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MINUTES

OF THE

Eban. Luth. Synod & Ministerium

OF

NORTH CAROLINA,

1857.

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OF THE

FIFTY-THIRD ANNUAL MEETING

OF THE

Gban. Luth. Synod & Ministerium

OF

NORTH CAROLINA,

CONVENED AT ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, TREDELL COUNTY,

ON THURSDAY, APRIL 30, 1857,

WITH

MINUTES OF THE SYNODICAL, MISSIONARY AND EDUCATIONAL SOCIETY, APPENDED.



Salisbury :

J. J. BRUNER, PRINTER.

1857.



# MINUTES.

Pursuant to adjournment, and in compliance with a Resolution passed at its last meeting, the Evangelical Lutheran Synod and Ministerium of North Carolina, met in St. Paul's Church, Iredell County, on Thursday the 30th April, 1857.

In the absence of the President, the Secretary, Rev. S. Scherer, preached the opening sermon, from Ezekiel, xxxiii : 7—9.

After recess, Synod was called to order by the Secretary, now officiating as President, and Rev. D. I. Dreher was requested to act as Secretary *pro. tem.*

The clerical roll was called, and the absentees noted.

## CLERICAL MEMBERS.

ORDAINED MINISTERS.	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
Rev. John D. Scheck,*	Mount Pleasant, Cabarrus county, N. C.
“ William Artz,†	Holt's Store, Alamance county, “ “
“ Samuel Rothrock,	Rockville, Rowan county, “ “
“ William G. Harter,	Concord, Cabarrus county, “ “
“ Jacob Crim,	Jerusalem, Davie county, “ “
“ Paul Kistler,	Statesville, Iredell county, “ “
“ Joseph A. Linn,‡	Gold-Hill, Rowan county. “ “
“ William Gerhardt,†	Mount Pleasant, Cabarrus county, “ “
“ Simeon Scherer,	Shaw's Mills, Guilford county, “ “
“ Levi C. Groseclose,	Salisbury, Rowan county, “ “
“ John Swicegood,†	Brummell's, Davidson county, “ “
“ John S. Heilig,	Mill Hill, Cabarrus county, “ “
“ Daniel I. Dreher,	Concord, Cabarrus county, “ “

## LICENTIATES.

Rev. A. Grimes,†	Hay's Meadow, Wilkes county, N. C.
“ B. C. Hall,	Salisbury, Rowan county, “ “
“ Caleb Lentz,	Mount Pleasant, Cabarrus county, “ “
“ William A. Julian,	Lexington, Davidson county, “ “

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\*Absent, but not excused.

†Absent, but excused.

‡Absent without excuse.

The certificates of Lay-Delegates were now called for, and the following brethren were received as members of this present Synod.

### LAY-DELEGATES.

Paul N. Heilig, Esq.,	Rev. S. Rothrock's charge.
Mr. Andrew Barringer,	" Paul Kistler's "
" Solomon Eagle,	" Joseph A. Linn's "
" John C. Fink,	" William Gerhardt's "
" Harper Summers,	" Simeon Scherer's "
W. A. Walton, Esq.,	" L. C. Groseclose's "
Mr. Monroe Barger,	" John S. Heilig's "
" Joseph Cook,	" D. I. Dreher's "
" D. W. Ramer,	" B. C. Hall's "
" Henry Sink,	" William A. Julian's "

Mr. Isaac Beaver was received as a Commissioner from the congregations of St. John's and Bethel, Stanly county.

M. Barrier, Esq., Treasurer of Synod, ex-officio a member.

The President being absent, his Annual Report was read by the former Secretary, Rev. S. Scherer, which was received and laid on the table for future consideration.

The constitutional term of office having expired, an election was held, which resulted as follows :

Rev. LEVI C. GROSECLOSE, President.

" DANIEL I. DREHER, Recording Secretary.

" JOHN S. HELDIG, Corresponding Secretary.

M. BARRIER, Esq., Treasurer of Synod.

On motion, the Minutes of last Synod were referred to a Committee, yet to be appointed, to report on unfinished business.

Letters and papers designed for Synod, were called for; and the President took charge of them so as to arrange and refer them to the respective Committees.

The Parochial Reports were now called for and handed in, for which, see table on next page.

TABLE OF PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

MINISTERS.	BAPTISMS.		CONGREGATIONS,	CONFIRMATIONS,	RESTORATIONS,	DISMISSIONS.....	ADMISSIONS, .....	EXPULSIONS, .....	FUNERALS,.....	DEATH OF MEMBERS, .....	EDUCA'N & MISS. SOCIETIES	SUNDAY SCHOOLS,.....	TEACHERS,.....	SCHOLARS,.....	BIBLE CLASSES,.....	PRAYER MEETINGS,.....	Contributions.	
	Adults.....	Infants.....															LOCAL,.....	BENEVOLENT, .....
REV. JOHN D. SCHECK, ..	28	0	400	9	0	0	0	3	22	15	0	1	0	0	0	2	.....	.....
" WILLIAM ARTZ,* ..	0	0	00	0	0	0	0	0	00	00	0	0	0	0	0	0	.....	.....
" S. ROTHROCK,.....	2	35	3 553	63	1	5	8	1	35	15	1	0	0	0	1	0	74 00	128 50
" W. G. HARTER,* ..	0	0	00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.....	.....
" JACOB CRIM,.....	3	13	3 150	18	0	2	13	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.....	.....
" PAUL KISTLER, ..	4	20	2 270	33	1	3	0	0	2	0	0	1	2	30	0	0	.....	.....
" J. A. LINN,* .....	0	0	00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.....	.....
" S. SCHERER,.....	5	13	2 365	12	0	2	2	1	2	2	0	0	18	200	0	2	356 00	380 00
" L. C. GROSECLOSE,	2	15	18 00	38	2	0	6	0	6	3	0	3	0	0	1	3	85 00	17 00
" W. GERHARDT, ..	1	6	1 50	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	.....	8 25
" J. S. HEILIG, .....	2	15	0 229	4	0	3	6	0	4	4	0	1	4	31	0	0	.....	46 50
" D. I. DREHER,.....	1	10	0 174	11	0	0	3	0	11	5	0	1	6	55	1	1	.....	60 00
" A. GRIMES,* .....	0	0	00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.....	.....
" J. SWICEGOOD,* ..	0	0	00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.....	5 00
" B. C. HALL,.....	2	3	0 250	1	0	3	12	0	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	.....	.....
" C. LENTZ,* .....	0	0	00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.....	.....
" W. A. JULIAN,.....	4	1	0 179	0	1	0	0	0	3	3	0	1	10	115	0	1	.....	.....
Total,.....	28	131	29 2620	189	5	18	50	10	96	50	1	13	40	451	3	9	\$787 00	\$621 25

\*No Report. †For the erection of a Parsonage.

