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ELIZABETH, N. J., OCT. 16TH, 1866.

THE Synod of New Jersey met agreeably to adjournment in the First Presbyterian Church, and was opened with a Sermon from Matthew 24th chapter and 42nd verse, by the REV. JOHN T. DUFFIELD, D. D., the Moderator.

After public worship, the Synod was constituted by prayer.

PRESENT.

FROM THE PRESBYTERY OF ELIZABETH TOWN.

MINISTERS.

REV. MESSRS. HYNDSHAW, HUNT, DOWNER, BLAUVELT, EDWARDS, CORY, ENGLISH, SHEDDAN, VAN DOREN, RANKIN, REINHART, SHELDON, EDGAR, SCRIBNER, LUCAS, CRANE, KEMPSHALL, PLUMLEY, MOORE, LITTLE, LIGGET, CARTER, JOHNS, VANDERVEER.

ELDERS.

MESSRS. DUNHAM, HOAGLAND, DAY, MORSE, DRINKWATER, HILL, SMITH, CLARK, DEMAREST, PINNEO, HUNT, OSBORN, WORKMAN.

FROM THE PRESBYTERY OF PASSAIC.

MINISTERS.

REV. MESSRS. CHESTER, OGDEN, BRINSMADE, READ, HARRIS, KIRTLAND, STREET, PINGREY, HORNBLOWER, CRAVEN, JAMES, ROBERTS, BREWSTER, POLLOCK, SMITH, PATTERSON.

ELDERS.

MESSRS. RANKIN, MAGIE, CRANE, CLARK, BOYNTON, HAINES, FOSTER, MILLS, MULFORD.

FROM THE PRESBYTERY OF NEW BRUNSWICK.

MINISTERS.

REV. MESSRS. RODGERS, HODGE, HALE, HALL, TULLY, DUFFIELD, WESTERVELT, GOSMAN, S. M. HAMILL, WALL, BLACKBURN, SYMMES, MANNING, ARMSTRONG, HARLOW, BEATTY, JENKS, SHRIVER, HAZARD, STUDDIFORD, KENNEDY, FINNEY, CHAPIN, D. J. ATWATER.

ELDERS.

MESSRS. FIELD, EGE, DYE, SINCLAIR, COOK, DAVIS, CRUSER,
FULLER, MC DOWELL, LEE, BERGEN, BOGART, TITUS, SHANGLE,
SCUDDER.

FROM THE PRESBYTERY OF NEWTON.

MINISTERS.

REV. MESSRS. HUNT, HAND, MC GEE, REILEY, KIRK, SIMANTON,
BARRET, MOTT, FORESMAN, EVERITT, CLARK, CLINE, DOREMUS,
LAURIE, VAN ALLEN.

ELDERS.

MESSRS. JOHNSON, ROBINS, LANNING, SHIPMAN, RYERSON,
GALLOWAY, LANTZ, KENNEDY.

FROM THE PRESBYTERY OF WEST JERSEY.

MINISTERS.

REV. MESSRS. FORD, GREGORY, WOOD, HUBBARD, MC CONAUGHY,
STEWART, CORNELL, W. E. JONES.

ELDERS.

MESSRS. GIBBON, WOODRUFF, NEWCOMBE.

FROM THE PRESBYTERY OF SUSQUEHANNA.

MINISTERS.

REV. MESSRS. CORSS, CRAFT, MC WILLIAM, HARRIS.

ELDERS—None.

FROM THE PRESBYTERY OF LUZERNE.

MINISTERS.

REV. MESSRS. SNOWDEN, HUNT, WHITE, PLUMER, ROSENTHAL,
COLT, HICKOK, PARKE, DINSMORE, LANE, JOHNSON, THOMPSON,
KING, DOD, SALMON, DAY, DERUELLE, BELLVILLE.

ELDERS.

MESSRS. FULLER, GILMORE, WIGGAN, COOK.

FROM THE PRESBYTERY OF RARITAN.

MINISTERS.

REV. MESSRS. WILLOX, JANEWAY, GLEN, SPAYD, VAN DYKE,
BLAUVELT, BURROWS, WRIGHT, STUDDIFORD, RANDOLPH.

ELDERS.

MESSRS. FISHER, STRYKER, RANCK, YARD, BEANS, TINSMAN,
ROSENBURY, APGAR, BARBER, RITTENHOUSE.

FROM THE PRESBYTERY OF BURLINGTON.

MINISTERS.

REV. MESSRS. PERKINS, MILLER, REED, BAKER, KETCHAM, HODGE,
GREENLEAF.

ELDERS.

MESSRS. AIKMAN, SIMPSON, ROBBINS, MILNOR.

FROM THE PRESBYTERY OF MONMOUTH.

MINISTERS.

REV. MESSRS. MCLEAN, TODD, ROGERS, CLEMENTS, COBB, CHANDLER,
KEHO, WELLS, FREEMAN.

ELDERS.

MESSRS. CONOVER, CRAIG, FORMAN, BELL.

FROM THE PRESBYTERY OF CORISCO.

MINISTER.

REV. MR. MACKEY.

ELDERS—None.

The roll having been called, the Rev. William H. Hornblower, D. D., was chosen Moderator, and the Rev. Messrs. Rodgers and Hale were chosen Clerks.

Resolved, That during the present sessions of the Synod, it be the order to meet at 9 o'clock, A. M.; to adjourn at half past 12 M.; to meet at half past 2 P. M.; to adjourn at 5 P. M., and meet at half past 7 P. M.

The Committee appointed to make arrangements for the religious exercises of the Synod, reported, recommending that the first half hour on the morning of each day during the sessions of the Synod, be spent in devotional exercises. That one hour of this Evening be devoted to religious services—that the narrative of the State of religion within the bounds of the Synod for the past year, be read on Wednesday Evening, and that the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper be administered on the same evening. They would also recommend that at the administration of the Sacrament, the Rev. Dr. Plumer read the Scriptures and offer the prayer of consecration

—that the Rev. Dr. Rodgers make an address and distribute the bread—that the Rev. Dr. Hodge distribute the wine and make an address, and that the concluding prayer be made by the Moderator. They would further recommend that the following Elders be appointed to distribute the Elements:—

EZRA M. HUNT, of the Presbytery of Elizabeth Town.

WILLIAM MULFORD, of the Presbytery of Passaic.

E. B. FULLER, of the Presbytery of New Brunswick.

ROBERT L. COOK, of the Presbytery of Luzerne.

THOMAS RYERSON, of the Presbytery of Newton.

J. D. STRYKER, of the Presbytery of Raritan.

Synod then adjourned to meet at half past 7 o'clock, this evening. Concluded with prayer.

TUESDAY EVENING, 7 1-2 o'clock.

Synod met according to adjournment and was opened with prayer.

Synod spent an hour in devotional exercises, during which the Rev. Cyrus Dixon, D. D., of the Synod of Baltimore, addressed the Synod on behalf of the Assembly's Committee of Freedmen, with reference to the condition and prospects of the Freedmen.

