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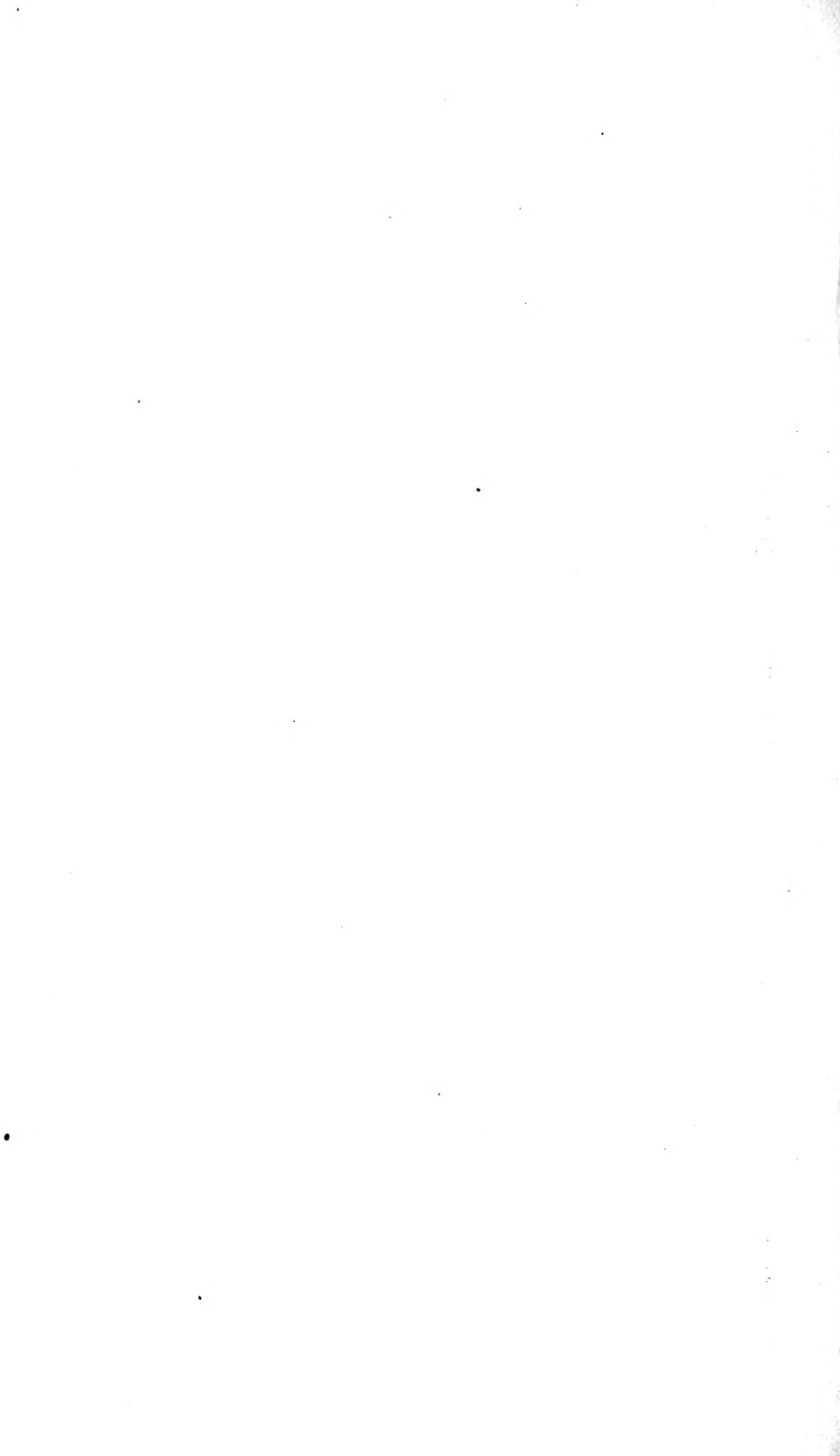
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MINUTES.

LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS, MAY 15, 1873.

The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States met, agreeably to appointment, in the Presbyterian church of Little Rock, at 11 o'clock A. M., and was opened with a sermon by the Rev. Thomas R. Welch, D. D., the Moderator of the last Assembly, on Acts 1: 8, "But ye shall receive power after the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me, both in Jerusalem and in all Judea, and Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth."

After the close of public worship, the General Assembly was constituted with prayer by the Moderator.

The Stated Clerk reported that authentic information had been received of the formation of the Presbytery of Tusculumbia, by the Synod of Memphis, and that it had been entered on the roll.

The Permanent Clerk from the Committee on Commissions reported that the following commissioners had been enrolled, viz:

I.—SYNOD OF ALABAMA.

PRESBYTERIES.	MINISTERS.	RULING ELDERS.
1. <i>East Alabama,</i>	W. A. Carter, (2)	Edwin Fay.
2. <i>South Alabama,</i>	J. M. McLean,	Joseph Hardie.
3. <i>Tuskaloosa,</i>	James Somerville,	J. K. Spence.

II.—SYNOD OF ARKANSAS.

4. <i>Arkansas,</i>	T. R. Welch, D. D.	J. F. Allan.
5. <i>Indian,</i>	Allen Wright, (4)	
6. <i>Ouachita,</i>	Saml. Williamson, D. D.	Charles Chester.

III.—SYNOD OF GEORGIA.

7. <i>Atlanta,</i>	W. J. Keith,	M. A. Candler.
8. <i>Augusta,</i>	Thos. P. Cleveland,	H. D. Smith.
9. <i>Cherokee,</i>	S. E. Axsen, (2)	C. H. Smith.
10. <i>Florida,</i>	B. L. Baker,	A. B. Hager.
11. <i>Macon,</i>	James S. White.	W. J. Reese. (4)
12. <i>Savannah,</i>	J. W. Montgomery.	

NOTE.—The figures appended to the names indicate on what day of the sessions the commissioners first appeared.

IV.—SYNOD OF KENTUCKY.

13. <i>Central Ohio,</i>	Ro. Morrison,	
14. <i>Ebenezer,</i>	J. A. Dickson,	J. S. Forman.
15. <i>Louisville,</i>	W. L. Nourse,	W. W. George.
	J. W. Pugh	P. O. Turpin.
16. <i>Muhlenburg,</i>	R. K. Smoot,	
17. <i>Paducah,</i>		M. H. Carson.
18. <i>Transylvania,</i>		N. B. Tevis.
19. <i>West Lexington,</i>	R. H. Kinnaid,	

V.—SYNOD OF MEMPHIS.

20. <i>Chickasaw,</i>	F. Patton,	D. McFarland.
21. <i>Memphis,</i>	F. H. Bowman,	W. D. Somers.
22. <i>North Mississippi,</i>	E. C. Davidson,	
23. <i>Tuscumbia,</i>	Alex. Penland,	R. M. Patton.
24. <i>Western District,</i>	Geo. A. Russell,	W. A. Allison.

VI.—SYNOD OF MISSISSIPPI.

25. <i>Central Mississippi,</i>	S. S. Brown,	A. J. Liddell.
26. <i>Louisiana,</i>	A. Z. Young.	
27. <i>Mississippi,</i>	W. F. V. Bartlett,	J. M. Newton.
28. <i>New Orleans,</i>	H. M. Smith, D. D.,	W. B. Hamilton.
29. <i>Red River,</i>	A. R. Banks,	J. H. Stroud.
30. <i>Tombeckee,</i>	A. P. Smith,	J. M. Henson.

VII.—SYNOD OF NASHVILLE.

31. <i>Holston,</i>	J. H. Martin,	J. W. Seehorn.
32. <i>Knoxville,</i>	James Park,	W. W. Anderson.
33. <i>Nashville,</i>	H. H. Banks,	W. O'N. Perkins.
34. <i>North Alabama,</i>	F. A. Thompson,	A. Thompson.

VIII.—SYNOD OF NORTH CAROLINA.

35. <i>Concord,</i>	W. A. Wood, (2)	J. G. Ramsay, (2)
36. <i>Fayetteville,</i>	Neill McKay, D. D.	A. D. McLean.
37. <i>Mecklenburg,</i>	R. Z. Johnston, (2)	R. J. McDowell.
38. <i>Orange,</i>	J. C. Alexander,	J. H. Welborn.
	L. C. Vass,	R. J. Hicks.
39. <i>Wilmington,</i>	A. F. Dickson,	C. S. Kerr.

IX.—SYNOD OF SOUTH CAROLINA.

40. <i>Bethel,</i>	R. E. Cooper, (2)	Peter Garrison.
41. <i>Charleston,</i>	W. H. Adams,	J. E. Enslow.
42. <i>Harmony,</i>	E. H. Buist,	
43. <i>South Carolina,</i>	R. H. Reid,	S. P. Boozer.
	J. L. Martin, (2)	H. W. Leland.

X.—SYNOD OF TEXAS.

44. <i>Brazos,</i>	Simon Frayzer,	John S. Besser.
45. <i>Central Texas,</i>	N. McDonald,	J. W. Shive.
46. <i>Eastern Texas,</i>	John S. Moore,	
47. <i>Western Texas,</i>	R. M. Loughridge,	

XI.—SYNOD OF VIRGINIA.

48. <i>Abingdon,</i>	J. D. Thomas,	D. C. Dunn.
49. <i>Chesapeake,</i>	C. N. Campbell,	L. J. Rothrock.
50. <i>East Hanover,</i>	Wm. Brown, D. D.,	W. J. Leake, (2)
51. <i>Greenbrier,</i>	James H. Leps, (2)	John Stuart, (2)
52. <i>Lexington,</i>	W. T. Price,	J. W. Calhoun.
	Wm. Pinkerton, (2)	A. A. Sproull, (2)
53. <i>Montgomery,</i>	Daniel Blain,	W. B. Morton.
54. <i>Roanoke,</i>	F. N. Whaley,	Wm. M. Hannah, (2)
55. <i>Sao Paulo.</i>		
56. <i>West Hanover,</i>	John C. Dinwiddie, (2)	L. L. Holladay, (2)
57. <i>Winchester,</i>	Geo. L. Leyburn,	Thomas S. Sangster.

CORRESPONDING MEMBERS.

- REV. CHARLES H. STITT, D. D., from the General Synod of the Reformed Church in America.
 REV. MONROE OATES, from the Associate Reformed Synod of the South.
 REV. S. H. BUCHANAN, from the General Assembly of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church.

The Assembly then proceeded to the election of officers : whereupon the Rev. Henry M. Smith, D. D., a commissioner from the Presbytery of New Orleans, was chosen Moderator, and the Rev. R. K. Smoot, a commissioner from the Presbytery of Muhlenburg, was chosen as Temporary Clerk.

It was resolved that, until otherwise ordered, the sessions of the Assembly shall be from 9 o'clock A. M. till 1 o'clock P. M.

The Assembly adjourned till to-morrow morning, 9 o'clock. Closed with prayer by the Rev. B. Hobson, of Kentucky.

FRIDAY MORNING, May 16—9 o'clock.

The Assembly met, and was opened with prayer by the Moderator.

The minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

The following additional commissioners appeared and were enrolled, viz: Rev. J. H. Leps, and John Stuart, ruling elder from the Presbytery of Greenbrier; Wm. M. Hannah, ruling elder from the Presbytery of Roanoke; Wm. B. Hamilton, ruling elder from the Presbytery of New Orleans; Rev. Z. R. Johnston, from the Presbytery of Mecklenburg; Rev. R. E. Cooper, from the Presbytery of Bethel; Rev. Wm. Pinkerton, and A. A. Sproull, ruling elder from the Presbytery of Lexington; Rev. S. E. Axson, from the Presbytery of Cherokee; Rev. W. A. Wood, from the Presbytery of Concord; M. H. Carson, from the Presbytery of Paducah; Rev. J. C. Dinwiddie, and L. L. Holladay, ruling elder from the Presbytery of West Hanover; C. H. Smith, ruling elder from the Presbytery of Cherokee; W. J. Leake, ruling elder from the Presbytery of East Hanover; Rev. Wm. A. Carter, of the Presbytery of East Alabama; J. G. Ramsay, ruling elder from the Presbytery

of Concord; and Rev. J. L. Martin, from the Presbytery of South Carolina.

It was made the order of the day for 10 o'clock this morning to hear the Annual Report of the Executive Committee of Sustentation, and for 11 o'clock to hear the Report of the Executive Committee on Foreign Missions.

The Moderator announced the following Standing Committees:

ON BILLS AND OVERTURES.—T. R. Welch, D. D., J. H. Martin, A. R. Banks, R. K. Smoot, F. N. Whaley, A. B. Hagen, W. O'N. Perkins, L. L. Holladay, John S. Besser, R. Z. Johnston (3), W. M. Hannah (3).

JUDICIAL COMMITTEE.—F. H. Bowman, S. Williamson, D. D., G. A. Russell, B. L. Baker, R. M. Patton, W. J. Leake, John Stuart (3).

THEOLOGICAL SEMINARIES.—A. F. Dickson, D. Blain, R. H. Reid, J. S. White, P. Garrison, J. Stroude, S. P. Boozer, R. E. Cooper (3).

SUSTENTATION.—James Park, J. M. McLean, W. L. Nourse, J. F. Allan, J. H. Welborne, E. C. Davidson, D. C. Dunn, J. W. Shive, W. B. Hamilton (3), J. H. Leps (3).

FOREIGN MISSIONS.—W. Brown, D. D., W. H. Adams, G. L. Leyburn, R. M. Loughridge, A. D. McLean, H. W. Leland, J. M. Newton, S. E. Axson (3), J. A. Enslow (3).

PUBLICATION.—J. W. Pugh, J. C. Dinwiddie, R. Morrison, J. Hardie, E. Fay, D. McFarland, S. Frazer, W. A. Wood (3), A. A. Sproull (3).

EDUCATION.—N. McKay, D. D., H. H. Banks, A. P. Smith, J. D. Thomas, A. J. Liddell, A. Thompson, W. D. Morton, W. Pinkerton (3), J. L. Martin (3).

EVANGELISTIC LABOR.—L. C. Vass, R. H. Kinnaird, W. T. Price, J. C. Dinwiddie, W. W. Anderson, J. M. Henson, James W. Calhoun, M. H. Carson (3).

SYSTEMATIC BENEVOLENCE.—N. McDonald, C. N. Campbell, W. A. Allison, J. A. Mitchell, J. C. Dinwiddie (3), C. H. Smith (3), W. A. Carter (3).

FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.—R. K. Smoot, J. Somerville, A. Penland, J. S. Moore, J. W. Seehorn, R. J. Hicks, T. L. Sangster, L. L. Holladay (3).

NARRATIVE.—W. F. V. Bartlett, T. P. Cleveland, H. D. Smith.

SABBATH SCHOOLS.—E. H. Buist, J. A. Dickson, W. J. Keith, F. Patton, W. W. George, M. A. Candler, C. Chester, W. J. Leake (3), J. G. Ramsay (3).

LEAVE OF ABSENCE.—J. W. Montgomery, W. D. Somers.

DEVOTIONAL EXERCISES.—T. R. Welch, D. D., J. F. Allan.

AUDITING COMMITTEE.—R. M. Patton, J. Hardie, L. J. Rothrock.

SYNODICAL RECORDS.

ALABAMA.—G. L. Leyburn, H. W. Leland.

ARKANSAS.—H. H. Banks, J. H. Stroud.

GEORGIA.—J. C. Alexander, A. J. Liddell.

KENTUCKY.—E. C. Davidson, J. K. Spence.

MEMPHIS.—A. F. Dickson, L. L. Holladay.

NOTE.—The figure appended to some of the names indicates that they were added to the committee on that day of the sessions.

MISSISSIPPI.—T. P. Cleveland, N. B. Tevis.

NASHVILLE.—Robert Morrison, C. Chester.

NORTH CAROLINA.—J. Somerville, H. D. Smith.

SOUTH CAROLINA.—W. L. Nourse, W. W. George.

TEXAS.—B. L. Baker, J. S. Forman.

VIRGINIA.—W. J. Keith, E. Fay.

The Rev. Chas. H. Stitt, D. D., corresponding delegate from the Synod of the Reformed Church in America, was announced as being present, and was suitably introduced to the General Assembly by the Moderator.

The order of the day was taken up, and the Report of the Executive Committee on Sustentation was read by the Rev. Richard McIlwaine, the Associate Secretary; and in connection therewith a paper from said Committee in regard to the relation it sustains to the Board of Trustees of the General Assembly. The Report was referred to the Standing Committee on Sustentation, and the accompanying paper to a special committee consisting of Messrs. W. O'N. Perkins, A. P. Smith, N. McKay, D. D., L. J. Rothrock, and R. M. Patton.

The second order of the day was suspended for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Board of Trustees of the General Assembly. This report was read and referred to the Auditing Committee, except so much of it as concerned the relation between the Trustees and the Executive Committees, which was referred to a special committee consisting of Messrs. W. O'N. Perkins, A. P. Smith, N. McKay, D. D., L. J. Rothrock, and R. M. Patton. Certain papers in the hands of the Stated Clerk pertaining to this matter, were also referred to the above committee.

The second order of the day was then taken up, and the Annual Report of the Executive Committee on Foreign Missions was read by the Secretary, Rev. J. Leighton Wilson, D. D., and referred to the Standing Committee on that subject. The Treasurer's Report on Sustentation and Foreign Missions was presented and referred to the Auditing Committee.

The Rev. Monroe Oates, delegate from the Associate Reformed Synod of the South, was announced as present, and was introduced to the Assembly by the Moderator.

The Annual Report of the Trustees and Faculty of the Theological Seminary at Columbia, and the Annual Report of the Directors and Trustees of Union Theological Seminary, were read and referred to the proper committee.

Reports from the Presbyteries concerning the Revised Book of Discipline were presented by the Stated Clerk, and were referred to a committee consisting of Messrs. F. H. Bowman, W. F. V. Bartlett, J. L. Martin, S. E. Axson, A. A. Sproull, J. Hardie, and L. L. Holladay.

SATURDAY MORNING, May 17—9 o'clock.

The Assembly met and was opened with prayer by ruling elder R. M. Patton.

The minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

N. B. Tevis, ruling elder from the Presbytery of Transylvania, and J. A. Enslow, ruling elder from the Presbytery of Charleston, were enrolled as additional commissioners.

Messrs. C. H. Smith, M. A. Candler, and J. H. Welborn were added to the committee appointed yesterday touching the legal relation between the Trustees of the General Assembly and its Executive Committees.

The Annual Report of the Executive Committee of Publication was read by the Secretary, Rev. E. T. Baird, D. D., and referred to the Standing Committee on that subject. Also, a Memorial from the same Committee in regard to the purchase of a Publication House was read, which was referred to a special committee consisting of Messrs. J. H. Martin, J. S. Moore, W. A. Wood, J. G. Ramsay, and J. M. Henson. So much of the Annual Report as regards the relation between the Executive Committees and the Trustees of the General Assembly, was referred to the special committee on that subject; also, certain legal opinions touching certain matters therein stated, were presented by Dr. Baird and referred to the same committee.

Dr. Baird, as Secretary of Education, read the Annual Report of the Executive Committee, which was referred to the proper Standing Committee. The reports of the Treasurer of Education and Publication were referred to the Auditing Committee.

The Committee on Bills and Overtures presented the following report:

Overture No. 1, being an Overture from the Presbytery of Sao Paulo, asking the General Assembly to consider the religious condition of the Jews, and to put forth some effort to bring them to Christ. The committee recommend that this Overture be referred to the Executive Committee on Foreign Missions.

The same Committee reported Overture No. 2, from the Presbytery of Memphis, relative to the duty of Scriptural family training, as follows:

Resolved, That this Presbytery memorializes the General Assembly to address a circular letter to all our churches, in reference to the duty of Scriptural family training in general, and particularly with a view to impressing upon Christian parents the importance of accustoming their children to worship with them regularly in the sanctuary on the Sabbath, according to divine appointment, and that they (the children) go with them to the House of God to attend upon the preparatory services of regular communions or sacramental seasons.

(Signed)

R. R. EVANS, *Stated Clerk*.

The Committee recommended that the request be granted, and a committee be appointed to prepare a pastoral letter on the subject referred to and present it to the body at its present session.

Also, Overture No. 3, from the Presbytery of Roanoke, asking the Assembly to relax the rule, so that they may enroll as a member of their Presbytery, a foreign minister, the Rev. Thomas Drew, of the Somerset Association, of the Independents of Great Britain, with a view to his settlement as pastor of the churches which he has been serving since last August, as stated supply, viz: Christiansville, Bluestone and Wyaliesburg. Your committee would recommend to the Assembly to adopt the following:

Resolved, 1. That the Presbytery of Roanoke is authorized to employ the Rev. Thomas Drew, in preaching and administering the sacraments within their bounds, during the time of his probation.

Resolved, 2. That if the Presbytery shall continue to be, at their spring meeting in 1874, well satisfied with the probation of the Rev. Thomas Drew, they be then authorized to receive him to full membership, and if the way be clear, install him into the pastoral work; this being the earliest date for such action permitted by the ordinance of the Assembly, reiterated in the case of the Rev. Robert Irvine, D. D., in 1871.

Also, Overture No. 4, from the Presbytery of Brazos, requesting that the text on the substance of all Overtures presented to the Assembly appear in the printed minutes of this body. The committee recommend as an answer, that we think our minutes are sufficiently full on the subject of Overtures.

Also, No. 5. being an Overture from the Presbytery of Harmony, asking that another column be added to the statistical tables, exhibiting the amount of salary stipulated to be paid to the minister in charge. The committee recommend that this Overture be not granted.

The above reports were adopted, and Rev. A. Penland, Rev. R. E. Cooper, Chas. Chester, and F. A. Thompson, were appointed a committee to prepare a pastoral letter on family training, as requested in Overture No. 2.

The Committee on Devotional Exercises made a report, which was approved.

The Stated Clerk presented to the Assembly a report from the Committee on Revision of the Book of Church Order, which is as follows:

To the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States, to meet at Little Rock, in the State of Arkansas, the Committee on Revision of the Book of Church Order send greeting:

FATHERS AND BRETHREN—The Assembly at Louisville having committed all the answers of the Presbyteries touching the Revised Form and Book of Discipline to the original committee for incorporation therewith, your committee presented to the last Assembly only the Discipline, deferring herein to the expressed wishes of several of the Presbyteries, to have the Revision submitted in portions.

As it has become evident that a majority of the Presbyteries have declined to adopt the Revised Rules of Discipline, and as the desire of a number of them is to have your committee discharged, it seems to us proper, with a view to relieving the Assembly of any possible embarrass-

ment in acceding to their request, that your committee should now send up to your venerable body a copy of the Revised Form, with the Presbyteries' amendments incorporated, so that the Assembly may dispose of the whole matter as it may deem best.

Commending the Assembly and our Church to the grace of our Lord, I remain, fathers and brethren, on behalf of the committee,

Faithfully yours,

JOHN B. ADGER, *Chairman*.

COLUMBIA, S. C., May 5, 1873.

The report was referred to the committee on this subject.

The Assembly proceeded to select a place of meeting for next Assembly; whereupon Columbus, in the State of Mississippi, was chosen.

It was made the order of the day for Monday night at 8 o'clock to receive the report of the Standing Committee on Foreign Missions.

Upon request of Rev. E. C. Davidson, the papers in his possession relative to the bequest of Mr. Lusk were placed in the hands of the special committee concerning the relation between the Trustees of the Assembly and its Executive Committees.

The Stated Clerk read a paper concerning the Evangelical Alliance, which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

It was made the order of the day for 10 o'clock on Monday morning to hear the delegates from the Reformed Church, and from the Associate Reformed Church, and the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church.

A telegram was received and read by the Stated Clerk from the General Assembly of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, stating that they had appointed Rev. S. H. Buchanan to represent them in this Assembly, and his name was enrolled as a delegate from that body.

Invitations were received from the Asylums for the Deaf and Dumb, and also from the Blind, inviting the members of the Assembly to visit those institutions at their convenience, and the thanks of the Assembly were returned to the managers of those institutions.

It was resolved that so much of the report of the Board of Trustees as relates to the financial matters of the Board go into the hands of the Auditing Committee of the Assembly.

The Assembly adjourned till Monday morning at 9 o'clock.

Closed with prayer by J. A. Enslow.

MONDAY MORNING, May 19, 1873—9 o'clock.

The Assembly met and was opened with prayer by ruling elder, Mr. Fay.

The minutes of Saturday were read and approved.

Mr. W. J. Reese, ruling elder from the Presbytery of Macon,

and Rev. Allen Wright, from the Presbytery of Indian, were reported, and their names enrolled as additional commissioners.

The Committee on Bills and Overtures reported Overture No. 6, from the Presbytery of Arkansas, asking the Committee of Publication to adopt the International Text for Sabbath School Lessons for the year 1874. The Committee recommend that this whole subject be referred to the Executive Committee of Publication, to act as they think best. This report was adopted.

The Rev. Joseph R. Wilson, D. D., delegate to the Synod of the Reformed Church, made the following report :

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

The undersigned, alternate delegate to the sixty-sixth "General Synod of the Reformed Church in America," begs leave to report that he discharged his duty in the matter of this appointment to the best of his ability. My reception by that venerable body was as cordial as possible, and my official salutations met with the warmest response, both in the affectionate address of the President and in the variously manifested sympathies of the members.

Whilst I was careful to say that I carried with me from the Assembly I represented, no authority to propose terms of organic union, I ventured to express the hope of a closer alliance than now exists between the two bodies, should a benignant Providence open the way thereto. The utterance of this sentiment produced a deeper impression than I could have foreseen; and in view of it, a committee was appointed (unanimously, I believe,) to take into consideration the subject thus suggested, with instructions to report to the Synod of 1873.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSEPH R. WILSON.

The above report was received, and the diligence of the delegate was approved.

The Rev. Mr. Woods was excused from serving on the committee, to whom was referred the Memorial of the Committee of Publication, and W. J. Leake, ruling elder, was appointed in his place.

The Stated Clerk presented the following communication, which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Correspondence :

Extract from the Minutes of the General Synod of the Reformed Church in America, June, 1872.

The following preamble and resolution were unanimously adopted :

Whereas, the Corresponding Delegate from the Presbyterian Church in the United States (South) expressed to this Synod the interest which his Church feels in the hope of closer relations with our own; and

Whereas, so formal an overture from so large and respectable a body of kindred faith and order, is deserving of the most courteous attention :

Resolved, That a committee of five ministers and three elders be appointed to consider carefully the matter of the desirableness and feasibility of the proposed relations, and to report thereon, if possible, to the next General Synod.

The following were appointed the committee, the President being added

by a vote of the Synod: Rev. H. D. Ganse, Joachim Elmendorf, A. B. Van Zandt, P. D. Van Cleeef, Elbert S. Porter, E. T. Corwin, and the elders, Robert H. Pruyn, Frederick Frelinghuysen, and Frederick Hewson.
P. D. VAN CLEEF, *Stated Clerk.*

Information was received through the Stated Clerk, from the Rev. John Douglas, the delegate appointed by the last General Assembly to the Associate Reformed Synod of the South, that he had not been able to attend the meeting of that body.

The order of the day was then taken up, when the Rev. Chas. H. Stitt, D. D., delegate to this Assembly from the Synod of the Reformed Church; the Rev. Monroe Oates, delegate from the Associate Reformed Synod of the South, and the Rev. S. H. Buchanan, delegate from the General Assembly of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, addressed the Assembly, conveying the fraternal salutations of the respective churches they represented. To these addresses the Moderator made suitable responses.

The following report from the Committee on Bills and Overtures was adopted:

The Committee on Bills and Overtures report on Overture No. 7, from the Presbytery of Winchester, that the General Assembly shall impose a restriction on the Executive Committee of Education, requiring that they limit their appropriations to such candidates for the ministry as are sufficiently advanced in their studies to enter the Junior Class of our Colleges. The committee recommend that the Overture be not granted.

The same Committee presented a report on Overture No. 8, from the Presbytery of Tombeckbee, and Overture No. 9, from the Presbytery of Muhlenburg. A report was also presented from the minority of said Committee, and a motion was made for its adoption. After discussion this motion was laid on the table. It was then moved to adopt the report of the committee. To this an amendment was offered, being a modification of the paper offered as the report of the minority. Pending the discussion of this subject, its further consideration was suspended, to receive a report from the Auditing Committee. This report was adopted, and is as follows:

The Auditing Committee to whom was referred the accounts of Rev. Richard McIlwaine, Treasurer of Sustentation, for the fiscal year commencing 1st April, 1872, and ending 1st April, 1873, have had the same under consideration. They report that the Treasurer very promptly submitted his books and vouchers. After a careful examination and comparison thereof with the accounts as presented to the Assembly, they find them altogether correct and satisfactory, showing a balance in the Treasury April 1st, 1873, \$3,744 33.

The Committee have also examined the books and accounts of the Treasurer on the Fund collected for support and maintenance of disabled Ministers, and Widows and Orphans of Deceased Ministers, and find them carefully kept and properly vouched, showing a balance in the Treasury on account of this Fund of \$1,290 36.

The Committee have examined also the accounts of the Treasurer on the Relief Fund, with the books and vouchers accompanying the same, and find them, after carefully comparing the accounts and vouchers with the books, also to be correct, showing a balance in the Treasury on account of this Fund of \$217 25.

To the same Committee was referred the annual report of Rev. Richard McIlwaine, Treasurer of Foreign Missions. They have had the same under consideration, and instructed me to report that they have carefully examined the report made by said Treasurer, comparing the same with the books and vouchers submitted by the treasurer, and find them correct, with vouchers regularly filed for all monies paid out; leaving a balance in the Treasury of \$6,534 37.

R. M. PATTON, *Chairman Committee.*

It was made the order of the day for to-morrow evening at 8 o'clock to receive the report of the Standing Committee on Sustentation.

The Assembly then adjourned to meet at 8 o'clock to-night. Closed with prayer by Mr. Turpin, ruling elder.

MONDAY NIGHT—8 o'clock.

The Assembly met, and after singing, was opened with prayer by the Rev. Mr. Dickson, of Kentucky.

The Report of the Standing Committee on Foreign Missions was presented, and after addresses delivered by members of the Assembly, it adjourned till to-morrow morning, 9 o'clock. Closed with singing the doxology, and with the benediction by the Moderator.

TUESDAY MORNING, May 20—9 o'clock.

The Assembly met and was opened with prayer by ruling elder J. W. Reese.

The minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

The Committee on Bills and Overtures made a report on Overture No. 10, which was adopted, and is as follows:

The Committee on Bills and Overtures reported Overture No. 10, from Presbytery of Abingdon, touching Presbyterial reports.

The Committee are deeply impressed with the importance of the subject, and commend the skill and ability with which the Presbytery has dealt with it, and would, therefore, recommend that the forms submitted in the Overture, together with the whole subject of Statistical reports, be referred to the Stated Clerk of the General Assembly, together with the permanent clerk and secretaries of the Executive Committee, to prepare a form, if in their judgment it is advisable, to be submitted to the next Assembly for action.

Also on Overture No. 11, which was adopted, and is as follows:

The Committee on Bills and Overtures report on Overture No. 11, from the Presbytery of Holston, asking the General Assembly

1. To require church sessions to keep a roll of all non-communicating members (both infant and adult) belonging to their respective congregations, and to report the total number of such members in their annual statistical report;
2. To provide for the dismissal by certificate of non-communicating, as well as communicating members, when families remove from one congregation to another;
3. That our Committee of Publication be directed to prepare blank certificates of dismissal suitable for families.

The Committee recommend that so much of this Overture as relates to the addition of another column for non-communicating members in the Statistical reports be referred to the Committee mentioned in Overture No. 10; and that the General Assembly enjoin on Presbyteries to require church sessions, in the dismissal of both communicating and non-communicating members, to bring their practice in conformity with the standards of the Church.

The special committee to whom was referred certain papers concerning the relation between the Trustees of the General Assembly and the Executive Committees, made a report.

The same Committee presented also a report on the question of approving the action of the Executive Committee of Publication concerning its incorporation and the purchase of a Publishing House. This report was received and placed on the docket, to be taken up in connection with the report of the special committee on the Memorial of the Committee of Publication for an endowment.

The resolutions contained in the first report were taken up seriatim, the first and second of which were adopted. Pending the discussion of the third resolution, its farther consideration was suspended, and was made the order of the day for to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence presented a report, which, being amended by adding the name of the Rev. R. K. Smoot to the committee named, was adopted unanimously by a rising vote of the Assembly; whereupon, in view of this unanimity, the Rev. J. R. Wilson, upon request of the body, led it in prayer to God for his providential guidance in all things pertaining to this important business. The report is as follows:

Whereas, in a paper officially communicated, the last General Synod of the Reformed Church in America has notified this General Assembly of the unanimous appointment of a committee to consider carefully the desirableness and feasibility of establishing closer relations with our Church;

Whereas, The Assembly regards said notification as indicative of a desire on the part of that venerable Synod to enter into closer relations if the way be clear;

Whereas, This Assembly on its part cordially reciprocates this feeling, and knows of no more effective method for ascertaining whether the two bodies are prepared for a nearer connection than the method of conference; therefore,

Resolved, That this Assembly do now appoint a committee, to be composed of the following named ministers and ruling elders :

Rev. B. M. Palmer, D. D., Rev. Joseph R. Wilson, D. D., Rev. William Brown, D. D., Maj. T. J. Kirkpatrick, Wm. Henry Smith, Gen. A. M. Scales, whose duty it shall be to confer with a similar committee, if appointed by the General Synod of the Reformed Church, for the purpose of ascertaining in what manner such more intimate relations may be established, and what ought to be the nature and extent thereof, and report the result to the next General Assembly.

2. That the stated clerk be directed to forward a copy of this paper to the General Synod of the Reformed Church, to meet in New Brunswick in June of this present year.

The Committee on the Memorial Fund presented a report, and a motion having been made for its adoption, further consideration was suspended, and it was made the second order of the day for to-morrow.

Upon report of the respective committees of examination, the records of the Synods of Nashville, Georgia, Arkansas, Mississippi, and Texas, were approved as far as written.

The records of the Synod of Alabama were approved, with the exception, that there is no mention made of an opening sermon at its last meeting, and no mention made of the election of officers.

The following resolution was adopted :

In view of the fact that so large a number of records of Synods are not presented at this meeting of the General Assembly :

Resolved, That the delinquent Synods of Virginia, Kentucky, North Carolina, and South Carolina, be and are hereby urged to comply with their duty in this respect.

The unfinished business of yesterday, being Overtures 8 and 9, was taken up, and, after discussion, the report of the Committee was adopted, and is as follows :

The Committee on Bills and Overtures report Overtures Nos. 8 and 9, the one from the Presbytery of Tombeckbee, asking the Assembly to ordain a rule requiring licentiates to spend one year in missionary labor before their settlement as pastors, except in extraordinary cases ; the other from the Presbytery of Muhlenburg, asking the Assembly that the Presbyteries may require licentiates to spend two years in itinerant or evangelistic labor before permanent settlement, except in extraordinary cases.

The Committee recommend the rejection of the Overtures, believing that the action taken on this subject by the last Assembly was wise, and referring to said action, which may be found on page 156, printed Minutes of 1872.

The following report was adopted, viz :

The Auditing Committee report, that they have examined the accounts of Dr. Joseph R. Wilson, treasurer of the General Assembly, and find them correct in every particular, showing a balance in his hands of eight dollars and fifty-eight cents.

L. J. ROTHROCK.
JOS. HARDIE.

The Committee on Evangelistic Labor made a report, which, after some discussion, was laid over till after the recess.

An overture was presented from members of the Synod of Memphis in relation to a change in the time of its next meeting.

Adjourned till 2 o'clock p. m. Closed with prayer by the Rev. J. S. Moore.

After recess, the Assembly met, and was opened with prayer by the Rev. F. N. Whaley.

It was ordered that where ten copies of the printed Minutes of Assembly are sent to one address, they shall be furnished at the price of thirty cents each.

The unfinished business of last night, being the Report of the Standing Committee on Foreign Missions, was taken up. The report was adopted, and is as follows :

The Standing Committee on Foreign Missions, having brought under careful consideration the Annual Report of the Executive Committee, to whose special care the interests of this great and holy cause are confided, recommend to the General Assembly that it be approved, and that it be published in such form as by the said Executive Committee may be judged suitable.

They also recommend, for adoption by the Assembly, the following resolutions, embracing matters suggested mainly by the Annual Report, and deemed of importance :

Resolved, That we gratefully recognize the goodness and mercy of God, referred to in the Report, which have followed this work of our hands during the past year, as indicated in "the large increase of the missionary force," "the preservation of the health and lives of the missionaries in the field," "the quietness, peace and success with which their labors have been carried on," "the presence and power of the Holy Ghost in the conversion of sinners at most of the stations," and in the fact that "the area of missionary labor has been so materially enlarged," and in the cheerfulness with which our young men and young women are offering themselves for this cause. In all this we have comforting evidence that the Lord, the Everlasting God! the Creator of the ends of the earth fainteth not, neither is weary. "That His exceeding great and precious promises are fulfilled;" "that we shall have strength equal to our day;" and that in regard to the work which lies before us, "the zeal of the Lord of Hosts will do this."

2. That the recommendation to observe a monthly concert of prayer, so often made by previous Assemblies, is here repeated, leaving the particular time to be selected according to the convenience of the several churches. And if it may be deemed practicable, and especially where other modes of making contributions to the cause are not in use, it is earnestly recommended that they be offered in connection with these seasons of prayer.

3. That we observe with the highest gratification the increasing interest in the cause which has been awakened in our Sabbath Schools, one evidence of which is in the fact that of the whole sum \$42,411 contributed by our people during the past year, more than one-sixth was reclaimed from this source. Nothing can lie more completely at the foundation of future success in sustaining every form of Christian enterprise than training the children of the Church in the principles and practice of a God-like benevolence. And wherever it is practicable, distinct benevolent associations of the children, under the direction of the Church, and as one of its agencies, may be formed with happy effect.

4. That the action of the Executive Committee in regard to the funds

raised two years ago for the purchase of a press for the China mission, is hereby approved.

5. That the Missionary in its enlarged and improved appearance is to be strongly commended as an instrumentality of great value in diffusing information, and in creating and extending an interest in behalf of Missions. The Executive Committee is encouraged to press the circulation of this journal by all the means in their power.

6. That the decrease in the collections from the churches reported in the contributions during the past year, as compared with those of the year previous, and the fact reported that there are 815 of our churches (more than one-half) which have contributed nothing, is cause for humiliation and sorrow to our whole Zion. The main roots of this lamentable delinquency are to be found, first, in the want of a more thorough consecration on the part of those implicated, to the cause for which the Saviour gave His life; and, second, in the fact that many of our ministers themselves, either neglect to present the claims of the heathen world to their congregations, or improperly yield to an unworthy fear lest the attempt to do so should give offense. It cannot be doubted that whenever this and kindred causes are earnestly, kindly and faithfully brought home to all our people, our financial troubles will be chiefly ended. The Assembly would urge it upon the Presbyteries, where the remedy mainly lies, to leave no efforts untried, whether of exhortation or admonition, for causing the reproach of this deplorable evil to cease, and for bringing our whole people to stand in this matter "complete in all the will of God."

7. That the very satisfactory statements made in regard to the expense incurred in prosecuting the work of Foreign Missions is admirably adapted to meet a widely prevalent and injurious impression, and that the Executive Committee be requested to prepare it in tract form, to be published by our Committee of Publication, for general circulation.

8. That the Executive Committee be advised to consider carefully, in the light of the Scriptures and of missionary enterprise, the propriety of engaging, to a larger extent, pious women, in the distinct character of missionaries in the service of the Church, and make report of their views to the next General Assembly.

9. That, in view of the fact that the Rev. M. D. Kalopothakes, a native missionary in Greece, and a minister of the gospel in connection with our Church, has been for years engaged in an interesting and peculiarly difficult work, and is now, in the Providence of God, left without the fostering care of any missionary society, his case is entitled to the sympathy of our Christian people, and its consideration commended to our Executive Committee for such fraternal interest and aid as, in their judgment, may be deemed advisable.

