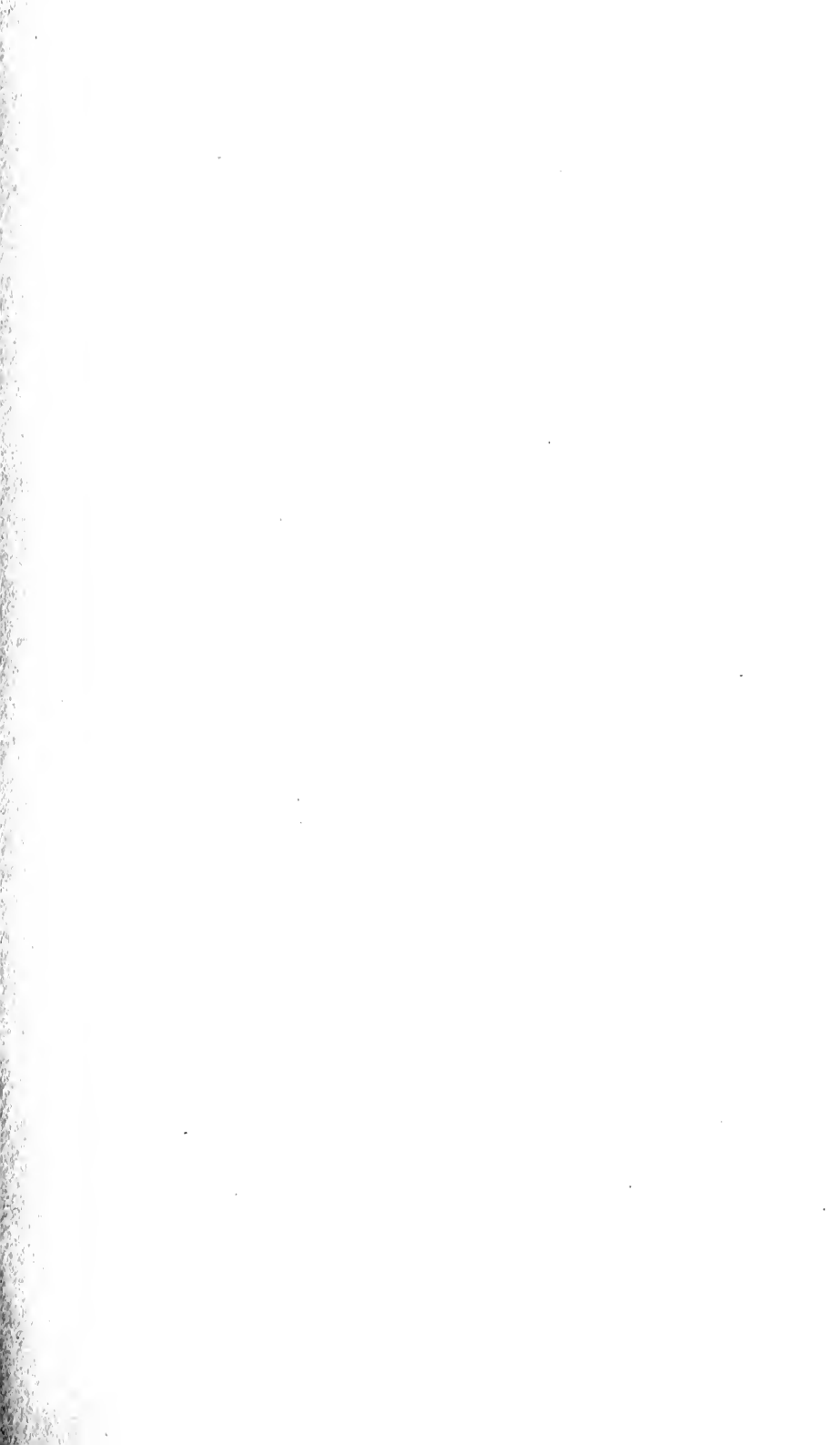


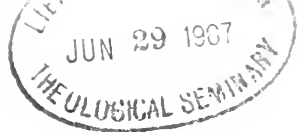


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MEMPHIS, TENN., Nov. 15, 1866.

The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States met, according to appointment, on Thursday, the 15th day of November, 1866, at 11 o'clock, a. m., in the First Presbyterian Church at Memphis, Tennessee, and was opened with a sermon by the Rev. George Howe, D. D., the Moderator of the last Assembly, on the text, Zech. iv. 6, 7, 10: "This is the word of the Lord unto Zerubbabel, saying, Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit, saith the Lord of hosts. Who art thou, O great mountain? before Zerubbabel thou shalt become a plain: and he shall bring forth the headstone thereof with shoutings, crying, Grace, grace unto it. For who hath despised the day of small things? for they shall rejoice, and shall see the plummet in the hand of Zerubbabel with those seven; they are the eyes of the Lord, which run to and fro through the whole earth."

After the sermon, the Moderator proceeded to constitute the sessions with prayer.

The Permanent Clerk, from the Committee on Commissions, reported that the following commissioners had appeared, and been regularly enrolled as members of this General Assembly:

I. SYNOD OF ALABAMA.

PRESBYTERIES.	MINISTERS.	ELDERS.
<i>East Alabama,</i>	James H. Nall, G. R. Foster, (3)*	E. Fay, A. J. McAlpin,
<i>South Alabama,</i>	James Watson, (3)	George J. S. Walker,
<i>Tuskuloosa,</i>	A. P. Silliman,	J. M. McGowan.

II. SYNOD OF ARKANSAS.

<i>Arkansas,</i>	J. W. Moore,	Alfred M. Goodwin, (4)
<i>Indian,</i>	C. C. Copeland, (3)	
<i>Ouachita,</i>	A. R. Banks,	Charles L. Bullock.

III. SYNOD OF GEORGIA.

<i>Cherokee,</i>	A. G. Johnson,	J. O. Scott,
<i>Flint River,</i>	Wm. M. Cunningham, D. D.,	Alfred Livingstone,
<i>Florida,</i>	Donald Fraser,	
<i>Georgia,</i>		
<i>Hopewell,</i>	James Woodrow,	J. A. Ansley,
	Wm. Fliun,	Wm. T. Daniel.

* The figure appended to the name indicates on what day of the sessions the commissioners first appeared.

IV. SYNOD OF MEMPHIS.

PRESBYTERIES.	MINISTERS.	ELDERS.
<i>Chickasaw,</i>	R. W. Shive,	James Rogan.
<i>Memphis,</i>	A. H. Kerr, D. D.,	B. M. Estes,
<i>North Mississippi,</i>	S. Irwin Reid,	A. R. Hutchison,
<i>Tuscumbia,</i>	Thomas Morrow,	Louis B. Thornton,
<i>Western District,</i>	E. S. Campbell,	J. C. Gillespie.

V. SYNOD OF MISSISSIPPI.

<i>Central Mississippi,</i>	John H. Rice, D. D.,	J. P. George,
	R. E. Sherrill, (3)	J. S. Colmery,
<i>East Mississippi,</i>	James W. Phillips,	
<i>Louisiana,</i>	W. F. Gillespie,	Israel Spencer, (2)
<i>Mississippi,</i>	George Hall, (2)	H. T. Bartlett,
<i>New Orleans,</i>	B. M. Palmer, D. D., (3)	Alfred Simpson, (2)
<i>Red River,</i>	J. T. Davidson,	O. Hendrick.
<i>Tombeckbee,</i>	A. H. Barkley,	

VI. SYNOD OF NASHVILLE.

<i>Holston,</i>	S. B. Campbell,	E. B. McClanahan,
<i>Knoxville,</i>	Thomas H. McCallie,	
<i>Nashville,</i>	H. B. Bonde,	George Thompson,
<i>North Alabama,</i>	J. Simpson Frierson, (2)	James S. Fleming,
	M. M. Marshall, D. D., (3)	Isaiah Dill, (3)

VII. SYNOD OF NORTH CAROLINA.

<i>Concord,</i>	A. W. Miller,	E. W. Faucette,
	R. B. Anderson,	E. Nye Hutchison,
	H. H. Banks, (2)	David Parks, (2)
<i>Fayetteville,</i>	Neill McKay,	
	D. D. McBryde, (2)	
<i>Orange,</i>	A. Currie,	J. A. Womack,
	D. E. Jordan,	Thomas M. Holt.

VIII. SYNOD OF SOUTH CAROLINA.

<i>Bethel,</i>	William Banks, (2)	J. Leander Adams,
<i>Charleston,</i>	George Howe, D. D.,	
<i>Harmony,</i>	W. A. Gregg,	J. J. James,
<i>South Carolina,</i>	John B. Adger, D. D.,	A. O. Norris,
	A. A. Morse,	William N. Blake.

IX. SYNOD OF TEXAS.

<i>Brazos,</i>	J. M. Cochran,	William T. Hill,
<i>Central Texas,</i>	Samuel A. King,	
<i>Eastern Texas,</i>	W. C. Dunlap, (4)	Joseph C. Wilson, (6)
<i>Western Texas,</i>	George C. Moore.	

X. SYNOD OF VIRGINIA.

<i>East Hanover,</i>	E. T. Baird, D. D.,	George W. Pollard.
	D. W. Shanks,	John L. Marye, Jr.,
<i>Greenbrier,</i>	N. W. Calhoon,	J. W. Gilkeson,
	D. C. Irwin,	
<i>Montgomery,</i>	John S. Grasty,	T. P. Clapp,
		Frederick Johnston, (2)
<i>Potomac,</i>		
<i>Roanoke,</i>	Henry C. Alexander,	George C. Hannah, (3)
<i>West Hanover,</i>	J. M. P. Atkinson, D. D., (3)	Richard P. Walton,
<i>Winchester,</i>	James R. Graham.	

CORRESPONDING BODIES.

Associate Reformed Synod of the South. Rev. H. L. Murphy.
 General Assembly of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. Rev. C. A. Davis, D. D.

The Stated Clerk reported that there was an irregularity in the appointment of commissioners from the Presbytery of North Alabama, by which that body seems to have appointed a larger delegation than is allowed under the rule.

A Committee on Elections was appointed, consisting of the Rev. Wm. M. Cunningham, D. D., and ruling elder G. J. S. Walker, to which was referred the case of the commissioners from the Presbytery of North Alabama.

The Assembly then proceeded to the election of officers, which resulted in the choice of the Rev. A. H. Kerr, D. D., a commissioner from the Presbytery of Memphis, as Moderator, and the Rev. Wm. Flinn, a commissioner from the Presbytery of Hopewell, as Temporary Clerk.

The Assembly adjourned to 3 o'clock, p. m.; closed with prayer by the Rev. Dr. Adger.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON, 3 o'clock.

The Assembly met, and was opened with prayer by the Rev. Donald Fraser.

The Committee on Elections reported, recommending that the Rev. Frederick A. Thompson, and ruling elder James S. Fleming, from the Presbytery of North Alabama, should be considered the commissioners entitled to their seats; which report was adopted.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Woodrow, it was resolved that it be the order of the day for to-morrow morning, at 11 o'clock, to hear the reports of the Executive Committees of Domestic Missions and Publication; and on Saturday morning, at 11 o'clock, to hear the reports of the Executive Committees of Foreign Missions and Education.

On motion of Dr. Woodrow, it was resolved that, until further ordered, the hour for meeting each day shall be fixed at 9 o'clock, a. m., and the hour of adjournment at 1½ o'clock, p. m.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Adger, it was made the order of the day for 10 o'clock, on Saturday morning, to hear that part of the report of the Committee appointed on the Revision of the Form of Government, etc., which relates to parliamentary rules.

The Assembly adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock; closed with prayer by the Moderator.

FRIDAY MORNING, 9 o'clock.

The Assembly met, and was opened with prayer by the Rev. Dr. Cunningham.

The minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

The Moderator announced the following Standing Committees:

On Bills and Overtures. Ministers: George Howe, D. D., A. R. Banks, John S. Grasty, James Woodrow. Ruling Elders: H. T. Bartlett, E. Nye Hutchison, George Thompson.

Judicial Committee. Ministers: John H. Rice, D. D., Neill McKay, George C. Moore. Ruling Elders: B. M. Estes, George J. S. Walker.

On Theological Seminaries. Ministers: E. T. Baird, D. D., H. B. Boude, Donald Fraser, A. P. Silliman. Ruling Elders: J. A. Ansley, J. L. Marye, Thomas M. Holt.

On Domestic Missions. Ministers: William M. Cunningham, D. D., William Flinn, John H. Rice, D. D., S. Irwin Reid, D. C. Irwin. Ruling Elders: J. W. Gilkeson, J. S. Fleming, Louis B. Thornton.

On Foreign Missions. Ministers: Henry C. Alexander, J. H. Rice, D. D., Samuel A. King, S. B. Campbell, A. Currie, W. A. Gregg. Ruling Elders: E. Fay, J. O. Scott, Charles L. Bullock.

On Publication. Ministers: J. B. Adger, D. D., D. W. Shanks, W. F. Gillespie, J. H. Nall. Ruling Elders: A. J. McAlpin, E. B. McClanahan, J. A. Womack.

On Education. Ministers: Neill McKay, A. A. Morse, D. E. Jordan, J. W. Phillips. Ruling Elders: W. T. Hill, George W. Pollard, O. Hendrick.

On the Narrative. Ministers: A. W. Miller, J. W. Moore, A. G. Johnson. Ruling Elders: Alfred Livingstone, W. T. Daniel.

On Foreign Correspondence. Ministers: Thomas Morrow, J. T. Davidson, R. B. Anderson. Ruling Elders: J. S. Colmery, E. W. Faucette.

On Leave of Absence. Ministers: A. H. Barkley, Frederick A. Thompson, J. M. Cochran. Ruling Elders: T. P. Clapp, J. L. Adams, J. J. James.

On Systematic Benevolence. Ministers: James Woodrow, J. R. Graham, R. W. Shive, E. T. Baird, D. D., E. S. Campbell, N. W. Calhoun. Ruling Elders: B. M. Estes, J. A. Ansley, Richard P. Walton, James Rogan.

On Devotional Exercises. Ministers: D. C. Irwin, H. C. Alexander. Ruling Elders: A. O. Norris, William N. Blake.

Committees on Synodical Records:

Synod of Alabama. Ministers: N. W. Calhoun, W. A. Gregg. Ruling Elder, H. T. Bartlett.

Synod of Arkansas. Ministers: D. E. Jordan, Samuel A. King. Ruling Elder, J. W. Gilkeson.

Synod of Georgia. Ministers: A. Currie, J. H. Nall. Ruling Elder, William T. Daniel.

Synod of Memphis. Ministers: Donald Fraser, A. P. Silliman. Ruling Elder, George W. Pollard.

Synod of Mississippi. Ministers: Samuel A. King, S. Irwin Reid. Ruling Elder, J. C. Gillespie.

Synod of Nashville. Ministers: A. R. Bauks, J. T. Davidson. Ruling Elder, William N. Blake.

Synod of North Carolina. Ministers: D. W. Shanks, George C. Moore. Ruling Elder, O. Hendrick.

Synod of South Carolina. Ministers: A. G. Johnston, R. W. Shive. Ruling Elder, J. P. George.

Synod of Texas. Ministers: E. S. Campbell, Thomas Morrow. Ruling Elder, A. O. Norris.

Synod of Virginia. Ministers: J. M. Cochran, John H. Rice, D. D. Ruling Elder, J. S. Colmery.

On motion of Prof. Woodrow, it was made the order of the day for Monday morning, at 10 o'clock, to hear the report of the *ad interim* Committee on Beneficiary Education.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Phillips, it was made the order of the day for Tuesday morning, at 10 o'clock, to hear the report of the Committee on the Hymn Book.

The following additional commissioners were reported and enrolled, viz.:

From the Presbytery of Mississippi, George Hall, minister, and Israel Spencer, ruling elder; from the Presbytery of Fayetteville, D. D. McBryde, minister; from the Presbytery of Red River, Alfred Simpson, ruling elder; from the Presbytery of Bethel, Wm. Banks,

minister; from the Presbytery of Montgomery, Frederick Johnston, ruling elder; from the Presbytery of Concord, H. H. Banks, minister; from the Presbytery of West Hanover, J. M. P. Atkinson, D. D., minister; and from the Presbytery of Knoxville, Thomas H. McCallie, minister.

The Rev. Dr. Adger was excused from serving on the Standing Committee on Education, and the Rev. Dr. Atkinson was appointed in his place as chairman.

The following resolution, offered by the Rev. S. A. King, was referred to the Committee on Bills and Overtures, viz.:

Resolved. That a special committee be appointed, with instructions to ascertain the probable aggregate expenses of commissioners from all the Presbyteries in our connexion, and to report a plan for raising a general commissioners' fund, in such a manner as will make the burden bear equally on the whole membership of our Church.

An overture from the Synod of South Carolina was read, and referred to the Standing Committee on Foreign Missions.

The hour for the first order of the day having arrived, viz., the consideration of that part of the report of the Committee of Revision which refers to parliamentary rules, it was

Resolved. That until the adoption of the report of the Committee, this Assembly shall be governed by the old rules.

The report of the Committee was then taken up, and the Assembly proceeded to consider the rules *seriatim*. After some progress had been made, the second order of the day was announced, and the report of the Executive Committee of Domestic Missions was presented by the Secretary, the Rev. J. Leighton Wilson, D. D.; after which he presented on his own behalf, and by permission, a memorial on the subject of a general plan of Sustentation and Missions.

(See Appendix for this Memorial.)

On motion of Prof. Woodrow, it was resolved that the first part of this report of the Executive Committee of Domestic Missions, with the accompanying papers, and the Memorial presented by Dr. Wilson, be referred to the Standing Committee on Domestic Missions; and that the last part of the report on Domestic Missions be referred to the Standing Committee on Systematic Benevolence.

The report of the Executive Committee on Education was read by the Secretary, the Rev. E. T. Baird, D. D., and referred to the Standing Committee on that subject.

The name of the Rev. J. Simpson Frierson, commissioner from the Presbytery of North Alabama, alternate to the Rev. F. A. Thompson, was reported and enrolled.

The annual report from the Theological Seminary at Columbia, and also the annual report from the Union Theological Seminary, were read and referred to the Committee on Theological Seminaries.

The Stated Clerk, Chairman of the Committee on Finance, made a report which was adopted, and is as follows:

The Committee on Finance beg leave to report, that in order to meet the expenses of the Assembly, they recommend the following schedule of assessments:

1. The following Presbyteries shall be assessed in the sum of twenty-five dollars each:

East Alabama, South Alabama, Hopewell, Flint River, Memphis, Central Mississippi, Mississippi, New Orleans, Concord, Fayetteville, Orange, Harmony, South Carolina, East Hanover, Lexington, Montgomery, Roanoke, West Hanover, Nashville.

2. The following Presbyteries shall be assessed in the sum of twenty dollars each :
Tuskaloosa, Tombeckbee, North Alabama, Bethel, Western District, Charleston, Greenbrier, Winchester.

3. The following Presbyteries shall be assessed ten dollars each :
East Mississippi, Arkansas, Ouachita, Cherokee, Florida, Chickasaw, North Mississippi, Tusculumbia, Holston, Red River, Potomac.

4. The following Presbyteries shall be assessed five dollars each :
Indian, Georgia, Knoxville, Western Texas, Brazos, Central Texas, Eastern Texas.

The Committee likewise recommend that the published minutes of the Assembly shall be furnished, by the Stated Clerk, to all who shall desire the same, for the sum of fifty cents, and to all stated clerks of Presbyteries, gratis.

The Rev. Dr. Rice offered a memorial in regard to a change in the time of the annual meeting of the Assembly, which was referred to the Committee on Bills and Overtures.

The Committee on Devotional Exercises reported, recommending that half an hour each day shall be devoted to religious services, beginning at half past eleven o'clock, a. m. This report was adopted.

The Assembly resumed the consideration of the rules of order, and after some time spent on this subject, it adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock. Closed with prayer by the Rev. H. B. Boude.

SATURDAY MORNING, 9 o'clock.

The Assembly met, and was opened with prayer by the Rev. S. B. Campbell. The minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

The Stated Clerk informed the Assembly that the Presbytery of the Creek Nation had been dissolved by the Synod of Arkansas.

The following additional commissioners were announced and enrolled, viz.: From the Presbytery of Indian, C. C. Copeland, minister; from the Presbytery of New Orleans, B. M. Palmer, D. D., minister; from the Presbytery of South Alabama, James Watson, minister; from the Presbytery of Central Mississippi, R. E. Sherrill, minister; from the Presbytery of East Alabama, G. R. Foster, minister; and from the Presbytery of Roanoke, George C. Hannah, ruling elder.

The Committee on Elections reported that the second class of commissioners from the Presbytery of North Alabama, whose case was before them on a previous day, had now furnished satisfactory evidence that said Presbytery is entitled to four commissioners; and they therefore recommended that the Rev. M. M. Marshall, D. D., minister, and Isaiah Dill, ruling elder, be enrolled as additional commissioners to this Assembly from that Presbytery. This report was adopted.

The consideration of the report on Parliamentary Rules was resumed, when the report, having been amended in various particulars, was adopted. (The Report on Parliamentary Rules is in the hands of the Executive Committee of Publication.)

A paper containing the action of the Synod of North Carolina in regard to a transfer of Union Theological Seminary to the care of the General Assembly, was read, and referred to the Standing Committee on Theological Seminaries.

The order of the day having arrived, the Committee on Revision presented their report on the Canons of Discipline, which was taken up and proceeded with until the second order of the day was announced, when the report of the Executive Committee of Foreign Missions was read by the Secretary, the Rev. J. Leighton Wilson, D. D., which, with the accompanying papers, was referred to the Standing Committee on Foreign Missions. A memorial from the Synod of Arkansas in regard to missions among the Choctaws and other Indians, was referred to the same Committee.

The order of the day for devotional services having arrived, the hour was changed from 11½ to 1 o'clock.

The report of the Executive Committee of Publication was read by the Secretary, the Rev. E. T. Baird, D. D., which, together with the report of the Treasurer, was referred to the Standing Committee on Publication.

The Committee on Devotional Exercises presented a report, containing appointments for preaching in various churches in the city, and also for the communion of the Lord's Supper in the Second Presbyterian Church, which was accepted.

The considerations of the report on the Canons of Discipline was resumed and continued until 1 o'clock, when, after half an hour spent in devotional services, the Assembly adjourned to meet on Monday morning, at 9 o'clock. Closed with prayer by the Moderator.

MONDAY MORNING, 9 o'clock.

The Assembly met, and was opened with prayer by the Rev. R. E. Sherrill. The minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

W. C. Dunlap, minister, commissioner from the Presbytery of East Texas, was reported and enrolled. A defective commission from the Presbytery of Arkansas was referred to the Committee on Elections; and upon the recommendation of the chairman of that Committee, the name of Alfred M. Goodwin, ruling elder from said Presbytery, was enrolled as a commissioner to this Assembly.

The unfinished business, viz., the consideration of the Canons of Discipline, was taken up, and proceeded with until the arrival of the order of the day, when the report of the Committee continued by the last General Assembly, on the subject of Beneficiary Education, was presented by the chairman, the Rev. Joseph R. Wilson, D. D., accompanied with certain resolutions. This report was received and approved, and ordered to be printed in the Appendix. (See Appendix.)

The consideration of the resolutions was made the order of the day immediately after disposing of the report of the Standing Committee on Domestic Missions.

The Committee on Bills and Overtures reported Overture No. 1, with an answer thereto, which was adopted, and is as follows:

Overture No. 1. A request from the Synod of Virginia for a change of the boundary line between that Synod and the Synod of North Carolina.

The Committee find that the Presbytery of Orange, which is affected thereby, has agreed to the proposed alteration, and that the Synod of North Carolina has given its consent to the same. They therefore recommend the following minute to the Assembly for its adoption:

The General Assembly hereby transfers to the Synod of Virginia, to be connected with the Presbytery of Roanoke, that portion of the territory of Virginia lying South of Dan River which now belongs to the Presbytery of Orange, of the Synod of North Carolina, embracing the churches of Danville, Clarksville, Spring Hill, and Penuel, to carry with it the Rev. John M. Kirkpatrick, pastor of the church of Danville, Rev. F. N. Whaley, pastor of the church of Clarksville, and Rev. John B. Shearer, pastor of the church of Spring Hill—so that the State line shall hereafter be the boundary between the Synod of Virginia and the Synod of North Carolina.

Also Overture No. 5, with its answer, which was adopted, and is as follows:

Overture No. 5. The memorial of Drs. John H. Rice and J. B. Adger, requesting the Assembly to take measures to fix the time of meeting of the Assembly in the month of May in each and every year.

The Committee recommend that the Assembly concur in the request of the memorialists, and that the time of the meeting of the General Assembly, be fixed on the third Thursday of May in each year.

Also, Nos. 4 and 7, with their answers, which were placed upon the docket.

The unfinished business being resumed, it was prosecuted until the hour appointed for devotional services. At the close of this season of worship, the Committee on Devotional Exercises reported, recommending that a meeting in the interests of Theological Education be held in this church to-morrow (Tuesday) evening, at 7 o'clock, under the conduct of the Rev. John H. Rice, D. D., Rev. J. A. Lyon, D. D., Rev. B. M. Smith, D. D., and Rev. F. A. Ross, D. D. This report was approved.

It was resolved that the Assembly will adjourn to meet this evening and thereafter, at 7 o'clock.

The Assembly accordingly adjourned to meet at 7 o'clock. Closed with prayer by the Moderator.

MONDAY EVENING, 7 o'clock.

The Assembly met, and was opened with religious services, prayer being offered by the Rev. J. R. Graham, after which, according to a previous arrangement, addresses were made on the subject of Missions, especially in reference to the wants of our own Church, by the Rev. Dr. J. Leighton Wilson, Rev. Dr. Cunningham, Rev. J. M. Cochran, Rev. Dr. Palmer, and Rev. Dr. F. A. Ross.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Palmer, it was made the order of the day for to-morrow, at 12 o'clock, to hear the delegate from the Associate Reformed Synod of the South.

Adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock. Closed with prayer by the Moderator.

TUESDAY MORNING, 9 o'clock.

The Assembly met, and was opened with prayer by the Rev. Thomas Morrow. The minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

The Committee on Leave of Absence reported that they had granted leave of absence to L. B. Thornton, ruling elder from the Presbytery of Tusculum.

The unfinished business of yesterday was resumed and continued until the order of the day was taken up, when the report of the Committee on the Revision of the Hymn Book was presented on behalf of that Committee by the Rev. Dr. William Brown. The Rev. C. S. Dod, a member of the Committee, presented a minority report, when, on motion of Dr. Woodrow, both of these reports, with both the volumes of Hymns prepared, were referred to a committee, whose duty it should be to report such further action as might be judged advisable. Messrs. Woodrow, Graham, Cochran, Campbell, Estes, Walker, and Bartlett, were appointed said committee.

The Committee on the records of the Synod of Arkansas, reported, recommending their approval so far as written; which report was adopted.

The Committee on Bills and Overtures reported, with their answers, Overtures No. 2, 3, 6, and 8. The reports were adopted, and are as follows:

Overture No. 2, from the Synod of Memphis, requesting the General Assembly to adjust the boundary line between the Synod of Nashville and that Synod, so that the southern boundary of the State of Tennessee shall also be the southern boundary of the Synod of Nashville, separating it in that part from the Synod of Memphis.

The Committee having considered the reasons for this boundary line presented by the Synod of Memphis, and the arguments offered against it by members of the Synod of Nashville, recommend that the southern boundary of the State of Tennessee, from the point where it crosses the Tennessee River eastward to the east line of Alabama, be the boundary between the Synod of Nashville and the Synod of Memphis, with this exception: that Madison county, in the State of Alabama, to within five miles along the northern bank of the Tennessee River, shall be included in the Synod of Nashville.

Overture No. 3. Resolutions of the Presbytery of Mississippi respecting the instruction of colored children and adults in letters and religion.

On this subject, the Committee recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

1. *Resolved*, That it is the duty of our ministers, elders, and people, to organise Sabbath-schools for colored children and adults, in which they shall be taught to read the word of God, and be instructed in the duties of religion.

2. *Resolved*, That the attention of the Executive Committee of Publication be directed to the importance of furnishing a supply of suitable books for their instruction in reading, and of procuring the means of a gratuitous supply of the same when this may be necessary.

Overture No. 6. Request of the Presbytery of South Carolina, asking the General Assembly to make it obligatory on church sessions, in granting dismissions to heads of families, to include therein the baptized children under their care.

The committee would reply to this overture, that it has been fully provided for in Chap. II., Article VII., of the "Canons of Discipline," adopted by this body.

Overture No. 8. An overture sent by Tuskegee church to the Presbytery of East Alabama, and referred by said Presbytery to this General Assembly.

This overture has reference to the relation between the Church and the State, and especially in respect to the observance of those days designated by the civil magistrate as days of fasting, prayer, or thanksgiving.

On these points, the Assembly would declare anew the doctrine of our time-honored Confession, that Christ alone is King and Head of his Church, and that all ordinances of worship binding on us are ordained by him alone: that there are two commonwealths, equally appointed by God, the civil, whose object is to protect the persons and property, and promote the well-being of men as they are members of civil society; and the religious, the commonwealth of Israel, whose object it is to train men, as they are sinners, for glory and immortality. Although

these exist together in this world, each is independent of the other in its own sphere. The Church of Christ, as it is visible in any country, is divided among many denominations, who act in their appointments for religious observance without reference to each other, each being responsible to Christ their Head. In the civil commonwealth, there is one and the same civil authority, ruling in its own sphere over all. On occasions of national calamities and sorrows, or of prosperity and joy, it is the dictate of that religious nature with which God has endowed us, and accordant with the teachings of his holy word, that we should humble ourselves, as a people, with prayer and fasting, or offer to him thanksgiving and praise. The people that truly abases itself before God, or offers to him thanksgiving, performs an act well pleasing in his sight. And when the civil power, which alone can reach us all, invites to these acts, and so furnishes the occasion for their performance, it is right for those who bear rule in the visible Church to consider whether Christ their Head, who, as Mediatorial King, rules over the nations of the earth, as well as over his Church, does not himself invite them to these acts of worship. He is their Lord. And to their own Master they stand or fall. The act of the civil power does but secure that concert of prayer, praise, and worship, that would be wanting without it. And we cannot condemn the civil magistrate who thus furnishes the opportunity of united religious acts, so consonant to the dictates of the hearts of a Christian people and to the religion they profess.

We do not enjoin the observance of such days in all cases, nor would we dissuade from such observance, but remit the determination of the question, in each case, to our church sessions.

Overture No. 4, with answer, was reported, and ordered to be placed on the docket.

The consideration of the Canons of Discipline was resumed, and continued until the order of the day arrived, when the Rev. H. L. Murphy addressed the Assembly, presenting the cordial salutations of the Synod of the Associate Reformed Church, in behalf of which he appeared as a delegate to this body. The Rev. Dr. Palmer (occupying the Moderator's chair) presented in response the cordial welcome of the Assembly.

It was resolved that in view of the arrangements made for a meeting in behalf of Theological Education to-night, the Assembly will adjourn to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

The meeting of the next General Assembly was appointed to be held in the First Presbyterian Church of Nashville, Tennessee.

The records of the Synod of Virginia were, upon the recommendation of the committee appointed to examine them, approved so far as written.

The following report was presented and approved:

The Judicial Committee report to the General Assembly, that no judicial case, either of appeal, complaint, or reference, has been placed in their hands. The Committee would fain hope that this would indicate, either that the happy condition of our widely extended Church has afforded no occasion for the exercise of discipline, or that the Holy Spirit has guided the mind of the lower courts to the wise and satisfactory determination of such cases as may have come before them.

After some time spent in the consideration of the unfinished business, the Assembly engaged in devotional services, and then adjourned. Closed with prayer by the Moderator.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, 9 o'clock.

The Assembly met, and was opened with prayer by the Rev. Mr. Caldwell. The minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

After some progress made in the unfinished business of yesterday,

the order of the day was taken up, when the Rev. Charles A. Davis, D. D., the delegate from the General Assembly of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, addressed the Assembly, presenting the cordial salutations of that body, and intimating his belief that an extensive and growing desire for a closer union between the two bodies prevailed. To this address the Moderator of the Assembly responded in appropriate terms, assuring the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, through its delegate, of the esteem and fraternal love of the Assembly and the Church it represents.

The following resolution was then adopted:

Resolved, That the subject of Christian union brought before this Assembly by the Rev. Dr. Davis in his address, be referred to the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, with instructions to report a suitable minute; and that the Rev. Drs. B. M. Palmer and J. M. P. Atkinson, and ruling elder Geo. J. S. Walker, be added to the Committee.

The Committee on Elections reported, recommending that Joseph C. Wilson, ruling elder from the Presbytery of Central Texas, be admitted to his seat as a commissioner. This reported was adopted, and his name was enrolled.

The Standing Committee on Domestic Missions presented, through its chairman, the Rev. Dr. Cunningham, a report in part, which was adopted, and is as follows:

The Committee, to whom was referred the report of the Executive Committee of Domestic Missions, beg leave to report that they have carefully and prayerfully considered it; and in view of all its facts and arguments, would recommend to the Assembly the adoption of the following resolutions, viz.:

1. *Resolved*, That the report be approved, and that it be printed in the Appendix to the Minutes.

2. *Resolved*, That in the ability granted to the Committee of Missions—chiefly through the liberality of friends outside and beyond the bounds of our Church—whereby they have been enabled to relieve the pressing necessities of so many of our impoverished ministers, and to render aid to so many of our feeble churches in rebuilding their demolished sanctuaries, this Assembly recognises with gratitude “the good hand of our God upon us,” and feels encouraged to go forward with renewed zeal and confidence in the great work that God in his providence has spread out before us.

3. *Resolved*, That reduced as are our resources by the ravages of war, and wide as is the field within our bounds, and loud and urgent as is the call for a vastly augmented outlay of money and labor, this Assembly is constrained to regard the cultivation of this field as *the peculiar work that God has given us to do*. Not only does it lie within our territorial limits, but the sympathies of its Presbyterian population are all with us. To us they look for help; the work is ours, and if done at all, must be done by us. Therefore,

4. *Resolved*, That in humble reliance upon divine grace, we accept the providential commission and command put into our hands; and we hereby solemnly pledge and consecrate ourselves and the Church we represent, to its accomplishment, not doubting but that He who gives the command, will give the grace that will enable us to perform it.

5. *Resolved*, That it be hereby enjoined upon our ministers to present the wants and the claims of this great subject at an early day to all the churches in which they labor; and that the sessions in said churches are hereby required to give the people under their care an opportunity of contributing of their substance for its necessities.

6. *Resolved*, That all our Presbyteries are hereby called upon to take this subject up at their earliest convenience; and that they see to it that everything is done that can be well and wisely done, first, to supply their own destitutions by

engaging the services of any ministers under their care, without charge, with suitable remuneration; and by directing their pastors and stated supplies to devote two weeks, or more if necessary and practicable, to missionary labors; and secondly, to augment the general funds of the Church, under the direction of the central Committee of Missions.

7. *Resolved*. That we enjoin upon the sessions and congregations the duty of aiding and encouraging their pastors and stated supplies to perform missionary labor whenever practicable.