On motion, a Committee was appointed to receive contributions intended for Synod, consisting of Rev. C. Lentz and Paul N. Heilig, Esq.

The Treasurer of Synod now made his report, which was received.

Synod adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 8½ o'clock, which was the hour agreed upon, for opening the Morning Sessions of each day. Closed with prayer by the President.

At candle-lighting, Rev. Jacob Crim preached from Mark, v : 6.

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## SECOND SESSION.

FRIDAY, May 1st, 8½ o'clock, A. M.

Synod convened, and after spending the usual time in devotional exercises, was opened with prayer by Rev. S. Rothrock.

The roll was now called, and the Minutes of the former session were read and confirmed. The President then proceeded to appoint the following Standing Committees.

1. *On the President's Report*—Revs. S. Rothrock, W. G. Harter, and Paul N. Heilig, Esq.
2. *On Petitions and Vacancies*—Revs. Paul Kistler, Jacob Crim, and Mr. Andrew Barringer.
3. *On Unfinished Business*—Revs. J. S. Heilig, W. A. Julian, and Mr. John C. Fink.
4. *On Finance*—Revs. S. Scherer, J. S. Heilig, and Mr. Solomon Eagle.
5. *On the State of Religion*—Revs. J. Crim, B. C. Hall, and W. A. Walton, Esq.
6. *On Proceedings of Conferential Meetings*—Revs. S. Scherer, W. A. Julian, and Mr. Harper Summers.
7. *On the Report of the President of the Board of Directors of W. C. M. Academy*—Revs. W. G. Harter, S. Rothrock, and Mr. Joseph Cook.
8. *On Minutes of Sister Synods*—Revs. W. A. Julian, B. C. Hall, and Mr. John C. Fink.
9. *On Letters*—Revs. John S. Heilig, Paul Kistler, and Mr. Henry Sink.

The Rev. Mr. Kenneday, of the Presbyterian Church, being present, was invited to a seat as an advisory member of Synod.

The verbal petition of the Commissioner of St. John's and Bethel Churches, asking Synod to make some provision to have them supplied with preaching till they can make arrangements to procure a Minister, was continued for future action.

The Report of the President of the Board of Directors was called for and read before the Synod, as it contained in matter affording information respecting our Institution.

The Corresponding Delegate to the Western Virginia Synod, made his report as follows :

Your Delegate would report, that he met with the brethren of Western

Virginia Synod in convention assembled, was cordially invited to a seat among them, and to a participation in all their deliberations. This Synod is actively and zealously engaged in the Master's work, and that work they are doing well, as any one acquainted with that part of the Church can clearly see. Would that we, as a Synod, had their energy and enterprise! They appointed Rev. J. A. Brown, Principal, and Rev. J. C. Repass, alternate, as Corresponding Delegate to this Synod.

That Synod will meet at St. John's Church, Wythe county, on Thursday before the last Sunday in August. The expenses of your Delegate were \$8,00.

Respectfully submitted,

L. C. GROSECLOSE.

The Report was adopted, and the Treasurer requested to pay his expenses.

The Report of the Corresponding Delegate to the Synod of South Carolina and adjacent States.

The Delegate appointed to the S. C. Synod would report, that he met that body at the appointed time, though at a late stage of the session, and was kindly received. A Delegate to our Synod was appointed to be with us on this occasion, but it is to be regretted that he has not arrived. My traveling expenses amounts to \$10,70. Respectfully submitted,

W. G. HARTER.

This report was also adopted, and Treasurer authorised to pay the expenses of Delegate.

The Treasurer reported on contributions to defray the expenses of Delegates to General Synod, as follows:

Collections received for defraying the expenses of Delegates to General Synod.

*From Rev. John D. Scheck's Churches:*

St. John's,	\$00,00
Bethel,	00,00

*From Rev. S. Rothrock's Churches:*

Organ,	21,10
Luther's Chapel,	8,00—29,10

*From Rev. Jacob Crim's Churches:*

Bethel,	2,00
St. Matthew's.	- -
Jerusalem,	2,40—4,40

*From Rev. Paul Kistler's Churches:*

St. Michael's,	- -
St. Paul's,	3,00.
Newton,	- -—3,00

\$36,50

Amount brought forward from page 7, - - - - - \$36,50

*From J. A. Linn's Churches :*

St. Stephen's,	4,00
Luther's,	85
St. Matthew's,	-- —4,85

*From Rev. S. Scherer's :*

Frieden's,	2,45
St. Paul's,	1,70
Lau's,	2,75
Richland's,	--
Coble's,	59—7,49

*From Rev. L. C. Groseclose's Churches :*

Salisbury,	5,60
Union,	5,40—11,00

*From Rev. J. S. Heilig's Churches :*

St. Enoch's,	5,00
Salem,	2,00—7,00

*From Rev. D. I. Dreher's Churches :*

St. James',	7,60—7,60
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\$74,44

All the above amounts have been paid into my hands, which I am ready to pay over as Synod may direct.

Respectfully submitted,

MATTHIAS BARRIER.

Report received and adopted.

Synod now took recess till 2 o'clock, P. M., to give room for divine service.

Rev. B. C. Hall, preached from John, iii: 2.—"Thou art a teacher come from God."

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### THIRD SESSION—AFTERNOON.

Synod was opened with the usual exercises. The following resolution was then offered :

1. *Resolved*, That the Treasurer pay the money collected to defray the expenses of Delegates to General Synod, over to them; and that they report to the next meeting of Synod.

2. *Resolved*, That in the estimation of this Synod, Bro. Scheck has proved delinquent, in not complying with its resolution requesting the Ministers composing said Synod, to lift collections, either at their fall or spring communions, or at such time as would best suit them, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of Delegates to General Synod. Whereas, Rev. J. Swice-

good, has absented himself for two consecutive meetings of Synod, without sending in his reason for so doing—Therefore,

3. *Resolved*, That it be the duty of the President to write said brother on the subject of his delinquency, in not attending our Synodical meetings, and remind him of his constitutional duties in this respect.

Synod adjourned till the appointed hour to-morrow morning. Prayer by Bro. Lentz.

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## FOURTH SESSION.

SATURDAY MORNING, 8½ o'clock, May 2nd.

The members of Synod met, and after spending some time in singing and prayer, it was opened in due form. The roll having been called, the Minutes were read and adopted.

The Committee on Petitions and Vacancies now reported, which was considered by items, and adopted as a whole.