A Committee of three, consisting of Rev. Messrs. Hunt and Park, ministers, and Mr. Haines, elder, were appointed to bring in a report with reference to the claims of the freedmen.

Satisfactory reasons were assigned for the absence from this meeting of the Synod, of the Rev. Wm. Huntting, of the Presbytery of Elizabeth Town, the Rev. Dr. Irving of the Presbytery of Passaic, and the Rev. Dr. Mann, of the Presbytery of New Brunswick.

The Minutes of the last meeting of the Synod were read.

It was made the order of the day for 10 o'clock to-morrow morning, to hand in the Presbyterian Records.

The Rev. Henry F. Hickok, of the Synod of Albany, the Rev. Cyrus Dixon, D. D., of the Synod of Baltimore, and the Rev. Tho's A. Ogden of the Synod of Mississippi, were invited to sit as corresponding members.

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

WEDNESDAY MORNING, 9 o'clock.

Synod met pursuant to adjournment, and was opened with prayer.

Synod then spent half an hour in devotional exercises.

The Minutes of yesterday's Sessions of Synod were read.

The Rev. Messrs. Bond and Cornell, of the Presbytery of Elizabeth Town; the Rev. Dr. Macdonald, of the Presbytery of New Brunswick; Mr. Joseph B. Wright, elder, from the 1st church of Princeton,

and Mr. L. L. Chester, elder, from the 2nd church, of New Brunswick, of the same Presbytery—the Rev. Thaddeus Wilson, of the Presbytery of Monmouth, and Benjamin Wikoff, elder, from the church of Shrewsbury, of the same Presbytery—the Rev. James Petrie, of the Presbytery of Newton; the Rev. Messrs. Brace, Brown, Mc Mullen and Williamson, of the Presbytery of West Jersey; and the Rev. Mr. Lowrie, of the Presbytery of Luzerne, appeared in Synod and assigned satisfactory reasons for late attendance.

The usual committees were then appointed.

Ordered, That the Committee of bills and overtures meet immediately in the Lecture Room of this Church.

Ordered, That the Judicial Committee meet upon the call of the Chairman.

The Rev. I. H. Spillman of the Synod of Wheeling, Rev. G. M. Blodget of the Synod of Albany, Rev. R. S. Feagbs of the Synod of New York and New Jersey, Rev. B. T. Phillips of the Synod of New York, and the Rev. Jonas King, D. D., Missionary to Greece, being present, were invited to sit as corresponding members.

Resolved, That so much of the rule of Synod as pertains to the publication of the names of the Elders and Deacons of the several churches in the printed minutes, be, and it is hereby rescinded.

The Rev. Jonas King, D. D., was invited to address the Synod at half past 3 o'clock, this afternoon.

The Rev. Mr. Mott, from the Committee appointed to draft the Synodical Narrative, made the following report which was adopted and ordered to be read at the religious service this evening.

When this Synod assembled one year ago, deep solicitude oppressed every serious mind. The bloody strife of four years of civil war was closed; but the men who had lived so long away from the humanizing influences of home and from the purifying power of the Sanctuary were returning to the places whence they had gone out; and it could not be foretold how our communities would be affected thereby. Indeed, already there was seen to be an alarming corruption of public morals. Crime was fearfully prevalent; atrocious murders were daily committed; gigantic frauds were perpetrated by men of high position; suddenly acquired wealth had begotten luxurious and profligate manners hitherto unknown in our republic; mammon and fashion were leading the people in a carnival of ungodliness; and the piety of the church did not seem vigorous enough to stem this flood of irreligion and vice. The only hopeful sign was that God's children recognized the peril, and bemoaned their own supineness. The church throughout the land felt that help was in God alone; and the prayer everywhere was, "Turn us again, O God, and cause thy face to shine and we shall be saved." This sighing of Israel arose as an acceptable offering; the Lord

heard and answered, "out of Zion the perfection of beauty, God hath shined;" and this Synod has largely shared in the general religious awakening, which will render the winter of 1866, memorable in the annals of the church.

Eight of our Presbyteries rejoice over more or less extended revivals. The Presbytery of Burlington reports, that "most of our congregations have received a larger increase than usual;" and particularly mentions the first church of Camden, to which between 40 and 50 have been added. The Presbytery of Monmouth records special interest in the churches of Squan Village, Toms River, Red Bank, Millstone and Tennent. The narrative of Susquehanna Presbytery is aglow with the record of a work of grace, which began at Towanda during the week of prayer, and progressed there with great power, and then spread to other places. The congregations most abundantly blessed, were Towanda, Monroetown, Wysox, Orwell, Rome, Terrytown and Wyalusing.

2nd. The additions were largely from the youth, especially of the Sabbath Schools. Nor has the Presbytery of New Brunswick, so often blessed, been passed by. The two churches of Princeton have received during the year 110 members. In other churches there have been special tokens of the presence of the Spirit. The college of New Jersey has been again visited with a precious work of grace, which first appeared after the day of prayer for colleges; about 60 students expressed a hope in Christ. The High School at Lawrenceville has also been signally favored; 30 appear to have passed from death unto life. In this religious awakening the Female Seminary at the same place, has shared. In the Presbytery of Passaic, the 3rd church of Newark, 1st church Morristown and Lyon's Farms, report large additions. The Presbytery of West Jersey has witnessed the converting power of the Holy Ghost in many of its churches, but more prominently in Greenwich, Cape Island, Salem, Cold Spring, and 1st church Bridgeton; more than one half of the additions are from Sabbath Schools. There were also many heads of families, and in one church 14 were received over sixty years of age. The Presbytery of Newton reported last year, a blessed work of grace in several churches. The Lord has returned and visited other portions of that field, and Yellow Frame, Marksboro, Stewartsville, 2nd Oxford and Stroudsburgh, are rejoicing over the conversion of sinners. While there has been no general visitation of the Spirit in his converting power in the Presbytery of Raritan, several churches have received larger additions than usual; Milford and Musconetcong Valley, have received the largest accessions.

From this narration we shall look for certain results; and these we find *in the spirituality of God's people*. One of the Presbyteries revived reports, "the tone of piety seems to be marked with more than ordinary health and vigor." Another declares, "new

vigor is infused into churches as a result of the revival; and a desire to occupy waste places. Yet another records the cheering words, "over the whole ground there is the commencement of a new state of things in prayer meetings and public worship." The Presbytery of New Brunswick thus expresses its hope, "the devout attention given to the preaching of the Word, the willingness of the unconverted to converse upon the subject of personal religion, the marked interest manifested by the young in this momentous subject, the increased attendance at our weekly prayer meetings, and the growing disposition of God's people to labor and pray for the conversion of souls, are all indications that the Holy Spirit is moving upon the hearts of the people."