The remainder of the report was presented by the Rev. Dr. Rice, which, having been accepted, was placed on the docket.

The Committee on Bills and Overtures reported Overture No. 9, with an answer, which was adopted, and is as follows:

Overture No. 9. Resolutions of the Alabama Presbytery of the Associate Reformed Church, seeking a union with this body, and the resolutions of the Presbytery of South Alabama in response.

The resolutions are as follows:

To the Moderator of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States, in session at Memphis, Tennessee;

Dear Brother: The Presbytery of South Alabama has instructed me to forward to the General Assembly the following papers:

1.

Action of the Alabama Presbytery of the Associated Reformed Presbyterian Church on the subject of union with the South Alabama Presbytery.

“On the subject of union with the South Alabama Presbytery, the following resolutions were moved and adopted:

“*Resolved*, 1. That we dissent from and much regret the action of our late Synod in suspending negotiations with the Old School Presbyterian Church, South, looking towards a union with that body.

“*Resolved*, 2. That we greatly desire and will continue to make efforts to accomplish an organic union with that body.

“*Resolved*, 3. That having committed ourselves to the union, in Synod and Presbytery, we will persevere in the fear of God to its final accomplishment.

“Certified copy from Minutes.

(Signed.)

JOHN MILLER, *Clerk.*”

2.

Resolutions in response by the Presbytery of South Alabama:

Resolved, 1. That we have heard with satisfaction and joy, the resolutions of the Associate Reformed Presbytery of Alabama, looking to an organic union with this body. And we do most heartily reciprocate the feelings of love and Christian regard expressed to us by their delegate, the Rev. J. M. Young; and we hope the day is not far distant when this union, so devoutly to be desired, may be consummated to the entire satisfaction of all concerned.

2. That we overture the next General Assembly to authorise us to consummate this union, as soon as God in his providence may open the way, with this understanding, that we come together as Presbyteries—co-ordinate Presbyteries—and that the churches shall be indulged and protected in the use of their time-honored psalmody.

By order of the Presbytery of South Alabama.

H. R. RAYMOND, *Stated Clerk.*

It would be accordant with the wishes of this Assembly, if it could immediately consummate, by its own act, the union which these Presbyteries so earnestly desire. But in the written Constitution of our Church, the erecting, uniting, and dividing of Presbyteries is enumerated among the prerogatives of Synods. This Assembly does therefore, first, authorise the Synod of Alabama to enter into union with itself the Alabama Presbytery of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church, provided it shall adopt the Form of Government and Rules of Discipline of our own Church, wherein they may differ from theirs; that this Presbytery be received

as co-ordinate with the Presbytery of South Alabama; that the Synod, after this reception, proceed to dissolve the two Presbyteries, which, if continued, will cover one and the same territory; that out of the constituents of these bodies they form a new Presbytery, the ministers of which shall be enrolled according to their seniority in their ordination.

2. This Assembly recognises, as preceding Assemblies have done, the right of our members to use the old Psalmody, commonly known as Rouse's Version, if they prefer it, and will protect the ministers and churches thus received into connexion with us from the Associate Reformed Church, in the use of that Psalmody to which they have so long been accustomed.

3. That the same order may be observed by other Synods, in the reception of organised Presbyteries of the Associate Reformed Church within their bounds, if need so require, without further action of this body.

The records of the Synod of Texas were, upon the recommendation of the Committee, approved so far as written, with a few exceptions of minor importance, which were entered upon the book.

The Committee on the records of the Synod of Alabama, reporting that said records were not present, was discharged.

It was made the order of the day for to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock, to hear the report of the Committee on the Religious Instruction of the Freedmen.

It was resolved that the adjournment of the Assembly, to-day, shall be to meet at half past 3 o'clock, p. m.; and that after to-day, it will adjourn at half past 1 o'clock, to meet at 5 o'clock, p. m., and adjourn at 9 o'clock, p. m.

The consideration of the unfinished business was continued until the time for devotional services, after the observance of which, the Assembly adjourned to meet at half past 3 o'clock. Closed with prayer by the Moderator.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, 3½ o'clock.

The Assembly met, and was opened with prayer by the Rev. Dr. Marshall.

The unfinished business was taken up and continued until the hour of adjournment.

Adjourned to meet in the Second Presbyterian Church this evening at 7½ o'clock. Closed with prayer by the Rev. James Watson.

WEDNESDAY EVENING, 7½ o'clock.

The Assembly met in the Second Presbyterian Church, when, after the singing of a hymn, prayer was offered by the Rev. Neill McKay.

The report from the Standing Committee on Foreign Missions was presented by the chairman, the Rev. H. C. Alexander, and accepted.

In accordance with previous arrangements, the Assembly and congregation were addressed on the subject of Foreign Missions by the Rev. Dr. Woodrow, of the Presbytery of Hopewell, the Rev. C. C. Copeland, of the Presbytery of Indian, and upon invitation of the Assembly, by the Rev. Elias B. Inslee, Missionary to China, and the Rev. Dr. Stuart Robinson, of Kentucky.

The Assembly then adjourned to meet in the First Presbyterian Church to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock. Closed with prayer by the Rev. Dr. J. R. Wilson.

THURSDAY MORNING, 9 o'clock.

The Assembly met, and was opened with prayer by the Rev. S. A. King. The minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

It was made the order of the day for to-morrow night, at 7 o'clock, to hear the report of the Standing Committee on Publication.

The report of the Standing Committee on Foreign Missions presented last night, was taken up and adopted, and is as follows;

The Standing Committee on Foreign Missions beg leave to offer the following report:

Through the good hand of our God upon us we are again permitted to send a voice of greeting to the churches.

Your Committee in presenting the result of their labors, see much cause for congratulation, and none for serious despondency. It is true the situation of things in our land is such as to close for the present many "wide doors and effectual" that were once opened to us in foreign countries; it is true that war has swept like an "overflowing scourge" over our fair fields, and has put a temporary check upon our most hopeful operations; it is true our treasury has been at one time nearly bankrupt, and that our means of extending the saving knowledge of Christ among them that sit in darkness are still extremely limited.

But, on the other hand, they are refreshed and encouraged by the recollection that the work in which we are engaged is not man's, but Jehovah's, and that we have God's own promise that it shall go on to completion.

Had the great undertaking which proposes to itself as its supreme end the glory of God in the conversion of the world, sprung from any merely human source, it would have long since come to naught. The days in which we live are not the only days in the history of the Church that have been dark days for cause of Missions.

When the disciples of Jesus parted in tears after the ascension of their divine Master, the light of the true religion was confined to Jewish centres, and even there that light had grown dim. Outside of Palestine were the wide regions of spiritual death. The civilisation of the age, (which had now reached its height, and was beginning to become effete.) was comprised within the bounds of the Roman Empire, and was marked by some of the noblest attributes of human wisdom, and some of the most signal manifestations of human power; but it was essentially a heathen and hence a godless civilisation; and while it must be conceded to have been in some sense religious, the religion that it countenanced was the religion of hell, and not of heaven; and the worship that it boasted, the the worship of devils, not of God. Beyond the limits of the Roman eagles stretched the outlying tracts of pagan darkness. Yet at this very conjuncture, unpromising as it must have seemed, and out of the very depths of this profound hopelessness, was uttered the divine commission under which we now labor to carry on this mighty enterprise: "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature; and lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world."

There was no human prospect of success. The religion of the cross was opposed by all the power of the State, and repugnant to all the feelings of the natural heart. Mahomet, who pandered to the corrupt inclinations of men, and resorted to the sword and to the firebrand, rather than to motives which address themselves to the conscience, has maintained a disputed authority over the children of the East. But the harmless religion of Jesus, in the face of every human prejudice, and every opposing influence of a merely outward kind, is now rapidly extending itself over the earth. Marvellous good has come out of Nazareth, and vastly more is destined yet to be achieved. Look at the results that have been already gained. Religion, and religion in the Christian form, is now high in the ascendant, over the broad continents of this world. It has taken possession of the great centres of civilisation throughout the earth. Heathenism, Moslemism, and Buddhism, have fallen, or are falling every day. Lucifer, son of the morning, no longer blazes in the mid firmament. Anti-Christian powers and anti-Christian thrones are coming down. Infidelity itself has been made to

tremble, and the head of the monster has been wounded unto death. Nominal Christendom is now the grand arsenal of strength and influence throughout the world. Protestantism has triumphed on many a grand pitched field over Greek and Roman error. The gospel has girdled the earth, and the banners of the cross float from sea to sea. No weapons that have been formed against the Church have prospered. The gates of hell have not prevailed against the rock on which her hopes are built. The chains in which it was sought to bind her youthful strength have been burst like green withes.

Now all this is due under God to *Christian missions*, in the larger acceptation of that term. Let the past be our guarantee for the future! We have there the indication of a more than human power. There is no reason for doubt as to the future that has not existed in tenfold force in the past. "The victory," as one has said, "which Diocletian and Porphyry failed to gain, is not to all appearance reserved for any of those who have, in this age, directed their attacks against the last resort of the powerful and the last hope of the wretched." As Jaunes and Jambres, for a time successfully, withstood Moses, but were afterwards confounded, so shall all succeeding adversaries fail. The "foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal, the Lord knoweth them that are his."

In view of these glorious expectations that are presented to the Christian's faith, may we not—ought we not, to enter with new alacrity on the work? We are prone to take too gloomy a view of this matter. We were not the only Christians in the world at the commencement of this war. Others have been active while we have been under duress. Whilst we have been shut up in the providence of God, sister Churches in this and other lands have not been idle; the cause has not slumbered, though *we* have not borne as heretofore our share of the heat and burden of the day. The harvest is indeed great, and the laborers are few, but the reapers are afield in every direction, and the Macedonian cry which we have heard from our infancy, still comes up to us from distant lands. "Look upon the fields, for they are white already to the harvest!" We have a high trust to perform. We must make up for lost time. We must devote to God our lives and talents. We must consecrate to God our silver and our gold, in some proportion to the silver and the gold that we buried on our lost battlefields. Of course we can move but slowly at present, in the work of breaking up new ground, but we must be getting ready for the future years.

Your Standing Committee recommend most earnestly the adoption of the entire chart of operations that is sketched out in the report of your Executive Committee of Foreign Missions.

The brother (who is providentially with us) whose heart God has touched, and who has resolved to devote there mainder of his life to the myriads of China, must be sustained.

Nor must we "bate one jot of heart or hope" in the Indian field. The hands of the venerable Father Kingsbury, who has stood so long as a veteran at the post of honor and danger, must be held up; the survivors of the noble band of brethren who have rallied round him, like a forlorn hope, must be cheered and supported. The vacancy that is occasioned by the retirement of Brother Byington must be filled. The treasury must be replenished, and the work of Indian Missions greatly extended and enlarged. The Committee would suggest that the attention of our churches be specially turned to the absolute necessity of training young men for this work among the American Indians. The red man, no less than the black man, is at our very doors crying out for the gospel.

With regard to the overture from the Synod of South Carolina, which was referred to this Committee, touching a mission to Brazil, it is recommended that this Assembly express its hearty sympathy with the Christian brethren who propose to leave us for strange shores, in their desire for a pure gospel and for the voice of the living minister, whom they ask that we should send; but it is the opinion of your Committee that all action on our part looking in that direction, would be at this time premature.

With reference to a communication referred to this Committee from the Synod of Arkansas, it is recommended that this Assembly hereby gives formal expression to its deep sense of the increasing importance and exigency of this great work, and of its sorrow that the circumstances detailed in the Executive Committee's

report, should have seemed to call for the retirement of one and the discharge of two other missionaries from this field. May the blessing of the risen and ascended Saviour dwell richly with those who remain, and accompany those who depart! It is, however, with unalloyed satisfaction that we learn that Brother Byington entertains the purpose of devoting himself in the future still more unreservedly than in the past to the translation of the Bible into the Choctaw language. As it is ascertained that a number of stations in the Choctaw Mission are already vacant, the duty is solemnly urged upon all the churches within our bounds to come up to the help of the Lord, and to contribute as they may be enabled to do so, and in the measure in which the Lord has prospered them, of the means that are requisite to the supply of these destitutions.

The recommendation of your Secretary that pastors be urged to present this whole subject to their people at stated times, and that it be made at these times the special theme of intercession before the throne of grace, meets with the entire concurrence of this Committee.

Your Committee have bestowed proper attention upon the report of the Executive Committee of Foreign Missions, and do hereby recommend its cordial and unanimous adoption by this General Assembly.

The minutes, and the audited report of the Treasurer, have also been carefully examined, and it is recommended that they be approved.

Your Committee would also unite in recommending the appointment of the persons already nominated by your Standing Committee on Domestic Missions, as your Executive Committee for the ensuing year, viz.: Rev. J. Leighton Wilson, D. D., *Secretary*, Rev. Prof. James Woodrow, *Treasurer*, Rev. George Howe, D. D., Rev. J. B. Adger, D. D., Rev. Joseph R. Wilson, D. D., Rev. A. W. Miller, Rev. J. L. Girardeau, D. D., Rev. Wm. E. Boggs, Henry Muller, Esq., Gen. F. W. McMaster, Dr. E. Nye Hutchison.

It is moreover the prayer of your Committee that the great Head of the Church would favor these our humble efforts in his service, and would "make Zion a praise in the whole earth."

All of which is respectfully submitted.

H. C. ALEXANDER, *Chairman*.

The Rev. A. A. Morse offered a paper on the subject of Missions, which was placed on the docket.

The unfinished business was resumed, and the consideration of the Canons of Discipline was continued until the hour for the first order of the day.

The chairman of the Committee on the instruction of Freedmen informed the Assembly that no report had as yet been prepared. The paper sent by the Rev. J. L. Girardeau, the chairman of the Committee on this subject appointed last year, was ordered to be read. This paper presented, at its close, certain resolutions which were read, and, with amendments offered by Drs. Atkinson and Palmer, were discussed at some length, and then made the order of the day for to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock.

The Rev. Dr. Baird, from the Standing Committee on Theological Seminaries, presented a report which was accepted and adopted, except so much as relates to the removal of Columbia Seminary. The report is as follows:

The Committee to whom were referred the papers relative to Theological Seminaries would offer the following report:

We find that Union Theological Seminary has been in operation during the past year with a full corps of professors, and twenty-four students in attendance, one of whom completed the course prescribed. There has been no increase this year of the endowment fund of the Seminary, which fund is wholly inadequate to the support of the Seminary, but, through the Christian liberality of friends in

Baltimore, the professors have been paid their salaries. Some of the students have been assisted, and there is a small balance of funds on hand.

We find that the Columbia Theological Seminary has been in operation during the year, with five students in attendance; but two of the professorships are vacant. The endowment fund of the Seminary has been greatly injured, and is inadequate to the support of the Seminary. A part of the endowment is of doubtful solvency. Yet, through the bounty of friends, donations from the churches, and the use of coupons on hand, the salaries of the professors have been nominally paid. But the Seminary must receive the earnest attention of the Assembly for the future; for there is no permanent fund upon which this institution can rely.

Your Committee learn that, since the report of the Directors of Union Theological Seminary was prepared, in obedience to the order of the Board of Directors, under the advice of the Synod of North Carolina, the Rev. Dr. B. M. Smith has prosecuted an agency for adding to the permanent funds of the Seminary, which has resulted in securing about \$50,000; of which \$30,000 was given by Mr. Cyrus H. McCormick, of Chicago, as an endowment for a professorship; \$10,000 by a Christian lady of Baltimore, for the erection of a Library building.

Also, since the annual report of Columbia Theological Seminary was made, its funds have been increased by the unsolicited donation of \$13,000 by three Christian friends not connected with our Church.

In view of all these facts, your Committee would offer the following resolutions for adoption by the Assembly:

Resolved, 1. That we recognise the hand of our God guiding our Seminaries amidst the difficulties and privations under which they have labored, and we praise his name for his goodness.

2. That the thanks of this Assembly are due and are hereby tendered to Mr. Cyrus H. McCormick, of Chicago, for his munificent contribution of \$30,000 to the funds of Union Theological Seminary, and to the other liberal friends who have come to the help of these Seminaries at this time of trial.

3. That we recognise the hand of God, by whom all hearts are controlled, in the aid which he has inclined his servants to extend to these venerable schools of the prophets.

4. That the Constitution of the Columbia Theological Seminary be so amended that the name of the chair of "Pastoral Theology and Sacred Rhetoric," shall be "Pastoral and Evangelistic Theology and Sacred Rhetoric."

5. That the Assembly during its present session will elect a professor to fill the chair of Didactic and Polemic Theology; also one to fill the chair of Pastoral and Evangelistic Theology and Sacred Rhetoric, in Columbia Theological Seminary; and the Board of Directors are urged to make the necessary arrangements for the support of these professors.

6. That the thanks of the Assembly are due the professors of our Seminaries for their unflinching devotion and energy in keeping alive the voice of instruction in these institutions under circumstances of unusual trial.

7. That the Assembly endorse the appointments of the Board of Directors of Columbia Theological Seminary, viz.: Rev. Dr. Howe and Rev. Wm. Banks, to visit the Synod of South Carolina; Rev. Dr. Woodrow, Rev. Rufus K. Porter, and Rev. Dr. J. S. Wilson, to visit the Synod of Georgia; Rev. Drs. Adger, Stillman, and J. L. Wilson, to visit the Synod of Alabama; Rev. Drs. Lyon and Palmer, to visit the Synod of Mississippi, for the purpose raising funds to supplement the salaries of professors. Also the appointment of the following committee to complete the endowment of the chairs: Rev. Drs. Joseph R. Wilson, B. M. Palmer, J. A. Lyon, and Rev. J. R. Burgett.

8. That the thanks of the Assembly be returned to Andrew Crawford, Esq., of Columbia, S. C., for his long and valuable services as Treasurer of Columbia Theological Seminary.

9. That the Assembly would urge upon all the churches a greater interest in our Seminaries, and especially upon the members of the Church to whom the Lord has given this world's goods, the necessity of completing the endowment of the several chairs.

10. That the memorial from the Synod of North Carolina, requiring the sanc-

tion of the Synod of Virginia, which sanction has not been reported, be filed amongst the papers of the Stated Clerk.

Your Committee would now recommend the following named persons to constitute the Board of Directors for Columbia Theological Seminary: Henry Muller, Columbia, S. C., *Treasurer*; Rev. J. Leighton Wilson, D. D., Rev. Joseph R. Wilson, D. D., Rev. William Banks, Rev. William Flinn, Rev. R. K. Porter, Rev. S. H. Hay, Rev. D. McQueen, Rev. A. F. Dickson, Ruling Elders T. C. Perrin, and J. A. Ansley.

The Treasurer of this Board shall receive a salary of \$200 per annum.

Your Committee would also report that, as the subject of the removal of Columbia Theological Seminary farther west, has been, and is now being agitated in the Church, this Assembly ought to settle the question as to what its sense is; the Committee reminding the Assembly that the movement requires the consent of the Synods of South Carolina, Georgia, and Alabama.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

E. T. BAIRD, *Chairman*.

The title of the Professorship of Pastoral Theology and Sacred Rhetoric was changed to Pastoral and Evangelistic Theology and Sacred Rhetoric.

The subject of the removal of the Seminary was made the second order of the day for to-morrow.

It was made the order of the day for this afternoon, at 5 o'clock, to receive nominations to fill the chairs of Didactic and Polemic Theology and of Pastoral and Evangelistic Theology and Sacred Rhetoric.

The consideration of that part of the report of the Standing Committee on Domestic Missions which relates to a plan of Sustentation, was made the order of the day for Saturday morning at 10 o'clock.

Adjourned to meet in the Lecture Room at 5 o'clock. Closed with prayer by the Rev. Mr. Evans.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON, 5 o'clock.

The Assembly met in the Lecture Room, and was opened with prayer by Dr. Thompson. The order of the day was suspended to hear the report of the special committee on the Hymn Book. This report, presented by the Rev. Dr. Woodrow, was adopted, and is as follows:

The Committee to which was referred the report of the Committee of Revision of the Book of Psalms and Hymns, the minority report presented by the Rev. Charles S. Dod, with other papers, begs leave to recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, 1. That the report of the Committee of Revision be approved.

2. That the minority report and other papers referred to this Committee, be referred to the Committee of Revision.

3. That the Committee be directed to incorporate in the Book of Psalms not less than fifty from the version used in the Scottish churches, arranging these under the several Psalms as part 1st, 2nd, etc., as it may deem best.

4. That the Rev. Messrs. Wm. Banks and J. H. Bryson be added to the Committee of Revision.

5. That the Committee shall be at liberty to make, in the Book submitted as part of its report, such minor alterations, *i. e.* additions or omissions of psalms and hymns, or changes of phraseology, as it may see fit after examining the minority report and other papers referred to it by the General Assembly, and also the suggestions made to it by members of the Church.

6. That the Committee, through the Executive Committee of Publication, be

directed to publish for the use of the churches, at the earliest possible day, the Book of Psalms and Hymns, with the changes now ordered or permitted.

JAMES WOODROW, *Chairman.*

The order of the day was then taken up, being the nomination of Professors for the Theological Seminary at Columbia. Before entering upon this duty, the Assembly engaged in prayer to God, offered by the Rev. Dr. William Brown, for the guidance of his Holy Spirit. The Rev. Dr. Palmer nominated the Rev. A. W. Miller for the chair of Didactic and Polemic Theology, and Rev. Dr. Cunningham nominated the Rev. Wm. S. Plumer, D. D. The Rev. Dr. Baird nominated for the chair of Pastoral and Evangelistic Theology and Sacred Rhetoric, the Rev. James A. Lyon, D. D.; ruling elder J. A. Ansley nominated the Rev. T. V. Moore, D. D.

It was resolved that the election to fill these chairs shall be the order of the day for to-morrow at 12 o'clock.

The consideration of the Form of Government was entered upon, and continued until the hour of adjournment, when the Assembly adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock. Closed with prayer by the Rev. Dr. S. Robinson of Kentucky.

FRIDAY MORNING, 9 o'clock.

The Assembly met, and was opened with prayer by the Rev. J. W. Moore. The minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

The Committee to review the records of the Synod of Nashville reported, recommending their approval with certain exceptions stated. This report was adopted.

The chairman of the Standing Committee on Education presented a report, when the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the report of the Standing Committee on Education be recommended, and that the resolutions reported by the Rev. Dr. Joseph R. Wilson on Beneficiary Education be referred to the same Committee, to report immediately after the report on Domestic Missions shall have been acted on; and that the Rev. Dr. Woodrow be added to the Committee.

The order of the day for 10 o'clock was postponed until to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock, and the report of the Standing Committee on Domestic Missions was made the order for 10 o'clock this morning.

Overture No. 7 was taken from the docket, and a substitute was offered by the Rev. S. A. King. This subject was made the order of the day for this afternoon at 5 o'clock.

A report from the Committee on the Charter was presented by ruling elder B. M. Estes, which report was adopted, and is as follows:

The Committee to whom was referred the communication of the Hon. Thomas C. Perrin in reference to the charter of the church, and, as an exhibit thereto, a copy of the Act of the General Assembly of the State of North Carolina, incorporating and chartering "the Trustees of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States," ratified on the 19th day of February, 1866, beg leave most respectfully to report that they have carefully considered the said communication and examined the provisions of the charter, and are of the opinion that said charter, although subject to some criticism and objections, ought to be accepted even upon the terms prescribed by the laws of North Carolina as set forth in the communication of Mr. Perrin. The defects in and objections to said charter as already passed may probably without much difficulty be

remedied and overcome hereafter by amendments to the charter to be prescribed by some future General Assembly; but for the time being it is unquestionably the part of wisdom to accept and organise under the charter as it now stands. The committee therefore recommend the acceptance of the charter granted by the Legislature of North Carolina, and an organisation thereunder at as early a day as practicable.

The committee having collected, by contributions from the ruling elders present and members of the General Assembly, the sum of one hundred dollars, now tender the same to the General Assembly on behalf of the said elders, and recommend that it be placed in the hands of some suitable person to be selected by this body who shall pay it into the treasury of the State of North Carolina in pursuance of the "Revenue Law" of said State, which prescribes "that before any organisation under an act or amended act of incorporation of the State can be formed, a certified copy of said charter must be obtained from the Secretary of State, who shall not grant the same until the sum of one hundred dollars is paid into the Treasury of the State." The committee further recommend that the Trustees nominated in said charter, or the person appointed by this Assembly to receive said sum of money, be requested to submit to the proper officials of the State of North Carolina the question as to whether said "Revenue Law" above referred to, was intended or will be construed to extend to and include charters for religious purposes, and if it shall be determined that it does not, and by that reason the \$100 dollars hereby tendered and paid shall not be needed for the purpose hereinbefore indicated, the committee are authorised by the donors of said sum, to recommend and request that the same be paid to the Secretary of Domestic Missions, to be used for the purposes of that Committee. The committee further recommend that the Board of Trustees incorporated by said charter be requested and instructed to take proper steps, at the earliest auspicious period, to obtain charters from other State Legislatures.

Respectfully submitted.

B. M. ESTES, *Chairman.*

The following constitute the communication of Mr. Perrin and the Charter referred to in the above report:

To the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States:

The undersigned, being one of the persons appointed by your esteemed body as Trustees of the Church, to represent her in a corporate capacity, begs leave to make the following report:

In the year 1864, some of the persons named met and organised themselves into a Board of Trustees, under an Act of Incorporation granted by the State of North Carolina, in the name of "The Trustees of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the Confederate States of America;" appointed the undersigned Chairman, and B. M. Palmer, D. D., Secretary, and adopted a set of By-laws. The minutes of the meeting were committed to the care of the Secretary of the Board, and were lost by the destruction of his house and all his papers by the great fire at Columbia.

The General Assembly having, in 1865, changed the name of the Church to "the Presbyterian Church in the United States," it became necessary to change the corporate name, so as to conform to the new name of the Church. An application was made to the Legislature of the State of North Carolina for this purpose, which was granted, and an act, in suitable and proper terms, was passed and ratified on the 19th day of February last, in which it is provided that before the said Trustees shall become a body corporate, they shall organise themselves into a body at Charlotte, N. C. All which will more fully appear by reference to the Act of Incorporation, a copy of which is herewith presented.

Under another act of the Legislature of the said State, passed at the same session, known as the Revenue Law, it is provided that before any organisation under any act or amended act of incorporation of the State, can be formed, a certified copy of the charter must be obtained from the Secretary of State, who is required by law not to grant such certified copy, except on the payment of one hundred dollars into the Treasury of the State.

No funds have as yet come into the hands of the Trustees named as aforesaid.

for the use of the Church, and hence, for the want of the payment of the said sum of money into the Treasury of the said State, there has been no organisation of the said Trustees under this new act.

It is respectfully suggested that the money be paid out of any funds under the control of the General Assembly not otherwise pledged, after which the organisation may be made with as little delay as possible.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

THOMAS C. PERRIN.

October 30, 1866.

An Act to incorporate the Trustees of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States.

Section 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of North Carolina, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, that Thomas C. Perrin, Rev. B. M. Palmer, D. D., Samuel McCorkle, Joseph H. Wilson, Jesse H. Lindsay, Robert Adger, J. A. Ansley, J. A. Crawford, James B. Walker, J. A. Inglis, John Whiting, R. M. Patton, Rev. George Howe, D. D., Rev. J. L. Kirkpatrick, D. D., and William L. Mitchell, and their successors duly chosen in manner as herein directed, be, and they are hereby constituted a body politic and corporate, by the name and style of "The Trustees of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States," and, by the name and style aforesaid, shall be able and capable to take and hold all such estate, property, and effects, as may be acquired by gift, purchase, devise, or bequest, to aid and enable the said General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church to undertake and carry on the work of Christian Education, of Foreign and Domestic Missions, of the Publication of such books, tracts, and papers, as are connected with the diffusion of religious literature and learning, and of the building up and supporting churches of their faith and worship in the United States aforesaid; and all the said estate, property and effects that shall be acquired by the said trustees and their successors, at any time, shall be held, used, and disposed of, according to the directions of the General Assembly aforesaid: *Provided*, That the property, real and personal, held or possessed by said corporation, shall not exceed two million dollars.

Section 2. Be it further enacted, That said trustees, and their successors, shall have and use a common seal, and alter the same at pleasure, and, by the name aforesaid, may sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded; and they are hereby authorised to make all by-laws and ordinances, prescribe the duties and qualifications of their officers, elect such officers as are necessary, and do anything proper or incident to the due government and support of the corporation, and for the management of the funds and revenues thereof: *Provided*, Such by-laws, ordinances, or acts done, shall not be repugnant to the constitution of the United States, or this State, or any direction of the said General Assembly.

Section 3. Be it further enacted, That said corporation shall consist of fifteen persons, unless the said General Assembly shall, at some future time, change that number, five of whom shall be sufficient for the transaction of any business; and as vacancies may occur, said General Assembly, at their pleasure, may fill them.

Section 4. Be it further enacted, That if the General Assembly shall establish any Committees, Boards, or agencies for any of the purposes recited in section first, the same shall be held and deemed to be branches of this incorporation; and if any gift, grant, sale, devise, or bequest, shall be made to the "trustees of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States," for the use of such committees, boards, or agencies, the same shall be good and effectual, to pass to such objects whenever the donor, grantor, bargainor or testator shall name the aforesaid corporation in general terms.

Section 5. Be it further enacted, That the said corporation may alienate any real estate owned by them for any of the trusts aforesaid, and the conveyance shall be executed by the president with the seal attached, and be attested by a witness.

Section 6. Be it further enacted, That the first meeting of the persons named in this act as incorporators, shall be held in the town of Charlotte; and, for the due administration of justice, after this charter is accepted, process may be served on any officer of the said corporation, or any of the said trustees.

Section 7. Be it further enacted, That the General Assembly reserves the right to amend the charter hereby granted, by restricting or enlarging its privileges.

Section 8. And, be it further enacted, That this act shall be in force from and after its ratification. (Ratified the nineteenth day of February, A. D., 1866.)

On motion of the Rev. Neill McKay, ruling elder E. Nye Hutchison was appointed the principal, and ruling elder Womack, alternate agent of the General Assembly to receive the \$100 raised by contribution by the ruling elders of this Assembly for the purpose of paying the tax required by the laws of North Carolina, in order that an organisation may be had under the charter granted by that State to this body as recommended by the report of the special committee on the subject of the Charter.

The order of the day, viz., the consideration of the report of the Committee on Domestic Missions, was taken up, when, after discussion, a motion was made to recommit the report, together with an amendment offered by the Rev. A. A. Morse.

The Rev. Dr. J. Leighton Wilson was invited to participate in the discussion on this subject.

The next order of the day having arrived, the further consideration of this subject was suspended, and the Assembly proceeded to the business assigned to this hour, viz., the election of Professors for the Theological Seminary at Columbia.

Ruling elders E. Nye Hutchison and David Parks were, upon their request, excused from voting.

It was ordered that the vote be first taken to fill the chair of Didactic and Polemic Theology. The ballots having been counted, the Moderator announced that the Rev. William S. Plumer, D. D., was duly elected. Whereupon said election was, upon motion, made and declared unanimous; and the Rev. Drs. Howe, Adger, Palmer, and Cunningham, were appointed a committee to give Dr. Plumer official information of his election.

It was then, upon the motion of the Rev. Dr. Cunningham, resolved to postpone indefinitely the election of a professor to fill the chair of Pastoral and Evangelistic Theology and Sacred Rhetoric.

The Assembly adjourned to meet at 5 p. m. Closed with prayer by the Rev. Dr. Adger.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON, 5 o'clock.

The Assembly met, and was opened with prayer by Mr. Gilkeson.

Overture No. 7 was taken up, and after discussion, the whole subject was referred to a special committee, consisting of Messrs. King, Cunningham, and Hutchison, to report as early as practicable.

The unfinished business, viz., the report on Domestic Missions, was taken up, and discussed until the order of the day arrived, when the report of the Standing Committee on Publication was presented by the Rev. Dr. Atkinson, and after brief statements made by the Rev. Dr. Brown, in the absence of the Secretary of Publication, addresses were, upon invitation, made by the Rev. Dr. J. W. Hoyte, of Nashville, and the Rev. Dr. S. Robinson, of Louisville, Ky. The report was then adopted, and is as follows:

The Committee to whom was referred the annual report of the Executive Committee of Publication, beg leave to recommend to the Assembly the adoption of the following paper:

Resolved, 1. That this Assembly has heard with great interest the report of the Executive Committee of Publication, and direct it to be printed with the Minutes, in the Appendix.

2. That the Assembly recognises with sincere thanks to the great Head of the Church, the remarkable success vouchsafed this Committee; that we rejoice in the prospect of its increased efficiency, and enjoin it upon pastors, churches, and Presbyteries, to give their earnest aid to the promotion of its objects.

3. That we observe with pleasure the cheapness and beauty of the publications of the Committee, as well as the judgment manifested in the selection of the works on its catalogue; that we recommend the increase of its publications as rapidly as practicable; and would enjoin the publication, with funds given especially for that object, of works designed for the use of freedmen.

4. That we recommend the Committee to appoint agents for the sale of books, the advice and concurrence of the Presbyteries within whose bounds they are to labor having first been obtained. We likewise recommend that, whenever practicable, Presbyteries shall make arrangements with booksellers to keep for sale a supply of the books of the Committee, and that each Presbytery appoint one of its own members to act as a corresponding member of the Committee, and to take special oversight of its operations within the bounds of his Presbytery.

5. That we withdraw the recommendation of a former Assembly touching the establishment of Branch Depositories, unless, as in the case of the Depository at Columbia, they may be established without expense to the Committee.

6. That the insertion of any book on the catalogue shall be regarded a sufficient evidence of its approval by the Committee.

7. That we fully approve of the assignment of the duties of Publishing Agent to the Secretary of Publication.

8. That vacancies occurring in the Committee shall be filled by itself until the meeting of the General Assembly next following: that ordinarily five-members shall constitute a quorum of the Committee; but when objection is made to a work, the concurrence of seven members shall be requisite to its publication.

9. The Assembly returns its hearty acknowledgments to the British and Foreign Bible Society for its generous relinquishment of the debt of twenty-five hundred dollars in gold due to it by this Committee; and also to donors of smaller sums, both in this country and in Europe.

10. That we express our gratification at the satisfactory adjustment of the claim of the Presbyterian Board of Publication on this Committee, and our commendation of the course of the Secretary of that Board.

In conclusion this Committee would nominate the following gentlemen as members of the Executive Committee of Publication: Rev. E. T. Baird, D. D., *Secretary*, Charles Gennet, Esq., *Treasurer*, Rev. Drs. T. V. Moore, M. D. Hoge, C. H. Read, Wm. Brown, Rev. P. B. Price, W. F. Taylor, Arch. Bolling, J. M. Herndon, and B. R. Wellford.

All of which is respectfully submitted. J. M. P. ATKINSON, *Chairman*.

The action of the Assembly fixing the time of the next meeting of the General Assembly, was reconsidered, when the subject was postponed until to-morrow afternoon at five o'clock.

