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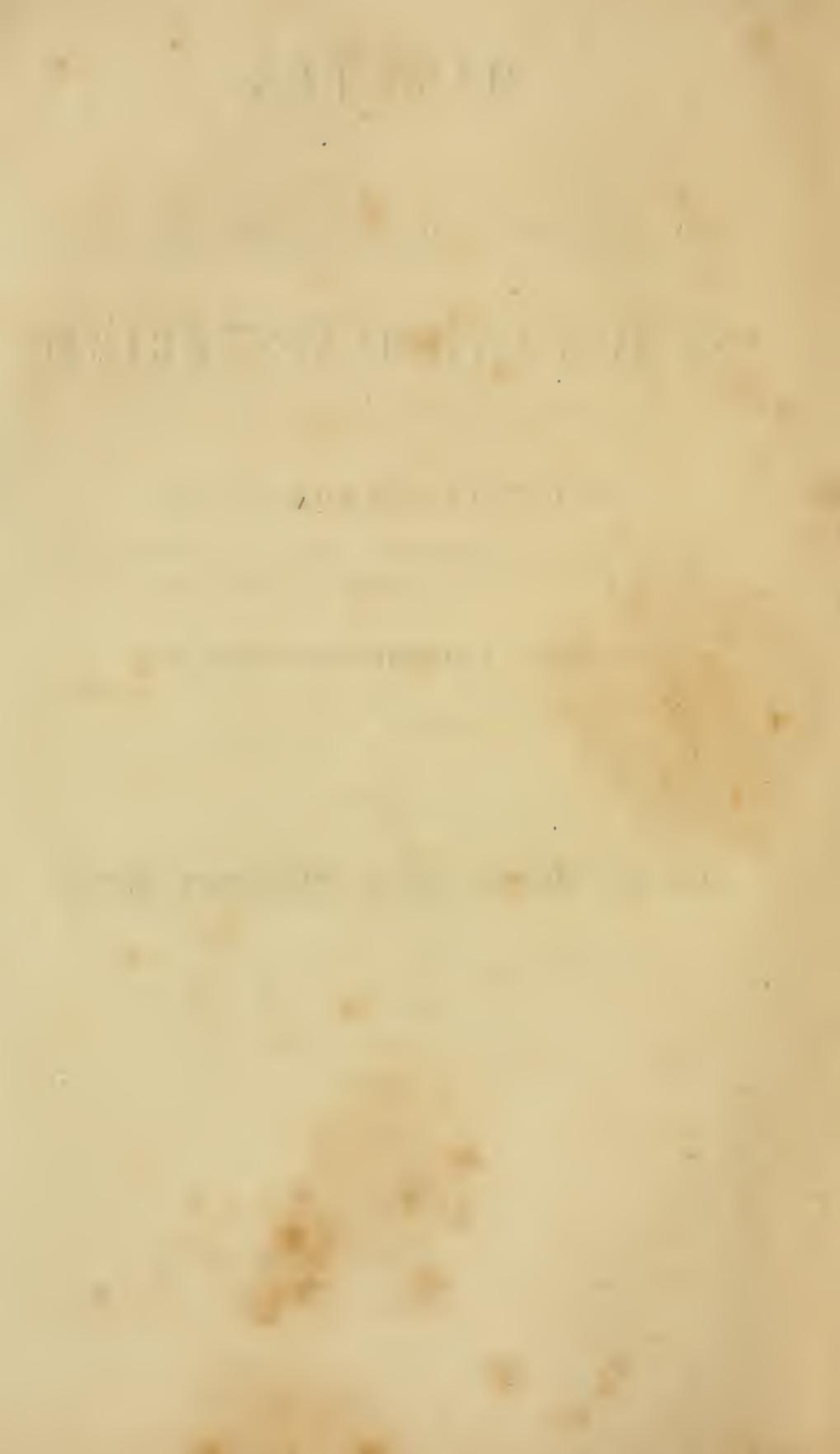
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MINUTES OF SYNOD.

In accordance with the resolution of adjournment adopted at the last annual Convention, the Ministers and Lay Delegates of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of North Carolina assembled in St. John's church, Salisbury, Rowan County, North Carolina, on Thursday, May 2, 1867, 10 o'clock, A. M. The Synodical discourse was preached by the President Rev. S. Rothrock from Romans, 10th chapter and 1st verse.

FIRST SESSION.

THURSDAY, May 2, 11½ o'clock, A. M.

Synod was opened with singing and prayer by the President.

The roll was called, the absentees noted, and the certificates of the Lay Delegates received.

The names of the clerical members and Lay Delegates composing this body registered as follows :

ORDAINED MINISTERS.

Rev. Wm. Artz,	Mount Pleasant, Cabarrus County, N. C.
" S. Rothrock,	" "
" Jacob Crim,	" "
" N. Aldrich,	" "
" S. Scherer,	" "
" L. C. Groseclose,	Mount Pleasant, Cabarrus "
" John Swicegood,	Shady Grove, Davidson "
" G. D. Bernheim,	Mount Pleasant, Cabarrus "
" D. I. Dreher,	Concord, "
" W. H. Cone,	Gold Hill, Rowan "
" Wm. A. Julian,	Shaw's Mills, Guilford "
" W. Kimball,	Salisbury, Rowan "
" L. A. Bikle,	Mount Pleasant, Cabarrus "
" A. D. L. Moser,*	Lexington, Davidson "

LICENTIATES.

Rev. A. Grimes,	Hay Meadow, Wilkes County, N. C.
Rev. J. W. Barrier,	Mill Hill, Rowan County, "

THEOLOGICAL STUDENTS.

Rev. R. L. Brown,	Salisbury, Rowan County, N. C.
Rev. W. R. Ketchie,	Newton, Catawba County, "

*Received at this meeting.

LAY ELEGATES.

D. M. Barrier,	Rev. Wm. Artz's	delegate.
David Earnheart,	" S. Rothrock's	"
J. K. Stevens,	" N. Aldrich's	"
E. A. Probst,	" S. Scherer's	"
H. A. Cheak,	" L. C. Groseclose's	"
Ransom Winecoff, Esq.,	" D. I. Drehor's	"
Thomas Earnheart,	" W. H. Cone's	"
John Sloop, Esq.,	" W. Kimball's	"
A. Swicegood, Esq.,	" A. D. L. Moser's	"
Aaron Yost,	" J. W. Barrier's	"
S. Nupman,	" R. L. Brown's	"

COMMISSIONERS.

S. Wagoner, from Frieden's church,
 P. N. Heilig, Esq., from Organ church.
 Isaac Beaver, from St. John's pastorate.

The President now read his annual Report, which was laid on the table for future consideration.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

DEAR BRETHREN: "Grace be to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ."

