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PURSUANT to a resolution adopted at its last annual session, the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of North Carolina, met in St. James' Church, Concord, Cabarrus Co., N. C., on Friday before the first Sunday in May 1844, at 10 o'clock, A. M. The President, Rev. Wm. Artz, preached the Synodical sermon from Rom. i. 16.

The President then read his annual Report, which was accepted. (See Appendix A.)

After the reading of the President's Report, the roll was called by the Secretary, and the absentees noted.

ORDAINED MINISTERS.

<i>Names.</i>	<i>Post Office Address.</i>
1 REV. J. D. SCHECK,	<i>Salisbury, Rowan county, N. C.</i>
2 " WM. ARTZ,	<i>Holt's Store, Orange county, N. C.</i>
3 " SAMUEL ROTHROCK,	<i>Rockville, Rowan county, N. C.</i>
4 " BENJAMIN AREY,	<i>Cowansville, Rowan county, N. C.</i>
5 " JACOB C IM,	<i>Lexington, Davidson county, N. C.</i>
6 " WM. G. HARTER,	<i>Concord, Cabarrus county, N. C.</i>
7 " J. B. ANTHONY,*	<i>Salisbury, Rowan county, N. C.</i>

LICENTIATES.

3 REV. J. GRIESEN,†	<i>Clapp's P. O., Guilford county, N. C.</i>
9 " A. GRIMES,†	<i>Wilkesborough, Wilkes county, N. C.</i>
10 " J. SWICEGOOD,†	<i>Brownstown, Davidson county, N. C.</i>
11 " J. A. LINN,*	<i>Rockville, Rowan county, N. C.</i>

LAY-DELEGATES.

1 MR. HENRY MILLER,	<i>From Rev. J. D. Scheck's charge.</i>
2 " PAUL ANTHONY,	" <i>Wm. Artz's</i> "
3 " SOLOMON PEELER,	" <i>S. Rothrock's</i> "
4 " HENRY LENTZ,	" <i>B. Areys</i> "
5 " JOHN MELCHIOR,	" <i>Wm. G. Harter's</i> "

*Received at this meeting.

†Absent.

According to the constitutional order of business Synod proceeded to the election of officers for the ensuing year, which resulted as follows:

REV. WILLIAM ARTZ, *President,*
 " SAMUEL ROTHROCK, *Secretary,*
 COL. JOHN SHIMPOCH, *Treasurer.*

The Rev. J. C. Hope, ministerial delegate from the South Carolina Synod, presented his credentials, and was admitted to a seat among us.

Rev. J. B. Anthony, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, was introduced to Synod and received as an advisory member.

Rev. S. S. Middlekauff, ministerial delegate from the North Carolina German Reformed Classis to this body, presented his credentials, and was invited to participate in our deliberations.

All letters and documents intended for Synod, were now called for and referred to the following committees for examination and report:

COMMITTEES.

On Petitions.—Rev. W. G. Harter and Mr. Henry Lentz.

On Letters.—Rev. B. Arey and Rev. J. Crim.

On Minutes of the Synod of Pennsylvania and Synod of the West.—Rev. J. Crim and Mr. Paul Anthony.

On Minutes of the Synods of East Pennsylvania and Virginia.—Rev. J. B. Anthony and Rev. S. S. Middlekauff.

On Minutes of the Synods of Maryland, West Pennsylvania and South Carolina.—Rev. B. Arey and Mr. Henry Lentz.

Acts and Proceedings of Synod of German Reformed Church.—Rev. J. C. Hope, Rev. J. D. Scheck and Mr. S. Peeler.

President's Report.—Rev. J. D. Scheck and Mr. H. Miller.

On the Minutes of last year.—Rev. J. C. Hope and Rev. J. B. Anthony.

The attention of the brethren was now called to the 16th *resolution* in the minutes of last Synod, and in accordance with said resolution, the appointments for divine service during the sessions of Synod, were read.

The parochial reports were called for, handed in and registered.

PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

MINISTERS.	Congregations.	BAPTISMS.		Confirmed.	Received by letter.	Communicants.	Burials.	Sunday-schools.	Bible Classes.	Miss. & Ed. Soc'y's.
		Infants.	Adults.							
Rev. J. D. Scheck,	3	57		22	4	600	40			
" Wm. Artz,	4	23		2		120				
" S. Rothrock,	5	63	9	47	2	580	69	2		
" B. Arey,	3	16				180	5	1	2	2
" J. Crim,	3	7		1		95				
" Wm. G. Harter,	3	19		1	8	307	8			
" J. B. Anthony,										
" J. A. Linn,										
Total,	21	185	9	73	14	1882	122	3	2	2

The contributions to the Synodical Treasury were called for.
In order to expedite business, therefore

1. *Resolved*, That a committee be appointed to receive the contributions, intended for the Treasury of Synod, pay them over to the Treasurer elect, and take his bond, and report the several amounts to the Secretary.

Committee appointed :—Rev. J. D. Scheck and Mr. H. Miller.

2. *Resolved*, That Synod adjourn till 2 o'clock, P. M.

Closed with a benediction by the President.

SECOND SESSION.

FRIDAY, 2 o'clock P. M.

Rev. B. Arey preached from 1 John v. 5, after which the Synod was called to order, and proceeded to business.

The Treasurer of Synod presented his report on the state of the Treasury.

3. *Resolved*, That a committee be appointed to examine and report on the Treasurer's accounts.

Committee :—Rev. Sam. Rothrock and Mr. S. Peeler.

COMMITTEE ON PETITIONS REPORTED.

Report No. 1.

The committee appointed to examine and report on petitions, beg leave to state, that No. 1, is a petition to this body, from the members of St. Paul's church, Orange

Co. N. C., to hold its next annual convention in said church, expressing the belief, that a meeting of Synod among them, would be productive of much good. We refer the consideration of this subject to the Synod, when the place of our next meeting is to be selected.

Adopted.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. G. HARTER, *Chairman.*

Mr. Joseph A. Linn, late from the Theological Seminary at Gettysburg, was introduced to Synod and received as an advisory member.

The delegate appointed to attend the last meeting of the Synod of South Carolina, reported.

Report No. 2.

Dear Brethren :

In obedience to a resolution of our last Synod, appointing me as your delegate to the Synod of South Carolina, I attended that body, and was kindly received. I called the attention of that Synod to the 12th resolution of our last meeting, according to instructions, but was informed that no such union could be effected. I also called upon the Treasurer of our Seminary Fund, to obtain and pay over the interest of said fund as authorized by the 24th resolution of Synod, but as br. Brown was not then prepared to pay said interest, having been unable to make collections in consequence of sickness, and not being aware that it would be called for before our present meeting, the money has, therefore, not been paid.

The Rev. J. C. Hope was appointed as ministerial delegate to represent the S. C. Synod at our present convention, and Rev. G. Haltiwanger, Jr. his alternate. We are happy to see br. Hope in our midst.