It is gratifying to learn that Sabbath Schools are receiving that care which their importance demands. All the Presbyteries make special mention of these, as flourishing, and in many instances increasing in vigor and efficiency. The study of the shorter Catechism receives attention in our Presbyteries, and yet its importance requires even greater consideration. The Presbytery of Newton has a committee to whom reports are ordered to be sent from the Sabbath Schools of the churches; and by answers to a schedule of questions, Presbytery is informed of the condition of the schools. Thus this branch of the churches' operations passes under the supervision of Presbytery. This plan is well worthy of universal imitation.

The attendance upon the preached Word is reported as encouraging, improving, and in many instances the attention is marked, serious, and prayerful. A spirit of liberality is manifested in the increase of pastors' salaries, and in somewhat enlarged contributions to the Boards of our church. Very few however have, in either of these respects, attained the measure, which the indispensable needs of the ministry require, or the wants of a race of dying sinners call for.

The Presbytery of Susquehanna deploras an indifference to the pastoral relation and a disposition among their churches, to rest satisfied with the ministration of stated supplies. Of 15 churches, 9 are served by six stated supplies, which is one half the active members of that Presbytery.

The educational institutions within the bounds of Synod, are in a flourishing condition, so far as reported.

In regard to our missionary fields, the Presbytery of Luzerne speaks of new places for churches, some of them very important, and pressing in their demands for supplies; others equally promising in their prospective positions, which have to be neglected for want of men and means. Presbytery of Monmouth is greatly encouraged. "There is not one of our missionary churches which does not seem in some way, to have increased in strength, or to have some mark of the divine blessing impressed upon it." Sus-

quehanna Presbytery refers to indications of openings, to which they are directing attention. A field of great importance, and daily assuming a missionary character, is occupied by the Presbytery of Passaic. Contiguous to New York, it receives an overflow of that City, some of which is good and some very bad. This Presbytery is recognizing the arduous task, which this rapidly increasing population, imposes upon its christian effort.

From Africa, the Presbytery of Corisco sends a very interesting narrative to the Synod. Our space will permit only a few statements to be inserted. Two churches under their care have had signs of God's favor; 11 were added to the one, and 13 to the other. At each of the three stations and two substations, daily instruction is given in the schools. At Alongo Station, religious services have been attended with interest and solemnity; weekly prayers have been deeply interesting, both as to numbers and attention. There is a slight advance among the people on the subject of slavery and temperance. The native brethren, notwithstanding severe temptation, have nobly adhered to their standard of temperance. The establishment of Spanish authority on the island, which, it was feared would be disastrous, has not seriously interfered with the mission work. And "the *religious* influence of our Roman Catholic neighbors is small, less injurious than would be a rum factory. At least, whatever success they have in making converts, enlightens the people as to the difference between professed and real religion." These brethren "faint yet pursuing," close their report with this Macedonian cry: "we are only three on the ground now; we must have help. We have appealed to our Board, and they willing to commission endorsed applicants, refer us to the church. We now appeal to our fathers and brethren of our Synod, and ask them to direct the eyes of their Licentiates and Candidates, and pious Medical Laymen, to our field of work. We wish to progress; but this present supplication is not based on the interest of progress, or expansion of work; nor even for the sustentation of present operations: we plead for *organic life*."

The Head of the church this year has summoned to His presence, the veteran standard-bearers of Synod. On the 2nd day of May, JACOB KIRKPATRICK, D. D., gently passed away, having failed gradually, and almost without disease, in the 81st year of his age. No pen can write the record of his ministry of 56 years spent among the same people, and spread over an area of 150 square miles. His popularity as a preacher caused his services to be in constant demand in the earlier part of his ministerial life. He had a warm and generous heart and was ever ready for any good work. Blessed with remarkable health, he continued preaching until the last five months of his life. His funeral sermon was preached by his life-long friend and co-presbyter PETER O. STUDDIFORD, D. D.; and then one month from that very day, on the 5th of June, the Master came

for him to rejoin his departed brother in the Kingdom above, and once more they were united, not in labors, but in the worship of the upper sanctuary. For nearly 45 years Dr. Studdiford had preached the gospel to the same people, among whom he was greatly blessed. He was a thorough scholar and theologian and full of zeal and of the Holy Ghost. He entered into rest in the 68th year of his age. Thus in one month the Presbytery of Raritan was called to mourn these revered fathers.

On the 17th of May, the Rev. JACOB TEN EYCK FIELD, of the Presbytery of Newton, was called to his reward in the 80th year of his age. In 1839 he was smitten by paralysis from which he never sufficiently recovered to resume the ministerial work; and yet his heart was with his brethren in their toils and successes.

On the 24th of August, Rev. DANIEL STRATTON, of the Presbytery of West Jersey, in the 52nd year of his age, laid aside his body well worn in the Lord's service. The earlier years of his ministry were spent in North Carolina. Fourteen years ago he returned to his native state, and became the pastor of the church at Salem, where he died; going up to hear the rejoicings of the angels over the souls he had just gathered into the fold. To know him was to love him. His whole demeanor, conversation and temper were saintly.

The Rev. JOHN BURR of the same Presbytery, departed this life on the 24th of March, in the 77th year of his age. He was the first Editor of "The Presbyterian," and afterwards had charge of the Standard, published at Cincinnati. In 1842 he took charge of the church at Blackwood Town, where he remained until the failure of his health, when he removed to Salem, the scene of his first pastoral labors.

These have passed away leaving us a blessed example of godly lives, and untiring devotion to the work of the ministry.

" With us their names shall live,
Through long succeeding years :
Embalmed with all our hearts can give,
Our praises and our tears."

The Presbyterian Records having been called for, were handed in, and referred to the committees appointed to examine them. It was then made the order of the day for to-morrow at 10 o'clock, A. M., to receive reports from these committees.

The Rev. S. W. Hilliard, Presiding Elder of the Elizabeth district of the N. J. Conference of the M. E. Church being present, was invited to sit as a correspondent.

The Statistical Reports from the Presbyteries composing the Synod were read and accepted, and are as follows:

The Presbytery of Elizabeth Town report to the Synod of New Jersey that they consist of 30 Ministers, and have under their care 16 Churches, 2 Licentiates and 6 Candidates.

The Presbytery further report, that on the 17th of April, 1866, they dismissed Mr. Reuben H. Van Pelt a licentiate, to put himself under the care of the Presbytery of Winnebago, and the Rev. Charles D. Roberts to join the Presbytery of West Virginia—that on the same day, they received Mr. Reading B. Johns, a licentiate from the Presbytery of New Brunswick—and on the 18th of the same month, they ordained him to the work of the gospel ministry as an Evangelist—that on the same day they received Mr. James S. McCoy and Mr. Theodore W. Hunt under their care as candidates for the gospel ministry—that on the 2nd of October, they received under their care the Siloam church of the city of Elizabeth, and licensed Mr. William H. Littell to preach the gospel—that on the following day they received Mr. John Ludlow Kendall as a candidate for the gospel ministry, and restored the name of James R. Campbell to their list of candidates.