Through an ever watchful Providence, we are again assembled in Synodical Convention. As an ecclesiastical body, our attention will be directed to measures connected with the moral and religious improvement of men, their present and future happiness, and the prosperity of the Redeemer's kingdom. We should, therefore, duly feel the responsibilities resting upon us, take expansive views on the subject of Christian duty, and invoke "the wisdom that is from above" to "guide us into all truth."

OFFICIAL ACTS.

It is made my constitutional duty to present to you an account of my official acts during the past year.

On the 16th of last June, I forwarded a letter of honorable dismission from this Synod, to Rev. J. L. Smithdeal, to enable him to connect himself with the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of East Pennsylvania.

On the 8th of last September, I forwarded a letter of like import to Rev. J. S. Heilig, to enable him to connect himself with the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Maryland.

On the 29th of last September, I extended an *ad interim* license to brother Jacob W. Barrier, authorizing him to preach the gospel and bury the dead.

On the 19th of last October, I extended an *ad interim* license of like import to brother Richard L. Brown.

These brethren were recommended to me for examination with a view to their licensure. After a free colloquial interview with them as to personal piety; their motives for seeking the holy office; their views on the subjects of Christian doctrine and duty; their mental qualifications for imparting biblical instruction to others; and, having confidence in their ability to do good, I gave them authority as above set forth. Brother Barrier has since been preaching in St. Enoch's and Trinity churches, and brother Brown has recently accepted of the charge of the Gold Hill pastorate.

At the last meeting of Synod, brother J. H. Fesperman received a license, for six months, to preach the gospel and bury the dead. In the month of November last, having confidence in the zeal, the good intentions and the capacity for usefulness of this brother, I renewed his license, without, however, increasing its powers. The authority of the licenses of the brethren just named, expires at the present meeting of Synod; it will now become the duty of the Ministerium to examine them constitutionally, and then act in accordance with the result of such examination.

On the 15th of last January, I received a letter from Rev. L. C. Groseclose, informing me, that in September preceding, he had formally resigned the charge of the Gold Hill pastorate. He further stated, that he had been elected pastor of the Alamance charge, on a salary of \$500, and the parsonage at Gibsonville; but, that his salary had been raised to nearly \$600 for three-fourths of his time. He was still unsettled in his mind at the time of writing, whether he would accept of the charge or not. From the statements in brother Groseclose's letter, the church in the Alamance and Guilford charges, is in a flourishing and growing condition, more so than it has been for many years.

On the 19th of February last, I received a letter from Rev. A. D. L. Moser, of the South Carolina Synod, informing me that he had removed to the Davidson pastorate, with a view of taking charge of the same. He also asked for instructions, as to the proper course to be pursued by him, in severing his connection with the Synod of South Carolina, and connecting himself with ours. I gave him instructions as to his proper course, and the nature of the credentials which would serve him as a passport to membership in our Synod.

On the 18th of last March, I received a letter from brother G. H. Fesperman, informing me that he had been sick for a long time; that he was advised by his physicians to go South for a while, in order to regain his health; and asked my permission to leave his field of labor for the purpose of restoring his declining health. Believing that it would be unsound policy and in conflict with true Christian charity and sympathy, to restrict a minister to a field at the sacrifice of his health, I accordingly gave him permission to leave his charge for the purposes set forth in his letter.

On the 12th of April, I received a letter from Rev. J. B. An-

thony, informing me that he had accepted of a call to the Mifflintown charge, Juniatta county, Pa., and requested an honorable dismission from this Synod, to enable him to connect himself with the Evangelical Lutheran Central Synod of Pennsylvania. I immediately forwarded to him the desired letter of honorable dismission.

On the 29th of April, I received a letter from Rev. A. Grimes, stating, that in consequence of old age and the infirmities consequent thereupon, and the afflicted condition of his aged companion, he would not be able to attend the present meeting of Synod. He also states that he had been able to preach to his little congregation, numbering five communicants, but once during the past year. He invokes the Divine blessing upon our deliberations, and asks to be excused for his non-attendance. I recommend that brother Grimes be excused, and that his letter be read before Synod.

The foregoing items embrace all my official acts and correspondence of which any record is necessary.

VACANCIES.

I would apprise you, that two vacancies, by the removal of ministers beyond the geographical limits of our Synod, have occurred in the Board of Trustees of North Carolina College, and four by the expiration of time; which it will become your duty to fill at this meeting.

CONSTITUTION.

The Constitution of the Evangelical Lutheran General Synod in North America is hereby submitted to you for ratification. It is earnestly hoped that in the ratification of the said Constitution, there may be unanimity of sentiment and harmony of action; and it is believed that such united and harmonious action will greatly contribute to the peace and prosperity of the Church.

"And now, brethren, I commend you to God, and to the word of His grace, which is able to build you up, and to give you an inheritance among all them which are sanctified."

SAMUEL ROTHROCK, President.

Salisbury, N. C., May 2d, 1867.

Synod now took a recess until 2 o'clock.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The business of Synod resumed. An election for officers of Synod was held and resulted as follows:

Rev. N. ALDRICH, President.

Rev. Wm. A. JULIAN, Recording Secretary.

Rev. G. D. BERNHEIM, Corresponding Secretary.

Dr. P. A. SIFFERD, Treasurer.

The President inquired whether there were any Ministers present from other Lutheran Synods who wished to unite with this body. In response to which Rev. A. D. L. Moser presented a certificate of honorable dismission from the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of South Carolina, and was unanimously received as a member of this Synod.

On motion, the Minutes of last Synod were referred to the Committee on Unfinished Business.

Rev. Prof. W. Eichelberger, Revs. Barrier, Brown and Ketchie, also, Dr. P. A. Sifferd and Mathias Barrier, Esq., were, on motion, received as advisory members of Synod.

Resolved, That the members of Synod meet each morning at 8 o'clock for religious service, and at 8½ o'clock, A. M., and 2 P. M. for the transaction of business.

Resolved, That Synod adjourn on Friday afternoon to give place for a meeting of the Rowan Bible Society.

On motion, Messrs. Rumple and Gibbs, of the Presbyterian Church, were received and invited to seats as advisory members.

All papers intended for the Synod and Ministerium were called for and handed in.

Business was now suspended for half an hour to give the officers of Synod an opportunity to arrange the papers, and appoint the various Standing Committees.

At the call of the President, business was resumed, and the following Committees were announced :

STANDING COMMITTEES.

1. *On President's Report*.—Revs. G. D. Bernheim, L. A. Bikle, and Mr. J. K. Stevens.
 2. *On Petitions and Vacancies*.—Revs. Dreher, Crim, and Mr. D. M. Barrier.
 3. *On Unfinished Business*.—Revs. Artz, Kimball, and J. Sloop, Esq.
 4. *On Finance*.—Rev. S. Rothrock, Earnheart and Yost.
 5. *On the State of Religion*.—Revs. Sherer, Moser, and Mr. S. Nußman.
 6. *On Conferential Meetings*.—Revs. Bikle, Cone, and Mr. T. Earnheart.
- Parochial reports called for, handed in and arranged as follows:

PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

Report of the corresponding delegate to the South Carolina Synod received and adopted.