Permit me here to add a word in relation to our Seminary. *First*,—in consequence of the small number of Theological students, the Professor, Dr. Hazelius, has very generously deducted one hundred dollars from his salary. *Secondly*,—May it be asked this ecclesiastical body, whether it is advisable to look on the decline of the Seminary with indifference? Shall we withhold our aid, and so far let it drop, or shall we not rather put forth renewed efforts to sustain this beloved institution? That such an institution is *needed* in the *south* has long since been acknowledged by all, and its want, before it was established, was deeply lamented. And now that we have it, and have found to our great satisfaction, its beneficial results—are we willing that this noble structure, destined if sustained, to bless our church and pour forth living streams of light and knowledge to succeeding generations, should be broken down in its very infancy? I trust not; but brethren our help is needed *now*, therefore, “whatever over our hands find to do, let us do with all our might.”

Adopted.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. G. HARTER, *Delegate.*

Synod was now informed, that it would be necessary to elect a Treasurer of our Seminary Fund, the former Treasurer's term of office having expired. Upon counting the votes, it appeared that Moses L. Brown, of Salisbury, was re-elected. The following

brethren were appointed a committee to prepare a bond in proper form, and have the same executed by the Treasurer: Rev. B. Arey and Mr. Henry Miller.

The Treasurer of the Centenary Fund presented his report, which was read. The following is said report:

REPORT OF TREASURER OF CENTENARY FUND.

Henry Miller in account with the Ev. Luth. Synod of North Carolina.	
Received at the meeting of Synod at Luther's Chapel—September, 1842,	\$21 52 $\frac{1}{2}$
“ “ “ held at Sandy Creek, May 3d, 1843,	31 90

Interest on the above from May 3d 1843, to May 3d 1844,	\$53 42 $\frac{1}{2}$
Respectfully submitted,	\$3 20 $\frac{1}{2}$

HENRY MILLER, *Treasurer.*

4. Resolved, That a committee be appointed to examine the above report, that said committee receive the money intended for the Centenary Fund, pay said money over to the Treasurer, after he shall have been elected, and take his bond for the same. Committee: Rev. J. A. Linn and Mr. S. Peeler.

The committee, to have the minutes of former years translated into English, reported.

Report No. 3.

The committee appointed at our last meeting to obtain the aid of some person competent to translate from the German into the English language, certain portions of the minutes of former meetings of this body, would inform the Synod, that Dr. Hazelius, Professor of our Theological Seminary in the South, has consented to do the work, and that they are encouraged to believe that his services will be gratuitous.

Adopted.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. ARTZ,
WM. G. HARTER.

Br. Hope informed the Synod, that the translation above referred to, had been made by Dr. Hazelius, and would be forwarded by the first opportunity.

Ordered, That the Treasurer of Synod pay br. Harter \$14.25 as travelling expenses to S. C. Synod and postage.

Ordered, That the Treasurer pay br. Artz \$1.25 postage.

Ordered, That the Treasurer pay br. Rothrock 80 cts. postage.

Synod proceeded to hold an election for Treasurer of Centenary

Fund. On counting the votes it appeared that Henry Miller was re-elected.

The attention of Synod was called to the books, bequeathed to this body by the late venerable Stork, but which under existing circumstances are of no use to this Synod.

5. *Resolved*, That a committee be appointed to collect said books together, and if deemed of sufficient value to justify the expense of transportation, they be sent to the Seminary at Lexington, S. C.

Committee: Rev. S. Rothrock, Rev. J. D. Scheck and Rev. B. Arey.

The subject of vacant congregations was taken up and inquired into. Several of the brethren made some statements in relation to the congregations in Lincoln and Catawba counties, which have been vacant since the removal of br. Kistler from among them. With reference to these congregations it was,

6. *Resolved*, That a committee be appointed by the President, whose duty it shall be to visit our destitute people in Lincoln and Catawba counties, and ascertain how far they are friendly disposed to this body, and whether it is their wish to continue their connection with us; and to collect all the information in relation to the state of the Lutheran Church in these counties they can, and report to this body at its next annual meeting. Committee appointed: Rev. B. Arey, Rev. J. D. Scheck and Rev. W. G. Harter.

Pursuant to the 21st resolution of last Synod, inquiry was made whether the brethren had attended to the duties assigned them in the report of the committee on conferential districts. Some of the brethren stated, that they had attended to the duties assigned them in said report, whilst others, that they had attended to them but partially, in consequence of sickness and other unavoidable causes.

7. *Resolved*, That the brethren, who attended but partially to the duties above referred to, be excused for the reasons severally assigned by them.

8. *Resolved*, That Synod adjourn till half past 8 o'clock to-morrow morning.

Closed with singing and by prayer by br. Arey.

At early candle-light the congregation assembled in the church for divine service—Rev. Wm. Artz preached from Ps. xxxvii. 37.

THIRD SESSION.

SATURDAY, May 4th, 8 o'clock A. M.

Synod met pursuant to adjournment, and was opened with singing and by prayer by the President. The minutes of yesterday were read and confirmed.

The minutes of the Alleghany Ev. Luth. Synod were laid on the table by br. Harter.

The committee appointed to examine the Treasurer's accounts reported.

Report No. 4.

The committee appointed to examine the Treasurer's accounts, have attended to their duty and report as follows :

Receipts.

Received from former Treasurer,	-	-	-	-	-	\$92 86
" cash paid in at Synod 1843,	-	-	-	-	-	33 17
						<hr/> \$126 03

Paid out as per receipts.

Paid for printing minutes,	-	-	-	-	-	\$39 27
" Rev. J. D. Scheck as per order of Synod,	-	-	-	-	-	3 50
" Rev. W. G. Harter as per order of Synod,	-	-	-	-	-	14 75
						<hr/> 57 52
Leaving a balance due Synod in Cash	-	-	-	-	-	68 51
						<hr/> \$126 03

Your committee take pleasure in saying, that they find his accounts to have been correctly kept.

Adopted.

Respectfully submitted,

SAMUEL ROTHROCK,
SOLOMON PEELER.

COMMITTEE ON MINUTES REPORTED.

Report No. 5.

The committee appointed to examine Minutes of sister Synods, beg leave to report.

No. 1, are the transactions of the Synod of the West. This body convened in Hopeful Church, Boon Co., Ky. Oct. 4th, 1843. This Synod numbers 31 ordained ministers. The officers are Rev. N. B. Little, President, E. B. Olmstead, Secretary, and Rev. J. J. Lehmanowsky, Treasurer. The Parochial reports are as follows : congregations 45 ; baptisms 476 ; confirmations 227 ; admitted 230; communicants 2690 ; Sunday-schools 16 ; prayer-meetings 21.