10. That, in view of the objections, the indifference and the skepticism prevailing in many minds, on the general policy of Foreign Missions, it is recommended to ministers of the gospel that they make it the subject of more frequent discussion from the pulpit.

11. It is recommended that the Committee of Foreign Missions for this year be constituted as follows: Rev. J. Leighton Wilson, D. D., Secretary; Rev. Richard McIlwaine, Co-ordinate Secretary and Treasurer; Rev. George Howe, D. D., Rev. D. McQueen, D. D., Rev. A. W. Miller, D. D., Rev. J. B. Adger, D. D., Rev. E. M. Green, General F. W. McMasters, J. M. Davies, Esq., J. Adger Smythe.

The report on Evangelistic Labor was taken up, and after some amendment was adopted, and is as follows:

The Committee on *Evangelistic and Missionary Labor* respectfully submit to the General Assembly the following report, viz:

Reports have been received from thirty-five Presbyteries, two more than last year.

Of these the following twenty-three Presbyteries report evangelists employed all or a part of their time, viz: South Alabama (4), Cherokee (1), Augusta (1), Atlanta (2), Ebenezer (1), Tombeckbee (1), Central Mississippi (1), Nashville (1), Knoxville (1), New Orleans (2), Wilmington (2), Mecklenburg (2), Orange (2), Harmony (1), Charleston (3), East Texas (1), Chesapeake (1), Montgomery (1), West Hanover (1), Greenbrier (3), Macon (2), North Alabama (1), and East Alabama (1), being a total of thirty-six (36) laborers in the Evangelistic work.

The following twelve (12) Presbyteries report that they have no evangelists, viz: Ouachita, Central Ohio, Red River, Concord, Central Texas, Abingdon, Lexington, Roanoke, Winchester, Arkansas, East Hanover, and Tuscaloosa.

From the remaining twenty-four (24) Presbyteries no report has been received.

Of the thirty-five (35) reporting Presbyteries, both those with and without evangelists are employing their pastors, stated supplies, licentiates and candidates, a part of the time in preaching to vacant and feeble churches, and in outside fields. Some of the Presbyteries have their territory carefully districted for this work, and special sections assigned to the various workmen. In some cases these efforts to extend Christ's kingdom have been attended with signal success in building new churches, and in strengthening the things that remain.

Several Presbyteries report that they are supporting their evangelists liberally and entirely by funds raised within their own bounds; e. g. Orange, Charleston, Mecklenburg, and Tombeckbee.

There is but a meagre statement of particulars as to the progress of Evangelistic work in the various fields; but in general, much satisfaction is expressed as to the success of the efforts made in this department of labor, and especially where brethren are fully and exclusively engaged as evangelists. Many of the Presbyteries moan deeply over their poverty, which precludes them from entering on this great work, in which they earnestly desire to embark. Fields of great destitution are crying out for the bread and water of life, and their hearts are burdened with the inability of responding to the touching calls.

Very little attention seems to have been given to the direction of the Assembly of 1871 (see minutes, p. 36,) and 1872 (see minutes, p. 168, 1st resolution,) touching an annual collection for an Evangelistic fund—less than \$3,000 having been raised in our whole Church.

Four (4) Presbyteries, which reported evangelists last year, appear to have none this year; but nine (9) Presbyteries have adopted and entered upon this system of Gospel work, and there are now in the field thirty-six (36) evangelists against only twenty-six last year.

In view of these facts, your committee recommend that the General Assembly press upon the Presbyteries the vital importance of Evangelistic efforts. It is necessary to fulfil our obligations to the Great Head of the Church; to meet the great destitutions and wants of our extended fields; to fulfil our holy mission as the witness bearer to the truth in this age of wild speculation; to keep abreast of the earnest spirit of the day in secular as well as Christian enterprise; in a word, to our very life, stability and growth as the Church of the Lord Jesus Christ. Every Presbytery should, as far as practicable, employ at least one evangelist all of his time. We would also commend the practice of some of the Presbyteries, who employ their licentiates, whenever it is in their judgment expedient, for their first year or two, in missionary fields; and who also give work in destitute places to their candidates during their vacations.

In order to carry out these great aims of the Church, we would urge, that while the Presbyteries reserve to themselves the entire control and direction of the evangelist and his work within their bounds, they all act

fully through and in harmony with the general plan inaugurated by the Assembly; and that all the churches be stimulated to contribute liberally to the Evangelistic fund, so that we may, as *one* army of the Living God, make an onward movement with great power, under the Captain of our salvation, upon the works of sin and Satan, and plant our triumphant banner of the Cross far ahead in regions conquered for heaven.

Your committee also recommend that the General Assembly reiterate its repeated injunction upon the non-reporting Presbyteries, (see minutes 1871, p. 36, 1872, p. 177,) that they send up annual reports about this work to the Assembly; and that it request all the Presbyteries to give fuller statements as to the actual work done by their evangelists and missionaries, the amount of progress made, and the prospects for the future.

By order of the committee,

L. C. VASS, *Chairman.*

Certain papers received concerning a delegation to this Assembly from the United Presbyterian Church of Scotland were presented and referred to the Committee on Foreign Correspondence. Also a report from the Rev. John S. Grasty, D. D., the delegate appointed by the Assembly of last year to the Old School Synod of Missouri, was presented. The report was received and the diligence of the delegate was approved. It is as follows :

SHELBYVILLE, KY., *May 2d, 1873.*

To the Moderator of the General Assembly to meet at Little Rock, Arkansas :

DEAR BROTHER—In accordance with the appointment of the last General Assembly that held its sessions in Richmond, Virginia, I attended the Synod of Missouri which met in Columbia, Mo., Oct 8th, 1872. The reception extended to your delegate by that venerable body cannot be more appropriately expressed than in the Moderator's own words. He said, "In the name of the Old School Synod of Missouri, I give to you, dear brother, a most hearty welcome. We rejoice to receive you as the representative of a Christian people whom we sincerely love; and in every thing that concerns them we take a very deep interest. In the sore trials through which it has pleased the great Head of the Church, in the mysterious dispensations of His Providence to suffer your churches to pass, we assure you, beloved brother, they have had our deepest sympathy—nay, in a good measure, we have been fellow-sufferers. We most sincerely rejoice to hear through you that the rainbow of hope is once more seen in your sky, that the clouds are all dispersing and that the bright sunshine of a fairer and a better day pours its radiance over you. Now, my brother, we are glad and rejoice with exceeding great joy in view of your present and prospective prosperity, just as before our hearts poured out their sorrow at your heavy adversity. No language better expresses the emotions awakened on hearing what great things God is doing for His people than the word of the inspired poet, 'When the Lord turned again the captivity of Zion we were like them that dreamed. Then was our mouth filled with laughter and our tongue with singing. The Lord hath done great things for us whereof we are glad.' With what pleasure has the Synod heard you tell of your hundreds proclaiming the great salvation, of the large number of your churches forming a mighty army of Christian soldiers to push on the conquest of our Immanuel, of the crowds of children gathered with each returning Sabbath into your Sabbath Schools to be trained and led to Jesus and to heaven; of the nearly six thousand souls happily converted to the Lord during the past year; and last though not

least, our souls thrilled with pleasure at learning how much God has enabled His struggling and afflicted people to do for the perishing heathen. In response to the summary of gospel doctrine and ecclesiastical polity which you have so clearly placed before the Synod to-day, we can only utter a loud, emphatic and heartfelt *Amen*.

“Dear brother, bear to the churches you so faithfully represent, our warmest Christian greeting and assurances of our undying love.”

Praying the blessing of the great Head of the Church upon the Assembly in all its deliberations,

Fraternally, &c.,

JOHN S. GRASTY.

Adjourned till this evening, at 8 o'clock. Closed with prayer by the Rev. Allan Wright.

Eight o'clock, P. M.

The Assembly met, and was opened with prayer by Rev. A. R. Banks.

The report of the Standing Committee on Sustentation was presented and received. After remarks on the subjects embraced in the report, the further consideration was suspended till tomorrow. Closed with prayer by ruling elder H. D. Smith.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, May 21—9 o'clock.

The Assembly met, and was opened with prayer by the Moderator.

The Committee on Bills and Overtures made a report on Overture No. 12, which was adopted, and is as follows :

The Committee of Bills and Overtures report Overture No. 12, from the commissioners to the General Assembly, from the Presbyteries in the Synod of Memphis, asking that the time for the meeting of said Synod be changed from the 29th of October to the 2d of October, 1873, at 7½ p. m. The Committee recommend that the request be granted, and that the moderator of said Synod be directed to convene the Synod at the time indicated by this change, and at the place already appointed.

The report of the Standing Committee on Publication was presented and received. A motion having been made for its adoption, the report was placed on the docket.

It was made the order of the day for to-morrow morning, at 10 o'clock, to receive the report of the Standing Committee on Theological Seminaries, and the second order of the day to receive the report of the Standing Committee on Systematic Benevolence.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence made a report, which, after some discussion, was laid over for the present.

The report of the Special Committee on the relation between the Board of Trustees and the Executive Committees was taken up, and a motion was made to amend the 4th resolution, by

striking out all after the words, "Executive Committee of such use," and inserting the words, "in all which cases their action shall be subject to the revision of the Assembly."

Pending the discussion of this subject, the hour of adjournment arrived. It was made the order for to-night, at 8 o'clock, to take up the report of the Standing Committee of Publication.

Adjourned, to meet this afternoon at half-past 3 o'clock. Closed with prayer by the Rev. W. T. Price.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, 3½ o'clock.

The unfinished business was taken up, and, after a protracted discussion, the amendment was rejected.

It was then moved to amend said resolution by striking out the words, "one thousand dollars," and inserting the words, "three thousand dollars." This amendment was adopted. The entire series of resolutions, and then the preamble and entire report, were adopted. The report is as follows :

The committee appointed to consider the relations existing between the Board of Trustees and the Executive Committees, and to report advisory action thereon, beg leave to submit the following :

Your committee have considered the differences existing between these co-ordinate agencies of the General Assembly, with an earnest inquiry for the truth, and an earnest desire to serve the best interests of the church, and the advancement of Christ's Kingdom upon the earth.

So far as concerns the bequests of Judge Kennedy and Mrs. Park, your committee feels no cause of embarrassment, for these funds are now subject to the order of this General Assembly, and can at once be disposed of. There seems to be no necessity for your committee to determine whether the Trustees or the Executive Committees should have had control of the same in the time that had passed. It is sufficient for us to say that we appreciate the Christian zeal which has influenced the committees in claiming said funds, and we can but commend the Christian prudence which actuated the Trustees in withholding them until relieved by the order of this General Assembly. The motives, that have controlled the action of both the committees and the Board, have, in our opinion, been entirely pure, and not induced by any unchristian feelings. It, therefore, only remains for your committee to recommend a rule of action which shall prevent any doubt, or confusion, or want of harmony, in the future, touching the disposition of any funds that may hereafter come to the Trustees, for the charitable or ecclesiastical uses of the corporation.

It is considered by your committee, that the organization of the corporation, in May, 1868, under the Charter of 1866 is the only legal organization, and embodies the life and legal existence of this body and all its co-ordinate branches. As all charters are construed strictly, and no powers are taken or enjoyed under them by implication, we are forced to confine our investigations to the literal terms of that charter, the by-laws framed under it, and the subsequent action of the Assemblies pertinent to it. The Charter of 1861 was proposed, but not passed; and all resolutions based upon it we are constrained to ignore. We therefore consider that, under the Charter of 1868, a strict compliance with the Fourth Section, required that the General Assembly should have formally established her Executive Committees; but, inasmuch as said committees have, from year to year, been actually recognized, and from year to year appointed,

your committee believe that they are, to all intents and purposes, legally established. The Fourth Section declares that, if the Assembly "shall establish any committees," etc. While there is a radical difference between the *establishment* of a committee of such great necessity and such vital power, and their annual appointment, we nevertheless believe that the recognition of these committees, their actings and doings, by the General Assemblies, for four successive years, renders them sufficiently established to make their assumption of power and authority entirely legal.

The said Fourth Section further declares that, if any gift shall be made to the Trustees of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States, for the use of such committees, the same shall be good and effectual, to pass to such objects whenever the donor shall name the corporation in general terms. Now the words "Trustees of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States," are separated and emphasized by quotation marks, and evidently were intended as a provision which would justify the Trustees in passing such a gift to the appropriate committee, notwithstanding the gift was simply to the Trustees. It does not say that such gift shall pass immediately, nor as a matter of right, but it *shall be good and effectual to pass*. Even in such a case, it may be seriously questioned whether a gift, in general terms, which did not specify the particular charity or use for which it was designed, could pass to any committee, until the General Assembly should direct what use or what particular charity should be the beneficiary thereof. This clause in the Fourth Section is specific and precise, and provides only for one particular class of cases—a class where bequests are made to "the Trustees of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States," and the donor names said corporations in general terms. It does not appear that a gift made in any other way, but not specifying the particular charity, would or could pass directly to the Committee, but must wait the direction of the General Assembly. This view of the case is especially strengthened by the Tenth By-Law of the Board of Trustees, passed in 1868, which seems to have received the solemn sanction of the Assembly, and, so far as we can ascertain, remains of force, and is binding upon the Assembly and the Board. This By-Law declares the Board shall make no application of funds until ordered by the General Assembly, unless directed to do so by the giver. The plausible assumption that these committees are, *de facto*, the General Assembly, during the intervals between its sessions, and therefore can rightfully command the Trustees to pay over any and all bequests, we think, cannot be legally sustained under the strict construction of the Charter of 1868, and the accepted By-Laws of the Board of Trustees. That these committees, when established, are branches of the incorporation, is clearly set forth in the Charter, and, as such, they have a continuous vitality—a continuous power of executing the will of the Assembly, but they are not the General Assembly. They have no self-creating power. They are simply the Assembly's agents—its instruments—its hands, and can do nothing except what the Assembly has authorized and instructed them to do. The Charter gives the committees no extraneous or independent power, but only qualifies them to be the legal recipients of such funds as might otherwise possibly lapse or fail, by reason of *misnomer* on the part of the donor. The very section that declares them to be branches, qualifies and limits their power of receiving bequests to that class of gifts which are specifically made "to the Trustees of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States." Nor does the said section declare that, even in such cases, the gift or bequest *shall* pass, but that it shall be "good and effectual to pass." That is, it may legally pass, or that the Trustees will be justified in passing. If a bequest is in general terms, to the Trustees, without specifying which charity shall have it, who but the General Assembly itself, in actual session, could rightfully dispose of it? What committee could rightfully receipt for it? Whose voucher would

protect the Trustees from individual responsibility to the representatives of the donors? The consideration of all these questions, and the uncertain and conflicting action of past Assemblies, seems to demand such special and decided legislation at the hands of this venerable court, as will clearly and distinctly define, for the future, the precise spheres and duties of the committees and the Board of Trustees. We deeply feel the responsibility of advising the Assembly upon a matter so important, and about which the oldest, purest, and most experienced of our commissioners have widely differed. On the one hand, we must respect the dignity and prudence of that high body, who are the Assembly's chosen corporators, and through whom all bequests must come, and who certainly have no interest to serve but that of the Church. To regard them as mere automatons, without power or discretion, and subject at all times to the dictation of the Assembly's Committees, would seem to be a degradation of their high office; while on the other hand, we hesitate to recommend any action that will cramp the sinews of our Church organization, an organization which has its very life-blood bound up and flowing through the arteries of these executive committees. They are the power of the Presbyterian Church. Through them the good work of the Church is constantly, vigilantly and aggressively going on. They are our chosen and trusted agents. Of them we have no fear or apprehension; and it has been the honor and pride of the Church throughout the land that, while they have shown no want of diligence, no remissness of duty, no breach of trust, they have, at the same time, exhibited the highest degree of sound and successful judgment. We hesitate to recommend such action as will limit the power or authority of such agencies, and would fain refer these questions back to the better and more experienced judgment of the Assembly. We will, however, so far trust ourselves as to present to this Assembly a recommendation which our judgment has constrained us to make, at the same time congratulating ourselves that, if our suggestions are adopted, they cannot work irreparable mischief during the ensuing year, and if found to work unsatisfactorily, can then be modified or repealed.

Your committee, therefore, recommend the passage of the following resolutions:

Resolved, 1, That the Kennedy and Park funds, now in the hands of the Trustees, or which may come to their hands, be paid over to the Executive Committees having charge of the respective charities named by the donors.

2. That, hereafter, when the Trustees shall receive any gift, devise, or bequest, without direction from the donor as to the particular use or charity for which it is designed, the same shall be retained by them until the meeting of the next General Assembly.

3. That, whenever the donor declares the particular use, and the manner of its use, the Trustees shall pay over the same to the appropriate committees.

4. That, when the donor declares the particular object of his charity, but not the manner of its use, the same shall be paid over to the Executive Committee of such use, unless the gift or bequest to that use shall exceed the sum of \$3000, in which case the Trustees shall pay over only the interest as it accrues, and the next General Assembly shall dispose of the principal.

5. That in all other cases not embraced in the above resolutions, the Trustees shall retain and control the fund until instructed by the Assembly as to its disposition.

6. That the several Executive Committees which have been and are now at work as the Assembly's agents be, and they are hereby established as the Executive Committees for the purposes recited in the first section of the act of incorporation; and all the actings and doings of said commit-

tees which have been heretofore approved by the Assembly are now ratified and confirmed.

All of which is respectfully submitted by order of the committee.

W. O'N. PERKINS, *Chairman.*

The Auditing Committee presented a report on the accounts of the Treasurer of Education and Publication, which was adopted, and is as follows :

The Auditing Committee report that they have carefully examined and compared the books and accounts of the Treasurer of Education and find them accurately kept, showing a balance due the Treasurer of \$1,143 63. They have also audited the books and accounts of the Treasurer of Publication and find them correct, and showing a balance in his hands of \$3,890 78. They have also found to the credit of the Building Fund the sum of \$552 96.

The committee desire to commend to the Assembly the very accurate and perfect system of books and accounts of its Secretary and Treasurer. Although their business involves many thousands of dollars employed in the various and somewhat complicated works of the Church, yet after the most careful examination they do not find the slightest discrepancy.

L. J. ROTHROCK,
JOSEPH HARDIE.

The report of the Standing Committee on Sabbath Schools was presented and adopted, and is as follows :

In reviewing this important branch of our Church work during the past year, your committee find in the reports of Presbyteries that churches seem to realize more sensibly than heretofore the almost vital importance of these nurseries for the Church, as means both for converting and fitting for future usefulness the precious children of the covenant and others whom we reach through this divinely honored instrumentality. Facts gleaned from the reports which have reached us justify the conclusion that the Church is making commendable progress in enlarging and systematizing our Sabbath School work. Well directed efforts here are securing to the Church in many respects vast and highly beneficial results. Many church members, who heretofore never realized that there was aught for them to do in winning souls, have been made conscious of their ability to accomplish even great things for the Master, and by a law of divine grace have realized to their great joy that the soul that watereth shall be watered again. Children and youth are not only being made acquainted with that precious truth, through which the Holy Spirit makes wise unto salvation, and impressed with the importance of early receiving Christ, but are being trained in that practical benevolence which promises to the Church in coming years, those who will feel that they are God's stewards to dispense the silver and gold which He has entrusted to them to aid in the spread of His kingdom. The best talent of the Church is being engaged in preparing and adapting to the necessities of the children and youth a wholesome Sunday School literature. But the interest of the Church in this department of her work falls far short of that which is to be desired. Reports show that while some teachers and pupils have been added to the Church, but few Sabbath Schools have enjoyed especial out-pourings of the Holy Spirit. This feature calls imperatively for increased diligence on the part of superintendents and teachers, in the presentation of the gospel truth which they instill into the young mind, and asks for earnest prayer, that God would bring many more of these lambs of the flock to a public con-

fession of Christ. In too many churches, from the existence of real or supposed difficulties, no well directed efforts on the part of sessions are made to establish and continue Sabbath Schools; but in this as in other departments of Christian enterprise, there are but few difficulties which earnest and persevering efforts in reliance upon God's blessing cannot overcome. In a large majority of our schools nothing has been contributed to the work of Foreign Missions, a cause which has been so materially aided during the past year by the liberal contributions of a portion of our Sabbath Schools, and to which if all had contributed with the same liberality a larger amount would have been secured for this object than has been by the whole Church besides. From the 44 Presbyteries reporting to this Assembly we gather the following facts: Schools, 721; teachers, 7,050; scholars, 47,787; amount contributed, \$25,819. As compared with the reports of the previous year, these statistics show in the number of schools an increase of 159 in the 44 Presbyteries reporting; in number of teachers an increase of 374, in number of scholars an increase of 805, and in the contributions a decrease of \$859. These facts show some increase in schools, teachers and scholars, but a decrease in the amount contributed. In view of these important facts, presenting, as they do, a picture in which sunshine and shadows are singularly blended, and to the end that the whole Church may be stimulated to more vigorous and extended prosecution of the work, the committee would recommend to the consideration of the Assembly the following resolutions:

1st. That it be recommended to the Presbyteries to call conventions once a year of Sabbath Schools within their bounds, composed of persons appointed by the sessions from the schools, under such regulations as the Presbytery may deem expedient.

2d. That Presbyteries enjoin upon church sessions to have in each school regular and stated meetings of superintendents and teachers held, and where practicable, that the pastors and sessions meet with them for prayer and conference, in order that great efficiency may be secured in the prosecution of this work, and a deeper sense of responsibility awakened in looking to the conversion of the children and youth as the great object of Sabbath School instruction.

3d. That we recommend the efficiency and increased zeal of pious women, to whom is due, under God, a great measure of the success already attained, and without whose continued co-operation our Sabbath School work would be greatly crippled.

4th. That Presbyteries be recommended to urge upon sessions to secure, as far as possible, exclusively the service of pious teachers.

5th. That Presbyteries again press upon the attention of churches the great importance of placing every Sabbath School, as far as practicable, under the strict supervision and control of the session.

6th. That Presbyteries be recommended to have established, under the direct supervision of the churches, Sunday Schools for the colored population; in all instances to be conducted by superintendents appointed by the session.

7th. The Assembly recognizing, with unfeigned gratitude to God, the interest manifested by the children of the Church in the work of Foreign Missions, hereby express its commendation of their liberality, and would cheer them on to such enlarged benefactions as will accrue in blessings to the heathen and to their own souls.

All of which is respectfully submitted by

EDWARD H. BUIST, *Chairman*.

The Assembly adjourned to meet this evening at 8 o'clock.
Closed with prayer by Rev. R. M. Loughridge.

WEDNESDAY EVENING—8 o'clock.

The Assembly met and was opened with prayer by the Rev. R. P. Farris, D. D., of the Synod of Missouri.

The Committee to prepare a Pastoral Letter made a report, which was read and placed on the docket.

The order of the day was taken up, viz: the consideration of the Report of the Standing Committee on Publication, when the Assembly was addressed at length by the Secretary, Rev. E. T. Baird, D. D., after which it adjourned till to-morrow morning, 9 o'clock. Closed with prayer by the Rev. S. E. Axson.

THURSDAY MORNING, May 22—9 o'clock.

The Assembly met and was opened with prayer by the Rev. W. F. V. Bartlett.

The minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence made a report, which was adopted, and is as follows:

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence beg leave to report the following paper, touching the question of the correspondence of our General Assembly with the Synod of the United Presbyterian Church of Scotland:

Whereas, the General Assembly has been officially informed that said Synod has deputed Rev. John Eadie, D. D., LL.D., and the Rev. Henry Calderwood, LL.D., to convey to this body the fraternal regards of the above-named Church; and

Whereas, these brethren have found it impossible to attend the sessions of this General Assembly, but have forwarded, from New York, their formal commission, with the expression of their regrets at being unable to attend in person; therefore, be it

Resolved, 1. That this Assembly hold in high esteem the ecclesiastical body from which the Scotch deputation has proceeded, and fully reciprocate the fraternal feelings which dictated the appointment of the above-named delegation, and regret that their presence could not be enjoyed by this Assembly.

Resolved, 2. That this Assembly appoint the Moderator and Stated and Permanent Clerks a Committee who shall be authorized to commission one or more suitable brethren, who, in the providence of God, may find it in their power to attend the Synod of the United Presbyterian Church; and such brethren shall be commissioned to represent the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States in that venerable body.

Resolved, 3. That the Stated Clerk be directed to transmit this paper to Drs. Eadie and Calderwood, with the request that they will convey to the Synod of the United Presbyterian Church expressions of our Christian affection.

R. K. SMOOT, *Chairman*.

Rev. Ro. Morrison presented a paper concerning the Old School Synod of Missouri, which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

The order of the day was taken up, and the Standing Committee on Theological Seminaries presented a report, which was received and laid over for the present.

The unfinished business, the Report of the Standing Committee on Publication, was taken up, and pending the consideration of the 4th resolution, it was resolved that members speaking be limited to five minutes each. The report, after being amended, was adopted, and is as follows :

The Standing Committee on Publication would respectfully report, that they have carefully considered the report, records, and exhibit of business transactions of the Executive Committee of Publication, for the year ending April 30th, 1873.

Your Committee would commend the diligence and fidelity of the Executive Committee, in the discharge of their duties, and the order and accuracy of their Records and Exhibits.

While the past year has not been marked by any material changes in the financial condition and business prospects of the Committee, there has been a gratifying increase in their facilities and means for disseminating a pure literature among the people.

There has been an increase in the total contributions of the Church over those of last year of \$389.06, and an increase of \$2,133.36 in the Endowment Fund, which now amounts to \$37,141.36. The grants of books, tracts and papers amount to \$7,233.36, which only left \$1,566.85 for enlargement of the business operations of the Committee. The solvent assets of the Committee are stated at \$41,706.96, being an increase of \$1,451.91 over statement of last report. During the year there has been printed and bound 32,340 volumes, other than 2,500 Songs of Praise, 12,000 Voice of Praise, 25,000 Hymns to Voice of Praise, 5,000 Social Hymns, and 1,000 Choctaw Hymns, and about 270,000 of minor publications, such as tracts, catechisms, question-books, etc.

1. In this connection, your Committee would recommend that the ministers and ruling elders while making efforts to increase the circulation of the other publications of the Executive Committee, would regard with especial favor and so far as may be practicable add to the circulation of the works of our lamented brother, Dr. Thornwell, as published by the Committee.

2. Your Committee would express its approval of the "Hymn and Tune Book" prepared by the Executive Committee, and recommend that they be directed by this Assembly to issue, as early as practicable, the said "Hymn and Tune Book," with an "Appendix," containing such hymns as, in their judgment, may seem for the general and best interests of the Church.

3. Your Committee would call the attention of the Assembly to the fact that while some of the Synods have abounded in their gifts to this object, others show by their painfully meagre reports that the cause of Publication has not equally shared, in the regard of the people, with other benevolences of the Church. We would respectfully recommend that Presbyteries take the subject into earnest consideration, and devise such means as to effect a more general increase and larger amount of contributions to this cause.

4. While we think that the "incorporation" of the Committee of Publication is a question of grave importance, yet, after patient and earnest consideration of the whole matter, we are satisfied that, should the General Assembly decline to go forward in this enterprise, serious embarrassments in the prosecution of its labors and its efficiency must arise; we, therefore, unanimously recommend the approval by this General Assembly of the charter obtained from the Legislature of Virginia, a copy of which is appended to the report of the Secretary.

5. That while declining to express an opinion as to whether the Executive Committee was authorized to contract for the purchase of a publishing house, yet because of the seeming necessity of the case, and to prevent any possible evil consequences which would result from the want of such a building, this Asssembly does hereby approve the contract or purchase as negotiated by the Executive Committee, and do hereby authorize the Executive Committee of Publication to consummate said purchase of the building specified in the report of the Secretary, when an organization shall have been effected under the act incorporating the Trustees of said Committee.

6. That no funds shall be used in payment for the publishing house, but such as are especially contributed for such purpose.

7. Your committee recommend that the Assembly appoint the following persons as the Executive Committee for the current year, viz: Rev. E. T. Baird, D. D., Secretary; Charles Gennet, Treasurer; Revs. M. D. Hoge, D. D., Wm. Brown, D. D., Chas. H. Read, D. D., T. L. Preston, D. D., W. A. Campbell, and ruling elders Hon. W. F. Taylor, E. H. Fitzhugh, B. R. Wellford, and Robert Ould.

By order of the Committee,

J. W. PUGH, *Chairman.*

Adjourned till 3½ o'clock P.M. Closed with prayer by the Rev. A. P. Smith.

AFTERNOON—3½ o'clock.

The Assembly met and was opened with prayer by ruling elder J. W. Shive. The Report of the Standing Committee on Sustentation, as unfinished business, was taken up and adopted, and is as follows:

The Standing Committee on Sustentation respectfully report to the General Assembly, that they have patiently and carefully examined the report of the Executive Committee of Sustentation, and such papers accompanying it as were referred to us.

The financial part of the report, having been referred to the Auditing Committee, and the supplemental part of the report, touching the relations of the Executive Committees to the Assembly's Board of Trustees, having been referred to a special committee, are not touched upon in this report of your Standing Committee.

We are impressed with the great amount of labor performed, and the diligence displayed by the Executive Committee in the discharge of the duties of their office, and an examination of the Record of the proceedings of the Committee during the year, submitted to us by the Secretary, satisfies us of the entire impartiality of the Committee in the administration of their office; and their ready acquiescence and hearty co-operation with Presbyterian committees in doing all they could for the glory of God and the advancement of the interests of our beloved Zion. We recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

1. That the General Assembly approve the diligence and commend the zeal and fidelity displayed by the Executive Committee of Sustentation in the conduct of this important and responsible agency.

2. That the General Assembly enjoin upon Presbyteries to foster and cherish this agency as one most essential to the efficiency and growth of our Church, and to see to it that all the churches under their care be fully instructed in regard to the nature and necessity of this part of our work; and exhort them to increased liberality in contributing to it, that so the efficiency of this power may be increased.

3. That the Presbyteries are hereby urged to group their vacant churches and destitute places into convenient and practicable fields for evangelistic labor, and to ascertain at the earliest period what amount may be realized for ministerial support in each; then to call and send men into those fields to labor as evangelists.

In regard to the colored population we recommend the General Assembly to encourage by their cordial and expressed approbation any and all contributions heretofore made by the Executive Committee, on the recommendation of Presbyteries, to sustain any labor of love among this class of our population, and advise them to continue in this line of action, until, in the Providence of God, a way of more definite and active operation shall be opened up before us.

We commend that part of the Executive Committee's report touching Evangelistic work to the special attention of the Assembly, and concurring with the Committee in regard to the expediency of conducting the Evangelistic and Sustentation work as distinct enterprises, we recommend the adoption of a rule hereinafter mentioned as Rule No. 4, in the by-laws of the Executive Committee of Sustentation.

Your Standing Committee also recommend the following changes in the by-laws for the government of the Executive Committee of Sustentation, viz :

1. That rule No. 1 be amended by adding, "*and no appropriation shall be made except for ordained ministers and licensed probationers.*"

2. That rule No. 3 be amended by adding to the first sentence the clause, "*which in the estimation of his Presbytery interferes with his efficiency, or prevents him from the full work of his ministry;*" and by adding at the end of the rule the clauses, "*and no appropriation shall be made to a church or union of churches, for a period of more than five consecutive years, except under extraordinary circumstances, or except where they are strictly classed as missionary churches.*"

3. That the following be adopted and incorporated as rule No. 4, in the by-laws of the Executive Committee, to wit :

"4. The Sustentation and Evangelistic work shall be conducted separately after January 1, 1874. The evangelist is an officer duly and formally appointed and set apart by a Presbytery to take charge of its feeble churches or destitute fields. His salary shall be paid, first, by the field of labor served by him under the direction and supervision of the Presbyterial Committee of Sustentation; and second, from the Evangelistic Fund. In ordinary cases the salary of an Evangelist shall be \$800; but a greater amount may be given when the Presbytery shall distinctly state that it is necessary: provided, that in every case all collections for this cause in the Presbytery shall be sent to the Evangelistic Fund, and that the Executive Committee shall be guided by what the churches of each Presbytery are doing to sustain this cause."

4. That the following be added to and incorporated in the by-laws as rule No. 8, viz: "The Executive Committee may pay the necessary expenses of the Chairmen of the Presbytery's Committee of Sustentation incurred in the discharge of their duties as such, provided that these accounts are regularly reported by said chairmen to their respective Presbyteries at least annually for their approval."

We also recommend that the Presbyteries be directed to commend to the church the work of aiding the invalid and infirm ministers, and the widows and orphans of deceased ministers, to all the churches; that they be exhorted to contribute to this object, which appeals so directly to the Christian's heart; that these suffering ones may, "by the experiment of this ministration, glorify God for our professed subjection unto the gospel of Christ and our liberal distribution unto them."

Touching the Relief Fund, we recommend that the Assembly commit the whole administration of this matter to the wisdom and discretion of the Executive Committee; and that, in accordance with their request,

a provision be added to the scheme of the Relief Fund, which shall prescribe that, after January 1, 1874, the name of no one over fifty years of age shall be entered upon this fund.

Finally, we recommend that the General Assembly reappoint the persons heretofore on the Executive Committee of Sustentation, except that Rev. E. M. Green be substituted for the Rev. J. L. Girardeau, and J. Adger Smythe for J. A. Enslow, and J. W. Davies for Mr. J. W. Bones.
 JAMES PARK, *Chairman*.

The following report was received and adopted :

The committee to whom was referred the matter growing out of the relinquishment by the Committee of Domestic Missions and Education of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America, of certain bequests of Robert Lusk, deceased, report the following action for the General Assembly in the premises :

That the Trustees of the General Assembly be authorized to accept from the Board of Education of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America in Philadelphia, the transfer and relinquishment of one-half of the residue of the bequest under the will of Robert Lusk, deceased, of the State of Mississippi, upon the terms by said Board proposed, and the same be held by the said Trustees for the use of the Committee of Education of this General Assembly, and the interest on said sum be paid the Committee as it accrues, in accordance with the directions in the will of said Robert Lusk, deceased, and that said Trustees of this Assembly be authorized to receipt the administration, with the will annexed, of said deceased, and the Board of Education respectively, for said one-half of said residue of said bequest.

2. That the assent of the General Assembly is hereby given to the transfer to Water Valley church, in the Presbytery of North Mississippi, by the Board of Domestic Missions of New York, of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America, of the one-half of the residue of the bequest made by Robert Lusk, deceased, of the State of Mississippi, to the said Board of Domestic Missions, and upon the receipt by said church of said bequest from the administration, with the will annexed, of said Robert Lusk, deceased, to be used and appropriated by said church as provided in the will of said Robert Lusk, deceased. All of which is submitted.

W. O'N. PERKINS, *Chairman*.

The committee to whom was referred the answers of the Presbyteries on the revision of the Book of Discipline made a report, which was adopted, and is as follows :

The Special Committee appointed to receive and collate the reports of the Presbyteries, setting forth the action taken by them in regard to the Revised Rules of Discipline, which were sent down to them by the last General Assembly, to be either adopted, criticised, or rejected, beg leave respectfully to submit to this General Assembly the following statements and resolutions :

1. Certified reports of the action taken by " forty-seven " of the Presbyteries in connection with this Assembly were placed in the hands of your Committee.

2. After a very careful analysis and examination of these reports, your Committee have reached the following results :

1. It appears that fifteen Presbyteries have, with varying majorities, decided to adopt the Rules as they now stand.

2. Five have adopted with proposed amendments.

3. Seven approve the Book, but on grounds of expediency decline to adopt.

4. Three substantially approve, but ask that the work of revision be suspended, and the Committee discharged.

5. Nine reject the Revised Rules, and ask for an indefinite postponement of the whole subject of revision.

6. One Presbytery reports its vote to be *non liquet*.

7. Four reject the Revised Rules, and desire the final dismissal of the whole subject.

8. One declines to adopt the Rules as they stand, but asks that the substantial changes be remitted to the Presbyteries in the form of amendments to the existing Rules of Discipline.

9. Two express no opinion, either approving or disapproving the Revised Rules, but ask the indefinite postponement of the work of revision as it relates to our standards.

It appears, therefore, that out of the forty-seven Presbyteries from which reports have been received, thirty approve the work of revision, and of the revised Rules of Discipline. But, of this number, ten, on the ground of expediency, or for other reasons, decline to adopt. Of the remainder, fifteen decline to adopt; while three decline to vote either to adopt or not.

It is therefore evident that a majority of the Presbyteries are in favor of a revision of this portion of our standards, and substantially approve of the changes proposed in the Revised Rules of Discipline. Yet, at the same time, it is evident that a majority of the Presbyteries heard from do not adopt the said Rules.

Furthermore, it is manifest, from a comparison of the reports, that a majority of the Presbyteries reporting to this Assembly are in favor of discontinuing the work of revision for the present. Yet these Presbyteries, with scarcely an exception, desire that the Revised Rules, with the criticisms and amendments proposed by the Presbyteries, shall be preserved in the archives of the Assembly for future reference. In view of all the facts elicited, your Committee would unanimously offer the following resolutions :

Resolved, 1. That the Rules of Discipline, as revised and remitted to the Presbyteries by the General Assembly of 1872, together with all criticisms and amendments proposed by the Presbyteries, be placed in the hands of the Stated Clerk of the General Assembly, to be by him kept in the archives of the Assembly, for future reference or use, should the Church at any time hereafter deem it expedient to re-enter upon the work of revising this portion of her standards.

Resolved, 2. That this Assembly commends the fidelity of the Committee on the Revision, and appreciates the ability with which these honored brethren have performed the work entrusted to them, and the value of their labors to the Church.

Resolved, 3. That, in view of the generally expressed sentiments of the Presbyteries in favor of this course, the whole work of revision be, for the present, suspended, and the Committee, entrusted with the same, discharged.

Resolved, 4. That the Book of Church Order having the amendments of Presbyteries incorporated, and which was sent up to this Assembly by the Chairman of the Committee on the Revision, be placed in the hands of the Stated Clerk of the General Assembly, to be by him preserved in the archives of the Assembly, together with the Rules of Discipline, as already provided.

F. H. BOWMAN, *Chairman*.

The Standing Committee on Education made a report, which was received, and the resolutions taken up seriatim. Their

consideration was continued for a time, and laid over for the present.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence presented a report, which was adopted, and is as follows :

Whereas, it has come to the knowledge of this General Assembly that the Old School Synod of Missouri did at its late session in Missouri appoint a Committee of Conference, to meet a similar committee of this Assembly, and a committee of the General Synod of the Reformed Church, should such committee be appointed, to bring about closer relations between this Assembly and that Synod ; therefore, be it

Resolved, That this Assembly appoint the Committee of Conference to meet such committee, and said committee shall be the one already appointed to meet the committee from the General Synod of the Reformed Church. It shall have the same powers, and shall report to the next General Assembly.

Resolved, That said committee have full power to fill all vacancies which may occur.

Adjourned till this evening at 8 o'clock. Closed with prayer by Rev. R. H. Kinnaird.

THURSDAY EVENING—8 o'clock.

The Assembly met, and was opened with prayer by Rev. A. Z. Young.

It was ordered that in the debates this evening each speaker shall be limited to five minutes, and that no member shall speak more than once on any motion.

The unfinished business, the Report of the Standing Committee on Education, was taken up, and being amended, was adopted, and is as follows :

The Standing Committee on Education report that they have examined the Minutes of the Executive Committee, and recommend that they be approved.

In the very brief report submitted by the Committee, no special points in conducting the work are brought to the attention of this Assembly, for the good and sufficient reason, assigned by them, that previous reports have discussed all the practical questions connected with this department of the Church's work, and, generally, the Assembly has concurred in the suggestions of the Committee. In other words, the Committee has suggested to previous Assemblies all that was thought to be desirable and necessary for the successful prosecution of the work in question, and said Assemblies have carried out as far as possible the suggestions of the Committee.