CORRESPONDING DELEGATE'S REPORT.

Brethren of the North Carolina Synod: As your corresponding delegate to the Synod of South Carolina, we would state, that we were permitted to meet with that body assembled in convention, on the 18th October, 1866, in St: Mark's church, Edgefield district, South Carolina, and that we conveyed to the brethren thus assembled your Christian salutations.

The devastations of the late war, which fell heavily upon that section of our beloved Church, and a severe drought of the preceding summer, made the circumstances of their assembling peculiarly trying, and yet, there was to be seen such ready submission to the divine will and such hopefulness in reference to the future, that we felt it good to be in their midst, for in them, the declaration of the Apostle to the Gentiles found a cheering illustration, "cast down, but not in despair."

The business of the Synod was conducted in a spirit of harmony that became those who are "of the same household of faith," and gave full evidence of the prosperity of that portion of the Church committed to their care. Not less than 1,000 souls have been added to their membership by Baptism, Confirmation, and Certificate.

With this increase to the Church, there is also the prospect of additions to their clerical ranks, eight or ten young men presented themselves as candidates for the ministry, were received by the Synod and are now prosecuting their studies under Professor Smeltzer, of Newberry Seminary. One of the most pleasing and encouraging incidents of that synodical meeting, was the promptness with which a number of the ministers and laymen pledged themselves and their churches to the support of these young men, during the period of their theological studies. An amount amply sufficient for this purpose was in a very few minutes secured. Such liberality in the midst of so much destitution and pecuniary embarrassment is worthy of our special notice.

The report of the delegates of that body to the last meeting of our General Synod, brought up for consideration the General Synod's amended Constitution, which was unanimously adopted.

The establishment of a General Theological Seminary, to be located wherever the General Synod may direct, was also considered, and a resolution of approval and an expression of the readiness of that body to unite in the undertaking was unanimously agreed to.

The "Evangelical Lutheran," as the organ of our Church, was most heartily approved, and by resolution it was agreed to give it the full support of the Synod. It affords us no little pleasure to say, that this pledge so far as the postal arrangements of the country admit has been faithfully redeemed.

These are the only items connected with the meeting of that Synod we have thought needful to bring to your notice.

Rev. Noah Derrick was elected as corresponding delegate to this Synod and Rev. T. S. Boinest as his alternate.

Respectfully submitted,
N. ALDRICH.

Report of the Corresponding Secretary received and adopted.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY'S REPORT.

Your Corresponding Secretary, herewith presents his report for the past synodical year.

No written communications have been received by your Secretary; and the only items to be reported upon are the annual proceedings of three Synods. The Minutes of the Evangelical Lutheran Tennessee Synod for 1866, have been sent for the use and information of this Synod. From these Minutes we learn that the brethren connected with said Synod, are deeply concerned for the prosperity of Lutheran Church.

They have divided their Synod into conferential districts, elected a commissioner to the next meeting of General Synod, recommended the *Evangelical Lutheran* to the favorable consideration of their membership, and adopted a new constitution containing rules of order for transacting synodical business.

They gave permission, to their ministers residing in the valley of Virginia, to form themselves into a new Synod, by adopting a constitution not inconsistent with the Word of God and Symbolical books of the Lutheran Church.

The clerical roll contains names of twenty-four ordained ministers, one licentiate, and one applicant.

The table of Parochial reports consists of reports from eleven ministers who report forty-two congregations, and three thousand nine hundred and sixty communicants.

OFFICERS OF SYNOD.

REV. A. EFIRD, *President.*

“ L. A. FOX, *Recording Secretary.*

“ A. J. FOX, *Corresponding Secretary.*

“ J. M. SMITH, *Treasurer.*

The next annual meeting of this Synod will convene in Cedar Grove, church Lexington District, South Carolina, on Thursday before the third Sunday in September, 1867.

Minutes of Western Virginia Synod for 1867, have been received.

On examination nothing is found requiring special notice in this report, except the reports in relation to the institutions under their care.

The President of Roanoke College, reports one hundred and forty-seven students for session preceeding the meeting of Synod.

Efficient measures were inaugurated for the benefit of Wytheville Female College, so as to secure its former prosperity, and insure success for the future.

The brethren of Western Virginia Synod, are truly active and self-denying in their exertions to promote intelligence and piety, and the interests of our Lutheran Zion.

OFFICERS OF SYNOD.

REV. J. C. REPASS, *President.*

“ ALEX. PHILLIPPI, *Secretary.*

“ E. H. McDONALD, *Treasurer.*

Next annual meeting of this Synod will be held in Stony Creek church Giles county, Western Virginia to assemble on Thursday before the third Sabbath in August 1867.

Minutes of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Maryland is received.

From a careful perusal of proceedings of this ecclesiastical body, we learn it is deeply interested in all things promotive of religion and intelligence.

The reports of various committees show the Synod is actively engaged in the work of the Lord, and energetically laboring for the salvation of souls. The Lord abundantly bless their labors.

OFFICERS OF SYNOD.

REV. J. G. BUTLER, *President.*

“ JNO. J. SUMAN, *Secretary.*

“ J. G. BRANDAN, *Treasurer,*

The next annual meeting of this Synod will convene in Westminster Carrol county Maryland, on the evening of the 10th of October 1867.

Respectfully Submitted,

DANIEL I. DREHER.

Report of the delegates to the last meeting of the General Synod received and adopted.

REPORT OF DELEGATES TO GENERAL SYNOD.

Your Delegates met at the time and place assigned for the convening of the General Synod, where they were met by delegates elected from the Synods of Virginia, South Carolina, and Georgia.

A constitutional quorum being present, Synod was properly organized, and entered upon the transaction of such business as came up for its consideration.

It was ascertained, during the sessions of the Synod, that the Synod of North Carolina was entitled to more delegates than had

been appointed, accordingly two were added to the delegation, by enrolling names of two who had been elected as alternates.

That part of the action of General Synod requiring the attention of this body, may be found on pages 12 and 15 of printed minutes of said Synod.

The first, refers to a proposed change of constitution, as to name and certain articles contained in said document.

The second, relates to the formation of a Theological Seminary "under the immediate control of General Synod."

The actions of that body elicited a considerable amount of debate, and all its doings were designed for the good of our Lutheran Zion, and for the glory of God. Further information may be obtained from printed minutes of that body.

Respectfully submitted,

DANIEL I. DREHER.

The resolutions connected with the report of the delegation to the General Synod, were referred to the committee on the President's report.

Synod now adjourned to meet Friday 8½ o'clock A. M.

Closed with prayer by Rev. Bernheim.

Prof. L. A. Bikle preached at night from Isaiah 1: 16th and 17th verses.