No .2, are the Minutes of the German Ev. Lutheran Synod of Pennsylvania. This body assembled in Philadelphia June 11th 1843, and numbers 56 ordained ministers. The Parochial reports present as follows : congregations 208 ; baptisms 4645 ; confirmations 1355 ; communicants 28012 ; congregational schools 104 ; Sunday-schools 53.

From other items connected with their Minutes, this large body of Lutherans appears to be actively employed in pushing forward all the benevolent enterprises of the day. There appears to be awake among them a spirit that prompts them to engage liberally in the missionary cause, by which the light of divine truth is carried, not only to the western wilds, but also to the benighted regions of the heathen world yet unchristianized. May God bless their efforts.

Adopted.

Respectfully submitted,

JACOB CRIM, *Chairman.*

SECOND COMMITTEE ON MINUTES REPORTED.

Report No. 6.

The committee appointed to examine and report on Minutes marked No. 5, beg leave to report:

No. 1, are the Minutes of the Synod of Maryland. This Synod held its 25th annual session in Westminster, Carroll Co. Md., in October, 1843. This Synod is composed of 25 ordained ministers, and 5 Licentiates. The officers are Rev. E. Keller, President, Rev. S. Sentman, Secretary, and Rev. J. P. Cline, Treasurer. They report congregations 61; baptisms 1123; confirmations 865; admitted 107; communicants 7126; excluded 18; deaths 306; Lutheran Sunday-schools 36; union 24; teachers 686; scholars 3767; prayer-meetings 102. Contributions—to Synod \$78.00; to Seminary at Gettysburg \$55.00; to Home Missions \$18.08 $\frac{1}{2}$. This Synod has also in connection with it an Education society, which is at this time sustaining nine young men in their preparatory studies for the ministry.

No. 2, are the Minutes of West Pennsylvania Synod. This Synod convened in Aaronsburg, Centre Co., on the 28th of September, 1843. This Synod numbers 35 ministers, of whom 23 were present. The officers are Rev. A. H. Lochman, President, Rev. J. Albert, Secretary, and Rev. W. German, Treasurer. This Synod reports—congregations 106; baptisms 1886; confirmations 1580; received by letter 16; communicants 10,867; burials 378; Sunday-schools 92. Contributions—to Synod \$101.16; for Education purposes \$276.94; for Missionary purposes \$13.35; to Seminary fund \$80.00; annual quota by each minister, for Missionary and Education (aggregate) \$25.00.

No. 3, are the Minutes of the Synod of South Carolina. This Synod met in St. Matthew's Church, Orangeburg District, S. C. on the 11th of November, 1843. There are now in connection with this Synod, 27 ordained ministers, 3 licentiates, and 4 exhorters. The officers are Rev. J. Bachman, D. D., President, Rev. W. Berley, Recording Secretary, Rev. E. L. Hazelius, D. D. Corresponding Secretary, Col. W. Caughman, Treasurer of the Synod, Henry Muller Esq. Treasurer of Seminary Funds, and Dr. P. Todd, Treasurer of Centenary Fund. This Synod reports—congregation 37; baptisms 351; members received 392; total number of members 2383; burials 167; Sunday-schools 10; teachers 47; scholars 408. The funds of this Synod stand as follows: For Seminary at Lexington \$10371.82 $\frac{1}{2}$; Synodical fund \$2119.00; for Missionary and Education purposes \$487.02; Centenary subscription \$4000; of which \$2376.87 have been collected. We learn from the 22d resolution that Rev. J. C. Hope was appointed as delegate to this body, whom we are happy to see in our midst.

In conclusion, we are happy to say, that the brethren composing the several Synods above, appear to be actively engaged in the Master's cause, and in sustaining and carrying forward the benevolent operations of the day.

Adopted.

Respectfully submitted,

BENJ. AREY,
HENRY LENTZ.

COMMITTEE ON ACTS AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE SYNOD OF
GERMAN REFORMED CHURCH REPORTED.

Report No. 7.

The committee appointed to report articles of correspondence between the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of North Carolina of the one part, and of the Classis of the German Reformed Church of North Carolina of the other, have had the subject under consideration, and upon consultation with Rev. S. S. Middlekauff, delegate from said Classis, and upon examination of the action of the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Baltimore, May 1843, and of the proceedings of the Synod of the German Reformed Church at Winchester, Va., Oct. 1843, submit the following articles for your consideration and adoption :

1. That an interchange of ministerial delegates by regular appointment shall be kept up by the said Synod and Classis so stipulating, who may attend each the other's regular meetings, with the privilege of deliberating upon all subjects, that may come up before the respective bodies, but shall have no vote.
2. That ministers, licentiates and members shall be permitted to transfer their membership from one church into the other, by a formal connection with the Synod or Classis, or one society or the other in connection with said Synod or Classis as the case may be, on being regularly dismissed and presenting fair credentials.
3. That the above articles of privilege and correspondence, be so understood, as to leave each denomination to stand upon their reserved rights and by-rules, in examining applicants for transfer of membership, in such cases, where either church through their Synod, Classis, Consistories or Church Council may desire it.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN C. HOPE, *Chairman.*

The above report was received, but laid over for further consideration and adoption, till the afternoon session.

9. *Resolved*, That Synod adjourn till half past 3 o'clock P. M. Closed with singing and benediction.

The hour appointed for divine service having arrived, the Secretary preached from Prov. xxiii. 26.

FOURTH SESSION.

SATURDAY, 2 o'clock, P. M.

The members of Synod and congregation having re-assembled in the church to engage in the solemnities of public worship, the Rev. S. S. Middlekauff preached from John xxi. 17. "Lovest thou me?" After divine service, the Synod was called to order, and resumed its business.

Rev. E. Hawkins, delegate from the Synod of Western Virginia, appeared, presented his credentials, and was invited to a seat in Synod.

The minutes of Western Virginia Synod were handed in, which, together with the minutes of Alleghany Synod, were referred to the following committee for examination and report. Rev. J. Crim, Mr. Paul Anthony and Mr. Solomon Peeler.

The report of the committee on the subject of correspondence between this Synod and the German Reformed Classis of N. C., which had been deferred to this afternoon session, was then taken up, and after being read by items, adopted as a whole.

The election of delegates was then entered into, which resulted as follows:

To German Reformed Classis—Rev. B. Arey, and Rev. J. D. Scheck, his alternate.

To South Carolina Synod—Rev. J. D. Scheck, and Rev. J. Crim, his alternate.

To Western Virginia Synod—Rev. W. G. Harter, and Rev. S. Rothrock, his alternate.

To General Synod—Rev. B. Arey, and Rev. W. Artz, his alternate.

The delegate to the General Synod was appointed at the present meeting inasmuch as the next annual meeting of this Synod will take place but a few weeks previous to the meeting of the General Synod, leaving the delegate, who might then be appointed, too short a time to make his arrangements to attend the meeting of the said body.