Presbytery further report, that all the churches under their care have contributed to the various Boards—to the fund for Disabled Ministers and to the Bible Society—except that the church of New Providence has failed to contribute to the Board of Church Extension, and the churches of Lamington and Elizabethport to the Board of Publication.

By order of Presbytery,
JAMES T. ENGLISH, Stated Clerk.

The Presbytery of Passaic report to the Synod of New Jersey that they consist of 24 Ministers, and have under their care 16 Churches, 2 Licentiates and 3 Candidates.

The Presbytery further report, that on the 18th day of October, 1865, they received under their care Mr. George L. Smith, a licentiate from the Presbytery of New York, and on the 25th of the same month ordained him to the work of the gospel ministry, and installed him pastor of the church of Boiling Spring—that on the 29th of November they received the Rev. Jacob Wahrenberger from the Presbytery of New York, and installed him pastor of the German church of Paterson—that on the 28th of February, 1866, they enrolled the newly organized Westminster church of Elizabeth—and on the same day dissolved the pastoral relation between the Rev. Wm. C. Roberts and the Second Church of Elizabeth—that on the 7th day of March they installed the Rev. Wm. C. Roberts pastor of the Westminster Church of Elizabeth—that on the 17th of April they received the Rev. Allen T. Graves from the Presbytery of Elizabeth Town—that on the same day they dismissed the Rev. Joseph Alden, D. D. LL.D. to the Presbytery of New York—that on the 25th of April Robert L. Smythe, a licentiate under their care departed this life—that on the 17th of July they received under their care Mr. Gavin Langmuir, a licentiate from the Presbytery

of Rochester City, and ordained him to the work of the gospel ministry, and installed him pastor of the First Church, Morristown—that on the 4th of August they dismissed Mr. William H. James a licentiate, to put himself under the care of the Presbytery of Cincinnati—that on the 16th of August they received the Rev. J. B. Patterson from the Presbytery of Ohio, and on the 21st day of August installed him pastor of the Second Church of Elizabeth—and that on the 2nd day of October they licensed Mr. Walter Condict as a probationer to preach the gospel.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. H. HORNBLOWER, Stated Clerk.

The Presbytery of New Brunswick report to the Synod of New Jersey, that they consist of 50 Ministers, and have under their care 22 Churches, 11 Licentiates and 12 Candidates.

The Presbytery further report that on the 18th of Oct., 1865, they received the Rev. O. H. Hazard from the Presbytery of Burlington, and on the 26th of the same month, installed him pastor of the 2nd church of New Brunswick—that on the 8th of November, they received the Rev. William E. Westervelt from the Presbytery of Iowa, and installed him pastor of the church of South Amboy—that on the 21st of December, they dissolved the pastoral relation between the Rev. Henry B. Chapin and the 3rd Church of Trenton—that on the 6th of February 1866, they dismissed the Rev. John Wylie to join the Presbytery of Oregon—dismissed Mr. R. B. Johns, a licentiate to put himself under the care of the Presbytery of Elizabeth Town—and revoked the license of Mr. Edward H. Spooner—that on the 7th of February, they licensed Salem C. Faris to preach the gospel—that on the 20th of February they dissolved the pastoral relation between the Rev. George S. Bishop and the 2nd church of Trenton, and dismissed him to join the Presbytery of North River—that on the 17th of April, they dismissed the Rev. Joseph Mahon to join the Presbytery of Carlisle, and received the Rev. Samuel M. Studdiford from the Presbytery of Newton—that on the 18th of April, they licensed Messrs. Henry S. Butler, Melancthon Hughes, John D. Stokes, William H. Hersman, Daniel B. Jackson, Alexander S. Thompson, Henry Leutzinger and George T. Boutillier, to preach the gospel—that on the 25th of April, they installed the Rev. S. M. Studdiford, pastor of the 3rd church of Trenton, and on the same day ordained Mr. Charles P. Glover, a licentiate, under their care to the work of the gospel ministry as an Evangelist—that on the 14th of August, they received the Rev. Spencer L. Finney, from the Northern Presbytery of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, and on the 31st of the same month installed him pastor of the 2nd church of Princeton—that on the 2nd of October, they received the Rev. Charles S. Schenck from the Pres-

bytery of St. Louis, and the Rev. James B. Kennedy from the 2nd Presbytery of Philadelphia, and that on the 11th of October, they installed Mr. Kennedy pastor of the 2nd church of Trenton.

Presbytery further report, that they dismissed at their own request the following Licentiates, to place themselves under the care of the Presbyteries respectively named, to wit:

C. Maurice Wines, February 15th, 1866, to the presbytery of Rochester City.

Daniel Deruelle, March 29th, 1866, to the presbytery of Luzerne.

Henry M. Baird, April 16th, to the presbytery of New York.

Newton I. Conklin, April 17th, to the presbytery of St. Lawrence.

John C. Elliot, April 17th, to the presbytery of Missouri River.

John G. Cameron, April 17th, to the presbytery of Pictou, Lower Province of Canada.

Alexander S. Thompson, April 18th, to the presbytery of Carlisle.

John F. Martin, June 16th, to the presbytery of Western Texas.

Salmon C. Faris, June 19th, to the presbytery of West Virginia.

Samuel R. Anderson, July 2nd, to the second presbytery of Philadelphia.

Wallace Radcliffe, July 4th, to the presbytery of Philadelphia.

Henry Leutzinger, September 7th, to the presbytery of Guelph, Canada West.

Henry S. Butler, September 13th, to the presbytery of Burlington.

William Alexander Holliday, September 27th, to the presbytery of North River.

John K. Demarest, October 2nd, to the presbytery of New York.

Respectfully submitted.

GEORGE HALE, Stated Clerk.

The Presbytery of Newton report to the Synod of New Jersey that they consist of 29 Ministers, and have under their care 27 churches, 1 Licentiate and 1 Candidate.

The Presbytery further report that on the 31st of October 1865, they received under their care, Mr. Charles Van Allen a licentiate, from the Presbytery of Albany, and on the same day ordained him to the work of the gospel ministry and installed him pastor of the church of Middle Smithfield—that on the 31st of January 1866, they installed the Rev. E. Clark Cline pastor of the 2nd Oxford church—that on the 24th of February, they dissolved the pastoral relation of the Rev. Gilbert Lane to the 2nd Mansfield church, and dismissed him to the classis of Montgomery, of the Reformed Dutch Church—that on the 22nd of March, they dissolved the pastoral relation of the Rev. Samuel M. Studdiford to the church of Stewartville, and dismissed him to the Presbytery of New Brunswick—that on the 25th of April, they received under their care Mr. Joseph H. Doremus a licentiate, from the classes of Passaic, of

the Reformed Dutch Church, and the Rev. Edwin Town from the Presbytery of Raritan, and dropped from their list of candidates the name of Mr. Nelson Easton—that on the 17th of May, they ordained Mr. Joseph H. Doremus to the work of the gospel ministry as an evangelist, and dissolved the pastoral relation of the Rev. Robert H. Reeves to the church of Hope—that on the 5th of June, they received the Rev. Thomas Gray from the Presbytery of Long Island, and installed him pastor of the 2nd Mansfield church—that on the 6th of June, they received under their care Mr. William Laurie a licentiate, from the Presbytery of Philadelphia, and ordained him to the work of the gospel ministry, and installed him pastor of the church of Stewartsville—that on the same day they received the Rev. John I. Carrell from the Presbytery of Genessee River—that on the 10th of August, they dissolved the pastoral relation of the Rev. William H. Kirk to the church of Belvidere—that on the 20th of August, they dismissed Mr. Arthur H. Somes a licentiate, to put himself under the care of the Brookfield Association of Congregational churches—that on the 2nd of October, they dissolved the pastoral relation of the Rev. George C. Bush to the church of Hackettstown, and dismissed him to the 2nd Presbytery of Philadelphia; and on the same day dismissed the Rev. I. Sanford Smith to the Presbytery of Detroit.

