towards the reduction of existing appropriations in the hope that the season may arrive when but little assistance will be needed.

From the Presbytery of Meriton your committee learn that but two churches are in the receipt of Missions, and the one receiving \$100 and the other 75. These sums are considered necessary in the non-segments where they are expended. The brethren thus aided are laboring successfully in their respective fields and they cannot continue in them without the continuance of the small appropriations which have been made. The committee are happy to learn that in order to save the Board from expense, arrangements have been made to supply destitutions by the persons of the churches, with licenses now under the care of the Presbytery.

The Presbytery of Elizabethton has five missionary churches of these three receive \$100 each--one receives \$150, and the German church at Paterson has been recommended to the Board for \$150. It is remarked in the communication of the stated clerk of that Presbytery, that there is a disposition to curtail the amount received by these churches as much as possible, and that with a view hereto, one of the churches receives 250 less this year than the year previous.

Such reduction your committee trust will go forward in all the Presbyteries composing the Synod, so that a much smaller amount may be called for in carrying on our missionary enterprises, until the time shall arrive when the churches shall not only sustain the Gospel among themselves, but cast beams into the treasury of the Lord, for the support of the destitute in other parts of the vineyard.

Your committee beg leave as expressive of the views of the Synod to submit the following resolutions.

1. Resolved. That this Synod would affectionately charge the churches within their bounds, receiving aid from the Board to make further efforts with a view to a reduction of the appropriations which may have been made on their behalf.

2. Resolved. That it be enjoined upon Presbyteries within the bounds of which there are churches receiving aid from the Board, to unite in all cases in which it can be consistently done, two or more churches under one pastor in order that appropriations heretofore made may be reduced.

3. Resolved. That a copy of the foregoing resolutions be forwarded by the state clerk to the several Presbyteries composing the Synod.

No. 3 The following dissent was read and ordered to be placed upon the minutes of the Synod.

To whose names are hereunto affixed, respectfully dissent from the report of the committee on domestic missions so far as that report reflects upon the Board of Missions.

N. Murray
J. L. Janway
Alfred Chester
Samuel Beach Jones

James C. Lutson
Allen W. Brown
George Jewell
Charles W. Ford.

No. 4 The Rev. David Wolfe D. D.--the Rev. Merritt L. Prine-
made D. D.--the Rev. Luther Halsey D. D. and the Rev. Messrs.
Abraham Williamson, Joseph W. Ogden, Alfred Chester, Edward
Harris, Orlando L. Kirtland, John H. Tomphey, James C. Edwards,
Robert Street, William L. Locke, Jonas Denton, William W. Horn-
blower, Joseph McMurray, Joseph McConnell and Charles D.
Rosenthal, together with the 2nd church of Elizabethtown, the
3rd church of Newark, the 1st and 2nd churches of Christtown,
the 1st church of Paterson, the German church of Paterson, and
the churches of Chester, Mount Freedom, Olive, Islanders, Con-
necticut, Farms, Lyone Farms, Springfield Chatham Village, are
hereby constituted a new Presbytery to be called the Presbytery
of Passaic--the said Presbytery to hold its first meeting in
the 1st Presbyterian church of Paterson, on Wednesday the 10th
of November next at 7 o'clock P. M.--to be opened with a sermon

by the Rev. David Magie . D. (or in his absence by the oldest minister present) who shall preside until a moderator is chosen.

No. 5. Resolved. 1. That this Synod cherishing sympathy with the object and work of the American Bible Society feels a lively interest in its operations both at home and abroad.

Resolved. 2. While the goodness of God is recognized in an increased measure of attention to this important matter among us, the pressing necessities of the country in regard to its emigrant population and the auspicious fields opened by missionary labor in other lands, call for increased activity and self-denial.

Resolved. 3. That the churches connected with this Synod are urgently requested to afford aid in the cause of Bible distribution annually, and in the measure of the ability that God gives them, and that the action of this Synod last year respecting the supplying every child and woman as soon as they can read, with a copy of God's word as their own, should be faithfully carried out.