The Treasurer of the Seminary Fund, having arrived, presented his report, which was read, and the following committee appointed to examine and report on the same: Rev. E. Hawkins and Rev. W. G. Harter.

COMMITTEE ON MINUTES ON LAST SYNOD REPORTED.

Report No. 8.

The committee to whom was assigned the duty of examining the Minutes of the last meeting of Synod and report on the unfinished business of the same, beg leave to State, that they are not certified of any items of unfinished business.

Adopted.

Respectfully submitted,

J. C. HOPE,
J. B. ANTHONY.

THIRD COMMITTEE ON MINUTES REPORTED.

Report No. 9.

The committee to whom were referred the Minutes of the East Pennsylvania and Virginia Synods, respectfully beg leave to submit the following as their report :

1. The East Pennsylvania Synod held its second annual meeting in St. Matthew's Church, Philadelphia, Oct. 21st, 1843. On calling the roll, at the first session of said meeting, every member answered to his name. This remarkable fact is worthy of particular notice, and augurs well for the zeal of the members of this Synod. The Synod elected the following officers, viz : Rev. J. B. Shindel, President, Rev. T. Stork, Secretary, and Rev. F. R. Anspach, Treasurer. Your committee rejoiced to notice, in the "report of the committee on the state of religion," the highly gratifying intelligence, that almost every charge in the bounds of the Synod, has during the past year, enjoyed special tokens of divine favor. Their increase during the year was 7 ministers, 22 congregations, and 2970 communicants ; making their whole number of ministers 18 ; congregations 40 ; communicants 4611 ; (of whom 748 were admitted into full communion within the year) : adult baptisms 102 ; infant baptisms 550 ; sabbath-schools 39 ; prayer-meetings 50.

Your committee likewise find a highly interesting paper, which was adopted by said Synod, on the subject of so called "New Measures," and as this subject is now being thoroughly investigated, we recommend the reading of said paper before this Synod. (See Min. page 12.)

This young and flourishing Synod is destined at no very distant day, if they continue to maintain their present zeal and faithfulness, to take rank with the most prominent ecclesiastical bodies of our North American Zion. Your committee regret to find, that amity and fraternal intercourse have not as yet, been restored between this Synod, and the venerable body from which they seceded ; and your committee would commend it to each member of Synod, as a subject of earnest and fervent prayer that peace and unity be established between them.

2. The Ev. Lutheran Synod of Virginia, held its last meeting in Woodstock, Va. on the 6th of May, 1843. The officers were Rev. L. Eichelberger, President, Rev. S. Wagner, Secretary, and Rev. T. Miller, Treasurer. In this Synod there were 10 ordained ministers, and 8 licentiates ; and according to the parochial reports there were 248 baptisms performed ; and 296 confirmed during the preceding year. The whole Synod numbers 1915 communicant members. They are doing much for the cause of Domestic Missions ; and indeed all the benevolent institutions so closely connected with the prosperity of the Redeemer's kingdom seem to be very much en-

couraged, so that with propriety it may be said of them, that they are rapidly lengthening their chords and strengthening their stakes.

Adopted.

All which is respectfully submitted,

J. B. ANTHONY,

S. S. MIDDLEKAUFF.

The paper on the subject of so called "New Measures," was read before the Synod as recommended by the committee.

10. *Resolved*, That a committee be appointed to divide the Synod into conserfential districts. *Committee*: Rev. W. G. Harter, Rev. B. Arey and Rev. S. Rothrock.

Rev. S. S. Middlekauff, delegate from the German Reformed Classis, stated that he wished to start for home on the ensuing Monday morning, and requested to be excused from further attendance upon the sessions of this body.

THE COMMITTEE ON THE ACCOUNTS OF THE TREASURER OF SEMINARY FUND REPORTED.

Report No. 10.

The committee appointed to examine the Report of the Treasurer of Seminary Fund, beg leave to present the following: That they have examined said report and found it to be correct—that \$123,78 interest are due from the Treurer, of which \$100.88 have been paid, and \$22,90 remained uncollected.

Adopted.

Respectfully submitted,

W. G. HARTER,
E. HAWKINS.

THE FOLLOWING IS THE TREASURER'S REPORT.

One note on Dawalt Lentz deceased, - - -	\$ 237 00
Interest is due on the above note but not collected back to Sept. 23. 1842.	

Received previous to meeting of Synod, Sept. 23, 1842. \$1043 60
Interest due on the preceding to May 3, 1844, \$100,89 $\frac{1}{2}$.

Received since the above date, - - -	9 00
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Amount of standing fund, - - -	\$1289 60
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11. *Resolved*, That the Treasurer of the Seminary Fund be authorized to pay the interest on said fund which has been collected, (\$100.88) to the Delegate from the South Carolina Synod, to be paid by him to the Treasurer of the Seminary of the South.

The Treasurer of the Seminary Fund, M. L. Brown, who had been re-elected at a previous session of this meeting, handed in his

resignation, stating that he had served in that office for the last seven years, and now wished to be exonerated from serving any longer.

12. *Resolved*, That Synod adjourn till Monday morning half past 8 o'clock.

Closed with singing and benediction.

This evening Rev. J. B. Anthony preached from Matth.xxiv. 37.

SABBATH EXERCISES.

In the morning the President, Rev. W. Artz, preached from 1 Cor. xi. 23-28, after which the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered. In the afternoon Rev. J. B. Anthony preached from Luk. xv. 7, and at night, the Secretary, from Acts xxiv. 25. During the morning there was preaching also by different brethren in the Presbyterian and Methodist Churches and the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper administered. In the afternoon there was preaching in those churches again.

FIFTH SESSION.

MONDAY MORNING, *May 6th, 1844.*

Synod met pursuant to adjournment, and after calling the roll proceeded to business.

The President called the attention of Synod to the resignation of the late Treasurer of the Seminary Fund, stating that the vacancy thus occasioned would have to be filled by a new election. Mr. Daniel Miller and Col. J. Shimpoch were nominated for the office; and on counting the votes it appeared that Mr. Daniel Miller was elected.

13. *Resolved*, That a committee be appointed to settle with the late Treasurer of the Seminary Fund; pay over the money to the Treasurer elect, and take his bond in the proper form for the same.
Committee: Col. J. Shimpoch and Rev. Samuel Rothrock.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

Report No. 11.

The committee to whom was referred the President's Address, beg leave to submit the following report:

1. In reference to the irreparable loss which this Synod has sustained in the death of our worthy and much esteemed brother, Rev. Henry Græber, we recommend the following resolutions:

Resolved, Whereas it pleased Almighty God in his wise providence, to remove from our midst, and from the flock of his charge, on the 11th of September last, our brother in the ministry, Rev. Henry Græber, and while we, together with his bereaved family, lament his loss to us and that portion of Christ's Church in which he labored, we cherish the hope that his good example, and christian virtues will continue to live in our hearts.