The unfinished business, viz., the report on the Form of Government, was taken up, and continued until the hour for adjournment, when, after a report from the Committee on Devotional Exercises, which was approved, the Assembly adjourned. Closed with prayer by the Moderator.

SATURDAY MORNING, 9 o'clock.

The Assembly met, and was opened with prayer by Mr. Spencer. The minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

The order of the day for 10 o'clock, viz., the paper concerning the religious instruction of freedmen, was postponed till Monday morning at 10 o'clock.

The unfinished business in regard to Domestic Missions was taken up, and after discussion, the second part of the report of the Standing Committee, with an amendment offered by the Rev. Dr. Rice, was adopted, and is as follows:

With reference to the memorial presented by the Rev. Dr. J. Leighton Wilson, which was referred to this Committee, we beg leave respectfully to report that in devising a plan and organising an agency for carrying on the work of Domestic Missions, it is necessary to keep constantly in view two essential principles:

First: That the Church of Christ is one body, having one glorious Head, and pervaded and actuated by a common divine spiritual life.

Second: That it is a free spiritual commonwealth, calling no man master on the earth; but whose only Lord and Master is in heaven.

The liberty of the Church is protected by a written constitution, founded on the word of God, and is also guarded by the wise arrangement of its several courts, in accordance with the principles taught in the Holy Scriptures.

To the General Assembly it specially belongs to manifest and exemplify the unity of the Church. It is the province of the Presbytery to conserve the freedom of the Christian commonwealth, by occupying the position and performing the functions of the chief executive agent in conducting the whole work of the Church. Under our constitution, the Presbyteries have original authority and jurisdiction, in the Lord, over all the ministers, churches, and missionary fields, within their respective bounds, independently of all control, except such as may be exercised, in a regular and orderly manner, by the Synods and the General Assembly over such subjects as may be brought before them in accordance with the provisions of the constitution of the Church. To the Presbytery it belongs to ordain and commission ministers of the gospel, to commit to them the oversight of the particular congregations, upon the call of the people, and to appoint them, with their own consent, to fields of missionary labor. It is also the province of the Presbytery to determine what part of its territory is to be regarded as missionary ground, and what churches ought to receive assistance in maintaining their pastors, or in erecting houses of worship. It is the duty of the Presbytery to superintend the work of its missionaries, to receive their reports, and to the Presbytery alone are they responsible, in the first instance, under God, for the faithful discharge of their duties. It is therefore incumbent upon the Presbytery to provide for the worldly maintenance of the Lord's ministers, by seeing that the churches fulfil their obligations to their pastors, to the extent of their ability, and also that they make regular and systematic offerings to the treasury of the Lord for the support of the ministry among those who are unable to provide for themselves.

If all the Presbyteries were equally strong and were all blessed alike with the wealth of this world, it would only be necessary for each Presbytery to appropriate the contributions of the Lord's people, in due proportion, according to the exigencies of every part of the field. But inasmuch as there is very great inequality in the strength and resources of the different Presbyteries, and because, according to the law of the life of the Church, it is the imperative duty of the strong to aid the weak, in order that the healthful vigor of the whole body may be preserved, it becomes necessary to have some central agency, through which the vital current of the Church's life may flow in due proportion to every part, and that all the energy, zeal, and resources of the whole Church, may be combined in the prosecution of its most important work. This is the office of the General Assembly; but it can only be practically fulfilled through the agency of a committee. Be it therefore

Resolved, That in the place of the present Executive Committee of Domestic Missions, the General Assembly do appoint a committee to be called "The Executive Committee of Sustentation." It shall consist of a secretary, who shall be elected annually by the General Assembly, and shall be styled "The Assembly's Secretary of Sustentation," and who shall be the organ of communication between the Assembly and the Committee, and also between the Committee and all portions of the work intrusted to its care; a treasurer; and nine other members, three of whom shall be ruling elders, all to be appointed annually by the General Assembly, and directly amenable to it for the efficient discharge of their duties.

Vacancies occurring *ad interim*, shall be filled, if necessary, by the Committee. Any five members being assembled shall constitute a quorum. This Committee shall be located for the present at Columbia, S. C. It shall meet once a month, or oftener, at the call of the chairman or secretary. It may enact by-laws for its government, subject to the revision and approval of the General Assembly.

It shall be the duty of this Committee to receive into its treasury and take the general management of all the funds contributed for sustentation, and to make appropriations and expenditures of the same, including the salaries of its officers.

It shall, however, make no appropriations for the support of any pastor or missionary laboring within the bounds of any Presbytery, except upon the requisi-

tion of that Presbytery or its Committee of Domestic Missions, and all the appropriations thus made shall be based upon the recommendation of the said Presbytery or its Committee.

If, at any time, the funds intrusted to the Assembly's Committee should prove insufficient to meet in full the demands of the several Presbyteries, it shall exercise a sound discretion in determining what amount shall be appropriated to each, taking into consideration the necessities of the whole Church, as well as the particular circumstances of the Presbytery making the demand. *Provided*, always, that no appropriation shall exceed a certain maximum amount, to be fixed by the Committee, subject to the approval of the General Assembly.

In the exercise of its advisory powers, it shall report to the General Assembly every year the condition and wants of the whole field, and shall annually present to the Assembly an account of its receipts and expenditures, together with its minutes, for examination.

It shall also communicate to the churches and Presbyteries, from time to time, such information with reference to the necessities and the progress of the work, as will tend to incite them to greater liberality and more earnest efforts for the advancement of the kingdom of Christ.

It shall also aid the Presbyteries in procuring missionaries, and transferring them from one field to another.

It may also, by the direction of the General Assembly, send missionaries or evangelists into parts of the country not included in the boundaries of the Church, and make provision for their support.

The central Committee and the Presbyteries should be united and brought into harmonious action, by constituting the chairman of the Presbyterial Committee of Domestic Missions a corresponding member of the central Committee. It will thus be made his duty to keep the central Committee informed, either by his personal presence or by correspondence, of the condition and wants of his Presbytery, and also to see that all the churches in his Presbytery take up regular collections for the central Committee—thus acting at the same time as agent for the Presbytery and the central Committee. The chairman should be compensated for his services, and his expenses of travelling should be borne.

It will be expected that the older and stronger Presbyteries will always, except under some special providence, contribute a larger amount to the general fund than they expect to draw, that the weaker Presbyteries may be provided for. There will, however, be no objection to any Presbytery taking up a second and further collection in the churches under its care, when the sum appropriated by the central Committee does not fully meet its wants, nor to the salary of any particular missionary or evangelist being supplemented by private beneficence when it may be found necessary.

But if any Presbytery should insist upon managing the funds collected within its bounds, as well as all other parts of the work of sustentation, the Assembly will not enjoin upon such Presbytery to send all the moneys raised to the treasury of the central Committee, provided that a collection shall be taken in all its churches for the work committed to the Sustentation Committee; and also, that the Presbytery shall report to the General Assembly, through the Committee of Sustentation, what amount of money has been raised and expended within its own bounds, so that the General Assembly may see, at one view, what the whole Church has done in this great work.

The Committee nominate the following persons as members of the Executive Committee of Sustentation for the ensuing year: Rev. J. Leighton Wilson, D. D., *Secretary*, Rev. Prof. James Woodrow, *Treasurer*, Rev. G. Howe, D. D., Rev. J. B. Adger, D. D., Rev. Joseph R. Wilson, D. D., Rev. A. W. Miller, Rev. J. L. Girardeau, D. D., Rev. Wm. E. Boggs, Henry Muller, Esq., Gen. F. W. McMaster, Dr. E. Nye Hutchison.

The resolutions on the subject of Beneficiary Education were made the order of the day for Monday morning at 9 o'clock.

The Rev. Dr Palmer, from the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, presented a report, which was adopted, and is as follows:

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence would respectfully submit to the Assembly the following minute for its adoption:

The Assembly has received with the liveliest satisfaction, and reciprocates with the utmost cordiality, the Christian greetings of the Associate Reformed Synod of the South, through its representative, the Rev. H. L. Murphy, and of the General Assembly of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, through its representative, the Rev. C. A. Davis, D. D. If nothing more were gained, by this fraternal correspondence, than the expression before the world of the spiritual unity and fellowship of the Lord's people amidst seeming diversity and separation, the Assembly would for this reason alone desire its continuance. But especially is this interchange to be perpetuated, in the hope that it may tend, at no distant day, to a closer union. These corresponding delegates have both unofficially expressed their conviction that many, in their respective communions, are ready for this consummation; and this declaration is made in face of the fact that the Associate Reformed Synod at its last sessions terminated the negotiations for an organic union with this Assembly, and in face of the fact that no overtures for such union have as yet originated in the Assembly of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. This Assembly would therefore seize this opportunity to open its heart and to put on record a formal deliverance touching this whole matter of consolidating into one body all who can stand together upon the same platform of doctrine and order.

The spiritual body of Christ is undeniably one, having "one Lord, one faith, one baptism;" and whilst, from the infirmity of our un sanctified nature, differences emerge between those who cannot, upon all points, see eye to eye, yet must this spiritual unity struggle to realise itself before the world by bringing into visible fellowship and under one discipline all who fundamentally agree, and by subordinating minor differences of opinion to the cardinal doctrines of the gospel. The High-Priestly prayer of our blessed Redeemer finds a response in every Christian heart, "that they all may be one, as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us, that the world may believe that thou hast sent me." It is, however, the mature judgment of the Assembly that this union of true believers, in its outward and visible expression, must begin by approximating those bodies of Christians who agree in their symbols of doctrine and order, and who are separated only by shades of opinion which call for mutual toleration and indulgence—leaving to the approach of the millennial glory the obliteration of those broader and deeper denominational lines which may still break the visible unity of the Church.

In practically carrying out this idea, the Assembly, laying aside ecclesiastical etiquette, would affectionately say to their brethren of the Associate Reformed Synod that they may pull the latch-string of our dwelling whenever they may choose, and may be incorporated with us, upon the simple adoption of our standards wherever they may happen to differ from their own; and to our brethren of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, we respectfully suggest whether the time has not come to consider the great importance to the kingdom of our common Master of their union with us by their adoption of the time-honored standards to which we adhere.

This argument, of visibly realising the spiritual unity of the Lord's people, is enforced by the peculiar circumstances of the times in which we live and by the nature of the controversies which now agitate the Church. The old conflict for the spirituality and independence of the Church is, to the amazement of many, renewed in our day and upon our own continent. The battle, fought generations ago by the Melvilles, Gillespies, and Hendersons, of Scotland, is reopened with singular violence; and the old banner is again floating over us with its historic inscription, "For Christ's covenant and crown." Upon no one subject is the mind of this Assembly more clearly ascertained, upon no one doctrine is there a more solid or perfect agreement amongst those whom this Assembly represents, than the non-secular and non-political character of the Church of Jesus Christ. Whatever ambiguous or indiscreet expressions may have been extorted, under the pressure of extraordinary excitement, from individuals amongst us, the Assembly of this Church deliberately reaffirms the testimony given in the solemn Address to the Churches of Jesus Christ throughout the earth, issued in 1861, during its first sessions in the city of Augusta, and which was pronounced in these words: "The

provinces of Church and State are perfectly distinct, and the one has no right to usurp the jurisdiction of the other. The State is a natural institute, founded in the constitution of man as moral and social, and designed to realise the idea of justice. The Church is a supernatural institute, founded in the facts of redemption, and is designed to realise the idea of grace. It is the society of the redeemed. The State aims at social order, the Church at spiritual holiness. The State looks to the visible and outward, the Church is concerned for the invisible and inward. The badge of the State's authority is the sword, by which it becomes a terror to evil-doers and a praise to them that do well. The badge of the Church's authority is the keys, by which it opens and shuts the kingdom of Heaven, according as men are believing or impenitent. The power of the Church is exclusively spiritual, that of the State includes the exercise of force. The constitution of the Church is a divine revelation, the constitution of the State must be determined by human reason and the course of providential events. The Church has no right to construct a government for the State, and the State has no right to frame a creed or polity for the Church. They are as planets moving in different orbits, and unless each is confined to its own tract, the consequences may be as disastrous in the moral world as the collision of different spheres in the world of matter." The early assertion of this radical distinction, at the very opening of our history, commits us to the maintenance and defence of the crown rights of the Redeemer, whether, on the one hand, they be usurped by the State, or whether, on the other, they be renounced by any portion of God's professing people. Summoned thus in the providence of God to contend for the same principles for which our martyr fathers of the Scottish Reformation testified even to the death, and which the fathers of the Southern Presbyterian Church labored so earnestly to secure and rejoiced in having obtained their full recognition by the civil government in America, it would be most happy if all those in the different branches of the Presbyterian family who are called to renew the protest, could be united in one homogeneous body for the reassertion of Christ's royal supremacy in and over his spiritual kingdom, the Church. The scattered testimony of separate and individual witnesses would deepen in intensity if gathered into one volume and rolled against those who would place the crown of Jesus upon the head of Cæsar. In view of all which, this Assembly would tender the hand to all who are of like mind with us as to the doctrines of grace and as to the order and discipline of God's house; that as one compacted Church, we may oppose a breakwater against the current which is sweeping from its moorings our common Protestantism, until the doctrine of the Church as a free spiritual commonwealth shall regain its ascendancy not only over the Presbyterian but over the whole American Protestant mind.

Your Committee further recommend that the Rev. James A. Lyon, D. D., with the Rev. J. N. Carothers as his alternate, be appointed to bear the salutations of this body to the Associate Reformed Synod of the South, at their meeting to be held at Starkville, Miss., on the third Thursday in September, 1867; and that the Rev. T. D. Witherspoon, with the Rev. David H. Cummins as his alternate, be appointed to do the same to the General Assembly of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church at their meeting to be held at Memphis, Tenn., on the third Thursday in May, 1867.

It is further recommended that a committee of five be appointed by this Assembly, to confer with any similar committee on the part of the Cumberland Presbyterian Assembly, to ascertain how far the way is prepared for an organic union between the two bodies upon the basis of the Westminster standards.

The following preamble and resolutions are also respectfully submitted to the consideration of the Assembly:

Whereas, The General Assembly of our Church did, upon its first organisation in 1861, make an explicit declaration, in an Address to all the Churches of Jesus Christ throughout the earth, of its sincere desire to hold fellowship as far as practicable with all the true disciples of our common Lord and Saviour in all the world,

And whereas, We are led to hope that important and happy results may be secured in promoting the great ends of Christian fellowship, by the appointment of chosen brethren, whose duty it shall be, as our representatives, to bear these expressions of our views and wishes to such Christians, churches, and societies, in

the kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and, if deemed best, on the continent of Europe also, as the providence of God may designate, and to explain to them, as opportunity may offer, the character, condition, work and prospects of our beloved Zion; and to receive such contributions as may be voluntarily offered in aid of our general schemes of evangelisation: Therefore,

Resolved, 1. That this General Assembly does now appoint the Rev. M. D. Hoge, D. D., Rev. B. M. Palmer, D. D., and Rev. J. L. Girardeau, to this important mission, and earnestly solicit their acceptance of the same.

Resolved, 2. That in view of the privation to which the congregations of these brethren will be subjected during their absence, the Assembly does hereby request their cheerful concurrence in a measure considered by the Church to be one of so much interest, and whose successful prosecution must so greatly depend, under God, upon the peculiar fitness of those to whom it is intrusted.

Resolved, 3. That the Moderator and Stated Clerk be directed to furnish the brethren here appointed with an attested copy of this paper, and with such other testimonials as may be considered proper.

Resolved, 4. That the Executive Committee of Domestic Missions and Publication be directed to make such a provision for the expenses of this mission as may be deemed suitable.

All of which is respectfully submitted. THOMAS MORROW, *Chairman.*

That part of the report of the Standing Committee on Theological Seminaries which relates to the removal of the Seminary at Columbia, was taken up, when the following resolution was offered by the Rev. Dr. Rice:

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to take the necessary steps, with the concurrence of the Synods of South Carolina, Georgia, and Alabama, as soon as practicable, for the removal of the Theological Seminary at Columbia to some point west of the line dividing the States of Alabama and Georgia.

After some time spent in the discussion of this subject, the Committee on Devotional Exercises made a report, which was approved.

The Assembly adjourned to meet at 5 o'clock. Closed with prayer by the Moderator.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON, 5 o'clock.

The Assembly met, and was opened with prayer by the Rev. Geo. Hall.

The Moderator announced as the order of the day, the consideration of the question of changing the time fixed for the next meeting of the General Assembly. It was resolved that the time of the next meeting shall be the third Thursday in November, 1867, unless convened at an earlier day by the Moderator.

The unfinished business, the question of the removal of the Theological Seminary at Columbia, was then taken up, and after considerable discussion, it was resolved, upon the motion of the Rev. George Hall, that the whole subject be indefinitely postponed.

The unfinished business, viz., the consideration of the Form of Government, was continued until the hour of adjournment.

The Assembly adjourned to meet on Monday morning at 9 o'clock. Closed with prayer by the Moderator.

MONDAY MORNING, 9 o'clock.

The Assembly met, and was opened with prayer by Rev. Dr. Wm. Brown. The minutes of Saturday were read and approved.

The order of the day, namely, the subject of Beneficiary Education,

was announced, but the chairman of the Committee to which the matter had been referred, being absent, it was placed upon the docket. It was resolved that the Rev. Dr. J. R. Wilson, chairman of the Committee to report on the subject of Education, be invited to participate in the discussion of this subject.

The Moderator announced as the committee to confer with a similar committee which may be appointed by the General Assembly of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, on the subject of a union between the two bodies, the Rev. J. O. Stedman, D. D., Rev. T. D. Wither-
spoon, Rev. J. N. Waddel, D. D., Rev. J. A. Lyon, D. D., Rev. Jno. H. Gray, D. D., to which the name of the Moderator, the Rev. A. H. Kerr, D. D., was added by a vote of the Assembly.

A communication from the Rev. Mr. Johnson, commissioned to represent the American Bible Society before this body, was read and referred to a committee previously appointed on the subject of Voluntary Associations.

The chairman of the Committee on the Narrative being prevented by sickness from attending to that duty, the Rev. Jno. S. Grasty was appointed in his place.

The order of the day was taken up, viz., the religious instruction of freedmen. The resolutions offered in the report of the Rev. J. L. Girardeau, with an amendment offered by the Rev. Dr. B. M. Palmer, was before the house. An amendment, by way of substitute for the whole, was offered by the Rev. Dr. Baird. After discussion, the whole subject, on motion of the Rev. Dr. Adger, was recommitted to the same committee which had brought in the report, the Rev. Drs. Baird and Atkinson, and ruling elder J. L. Marye, jr., being added to it. This committee was instructed to report at 7 o'clock this evening.

The following paper offered by the Rev. Dr. Palmer was adopted;

In order that the Committee of Revision of the Book of Psalms and Hymns may not feel themselves unduly restricted by the occurrence of the word "minor" in the 8th resolution adopted on this subject, therefore,

Resolved, That, if in the judgment of the Committee, the materials placed in their hands by that resolution furnish a hundred or more additional hymns suitable for the worship of the sanctuary, the prayer-meeting, and the family, the Committee is hereby authorised to adopt and incorporate them—provided that the whole number of Psalms and Hymns be not made greater than in the present book.

On motion of the Rev. D. D. McBryde, the report of the Standing Committee on Education was taken up, when the Rev. Dr. Woodrow presented a minority report. The consideration of this subject was continued until the hour of devotional services; after which the Assembly adjourned. Closed with prayer by Dr. Cunningham.

MONDAY AFTERNOON, 5 o'clock.

The Assembly met, and was opened with prayer by Rev. Mr. McCallie.

It was resolved, upon motion of Mr. Ansley, to adopt the recommendation of the Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary at Columbia, fixing the salary of the Professor Emeritus at \$800.

On motion of Dr. Cunningham, it was resolved that during the remaining sessions of this body, all the members, except the chairmen of committees, shall be limited in their speeches to five minutes each.

Dr. Hutchison, from the committee appointed, made a report in regard to a plan for defraying the expenses of commissioners to the General Assembly, which was adopted, and is as follows:

The committee appointed to consider and report on the Rev. S. A. King's substitute offered for the paper presented by the Committee on Bill and Overtures, submit the following, with the hope that it may prove acceptable to the Assembly and secure the desired object:

In order to impose no additional burden on the people, and yet obtain the necessary means to defray the heavy travelling expenses of the commissioners from the most remotely situated Presbyteries, the General Assembly requests the several Presbyteries whose commissioners will necessarily incur but slight expense in attending the sessions of the General Assembly, to collect their usual annual assessment for the "commissioners' fund," and to pay over to the General Assembly a certain part thereof according to the following rule: Ninety per cent. of the whole amount from that Presbytery within whose territorial limits the General Assembly may meet; fifty per cent. of the amount collected by Presbyteries whose commissioners may have to travel less than two hundred and fifty miles to the place of meeting of the General Assembly; and twenty-five per cent. of the entire sum of commissioners' fund of those Presbyteries, the members of which may have to travel over two hundred and fifty and less than five hundred miles to the place of meeting of the Assembly.

The funds so collected by the Assembly shall be distributed by the Financial Committee among the commissioners from the most remotely situated Presbyteries, in an equitable manner.

E. NYE HUTCHISON.

The reports of the Standing Committee on Beneficiary Education were taken up, when the report of the minority, being substantially the resolutions reported by the Rev. Dr. J. R. Wilson and referred to the Standing Committee on Education, was accepted as a substitute for that of the majority. It was then adopted *seriatim* and as a whole. The paper is as follows:

Resolved, 1. That this General Assembly reaffirms the deliverance of the Assembly of 1864, concerning the responsibility that rests on the Church to secure and maintain a pious and learned ministry.

Resolved, 2. That this General Assembly resolves to continue the Executive Committee of Education, and appoints for it the following constitution:

ART. I.

The title of this committee shall be "The Executive Committee of Education of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States."

ART. II.

The Executive Committee shall be elected annually by the General Assembly, and shall consist of eleven members, three at least of whom must be ruling elders of the Presbyterian Church; of a treasurer; and of a secretary, who shall be styled the "Secretary of Education," which Secretary shall be the organ of communication between the General Assembly and the Executive Committee. The salaries and duties of these officers shall be determined by the Committee; and all vacancies, *ad interim*, in the Committee, it may fill.

ART. III.

This Committee shall meet at the call of the Secretary, and five members shall be a quorum for the transaction of business. It shall keep a record of its proceedings, which, together with the reports of the Secretary and the Treasurer, shall be laid before the General Assembly annually.

ART. IV.

It shall be the duty of this Committee to receive all the contributions of the Church which may be made for the purpose of aiding candidates for the ministry, in the prosecution of their studies, and to dispense these to said students. But no student shall be supported by this Committee, except upon the recommendation of the Presbytery to which he belongs, or its Executive Committee of Education. And all candidates shall be solely responsible to their own Presbyteries.

If at any time the funds intrusted to the Committee shall be insufficient for the support of all the candidates recommended, preference shall be given to such candidates as are nearest to the close of their course of studies.

ART. V.

It shall be the duty of this Committee to place itself in correspondence with the Executive Committees of Education appointed by the several Presbyteries, the chairman of each of which Presbyterial Committees must be regarded as a corresponding member of this Committee. And it shall be the duty of the Committee to procure, from these corresponding members, semi-annual reports with respect to the state of the work within their respective Presbyteries, and in turn, to transmit to these members, for the information of their Presbyteries, semi-annual statements of the condition of the whole field.

ART. VI.

This Committee shall, for the present, be located in Richmond, Va.

Resolved, 3. If any Presbytery should insist upon managing the funds collected within its bounds, as well as all other parts of the work of Education, the Assembly will not enjoin upon such Presbyteries to send all the moneys raised to the treasury of the central Committee, provided that a collection shall be taken in all its churches for the work committed to the Committee; and also, that the Presbytery shall report to the General Assembly, through the Committee of Education, what amount of money has been raised and expended within its own bounds, so that the General Assembly may see, at one view, what the whole Church has done in this great work.

The records of the Synod of South Carolina were, upon the recommendation of the committee, approved, so far as written.

The Rev. D. E. Jordan offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That our Presbyteries be directed to make it a standing rule to inquire, at their spring meetings, of all their ministers and congregations, if they have had contributions taken up within a year for all our stated objects of benevolence; and to take such measures as will secure such contributions.

The Assembly then resumed the consideration of the Form of Government, and continued it until the order of the day was taken up, viz., the report of the Committee on the Religious Instruction of the Freed People. This report was read, and accepted. The resolutions were then read and adopted *seriatim* and as a whole. The report is as follows:

Resolved, 1. That this Assembly entertains for the freed people the sincerest sentiments of good will and affection; that it earnestly desires and prays for their salvation, and would encourage the employment of every legitimate means for the promotion of their spiritual good; that this Assembly believes the present condition of the colored race in this country to be one of alarming spiritual jeopardy, and that it is binding on us, as Christians, to do all that lies in our power to save them from the calamities by which they are threatened, and to confer on them the rich blessings of the gospel.

2. That it be recommended to all our ministers and churches to exert themselves to the utmost of their ability to continue to give the gospel to these people; to church sessions to urge upon parents among them the duty of presenting their children for baptism, and of bringing them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord; and especially to pastors, evangelists, and missionaries, to devote a portion of their labors to the promotion of the salvation of the freed people.

3. That in the judgment of the Assembly, it is highly inexpedient that there should be an ecclesiastical separation of the white and colored races; that such a measure would threaten evil to both races, and especially to the colored, and that therefore it is desirable that every warrantable effort be made affectionately to dissuade the freed people from severing their connexion with our churches, and to retain them with us as of old. Should they decline this fellowship of ordi-

nances, and desire a separate organisation, then our sessions are authorised to organise them into branch congregations. In such cases, the Assembly recommends that such congregations shall be allowed, under the sanction of the sessions, to elect from among themselves, every year, such number of superintendents or watchmen as the session may advise, who shall be charged with the oversight of such congregations. These superintendents shall report to the sessions, for their action, all matters relating to the welfare of said congregations.

4. Whenever Presbyteries may find it necessary to organise separate colored congregations, they shall appoint a commission of elders who shall discharge the functions committed to the sessions in the preceding resolution.

5. That whilst nothing in our standards or in the word of God prohibits the introduction into the gospel ministry of duly qualified persons of any race, yet difficulties arise in the general structure of society, and from providential causes, which may and should restrain the application in the Church of this abstract principle. Holding this in view, the Assembly recommends that wherever a session or Presbytery shall find a colored person who possesses suitable qualifications, they be authorised to license him to labor as an exhorter among the colored people, under the supervision of the body appointing him.

6. That the Assembly recommends that, wherever it is practicable, Sabbath-schools for the benefit of the freed people, especially the young, be established in connexion with our churches, and that the sessions of the churches take these schools into their charge, and provide suitable teachers for them.

7. That the heads of families are exhorted to encourage the freed people in their households to attend upon family and public worship, and that they provide for them, as far as possible, catechetical instruction in the doctrines and duties of the gospel.

8. That the General Assembly earnestly desires the intellectual and moral improvement of the colored race, and hereby tenders to all persons suitably qualified, who may labor in this work, its hearty encouragement and support.

It was resolved that the elaborate report on the above subject by the Rev J. L. Girardeau be published in the SOUTHERN PRESBYTERIAN REVIEW.

The unfinished business, viz., the Form of Government, was resumed, and continued until the hour of adjournment.

The Assembly adjourned, after prayer by the Rev. Dr. Adger, to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

TUESDAY MORNING, 9 o'clock.

The Assembly met, and was opened with prayer by the Rev. D. Fraser. The minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

Dr. Baird offered the following resolutions, which were adopted, and are as follows:

Resolved, 1. By the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States, that every Presbytery under the jurisdiction of this body be enjoined to seek out and set apart a minister to the work of the evangelist for its bounds, to take the superintendence of its vacant congregations wherever practicable. These evangelists shall be authorised to act as moderators of the sessions of the vacant congregations; to preach the gospel and administer the sacraments to them at stated intervals; to counsel the sessions in holding social worship in the absence of ministers; to encourage the organisation of Sabbath-schools and Bible classes, and the making of oblations for systematic benevolence; and, in general, to take the pastoral supervision of the vacant congregations, both white and colored. But when a suitable evangelist cannot be obtained, then the Presbytery is enjoined to apportion such congregations among its ministerial members for the same object, so that every congregation and all our freed people shall enjoy the pastoral oversight of some minister in their assemblies.

2. That every Presbytery be enjoined to require the sessions of the vacant congregations to come up to the discharge of the duties devolved on them in the twenty-first chapter of the "Form of Government," in the assembling of their respective congregations for the worship of God, to which it may be proper to add exhortation. And in order that this duty may be performed to the greater acceptance of the worshippers, it is further required that the Presbyteries do seek out those elders who have the best gifts, and do especially appoint them to the performance of these duties.

3. That our ministers who are not now engaged in their sacred calling be exhorted to come up to our help. If they do not find fields of labor in their present localities, they are exhorted to seek other places of abode and fields of labor where they may be useful in their appropriate work. And that the Presbytery be enjoined to examine their rolls and require all ministers who are not thus employed to give an account of themselves, and to proceed against those who are found to be habitual neglecters of their vows of ordination.

4. That every Presbytery be enjoined to take this whole minute into consideration, and act upon it at its first meeting after the rising of this General Assembly; that the Synods inquire into the fidelity of the Presbyteries; and that both Presbyteries and Synods give a report of what they have done or failed to do, in the premises, to the next General Assembly.

The Assembly then took up the Form of Government, and having completed the consideration of it, it was adopted; and it was then resolved that the whole report, viz., the Rules of Parliamentary Order, Canons of Discipline, and Form of Government, be adopted; that the committee shall have liberty to make verbal changes in it; and that each part be sent down as a separate overture to the Presbyteries for their adoption. Also, that the Executive Committee of Publication be directed to publish an edition as early as practicable for the use of the churches, and send a copy to the Stated Clerk of each Presbytery. Then it was

Resolved, That the thanks of the General Assembly be tendered to the Committee of Revision for the fidelity and ability with which they have prosecuted and completed their labors.

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

In view of the great controversy, now pending in this country, upon the spirituality and independence of the Church as the visible kingdom of the Lord Jesus Christ upon the earth; and in view of the fact that the Assembly did, at the time of its organisation in 1861, plant itself firmly upon the ground that the Church is a spiritual commonwealth distinct from and independent of the State: Be it therefore,

Resolved, That the Rev. Messrs. T. E. Peck, A. W. Miller, and George Howe, D. D., be appointed a committee to prepare, and report to the next General Assembly, a paper defining and limiting this whole subject, for the instruction of our people, and suitable to be adopted by the Assembly as a full and public testimony against the alarming defection manifested in so many branches of the Protestant Church in this country.

The Committee on the Narrative presented a report which was adopted. (See Appendix.)

The Rev. Dr. Baird, from the committee appointed in 1864 in regard to our relations to Voluntary Associations, presented a report which was adopted, and is as follows:

The Committee on Voluntary Associations and Societies, beg leave to report that the action of this General Assembly on the Form of Government has rendered any further action unnecessary. The doctrine that "the Church in its organised capacity, with its officers and courts, is the sole agency which Christ hath ordained for its own edification and government; and for the propagation of

the faith and the evangelisation of the world," as set forth in that formulary, clearly teaches that the Church is God's Bible and Missionary Society, and asserts all that it is useful for this court at present to announce.

As to the American Bible Society, whose claims have been presented before the Assembly and referred to this Committee, it is desirable that some action should be taken. Although it is the opinion of your Committee that this Society ought to be composed of representatives of the different Churches, appointed through their constitutional forms; yet as there is nothing in its constitution to prevent the free action of every Church in carrying forward the work; and as its organisation is simply for the printing and circulation of the Holy Scriptures, your Committee recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, 1. That our ministers and churches be earnestly recommended to use all proper efforts to promote the circulation of the Holy Scriptures, and that the efforts of the American Bible Society in this behalf deserve the cordial approbation of this Assembly, and recommend it to the confidence and support of our Christian people.

2. That our ministers and sessions be earnestly recommended to make the Bible cause a special object in connexion with their contributions for systematic benevolence.

Overture No 4, with its answer, was taken from the docket. It was adopted, and is as follows:

Overture No. 4, being an overture from the Presbytery of East Hanover asking the attention of the General Assembly to the action of the Presbytery of Hopewell in ordaining certain colored persons to the partial exercise of the functions of the gospel ministry.

The Committee are of the opinion that, as there is no official statement of the action of that Presbytery now before us, and as the Synod of Georgia, whose immediate duty it is to review the proceedings of the Presbytery of Hopewell, holds its sessions during the present week, it would be premature at this time for the General Assembly to take cognisance of the action of the Presbytery of Hopewell which is complained of as being irregular and unconstitutional.

The Committee on Systematic Benevolence presented a report, which was adopted, and is as follows:

The Standing Committee on Systematic Benevolence begs leave to submit the following report:

One of the duties with which this Committee is charged—that of giving a condensed view of Presbyterian reports—it has been impossible to perform, inasmuch as only one Presbytery—Lexington—has presented a report. Every Standing Committee on Systematic Benevolence has been forced to make a similar statement to each General Assembly since 1861. Presbyteries often combine their reports on this subject with their Narrative on the State of Religion. But it is impossible for this Committee to examine these Narratives. The special attention of the Presbyteries is called to this matter: and it is recommended that they be directed by the Assembly to comply with the rule requiring separate annual reports on Systematic Benevolence.

From information derived from other sources, however, we have reason to fear that a very large majority of our churches have made no contributions to Foreign and Domestic Missions, Education, or Publication. This neglect is sometimes attributed to the general impoverishment of our people; but that is not the true cause; for the churches which have suffered most from the ravages of war are in many cases far in advance of those which were never injured by the presence of hostile armies. The real cause seems to be the neglect of ministers and church sessions to furnish an opportunity to the people to present their offerings; and the consequent want of united action on the part of all our churches. A few have contributed very liberally. A single church contributed more than one-twelfth of the whole amount received for Domestic Missions and Sustentation; and another contributed nearly one-fourth of the whole amount received for Publication. Others have done equally well in proportion to their means. If all would contribute, there would be abundance of money in the General Assembly's treasuries.

With the hope of securing this united action, the Committee recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, 1. That it be enjoined on all our churches to take up annual collections for Sustentation, Publication, Foreign Missions, and Education, in accordance with the following plan:

For Sustentation: On the first Sabbath in January.

For Publication: On the first Sabbath in March.

For Foreign Missions: On the first Sabbath in May.

For Education: On the first Sabbath in November.

In cases where it is highly inconvenient to take up collections on these days, they shall be taken up as soon as possible thereafter.

It shall be the duty of the Assembly's Secretaries to bring these objects before the churches at the times specified, in such way as may be most practicable.

2. That it be recommended to our churches that they adopt the apostolic plan of taking up weekly collections; and that the amounts thus collected be appropriated to the above-named objects, or when necessary, to local objects, in such proportion as the church session may decide. JAMES WOODROW, *Chairman*.

The following paper offered by Rev. Wm. Banks was adopted:

In view of the manifold sins and dangers of our people, the privations and distress to which many of them have been reduced, and especially in the hope that it may please God, in answer to our prayers, to bestow his blessing on our Church in all her spiritual interests and Christian enterprises;

Resolved, That the last Thursday of February, 1867, be appointed a day of fasting, humiliation, and prayer, to be observed by all the ministers, families, and congregations, under this General Assembly.