There is no question as to the fidelity of the Committee. And the laborious diligence, the executive ability and financial skill of the Secretary, cannot be too highly commended. And yet with all this fidelity, ability and skill, sustained by the countenance and influence of the General Assembly, for a series of years, by resolutions, recommendations and injunctions, the statistics show a decrease in the number of candidates supported, and contributions from the churches. This statement is modified by "facts before the Committee," who have no doubt "that the number of candidates is decidedly on the increase, and that more has been done by

the Church for their support than on any previous occasion." Still about \$3,000 are needed to meet claims now due, and to mature by the first of June.

The Committee submit that "the commissioners from the Presbyteries," met in this Assembly, are fully aware of the wants of the cause, of the lack of interest in it, and of the deficiency of the churches which they represent in contributing to it, and hence, they "suggest no means nor methods of removing these obstacles to the complete success which the Church needs, in developing the *zeal*, the *energy* and liberality of our people. Your Committee submit the following, viz:

1. The prompt notification of the churches, by the Secretary, of the present and pressing necessities of this cause is commended; and churches that have not contributed are urged to take up collections, at their earliest convenience, and forward the same to the Treasurer.

2. Presbyteries are urged to require of each candidate a semi-annual report to Presbytery of all funds received by him from the Assembly's Committee, or from church collections, and to be fully informed as to the character, diligence and proficiency of all candidates for the gospel ministry under their care.

3. The recommendation of the last Assembly is reiterated, viz: That all funds contributed to this object be forwarded to the Treasurer of the Executive Committee, and reported to the Presbyterial Committee.

4. The generous proposition of the ladies of the church in Little Rock, Ark., made through the pastor, to educate two young men, provided they will preach in Arkansas, if the way be clear, when through with their studies at the Seminary, is duly appreciated by this Assembly, and their example is commended to churches of like and greater pecuniary ability.

5. That the Committee of Education for the ensuing year shall consist of Rev. E. T. Baird, D. D., Secretary; Chas. Gennet, Treasurer; Moses D. Hoge, D. D., W. Brown, D. D., Chas. H. Read, D. D., T. L. Preston, D. D., W. A. Campbell, Hon. W. F. Taylor, Hon. B. R. Wellford, Hon. E. H. Fitzhugh, Hon. Robert Ould.

6. That the annual concert of prayer on the last Thursday in February, ought to be observed by all our people for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the youth of our churches, and all our institutions of learning, and for God's blessing on this cause.

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

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

The Committee on Systematic Benevolence report that of the fifty-seven Presbyteries under the care of the General Assembly, only thirty-eight have sent up reports—three of these reports afford us no definite information, more than that the scheme of Systematic Benevolence is receiving more attention, and is growing in favor with the people. From the other reports we derive the following facts, viz: 257 churches have given to five objects recommended by the General Assembly, 210 to four of them, 143 to three of them, 124 to two of them, 150 to one and 111 to none of them. It appears from a comparison of these facts with the report of last year, that there has on the whole been some progress. Last year 208 contributed to five objects recommended by the General Assembly, this year there are 257; 49 more than last year. Last year 184 contributed to four; this year 210 to four; 26 more than last year. Last year 154 contributed to three; this year 143 to three; 11 less than last year. Last year 177 contributed to two; this year 124 to two; 53 less than last year. Last year 196 contributed to one; this year 150 to one; 46 less than last year. Last

year 196 contributed to none ; this year 111 ; 85 less than last year ; 303 churches have contributed to the Invalid Fund ; 556 to Education ; 661 to Sustentation ; 441 to Publication ; 512 to Foreign Mission ; 479 to Miscellaneous.

From these facts it is obvious that comparatively few of the churches reporting have taken up collections for all the purposes recommended by the Assembly. Our report is necessarily incomplete, and must exhibit a delinquency on the part of some of the churches greater than really exists. It would be unjust to infer that the 19 Presbyteries which have failed to send up reports are doing nothing for the cause of benevolence. Yet the absence of so many reports which ought to have been prepared and presented here, makes it painfully evident that there has been too much neglect on the part of Presbyteries and churches.

The design of Systematic Benevolence is to have all give something to the various objects of benevolence recommended, and that accurate reports be made by the church sessions to the Presbyteries, and by the Presbyteries to the General Assembly. Most of the non-contributing churches are without pastors, and there is therefore a difficulty in reaching them. In reference to them, your Committee recommend :

1st. That the Presbyteries be enjoined to appoint an Executive Committee on Systematic Benevolence, whose duty it shall be to correspond with the sessions of vacant churches in the intervals of meetings of Presbytery, calling their attention to the time and objects of the various collections, and urging them to see to it that the members of their respective churches be kept informed of the various operations of our Church, and have an opportunity afforded them of contributing to each one of her six objects, either by public collection or by personal application, and if possible within the two months allotted to each of these objects.

2d. Your Committee recommend that the Assembly urge the Presbyteries to see to it that the pastors and stated supplies bring the claims of these objects distinctly before their respective charges.

3d. The original plan of the Assembly embraced only five objects. As a special collection is to be taken up for the Evangelistic work, on the first of September, we recommend that this object be included in the plan.

The Church has not yet learned as fully as she ought the mighty power of littles, given systematically. The full efficiency of the churches cannot be realized without a more thorough and conscientious working of the scheme already inaugurated. As a Church, we have reason to be humble because we have not come up to the measure of liberality in giving which we ought. Yet on the other hand we should not lose sight of the fact that there has been some progress. Let us thank God and take courage.

The following dissent was presented by the Rev. J. L. Martin :

The undersigned, a commissioner to the General Assembly from the Presbytery of South Carolina, requests the record upon the minutes, of his dissent from the action of the Assembly upon the report of the Standing Committee of Publication, respecting the chartering of the Executive Committee of Publication, and respecting the approval of the purchase of the building. Respectfully submitted,
J. L. MARTIN.

This dissent was ordered to be entered on the minutes.

The Auditing Committee presented a report, which, after being amended, was adopted, and is as follows :

The Auditing Committee to whom was referred the report of the Board of Trustees of the General Assembly would respectfully submit the following report :

The report of the Treasurer exhibits the following facts : There has been received from the estate of Cyrus Fleming, \$185, for Committee of Sustentation, which is deposited in bank, and subject to sight draft.

Received from Rev. Richard Mellwaine, for Relief Fund, \$3,000 in city of Augusta, Georgia, bonds, bearing 7 per cent. interest, and \$3,000 in Central Ohio bonds, bearing interest at 6 per cent., payable semi-annually.

Received from Judge Kennedy's estate the sum of \$9,500, to be applied as follows : \$500 to Bible cause ; \$500 to Tract cause under the control of the General Assembly ; two-thirds of balance, to Domestic Missions, \$5,667 ; one-half of remaining one-third, to Foreign Missions, \$1,417 ; one fourth of remaining one-third, to Sustentation, \$708 ; one fourth of remaining one-third, to Publication, \$708 Total \$9,500.

Received from Park estate, \$500, *one-half* of which is for Sustentation and Foreign Missions *each*.

All monies received have been deposited in bank, \$6,185 of which is bearing interest at 8 per cent. ; the balance, of \$4,000, bearing interest at 6 per cent. The difference in rate of interest is accounted for by the bank having changed its rate of interest to all of its customers.

The Auditing Committee further beg leave to submit the names of the following gentlemen for appointment as Trustees of the General Assembly, who are ex-officio members of the Board, *for one year* : Rev. John Douglas, John L. Brown, Esq., Col. John Brown, who are at present the only members of the Board holding over.

For two years : Jesse H. Lindsay, Esq., Hon. James Hemphill, Joseph H. Wilson, Esq.

For three years : Dr. E. Nye Hutchison, Gen. J. A. Young, Major Campbell Wallace.

Respectfully submitted,

L. J. ROTHROCK.

JOSEPH HARDIE.

Auditing Committee.

It was resolved, that the thanks of the Assembly be, and they are hereby, tendered to Messrs. T. C. Perrin, Rev. Geo. Howe, D. D., and James M. Hutchison, for their faithful services as members of the Board of Trustees.

Rev. L. C. Vass was excused from serving as delegate to the Associate Reformed Synod of the South, and Rev. Isaac J. Long was appointed in his place.

The report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence was taken up, and, after being amended, was adopted, and is as follows :

In reply to the communication addressed to the body by the Rev. S. S. Schmucker, D. D., accompanied with a printed "Fraternal Appeal," signed by sundry others, requesting, among other things, that about twenty-five delegates should be elected by this General Assembly to attend the meeting of the Evangelical Alliance, in New York, next fall, the General Assembly adopts the following paper :

Inasmuch as this General Assembly, at its first annual session, in 1861, extended its fraternal salutations to all evangelical churches throughout the world, expressing its cordial desire to be in fellowship with all, especially those of similar faith and order, by which terms and catholic spirit the Assembly still abides ; yet, inasmuch as it has not now before it data sufficient for the full understanding of the character and purposes of the Evangelical Alliance, and the extent of the authority claimed for it and its "National Branches," therefore,

Resolved, That the General Assembly deems it inexpedient to appoint

delegates to attend the approaching meeting of the Evangelical Alliance in New York; but expresses the sincere hope that the Spirit of grace may preside over all those deliberations, that all its proceedings may redound to the glory of God, in the advancement of our common Christianity.

The following report was received from the Rev. P. B. Price, delegate to the General Assembly of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church :

HUNTSVILLE, ALA., May 19, 1873.

To the Moderator of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States, in session at Little Rock, Ark. :

REV. AND DEAR BROTHER—In accordance with the appointment of the General Assembly of our Church, which met at Richmond in May 1872, I have attended the General Assembly of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, now in session here, and presented the Christian salutations appropriate to that fraternal correspondence which had already been established between the two bodies.

The members received me with much kindness, and heard me with patient attention, while I gave them a brief account of those things which the Lord has been pleased to do for us.

The benevolent schemes of the Cumberland Presbyterians bear a striking resemblance to our own, not only in name, but in the objects which at present engage their attention, and in the difficulties and encouragements which attend their efforts. They have a publishing house in course of establishment; are encouraged, as we are, by the number of their candidates for the ministry; are making great exertions to supply their wide field for home missions; and are looking forth with interest and anxious inquiry for some door by which they may enter upon the foreign work; and they display great activity and zeal in support of their two universities and their several colleges.

The reply of the moderator to my address, and the Christian courtesy and cordiality with which the members of the body have greeted me in private, have impressed me with the belief that the fraternal intercourse of the two Churches is the fruit of sincere brotherly love, and that we may, by the blessing of God, with mutual advantage continue to occupy, as we are now doing, that field where Providence has thrown us so near together.

Rev. Mr. Buchanan, of Little Rock, was appointed to convey to the body over which you preside, the fraternal salutations of the Assembly now in session here.

Respectfully and fraternally yours,

P. B. PRICE.

The Report on the Endowment Fund was taken up, and being amended was adopted, and is as follows:

The Special Committee to whom was referred the "Memorial on the Endowment Fund of the Presbyterian Committee of Publication," beg leave to make the following report:

The substance and scope of the memorial presented for the consideration and action of the General Assembly, is a statement of the past embarrassment and present wants of the Committee of Publication in a financial point of view, accompanied with an earnest petition that the Assembly will exert its authority and influence to afford them relief, and place this great interest on a firm and enduring basis. To this end, they ask that active measures may be taken to raise an aggregate sum of about

\$60,000, of which \$13,000 are needed to complete the endowment of \$50,000, the minimum amount originally proposed and ordered by the General Assembly to be raised for this purpose, while \$45,000 are required for the purchase of a publishing house.

Having considered the whole subject contained in the memorial, the special committee recommend the adoption, by the General Assembly, of the following resolutions:

1. That the General Assembly declares its sympathy with the Committee of Publication in the trials and perplexities, arising from a lack of adequate funds, which they have heretofore experienced, and in their desire to be relieved of pecuniary embarrassment and furnished with larger means and facilities for the prosecution of their work in time to come.

2. That, in response to the memorial asking that one grand united effort be made throughout the whole Church to raise the money necessary to meet the wants of this cause at this time, and to place this important and growing interest on a broad and permanent foundation, the General Assembly directs that a special collection be made in all the churches on the first Sabbath in December, 1873, or as near thereto as practicable, and hereby calls the especial attention of Presbyteries, ministers, church sessions, and the entire membership of the Church to this matter, with the earnest desire and strong hope that, by concerted action and liberal offerings, the amount needed will be obtained.

3. That, as an auxiliary method of promoting the object in view, the General Assembly recommends that application be made, in the name and with the sanction of the Executive Committee of Publication, to individuals of known benevolence and liberality, for special contributions. All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. H. MARTIN, *Chairman.*

The following paper was adopted:

In view of the necessity for greatly increased contributions to sustain the benevolent enterprises of the Church, and also of the fact that from so large a portion of our people there is a lamentable failure of co-operation in this work:

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to take into careful consideration this whole subject, and especially the practicability and efficiency of some plan by which the funds to be raised for the purpose above referred to, may be apportioned among the Presbyteries, and through them among the churches. Said committee shall report to the next General Assembly.

This Committee was appointed to consist of Rev. Messrs. Wm. Brown, D. D., J. Leighton Wilson, D. D., and E. T. Baird, D. D.

Upon request of the Committee which presented a paper concerning the question of the incorporation for the Committee of Publication, and also the purchase of a publishing house, leave was granted to withdraw the same.

The Pastoral Letter was taken up and adopted. It is as follows:

The committee to whom was referred the memorial from the Presbytery of Memphis, asking the General Assembly to address a letter to the churches under their care, respecting parental Christian training, beg leave to present the following:

DEAR BRETHREN—This Assembly, feeling the deepest interest in the welfare of our Zion, and having also some just conceptions of the solemn responsibilities resting upon parents, and the important part which they must perform in advancing its welfare, do most affectionately solicit your attention to the following reflections :

We think that it is plainly inculcated in the word of God, as well as in our standards, that the children of pious parents are integral parts of God's Church, and that their certain and early conversion is to be secured by faithful instruction in the principles of the Christian religion. The direct and special commandment of God is, "These words which I command thee this day shall be in thine heart, and thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up."—Deut. vi: 6, 7. And the Apostle's pointed injunction is, "Bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord." It is therefore manifest that God requires that parents shall *faithfully* and *diligently* instruct their children in the religion of the blessed Saviour; that they shall begin to store their minds with its saving truths, so soon as they shall have capacity to receive them; and shall continue to follow up these instructions from day to day and year to year as they advance in life.

This is heaven's appointed way for securing the early conversion of your children. But we greatly apprehend that this solemn duty is often deferred too long, and sometimes neglected altogether. The children of the Church are suffered to grow up uninstructed and unwarned; no efforts are made to inflame their hearts with love for the Redeemer or for His blessed kingdom. God's appointed way for saving them is thus abandoned; the most propitious time for effecting the desired end is lost, and the most powerful means are left unimproved; while parents indulge a vague and languid hope that in coming years, by the improvement of some extraordinary means, their salvation will be effected. We most affectionately warn you, beloved brethren, against such neglect. God's ways are ever best; follow after His appointments if you would be blessed by the early conversion of your children. Around your own happy hearthstone talk to them of the love of Christ; of their relation to God and to His Church, and the consequent duties devolving upon them. "Thou shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine own house, and when thou walkest by the way," etc.

We feel, moreover, constrained to call your attention to the importance of accustoming your children to accompany you to the sanctuary of God. Here additional means of heaven's own appointment for effecting their salvation are employed. "The gospel is the power of God unto salvation," and kind parents, who prayerfully place their children under its transforming influence, may hope to rejoice in soon finding them followers of the Lamb. Besides, such habits as these ever secure for them an abiding affection for the church of their fathers. As wise men, we may learn from the example of others. It is but an easy matter to find sects who uniformly inspire almost fanatical zeal for their church in the bosom of their children. This devotion is secured by ever accustoming them to go with their parents regularly to their own houses of worship, and speaking to them of the excellence of their own churches. We would, therefore, earnestly urge you to accustom your children to wait upon God in your houses of worship; to encourage them to sustain your own Sabbath Schools, and to augment the number of your own people. Be assured that fidelity in the discharge of these duties will speedily result in the conversion of your children, their early espousal of Christ's cause and kingdom, with an abiding devotion to the church of their fathers. And may the abounding grace of the great Redeemer abide with you, and enable you to perceive and faithfully discharge the solemn responsibilities resting upon you.

ALEX. PENLAND, *Chairman.*

Resolved, That the Assembly recommend the observance of a week of prayer for our institutions of learning, and for the youth of our Church and our country, beginning with the last Thursday of February next.

It was ordered that the Trustees of the General Assembly be authorized to pay expenses incurred in the discharge of their duties, out of any funds not otherwise appropriated.

It was ordered that the bequest of Judge Kennedy, which is to be spent in procuring Bibles and tracts, be paid over to the Executive Committee of Publication.

The following resolution was adopted by a unanimous vote, the Assembly voting by rising :

Resolved, That the thanks of this Assembly be and they are hereby given to the citizens of Little Rock, and our brethren in Christ, and also to the committee of arrangements, for their generous hospitality and Christian kindness shown to the members of this Assembly during our sessions here.

It was also resolved unanimously :

That the thanks of the Assembly be tendered to Rev. A. Shotwell for his faithful and laborious services in reporting the proceedings of this Assembly.

Also, that the thanks of this Assembly are tendered to all the Railroads and other lines of travel which have extended facilities to the members of the Assembly.

The resolution was adopted.

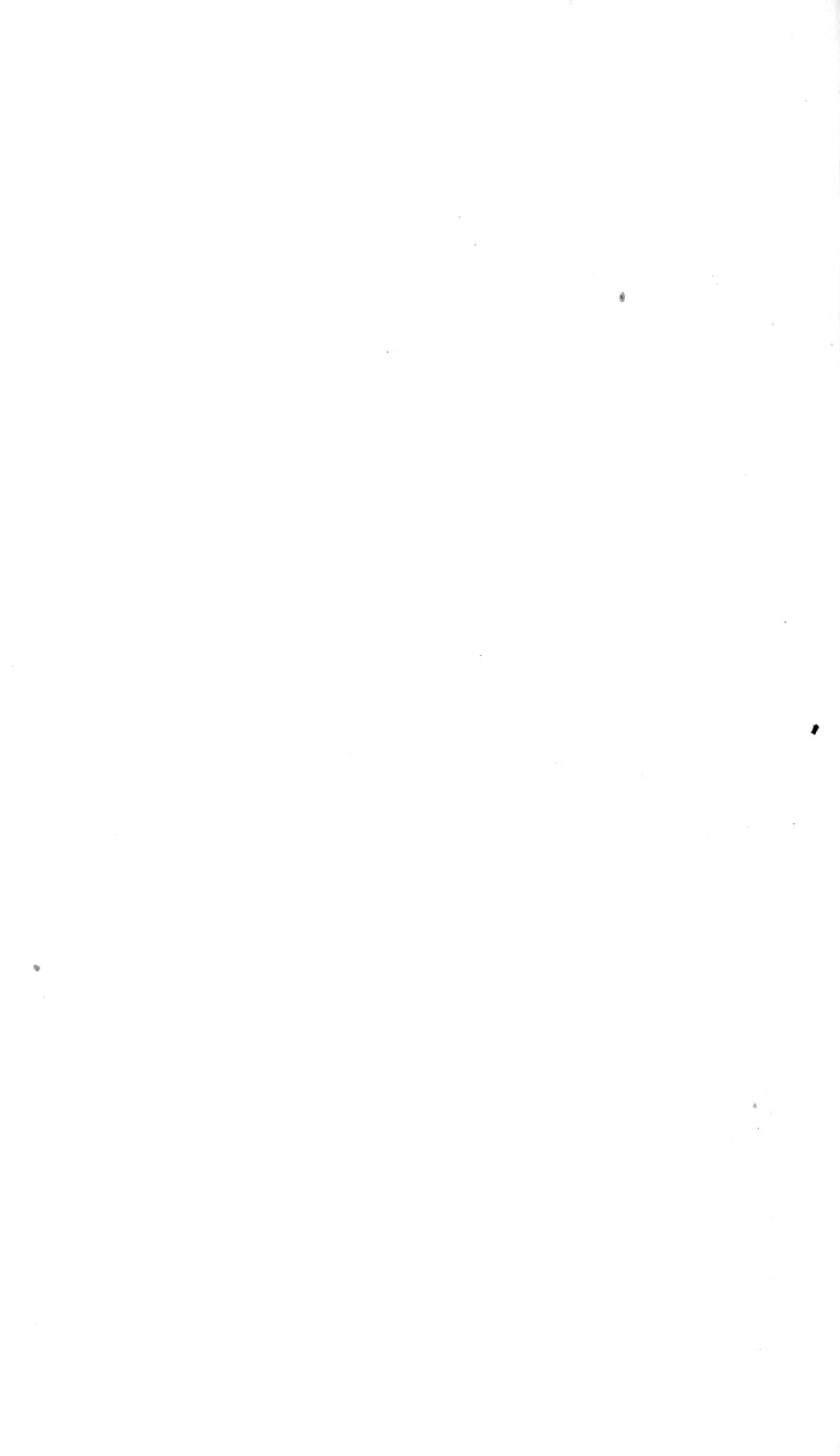
The minutes of to-day's session were read and approved.

It was then ordered that this General Assembly be dissolved, and that another General Assembly, chosen in like manner, be required to meet in the Presbyterian church of Columbus, Mississippi, on the third Thursday in May, 1874, at 11 o'clock a. m.

Closed with singing, with prayer by Rev. F. H. Bowman, and with the benediction by the Moderator.

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 THEIR CARE.

BRETHREN : Fifty-one out of the fifty-seven Presbyteries which compose our Church have sent up reports to this General Assembly, some of which are characterized by great fulness of detail, and are models of a complete statement and studied estimate of the facts touching the state of religion within their bounds.

A cursory review of the Presbyterial narratives might seem to lead to the inference that our Church is standing at the point where it was a year ago ; that the state of religion has much the same aspect now as that described in the narrative that went forth from the last General Assembly. Apparently there is an intermingling of the same lights and shades. But a careful perusal will show that the condition of things is really more healthful and promising ; that while there are still dark spots in the landscape, the shadows are lifting, and a brighter day is dawning. The tone of complaint and remonstrance is much feebler and less frequent. The tone of courage and hope is stronger and more abundant. So that the decided impression left on the mind, after a careful study of the narratives, and a comparison with the years that are gone, is that our Church on the whole beats with the pulse of a more vigorous life, and is moving upward and onward to the realization of a noble mission.

It is true that the Presbyteries report many things which are to be deplored, and which, perhaps, ought to be mentioned in this General Narrative, in order that, knowing the evils that beset us, we may set ourselves to the removal of them. We still hear of coldness, worldliness, self-indulgence, and in some instances of crime and infidelity ; of prayer-meetings thinly attended and void of interest ; of vacant churches, and Presbyterian communities seldom if at all gladdened by the gospel sound ; of a deficient liberality in supporting the ministry, and in contributing to the great charities of the Church ; and of the instability of pastoral and other ministerial relations. Of all the evils known, which are complained of, none stand out so prominently from the pages of these reports, or with such distressing complaints, as the neglect of family religion. So many reports refer to this matter that it would seem to be one of the most widespread and ominous evils of the Church.

Homes, without family altars and without primitive religious training of children, not only among the private members of the church, but even, and largely, among the office-bearers, is the oft recurring tale. In some sections, as we are informed, the Sabbath School teacher is taking the place of the parent in the instruction of children in divine knowledge ; a mistake which cannot be too speedily corrected, for while the Sunday

School is a happy instrument for supplementing parental teaching, and for reaching those classes of children and youth who are otherwise removed from religious influence, it ought always to be held as secondary in importance to home training. Family religion is the root of the religion of the Church, and so long as this is at a low point, the present and future condition of the Church is endangered; only where family altars are set up, family instruction abounds, and holy sentiments pervade the household, shall we find a truly spiritual and powerful Church. Whatever may be the evils which beset us, it is satisfactory to know that they are of such a sort that they can, by the blessing of God, be removed. They are none other than the Church in all ages has had to contend with—and none other than the Church has a thousand times vanquished. They furnish reason, not for discouragement, but for renewed consecration and increased fidelity to the Master. It is gratifying to observe, too, that these evils are abating, and that the good things of the Spirit of God are multiplying upon us. Our churches are united and harmonious. Not only is a steady, though gradual, growth reported as their general condition, but in several fields an unusual degree of interest has been manifested, and large accessions have been made to the Church membership. One Presbytery speaks of three or four of its churches having received a precious outpouring from on high, where one hundred and thirty-nine persons were gathered into one communion; another of seven of its churches greatly refreshed; another of eight gathering in a harvest of two hundred souls; and these are not all. In many places the officers of the Church are co-operating with the pastor with greater efficiency and zeal in church meeting interests. The eldership of seventeen churches in one Presbytery kept up all the services of the sanctuary in the absence of ministerial supplies. The prayer-meeting is reported in several of the Presbyteries as improving in its tone, and in some cases enlisting a general interest on the part of the congregation. Young men's prayer-meetings of a highly encouraging character are mentioned. There is a growing interest in Sunday Schools and Bible-classes. New churches are organizing. Two mission chapels are reported to have matured into organized churches and to have settled pastors in them. New buildings are going up and old ones are repairing. It is gratifying to note that the monthly concert of prayer for Missions is becoming more extensively observed. Touching the disposition of the people to support the ministry and the benevolent operations of the Church, although not up to the floodtide of Christian generosity, there is evidently a marked improvement. Thirty-two Presbyteries report on this subject and nearly all of them speak of increasing contributions, and of a growing sentiment in favor of giving to objects of Christian beneficence, and only one of a falling off, and that one is in a field where laborers are lamentably few, and the churches difficult of access. Our destitutions, great enough still, are becoming supplied with the bread of life as fast as it would seem possible under the circumstances to be done. The thought and energy of the Church appear to be universally and powerfully exercised on this subject. But few Presbyteries report vacant churches to which the means of grace have not been carried, at least occasionally, the past year. Few there would seem to be compared with former years, where pulpits are totally silent and where organizations are languishing to the point of extinction. In many directions strenuous efforts are made to bring the gospel to every community. One Presbytery, which a year ago had reported thirteen churches, out of twenty-five, destitute of gospel privileges, now reports that twenty-three of the churches are in the enjoyment of them. In another, where there were a score of churches to which the gospel had become an unfamiliar, and it might be said, a forgotten sound, such a wide-spread interest has been awakened that several have called pastors, all have sought, and now have supplies, and, as a kind of first fruits, two young men have been yielded up to the Lord as candidates for the ministry. In a third, a single church, starting from small beginnings, has sent out such an influence

and power over the surrounding region, that four houses of worship and four Sabbath Schools have sprung from it, and still the work is going on. An impassioned appeal comes up from all quarters for more laborers, which should stir the ardor and enthusiasm of the Church to the highest degree of fervor. The desolate places are still many. The fields are white to the harvest and the laborers are few, but in view of what has been accomplished, and the promise of still greater results in the future, we will thank God and take courage. Endeavors are still put forth to gain the attention and win the confidence of the colored people, and the endeavors have met with considerable success. In some places this people have been found not only willing, but eager to receive the word of God at our hands. Sabbath Schools have been established among them, the gospel is preached, and at least two churches have been organized, of which one in particular is represented to be in an exceedingly flourishing condition.

On the whole, we conclude that while there is much to be done before our branch of the one Catholic Church appears faultless before the Lord, yet there is nothing to dispirit our courage or impair our zeal; on the contrary, there is everything to animate our hearts. The Great Head of the Church is manifesting the tokens of His presence amongst us, and opening a wide field of useful and honorable service. The General Assembly sends its salutations to the churches under its care, and the expression of its strong desire that they come up in the fulness of their strength and privileges to the work which the Lord has put in their hands.

W. F. V. BARTLETT. *Chairman.*

SEVENTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF SUSTENTATION.

In presenting this Seventh Annual Report on Sustentation, the Executive Committee desire devoutly to thank the great Head of the Church, that some advance has been made in all the departments of work intrusted to their care. While the expectations of the last Assembly and the earnest hopes of the Committee have not been fully realized in regard to any branch of the work, it is yet gratifying to record some improvement in each.

Without preliminary remark in reference to the principles which underlie this department of the Church's effort, or the general good results which have been accomplished by it under the fostering care of the General Assembly, we proceed at once to lay before this venerable court such detailed information respecting our operations as we deem important for the comprehension of the real state of the work in the whole Church.

The first point to which we ask your attention, is to the important matter of finance.

FINANCE.

The receipts for the past year from all sources have been as follows: Sustentation, \$23,524.54; Evangelistic Fund, \$2,671.36, and Invalid Fund, \$8,095.62. This shows an increase over the former year of \$915.84 in the contributions to Sustentation, in addition to the amount for the Evangelistic Fund. There has also been a gain of \$1,450.62 in the Invalid Fund. Gratifying as is the fact that there has been this advance in all these departments, when we compare these results with what they might and ought to have been, there is room for humiliation. In order that this Assembly may have before it a distinct comparative view of the measure of support accorded to each of these objects of beneficence by the Presbytery-

ries and Synods under its control, we present below a carefully prepared tabular statement, showing the number of churches in forty-eight Presbyteries (including the Presbytery of Indian) which have contributed to them, and also the number of churches which ought to have contributed in each Presbytery to each object, (according to the statistical tables of Minutes of 1872) if the injunctions of the General Assembly had been obeyed. In this statement we omit the Presbytery of Sao Paulo; and also the Presbyteries of the Synod of Kentucky, they having heretofore been engaged in carrying out their particular Synodical schemes. There have been received from the last named Synod during the year, for Sustentation, collections from two churches of \$10 each, and \$80 from other sources; for the Evangelistic Fund, five church collections aggregating \$32.25, and a contribution from one Sabbath-school; and for the Invalid Fund, ten collections amounting to \$221.48, and \$27.50 from other sources.

It will be observed in the statement below, that in two or three cases the number of contributing churches is not reported. This arises from the fact, that the Treasurers of these Presbyteries have sent the collections to our Treasury without specifying the names of the churches and the amounts contributed by each. We hope this practice will hereafter be abandoned, and that our Treasurer's report will show from year to year the contribution of every church in which a collection has been taken up. The Assembly will thus have placed before it what has been done or left undone for these various objects by every congregation in its entire bounds. In the present instance we have rectified the deficiency as far as possible by making an estimate of the missing contributors, and adding their probable number at the close of the list. There is in this table a substantially correct presentation of the work in the Presbyteries during the past year.

Tabular Statement of the number of Churches from which collections have been received into the Treasury for Sustentation, and the Evangelistic and Invalid Funds in forty-eight Presbyteries, embraced in ten Synods, and the number of collections that ought to have been received.

PRESBYTERIES.				No. of Collections received for Sustentation.	No. rec'd for Evangelistic Fund.	No. received for Invalid Fund.	No. that ought to have been rec'd for each.
East Alabama,	-	-	-	15	3	8	39
South Alabama,	-	-	-	22	7	13	43
Tuskaloosa,	-	-	-	18	2	8	25
Synod of Alabama,-	-	-	-	-55	-12	-29	-107
Arkansas,	-	-	-	19	1	8	32
Indian,	-	-	-	5	3	7	20
Ouachita,	-	-	-	14	5	3	25
Synod of Arkansas.-	-	-	-	-38	-9	-18	-77
Atlanta,	-	-	-	18		6	29
Augusta,	-	-	-	21	1	6	33
Cherokee,	-	-	-	16	1	6	31
Florida,	-	-	-	17	2	4	26
Macon,	-	-	-	8	1	2	16
Savannah,	-	-	-	9	6	7	17
Synod of Georgia,-	-	-	-	-89	-11	-31	-152

PRESBYTERIES.		No. of Collections received for Sus- tentation.	No. rec'd for Evan- gelistic Fund.	No. received for In- valid Fund.	No. that ought to have been rec'd for each.
Chickasaw, - - - - -		14	1	9	33
Memphis, - - - - -		20	2	4	30
North Mississippi, - - - - -		9	1	4	26
Western District, - - - - -		5		1	26
Synod of Memphis, - - - - -		—48	— 4	—18	—115
Central Mississippi, - - - - -		15		7	46
Louisiana, - - - - -		2			14
Mississippi, - - - - -		9	4	3	22
New Orleans, - - - - -		7	4	8	17
Red River, - - - - -		5	1	2	18
Tombeckbee, - - - - -		1	1	3	44
Synod of Mississippi, - - - - -		—39	—10	—23	—161
Holston, - - - - -		14	2	6	27
Knoxville, - - - - -		6		4	23
Nashville, - - - - -		18		15	31
North Alabama, - - - - -		7	1	4	26
Synod of Nashville, - - - - -		—45	— 3	—29	—107
Concord, - - - - -	not rep'ted		1	not rep'ted	32
Fayetteville, - - - - -	22			not rep'ted	46
Mecklenburg, - - - - -	not rep'ted			3	37
Orange, - - - - -	31	1	15		51
Wilmington, - - - - -			14		28
Synod of North Carolina, - - - - -	—53	— 2	—32		—194
Bethel, - - - - -	23	8	7		35
Charleston, - - - - -	8	4	5		19
Harmony, - - - - -	31	17	21		42
South Carolina, - - - - -	not rep'ted	13	13		56
Synod of South Carolina, - - - - -	—62	—42	—46		—152
Brazos, - - - - -	7	8	6		22
Central Texas, - - - - -	13	9	4		18
Eastern Texas, - - - - -	11	1	2		28
Western Texas, - - - - -	6	1	2		24
Synod of Texas, - - - - -	—37	—19	—14		— 92
Abingdon, - - - - -	17		5		26
Chesapeake, - - - - -	3		5		21
East Hanover, - - - - -	20	6	12		26
Greenbrier, - - - - -	23	4	6		28
Lexington, - - - - -	26	8	23		42
Montgomery, - - - - -	20	4	10		24
Roanoke, - - - - -	28	9	11		32
West Hanover, - - - - -	not rep'ted	5	9		24
Winchester, - - - - -	26		18		32
Synod of Virginia, - - - - -	—163	—36	—99		—255
Total of Collections, - - - - -	629	148	339		1412
Probable from non-reporting Pres- byteries, - - - - -	90		20		
	719	148	359		

From this statement it may be seen that somewhat over one-half of our churches (outside of the Synod of Kentucky) have contributed to Sustentation, about one-tenth to Evangelistic work, and somewhat over one-fourth to the Invalid Fund. Several remarks may be made on this exhibit:

1. It will be ascertained by reference to the Treasurer's report, and a comparison therewith of the statistical tables of the Minutes of the General Assembly, that the delinquent churches are by no means all of them vacant and destitute of gospel ordinances. A lamentable proportion of this latter class do, indeed, continually fail in the discharge of this part of covenant duty, and yet it is true that, from a considerable number of them, there flow regularly into the Church's treasury contributions nearly approaching, if not fully reaching, the average standard of the Church's benefactions; whereas, in many cases, churches thoroughly organized, with pastors, elders, deacons, and a large and prosperous membership, give nothing to sustain our benevolent operations. This is manifestly true with regard to the Evangelistic and Invalid Funds, and a careful examination of the Sustentation lists will reveal more of such cases than at first sight might be suspected. The explanation of this fact, in a multitude of cases, must be the want of interest in the work by the ordained officers of Christ's house, and a consequent almost hopeless disregard of the repeated injunctions of our ecclesiastical judicatories.

2. An attentive examination of the Treasurer's report, with reference to the amounts contributed to our various causes of benevolence by the churches, will show that, in very many cases, the collections must have been of the most perfunctory character. They do not appear at all to represent the ability of the people to give. Of course there are many noble exceptions; but when a church of sixty members sends to your treasury \$10; of twenty-five members, \$2; of 290 members, \$25—however poor many of them may be in such a country as this—and one of 300 members, a large proportion of whom have every comfort in life which a reasonable Christian may ask, sends \$100 for the great cause of Sustentation—and when these are, in fact, fair representatives of very many of the contributing churches, and this kind of benevolence is continued from year to year, we cannot feel ourselves guiltless if we fail to bring the facts prominently to the attention of your venerable body, in order that its warning voice may reach these Christians, and, by the grace of God, awaken them to a more liberal distribution of the Lord's money.

In order that the members of the Assembly may have this matter distinctly before them, let it be stated in this way: The whole amount received for Sustentation, as stated above, is \$23,524.54. Deduct from this \$2,474.83, contributed, or nearly all of it, by persons outside our bounds, and you have \$21,049.71 as the support rendered to this cause by churches and individuals in our connection, or an average of about 23 cents per member, counting the Synod of Kentucky, and of about 25 cents, not counting that Synod. By the same kind of a calculation, we find about 3 cents to be the average for Evangelistic work, and about 8 cents for the Invalid Fund.

Now, in order that the full force of these figures may be understood, it must be noted that a considerable number of our churches give as much as \$1 per member to the cause of Sustentation. In a few cases some noble little churches have given over \$3 per member; and in at least one case, one of our strongest and most liberal churches has given over \$2.50 per member. Take these facts into consideration, in connection with the average above given for the whole Church, and remembering that the same proportional difference holds in regard to the Invalid and Evangelistic Funds, and it is easy to understand how meagre are most of the contributions which reach our treasury.

SUSTENTATION.

In the prosecution of the Sustentation work, appropriations have been made during the year to 144 pastors and supplies of churches, to eighteen evangelists and to twenty-six church buildings to the amount of \$3,290. These appropriations have reached forty-six of our Presbyteries; two of them only, the Presbyteries of Charleston and New Orleans, while contributing to our Treasury, have received nothing from it. As may well be surmised, and as will still more clearly appear in the progress of this report, the funds at our disposal have been utterly inadequate to the work before us. We have endeavored however to use the wisest discretion possible, and think we have succeeded not only in making an equitable disposition of the fund, taking the circumstances of each case into consideration, but such a one as has been in the main, if not indeed altogether, satisfactory to the several Presbyterial Committees. Our intercourse with these brethren has been of the most pleasant character, the only regret with us being, that some of them have failed to lay before us, with that explicitness and fulness needed, the state of things in their bounds, and the fear that their Presbyteries may have been somewhat the sufferers thereby. It is absolutely essential to the successful working of our schemes that the chairmen of Presbyterial Committees of Sustentation should be men of sound judgment, liberal views, and decided character. They must study and master the Assembly's plan, and see to its execution with an unsparing hand; and every Presbytery owes it to itself and to the progress of the Church, to put its best men in this place. In very many cases, perhaps in the majority, this has been done, and with manifest blessing to the work, and we hope ere long this result will be reached in all our bounds.

We have very full and accurately prepared statistics from forty-eight of our Presbyteries (including the Presbytery of Tusculumbia, recently organized); *i. e.* from all of them, excluding the Synod of Kentucky and the Presbyteries of Sao Paulo and Indian. It thus appears that, during the last year, all the Presbyteries of our original Church have worked with the Executive Committee, some of them with more vigor and success than others, and a few only in part. The Presbytery of Chesapeake has come into formal connection with us since January 1st, having heretofore prosecuted its work independently. The Presbyteries of New Orleans, Charleston, and (latterly) Nashville, while contributing to our funds, maintain their own Presbyterial work. Several other Presbyteries, while drawing funds from our treasury, are not, we fear, carrying on the work according to the plan of 1866. The facts in these cases have come into our hands since the appropriations in March were paid, but they will be investigated and rectified before the second instalment of appropriations is due; and if it be found (as is alleged) that any of our Presbyterial Committees are engrossing collections for Sustentation in the prosecution of Presbyterial work outside of the appropriations of your Executive Committee, instead of sending them to the central treasury, it will be necessary to withhold all further payments from such Presbyteries until the error is corrected. In the judgment of the Committee it is essential to the working of the Assembly's plan that the annual collection ordered for this cause shall be taken up in all the churches, and sent to your treasury. We hope this venerable court will give us its cordial support in having this fundamental principle thoroughly understood.