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution, signed by the President and Secretary, be sent to the widow of our departed brother, as a memorial of the love and esteem, which her husband enjoyed from his brethren connected with this Synod.

2. Your committee fully agree with the President in adopting some efficient plan, to increase the number of ministers in our bounds, that our destitute people may speedily be supplied with the ordinances of the church and means of grace. They therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That each minister in connection with this Synod be required to make special efforts to induce the young men of piety and talents in their congregations, to dedicate themselves to God and his church in the work of the gospel ministry.

Resolved, That each brother, having a regular charge, be required to organize where this has not been done, Education and Missionary Societies in their respective churches, and urge upon their people, in view of the fearful responsibilities resting upon them, the duty of sustaining, at least one young man, in his course of studies preparatory to the ministry.

Resolved, That the delegate appointed by this Synod to that of South Carolina, be instructed to inquire of that body, whether we may except any, and how much assistance in sustaining our indigent young men in their steps to the ministry; and that he report the result of his enquiries to this body at its next meeting.

Your committee recommend, that the President's Address be printed with, and appended to the minutes.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN D. SCHECK,
HENRY MILLER.

This report was taken up and considered by items, and then adopted as a whole.

FOURTH COMMITTEE ON MINUTES REPORTED.

Report No. 12.

The committee to whom were referred the proceedings of the Alleghany and Western Virginia Synods, beg leave to report as follows:

1. The Alleghany Synod convened June 1st 1843, in the Lutheran Church, Somerset, Pa. The officers are, Rev. J. Martin, President, Rev. P. Rizer,¹Secretary, and Rev. A. Babb, Treasurer. They number 10 ordained ministers, and 5 licentiates, in all 15. The result of an inspection of their parochial reports is as follows: congregations 62; communicants 5276; infant baptisms 685; adult baptisms 188; confirmations 1048; admitted 48; Sabbath-schools 45; prayer-meetings 81; Synodical contributions \$188.78.

2. The Western Virginia Synod convened in Burke's Garden, Tazewell County, Va., June 3d, 1843. This Synod numbers 7 ordained ministers. The officers are Rev. J. Scherer, President, Rev. E. Hawkins, Secretary, and Rev. J. A. Brown, Treas-

urer. The strength of the church is as follows: congregations 16; infant baptisms 80; adult baptisms 109; total of baptisms 189; communicants 1065; confirmations 268; admitted 20; prayer-meetings 8; Temperance societies 7; Sabbath-schools 1.

We further recommend to the notice of this body, a resolution on page 14 of the above Minutes.

Adopted.

Respectfully submitted,

JACOB CRIM, *Chairman.*

Rev. Mr. Morrison, of the Presbyterian Church, was introduced to Synod and invited to a seat as an advisory member.

The following resolution, based upon the 14th resolution of the Western Virginia Synod, and recommended to the notice of this body by the committee above, was then adopted.

14. *Resolved*, That the request made of us by our brethren of the Western Virginia Synod, in relative to the amount of money contributed by them in creating the Seminary Fund, under the control of this body, be complied with, so soon as the necessary collections and arrangements can be made.

COMMITTEE ON CONFERENTIAL DISTRICTS REPORTED.

Report No. 13.

The committee appointed to arrange the appointments for holding conferential meetings, beg leave to present the following :

1. That the Eastern district be composed of brothers Crim, Swicegood, Artz, and such others as may live within said district, that they hold two special conferences during the year, at such times and places as they may deem proper.

2. That the first Western district be composed of brothers Scheck, Rothrock and others who may live in said district, that they hold three meetings during the year, at such times and places as they may judge expedient.

3. That the second Western district be composed of brothers Arey and Harter, that they hold two conferential meetings during the year, at such times and places as they may select.

Adopted.

Respectfully submitted,

W. G. HARTER,
SAM'L. ROTHROCK,
B. AREY,

COMMITTEE ON THE ACCOUNTS OF THE TREASURER OF CENTENARY FUND REPORTED.

Report No. 14.

The committee appointed to examine the Report of the Treasury of the Centenary Fund, beg leave to state, that they have attended to the duty assigned them, and are pleased to say that they find it to be correct.

Adopted.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSEPH A. LINN,
SOLOMON PEELER,

Rev. Mr. Parker of the Methodist Church was introduced to Synod, and invited to a seat as an advisory member.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE CENTENARY FUND.

From Organ Church per S. Rothrock,	- - - - -	\$43 25
Fom St. Stephen's St. Matthew's, and St. Paul's churches, per S. Rothrock,	- - - - -	54 00
From St. John's Church per C. Melchior, Esq.	- - - - -	77 50
In the hands of Treasurer as per his Report,	- - - - -	53 42½
 Total,	- - - - -	\$228 17½

Synod entered into an election for the place of its next annual meeting. Invitations were given from St. Paul's church, Orange Co., and from Union church, Rowan county. On counting the votes, it appeared that St. Paul's church had a majority, therefore,

14. *Resolved*, That the next annual meeting of this Synod be held in St. Paul's Church, Orange Co. N. C., to convene on Friday before the 1st Sunday in May 1845, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

15. *Resolved*, That 800 copies of the minutes of the present meeting of Synod be printed—that they be printed at the Book Establishment in Baltimore, and that the Secretary superintend the distribution of them.

COMMITTEE TO RECEIVE SYNODICAL CONTRIBUTIONS REPORTED.

Report No. 15.

The committee appointed to receive the collections and contributions for the use of this Synod, beg leave to submit the following statement:

<i>Received from br. Crim's Church,</i>	- - - - -	0 35
<i>From br. Scheck's Churches.</i>		
Luther's Chapel,	- - - - -	\$4 00
St. John's, Salisbury,	- - - - -	3 00
St. John's, Cabarrus,	- - - - -	8 00
		15 00
<i>From br. Rothrock's Churches.</i>		
Organ Church,	- - - - -	\$7 00
Union Church,	- - - - -	2 25
St. Stephen's Church,	- - - - -	3 11½
		12 36½
<i>From br. Arey's Churches.</i>		
St. Michael's Church,	- - - - -	\$0 56½
St. Paul's Church,	- - - - -	0 75
St. Matthew's Church,	- - - - -	0 70
		20 1½
		\$29 72½

<i>From br. Artz's Churches,</i>	\$29 72 $\frac{1}{2}$
<i>From br. Harter's Churches.</i>	595
St. Enoch's Church, - - - - -	\$2 00
St. James' Church, - - - - -	3 00
Bethel Church, - - - - -	1 13
	6 13
Making a total of, - - - - -	$\$41\ 80\frac{1}{2}$

Your committee have paid over the above amount to the Treasurer of Synod, and have taken his bond for the same, which is herewith submitted.

Adopted.

JOHN D. SCHECK,
HENRY MILLER.

AMOUNT OF SYNODELICAL FUNDS.