The Committee to whom were referred the petitions and vacancies, beg leave to submit the following:

No. 1. Is a petition from St. Paul's Church, Alamance county, asking Synod to hold its next Annual Sessions in that Church. Your Committee recommend the petition to the favorable decision of Synod,

No. 2. Is a petition from the Davidson charge, desiring the services of Bro. Julian to be continued. Your Committee recommend that the request be granted.

No. 3. Is a petition from Luther's Chapel, asking the labours of Rev. B. C. Hall to be continued to them. Your Committee recommend that their request thus far be granted. They also ask his ordination, which we refer to the Ministerium.

No. 3. Is a communication from Bro. Harter, recommending the union of our Missionary Society with the Parent Society of the General Synod. We recommend this to the decision of the Synodical Missionary Society.

Respectfully submitted,

PAUL KISTLER,  
JACOB CRIM,  
A. BARRINGER.

4. *Resolved*, That it be recommended to any Minister or Ministers of Synod, who may find it convenient to do so, to visit and preach for the congregations of St. John's and Bethel, Stanly county, as often as may be mutually agreed upon, until the congregations may be able to make arrangements to be permanently supplied.

The Committee on Finances reported, which was received and adopted.

Your Committee on the reports of Treasurers of Synod, and of Building Fund of W. C. M. Academy, would state that they have examined said re-

ports and find them correct. They would recommend that the report of Treasurer of Building Fund appear on the face of the Minutes of Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

S. SCHERER,  
J. S. HEILIG.

### REPORT OF TREASURER OF SYNOD.

The Evan. Luth. Synod of North Carolina, in account with M. Barrier.  
1857.

	Dr.
Balance on hand from last Synod, - - - -	\$2 72½
Contributions " " - - - -	77 52½
Received since last Synod from St. Peter's, - - -	85
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Whole amount, - - - -	\$81 10
Expenditures, - - - -	76 80
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Leaves a balance in hands of Treasurer,	\$4 30
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Paid Ogborn, Cole and Albright, as per order of Secretary, for printing Minutes, - - - -	\$60 00
Paid Rev. John S. Heilig, per order of Synod, - - -	9 90
Paid " L. C. Groseclose " " " - - -	6 90
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Total, - - -	\$76 80

Respectfully submitted,

MATTHIAS BARRIER.

### REPORT OF TREASURER OF BUILDING FUND.

The Treasurer presents the following as a statement of W. C. M. Academy :

Amount due Col. W. A. Weddington, contractor, for building Academy, - - - -	\$7000 00
To the same, for building Professor's house, - - -	1425 00
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Whole amount for building, - - - -	\$8425 00
Sum paid Col. W. A. Weddington, - - - -	7800 00
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Amount yet due W. A. Weddington, - - - -	\$625 00
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Monies borrowed by the Treasurer of Building Fund for W.  
C. M. Academy :

From Seminary fund, - - - -	\$1084 00
1856. Dec. 30. From Rev. W. Gerhardt, - - -	800 00
" " " M. Barrier, Treasurer of Scholar- ship fund, - - - -	700 00
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	\$2584 00

Amount brought forward from page 10, - - - - -	\$2584 00
Money borrowed from Miss Margaret Moose, - - -	130 90
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Sum borrowed, - - - - -	\$2714 90
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Amount remaining unpaid for building, and improvement  
on Academy lot:

Sum yet due Col. W. A. Weddington, - - -	\$625 00
H. W. Bangle, for inclosing Academy lot, - - -	55 00
Do. Nails, &c., - - - - -	9 42
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	\$689 42
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Sum total of notes and accounts against the W. C. M. Academy, - - - - -	\$3404 32
Cash in hands of Treasurer, - - - - -	\$238 63
Good subscriptions, about, - - - - -	70 00
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	\$308 63
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Amount of indebtedness of W. C. M. Academy, - \$3095 69

Respectfully submitted,

JACOB LUDWICK,  
Treasurer of Building Fund.

## REPORT ON CONFIDENTIAL MEETINGS, RECEIVED AND ADOPTED.

The committee on confederal proceedings report, that they have received the proceedings of the Western Conference district, only.

Item 1st, embodies a resolution recommending to this Synod the employment of a missionary for the field in Catawba County. We recommend this matter to the Missionary Society.

Item 2nd contemplates a change as to several of the Pastorates belonging to said conference, referring the whole to Synod, and recommending that the several churches concerned send an expression of their wishes to Synod.

Your committee would enquire whether this provision has been carried out.

Respectfully submitted,

S. SCHERER,  
W. A. JULIAN,  
HARPER SUMMERS.

5. *Resolved*, That alterations be made in certain pastorates, as follows:

That the congregations at Salisbury and Union hereafter constitute a pastorate; and that the congregations at Bethel, Rowan County, and Jerusalem, and St. Matthews, in Davie County, constitute a pastorate; the whole to be subject to alteration hereafter by Synod, should any change be necessary.

Motion to adjourn till after preaching, was carried. The 11 o'clock sermon was preached by Rev. J. S. Heilig, from Psalm xxvii, 4.

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## FIFTH SESSION.

Synod re-assembled, and was opened with prayer, by Rev. S. Scherer.

The committee on letters now made their report, which was adopted.

Your committee on letters beg leave to submit the following :

No. 1 is a communication from Rev. W. Artz, assigning his reasons for non-attendance upon the present meeting of Synod. Your committee, under all the circumstances, deem his reasons satisfactory, and recommend that he be excused.

No. 2 is a letter from Professor Gerhardt, tendering his reasons for absence from this meeting of Synod. His reasons are considered valid, and your committee recommend that he be excused.

No. 3 is a communication from Rev. J. D. Scheck, also asking to be excused for absenting himself from the present session of Synod. His reasons being insufficient, your committee recommend that he be not excused.

Respectfully submitted,

J. S. HEILIG,  
P. KISTLER,  
H. SINK.

The committee on the President's Report submitted the following report, which was considered by items and adopted.

The committee appointed to examine the President's Report, respectfully present the following :

1. Your committee would recommend that, in conformity to the suggestion of the President, the letter from Rev. A. Grimes be read before Synod.

2. Your committee recommend that the action of the President, in signing the obligations entered into by the holders of scholarships in W. C. M. Academy, in a convention at Organ Church, on the 26th of December last, be sustained; and that the \$27 00 in his hands, received for scholarships let out, be, by him, paid to the Treasurer of endowment fund, to be applied by the Board of Directors to the best interest of the Institution.

3. Your committee recommend that an election be held to fill the vacancies in the Board of Directors of W. C. M. Academy.