STATISTICS.

The following carefully prepared statistics are, we believe, in the main correct. In some cases the chairmen of Presbyterial Committees inform us that their estimates are only approximate, but in every case their reports appear to have been made with unusual care and pains-taking. We may thus suppose that the facts elicited are trustworthy, and demand the serious attention of the whole Church. From these reports it appears

that: In forty-eight Presbyteries there are 645 ministers engaged in preaching the gospel, of whom 154 are engaged in secular employments in part as the means of support; thus leaving 491 as the number who give themselves wholly to the service of the Church. Of the 154 secularly employed, seventy-nine express a willingness to give their whole time to the ministry if they can receive a support of \$800 per annum. The remaining seventy-five, it is presumed, are so secularized as to have lost interest in their covenant work, or perhaps, in the majority of cases, are so hampered by domestic obligations that they are necessarily hindered from assuming the full work of the ministry on so meagre a support as \$800.

In forty-six Presbyteries there are 366 churches and unions of churches which are unable to give a support of \$800 a-year. In forty-two Presbyteries it would take an aggregate of \$95,140 to supplement the salaries of pastors and supplies, (leaving out of view altogether evangelistic effort in destitute and unoccupied fields,) so that all our churches and unions of churches may have ministers who receive a salary of at least \$800 per annum. To accomplish the same end for the forty-eight Presbyteries outside of Kentucky, would require an amount not far from \$110,000, taking no account of the evangelistic work proper, or of building and repairing churches.

In forty-five Presbyteries there are 144 ministers wholly engaged in ministerial work, who receive a salary, apart from the Sustentation Fund, of less than \$600, and eighty-two whose salary is between \$600 and \$800, so that 226 of our ministry, who give themselves wholly to the work, receive a salary, apart from the Sustentation Fund, of less than \$800.

In forty-five Presbyteries the average of salaries, outside of cities and large towns, apart from the Sustentation Fund, is reported at \$572; but these figures are unreliable, as the Presbyteries vary so much in numbers that it is impossible to make a correct average without very extended and involved calculations. A survey of the list, however, assures us that the figures above named are rather too high than too low, and that the average salary received by our ministers, outside of cities and the larger towns, directly from their churches, is considerably less than \$572.

The Presbyteries of Tuskaloosa, Arkansas, Central Mississippi, Red River, Holston, Central Texas, Abingdon, Chesapeake, and Winchester, indicate some increase in the average salary of their ministers during the past year, ranging from \$104 in Chesapeake, ninety-five dollars in Holston, and fifty dollars in Arkansas, Central Texas, and Winchester, down to nine dollars in Abingdon. In Ouachita and Macon there has been some decline. The other Presbyteries stand about the same as last year.

OTHER FACTS AND CONCLUSIONS.

The statistics here grouped together form the basis for the development of other important facts and conclusions. Thus it appears that of the 750 ministers on the rolls of the last Assembly (excluding the ministers of Kentucky and Foreign Missionaries,) 105 are not engaged in ministerial labor at all. Many of these are no doubt superannuated and in feeble health, but making the largest allowance for the number of these beloved brethren, there must still be a large number in health and strength who have the vows of God upon them, and who fail to discharge ministerial duty.

It is also a startling fact, that of our effective ministerial force about one-quarter (154 out of 645) are engaged in secular employments, seventy-nine of whom are willing to give themselves wholly to the Church if they can obtain a bare support, and seventy-five of whom do not see their way clear to give up secularities on any provision the Assembly has yet seen its way clear to attempt. It is perhaps safe to say of the seventy-nine brethren first spoken of, that at present they are not giving one-half their

strength, if so much, to the ministry, and therefore we estimate that if they could be unfettered from their present engagements, it would be equivalent to an immediate reinforcement of at least forty fresh men to our active force. In one of our Presbyteries there are eleven such ministers, and in two others, six each. The majority of them are in the eastern portion of the church, while in some Presbyteries in the West there are a considerable number. We see no remedy in the use of means for this deplorable state of things, except in the following measures: First. The removal of some brethren who are now spending their strength and comparatively wasting their energies on unproductive fields to other more hopeful spheres of labor, seems absolutely necessary. Arkansas has a number of self-sustaining churches which are beseeching brethren to come and preach to them the everlasting gospel; and large tracts of country now opening to our Church in Texas, present many fields most promising for Presbyterian enterprise, while in one Presbytery in Virginia there are eleven, and in another in South Carolina six, and in another in Mississippi six ministers, who are willing to preach the gospel if supported, but who have to betake themselves to secular labor as the means of providing for their families. The General Assembly might well give its estimate of the impropriety of ordained ministers of Christ devoting themselves to secularities in the present exigency of the Church, in such manner as would stir brethren to consider the question of going to the regions beyond and giving their strength to the work of saving souls, rather than with being satisfied to settle down into a comparatively inefficient ministry.

2. But another essential element in the healing of this dreadful hurt is an immensely enlarged beneficence on the part of the churches. This increased liberality must show itself in two directions—(a) in the more worthy support of their own ministers; and (b) in a far higher degree of giving to the general cause of Sustentation. In both these departments there is vast room for improvement, for while there has doubtless been an advance in the past few years, there is yet such a low measure of responsibility felt on the subject by many of our church members that a citation of the facts in the case would border on the ludicrous, were it not for the infinitely solemn issues which depend from them. It is saddening in the extreme to think of the small privations suffered by church members for the support of the gospel, while it is esteemed by them a natural and proper thing for their minister and his family to endure extreme want of temporal things, that they and theirs may have the bread of life set before them. God be thanked, there are many noble exceptions to this rule, but we have never heard of a single congregation of our people enduring such conflicts and suffering such trials in order that they may maintain gospel ordinances among them, as the majority of our working ministers are called upon to endure in order that they may have the privilege of preaching the truth in Jesus. There is crying need of reformation in this thing, and Presbyteries ought to consult about it, and handle it, and press it upon the attention of our congregations, until they adopt a more gracious and Christ-like line of conduct. It will not do for the burdens of the Church to be disproportionably crowded upon one class of men, and the meagre progress we are making may well awaken Christians to a sense of their duty to enable their ministers to give their whole time and energies to their appropriate work. Were this reformation instituted we do not doubt that many of our brethren who at present, with aid from the Sustentation Fund, are tortured with anxiety to provide a bare living and keep out of debt, would at once become the happy pastors of thoroughly self-sustained churches, and that many inviting fields of labor would open where there is now a hopeless waste. Thus there would be an immediate demand for all our available ministers, and Zion would flourish and grow.

In regard to the second point, to-wit: the need of very much enlarged and more widely diffused contributions to the cause of Sustentation, the figures presented under the head of Finance speak with no uncertain

sound. We propose here briefly to demonstrate that the magnitude of this work has not begun to be comprehended by our church officers and people, and that there must be a thorough awakening on this subject before the wants of the Church can be overtaken and the obligations of our people be discharged. In order that this may be self-evident to all, it is only necessary to recapitulate in this connection the facts given above in reference to the present state of the work in our bounds: 366 churches and unions of churches unable (in some cases, we fear unwilling), to support the gospel; \$110,000 wanted to help in this work; 226 of our laboring ministers receiving a salary of less than \$800, more than one-half of these less than \$600; seventy-nine educated preachers of the word upon whom thousands of dollars have been spent to fit them for their sacred vocation tied up in "worldly cares and avocations" because they cannot secure a meagre support; and to crown all, the average of the majority of our ministers' salaries far less than the reward of a day laborer in some portions of the country, and not much more than one-third the earnings of a reputable mechanic. These facts are appalling in the view of carnal wisdom; to the eye of faith they present a thrilling argument for the highest Christian consecration and endeavor, and they do unmistakably show that the Church must bestir herself if she is to maintain her position and to make increase in carrying forward the work of God.

CHANGES IN THE RULES RECOMMENDED.

It may be thought from this exhibit that the Church has enough to do for long years to come in overtaking the task of providing a salary of \$800 for all our working ministers. And surely in view of the preceding statements it is a very great endeavor. Yet we feel constrained to point out a defect in the working of our present By-Laws, arising from the inequality in the rates of living in different parts of the country. In some sections \$800 provides a comfortable though moderate competence for a medium sized family, whereas in other regions the same family, if dependent on this amount, would actually suffer for the necessities of life. Now the object of Sustentation is so to liberate our ministers from care and anxiety that they may work with untrammelled minds in the gospel field; and in any scheme designed for universal application, wise regard ought to be had to all parts of the Church. Otherwise we shall find that the want of adaptation will breed indifference or opposition, and the neglected portions of the Church will either recede, or work independent schemes, or become hostile to the Assembly's plan. In the experience of the past year we have felt compelled in a few cases to supplement salaries to an amount over the ordinary maximum of \$1,000, and we submit whether it be not wise to give our committee rather more latitude in this matter than has heretofore been accorded them. Some brethren now regard the \$800 effort with undisguised dislike, because they imagine that the Assembly seems to set the value of ministerial labor at this low figure, and while we do not fail to see their error in confounding the effort to raise this amount as the minimum, with what the Assembly thinks ought to be done in individual cases which demand a greater support, we feel that some further action on the part of this venerable court, in the direction indicated above, will have the effect of harmonizing conflicting views and interests, and of removing what at present seems an offence to some.

The *five year rule* adopted by the last Assembly we regard as decidedly a step in the right direction. In its practical application, however, we find that it has to be used with great caution and leniency. There are many of our feeble churches which make slow progress in becoming self-sustaining. An immediate and rigorous application of the rule to such would ensure their speedy dissolution, whereas a gentle and gradual pressure brought to bear upon such, together with Presbyterian visitation and control, may in many cases place them upon a strong and self-sustaining basis.

It is our purpose then thus to deal with the question raised by the adoption of this rule, unless the Assembly in its wisdom should see fit to direct otherwise.

Another point in the By-Laws, which may well claim the attention of your venerable body, is that provision of Rule 3, which is as follows: "No appropriation shall be made to supplement the salary given by a feeble church, unless the Presbyterial Committee, through which the application is made, can certify that . . . the minister is not himself engaged in any secular business which renders him a competent support." The opinions held in regard to this requirement are various, and the interpretations put upon it by Presbyterial Committees are equally diverse. In the judgment of your committee the words, "which renders him a competent support," ought to be stricken out, and the simple rule be left that the minister who draws from the Sustentation Fund any part of his support is not "*himself engaged in any secular business.*" The reasons which influence us in this opinion are: (a). The present rule was perhaps necessary when we were but emerging from the disasters of the war. But under somewhat changed circumstances we do not think that the Assembly's rules ought to give the least countenance to the secularization of our ministers, or even to tolerate it. This is one of the crying evils now cursing other branches of the Christian family, and which is fast spreading its withering, deadening influence over our fair heritage. If for a season, on account of the exigency of the times, it did seem necessary to let down the bars, the period has now surely arrived when a barrier strong and high should be erected against this growing evil.

(b). Again, as a fact, the ministry of partly secularized men is generally comparatively useless and unblessed. There have doubtless been gracious exceptions, but it cannot be denied that in uninspired days ordained ministers who have addicted themselves to temporal things, either through necessity or choice, have as a rule been inefficient in saving souls and building up the Church of Christ. We hold, therefore, as a matter of prudence and fidelity in the handling of sacred funds, that it is wiser to lay down an adequate sum and set one man altogether free from secular pursuits, so that his full energies may be given to the Master's service, than to assist in supporting many men who come to the work with divided minds and hearts.

(c). Again, we are very much inclined to think that the opposite course from that recommended will tend seriously to retard an increasing hold of the Sustentation cause upon the sympathies and support of the churches. The giving men among us are generally thinking men, and they will hardly feel that there is a real obligation upon them to give largely to a cause, partly engaged in supplementing the salaries of men who are to a great degree immersed in temporalities, and whom they meet trafficking in the things of the world. For these reasons the committee are firm in the conviction that the time has come, if the Assembly is determined to make advance in the great work of Sustentation, and to place it upon a secure and self-commendatory basis, to have it thoroughly understood that not one dollar of these funds of the Church is to be appropriated to any minister who does not give his whole time to ministerial labor.

We regret to say that in some of our Presbyteries the design of the Assembly's plan seems to be imperfectly understood and executed. The prominent idea in the minds of some of the Chairmen of Presbyterial Committees appears to be, to get as much for their Presbyterial bounds from the Central Treasury as possible, without regard to the development of a benevolent and independent spirit of liberality in their churches, either toward their pastors or the general cause. Presbyteries should be very careful to watch and check this tendency wherever it is found to exist. They may be sure that no people are really benefitted by outside help who are able to supply the deficiency themselves, and that to foster in our congregations an eleemosynary spirit is not only to suppress Christian ac-

tivity and growth, but to put a premium upon "covetousness, which is idolatry."

THE COLORED POPULATION.

We feel in duty bound to call the attention of this venerable Assembly to our colored population, in its peculiar claims upon our Church. During the past year several appropriations have been made at the request of Presbyterial Committees, in aid of the work among this class of our people; and while it is not the province of the Executive Committee to map out any line of proceeding for the General Assembly, we are seriously impressed with the responsibility which rests upon our Zion in the premises, and with the inadequacy of our present efforts to meet these imperious demands. May God in his grace give wisdom and strength to those who sit in these high places of His Church to deal well with this pressing question.

EVANGELISTIC WORK.

We regret to say that the Evangelistic effort, as a distinct branch of our work, has been a comparative failure. We have, however, aided Presbyteries during the past year in maintaining eighteen evangelists in the field, through whom much good has been accomplished. The last Assembly ordered a collection to be taken up for this object in the month of September. It will be seen from the Treasurer's report, and from the schedule of collections under the head of Finance, that the injunction of the Assembly was very generally neglected. In many cases, whole Presbyteries discarded or overlooked this order, and in very few was there a general compliance. As a consequence, we have been forced to conduct this branch as hitherto under the head of Sustentation. The collections during September and the succeeding months have amounted to only \$2,671.36, whereas, during the same time, our appropriations have reached more than \$4,500, not including several made since April 1st. We are striving to work the two schemes together this year, with the hope that, by the wise action of the present Assembly, our churches may be induced to respond to this cause with such liberality that an ample fund will be provided for the work next year. We regard this branch of our enterprises as very important. Sustentation is necessary to the continuance of the Church as an organization. Evangelistic effort is essential to its purity, vitality, and growth, and its fulfilment of its mission as a Church of Christ. If our Presbyteries and people can be induced to take hold of and sustain this movement, it will be a pledge of a large measure of prosperity, whereas longer neglect to wield this right arm power of church extension may well be regarded as a painful augury of gradual decline.

We commend this whole subject to the earnest attention of this venerable court during its present sittings, and specially with the view of putting the work upon a broad and firm basis. In order that this may be done, some modifications of the present by-laws of the Committee will be needed. It is exceedingly desirable to inaugurate such a scheme that no Presbytery need be excluded from working under it, but all may find it to be their interest to contribute to its success, and participate in its advantages. From every point of view it appears important that our whole Church should be brought to co-operate with and work through the agencies instituted by the General Assembly. We therefore submit, along with some proposed amendments to the by-laws of Sustentation, such modifications of this work as appear to us adapted to give it efficiency. In these we wholly discourage collections in the churches for a Presbyterial Evangelistic Fund. Our well matured view is, that collections ought to be taken up in our churches for this work, all of which are to be sent to the treasury of your Committee, and that then the evangelist's whole support, supplementary to what he receives from the field immediately served by him, shall be drawn from the central treasury. It will be thus left to

Presbyteries to fix the salaries of their evangelists, to determine how much of his salary ought equitably to be drawn from the field served by him, and to assign this part to the field, taking measures to secure its payment; to see that collections are raised in all their churches and fields, whether they have the stated ministry or are supplied by evangelists, and that these be forwarded to your Committee; and generally to superintend, revise, and control the work, the Executive Committee pledging itself to pay back to every Presbytery, on the demand of its chairman of Sustentation, at least so much as its churches contribute to this cause. We hope that the adoption of this, or some such plan, will give such adaptation and working power to our scheme that all the Presbyteries will feel it a privilege to work under it, and that certain complications now growing out of mixed methods in the Presbyteries will be avoided. It cannot be disguised that Presbyterian plans for raising money outside of the Assembly's schemes materially interfere with the prosecution of our work, and unless some system be devised by which this may be stopped, and the force of Presbyteries be concentrated in carrying forward the work through the Church's recognized agencies, we apprehend the gravest results in the future, as they have been in some measure experienced in the past.

INVALID FUND.

The total receipts for the year have been \$8,095.62: and the total appropriations \$6,645. The collections last July, and during the fall and early winter, were very small, and our apprehensions were serious that the meagre appropriation ventured on in October must necessarily be curtailed. In this state of affairs, private letters were addressed to the pastors and sessions of a number of our stronger churches who had so far failed to contribute to this cause. The responses to these were so gratifying that we have been able to pay the total of appropriations, and have a balance in the treasury. Had this money come into our hands earlier in the year, it might all have been expended judiciously to the manifest comfort of God's suffering ones. Since the date of our Annual Report, a number of appropriations have been made from this fund. During the year sixteen of our aged and infirm ministers, and sixty-four families of our deceased ministers—eighty in all—have been aided. Nineteen of these are in the Synod of Virginia, seventeen in South Carolina, fifteen in North Carolina, six each in Georgia, Alabama, and Tennessee; three in Mississippi, two in Texas, and one in Memphis. The amounts appropriated to these have varied from \$25 to \$200.

Your Committee is more and more impressed with the utility of this Fund. Without it there would likely be much actual suffering which is now prevented, while we fear there is much silent grief among these servants of God on account of their extreme poverty. One thrilling case of the kind has been reported to us by the chairman of his Presbyterian Committee, who, in visiting an aged man of God, to carry him help from your treasury, found him in deplorable destitution, without suitable food or comfortable bedding, or even money enough to buy medicine for the alleviation of his sufferings. We have also received letters from more than one of the widows of our deceased ministers, giving us some modest insight of their troubled and impoverished condition, and telling of tears of gratitude and joy when relieved for a little time by the beneficence of the Church. It has been a matter of continual surprise and grief to your Committee that so little interest is felt in this Fund by our ministers and people. The Treasurer's report, and the tabular statement above, tell a woeful tale of neglect and indifference to the anxieties of God's suffering poor; and the brethren who are condemned by this showing may well feel the movings of penitential grief as they read of such cases as those recited above. Surely the burning words of the Master, "Inasmuch as ye have not done it unto one of the least of these my disciples, ye have not done it

unto me," should reach those four or five hundred ministers, and those eleven or twelve hundred churches, who, during the past year, have exhibited no practical interest in the discharge of the Church's trust to these her wards by the dying testament of Jesus.

RELIEF FUND.

It was stated in the last Annual Report that the number of churches and individual ministers necessary to put this scheme of the General Assembly into successful operation had been pledged. This statement was based upon about one hundred and twenty promises, which had been formally made to the Secretary. We are sorry to state that these pledges have not, in many cases, been complied with. On April 1st, 1872, seventeen names had been entered on our books, and during the year thereafter sixty names were added, of whom twelve are Foreign Missionaries, entered and paid for by the Executive Committee of Foreign Missions. Of the seventy-seven names appearing on our books, one, that of the late Rev. J. W. Moore, of Sylvania church, Arkansas, has been removed by death, thus leaving seventy-six names on our books at the date of this present report. The sum of \$480, four times the amount paid in on Mr. Moore's account, has been handed over to his legal representative at the request of the session of Sylvania church.

In accordance with the authority given by the last General Assembly, two investing committees have been appointed, the one in Augusta, Georgia, consisting of Messrs. Wm. E. Jackson and J. W. Bones, and the other in Baltimore, Maryland, consisting of Messrs. G. F. Anderson and J. L. Weeks, through the kind advice and assistance of whom our funds have been invested, as will be seen in the Treasurer's Report. The bonds belonging to this fund have been deposited with Jesse H. Lindsay, Esq., Treasurer of the Board of Trustees, and we suppose the Board will report to this General Assembly what arrangements they have for the safe keeping of these securities. All responsibility for them is of course lifted from us as soon as they are transferred from the Treasurer of this Committee to the Treasurer of the Board of Trustees.

In the act constituting the Relief scheme the following language is found (Minutes 1870, p. 526): "The Assembly shall have the right to frame any By-Law or make any changes or alterations in the plan that may be deemed necessary: *provided*, no pecuniary obligations to the donors of this fund are thereby violated."

In accordance with this reserved prerogative of the General Assembly, and in view of the limited favor with which the scheme as at present constituted has received, we submit whether some modification in regard to the age at which the names of ministers may be entered on our lists, be not called for. At present, the only condition for entrance is that the minister shall be engaged in the work of the Church, without regard to age or health—a provision most benevolent indeed, but which is thought by some sagacious persons so to weaken the security of the scheme, that they do not repose full confidence in its ultimate success. In regard to the absence of health qualifications, we feel assured that the provision requiring four years' probation before the full benefits of the scheme accrue, is equal to any health examination which could be instituted. Nor are we yet prepared to concede that the want of limitation in age is necessarily a barrier to the successful working of the scheme. We cannot, however, shut our eyes to the fact that some of our wisest brethren differ with us in the latter view, and we fear that this sentiment may be so widespread that the Relief Scheme, as at present constituted, will never become extensively useful in the Church. The object of this fund is to confer a benefit upon all our ministers and churches, and its regulations ought to be such as not only to make it absolutely safe beyond a reasonable peradventure, but to commend itself as such to any plain mind which will take the

trouble to investigate it. We therefore recommend the Assembly to adopt a provision setting forth that after a certain period in the future (say Jan. 1, 1874), the name of no minister over fifty years of age be entered on the Relief lists. We beg to sustain this recommendation briefly with the following reasons:

(1). By this provision the rights of no individual will be infringed and no just privilege now belonging to any member of our Church will be invalidated. As the scheme at present stands, delay in coming upon this fund is a thing recognized and encouraged, and the tendency, both with ministers and churches, will be to defer action until some intimation, either from failing health or advancing years, leads them to take advantage of its benefits. Now, no reasonable man will say that the Assembly is either unjust or wanting in sympathy with its aged ministers in declining to continue a provision whose tendency is to invalidate the entire scheme by its tacit encouragement of a ruinous procrastination.

(2). Again, we do not propose that the limitation as to age shall take effect at once, but that a sufficient time shall be given for the churches or friends of all our present actively engaged ministers to give them the benefits of this fund if they intend to do so; and we hope, if our recommendation receives your approval, that suitable measures will be adopted to bring this matter to the attention of Presbyteries, and through them to the notice of our churches, urging them no longer to neglect to make this just provision for their pastors. We do not doubt that in this case the names of many more of our brethren now over fifty years of age will be immediately entered on our lists than will ever find a place there without this contemplated action. The only class, therefore, whose rights may be supposed to be injuriously affected by our recommendation, would, in our judgment, be largely the gainers by its adoption; this provision thus insuring to the benefit of those whom it might at first sight be thought to injure.

(3). The scheme, as it at present stands, not only contains no special inducement for our younger ministers to enter it, but in fact discriminates against them. A man in sound health, under the age of thirty-five, perhaps of forty years, can do better by placing his funds in some well established Life Insurance Company, than he can by entering our lists. As a fact we have only two or three names of brethren known to us under thirty-five years of age. Human nature is the same in the ministry that it is elsewhere, and it is but natural that brethren of limited means, in making provision for their families after their decease, should seek those investments which give the best promise of securing their object. Now it appears to us wise to make such modification in our scheme, as will interest the whole body of our ministry in its practicability and large success, and thus furnish them with inducements to enter it without delay.

(4). As the question may be asked, how will the provision recommended effect this result? we will say, that in our judgment, the accumulations of the Fund under the proposed rule, will be much larger than are necessary to meet the stipulated payments due under the present scheme on the decease of its subscribers. These judiciously invested, and not curtailed (as are the gains of Insurance Companies) by large and numerous salaries to officers, handsome buildings, per centage to agents, and dividends to stockholders, but guarded and husbanded (except so much as is necessary to meet the expenses of the economical working of the scheme) for the benefit of the subscribers to the Fund, must in the course of a few years offer advantages equal, if not superior, to those to be obtained elsewhere for the same annual payment. At a future day, therefore, when the scheme has been successfully worked, and its results are practically known, a provision might be adopted by the General Assembly, directing the distribution of the surplus in proportion to the number of years subscribers to the Fund have paid the annual premium, and thus a rule would

be instituted which would enlist the interest of all judicious minds to take advantage of the scheme at the earliest practicable moment.

(5). Finally, we believe that if the proposed amendment be added, the Relief Fund will stand upon a solid and secure basis; that it will gain speedy favor with all our churches and ministers, and that it will be used by them as an important element in securing the highest prosperity of the whole Church.

By order of the Executive Committee.

J. L. WILSON,
RICHARD McILWAINE,
Secretaries.

REPORT OF TREASURER OF SUSTENTATION, APRIL 1, 1873.

The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States, in account with Richard McIlwaine, Treasurer of Sustentation.

DR.		
To cash paid	Evangelists, and to supplement pastors' salaries,.....	\$20,697 50
“ “	to aid in building and repairing churches,.....	2,940 00
“ “	expenses of chairmen of Presbyterial Committees,....	12 32
“ “	salaries of officers and clerk-hire,.....	2,497 11
“ “	travelling expenses on official business, (including members of Committee),.....	231 73
“ “	printing Annual Reports, circulars, etc.,.....	211 85
“ “	office expenses, (rent, fuel, stationery),.....	129 76
“ “	postage account, (including postage on Annual Reports),	96 24
“ “	exchange account, express, etc.,....	50 12
“ “	returned to Treasurer of South Carolina Presbytery, .	97 31
To balance in Treasury April 1, 1873, (including \$35.68 counterfeit and uncurrent money received from former Treasurer as per his written statement),.....		3,744 73
		\$30,708 67
CR.		
By donations from churches, etc., from April 1, 1872, to April 1, 1873,		26,195 90
“ balance in Treasury, April 1, 1872,.....		4,512 77
		\$30,708 67
INVALID FUND.		
DR.		
To cash paid disabled ministers and widows and orphans of deceased ministers, from April 1, 1872, to April 1, 1873,.....		\$6,645 00
“ balance due Treasurer, April 1, 1872,.....		160 26
“ balance in Treasury, April 1, 1873,.....		1,290 36
		\$8,095 62
CR.		
By donations from churches, etc., from April 1, 1872, to April 1, 1873,		\$8,095 62
RELIEF FUND.		
DR.		
To cash paid for \$3,000 Bonds of the City of Augusta, Ga.,.....		\$2,715 00
“ “ for \$3,000 Bonds of the Central Ohio R. R. Co.,.....		2,580 00
“ “ to premiums returned,.....		90 00
“ “ the representative of Rev. J. W. Moore, deceased,.....		480 00
“ “ printing, commissions, express, etc.,.....		26 65
To balance in Treasury, April 1, 1873,.....		217 25
		\$6,108 90

CR.

By cash in Treasury, April 1, 1872, as per written statement of former Treasurer herewith submitted,.....	701 50
By premiums from churches and ministers,.....	5,210 00
“ interest on investments,.....	195 00
“ interest from individuals,.....	2 40
	\$6,108 90

RICHARD McILWAINE,
Treasurer of Sustentation.

RECEIPTS AND CONTRIBUTIONS.

Table showing the amount received by each Presbytery and Synod from the Executive Committee of Sustentation, and the amount contributed by each to the Sustentation and Evangelistic Funds, from April 1, 1872, to April 1, 1873.

PRESBYTERIES AND SYNODS.	Contributed by Churches.	Received from Executive Committee.
Presbytery of East Alabama, - - -	\$236 05	\$200 00
South Alabama, - - -	856 95	600 00
Tuskaloosa, - - -	472 45	200 00
Synod of Alabama, - - -	1,565 45	1,000 00
Presbytery of Arkansas, - - -	786 70	900 00
Indian, - - -	63 14	
Ouachita, - - -	226 10	525 00
Synod of Arkansas, - - -	1,075 94	1,425 00
Presbytery of Atlanta, - - -	335 10	537 50
Angusta, - - -	1,600 82	450 00
Cherokee, - - -	304 70	675 00
Florida, - - -	214 50	225 00
Macon, - - -	212 45	725 00
Savannah, - - -	302 82	300 00
Georgia Domestic Missionary Society, -	272 00	
Synod of Georgia, - - -	3,242 39	2,912 50
Presbytery of Central Ohio, - - -		
Ebenezer, - - -	30 00	
Louisville, - - -	24 35	
Muhlenburg, - - -	13 00	
Paducah, - - -	80 00	
Transylvania, - - -	5 00	
West Lexington, - - -	10 00	
Synod of Kentucky, - - -	162 35	
Presbytery of Chickasaw, - - -	199 03	375 00
Memphis, - - -	844 65	312 50
North Mississippi, - - -	135 60	75 00
Western District, - - -	100 70	575 00
Synod of Memphis, - - -	1,279 89	1,337 50

PRESBYTERIES AND SYNODS.	Contributed by Churches.	Received from Executive Committee.
Presbytery of Central Mississippi, - -	\$295 70	\$425 00
Louisiana, - - -	46 35	100 00
Mississippi, - - -	316 30	450 00
New Orleans, - - -	831 95	
Red River, - - -	78 70	350 00
Tombeckbee, - - -	88 35	75 00
Synod of Mississippi, - - -	1,657 35	1,400 00
Presbytery of Holston, - - -	239 85	400 00
Knoxville, - - -	154 90	375 00
Nashville, - - -	698 00	250 00
North Alabama, - - -	113 00	375 00
Synod of Nashville, - - -	1,205 75	1,400 00
Presbytery of Concord, - - -	298 18	132 50
Fayetteville, - - -	426 65	262 50
Mecklenburg, - - -	1,195 38	675 00
Orange, - - -	568 18	660 00
Wilmington, - - -		550 00
Synod of North Carolina, - - -	2,488 39	2,280 00
Presbytery of Bethel, - - -	497 46	175 00
Charleston, - - -	710 28	
Harmony, - - -	824 51	275 00
South Carolina, - - -	977 91	697 31
Synod of South Carolina, - - -	3,010 16	1,147 31
Presbytery of Brazos, - - -	336 98	700 00
Central Texas, - - -	275 06	1,150 00
Eastern Texas, - - -	110 82	1,025 00
Western Texas, - - -	120 01	800 00
Synod of Texas, - - -	842 87	3,675 00
Presbytery of Abingdon, - - -	312 98	625 00
Chesapeake, - - -	95 68	
East Hanover, - - -	1,963 85	1,690 00
Greenbrier, - - -	889 38	680 02
Lexington, - - -	983 26	700 00
Montgomery, - - -	596 11	684 80
Roanoke, - - -	616 10	450 00
West Hanover, - - -	903 16	750 00
Winchester, - - -	790 42	725 00
Synod of Virginia, - - -	7,150 94	6,304 82
To aid ministers in reaching Texas, - -		865 00
Miscellaneous, - - -	2,514 33	3,216 81
	\$26,195 90	\$26,963 94

TWELFTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The Executive Committee of Foreign Missions, in presenting their Twelfth Annual Report, would express devout thanks to the great Head of the Church for the manifold tokens of favor bestowed on this important cause, both at home and abroad, during the past year. Especial thanks are due for the large increase of the missionary force; for the preservation of the health and lives of the missionaries in the field; for the quietness, peace and success with which their labors have been carried on; for the presence and power of the Holy Ghost in the conversion of sinners at most of the stations; and that the area of missionary labor has been so materially enlarged. Nor would the Committee feel less grateful for the manifest growth of interest among the great body of our people in this important cause; for the more extended diffusion of missionary intelligence among the churches; for the more general observance of the monthly concert of prayer for the conversion of the world; for the cheerfulness and readiness with which our young men and our young women are offering their services for this cause; and especially for the lively interest that has been awakened in our Sabbath Schools, and the liberality with which they have contributed for the promotion of education in connection with the different missions. Two facts alone cast a shade over this otherwise bright picture. One of these is, that the churches, as such, notwithstanding the demands for increased liberality, have fallen behind their contributions of the previous year by four or five thousand dollars. The other is, that two young men, Rev. Joseph Johnston, a native of Mississippi, and a recent graduate of Columbia Seminary, and Mr. John D. Pinkerton, a native of Virginia, and recent graduate of Union Seminary, appointed missionaries to China, will, in consequence of failure of health, be prevented from going abroad. These young brethren feel the disappointment very keenly, and they deserve, as they will no doubt have, the sympathies of God's people.

MISSIONARIES AND ASSISTANT MISSIONARIES SENT OUT DURING THE YEAR.

Mr. J. L. Caldwell, of Carrolton, Mississippi, and Mrs. Caldwell, who had previously been appointed to Spencer Academy, reached that place in August, and immediately entered upon their labors there. Miss Elizabeth J. Morrison, a former member of the First Presbyterian Church in Lynchburg, Virginia, and formerly connected with the Spencer Academy, was reappointed, and returned there in November last, and has since that time been engaged in labors connected with that institution. Rev. William LeConte, a native of Georgia, and recent graduate of the Theological Seminary, Columbia, South Carolina, sailed from New York for Campinas on the 23d November, and reached that place in January following. Since that time he has been chiefly engaged in the study of the Portuguese language. Rev. J. Rockwell Smith, a native of Kentucky, and recent graduate of Union Seminary, sailed from New York for Pernambuco, in northern Brazil, on the 23d December, and reached that place on the 15th January. Finding no obstacles to the establishment of a mission there, that would not be met with in any Roman Catholic country, but on the other hand many things to favor the undertaking, he commenced the founding of a mission, which, it is hoped, will prove a great blessing to that portion of the Brazilian empire. Rev. John Boyle, a native of Kentucky, and a recent graduate of Union Seminary, Virginia, and Mrs. Boyle, a member of the Presbyterian Church, Farmville, Virginia, sailed from New York on the 23d March, to join Mr. Smith at Pernambuco, and it is hoped have reached their destination in safety before this present time.

PROPOSED MISSION TO NORTHERN MEXICO.

Rev. A. T. Graybill, a native of Virginia, and recent graduate of Union Seminary, left South Carolina on the 2d April, on his way to explore northern Mexico, with reference to the establishment of a mission somewhere along the borders of the Rio Grande. Rev. John W. Neil, of San Antonio, Texas, has been invited to accompany Mr. Graybill, and assist him on this tour of exploration. It is expected that Mr. Graybill will return and report the results of his observations before the severe heat of summer. Should the field appear to be as inviting as it has been represented to be, Mr. Graybill, accompanied by another missionary brother, will return there in autumn for permanent occupation of the field.

THE WHOLE MISSIONARY FORCE IN THE FIELD.

The whole missionary force in the field, at the present time, consists of eighteen ordained missionaries, of whom four are natives of the country where they live, three male assistant missionaries, fourteen female missionary assistants, and ten native assistants, making forty-five laborers in all, and all depending upon the churches for the means of support.

FINANCE.

The receipts from all sources amount to \$47,875.10. This aggregate amount includes \$29,196.66 given by churches; 7,803.57 from Sabbath-schools; 3,521.45, special contributions from the Campinas Institute; \$3,000 from a friend in New York, also for the Campinas Institute; \$2,321.50 of the funds contributed for the purchase of a press for the Chinese mission, with some interest which accumulated during the year from this and other funds; and the receipts from the *Missionary*. From these statements it will be seen that the contributions of the churches, as such, are \$5,204.71 less than they were the last year. The committee would have been painfully embarrassed in the prosecution of the work by the falling off in the contributions of the churches had the deficiency not been measurably retrieved by a corresponding increase in the contributions of the Sabbath-schools. The donation of \$3,000, by a friend in New York, was intended as a special contribution to the Campinas Institute, and \$2,000 more will be paid by the same individual for the same object as soon as he is informed that a like additional amount has been given by the churches for this same purpose. He deserves the thanks of our Church for such distinguished liberality. The funds raised two years ago for the purchase of a press for the Chinese Mission has, in accordance with the recommendation of the missionaries themselves, been turned over to the current fund for the support of that mission, but subject to the approval of the Assembly, and with the engagement on the part of the committee to furnish a press for this mission, should one be needed at any future time. The funds were raised in the first instance at the earnest request of the lamented Inslee, who was familiar with the management of the press. None of the brethren now in the field have any knowledge about managing one. Besides which, they find that they can get all the printing needed done at the large printing establishment at Shanghai, and at a much lower rate than could be done on a press of their own.

DECREASE IN THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF THE CHURCHES.

The decrease in the contributions of the churches during the last year, though amounting to only a few thousand dollars, is nevertheless a source of serious anxiety, and calls for the earnest consideration of the Assembly. The whole number of churches that have contributed is 690—less by twenty than contributed last year—whilst there are 815 that have contributed nothing at all. Of the Synod of Texas, not one-fourth of its

churches have contributed; less than one-third of the churches of the Synods of Mississippi and Alabama have contributed; only a little over one-third of the churches of the Synod of Kentucky have done anything at all; of the Synods of Memphis, Nashville, and Georgia, between one-third and one-half of their churches have contributed; of the Synods of Arkansas and North Carolina, (leaving Fayetteville Presbytery out,) only about one-half have contributed; of the Synod of South Carolina, about three-fifths of its churches have contributed, whilst nearly two-thirds of the churches of the Synod of Virginia have made contributions. In no cases therefore, except in the Synods of Virginia and South Carolina, have the half of our churches done anything for the advancement of the Redeemer's kingdom in foreign lands. In one Presbytery, two out of fourteen churches have made contributions; in another, three out of twenty-five; in a third, two out of eighteen; in a fourth, three out of thirty-one; in a fifth, five out of twenty-eight; in a sixth, *not one out of twenty-four*. Surely this is a most painful exhibit. But where does the blame of all this lie? In the great majority of cases, ministers and church sessions are mainly responsible for this sad deficiency. It is questionable whether a single one of the 815 defaulting churches would have refused to contribute their mite to this great cause, if the subject had only been properly presented to their attention. Let ministers and church sessions do their duty in relation to this matter faithfully and conscientiously, and there will be no defaulting churches to report at the close of another year.

EXPENSIVENESS OF THE FOREIGN MISSIONARY WORK.

The question has frequently been raised, and especially by those who are not conversant with the details of the missionary work, why it is so much more expensive, in proportion to the laborers employed, or why it makes so much heavier drafts upon the contributions of the churches than the other schemes of benevolence. This question may be satisfactorily answered by considering the subject from several different points of view.

Take, for example, the settlement of a minister in the home field and another in the foreign field. In the first case the minister is called to the care of a Christian church, where the obligation to provide for his support is felt and acknowledged. His Presbytery, if it does its duty, will not settle him over one of its churches without putting them under bonds, *provided* they are able, to give him a competent support. A manse (in most cases at least) is provided, and the congregation, if they are actuated by the common instincts of Christian kindness, will do all in their power to promote his personal comfort and usefulness as a minister of the gospel. He finds himself, at the same time, aided by many enlightened Christian friends in promoting the interests of true religion. The Bible is circulated and read by all the families around him. He has the aid and co-operation of an intelligent session, and is assisted in diffusing religious knowledge among the rising generation by an efficient band of Sabbath-school teachers. The cause of Education is attended to without any cost or trouble to him. Colleges and Theological Seminaries already exist, where young men may be educated and be fitted for the work of the ministry. But how different the surroundings of the Foreign Missionary. He has left his home to live and labor for an indefinite period among an ignorant and uncultivated people. He can expect neither aid nor sympathy, for a time at least, from those to whose welfare and improvement he has consecrated his life. It is obvious to reflection that he must be provided with an outfit of clothing, books, medicines, and furniture; his passage must be paid, and to the more remote fields this is no inconsiderable matter; he must be provided with a dwelling, and indeed, the means of entire support, for the heathen cannot be expected to make any such provision. He has not only to awaken an interest in the cause of Education, but when such an interest is awakened, he must provide a teacher, a

school-room, books, and everything else necessary to education. The Bible is an unknown book, and the missionary must not only undertake the herculean task of translating it, but when translated, he must have it printed and circulated at his own expense. He is utterly without aid, so far as church officers, Sabbath-school teachers, and the co-operation of Christian friends generally are concerned. To set him down in the midst of a heathen community without the means of promoting these varied and important objects, is very much like requiring a master-builder to erect a stately mansion without tools or materials. A second view of the matter is this: Of the six stated annual collections taken up in the churches by the recommendation of the Assembly, five of them are intended for the Home field, whilst only one is devoted to the Foreign field. Education, Publication, Sustentation, Evangelization, and Church erection, are but sub-divisions of the Home work. They are but different channels through which the beneficence of God's people flows, and by which the Home field is refreshed and enriched. But all these varied objects are just as much needed, if indeed not more so, in the Foreign than in the Home field. Yet the Committee of Foreign Missions is expected to carry out all these objects from the proceeds of one single annual collection.