In hands of Treasurer as per his Report, - - - - -	\$68 51
Contributions at the present meeting, - - - - -	$41\ 80\frac{1}{2}$
Making a total of, - - - - -	$110\ 31\frac{1}{2}$

16. *Resolved*, That Synod adjourn till after the meeting of the Missionary and Education Society.

Closed with singing and benediction.

The hour appointed for divine service, having arrived, Rev. J. C. Hope preached from 1 Tim. ii. 4.

SIXTH SESSION.

MONDAY AFTERNOON, 4 o'clock.

The Missionary and Education Society having adjourned, the Synod was called to order by the President and resumed its business.

17. *Resolved*, That the President of Synod address a letter to br. Kistler on the subject of the compensation promised him by this Synod, and concede to him the right, to appropriate the same as he may think proper.

COMMITTEE ON LETTERS REPORTED.

Report No. 16.

The committee appointed to examine letters, beg leave to submit the following :

No. 1, is a letter containing sundry resolutions passed at Luther's Chapel, expressive of the regard, which the congregation at that place, cherishes for the memory of their former Pastor, Rev. H. Grüber, deceased.

We rejoice to see the regard which the brethren there have manifested towards their deceased and long to be lamented pastor, believing that all the congregations

in connection with this Synod, could cheerfully subscribe to the action, which they have taken in regard to this bereaving dispensation of providence.

No. 2, is a letter addressed to this body, signed by two members of St. Paul's Church, in Catawba County, in the name of said congregation, stating, that during the past year, they enjoyed the labors of br. Kistler, but in consequence of his small support, he had left, and that they were again without a pastor. They pray this body to supply them, if possible, with some minister to break unto them the bread of life during the coming year, promising to reward him according to their ability, and, that they will be satisfied, provided the services be in proportion to their contributions.

Your committee refer the consideration of their case to the ministerium.

No. 3, is a letter from Dr. Hazelius, Corresponding Secretary of the Synod of South Carolina. We recommend this letter to be read before Synod.

Adopted.

Respectfully submitted,

B. AREY,
J. CRIM.

The letter from Dr. Hazelius was read, as recommended by the committee.

18. *Resolved*, That the interest (\$3,20 $\frac{1}{2}$) due from the Centenary Fund, be paid to the treasurer of the Missionary and Education Society.

19. *Resolved*, That the President of Synod be requested to communicate to our friends and brethren of Concord, our unfeigned thanks for their hospitality, and the unremitting care and attention, which they have manifested for our comfort, during our stay in their midst.

Synod having now disposed of all the business before it, therefore,

20. *Resolved*, That we now adjourn, to meet again at the time and place before agreed upon.

Synod then closed its sessions by singing, and by prayer by the President.

SAMUEL ROTHROCK,

Secretary of Synod.

MINUTES OF THE MINISTERIUM.

FIRST SESSION.

SATURDAY, May 4th, 1 o'clock, P. M.

The Ministerium met and was opened with singing and by prayer by the President.

After some mutual conversation on subjects connected with the interests of the church,

1. *Resolved*, That the President address a letter to br. A. Grimes, inquiring into the cause of his absence from former meetings of this Synod, and what his intentions are relative to his future connection with our Synod.

Brother J. A. Linn, late from the Seminary at Gettysburg, was proposed by the Secretary as an applicant for license.

2. *Resolved*, That br. J. A. Linn be invited to attend the next session of the Ministerium.

3. *Resolved*, That we adjourn.

SECOND SESSION.

MONDAY, May 6th, 8 o'clock, P. M.

The Ministerium met and was opened with singing and by prayer.

The Ministerium was informed, that brother Linn was present according to invitation, and presented himself for examination with a view to obtain license to preach the Gospel and administer the ordinances of the church.

4. *Resolved*, That brother Linn be admitted to an examination before this Ministerium, as to his qualifications for the ministry ; and that the President conduct the examination.

Our young brother having sustained a satisfactory examination, therefore,

5. *Resolved*, That brother J. A. Linn receive a full license to preach the Gospel and administer the sacraments of the church.

The letter from St. Paul's church, Catawba county, which had been referred to the Ministerium, was now taken up, and considered. After due deliberation on the situation of said church, it was,

6. *Resolved*, That it is to this Ministerium a matter of regret, that we are not able at this time to supply said church with a min-

ister, but are disposed to do for our scattered members there what we can, and hope that such of the brethren as find it convenient will visit them.

Rev. J. B. Anthony, an ordained travelling minister of the Methodist Episcopal Church, was presented by the President, as an applicant for admission to membership in this Ministerium. Brother Anthony, having presented satisfactory credentials as to moral character and good standing in that branch of the Redeemer's kingdom, in which he had hitherto been laboring, therefore,

7. Resolved, That he be admitted to an examination.

Pursuant to the above resolution, brother Anthony was examined before the Ministerium, and his examination proving entirely satisfactory, therefore,

8. Resolved Unanimously, That Rev. J. B. Anthony, be received into full connection with this Ministerium.

9. Resolved, That this Ministerium now adjourn.

Closed with singing, and by prayer by the President.

SAMUEL ROTHROCK,

Secretary of Ministerium.

REV. SAMUEL ROTHROCK'S CENTENARY REPORT.

Union Church.

Capt. John Hartman, (now deceased)	-	\$20 00
David Barringer, Esq.	-	20 00
Tobias Brown,	-	6 00

St. Stephen's Church.

		<i>Paid.</i>
Dawalt Lentz, (now deceased)	-	\$10 00
Mathias Barrier, Esq.	-	20 00
Daniel Miller,	-	20 00
Elizabeth Barringer,	-	1 00
Christena Harkey,	-	" 50
David Earnheart,	-	4 00
David D. Lentz,	-	4 00
Dawalt Harkey,	-	4 00
Solomon Neusman,	-	4 00
Charles Barrier,	-	4 00
Jacob Canoy,	-	5 00
		\$76 50

		\$76 50
George Earnheart,	- - -	1 00
Samuel Rothrock,	- - -	20 00
Total,	- - -	<u>\$97 50</u>

St. Matthew's Church.

Moses Lemly,	- - - -	\$4 00	
Martin Starnes,	- - - -	2 00	
Abraham Hill,	- - - -	10 00	<i>Paid.</i>
Jacob File,	- - - -	10 00	5 00
John Bullen,	- - - -	4 00	
Peter Hartman,	- - - -	4 00	
Daniel Hoffman,	- - - -	4 00	
John Glover,	- - - -	2 00	
John Bayman,	- - - -	1 00	
Nelson Misenheimer,	- - - -	1 00	
Henry Wilhelm,	- - - -	1 00	
William Hartman,	- - - -	4 00	
Peter Stoner,	- - - -	1 00	
Sally Goodman,	- - - -	50	
Total,	- - - -	<u>\$48 50</u>	

St. Paul's Church.