SECOND SESSION.

FRIDAY MORNING. 8½ o'clock May 3d.

Synod met and was opened with prayer by brother Crim.

Roll called, minutes of previous session read and confirmed.

Rev. Mr. Hardie General agent for the Bible Society of N. C. and Rev. Mr. Wheeler of the Methodist Episcopal Church being present, were received as advisory members.

Report of the Committee on President's report received and adopted.

REPORT ON PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

Your committee to whom was referred the report of the President of Synod, beg leave to present the following:

The only matter that claims the attention of Synod, is the communication from Rev. A. Grimes. We recommend that Father Grimes' letter be referred to the committee on petitions and vacancies.

We likewise recommend that the President's report be appended to the minutes of Synod.

In reference to the course to be pursued by this Synod relative to the ratification of the proposed amendments to the Constitution

of the General Synod, as brought to the notice of this Synod by the President, and the chairman of our delegation to the General Synod. We recommend the following action :

1st. *Resolved*, That we adopt the change made by the General Synod in June 1866, in its name, style and title, and, hereafter recognize it as the Evangelical Lutheren General Synod in North America.

2nd. *Resolved*, That we also adopt the omission of Article II Section 3d., of the General's Synod's constitution, known as the *Liberty* clause, together with the change of Article III Section 1st., being a mere verbal alteration occasioned by the adoption of the present name of the General Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

G. D. BERNHEIM.

L. A. BIKLE.

J. K. STEVENS.

On motion the following resolutions were adopted.

Inasmuch as Rev. D. I. Dreher, chairman of our delegation to the General Synod, has brought to our notice as instructed by that body, its action in refrence to the establishment of a Theological Seminary, Therefore :

1st. *Resolved*, That we heartily co-operate with the General Synod in the establishment of a first class Theological Seminary, to be under the immediate control of the General Synod.

2nd. *Resolved*, That this Synod respectfully recommend the city of Charlotte, Conecord or the town of Lincolnton, N. C. as central points for the location of said Seminary.

3d. *Resolved*, That our delegates to the ensuing meeting of General Synod, be instructed to bring this to the notice of said body.

The Report on Petitions and Vacancies was received and adopted by items.

REPORT ON PETITIONS AND VACANCIES.

Committee on Petitions and Vacancies.

This Committee have placed in their hands the following communications :

1st., A letter from Rev. A. Grimes praying to be excused from attending present sessions of Synod, assigning as reasons for absence, want of means, family affliction, and infirmities of old age. We recommend his letter be read before Synod. We recommend that he be excused, and that this Synod provide means for the relief of this aged servant of God.

2nd. Is a letter from Rev. L. C. Groseclose, expressing his regrets at not being able to attend this meeting of Synod on account of personal affliction, desires to be excused for his absence, and wishes his name recorded in favor of adopting the amended constitution

of General Synod. We recommend that he be excused, and that his name be recorded as requested.

3d. Is a letter from Rev. J. H. Fesperman, praying to be excused for absence from this present session of Synod on account of personal affliction. We recommend he be excused. Rev. J. H. Fesperman requests a renewal of his license. This letter also contains a petition from the congregation of St. Matthews desiring a continuance of his services. The renewal of the license of this brother is respectfully referred to the consideration of Ministerium, and the petition from St. Matthews Church, is referred to favorable consideration of Synod.

4th. Is a petition from the members of Lau's Church numerously signed, praying the North Carolina Synod to hold its next annual sessions in that Church. We refer this petition to the favorable consideration of Synod, when voting for a place for its next annual meeting.

VACANCIES.

The church in Wilmington is still vacant, but your committee have no suggestions to make, as that good people seem unwilling to employ a minister till they can provide a comfortable support for him.

The Iredell charge is without a pastor, and until it can procure one, we recommend it be supplied by the Western Conference.

The Churches in Catawba county are referred to the action of this present meeting of Synod, hoping satisfactory arrangements may be made for their supply.

Respectfully submitted,

D. I. DREHER.

JACOB CRIM.

D. M. BARRIER.

After the reading of Father Grime's letter, the following resolution was passed.

Resolved, That all our ministers having charges, be required to take up collections, beginning with the first Sabbath in October ensuing, for the relief of our aged brother, Rev. A. Grimes, that said collections be forwarded to the President of Synod, to be by him transmitted to Rev. Grimes as his wants and necessities may require.

Mr. David E. Ridenhour, a commissioner from Bethel Church Stanly county, appeared, presented a certificate, and took his seat as an advisory member.

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to prepare a plan to have the vacant congregations visited by the ministers of Synod during the ensuing year.

Committee—Revs. Cone, Bernheim and Rothrock.

REPORT ON UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

The Committee appointed to report on unfinished business as per resolutions and recommendations found in minutes of last year, would invite the attention of Synod.

1st. To a series of resolutions adopted on Pastoral support as found on page 21st. Your Committee recommend Synod to inquire how the recommendations in these resolutions have been regarded or observed.

2nd. Your Committee recommend that inquiry be made of the committee appointed, on the subject of correspondence in relation to German emigration as found on page 24, and what has been done to attain the object contemplated.

3d. Your committee invite the attention of Synod to resolutions, No. 7 and 8, on page 20: authorizing the Western Conference to hold a meeting in St. Mitchæll's Church, Iredell county, on Friday before the 5th Sunday in July, and that the Rev. D. I. Dreher be permitted to connect himself with the Central Conference. We recommend that Synod inquire what has been done in relation to these subjects.

Respectfully submitted,

Wm. ARTZ.

W. KIMBALL.

JOHN SLOOP.

In compliance with resolutions on page 21st, Minutes of last year, the various Ministers and Church councils made their reports which were received and adopted.

REPORT ON VACANT CONGREGATIONS.

The committee appointed to prepare a schedule of appointments for vacant congregations, beg leave to report the following:

1st. Newton Mission—To be visited by the following brethren twice during the ensuing year: Revs. Scherer, Crim, and Kimball, provided the congregations composing the Mission, will defray their traveling expenses.

2nd. Iredell Pastorate—To extend a call to a pastor at as early a day as possible, and in the mean time to be visited by the following brethren: Revs. Rothrock, Bernheim and Cone; provided the pastorate pay their expenses.

3d. Bethany church—To be detached from the Forsythe Mission, and attached to the Davidson Pastorate.

4th. Alamance charge—To call a minister to locate amongst them as soon as possible, and in the mean time to be visited by Rev. Rothrock, provided the charge pay his traveling expenses.

5th. We would recommend that the Wilmington Mission be

referred to the care of the Eastern Conference, and that Church be advised to seek a pastor as soon as possible.

Respectfully submitted,

W. H. CONE.

S. ROTHROCK.

G. D. BERNHEIM.

On motion leave of absence was granted to bro. Kimball's delegate.

The corresponding delegate from the South Carolina Synod, Rev. N. Derrick appeared and took his seat with us.