There is a third view of the matter that ought not to be overlooked in this hurried statement. As a Church of the Lord Jesus Christ, we stand related to the whole world of mankind. It is not to our country alone that we have duties to perform. The commission is to go into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. We are brought into sympathy with the blessed Saviour, and fulfil the great ends of our redemption just in proportion as we approximate this broad standard of duty. Now, what are the comparative size and claims of the two great fields lying before us? Within the bounds of our own country there are forty millions of immortal beings, whose spiritual welfare we must not neglect or undervalue. Outside of our own country, in the great outlying unevangelised world, there are 8,000,000,000 or 10,000,000,000 human beings, whose salvation we cannot ignore without bringing our relationship as a Church to the Lord Jesus Christ into question. But what is being done for this vastly greater field? What proportion of our ministers, and what proportion of the funds raised in the churches have been consecrated to this great outlying field? So far as the ministerial force are concerned, we have less than two per cent. in the foreign field; and of funds we have sent abroad less than four per cent.; in other words, for every two ministers or less that have been sent abroad, one hundred have been retained for the cultivation of the home field; and for every four dollars appropriated for the culture of the foreign field, we have laid out one hundred on the home field. In view of such facts, how can any one charge the Church with undue favoritism for the Foreign Mission cause?

It may not be amiss to add in this connection, that no missionary association in this country has ever conducted the Home administration of its funds on a more economical scale than our own, reference being had to the salaries of officers, travelling expenses, office rent, printing of circulars, etc. It cost the Northern Presbyterian Board, during the first seventeen years of its existence, (and this is necessarily the most expensive period in proportion to the receipts) an average of $11\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. per annum on all its receipts. During the last five years of the history of our own Executive Committee—the only period during which anything like a fair average estimate can be made—the cost has never been more than nine per cent. It still costs the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, the oldest, and, in many respects, the most efficient of all the missionary associations in the country, as much as twelve per cent. upon all their receipts, whereas the cost of our own during the past year, even with an increase of the Executive force, has been very little more than seven per cent.

THE MONTHLY CONCERT.

The observance of the monthly concert of prayer for the conversion of the world, the Committee are glad to report, is becoming more common in the churches. The results of this observance, too, are becoming more manifest, not only in greatly increased contributions, but also in a great increase of intelligence and interest in the work itself. The falling off of contributions, above referred to, cannot be traced to churches that observe the monthly concert, but to those which neglect it altogether. One hour each month spent in earnest prayer to Almighty God in behalf of a perishing world would bring down a rich blessing, not only upon those for whom it is offered, but equally upon those by whom it is offered. A church deeply imbued with the spirit of Foreign Missions must not only be in a healthful spiritual condition, but be in close sympathy with the Redeemer Himself.

"THE MISSIONARY."

The *Missionary*, at the beginning of the year, was materially enlarged and improved in its general appearance, with the view of giving it a wider circulation, and making it a more efficient agency in promoting the missionary cause. In size, style of execution, and contents, it is thought to be inferior to no magazine of the kind in the whole country. There is reason to believe, too, that it is awakening a new interest in the cause in all churches where it has been circulated; and this interest might easily be extended over the whole Church, if ministers would take the trouble to have it circulated in their respective congregations. It has already attained a circulation of nearly five thousand copies, and might with very little pains be brought in contact with the hearts and minds of our whole people. The price is placed at the low figure of fifty cents per copy—less than the actual cost—for the purpose of securing for it a more extended circulation.

GENERAL SURVEY OF THE WORK ABROAD.

So much information has already been given through the medium of the *Missionary*, in relation to the condition and progress of the work abroad, that it is deemed necessary only to give a very brief outline of the condition of the different missions.

INDIAN MISSIONS GENERALLY.

All the Indian tribes in the Southwestern Indian Territory, as is already pretty generally known, have made considerable progress in Christian civilization. Churches, of different evangelical denominations, are to be found now in all the more populous portions of the country; schools, supported in part by missionary funds, and in part by Government grants, are numerous; whilst agricultural operations are carried on in a most systematic way, and on an extensive scale. The great drawback to their peace and prosperity is the steady influx of unprincipled white men into their bounds, and the constant agitation of the subject of a change of government, to which the great mass of them seem utterly averse.

CHEROKEE MISSION.

Park Hill.—Rev. Stephen Foreman, native preacher.

Vinita.—Rev. Hamilton Balentine.

Mr. Foreman, besides making occasional preaching tours into more remote portions of the Cherokee country, maintains stated preaching at Park Hill, Pleasant Valley, and Caney Creek. At each of these places there are organized churches, and the attendance upon preaching is generally good. The number of communicants in these different churches is twenty-five, of whom six were added the last year. A number who were reported last year have removed from that part of the country.

Mr. Balentine preaches at a number of points in that portion of the Cherokee country lying along the borders of the State of Kansas. His audiences are composed generally of Cherokees, Shawnees, and a few whites, but chiefly Cherokees. Congregations are never very large, but he enjoys frequent tokens of the Spirit's presence while laboring among that neglected people.

CREEK MISSION.

North Fork.—Rev. J. M. Perryman, native preacher, and a native female teacher.

Mr. Perryman continues his labors among the Creeks as in former years. At a recent meeting six persons were added to the communion of the Church on a profession of faith, whilst a number of others seem to be anxiously inquiring what they must do to be saved. A day school, taught by an educated Creek woman, is maintained at this station, and it is hoped, accomplishing good. The number of pupils is sixteen, all of whom are represented as making encouraging progress in their studies.

CHOCTAW AND CHICKASAW MISSION.

Spencer Academy.—Rev. James H. Colton, superintendent, and Mrs. Colton, Mr. J. L. Caldwell, and Mrs. Caldwell, Mr. H. McAskill, teachers. Miss Elizabeth J. Morrison, assistant missionary.

Armstrong Academy.—Rev. W. J. B. Lloyd and Mrs. Lloyd.

Boggy Depot.—Rev. Allen Wright, native preacher, and Mrs. Wright.

Doakesville.—Rev. E. Brewer, native preacher.

Mr. Colton has the general superintendence of Spencer Academy; Mr. Lloyd labors in the country around Armstrong Academy; Mr. Wright occupies Boggy Depot, the present capital of the Choctaw Nation, as his missionary headquarters; whilst Mr. Brewer labors in the country around Doakesville. Each one of these brethren has a number of churches under his care, besides other preaching stations, at almost all of which there have been additions to the Church during the year. Fifty-seven have been received on profession of faith by Mr. Wright during the year. The people have contributed to all the schemes of benevolence of the Church, and some of the churches are doing more for the direct support of the gospel than in former years. Spencer Academy is now fully equipped so far as teachers are concerned, but great inconvenience is still felt from the want of domestic labor. The number of pupils has generally averaged about fifty. Two have died during the year. Recently there has been quite a religious awakening among the pupils of the institution. It is hoped that nine of them have been renewed by the Spirit of God, of whom seven were admitted to the Church at their last communion season.

ITALIAN MISSION.

Miss Ronzone still continues her labors at Milan, and not without tokens of the Divine favor. The number of pupils in her school is not large, but increases from time to time. She will labor hereafter in more immediate connection with the Waldensian Mission at Milan. The committee have no expectation of enlarging the mission in Italy for the present, and doubts have been entertained whether the field should be occupied at all without a fuller missionary organization than exists at present. But it is very desirable that our people should have some share in the great work of evangelizing Papal Europe, and in no way could our humble contributions be more advantageously employed than in the support of one who seems to be so earnest and indefatigable in her labors, and has enjoyed so many tokens of the Divine favor.

MISSIONS TO THE UNITED STATES OF COLOMBIA.

Socorro.—Rev. H. B. Pratt and Mrs. Pratt.

Barranquilla.—Rev. Adam H. Erwin, teacher; Mr. Gallardo, native colporteur.

Mr. Pratt, as has already been made known through the columns of the *Missionary*, visited the province of Santander last autumn, for the two-fold object of finding a climate more congenial to the health of his family, and to ascertain if the people in the same region would not be more favorably disposed to listen to the claims of the gospel than those among whom he had been laboring for several years past. The results of this tour were, that he not only found a more healthful climate, but the people, so far as he could judge from a transient sojourn among them, were more favorably disposed to listen to the gospel. In consequence of this state of things, he has, with the full concurrence of the committee, transferred his missionary headquarters from Barranquilla to Socorro, the capital of the province of Santander. The province of Santander lies to the southeast of Barranquilla, is considerably elevated above the sea-coast regions, is mountainous in its general features, has a healthy climate, and a much more intelligent population than that found along the sea-coast. But whilst the population is more intelligent and liberal in their views, the Roman Catholic priesthood are proportionately bigoted and intolerant, and it is not probable that evangelical religion will ever gain a firm footing here without overcoming the most serious opposition. Here, as in most other portions of Spanish America, the great mass of the more intelligent classes, being utterly uninformed as to the true principles of evangelical religion, have already arrayed themselves on the side of Romanism or downright infidelity, and the religion of Jesus must overcome both of these before it can be firmly established in the land. Mr. Pratt, thus far, has had good audiences, and of the more intelligent classes of society, and there is reason to hope that his mission will prove a great blessing to the country.

Mr. Erwin still labors at Barranquilla, and not without evidences of the Divine favor. He teaches both a day and night school, the former numbering nineteen pupils. He also labors from house to house, planting the good seed wherever he finds the ground prepared to receive it. Mr. Gallardo, a native colporteur, is also doing a good work in visiting families and circulating the word of God. During the last month he visited and read the scriptures in more than ninety families.

MISSION IN NORTHERN BRAZIL.

When Mr. Morton visited Brazil four years ago as a missionary explorer he felt great doubts, as the committee also did, whether the first mission should be attempted in one of the large seaport cities of northern Brazil, or at Campinas in southern Brazil. The committee, after earnest and prolonged consideration of the subject, finally decided in favor of Campinas, but with the express understanding at the time that Pernambuco or one of the other large cities of northern Brazil should be occupied at as early a day as possible. Rev. Messrs. Smith and Boyle having offered their services, and the churches in Mobile and New Orleans having agreed to furnish the means necessary to found the mission, the committee felt no hesitation in going forward. Mr. Smith sailed from New York on the 23d December to visit Pernambuco and the surrounding country. He was cordially received on his arrival there by the English and American residents of the place, and finding no obstacles to the establishment of a mission there, that would not have to be encountered in any other Roman Catholic country, but much on the other hand to encourage the undertaking, he immediately set to work to found a mission which, it is hoped, will prove a great blessing to the country. Mr. and Mrs. Boyle, in accordance

with a previous arrangement, sailed from New York on the 24th March, to join Mr. Smith and aid him in this important work. It is hoped they have reached there in safety before the present time.

MISSION TO SOUTHERN BRAZIL.

Campinas.—Rev. G. Nash Morton and Mrs. Morton; Rev. Edward Lane and Mrs. Lane; Rev. William LeConte; Miss Nannie Henderson, teacher.

The mission was encouraged and strengthened by the arrival of Mr. LeConte in January last. Since then his time has been mainly occupied by the study of the Portuguese language. Nothing of very special interest has characterized the labors of the mission during the year. Stated preaching has been maintained at Campinas; preaching tours have been made to various portions of the country; the scriptures and religious tracts have been extensively circulated; and a number of additions have been made to the church at Campinas during the year. The native membership of the church consists at the present time of twenty-six persons. Miss Henderson has been successful in establishing a very interesting school for girls. The number of pupils is about twenty, and the greater part of them from the more respectable families of Campinas. The number might be greatly increased if she had suitable accommodations. The time and attention of the brethren have been less or more taken up during the year with the erection of dwellings on the newly purchased lot, but these are now completed, and they are comfortably located on ground owned by the mission. Less progress has been made in getting the necessary buildings erected for opening the Institute, owing to the want of both materials and laborers. These difficulties, however, will be overcome in the course of time, and it is hoped that the institution will be opened before long, though necessarily on a comparatively small scale.

CHINA MISSION.

Hanchow.—Rev. M. H. Houston and Mrs. Houston; Rev. Ben. Helm and Mrs. A. E. Randolph.

Soochow.—Rev. J. L. Stuart, Rev. H. C. DuBose and Mrs. DuBose.

Mention was made in the last Annual Report of the proposed transfer of the station at Guchow to some point nearer to Hanchow. After visiting Houchow and several other cities in the same region, it was finally determined to occupy Soochow, a decision which all subsequent experience has fully sanctioned. The station was opened and occupied some months since by Rev. Messrs. DuBose and Stuart. Soochow is situated between Hanchow and Shanghai, has a large population, and is characterized not only by great commercial activity, but the people are supposed to be more kind and liberal in their feelings towards strangers. Ample means have been provided for the erection of suitable buildings both for boys' and girls' school at Hanchow, by the Sabbath Schools, for which they are greatly to be thanked and commended. The missionaries who arrived the early part of last summer have made good progress in the study of the language. Mr. DuBose has already been engaged in preaching in the native language, though, according to his own representations, he does so in a very restricted way. The labors of the mission, in a general way, have been carried on in peace and quietness. The Annual Report of the mission, published in the May number of the *Missionary*, is so full in relation to the condition of the work that it seems needless to recapitulate its interesting details. Mr. Stuart's health, the Committee are sorry to learn, is very much impaired, and it is not improbable that he may have to visit this country before it is restored.

CONCLUDING REMARKS.

It will be perceived from the foregoing statements that there are now connected with the Church, and looking to it for support, three missions among the Indian tribes of our own country: one in Italy; two in the United States of Colombia; two in Brazil; two in China; and one about to be established in Mexico, eleven in all. These are as many central points in the judgment of the Committee, as it is expedient to undertake at the present time, unless one more in Japan, which now seems to be open to the gospel, should be added to the number. The true policy for some time to come will be to develop the work around the central points already occupied. Most of these are already demanding reinforcements, more than can be met at the present time, and the great question now pressing is, how all the laborers under appointment, and so much needed at these stations, are to be sent out without a very material increase in the contributions of God's people. This is the question which is now submitted to the Assembly for its earnest and prayerful consideration, and the Committee wait their decision.

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

J. LEIGHTON WILSON,
RICHARD McILWAINE,

COLUMBIA, S. C., May 7, 1873.

Secretaries.

REPORT OF TREASURER OF FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States in account with Richard McIlwaine, Treasurer of Foreign Missions.

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To cash paid Missionaries to Indians, from April 1, 1872, to April 1, 1873.....	\$7,175 00
To cash paid Missionaries to China.....	5,068 23
" " " " Brazil, (Campinas).....	14,455 11
To cash paid Missionaries to Colombia.....	3,083 03
" " " " Brazil, (Pernambuco).....	3,233 52
To cash paid Missionaries to Italy.....	750 00
To cash paid for printing the Annual Report, circulars, &c.....	220 25
To cash paid for salaries of officers and clerk hire.....	2,547 12
To cash paid travelling expenses on official business (including members of the Committee).....	369 63
To cash paid office expenses (rent, stationery, etc).....	140 92
To cash paid exchange account.....	50 20
To cash paid postage and telegraphing.....	114 24
On account of the <i>Missionary</i>	1,630 25
Balance due the Treasurer, April 1, 1872.....	2,403 23
Balance in Treasury, April 1, 1873.....	6,534 37
	\$47,875 10

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By donations from churches, etc., from April 1, 1872, to April 1, 1873.....	\$29,196 66
By donations from Sabbath Schools for Mission Schools.....	3,754 78
By donations from Sabbath Schools for Hanchow boys' school.....	1,856 57
By donations from Sabbath Schools for Hanchow girls' school.....	2,192 21
By receipts from the <i>Missionary</i>	1,802 05
By China Mission press fund transferred to Foreign Missions.....	2,321 50
By interest.....	169 02
By interest on Foreign Missionary Fund.....	60 84
By donations to Campinas Institute.....	6,521 45
	\$47,875 10

RICHARD McILWAINE, *Treasurer of Foreign Missions.*

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF
EDUCATION.

The Executive Committee of Education has the pleasure of submitting to the General Assembly its Twelfth Annual Report. The privilege which we have enjoyed every year, of reporting an increase of candidates supported by the Committee, and of contributions from the churches to our treasury, is denied us this year. The total amount of funds received is \$17,504.48, which is 2,156.52 less than was reported last year. We have the pleasure of stating, however, that this diminution of numbers and of funds is rather apparent than real. The facts before us leave us no doubt that the number of candidates is decidedly on the increase, and that more has been done by the Church for their support than on any previous occasion. The contribution of a single church which has annually contributed to our treasury, but which, by order of its Presbytery, was directed not to send its contributions to us this year, would have amounted to fully one-half of the deficiency; and the failure to receive the vouchers for money sent immediately to the candidates by an understanding between the Committee and the donors, caused several large items to be omitted from the Treasurer's report, which would have swelled the amount to more than the aggregate of last year. This will prevent the donors receiving credit on our books, and it causes an apparent diminution of contributions. It is gratifying, however, to state that the fund reached the students, and has fulfilled the benevolent end which the Church is aiming to accomplish.

The annual circular of the Secretary, required by standing order of the Assembly to be sent out previous to the time of the annual collection, was printed in sufficient numbers and mailed to all our churches, as was done the previous year, under authority conferred by the Assembly of 1871. The good effects of this plan of presenting the subject before our churches has been made manifest by the regularity and promptness with which the contributions to this cause reach our treasury. Though we are constrained again to report a deficit, we acknowledge the great advantage derived from the working of this plan in enabling us at the usual time to make our first and second payments to the candidates, and in enabling us at the end of the year to pay in full what was due our theological students, and also the third instalment coming to our students at College, by borrowing from the treasury over \$1,000. There will be required, to cover this deficit, and pay the remaining sums due our College students at the end of the College sessions, about \$2,900. A statement of this fact has just been issued to the Church, with the hope that those churches from which nothing has been received may be induced to take up collections, and forward the amounts to us in time to meet those payments.

There are no special points in the conducting of our work which it is necessary to bring to the attention of the Assembly on the present occasion. Our previous reports have discussed all the practical questions connected with this department of the Church's work, and generally the Assembly has concurred in the suggestions made by the Committee. We have no rules for our guidance but those imposed on us by the Assembly. The commissioners from the Presbyteries met in the General Assembly are as fully aware as the Committee possibly can be of the wants of the cause, of the lack of interest in it, and of the deficiency of the churches which they represent in contributing to it. The Committee can suggest no means nor methods of removing these obstacles to that complete success which the Church needs in developing the zeal, the energy and liberality of our people; but the remedy must necessarily be with the pastors, sessions and Presbyteries, under the guidance and instructions of the Assembly. That the interest in this cause is increasing, there can be but little doubt; but much yet remains to be done to develop the life and energy of the whole Church in promoting the cause.

We have received fewer reports from our Presbyteries with regard to the work carried on independently of the Committee than on any previous occasion. The ladies of Franklin Street church, Baltimore, have contributed \$300, designed especially for the aid of students at Union Theological Seminary; the estate of W. L. D. Williams, formerly a member of the Presbyterian church, Little Rock, Arkansas, paid \$250 interest to the support of a student at Columbia Seminary; the Presbytery of Concord has nine candidates, to six of whom the Presbytery extended aid to the amount of \$509, and besides, ordered \$100 to be sent to our treasury. The Presbytery of Memphis has five candidates, and the churches have contributed to their support \$847.95 during the year. The Presbytery of Bethel raises the money within its own bounds for the support of seven of its candidates, at an expense of \$1,400. The Presbytery of Montgomery has five candidates needing aid, and pursues the same course as Bethel Presbytery, during the past year having paid to those students for us \$767.37.

In conclusion, we respectfully recommend the Assembly to appoint a day of prayer for this cause. Respectfully,

RICHMOND, May 8, 1873.

E. THOMPSON BAIRD,
Secretary of Education.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF EDUCATION.

DONATIONS FROM SYNODS.

Alabama.....	\$1,297 40
Arkansas.....	504 96
Georgia.....	1,281 64
Kentucky.....	898 63
Memphis.....	546 13
Mississippi.....	917 41
Nashville.....	850 28
North Carolina.....	929 92
South Carolina.....	3,242 25
Texas.....	431 23
Virginia.....	5,953 56
	Total from Synods
	16,853 41
Miscellaneous.....	560 45
	Total donations
	17,413 86
Returned from former appropriations.....	90 62
	17,504 48

DISBURSEMENTS.

For students.....	\$17,426 10
Circulars and postage.....	97 80
Advertising.....	15 00
Discount.....	34 88
Salary of Secretary.....	875 00
Salary of Treasurer.....	100 00
Balance due Treasurer at last report.....	99 32
	18,648 10
Due Treasurer.....	1,143 62

CHARLES GENNET, *Treasurer.*

TWELFTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF PUBLICATION.

The Executive Committee of Publication respectfully presents its Twelfth Annual Report to the General Assembly, and along with it submits its book of records, the Treasurer's report and his books and vouchers.

FINANCES.

From the Treasurer's statement, which is appended to this report, the state of the treasury, with its receipts and disbursements, will be seen. It is hence unnecessary to repeat the items as given by him. It will be seen, however, that the business has been greatly in excess of any previous year, whereas the increase of our capital has been very little. The contributions of the churches are given at \$8,800.11, of which sum only \$2,133.36 were for the endowment fund. This raises the endowment to \$37,141.36. The grants of books, tracts, papers, etc., amount to \$7,233.26, which leaves from the receipts from the churches only \$1,566.85 for the enlargement of our business. Our solvent assets, after deducting all debts due, amount to \$41,706.06, which is an increase of \$1,451.06 during the year, which shows only a deficit of \$115.79. There has been lost by failures of our debtors the sum of \$393.05. Taking the whole amount of the endowment from the whole amount of assets, and there is a surplus still left of \$4,564.70, which shows the gain on our business from the beginning. It will be seen that the receipts from the churches have not been sufficient to supply the demands made on us for the grant of books, tracts, papers, etc., and hence the Committee had to draw on its previous profits to meet those claims to the amount of nearly \$1,000.

The Treasurer's report does not show the full state of the accounts of the *Children's Friend* and *Earnest Worker*. Without burdening this report with all the details, it is sufficient to say that the receipts for the *Earnest Worker* exceeded the disbursements \$293.35, and the receipts for the *Children's Friend* exceeded the disbursements \$1,187.31.

PUBLICATIONS.

The following books have been issued during the year. viz. :

The Lost Key. pp. 178, 18mo.

Three Half Dollars, a story for Boys, pp. 120, 18mo.

Little Medicine Carrier. The Boyhood of George Wayland. pp. 113, 18mo.

Charlotte and Her Enemy. A story for Little Girls. pp. 126. 18mo.

Paul's Mountain Home. An Orphan's Story. pp. 130. 18mo.

Harry and Phil. pp. 138. 18mo.

Children of the Covenant; or, The Faithfulness of a Covenant-keeping God, illustrated in the lives and deaths of Andrew Hart, Sarah Ward and Mary Clarissa, children of Rev. A. H. Kerr, D. D. With words of counsel to Christian parents, and an address to the baptised children of the Church. By Rev. T. D. Witherspoon, D. D., recently pastor of the Second Presbyterian Church, Memphis, Tenn. 16mo. pp. 262.

Appearance and Principle, pp. 56, 18mo.

The Two Fortunes; or, Profession and Practice. pp. 116. 18mo.

Imogen, the Orphan Princess, pp. 119. 18mo.

The Will Forgers; or the Church of Rome, pp. 99. 18mo.

Matty's Hungry Missionary Box, pp. 157. 18mo.

The Negro Servant, by Leigh Richmond, pp. 76. 18mo.

The Collected Writings of James Henley Thornwell, D. D., LL. D., edited by John B. Adger, D. D., and J. L. Girardeau, D. D.

Vol. 3. Theological and Controversial, pp. 818.

Vol. 4. Ecclesiastical, pp. 640.

The Relief; or Rest for the Weary and Heavy Laden. By Rev. W. J. McCord. 12mo. tract. 12 pp.

Voice of Praise, for Sabbath School, Prayer Meeting and Family Circle. Edited by Rev. E. T. Baird, D. D., and Karl Reden. pp. 216.

Hymns to Voice of Praise. (Words only). pp. 282.

One Year Class Books.

Two Year Class Books.

Small Reward Tickets, blue.

Small Reward Tickets, red.

The Voice of Praise has been welcomed by hundreds of ministers and Sabbath-school teachers and by thousands of scholars; and the Committee has reason to congratulate itself on having succeeded in preparing and issuing a book that meets the exact wishes of our Sabbath-schools. But a single objection has ever been heard to the book, coming from one of our ministers, who reflected the sentiments of his school. The objection was that it had too many church tunes in it. The Committee has found that, throughout the Church, this has been deemed one of its chief excellencies. But besides, on account of the careful arrangement of the matter contained in it, and the larger size of the book, the church music is given in addition to the usual number of Sabbath-school pieces. It has 216 pages, whereas the usual size is about 160 pages, and the largest we have seen has but 184 pages. But few of them have more than 150 pieces of music—hymn tunes included—whereas our book has 223 pieces of music. Moreover, the music is printed more compactly and neatly. Many pieces copied from other books are made to occupy a page or less, which were spread over a page and a half, or two pages in the books from which we copied them. So that, if our brethren who differ in judgment from the Committee, and also from the Assembly, by which our views were fully endorsed, will carefully examine this book, they will find they have equally as much of the usual Sabbath-school music as they would find in any other similar publication. This they can use and lose nothing, even though they should wholly discard the church music contained in it. One great reason, however, probably the chief one which forced on the Committee the preparation of this book, was the general demand for a Sabbath-school tune book, by which our children can be trained to take part in the worship of God in the sanctuary. This, we believe, we have accomplished, to the eminent satisfaction of the great bulk of our ministers, sessions and Sabbath-school teachers.

The third and fourth volumes of Dr. Thornwell's works have been issued, and have found a limited sale—not equal to that of the first and second volumes. The last report stated that 960 copies of the first and second volumes had been sent out from our publication rooms, though a return of money had not been received from many of them. Some of these books have been returned to us, and the whole amount of the sale of those volumes only aggregates 700. Of the third and fourth volumes, we have sent out 250 copies, but from many of them we have received no return. We have paid to Mrs. Thornwell during the year \$1,000 royalty; and would be glad, during the coming year, to pay her an equal or greater amount. In order to do so, the brethren will need to exert themselves to secure a wider circulation of these valuable books than they have yet attained, and especially to induce those who purchased the first and second volumes to add the third and fourth volumes to their libraries. These books have received great commendation, both in Europe and in the northern parts of this country, as well on account of their internal excellence as of the superior style of manufacture. But still, the sale outside of our own Church has been very limited, and we have been unable to induce any foreign publisher to assume the financial responsibility of issuing an edition of them. The publication of these volumes was a heavy under-

taking for this Committee in its present financial condition; but we believe it was a measure, the propriety of which is manifesting itself almost every day; and though a full return may not for years come to our treasury for the outlay of capital, we believe we will be amply compensated in other ways.

The interesting volume of Dr. Witherspoon was delayed longer than we anticipated, by the engraving on steel in the highest style of the art of the likeness of the dear children of the covenant, whose memory and influence the book is designed to perpetuate. We doubt not it will be read alike by parents and children with interest and profit, and trust that it may have, as it deserves, a wide circulation.

The work of Dr. Ramsey has been stereotyped, and would have been issued from the press, but for an unexpected cause of delay. Before the manuscript became the property of the Committee, Dr. Ramsey's family had requested the venerable Rev. Dr. Hodge, of Princeton Theological Seminary, to write an introduction to the work, and desired the Committee to carry out this arrangement. As the Committee concurred with the family in this desire, as soon as the proof-sheets could be taken last fall, they were forwarded to Dr. Hodge, and the request of Dr. Ramsey's family was renewed on behalf of the Committee. Dr. Hodge was kind enough to agree to undertake this laborious service for us as soon as he could disengage himself from existing labors; and it was deemed a wise delay in the issuing of this book, to secure the valuable introductory chapter which that venerable divine has prepared for us. Providential affliction in the death of his distinguished brother, and then a severe attack of sickness, which has prevented his attention to his usual professional duties for a number of weeks, retarded his labors for us. By a note from the venerable professor accompanying the manuscript, which is just received, he informs the Secretary that it was prepared in his sick-room, where he devoted all the strength he had to us. The statement is made, that our brethren who are awaiting this volume with interest and expectation, may know the precise posture of the business; and because we are sure they will be gratified to learn the additional treat that is in store for them, when the work shall be finally issued from the press. We are sure they will gladly submit to the delay caused by the ill-health of this venerable father in the Church; and will unite with the Committee in prayers to the King and Head of the Church, that His gracious blessing may rest on His aged servant in his advancing years, and that his life and health may long be preserved for usefulness to the Church in its earthly courts.

The Hymn and Tune book has been prepared, according to the views submitted to the last Assembly and approved by it. The work has been stereotyped and proof-sheets have been taken, and are submitted along with this report for the examination of the Assembly. Any desired changes can be made, and the book can then be issued with great promptness. A desire was expressed by many members of the last Assembly that an appendix should be added to this tune book, containing an addition of such hymns as were omitted in our present hymn book, or as have come into vogue and seized hold on the hearts of the Church, since that time. This matter is submitted for the consideration of the Assembly; and in anticipation of obtaining this authority, the Committee has made some selections for the purpose, and has the whole matter in such shape as to take prompt action, if it shall be the pleasure of the Assembly to authorize it.

The Choctaw Hymn Book has been stereotyped, and an edition of 1,000 printed and bound, which is about ready for shipment to the Choctaw Mission.

The circulation of the *Children's Friend* and *Earnest Worker* has remained about stationary during the past year.

The *Children's Friend* has had a circulation of 23,000, semi-monthly, and 3,360, monthly; total copies issued, 592,320.

The *Earnest Worker* has had a circulation of 3,400, weekly; total copies issued, 176,800.

Lesson papers, 7,000, weekly; total issue, 364,000.

The other issues from the press, during the year, have been as follows, viz:

Bound volumes, 32,340; Songs of Praise, 2,500; Voice of Praise, 12,000; Hymns to Voice of Praise, 25,000; Social Hymns, 5,000; Choctaw Hymns, 1,000; Tract volumes, 15,000; Catechisms, 50,000; Question Books, 8,500; Class Books, 4,000; Envelopes, 500,000; Catalogues, 6,000; Annual Report, 2,700; Rules of Discipline, 3,000; Circulars, 135,000; Blank Reports, 7,200; Tracts and Leaflets, 185,000.

OUR PUBLISHING HOUSE.

The Committee has purchased the large and commodious building on the southwest corner of Main and Tenth streets, Richmond, as a publishing house. The price to be paid is \$45,000, of which about \$13,000 is to be paid in cash, and the remainder is under a deed of trust which must be paid by the 1st of March, 1875. The necessity of this movement arises from the following considerations, viz:

1. It is necessary in order to give permanency to this Committee. Until the Committee is furnished with the proper facilities for conducting its business in Richmond, it can never be considered as permanently established. It is manifestly essential for it to have a basis of permanence in order to business efficiency and success.

2. The preservation of the property entrusted to it requires better accommodations than we can possibly obtain by renting. Fire-proof vaults for the storing of stereotype plates, and ample accommodations for the storing of printed matter, bound and unbound, are matters of the first necessity to every publishing house. These facilities we have not now, but will have in the building we have purchased.

3. The tenure by which we hold rented property is too uncertain. Last summer we were notified to leave the building we now occupy, it having been rented over our heads. Providentially this arrangement fell through, or we should have been placed at great difficulty in obtaining a suitable place to store our goods, valued at about \$35,000.

4. As our business grows, it is necessary for us to have a building of our own, that we can alter and accommodate to our increasing business necessities.

The Committee felt justified in undertaking this important and expensive enterprise from these considerations, viz:

1. This Committee is no experiment. Beginning in the ashes of the conflagration of Richmond, and acting for an impoverished people, we have been enabled, by the careful investment of the funds contributed to us, to pay our way from the ordinary business profits, and thus conduct this great work without expense to the Church, the whole of the capital given to us for that purpose being safely invested in our stock and solvent assets; and out of the contributions of the churches, we have distributed among the destitutions at home and abroad \$39,746.63 worth of books, tracts, tract volumes, papers, etc. This success is most gratifying, and places it beyond a doubt that this Committee is no experiment; it is an assured success.

2. We believe our brethren are beginning to appreciate the work of this Committee, and are ready to come to our help. This was made evident by the overture from Nashville, last May, and by similar overtures from other places, as Baltimore and Louisville.

3. Other denominations in our section of the country are making great and successful efforts to place upon a firm foundation the various institutions which pertain to their denominational work; and we have full confidence in the belief that Presbyterians will not be found less liberal or less

public spirited. While, therefore, our brethren of other churches are raising, with a praiseworthy public spirit, their hundreds of thousands, we feel that we are warranted in asking from our brethren the sum necessary to complete our endowment and to purchase this building—so necessary to the safety of our property and the efficiency of our business.

4. The building which we have secured will constitute an important element in the endowment of this Committee, and in enabling it to enlarge its work. The surplus room, which can be rented, over and above what will be at present needed for the purposes of the Committee, will produce a revenue, for some time to come, of from \$3,000 to \$4,000 per annum; which will go into the treasury to increase our publishing capital.

In view of the above considerations, the Committee submitted this matter to the last General Assembly, in response to which that body authorized it to make such efforts as it might judge necessary to raise the needed capital. Moreover, the Synod of Virginia, by a unanimous vote, adopted a minute endorsing the movement, recommending it to all its churches, and declaring that “in view of the fact that the General Assembly has located this Committee in the city of Richmond, within the bounds of our own Synod, this matter has a special claim at this time on the liberality of all our churches.”

But little has yet been done in raising the needed funds. In the prosecution of this enterprise, the Secretary of Publication will have the cooperation of the Rev. B. M. Hobson, of Kentucky, who has entered on the work, and has been commended to the confidence and liberality of our churches, wherever he may find it expedient to go. Moreover, the Rev. J. G. Hamner, D. D., has consented to undertake a voluntary agency for this object in the city of Baltimore, the Presbytery of Winchester, and probably other places; for which self-denying service he is entitled to the grateful acknowledgments of this Committee, and of the Church whose servants we are.

ACT OF INCORPORATION.

The Committee has obtained from the Legislature of Virginia an act of incorporation, which is herewith submitted for the authoritative advice of the General Assembly. This act is of no force until it is accepted by the Committee and an organization effected under it. This the Committee has no authority to do until authorized by the Assembly. That authority is respectfully requested, for the following reasons, viz:

1. The property of the Committee has heretofore been held in trust for the Committee and the Church, by the Secretary of Publication, under whose executive charge it is placed from the nature of his office. As the administrative and business officer of the Committee, it is absolutely necessary that this property should be under his control, in order to give the Committee credit and enable it to do business at all, in the absence of corporate powers.

2. It has not been placed under the charge of the Trustees of the Assembly, for three reasons: 1st, The Committee has never received the slightest hint that it was the purpose of the Assembly to give any other agency a control over the property and business for which it has held this Committee to a strict accountability. 2d, The charter of the Trustees of the Assembly does not contemplate a trust such as that which is devolved on this Committee, but manifestly designed to exclude it, by declaring that the Committee itself should be deemed and held to be a part of the corporation. But this provision has been held by the Trustees and by the Assembly to be legally impracticable, and hence that provision is null. 3d, The constitution and laws of Virginia forbid the creation of ecclesiastical corporations.* By the principle of the comity of nations, as applied to the intercourse of the States under the Federal constitution,

* Constitution of Virginia, Art. 4, § 17; Brooke vs. Shacklet, 13 Grattan, p. 314.

a corporation created by another state is entitled to all the rights in Virginia to which a similar corporation would be entitled under the Virginia constitution and laws.* But as such a corporation as the Trustees of the Assembly could not be created in Virginia, there is no legal principle on which that body could claim the right to exercise its franchises in that State. It is an untried question. The Trustees might or might not be allowed to hold property in Virginia; but that would depend on the sovereign pleasure of its Legislature and courts.† The Committee deemed it unwise for us to attempt an experiment in jurisprudence, by which we could gain nothing and might jeopard important interests.

3. In view of the purchase of a publishing house of our own, the Committee was earnestly advised by eminent legal counsel, including not only the two honorable jurists who are members of the Committee, but other distinguished lawyers, members of our Church in Richmond and in other parts of the States, that it was a matter of very great importance that the Committee should secure an act of incorporation, if possible. The only question of doubt on the mind of any one was as to whether such an act could be obtained from the Legislature of Virginia. This, however, has been done by the unanimous vote of each house of the Legislature.

4. It is absolutely necessary that this Committee, in conducting its business, should have full control of all the property, personal, real, or mixed, which lies at the basis of its credit. If this property were under a foreign control, such as that of the Trustees of the Assembly, it could have no credit, because the basis of its credit would be taken away from it, and of course the conducting of its business would be rendered almost impossible. Its capital could not, at the same time, be used and managed by two different bodies. Place the property under the Trustees of the Assembly, and of course all the power and responsibility which the charter confers belongs to them, and that much power over its own property and business would be taken from the Committee. Moreover, delays in its business would be caused from the fact that it could do nothing without consulting another body; constant and irritating collisions would be inevitable, and its whole work would be hampered and paralyzed.

The Committee is aware of the fact that the first Assembly of our Church, which met at Augusta in 1861, designed to make one Board of Trustees subserve all the ends to be accomplished by our incorporation. It is with no disrespect to that venerable Assembly that this Committee ventures the opinion that the action taken on that subject was hasty, and that the reasons on which that action was based are untenable.

1st. The historical mistake is made of assuming that the old controversy in the Church, with regard to the Boards and their functions, had some connection with their incorporation. But; in point of fact, it is not true that the General Assembly of the Church, before its disruption in 1861, ever had any difficulty with the Boards arising out of their incorporation. The only difficulty with trustees which the Assembly ever had was not with the Trustees of the Boards, but with the Trustees of the General Assembly itself, that Board having refused, on two or three different occasions, to obey the positive orders of the Assembly. The matters of controversy in the Church on the subject of the Boards had no relation to their incorporation; nor would the grounds of controversy have been changed or the reasons for it have ceased, if the Boards had never been incorporated. When the Assembly saw the necessity of establishing a board or committee, and gave it authority to raise funds and use them, it certainly would have been a marvellous proceeding for that court to deny to its board the authority to secure from the law of the land the legal right to hold, manage, and invest that money. This is all that an act of incorporation does. To destroy the corporation, if it should become

* Earle vs. Bank of Augusta, 13 Peters, p. 639; Conflict of Laws, p. 37.

† Manhattan Life Ins. Co. vs. Warwick, 20 Grattan, p. 623; Paul vs. State of Virginia, 8 Wallace, p. 314.

troublesome, all that the Assembly has to do is to abolish the committee or board, and the thing is done.