Dr. Rice presented the following, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Committee on Revision be authorised to print the revised Directory for Worship in the same book with the Form of Government, Canons of Discipline, and Rules of Parliamentary Order.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That all the expenses incurred by the Committee of Revision, from their appointment to the acceptance of their report, be paid by the General Assembly from funds now in the hands of the Committee of Publication.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Adger, it was

Resolved, That it be referred to the next Assembly to consider the propriety of appointing a reporter with a salary of \$—, whose duty it shall be to attend all the meetings of the body and report its proceedings.

It was, on motion,

Resolved, That the thanks of this General Assembly be returned to the citizens of Memphis for the generous hospitality that has been extended to the members of this body during our present sessions; to the churches of this city for opening their houses of worship for our use; to the gentlemen of the press, especially those connected with the *Commercial and Argus*, for the favors they have shown us; and to the several Rail-road and Steam-boat companies which have offered facilities of travel to our respective homes; And the pastors of this city are requested to make this known in such manner as they may deem most appropriate.

The minutes of this day were then read and approved.

Upon motion, it was ordered that this Assembly be dissolved, and that another General Assembly, similarly constituted, be directed to convene in the First Presbyterian Church, in the city of Nashville, on the third Thursday of November, 1867, at 11 o'clock, a. m.

The Assembly accordingly was dissolved, the sessions being closed with singing, prayer, and the apostolic benediction.

WILLIAM BROWN, PERMANENT CLERK.

JOSEPH R. WILSON, STATED CLERK.

APPENDIX.

NARRATIVE OF THE STATE OF RELIGION.

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES TO THE CHURCHES UNDER ITS CARE:

BELOVED BRETHREN:—"Grace be unto you, and peace from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ." Great diversity exists in the returns which have come up to us from the various Presbyteries. In some congregations, the time of trial through which we are passing has begotten, not what it should have done, an increased zeal and fixedness of purpose to do God's work, but an absorbing devotion to worldly interests, a laxness in regard to Christian duty, and an indifference to the cultivation of personal piety that is both sorrowful and alarming. But while this low estate of religion must be confessed and deplored, as existing in a portion of our congregations, yet a better and more encouraging report is borne to us from other sections of our beloved Zion.

REVIVALS.

Gratifying intelligence is furnished, that particular churches in the bounds of almost every Presbytery have been visited by the gracious influence of God's Spirit. The following Presbyteries should be specially mentioned: Cherokee, Fayetteville, Montgomery, Lexington, North Mississippi, South Carolina, Concord, Flint River, and Winchester. During these recent revivals, more than two thousand souls were added to our communion, and in Flint River Presbytery a number of young men are looking forward to the gospel ministry. Nor has the spirit of revival been felt in the bounds of those Presbyteries alone which are specially named. So that while we have some things to beget sorrow and humiliation, there are many mercies on the other hand to excite gratitude and courage.

INSTRUCTION OF YOUTH.

Sabbath-schools have been generally sustained, and yet it cannot be gathered certainly from the reports furnished that the Shorter Catechism is taught with the same diligence that it used to be in the days of our fathers. As the Presbyterian Church has ever clung to a form of sound words, we would enjoin on all parents and Sabbath-school teachers, the necessity of due consideration and carefulness on this point.

In some congregations, in addition to Sabbath-schools and Bible-classes, stated services have been instituted for baptized children and their parents, wherein both are taught their solemn covenant obligations. But the pastor is often discouraged by the want of faithfulness on the part of parents. In many a home there is no altar for God. Private members and sometimes officers in the Church, refuse to lead their families in devotion. This dereliction is a scandal, and hence a mighty influence for good in the household and out of it, is shamefully thrown away. We would respectfully inquire if such inconsistent professors of religion are not to a large extent responsible for that worldly conformity and that lukewarm scepticism which is so prevalent in the minds and hearts of their own children. Has not that promise of God been forgotten which says, "Train

up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old, he will not depart from it?" It is difficult to reconcile a neglect of Bible instruction and prayer in the family, with holiness of life and sound Christian character. The families of Christian men, taken in connexion with the Sabbath-school, constitute the great nursery of the Church, and the training of children, in the minds of Christian parents, should never yield its rightful precedence to any worldly business, however lucrative or enticing. The promise is unto us and our children, and a dreadful account is in store for that father or guardian who comes short of the blessing from a disregard to its conditions. Our first and best offerings are due to God. This truth, at the present time, should come home with emphasis and power to every Christian heart. Instead of putting aside the burden of religious responsibility in the present crisis, with the cry that secular matters are urgent, that the day has not come for earnest Christian effort, every man of God should be impelled by the necessities, sufferings, and providences around him to reverse the language of the Jew in the days of Haggai, and exclaim, "The time that the Lord's house should be built *is come.*"

INSTRUCTION OF COLORED PEOPLE.

On this subject, six Presbyteries make no report, four Presbyteries report unfavorably, while from fifteen Presbyteries the returns are exceedingly gratifying. The religious instruction of the colored people is not only not neglected, but assiduously attended to wherever opportunity is afforded. Very many are faithfully taught in the Sabbath-school; and in some congregations, special services are devoted to this people, which have been owned of God to the welfare of their souls. Very encouraging additions have been made to our churches from this class during the past year. The more intelligent portion appreciate highly the advantages of Presbyterian teaching and preaching, and in some places contribute, unasked, to the support of our ministry, as well as to the general spread of the gospel. They are coming back to the old fold and pasture from which they temporarily strayed, and are willing now to be guided and controlled by their old and true friends. They are also well content to occupy their old position, and desire no change in the organisation of the Church of their choice.

BENEVOLENCE AND SUPPORT OF THE MINISTRY.

It gives us peculiar pleasure to state, that in noble instances, congregations have given more of their poverty than was given in the days of their abundance. There are churches, however, on the other hand, who seem to have lost their sense of obligation to sustain the benevolent operations of the day. Men whose style of living at home, whose dress and equipage when abroad, would indicate no deep poverty, but the contrary, will nevertheless plead every conceivable excuse for their "stinginess" in matters which concern the house of God. When we remember the worldliness and idolatrous covetousness and utter disregard of covenant vows exhibited and cherished by so many professed Christians, it is no wonder that God's judgments have been experienced in unprecedented droughts, while the field is wasted, and the land mourneth, and the harvest of the field is perished. Self-denial is a cardinal virtue with the Christian, and there are but few, if any, in this land, who cannot, if they will, cast something into the treasury of the Lord. Under the law, the poor, as well as the rich, had their offerings prescribed, and they were none the poorer thereby. Every Christian man is bound to give as the Lord has prospered him, and church sessions from week to week should afford the opportunity, whilst pastors ought to be resolute in urging this duty on their congregations. Giving is a means of grace as well as prayer, and the world is very apt to measure a man's piety by the standard of his benefactions.

It pains us to state that many of our worthy ministers have not received, for their arduous labors, a compensation at all adequate to their support. Unrepining, these noble-minded men, with a heroic devotion to principle, go about their work, enduring much privation and often cast down under the weight of worldly care. This evil should be rectified. The laborer is worthy of his hire, and they who preach the gospel should live of the gospel. It is a shame to any congregation to live in comfort themselves, while the diligent pastor is perplexed and straitened for the common necessaries of life. It is the duty of congregations to

inquire into the wants of the minister and to see to it that his mind be made free from worldly cares. A people who come short of this may expect the candlestick to be removed. God is jealous for his servants.

THE RULING ELDER.

It is recorded, amongst the most encouraging evidences of God's presence in some Presbyteries, that the ruling elder has been aroused to a clearer sense of his duty. The ancient custom, fallen so much into disuse of late, of elders holding religious services with their flocks on the Sabbath day, in the absence of the preacher, obtains in some few of our congregations, and, as might be supposed, is attended with the most beneficial results. It would be well if all elders were reminded that this is not optional with them, but is the binding law of the Church. But while some of our elders are disposed to come up to the full measure of their duty as overseers of the flock, in visiting families, holding religious conversation, catechizing the children, and praying with, as well as for them, there are others in the eldership who turn aside from all these burdens and privileges, and roll the entire responsibility upon the shoulders of an already overtaxed pastor. The man who has been appointed to this office, in very many congregations, is wholly unfitted for the place; and it is a pity for the pastor and for the people that the consciences of such persons do not either drive them from the position, or else goad them on to duty.

In conclusion, we are profoundly convinced that the elements for a great working Church are at hand, if they can only be properly combined. If the people have a mind to work, the desolations can soon, with God's blessing, be repaired. Is it, therefore, too much for the Church to say to all her sons in the present emergency, "It is expected of every man that he will do his duty!" This done, and the glory of our second Zion will be greater than the first.

ANDREW H. KERR, MODERATOR.

FIFTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF DOMESTIC MISSIONS OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES.

The Executive Committee of Domestic Missions respectfully report that, immediately after the adjournment of the Assembly in December last, they entered upon the work committed to their care, and have prosecuted it, to the best of their ability, up to the present time.

The receipts of the Treasury, from all sources, have been \$34,746.97. Of this amount, \$12,000 were from the Kentucky Board of Aid for Southern Presbyterian pastors, and \$6,868.61, from sympathising friends in Baltimore. In both cases, these generous offerings were entirely voluntary. They relieved much distress among our impoverished ministers, and the donors are richly entitled to the lasting gratitude of our whole Church.

The general work assigned to the Committee was of a threefold character, viz. : 1. To make provision for the support of the gospel in churches that had been impoverished by the war; 2. To aid in repairing or rebuilding church-edifices that had been injured or destroyed by the same cause; 3. To promote the preaching of the gospel in the more destitute portions of the country.

The first of these departments, at the time the Committee entered upon their work, was altogether the most urgent, and, for a time, engaged their almost exclusive attention. It will be borne in mind, that, at the period referred to, a very large proportion of our churches were completely prostrated, that scores of our best and ablest ministers were reduced to utter poverty; and it was manifest that,

without a very special effort, the doors of many of our sanctuaries would have been closed altogether, or opened only for the admission of those who were openly and avowedly hostile to our existence as a Church of the Lord Jesus. In view of this painful state of things, the Committee at once addressed themselves to the task of furnishing such pecuniary aid to destitute brethren as would not only relieve their pressing wants, but enable them to remain at their posts, proclaiming the unsearchable riches of Christ, and, at the same time, shut off all designing intrusion from their flocks.

The appointment of Synodical Commissioners to act in concert with the Committee proved to be a wise and judicious measure. In no other way would it have been possible, either to have ascertained the condition and wants of brethren, or to have distributed the funds in the hands of the Committee in a just and equitable manner. By vigorous and persevering efforts on the part of the commissioners, the whole field was thoroughly explored, the condition and wants of every destitute brother accurately ascertained, and the Committee was thus enabled, in view of all the circumstances of the case, not only to distribute the fund under their control in the most equitable manner, but, so far as is known, to give universal satisfaction, and at the same time, relieve an immense amount of suffering. The commissioners, without exception, discharged their duties with zeal, energy, and fidelity; and they deserve the thanks of the whole Church.

At the close of the war, there was much variety in the condition of the different sections of the country; and the circumstances of the churches in these different sections were equally varied. Some portions of the country suffered much more from the direct effects of the war than others; whilst others again suffered very keenly during the first years of the war, but had measurably recuperated before its close. The Committee, as a matter of course, had reference to this state of things, and their disbursements were regulated accordingly. The Synod of Virginia, at the time referred to, was altogether the greatest sufferer, whilst it is questionable whether the second place should be assigned to the Synod of South Carolina or that of Georgia—the one having suffered most in the loss of church property, and the other having been reduced to greater personal destitution. The Synod of North Carolina occupies the fourth place in this roll of distinction. The Synod of Alabama suffered but little from the direct effects of the war, but had its full share in the poverty resulting from the general prostration of the country.

The Synods of Mississippi, Memphis, Nashville, and Arkansas, were greatly disturbed during the earlier periods of the war, but were restored to comparative comfort and strength before its close. The Synod of Texas suffered least of all, but the great majority of its churches, as is well known, have always been in a feeble condition—most of them being in the condition of mission churches.

The sums of money appropriated to the relief of brethren have varied from \$50 and under, to \$300. The whole number who have received aid from the Sustentation fund, including sixteen families of deceased ministers, is upwards of two hundred and twenty. Of these, forty-four belong to the Synod of Virginia; twenty-six, to the Synod of North Carolina; thirty-four, to the Synod of South Carolina; thirty-nine, to the Synod of Georgia; twelve, to the Synod of Alabama; ten, to the Synod of Mississippi; five, to the Synod of Memphis; nineteen, to the Synod of Nashville; six, to the Synod of Arkansas; twenty, to the Synod of Texas. The whole amount laid out in this department was upwards of \$23,000.

It is not supposed that these benefactions relieved all the wants of the brethren, or placed them in circumstances of full comfort. But they were most opportune, not only relieving much pressing want, but serving to ward off the most serious evils from many of our afflicted churches.

Having relieved every known case of pressing want among our ministerial brethren, and relying upon a kind Providence to supply their future wants, the Committee next addressed themselves to the task of aiding such congregations as had gone to work to repair or rebuild their houses of worship. Upon inquiry, it was ascertained that between ninety and one hundred church-edifices were either seriously injured or entirely destroyed during the progress of the war, about one-half of which were found to be in the Synod of Virginia. The Committee, at the outset, adopted the rule to make no appropriation, except where the people themselves had gone to work to repair or rebuild their houses of worship, and

where there was a reasonable prospect that they would be rendered fit for use with such aid as the Committee could extend to them. The appropriations have varied from \$100 to \$1000. In a single case the sum of \$1100 was appropriated to one church. Assistance has been given to sixteen churches in the Synod of Virginia; to one in the Synod of North Carolina; to three in the Synod of South Carolina; to six in the Synod of Georgia; to one in the Synod of Alabama; to one in the Synod of Mississippi; to one in the Synod of Memphis; to one in the Synod of Arkansas—thirty in all; about \$8,000 having been appropriated for this department of the work. The Committee are happy to state that they have been able to assist every church that has applied for aid, except two, whose applications were of a very recent date; and in every case except one, they were able to grant the full amount asked. A number of congregations in Virginia have repaired their houses of worship without any help outside of themselves. Others have received aid from sympathising friends in the neighboring Northern States. But many congregations have yet to commence the work of rebuilding, and will need all the help that can be extended to them. Dr. Mitchell, the Synodical commissioner for Virginia, writes that at least \$6,000 will be needed for church erection and repairs in that Synod. As much more will be needed for the churches in Georgia, Tennessee, and Arkansas. An effort should be made, therefore, to raise, during the coming year, at least \$12,000 for this department of the work.

Having met all the urgent demands of the sustentation and church-erection causes, the Committee next directed their attention to the work of supplying vacant churches with the preaching of the gospel—especially those in the Synods of Mississippi, Arkansas, and Texas, where they were known to be very numerous. The Committee had proceeded but a few steps, however, in the prosecution of this most important undertaking, when they found their work arrested by an empty treasury, which still continues to be the case; and they now await the instructions of the Assembly in relation to what is to be done in the existing state of affairs.

It was hoped that, with such aid as had been derived from the Sustentation fund, most of our crippled churches would by this time have regained their feet, and be able henceforth to support the preaching of the gospel without further aid. But this expectation, it is now feared, will not be realised for some time to come. A variety of causes have conspired to retard the recuperation of many of these churches. The severe and almost unparalleled drought of the summer, especially in the States of South Carolina and Georgia, the imperfect system of labor employed in the cultivation of the crops, the heavy burden imposed upon society by the presence of idle negroes and poor whites, the depressed state of feeling growing out of the uncertainty of our political condition, as well as other causes, have produced a very depressing influence upon the minds of our people, and will make it almost an impossibility to sustain the preaching of the gospel in a very large number of our churches. During the last two months, more than thirty applications have been made to the Committee for pecuniary assistance by churches that were formerly self-sustaining, showing that these churches have fallen back into the condition of mission churches. Mr. Wills, the Synodical commissioner for Georgia, writes: "I do not know of more than half a dozen ministers in the States of Georgia and Florida who are receiving a competent support. In view of the severe drought of the summer and the great uncertainty of the labor system, if a similar provision is not made for another year, it seems to me there will be no little distress in our ministerial ranks." It is questionable whether any better state of things exists in the churches of South and North Carolina. Dr. Mitchell, commissioner for the Synod of Virginia, writes: "I have made particular inquiry in relation to the future, and in my opinion many of our churches will need aid the coming year, and many of our brethren will suffer unless aid is continued to them." He then mentions twenty ministers that will need aid the coming year. The condition of the churches in East Tennessee imperatively demands help. In Texas, if we can rely upon the statements of respected brethren there, a very large proportion of the churches, it is feared, will soon become extinct or pass into other hands, if we do not go to their help at once. No time is to be lost in relation to this matter. Indeed, from information gathered from all parts of the field, it is questionable whether more than the half of all our churches will be able to

support the gospel the next year. Of this great body of feeble churches, some will be able to give half salaries, but the majority of them will give little more than a mere pittance. At the same time, we have a large negro population among us, for whose religious instruction some provision must be made. Whatever they may be able to do for themselves in the future, in their present unsettled and disorganised condition, very little can be expected. In the meantime, ministers of the gospel must provide for the support of their families. If the churches cannot support them, they must betake themselves to some other employment for this purpose. The consequence of this will be that the doors of many of our sanctuaries will be closed, or be left open only for the admission of those who will certainly try to draw them away from connexion with us. What then is to be done? This state of things demands the earnest attention of the Assembly. How are these churches to be sustained in these times of trial and distress? This is the problem of all problems. If a question of overwhelming weight was ever let down from heaven upon the shoulders of men, that question now rests upon this Assembly. What, then, is to be done? Where shall we look for help? By whom shall Jacob arise?

Fathers and brethren, trying and distressing as our condition is, there is no real occasion for discouragement or despondency. We serve a Master whose resources are alike varied and boundless. That same Providence which brought us into these great straits, will assuredly bring us safely out, if we are true to ourselves, true to the great principles we have openly avowed before the world, and especially true to the great Head of the Church. Our present afflictions are but tokens of our heavenly Father's love. If the chastisement we are at present undergoing but yield the fruits of humility, submission, love, and forbearance, these will bring a vastly greater tribute of praise to the Redeemer, and do more to promote the interests of his kingdom among men, than the most lavish expenditure of pecuniary resources could possibly effect. The great lesson we need to learn, and the one which God evidently intends to impress upon our hearts by his dealing with us, is that of self-denial and entire consecration to his glory. If this were the prevailing feeling of our people, we would have no difficulty whatever in threading our way out of all the difficulties and embarrassments of our present position.

Two things are especially needed in our present circumstances.

1. In the first place, ministers of the gospel, and the great body of our Christian people alike, must not only understand our true position, but must be ready to make all the sacrifices demanded by the present trying emergency. Ministers must not only accommodate themselves to habits of rigid economy, but must lay themselves out to perform a much larger amount of labor than they would in ordinary circumstances. "These are times," one has forcibly remarked, "when every minister of the gospel among us should aim to duplicate himself." Paul labored with his own hands rather than allow himself to become a burden to the churches. And why should we not, if the peculiar circumstances of the Church so require? A small school, in some cases, might be taught to help out the minister's salary. Two congregations ought always to be united under one pastorate, where neither is able to support a minister by itself. The minister of a large and self-sustaining congregation might assume the care of one or two negro stations, and thus save that much to the missionary cause, without doing any injustice to his own people. Nor should our people be less disposed to labor and make sacrifices for the common good. Every congregation which cannot provide for the full support of a pastor should prefer to have preaching only once a fortnight, rather than to throw themselves upon the missionary fund. Elders should keep up religious worship in our vacant churches according to the rules laid down in our form of worship. Much may be accomplished, too, through the medium of well-ordered Sabbath-schools, both for whites and blacks. By these and other measures of a similar character, a great deal may be done to alleviate the general destitutions of our churches, and at the same time promote their highest spiritual welfare. But these arrangements, after all, can afford only partial relief.

2. In the second place, a special effort must be made to raise the funds necessary to support the great body of our feeble churches. How much will be needed

that, for this purpose, cannot be stated with precision. After a careful consideration of the whole subject, however, the Committee have come to the conclusion that not less than \$50,000 will be needed for missionary, sustentation, and church-erection, during the coming year. At the same time they think there will be no difficulty in raising this amount, poor as our churches are, if our Christian people generally can only be aroused to a proper sense of their responsibilities in relation to this matter. An average of a little more than fifty cents to each church member would make up this amount. If there are individuals that could not give this much, there are scores that could give ten, twenty, fifty, and a hundred times as much, without doing themselves or their families any injury whatever. What is particularly needed, and what should be especially aimed at, in raising this fund, is that every Church under the care of the Assembly should contribute to it, even if the contribution did not exceed one dollar. Indeed, it might be well to have it understood that no congregation should expect aid from this fund that does not contribute to it according to their means. This is a matter in relation to which the voice of the Assembly ought to be heard throughout all our churches; and no pains should be spared in order to bring them all into hearty, energetic, and united co-operation. Unless this is done, we shall utterly fail to accomplish any of the great ends of our existence as a Church of the Lord Jesus Christ. It is readily conceded, that, without the baptism of the Holy Ghost, no plans, no schemes can be of any avail. But at the same time that we acknowledge the indispensable necessity of the Spirit's presence and influence, we must not lose sight of the great value of wise and judicious schemes. We have fallen upon peculiar times. Our Church is in a strait place, and we know not what is before us. We are not only called upon to contend for the truth, but we shall have to fight valiantly for our very existence as a Church. All our resources must be developed. No portion of our people must be left in idleness or inactivity, and no portion should be left unsupported or unprotected in the great conflict before us. What course, then, should be adopted for the development of our resources?

The general plan of taking up Sabbath collections, as a part of public worship, seems to meet with great favor, and, if generally carried out, can scarcely fail to bring about the happiest results. It has the sanction of the Scriptures, and if generally adopted, would not only enlarge the Church's sphere of usefulness, but would greatly promote the spirituality of all her members. God loves the liberal giver, and he will not fail to bestow rich spiritual blessings on every Church which habitually honors him with her worldly substance. These contributions, however, will not supersede the necessity of special stated collections for the great benevolent enterprises of the Church.

Of these there are four, which, it is generally admitted, have special claims upon the churches, viz.: 1. Domestic Missions, which includes sustentation, church-erection, and general evangelisation in our own country; 2. Foreign Missions, including all that is to be done for the evangelisation of the great heathen and papal nations of the earth; 3. The cause of Education, including the work of educating young men for the ministry, supporting theological seminaries, etc.; 4. The publication and the circulation of religious books and tracts.

Now, in relation to raising funds for these great objects, it is a matter of great moment that some general plan should be adopted to bring all our churches into harmonious and united action; and with the view of accomplishing this object, it is suggested that the Assembly would designate days when collections shall be taken up in all our churches for these different objects. For example, let the first Sabbath in January be designated as the day when collections shall be taken up in all the churches for Domestic Missions; the first Sabbath in March, for Foreign Missions; the first Sabbath in May, for Education; and the first Sabbath in November, for Publication. The weekly collections taken up on the Sabbath could be devoted to either of these objects from time to time, or to objects of local benevolence, by a vote of the session.

The advantages of such an arrangement are manifold and important. If generally enforced, it would at once bring all our churches, even the weakest and poorest of them, into efficient and concerted action, and make them feel that they have a work to do beyond their own narrow boundaries. A new impulse would be given to the cause of benevolence by this simultaneous and concerted action

on the part of all the churches. It would give the officers of the benevolent enterprises the opportunity to bring before the churches, just at the right time, all the information they will need to have, and prompt them to contribute according to their circumstances and wants. But more important than all, it will have the tendency to bring all our widely scattered churches into one close and compact brotherhood, and enable them to stand shoulder to shoulder in any emergency that may be before them.

All of which is respectfully submitted on behalf of the Executive Committee of Domestic Missions.

J. LEIGHTON WILSON, SECRETARY.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF DOMESTIC MISSIONS.

The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States in account with James Woodrow, Treasurer for Domestic Missions.

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To cash paid ministers, etc., and to aid in repairing and rebuilding churches.....	\$31,969 52
To cash paid Salaries of Officers from May 1, 1865, to Nov. 1, 1866.....	1,875 00
To cash paid travelling expenses of Secretary.....	70 00
To cash paid office expenses.....	121 95
To cash paid exchange account.....	15 85
To balance in Treasury, Nov. 1, 1866.....	694 65
	\$34,746 97
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By balance in Treasury, May 1, 1865, reported by S. B. Newman, Esq., (gold)....	\$ 1,275 00
By premium on gold.....	523 44
By cash from Kentucky Board of Aid.....	12,000 00
By cash from Baltimore.....	6,868 61
By donations from churches and individuals.....	13,034 92
By donations from churches beyond our limits.....	1,045 00
	\$34,746 97

The undersigned have carefully examined the accounts of Prof. James Woodrow, as Treasurer for Domestic Missions, and the corresponding vouchers, and find them strictly correct.

H. MULLER, } *Auditing*
A. W. GASTON, } *Committee.*

Columbia, S. C., Nov. 7, 1866.

MEMORIAL TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES, ON THE WORK OF DOMESTIC MISSIONS AND SUSTENTATION.

The undersigned respectfully memorializes the General Assembly in relation to the propriety and expediency of substituting a Central Sustentation and Advisory Committee in the place of their present Committee of Domestic Missions. A variety of considerations have led to this suggestion, only a few of which, however, can be brought forward in this paper.

In the first place, the Committee of Domestic Missions, as constituted at present, is not only wanting in definiteness of character, but occupies a very anomalous position in the minds of the generality of our Christian people. By some it is regarded as a mere financial agency, whose special province it is to gather up the surplus funds of the wealthier churches and Presbyteries, and apply them to the wants of the weaker Presbyteries and the destitute frontier regions of the country. Others again regard the Committee as combining in itself both ecclesiastical and financial functions; and whilst some of the Presbyteries prefer to carry on all their missionary operations through its instrumentality, others, on the other hand, eschew its agency altogether, except to gather up their surplus funds for the poorer Presbyteries. In the midst of so much diversity and contrariety of views, it is obviously impossible for the Committee to become an effective agency, or do much for the promotion of the spiritual welfare of the Church at large.

In the second place, it would be impossible for any central committee, even if the churches were united, to conduct the whole missionary work of the Church with any considerable measure of efficiency. The field is too large and the details are too multiplied to be fully comprehended by any one set of men. To carry on the work efficiently, even in a small section of this great field, requires an amount of knowledge of the state of the country, the disposition of the people, the character and qualifications of the men to be employed in the work, which none can fully understand, except those who have had much experience in such matters. To supervise the whole field, therefore, with any degree of efficiency, is very little less than an impossibility.

Further, the Church, in her present circumstances, scarcely has any need of a Committee of Domestic Missions, regarding that Committee in the light of an evangelistic, aggressive agency. The whole field is already covered by Presbyteries, which, it is now generally conceded, are the best agents that can be employed in carrying on the missionary work in their own boundaries, especially so far as all ecclesiastical control is concerned. Even the most remote and sparsely-peopled frontier regions of the country are constructively in the boundaries of the nearest Presbyteries, and ought to be under their spiritual supervision. When, therefore, a central committee is appointed to carry on the same work in any portion or over the whole of this field, the two agencies necessarily overlap each other, and the consequence will be conflict and confusion, or that utter inefficiency which always results from divided responsibility.

Still further, in the present prostrated condition of the Church and country, there is much more urgent need of a sustentation than missionating committee. Our great work for the present, and perhaps for a good while to come, is not so much to establish new churches, (though this is never to be lost sight of,) as to keep life and energy in those already established. The broken-down walls of our Zion must be rebuilt before we can expect to accomplish much in the way of direct, aggressive warfare. But what is the actual condition of a very large proportion of our churches at the present moment? One of utter prostration and helplessness! If we can rely upon the testimony of respected brethren from different portions of the country, very many of these prostrated churches must soon become extinct or pass into the hands of our enemies, if we do not hasten to their help. The Sustentation Committee, however, is not proposed as a temporary expedient, but is suited, as will appear in the course of our remarks, to all future times, as well as all possible circumstances.

The functions of the Sustentation Committee should be strictly financial and advisory. It is proposed that all funds raised in the entire Church, whether for sustentation, church-erection, or missionary purposes, should be lodged in their

hands, and be disbursed by them, according to well understood rules, for the benefit of the whole Church. In other words, the Church, so far as this particular department of the work is concerned, is to have but one treasury, and that treasury to be employed in sustaining the work of evangelisation, under the direction of the Presbyteries, throughout the whole Church. It is substantially the Sustentation scheme of the Free Church of Scotland, so far as the missionary work is concerned. Its design is to give strength and vigor to our weaker churches, and unite the whole in one close compact brotherhood. The advisory power of the Committee will consist in reporting to the Assembly, from time to time, the condition and wants of the whole field; aiding in the transfer of missionaries from one portion of the field to another, and other matters of a similar character.

To the Presbyteries, according to the scheme we have under consideration, is reserved the entire absolute ecclesiastical control of all missionary operations within their bounds. It will be for them to appoint the missionaries; to designate the place where they are to labor; superintend their work; and to the Presbyteries alone, under the great Head of the Church, must the missionaries be responsible for the faithful discharge of their duties. The Presbyteries, too, must decide directly, or through their Committees of Missions, what churches within their bounds will be entitled to receive aid from the Sustentation Committee, and also to what extent:—it being understood, however, that the Central Committee is to have discretionary power as to what they may be able to grant from the common fund. In all cases, it will be expected that the older and stronger Presbyteries, unless under some peculiar providence, will contribute a larger amount than they can expect to draw, in order that pecuniary assistance may be provided for their weaker and poorer brethren. No objection will be raised against supplementing the salary of a missionary by private beneficence, where the expense of living is large; or to Presbyteries taking up further collections among the churches under their care, in case the sum allowed them by the Central Committee is not sufficient.

The chairman of the Presbyterial Committee of Missions should be the connecting link between the Presbytery and the Central Committee. Indeed, he should be regarded as a corresponding member of the Sustentation Committee. And not only should he be the organ of communication between the Presbytery and the Central Committee, but upon him should be devolved the responsibility of seeing that every church in the Presbytery contributes to the general fund. He will virtually be an agent both for the Committee and the Presbytery. This makes the chairman's office a very responsible one; and the Presbytery should see to it, that none but men of high qualifications are appointed to so important a position. It would also be necessary to make compensation to the chairman for such services as he will be required to give to this work, as well as to meet the necessary expenses he would incur in its prosecution.

There should be a code of by-laws established for the government of the General Committee in disbursing the funds committed to their care. This code could be altered or amended by the Assembly, from year to year, as the circumstances of the case might require. Many of these by-laws must be the result of experience; but one or two may be specified to give some idea of what they should be. For example:

1. All salaries given to missionaries, as well as all grants made to feeble churches to supplement the salaries of their pastors, should be fixed at a uniform amount, say \$600, \$700, or whatever might be thought necessary:—it being understood, however, that this amount might be supplemented by private beneficence, as has already been stated, in cities and other places where the expense of living is necessarily greater.

2. That no appropriation shall be made to supplement the salary given by a feeble church unless the Presbytery within whose bounds that Church is located, or its Committee of Domestic Missions, will certify that that Church itself has raised as much for this purpose as could reasonably be expected of it.

These, with a few other rules of a similar character, would be a sufficient guide for the Committee, and enable them to disburse the common fund so as to give general satisfaction.

The advantages to arise from this general arrangement are manifold and very important, and, it is believed, will commend themselves to the understanding of the Assembly without any formal or labored argument.

It is admitted on all hands, that our schemes of benevolence, as constituted and carried on at present, and especially that of Domestic Missions, are not accomplishing all that is reasonably expected of them, or all that the present trying circumstances of the Church imperatively demand. Not one-fifth of our churches have contributed any thing at all to the cause of Domestic Missions during the past year. Besides, of what has actually been contributed, at least nineteenth-twentieths have been specially designated for sustentation purposes. Had it not been for the generous contributions of friends in Kentucky and Baltimore, your Committee could have done very little, either to relieve the wants of distressed brethren, or to aid in rebuilding broken-down churches. The question naturally presents itself. Why this deficiency on the part of the churches?

Much of it is undoubtedly to be attributed to the general prostration of the country. Still more, perhaps, is to be ascribed to the want of the Spirit's influence over the hearts of our people. We would have it distinctly understood, as the settled conviction of our mind, that no schemes of benevolence can be of any avail in building up the kingdom of Jesus Christ among men, unless they are thoroughly pervaded by the influence of the Holy Ghost. At the same time, we hesitate not to express the equally confident opinion, that the deficiency complained of is to be ascribed largely, if not mainly, to the imperfection of our present machinery.

What has been the theory entertained by the great body of our Presbyteries, and especially of the older and stronger ones, in relation to the best mode of conducting Domestic Missions? It is that the Presbyteries must have the entire control of the work in their own hands, that their own wants must be provided for first, and that whatever surplus funds there may be, or whatever may be obtained by independent collections from the churches, after the home wants are supplied, are to be handed over to the Central Committee for the benefit of the poorer Presbyteries. Now, it will be borne in mind that so far as the absolute ecclesiastical control of all missionary operations within the bounds of any given Presbytery is concerned, no question whatever is raised. In this particular, your memorialist stands in the foremost rank of those who advocate the rights and prerogatives of Presbyteries. But it is in relation to the mode and the extent of the provision that is made for the poor churches and the weak Presbyteries, that complaint is made. What do those surplus funds, which it is proposed to hand over to the Central Committee for the poorer Presbyteries, amount to? So far as your memorialist knows, not one single dollar has come to the treasury during the past year from any such source. And in relation to the independent collections that have been taken up in the churches, the great majority of them, as has already been stated, were designated for sustentation, and not missionary purposes. Perhaps not one thousand dollars were sent during the last year from all our churches to the central treasury for what might be properly denominated missionary purposes. The consequence is, that the great body of our young and feeble churches (and we have a very large number of them,) have been left utterly destitute, save what has been done in the way of sustentation. Now, this state of thing shows that there is something wrong in the working of our machinery. The wrong or the error, it is confidently believed, is involved in the theory we have just been considering. The course marked out by the older and stronger Presbyteries may be safe for themselves, and, if vigorously pursued, may be productive of the most important results; but its great fault is that it overlooks or makes but the most inadequate provision for those whom God's providence has made dependent upon them. It involves a policy that is alike contracted and selfish. It is at variance with that broad and deep principle of love which animated and characterised the primitive Church. Its tendency is to separate and disintegrate the different parts of the same Church, instead of building them up in one harmonious whole. So long as we were connected with the Northern Church, we were compelled, in self-defence, to adopt some such course. But now that that necessity has passed away, the continuance of the principle can result only in weakening our own hands.