Presbytery also report, that the Rev. Jacob Ten Eyck Field departed this life on the 17th of May, 1866.

By order of Presbytery,

R. B. FORESMAN, Stated Clerk.

The Presbytery of West Jersey report to the Synod of New Jersey that they consist of 21 Ministers, and have under their care 23 Churches and 2 Candidates.

The Presbytery also report that on the 2nd of April, 1866, the Rev. John P. Conkey was dismissed to join the Central Presbytery of Philadelphia—that on the 18th of April, the Rev. Samuel J. Baird, D. D., was dismissed to join the Presbytery of Potomac, and the Rev. Walter S. Drysdale to join the Presbytery of Baltimore, and that on the same day, the Rev. F. R. Brace was installed pastor of the church of Hammonton—that on the 19th of June, the pastoral relations between the Rev. John A. Annin and the 1st church of Cedarville, and the Rev. N. Mc Conaughy and the Church of Millville were dissolved—that on the same day Mr. Heber H. Beadle was received under the care of Presbytery as a licentiate, from the Free Church Presbytery of Edinburgh, Scotland, and on the following day was ordained to the work of the gospel ministry, and installed pastor of the 2nd church of Bridgeton—that on the 1st of May, the Rev. Joseph W. Hubbard was installed pastor of the church at Cape Island—that on the 3rd of October, the Rev. Wm.

E. Jones was received from the Presbytery of Genessee River, and the Rev. Alexander Proudfit from the Presbytery of New York; and that on the same day Mr. Robert R. Westcott a licentiate, was dismissed to put himself under the care of the Presbytery of Dane—that on the 6th of October, the Rev. William E. Jones was installed pastor of the 1st church of Cedarville.

The Presbytery also report that on the 25th of April, a church was organized at Waterford; and further, that on the 24th of March, the Rev. John Burt departed this life, and that on the 24th of August, the Rev. Daniel Stratton entered into rest.

By order of Presbytery,

JOSEPH W. HUBBARD, Stated Clerk.

The Presbytery of Susquehanna report to the Synod of New Jersey, that they consist of 14 Ministers, and have under their care 20 Churches, 1 Licentiate and 3 Candidates.

The Presbytery further report that on the 26th, of Jan., 1866, they received Mr. Clark Salmon a licentiate, from the 2nd Presbytery of Philadelphia, and on the 28th of the same month ordained him to the work of the gospel ministry as an evangelist—that on the 27th of January they dissolved the pastoral relation between the Rev. James G. Carnochan and the church of Troy, and that on the same day they dismissed the Rev. John Caldwell to join the Presbytery of Pennsylvania—that on the 28th of February they installed the Rev. David Craft pastor of the church of Wyalusing 2nd, and on the next day pastor of the church of Terrytown—that on the 4th of April, they received under their care Mr. Charles K. Canfield as a candidate for the gospel ministry—that on the 5th of April, they dissolved the pastoral relation between the Rev. Darwin Cook and the church of Stevensville—that on the 1st of May, they dissolved the pastoral relation between the Rev. Edward Kennedy and the church of Elkland, and on the same day received the Rev. John Garretson, D. D., from the classes of Ulster, of the Reformed Dutch Church, and installed him pastor of the church of Lawrenceville; and on the same day dissolved the churches of Brookfield and Knoxville—and that on the 2nd of August, they ordained Mr. Stephen P. Gates to the work of the gospel ministry as an evangelist.

By order of Presbytery,

CHARLES C. CORSS, Stated Clerk.

The Presbytery of Luzerne report to the Synod of New Jersey, that they consist of 30 Ministers, and have under their care 30 Churches, 1 Licentiate and 2 Candidates.

The Presbytery further report that on the 2nd of November, 1865, they installed the Rev. E. I. Newlin D. D., pastor of the

church of Hazleton; and that on the 19th of the same month they installed the Rev. William S. Plumer, D. D. pastor of the Second Church of Pottsville—that on the 11th of January, 1866, they organized the church of Coalville—that on the 17th of April they received the Rev. W. H. Dinsmore from the Presbytery of Carlisle, and on the 2nd of May installed him pastor of the church of Mahanoy City. They also received on the 17th of April Mr. Daniel Deruelle, a licentiate from the Presbytery of New Brunswick, and on the 20th of the same month ordained him to the work of the gospel ministry as an Evangelist—They also dismissed on the 17th of April the Rev. F. F. Kolb to the Presbytery of Northumberland, and received under their care as a candidate for the gospel ministry Mr. Bruce W. Adams—that on the 17th of September they dismissed the Rev. J. D. Mitchell, D. D. to the Presbytery of Wellsboro', and the Rev. Solomon McElroy to the Presbytery of Chippewa, and on the following day received Mr. John E. Lang, a licentiate from the Classis of Philadelphia of the Reformed German Church, and on the 1st of October ordained Mr. Lang to the work of the gospel ministry, and installed him pastor of the German Church of Archibald—that on the 18th of September they received the Rev. William Wendulich from the Presbytery of New York, and on the 2nd of October installed him pastor of the German Church of Scranton—and that on the 17th of October they received the Rev. Jacob Bellville from the 2nd Presbytery of Philadelphia.

By order of Presbytery,

N. G. PARKE, Stated Clerk.

The Presbytery of Raritan report to the Synod of New Jersey, that they consist of 16 Ministers, and have under their care 17 Churches and 1 Candidate.

The Presbytery further report that the Rev. A. H. Sloat has been installed pastor of the churches of Milford and Holland—that the Rev. John MacNair, D.D. has been dismissed to join the Presbytery of Donegal—that the Rev. John B. Kugler was received from the Presbytery of Donegal, and installed pastor of the church of Musconetcong Valley on the 19th of December, 1865—that the Rev. William Wright was received from the Presbytery of the South West, and installed pastor of Amwell United 1st, on the 24th of April, 1866—that the Rev. J. B. H. Janeway was dismissed to join the Presbytery of Carlisle on the 11th of April—that on the same day the Rev. Edwin Town was dismissed to join the Presbytery of Newton—and the church of Tinicum was dissolved—and that the Rev. Peter A. Studdiford was received from the Classis of Bergen of the Reformed Dutch Church, and installed pastor of the church of Lambertsville, on the 22nd of August.