No. 6. The Judicial committee's report that a complaint has been placed in their hands by Solomon Andrews against the Presbytery of Elizabethtown, and on appeal by the same person against the same Presbytery --that as to the complaint the committee regard Mr. Andrews as precluded from prosecuting it by the fact that the minutes of the Presbytery show that Dr. Andrews had withdrawn the complaint with consent of the Presbytery--See minutes of the Presbytery of Elizabethtown, Vol. 3 Page 59 as follows: "Dr. Andrews having stated before Presbytery that if the session of the church of Amboy would grant a letter of dismission to Mr. Andrews and daughter to the Episcopal church of that place, he would withdraw his complaint and a dismission being immediately drawn for them by the pastor Mr. Cory, he withdraw his complaint accordingly;" and as to the appeal that it is in order and recommend that it be proceeded with according to the directions of the Book of Discipline.

Whereupon, It was Resolved, That the Synod will now proceed to the consideration of the appeal.

The Moderator announced to the Synod that they were about to sit in a judicial capacity, and enjoined on the members to recollect and regard their high character as judges of a court of Jesus Christ, and the solemn duty which they were about to discharge.

The sentence appealed from was read, as also the sentence of the session of the church of Perth Amboy, the original sentence appealed from.--

The reasons assigned by the appellant for his appeal, and which are on file were read--and then the court rose.

No. 7. Resolved. That the committee to prepare the Narrative of the state of religion in the Synod be appointed at the meeting of Synod preceding that at which the narrative is to be read, and further that it be the duty of the stated clerks of the Presbyteries to forward immediately after the fall meeting of Presbytery to the Synod's committee on the narrative, the Presbyterial report of the state of religion within their bounds.

No. 8. Whereas the Synod having proceeded with the appeal of Dr. Andrews against a decision of the Presbytery of Elizabethtown in his case, until the records of the Presbytery were called for, and it appeared that said records had been inadvertently taken from Synod, and sent home by the stated clerk of said Presbytery.

And Whereas there would not be sufficient time to issue the appeal before the Sabbath, even should the stated clerk produce the records as he offers to do in a few hours.

And Whereas it is the opinion of Synod that it would be unjust to both Dr. Andrews and the Presbytery of Elizabethtown, to postpone the case until the next stated meeting of Synod, therefore, Resolved, that when the Synod adjourns, it adjourns to meet in the 1st Presbyterian church in the city of Trenton on Tuesday the 16th day of November next at 3 o'clock P. M. to issue said appeal, and that the stated clerk be directed to have notice of said meeting published in the Presbyterian, the Presbyterian Banner, and the New York Observer.

Resolved. That the Presbytery of Elizabethtown be directed to send all the records touching on said appeal to the adjourned meeting of the Synod.

MANAGEMENT OF THE BOARD OF CHURCHES
1852

With few exceptions the churches connected with this Synod have enjoyed during the past year much external prosperity. Their temporal affairs appear to be in an unusually flourishing condition. Several new church edifices have been erected, others have been enlarged and improved, several parsonages have been built, and at the same time contributing to other religious purposes particularly to the boards of our own church have been steadily increasing. Bible Classes and Sabbath Schools have been generally well sustained, and attendance upon the ordinary means of grace has been large and regular.

It is a matter for remark and thankfulness that in these days of defection from "the faith once delivered to the Saints" - defection on the one hand toward ritualism, and on the other towards radicalism, the attachment of our people to the doctrines, and order of our own time honored church is not diminishing. Presbyterianism as taught and practiced by our fathers, seems to be regarded with increasing confidence as one of the most important elements in our country conservation of a true religion, a pure morality and a sound public sentiment.

As evidences of this attachment to genuine Presbyterianism we may refer particularly first to a growing interest throughout our Synod on the subject of Church Extension. The different Presbyteries seems to be awakening to a sense of their responsibility and duty in this matter. Several new churches have been organized with in the limits of old and established congregations and in those parts of the Synod that are Missionary fields the work is prosecuted with such vigor and success as to create a call for additional laborers.