Synod now adjourned subject to the call of the President.

Closed with prayer by bro. Scherer. Wm. A. Julian preached at night from Job 21: 15.

THIRD SESSION.

SATURDAY MORNING, 8½ o'clock, May 4th.

Synod was opened with prayer by Rev. Artz. Roll called. Minutes of previous session read and confirmed.

Treasurer of Synod now read his Report, and on motion it was referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion a Committee was appointed to re-arrange the confessional Districts

Committee—Revs. Bikle, Sherer, Moser and Dr. P. A. Sifferd.

REPORT ON CONFERENCES.

The Committee in whose hands have been placed the records of the different Conferences connected with this Synod, respectfully report the following :

CENTRAL CONFERENCE.

This body held three sessions during the past year. We call the attention of the Synod to the following report of the committee of Conference on *Church extension*, as an item demanding consideration :

We the Committee, appointed by Conference to report on Church extension, would recommend to Dr. P. A. Sifferd and Capt. Jacob A. Fisher, the propriety of taking preliminary steps to organize a congregation, and build a Church, for the benefit of the members of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, in their vicinity—the Church to be located at some central point between Concord, Organ, St. John's and Lutheran Chapel Churches.

We also bring this enterprise to the notice of Rev. G. D. Bern-

heim, requesting him to preach at Bostian's school-house and encourage the people to organize and build a Church.

We likewise recommend to the friends and citizens of Mount Pleasant, the propriety of building a Lutheran Church in said place, for the benefit of the College and members residing there.

WHITSON KIMBALL, }
D. I. DREHER, } Committee.

Your Committee suggest that the above recommendations of the Central Conference be approved by Synod.

EASTERN CONFERENCE.

We take pleasure in stating that this body re-organized in July, 1866, and held during the year four sessions.

The following action of the Conference in reference to the interests of education in its bounds, we bring to the notice of Synod, as a matter of great interest to the Church, and deserving commendation :

Resolved, That after mature deliberation, this Conference deems it highly proper and altogether feasible, to establish a first-class Male and Female Academy at some eligible point within its bounds.

Resolved, That this Conference locate this Academy at Lau's Church, provided the community raise \$1000 and donate a site of at least three acres of land on which to erect suitable buildings.

Resolved, That the right of property and the entire management of this Academy be, and is hereby vested in a Board of six Trustees to be elected by this Conference.

Resolved, That this Conference locate a Male and Female Academy of a high order, at or near Gibsonville, on the same conditions, and with the same limitations as the Academy located at Lau's Church, with the exception, that the people of Gibsonville and vicinity be required to raise the sum of \$800.

Your Committee recommend that Synod pass a resolution commendatory and appreciative of the efforts of this Conference, to establish within its limits first-class schools, and thus give an additional impetus to the cause of education in our Church.

WESTERN CONFERENCE.

We have received no records from this body, from which to report.

Respectfully submitted,

L. A. BIKLE, }
W. H. CONE, } Committee.
D. EARNHART, }

On motion the following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That the report of the Committee of the Central Conference on Church extension be approved by Synod, and that the

new organization recommended by said Committee be granted one year in which to complete their arrangements.

Resolved, That the Synod regrets that there have been no meetings of the Western Conference during the past year, but hope the Conference will be able to hold meetings during the ensuing year.

Resolved, That this Synod highly appreciates the efforts of the Eastern Conference to promote the cause of education by establishing schools of high grade within its bounds, and it commends the course pursued by that body to other portions of the Church.

Leave of absence was granted Mr. J. K. Stevens.

Business of Synod suspended until 2 o'clock.

Rev. Derrick preached at 11 o'clock, from St. Luke, 16 : and 31st verse.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Synod was opened with prayer by bro. Crim.

Leave of absence was granted to Alexander Swicegood Esq., M. S. Wagoner, H. A. Cheak and Mr. Earnheart.

On motion the following resolutions were adopted :

Resolved, That the expenses of the Delegate to South Carolina Synod, and also the expenses of the former Secretary be paid by the Treasurer.

Resolved, That this Synod now go into an election for delegates to the approaching meeting of the General Synod and also to sister Synods.

Then elections resulted as follows :

GENERAL SYNOD.

Principals.

Rev. S. Rothrock,
" D. I. Dreher,
" G. D. Bernheim,

Alternates.

Rev. L. C. Groseclose.
" N. Aldrich.
" L. A. Bikle.

Mr. R. Wincoff,
" P. A. Heilig,
Dr. McEachem,

Mr. J. Fisher.
" J. Duls.
" M. Barner, Esq.

SOUTH CAROLINA SYNOD.

Rev. L. A. Bikle Delegate,

G. D. Bernheim, Alternate.

NORTH CAROLINA COLLEGE.

An election of the Board of Trustees for North Carolina College resulted in the choice of

Rev. W. H. Cone, }
 " G. D. Bernheim, } one year.
 Maj. L. G. Heilig, }
 Rev. L. C. Groseclose, }
 " S. Scherer, } two years.
 " Col. P. H. Heilig,

Honorary Members of the Board.
 Rev. N. Aldrich.
 " Wm. Artz.
 Mr. Alexander Brown.
 " W. A. Walton.
 Capt. J. A. Fisher.
 Mr. Peter Fogleman.

Synod now adjourned to meet Monday 8½ o'clock, A. M.
 Closed with prayer by bro. Crim.

Prof. L. A. Bickle preached at night from Romans, 7: and
 23d verse.

SABBATH SERVICES.

Rev. G. D. Bernheim preached in the Lutheran Church,
 at 10½ A. M. from St. John's Gospel, 17: and 18th verse.

Rev. S. Scherer preached in the Presbyterian Church, at
 10½ A. M. from 1st. John, 3: 14th verse.

Rev. D. I. Dreher preached in the Methodist Church, at
 10½ A. M. from Col. 1: and 20th verse.

Rev. Moser preached at Bethel Church, in the county at
 10½ A. M.

At 2 o'clock, P. M. the sweet tone of the Lutheran bell
 alone was heard, inviting the lover's of Jesus from the vari-
 ous congregations, to meet around one common Board.

The congregation being seated, the President of the Synod
 delivered a solemn and appropriate address, after which a
 large number of persons celebrated the death of our Divine
 Master.

Rev. Artz preached in Lutheran Church at night, from 1st
 John 4: and 19th verse.

Rev. S. Rothrock preached in Presbyterian Church at
 night, from James 1: 25,

Rev. Wm. A. Julian preached in Methodist Church at
 night, from St. John's Gospel 15: and 1st verse.

FOURTH SESSION.

MONDAY MORNING 8½ o'clock, May 6th.

Synod met and was opened with prayer by bro. Rothrock.
 Roll called, minutes read and confirmed.

On motion the following resolutions were adopted :

Resolved, That this Synod appoint three ministers to deliv-
 er addresses at our next annual meeting on the following sub-
 jects :

On Church Literature—Rev. G. D. Bernheim.