2d. The Assembly of 1861 seemed to think that the incorporation of the Committees would render them independent of the Assembly. That depends wholly on the provisions of the charter, the tenure of office of the Trustees, and the manner of filling vacancies. The Board of Trustees of the old Assembly are in a certain degree independent of the Assembly, and did not hesitate to disobey the instructions of that body; nor had the Assembly any remedy. Not so our own Board of Trustees. By express provisions of the charter, our Assembly has absolute control of the Board and all its proceedings, and can remove the whole Board, and constitute a new one at pleasure.

3d. The report concerning the charter seems to imply that it is necessary for the Church to be one incorporated body, in order to exhibit the appearance of unity, harmony, etc. This would lead to the inference that the bond of union of the Church is the legal corporation known as the Trustees of the Assembly, whereas the constitution of the Church teaches that the General Assembly itself is that bond of union. This a secular corporation never can become, until the Church surrenders itself to Cæsar; and those spiritual influences attributed to the one act of incorporation, viz: that we should "exhibit the appearance of uniformity, sympathy, harmony, and of delightful and refreshing Christian brotherhood," arise from the presence of the Spirit of God in the bosom of the Church, and manifest themselves by the delightful working of our divine system of Church polity, which makes the General Assembly its highest court, and the bond of union of the Church. Moreover, the argument proves too much; for, if it would mar the image of unity to allow of the existence of more than one corporation, assuredly that must arise from the fact that the Committee incorporated is in antagonism to the unity of the Church. From this Assembly this Committee obtains its ecclesiastical existence, and by it its functions are determined, and from time to time enlarged or restrained. It is the mere creature of the Assembly. From the law of the land it must gain its legal recognition, and its civil right to execute those secular trusts which arise in the discharge of its ecclesiastical duties. To give it legal recognition certainly could not affect the unity of the Church; but if its existence has that effect, it must arise from its ecclesiastical relations. And hence the argument would prove, if it prove anything, that there ought to be but one Committee or agency for the evangelistic work of the Church, and one Board of Trustees to secure its civil rights. But as the Church has always been jealous of mammoth boards, so also it has been of mammoth corporations; and instead of believing that their establishment is essential to the unity of the Church, it looks with more apprehension to them as fruitful occasions of discord, than to anything else in its practical administration. But, besides, at this very time there are two Boards of Trustees acting for the Assembly, and holding its civil franchises, in addition to the Trustees of the Assembly. We refer to the two Seminaries. No mischief has resulted from the existence of these two separate corporations—none is likely to arise. Indeed, the necessity of a separate act of incorporation arises from a fear of collision in the management of conflicting interests; in a word, to avoid controversy and secure unity. Clearly, this is necessary in the management of our Seminaries, and may be ultimately in the case of all the Committees. Still further, the practical effect hoped to be secured by the one act of incorporation has not been attained. The glowing language of the legal Committee in Augusta led us to expect in the Board of Trustees a bond of union to draw the Committees and all the interests of the Church together in fraternity and concordant action. While nothing has happened to weaken the cords of fraternity, the same cannot be said of the unity. On the very first occasion in which the Trustees have been called to act in matters affecting these Committees, they and the Trustees have come into

direct collision; and the Committees have felt constrained to complain of the action of the Trustees to the Assembly. This is just what might have been expected, as human nature stands constituted. Here were two separate, distinct bodies of men sitting in judgment and taking action pertaining to the same matters. It would be something approaching a miracle had they seen eye to eye, looking at the subject from different points of view, and each one controlled by facts unknown, it may be, to the other. It is not surprising that they did not, and that the authority of the Assembly has to be invoked to secure the ends of justice, and preserve the unity of our ecclesiastical action. This shows clearly enough that the Trustees are not, but that the Assembly is, the bond of union of the Church.

But whatever view we may take of the original policy of the Assembly to have but one Board of Trustees to manage all its interests and funds, so far as this act of incorporation now submitted is concerned, it is not liable to the objections usually raised against a separate and independent corporation. It is, in fact, the incorporation of the Committee itself, for the ends and objects set forth in its constitution which it derives from this Assembly. For although the corporation is called the "Trustees of the Presbyterian Committee of Publication," the very persons who constitute the Committee are named as the Trustees; and though the Trustees as a Board fill their own vacancies, they are limited in their choice to the members of the Committee. As the Assembly appoints the Committee; as the Trustees are the same in number as the members of the Committee; as no one can be elected a Trustee unless he is a member of the Committee; it is manifest that the two bodies are identical; and that when the General Assembly appoints its Committee annually, it in effect annually elects these Trustees. The reason this power is conferred on the Assembly in this indirect way, is because the constitution of Virginia does not allow the Legislature to incorporate any Church or denomination; and in effect it would be that, if this power were directly conferred. Hence, the power to fill vacancies was conferred on the Trustees themselves, with a limitation that makes it necessary for them to elect the persons designated by the Assembly. So that the Committee and the Trustees are one and the same, and both are fully amenable to the Assembly, the Committee immediately, but the Trustees mediately. The charter is based on that of Union Theological Seminary, Hampden Sidney, Va. The provision about filling vacancies was copied from it; and the effect of the adoption of the charter would be to bring about the same result which we witness in the case of the Seminary. The two Boards are composed of the same persons; but they hold two different sessions, first meeting as a Board of Directors, and then, as a Board of Trustees. So in our case there would be meetings of the Committee for its ordinary business; and then the same persons, for different and legal purposes, would meet under the charter as a Board of Trustees.

It has been hinted that one object had in view in obtaining the act of incorporation was to make the Committee of Publication a fixture in Virginia, and render its removal an impossibility. For this idea the members of the Committee are indebted to some of their brethren, as the thought never occurred to them. True, it is desirable that the Committee should stand before the public in an aspect of permanance and stability. This purpose it does not hesitate to avow; and certainly the action of the last and every preceding Assembly gives it ample warrant for thus feeling and acting. But the thought of placing the removal of our publishing house and Committee beyond the reach of the Assembly never once occurred to us; nor would its incorporation have that effect. If the Assembly should ever desire a removal of the Committee, it would have full power to order the Trustees to transfer all the property of every kind to the new Board wherever located, and then the Trustees, under the laws of Virginia, would cease to exist.

The charter, it will be observed, is very simple in its terms. There are no special provisions of any kind; nothing in it but what is necessary to constitute a corporation under the laws of Virginia. With this statement of the views of the Committee the whole matter is respectfully submitted to the General Assembly for its consideration and decision.

THE BEQUEST OF JUDGE W. E. KENNEDY.

The matter concerning which this Committee and the other Executive Committees have felt constrained to differ from the Trustees, to which allusion is made above, is the disposition of the funds now in their hands derived from the bequests of Judge Wm. E. Kennedy, of Tennessee. These funds passed into the hands of the Trustees, we believe, early in the fall, and have been lying dormant in the hands of the Treasurer for a period of about eight months. No notice of this matter was given to this Committee. Notwithstanding the fact that the Executive Committees are declared to be branches of the incorporation, and that the Secretaries are made *ex-officio* members of the Board for the express purpose of looking after the interests of the several committees which may be pending before the Board; and notwithstanding the fact, that the decision made vitally affected the interests and the work of these committees—no notice was given to this Committee, nor to the Secretary of Publication, of the receipt of this money, nor of the determination of the Executive Committee of the Trustees concerning it; rendering it impossible for the Secretary to fulfil the duty devolved on him by the order of the Assembly, to attend to and defend the interests of this Committee in the premises. At a late day—too late for effective action—the facts in the case came to our knowledge through the Committee of Sustentation. Nevertheless, the subject was referred to the two honorable jurists who are members of this Committee, who gave a learned opinion in the case, which was forwarded to the President of the Trustees, as our reason for requesting a reconsideration of the case, and the immediate payment of the funds designed for this Committee into its treasury. This opinion is herewith submitted to the General Assembly. It may not be amiss to add that this opinion is fully concurred in by some of the first lawyers in our city and State, to which it has been submitted.

There is but one additional remark which we deem it necessary to make. If these committees are in any sense branches of the corporation, it would seem to be clear that, as such, the funds designed for them should immediately pass into their respective treasuries, according to the provisions of the charter; and if there is any such doubt as to the uses to which the funds should be appropriated, as to require the interposition of the General Assembly, the Executive Committees themselves are by the Assembly entrusted with the responsibility and the discretion, and are the proper parties to seek the counsel and the direction of the Assembly. The will requires the money to be used for the objects specified by the Assembly; and the Executive Committees, as their very name indicates, can do nothing but execute orders of the Assembly. If they need instructions, it is certainly their own province to seek it, and not the province of the Trustees to ask it for them.

In these remarks, the Committee does not mean to reflect on the courtesy or the fidelity of the Executive Committee of the Trustees. Their action in this matter has been based on their own views of the relation which they sustain to these committees and the Assembly. The facts given show that the views of the Trustees and those of the Executive Committees are very wide apart; and it is perfectly clear that a distinct determination of the matter is needed from the Assembly; or otherwise there will be a constant clashing of opinion and variance of action, to the great damage of the interests entrusted to these committees, occasioning

unpleasant feeling and unhappy discussion in the Assembly at every session.

The endowment is slowly advancing, and though it will ultimately, in the course of human events, doubtless reach the treasury, its value to the Committee is immeasurably diminished by the fact that it does not reach us in such sums as to enable us to project any policy, or enter on any enlarged or adequate scheme of operations. So important, yea vital, is this subject to the Committee, that we have prepared, and along with this report we now submit, a supplemental statement and memorial on the subject.

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

E. THOMPSON BAIRD,

Secretary of Publication.

AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE TRUSTEES OF THE PRESBYTERIAN COMMITTEE OF PUBLICATION.

Approved March 8, 1873.

Whereas, there is established in the city of Richmond a benevolent institution which is known as the Presbyterian Committee of Publication, which has for its object the dissemination of religious truth by means of the printing and circulation of books, tracts, papers, cards, etc.; and whereas, it is believed that the facilities of said committee for the accomplishment of its benevolent purposes would be greatly promoted by obtaining an act of incorporation: therefore,

1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia, That E. Thompson Baird, Charles Gennet, Moses D. Hoge, William Brown, Charles H. Read, Thomas L. Preston, William A. Campbell, E. H. Rutherford, Wm. F. Taylor, B. R. Wellford, E. H. Fitzhugh, and their successors, be and they are hereby appointed a body politic and corporate, by the name and style of the Trustees of the Presbyterian Committee of Publication, and by that name shall have a perpetual succession and common seal; may contract and be contracted with, sue and be sued; may acquire, receive, hold, possess and enjoy, and may rent, sell, convey, invest and otherwise manage or dispose of, as to them may seem most conducive to the interest and promotive of the benevolent purposes of the said Presbyterian Committee of Publication, all lands, money or other property, real or personal, which may have been, or which may be given, or otherwise acquired, for the use of said Committee; and the said trustees and their successors shall hold office as trustees no longer than they remain in office as members of the said Presbyterian Committee of Publication, or till their successors enter upon the discharge of their duties as trustees: provided, that the sum of money so acquired shall not exceed two hundred thousand dollars; and provided that the amount of land held by them for permanent use shall not exceed a half acre in the city of Richmond.

2. The said trustees and their successors as a board shall have power to fill vacancies in their own body, the persons to fill such vacancies to be chosen from the said Presbyterian Committee of Publication, appointed according to the constitution of the aforesaid committee; and shall have power to appoint such officers as may be requisite, and exact from any of them such bond or other security, in such penalty as the trustees shall direct, conditioned for the faithful performance of their duties.

3. Five trustees shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business; but it shall require a majority of all the trustees to constitute a quorum for the sale of real estate.

4. This act shall take effect from its passage; and shall be subject to amendment, modification or repeal, at the pleasure of the General Assembly.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF PUBLICATION.

The Treasurer of Publication reports his receipts and disbursements for the year ending April 30, 1873, to be as follows :

DONATIONS FROM SYNODS.

Alabama.....	\$	590	10
Arkansas.....		250	85
Georgia.....		1,019	82
Kentucky.....		527	58
Memphis.....		72	10
Mississippi.....		633	94
Nashville.....		301	05
North Carolina.....		1,095	86
South Carolina.....		915	11
Texas.....		235	77
Virginia.....		2,781	43
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	\$	8,423	61
Miscellaneous.....			376 50
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Total donations.....	\$	8,800	11
Merchandise sales.....		31,665	98
Subscriptions for <i>Children's Friend</i>		4,728	35
Subscriptions for <i>Earnest Worker</i>		3,687	56
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Total sales and subscriptions.....	\$	40,881	89
Bills payable.....		14,090	95
Balance per last annual report.....			326 40
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Total receipts.....	\$	63,299	35

DISBURSEMENTS.

Merchandise.....	\$	38,357	27
<i>Children's Friend</i>		2,191	00
<i>Earnest Worker</i>		1,611	19
Grants.....		7,233	26
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	\$	49,392	72
Salaries—Secretary.....	\$	2,625	00
“ Treasurer.....		100	00
“ Clerks.....		4,121	35
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	\$	6,846	35

GENERAL EXPENSES.

Secretary's travelling expenses.....	204	55
Business Agt's travelling expenses.....	136	35
Store rent.....	1,441	67
Postage.....	712	04
Advertising.....	75	00
Insurance.....	300	00
Incidentals.....	299	89
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	\$	3,169 50
Total expenses.....		10,015 85
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	\$	59,408 57
Balance.....		3,890 78
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	\$	63,299 35

CHARLES GENNET, *Treasurer*.

MEMORIAL ON THE ENDOWMENT FUND.

The Executive Committee of Publication respectfully presents to the General Assembly a statement and memorial on the subject of the Endowment Fund, with the hope of securing a full consideration of that important subject, and such action as will elicit from the Church at large a response commensurate with the magnitude of the interests at stake.

The Committee presents the subject in the form of a memorial, instead of making it a part of the annual report, because it is really a subject aside from the ordinary operations of the Committee, concerning which it is required to report to the Assembly, and because it is hoped this subject may receive a separate consideration, so as not to be lost sight of or hurriedly passed over among the items of business contained in the annual report.

The original sum of \$50,000 was the minimum amount for our endowment proposed by the Assembly of 1865, when this Committee was reorganized after the war. This sum has been slowly coming in, year by year, and has now reached \$37,141.36. But while all the interests of our Church and people have been improving during the intervening years, it is observable that the contributions of the churches to this cause for several years fell off rather than increased; and the additions to the endowment which have been made from year to year have been utterly inadequate to enable us to meet the actual wants of the Church for its own facilities, much less to produce a literature such as our Sabbath-schools and churches require. Doubtless the whole sum of \$50,000 will, in the course of a few years, reach our treasury, even at the present rate of advancement. But it does not come in, in such amounts as to enable us to project a wise policy for the Church, or even a wise financial policy for the management of the fund itself. While our whole work has been as prosperous as the most sanguine could have anticipated—more so than the Committee dared to hope with its limited resources; still these are causes of constant embarrassment and discouragement. At every meeting of the Committee we are confronted with the fact that our capital is inadequate to the work we are expected and aiming to accomplish; and often we are compelled to forego the publication of valuable and important manuscripts, written by our own brethren, which our people would hail with delight, because the pressure is on us to produce the needed helps for our churches and Sabbath-schools, such as the General Assembly or the general voice of the Church demands.

One of the reasons why this interest is looked on with less favor than other church enterprises, is because the impression has gone abroad that the Committee has become self-sustaining, and does not need any more capital. It is true the Committee has aimed to conduct its business without expense to the Church, and, with God's blessing, has been able to do so up to this time. But it is also true that it has never been able to do a business adequate to the wants of our own people, because of the lack of funds. We have pressed forward, however, to the very utmost, with the hope of accomplishing the work given us to do, and with the desire of meeting the expectations of our brethren; and by rigid economy, and working our officers and clerks to their last capacity, we have been able to preserve our capital intact. This very success which we have achieved in managing the finances with economy, is now used as an argument against us; and instead of stimulating the liberality of the Church, so as to place this interest on a firm and enduring basis, it is the reason assigned, all over the Church, for not contributing to our treasury. As our expectations have annually been disappointed for several years, under circumstances that led us to anticipate better results, the Committee finds itself constrained to make a full and earnest presentation of the matter to the General Assembly, with the hope of obtaining the needed relief before it shall adopt the only other alternative offered to us, which is to be-

gin a contraction of our operations, and a cessation of all effort to establish this institution on such a basis as our Church necessities require.

Another reason why many of our brethren fail to come to our help, is because they say the Committee is of no substantial value to them, because our publications are not carried to their doors. Well, without adequate funds how can this be done? We have offered to any or all of our ministers, who are willing to do so, to sell them our books with as liberal a discount as ought to be asked, in order to enable them to re-sell them within the bounds of their churches, after the manner of our Methodist brethren. Very few of them, however, have availed themselves of the privilege; and of those who have done so, very few have accomplished anything. The general result is that, after some delay, we are asked to square accounts by making a donation of the books, so as to enable the ministers to distribute them gratuitously. Under orders of the Assembly, colporteurs were sent out; but this required more money than the Church furnished us, and we were compelled to ask the Assembly to withdraw its authority on that subject. The favorite idea was to send out our seminary students during their vacations. The result showed that there was a lack of wisdom in the plan, and there was much loss to the Committee thereby. For this, however, it was not responsible, as it acted under the order of the Assembly. If this is ever done it can only be done as a part of our benevolent work, and cannot be done as an ordinary business arrangement. Those churches, therefore, which fail to contribute, are doing all in their power to prevent the possibility of our ever being able to do what they wish. Let adequate capital be given us, and then all the contributions of our churches can go to colportage, or any other benevolent enterprise the Church may require or the General Assembly order.

Still another cause of the lack of interest in the work committed to us is, that brethren say it is a mere business matter, and if it cannot succeed as other business enterprises succeed, let it go down. If this Committee, or its officers, believed that this beloved Church of ours had called them to do a work which it looked on as a matter of mere worldly business success, it would have a very deadening influence on their feelings of veneration and love; nor would they agree for an hour to prostitute their sacred offices to such ignoble uses. But neither our Church nor this General Assembly ever designed to engage in any mere secular work. True, the affairs of the Committee have, to a certain extent, to be conducted on business principles; but that is a very different thing from conducting it with reference to the ends aimed to be accomplished by ordinary business enterprises. In the latter case, the great aim is to make money legitimately and honestly; in our case, the one great aim, never to be lost sight of, is to promote the cause of Christ, and build up His blood-bought Church. What an insult to the Saviour would it be for His church to conduct any enterprise, however useful, with reference to the end of making money! What book have we published—what books would this Church allow us to publish—which would chiefly result in being a large and profitable investment? Moreover, we do not charge for our books the prices which we would feel bound to charge if money-making was the chief end. No; our Church designed this Committee as one of its agencies for evangelization; and when we publish the *Children's Friend* and *Earnest Worker* at cost, and send out such books as those of Thoruwell and Plumer, and Foote and Dabney and Ramsey, we feel bound, as representatives of this Assembly, and ordained officers of the Church, to pursue a higher end than that of money making, and so this Assembly expects and requires.

Moreover, the Committee has reached that point which makes it absolutely necessary for us to possess a house of our own in which to conduct our business. This matter was presented in the last annual report, and was explained to the Assembly as one of our business necessities in the address of the Secretary; and we were authorized by the Assembly to raise whatever amount our business might require. Under this authority

we have purchased the most suitable building for our purposes in the city of Richmond. The purchase price is \$45,000, of which \$13,000 is cash, and the remainder is to be paid by the 1st of March, 1875. We hope to occupy this building from the 1st of October next. From that time we have no doubt of being able to effect a saving to the Church of our rent, from the fact that the surplus room not now needed by our business can be rented for enough to pay the interest on the investment. Certainly this is a safe purchase, and an economical one for us. We hope that we have secured towards this object about \$8,000 up to this time, though a large part of it will probably be paid in instalments.

In order to place this Committee beyond embarrassment, we respectfully ask the General Assembly to take the whole subject into serious consideration; and if it shall commend itself to the judgment of the Assembly, the Committee believes that a special collection for this object would be responded to by the whole Church with such liberality as would free us from our pressing engagements and manifold embarrassments. We, therefore, respectfully memorialize the General Assembly to take such action as will call the especial attention of our churches and people to this cause, and secure for the Committee such a response as its necessities and the necessities of the Church require. Let one grand united effort be made throughout the whole Church, to raise the needed amount, so as to remove this matter from the mind of the Church, placing the cause on a firm basis, and leaving the future contributions to this Committee to go to scatter our books, tracts and papers among the destitute.

On behalf of the Committee,

RICHMOND, May 8, 1873.

E. THOMPSON BAIRD,

Secretary of Publication.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

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

The Trustees, in obedience to the requirements of the Church, beg leave to submit this their Annual Report.

The report of the Treasurer, herewith presented, will give you a correct statement of the finances of the Church under the control of the Trustees. It will be seen by reference to that report, that the largest amounts of money received were under the wills of Judge W. E. Kennedy and Rebecca C. Park, respectively. As the Trustees desire the special direction of the Assembly as to the disposition of these funds, copies of the clauses of their wills relating to the bequests have been made out, and are herewith exhibited; also, abstracts of the resolutions of the Assembly, of the charter of incorporation, and of the by-laws, touching the powers of the Trustees, are submitted, that the Assembly may act understandingly upon these matters.

From these abstracts it will be seen, that the Trustees have no latitude of discretion in disbursing the funds; but that "at all times and in all matters pertaining to the corporation" are "subject to the control, orders and directions of the General Assembly." In all cases of doubt, the present Trustees believe that, before acting, it is their duty to seek and obtain the directions of the Assembly. Were they to act without such directions, and should misapply the funds, the error could not be corrected; but on the other hand, if they were to err in delaying payments, until such directions were obtained, the error would be temporary, and could soon be corrected. Much caution should be observed, and no money ever

paid out on their own motion, except in the clearest cases of "direction by the giver."

Much doubt has arisen in the minds of the Trustees, as to the intention of Judge Kennedy in his will, (which intention when ascertained must be carried out strictly,) both as to the distribution of the funds, and as to the final disposition. In the same clause of his will, he makes several bequests; some to objects not under the control of the General Assembly, and others to the General Assembly, some for objects not now carried on, as the Bible and Tract societies, and others to and for the use and benefit of Domestic Missions, Foreign Missions, and Education and Publication, "to be by the Assembly appropriated to the uses and benefit" of the objects of the gift.

The bequest is not to the Committees, nor to the Trustees, (they were not in existence at the time that the will was made,) but it is directly to the General Assembly.

It appears to the Trustees that it was clearly the intention of Judge Kennedy to commit that part of his estate which he gave to our Church, exclusively to the control and direction of the General Assembly.

The opinion of gentlemen learned in the law has been submitted to the Trustees, to enlighten their minds as to their duty, and to induce them to appropriate and pay out to one of the committees of the Church the portion of these funds claimed by the committee, without the assent and direction of the Assembly. The opinion is very able, and as to the right of the committee to share with others the bequest, is clear and conclusive, but as to the extent to be received, and under what authority it is to be paid over, it is not so clear. No attempt is made to show that the funds are not subject to the control of the Assembly; and if subject to its control, then your Trustees are of opinion that they have no right, by any act of theirs, to deprive the Assembly of the free exercise of its rights.

Doubts, too, have arisen as to the final disposition of these funds: Should they be paid over to the committees to be immediately used and consumed? or should they be invested in some safe securities, and the interest only paid over to the committees? These are grave questions, and can be solved only by the Assembly.

It is hard to believe that Judge Kennedy intended that his gift to the Church should be instantly expended and paid away, and nothing left to mark his liberality.

Under a liberal construction of the will; the confidence reposed by Judge Kennedy in the General Assembly; the large amount of the estate given, and the terms used in the bequest, (which terms were doubtless understood by the Judge,) it might fairly be inferred that he intended a permanent investment of the funds, and the annual interest only paid to the committees. By such a decision, and by designating it the "Kennedy Fund," is it not likely that the intention would be more perfectly carried out, and that other benevolent persons might be encouraged to donate their estates to the Church?

The gift of a thing, or a sum of money, to a trustee, for the use of another, does not, in legal contemplation, carry to the *cestui que* trust the thing itself, or the money, but only the profits or interest. To the General Assembly in this case is given a sum of money, for the benefit and use of the Boards or Committees, for specified objects. Should the Assembly direct it all to be paid over for immediate consumption? It is for the Assembly to decide.

Under the will of Mrs. Park, the bequest is to the Trustees of the General Assembly, "for the use and benefit of the Committees."

The foregoing remarks are applicable to this case as well as the other. Without the instructions of the Assembly to the contrary, the Trustees do not feel authorized to pay to the Committees anything more than the annual interest. It is competent for the Assembly to control these matters, and to make such order therein as to it may seem proper, and

the Trustees, as in duty bound, will quietly submit to it, whatever it may be.

Certain papers relating to the residue of the estate of Robert Lusk, Esq., of Water Valley, Miss., have been turned over by the Committee of Sustentation to the Trustees, and are now in their hands. It seems that, several years ago, and before the organization of our General Assembly, Mr. Lusk made his will, by which he gave the undisposed of balance of his estate to be equally divided between the Board of Education and the Board of Domestic Missions of the Old School Presbyterian Church of the United States of America, amounting, as was supposed, to ten or twelve thousand dollars, subject to certain trusts expressed in the will. A large part of this legacy has been paid over to the Northern Church, and now they propose, through their Boards, to turn over the residue of the estate, in the hands of the executor of the will, to the Executive Committees of our General Assembly, on condition that our Church provides for the payment of an annuity of one hundred dollars to the Water Valley church, as provided for in the will, and save them from all further costs and expenses, and leaving them in possession of all that they have received, freed from all the trusts in the will. A copy of the clause of Mr. Lusk's will, which has come to the hands of the Trustees, and so much of the correspondence as is believed to be necessary for a full understanding of the matter, is herewith presented; and the Trustees respectfully ask the instructions of the General Assembly upon this subject.

The Trustees ask leave to suggest to the Assembly, that at the last meeting the appointment of Trustees was overlooked; and that Thomas C. Perrin, Joseph H. Wilson, Jesse H. Lindsay, James Hemphill, and Dr. George Howe, whose term of office expired at that time, have held over, under the by-laws, there being no others to take their places; and that the term of office of E. Nye Hutchison, J. A. Young, and James Hutchison, will expire at the meeting at Little Rock.

All which is respectfully submitted.

By order of the Trustees,

THOS. C. PERRIN, *President*.

CHARLOTTE, N. C., 1st May, 1873.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY, AT COLUMBIA, S. C.

The Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary, at Columbia, report to the General Assembly that this institution is in a prosperous condition.

The number of students in attendance during the year just closed was fifty-six (56)—eight of whom have finished the prescribed course of study with credit to themselves and instructors. Their names are:

S. Henry Bell, C. E. Chichester, C. W. Grafton, T. L. Haman, R. B. McAlpine, D. K. McFarland, W. J. McKay, W. A. Milner.

The report of the Faculty will bring to the notice of the Assembly many particulars which cannot be properly embodied in a report like this.

The last Assembly gave Professor James Woodrow leave of absence for one year, if so much should be needed, for the re-establishment of his health. It is with pleasure that the Board are able to report to the Assembly that the Professor returned to the duties of his chair in January with greatly improved health and delivered a full course of lectures to his classes.

The health of the Professors and students has been almost uninterruptedly good; as good, indeed, as could be found among an equal number in any similar institution anywhere.

The permanent funds of the Seminary, which were greatly damaged by the casualties of war, are gradually righting themselves from the donations of friends; and it is hoped and believed that the time is not distant when this only cause of anxiety will give place to an increased prosperity even in this direction. With a full corps of able Professors—with a noble library of more than 1,800 volumes, receiving constant additions—with cheapness of living equal to that of any similar institution—with a salubrious climate and with the quietude afforded for the uninterrupted pursuit of knowledge; the Board commend this beloved institution to the confidence, affection, prayers and patronage of the Church.

COLUMBIA, S. C., May 7th, 1873.

DONALD McQUEEN,
Chairman.

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

The students in attendance upon our instructions during the session now closing have been fifty-six (56) in number.

IN THE SENIOR CLASS.

S. Henry Bell, of New Harmony, N. C., graduate of Davidson College, and licentiate of the Presbytery of Wilmington.

S. D. Boggs, of Columbia, S. C., graduate of the University of South Carolina, and licentiate of the Presbytery of Charleston.

C. E. Chichester, of Charleston, S. C., licentiate of the Presbytery of Charleston.

C. W. Grafton, of Sardis, Miss., graduate of the University of Mississippi, and licentiate of the Presbytery of Central Mississippi.

T. L. Haman, of Raymond, Miss., graduate of the University of Mississippi, and licentiate of the Presbytery of Central Mississippi.

R. B. McAlpine, of Three Creeks, Ark., graduate of Davidson College, and candidate of the Presbytery of Ouachita.

D. K. McFarland, of Lafayette county, Miss., graduate of the University of Mississippi, and licentiate of the Presbytery of Chickasaw.

W. J. McKay, of Harnett county, N. C., graduate of Davidson College, and licentiate of the Presbytery of Fayetteville.

W. A. Milner, of Cartersville, Ga., graduate of Davidson College, and licentiate of the Presbytery of Cherokee.

MIDDLE CLASS.

E. H. Briggs, of Columbus, Ga., graduate of the University of Georgia, candidate of the Presbytery of Macon.

J. C. Carothers, of Starkville, Miss., student of the University of Mississippi, candidate of the Presbytery of Tombeckbee.

T. H. Cunningham, of Anderson, S. C., graduate of the University of Georgia, licentiate of the Presbytery of Augusta.

W. H. Dodge, of Cuthbert, Ga., graduate of Davidson College, and candidate of the Presbytery of Macon.

R. Means DuBose, of Darlington, S. C., graduate of the University of South Carolina, and candidate of the Presbytery of Harmony.

J. DeWitt Duncan, of Louisville, Ky., student of Centre College, and candidate of the Presbytery of Louisville.

J. Y. Fair, of Abbeville, S. C., student of the University of Virginia, and candidate of the Presbytery of South Carolina.

J. G. Hall, of Monticello, Ark., graduate of Davidson College, and candidate of the Presbytery of Bethel.

Charles L. Hemphill, of Chester, S. C., graduate of the University of Virginia, and candidate of the Presbytery of Bethel.

J. R. Jacobs, of Clinton, S. C., student of Davidson college, and licentiate of the Presbytery of South Carolina.

Thomas T. Johnston, of Toronto, Canada, graduate of Knox College, Toronto, and licentiate of the Presbytery of Florida.

R. M. Kirkpatrick, of Fort Deposit, Ala., graduate of Davidson College, and candidate of the Presbytery of East Alabama.

N. M. Long, of Union, Tenn., graduate of King's College, Tenn., and candidate of the Presbytery of Holston.

D. S. McAllister, of Fayetteville, N. C., graduate of Davidson College, and candidate of the Presbytery of Fayetteville.

L. R. McCormick, of Chester, S. C., graduate of the University of South Carolina, and candidate of the Presbytery of Bethel.

P. M. McKay, of Madison, Fla., graduate of Knox College, Toronto, and licentiate of the Presbytery of Florida.

Carl McKinley, of Lexington, Ga., candidate of the Presbytery of Augusta.

G. W. McMillan, of Sloop Point, N. C., graduate of Davidson College, and licentiate of the Presbytery of Wilmington.

Alfred L. Miller, of Spartanburg, S. C., graduate of Davidson College, and licentiate of the Presbytery of South Carolina.

Robert A. Miller, of Yorkville, S. C., graduate of Davidson College, and candidate of the Presbytery of Bethel.

R. D. Perry, of Lancaster, S. C., candidate of the Presbytery of Bethel.

S. R. Preston, of Abingdon, Va., graduate of King's College, Tenn., and candidate of the Presbytery of Abingdon.

J. A. Smith, of Robeson county, N. C., graduate of Davidson College, and licentiate of the Presbytery of Fayetteville.

J. W. Spratt, of Fort Mill, S. C., graduate of Davidson College, and candidate of the Presbytery of Bethel.

J. H. Thornwell, of Louisville, Ky., graduate of the University of South Carolina, and candidate of the Presbytery of Louisville.

JUNIOR CLASS.

J. J. Anderson, of Summerfield, Ala., graduate of Davidson College, and candidate of the Presbytery of South Alabama.

James S. Black, of Burgaw, N. C., candidate of the Presbytery of Wilmington.

David O. Byers, of Abingdon, Va., graduate of King's College, Tenn., and candidate of the Presbytery of Holston.

Wm. B. Crawford, of Arkadelphia, Ark., graduate of Davidson College, and candidate of the Presbytery of Ouachita.

Albert B. Curry, of Climax, Ga., candidate of the Presbytery of Savannah.

Wm. A. Dabney, of Atlanta, Ga., student of Washington and Lee University, and candidate of the Presbytery of Atlanta.

Thos. R. English, of Marysville, S. C., graduate of Davidson College, and candidate of the Presbytery of Harmony.

Erasmus E. Ervin, of Manning, S. C., graduate of Davidson College, and candidate of the Presbytery of Harmony.

John Wm. Flinn, of Holly Springs, Miss., graduate of the University of Mississippi, and candidate of the Presbytery of North Mississippi.

H. B. S. Garriss, of South Washington, N. C., candidate of the Presbytery of Wilmington.

Isaac M. Gwin, of Amandaville, Ga., graduate of Oglethorpe University, and candidate of the Presbytery of Augusta.

J. Harry Hammet, of Manning, S. C., graduate of Davidson College, and candidate of the Presbytery of Harmony.

O. J. Harris, of Columbia, S. C., graduate of the University of South Carolina.

James E. Jones, of Dirt Town, Georgia.

Richard C. Ligon, of Abbeville, S. C., graduate of Erskine College, and candidate of the Presbytery of South Carolina.

T. M. McConnell, of Abingdon, Va., graduate of King's College, Tenn., and candidate of the Presbytery of Abingdon.

Wm. E. McIlwaine, of Wolfsville, N. C., graduate of Erskine College, and candidate of the Presbytery of Mecklenburg.

D. C. Rankin, of Jonesboro', Tenn., student of Stewart College, and candidate of the Presbytery of Harmony.

Robert A. Reid, of Moffettsville, S. C., graduate of Erskine College, and candidate of the Presbytery of South Carolina.

John M. Rhea, of Blountsville, Tenn., graduate of King's College, Tenn., and candidate of the Presbytery of Holston.

Robert N. Smith, of Jonesboro', Ga., graduate of Oglethorpe University, and candidate of the Presbytery of Augusta.

J. Witherspoon, of Columbus, Miss., graduate of the University of Mississippi, and candidate of the Presbytery of Tombeckbee.

Mr. Garrard of the Middle Class, and Mr. Ansley and Mr. Newton of the Junior Class of last year, did not return to the Seminary this session, the two former having discontinued their studies for the ministry; and of those who were present at the beginning of the year, Mr. Boggs of the Senior Class, and Mr. Ervin and Mr. Harris of the Junior Class, have been present only a part of the term.

The exercises of the several classes have been continued regularly as arranged by agreement among ourselves. Dr. Woodrow returned from Europe in January last and has remained till the close of the session, his health being so far restored, that by availing himself of extra hours he has been able to deliver the full course of lectures in his department of instruction.

The studies of the year have been pursued by the students, for the most part, with commendable diligence; their interest in foreign missions has been constantly on the increase, nor have they been wanting in efforts to advance the cause of Christ when opportunities have offered.

When the great depression is remembered, under which this Seminary labored at the close of the war, and the peculiar desolations which then surrounded it, its present condition should encourage its friends to continue their prayers in its behalf, to augment its resources, and restore its endowments and supply meanwhile its more pressing wants. Twice only, in its entire history, have we been able to report a larger number of students than during the year now closed. Its future must depend, under God, on the efforts of its friends, and the support the Church shall accord to it. And that it may be worthy of this, as a place of education for the ministry, is the constant desire and aim of us all.

GEO. HOWE, *Chairman.*

THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY, *Columbia*, May 5th, 1873.

UNION THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY, VIRGINIA.

ANNUAL REPORT TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES.

The Trustees, in pursuance of the constitution, submit to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States, this their Annual

REPORT.

At the close of the forty-ninth year, in the history of Union Theological Seminary in Virginia, the Trustees are prepared to report to the Assembly and Synods, under whose care the institution is placed by the Church, that the Seminary is still doing the *work* for which it was established, in a thorough and successful manner. A full corps of Professors, able and experienced in the work, are constantly at their posts, and about as large a number of students as have ever before been in attendance have sought instruction during the year ending the 6th May, 1873.

The number of students of the year has been sixty-two. They come from twelve States and Canada; and from twenty-seven Presbyteries, Washington and Lee University, Hampden Sydney and Davidson Colleges furnish the greater number of students.

Of the SENIOR CLASS of twenty-two, the following stood their final examinations, and the usual certificates of that fact were awarded to them, to wit:

W. G. Baird, N. C.; J. F. Cannon, N. C.; W. S. Cochrane, Tenn.; J. W. Davis, N. C.; J. T. Gammon, Tenn.; J. A. Graves, Va.; A. H. Hamilton, N. C.; P. H. Hensley, W. Va.; R. P. Kerr, Tenn.; A. F. Laird, Va.; F. McCutchan, Va.; G. W. Painter, Va.; J. D. Pinkerton, Va.; J. M. Rose, N. C.; J. W. Roseboro, N. C.; Geo. Summey, N. C.; and the following gentlemen, who did not remain to the examination, but on satisfactory excuses, were absent: J. M. Rawlings, Va.; L. D. Turnbull, Baltimore. Four others, having left the Seminary without rendering sufficient reasons, did not receive their usual testimonials.

The Trustees take pleasure in reporting, that a majority of the students have made commendable proficiency in their studies; and that their services, as ministers, have been eagerly sought by the churches, and that most of the senior class have already been engaged before their term of study expired.

God has also been pleased to pour out a missionary spirit upon the young men of the Seminary. Several of our recent graduates have been laboring in China and South America under the appointment of the Committee of Foreign Missions, and several others have been accepted by the committee, and are awaiting their orders; thus honoring and obeying the great command, "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature."

Since the report of 1872, seven hundred and seventeen (717) volumes have been added to the Library. The total number of volumes is 9,075. The Trustees propose to erect a library building—the value of the funds for that purpose being between twelve and fifteen thousand dollars. The remaining sum necessary for building will no doubt be obtained.

The finances of the Seminary are in a safe and healthy condition; \$5,600, in good securities, have been purchased in the year, and \$5,000, in railroad bonds, have been temporarily placed at the disposal of the Seminary by Mr. Henry Young, of New York, the valued friend of the institution. The Rebecca Park scholarship of \$1,000 has been received from the estate of the late Mrs. Rebecca Campbell Park, of Richwood church, in Ebenezer Presbytery, in Kentucky.

The Legislature of Virginia continues to pay the full interest on the

certificates of debt due from the State at the time of the passage of the act authorizing the payment of such interest on Virginia bonds held by colleges and other seminaries of learning. Before the war, this institution made investments in Virginia bonds, in preference to others. After the war, when values had greatly changed, and our seminaries of learning were greatly embarrassed, the Legislature of Virginia determined to pay this interest, and still continues to do so. The Trustees deem it but an act of justice to acknowledge their obligations for this wise and patriotic legislation.

In conclusion, the Trustees would invite the General Assembly and Synods to unite with them in devout thanksgiving to God for the many blessings He has bestowed upon this seminary of sacred learning, and in earnest prayer that He may continue to uphold and prosper the institution; that He would guard and defend it from all evil, and guide its professors and pupils in all truth, to the glory of His great name, henceforth and for ever.

By order of the Trustees,

WM. BROWN, *President.*

OFFICERS, ETC.

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Rev. Dr. T. E. PECK, *Intendant.*

Rev. Dr. R. L. DABNEY, *Clerk to Faculty.*

FACULTY.