The Presbytery further report that two fathers in the ministry, original members of the Presbytery, after long and faithful pastor-

ates, the Rev. JACOB KIRKPATRICK, D. D., for fifty-six years pastor of the church of Amwell United 1st, and the Rev. PETER O. STUDDIFORD, D. D., for forty-five years pastor of the church of Lambertsville, have been removed by death, the former departing this life on the 2nd of May, 1866, and the latter on the 5th of June, 1866.

By order of Presbytery,
JOHN L. JANEWAY, Stated Clerk.

The Presbytery of Burlington report to the Synod of New Jersey, that they consist of 12 Ministers, and have under their care 13 Churches, 2 Licentiates and 1 Candidate.

The Presbytery further report that on the 16th of Oct. 1865, they organized a church at Bustleton, known as the Providence Presbyterian Church—that on the 17th of October, the Rev. O. H. Hazard was dismissed to join the Presbytery of New Brunswick—that on the 11th of April, 1866, the Presbytery received under their care Mr. P. B. Van Syckel, a licentiate from the Presbytery of Raritan—that on the same day they received the Rev. Joseph Greenleaf, Jr., from the Presbytery of New York, and on the 8th of May installed him pastor of the church of Bordentown—that on the 3rd of October they received under their care Mr. H. S. Butler, a licentiate from the Presbytery of New Brunswick—that on the same day they dissolved the pastoral relation between the Rev. J. E. Miller, and the churches of Plumstead and Plattsburg, and dismissed Mr. Miller to the 2nd Presbytery of Philadelphia.

By order of Presbytery,
EDWARD B. HODGE, Stated Clerk.

The Presbytery of Monmouth report to the Synod of New Jersey, that they consist of 13 Ministers, and have under their care 13 Churches and four Candidates.

The Presbytery further report that on the 18th of October, 1865, they received the Rev. Alexander Clements from the Northern Presbytery of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, and on the 17th of November installed him pastor of the Port Washington Church—that on the 11th of September, 1866, they dissolved the pastoral relation between the Rev. J. H. Frazee and the Toms' River Church, and on the same day dismissed him to the classis of Orange of the Reformed Dutch Church—that on the 2nd of October, they dismissed the Rev. D. D. Sabler, to the Berkshire South Association of Massachusetts.

They further report that on the 8th of August Mr. Lewis Holman and on the 30th of August, Mr. Wm. E. Mc Chesney were received under the care of Presbytery, as candidates for the gospel ministry.

By order of Presbytery,
W. M. WELLS, Stated Clerk.

No report was received from the Presbytery of Corisco.

The Rev. Jacob Wahrenburger of the Presbytery of Passaic, and the Rev. T. L. Janeway, D. D., the Rev. John Maclean, D. D., the Rev. A. T. McGill, D. D., and the Rev. T. D. Hoover of the Presbytery of New Brunswick, appeared in Synod and assigned satisfactory reasons for late attendance.

The committee appointed to make a report with reference to the condition of the Freedmen, made a report—pending the discussion of said report, the hour for adjournment arrived when the rule was suspended for 15 minutes.

The Rev. Joseph Holdich, D. D., one of the Secretaries of the American Bible Society being present, was invited to sit as a correspondent; and was upon invitation, heard with reference to the condition and claims of the Institution which he represented.

It was made the 2nd order of the day, for this afternoon to hear the Rev. T. L. Janeway, D. D., on behalf of the Boards of the church. Synod then adjourned to meet at half past two o'clock, P. M.

Concluded with prayer.

HALF PAST 2 o'clock, P. M.

Synod met and was opened with prayer.

The minutes of the morning's Session was read.

The committee on leave of absence reported that they had given leave of absence to the following members of the Synod, to wit:

Rev. J. C. Edwards, Presbytery of Elizabeth Town.

“ H. W. Hunt, do. do. do.

“ Edwin Downer, do. do. do.

Mr. Matthias Osborn, do. do. do.

Rev. J. Wahrenberger, Presbytery of Passaic.

“ G. L. Smith, do. do. do.

“ H. B. Chapin, Presbytery of New Brunswick.

“ Dr. Hall, do. do. do.

Mr. E. W. Scudder, do. do. do.

“ S. Shangle, do. do. do.

Rev. J. H. Clark, Presbytery of Newton.

“ H. W. Hunt, do. do. do.

“ J. H. Doremus, do. do. do.

Mr. Ryerson, do. do. do.

Rev. C. T. McMullen, Presbytery of West Jersey:

Mr. Gibbon, do. do. do.

“ Newcombe, do. do. do.

Rev. W. E. Jones, do. do. do.

“ S. B. Dod, Presbytery of Luzerne.

“ P. A. Studdiford, Presbytery of Raritan.

“ J. D. Randolph, do. do.

“ Dr. Perkins, Presbytery of Burlington.

“ J. M. Rogers, Presbytery of Monmouth.

Mr. G. P. Conover, do. do.

The report was accepted.

Mr. A. H. Reeves, elder from the church of Cold Spring in the Presbytery of West Jersey, the Rev. R. H. Davis of the same Presbytery, the Rev. A. D. White of the Presbytery of New Brunswick, and the Rev. E. J. Newlin, D. D. of the Presbytery of Luzerne, with Mr. John W. Hollenback, elder from the church of Wilkesbarre, appeared in Synod, and assigned satisfactory reasons for late attendance.

The report of the committee on the condition of the Freedmen was taken up, and after some discussion was adopted, and is as follows :

The committee to take into consideration the subject of the General Assembly's Board of Freedmen, respectfully offer the following as their report :

By the overrulings of God, nearly four millions of persons, formerly slaves, have been added as freemen to perform the duties and to enjoy the privileges of the State and Church in the United States. The condition of this new and remarkable addition to our population is one of deep interest to the church as well as to the State. If a little leaven leavens the whole lump, what will be the result of this new element must depend upon its moral and intellectual qualifications. What these are at present furnishes but little to encourage hope or to call for rejoicing, except the fact, that whatever may be its conception, there is nothing in it to prevent the hope that by proper attention and labor, great rejoicing may be heard on earth and in heaven that the Lord has blessed the slave in making him free, and greatly blessed those who for Jesus' sake, cared for the souls of those for whom Jesus died, and cheerfully and faithfully used the means which God has ordained to make all wise unto salvation, without which wisdom and liberty, under any name, are but a curse to any people ; therefore Resolved,

1. That every minister and member under the care of the Synod be enjoined to meet the emergency now pressing upon the people of God in the condition of the Freedmen of this country, just as they believe Christ himself, whose stewards they are, would meet it, if he had not delegated to them the duty and the right of doing it in his name and for his sake.