4. Your committee recommend the "queries" in the President's Report to the special consideration of Synod.

5. In relation to the suggestion of the President, your committee coincide with him in the belief that the gospel teaches a separation from all secular business in the ministry, and would recommend his suggestion to the prayerful consideration of our ministers and congregations.

6. Your committee recommend that the \*President's Report be published with the minutes.

Respectfully submitted,  
 SAMUEL ROTHROCK,  
 WM. G. HARTER,  
 DAN'L. N. HEILIG.

6. *Resolved*, That a minister has no more right to be absent, without a valid excuse, from the meetings of the special conference to which he belongs, than from the annual meetings of Synod.

7. *Resolved*, That the 2d, 3d, and 4th, queries in the President's Report, be stricken out.

The committee on the state of Religion made their report, which was received and adopted.

Your committee on the state of Religion beg leave to report :

That a number of the brethren having failed to furnish the committee with reports from their charges, our report must necessarily be imperfect.

During the last year the state of religion has been much better than it has for some years past; most of the brethren have been favored with out-pourings of the spirit in their charges, and many precious revivals have been witnessed since the last meeting of Synod. And though we have no means of determining the number, yet it is quite probable that there have been some three hundred immortal souls converted to God during that space of time. And we may say with Israel of old, when the Lord turned again their captivity: "*The Lord hath done great things for us, whereof we are glad; for he hath visited and redeemed his people; he hath turned their mourning into dancing, and their heaviness into songs of praise; he hath given them beauty for ashes, and the oil of joy for the spirit of heaviness.*"

Nor is this cheering only to the churches, but it is greatly encouraging to the "*watchmen on the walls of Zion*," who have long sown in tears, but now are privileged to reap in joy, and indulge the hope that Zion shall still see days of prosperity. There is another item of interest contained in some of the reports. Your committee is happy to state that, in some portions of the church, our people are becoming more awake to a sense of duty.

In Bro. Heilig's charge they have erected a comfortable parsonage for the accommodation of their Pastor. And in Bro. Scherer's report it is stated, that two of his congregations have purchased property to the amount of \$500, for the same laudable purpose.

Respectfully submitted,  
 JACOB CRIM,  
 W. A. WALTON,  
 B. C. HALL.

The committee on the Report of the President of the Board of Directors of W. C. M. Academy, presented their report, which was adopted.

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\* See Appendix, (A.)

The committee appointed to examine the Report of the President of Directors of W. C. M. Academy, beg leave to state that they have attended to this duty. We learn with pleasure, that the Institution is in a prosperous condition. Although the number of students is not so large as during last year, yet the interests of the school require the services of an additional Teacher.

Such an assistant had been employed, but in consequence of his sickness, he asked and obtained permission to return home.

The number of students in attendance at the close of the winter session was 46. The Professor has the undivided confidence of the entire Board, and it is confidently expected that there will be a large increase of students the ensuing session.

We learn from this report that the entire cost of building has not been all paid. But the belief is expressed that, by the united and efficient action of all our ministers and congregations, the debt can be paid, and this school can be made as good as any of the kind in the State.

Presents of books have been received from Rev. Dr. Stark, of Philadelphia, and P. A. Seaford, Esq.

The Board propose to raise Ten Thousand Dollars, as an additional endowment fund, thus making the whole amount Twenty Thousand Dollars, that two Teachers may be employed; and have engaged the Rev. C. Lentz, as their agent, to collect funds for this purpose.

An earnest appeal is made to the churches and friends in North Carolina, to raise the above amount proposed, by one hundred dollar donations. "Are there not one hundred Lutherans in the bounds of Synod, who would give one hundred dollars each, as a donation?"

This Synod is called upon to take this subject (viz., of additional donations,) into consideration, and give an expression of opinion as to the best method to be adopted to render this school permanent and useful.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

W. G. HARTER,  
S. ROTHROCK,  
JOSEPH COOK.

8. *Resolved*, That Rev. C. Lentz, the agent of the Board of Directors of W. C. M. Academy, to solicit donations in aid of said Institution, be recommended to the confidence and liberality of the members of the Evangelical Lutheran Church.

Report of the committee on unfinished business being made—considered by items—was adopted, except item 2nd, which was stricken out. Committee on unfinished business would present the following:

1. The attention of Synod is directed to the second resolution found on page 4th of last year's minutes, containing a suggestion, by Dr. Bittle, in relation to the establishment of a Theo. Seminary, which was recommended, at your last meeting, to the future consideration of this body.

2. Page 14, item 2, relating to a committee, continued from the last meet-

ing, whose duty it was made "to have bound a file of the minutes of our Synod, as far back as he would be able to collect them, and deposit the same in the archives." The above are the only items of unfinished business found by your committee.

Respectfully submitted,

J. S. HEILIG,  
W. A. JULIAN,  
J. C. FINK.

9. *Resolved*, That the subject referred to in item first of committee on unfinished business, be indefinitely postponed.

10. *Resolved*, That the committee, referred to in the second item adopted, be continued, and that Revs. J. S. Heilig and D. I. Dreher be added to the number of that committee. The committee on minutes of sister Synods reported, which was adopted.

Your committee, appointed to report on several minutes of sister Synods, beg leave to submit the following :

1st. The minutes of the 109th Annual Session of the Evan. Luth. Synod of Pennsylvania: This body convened in Lancaster, Pa., in the Church of the Holy Trinity, May 22nd, 1856. It is a large and influential body, numbering 74 ministers, and 35,548 communicants.

The officers are, Rev. B. Keller, President; Rev. J. Voglebach, Secretary; and Rev. C. W. Schaeffer, Treasurer.

2nd. Minutes of the tenth Annual Session of the Synod of the South-west, convened at Providence Church, Tennessee, Oct. 4, 1856, numbering 11 ministers. Officers—Rev. Daniel Jenkins, President, Rev. Jonathan Krimminger, Secretary, and Rev. J. Short, Treasurer.

3rd. is a number of minutes of different Synods, for the year 1844, bound and presented to this Synod by the Lutheran Book Company, in April, 1856.

Respectfully submitted,

W. A. JULIAN,  
B. C. HALL,  
J. C. FINK.

The documents referred to in the above report, were ordered to be placed among the archives of Synod.

11. *Resolved*, That Luther's Chapel, and St. Paul's, in Rowan County, constitute a pastorate, subject to alteration hereafter by Synod, should any change be necessary.

12. *Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Central Conference, in not sending up to Synod the proceedings of its meetings, is hereby declared delinquent in the performance of duty in this particular.

Synod now adjourned to meet on Monday morning, 8 1-2 o'clock.

At candle-light, the President preached from Amos, vi, 1.

## LORD'S DAY'S SERVICES.—May 3.

Although the weather was very inclement, a large number of persons assembled at the church.