On Education—Rev. L. A. Bikel.

On Foreign and Domestic Missions—Rev. W. H. Cone.

Resolved, That the North Carolina College, and Monta Moena Female Seminary, be advertised on the cover of the minutes of Synod.

REPORT ON FINANCE.

Your Financial Committee report the following contributions to Synodical Treasury:

CONTRIBUTIONS TO DEFRAY EXPENSES OF DELEGATES TO GENERAL SYNOD.

Rev. Aldrich's charge---								\$6 00	---	\$6 00
Charlotte, N. C.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-			
Rev. Cone's charge---								7 00		
Union Church,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-			
Salisbury Church,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3 00	---	\$10 00
Rev. Rothrock's charge---								2 00	---	\$2 00
St. Peter's Church,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-			
Gold Hill Pastorate---								2 00	---	\$2 00
St. Mathew's Church,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-			
Rev. Kimball's charge---								2 00	---	\$2 00
St. Paul's Church,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-			
										<hr/> \$22.00

Respectfully submitted,
 S. ROTHROCK,
 D. EARNHEART.

SYNODICAL TREASURER'S REPORT.

P. A. SIFFORD, *Treasurer of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of North Carolina, in account with said Synod as follows:*

1866.

May 3rd, To amount received of the Committee on Finance,	-	-	\$103 43
Amount received by the hands of W. Kimball, as a contribution from St. St. James Church, Concord N. C.	-	-	5 75
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			\$109.18

CREDIT.

Paid J. J. Bruner, for printing 500 copies of the minutes,	-	-	\$80 00
Cash on hand,	-	-	29 18
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			\$109.18

Respectfully submitted,
 P. A. SIFFORD, *Treasurer.*

The Financial Committee have examined the Treasurer's accounts and find them correct.

The Treasurer's report adopted.

Respectfully submitted,

S. ROTHROCK,
 D. EARNHEART.

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed to address the various Churches within the bounds of our Synod for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the Delegates to General Synod, and that collections be lifted by each minister at an early day, and sent to Rev. D. I. Dreher Concord, N. C.

Committee—Revs. Bernheim, Rothrock and Dr. P. A. Sifford.

Messrs. Nupman and Probst, were permitted to withdraw from Synod for a time.

On motion the following resolutions were adopted :

Resolved, That the Board of Directors of North Carolina College, be instructed to elect a President for the College at their next meeting, and if they are unable to do so then ; that they elect one at an early day.

Resolved, That the President of Synod be instructed to write to the President of the Board Directors N. C. College, requiring him to send his annual report for publication.

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT OF DIRECTORS OF NORTH CAROLINA COLLEGE.

*Rev. N. Aldrich, President of the Evangelical Lutheran
Synod of the State of North Carolina :*

DEAR SIR : Owing to the cares of life and to the unsettled condition of the country in which we live, I forgot to forward to Synod at its late meeting my annual report. As it has been made my duty, by special resolution of that body, to send you for publication in the Minutes, a report of the condition and prospects of the North Carolina College, I would respectfully submit the following :

The College after a suspension of exercises for the space of five years, was re-opened on the first Monday in August, 1866.

During the present scholastic term, thirty-three students have been in attendance. The instruction and suspension of the Institution have devolved upon Prof. L. A. Bikle, who has given entire satisfaction to the Trustees and patrons of the College. Early in the year Rev. D. M. Gilbert of Savannah Ga., was elected President, but declined. It has been the earnest desire of the Directors to elect a full and efficient corps of Professors, but the stringency in money matters has prevented. The funds of the College—some \$12,000 in North Carolina bonds—are considerably below par, and consequently but little can be realized by selling them.

The prospects for a large increase in the number of students the next scholastic year are promising, and if plentiful crops are made this season, the Directors will be enabled to procure the necessary means to pay the salaries of all the Professors that may be required to carry on successfully the operations of the College.

I am, dear sir,

Your obedient servant,

CHRISTOPHER MELCHOR,
Pres. Board of Directors, N. C. College.

REPORT ON THE STATE OF RELIGION.

Your Committee on the State of Religion report that they have read with considerable interest the several reports of the brethren that have been placed in their hands, and are much gratified to learn, that the work of the Lord is prospering within our Synodical bounds. The brethren severally indicate, that they are zealously and successfully, prosecuting the work of the Master.

Notwithstanding the financial pressure of the country, a new, commodious and elegant house of worship, in bro. Kimball's charge, is approximating to completion and will most probably be ready for dedication by the expiration of two months. This brother reports two classes of catechumens numbering in all seventy persons; he also reports favorably of Sabbath schools.

Bro. Julian has been favored with an especial work of grace during the past year, resulting in the hopeful conversion of one hundred or more, and quite a number added. His salary has been increased from four to six hundred dollars. His people manifest a commendable zeal in behalf of a more liberal education of their children; indications generally are favorable, and this brother has much reason to thank God and take courage.

Brother Groseclose also, we learn incidentally, has met with unusual encouragement in the Alamance charge, and we can but express our regret that he did not deem it advisable to extend his labors among that people, as we believe that he might soon have very materially promoted the interests of the charge.

Brother Cone speaks in flattering terms of the prospect in his pastorate, especially in the bounds of Union congregation. The brethren generally, are favored with manifest interest in hearing the Word, a growing liberality as to their support, and an increasing interest in regard to Sabbath schools. All told things indicate success.

Resolved, That each Pastor be hereafter required to read his report in open Synod, on the State of Religion, and hand the same over to the chairman of the Committee, on the State of Religion.

Respectfully submitted,

S. SCHERER,
A. D. L. MOSER.

REPORT ON THE RE-ARRANGEMENT OF CONFERNENTIAL DISTRICTS.

The Committee appointed to re-arrange the Conferential Districts, proposed the following which was adopted :

1st. That the Wilmington, Guilford, Alamance, Davidson and Forsythe Pastorates, constitute the Eastern Conference.

2nd. That Salisbury, Gold Hill, Organ Church, Bethel, Luther's Chapel and Davie; the Central Conference.

3d. That St. John's, Concord, Charlotte, St. Enoch, Mount Carmel, Iredell and Newton; the Western Conference.

4th. That the Ministers serving and residing within the districts as above arranged be requested to meet at an early day.

Respectfully submitted,

L. A. BIKLE.

S. SCHERER.

A. D. L. MOSER.

P. A. SIFFORD.

Resolved, That bro. Ketchie be requested to visit the Catawba charge with a view of supplying them with preaching.

Resolved, That Organ and St. Peter's Churches, constitute a Pastorate.

Resolved, That our thanks are due, and are hereby tendered to the citizens of Salisbury, for their generous hospitality to the members of this Synod, and also to the pastors of the Presbyterian and Methodist Churches, for the use of their pulpits during this Convention.