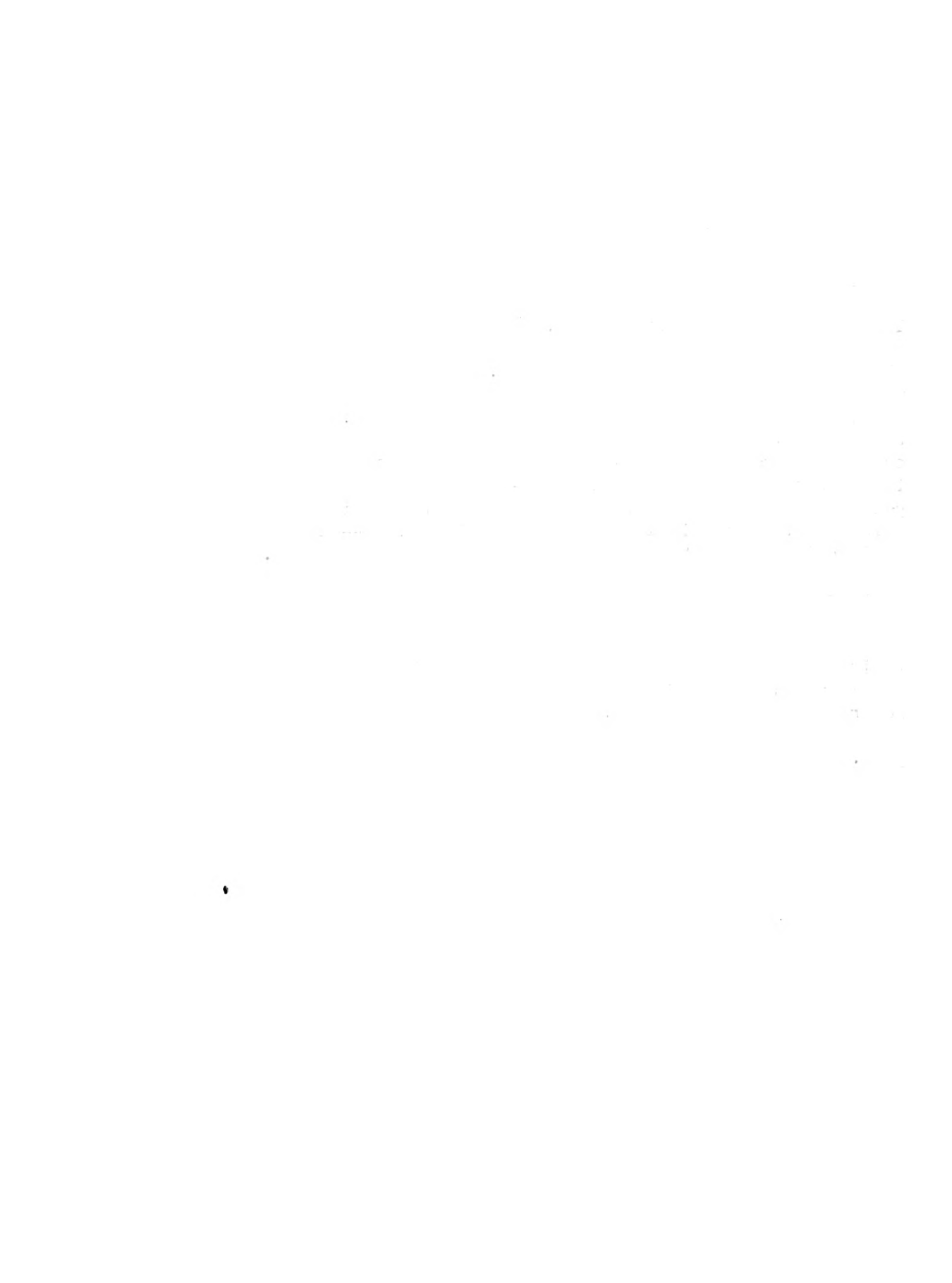
Another striking mark of confidence in, and attachment to the good "old paths" is an increasing effort to have sound religious instruction associated with the secular education of our youth. Parochial Schools and Presbyterian Academies have been established in various parts of the Synod, and they are generally in a flourishing condition. Whatever may be the opinions of individuals as to the general practicability of the parochial school system, all must rejoice at the indication which their establishment affords of an earnest desire to impart to our youth a sound religious education. Interest on this subject is not confined however to those portions of the Synod where schools strictly denominational have been organized.