At 11 o'clock, A. M., Rev. S. Rothrock delivered a discourse from 1 Tim., vi, 6: "*But godliness with contentment is great gain.*"

The Bread and Wine were consecrated by the President, after which a number of believers celebrated the dying love of Jesus Christ.

In the afternoon, 2 o'clock, Rev. W. G. Harter preached from Isaiah, lx., 1. Thus ended the solemn services of this holy day, as we trust, in the edification and spiritual good of the people.

## SIXTH SESSION.

MONDAY MORNING, 8½ o'clock, May 4th.

Synod convened, and after spending some time in devotional exercises, was opened with prayer by Rev. Crim.

The roll was called, and the minutes of Saturday were read and confirmed.

W. A. Walton, Esq., was excused from attendance on further sessions of Synod.

Whereas the church, for some time past, has been agitated by a discussion through the columns of the Lutheran Observer, involving a question of vital importance to the interest of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in this country; and whereas this question may come up at the next meeting of the General Synod, we deem it due to ourselves to declare that we adhere to the "*General Synod's basis.*" Therefore, be it

13. *Resolved*, That our Delegates are hereby instructed to maintain this position on the floor of the General Synod.

The Rev. Mr. Erwin, of the Presbyterian Church, being present, was invited to a seat as an advisory member of Synod.

14. *Resolved*, That it meets the approbation of this Synod, for the Agent of the Home Missionary Society of the E. L. Church, to operate within its bounds.

Whereas, Mr. T. Newton Kurtz, has kindly made a depository of Lutheran publications in Salisbury, at the Book Store of Mr. J. H. Enniss;—Therefore,

15. *Resolved*, That this Synod recommend said depository to the favorable notice of our people, hoping that they will supply themselves with our publications.

Rev. W. G. Harter was excused from attendance on future sessions of present Synod.

Synod now adjourned to meet this afternoon, immediately after the adjournment of the Missionary Society.

The Missionary sermon was preached by the Secretary, from Mark, xvi, 15.

# SEVENTH SESSION.

MONDAY AFTERNOON, 4½ o'clock.

Synod was called to order, and was opened with prayer by the Rev. W. G. Harter.

Mr. Andrew Barringer was excused from further attendance on Synod. The Committee on Synodical Contributions, presented the following:

*From Rev. S. Rothrock's Charge :*

Organ Church,	\$12,00
St. Peter's,	1,50—13,50

*From Rev. J. Crim's Charge :*

St. Matthew's,	1,00
Jerusalem,	1,00
Bethel,	1,00—3,00

*From Rev. Paul Kistler's Charge :*

St. Michael's,	2,50
St. Paul's,	6,10
Newton,	1,00—9,60

*From Rev. J. A. Linn's Charge :*

St. Stephen's,	3,00—3,00
St. Matthew's,	--
Luther's,	--

*From Rev. W. Gerhardt's Charge :*

Mt. Carmel,	4,25—4,25
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*From Rev. L. C. Groseclose's Charge :*

Salisbury,	4,67½—4,67½
Union,	--

*From Rev. S. Scherer's Charge :*

St. Paul's,	3,15
Lau's,	2,33
Coble's,	59
Frieden's,	3,00—9,07

*From Rev. J. Swicegood's Charge :*

Hopewell,	1,00—1,00
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*From Rev. J. S. Heilig's Charge :*

St. Enoch's,	3,50
Salem,	1,50—5,00

*From Rev. D. I. Dreher's Charge :*

St. James',	6,00—6,00
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\$59,09½

Amount brought forward from page 17, - - - - \$59,09½

*From Rev. B. C. Hall's Charge :*

Luther's Chapel,	3,00
St. Paul's,	2,00—5,00

*From Rev. W. A. Julian's Charge :*

Zion's,	1,67
Beck's,	1,46
Pilgrim's,	1,00
Sandy Creek,	2,40—6,53

Amount,	\$70,62½
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The foregoing is a statement of the contributions received by your Committee. In the absence of the Treasurer we are unable to report in full as to the duties assigned us.

Respectfully submitted,

C. LENTZ,  
P. N. HEILIG.

A motion now prevailed to enter into an election for four Directors in W. C. M. Academy, to serve for a period of three years, and for one Director to serve the unexpired term of Rev. W. G. Harter, resigned.

The following were elected for the term of three years, viz: Revs. L. C. Groseclose and D. I. Dreher, and Messrs. Daniel Barrier and P. A. Seaford.

And Rev. Jacob Crim was elected to serve the unexpired term.

An election was now held for delegate to the S. C. Synod, which resulted in the selection of Rev. Jacob Crim.

Synod now went into an election for the next place of meeting, which resulted in the choice of St. Paul's, Alamance County.

16. *Resolved*, That one thousand copies of Minutes of Synod be printed; that two copies be sent to each Synod that we are in regular correspondence with, and one to every other Synod in the United States.

17. *Resolved*, That an abstract of the proceedings of the Education and Missionary Society be printed with the Minutes of Synod.

18. *Resolved*, That the thanks of this Synod be presented to the congregation of St. Paul's Church for the hospitable manner in which we have been entertained, and that the Pastor read this resolution from the pulpit at his earliest convenience.

19. *Resolved*, That when this Synod adjourn, that it stand adjourned, to meet in St. Paul's Church, Alamance County, on Thursday before the first Sabbath in May, 1858, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

A motion was now carried to adjourn, to meet at the time and place appointed.

DANIEL I. DREHER,  
Recording Secretary of Synod.

## MINUTES OF THE MINISTERIUM.

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FRIDAY, May 1st, 3 o'clock, P. M.

After the close of the Synodical sessions for the day, the Ministerium met, and was opened with prayer by the President.

The Sermons and Journals of Revs. Hall, Lentz and Julian, were referred to the following Committees:

1. Sermon and Journal of Rev. W. A. Julian, to Revs. W. G. Harter and J. Crim.
2. The Sermon and Journal of Rev. B. C. Hall, to Revs. S. Scherer and P. Kistler.
3. The Sermon and Journal of Rev. C. Lentz, to S. Rothrock and J. S. Heilig.

On motion, the Ministerium adjourned, subject to the call of the President.

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## SECOND SESSION.

SATURDAY, May 2, 4 o'clock, P. M.

Ministerium was opened with prayer by Rev. P. Kistler.

The Minutes of the former session were read and confirmed.

### REPORT, No. 1.

The Committee to examine the Sermon and Journal of Bro. C. Lentz, would respectfully report as follows:

1. Brother Lentz has had no regular charge during the past year ; from his journal, however, your Committee learn, that he preached frequently in various places, and labored with commendable zeal and industry for the advancement of the Redeemer's Kingdom and the salvation of immortal souls.