But not only is the theory we are considering wrong in principle, but its practical working for some time past has been equally unsatisfactory. Of this we have had abundant proof in the last year's experience; and unless some powerful impulse, which cannot now be foreseen, is given to the cause of benevolence, we fear we shall have a sadder record to make of the next. Many of the Presbyteries which formerly acted upon this general plan, have not only failed to contribute to the help of others, but are not now self-sustaining. The committee have before them at the present time numerous applications from such, which they cannot possibly meet. It is believed these Presbyteries have been acting upon a principle which is too narrow and contracted even for their own support. What your memorialist believes is especially needed, under God, to give life and energy to our schemes of benevolence, is hearty, united, and harmonious co-operation among all our churches. During the recent conflict for politic independence, the great body of our churches acted upon the principle we are now advocating. We had but one treasury and one channel through which the beneficence of God's people flowed. The practical result was that nearly one-half of the whole of our ministerial force was in the field, as chaplains and missionaries, and, for the time, were well supported by the united beneficence of the churches. Here is a great fact illustrating the power of united feeling and united action on the part of God's people. And this is just what is needed in our present trying circumstances. If our churches generally could only be aroused to hearty, united action, our difficulties and discouragements would vanish like chaff before the wind.

We have only to add, that the plan we are advocating is eminently adapted to bring our churches into closer conformity with the spirit and character of the Apostolic Church. The first converts held all their property in common for the general good of the Church. We may not be required to imitate their example in all respects, but we ought to be actuated by their spirit, and be ready at least to unite in *raising one great missionary fund* for the benefit of the whole Church. We have in the history of the early churches a beautiful illustration of the spirit of intercommunion and charity which the blessed Saviour intended to characterise his people in all ages of the world. If Jerusalem, in the first instance, imparted the blessings of the gospel to Macedonia and Greece, Greece and Macedonia, in turn, ministered to the wants of the poor saints in Jerusalem. So, if our stronger churches in the older States must share their greater abundance with their feebler sisters in the South-west, the churches in the South-west, when they have attained to maturity, and the rich resources of their country are more fully developed, will succor and help the older churches in their days of weakness, should such days ever come upon them.

And now, Fathers and Brethren, what we aim at in the proposed modification of our present scheme of missions, (and it is only a modification, and not a revolution,) is not only to give a fresh and new impulse to the cause of benevolence, but to bring all our weak and widely scattered churches into the closest bonds of Christian fellowship and brotherhood. The times imperatively demand this. Our feeble, newly-formed, and widely scattered churches, are not only in circumstances of great destitution, but they are exposed to peculiar dangers, and need to have the warm and affectionate arms of their older sisters thrown around them. They desire this; and shall we turn away from them with selfish indifference? No, never, so long as the Spirit of Christ dwells among us. As a Church, we all stand on the same common platform of faith and doctrine. Hitherto we have been preserved from all those heresies and strifes that are agitating other branches of the Church. Notwithstanding all our poverty and prostration, God is bestowing unmistakable tokens of his favor upon us as a Church. He has opened out before us a wide field of labor, both in this country and the great heathen world. Let us then go forward to this great work as one unbroken, united, and harmonious brotherhood.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. LEIGHTON WILSON.

November 4, 1866.

FIFTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF FOREIGN MISSIONS OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES.

The Executive Committee of Foreign Missions, in presenting their Fifth Annual Report, have still to lament the contractedness of the work in which they are engaged, but indulge the hope that it will be greatly enlarged as the Church regains her strength and is disposed to furnish the necessary means and agents for carrying it on.

The receipts from all sources have been \$9,732.99; of which \$598.66 were contributed in response to the appeal in behalf of the Rev. Elias B. Insee, the missionary to China. The general fund has not been sufficient to meet the wants of the Indian Mission and pay other demands against the Treasury from the same quarter for previous years. Our brethren there, in consequence, have been compelled to prosecute their work under much pecuniary embarrassment. This ought not to have been the case, and, in the judgment of your Committee, would not have been so, if it had not been for the lamentable remissness of the great body of our pastors and church sessions. Very small contributions from the churches, if they had been general, would have met all the wants of this cause, and would scarcely have been felt by the churches, even in their great poverty. Only about one hundred and twenty churches, or one-eighth of the whole, have contributed anything at all to Foreign Missions during the past year. At the same time, it is questionable whether these non-contributing churches have ever had the opportunity presented to them of contributing to this cause. And if this is really the case, pastors and church-sessions have assumed a responsibility in the matter, which they will scarcely be able to bear when they come to understand more fully their true obligations to the great Head of the Church. It is proper to mention here that \$100 have been contributed to our missionary fund by an aged minister and his wife in New Jersey, and \$350 by the church of the Rev. Stuart Robinson in Louisville, Ky., as well as other smaller sums from friends beyond the boundaries of our Church.

INDIAN MISSIONS.

The work of missions among the South-western Indians has been carried on without interruption during the year, but under varied circumstances of difficulty and encouragement. The demoralizing effects of the war are still painfully evident, especially in habits of intemperance and idleness, and in the revival of old heathenish customs that had previously disappeared from the country. Much discouragement is felt also in connexion with the reduced strength of the missionary force. The Rev. Cyrus Byington, who has labored in that field with indefatigable zeal for more than forty years, has recently been compelled, by feeble health and the infirmities of old age, to retire from active missionary labor, but will devote the remainder of his days to the completion of the translation of the Bible into the Choctaw language. His life of self-denial, of persevering labor and consecration to the service of Christ, has few parallels in the history of the Church, and will command the respect and admiration of the people of God, wherever it is known. Mrs. Byington, his aged partner in missionary labor, remains for the present at their post, in the hope that some one will come soon to assume the responsibilities which her aged husband has been compelled to lay aside. No one, the committee are sorry to state, has as yet been found to occupy this important post. The Rev. O. P. Stark, who has likewise labored diligently in the same field for nearly twenty years, has recently removed to Texas, leaving an important station to be supplied.

The present laborers in this field are the Rev. Cyrus Kingsbury, D. D., the original founder of the mission, and now eighty years of age, Rev. Messrs. Ebenezer Hotchkin, C. C. Copeland, and Alexander Reid, and Rev. Messrs. Allen Wright and Pliny Fisk, Choctaw preachers; all of the Choctaw mission; Rev. Hamilton Balentine, of the Chickasaw mission; and Rev. Stephen Foreman, native Cherokee, of the Cherokee mission:—in all eight missionaries.

The venerable Dr. Kingsbury still occupies his station at Pine Ridge, near Doaksville, the capital of the Choctaw Nation. Though fourscore years of age,

he has fulfilled every appointment for preaching during the past year, except one. He has at the same time acted as superintendent of a large Sabbath-school in the church where he preaches. His church embraces a large number of freedmen, who manifest a sincere desire to be instructed in the principles of the Christian religion. His church has recently experienced the reviving presence of the Spirit, eleven persons having been received to the communion of the church.

No report has been received from the Rev. Mr. Hotchkiss, and the committee are therefore unacquainted with the state and prospects of the church where he labors.

Mr. Copeland still occupies the station at Wheelock, as the central point of his labors. His family have suffered a good deal during the year from sickness, but they were in good health again at the date of his last letter. He preaches regularly at six different stations, besides occasionally supplying the church left vacant by Mr. Byington. Eight persons have been added to the church on a profession of their faith during the year. After referring to certain heathen customs that had been revived among the people, Mr. Copeland expresses the hope that they will gradually return to habits of sobriety and industry. He speaks of the weakened state of the Mission with much feeling. "Our destitutions," he writes, "are great, our strength feeble, and our numbers few—Fathers Kingsbury, Byington, and Hotchkiss nearly worn out, and myself worn and weary—Mr. Stark is about to leave us, and no native ministry coming forward to take the places of those who are called away. We must be reinforced, or run out. Besides all this we are crippled for the want of means. But God knows it all, and he reigns."

The Rev. Alexander Reid still makes Spencer Academy his headquarters, though there has been no school there since the first year of the war. Mr. Reid was severely afflicted in 1864, by the death of his wife, who had been a faithful missionary laborer for many years, and was one of the best of Christian women. He was left with three orphan children, the youngest not three years of age, all of whom are still with him and necessarily occupy much of his time and attention. If he can find suitable homes for them among our Christian people, he will gladly devote the remainder of his days to labor among the poor Choctaws. He has four stations where he keeps up regular religious services, connected with each of which, there is what is called a Saturday and Sunday school, in which there are about one hundred youths learning to read the Choctaw Bible. Preaching at these stations has been attended with happy results. At the close of the last sacramental service, twelve persons expressed a desire to connect themselves with the church.

From the Rev. Allen Wright, one of the native Choctaw missionaries above mentioned, no report has been received. Indeed, it is known that the greater part of the year has been spent by him in Washington city, attending to business for his people, and especially engaged in renewing the treaty between the United States Government and the Choctaw nation. Very recently he has been elected chief of the Choctaw nation. This is no doubt a fortunate measure for the general welfare of the Choctaw people, but he will scarcely be able to do much missionary work during the term of his office.

In relation to the labors of the Rev. Pliny Fisk, the other Choctaw missionary already mentioned, Dr. Kingsbury writes: "He is still in the mountains, preaching to a small congregation. They are making efforts to provide themselves with a church building. But poverty presses hard upon that little community. There are praying souls there, however, and God may soon visit them with the reviving influences of his Spirit."

From the Rev. Hamilton Balentine, the missionary to the Chickasaws, only one letter has been received. His principal station is at Boggy Depot, near the line dividing the Choctaw and Chickasaw countries. In relation to his labors, Mr. Reid writes: "I have a letter from Brother Balentine, dated the 22d of June, in which he states that his work there is more promising than formerly, though the number of Chickasaw hearers is not great."

The Rev. Stephen Foreman, the native Cherokee preacher, has been preaching and teaching for some years past among the Cherokees who took refuge in the Choctaw country during the first years of the war. It was expected, at the date

of his last letter, that these refugees would soon return to their own country, and he expected to accompany them. But at what particular place he and they will locate, the committee are not yet informed.

NEED OF MISSIONARIES.

From facts brought out in the foregoing statements, it is evident this mission must be reinforced, if we would carry on the work with any degree of efficiency. The committee has issued an appeal for some one to take the place left vacant by Mr. Byington, but no as yet no response has been made. It is now necessary also to call for some one to take charge of the large station left vacant by Mr. Stark.

SCHOOLS.

In former years, much was done by the missionaries to promote the cause of education among these people, who are very desirous that these schools should be re-established. In their recent treaty with the United States Government, provision was made for the support of schools; but what plan of education will be adopted by the Choctaw Council is not known. In the present unsettled state of affairs, both in our own and the Indian country, the committee are unwilling to assume any responsibility in carrying on the work there, beyond the simple preaching of the gospel of Jesus Christ. The future may throw light upon their path, and indicate a wider field of labor, but, for the present, it is the wisest and safest course to restrict our labors simply to making known the unsearchable riches of Christ.

SOUTHERN MISSIONARIES IN FOREIGN LANDS.

It will be remembered that there were a number of missionaries from the South in foreign lands, sent out by the New York Board of Foreign Missions previous to the war. Your Committee kept their eye upon these missionary brethren during the whole course of the war, and, so long as it was practicable, furnished the means for their support. A number of changes have taken place in their circumstances during the period under consideration.

Mrs. Danforth, the wife of the Rev. John A. Danforth, died at Ningpo Mission in 1863. Mr. Danforth himself soon after returned to New York, having suffered much both in mind and body before he left China. Since then he has been laboring as a domestic missionary in the vicinity of Cincinnati. He has recently made application to be sent to China as a missionary under the direction of the committee. But the peculiar sufferings he endured while there, as well as his imperfectly restored health, have decided the committee against sending him back. Mrs. Hepburn, of Japan, and Mrs. Kerr, of Canton, China, the former a native of North Carolina, and the latter a native of Virginia, but for a number of years before she left the country a resident of Mississippi, still continue in their missionary labors and profess a sincere interest in the welfare of the Southern Church. Their social relations, however, preclude them from any official connexion with the committee; but they will no doubt enjoy the Christian sympathies and prayers of all our people. The Rev. Daniel McGilvary, a native of North Carolina, but for seven or eight years past a member of the Siam Mission, after holding the matter under advisement for several years, prefers to remain in connexion with the New York Board, and this decision, of course, terminates all correspondence between him and the committee.

The Rev. Elias B. Inslee, a resident for a number of years of the States of Louisiana and Mississippi, and a member of the Presbytery of Mississippi, went out as a missionary to China, under the direction of the New York Board in 1856. In consequence of some misunderstanding with the Board in New York, and also with the missionaries on the ground, his connexion with them was dissolved, and since that time he has carried on his work, in a great measure, at his own charges. His wife, a devoted and earnest missionary laborer, was removed by death on the 10th of February, 1866, leaving an afflicted husband and four helpless children. It has not been until within six or eight months past that Mr. Inslee had been able to effect any communication, either with the committee or his private friends in this part of the country. A letter was published from him some six or eight weeks since in all our religious journals, giving some account of his suffering and labors in China, and was accompanied by an appeal from the committee for \$500 in his behalf. That letter, there is

reason to believe, has been read with much interest, and our people are not ignorant therefore of the character and position of this missionary brother. Within a few weeks, Mr. Inslee, with his four little children, has arrived in this country, and will probably be present at the meeting of this Assembly. He desires, after having provided suitable homes for his children, and done something to re-awaken the missionary spirit in our churches, to return to China under the direction of the Committee and spend the remainder of his days in proclaiming the glad tidings of salvation to that benighted people. It appears to the Committee, as it undoubtedly will to the great body of our Christian people, that God is thus opening a door by which we are to enter that great empire of darkness and sin, and take an honorable position among other branches of the Christian Church in diffusing the knowledge of the gospel among that dark-minded and multitudinous race. The Committee have accepted the offer of Mr. Inslee; and have appointed him a missionary to China under their care and direction. It is earnestly hoped that he will not only soon find comfortable homes for his children and do much to revive the missionary spirit among us, but will also find suitable brethren to accompany him back and share with him the responsibilities and honors of the great work in which he is engaged. He is commended to the kindness of our Christian people, and their prayers are asked in his behalf, that God would not only guide and bless him during his sojourn among us, but that he may continue to be made a great blessing to that benighted people, in whose welfare he feels so much interest, and to the promotion of whose salvation he purposes to devote the remainder of his life.

CONCLUSION.

In concluding this report, the Committee beg leave to call the attention of the General Assembly to one or two suggestions, which they regard as very important to the interests of this great cause.

And first, that our ministers be urged to offer up special prayer, in their public ministrations, for the welfare and prosperity of this great cause, on the first Sabbath in every month; and where it is convenient and practicable, a prayer-meeting be held on the same evening or afternoon, for the same great object. It is further recommended that a collection be taken up for this cause on all such occasions, except on the particular Sabbaths appropriated to collections for other departments of benevolence.

Second, that it be enjoined upon the superintendents of Sabbath-schools to interest the children under their care in this work, and that collections be taken among them from time to time for this purpose. The Committee regard it as a matter of great importance that our children should be trained, even from their earliest years, to feel an interest in this great work of extending the knowledge of the gospel throughout the whole earth.

Further, that the Assembly enjoin it upon the Presbyteries to appoint some one of their number to act as the representative of this cause within their own bounds, whose duty it shall be to see that all the churches contribute to this cause, and, when they fail to do so, to report them to the Presbytery; and further that the same person be regarded as a corresponding member of the Executive Committee of Foreign Missions. It is further recommended that until the Presbyteries meet and make the aforesaid appointments, the present ministerial commissioners to the Assembly be directed to act in this capacity in their respective Presbyteries—and where there are two ministerial commissioners from the same Presbytery, the older to take the precedence.

All of which is respectfully submitted on behalf of the Committee.

J. LEIGHTON WILSON, SECRETARY.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States in account with James Woodrow, Treasurer for Domestic Missions.

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To cash paid missionaries to the Indians.....	\$6,441 44
To cash paid missionary to China.....	50 00
To cash paid salaries of officers, from May 1, 1865, to Nov. 1, 1866.....	1,875 00
To cash paid travelling expenses of Secretary.....	40 00
To cash paid office expenses.....	37 50
To cash paid exchange account.....	34 32
To balance in Treasury, Nov. 1, 1866.....	1,254 73
	\$9,732 99

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By balance in Treasury, May 1, 1865, (gold).....	\$2,298 37
By donations from churches and individuals from May 1, 1865, to Nov. 1, 1866....	4,684 42
By donations from churches, etc., beyond our limits.....	641 00
By premium on gold.....	1,040 80
By interest on Blair legacy, from Synod of South Carolina.....	1,068 40
	\$9,732 99

The undersigned have carefully examined the accounts of Prof. James Woodrow, as Treasurer for Foreign Missions, and the corresponding vouchers, and find them strictly correct.

H. MULLER, } *Auditing*
A. W. GASTON, } *Committee.*

Columbia, S. C., Nov. 7, 1866.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY AT COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA.

To the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States:

The Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary of the Synod of South Carolina and Georgia, beg leave to submit the following report:

The Seminary was opened for the reception of students on the first of November, 1865; the exercises were kept up by the Professors until the sixth of June last, which was the end of the scholastic year. Five students were received into the Seminary during the session, who have been diligent and attentive to their studies, and have made favorable progress. As to the further action of the Faculty, we beg leave to refer you to their report herewith submitted.

Your Treasurer submitted to the Board at its annual meeting, his report of the finances of the institution. It is full and correct, and is herewith submitted for your examination and consideration. The Board is of the opinion, that the finances of the Seminary have been managed by the Treasurer as well as could have been done under the circumstances. By reference to the report, it will be seen that the pecuniary condition of the Seminary has been greatly impaired by the fall of the Confederate Government. By the first report to the General Assembly made in 1864, it was shown that the permanent investments, in what was believed to be solvent securities then, amounted to \$262,000. The Seminary was out of debt, and otherwise prosperous. As the result of the war, many of

the securities have become valueless, and others have depreciated; so that now the Treasurer is of opinion that the investments for the Professorships, at the present value, are worth not more than eighty-six thousand dollars; and that of the scholarships, about nine thousand five hundred dollars: in the aggregate ninety-five thousand five hundred dollars. Thirty thousand of the forty thousand dollars of the Perkins Professorship, being invested in bonds of the city of Mobile, have been saved without loss; ten thousand dollars being in Confederate securities, were lost. The Perkins fund for the support of disabled ministers and their families, and for the education of pious young men, having been received in Confederate funds, has been totally lost. This is greatly to be regretted, as these objects are now pressing upon the Church, and demand its special attention. Such is the depressed condition of the corporations and private individuals upon whom our investments rest, that very little money has been received by the Treasurer in the course of the year. The Professors have all received a large portion of their salaries in coupons at par, when there was no prospect of realising the same on them. They have thus risen above the pecuniary selfishness of the world, and illustrated the true Christian character.

By the use of the coupons, with the aid of some individual contributions in provisions, and small sums of money by some of the churches, the Treasurer has been enabled to pay the Professors their salaries in full. Thus the Seminary has been relieved of an indebtedness which threatened seriously to embarrass it.

The resolutions of the last General Assembly, urging upon the Board of Directors of this Seminary the importance of endowing the Professorships, and reminding the churches and Presbyteries of their duty to sustain the Seminary by contributions "prompt and liberal," have received the careful consideration of the Board. It is deeply impressed with the importance of the speedy endowment of the Seminary and is anxious to do its duty in that behalf. Efforts have been made to accomplish the object; but more especial attention has been given to raising funds to supply the immediate wants of the institution, which were successful only to a limited extent. In the judgment of the Board, the contributions of the churches and Presbyteries were not "prompt and liberal." The Board has come to the conclusion that a general call upon the churches to raise the means to sustain the Professors for the next year, is not likely to be successful; and having ascertained that about four thousand dollars, in addition to the means in the hands of your Treasurer, will be needed for this purpose, it has determined to make the call special and specific, and has therefore adopted a series of resolutions, the objects embraced in which are commended to the favorable consideration of the Synods mentioned; which being revised and amended, are as follows:

"*Resolved*, 1. That in the present unsettled and impoverished condition of the country, it is not thought expedient to inaugurate any general scheme to raise funds among the churches for the re-endowment of the Seminary; but that it be recommended to the Synods, heretofore co-operating in the support of the Seminary, to raise each, in its respective bounds, and by such agency as may be thought best, the sum of one thousand dollars to supplement the salaries of four Professors.

"2. That in order to carry this measure into effect, Dr. Howe and the Rev. Wm. Banks be appointed a committee to attend the next meeting of the Synod of South Carolina; Dr. Woodrow, Rev. Rufus K. Porter, and Dr. John S. Wilson, the Synod of Georgia; Drs. Adger, Stillman, and J. L. Wilson, the Synod of Alabama; and Drs. Palmer and Lyon, the Synod of Mississippi.

"3. That the ladies throughout all our churches, be earnestly requested to engage in raising funds, in any way that may be thought best, for the support of indigent young men who may be engaged in the prosecution of their theological studies; and that the pastors of the churches be requested to aid the ladies by their advice in the prosecution of this undertaking.

"4. That the Rev. Messrs. Dwight Witherspoon, of Memphis, Tenn., Thos. R. Welch, of Little Rock, Arkansas, Nicholas Chevalier, of Gonzales, Texas, be requested to solicit contributions in their respective Synods, as they may have opportunity, for the general use of the Seminary.

"5. That, while adopting the above plan to relieve the immediate pressing wants of the Seminary, the Board would nevertheless urge such individuals in

the churches as may have the means, to make contributions for the permanent endowment of the Seminary; and they would therefore request Drs. Joseph R. Wilson, James A. Lyon, B. M. Palmer, and J. R. Burgett, to act as a committee to raise funds for the permanent endowment of the Seminary."

In view of the present state of things, the Board would recommend to the General Assembly to fix the salary of the Professor Emeritus at eight hundred dollars.

The Board desires to call the attention of the General Assembly to the Professorship of Didactic and Polemic Theology, which is now vacant. It cannot be necessary to offer an argument to show to your distinguished body the importance of filling this vacant chair. The Board trusts that you will take this matter into consideration, and that you will see the necessity of giving to the Seminary, at the earliest day possible, a Professor of Theology. Disclaiming all desire to interfere with the freedom of the General Assembly in the matter of electing Professors for this Seminary, and believing that a nomination from us will not be regarded by your body as intrusive, we would respectfully suggest for the chair of Didactic and Polemic Theology, the Rev. Henry J. Van Dyke, D. D.*

Notwithstanding the great conflagration and destruction of property at Columbia, the Seminary buildings, and the valuable Library, consisting of about eighteen thousand volumes, have been spared. This should excite our gratitude. Amidst the desolations in the past, the embarrassments in all the pecuniary interests of the country, and the low state of the spirits and energy of the people in the present, and the darkness in the future, there is much to cause serious thought, and to bring us to repentance. But we should not be alarmed, nor yield to despondency; in faith in the promises revealed to the Church, and in view of the blessings heretofore showered upon this Seminary, manifesting the favor of God, let us take courage, and press on in the discharge of duty. In that which has been saved, there is much to be thankful for, and in the hopes of the future, there is much to support and encourage us. If we will do our duty, we may rely with confidence that the great Head of the Church will bless our efforts, and will raise up friends who will provide the means speedily for building up this much cherished school of the prophets; and we may hope that our hearts may yet be made to rejoice in seeing it moving on prosperously in its great career in building up the kingdom of Christ in the world.

All which is respectfully submitted, by order of the Board.

THOMAS C. PERRIN, CHAIRMAN.

Columbia, S. C., Sept. 5, 1866.

REPORT OF THE FACULTY OF THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY AT COLUMBIA, S. C.

The Faculty of the Theological Seminary at Columbia, respectfully present to the General Assembly, the following as their annual report:

The close of the war found the Seminary prostrate in resources, the region in which it was located plundered by a victorious and unscrupulous army; the town in which is its immediate local habitation, laid in ashes; the railways connecting it with other parts of the country, destroyed; and communication by mails annihilated; so that it was long in a state of complete isolation from those who have heretofore befriended it, or resorted to it for education. For a season there were neither vehicles nor other means of travelling to be had. The religious press was silent, so that for a considerable time we could extend no notice as to the resumption of our course of instruction. These difficulties have been removed in part, yet very gradually; and we have had but five students in attendance during the

*At the request of the Rev. Dr. Van Dyke, his name was not presented to the General Assembly when nominations were made.

past term. We have feared, indeed, that the proportion of young men devoting themselves to the ministry in this part of our Southern States, is much less since than before the war. Many who had intended the ministry have fallen in battle or been cut off by sickness while in the public service, and others, lacking encouragement and pecuniary means, have turned to secular pursuits.

In accordance, however, with the expressed wish of the Church, and encouraged by the generous aid pledged by the Synod of South Carolina, we have done what we could to keep the Seminary in operation, sharing among ourselves, for this end, the duties of the vacant professorships.

Independent of the treasury of the Seminary, whose payments have been scanty, and chiefly in coupons which still remain on our hands, we have received from other sources the following sums, which were sent directly to us.

From various churches for the Professors' Fund,

In cash,	\$1,055 40
In provisions,	148 73
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	\$1,204 13
For Students' Fund,	\$463 33
Also 1 box of provisions, and 1 bundle of clothing.	

Distribution has been made from the fund for Professors, as follows:

To Dr. Leland,	\$130 56
To Dr. Adger,	535 03
To Dr. Howe,	535 03

The report of the Treasurer will make known the amounts paid from investments. The preceding funds have been derived from the following sources:

Synod of South Carolina, Presbytery of Harmony,	\$606 50
In Provisions,	72 43
For Students,	235 00—\$913 93
Synod of South Carolina, Presbytery of Bethel, (for Professors,)	131 15
Provisions,	76 30—\$207 45
Synod of South Carolina, Presbytery of S. C., (for Professors,)	114 20
For Students,	37 33—\$151 53
Synod of Georgia, Presbytery of Hopewell, (for Professors,)	124 50
For Students,	5 00—\$129 50
Synod of Georgia, Presbytery of Flint River, (for Students,)	51 00
Synod of Georgia, Presbytery of Florida, (for Professors,)	23 15
Synod of Alabama, Presbytery of East Alabama, (for Professors,)	50 00
From S. M. and W. S. Beeson, of Niles, Michigan, for "Students who were engaged in military service,"	100 00
From a minister in New Jersey, (for Students,)	20 00
From ———, in North Carolina,	10 00
From a minister in Tennessee,	5 00

We would mention, in conclusion, as a matter of prime necessity, that the vacant chair of Theology should be immediately filled with some man of commanding ability, that a support should be procured for this Professor, and that the other wants of the Seminary and of beneficiary students should be provided for. And we would respectfully suggest that while contributions should be solicited for this end from other sources, the Synods under whose care the Seminary originally was, might perhaps be induced by suitable representations to pledge themselves, one to the support of one professorship, and one, or two combined, to the support of other professorships, till a new permanent endowment can be created.

Respectfully submitted, through the Board of Directors, by order of the Faculty.
 GEORGE HOWE, CHAIRMAN.

Theological Seminary, Columbia, S. C., June 5, 1866.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY, COLUMBIA, S. C.

*Andrew Crawford, Treasurer, in account with the Theological Seminary of the Synod of
South Carolina and Georgia.*

1866.	SOUTH CAROLINA PROFESSORSHIP.	Dr.	Cr.
By balance due Treasurer in Confederate money, May 1, 1865,			\$900 89
To Confederate money in Treasurer's hands,		\$900 89	
By Dr. Leland, on account of salary to 1st January last,			555 00
To interest on Spartanburg and Union Railroad Bonds,		105 00	
To balance due Treasurer in Federal currency,		450 00	
		\$1,455 89	\$1,455 89
	GEORGIA PROFESSORSHIP.		
To balance in Confederate money, May 1, 1865,		\$173 65	
To George M. Thew, Agent, in Confederate money,		625 00	
By Confederate money in Treasurer's hands,			798 65
To George M. Thew, Agent, in Federal currency,		190 00	
By Dr. Howe on account of salary to 1st April last,			877 00
By Advertising \$2.50, Repairing fencing \$109,			111 50
To balance due Treasurer in Federal currency,		798 50	
		\$1787 15	\$1787 15
	FOURTH PROFESSORSHIP.		
By balance in Confederate money, May 1, 1865,			\$3,160 44
To Confederate money in Treasurer's hands,		\$3,160 44	
To interest on Bonds,		1,515 00	
By balance in Federal currency,			1,515 00
		\$4,075 44	\$4,075 44
	PERKINS PROFESSORSHIP.		
By balance in Confederate money, May 1, 1865,			\$2,821 40
To Confederate money in Treasurer's hands,		2,821 40	
To interest on City of Mobile Bonds,		2,400 00	
By Dr. Woodrow's salary to 1st April last,			2,400 00
		\$5,221 40	\$5,221 40
	THIRD OR NEW PROFESSORSHIP.		
By balance in Confederate money, May 1, 1865,			\$ 59 00
To Confederate money in hands of Treasurer,		\$ 59 00	
By Dr. Adger on account of salary to 1st April last,			1,119 50
By Treasurer on account of salary and travelling expenses,			506 05
To interest on Railroad Bonds,		472 50	
To dividends on Farmer's and Planter's Bank, Baltimore,		444 05	
To interest on John and Harriet English's Bond,		420 00	
To interest on 22 shares Telegraph stock,		22 50	
To balance due in Federal money,		266 50	
		\$1,684 55	\$1,684 55
	LIBRARY FUND.		
To balance Confederate money in hands of Treasurer, May 1, 1865,		\$378 12	
By Confederate money in hands of Treasurer,			378 12
		\$378 12	\$378 12
	PERKINS FUND FOR DISABLED MINISTERS AND THEIR FAMILIES.		
To balance in Confederate money, May 1, 1865,		\$1,505 00	
By Confederate money in Treasurer's hands,			1,505 00
		\$1,505 00	\$1,505 00
	PERKINS FUND TO EDUCATE PIOUS YOUNG MEN FOR THE MINISTRY.		
To balance in Confederate money, May 1, 1865,		\$1,269 70	
By Confederate money in Treasurer's hands,			1,269 70
		\$1,269 70	\$1,269 70
	CONTINGENT ACCOUNT.		
To balance in Confederate money, May 1, 1865,		\$174 45	
By Confederate money in hands of Treasurer,			174 45
		\$174 45	\$174 45
	RECAPITULATION.		
By balance due by South Carolina Professorship,			\$450 00
By balance due by Georgia Professorship,			798 50
By balance due by Third or new Professorship,			266 50
To balance due to Fourth Professorship,		\$1,515 00	
		\$1,515 00	\$1,515 00

ANDREW CRAWFORD, TREASURER.

ASSETS BELONGING TO THE PROFESSORSHIP FUND, GOOD OR GOOD IN PART.

23 $\frac{1}{4}$ Shares Farmer's and Planter's Bank, Baltimore, good,	\$ 833 00
Note or Bond of John and Harriet English, good,	6,000 00
38 Bonds City of Mobile for \$1,000 each, worth about 90c. to the dollar,	34,200 00
11 Bonds of the State of South Carolina, \$1,000 each, worth about 70c. to the dollar,	7,700 00
6 Bonds of the City of Savannah, \$5,000,	4,500 00
4 Bonds of the Charlotte and South Carolina Railroad, \$2,000, worth 70c.,	1,400 00
6 Bonds of the Greenville and Columbia Railroad, \$1,000, worth 60c.,	1,800 00
2 Bonds of the Spartanburg and Union Railroad, \$1,000, worth 60c.,	600 00
15 Shares Washington and New Orleans Telegraph Stock, \$750, worth \$40,	600 00
Funds in Georgia, less one scholarship, worth about,	23,000 00
100 Shares in the Columbia Bridge, \$10,000, worth,	2,500 00
5 Shares in the Planter's Bank of Savannah,	
John R. and Hugh Wilson's Bond for \$2,000,	
256 Shares in the Bank of Camden, worth something,	
213 Shares in the People's Bank, worth something,	

SCHOLARSHIP FUND.

Funds invested in Georgia, \$2,500, worth,	\$2,000 00
2 Bonds City of Mobile, \$2,000, worth,	1,800 00
20 Shares South Carolina Railroad Bank, \$2,000, worth 80c.,	1,600 00
20 $\frac{1}{2}$ Shares South Carolina Railroad Bank, \$1,000, worth 40c.,	800 00
100 Shares Planter's and Farmer's Bank, Baltimore, par.,	2,500 00
44 Shares Union Bank, Charleston, worth 20c.,	880 00
100 Shares People's Bank, Charleston, worth something,	

SUPPLEMENT TO THE ANNUAL REPORT.

COLUMBIA, S. C., September 1, 1866.

To the President and Directors of the Theological Seminary:

GENTLEMEN: Since your annual meeting in May last, I have paid

Dr. Howe balance in full for his salary to 1st April last,	\$1,587 97
Dr. Adger balance in full for his salary to 1st April last,	1,345 47
Dr. Woodrow balance in full for his salary to 1st April last,	600 00
Dr. Woodrow one quarter's salary in full to 1st July,	750 00

I have funds in hand to pay Dr. Leland his salary to 1st April, but do not know where he is.

I have charged stock account with Confederate Bonds lost or worthless, viz:

In South Carolina Professorship,	\$12,600 00
In Georgia Professorship,	11,000 00
In Third or new Professorship,	6,500 00
In Fourth Professorship,	8,500 00
In Perkins Professorship,	10,000 00
Perkins disabled minister's fund,	10,000 00
Perkins fund to support pious young men for the ministry,	10,000 00
Library fund \$2,000, Contingent fund \$11,000,	13,000 00
Education account,	8,450 00

\$90,050 00

Very respectfully,

ANDREW CRAWFORD, TREASURER.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF UNION THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

The Board of Directors of the Union Theological Seminary, Virginia, herewith present to the General Assembly their annual report as follows, viz.:

I. Students. The whole number in attendance during the year has been twenty-four, as follows: Of the old students, Henry C. Brown, Edward H. Barnett, Parke P. Flournoy, John K. Hitner, James S. Greenlee, William L. Bailey, Kenneth McIntyre, S. Taylor Martin, Daniel Blain, and James H. H. Winfree; and as resident licentiate, James P. Smith. The following new students were matriculated during the session, viz.:

September 11, 1865. George Lacon Leyburn, of Peaks Church, Bedford, Va., graduate of Washington College, Virginia, and licentiate of Roanoke Presbytery, Francis McFarland Swoope, of Hebron Church, Lexington Presbytery, and student of Washington College and University of Virginia. October 2. Edward Lane, of

Presbyterian Church of Haverstraw, N. Y., and student of Oglethorpe University, Georgia. John Silas Young, of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Lebanon, Tenn., and graduate of Lebanon University. October 28. Matthew Hale Houston, of Waynesboro' Church, Lexington Presbytery, and graduate of Washington College. Wm. U. Murkland, of College Church, West Hanover Presbytery, and graduate of Hampden Sidney College. Robert H. Nall, of Tuskegee Church, Ala., graduate of Oglethorpe University, Georgia, and candidate of the Presbytery of East Alabama. December 16. John McMillain Melver, of Buffalo Church, graduate of North Carolina University, and candidate of Fayetteville Presbytery. Robert Thomas Murphy, of Oak Plains Church, graduate of the University of North Carolina, and candidate of Fayetteville Presbytery. January 27, 1866. John Calvin Dinwiddie, of Lebanon Church, West Hanover Presbytery, and graduate of the University of Virginia. George Williamson Finley, deacon of Clarksville Church, Virginia, candidate of Orange Presbytery, North Carolina, and graduate of Washington College, Virginia. February 17. G. Nash Morton, of College Church, and graduate of Hampden Sidney College, Virginia. Joshua G. Hunter, of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

One has completed the full course of study required by the plan of the Seminary, and received the usual certificate, Mr. Henry C. Brown.