2. That as soon as practicable, special collections for the Freedmen's Board be taken up in all of our churches, and forwarded without delay to the committee of Freedmen, and that collections be annually taken in all of our churches in behalf of this important object, and report the same to the next meeting of Synod.

3. That the officers of the Freedmen's Board take into consideration the appointment of special agents to bring this subject before the churches, who if appointed will be welcomed into our churches.

The committee appointed to examine the minutes of the General Assembly made report, which was accepted and adopted, and is as follows :

The committee appointed to examine the minutes of the last General Assembly respectfully report, that the various recommendations for the action of our congregations and churches being generally directed to the Presbyteries or to Sessions, it is supposed they will be taken up by the Presbyteries for such action as they call for, and need not be brought before Synod.

The committee however think that the Synod should call attention of all the Sessions to the facts stated in regard to the incompleteness as well as inefficiency of the system of systematic contribution, as adopted by the church. This is shown by the statements made in regard to two of the most prominent objects of the church, viz: that of our 2630 congregations, 1249 made no collection last year for the Board of Foreign Missions, (page 25,) and 1208 made none for the Board of Domestic Missions. (page 71.) If the repeated injunctions of the Assembly in regard to an annual collection for each Board of the church can be thus widely disregarded, it seems to be the duty of the Synod to clear itself as far as possible from the imputation of neglect by enforcing the direction on Presbyteries, "to enquire into the cause of such delinquencies." (page 37.)

The memorials from this Synod and other judicatories on the sustentation of ministers were referred to a special committee of which Dr. Elliott is chairman, to report to the next Assembly. (page 42.)

The overture from this Synod asking whether it is the intent of Chap. 17 Form of Government, that a minister desiring to resign his pastoral charge shall in all cases first make his request known to the Presbytery, was answered by the Assembly in the negative, for the reason that Chap. 16, Sec. 2 provides that where the parties are prepared for the dissolution of a pastoral relation, it may be dissolved at the first meeting of Presbytery. (page 47.)

The memorials of this and other bodies in reference to the deliverances of the Assembly for the last five years on the rebellion and slavery, are disposed of by the adoption of a report of the committee of bills and overtures, for which see pages 80, 81.

The Rev. Jonas King, D. D. was heard in regard to his missionary labors in Palestine and Greece.

The Rev. T. L. Janeway, D. D. was then heard in behalf of the Board of Domestic Missions, and the other Boards of the church.

The committee appointed to examine the Treasurer's accounts, reported that they have examined the same, with the vouchers, and find a balance due the Treasurer of four $\frac{90}{100}$ dollars.

EDWARD W. SCUDDER, }
J. G. SHIPMAN, } Committee.

The report was adopted.

The same committee having been appointed to make an assessment on the several Presbyteries to meet the contingent expenses

of the Synod, report that \$125 will be needed, and they recommend that the Presbyteries be assessed as follows:—

Presbytery of Elizabethtown,	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$15 00
“ Passaic,	-	-	-	-	-	-	14 00
“ New Brunswick,	-	-	-	-	-	-	25 00
“ Newton,	-	-	-	-	-	-	21 00
“ Raritan,	-	-	-	-	-	-	10 00
“ Luzerne.	-	-	-	-	-	-	12 00
“ Susquehanna,	-	-	-	-	-	-	4 00
“ West Jersey,	-	-	-	-	-	-	12 00
“ Burlington,	-	-	-	-	-	-	4 00
“ Monmouth,	-	-	-	-	-	-	8 00

The report was adopted.

\$125 00

The following resolution offered by Dr. Miller was laid on the table :

Resolved, That we regard it as our duty as a Synod, and recommend to all the Presbyteries under our care, to yield obedience to the directions of the General Assembly of 1865, pp. 562, 3, 4, of the Minutes in respect to Presbyteries and Ministers from Ecclesiastical bodies in the states lately in rebellion; and to the directions of the General Assembly of 1866, pp. 60, 61, in respect to the Signers of the “Declaration and Testimony,” adopted and issued by the Presbytery of Louisville.

Resolved, That the next stated meeting of the Synod be held in the Presbyterian Church at Towanda, in the State of Pennsylvania, on the 3rd Thursday of October, 1867, at 10 o'clock, A. M., and that the Moderator of the Synod, the Rev. Mr. Harris, the pastor of the church, and Mr. A. Wickham, elder, be a committee to make arrangements for the religious exercises of the Synod.

Resolved, That a committee of three, of which Dr. T. L. Janeway and Wm. Rankin, Jr., shall be members, be appointed to prepare a minute for the consideration of the Synod, in regard to the financial necessities of the Boards of the Church.

Adjourned to meet at half past 7 o'clock, P. M.

Concluded with prayer.

HALF PAST 7 o'clock, P. M.

Synod met according to adjournment, and was opened with prayer.

The narrative of the state of religion within the bounds of the Synod was read; after which the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered agreeably to the recommendation of the committee on devotional exercises.

Synod then adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

Concluded with prayer.

THURSDAY MORNING, 9 o'clock.

Synod met according to adjournment, and was opened with prayer.

Synod spent half an hour in devotional exercises.

The minutes of yesterday's sessions of Synod were read.

The Rev. Lyman H. Atwater, D. D., of the Presbytery of New Brunswick, and the Rev. Elias S. Schenck, of the same Presbytery, and Mr. Thomas H. Shafer, elder, from the 2nd church of Rahway of the Presbytery of Elizabeth Town, appeared in Synod and assigned satisfactory reasons for late attendance.

The following resolution offered by the Rev. Dr. John Maclean was adopted :

Resolved, That in view of the great work achieved by the American Colonization Society, in establishing the Republic of Liberia, in suppressing the Slave Trade and in facilitating the introduction of Christian Missions on the Western coast of Africa, and more especially in view of the large numbers of the negro race in this country, who are desirous to emigrate to Liberia, this Synod cheerfully renews its former recommendations of the American Colonization Society, and urges upon the members of the churches under the care of this body, to aid the society with their prayers and their liberal contributions.

The Rev. Job F. Halsey, D. D., of the Synod of Philadelphia being present, was invited to sit as a correspondent.

The committees appointed to examine the records of the Presbyteries of Elizabeth Town, Passaic, New Brunswick, Newton, West Jersey, Susquehanna, Luzerne, Raritan, Burlington and Monmouth, severally reported that the books had been kept with care, and recommended that they be approved—and they were approved accordingly.

The committee appointed to examine the minutes of the Presbytery of Corisco, stated that the book had not been brought to the Synod, and requested to be discharged, and their request was granted.

A communication was received from the officers of the General Assembly informing the Synod, that the Synod of New Jersey had been assessed in the sum of \$260, to provide for the deficiency in the contingent fund of the General Assembly, which communication was referred to the committee on the Treasurer's account, with instructions to make an assessment on the several Presbyteries of the Synod, for the purpose of raising the said sum of \$260.

The Rev. William T. Morrison, of the Synod of New York, and the Rev. S. Welles, of the Synod of Missouri being present, were invited to sit as correspondents.