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Rev. B. M. SMITH, D. D., *McCormick Professor of Oriental Literature.*

Rev. T. E. PECK, D. D., *Professor of Ecclesiastical History and Polity.*

Rev. H. C. ALEXANDER, D. D., *Henry Young Professor of Biblical Literature and Interpretation of the New Testament.*

The post-office address of the professors and students is "Hampton Sidney, Va.;" that of the treasurer and secretary is "Farmville, Va."

The legal title of the corporation is, "The Trustees of Union Theological Seminary in Virginia."

F. N. WATKINS, *Secretary.*

FARMVILLE, VA., 7th May, 1873.

PRAYER FOR THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

WHEREAS the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States fully recognizes the efficacy of the prayers of God's people, and the necessity for divine guidance in its own deliberations; therefore,

Resolved, 1. That the General Assembly recommend to all the churches under its care to offer special prayer during the devotions of the Sabbath preceding the meeting of the General Assembly in each year, that God would of great mercy so give the General Assembly the wisdom that cometh from above, and so direct all its plans, discussions, and decisions, as to promote His own glory, and advance the kingdom of Jesus in the earth.

Resolved, 2. That the above preamble and resolution be printed annually in the Appendix to the Minutes of the Assembly.

A. R. Holderly, P.	Ala.	Philadelphia, S. S.	1	16	2	5	21	6	5	250	250	5			
F. B. Webb, P.	"	Calebee, P.	2	79	2	135	20	10	13	245	245	10			
	"	Tuskegee, S. S.	6	80	4	62	136	40	89	266	266	89			
	"	Union Springs, P.	4	11	1	1	40	40	16	50	50	16			
	"	Troy, S. S.	6	57	1	2	13	3	5	74	74	5			
	"	Lafayette, V.	23	23	2	2	32	30	4	30	30	4			
	"	Lebanon, V.	100	14	2	40	32	290	338	1861	1861	837			
	"	Pleasant Grove, V.	70	7	55	18	120	10	98	130	130	40			
	"	New Harmony, V.	80	48	3	60	40	6	1	325	325	10			
	"	Eufaula, S. S.	80	12	128										
	"	Greenville, V.	1	25	37										
	"	Wetumpka, V.	1	10	6										
	"	Lowndesboro', V.	1	10	6										
	"	Hayneville, V.	1	10	6										
	"	Good Hope, S. S.	1	10	6										
	"	Auburn, V.	1	10	6										
	"	Nixburg, V.	1	10	6										
	"	Clayton, V.	1	10	6										
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2. Pres. of South Ala.															
H. A. Smith, S. S.	Ala.	Centerville, S. S.	1	39	4	65	16	107	52	7	43	10155	10155	20	
H. R. Raymond, P.	"	Marion, P.	3	19	3	20	20								
W. H. McAuley, Evan.	"	Columbiana, S. S.	3	25	1	30									
G. W. Boggs, Evan.	"	Kynulga, S. S.	2	91	2	4	40	10	51	10	6	551	551	43	
	"	Summersfield, S. S.	14	398	16	23	200	639	466	53	59	4000	4000	2285	
J. R. Burgett, D. D., P.	"	Valley Creek, S. S.	7	304	3	16	299	337	455	120	128	3000	3000	1943	
W. J. Lowry, P.	"	Government Stk., P.	3	37	2	27	25	11	5	6	13	500	500	92	
J. S. Arbutnot, P.	"	Selma, 1st Church, P.	2	18	1			6				300	300	75	
	"	Selma, P.	2	16				6				225	225	5	
	"	Uniontown, P.	1	16											
	"	Dayton, S. S.	91	27	5										
	"	Shell Creek, S. S.	27	21	23										
A. B. McCorkle	Ala.	Carmel, S. S.	6	30											
Nathaniel Hood, S. S.	"	Concord, S. S.	6	30											
	"	Salem, S. S.	21	21											

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Claiborne, " "	15															
Fayetteville, " "	8															
Gadsden, " "	42															
Selma, " "	20															
Choctaw Corner, " "	32															
Lower P. Tree, " "	39															
Camden, " "	42															
Summerfield, " "	79															
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Tuskaloosa, P.		4	43			2	31	34	16		74	4	19	300	17	
Oak Grove, S. S.	1	1	29				6	6	6		10	4	4	100	16	
Carrollton, S. S.	13	2	46		6	4	30	16	30		61	17	13	316	50	263
Concord P.	14	4	49		3			16	18		24	13	13	260	60	50
Mount Zion, P.	6	1	14		3	2		4	5		5	7		55		
Carthage, P.																
Birmingham, S. S.	2	23	30			2	30	16				5		150	680	
Eutaw, P.	3	1	63		3	4	100	59	23		60	23		980	717	176
New Hope, S. S.	4	3	32		4	3		5			6	5	5	315	35	
Pleasant Ridge, P.	19	6	115		5	6	185	21	68		30	20	21	900	184	62
Demopolis, S. S.			25				15	5							86	
Oxford, V.			46													
Gainesville, P.		4	91			5	81	101	157		217	35	69	1500	817	128
Livingston, P.	3	5	54		1	6	61	14	27		12	13	20	496	633	40
Elizabeth, S. S.																
Greensboro', S. S.			42				50	10	5		32	5		400	472	
Ebenezer, P. E.			26				33	5			6	5		188	10	
Bethsalen, S. S.			28													
Hebron, P. E.		1	52			2	19	6			8	4		185	10	
Bethesda, P. E.		6	27			1	50	2			6	3		189	8	
Mount Olivet, S. S.			30					3			2			53		

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J. W. Heath,

Candidates -5.

3. Pres. of Tuskaloosa,

N. R. Morgan, W. C.

C. A. Stillman, P.

J. Somerville, S. S.

T. S. Winn, P.

B. F. Peters, W. C.

W. L. Kennedy, S. S.

D. D. Sanderson, P.

C. M. Hutton, P.

J. W. Phillips, S. S.

A. A. Morse, P.

J. Simpson Frierson, P.

Licentiate-2.

L. S. Handly, P. E.

M. C. Hutton, P. E.

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Smithville, Ark.	Lebanon, V.	20	14	50	877	782	745	6130	205	321	83	576	721
Powhatan, "	Powhatan, V.	4											
Polk Baycu, "	Beulah, V.	7											
Helena, "	Helena, S. S.	20		20									
Marianna, "	Marianna, V.	14											
Lonake, "	Lonake, V.	12											
Cincinnati, "	Cincinnati, V.	10		1									
Bluffton, "	Bluffton, V.	10											
		58	50	32									
Park Hill, Cher. Na.	Park Hill,	17											
Princeton, N. J.	Caney Creek,	10											
Chetopa, Kansas,	Pleasant Hill,	8											
Boggy Dept. Choc. N.	Chickasaw,	89											
	Mount Pleasant,	22											
Doaksville, Choc. N.	Wapanucka,	22											
	Mount Fork,	30											
	Wheelock,	46											
	Pine Ridge,	41											
	Spencer Academy,	14											
	Good Water,	9											
	Good Land,	95											
	Mount Zion,	33											
North Fork, Cr'k. N.	Living Land,	98											
Armstrong Acad'y.	Bennington,	37											
C. Nation, W. Ark.	Six Town,	30											
Doaksville, Choc. N.	Jack's Fork,	103											
	Lenox,	160											
	Green Hill,	49											
	Big Lick,	60											
		86											

Licentiate—1.
 R. H. Crozier,
Candidates—2.
 2. Pres. of *Indico*.

S. Foreman,

A. Reid,
 H. Balentine,
 A. Wright,

J. H. Colton,

J. M. Perryman,
 W. J. B. Lloyd,

Licentiate—1.
 E. Brewer,

SYNOD OF GEORGIA.														
1. Pres. of Atlanta.														
J. T. Leftwich, P.	Atlanta,	2	10	187	1	2	200	500	356	200	50	1500	750	25000
W. J. Keith, W. C.	"	11	32	271	4	18	265	781				3600	1460	80
John Jones, Evang.	Griffin,	3		25	2	3	40					250	50	
James Stacy, P.	Atlanta,			15								150		
	Thomaston,			11								250		
	Greenville,	5	53		1	1						475	2360	26
	Newnan,	1	85		1	1	97	10	10	10		152	2	11
	Turn,	8	40		4	2	18	6	8	20		329	4	4
	Hogansville,	4	35		1	2		13	5	8		600	329	72
D. Fraser, S. S.	Ebenezer, S. S.	22	6	174	5	144	30	30	15	10		600	1372	
Henry Quigg, P.	Decatur, S. S.	3	1	111	10	65	43	43	200	10	8	500	330	
	Conyers,	11	4	168	6	5	78	29	16	12	4	500	176	28
	Jonesboro',	4	15	109	1	55	30	30				216		20
	Atlanta,	2	30		1	1	40	2			1	260	3	5
R. C. Ketchum, S. S.	Rock Spring, S. S.	2	50		1	7	70	30				300	300	15
	West Point,	1		50	1	7		30				200		5
	"		1	30	2	12		30	5	60				
J. N. Bradshaw, P. F. C.	Long Cane, S. S.													
	Covington,													
	"													
F. McMurray, P.	Conyers, S. S.	4	65			11	50	35	27	5		300	20	12
R. H. Nall, S. S.	La Grange, P.	6	61		2	3	107	82	35	60	29	1200	162	10
L. H. Wilson, S. S.	Griffin, S. S.	5	109		2	8		10	6	4	3	1200	122	238
H. L. Deane (infirm),	Friendship, S. S.		43									700	3	58
A. G. Peden, W. C.	McDonough, V.		30											
H. L. Harvey (teacher),	Carrollton, S. S.	4	10			6	80	11				50	2	3
J. L. King, S. S.	Villa Rica, S. S.	4	12			4		6				163	2	
	Fairview, S. S.	2	41			4		17	2			23		
	Norcross,		13					3	4			30	1	
	Lawrenceville,		13					2	2				45	22
	Lawrenceville,		12		1			12						
	Bowenville,		10											
	White Sulphur, V.		15											
W. Dimmock, S. S.	Brainerd, V.													
	Jackson, V.													
		94	97	1822	25	92	1386	\$1692	679	441	117	\$12749	\$7487	\$3169

Candidates—4.

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2. Pres. of Augusta.					5						19					25
S. S. Davis, D. D. (inf.)	Augusta, Ga.	Appling, V.			16			20	12		5			57		21
C. P. Beman, D. D., S. S.	"	Mount Zion, S. S.			20				9	8	5		5	292	16	21
Henry Newton, S. S.	"	Union Point, S. S.			151											
G. H. Cartledge, P.	"	Bald Springs, S. S.			218	7	6	133	94	44		25		1696	105	
G. W. Lane, P.	"	Athens, P.														
J. Woodrow, D. D., Prof.	S. C.		14													
F. T. Simpson, S. S.	Washington, Ga.	Sparta, S. S.			20			20		1	1			300		
J. B. Dunwoody, T.	Augusta,	South Liberty, S. S.			20			10						20		
J. J. Robinson, D. D., P.	Eufaula, Ala.	Washington, S. S.		1	61	1	1	15	126	86	26	18	21	512	68	46
T. P. Cleveland, P.	Gainesville, Ga.	Madison, S. S.			21				11	10		5		102	5	
E. M. Green, S. S. & Edr.	Columbia, S. C.	Gainesville, P.	8	6	51	1	6	50						144		
J. D. Burkhead, Evan.	Cartersville, Ga.	Woodstock, S. S.	1	1	46	1	1		38	20	21			243		7
Paul C. Morton, <i>in br.</i>	Lexington, Ga.	Lexington, S. S.			31			24	16					156		19
Robt. Irvine, D. D., P.	Augusta, Ga.	Wayboro' & Bath V			22			29								427
Geo. T. Goetchius, P.	Milledgeville, Ga.	Augusta, P.	9	5	310	3	17	140	2751	429	751	242	337	3000	2450	261
W. P. Gready, S. S.	Walton's Ford, Ga.	Milledgeville, P.			72		10	45	20	54		56		1140	1000	15
		Greensboro, S. S.			47			20	3	3	1	2		200	16	385
		Homer P.	4	10	125	1	6	60	4	4	5	3		116		12
		Hebron, P.	11	3	46	2	6	30	9	5	10	6				
		Clarksville, S. S.			107											
		New Hope, V.					6								230	
		Bethany, S. S.			65									126		
		Eatonton, S. S.			20									306		
		Monticello, S. S.			35											
		Sandy Creek, S. S.		2	21				12	5	5	3				16
		Danielsville, V.			40				3	1	1					9
		Concord, V.			15				1	1	1					
		Elberton, V.			20				7	3	5	4				
		Harmony, V.			38			20						9		

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<i>Licentiate</i> —1. W. H. Dodge.	Upatoie, Lumpkin, Butler, Fort Valley, Wooten's,	Ga. " Muscogee, V. " Lumpkin, V. " Mt. Zion, V. " Dawson, " Fort Valley, " Wooten,	18	33	950	4	31	651	\$755	\$317	\$574	\$72	\$35	\$8617	\$12842	\$744
<i>Candidates</i> —2. 6. Pres. of Savannah.																
D. H. Porter, D. D. P. R. Q. Way, Evan. J. S. K. Axson, D. D. P. N. P. Quarterman, P. C. B. King, Teacher. J. W. Montgomery, P.	Savannah, Brunswick, Savannah, Thomasville, Savannah, Walthourville, Bainbridge,	Ga. " Savannah First, P. " (Ind. Pres. Ch.) P. " Thomasville, P. " Walthourville, P. " Flemington, P. P. " Pleasant Grove, P. " Mineral Springs, P. " Mount Vernon, S. S. " St. Mary's P. " Brunswick, V. " Darien, V. " Dorchester, V. " Bryan Neck, V. " Blackshear, V. " Valdosta, V. " Quitman, V. " Bethany, V. " Bainbridge, " Waynesville, V.	1	21	127	4	6	80	58	47	30	27	15	2400	815	48
H. F. Hoyt, P.																
J. W. Quarterman, S. S. R. Q. Baker, P.	Mount Vernon, St. Mary's,		5	2	74	3	29	31	16	5	13	6	437	17	7	20
			5	2	41	20	20	35	10	10			600	20	20	3
			4	3	13	2			30				600		17	3
			1	2	13	1	1	50	10	9		7			11	18
			5	6	30	3	1	25	10					621		
			20		45				50							
<i>Candidate</i> —1.			26	39	718	7	22	444	\$288	\$131	\$120	\$63	\$80	\$6712	\$1078	\$187

SYNOD OF KENTUCKY.		3	47	1	1	48	7	39	11	8	7	225	20	15
1. Pres of Cent. Ohio.	Levering's, Ohio,	3	47	1	1	48	7	39	11	8	7	225	20	15
Robert Morrison, P.	"													
Robert Bell, W. C.	Frazzysburg,	1	1	4	4	25	9	18	4	4		200	8	
A. M. Cowan, W. C.	Urbana,	1	10					7				40	3	
John B. Blayney, S. S.	Sulphur Springs,	1	10					4				75		
T. P. W. McGruder, W. C.	Rushville, Ill													
S. F. Hunter, S. S.	North Liberty, O.	2	25									125	10	
	West Carlisle, V.	36										90	10	
	Bladensburg, V.	1	38	1	1	12	5	5	5			140	10	
	Wakatomika, V.	9										30		
		6	3	2	5	85	\$21	\$73	\$20	\$8	\$7	\$925	\$51	\$15
Candidates—2.														
2. Pres. of Ebenezer.														
J. C. Bayless, D. D.	Grayson, Ky.	3	30	3	3	25		47	43	7	28	388	104	250
E. W. Bedinger, P.	Florence,	3	44	3	11	158	186	18	17	6	9	360	100	60
L. H. Blanton, P.	Paris,	5	170	2	11	42	3	157	57	68	23	2300	1833	107
C. H. Dobbs, P.	Washington,	9	75	2	1	55	100	33	17			803	3312	65
J. A. Dickson, P.	Millersburg,	2	96	1	5	55	10	30	30		20	1100	218	160
J. M. Evans, P.	Mayslick,	11	75	6	6	95	13	20	20	7	10	1000	75	125
W. W. Evans, P., in trans	Catlettsburg,	1	53	1	2	205		6	9			131	20	40
J. W. F. Graham, S. S.	Lebanon, P.	1	104	1	2	205						375	20	10
B. M. Hobson, W. C.	Greenup Union, S. S.													
	Augusta, S. S.	2	65	2	2	80	25		9			500	50	60
	Sharon, S. S.	11	70	3	2	50						500	160	
J. T. Leonard, W. C.	Mount Sterling,													
J. D. McClintock, in tr.	Huntingdon, W. Va.	7	115	6	1	100	150	40	40			2500	500	25
F. P. Mullyally, P.	Covington, P.	11	190	2	2	55	12	13	22			816	121	25
H. M. Scudder, P.	Elizaville, P.	5	63	3	3	30	25	12	15			450	25	30
	Carlisle, S. S.											1800	195	244
J. E. Spilman, P.	Maysville, P.		112	3	3	80	80	5	20			300	25	5
	Crittenden, V.		30			35			1					

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<i>Licentiate</i> —1, E. N. Elliot, 1	Washington, Ky.	New Hope, V. Sharpsburg, S. S. Moorefield, V. Springfield, V. Hinkston, V. Concord, V. Gilead,	1	28	23			25	604	361	303	88	90	\$13323	\$10189	1181
3. Pres. of Louisville. Francis Thornton, W. C. H. H. Hopkins, W. C. W. W. Hill, P. Samuel R. Wilson, P. Stuart Robinson, P. B. H. McCown, Teacher J. N. Saunders, P. J. D. Matthews, P. J. V. Cosby, P. J. W. Canfield, P. Gilbert Gordon, P. M. G. Knight, W. C. L. P. Yandell, W. C. Edward Wurts, W. C. F. B. Converse, J. S. Grasty, P. John Rule, P. W. L. Nourse, P. W. M. McElwee, P. P. Flournoy, P.	Louisville, Owensboro, Anchorage, Louisville, Louisville, Anchorage, Bloomfield, Louisville, Bardston, Mount Video, Louisville, Goshen, Louisville, Philadelphia, Penn. Louisville, Ky., Shelbyville, Goshen, Rockport, Ind., Scott's Station, Ky., Elizabethtown,	Anchorage, P. 1st Church, P. 2d Church, P. Big Spring, P. Portland Avenue, P. Bardston, P. Hebron, P. Chestnut & 7th st., P. Shelbyville, P. Goshen, P. Rockport, P. Shiloh, P. Elizabethtown, P.	4 14 28 4 2 8	6 20 2 2 2 7	260 384 100 76 109 54 73	8 2 2 10 2 3	15 24 3 4 1 7	250 400 40 80 90 60	1104 1129 25 41 10 25	254 284 13 52 18 28	54 1257 25	190 7 17 17	4000 800 846 800 500 1024	5907 15099 370 184 186	542 1737 25 80 125 34	168 10 25

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	Bristow Station,	Mizpah, S. S.	3	1	22		3	47			18	4		200		9
	Paradise,	Paradise, S. S.	2	1	50		8				3			250	24	
	Earles,	Mt. Pleasant, S. S.			26									75		
	Madisonville,	Madisonville, V.												50		
	South Carrollton,	Mt. Zion, S. S.			30				10	10	6			38		
	Salem,	Salem, S. S.			33											
	Allensville,	Allensville, V.														
	Cadiz,	Cadiz, V.			11											
	Bowling Green,															
			60	18	576	18	21	273	\$271	\$73	\$262	\$37	\$30	\$4328	\$815	\$443
5. Pres. of Paducah.	Morganfield,	Morganfield, S. S.	3	1	43	1		63	11	14				383		
Charles A. Campbell,	Caseyville,	Caseyville, S. S.			20											
	Smithland,	Smithland, V.			16									50		
D. Owen Davies, P.	Henderson,	Henderson, P.			255	13	14	270	604	67	164	143	20	2149	6421	310
J. T. Hendrick, D. D., P.	Paducah,	Paducah, P.			305	10	20	170	477	89	72	2	4	1755	375	12
W. H. Thompson, S. S.	Columbus,	Columbus, S. S.			50									700		
	Columbus,	Forest Hill, V.			10									50		
	Ridge-wood,	Ridge-wood, V.			18											
	Mayfield,	Mayfield, V.			10											
			70	41	727	24	34	503	\$1092	\$170	\$236	\$145	\$24	\$3037	\$6796	\$322
6. Pres of Transylvania.																
R. L. Breck, S. S.	Richmond,	Richmond, S. S.			93	4		90	125	60				1500		150
L. G. Barbour, Pres.	Danville,	Silver Creek,														
J. A. Bogle,	Hustonsville,	Hustonsville,			75											
J. V. Logan, S. S.	Harrodsburg,	Stanford, S. S.			70	8		51	5		10			231	60	28
Wm. Crow, S. S.	Lowell,	Paint Lick, S. S.			76	15	5	40		14	21	8		525		45

Lieutiate—1.
J. C. Buchanan,

5. Pres. of Paducah.
Charles A. Campbell,

D. Owen Davies, P.
J. T. Hendrick, D. D., P.
W. H. Thompson, S. S.

6. Pres of Transylvania.
R. L. Breck, S. S.
L. G. Barbour, Pres.
J. A. Bogle,
J. V. Logan, S. S.
Wm. Crow, S. S.

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E. Foreman, S. S. F. G. Strahan, S. S. J. R. Smith, F. M.	Walnut Hill, Ky. Winchester, " " Pernambuco, Brazil Stoner P. O. Ky. Shawan's St'n. " " Morgan Station, " " Connorsville, " " Oxford, " " Broadwell, " " Lexington, " " Newtown, " " Midway, " " Williamstown, " " Warsaw, " " Owenton, " " Chilesburg, " " Leesburg, " "	Walnut Hill, V. Winchester, P. E. Union, V. Station, S. S. Boyers, V. Beards, S. S. Oxford, S. S. Mt. Pleasant, S. S. Horeb, S. S. Cherry Spr'gs, S. S. Woodford, V Williamstown, V. Warsaw, V. Owenton, V. Salem, V. Leesburg, V.	51 66 13 29 37 1 90 3 35 29 75 25 8 20 8 18 30 8	4 1 1 1 3 3 1 3 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	70 37 14 42 76 73 43 39	6 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	32 32 19	35 50 30 25 30 31 30 35 30 29 25 28 25 25 25 25	50 50 50 50 50 50 50 50 50 50 50 50 50 50 50 50 50 50	6 31 6 17 17 17 17 17 17 17 17 17 17 17 17 17 17 17	1064 1039 1039 1039 1039 1039 1039 1039 1039 1039 1039 1039 1039 1039 1039 1039 1039 1039	609 23 5 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6	191 10 10 2 4 15	125 150 50 80 700 550 233 380	5827 35 377 428	150 4 20 12 35 20	1380
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SYNOD OF MEMPHIS. I. Pres. of <i>Chickasaw</i> . T. C. Stuart, W. C. inf. A. M. Mooney, W. C. inf. Wm. A. Gray, P.	Tupelo, Miss. "	Ripley, P. Walnut Creek, S. S. Gaston, S. S. Tupelo, P. Zion, S. S. New Hope, P. Corinth, S. S. Boonville, P.	7 1 3 55 1 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3	1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	70 37 14 42 76 73 43 39	6 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	32 32 19	35 50 30 25 30 31 30 35 30 29 25 28 25 25 25 25 25	50 50 50 50 50 50 50 50 50 50 50 50 50 50 50 50 50 50 50	6 31 6 17 17 17 17 17 17 17 17 17 17 17 17 17 17 17	1064 1039 1039 1039 1039 1039 1039 1039 1039 1039 1039 1039 1039 1039 1039 1039 1039 1039	609 23 5 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6	191 10 10 2 4 15	125 150 50 80 700 550 233 380	5827 35 377 428	150 4 20 12 35 20	1380
J. N. Waddel, D. D. Chan F. Patton, P.	Oxford, " " Tupelo, " "	Oxford, S. S. Tupelo, P.	1 3	1 1	37 5	1 1	37 5	37 5	37 5	14 17	23 5 6	10 10	10 10	150 50	35		
J. A. Kimmons, P. O. F. Rogers, P.	Corinth, " " Boonville, " "	New Hope, P. Corinth, S. S. Boonville, P.	73 43 39	1 1 1	73 43 39	1 1 1	73 43 39	28 25 25	28 25 25	5 5 5	4 4 15	6 6 15	9 9 15	233 380	377 428	101	

	2	26	25	3	\$78	\$86	\$58	\$87	\$5067	\$1533	50	17
J. H. Gaillard, Evan.	2	26									50	
J. D. West, P.	2	14	56	70		8	10		96	30	430	17
D. A. Todd.	3	50	95	49	26	16	3	55	1300	135	347	10
S. M. Neil, P.	7	94	2	12	7	6	3	3	88	5		
	1	24	1									
	1	6	1									
Oxford,	Miss.	Baldwyn, S. S.										
Shannon,	"	Providence, S. S.				13	9		100	168		
	3	24							71	4		
	4	25							46	340		
	3	19	45		2	4	4		260	5		
	1	95	6	116	7	8	5		36			
	1	6										
	1	18	23	10					100	3		
	1	21										
Oxford,	Miss.	Monroe, S. S.										
Shannon,	"	Talahatchie, S. S.										
	41	57	429	394	78	86	58	87	5067	1533		
		1126										
	1	6	100	186	221	150	77	22	1062	413	185	
	3	13	40	45	60	24	4	24	400	41	5	
	3	33	7	7	11	11	15	16	225	5		
	21	98	10	20	28	25	15		275	135		
	1	26	4	1	4	5	1		40	2		
	3	21		12			5					
	3	14	8	77	57	58	36		2000	3000		
	2	27		26					400	68	24	
	2	78	3	35	37	41	30	91	700	15	127	
	2	86	5	58	54	63	26					
	1	22		8		8	7					
	1	20		8	7	8	7		100	3		

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Licentiate—2.
D. K. McFarland.
J. K. P. Newton.

2. *Pres. of Memphis.*

D. H. Cummins, P.
J. H. Gray, D. D. P. E.

R. R. Evans, P.

J. O. Stedman, D. D. P.
F. C. Morris, infirm,
S. S. Gill, S. S.
S. B. O. Wilson, P.

W. A. Hall, S. S.

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John S. Park, P. A. M. Watson, P.	Memphis, Portersville, Tenn.	Park Avenue, P. Portersville, V. Delta, S. S.	5	3	53 168 32	1 11 2	11 50 2	50	15 8 8	21 8 12	25 20 6	10 10 4		416 210 3500	10 15 1013	10
Francis H. Bowman, P. E. M. Richardson, P. A. Shotwell, Evang. H. C. Brown, <i>in vacas</i> . W. M. Ingram, P. W. E. Boggs, P. J. H. Gillespie, P. Timothy Root, S. S.	Memphis, Memphis, Memphis, Tusculumbia, Stanton, Memphis, Brownsville, White's Station,	1st Ch. Memphis, P. 3d Ch. Memphis, P. Soncerville, V. Bolivar, V. Stanton, P. 2d Ch. Memphis, P. Mason, P. Lavinia, S. S. Collierville, V. German Evan, Ch., Ebenezer, S. S.	11	8	291 129 59 53	2 2 2 1	12 95 4 4	231	43 32 33	144 45 21 13	58 28 21 10	32 10 9	9	1568 1200 700 600	631 273 8 145	112 298
John U. Tschudy, P. Angus Johnson, S. S. J. Kosamond, W. C. A. H. Kerr, D. D. Ed. Francis Bowman, D. D. inf. L. McNeely, W. C.	Memphis, Germantown, Corinth, Miss. Memphis, Middleton,	Memphis, S. S. Collerville, V. German Evan, Ch., Ebenezer, S. S.	3	1	9 22 72 68	1 1 2	9 8 1	135	32 5 100	4 12 66	4 10 7	10 5		470 250	175 13	150 13
<i>Licentiates</i> —3. John Law, W. S. Johnson, H. S. Yenger, <i>Candidates</i> —7.		Mount Bethany, V. Macon, V. Emmaus, V. Dancyville, S. S.		2	15 29 52 53			40	5 13 8	9	12 35			257 500	8	30
<i>Pres. of N. Mississippi</i> S. J. Reid, S. S. A. H. Caldwell, S. S.	Hernando, Miss. Senatobia,	Hernando, S. S. Edmiston, S. S. Mt. Paran, S. S.	2	6	33 60 24			35	5 4	15	18	4	6	500	75	170 5

W. T. Savage, S. S.	Grenada,	Miss.	Luxahoma, S. S.	20	1	3	4	3	3	3	3	50	3
E. C. Davidson, P.	Water Valley,	"	Centre, S. S.	5		6		4	9			127	11
H. McMorrison, S. S.	Chulahoma,	"	Hope, S. S.	16		30		1	3			319	142
Geo. P. Richardson, S. S.	Garner's Station,	"	Water Valley, P.	71	3	45		31	20	5	662	221	23
James Naylor, S. S.	Waterford,	"	Chulahoma, S. S.	175	10	75		42	24	7			
D. W. Humphreys, S. S.	Courtland,	"	New Hope,	31		25			13		160	5	
E. Cater, P.	Oxford,	"	Charleston,	11	9								
J. N. Craig, P.	Holly Springs,	"	Spring Creek,	46	30	30		12	20	15	500	60	20
B. F. Cochran, S. S.	Courtland,	"	Courtland,	59	8			2	12				
Robert W. Mecklin, S. S.	Balesville,	"	Spring Port,	40		4			5		300	375	
		"	Cold Water,	30	2	2			5		199		25
		"	College Hill,	146	9	80		19	35	25	760	58	21
		"	Holly Springs,	114	3	50		22	30	11	520	855	190
		"	Long Creek,	41	9	20		11	46	2	324		5
		"	Sand Spring,	144	4	22		3	9	1	3	18	16
		"	Panola,	28	1	23		7	8	3	400		4
		"	Bethesda,	26	2	82		14	8		250	860	5
		"	Philadelphia, V.	30	1			9	15			200	
		"	Corinth, V.	24									
		"	Lamar, V.										
		"	Hudsonville,	28	3			5	2			70	3
		"	Gray's Port, V.	16									
Daniel G. Doak, infirm,	Sardis,	"	Grenada, S. S.	71	1	6	47					1259	39
Jas. R. Fielder, W. C.	Grenada,	"											
Josephus Johnson, W. C.	Water Valley,	"											
<i>Candidates—3.</i>				62	79	1369			15	97	567		
											\$	\$4552	\$612
4. Pres of Tusculumbia.													
E. O. Frierson, P.	Florence,	Ala.	Florence, P.	114		100			23			1636	10
J. B. Lorance, P.	Courtland,	"	Courtland, P.	5	2	50						798	12
J. N. Blackburn, Evan.	Athens,	"	New Hillsboro', S. S.	10		25			10	8		2565	5
		"	Palmyra, S. S.	22							100		9

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A. Penland, Evan.	Triana,	Fairview, S. S. Somerville, S. S. Ebenezer, S. S. Fuscumbia, S. S. Decatur, S. S.	9 14 21 6	2 3 1	46 40 31 59	2 3 7	1 3	75	8 8	8 8	9 12		677	112 300		
Thos. Morrow, W. C. Leroy J. Harris, W. C. A. W. Young, Teacher,	Hartsell, Lacy Spring, Courtland,	—	69	12	372	21	13	250	120	39	21	12	393	2708	4201	336
<i>5. Pres. of W. District.</i> E. S. Campbell, S. S. R. C. Garrison, S. S. W. J. Anderson, S. S. E. McNair, P. C. K. Caldwell, P. M. M. Marshall, D. D. P. J. O. Sullivan, C. McKinney, S. S. G. A. Russell, P. C. B. Caldwell, S. S.	Humboldt, Tenn. Trenton, " Woodville, " M'Kenzie's St'n, " Rutherford St'n, " Trenton, " Humboldt, " Humboldt, " Jackson, " Jackson, " Denmark, " Eaton, " Trenton, " Union City, " Helena, Ark. Spring Creek, Tenn. Ripley, " Ripley, " Brownsville, " Friendship, "	Concord, S. S. Eureka, S. S. Obion, S. S. Hebron, S. S. New Shiloh, S. S. Humboldt, S. S. Jackson, P. Sardis, S. S. Denmark, P. Eaton, S. S. Trenton, P. Union City, S. S. Spring Creek, V. Ripley, S. S. Stonewall, S. S. Brownsville, P. Friendship, S. S.	2 75 26 16 3 35 1 3 13 16 111 37 2 32	1 2 3 3 2 2 2 4 4 2 4 4 1 4 1 1 12 15 12	75 26 16 12 35 57 167 16 111 37 102 32	2 2 1 1 2 1 2 4 4 10 10	2 2 1 1 2 1 2 4 4 10 10	30 31 3 3 180 37 40 50	7 5 3 58 37 40 85	60 65	258 40 30	7 7 10 24	2115 1000 53 36	1585 17 150 550	250 95 25 12	15

	4	8	19	3	6	9	14	17	54	220	30	397
Dyersburg, S. S.												
Jackson, S. S.	4	51	1136	22	45	541						
Milan, S. S.	4	2	35	1	30		11			170		
Bethel Springs, S. S.			20									
Pinson Station, S. S.			57									
Brownsville, S. S.			25									
Lavinia, S. S.			40									
Zion, V.			17									
Huntingdon, V.			27									
Center Point, V.												
Marl Bluff, V.												
Nut Bush.												
Denmark, S. S.												
Dyersburg, S. S.	50	51	1136	22	45	541						
Jackson, Miss.												
Rayville, La.	3	7	35	12	25		2	1		400	1200	3
Warsaw, S. S.	20	3	47	11	20			1		248	1000	12
Oxford, Miss.												
Lebanon, S. S.			46		35		40	5		400		5
Bethesda, S. S.			68	4	5		20	1		400	11	4
Delhi, S. S.	41	73	20	9	42		39	3		194	181	8
Concord, S. S.	2	33	1		20			3	10	235	25	6
Camden, S. S.			23		15							
Camden, S. S.												
Vicksburg, P.	4	9	133	2	11	110	46	21	19	1625	550	5
Monroe, La.												
Carrollton, S. S.	2		65		20	50	10	8	6	400	106	16
Carrollton, S. S.	3	6	97	1	6	125	56	10	10	400	10	29
Kosciusko, P.	2	3	42	2	1	40	7	2	15	450	280	10
Durant, V.	6	2	138	5	65	75	5	5	30	400	310	8
Camden, P.	2		64		20	20	15	5	30	900	450	10
Madison, P.			18		37	60	12	5		500	37	52
Goodman, S. S.			15		12		7			100	300	4
Franklin, S. S.					22					165		4

Licentiate—1.
R. L. Neely,
Candidates—2.

SYNOD OF MISSISSIPPI.

- 1. Pres. of C. Mississippi.
- Consider Parish, Teach.
- D. A. Campbell, S. S.
- R. McInnis, D. D., Evan.
- J. R. Gilland, S. S.
- T. H. Cleland, S. S.
- J. M. Geary, S. S.
- C. M. Atkinson, Evan.
- Robert Price, P.
- John McCampbell, in tr.
- J. McCaldwell, S. S.
- J. H. Alexander, P.
- A. P. Forman, D. D., P.
- S. S. Brown, P.

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A. L. Kline, D. D., P.	Brandon, Miss.	Brandon, P.	5	11	78	2	3	60	45	46	10	13	16	900	388	51
	Forest, "	Forest, S. S.	5	1	34	3	3	13	45	5				310	55	4
	Edwards, "	Edwards, S. S.	1	7	39	2	2	25	25	14	11		12	400	3646	6
John Hunter, P.	Jackson, "	Jackson, P.	12	2	109	5	8	137	163	67	36	37		1400	306	10
I. J. Daniels, S. S.	Winona, "	Winona, S. S.							35					60		6
	Vaiden, "	Shongalo, S. S.	1		48			50								
	Winona, "	Spring Hill, S. S.	9		25											
J. W. Kerr, S. S.	Yazoo City, "	Yazoo City, V.	1		17	3	9	35	65	14	85	5	350	100	80	25
	Benton, "	Benton, V.	3		68				20					300	50	4
A. H. Meeklin, P.	Poplar Creek, "	Poplar Creek, P.	3		38	2	1	30	22	10	12	1	2	150		6
	French Camps, "	French Camps, P.	2	9	61	3	1	50	31	5	11	1	3			6
Stevenson Archer, S. S.	Greenville, "	Greenville, S. S.			35				40							
	Lake Bolivar, "	Bolivar, V.	1		14				10							
R. H. Caldwell, S. S.	Ofohoma, "	Forest Grove, S. S.	2		34		4		18	3	3			109	170	9
	Carthage, "	Carthage, S. S.	1		19			25	28	5	5	2	1	200	170	4
	Camden, "	Up. Greenwood, S. S.			39				6							
W. B. Bingham, P.	Raymond, "	Raymond, P.	6	8	48	3	2	20	32	11	7	5	15	500	225	40
	Dry Grove, "	Dry Grove, S. S.			21											
	Clinton, "	Clinton, S. S.			14											
J. A. Meeklin, P.	Vaiden, "	Hopewell, P.	1	1	91				2	2	20	2	2	395	920	19
	West Station, "	West Station, S. S.	2	2	30			60	20	20				251	8	6
	Black Hawk, "	Old Salem, S. S.	6	6	25				10	1	4	1		110	6	4
	Edwards, "	Osborne, V.			39				20	5	5		7	200	5	4
	Lexington, "	Lexington, V.	4	4	92		3	30	26		17	4		600	111	21
	Polkville, "	Bethel, V.			82	2	2		14					244		4
	Bolton, "	Bolton, V.			8				15			1		50	106	4
	Madison Stat'h, "	Mount Hermon, V.	1	2	15	1			47		5					5
	Fannin, "	Fannin, V.			15											
	Shell Mound, "	Leflore, V.			14			20	30	5	10	1	5	200	42	4
	Greenwood, "	Greenwood, P. E.	144	86	2187	65	99	1152	\$1255	\$277	\$483	\$135	\$503	\$13326	\$10742	\$414

Licentiated—2.
 T. L. Haman, P. E.,
 O. W. Grafton, P. E., *intr.*
Candidates—5.

Madisonville, La.	Madisonville, V.	152	64	1963	36	171	2480	\$3004	\$3190	\$3192	\$474	\$619	\$49539	\$6445
New Orleans, "	"	9	7	55	1	14	60	5	3	11		20	74	10
"	"	2	5	42	2								2500	15
"	"	1	16	16										
Rocky Mount, La.	Rocky Mount, P.	6	18	136	3	9	85	18			31		2370	326
Homer	Homer, S. S.	2	2	23	1								135	
Athens, "	Athens, S. S.	5	49	1	10								210	
Minden, "	Minden, V.	10	1	17	4	8		10						
Vienna, "	Vienna, S. S.	4		10										
Shreveport, P.	Shreveport, P.	4	8	18									200	
Mansfield, "	Mansfield, S. S.	4	4	15	8									
Kingston, "	Good Hope, S. S.	4	4	20										
Keachi, "	Keachi, S. S.	4	4	20										
Vernon, "	Vernon, V.	4	4	20										
Douglas, "	Alabama, V.	4	4	20										
Monroe, "	Monroe, S. S.	4	4	20										
Oak Ridge, "	Oak Ridge, S. S.	4	4	20										
Mooring's Port, "	Mt. Zion, V.	4	4	20										
	State Line, V.	4	4	20										
		43	45	489	11	50	145	\$33	\$3	\$20	\$31	\$20	\$3815	\$351
Oxford, Miss.	Aberdeen, P.	2	4	78	1	1	60						1127	
Dallas, Texas.	Meridian, P. E.	6	9	90	2	3	83	72	12	26	10		1412	
Meridian, Miss.	Houston, S. S.	6	6	60	2	2	50	6		10			200	
Houston, "	Friendship, P.	12	1	158	3	5	45	10	4	34			410	15
"	Columbus, P.	11	7	173	3	4	149	187		177			2300	557
Columbus, "	Pendleton, P.													
Raleigh, "	Good Hope, P.	7	4	42	1	5	33	7	10				629	
Erata, "	Starkville, S. S.	1	2	30				25					600	
Starkville, "	Macon, S. S.													
Macon, "														

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Candidate—1.