II. The Library. The following additions have been made, viz.: Swendenborg on Revelation, 8 vols. Swendenborg's Christian Religion, 4 vols. Tafels

I vol., donated by Mr. N. F. Cabell. Dr. Sprague's Annals, Vol. 7., from the author. The library is in pressing need of large additions, which the interests of the Seminary imperatively demand.

III. The Faculty are: Rev. Samuel B. Wilson, Professor of Pastoral Theology and Evidences; Rev. B. M. Smith, Professor of Oriental Literature; Rev. R. L. Dabney, Professor of Didaetic and Polemic Theology and Sacred Rhetoric; Rev. Thomas E. Peck, Professor of Church Government and History.

IV. The Board of Directors are: For the Synod of Virginia: Rev. William S. White, D. D., Rev. William Brown, D. D., Rev. M. D. Hoge, D. D., Rev. James B. Ramsay, D. D., Rev. William H. Foote, D. D., Rev. James H. Fitzgerald, Rev. J. Calvin Barr, and Rev. S. D. Stuart, ministers; with Messrs C. C. Read, A. G. Melwaine, Joseph Cloyd, and John Randolph Tucker, ruling elders; and for the Synod of North Carolina: Rev. Messrs. Thomas U. Faucette, Joseph M. Atkinson, J. Henry Smith, Jethro Rumble, S. A. Stafield, J. P. McPherson, W. W. Pharr, and George M. Gibbs, ministers, with ruling elders, Messrs E. Nye Hutchison, N. M. Roan, and R. V. Watkins, and

V. The funds. The whole amount of funds available for the sustentation of the Seminary, regarded as ultimately valuable, being in Virginia and North Carolina State bonds, is \$93,847.51. From these there has of course been no income as yet, since the fall of the Confederacy. The General Assembly of Virginia has agreed to pay a sum equal to one year's interest, on the first days of July and January next. It is with sentiments of devout gratitude that we report the unexpected and wonderful manner in which the Seminary has been sustained during the past year, when nothing whatever was to be obtained from our funds, or from our impoverished people. During the summer of 1865, while thick darkness rested over all the future, a kind Christian lady of Baltimore visited the Seminary, bringing with her various evidences of the kindness and liberality of the people of that city. At her request, one of the professors visited Baltimore, and New York and vicinity, and was most cordially received by all to whom application was made; nearly every donor to the temporary relief of the institution having manifested as much pleasure in contributing as could be entertained by the recipients. The amount received as the fruit of this agency was \$7,944.50; which, together with \$1,539.82 received from other sources, makes in all \$9,484.32, which has been expended in the support of the professors and students needing aid, and some necessary repairs, leaving still a small balance. To God be all the praise.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

W. H. FOOTE, PRESIDENT.

C. C. READ, SECRETARY.

FIFTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF PUBLICATION.

The Executive Committee of Publication, in presenting its Fifth Annual Report to the General Assembly, desires to record the goodness and mercy of God, which its members have enjoyed throughout the year. All their lives have been spared, even in the midst of the pestilence that walketh in darkness; and our friend and brother, the chairman of the Committee, has been permitted to visit foreign lands, and to return again to his wonted labors, protected in the midst of the billows by Him who ruleth the winds and the waves.

The results of the active operations of this year are quite meagre in comparison with what the necessities of the Church demand; but, nevertheless, considering the circumstances by which we are now surrounded, more has been accomplished than we had a right to anticipate. Beginning the year with a bankrupt treasury, and our depository, books and all, in ashes, necessarily the work of this year has been one of preparation. The foundations had to be relaid, on which, it is hoped, with the blessing of God, a stately structure, well proportioned, will gradually ascend.

THE SECRETARY.

The Secretary of Publication elected by the last General Assembly, the Rev. E. T. Baird, accepted the office, and entered upon the discharge of his duties on the 1st of January. Agreeably to what was understood to be the expectation of the Assembly, and in accordance with the desire of the Committee, the Secretary spent nearly three months in the South-west, presenting this cause before the churches, previous to his removal from his former residence in Mississippi to the city of Richmond. Although much interrupted in his labors by sickness, he was enabled to visit the churches in the large cities of New Orleans, Mobile, and Memphis, and a number of the smaller cities and towns. His efforts in behalf of this cause were well received, and he met with much encouragement. The response from the three large cities already named, was liberal, especially that from Mobile.

On the first of April he entered on his duties at Richmond, taking charge of the general correspondence and business of the Committee, and the editorship of the *Children's Friend*.

The subject of the appointment of a Publishing Agent had been taken up, but definite action had been postponed until the arrival of the Secretary. Immediately after his arrival the subject was resumed, when the Secretary informed the Committee that after much consideration of the duties before him, and of the work to be done, and especially in view of our limited resources at present and for some time to come, he had determined, for the sake of economy, to assume the duties of Publishing Agent, with the consent of the Committee, in addition to the duties devolved upon him by the General Assembly. By a unanimous vote at a very full meeting, this proposal was acceded to, and the Secretary of Publication was charged with the duties and responsibilities of the office of Publishing Agent. Since then, that officer has applied himself to his multiplied duties, as Secretary of Publication, Editor, and Publishing Agent. We are persuaded that while this arrangement has materially diminished the current expenses of our operations, it has in no respect interfered with their efficiency.

THE CATALOGUE.

In pursuance of the order of the last Assembly, the Committee proceeded, immediately after its organisation, to discharge the duty of preparing a catalogue of books to be recommended to our people, and to be kept on sale at our store. Owing to our limited resources, and the scant room at our command, it was judged best at first to prepare a catalogue of books adapted to Sabbath-schools, leaving the preparation of a catalogue of other books as a subsequent work. The catalogue of Sabbath-school books was prepared with great labor and much care—all the members of the Committee participating in it, except the Secretary, who, as already stated, was performing duties elsewhere. The catalogue was printed and mailed to all our ministers and churches, whose post-offices could be ascertained.

before the first of April. Moreover, immediately on the arrival of the Secretary, a store-room was secured, and a supply of all these books ordered, which have been at all times kept on sale at the publishers' prices. Two or three works of an exceptional character, it is ascertained, were enrolled on this catalogue by mistake. This error was promptly rectified. The catalogue, as a whole, has met with very great favor, and it is believed the list of books there presented is as excellent as any such library could now be made.

In the prospect of obtaining a better and more commodious store-room, the Committee are now engaged in the preparation of an additional catalogue of works adapted to the wants and purposes of our ministers and people. One difficulty of a very serious character encounters us here. Every work placed on the catalogue and offered for sale, according to the order of the last Assembly, must be stamped as approved by the Committee. What does this approval involve? An endorsement of the work, or simply that for the purposes for which it is recommended it is approved? Many of the most useful books for ministers' libraries are exceptionable in many particulars, as for example, Kitto's Cyclopædia, the Commentaries of Olshausen, Stier, Rosenmuller, Bengel, Hengstenberg, etc.; yea, even the writings of John Calvin have doctrines in them, particularly concerning the Sabbath, which this Church cannot endorse. Indeed, if the object of the Assembly is that no book shall be placed on the catalogue which the Committee cannot absolutely endorse, our list of books will be very small, and it will take a long time to prepare it.

In view of the fact that the work of publishing has been begun much sooner than was anticipated, it is respectfully submitted to the Assembly, whether besides the books which we endorse by their publication, and those recommended for various purposes in our catalogue, a general supply of valuable religious books, whose character is well ascertained, may not be kept on hand for sale as circumstances may require. These changes seem to be needed, in view of the issuing of our own publications, and for the sake of business efficiency, as well as a matter of expediency, for the accommodation of our brethren.

THE CHILDREN'S FRIEND.

According to the direction of the last Assembly, the publication of *The Children's Friend* was resumed on the first of last January, under the temporary editorship of the Rev. Wm. Brown, D. D. Mr. Wm. D. Cooke, our former Publishing Agent, had commenced a paper with the same name, on his own individual responsibility, and had issued two numbers of it, viz., for the months of November and December. It was manifest that two Sabbath-school papers were not needed in this city, especially two bearing the same name. In order that no damage might accrue to Mr. Cooke, on account of his benevolent enterprise, it was agreed to purchase from him the printing material which he had procured, principally music type, and also to furnish all his subscribers, nine hundred in number, with the paper for ten months, in order to complete the year for which they had paid him. Mr. Cooke thereupon relinquished his enterprise.

The publication of the *Children's Friend* was resumed without any subscribers, but with this heavy expense resting on it. A large edition of the first number was issued and sent gratuitously to every part of the Church. Subscribers soon began to come in, and its popularity has manifestly been on the increase ever since. At first it was issued but once a month, but the subscription list had grown to about 9,500 by the first of July, so as to justify its publication twice a month thereafter at the same terms. This met with universal favor, and, although between 3,500 and 4,000 subscribers have been lost to us up to this time, owing to the termination of their six months' subscription, still the increase has been steady, and now this little journal has an issue of 10,500 copies for every number.

Owing to the unsettled state of the money market, and of the cost of everything pertaining to living, subscriptions have heretofore been received for six months. But the evils of this are very manifest. Some Sabbath-schools, particularly in the country, can only meet during the summer months; others, particularly in the large cities, only meet in winter and spring. When subscriptions are only received for six months, at this time of straitness, there is a strong temptation resting on the teachers to subscribe for only the six months their schools are in

session, forgetting that the children need this means of religious instruction more when the school is not in session than when it is; and also forgetting that they are thus throwing on us the burden of carrying on the paper during the whole year for their accommodation for six months. This arrangement has therefore been discontinued. No subscriptions will be received for a less period than a year.

Encouraged by our past success, and with the hope of increasing the usefulness of the paper, its terms have been materially reduced. During the past year, the receipts and expenses will about balance. In order to justify the reduction of terms, the number of subscribers must be largely increased. The Committee invoke the co-operation of the General Assembly in securing its introduction into every Sabbath-school and every family in our bounds.

In order to add to its usefulness by increasing its circulation, it was proposed to the other evangelical denominations in our midst, to co-operate with us, the promise being made that the little journal should not contain any matter which could justly give offence to any evangelical Church. To a greater or less extent, all the denominations recognised as evangelical have rendered their countenance; but the M. E. S. S. Society of Richmond and its vicinity, has entered into formal co-operation in the prosecution of this work. But for this assistance, the paper could not have been issued twice a month, from the 1st of July. Nor without the prospect of its continuance, could it now be offered at reduced rates for the coming year.

BIBLES AND TRACTS RECOVERED.

In the last annual report it was stated that the store-room and all the property of the Committee had been consumed in the great fire, on the evacuation of this city by the late Confederate Government. We now have the pleasure of reporting that recently a large supply of the tracts, tract volumes, and hymn-books, issued during the war, has been recovered. These pamphlets had not been returned from the bindery at the time of the fire, and thus they escaped the flames. By the carefulness of the former Publishing Agent, they were sent to a large ware-room for safe-keeping. About the first of the summer, the Committee got knowledge of them, and had them transferred to its store-room. These tracts comprise all those published during the war, except five or six.

Moreover, about the same time, three cases of Bibles, imported from England during the war, but which did not reach this city previous to the surrender, were received from the Express office. They are supposed to have been sent away from Wilmington by the Express Company, to Augusta, Georgia, to avoid capture; and this summer were forwarded to this city, and came safely into our hands.

As a number of cases of Bibles were known to be missing, a strict investigation of the matter was gone into with the hope of recovering others of them. It was ascertained that six cases, with secret marks upon them, were received at Wilmington by a commission house in that city, in July, 1863. They say in reply to a letter of inquiry: "We made repeated efforts to ascertain the owners without success, and, on one occasion, opened two of them in presence of a gentleman from your city connected with one of the Tract societies, who said he believed he could find out who they were for, and would write the parties. Since which we have heard nothing more. The cases were left in Wilmington on the evacuation of our city, and upon our return, we find that the Yankees had been occupying our store, and the only thing left of the cases, which had been broken open by them, were a few books and tracts scattered about the floor."

Moreover it was ascertained that twenty-six cases had been sent to this Committee, which were still at Nassau at the time of the fall of Wilmington. Seeing the impossibility of their reaching Richmond, the British and Foreign Bible Society transferred the donation of the twenty-six cases, with about forty more, to a minister of another denomination from Texas, who, through mismanagement or want of knowledge of the business, lost the whole of them at Havana. On account of a violation of the local laws, they were confiscated and sold at auction. A Northern merchant bought them, and brought them to New York or Boston.

Immediately after the fall of the Confederacy, the former Secretary of Publication, the Rev. Dr. John Leyburn, wrote a letter to the Secretary of the British and Foreign Bible Society, stating the poverty of our people under the calamities

of war, and as a result of the failure of the Government, acknowledging the Christian generosity of the British and Foreign Bible Society extended to us during the war, and confessing our inability at an early period to meet our indebtedness to that Society. To this a generous response was given, full of Christian sympathy, and relieving us of all anxiety about our existing indebtedness, the settlement of which was postponed until the Committee should be able to discharge it. But while the Chairman of the Committee, Dr. Moore, was in England, he sought an interview with the Rev. Dr. Bergne, the Foreign Secretary of that Society, who informed him that they considered the debt cancelled. This debt was about \$2,500 in gold. It ought here to be recorded, also, that that noble Society have likewise cancelled the large debt of the Confederate States Bible Society, \$20,000. Both of these generous acts were done without solicitation.

CLAIMS OF THE PRESBYTERIAN BOARD.

The Committee has the pleasure of reporting that a claim which the Presbyterian Board of Publication had, nominally against the Rev. W. J. Keith, of Georgia, but really against this Committee, has been adjusted finally and satisfactorily.

The history of this matter is this: Before the war Mr. Keith was employed as an agent or colporteur of the Board, and had in his charge a large amount of its books for sale in a fiduciary capacity. After war became flagrant, the Confederate Government passed an act sequestering the property of aliens. Under this act, the books of the Board were about to be seized and sequestered, when Mr. Keith very wisely set up a claim for the books as the property of the Presbyterian Church in the Confederate States of America, as the actual and lawful successor of the old Church for that part of the country included within the Confederate States—a principle which would undoubtedly have been acknowledged everywhere, had the revolution succeeded. Mr. Keith was required to give his bond for the safe-keeping of the books, pending the action of the General Assembly. That court justified the course of Mr. Keith, at its sessions in Columbia, S. C., in 1863, and promised to indemnify him for any loss he might sustain in the case; moreover, it ordered the books to be sent to Richmond, to be disposed of by this Committee. A portion of them were sold, a portion given away to the soldiers; but the bulk of them, with the money received from their sale, perished along with the other property of the Committee, at the fall of the Confederacy, and by the great fire.

When this Committee learned that the Board had called on Mr. Keith for a settlement, it promptly informed the Board that it assumed all the responsibility, and would discharge every just claim against Mr. Keith arising out of this business. After a careful investigation of the matter, and obtaining a settlement from Mr. Keith up to the time when our civil troubles began, the Board, by a unanimous vote, ordered the claim against Mr. Keith to be cancelled, and his account squared. The amount thus cancelled was about \$2,600. Of this action the corresponding Secretary, Dr. Schenck, gave us information in a very courteous note, the closing sentence of which is in these words: "We recognise with pleasure the honorable conduct of your Committee in assuming the responsibility of this balance; but are glad to leave the money in your hands that you may use it in doing what you can towards supplying the sad destitution of books among the Southern churches and Sabbath-schools." To this letter a suitable reply was returned, closing in these words: "We beg to assure the Board that we highly appreciate the honorable, kind, and just spirit, which has marked their action in this case."

Thus this matter has happily terminated, leaving no unpleasant recollections behind. The conduct of Mr. Keith has been marked by the strictest integrity and honor, and deserves, as it has received, the commendation of both the Board and this Committee.

PUBLICATIONS.

It was soon ascertained that our people would not be satisfied unless the business of publishing was undertaken by the Church. Moreover, a very brief experience in business showed the necessity of it as a matter of financial economy, and as an element of success in our work. The preparation of new books is a slow business. Those hastily gotten up are ephemeral at best, and not worthy of publication by

the funds of the Church. Hence, it was manifest that our first duty was to make a selection of works suitable for our wants from existing sources. This course was the more cheerfully adopted, because thereby the funds at command could be made to go much farther than they could possibly be made to reach in the publication of new works. The plan adopted was to obtain the use of existing stereotype plates, and to have our editions struck from them. One hundred different works have been issued in this way, the stereotyping and cuts of which publications would have cost not less than \$20,000.

Of these various publications, the aggregate issue has been 62,200 copies. About sixty of them are on sale; the rest of them have not been received from the bindery. In addition to the above, the issue of the *Children's Friend*, in the aggregate for eleven months, has been 151,500 copies, and of the catalogue 3,000 copies were printed. Several manuscripts are now on hand which have been approved, and will shortly be published, and several works are in the course of preparation which will soon be ready for the action of the Committee. Among these it may be interesting to know that one distinguished brother, at the request of the Committee, is engaged in the preparation of a Question Book for congregational and Bible Classes, and another is at work on a Question Book for Sabbath-schools. Moreover, a Music Book for Sabbath-schools is in press, to be called "Songs of Praise for Sabbath-schools." Some manuscripts, for various reasons, have been returned to their authors.

INCONVENIENT RULES.

In the prosecution of its work, the Committee has found much inconvenience to arise from the large quorum which the Assembly requires in the performance of its most important duties. This has been particularly the case the present summer, owing to the absence of several of the members from the city. Nor does the Committee possess the power to fill vacancies which may occur in its membership, which might have obviated the difficulty. This matter is submitted to the Assembly with the hope that such changes may be made in the rules prescribed for the government of the Committee as will obviate these inconveniences.

BRANCH DEPOSITORIES.

The subject of Branch Depositories included in the plan of the last Assembly, received early attention. Regulations for their management were adopted; but the funds were not secured to justify the establishment of a branch at any of the points deemed desirable. At Columbia, S. C., a Branch Depository has been established, without involving the funds of the Committee, but securing to that part of the Church great and important advantages.

This whole subject needs a fresh consideration by the Assembly. At the present advanced prices of everything pertaining to publishing, it would require a much larger capital than the endowment of \$50,000, which the last General Assembly proposed to raise, to establish four depositories according to its resolution. Indeed, if it is expected that our own brethren are to be encouraged to write books adapted to our wants, and that this Committee is to publish them, to do a successful work would require but little short of \$50,000 to be used at the centre of operations. A much better and surer plan to secure the rapid circulation of our books is, for every Presbytery to request some bookseller within its bounds to keep our books on hand for the convenience of the churches. We can sell them wholesale to the trade at as liberal a discount as is made by other publishers. Hence, make it to the interest of booksellers to keep these books on hand, and there will be no difficulty on the subject. Moreover, it is recommended to the Presbyteries to raise funds to purchase books, and to appoint some minister or other person to sell them among the churches. The discount allowed from the retail prices ought to furnish a reasonable compensation to active, industrious agents.

The state of the treasury and of the business done will be seen from the report of the Treasurer.

Besides the regular receipts in the treasury, a donation of sixty volumes of books was made by R. Carter & Brothers, for the benefit of some needy Sabbath-school.

Also, a donation of books of the value of nineteen pounds, was made by S. W. Partridge, of Paternoster Row, and another of six cases of books of the value of £188, by the Religious Tract Society of London. Neither of these donations has reached our store, though the first one has reached New York, and the other is daily expected to reach City Point.

Also, we have to acknowledge a donation of thirty dollars' worth of tracts and tract volumes from the American Tract Society of Boston.

The donations from Great Britain were obtained through the agency of the chairman of the Committee, the Rev. Dr. Moore, while in Europe. Other donations obtained through his exertions have not been heard from at the time of the writing of this report, leaving us in uncertainty as to their fate. In these valuable efforts on behalf of the Committee, Dr. Moore enjoyed the co-operation and assistance of the Rev. S. D. Stuart, of the Synod of Virginia, who was in England with him prosecuting other duties.

These donations, together with the tracts and Bibles which happily came into our hands, have been the only resources of the Committee for making donations to our poorer churches and Sabbath-schools, and for distributing religious truth to the destitute, white and colored. In the brief period during which this means of usefulness has been within our reach, many grants have been made which brought joy and gladness to multitudes of hearts. Overflowing thanks have been poured in upon the Committee from nearly every place where these silent messengers have gone.

NEW STORE-ROOM.

From the first of November, the Committee have secured one of the most elegant and eligible store-rooms in the city of Richmond, with ample room for all other purposes. In this same building are the offices of the Secretary and the Committee. These increased facilities have been procured, and the benefit of them is offered to the Church in the hope of its cordial co-operation.

FREEDMEN.

A pressing necessity of the Committee is money. An increase in the contributions of the churches is a matter of essential importance, not only to secure the full endowment, but to enable us to make donations to the poor, to print books adapted to our wants as a Church, and to prepare and give away books suitable for our unlettered freed people, who are in danger of falling more and more under evil influences, because of the inability of the Southern churches to give them the required help. Out of the scant means at our command, it was our pleasure to bestow donations on the Sabbath-schools organised among this destitute class. Our means for doing this came into our hands at a late day; and the amount done, has, of course, been small in the aggregate. Of all that has been done, nearly the half has been for the benefit of schools organised among our former servants. Our constant regret has been that we have not had the means of doing more for them. It behooves us as a Church to be awake to this question, to make special exertion to reach them, and to publish books for their spiritual good. The only reason why the Committee have not entered on this work is that we have had no means at our control for this object. The subject is urged on the General Assembly.

CONCLUSION.

It is not necessary to present any argument or exhortation to such a body as the General Assembly, in behalf of an object like this. In surrendering the trust committed to us into its hands, we embrace the opportunity of assuring that venerable court that the experience of the past, and the knowledge we have acquired of the wants of the Church, only make us realise more fully the magnitude of the work before us as a Church in this department, and impress us with the conviction that it is one of the most important agencies which the Church can employ for preserving its integrity, restoring its many desolations, and disseminating a knowledge of that truth which is unto salvation among the ignorant and perishing.

By order of the Committee,

E. T. BAIRD, SECRETARY.

Richmond, October 31, 1866.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF PUBLICATION.

Report of WM. F. TAYLOR, Treasurer of Publication of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States.

The Treasurer of Publication reports his receipts for the year ending 1st November, 1866, to be as follows, namely:

For donations to Publication for the year ending 1st November, 1866.....	\$11,432 88
For sale of books.....	3,586 35
For subscriptions to <i>Children's Friend</i>	3,151 92
	\$18,171 15

DISBURSED DURING THE YEAR.

For purchase of books.....	\$4,687 70
For expense of <i>Children's Friend</i>	2,666 28
For Secretary's salary.....	2,000 00
For office expenses.....	811 34
For expense of Committee's publications.....	3,826 46
For agent's travelling expenses.....	469 19
Settlement in account with former Publishing Agent.....	200 00
Balance in hands of the Depository.....	713 39
Balance in treasury, November 1, 1866.....	2,296 79
	\$18,171 15

W. F. TAYLOR, TREASURER.

The undersigned, charged with that duty by the Publication Committee of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States, having examined the accounts of the Treasurer, finds them correct, and that the balance in his hands on the 1st November, 1866, was two thousand two hundred and ninety-six dollars and seventy-nine cents.

P. F. HOWARD, Committee on Treasurer's Accounts.

FIFTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF EDUCATION.

The Executive Committee of Education, in presenting its Fifth Annual Report to the General Assembly, has but a brief statement to make. The position in which the whole matter was left by the last Assembly, placed the Committee in very embarrassing circumstances. It will be remembered that the question of the discontinuance of the Committee of Education, as one of the agencies of the Church for systematic evangelisation, has been agitated in the last two General Assemblies, and that the question was left undetermined by the last Assembly: the whole subject having been once more referred to a committee to report to the present meeting. When this Executive Committee was organised last January, the sessions of all our literary institutions were far advanced: and as no candidate can be received as a beneficiary without the recommendation of his Presbytery, nothing could, in any event, have been done previous to the spring meetings of these courts. This threw the subject beyond our reach for the sessions of the seminaries then current, which immediately thereafter came to their vacations, and of the colleges, which were far advanced in their last term.

This fall, the case was even worse; for the fate of the Committee, now in suspense for two years, was so near its crisis, that our Presbyteries and candidates would be unwilling to hang their hopes on so slender a cord, and the Committee

was reluctant to assume future obligations which it might not be permitted to live long enough to fulfil. The consequence was that nothing could be done. In response to all applications, answer was given in accordance with these facts. Students were encouraged to believe, however, that they would receive such aid as they might require, if not from the Committee, at all events from the various institutions to which they might resort. The consequence was, they all turned away from the precarious terms offered them by this Committee.

Another evil effect was experienced in the efforts made to obtain information as to the actual position of this whole subject of ministerial education throughout our bounds. A circular was issued to the Presbyteries desiring information as to the number of candidates under their care, their stage of advancement, their necessities, etc. To this a response was obtained from only four or five Presbyteries. Again: an appeal was made for funds, to which a response came from only three or four churches, and the whole amount of funds contributed was only two hundred and seventeen dollars.

This statement does not argue that nothing has been done on this subject by our Church, but only shows that the situation of the matter is unfavorable to effort by the Committee. On the other hand, strenuous exertions have been put forth in various parts of the Church. Several of the larger Presbyteries are known to have an unusual number of candidates under their care, all of whom they undertake to support themselves. If all our Presbyteries were able to do likewise, there would be nothing to regret. But this, alas, is not the case. Several of the weaker Presbyteries have many applicants for aid to whom they are able to render no assistance; while the larger and wealthier Presbyteries satisfy themselves with discharging their obligations to their own sons. Moreover, our two Theological Seminaries, in the absence of the assured help formerly derived from the central committee, have originated measures for securing aid to their own students by independent agencies. So far, no evil is seen to result from this temporary expedient; but it does not require a superior sagacity, in view of past experience, to see that there is danger of this system resulting in rival institutions, presenting themselves before the Church with antagonistic claims for popular favor. This result the most courageous among us cannot anticipate without just alarm. So that instead of one central agency to act for the whole Church and harmonise its efforts, we are threatened with the naturalisation among us of rival agencies for this object. Our smaller and weaker Presbyteries, in the meantime, are in danger of being left uncared for, with their sons asking for bread while they can give them nothing better than a stone.

It is no part of our purpose to discuss the question of the continuance of the Committee as an agency of the Church; but we desire to surrender the trust committed to us into the hands of the General Assembly with the simple prayer that God would grant that venerable court the wisdom to direct in deciding this important matter.

One candidate has been received under interesting circumstances. Colonel Wm. Bingham, of the celebrated school at Mebaneville, N. C., proposed to take one student into his school and sustain him, provided he possessed specified qualifications. A student recommended by the Presbytery of Fayetteville was placed on this liberal scholarship, and is now enjoying the benefits thereof.

By order of the Committee,

E. T. BAIRD, SECRETARY.

Richmond, Va., October 31, 1866.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON BENEFICIARY EDUCATION.

The Committee now reporting was appointed by the General Assembly in May, 1863, to review the subject of Beneficiary Education, as it stands related to the support of candidates for the gospel ministry, and was ordered to lay the result of its labors before the Assembly next ensuing. This duty was discharged by our presenting to that body a paper which is recorded in the Appendix to the Minutes of 1864. The same motion which led to its adoption, embraced likewise the following resolution: "That the committee be continued, and requested to report to the next Assembly on the question, whether the support of candidates for the ministry should be provided for, and superintended by, the General Assembly, or by the Presbyteries, or in what other way." So many of the original committee and of those who were in 1864 added to its number, as were in attendance at the Assembly of 1865, presented, through one of its members, a report under this resolution. This document presented arguments which were intended to display the wisdom of taking the direct educational control of beneficiaries out of the hands of the Assembly, and placing it in those of the Presbyteries. It was discussed at some length, and re-committed, with instructions to the committee to report again to the Assembly of 1866. We deem it proper to state that the author of the referred paper was the Rev. John Miller, who has long been the able advocate of its peculiar views. And we take the present opportunity to make honorable mention of his name in this connexion; the more especially, because apparent injustice was done him in the report of 1864, inasmuch as in the body of that document, no notice was taken of the fact of his dissent from its views and conclusions, although the Assembly was otherwise informed of it. We also take this occasion to say that Mr. Miller is believed to dissent from this report as he did from that. All the other members do, however, (so far as their views have been ascertained by correspondence with the Chairman,) agree to submit what follows as embodying their convictions touching the important subject we were required to reconsider.

One Assembly, that of 1864, having already declared its purpose to adhere, first, to the principle that it is the duty of the Church to provide a suitable education for its ministerial candidates "as a matter of justice to all the parties concerned;" and second, to the policy of continuing for the present the organisation of the Executive Committee of Education;—but having, at the same time that it announced this purpose, thrown some doubt over the propriety of *perpetuating* this agency of the Church, by assigning to us the duty of inquiring whether it might not be set aside for the adoption of some better plan; and another Assembly, that of 1865, having declared its unwillingness, without further investigation, to adopt a report which decided in favor of the *Presbyterial* scheme in preference to the present one:—the committee has now to inquire if there be *any* mode for securing the great end in view that is likely to prove superior to that now existing.

It will be seen at once, that this inquiry might extend to a prolonged and various discussion of all the projects which have found favor in the Church, and have been proposed by thinking minds as substitutes for that scheme which is embraced in the constitution of the Assembly's Executive Committee, and which has been so long in use. Some have supposed, that, for many reasons, ministerial candidates ought, as a general rule, to be left entirely to themselves in procuring, out of their own unaided resources, the education which is to fit them for the sacred office. The principal arguments in support of this view are two: 1. The Church will be likely to secure a ministry from the better classes of society, when every candidate is relieved from the temptation of a bribe to mere mercenary feelings, and is made to understand that the office he is seeking is a prize whose obtainment is worthy of all the sacrifices he can make to secure it: just as in the case of any of the other learned professions; and 2. That setting this consideration aside, the self-reliant candidate is apt, on the independent plan, to approve himself as possessing those more manly qualifications of character which do in themselves reveal a peculiar fitness for undertaking ministerial obligations. This latter argument involves all those considerations, so often insisted upon, which bear upon the point that every *beneficiary* scheme of education tells injuriously upon the self-respect of its objects by ranking them among the children

of charity, and thereby imposing upon their minds a sense of needless degradation. It is undeniable that the views thus announced carry weight with them, and cannot be lightly set aside. But they have been carefully discussed in our report of 1864, and decided by the Assembly of that year to be destitute of substantial force.

Others, again, have contended for the founding of scholarships in different literary institutions, or in the theological seminaries themselves, and holding up the income from these as an attractive prize to be won by superior intelligence and capacity in the way of awards of merit; so that, whilst the candidate shall ambitiously contend for his support from a quarter which draws forth all his energies as a student, the Church will reap the benefits of his mental activity in his demonstrated fitness and his augmented capacities for undergoing the duties of the ministry. This branch of the subject has also been considered in the report already mentioned, and the mode in which it was treated, as containing an unsound principle, approved by the Assembly.

We are at liberty, therefore, to pass by any further discussion of the fundamental question, whether the Church does not owe it to herself to provide in some regular way, and to her candidates to provide in some efficient manner, for the support of such of their number as do not find it possible, or do not feel it right, to provide for themselves. The deliverance of the Church is sufficiently clear, and probably conclusive, upon this point.

We turn, then, to the question as it remain to us, narrowed down to this inquiry: Is it not wiser to regard the *Presbyteries* as the exclusive almoners of the Church's bounty, and, for the purpose of allowing them the utmost freedom of action, to remove all the machinery which a great central agency under the control of the Assembly involves?

In meeting this grave inquiry, we are free to say there are several objections that may be plausibly, and that to some minds are conclusively, urged against continuing the Executive Committee of Education. The principal of these are, 1. It is attended by considerable expense, or would be, if in active existence under its proper organisation, and separated from the Committee of Publication. 2. That its constitution may be so interpreted and applied as to throw the solemn responsibilities involved where they do not properly belong, viz., upon a body which has no ecclesiastical jurisdiction and power. 3. That it is liable to have its confidence abused by the intrusion of undeserving candidates upon its funds. And 4. That the past experience of the Board of Education, of which our Executive Committee is a partial imitation, seems to give potency to these and other objections, so much so as to have often brought it into reproach with great and good men.

So far, then, as these things are concerned, it would appear to be wise for the *Presbyteries* alone to decide upon the qualifications of candidates under a sense of undivided and directly pressing responsibility; and, without the interposition of any costly or exceptionable agency, themselves to collect and disburse money for the support each of its own chosen candidates, in whatever ways they may severally elect. In the opinion of many persons whose zeal for the glory of God and the welfare of the Church cannot be questioned, this plan of exclusive *Presbyterial* control over the whole subject of education, is not only regarded as being in its theory most nearly in accordance with the whole requirements of the problem to be solved, but that it would be found the most efficient in actual practice, in every way conducing to relieve the entire interests involved from all needless embarrassment. Without, however, discussing this question as if it were now new, but regarding it as an old issue which has elicited the attention and brought out the talent of the *Presbyterian Church* in this country from the first year of its existence, our purpose shall be to present merely a brief historical view of the subject, as one which will best serve to set forth the true ground upon whose solid strength the Assembly ought to rest this matter.

It is undeniable that our Church has from the beginning, and always, felt the force of many of those objections which theory at first, and observation afterwards, have contributed to bring against the employment of a central Board or Committee, which should represent the whole Church in the management of its educational interests. At the opening of our ecclesiastical history in America, no plan was thought of but that of separate and independent *Presbyterial* action

in the premises. To go no further back than the year 1805, when more general attention began to be called to the necessities of this subject, the notice of the General Assembly was arrested by the presentation of an overture from the venerable Dr. Ashbel Green, in which he urged that body, to use his own language, "to recommend earnestly to the Presbyteries" the propriety of their "looking out among themselves pious youth of promising talents, and endeavor to educate and bring them forward into the ministry. Such exertions," he goes on to argue in the true spirit of those who now advocate this plan, "are likely to be made with greater ease, cheerfulness, and spirit, by each Presbytery within its own bounds, and in behalf of young men selected by its own acts, than if the proposition were that each Presbytery should contribute something to a *general fund*, and for the *general purpose* of educating candidates for the gospel ministry. The youths selected, living commonly within the bounds of each Presbytery concerned, will be well known to a number of the members; will have their characters favorably represented even to many of the individuals of the several congregations, and will usually have some particular friends who will afford special aid in defraying the expenses which may be incurred in the prosecution of their studies." These and kindred arguments in favor of purely Presbyterian action, met with extreme sympathy in the Assembly of that year, and present, with sufficient clearness, some of the determining views of those who at this day defend that plan. The importance of the subject, however, induced that body to let it lie over for maturer consideration, until the meeting of its immediate successor, to which it was strongly recommended as of great practical interest, and ordered "that the Presbyteries instruct their commissioners respecting the measures which they may think advisable to be adopted," in order to give the whole matter the form of a working scheme. Accordingly, in 1806, the commissioners from each of the Presbyteries, having been called upon to state the opinion entertained by their respective constituencies on this subject, it appeared that the overture had been seriously considered by most of them; that some had been long in the habit of employing the measures contemplated in the overture, and that others had adopted and organised such measures within the year, in consequence of the recommendation of the Assembly. Then, after anxious deliberation, the Assembly resolved to end the matter by urging every Presbytery "to make vigorous exertions to raise funds for assisting all the youth within their respective bounds who might need aid: to choose for them such schools, seminaries, and teachers, as they may judge most proper and advantageous, and generally to inspect their education during the course of both their academical and collegiate studies.