The above resolutions adopted.

Rev. Barrier was granted leave of absence.

On motion the following resolutions were adopted :

Resolved, That this Synod feel entirely satisfied with the *Evangelical Lutheran*, and the course pursued by its Editor, and Editor of the General Synod.

Resolved, That its circulation in all our congregations will greatly promote intelligence and piety, and it is earnestly recommended to the favorable notice of the membership, in connection with the N. C. Synod.

Resolved, That each Minister feel himself under moral obligation to bring this paper to the public notice of his congregations, and use all possible effort to have the paper taken by every family in his charge.

The place for the next annual meeting of Synod, was by ballot determined in favor of Lau's Church Guilford county, N. C.

Resolved, That when this Synod adjourn it stands adjourned to meet at Lau's Church Guilford county N. C., on Thursday before the 1st Sabbath in May, 1868.

Resolved, That one thousand copies of the minutes of Synod be printed.

Business was now suspended until 2 o'clock, P. M. Closed with the Benediction.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Synod resumed its business with prayer by bro. Crim.

Your Committee on assessment in behalf of Delegates to General Synod, would submit the following :

		Brought forward, \$88 00
Mt. Carmel Church,	\$3 00	\$2 00
St. Peter's Church,	3 00	6 00
Bostain's Church,	5 00	3 00
Charlotte Church,	8 00	2 00
St. John's Church,	12 00	7 00
Bethel Church,	4 00	4 00
Salem Church,	5 00	3 00
Bethel Rowan Church,	5 00	2 00
Concord Church,	12 00	5 00
Trinity Church,	5 00	5 00
Union Church,	8 00	4 00
Luther's Church,	2 00	4 00
Luther's Chapel,	6 00	4 00
Sandy Creek Church,	7 00	2 00
Beck's Church,	3 00	12 00
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	\$88.00	\$153.00

Respectfully submitted,

G. D. BERNHEIM,
S. ROTHROCK,
P. A. SIFFORD,

Synod now suspended business with a view of organizing the Synodical Missionary Society.

Business resumed.

On motion the following resolutions were adopted :

Resolved, That we as a Synod do order the resolutions of last Synod 1866, on page 21 to be printed on the cover of our Minutes every year, and make it a regular order of business to be inquired into at each meeting of Synod, until we are satisfied that its recommendations have been generally introduced in all our Churches.

Resolved, That the office of the *Evangelical Lutheran* have the preference in the publication of the Minutes of Synod.

Resolved, That the Minutes of the Missionary Society be appended to the minutes of Synod.

The Minutes were read and confirmed.

Resolved, That we now adjourn to meet at the time and place specified.

Closed with singing, and prayer by the President.

Wm. A. JULIAN,
Recording Secretary.

MINUTES OF THE MINISTERIUM.

FIRST SESSION.

FRIDAY 5 o'clock, P. M.

Opened with prayer by bro. Kimball.

The Sermons and Journals of Revs. Barrier, Brown and Fesperman, were on motion referred to the following committees.

On Sermon and Journal of bro. Barrier—Rev. J. Crim.

On Sermon and Journal of bro. Brown—Reverend D. I. Dreher.

On Sermon and Journal of bro. Fesperman—Rev. L. A. Bikle.

Revs. Barrier and Brown, were called for, and invited to seats with a view to their examination.

Mr. W. R. Ketchie was proposed as an applicant for Licensure, he was also invited to a seat.

Revs. Rothrock, Artz and Bikle, were appointed a committee to examine the applicants.

After a short interview with the applicants, the Ministerium adjourned, subject to the call of the President.

Closed with prayer by bro. Bikle.

SECOND SESSION.

SATURDAY 5 o'clock, P. M.

Opened with prayer by bro. Dreher.

Minutes of previous session read and confirmed.

Bro. Scherer was permitted to withdraw.

After spending some time with the candidates in an examination of the Bible, Church history, and the doctrines and usages of the Lutheran Church, the examination closed.

REPORT ON SERMON AND JOURNAL OF BRO. BARRIER.

Your Committee to whom was referred the Sermon and Journal of bro. Barrier, would submit the following:

They having examined his sermon, find it well arranged. Composition good, grammatically written, Scriptural quotations judicious, and the subject and matter appropriately applied.

The Journal shows that he has been industrious in preaching the word, and in Pastoral visits.

Respectfully submitted,

J. CRIM.

REPORT ON SERMON AND JOURNAL OF BRO. BROWN.

Committee on sermon of bro. Brown report, That an examination of this sermon, shows our young bro. to be devoted to the work of God. The divisions, subdivisions and subject matter, exhibit reflection and care in preperation. We kindly recommend our young bro. to diligence, and careful study, and trust he may be useful in the vineyard of the Lord.

Respectfully submitted,

D. I. DREHER.

REPORT ON SERMON AND JOURNAL OF BRO. FESPERMAN.

The Committee to whom was refered the sermons and skeletons of bro. J. H. Fesperman, report the following :

In regard to these productions of bro. F., we observe that the themes discussed by him have been naturally deduced from the texts selected. The arrangement of the divisions and subdivisions, are generally correct. The ideas are expressed in plain but appropriate, and sometimes forcible language. It affords us pleasure to state ; that from the number of sermons preached by bro. F. during the past year, he has been actively engaged in promoting the cause of the Redeemer, and that he is a workman that needeth not to be ashamed.

Respectfully submitted,

L. A. BIKLE.

The examination of bro. Barrier, sustained by ballot, and on motion it was

Resolved, That he receive a full license for one year.

With regard to bros. Brown and Ketchie, the following resolution was adopted :

Resolved, That bros. Brown and Ketchie, be received as Theological students, by this Ministerium.

Resolved, That they pursue a course of instructions under ministers of the Synod, selected by the President, and that the President be authorized to grant them power to preach the Gospel, and bury the dead.

The case of bro. Fesperman laid over for future action.

Adjourned subject to the call of the President.

Closed with prayer, by Rev. Kimball.

THIRD SESSION.

MONDAY, o'clock, M.

Opened with prayer by bro. Scherer.

With regard to bro. Fesperman, the following resolution was adopted :

Resolved, That bro. J. H. Fesperman, be received as a Theological student, and placed under the instruction of Prof. L. A. Bikle.

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed to investigate the character of bro. Fesperman.

Committee—Revs. Bikle, Dreher, Rothrock and Kimball.

Minutes read and confirmed.

Closed with the Benediction.

Wm. A. JULIAN,
Recording Secretary.

Entered in
SCHOOL OF THE WOLF

MINUTES OF THE MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

The Synodical Missionary Society, met and re-organized by electing the following officers :

REV. S. SCHERER, *President.*
REV. W. KIMBALL, *Recording Secretary.*
REV. D. I. DREHER, *Corresponding Secretary.*
MR. RANSOM WINECOFF, *Treasurer.*

Members.