The committee of Bills and Overtures reported Overture No. 1, being a request from the Presbytery of Burlington, that the Synod would consider the expediency of henceforth commencing the sessions of its regular annual meeting upon the last, rather than

the first of the week, and that it continue its session over, and during the Sabbath. The committee beg leave to state that while they entirely approve of the object, which it is the design of the change proposed in the overture to accomplish, yet in view of the size of this Synod, the fact that if the change proposed be adopted, so many of our pulpits would be vacant on the Sabbath, occurring during the meeting of Synod, and in view further of the experience of the Synod on the subject in question, the committee are of the opinion that the change proposed would be inexpedient, and therefore recommend that the overture be answered in the negative.

The report was adopted.

The committee of bills and overtures reported overture No. 2 in the words following :

Whereas, The General Assembly has by the extent of the country and the increase of the church, become a very large body, and is constantly increasing, and by its necessarily increasing business is greatly pressed for time, especially for the due consideration of judicial cases ; therefore in order the better to provide for a court of final resort in which such cases may be properly disposed of, be it

Resolved, That the Synod of New Jersey do hereby request the Assembly, to take into consideration the proposition to send down to the Presbyteries an *overture* for such a modification of the Constitution as shall require the Assembly to be composed of two Houses ; one to be constituted as Commissioners from the Synods, to have exclusive charge and disposal of Judicial, with such concurrent jurisdiction in other matters as may be prescribed in the proposed change ; the other to be constituted as at present of Commissioners from the Presbyteries.

With reference to this paper, the committee beg leave to remark, That inasmuch as the growth of our church since the adoption of our present Form of Government and Book of Discipline, has rendered some change in our Judicial system absolutely necessary, and inasmuch as the proposition on the subject lately submitted to the Presbyteries has been rejected mainly on the ground that the reference of judicial cases to a commission appointed by the Assembly was regarded as inconsistent with the fundamental principles of Presbyterianism, and inasmuch as this overture suggests a method for constituting a judicial court, not liable to the objection mentioned, the committee regard it as entitled to respectful consideration, and would therefore submit it without recommendation to the Synod to take such action in regard to it as to the Synod may seem advisable. The report was accepted.

Pending the discussion of a motion to make this subject the order of the day for a certain hour, a motion was made to lay it on the table, which motion prevailed, and it was laid on the table accordingly.

The committee appointed to bring in a minute in regard to the financial necessities of the Boards of the church, made a report, pending the consideration of which the Synod adjourned to meet at half past 2 P. M.

Concluded with prayer.

HALF PAST 2 o'clock, P. M.

Synod met and was opened with prayer.

The minutes of the morning's session were read.

The Moderator of the Presbytery of Passaic announced that the Presbytery had received the Rev. James Fenner, D. D., and requested that the name of Dr. Fenner might be enrolled as a member of the Synod.

The request was granted.

The Rev. Mr. Keyser of the Lutheran Church being present, was invited to sit as a correspondent.

The committee on the Treasurer's account to whom was referred the communication from the officers of the General Assembly, recommended that in order to raise the amount called for, \$260, the following assessment be made:

Presbytery of Elizabeth Town,	-	-	-	\$33 00
“ “ Passaic,	-	-	-	31 00
“ “ New Brunswick,	-	-	-	50 00
“ “ Newton,	-	-	-	43 00
“ “ West Jersey,	-	-	-	23 00
“ “ Susquehanna,	-	-	-	10 00
“ “ Luzerne,	-	-	-	26 00
“ “ Raritan,	-	-	-	20 00
“ “ Burlington,	-	-	-	8 00
“ “ Monmouth,	-	-	-	16 00

The recommendation was adopted.

\$260 00

The consideration of the report of the committee with reference to the financial necessities of the Boards of the church was resumed and adopted, and is as follows:

The committee appointed to bring in a minute in regard to the financial necessities of the Boards of Domestic and Foreign Missions, would respectfully call the attention of the Synod to the following resolution of the General Assembly in regard to the Board of Domestic Missions: “We recommend that during the coming year, “all the churches under the care of the General Assembly endeavor “to raise for this board a sum amounting to at least fifty cents for “each member, and we most earnestly recommend that each pastor “and stated supply shall not only see that an opportunity is afforded “every member of his church to contribute, but that he also urge “upon every member the duty of bearing his part.” And also the following in regard to Foreign Missions, viz: “That the falling

“off in the contributions to this Board during the past year, the
 “present indebtedness of the Board, and the fact that so large a
 “portion of the church has given nothing at all, while the ability
 “to contribute has been greater, owing to the return of peace and
 “general prosperity to the land, and the discontinuance of those
 “calls for the gifts of the people which were so numerous during
 “the war, are cause for deep humility and searching of heart;
 “therefore the General Assembly commends this subject to the
 “prayerful consideration of the churches, and reminds them, again
 “of her oft repeated injunctions that each church shall take up
 “annual collections for the Boards, and where there is a failure to
 “comply with this injunction, Presbyteries are directed to enquire
 “into the cause of such delinquency;” and they would recommend
 1st, That every church within our bounds be expected to make,
 without fail, an annual contribution to each of these Boards of a
 sum averaging at least one dollar for each member, and that the
 more wealthy churches be urged to give a much larger average;
 and that the respective sessions be directed to take measures to
 carry out this numeration. 2nd, That each Presbytery be requested
 to designate some member thereof who will give himself to the
 oversight of this matter, either by correspondence or what is better
 by personal visitation, and the Boards above mentioned are requested
 to pay their necessary travelling expenses.

Resolved, That we have observed with great satisfaction the
 growing interest on the subject of Temperance, which has been
 springing up within the bounds of this Synod during the past year;
 and the Synod commends this subject anew to the sympathy, prayers
 and efforts of our ministers and congregations, that renewed
 exertions may be made to arrest the wide-spread influence of
 intemperance.

The Rev. Mr. Keyser was heard in behalf of the American
 Sunday School Union.

Rev. William E. Schenck, D. D. of the Synod of Philadelphia
 being present, was invited to sit as a correspondent.

Ordered, That the Stated Clerk forward the Statistical Report of
 the Synod, to the Stated Clerk of the General Assembly.

Resolved, That the thanks of the Synod be and they are hereby
 tendered to the citizens of Elizabeth for the kind and abundant
 hospitality which they have extended to the members of the Synod,
 during the sessions of the body in this city.

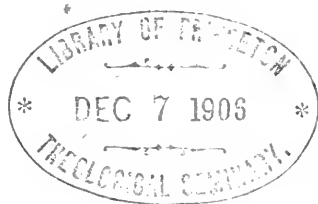
The calling of the roll was dispensed with.

The Synod then adjourned to meet in the Presbyterian Church
 in Towanda, in the State of Pennsylvania, on the third Thursday
 of October, 1867, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

Concluded with singing, prayer and the benediction.

RAVAUD K. RODGERS, Stated Clerk.

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