In other quarters where circumstances are such as seem to render the establishment of such schools impracticable, our people are making earnest efforts to secure the end in view in the way which appears to them most available.

The spiritual condition of our churches presents much cause for gratitude and at the same time much for humiliation. God has been graciously pleased to pour out his spirit abundantly on several of our churches in different parts of the Synod, and we record the fact with joy and thankfulness. We may mention particularly the church at Flemington, in the Presbytery of Faritan--the church of Connecticut Farms in the Presbytery of Elizabethtown--the 1st church of New Brunswick in the Presbytery of New Brunswick, and two of the churches in the Presbytery of Muscouhanna. In several other parts of the Synod the spirit of grace has been especially present exciting an unusual interest in religious things awakening and converting sinners and reviving the people of God to a more entire and hearty dedication of themselves to God's service, of our churches generally however, we cannot thus speak. Most of them have just reason to mourn over their coldness and their learnness. Notwithstanding external prosperity, they have experienced little of that joy which the righteous on Earth as well as the angels in heaven feel over the sinner that repenteth. Many of the professed followers of the Lamb are

found engrossed with the cares of the world and the deceitfulness of riches and the lust of other things, and manifest little zeal for the spiritual welfare of themselves and others, and withal little sorrow and contrition on account of their lack of evidence of vital piety. The standard of practical religion in many of our churches is deplorably low and yet they are therewith deplorably content. 's intimately connected with this low state of piety, there are indications of a growing inattention to the subject of family religion. There is reason to fear that in many of our households family worship and the direct religious instruction of children and servants it to be a great extent neglected--Many parents seem to be depending on Sabbath Schools and parochial schools to do the work which God has peculiarly imposed upon themselves--"training up their children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord."

In regard to the subject of Temperance with in our bounds it appears that while the ravages of Intemperance have latterly been fearful on the increase the friends of morality and religion are at the present time arousing themselves to a renewed and vigorous effort not only to arrest but to banish the scourge from the community. In this good work the members of our churches generally are found taking a prominent and active part.



PRESBYTERIAL
STATISTICAL REPORTS
1852

1. The Presbytery of Elizabethtown report to the Synod of New Jersey that they consist of 35 Ministers, and have under their care 29 Churches, 3 Licentiates and 5 Candidates.

The Presbytery further report that on the 22nd of October 1851, they dismissed Mr. John L. Swain a candidate for licensure under their care, to put himself under the care of the Presbytery of New Albany, and on the day following received the Rev. John W. Townley from the Presbytery of Newton—that on the 15th of November they enjoined upon the Rev. James Richards D. D. to remit the functions of the gospel ministry until the stated meeting of the Presbytery in October 1852, and on the same day dismissed the Rev. Job T. Halsey to join the Presbytery of Newark—that on the 17th of November, they organized the 3rd Presbyterian church of Elizabethtown, which in the Month of January 1852, put itself under the care of the Presbytery of Newark—that on the 13th of December they installed the Rev. John W. Townley, pastor of the 1st church of Morristown—that on the 6th of January 1852, they dissolved the pastoral relation between the Rev. Charles W. Imbrie and the 1st church of Rahway, and on the same day dismissed Mr. Imbrie to join the presbytery of New York—that on the same day they received the Rev. James C. Edwards from the Presbytery of Long Island, and installed him pastor of the 2nd church of Morristown—that on the 18th of February, they organized the 1st Presbyterian church of Alandens—that on the 1st of April, they dismissed the Rev. Peter W. Burghardt to join the classis of West Chester—that on the 7th of April the Rev. William B. Barton departed this life, and that the Rev. Aaron Condit departed this life on the 2th of the same month—that on the 19th of April, they received the Rev. James Petrie from the Presbytery of Hudson, and the Rev. Samuel S. Sheddan from the Presbytery of Northumberland—that on the 21st of April they dismissed the Rev. John A. Annin to join the Presbytery of Miami, and received the Rev. Mr. Pfister under their care, under the rules pertaining to foreign ministers—that on the same day they installed the Rev. Mr. Sheddan pastor of the 1st church of Rahway, and dissolved the pastoral relation between the Rev. William S. Garthwaite