Rev. S. Scherer,	50
Rev. J. Crim,	\$1 00
Rev. D. I. Dreher,	50
Rev. W. Kimball,	50
Rev. N. Aldrich,	1 00
Mrs. H. J. Scherer,	50
Rev. A. D. L. Moser,	50
Rev. Wm. A. Julian,	50
Mr. R. Winecoff,	50
Rev. W. R. Ketchie,	50
Rev. R. L. Brown,	50
Rev. D. M. Barrier,	50
Mrs. Bernheim,	50
Rev. Prof. Eichilberger,	50
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	\$7 50

Members.

	Brought forward,	\$7 50
Miss M. F. Walton,		50
Mrs. R. O. Linton,		50
Mrs. L. Walton,		50
Mrs. M. Smithdeal,		50
Mr. L. W. Walton,		50
Mr. A. Miller,		50
Mr. John Sloop,		50
Mr. M. L. Sloop,		50
Rev. L. A. Bikle,		50
Mrs. L. A. Bikle,		50
Rev. W. Artz,		50
Rev. G. D. Bernheim,		50
Rev. W. H. Cone,		50
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		\$14.50

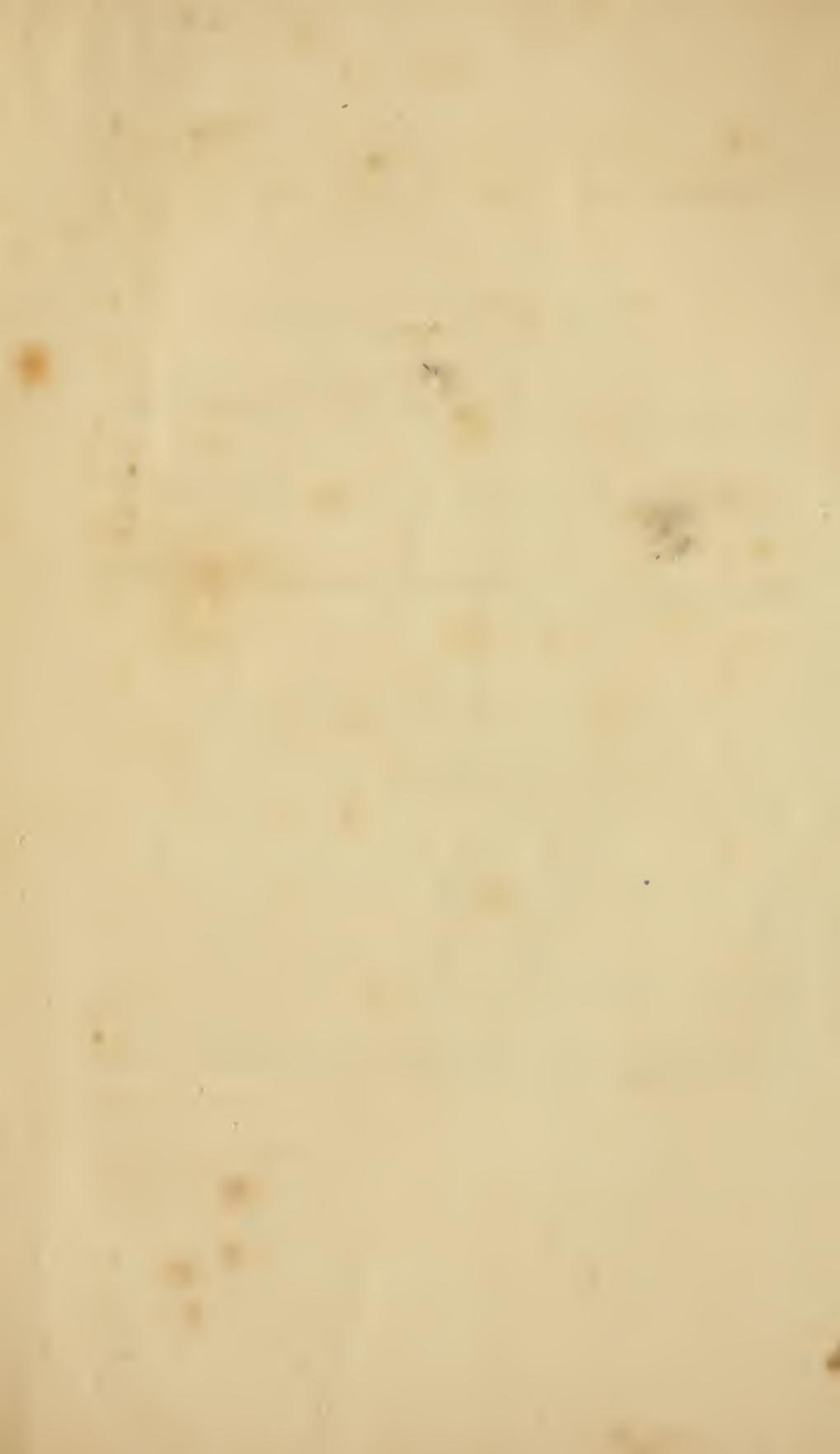
Resolved, That the officers with Rev. N. Aldrich, added constitute the Executive Committee of this Society.

Resolved, That the ministers be requested to take up collections in their Churches during the year, and report at the next meeting of this Society.

Resolved, That we hold our next meeting on Saturday afternoon of our next Synodical meeting.

Resolved, That we now adjourn to meet at the time above stated.

WHITSON KIMBALL,
Recording Secretary.





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The next session, being the beginning of the scholastic year, will commence on Monday, September 2d, 1867.

OFFICERS OF SYNOD.

REV. N. ALDRICH, Charlotte, N. C., *President.*

REV. W. A. JULIAN, Shaws Mills, N. C. *Recording Secretary.*

REV. G. D. BERNHEIM, Mt. Pleasant, N. C., *Corresponding Sect'y*

DR. P. A. SLIFFIRD, China Grove, N. C., *Treasurer.*

STANDING RESOLUTIONS.

I. *Resolved*, That we recommend to the Church Councils the propriety of adopting the plan of collecting the pastors' salary by assessment.

II. *Resolved*, That in accordance with our Church discipline, chap. 6, section 3, the Church Councils be instructed to require every member of the Church, to contribute to the support of the gospel, except such as in their judgment are too poor to do so.

III. *Resolved*, That no minister in our connection shall be allowed to take charge of vacant congregations until they shall have satisfactorily met their obligations with their former pastor.

IV. *Resolved*, That each charge shall have an annual settlement with its pastor, and that each pastor be required to present to Synod annually, a written statement of the amount promised for his support, and the amount received by subscriptions and donations from each Church.

V. *Resolved*, That the Church Councils be required to send to Synod by their Delegates, a written report stating the manner in which their pastor discharges his obligations to his charge.

VI. *Resolved*, That these reports from pastors and Councils be read in Synod by the Secretary.