Henry Hill, Sr.,	- - - -	\$ 20 00	<i>Paid.</i>
John Hartman,	- - - -	1 12½	\$10 00
George Garner,	- - - -	10 00	1 12½
Margaret Garner,	- - - -	1 00	1 00
John Trexler, Jr.,	- - - -	2 00	2 00
Total,	- - - -	<u>\$ 34 12½</u>	
Whole amount,	- - - -	<u>\$226 12½</u>	

APPENDIX.

(A.)

PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT.

Amidst the many anxieties and cares which are inseparable from the lot of those who are ministers of the gospel, there are also mingled many reflections of a pleasing nature. Besides the gratification arising from the knowledge of being engaged in high and holy duties, there is a pleasure in being permitted to meet annually in Synod, to converse with their brethren, to unite in consultation on the best interests of the cause in which we are engaged, and to strengthen each others hearts and hands by mutual encouragements, and by united prayer and praise before the throne of grace.

It is on such an occasion that we are again permitted to assemble. Another year of our ministry is gone by, and we are enabled by the blessing of God to meet in health and under encouragements that call loudly for the grateful acknowledgments of our hearts and of our lips unto God.

I have said that we have met together; but not all, one at least of our small number since our last meeting in Davidson county, has been called from time to eternity. When, therefore, the names of the members of our ministerial association shall be called, and every one present shall take his seat, the place of our worthy and beloved brother, the Rev. Henry Græber will be vacant. How sad! How unexpected! He has ceased from his labors in the vineyard of the Lord on earth, and has entered the rest above, to reap the eternal reward which Jesus has promised to all his faithful servants,

"His conflicts with his busy foes'
For evermore shall cease,
None shall his happiness oppose
Nor interrupt his peace.
But bright rewards shall recompense
His faithful service here,
And perfect love shall banish thence
Each gloomy doubt and fear."

May the Lord grant unto us, who are still pilgrims and sojourners on earth as all our Fathers were, and into whose care he entrusted immortal souls, sufficient grace to prove ourselves pastors after God's own heart. May our labors in his church be more abundant while we have our fruit unto holiness, that our end may be peace.

Our worthy brother, the Rev. Henry Græber, was born of christian parents in the

state of Pennsylvania, in the year of our Lord 1793, the 28th day of January. He prosecuted the study of divinity chiefly under the able and pious instructions of the Rev. Messrs. Melsheimer and Lochman. He obtained license to preach the gospel from the Synod of East Pennsylvania, on the 7th of June, in the year 1818; and was shortly afterwards set apart to this holy work by the imposition of hands and prayer. Nine years of his ministerial life he spent as pastor of several congregations in Frederick County, Md., and the remaining 16 years were spent in several congregations in Lincoln, Rowan and Cabarrus counties in the bounds of our Synod, of which he was an efficient member, and in which he repeatedly filled with honor the highest offices. He was a liberal supporter of benevolent institutions, and a warm and decided friend of an enlightened and educated ministry. He was himself an able and faithful minister of the New Testament, rightly dividing the word of eternal truth, and giving to both saints and sinners their portion in due season. And I need not add, in the presence of those who knew him long, and who knew him well, that through the course of his ministerial life, he uniformly adorned the doctrines which he preached by zeal, fidelity, firmness and charity, and all those virtues that are so essential to the character of the christian minister. He died of nervous fever on the 11th of September last, in the 51st year of his age. While his ashes sleep in the peaceful tomb, may his memory be cherished by us with fraternal affection.

In November last, I received a letter from the Rev. Paul Kistler, dated Oct. 31st 1843, of which I would give the following extract: "I now write to you to inform you of the result of my labors in Catawba, for the last year, and of my determination to leave for the South or Southwest. I sent my parochial report to the President of last Synod before the meeting of Synod in the spring, but as there was no notice taken of it in the minutes, I will now send you the result of the whole year's labor, which is as follows: baptisms 9; burials 4; confirmations 4. The members of our churches here are indeed still anxious to have preaching by a minister of the North Carolina Synod, but they are few in number and unable to support a preacher by themselves, so that the prospect of raising our churches here appears rather dull. If a man could get a standing school here, so that he could live by it and remain, perhaps something might be done after a few years. Concerning the money that was promised by the Synod to the person who should preach to these people for one year, I would say: If I am not present at the next session of your Synod, you may give it to the Missionary and Education Society, or dispose of it in any way that the Synod may think proper."

I received a communication from the Rev. Samuel Rothrock, dated March 8th 1844, in which he signifies his intention of resigning the pastoral charge of Union, St. Paul's and St. Matthew's churches at the present meeting of Synod. Speaking of the state of his congregation he says: "I have nothing of more than ordinary interest to communicate in relation to my congregations. Preaching appears to be well attended, and good attention given to the instructions from the pulpit." He has accepted, by invitation, the pastoral care of Organ Church, vacated by the death of brother Græber.

I received a letter from the Rev. John D. Scheck, dated April 18th, in which he informs me, that he has dissolved his connection as a Pastor with the church in Salisbury, and that he has received and accepted a call from St. John's Church, Cabarrus county, formerly in connection with the pastoral district of brother Græber. As the station in Salisbury is now vacant, and as it is one of considerable importance to our church in N. C., I hope some attention will be paid to it at the present meeting of Synod.

The flock under my own care, though it has stately enjoyed the ordinary means of grace and the accompanying visitations of the divine Spirit, has not realized any remarkable degree of prosperity. Last autumn I resigned the care of Zion's church in Guilford county, and would resign another congregation, if some brother would come and take charge of them. These two, with another that might be formed, and the aid of a four, or six months school, would, in all probability, afford him a comfortable support.

The church throughout, where there are settled ministers, has enjoyed to some extent the means of improvement in spiritual knowledge and grace. Special conferences have been generally attended;—our ministers have been diligent in their work, and their pious labors have been crowned by the blessing of heaven. Careless sinners have been awakened; the erring directed in the right way; the disconsolate have been comforted; the weak strengthened, and the strong have become stronger still. For these things, and for many other evidences of the divine favor, and of the continued exercise of God's gracious providence in behalf of our Zion, we have cause of great joy and rejoicing of heart.

But notwithstanding the many causes of gratitude and joy with which we are surrounded, I cannot refrain from suggesting my fear, that worldliness in whatever guise, intemperance, lukewarmness and formality in religion, are too prevalent among us, and that these things, if not speedily removed, or speedily succeeded by fervent prayer, by entire devotion to God and his service, and by greater earnestness and zeal in working out our own salvation and seeking the good of Zion, will be attended with ruinous consequences indeed;—the gospel will cease to display its practical effects;—half of its invaluable blessings will not be enjoyed among us—our Zion in this region will become a desolation; or be absorbed into other denominations. Brethren, it is high time to awake out of sleep; to put on the whole armour of God, and to live, and act more resolutely and more exclusively than ever for God and his church, and for the good of immortal souls.