and the church of Lyons farms--and on the following day dismissed Mr. Garthwaite to join the Presbytery of Huntington--that on the 8th of June, they received the Rev. Charles Milne from the Presbytery of Albany and installed him pastor of the church of New Providence--that on the 4th of October, they dismissed the Rev. George W. Wood to join the 4th Presbytery of New York, and received the Rev. Edward Harris from the Presbytery of Londonderry--that on the same day they dissolved the pastoral relation between the Rev. William T. Locke and the church of Springfield--and permitted the Rev. James Richards D. D. to resume the functions of the gospel ministry.

The Presbytery would also report that the churches under their care have very generally complied with the injunction of Synod and taken up collections for the different Boards of our church.

All which is respectfully submitted.
By order of Presbytery.
JAMES C. ENGLISH, Stated Clerk.

2. The Presbytery of New Brunswick report to the Synod of New Jersey that they consist of 44 Ministers, and have under their care 28 Churches, 15 Licentiates, and 15 Candidates.

The Presbytery further report that on the 21st day of October 1851, the congregation of Allentown and their pastor, the Rev. Henry Perkins were transferred by the Synod to the Presbytery of Burlington--that on the same day the Rev. Wm. Henry Green was received from the Presbytery of Philadelphia, and the Rev. James W. Alexander was dismissed to join the Presbytery of New York--that the Rev. Archibald Alexander D. D. departed this life on the morning of the 22nd of October--that on the same day they received Mr. James T. Paige a candidate for the gospel ministry, and dismissed him to put himself under the care of the Presbytery of Baltimore--that on the 3rd of February 1852, they dismissed the Rev. Edward T. Brooks to the Franklin Association of Massachusetts--dissolved the pastoral relation of the Rev. Garrit Van Artsdale to the

to the church of Titusville and dismissed him to join the Presbytery of Newton--that on the same day, they received Thomas B. Neal, Joseph W. Water, James Gilmore and Gasper W. Hodge on trials for the gospel ministry, and on the same day dismissed Thomas B. Neal to put himself under the care of the Presbytery of Charleston--that on the 1st of March, they dissolved the pastoral relation of the Rev. Rufus Taylor to the church of Shrewsbury--that on the 10th of the same month they dissolved the pastoral relation of the Rev. William E. Schonk to the 1st church of Princeton, and dismissed him to join the Presbytery of Philadelphia--that on the 27th of April they received Charles Baird and George C. Fleming on trials for the gospel ministry--that on the 28th they received the Rev. William A. Dod from the Presbytery of Philadelphia--and on the same day licensed Messrs. James Gubby, Joseph W. Calvin, Michael W. Bittinger, Marcus J. Wallace and Eli C. Botsford to preach the gospel--that on the 6th of May, they dismissed Mr. Edwin Emerson, a licentiate, to put himself under the care of the Presbytery of Carlisle, and received the Rev. Jesse B. Davis from the Presbytery of Burlington--that on the 9th of August they dismissed Mr. John A. Yearnis a licentiate, to put himself under the care of the Presbytery of Redstone--that on the 11th of June, they dismissed Mr. James B. Harbeson a licentiate to put himself under the care of the Presbytery of Upper Missouri--that on the 17th of August, they dismissed the Rev. James C. Knapp to join the Presbytery of Buffalo City--Mr. Thomas C. Smith, a licentiate, to put himself under the care of the Presbytery of Baltimore--Philip W. Melick a candidate to put himself under the care of the Presbytery of Northumberland and received Messrs. William Y. Brown, Wm. T. Suckles and Thomas Mc Auley on trials for the gospel ministry and licensed Mr. Charles Baird to preach the gospel--that on the 13th of September they dismissed Mr. Robert P. Bunting a licentiate to put himself under the care of the Presbytery of Washington--and Mr. Thomas C. Dewing a licentiate to put himself under the care of the Presbytery of Wyoming--that on the 5th of October they dismissed Mr. Henry Rinker a licentiate to put himself under the care of the Presbytery of Albany--and received Mr.