Thus did the Presbyterian Church, at that early day, solemnly sanction the Presbyterian plan of ministerial education, as being the nearest to the true theory of its organisation, and as meeting, in the best manner, the demands of the case. But, after several years of faithful experiment in this direction, it was found that, whilst this obvious plan had accomplished much good, it nevertheless altogether failed to develope, with any completeness, the resources of the Church, or bring into action its whole energies in the supply of a ministry that was adequate to the growing demand. Hence, an attempt was made, in the year 1817, to obviate some of the defects of the original plan, by a resolution of the Assembly recommending "to those Presbyteries which have funds for the education of beneficiaries, or which are able to raise funds for this purpose, but can find no suitable young men for education within their own bounds, to take measures to obtain candidates from the bounds of other Presbyteries, and educate them for the work of the ministry; or that they annually transmit money for this object to the General Assembly, that the Assembly may appropriate it to the end for which it was raised; or that they forward it to one of the theological seminaries within our bounds, to be applied by the professors to the education of indigent young men in said seminaries; and that the stated clerk of the General Assembly be the organ of communication between such Presbyteries as have money to be applied to the above purpose, and those Presbyteries which may have under their care young men who need their liberality." But the inadequacy of even this attempt at remedy soon became apparent, and brought out propositions for still better plans. In consequence, there were three great organisations soon and simultaneously

brought into being: two in the shape of educational societies composed of Presbyterian ministers and ruling elders, one located in the town of New Brunswick, in New Jersey, the other near by in the city of Philadelphia. The third was the Board of Education. Finally, in 1820, every other scheme was merged in the latter, and this Board was elevated to the place of the exclusive organ of the Church in the matter of furthering its whole plan of beneficiary education with respect to ministerial candidates. This Board did not, indeed, at once assume the shape into which it is now moulded; but after the trial of a great variety of modifications, all which were designed to leave to the Presbyteries the chief agency in the selection and the education of candidates, it gradually settled down upon its present foundations of apparent permanency. After this Board our Southern Church has copied the leading features of that plan which appears to have been the offspring of the practical wisdom of several generations of earnest thinkers and godly workers. And the question now for our Church to decide is, whether it ought to go back to the original and failing scheme of Presbyterianial agency for prosecuting the work in question, or to any of those modifications which proved alike unsatisfactory, and out of which the existing one has grown as if by an uncontrollable necessity; or whether it is not best to acknowledge at once the impolicy of so doing, on the simple ground that, be our theories of church order in view of this whole subject what they may, *experience* must show that, at last, we too would be compelled to adopt the same conclusion which our fathers in the Church so painfully reached, viz., that a Central Board or Executive Committee is alone competent to manage, under the direct control of the Assembly, the practical details of that great scheme of education which is designed for the benefit of the Church as a united and harmonious whole. No human policy is free from objections, and we seem to be shut up to the adoption of that which, in the matter before us, actual experiment has demonstrated to possess the fewest and least damaging, all things considered.

This conclusion, drawn from the historical argument we have presented, might, or might not, be sustained by other arguments equally potent, were we to go over the whole ground and consider the subject of beneficiary ministerial education as an entirely novel one. But it has been again and again presented to the Christian mind in every possible shape which its great and pressing practical interest could have imparted to its consideration; and whilst almost all persons who are friendly to such an education in any form, would perhaps like to see in operation a scheme for its promotion which should throw the great responsibility in the premises upon the Presbyteries, yet probably none can show how this can be satisfactorily done in any other way than that which the whole spirit of the central agency scheme presents. To the *Presbyteries* must always belong the great, the solemn, the binding duty of recommending candidates for support from the common treasury of the Church. If they fail in this duty; if they are loose in its discharge; if they thrust forward beneficiaries who are undeserving of an education at the hands of the Church; with them alone lies the blame, as to them, on the other hand, belongs the Master's commendation for searching out and bringing forward worthy men for this purpose. The chief responsibility of the Committee must attach to its one great office of judiciously expending the educational funds of the Church, and to its duty of keeping the Presbyteries advised of the condition of the work it is prosecuting for them. If, therefore, the scheme be only well worked by all the parties involved, there can be no complaint lodged against it on the score of its employing a central agency to do for the Assembly what, in the nature of the case, the Assembly cannot well do except by a standing authorised commission. Were, indeed, our country more compact than it is; were all its scattered Presbyteries equally furnished with wealth; were the candidates likely to be uniformly distributed throughout our bounds so as to give to each Presbytery a share in supporting them proportioned to its pecuniary means; and were it certain that they all would prosecute the required work with an energy that would demand the addition of more of the stimulus which is confessedly derived from the properly administered influence of an Assembly's Committee whose eye is upon the whole field as the eye of the Church it represents, and whose hand, being that of the Church's authority thus conveniently exhibited, is ready to push forward the lagging wherever this is needed—or, were we to leave out

altogether the grand thought that the Church *is one*; that its visible unity is embodied in the Assembly where all its Presbyteries coalesce and combine; and and that, therefore, its ministerial candidates ought to be all gathered under the wing of its indivisible responsibility, just as all its other common interests are —then there might be room for the inauguration of some plan of beneficiary education, in carrying forward which the Assembly should not be the principal party concerned. As it is, however, your Committee can come to no other conclusion, all things being taken into the account, than that which impels us to recommend the adoption of the following resolutions, in which such a modification of the present constitution of the Executive Committee will be seen to be presented, as is designed to carry into more complete effect the conclusions of the report.

[For the resolutions see page 34.]

JOSEPH R. WILSON, CHAIRMAN.

STATISTICAL REPORTS OF PRESBYTERIES.

MINISTERS, LICENTIATES, AND CANDIDATES.	POST OFFICES.	CHURCHES.	Communicants added on Examination.	Communicants added on Certificate.	Total of Communicants.	Adults Baptized.	Infants Baptized.	Children in S. S. and Bible Classes.	Funds raised for Domestic Missions.	Funds raised for Foreign Missions.	Funds raised for Sustentation.	Funds raised for Education.	Funds raised for Publication.	Commissioners and Contingent.	Congregational.	Miscellaneous.
SYNOD OF ALABAMA.																
1. <i>Presby. of East Alabama.</i>																
R. C. Smith, James M. McKee, P.	Tahmage, Ga., Orion, Ala., Oakley, Ala., Talladega, Ala., Eastaboga, Ala., Wetumpka, Ala., P. Montgomery, Ala., Union Springs, Ala., Arbor Vitae, Ala., Jacksonville, Ala., Jacksonville, Ala., Pine Bluff, Ark., Lake City, Fla., Tuskegee, Ala., Tuskegee, Ala., Sumter, S. C., Prattville, Ala.,	Prof. Oglethorpe Univ. ty. Orion, P. Providence, S. S. Talladega, S. S. Marble Springs, S. S. Wetumpka, P. Montgomery, P. Union Springs, P. Bethel, P. Jacksonville, P. Bethesda, (<i>in transitu.</i>) (<i>in transitu.</i>) Tuskegee, P. Prattville, P.	11 6 16 12 2 8 1	4 1 12 8 1	40 36 68 54 192 64 120	4 4 4 5 3 14	4 4 26 30 30 20 35	60 84 84 30 20 16 16	42 35 210 210 20 16 16	40	300 300 300 300 300 300 300	97 35 20 20 17 17 7	50 50	28 31 20 45 15 16 7	917 360 1000 2884	225 15 420 86
Evander McNair, W. W. Morrison, S. S., R. Nall, D. D., D. M., James H. Nall, P., T. L. Deveaux, P., James K. Hazen, P., William Hall, J. R. McIntosh, S. S., L. H. Parsons, H. L. Harvey, W. C., C. M. Shepperson, S. S., J. L. Reed, S. S.	Fort Deposit, Ala., Columbus, Ga., New York, Opelika, Ala., Bainbridge, Ga., Chambers C. H., Ala., Mellow Valley, Ala., Haackneyville, Ala.,	Sandy Ridge, (<i>in transitu.</i>) (<i>in transitu.</i>) Lebanon, S. S., Pleasant Grove, S. S., Mt Pisgah, S. S.	5 4 12	3 3 5	58 33 52	8 4	100 100	70 100	150	16 66	28 1380 1000	184				

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C. A. Baker, S. S.	Lowndesboro, Ala.	Lowndesboro, P.	5	2	20	2	3				53			14	356	75
George L. Petrie, Prof.	Benton, Ala.	(<i>in transit</i>)	2	5	22											
Nathanael Hood, D. M.	Rodney, Miss.	Hayneville, S. S.	6	4	20				6		6			16	300	
	Ladiga, Ala.	Carmel, S. S.			116										25	
	Leesburg, Ala.	Concord, S. S.			20											
	Gadsden, Ala.	Gadsden, S. S.			10											
C. C. Newman, S. S.	Oxford, Ala.	Oxford, S. S.	3	5	26	1									165	
	Silver Run, Ala.	New Lebanon, S. S.	1	1	32		2								300	40
A. D. Campbell, W. C.	Louisville, Ala.	Pea River,			125											
J. G. Downing, S. S.	Okolona, Miss.	Eufaula, P.			75						53					
William H. Adams,	Charleston, S. C.	Geneva, V.			15											
A. H. Mathes, S. S.	Fort Gaines, Ga.	Unity, S. S.			25											
	Geneva, Ala.	Fayetteville, Ala.			6											
James M. McLean, D. M.	Weogufka, Ala.	Mt. Hermon, S. S.			3											
	Fayetteville, Ala.	New Harmony, V.			91		2	45			8			12		
	Sylacogga, Ala.	Hatcher Creek,			150		6				24					
	New Harmony, Ala.	Calhoun, V.			25	3	1	102								
	Brownville, Ala.	Lafayette, V.	12	13	25											
	Calhoun, Ala.	Calbee, V.	2		24											
	Chambers C. H., Ala.	Palmyra, S. S.			7		5									
	Eufaula, Ala.	Cross Keys, Ala.			55	3	7									
	Clayton, Ala.	Pleasant View, V.			30											
	Greenville, Ala.	Greenville, V.	5	2	25											
	Nixburg, Ala.	Nixburg, S. S.	5	2	25									20		
	Almarante, Fla.	Almarante, V.			8											
J. C. Sturgeon,	Auburn, Ala.	Auburn,	192	80	2278	36	81	556	\$507	\$40	\$755	\$50	\$50	\$296	\$9287	\$539
Candidates—3.	Calhoun, Ala.	—11														
	Nanafalia, Ala.	Centreville, S. S.	4	49	49	4	1		50					8	300	
2 Presby of South Alabama.	Centreville, Ala.	Cahaba, S. S.			35											
R. D. Russell, W. C.	P. J. Sparrow, D. D., S. S.	Summerfield, Ala.														
H. A. Smith, S. S.	E. Anderson, W. C.	Stockton, Ala.														
J. D. Porter, W. C.																

Licentiate.

Auburn, Ala.

Candidates—3.

2 Presby of South Alabama.

R. D. Russell, W. C.

H. A. Smith, S. S.

P. J. Sparrow, D. D., S. S.

E. Anderson, W. C.

J. D. Porter, W. C.

II. R. Raymond, P. S. S.	Marion, Ala.	3	184	6	200	22	74	44	40	170	2445	23
W. H. McAuley, S. S.	Selma, Ala.	4	109	2	3	53						
James Watson, P. S. S.	Uniontown, Ala.	4	46	3						15	1248	
A. J. Witherspoon, P. S. S.	Selma, Ala.	7	181	4		28		34		20	1000	
J. C. Mitchell, P.	Summerfield, Ala.	1	13	4				51	50	20	3500	300
G. W. Boggs, P. S. S.	Linden, Ala.	2	85	2	15	99	45		5	5	500	
J. R. Burgett, P. S. S.	Mobile, Ala.	11	156	1	80	99	200	2500	75	9300	1854	
J. N. Lewis, S. S.	Rehoboth, Ala.	8	49	2	35							
J. A. Walker, Teacher.	Mobile, Ala.	16	64	2								
Isaac H. Salter, S. S.	Milton, Fla.		331	1	14	160		46	32	10	600	
W. A. Carter, P. E.	Cahaba, Ala.		32	1	1	110	54	20	20	300		
W. J. Lowry, P. E.	Richmond, Ala.		136	15	2	20	20					
	Newbern, Ala.		50									
	Lower Peach Tree, Ala.		115									
	Monroeville, Ala.		33									
	Airmount, S. S.											
	Pensacola, Fla.											
	Selma, Ala.	13	23	5	85	190		812		50	6118	1500
	Marion, Ala.	4	32	2								
	Fairview, V.											
	Newbern, V.		14									
	McKinley, V.		17									
	Bell's Landing, Ala.		22							5		
	Dayton, Ala.		18									
	Clairborne, V.		25									
	Marion, Ala.		48									
	Mobile, Ala.		88									
	Shiloh, Ala.		39									
	Columbiana, V.	11	3									
	Ashville, V.		10									
	Bagdad, Fla.											
		90	782226	24	53	560	\$393	\$1007	\$2642	\$408\$26011	\$3737	
3. <i>Presby of Tuscaloosa.</i>	Pleasant Ridge, Ala.											
R. W. B. Kennedy, W. C.	Eutaw, Ala.		22	1				45			300	
N. R. Morgan, S. S.	Greensboro, Ala.											
R. B. White D. D., P.	Tuscaloosa, Ala.											
G. A. Stillman, D. D., P.	Gainesville, Ala.	1	4	115	4	125	177	80	85	26	1800	

Candidates—2.

—331.

	18	21	580	14	21	150	120	190	246	70	58	4620	172	2
Brownville, <i>a</i>														
Norristown, <i>a</i>	30													
Van Buren, <i>a</i>	40													
Fort Smith, <i>a</i>	30													
Helena, <i>a</i>	25													
Dardanelle, <i>a</i>														
Union, <i>a</i>	18													
Cincinnati, <i>a</i>	16													
Bethel, <i>a</i>	31													
Searey, <i>a</i>	5													
Mount Hope, <i>a</i>	9													
Peachontas, <i>a</i>														
Bayou Metre, <i>a</i> —22.														
<i>a</i> From Minutes of 1863.	64	21	580	14	21	150	120	190	246	70	58	4620	172	
Pine Ridge, S. S.	12	2	44	9	5			200				8		2
Living Land, S. S.			63		4									
Spencer Academy, S. S.	2		40	1	6									
Wheeler, S. S.	11	3	70	11	16		2	7				13		
Wapanucka, <i>a</i>														
Mt. Zion, S. S. <i>a</i>														
Chickasaw, S. S. <i>a</i>														
Mt. Fork, V.	4		17											
Good Water, V. <i>a</i>														
Good Land, V. <i>a</i>														
Bennington, V.	2	1	29											
Chish Oktak, V.			29											
Six Town, V. <i>a</i>														
Lenox, V. <i>a</i>														
Mt. Pleasant, V. <i>a</i>														
Jack's Fork, V. <i>a</i> —16.														
<i>a</i> No Report.	31	6	292	21	31		2	207				21		2

2. *Presbytery of Indian.*

C. Kingsbury, D. D.
 C. Byington,
 E. Hotelkin,
 A. Reed,
 C. C. Copeland,
 O. P. Stark,
 H. Balentine,
 S. Foreman,
 P. Fisk,
 A. Wright,
 —10.

Licentiate—1.

Thomas H. Benton.

*Deceased.

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3. <i>Presbytery of Ouachita</i> S. Williamson, D. D. P. M. J. Wallace, S. S. S. S. A. L. Crawford, S. S. S. S. S. S. A. R. Banks, S. S. M. A. Patterson, S. S. C. R. Smith, S. S. S. S. Samuel Orr, S. S. J. A. Dickson, P. T. M. Boyd, (<i>in transitu</i>). L. Murray, (<i>in transitu</i>). J. M. Hooge, (<i>in transitu</i>). W. S. Lacy, (<i>in firm</i>). —12. <i>Candidate</i> —1.	Washington, Ark. Marlboro, Ark. Marlboro, Ark. Carolina, Ark. Arkadelphia, Ark. Arkadelphia, Ark. Rocky Mount, La. Mount Holly, Ark. Scotland, Ark. Three Creeks, Ark. Princeton, Ark. Monticello, Ark. Spring Hill, Ark. Dubuque, Iowa. El Dorado, Ark.	Washington. Marlbrook. Greenwood. Carolina. Arkadelphia. Richland. Mount Holly. Scotland. Three Creeks. Pleasant Grove. Monticello. Camden, V. Mount Horeb, V. Tulip, V. Princeton, V. Pine Bluff, V. Warren, V. Calvary, S. S. Orion, V. LePile, V. Ebenezer, V. Richmond, V.	6 1 3 24 30 5 15 65 62 13 25 5 5 10 16 30 25 50 8 7 12	9 9 24 30 5 15 62 13 25 5 5 10 16 30 25 50 8 7 12	88 33 52 24 30 5 65 62 13 25 5 5 10 16 30 25 50 8 7 12	3 24 3 1 2 5 6 3 6 10 16 30 25 50 8 7 12	30 21 16 40 40 32 1 3 6 20 10 16 30 25 9 8 9 12					35 1 16 3	14 2 9 2	642 58 51 84 26	7 5 2 4 1 7 4	38 5 2 11 3 3 3	\$1580 275 600 100 100 25 229 229 25 300	\$77	160
SYNOD OF GEORGIA.																			
1. <i>Presbytery of Cherokee</i> . James Gamble. N. A. Pratt, D. D., P. A. Y. Lockridge, P. J. F. Lanneau, W. C.	Roswell, Ga. Marietta, Ga. Hickory Flat, Ga. Ringgold, Ga. Resaca, Ga. Adairsville, Ga. Marietta, Ga. Cartersville, Ga.	(<i>in firm</i>). Roswell, P. New Lebanon, V. Cartersville, S. S. Chickamauga, P. Resaca, V. Nazareth, V. Midway, V. Friendship, S. S.	1 2 16 3	2 51 9 2	58 51 84 26		5 2 11 3		100 25					13 3 7 4	275 600 100 100				

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John Jones, P.	Griffin, Ga.	Griffin, P.	1	42	1	8	100					10		10	400	25
J. N. Bradshaw, S. S.	Powersville, Ga.	Perry, S. S.	3	327	1	4								3	200	
S. H. Higgins, D. D.,	Griffin, Ga.	Columbus, P. E.	8	69	3	3	50							20	2612	64
A. G. Peden, S. S.	Griffin, Ga.	Friendship, S. S.		81	1	7	25					162		5	40	
W. J. Keith, S. S.		Bethany, S. S.		96	2	10	100	32						3	35	
R. Q. Mallard, (<i>in transit</i> .)	New Orleans, La.	Smyrna, S. S.														
Robert Logan, S. S.	LaGrange, Ga.	Centralch., Atlanta, P. E.	11	49	2							10		5	40	
T. F. Montgomery, S. S.	White Sul. Springs, Ga.	Brainerd.	7	36										3	35	
H. C. Carter, D. M.	Dalton, Ga.	Greenville, S. S.		18												
Homer Hodge, T.	Macon, Ga.	Long Can.		130	3	2										
L. H. Wilson, S. S.	Whitney, Ga.	Fellowship, S. S.	10	48	2	4									100	
E. D. Eldridge,		Pachita, S. S.	5	17												
J. L. Rogers, W. C.	Preston, Ga.	Philadelphia, S. S.														
John McCain, P.	Saw Dust, Ga.	New Hopewell, S. S.														
C. P. B. Martin,	Bainbridge, Ga.	Bethesda.		22	10	117	9	1								
H. F. Hoyt,		Smyrna (New) P.		12												
T. E. Smith, P.	—23, Cuthbert, Ga.	Smyrna, S. S.	9	49	1	2	60					15		5	800	125
		Aleovia, S. S.														
		Fairview, S. S.														
		Goshen, S. S.														
		Decatur.														
		Carrollton, V.														
		Cuthbert, P.														
		Fort Gaines.														
		Muscogee, S. S.														
		McDonough, V.														
		Hamilton, V.														
		Lumpkin, S. S.														
		Salem, V.														
		Zebulon, V.														
		Forsyth, V.														
		Conyers, S. S.														
		Villa Rica, V.														
		Emmaus, V.														
		Jackson, V.														
Willis Love, (<i>Colored</i>) S. S.	Atlanta, Ga.		150	54	1879	37	103	635	\$73	\$10		\$249		\$113	\$6427	\$887
<i>Licentiate</i> —1.																
Willis Love, (<i>Colored</i>) S. S.	Atlanta, Ga.															
<i>Candidates</i> —2.																

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	St. Mary's, Ga. Waynesville, Ga. Darien, Ga.	St. Mary's, V. Waynesville, V. Darien, V.														
5. <i>Presby of Hopedell.</i>																
Henry Safford, W. C.	Greensboro, Ga. Augusta, Ga.	Woodstock, Mt. Zion, Thyafira, New Hope, Hebron and Homer, (<i>in transitu.</i>) Waynesboro and Bath, Monticello, Milledgeville, Greensboro, Augusta, South Liberty, Prof. Theological Sem'y, Eatonton, Sparta, Clarksville, Newberry C. H. S. C.	2	1	42	1	2	2	63			20		10	8	
J. W. Reid, P.	Waynesville, Ga.	Waynesville, Ga.			32									10		
C. P. Beman, D. D., S. S.	Mt. Zion, Ga.	Mt. Zion, Ga.	31	1	133	16	1									
Henry Newton, P.	Jefferson, Ga.	Jefferson, Ga.														
R. C. Ketchum, Teacher.	Atlanta, Ga.	Atlanta, Ga.														
G. H. Cartledge, P.	Bald Spring, Ga.	Bald Spring, Ga.	82	11	260	36	18	85							390	
R. K. Porter, P. E.	Atlanta, Ga.	Atlanta, Ga.														
I. S. K. Axson, D. D., P.	Savannah, Ga.	Savannah, Ga.			75		16	50	110	76					1200	250
William Flinn, P.	Milledgeville, Ga.	Milledgeville, Ga.	3													
C. W. Lane, S. S.	Greensboro, Ga.	Greensboro, Ga.	5	7	45				13	21				10		
J. R. Wilson, D. D., P.	Augusta, Ga.	Augusta, Ga.	21	5	360	6	4	150	100	150	1600	180		50	6000	1000
R. A. Houston, S. S.	Mayfield, Ga.	Mayfield, Ga.														
James Woodrow,	Columbia, S. C.	Columbia, S. C.														
F. T. Simpson, S. S.	Washington, Ga.	Washington, Ga.														
J. B. Dunwoody, W. C.	Washington, Ga.	Washington, Ga.														
A. D. Montgomery, W. C.	Newberry C. H. S. C.	Newberry C. H. S. C.														
David Wills, P.	Macon, Ga.	Macon, Ga.	14	10	240	5	19	93	407				53	30	4400	160
J. J. Robinson, D. D.	Rome, Ga.	Rome, Ga.			36	1										
T. P. Cleveland, S. S.	Danielsville, Ga.	Danielsville, Ga.	1		30											
E. M. Green, P.	Washington, Ga.	Washington, Ga.	4	4	68									5	1200	144
C. B. King, S. S.	Savannah, Ga.	Savannah, Ga.														
W. Baird, W. C.	Griffin, Ga.	Griffin, Ga.														
J. DeWitt Burkhead, P.	Athens, Ga.	Athens, Ga.	6	5	286	2	2	60		9				30	2631	
P. C. Morton, S. S.	Clarkesville, Ga.	Clarkesville, Ga.														
F. Jacobs, Teacher.	—26, Washington, Ga.	—26, Washington, Ga.	3	2	13	2	5								10	

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R. R. Evans, P.	Germtown, Tenn.	Saulsbury, S. S.	12	4	28	4	5	40	32	20	17			5	200	590
J. O. Stedman, D. D., P.	Memphis, Tenn.	Germtown,	2	1	52	1					8			8	200	
W. H. Thompson, P.	Memphis, Tenn.	Salem,	8	24							5			7		
	Bolivar, Tenn.	1st church, Memphis, P.	10	38	200	4	24	130	114		424		106	40	3500	1200
S. S. Gill, S. S.	Hickory Withe, Tenn.	Bolivar, P.	5	4	80		2		60					7	375	110
A. W. Young, W. C.	Memphis, Tenn.	Mt. Bethany, P.	4	3	42		1		24						250	70
A. H. Kerr, D. D., P.	Delta, Tenn.	Hickory Withe, S. S.			19											
James Holmes, T.	Covington, Tenn.	Macon, S. S.														
F. C. Morris, S. S.	Oseola, Ark.	Walnut Grove, V.														
S. B. O. Wilson, P.	Covington, Tenn.	Delta, P.	2	2	40		10	120	45	39	159		51	15	980	45
Philip H. Thompson, S. S.	Memphis, Tenn.	Oseola, S. S.	3	10	77	1					30		25	7	338	9
Edwin Cater, P.	Somerville, Tenn.	Mt. Carmel, P.	1	1	14	3	4	130	44		30			7	260	
J. D. Meredith, Teacher.	LaGrange, Tenn.	Bellefonte, S. S.														
L. P. Yandell, P.	Mason Depot, Tenn.	Somerville, P.	5	1	39		5				20			5	250	
T. D. Witherspoon, P.	Memphis, Tenn.	Danceville, P.	14	51	225	3	28	205		50		50	500	20	6760	533
W. A. Sample, P.	Memphis, Tenn.	2nd church, Memphis, P.	7	11	45	1	7	90			25		15	12	1300	100
	—17. Memphis, Tenn.	3rd church, Memphis, P.	4	18	1	1	3								100	
		Ebenezer, V.														
		Raleigh,	87	142	1184	19	96	860	\$399	\$163	\$711	\$58	\$697	\$146	\$15583	\$2956
		Wood Lawn,														
		—25.														
3. Presby of N. Miss.																
Angus Johnson, S. S.	Holly Springs, Miss.	Philadelphia, S. S.	27	1	79	16	6		15	12		20	20		390	
S. Irwin Reid, S. S.	Hernando, Miss.	Hudsonville, S. S.	1	3	25											5
A. H. Caldwell, S. S.	Sardis, Miss.	Hernando, S. S.	6	2	63		3	55	20	20				5	250	
A. Enloe, S. S.	Water Valley, Miss.	Edmiston, S. S.	10	2	29	1	10	40	3	3		3	3	10	520	
W. T. Savage, S. S.	Grenada, Miss.	Sardis, S. S.	15	5	36	2	8		6						200	
H. H. Paine, P.	Holly Springs, Miss.	Mt. Paran,			17										200	
D. G. Doak, S. S.	Oxford, Miss.	Long Creek, S. S.	14	1	105	6	8	75		25				20	910	164
		Centre, S. S.	4	6	167		12			93					1252	80

E. C. Davidson, P.	Water Valley, Miss.																						
Thomas P. Johnston, W. C.	Water Valley, Miss.	4	2	70																			
H. McE. Morrison, S. S.	Spring Port, Miss.	1	14	62																			
J. A. Sloan, W. C.	Collierville, Tenn.	12	1	50	1	4	9	50															
E. M. Richardson, S. S.	Grenada, Miss.	19	3	81	9	5	5	50	20														
G. P. Richardson, Teacher.	Grenada, Miss.	1	5	45					5														
—13.				30																			
				14																			
				10																			
				25																			
				10																			
				10																			
		114	34	970	38	65	270		74	121										\$51	\$23	\$40	\$5422
																							\$256
4. <i>Presby of Tusculum</i> ,																							
W. H. Mitchell, D. D.	Florence, Ala.																						
Alexander Penland,	Huntsville, Ala.																						
J. L. Harris,	Somerville, Ala.																						
B. N. Sawtelle,	Tuscumbia, Ala.																						
W. G. Williams,	LaGrange, Ala.																						
T. Root,	Wetumpka, Ala.																						
Thomas Morrow.	Somerville, Ala.																						
—7.	Courtland, Ala.																						
	Moulton, Ala.																						
	Decatur, Ala.																						
	Guntersville, Ala.																						
	Savanna, Tenn.																						
5. <i>Presby of W. District</i> ,																							
J. H. Gillespie, P.	Denmark, Tenn.		142																				
E. S. Campbell, S. S.	Jackson, S. S.	3	7	93	1	7	25																
J. W. Strother, W. C.	Brownsville, Tenn.	14	2	69	2	2																	
R. C. Garrison, S. S.	Woodsville, Tenn.	14		84	7	1	54																
William A. Hall, S. S.	Eaton, Tenn.	10		115	5	7																	
W. J. Anderson, S. S.	Trenton, Tenn.	4		26																			
Robert McCoy, S. S.	Pinson Station, Tenn.			12																			

S. S. Brown, Teacher.	Carrollton, Miss.	Carrollton, V.	11	6	37	3	3			17	60	15	350	22
J. W. Neil,	Murfreesboro, Tenn.	Bethesda, S. S.	18	13	38	6	6						205	75
C. H. Dobbs, Teacher.	Kosciusko, Miss.	Lebanon, S. S.	9	6	72	2	16	20	65				1500	
J. J. Daniels, S. S. and Ed.	Raymond, Miss.	Greenville, P. E.		2	28		2				13		370	
W. T. Hall, P.	Canton, Miss.	Cauden, P.			9					5		5		
Stevenson Archer, P. E.	Camden, Miss.	Hebron, S. S.			35					40		15		
J. A. McConnell, P.	Canton, Miss.	Brandon, S. S.		6	35		3							
R. McInnis, Evang.	Brandon, Miss.	Poplar Creek, S. S.												
D. A. Campbell, S. S.	Vaiden, Miss.	Olney, S. S.												
A. H. Meeklin, S. S. —25.	Vaiden, Miss.	Goodhope, V.												
G. L. Wolfe,	Carthage, Miss.	Carthage, V.												
<i>Licentiate</i> —1.	Ilwawarra, La.	Salem, S. S.												
O. L. Wolfe,	Wenona, Miss.	Osborne, S. S.												
<i>Candidate</i> —1.	Vaiden, Miss.	Middleton, V.												
	Lake Providence, La.	Mount Hermon, V.	6	3	56	3	1	54		45			750	
	Salem, Miss.	Redbone, V.												
	Sharon, S. S.	Shongalo, S. S.								8341	\$260	\$154	\$12456	\$272
	Meridian, Miss.	Providence, V.	125	62	978	39	71	325	\$424					
	Gainesville, Miss.	Salem, S. S.												
	Brandon, Miss.	Enon, S. S.												
	Demopolis, Ala.	Philadelphus, V.												
	Shubuta, Miss.	Calvary, S. S.										20		
		Dry Creek, S. S.												
		Hopewell, S. S.												
		Olivet, S. S.												
		Sharon, S. S.												
		Meridian, V.								50		5		
		Enterprise, V.												
		Brandon, S. S.	6	55	4	3	4	75		45		10		
		Hebron, S. S.								5		5		
		Bethel, S. S.												
		Scoba, S. S.										1		
		Paulding, S. S.								41		5		
		Pendleton, S. S.	9	7	35	3	1						275	
		Good Hope, S. S.												8

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N. P. Chamberlain, Mark Roux, J. C. Graham, S. S. E. B. Clegborn, J. J. Henderson, A. J. Johnson, E. Hart, R. McInnis, W. McConnell, S. S. McKinney, D. D., —19.	Thibodeaux, La. New Orleans. Amite City, La. New York. New York. Amite City, La. New Albany, Ind. Enterprise, Miss. Camden, Miss. Huntsville, Texas.	Thibodeaux, V. Honma, V. Helena, S. S. Pisgah. Covington, V. Centreville, V. New River, V. —16.	11	6	43	4	17	35	23		\$160	\$1385	\$1680	\$150	\$34306	\$2685
6. Presby of Red River. J. Franklin Ford, J. T. Davidson, Edward Eells, J. M. Hall, C. Harrington, C. Knox, S. S., A. R. Banks, S. S., J. E. Bright, D. D., C. R. Smith, S. S. —9.	Shreveport, La. Homer, La. Kenchi, La. Jonesville, Texas. Rocky Mount, La. Minden, La. Vienna, La.	Shreveport, Homer, State Line, Midway, Salem, Kenchi, Mausfield, Good Hope, Mt. Zion, Ebenezer, Rocky Mount, Minden, Alabama. —13.		4	46	30	2	75		20				26	195	
7. Presby of Tombcbebee. J. A. Lyon, D. D., P., M. Peden, W. C., (in firm.) J. N. Carothers, P., A. H. Barkley, P.	Columbus, Miss. New Prospect, Miss. Houston, Miss. Houston, Miss. Buena Vista, Miss. Crawfordville, Miss. Crawfordville, Miss.	Columbus, P. Bethsalen, V. Friendship, P. Houston, S. S. Fairview, P. Bethel, P. Crawford, P.	10	1	180	180	6		120			500		20	3500	
			11	1	121	1	15	8						10	300	
			11	1	182	5	4							10	400	
			3	2	42	3	59							8	200	
			8	2	92	5	17							8	250	
			11	11	253	2	9	160			\$87		\$40	\$94	\$2051	

Joseph Bartwell, S. S. A. H. Mecklin, S. S.	Vicksburg, Miss. Vaiden, " French Camp, " French Camp, " Louisville, " DeKalb, " DeKalb, " Starkville, " Starkville, " Columbus, " R. S. Gladney, W. C., Prof.	Starkville, S. S. Poplar Creek, S. S. Olaey, S. S. Lebanon, S. S. Louisville, S. S. Pleasant Springs, S. S. Smyrna, S. S. Mayhew, S. S. Hamilton, S. S. Aberdeen, Macon, V.	4 7 5 4 4 14 2	2 1 65 28 41 27 10 89 18	2 1 3 3 3 3	97 59 65 28 41 27 10 89 18	2 1 3 3 3 3	7 2 3 2 2 2 2 2 2	\$128	\$525	\$64	\$6702	612 150 150 80 1000 60
R. W. Mecklin, <i>Licentiate</i> —I. <i>Candidate</i> —I.	Macon, " Okolona, " Kosciusko, " Columbus, " Columbus, " Macon, " Philadelphia, " Moutpelier, " Cooksville, " Shuqualak, "	Okolona, Nazareth, V. Beersheba, V. Unity, V. Centre Point, V. Carolina, S. S. Bethany, V. Cooksville, V. Shuqualak, V.	2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2	1 18 18 18 18 18 18 18 18 18	3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3	18 18 18 18 18 18 18 18 18 18	18 18 18 18 18 18 18 18 18 18	53	\$128	\$525	\$64	\$6702	
J. R. King, S. S. J. D. Tadlock, S. S. J. W. Bachman, S. S. G. A. Caldwell, S. S. J. P. Briscoe, S. S.	Holston Valley, Tenn. Tenn. Jonesboro, Tenn. Rogersville, Tenn. Bristol, Tenn. Blountville, Tenn. Elizabethton, Tenn. Rheatown, Tenn. Leesburg, Tenn. Fort Gaines, Ga. Hopkinton, Iowa.	Cold Spring- Pleasant Grove. Providence. Leesburg. New Providence. Rogersville, 1st and 2d. Bristol. Blountville. New Bethel. Elizabethton. Mt. Bethel. Salem. Richland Creek. Rocky Spring. Mount Lebanon. Mount Zion. Jonesboro.	4 12 4 29 74 41 38 16 8	2 79 79 4 95 132 34 85 7 24 184 1 182 6 121 5	3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3	79 79 30 95 132 34 85 7 24 184 1 182 6 121 5	3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3	4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4	\$128	\$525	\$64	\$6702	117 234 200 325 300 800 390 8
S. B. Campbell, S. S. A. C. Mathes, (<i>in trans.</i>) Samuel Hodge, W. B. Carter, J. A. Blackburn, J. N. Caldwell,	Jonesboro.	Jonesboro.	8	1 121 5	5	121 5	5	5					8
SYNOD OF NASHVILLE.													
1. <i>Presby of Holston.</i>													