There is at present manifestly a want of more ministers; of living, active laborers in the vineyard of the Lord among us. Our ministerial ranks have been thinned by removals, by death and otherwise. Most of our ministers have too many congregations under their care, consequently these are but partially supplied with preaching and other public means of religious improvement, while others are entirely destitute of them. The present state of the church in this respect is more unfavorable than it has been for some years past, and calls loudly for our individual and united exertions to supply this deficiency as speedily as possible. Truly, “the harvest is great, but the laborers are few, pray ye, therefore, the Lord of the harvest, that he would send more laborers into his vineyard.” Should there not be a manifest improvement; but rather a deterioration in this respect, in the course of a few more years; it would perhaps be a dictate of good policy to take timely refuge under the sheltering wing of our Sister Synod of the South. My fervent prayer to God, day and night, is, that he would hasten the time to favor Zion.

In our future endeavors to promote the prosperity of the church within our bounds, we cannot too faithfully cherish our regard for the interests of our beloved Lexington Seminary. We have formed a union with our Sister Synod of the South for its support;—it is located in our southern country and with our mutual co-operation and the blessing of God upon our united efforts, it will constantly afford us the means of

increasing the number of our ministers and supplying the wants of our church. These considerations must render our theological Seminary an object of peculiar interest to us all;—and as long as the character and conduct of its Professor shall entitle it to our confidence, I have no doubt we shall all continue to patronize and support it in a manner that will render it more eminently useful to the cause of Christ and his church. As an expression of our friendly disposition toward the Seminary and the deep interest we feel in its welfare, I would recommend, that Synod instruct the delegate who shall be appointed at this meeting to attend the next session of the S. C. Synod, to attend also the annual examination of the students, and to enter into a friendly conversation, or correspondence with the Board of Directors on subjects connected with its location and interests, with a view of promoting its future efficiency and usefulness.

Ye yourselves, my beloved brethren, are well acquainted with the wants of our church;—ye know that the number of well qualified ministers ought to be multiplied, and, that to this end pious young men ought to be encouraged and sustained in their course of study.

Permit me to add, that if we would stir up our people to greater activity and more enlarged and liberal views on matters pertaining to the prosperity of our Zion and the kingdom of God, we should assiduously circulate the Lutheran Observer;—and that if we would edify the aged of our flocks and do our part in bringing up their offspring in the nurture and admonition of the Lord and in the church of their Fathers, we must adhere to the ancient usages of the church;—we must frequently call them together to hear lectures on the great subject of religion, and we must establish and foster prayer-meetings, Bible classes and Sunday schools.

Having, beloved brethren, discharged the duties of the office assigned me by your vote at the last meeting of Synod, with what fidelity I could, I now beg leave to request of you to select another individual than myself to fill this office hereafter. A re-election of the same individual to the same office when there are others who are as well, and, perhaps, better qualified to fill it, can seldom be a matter of much moment, and sometimes the future prosperity of the church would be more effectually secured by the election of another.

In conclusion, I hope, that our proceedings will be conducted in the spirit of our holy religion, and that whilst the great Master presides in our midst, our deliberations may be peaceful and highly conducive to the welfare of that portion of the church of God that is committed to our care, as well as to the glory of Jesus Christ, who is the great King of Zion, and who is truly “God over all blessed for evermore.”

WILLIAM ARTZ, *President.*

(B.)

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MISSIONARY AND EDUCATION SOCIETY.

Monday 2 o'clock, P. M., according to previous appointment the Rev. S. Rothrock preached the Missionary sermon,—text Matth. xx. 6. “*Why stand ye here all the day idle?*”

The Vice-president in the chair, then briefly stated the object of the society, and called upon all who felt interested in the work to contribute their mites; when a goodly number came forward, and by paying the small sum necessary to constitute them members of the society, next proceeded to the election of officers for the ensuing year.

REV. J. D. SCHECK, *President,*
 " S. ROTHROCK, *Vice President,*
 " W.M. G. HARTER, *Secretary,*
 MATHIAS BARRIER, Esq. *Treasurer.*

THE PRESIDENT'S APPOINTMENT.

GENL. PAUL BARRINGER,
 C. MELCHIOR,
 HENRY MILLER, }
 COL. J. SHIMPOCH,
 DANIEL MILLER,
 SOLOMON PEELER, } *Directors.*

REV. WM. ARTZ,
 " B. AREY,
 " S. ROTHROCK, } *Executive Committee.*

The Executive Committee for the closing year, were called upon for their report.

Report No. 1.

The Ex. Com. of the Parent Education and Missionary society report, that having no beneficiary upon our funds, and not being able to engage the services of a Missionary to Davie Co. there has been no appropriation of the funds of the society, and nothing has been done.

Adopted.

Respectfully submitted,

W.M. G. HARTER,
 B. AREY,
 M. BARRIER, } *Committee.*

The former Treasurer, Col. J. Smith, returned to the society \$150 00 through Rev. J. Crim, as the amount of principal and interest due.

1. *Resolved*, That the money sent us be received.

A call was now made for donations from auxiliary societies.

Rev. S. Rothrock, presented from the Organ Church,				
Miss. and Ed. society,	- - - - -		\$10 00	
St. Stephen's church, do. do. do.	- - - - -		2 50	
Rev. J. D. Scheck, presented from St. John's Church,				
Miss. society,	- - - - -		6 25	
Amount collected at our present meeting,	- -		21 80	\$40 55

2. *Resolved*, That the President give a receipt to Col. J. M. Smith against his bond, and that we tender him our sincere thanks for the faithful performance of his duty.

Whereas many of the points of ministerial operation within the bounds of this Synod are too feeble to afford sufficient compensation for the time necessary to be devoted to their spiritual welfare—and whereas the plan of a local ministry in our

churches acting as pastors and bishops in the sphere of their respective charges during the term of their engagements, requires a course of operation in harmony with such locating system, and in order to sustain and spread the borders of our church by affording aid for some time to weak stations—Therefore,

3. *Resolved*, That our people be requested to act in harmony with their respective pastors, to use increased activity to enlarge the home Missionary funds of this Synod.

4. *Resolved*, That the President appoint some person to preach the Missionary sermon at the next meeting of the Society.

Rev. B. Arey was appointed.

All the money in the treasury was now paid to the Treasurer, which according to the following exhibit amounted to \$190 55

From former Treasurer	- - - - -	\$150 00
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Amount of contributions from Aux. societies, &c.	- 40 55	\$190 55
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5. *Resolved*, That the Treasurer be requested to put this money on interest and take bond and good security.

6. *Resolved*, That an extract of the proceedings of this society be printed with the Minutes of Synod.

7. *Resolved*, That we adjourn to meet on Monday after the 1st Sunday in May 1845, in St. Paul's church, Orange, county, N. C.

Closed with a benediction by the President.

WILLIAM G. HARTER,

Secretary of the parent Education and Missionary society.