W. M. Blackburn a candidate from the Presbytery of Madison--and Edward P. Terhune, Samuel Widge, P. Peck, Harbaugh, and William C. Mosher on trials for the gospel ministry--and that on the same day they licensed Messrs. John W. Pratt, William Y. Brown, John L. Nevins and William Cathcart Jr., to preach the gospel.

The Presbytery also report that the churches under their care have generally complied with the order of Synod in relation to contributing to the Boards of the church.

All which is respectfully submitted.

By order of Presbytery.

ELI W. COOLEY, Stated Clerk.

3. The Presbytery of Newton report to the Synod of New Jersey that they consist of 2 Ministers, and have under their care 22 Churches, 2 Licentiates and 1 Candidate.

The Presbytery further report that on the 22nd of October 1851, they dropped from the roll the following ministers and churches--The Rev. John Gray D. D. and the Rev. Leslie Irwin--with the 1st church of Easton-Allentownship--Durham and Catasaqua

in accordance with the act of the General Assembly of 1851. (see minutes for that year pages 35, 36.) that on the 26th of October they received the Rev. John Turbit from the Presbytery of Coshocton, and on the 5th of November installed him pastor of the church of Mansfield--that on the 2nd of December they ordained Mr. Ephraim Simanton to the work of the gospel ministry and installed him pastor of the church of Danville--that on the 27th of April 1852, they received the Rev. Hugh N. Wilson D. D. from the Presbytery of Long Island, and on the 26th of May installed him pastor of the church of Wackettstown--that on the 27th of April they dismissed the Rev. James G. Moore to join the Presbytery of Bedford, and the Rev. Thomas Mack to join the Presbytery of Philadelphia--that on the 28th of April, they received the Rev. Garrit Van Artsdale from the

Presbytery of New Brunswick, and on the 11th of May installed him Pastor of the church of German Valley, that on the 5th of October, they dismissed the Rev. William Scribner to join the Presbytery of Philadelphia-that on the same day they dissolved the pastoral relation between the Rev. John Turbit, and the church of Mansfield-and dissolved the Union church, and dismissed Mr. Jesse L. Nowell a licentiate under their care of the Presbytery of Bedford.

All which is respectfully submitted.
By order of Presbytery.
HENRY HUNTER, Stated Clerk.

4. The Presbytery of Baritan report to the Synod of New Jersey that they consist of 10 Ministers, and have under their care 16 Churches, 3 Licentiate and 5 Candidates.

The Presbytery further report that on the 19th of November 1851, they received the Rev. John MacNair from the Presbytery of Donegal, and installed him pastor of the church of Clinton-and that on the same day they licensed Mr. Henry Walsh to preach the gospel, that on the 5th of October 1852, they licensed Mr. Jacob Kirkpatrick Jr., to preach the gospel, and on the same day dismissed Mr. Henry Walsh to put himself under the care of the Presbytery of Fayetteville.

All which is respectfully submitted.
By order of Presbytery.
PETER C. STEWART, Stated Clerk.

5. The Presbytery of Susquehanna report to the Synod of New Jersey that they consist of 19 Ministers, and have under their care 19 Churches, 1 Licentiate and 1 Candidates.

The Presbytery further report that on the 27th of January 1852, they received under their care the church of Monrocton, organized from a part of Towanda--that on the 26th of the same month, they dissolved the pastoral relation between the Rev. Charles Huntington and the church of Tysck--that on the 1st of September, they received the Rev. Lucius V. Chapman from the Presbytery of Northumberland--and Mr. John H. Husted a candidate from the Presbytery of West Jersey--and that on the 2nd of September, they licensed Mr. Husted to preach the Gospel.

All which is respectfully submitted.
By order of Presbytery.
JULIUS POSTER, Stated Clerk.