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	Cross Roads.	Meadow Creek. Timber Ridge. Mt. Carmel. Liberty Hill. New Salem.	216	40	987	64	48			20					\$2366	\$286
2. <i>Presby of Knoxville.</i> Thomas R. Bradshaw, Thomas H. McCallie, James Park, James Wilson, (<i>in trans.</i>) Fielding Pope, W. A. Harrison, (<i>in trans.</i>) C. C. Newman.	Madisonville, Tenn. Chatanooga, Tenn. Knoxville, Tenn. Lawrenceville, Ga.	1st church, Knoxville. Chatanooga. Madisonville. Lohanon. Cedar Spring. Soddy. Sweet Water. Cleveland. Monmouth. New Providence. New Bethel. Mars Hill. Rockford. Tellico.	2 1	7 13	49 74		7	65		27	51 34		34	35	801 745	198 35
3. <i>Presby of Nashville.</i> R. A. Lapsley, D. W. C. J. R. Baine, W. C. T. D. Wardlaw, M. D., P. W. L. Rosser, P. A. N. Cunningham, W. C. R. F. Bunting, P. J. W. Hoyte, M. D., Prof. H. B. Doude, P. E. C. Trimble, S. S. R. B. Moore, S. S. R. H. Allen, P.	New Albany, Ind. Gallatin, Tenn. Clarksville, Tenn. Franklin, Tenn. Nashville, Tenn. Franklin, Tenn. Nashville, Tenn. Gallatin, Tenn. Nashville, Tenn. Shelbyville, Tenn. Nashville, Tenn.	Clarksville. Franklin. Harpeth, S. S. Professor. First church. Smyrna, P. Gallatin. Shiloh, P. Edgefield. Shelbyville. Second church,	30 31 6 37 42 10 3 6	5 4 25 69 14 2 14 1	130 104 25 327 116 61 95 102	8 20 5 16 16 5 1 1	8 7 4 43 20 3 2	70 70	193	40	300	150	10 3 1	1000 1150 130	210 140	\$2333
			3	20	123		7	65		\$27	\$85		\$34	\$35	\$1546	\$694

J. B. Lindsley, D. D. J. Huntington, W. C.	Nashville, Tenn. Nashville, Tenn. Murfreesboro, Tenn. Cherry Valley, Tenn. Charlotte, Tenn. Shelbyville, Tenn. Nashville, Tenn.	Chancellor N. U.	20	13	187	7	20													
—13.			185	122	1320	72	109	937	\$218	\$40	\$687	\$610				\$14	\$4665	\$1104		
4. Presby of V. Alabama. F. A. Ross, D. D., Robert Hardin, D. D., M. M. Marshall, D. D. W. E. Caldwell, W. H. Vernor, J. B. Chapman, J. O. Sullivan, F. L. Ewing, O. B. Caldwell, J. M. Caldwell, A. L. Kline, Alexander Smith, Robert Caldwell, G. B. McCombs, J. Simpson Frierson, J. Stevenson Frierson, C. Foster Williams, W. J. Frierson, S. W. Mitchell, F. A. Thompson, Henry Smith, John H. Bryson, J. A. Caldwell, John N. Blackburn,	Huntsville, Ala. Lewisburg, Tenn. Fayetteville, Tenn. Pulaski, Tenn. Lewisburg, Tenn. Spring Hill, Tenn. Boon's Hill, Tenn. Pulaski, Tenn. Cornerville, Tenn. Lewisburg, Tenn. Columbia, Tenn. Fayetteville, Tenn. Hopewell. Pulaski, Tenn. Lynnville, Tenn. Mt. Pleasant, Tenn. Columbia, Tenn. Columbia, Tenn. Columbia, Tenn. Spring Hill, Tenn. Murfreesboro, Tenn. Columbia, Tenn. Elkton, Tenn. —24, Cornerville, Tenn.	—15. Bethberti. Cornerville. Huntsville. Harmony. Sulphur Spring. Elk Ridge. Bethany. Lewisburg. Swan Creek. New Hope. Richland. Union. Petersburg. Unity. Fayetteville. Hopewell. Stones River. Cripple Creek. Spring Creek. Jasper. Campbellsville. Zion. Rogersville. Columbia. Pulaski. Mt. Pleasant. Spring Hill. Cathy's Creek. Laurel Hill. Bethesda. Fountain Hill.	1	5	118											8	3	500	79	
			14	8	72															
			21	14	110	5			25	10	8									
			6	2	48	1			75	10	10									
			12	1	38	3	4													
			15		150	6	8													
			21	1	32	8	1				20									
			15		55	2	4	20	26											75
			22		55	13	4				11									
				44	383		2													75
			6		65	1	1	80												60
			1	1	38		30					10								110
			134	76	1164	41	24	130	\$126	\$15	\$49	\$10				\$3	\$745	\$974		
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SYNOD OF N. CAROLINA.																
<i>1. Presby of Concord.</i>																
Walter S. Pharr, S. S.	Park's Store, N. C.	Mallard Creek, S. S.			223											
R. H. Morrison, D. D., S. S. Cottage Home, N. C.		Unity, Lincoln co., S. S.			60											
		Castanea Grove, S. S.			48											
Stephen Frontis, W. C. (inf.)	Deep Well, N. C.	Thyatira, V.	5	1	45	2	40	2	18			120	20	5	320	
Jesse Rankin, S. S.	Lenoir, N. C.	Lenoir, S. S.	5	8	28	1	6	6	62	18	50	11	13	30	1128	
D. A. Penick, Sr., P.	Pioneer Mills, N. C.	Rocky River, P.			219	6	44									
Daniel Lindley, F. M.	Port Natal, S. Africa.	Hopewell, V.			9											
Robert Burwell, Teacher.	Charlotte, N. C.	Shelby, V.			59											
James E. Morrison, D. M.	Morven, N. C.	Lebanon, V.														
James D. Hall, P.	Woodlawn, N. C.	Goshen, P.														
John Douglas, P. E.	White Hall, N. C.	Steel Creek, P. E.	16	6	309	3	27	3	7	7	23			30	527	
Xathan Shotwell, P.	Rutherfordton, N. C.	Pleasant Hill, P. E.			116											
William N. Morrison, W. C.	Asheville, N. C.	Rutherfordton, P.			30			3						5	339	
E. F. Rockwell, Prof.	Davidson College, N. C.	Little Britain, P.			123			12								
R. H. Chapman, D. D., D. M.	Hendersonville, N. C.	Flat Creek, V.			25											
		Salem, V.			34											
J. L. Kirkpatrick, D. D. (inf.)	Lexington, Va.	Mills River, S. S.	22		21	7			63						23	
William Graves, D. M.	Mills River, N. C.	Davidson's River, S. S.			32											
S. S. Murkland, (in <i>trains</i>)	Bethany Church, N. C.	College Church, V.			42											
Walter W. Pharr, P.	Statesville, N. C.	Bethel, Heyward co., S. S.			36											
J. M. M. Caldwell, Pres.	Statesville, N. C.	Ebenezer, V.			47											
T. N. Paxton, S. S.	Marion, N. C.	Fourth Creek, P.	25	3	176	4	12	115	200	231	6		205	235	7285	1004
		Tabor, V.			36											
		Marion, S. S.			29											
		Siloam, S. S.			47											
		Drusilla, S. S.			9											
J. F. W. Freeman, W. C.	Woodlawn, N. C.	Dallas, V.			15											
T. E. Davis, S. S.	Davidson College, N. C.	Ramah, S. S.	12	1	150	10			8					3		
S. C. Millen, D. D., S. S.	Taylorsville, N. C.	Bethel, S. S.			69											
		Taylorville, S. S.	1		63											
		Bethesda, S. S.	6		103											
R. N. Davis, P.	Lincolnton, N. C.	Long Creek, P.	10		105	1	10							6		
		Lincolnton, S. S.	7	4	65	1	7							10		

S. C. Pharr, D. D., S. S.	Charlotte, N. C.	4	242	22	325	160	360	103	90	300				
Jacob Hood, S. S.	Franklin, N. C.	11	24	4	10	275	361	4	361	4067				
A. W. Miller, P.	Charlotte, P.	3	12	6	4	8	8	7	7	350				
B. L. Beall, S. S.	Charlotte, N. C.	8	80	3	3	6	6	10	10	500				
W. C. Sheetz, P.	Morganton, N. C.	21	10	2	25	75	11	3	2	60				
John C. Carson, W. C.	Mills River, N. C.	4	48	1	2	40	41	5	20	880				
J. S. Barr, S. S.	Lincolnton, N. C.	16	7	3	18	85	11	11	3	220				
G. E. Eagleton, S. S.	Fancy Hill, N. C.	20	75	2	7	30	41	64	64	265				
H. B. Pratt, S. S.	Hillsboro, N. C.	23	7	121	2	10	165	23	50	1600				
G. D. Parks, S. S.	Enola, N. C.	39	10	220	9	20	60	60	40	800				
A. Sinclair, W. C.	Charlotte, N. C.	10	5	170	16	60	23	23	3	225				
J. Rumble, P.	Salisbury, N. C.	7	34	2	11	25	11	11	3	240				
L. L. Stewart, W. C.	Ashville, N. C.	1	3	25	2	2	2	2	2	250				
D. A. Penick, Jr., P.	Concord, N. C.	1	3	25	2	2	2	2	2	50				
William W. Pharr, P.	Coddle Creek, N. C.	18	7	384	25	140	12	15	15	350				
J. C. Stewart, W. C.	Ashville, N. C.	23	1	197	6	15	65	12	12	302				
W. A. Wood, S. S.	Rowan Mills, N. C.	22	4	160	9	24	40	14	24	412				
J. D. Wilson, S. S.	Wilkesboro, N. C.	34	4	207	5	18	100	36	24	327				
E. H. Harding, P. E.	Concord, N. C.	1	2	57	4	1	10	6	6	6				
W. B. Watts, P.	Mount Villa, N. C.	5	4	300	2	60	14	14	82	190				
R. Z. Johnston, P.	Providence, N. C.	5	2	80	3	25	6	6	6	60				
W. M. Kilpatrick, S. S.	St. Mary's, Ga.	8	2	46	2	8	17	12	8	120				
R. B. Anderson, Teacher.	Yorkville, S. S.	8	2	68	2	93	40	15	13	408				
William McDonald, P.	Morrisson's Tan Yd., N. C.	7	113	2	2	2	2	2	2	2				
Gilbert R. Brackett, W. C.	Winnabore, S. C.	1	2	57	4	1	10	6	6	6				
G. J. Porter, (<i>in trans.</i>)	Slatington, Penn.	5	4	300	2	60	14	14	82	190				
H. H. Banks, P. E. —51.	Swannanoa, V.	5	2	80	3	25	6	6	6	60				
<i>Licentiates</i> —3.	Ashville, N. C.	8	2	68	2	8	17	12	8	120				
J. J. Kennedy,	Olney, S. S.	7	75	2	2	2	2	2	2	2				
R. H. Caldwell,	Enola, N. C.	1	113	2	2	2	2	2	2	2				
J. C. Kennedy,	Statesville, N. C.	1	75	2	2	2	2	2	2	2				
<i>Candidates</i> —2.		438	129,7342	67	228	1569	\$4178	\$550	\$818	\$284	\$415	\$799	\$21808	\$1711

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2. Presby of Fayetteville.																
Robert Tate, W. C.	Burgaw, N. C.	Philadelphia & Antioch, P.	7	1	228	11	45	3	3	3	21	10	3	7	110	29
Simeon Colton, D. D., W. C.	Asheboro, "	Bethel & Lumberbridge, P.														
H. McLean, P.	Shoe Heel, "	Laurel Hill P. Mtpelier, S. S.	1	300	1	2						6		5	300	
J. P. McPherson, P.	Shoe Heel, "	Mt. Pisgah, S. S.												18	661	
H. A. Monroe, S. S.	White's Creek, "	Buffalo, P.	34	4	246	13	30	11	11	21	9					9
Neill McKay, P.	Summerville, "	Clinton & Mt. Zion, S. S.														
Colin Shaw, W. C.	Black River Chapel, "	Rockfish, P., Pike, S. S.	1	2	27	1	20								165	
G. M. Gibbs, S. S.	Clinton, "	Mark's Creek,			27											
D. B. Black, P.	Burgaw, "	St Paul & Big Rockfish, P.														
D. Johnson, W. C.	Shoe Heel, "	Galatia, S. S.	3	3	260	4	95	6	6	17	20		38	20	439	11
A. McMillan, S. S.	Rockingham, "	Grove, P.														
N. McDonald, P.	Fayetteville, "	Union, (Duplin.) P. E.														
H. McAlister, W. C.	Averasboro, "	Black River Chapel, P.			37											
J. M. Sprunt, P.	Kenansville, "	S. River & Moore's Crk, S. S.														
S. C. Alexander, P.	Black River Chapel, "	Fayetteville, P.	7	3	132	4	50					6		27	112	
J. M. Sherwood, P.	Fayetteville, "	Bluff, P., Sardis, S. S.			320	2	60	9	9	9	70	14	14	28	1225	174
D. D. McBryde, P.	Mill Grove, "	Carthage and														
M. McQueen, P. E.	Carthage, "	Union, (Moore.) P. E.	24	2	137	8	25	5	5	9		4	3	6	333	7
James McQueen, S. S.	Fayetteville, "	Bethlehem, S. S.														
G. A. Russell, P.	Somerville, Tenn.	Tirza, P. & Barbaque, S. S.	25		232	10	2	5	5	5		25		30	1000	
N. T. Bowden, P.	Powelton, N. C.	Sharon and Pee Dee, P.														
A. McQueen, S. S.	Shoe Heel, "	Mt. Carmel, S. S.														
J. H. Cobble, P.	Shoe Heel, "	Ashpole & Smyrna, S. S.														
D. Fairley, P.	Fayetteville, "	Centre, P.														
M. McNair, P.	Shoe Heel, "	China Grove & Cypress, P.	9	5	403	2	32	10	10	10				46	625	
J. H. Colton, S. S.	Bostick's Mills, "	Long Street, S. S.														
		Bethel & Lumberbridge, P.														
		Mt. Tabor, P.														
		Harmony, Macedonia,														
		Mineral Spring, and														
		Bethesda, S. S.	3	3	473	13	70	17	17	17		10		11	185	15

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F. N. Whaley, P.	Clarkesville, Va.	Clarkesville, P.	1	1	102	1	8	30	12					21	467	62
Thomas U. Faucette, S. S.	Oxford, N. C.	Narhush, S. S.	10	10	53										81	34
J. M. Kirkpatrick, P.	Danville, Va.	Little River, S. S.			71											
Joseph M. Atkinson, P.	Raleigh, N. C.	Grassy Creek, S. S.			155											
P. H. Dalton, S. S.	High Point, "	Danville, P.	7	4	38	2	6	25						20	800	300
Willis L. Miller,	Statesville, "	Raleigh, P.	2	1	110	4	1	60	16	13	9	9	11	3	198	3
John B. Shearer, S. S.	Black Walnut, Va.	High Point, S. S.			40			45								
J. Henry Smith, P.	Greensboro, N. C.	Speedwell, S. S.			20											
F. H. Johnston, P.	Lexington, "	Mount Airy, V.			76	9	2	23	23	20	27	27	14	32	600	
D. E. Jordan, P.	Madison, "	Spring Hill, S. S.	19	4	249	1	3	92	25	46	85			37	1753	
A. D. Hepburn, Prof.	Chapel Hill, "	Greensboro, P.	6	4	98	5	8	66	12		14				635	35
Drury Lacy, D. D.	Raleigh, "	Lexington, P.	10	4	107	1	5	24								
J. C. Alexander, P.	Greensboro, "	Winston, S. S.														
Calvin N. Morrow, S. S.	Oaks, "	Madison, P.														
H. G. Hill, P.	Hillsboro, "	Leeksville, S. S.														
C. Phillips, Prof.	Chapel Hill, "	Roxboro, V.														
C. H. Wiley, W. C.	Greensboro, "	Louisburg, V.	1	1	12	12	1	20			63		26	10	470	21
William B. Tidball, S. S.	Greensboro, "	Buffalo, P.	2	2	25	1								18	22	2
L. C. Vaass, P.	Newberne, "	Bethel, P.												9	49	
Alexander Kirkland, S. S.	Clayton, "	Bethlehem, S. S.														
		Hillsboro, P.														
		Griers, S. S.														
		Warrenton, V.														
		Alamance, S. S.														
		Newberne.														
		Milburnie, S. S.														
		Ego,														
		Oakland, S. S.														
		Fairfield,														
		Ashboro,														
		Washington,														
		Pennel,														
		Wentworth, S. S.														
		Long's Mills,														
		Stony Creek, N. S.														
			87	19,322	30	82	531	\$203	\$79	\$320	\$36	\$51	\$303	\$8879	\$335	

SYNOPSIS OF S. CAROLINA.																									
1. <i>Presby of Bethel.</i>																									
R. Y. Russell,* S. S.	Blairsville, S. C.	2	235	1	2	14	10	100																	
S. L. Watson, P.	“	1	51	1		11	3	15																	
J. H. Saye, S. S.	“	9	343	16	250	30	5	630																	
W. Banks, P.	“	3	142	10		20	5	192																	
J. R. Baird, S. S.	“	8	1	32		5		115																	
L. W. Curtis,	“	8	172	12	40	35	9	206																	
W. W. Carothers, S. S.	“	13	240	1	50	30	9	267																	
J. M. Anderson, Prof.	“	3	74	7		5	5	170																	
J. E. White, P.	“	1	59	4		1																			
J. H. Martin, S. S.	“	18	112	8			8	115																	
A. A. James, P.	“	14	100	1	25	7	7	200																	
T. W. Erwin, P.	“	5	67	1																					
J. S. Bailey, S. S.	“	7	127		60	19	19	781																	
J. A. Davies, P.	“	13	311	9	91	100	48	672																	
D. Harrison, S. S. & D. M. Liberty Hill,	“	7	6	96	3	13	35	260																	
H. R. Dickson, P.	“	2	15	4		11	5	175																	
D. T. Towles, S. S.	“	6	1	150	3	13	12	150																	
W. W. Ratchford, S. S.	“	3	1	88	1	12	3	300																	
J. F. Watson, S. S.	“	31	4	174	9	8	16	210																	
R. L. Douglas,* P. —22.	“	21	3	293	13	11																			
D. A. Todd, S. S.	“	3	57	2		25	5	300																	
Candidates—3.	“	14	67	7	20	8	3	120																	
	“	2	1	92	1	3	105	5																	
	“	2	38	1	2	23	3																		
	“	10	4	125	1	45	15	1400																	
	“	4	3	59	1	8	5	333																	
	“	2	1	88	1	25	8	200																	
	“	1	25		28	90	5	633																	
	“	1	13				5	622																	
	“	13					3	20																	
	“	913	47,5513	79	141	617	\$180	\$409	\$436	\$245	\$180	\$8202	\$227												

* Deceased.

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2. <i>Presby of Charleston.</i> A. W. Leland, D. D. George Howe, D. D. John Forrest, D. D., P. Thomas Smyth, D. D., P. W. C. Dana, P. W. B. Yates. J. L. Girardeau, D. D. D. N. Jaffar, I. S. K. Legare, T. H. Legare, A. F. Dickson, John R. Dow, P. Edward Palmer, H. B. Cunningham, D. D. A. A. Porter, F. P. Mullaally, C. S. Vedder, P. W. T. Farrow, J. H. Carroll, —20, New Haven, Conn.	Columbia, S. C. " " Charleston, " " " " " " " " " Orangeburg, " " " " " Charleston, " Walterboro, " Columbia, " Spartanburg, " Columbia, " Aberdeen, Miss. Charleston, S. C. Greenwood, " —20, New Haven, Conn.	Prof. Theol. Seminary. Prof. Theol. Seminary. First church. Second church. Third church. Seaman's chaplain. Zion. Teacher. Teacher. Teacher. Orangeburg. John's Is. & Wadmalaw. Walterboro. Colored congregation. Summerville. Agent Am. S. S. Union. Columbia. Barnwell. Beech Island. Aiken. Stoney Creek. Wilton. James Island. —14.	27	33	475	7	44	30	\$200	\$72		\$100	\$74		\$4,562	\$20
<i>Luccatities—2.</i> John S. Arbnathot, A. W. Gaston. <i>Candidate—1.</i> <i>3. Presby of Harmony.</i> W. Brealley, P. T. R. English, S. S.	Marion, Ala. Columbia, S. C. Darlington, S. C. Lynchburg, "	Darlington, P. Turkey Creek, S. S.	4	2	111	3	4	30	53	33		54		12	600	

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1. <i>Presby of Cen. Texas.</i> Hugh Wilson, D. D., S. S. R. M. Loughridge, S. S.	Lexington, Texas. Latränge, Texas.	String Prairie, S. S. LaGrange, S. S. Round Top, S. S. Blue Ridge, S. S. Carolina, V. Oak Island, S. S. Lancaster, S. S. Milford, S. S. Waco, V. County Line, S. S. Georgetown, V. North Basque, V. Pleasant Hill, V. Austin, V. Belton, V.	20	29	335	3	19	95		\$12	\$132			\$87	\$2109		
2. <i>Presby of East Texas.</i> John Bell, W. K. Marshall, D. D., S. S. J. D. Sharp, J. Anderson, T. W. C. Dunlap, S. S. A. Shotwell, S. S. James Knox, (in trans.) John S. Park, (in trans.)	Canton, Texas. Henderson, Texas. Clarksville, Texas. Marshall, Texas. Webster, Texas.	Marshall, S. S. Henderson, S. S. Golden Rule, V. Rusk, S. S. San Augustine, V. Palestine, V. Hickory Hill, V. Gunn Spring, V. Mound Prairie, V. Long King, V. Larissa, S. S. Jefferson, S. S. Canton, V. Webster, S. S. Paris, V. Honey Grove, V. Sulphur Spring, V.	1	2	26	1	7	30							20	600	50
			5	4	35	6	40	30						10	150		
														20	275		
			5	3	30	3	90	50						10	260	50	
								20						20	760		
														5			
			13	16	312	1	16	280						\$95	\$2035	\$100	

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P. Fletcher, S. S.	Richmond, Va.	Olivet, V.	8	3	24	3	3	15							1275		
J. D. Thomas, P.	Cherry Stone, Va.	Holmes church, P.	1	2	34	6	20	20	14								
G. W. White, (<i>in trans.</i>)	Moorsfield, W. Va.																
H. H. Hawes, P.	Ford's Depot, Va.	Xamozine church, P.	3	5	34	3	3	3			3		16		445		
D. W. Shanks, P.	Amelia C. H., Va.	Amelia church, P.	3	11	1	4	4	61	61	25	1		19	15	700		
P. B. Price, P.	Richmond, Va.	3rd church, Richmond.	13	12	157	8	8	40	40						1648		
F. B. Converse, S. S.	Richmond, Va.																
M. L. Lacy, S. S.	Fredericksburg, Va.	Fredericksburg ch., P.	9	7	134	1	12	150	42	20	68	250		15	1392		
T. W. Gilmer, P.		Bethlehem, P.			20												
George H. Denny, P.		Pole Green and Salem, P.	1		101	23											
M. D. Kalopothakes, P.	Greece.	Sussex, V.			20	20											
		McKemie, P.			20	20											
		Yellow Chapel, V.			20	20											
		Tappahannock, V.			8												
		Smithfield, V.			6												
			121	133	2690	28	128	1667	\$1749	\$136	\$947	\$821	\$672	\$210	\$27211	\$1720	
<i>2. Presby of Greenbrier.</i>																	
John McElhenny, D. D.	Lewisburg, W. Va.	Lewisburg, P.	85	7	325	17	6	140	14				26	10	660	30	
J. C. Barr.	Lewisburg, W. Va.	Lewisburg, P.															
S. R. Houston,	Union, W. Va.	Union, P.	25	105	5	10	85							5	250	10	
	Rocky Point, W. Va.	Mount Pleasant, P.	81	3	315	15	21	195						15	550	25	
	Academy, W. Va.	Oak Grove, S. S.	10	2	41	6	40							10	179		
M. D. Dunlap,	Huntersville, W. Va.	Huntersville, S. S.	2	18											25		
	Frankford, W. Va.	Frankford, S. S.	13	2	75	2	12	101	40	18	40	20		15	75	55	
J. H. Leaps,	Falling Spring, W. Va.	Spring Creek, S. S.		1	29	4	4	20	20					10	20		
	Indian Creek, W. Va.	Centreville, S. S.			111			40	10	8				10	150		
	Gap Mills, W. Va.	Carroll, S. S.	5	1	59		20							5	47	75	
M. H. Birtinger,	Kanawha-Salines, W. Va.	Kanawha Salines, S. S.	4	6	51	1	8	60							235		
H. B. Rose,	Palestine, W. Va.	Muddy Creek, S. S.	1	2	23	1	35	6						5	29		
B. B. Blair,	Grassy Meadows, W. Va.	McElhenny, S. S.	2	1	24	1	3	15							23		
James Haynes,	Mountain Cove, W. Va.	Fayette, S. S.	12	2	34	2	7	50	10						16		
	Goshen, Va.	Liberty, S. S.			33			20	4						8		
R. P. Kennedy,	Dunmore, W. Va.	Baxter, S. S.			11										8		
	Summersville, W. Va.	Summersville, V.			40										4		
J. A. Waddell,	Anthony's Creek, W. Va.	Anthony's Creek, S. S.			60										41		

C. A. Miller, P.	Christiansburg, Va.																					
W. F. Junkin, P.	Fancy Hill,	J	9	193	12							3	115						54	38	233	64
J. M. Rice, P.	Covington, P.	70	145		20							6							10	10	550	15
T. W. Hooper, P.	Christiansburg,	21	1	197	4							9							17	18	1061	31
L. H. Blanton, P.	Salem, P.	24	26	163	7							15	87						41	18	850	
A. W. Pitzer, P. E.	Liberty,				19																	
H. M. White, P.	Glade Spring,		7	133	7							8	75							18	172	90
B. T. Lacy, S. S.	St. Louis, Mo.	37	7	11								39								18	800	400
C. W. Price,	Winchester, Ky.																					
J. M. Wharey, P.	Max Meadows,	4		27	1							8	15							5	270	
W. H. Crawford, S. S.	Mt. Carmel, S. S.			38																		
	Dagger's Springs,	21	1	50	20							3							1		75	11
	Dagger's Springs,	5		35	1							2									15	4
	Dagger's Springs,	2	1	56								7										
W. V. Wilson, S. S.	Marion,	1	5	35								1								5		7
J. P. Smith, P.	Big Lick,				6																	
	Bethel, V.				66																	
	Blue Stone,				3																	
W. F. Wilhelm,	Blacksburg,				19																130	
H. C. Brown,	Liberty,				30																	
G. T. Lyle,	Jacksonville,				45																	
	Sharon, V.				10																	
	Hillsville,				56																	
	Hillsville, V.	6		10								3	1								45	
	Dublin,				13																	
	Glade Spring,		344	98	2424	78	160	620	3343	\$15	\$61	\$40	\$114	\$234	\$7650	\$627						
	Warrenton,	4		40																		
A. D. Pollock, S. S.	Morrisville,	4		55																9		
John W. McMurren, P.	Litchfield, P.	4	1	10																10		
	Warrenton,	9	3	84	4			9	70													
John W. Pugh, P.	Washington, V.				15																	
Robert S. Bell, W. C.	Salem, S. S.	1		9	1			2												43	3	433
Thomas B. Balch, W. C.	24 ch. Alexandria, P.	26	18	185	1			6											110	30	1500	
James T. Lettwich, P.	Leesburg, V.				32																	
Henry R. Smith, S. S.	Catoctin, V.	25		32	16			2												5		
C. H. Nourse, W. C.	Middleburg, S. S.	1	4	19																10		
	Lovettsville, S. S.				23															3		
A. M. Hershey, W. C.	Rockville & Bethesda, P.	2	7	179	1			11												2000		
Edward H. Cumpston, P.	Poolesville, V.				13															5		
		76	33	683	23		30	70											\$153	\$75	\$2933	

5. *Presby of Potomac.**Candidates—6.*

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6. <i>Presby of Roanoke.</i>																	
Samuel B. Wilson, D. D.,	Hampden Sidney, Va.	Prof. U. T. Seminary.															
Thomas E. Peck,	Hampden Sidney, "	Prof. U. T. Seminary.															
Isaac Cochran, P.	Darlington He lts, "	Buffalo, P.															
J. G. Shepperson, P.	New London, "	Pisgah & New London, P.															
James B. Ramsey, D. D., P.	Lynchburg, "	2d ch., Lynchburg, P.	8	14	146	1	8	100	119	83		704		50	2213	20	
J. D. Mitchell, D. D., P.	Lynchburg, "	Briery, P.	1	7	101	1	10	138	86					230	2461		
Thomas Wharey, P.	Keyville, "	Keyville, P.	1	4	108				16					15	568		
H. C. Alexander, P.	Charlotte C. H., "	Village church, P.	4	2	192				20					25	1004	105	
Alexander Martin, P.	Aspenwall, "	Roanoke, P.	6	4	162				30					25	1230	33	
Hugh A. Brown, P.	Mossing Ford, "	Bethesda & Hermon, P.	2	7	96				30					10	490		
William H. Matthews, P.	Pittsylvania C. H., "	Pittsylvania & Leesville, P.	2	2	91				40					12	415		
P. T. Penick, P.	Liberty, "	Peaks, P.	9	2	87				30					21	321		
J. H. Davis, P.	Charlotte C. H., "	Bethlehem, P.			43				10					6	300		
T. W. White, P.	Macfarlands, "	Concord, P.	1	2	67				5					6	195		
B. W. Moseley, P.	Oakley, "	Lanenburg, P.	6	3	46				6					20	20		
T. M. Niven, P.	News Ferry, "	Blue Stone, P.	8	1	62				35					16	500		
M. L. Lacy, S. S.	Charlotte C. H., "	Wylliesburg, P.			27				5					5	150		
J. H. Boccock, D. D., S. S.	Halifax C. H., "	Mercy Seat, P.			38									10	500		
R. C. Anderson, S. S.	Henry C. H., "	Cub Creek, S. S.												2	100		
M. W. Jackson, W. C.	Rough Creek, "	Rough Creek, S. S.															
C. R. Vaughn, W. C., (<i>inf.</i>)	Cole's Ferry, "	Halifax C. H.															
Robert Gray, W. C.	Rocky Mount, "	Henry C. H., S. S.															
G. W. Leyburn,	Appomattox C. H., "	Piedmont, P.															
H. P. Smith, P.	Gogginsville, "																
R. N. Anderson,																	
<i>Incidental—1.</i>																	
James Walkup, S. S.			1	2	70												
			4	1	70												
			12	1	56							12			1011	12	
<i>Candidate—1.</i>																	
	Mount Zion, "		1	5	18												

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<i>S. Presby of Winchester.</i>																
William H. Foote, D.D., P.	W. Va.	Romney, P.	24	100	1	1	8							15		
Jas. G. Hamner, D.D., W. C.		Springfield, P.	12	40	4									5		
Silas Billings, S. S.		Edk Branch, S. S.	10	90	6									10		
J. L. Frary, W. C.		Shepherdstown, S. S.	46	80	12			130			150	25		35	1079	
W. B. Dutton, D.D., W. C.		Charlestown, P.		194	6			30						5		
M. Raymond, P.		Mount Bethel, P.	15	30	2			4	15					20		
L. F. Wilson, P.		Falling Water, P.	22	25	1			1	15		20	5		12		
		Tuscarora, S. S.	15	45	1			2			20			5	200	
R. T. Berry, S. S.		Front Royal, S. S.	11	116	1			110			20			25	800	100
J. R. Graham, P.		Winchester, P.		26												
Charles White, P.		Berryville, P.		23				35						11		60
M. W. Woodworth, S. S.		Ensebia, S. S.	1	20										5		
W. A. Crawford, P. E.		Opicum, P. E.	2	25										3		
J. H. Jennings, P.		Tomahawk Sp'g, W. Va.	22	82	3			10	75					20	1128	75
J. E. Hughes, P.		Bach Creek, V.		80										10	600	25
J. Johnston, S. S.		Mount Zion, V.	43	75	10			2	75					5	100	
J. M. Clymer, P.		Woodstock, P.	2	45				25							100	
R. L. McMullan, W. C.		Strasburg, S. S.	6	30	3											
R. L. McCune, W. C.		Cedar Creek, S. S.		25												
E. W. Belinger, W. C.		Harper's Ferry, V.	12	164	4			13	125			53		20	1561	
J. W. Lupton, W. C. —20.		Loudoun St., (Win.) P. E.	85	165					61							
		Gerardstown, V.		25												
		Bunker Hill, V.		15												
J. M. Harris.		Smithfield, V.	30	175										20		
William Stoddard.		Moorefield, P. E.		20												
W. Johnston.		Mount Hope, S. S.		20												
C. N. Campbell.		Piedmont, S. S.		20												
W. J. Warden.		Charlestown, W. Va.		20												
Henry Harlic.		Wardensville, W. Va.		20												
		Concord, V.		30												
		Bloomery, V.		10												
		Winston, V.		43	1915	54	51	605	891		190	8		35	365	200
			337													

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- Bachman, N., Rogersville, Tenn., 95.
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 Baird, D. D., E. T., Richmond, Va., (not reported.)
 Baird, James R., Yorkville, S. C., 103.
 Baird, Washington, Griffin, Ga., 86.
 Baker, Archibald, Fernandina, Fla., 85.
 Baker, C. A., Benton, Ala., 78.
 Baker, D. S., New Orleans, La., 93.
 Baker, J. F., Holcomb's Rock, Va., 112.
 Baker, John W., Augusta, Ga., 83.
 Baker, R. M., LaFayette, Ga., 83.
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