2. This sermon is scriptural in doctrine, natural and systematic in its arrangement, and affords promising evidences of future usefulness as a minister of the Gospel of Christ.

Respectfully submitted,

S. ROTHROCK,  
J. S. HEILIG.

### REPORT, No. 2.

The Committee to whom was referred the Sermon and Journal of Bro. Hall, beg leave to report that they have attended to that duty. And it appears from his Journal, that said brother has been laboring in the Master's vineyard, during the past year, with ordinary and somewhat commendable zeal.

His Manuscript, containing nothing more than an amplified skeleton, is neatly gotten up.

The penmanship, orthography, grammatical construction, logical arrangement, and general discussion of his theme, all evince commendable care and reflection.

Your Committee recommend that his Journal and Manuscript be read before the Ministerium.

Respectfully submitted,

S. SCHERER,  
P. KISTLER.

### REPORT, No. 3.

Your Committee appointed to examine and report on the Sermon and Journal of Rev. W. A. Julian, would submit the following :

We are pleased to say that the sermon is good, and excepting some orthographical errors, is creditable to its author.

His Journal has been neatly kept.

He has simply given us the texts without showing us the manner he headed his subjects. We would have been pleased with one or two skeletons, that we might have formed a more satisfactory opinion of his knowledge of sermonizing.

Respectfully submitted,

W. G. HARTER,  
JACOB CRIM.

On motion, its was

1. *Resolved*, That the Licentiates be examined at the next meeting of the Ministerium. Adjourned with prayer by Bro. Rothrock.

### THIRD SESSION.

MONDAY EVENING, 8 o'clock, May 4.

The Ministerium met in the house of Mr. Henry Lentz, and was opened with prayer by the President.

Minutes of the second session were read and adopted.

On motion, a Committee was appointed to examine the candidates for licensure.

In compliance with the above motion, Revs. S. Rothrock and S. Scherer were appointed, and by request, the Officers of Ministerium were added to said Committee.

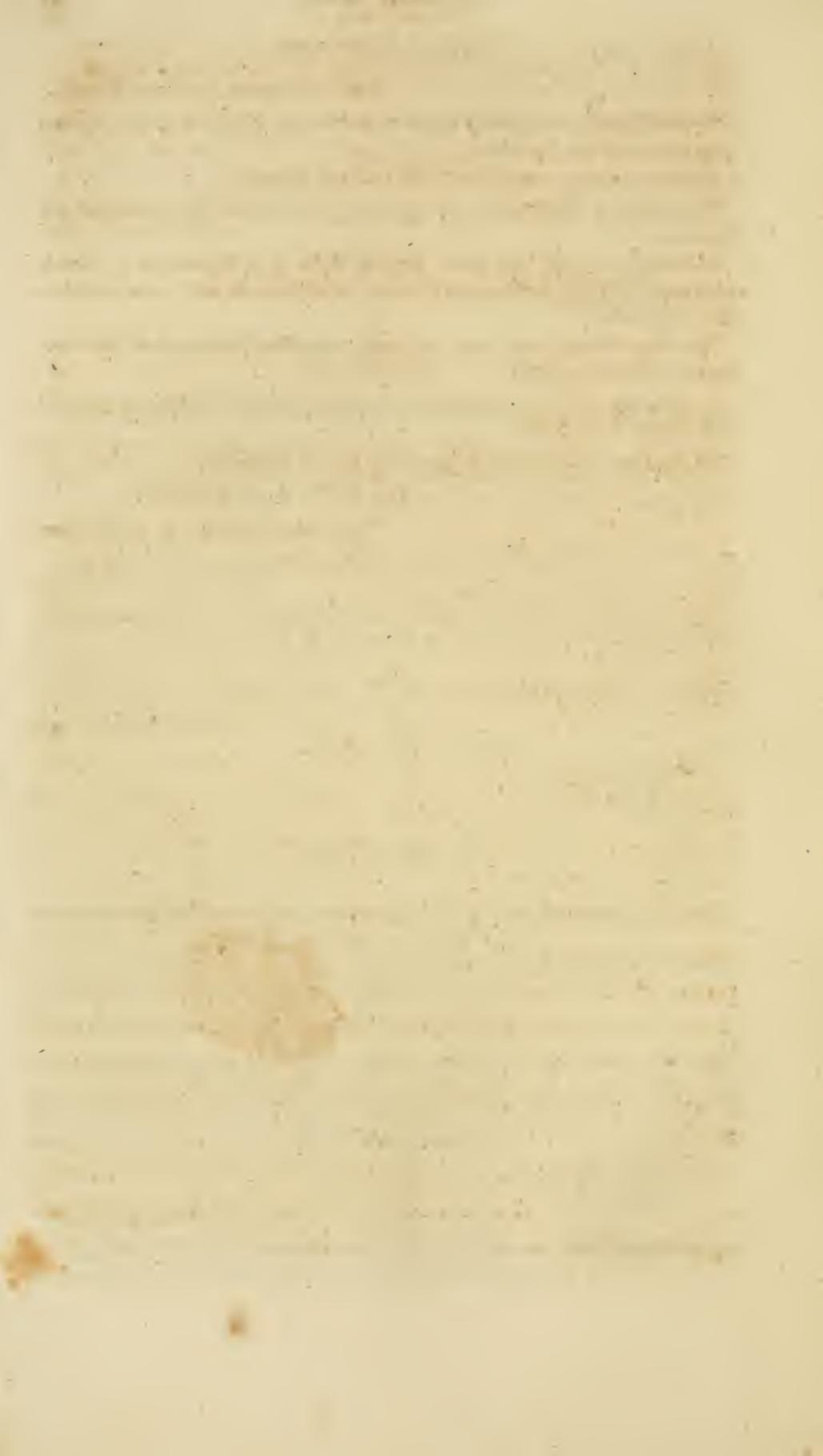
Some time having been spent in the examination of applicants for licensure, the following was offered :

2. *Resolved*, That the examination of the Licentiates be sustained, and that their license be renewed.

Ministerium adjourned with prayer by Rev. S. Rothrock.

DANIEL I. DREHER,

*Recording Secretary of Ministerium.*



## APPENDIX (A.)

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### PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

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DEAR BRETHREN :

Grace to you, and peace, from God, our Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Inasmuch as circumstances, which shall be made known to you at the proper time, deny me the pleasure and privilege of meeting you in synodical convention this year, I am under the necessity of submitting to you my Report through the hands of another person.