6. The Presbytery of Luzerne report to the Synod of New Jersey that they consist of 15 Ministers, and have under their care 20 Churches, 4 Licentiates and 6 Candidates.

The Presbytery further report that on the 21st of October 1851, they received under their care Mr. William T. Blake as a candidate for the Gospel ministry--that on the 10th of February 1852, they dismissed the Rev. Benjamin Bittinger to join the Presbytery of Winchester--that on the 21st of April, they dissolved the pastoral relation between the Rev. David Harbeson and the church of Beaver Meadow, and dismissed Mr. Harbeson to join the Presbytery of Blairsville--that on the same day they licensed Mr. John F. Blake to preach the Gospel--that on the 9th of June they installed the Rev. Wm. R. Glen pastor of the church of Tamaqua--that on the 23rd of June they received the Rev. Edwin Bronson from the Presbytery of Susquehanna, and licensed Mr. William T. Baker to preach the Gospel--that on the same day they received under their care Mr. Charles J. Collins as a candidate for the Gospel ministry--that on the 29th of June, they received under their

care Mr. Richard F. Edwards as a candidate for the gospel ministry--that on the 4th of October they dissolved the pastoral relation between the Rev. Thomas D. L. Wardlow and the church of Port Carbon--and dismissed Mr. Wardlow to join the Presbytery of Ebenezzer, and on the same day, ordained Mr. John Johnson a licentiate under their care to the work of the gospel ministry as an Evangelist.

All which is respectfully submitted.

By order of Presbytery.

RICHARD WEBSTER, Stated Clerk.

7. The Presbytery of West Jersey report to the Synod of New Jersey that they consist of 17 Ministers, and have under their care 18 Churches, 3 Licentiates and 2 Candidates.

The Presbytery also report that on the 5th of November 1851, the Rev. Henry J. Van Dyke was installed pastor of the 2nd church of Bridgeton--that on the 11th of November, they received the Rev. Levi W. Christian from the Presbytery of Baltimore--that on the 12th of the same month they installed him pastor of the church at Camden--that on the 11th of November they ordained Mr. Frederic Knighton, a licentiate under their care, to the work of the gospel ministry and installed him pastor of the church at Gloucester City--that on the 20th of April, 1852, they dissolved the pastoral relation between the Rev. James J. Helm and the church at Salem--that on the 21st of April, they dissolved the pastoral relation between the Rev. Henry J. Van Dyke and the 2nd church at Bridgeton--that on the same day they dismissed Mr. John H. Musted a candidate to put himself under the care of the Presbytery of Susquehanna--licensed Mr. William C. Cattell to preach the gospel and dismissed the Rev. Edward Mills to join the Presbytery of Ebenezzer--that on the 14th of September they received the Rev. Henry J. Fries from the Presbytery of Wilmington--that on the 15th of the same month, they dismissed the Rev. J. Van Dyke to join the 2nd Presbytery of Philadelphia--that on the 6th of October, they received the Rev. Daniel

Stratton from the Presbytery of Orange, and on the 14th of the same month, installed him pastor of the church at Salem.

All which is respectfully submitted.

By order of Presbytery.

ALLEN W. BROWN, Stated Clerk.

8. The Presbytery of Burlington report to the Synod of New Jersey that they consist of 5 Ministers, and have under their care 9 Churches, and 1 Licentiate.

The Presbytery further report, that on the 22nd of October 1851, this Synod transferred the church of Allentown with its pastor, the Rev. Henry Perkins to this Presbytery--that on the 20th of April 1852, they received Mr. George W. Butler a candidate from the Presbytery of Holston, and on the 12th of October, dismissed him to put himself under the care of the Presbytery of Boston--that on the 10th of May, they dismissed the Rev. Jesse R. Davis to join the Presbytery of New Brunswick--that on the 12th of October they received the Rev. Richard B. Westbrook from the Fourth Presbytery of Philadelphia, and on the same day received under their care Mr. James Stebbins a licentiate from the Presbytery of Troy.

All which is respectfully submitted.

By order of Presbytery.

OSWALD MILLER, Stated Clerk.



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