God, in his kind providence, has again permitted you to assemble. He has graciously spared us, without permitting death to mark any of us as his victims, though many of our friends and neighbors have gone to their final account. And while this should awaken in us emotions of gratitude to our Heavenly Father, may it stimulate us to renewed zeal and energy in our several callings, and for all those benevolent causes which have for their object, either directly or indirectly, the amelioration of mankind, and the glory of God; so that we may not "grow weary in well-doing," but "work while it is day, for the night cometh in which no man can work."

In obedience to the requirements of the constitution, I shall now lay before you a report of my official acts during the past synodical year.

On the 9th of June, I received from Rev. W. A. Julian a certificate of regular standing in the Methodist Episcopal Church; whereupon, in accordance with a resolution of the Ministerium, at its last convention, the officers of the Synod gave him license. I would state, in this connection, that Bro. Julian, soon after the meeting of Synod at St. Enoch's, moved to Mt. Pleasant and entered the Institution, intending to spend several years there, with a view to qualify himself better for the ministry. Being disappointed, however, in his expected means of support, he was compelled, about the middle of last session, to relinquish his laudable purpose, and to make arrangements for entering the field of labor. Query—should not Synod have made some provision for this brother?

On the 2nd Sabbath in June, according to a resolution of the Ministerium, the officers of Synod ordained Rev. D. I. Dreher in his Church at Concord. The president preached the ordination sermon, from Gal. vi, 14. The exercises were characterised by deep solemnity. May this brother, who has already endeared himself to his people, labor with much success.

On the 6th of August, I wrote to Rev. A. Grimes, as directed by Synod, with a view of eliciting information as to the amount of labor he still performs, the state of his congregation, &c. I received an answer on the 6th of October, and another communication on the 16th of February. Brother Grimes states that his health is feeble, and urges this as the reason of his absence from Synod. He still preaches two Sabbaths in the month to a small congregation, having, however, but five communicants; though it appears that he expects to organise a small class of catechismens, from the fact that he desired a few catechisms. He wishes to continue a member of Synod the remaining days of his life. I would suggest that his last letter be read before Synod.

On the 21st of October, Rev. L. C. Groseclose personally

informed me that he had resigned the Davidson pastorate, and accepted a call from the Salisbury and Union churches, and that he had already assumed the duties of that charge. We have been much gratified to learn that this brother has, thus far, labored with signal success, particularly in the Salisbury congregation, which has received new life and energy under his efficient ministrations. The Lord bless his future labors, and grant him "many souls for his hire."

On the 23rd of October, Rev. W. G. Harter personally tendered his resignation as a member of the Board of Directors of W. C. M. Academy, having accepted an appointment as agent for the Home Missionary Society of the General Synod. And on the 27th of March, I received a letter from Bro. Harter, desiring me to render to Synod his excuse for his non-attendance this year, urging the great distance as the reason. Synod will be gratified to learn that Bro. Harter is laboring assiduously, and with success.

On the 1st of December, I received a letter from Rev. B. C. Hall, informing me that he had resigned his Union congregation; and, on the 10th of March, the same brother informed me that he had taken charge of Luther Chapel until the meeting of Synod. The proceedings of conference will show the reason of the change made.

On the 2nd of March, I received a communication from the Rev. Ernst Hoffman, of Poughkeepsie, New York, wishing to know whether he could be supplied with a German congregation within the bounds of our Synod. I informed him that we had no such congregation in connection with our Synod, and directed him to the Pennsylvania Synod.

On the 6th of March, Rev. W. A. Julian informed me, by note, that he had accepted a call from the Davidson charge. May the Great Head of the Church make this young brother useful in his vineyard.

On the 27th of March, I received a letter from Rev. J. Crim, complaining of difficulties in his charge. Learning incidentally that the Conference at Concord had referred the matter to Synod, I deemed it unnecessary to write to Bro. Crim.

On the 26th of December, a convention of the scholarship-holders of W. C. M. Academy was held at Organ Church, to consult about the best interest of the Institution, and, if possible, to fall upon a plan to increase the endowment fund. Among other plans, it was proposed that, in view of the very low rate of scholarships, each holder of a scholarship, having it in use, should annually pay six dollars in addition to the interest, and that this should accrue to the Institution, making the obligation binding as soon as forty of the whole number would sign their names. As the representative of Synod, holding three scholarships, I signed the obligation. It will be for Synod to justify or condemn the act. I would also state here, that I have received, during the year, \$27,00 for scholarships let out. Synod will please to say what disposition is to be made of it.

As far as I know, confederal meetings were held, generally, throughout the bounds of Synod, and all business transacted by them, claiming the attention of Synod, will, no doubt, be submitted to this body.

According to a resolution of Synod, it was made my duty to take charge of the Mt. Carmel congregation, and I will here state, that the congregation desires the arrangement to continue.

It will be your duty to elect the usual number of Directors for W. C. M. Academy, and also one in the room of Rev. W. G. Harter, resigned.

The President of the Board of Directors will, doubtless, in

his report, bring to your notice our Institution at Mt. Pleasant. But I cannot help availing myself of this opportunity, through the medium of my report, to enlist your sympathies, your energies, and your liberal contributions in its behalf. It is now more than two years since you called me to preside over this infant Institution. Ever since, it has been the subject of my prayers, and the object of my concentrated energies. I have labored single-handed,—I have toiled incessantly to establish it;—to give it character and prominence abroad; and I trust that my labors have not been altogether in vain. But after all, what can your Principal accomplish without your co-operation? You have planted the Institution, you must nurse it, you must rear it, else it cannot flourish,—cannot prosper. Are you interested in it? Are you united in sentiment and effort? Brethren, it is needless for me to tell you your duty in reference to this matter. You know what is necessary. You know your duty. If you love the Church,—if you regard the intelligence and morality of the community, you must use your influence in its favor. It is the Institution of the Church, and the Church must sustain it, or *itself* languish and die. The Church and her Institutions are inseparably connected, and derive life and strength one from the other. They reciprocally tend to each other's advancement, and the inefficiency of the one must cripple the energies of the other. Let Synod and the Church sustain the Institution and it will sustain and dignify the Synod, while the benefits resulting will diffuse themselves over the whole Church. We have, indeed, had opposition to contend with, and principally from our own Lutheran household; but we have, thank God, thus far succeeded. But we need the sympathies and liberal support of the Church. I call upon you, then, as you value the Church,—as you value the cause of Christ, sustain your Institution—hold it up before your people—secure it many lib-

eral friends, and you will perform a noble deed, and secure a lasting blessing to posterity.

Query—Is it right for a minister of this Synod to absent himself habitually from the meetings of conference, without sending an excuse?

### SUGGESTIONS.

It is a well-known fact, that some of our brethren, in connection with their pastorates, have plantations to manage, which necessarily must, in a great measure, divert their attention from their pastoral duties. In times past this may have been necessary, but it is not now. Without deeming it necessary to quote any particular passage of scripture, it is enough to say, that the spirit of God's word entirely conflicts with this practice, and nothing is more plain than that the Gospel teaches a separation from secular business in the ministry. And indeed, experience proves that any occupation in connection with the ministerial office, is a great hindrance to the prosperity of the church. If a minister has a farm, it is very natural for his members to say, "he has himself a source of income; we need not pay so much;" and the minister thus receiving a meagre support, will be compelled to give more attention to his farm. Thus his study is neglected, his pastoral field is not visited, his pulpit performances suffer, and his congregations cannot prosper. He who would preach acceptably, and build up the church, must spend the greater portion of his time in his study and among his people. He who does not endeavor to have the dew of God's grace distilled upon his services by prayerful study—he who does not endeavor to water his spiritual plants by going through the field with the gentle sprinkling of religious conversation, will soon see a spiritual dearth, and a barren and unfruitful waste.

Then let the minister rid himself of his incumbrance, and give his whole time and attention to his people; and let his people build him a parsonage, and support him in such a manner that he will be raised above the necessity of following another occupation in connection with the ministry, and, in less than ten years, if both do their duty, that which is now a wilderness, will be a garden. The church will prosper—her Institutions will flourish, and all her benevolent causes will be advanced.

I would state, in justice, that some of the brethren have lately disposed of their incumbrances, and are willing to throw themselves upon the liberality of the people, and I know others whose sincere desire is to “go and do likewise;” and we trust that their people will soon hold out sufficient inducement for them to give themselves “wholly to the work of the ministry.”

I would suggest, therefore, that this subject be brought before our people, with a view to remedy the evil as soon as possible.

And now, may your present convention be one of peace and harmony, and may the blessing of God attend all your deliberations. The Grace of God be with you. Amen.

WILLIAM GERHARDT.

MT. PLEASANT, N. C., April 14th, 1857.

APPENDIX (B.)

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PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

MISSIONARY AND EDUCATIONAL SOCIETY

OF THE

EVAN. LUTHERAN SYNOD OF NORTH CAROLINA.

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According to adjournment at its last meeting, the Missionary and Educational Society of the Evan. Luth. Synod of North Carolina, assembled in St. Paul's Church, Iredell County, May 4th, 1857, at 11 o'clock, A. M.

A missionary sermon was preached by Rev. D. I. Dreher, from Mark, xvi, 15.

In the absence of the President, the Vice President, Rev. D. I. Dreher, explained the object of the Society.

A collection was taken, and the amount of \$36,50 was obtained.

Recess was then given, after which the Society opened with singing, and prayer by Rev. S. Scherer.

The names of a considerable number of persons were enrolled as members for one year.

Officers were then elected as follows:

Rev. J. CRIM, President,  
" D. I. DREHER, Vice President,  
" C. LENTZ, Secretary,  
Mr. D. ISENHOUR, Treasurer.

The following contributions were presented to the society:

<i>Rev. L. C. Groseclose's Charge:</i>	
Salisbury, - - - -	\$6 50
<i>Rev. B. C. Hall's Charge:</i>	
Luther's Chapel, - - - -	5 00
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Amount brought forward, - - - - -	\$11 50
<i>Rev. J. Crim's Charge:</i>	
St. Matthew's, - - -	\$1 15
Bethel, - - -	3 50
Jerusalem, - - -	1 40
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	\$6 05
<i>Rev. P. Kistler's Charge:</i>	
St. Michael's, - - -	4 78
Newton, - - -	4 50
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	\$9 28
<i>Rev. D. I. Dreher's Charge:</i>	
St. James', (Concord,) - - -	4 00
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Whole amount, - - - - -	\$30 83
Amount obtained by collection, - - -	36 50
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Total, - - - - -	\$67 33

On motion, a committee of two were appointed to take charge of the funds, pay over to the Treasurer, and take his bond.

*Committee*—Rev. J. S. Heilig, and Mr. Joseph Cook.

The President made the following appointments:

*Executive Committee*—Revs. L. C. Groseclose, S. Rothrock, D. I. Dreher, B. C. Hall, J. S. Heilig.

*Board of Directors*—Rev. P. Kistler, Wm. G. Harter, S. Scherer, W. A. Julian, Messrs. P. N. Heilig, J. Cook, A. Barringer, Daniel Roseman, S. J. Lentz, D. W. Ramer, D. Harkey, J. Smithdeal.

A resolution from the Western Conference, recommending the formation of a missionary field in Catawba County, was brought to notice of the Society; and the following resolution was adopted:

1. *Resolved*, That in the event the church in Catawba raise \$150, the Ex. Com. of this Society are instructed to procure the services of a suitable man, if practicable, at its earliest convenience, and pay him \$150 of the Society's funds.

The committee, whose duty it was, by the action of last year, to draft Constitutions for the Missionary and Educational

Societies, separately, reported the result of their labors. By motion, it was laid on the table.

The following resolution was adopted :

2. *Resolved*, That to enable us to be more efficient as a Society, each minister belonging to this Synod be requested to lift a collection in each of his congregations during the ensuing year.

The Treasurer's Report was read and received. By motion, it was referred to the committee on finance.

Rev. L. C. Groseclose was appointed to preach the missionary sermon, at the next annual meeting, and Rev. S. Scherer his alternate.

The committee on the Treasurer's Report presented the following :

The committee appointed to examine the Treasurer's Report have attended to their duty, and find it correct.

#### TREASURER'S REPORT.

*D. M. Isenhour, Treasurer, in account with the Missionary and Educational Society of the Evan. Lutheran Synod of North Carolina.*

Notes on hand, including interest,	-	-	\$161	63
Cash " " " " " "	-	-	64	50

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Loaned D. M. Blackwelder, per order Ex. Com.,			50	00
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Balance in hand,	-	-	-	\$176	13
Beneficiary notes,	-	-	-	\$489	73.

Respectfully submitted,

D. ISENHOUR, Treasurer.

*It was Resolved*, That an abstract of the proceedings of this Society be published with the minutes of Synod.

On motion, the Society then adjourned to meet on Monday at 11 o'clock, at the time and place of the next meeting of Synod.

Closed with appropriate religious exercises,

CALEB LENTZ, Secretary.





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OFFICERS  
OF THE  
NORTH CAROLINA SYNOD.

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Rev. LEVI C. GROSECLOSE, President.

“ DANIEL I. DREHER, Recording Secretary.

“ JOHN S. HELIG, Corresponding Secretary.

M. BARRIER, Esq., Treasurer.

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