5. Pres. of Red River.

A. R. Banks, P.
J. T. Davidson, S. S.

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W. C. Dunlap, D. D. P.
C. Harrington, S. S.

6. Pres. of Tombecbee.

J. A. Lyon, D. D. Prof. S. S.
A. P. Smith, P.
J. Bardwell P. E.
J. N. Carothers, P.
H. B. Boude, P.
H. C. Smith, P.
S. R. Frierson, S. S.
S. J. Love, S. S.

	58	29	1455	12	27	475	\$349	\$43	\$293	\$43		\$7222	\$601
McLean's RR'd, Miss Salem, Lauderdale, Houlka,	—44												
Blountville, Tenn. Bristol, P. Rogersville, Morristown, Mossy Creek, Tazewell, Rose Hill, Leesburg, Johnson City, Bristol, Dandridge, St. Clair, Caney Branch, Morristown, Jonesboro, Jonesville,	6 24 50 2 2 6 9 2 2 1 1 1 1 3	1 12 140 16 4 2 3 2 2 1 3 1 1 1	191 347 140 100 101 38 50 93 42 82 37 27 35 51 53 75	4 5 14 7 2 3 4 2 2 .	3 20 2 7 7 4 2 1 4 1 1 1 1 2	40 130 100 60 94 56 15 40 45 70	8 66 10 10 15 15 25 26 15 8	13 102 10 15 17 31 5 4 8 5	405 13 10 5 5 154 254 2 12 4 8	18 11 5 5 8 10 13 5 5	1150 300 125 582 1000 180 200 100 222 40 83 128 106	50 312 133 25 369 840 150 118 500 200 5 8 40 50	8 165 5 10 25 40 44 5 10 21 15 4
Wm. Harrison, W. W. Morrison, S. S. W. A. Taylor,	—11												
Blountville, S. S. Bristol, P. Rogersville, S. S. New Providence, S. S. Morristown, S. S. Mossy Creek, S. S. Tazewell, S. S. Mount Carmel, S. S. Leesburg, S. S. Johnson City, S. S. Cold Spring, S. S. Dandridge, S. S. Liberty Hill, V. Meadow Creek, S. S. Concord, S. S. Jonesboro, S. S. Pleasant Grove, S. S. New Bethel, S. S. Rutledge, V. Mooreburg, V. Bean's Station, V. Pisgah, S. S. Arcadia, S. S. Rhreatown, V. Providence, V. Mount Zion, V. Clover Bottom, V. Taylorsville, V.	—28												
Wm. Harrison, W. W. Morrison, S. S. W. A. Taylor,	—11												

Candidates—2.

SYNOD OF NASHVILLE.

1. Pres. of Holston.

J. P. Briscoe, S. S.

G. A. Caldwell, P.

J. D. Tadlock, Pres.

J. W. Bachman, S. S.

W. H. Smith, S. S.

J. H. Martin, S. S.

S. B. Campbell, S. S.

J. R. King, S. S.

Licentiate—3.

A. W. Wilson,

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A. C. Snoddy, A. M. Doak,	Morristown, Tenn. St. Clair,		109	45	1920	34	60	860	189	214	867	62	33	4216	2800	952
<i>Candidates</i> —11.																
2. Pres. of Knoxville.	Chattanooga, Tenn.	Chattanooga, P.	2	13	150	1	11	90	40	83	54	31		1059	1015	10
T. H. McCallie, P.	Sweet Water, "	Sweet Water, S. S.	3	6	94	1	7	90	4		7	4		385	25	9
J. A. Wallace, S. S.	Madisonville, "	Madisonville, S. S.		2	66		1	80	5	3	6			234	41	
H. T. Morton, S. S.	Rockford, "	Rockford, S. S.	3	1	23		1									
James Park, P. E.	Maryville, "	Maryville, S. S.	2	13	41			51			15	60	71	532	183	58
	Knoxville, "	Knoxville, 1st, P.	1	9	192		22	270	66		83			1947	543	354
	Ebenezer, "	Cedar Spring, V.						48							765	10
	Concord, "	Pleasant Forest, V.						48								
	Athens, "	Mars Hill, S. S.					1	50						160	22	15
	Knoxville, "	Lebanon, V.						60						25	15	14
J. C. Phelps,	Benton, "	Benton, V.						26						80		
W. E. Chittenden,	Sale Creek, "	Sale Creek, V.					1				5			79	154	12
	Cleveland, "	Cleveland, Va.					3							280		66
	Washington, "	Washington, S. S.						16						96		
A. E. Chandler, <i>in tr.</i>	Soddy, "	Soddy, V.						66								
	Smith's X Rds., "	Richland, V.						5								
	Tellico, "	Fellico, V.														
	Harrison, "	Harrison, V.														
	Loudon, "	Loudon, V.					1	2						100	16	
	Athens, "	New Bethel, S. S.														
	Riceville, "	Riceville, S. S.														
	Charleston, "	Shiloh, V.														
	Cleveland, "	Beech Spring, V.														
<i>Candidates</i> —5.			11	46	996	2	48	795	117	86	170	117	75	4977	2779	547

3. Pres. of Nashville. Thos. A. Hoyt, P. E.	Nashville, Tenn.	1st Nashville, P. E.	29	11	486	7	26	1013	10178	552	2070	333	310	4429	6725	2483
J. W. Hoyte, P.	"	2d "	15	11	85	3	10	95	188	26	47	22	16	1046	531	54
J. H. McNeilly, P.	"	Edgefield, P.	10	11	165	3	16	300	200	70	60	52	50	2500	1700	100
H. H. Banks, P.	"	Murfreesboro', P.	3	2	207	1	3	103	187	139	145	55	60	1602	587	94
J. W. Lupton, P.	"	Clarksville, P.	14	5	199	5	14	233	257	152	532	53	97	1625	1228	390
J. H. Rice, D. D.	"	Franklin, V.	3	7	77			25	25	15				625	138	
J. W. Shearer, P. E.	"	Gallatin, P. E.	1	7	121			81	43	5		8		250	723	65
A. Enloe, S. S.	"	New Hope, S. S.	6	1	60	3		14	14	11	9	9	5	211	19	22
J. F. Hill, P. E.	"	Harpeth, S. S.			39			60	17	17	16	11	13	200	35	35
	"	McMinnville, V.			42				8	7	8	10	9	333	23	50
	"	Shelbyville, P. E.			197		8	95	203	60	58	61	41	1366	439	135
	"	Hall, P.	1	5	54	1	1	50	30	20	30	6	5	566	57	14
	"	Murfreesboro',			60		3		17	5	10	5	6	156	27	12
	"	Readyville,			63		5	63	42	8	23	10	7	200	69	17
	"	Stone's River, S. S.														
	"	Hopewell, S. S.	3													
W. L. Rosser, P.	"															
E. T. Brantley, S. S.	"															
Alex. Cowan, P.	"	Woodbury, S. S.	1		17	1		15	3					55	27	
	"	Cripple Creek, S. S.			48			25						125		
	"	Hendersonville, P.	9	4	38	4		64	31	5	16	2		235	25	22
	"	Madison, S. S.	11	2	48	6		100	10	7	5			214	3216	8
T. D. Wardlaw, D. D. S. S.	"	Bethsalem, S. S.	2	1	40		3	45	7	5		6		207	11	25
Wm. Neil, S. S.	"															
	"	Smeedsville, S. S.			39				15					147	1700	
	"	Hermitage, S. S.			26		1									
A. McElroy, S. S.	"	Tullahoma, S. S.			9			56	3					85	905	
	"	Decherd, S. S.			29			70	114	33	50	37	31	1011	240	30
J. B. Chapman, P.	"	Smyrna, P.	3	2	60	1	8	40	11	13	4	2		150	146	
	"	Mt. Vernon, V.	3													
	"	Union, V.			15			20	20	20	20	20	20	25	41	
	"	Shiloh, V.			38											
	"	Hartsville, V.			14											
	"	Richland, V.			5											
	"	New Bethel, V.			20											
	"	Spring Creek, V.	3		60	3		40	2		4	2		185		7
J. B. Shearer, D. D. Pres't.	Clarksville,															

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A. N. Cunningham, D. D., S. S. Jas. Wilson, W. C. E. D. Finney, M. McFeatters, <i>in tran.</i> —21 <i>Licentiates—3.</i> H. M. Anderson, R. P. Kerr, A. H. Price, <i>Candidates—5.</i>	Fayetteville, Tenn. Nashville, Ga. Churchville, Md. Sulph. Spgs, Texas Drummondsville Va Nashville, Tenn. “	Huntsville, Ala. Columbia, Tenn. Mt. Pleasant, “ Franklin, “ Pulaski, “ Columbia, “ Greensboro', Ala. Lewisburg, Tenn. Cornersville, “ Fayetteville. “ Elkton, “ Alexander Smith, W. C. Fayetteville, “	117	67	2420	39	98	2607	\$11600	\$1170	\$3110	\$704	\$650	\$17523	\$18581	\$3604	
4. Pres. of N. Alabama. F. A. Ross, D. D., P. Wm. Mack, D. D., Evan J. S. Frierson, P. F. A. Thompson, J. C. Mitchell, S. S. S. W. Mitchell, P. W. J. Frierson, J. A. Woods, P. Robt. Caldwell, <i>in trans</i> J. H. Alexander, S. S. J. P. Osborne, P. T. J. Stone, P. Alexander Smith, W. C. Fayetteville, “	Huntsville, Ala. Columbia, Tenn. Mt. Pleasant, “ Franklin, “ Pulaski, “ Columbia, “ Greensboro', Ala. Lewisburg, Tenn. Cornersville, “ Fayetteville. “ Elkton, “ Alexander Smith, W. C. Fayetteville, “	Huntsville, P. Mt. Pleasant, P. Williamsport, P. Pulaski, S. S. Zion, P. Union, P. Petersburg, P. Cornersville, S. S. Lewisburg, S. S. Swan Creek, P. Unity, P. Bethberei, P. Elk Ridge, P. Moorsville, P. “	3	1	116	2	1	65	37	5	10	4	7	11	2456	241	93
			25	6	160	3	6	60	175				12	1200	75	150	
			13	1	187	13	5	8	8				143	450	17	17	
			3	4	67	1	1	50	21	15	42	7	11	350	350	43	
			5	1	86	3	12	87	25	4	31	8	12	200	2	33	
			1	1	52	1	4	27	75		5			100	55	25	
					135			20						300		5	
					38									100			
					12									100			

H. R. Smith, Teacher, C. F. Williams, Evan.		Ala. Tenn.	24	20	3	3	3	3	3	20	50	20	10
Licentiate—2.			154	33	14	3	3	3	3	6	50	20	10
Wm. Stoddard, S. S.			65	2	8	8	8	8	8	40	600	140	8
J. T. Rothrock, S. S.			65	63	22	5	13	4	4	295	295	17	17
			92	2	22	22	15	8		60	240		
			40	20									
			42	30	20	31	31	18		600	136		
			8										
			6	5	3	3	3	3					
			86	3	3	3	3	3					
			11										
			60										
			181										
			23	36	75	542	\$452	\$74	\$137		\$7584	\$1106	\$408
			118										
Candidates—2.			1938										
SYNOD OF N. CAROLINA.													
1. Pres. of Concord.													
Jesse Rankin, P.		N. C.	57	3	3	72	51	89	332		331	35	14
Daniel Lindley, F. M.		N. C.											
		N. C.	53										
T. P. Johnston, D. M.		N. C.	12								150	30	16
		N. C.	54								200		5
E. F. Rockwell, S. S.			75	6	3	52	3	55	30		135		7
			20	5	13		13	11	12		175	54	8
T. N. Paxton, P.			33	2	2	12	32	7	2		100		27
			45	5	5	40	5						
G. M. Gibbs, S. S.			15										
			30	4			2						
S. C. Miller, W. G.			187	13	75			22	4		164	13	11
			144	15	100		5	4	4		263	7	12
S. C. Pharr, D. D. P.			111	4	13		6		3		211	9	
			67	1	40		30	10	10		300	25	11
B. L. Beall, S. S.			10	4	2		2						

A. McMillan, S. S.	Rockingham, N. C.	Sandy Grove, S. S.	1	107	8	25	3	6	5	13	17	400	75
D. D. McBryde, P.	Little Riv'r Ac'y "	Mt. Carmel, S. S.	2	49	2	57	1	9	39	39	17	400	10
Martin McQueen, P.	Carthage, "	Mark's Creek, S. S.	7	39	2		20	18	55	6	5	400	52
James McQueen, S. S.	Swan's Station, "	Bluff, P.	5	40	6	70	21	18	6	10	5	150	20
N. T. Bowden, S. S.	Bosteek's Mills, "	Carthage, S. S.	2	120	3	90	6	6	7	2	8	100	5
Archibald McQueen, P.	Shoe Heel, "	Union, P.	6	300	3	40	3	6	14	5			10
John H. Coble, S. S.	Laurinburg, "	St. Andrew's S. S.	1	92	3	30	3	5	5				24
H. G. Hill, P.	Fayetteville, "	Mt. Pisgah, S. S.	3	84	6		3						10
David Fairley, P.	Manchester, "	Barbecue, S. S.	6	56	4		3						10
Malcolm McNair, P.	Melrose, "	Harmony, S. S.	6	287	7		22	25	12	7		1370	168
A. N. Fergusson, S. S.	Laurinburg, "	Ashpole, P.	3	48	2	70	1	1	1	1		250	24
Joseph Evans, S. S.	St. Paul's, "	Iona, S. S.	3	47	1	20	8	2	2	2	2	659	66
K. M. McIntyre, P.	Troy, "	Laurinburg, S. S.	4	178	3	153	57	64	6	6	6	500	42
		Rockingham, S. S.	3	82	1	20	32	16	17	16	46	1500	186
		Fayetteville, P.	6	72	3	15	10	6	6	6	5	200	66
		China Grove, P.	2	87	3	40	6	3	10	4	5	65	12
		Cypress, P.	2	5	3		6	3	3	4	178	178	30
		Long Street, S. S.	6	185	4	25	31	31	37	27	19	361	95
		Bethel, P.	3	170	4	50	8	6	9	9	6	375	12
		Montpelier, S. S.	6	142	24	100	14	11	16	10	6	200	15
		Laurel Hill, S. S.	31	115	8	40	4	4	4	4	4	140	39
		Smyrna, S. S.	46	39	2	40	1	2	2	1	1	100	3
		St. Paul's, S. S.	17	130	2	25	1	2	2	2	1	100	2
		Big Rockfish, S. S.	12	70	2	40	2	6	2	1	1	147	5
		Mount Tabor, S. S.	1	45	5	15	3	6	5	3	5	200	10
		Mineral Spring, P.	1	150	1	75	1	1	3	3	1	63	6
		Sharon, S. S.	1	213	15	120	10	40	11	13	1	800	20
		Pee Dee, S. S.	1	94	1	30	7	7	27	27	30	267	54
		Macedonia, S. S.	1	135	6	22	2	16	16	16	200	200	15
		Centre, S. S.	39	21	4	12	2	8	8	2	242	242	8
		Buffalo, V.	2	12	1		3	8	8	6	10	200	34
		Euphronia, V.	1	22	1		3	8	8	6	6	200	3
		Bethesda, V.	1	12	1		3	8	8	6	6	200	3
		Lamberton, S. S.	2	1	1		3	8	8	6	6	200	3
		Bethlehem, S. S.	1	22	1		3	8	8	6	6	200	3
		Lebanon, V.	1	22	1		3	8	8	6	6	200	3

R. Z. Johnston, P. F. & S. S.	N. C.	Lincolnton, P. E.	7	59	9	45	30	10	10	11	400	727	24
R. B. Anderson, S. S.	"	Providence, S. S.	15	113	16	30	21	23	50	14	600	18	33
Wm. McDonald, P.	"	Philadelphia, P.	12	185	2	85	13	30	15	10	610	14	51
J. J. Kennedy, P. & S. S.	"	New Hope, P.	3	107	5	35	20	4	9	4	190	4	25
Wm. H. Davis, Evan.	"	Franklin, S. S.	2	29	1	46	20	12	15		60		10
		Hiwassee, S. S.	6	18	2			2			150	89	11
		Long Creek, S. S.		76	4	33	30	7			100		
		Goshen, V.		40			12				75		
		Dallas, S. S.	1	17	1								
		Rutherfordton, S. S.		29									
		Swannanoa, V.		37									
		Mills River, S. S.		44									
		Paper Mill, S. S.	2	12							100		
		Hephzibah, S. S.		14		43	4			1	2		
		Red Oak, V.		22									
		Machpelah, V.		6									
		Wadesboro, S. S.	155	86	20	1574	\$2400	\$793	\$446	\$223	\$10381	\$4290	\$897
				3455									
			4	2			1	1	13	1	1	64	
				37									
				6									
			1	40		30	5	2	3	3	250	10	15
			1	31	7	30	7	25	4	10	236	11	25
			1	19	1		9	1	1	1	100		3
			6	66	3	30	12	11	3	13	500		13
			17	152	7	80	20	20	25	10	375		21
			4	125	3	40	2	2	2	2			15
			6	70	1	30	16	5	24	6	600		50
			4	32	1	16	14	5	6	7	125		5
			1	12	1								4
			14	161	4	89	139	125	69	39	44	514	29

Licentiate—2.
 J. Walter Query, in tr.
 Geo. Summey.
Candidates—5.

4. *Pres. of Orange*.
 Geo. W. Ferrill, S. S.
 Edward Hines, P.
 Jacob Doll, P.
 A. G. Hughes, P.
 A. Currie, P.
 S. A. Starfield, S. S.
 Thos. U. Faucette, S. S.
 Joseph M. Atkinson, P.
 P. H. Dalton, Agent.

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H. B. Burr, P. A. McFadyen, S. S.	Wilmington, N. C. Elizabethtown, "	2d Church, P. Beth-Car, S. S. Elizabethtown, S. S. South River Ch., S. S. Oak Plane, S. S. Swansboro', Evan. Spring Vale, S. S. 1st Church, P. Topsail, Evan.		1	19 8 52 50 17 191 8	3 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	3 2 2 1 1 1 17 1	68 28 35 150	20 7 20 13 3 3 48	10 8 13 3 1 48	10 2 10 1	13 5 55 3 240	10 7 8 6 2	330 175 300	11	5 5 10 10	8
A. F. Dickson, P. <i>Licentiates</i> —4. N. W. Herring, S. H. Bell, G. W. McMillan, J. J. Hines, <i>Candidates</i> —4.	—12 Wilmington "	—28	20	9	1178	6	35	331	206	187	364	98	172	4378	2581	221	
SYNOD OF S. CAROLINA. 1. Pres. of Bethel. S. L. Watson, P. James H. Saye, S. S. William Banks, P. L. W. Curtis, W. C. J. M. Anderson, Prof.	Bethel P. O., S. C. Chesnut Grove, " Fort Mill " Canaan, 4 Cor's, N. Y. Davidson Col., N. C.	Bethel, P. Fishing Creek, S. S. Cedar Shoal, S. S. Unity, P. Unionville, V. Carmel Hill, V. Fairforest, P. Grindal Shoal, P. Emoree, S. S.	38	3	308 74 28 92	8 1 2 4	13 8 2 9	100 40 20 35	24 6 5 38	26 6 5 13	42 30 10 55	21 11	11	400 360 174 596	50	27 1 12	
A. A. James, P. J. E. White, <i>in trans.</i>	Jonesville, S. C. Chester, "		4	3	21 12 73 26 6 110	2 8	2 2	30	6 2	14 3	15 23 18		24	300 200 125	385	44	

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Charles. S. Vedder, P.	Charleston, S. C.	Huguenot, P.		1	52	1	1	32	83	52	43	18	31	626	104	275
William H. Adams, P.	Charleston, "	Circular, P.			17											
J. D. A. Brown, Evan.	Orangeburg,	Orangeburg, S. S.			19						10			300	56	
F. L. Leeper, P.	Charleston, "	Barwell, S. S.			28											
		James Island, P.			19											
		John's I. & Wad w. P.			28											
Gilbert R. Brackett, P.	Charleston, "	Charleston 2d, P.		8	273	1		216	232	407	897	57	35	2000	124	158
J. R. Wilson, D.D., Prof.	Columbia, "	Columbia 1st, S. S.		8	200			500	434	64	284	48		1500	1101	850
John K. Dow, P.	Edisto Island, "	Edisto Island, P.		6	52			15	16	7		3		1183	124	192
		Aiken, V.			13											
		Beech Island, V.			40											
		Harmony, V.			46											
		Central, Charl'n, P.			87											
		McClellanville, V.		16	20	4	1	6	15	13	10		5	25	41	6
		Mount Pleasant, V.			6											
		Stoney Creek, V.			11											
		Summerville, V.			20											
		Wilton, V.			31											
		Colored:														
		Zion, Charleston,			447	7		500		15						
		Hopewell,			35	2		22								
		Aimwell,			146	15		56								
		Salem,			49											
		University of Va.			16	4										
<i>Licentiate</i> —1.					30	30	44	1895	3674	1068	2018	252	131	8834	5320	1179
Samuel D. Bogg, S.S.					80	30	44	1895	3674	1068	2018	252	131	8834	5320	1179
<i>Candidates</i> —2.					70	2	3	25	13	83	28	6	6	1000	46	46
3. <i>Pres. of Harmony.</i>	Darlington, S. C.	Darlington, P.			86	1		93	76	134	66	33	56	750	637	47
Wm. Brearley, P.	Mayesville, "	Mr. Zion. S. S.														
Wm. M. Reid, (infirm)																
J. L. Wilson, D.D., Sec.																

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Philip Pierson, S. S.	New Zion,	S. C.	Midway, S. S.	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	8	9	350	80	4
Donald McQueen, D. D. P.	Sumter,	"	Sunterville, P.	14	33	33	104	31	31	948	45	9	948	80	60
Samuel H. Hay, P.	Camden,	"	Camden, P.	3	37	37	72	60	60	950	27	10	950	400	125
Gib't Morgan, D. D. W. C.	Sumter,	"	Salem (B. R.), S. S.	2	53	53	145	101	101	850	24	32	850	317	33
James A. Consar, P.	Little Rock,	"	Reedy Creek, P.	1	100	100									
John G. Richards, P.	Liberty Hill,	"	Carolina, P.	4	96	40	19	27	42	350	12	12	350	30	10
James McDowell, P.	Manning,	"	Liberty Hill, P.	3	78	35	7			388	11	11	388	48	10
H. Martin Brearly, S. S.	Little Rock,	"	Manning, P.	2	104	40	94	15	15	302	3	3	302		8
Wm. Alex. Gregg, P.	Bishopville,	"	Brewington, P.	4	30	16	10			121	9	12	461	4	10
Duncan McDuffie, W. C.	Little Rock,	"	Little Pee Dee, S. S.	1	65	25	35	33	33	461	5	4	353		10
J. L. Bartlett, S. S.	Sumter,	"	Bishopville, P.	1	46	27	24	15	15	461	9	9	461		10
James E. Duulop, P.	Marion,	"	Hephzibah, P.	2	50	46	6	12	12	400	23	23	901	312	114
Edward H. Buisst, P.	Cheraw,	"	Concord, S. S.	5	73	57	25	32	32	901	9	9	901		
W. S. Plummer, D. D. Prof.	Columbia,	"	Marion, P.	1	22	46	25	25	25	500	14	14	500		
Wm. W. Mills, P.	Winnaboro,	"	Cheraw, P.	5	73	57	25	32	32	901	14	15	450	54	49
N. W. Edmunds, P.	Sumter,	"	Lebanon, P.	5	99	28	85	27	27	450	14	14	450	105	13
H. C. DuBose,	Mars Bluff,	"	Aimwell, P.	3	25	35	20	30	20	280	27	8	280		4
Wm. T. Thompson, P.	Kingstree,	"	Centre Point, P.	2	82	54	47	34	34	1183	30	30	1183	174	13
A. Ross Kennedy, P.	Bishopville,	"	Hopewell, P.	1	3	50	60	10	10	500	19	9	500	116	12
Robert Bradley, P.	Bishopville,	"	Indiantown, P.	2	67	17	15			606	14	14	606		
		"	White Oak, P.	1	41	22	4	3	3	250	2	2	250		
		"	Pine Tree,	19	74	30	10	14	14	231	16	16	231		
		"	Turkey Creek, P.	9	13	37	10	12	4		5	5		39	4
		"	Kentyre, S. S.	2	4	2	4	5	5	120	11	5	120		4
		"	Fairhope, V.	2	4	2	4	5	5	319	11	5	319		16
		"	Lynchburg, S. S.	7	1	50	8	13	13	600	23	42	600	64	94
		"	Horeb P.	7	1	108	20	25	25		2	2			
		"	Salem L. R., V.	1	4	54	20	20	20		2	2			
		"	Seion, V.	1	34	15	15				2	2			
		"	Beulah, V.	4	68	33	33	4	4	274	5	5	274	7	4
		"	Beaver Creek, S. S.	4	68	33	33	4	4		5	5			
		"	Pisgah, S. S.	33	33	33	33	33	33		5	5			
		"	Bennettville, V.	33	33	33	33	33	33		5	5			
		"	Elon, V.	35	35	35	35	35	35		5	5			

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		Red Bluff, V. Kingston, V. Hermon, V. Florence, S. S. Union, V. Great Pee Dee, V.	102	61	2588	26	83	1177	\$569	\$1066	\$657	\$333	\$239	\$14395	\$2507	\$795
		—41														
<i>Candidates—11.</i>																
<i>4. Pres. of S Carolina.</i>																
J. L. Kennedy, P.	Williamston, S. C. Equality, Belton, Anderson C. H. Columbia, Greenville, Greenwood, Laurens C. H., Bachelor's Retr., Walhalla, Fair Play, Calhoun's Mills, Abbeville C. H.	Williamston, S. S. Carmel, P. Belton, S. S. Washington st., P. Warrior's Creek, P. Walhalla, S. S. Nazareth (B.D.), S. S. Ledimon, S. S. Lebanon, P. Bethia, S. S.	6	2	144	7	30	30	2	1	1	4		83	9	5
W. Carile, (superan'd.) J. B. Adger, D. D., Prof. E. T. Buist, D. D., P. S. Donnelly, S. S.	Clinton, Fairview, Greenwood, Newberry C. H. Reidville, Townville, Bachelor's Retr.	Duncan's Creek, S. S. Fairview, P. Rock, P. Nazareth, P. Retreat, S. S.	5	22	111	1	6	101	25	26	51	16		800	79	30
Wm. McWhorter, S. S.	Leuenuis C. H., Clinton, Fairview, Greenwood, Newberry C. H.	Warrior's Creek, P. Walhalla, S. S. Nazareth (B.D.), S. S. Ledimon, S. S. Lebanon, P. Bethia, S. S.	1		21	4	4	5	5	1			55	1007	6	8
W. H. Davis, S. S.	Leuenuis C. H., Clinton, Fairview, Greenwood, Newberry C. H.	Warrior's Creek, P. Walhalla, S. S. Nazareth (B.D.), S. S. Ledimon, S. S. Lebanon, P. Bethia, S. S.	9	2	64	3	48	11	1	11	2	6		149	15	15
J. F. Gibert, P. Z. L. Holmes, S. S. & T.	Leuenuis C. H., Clinton, Fairview, Greenwood, Newberry C. H.	Warrior's Creek, P. Walhalla, S. S. Nazareth (B.D.), S. S. Ledimon, S. S. Lebanon, P. Bethia, S. S.	32		165	9	1	120	20	13	29	23	5	800	546	30
C. B. Stewart, P. John McLees, P. J. B. Hillhouse, W. C. R. H. Reid, P. E. F. Hyde, S. S. & T.	Leuenuis C. H., Clinton, Fairview, Greenwood, Newberry C. H.	Warrior's Creek, P. Walhalla, S. S. Nazareth (B.D.), S. S. Ledimon, S. S. Lebanon, P. Bethia, S. S.			194	7	75	15	15	26	52	15	10	703	30	50

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W. A. Smith, Ag. Tr. S. S.	Birdston, Texas.	County Line, S. S.	10	1	41 2	5	5			11	53			120		18
<i>Incipientiate</i> —1.	Corsicana	Corsicana, V.	1	1	31											20
J. A. Woodburn,																
<i>Candidate</i> —1.	Cotton Gin,															
3. Pres. of E. Texas.	Shreveport, La.	Gum Springs, S. S.	6		48	4	4	30	20		20				3160	446
W. R. Marshall, D. D. S. S.	Keup, Texas.	Science Hill, S. S.			31			50								12
J. D. Sharp, S. S.	Henderson,	Henderson, S. S.			36			40								
James Knox, S. S.	Harmony Hill,	Harmony Hill, S. S.	15	14	29	10	2	40						80		5
C. M. Shepperson, S. S.	Ben Franklin,	North Sulphur, S. S.	1		8		2	35			5			64		5
	Paris,	Rocky Ford, S. S.			13		1									5
	Honey Grove,	Honey Grove, S. S.	1	2	17						5			72		5
	Bonham,	Bonham, S. S.			14		3							66		5
A. P. Silliman, P.	Marshall,	Marshall, P.	6	7	112		5	80	80		30	25		1200	100	125
S. F. Tenney, P.	Elysian Fields,	Golden Rule, S. S.	3		19			37	37		30	25		500	10	
	Crockett,	Crockett, P.	5		60		9	60	9		10	11		722	200	65
	Augusta,	Augusta, S. S.	1	6	7			10						66	10	3
W. N. Dickey, P.	Rusk,	Rusk, P.			4									340	19	60
	Larissa,	Larissa, S. S.			17									85	18	5
	Rusk,	Harmony, S. S.	2	2	19		7							75	500	8
J. S. Moore, P.	Jefferson,	Jefferson, P.	13	12	89	5	5	92	41		42	22	15	1515	351	250
R. E. Sherrill, S. S.	Sherman,	Sherman, S. S.	2	12	24		7	25	11					56		12
	Mantua,	Mantua, S. S.			14			20	10					15		5
	Sulphur Sp'gs,	Sulphur Sp'gs, S. S.			27									110	170	10
	Reily Springs,	Reily Springs, S. S.	1	9	45		2							130		8
	Winnsboro,	Winnsboro, S. S.	3	1	20		1							130	100	17
	Tyler,	Tyler, S. S.	1	3	26		1							3	3	20

Name	Party	114	82	1327	43	73	949	\$207	\$196	\$328	\$34	\$102	\$6105	\$4908	\$445
Jonathan Lyons, P. & S. S.	Tazewell C. H., Va												263	88	15
Knob,	"		36										250	25	
White Gate,	"														
J. M. Humphreys, W. C.	"														
J. M. Kirkpatrick, P.	"	1	9		1								300	10	50
Isaac N. Naff, P. & S. S.	"	13	61		6		56	30	20	30		10	203	71	71
A. L. Hogshead, S. S.	"	5	41		4		4	5	5	7			25	5	7
James D. Thomas, P.	"	1	58		2		105	3	5	5		2	150	15	5
Henry B. Rose, S. S.	"	9	109		2		72	31	38	83		24	746	1007	55
Henry M. White, P.	"	1	120		14		41	5	3	7		3	275	60	7
Wm. S. Lacy, in trans.	"	23	120		1		75	33	17	20		7	700	49	108
Edward H. Barnett, P.	"	1	28		1		32	21	23	35		8	450	8	47
J. C. Smith, S. S.	"	3	125		7		102	35	15	12		12	335	34	24
U. McCluer, S. S.	"	2	22		2			1	1	1		13	950	75	20
J. C. Carson, S. S.	"	15	60		8		22	1	1	1		15	67	3	3
Candidates—S.	"	14	129		9		103	3	3	9		7	286	127	10
	"	34	34		7			7	7	11		7	230	675	
	"	7	7										237		
	"	114	82	1327	43	73	949	\$207	\$196	\$328	\$34	\$102	\$6105	\$4908	\$445
J. J. Bullock, D. D., P.	Va. Alexandria 2d, P.	11	6	254	2	11		690	100	415	50		2000	6000	600
J. A. Lefevre, D. D., P.	Md. Franklin Square, P.	8	17	208	5	5	225	415	326	155	120	100	600	3117	300
R. B. White, D. D., P.	Va. Greenwich, P.	2	61		1			48	7	17					
E. H. Crumpston, P.	Md. Rockville & Beth'a. P.	1	174		6		90	85	18	77	5	54	880	125	23
Henry Branch, P.	"	3	63		2		84	38	31	31	5	11	800	290	12
C. N. Campbell, P.	"	1	24		2		25	23	7	10			243	14	10
W. U. Murkland, P.	"	14	8	475	1	3	565	2500	1148	2400	350	603	3000	5013	1132
W. W. Ruse, P.	Va. Litchfield, P.	2	19		2			8					100		
A. W. Pitzer, P.	Washington C'y, D. C. Central, P.	5	10	78	2	2	138	90	41	40	20	10	1500	7930	42
R. L. McMurrin, P.	Md. Springfield, P.	2	2	39	2	4	40	50	28	12	7			550	
H. E. C. Baskerville, P.	"	1	18		1	3		58			6		150	71	130

Candidates—S.

2. Pres. of Chesapeake.

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G. D. Armstrong, D. D., P.	Norfolk, Va.	6	3	266	1	15	303	400	332	401	38	79	2250	1814	88
Chas. H. Read, D. D., P.	Richmond, Va.	11	14	365	1	4	287	467	147	233	106	73	3000	5247	85
Moses D. Hoge, D. D., P.	Richmond, Va.	35	18	444	9	16	475	910	495	630	236	216	4500	1748	1013
D. C. Irwin, P.	Portsmouth, P.	2	1	100	1	7	108	26	46	51	18	3	1128	4257	28
E. T. Baird, D. D., S'y Pub.	Richmond, Va.	2	4	27	1	7	40	26	26	20	25		180	74	10
M. W. Staples, S'y Bb., S.	Richmond, Va.	5	10	54	3	8	64	24	9	13	20	10	586	790	10
W. A. Campbell, S. S.	Manchester, S. S.														
J. W. Moseley, S. S.	Enon, Miss.														
M. D. Kalopothakes, F. M.	Athens, Greece														
E. H. Rutherford, S. S.	St. Louis, Mo.	25	17	442	6	14	510	275	205	183	133		3000	1620	882
T. L. Preston, D. D., P.	Richmond, Va.	7	8	185	3	2	160	310	427	220	30	25	1000	896	146
James P. Smith, P.	Fredericksburg, Va.	2		70	2	2	40	20	8	11	7	5	401	969	32
H. T. Darnall, P.	Amelia, P.			37			45	13	10	7	11	5	125	30	5
J. A. Waddell, P.	Richmond, Va.			3			40	6	4	4	4		87	17	5
Geo. L. Petrie, P.	Petersburg, Va.	28	4	154	6	4	215	138	240	195	69	26	1250	625	25
James B. Converse, Ed.	Louisville, Ky.														
Wm. N. Scott, P.	Richmond, Va.	8	3	351		14	345	23	265	748	115	64	250	133	15
	Petersburg, Va.	1	2	89		5	89	495	34	25	38	10	1920	1656	682
	Richmond, Va.	1	1	53				22	34	7			1014	1370	
	Powhatan C. H.	1		60			50	30	15	15	10		270	75	6
	Hartwood, V.	1		28			30	5	3				250	15	
	Bay View, V.	6		25	4	1	45	19			9		250		
	Makemie, P. E.	11	2	52		6		17					150		
	Accomack C. H.			22		4									
	Norfolk 2d, S. S.			89		4									
	Norfolk, Va.			22											
	Sussex, V.			21											
	Williamsburg, V.			5											
	Tappahannock, V.			1											
	Smithfield, V.														
		172	91	3229	46	109	3096	3327	2283	2832	914	519	22210	23643	3084
		5	4	210	1	3	92	141	132	41	41		1000	385	30
		2	1	72	1	4	17	20	45	30	20		275	103	20
		11	5	225	6	12	75	30	15	30	42	5	500	900	30

Candidates—3.

4. Pres. of Greenbrier.

M. L. Lacy, P.

S. R. Houston, P.

Lewisburg, W. Va.

Union, P.

Mt. Pleasant, P.

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J. C. Barr, P.	Charleston, W. Va.	Charleston 1st, P.	13	29	210	6	18	310	118	63	29	80	9	1600	240	290
J. H. Leps, P.	Frankford,	Frankford, P.	26	1	99	2	5	138	42	15	25	20	2	300	50	2
J. C. Brown, P.	Kanawha Salines,	Spring Creek, P.	4	1	43	1	4	55	10	6	8	9		100	7	14
M. H. Bittinger, P.	Indian Creek,	Kanawha Salines, P.	5	2	54	4	96	36	20	32	20	12	5	700	290	33
J. H. Lewis, P.	Falestine,	Centreville, P.	5	2	131		7	252	31	13	9	7	9	439		6
		Richland, P.	5	2	26		30	30	30	7	10	6	7	250	155	5
		McElhenny, P. P.	1		35		1	20	15	6	2	7	48	77		
James Haynes, Evan.	Cotton Hill,	Muddy Creek, P.		1	31		1	30	59	10	6	6	5	225		4
		Gibeah, S. S.	3	7	44	1	2	12	26	31	35	19		176		3
		Fayette, S. S.	1		50	1	2	20	10	12	5	3		85		
		Raleigh, S. S.	2		15		7		7	7	3	1		28		
Edward Eells, S. S.	St. Albans,	Coalsmouth, S. S.	7	12	57	1	17	50	5	45	12	5		472	71	10
W. E. Hill, P. E.	Buffalo,	Buffalo, P. E.	11	2	63	5	7	138	16	10	10	15	2	333	12	10
		Pt. Pleasant, P. E.	1		51	1	1		4	4	7	10		450	322	10
J. D. McClintick, P. E.	Huntington,	Huntington, 1st,	5	4	59	2	1	35	43	32	13	9		88	1750	4
D. S. Sydenstricker, P. E.	Academy,	Oak Grove, P. E.		1	38		25	25	39	1	13	9		245	226	
		Huntersville, S. S.		1	25		7		7	4	7	4		80		
		Baxter, S. S.			13		20		6	3	3	4		64		
		Liberty, S. S.			19				5							
M. D. Dunlap, Evan.	Academy,	Anthony's Crk, S. S.			50											
A. C. Stuart, Evan.	Buffalo,	Zion, V.			11											
		Mount Isabella, V.			17											
	Nicholas C. H.	Summersville, V.			40			40								
		Elk River, V.			29											
		Salem, V.			80											
	Gap Mills,	Carmel, V.			47											
	Thormdyke,	Bethany, V.			16											
			109	71	1860	26	85	1455	684	497	311	320	79	7507	4511	371

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Alexander Martin, P.	Danville,	Danville, P.	3	2	147	1	7	96	126	40	250	26	19	1500	551	327
Wm. H. Matthews, P.	Pittsylvania,	Pittsylvania C. H. P.	1	2	62			30	29	10	23	9	5	303	239	14
R. C. Anderson, S. S.	Cascade,	Cascade, S. S.	1		12			32	11			10		128		5
A. B. Carrington, P.	Martinsville,	Henry, S. S.	5	2	24	1	1	50	7	3	2	2	3	60		1
G. H. Gilmer, P.	Aspinwall,	Hat Creek, P.	5	3	179	4	6	33	3	2	3	6	3	225		5
	Rough Creek,	Rough Creek, S. S.	5	3	33	4	1	3	3	2		2		92		3
	Mount Zion,	Diamond Hill, S. S.	22		44			7	1	10	5		3	175	20	4
	Halifax C. H.	Mercy Seat, S. S.	1		45		2	21	21	12	10	5	3	300	15	10
Wm. R. Atkinson, P.	Halifax,	Halifax C. H., S. S.	6	3	100	1	6	40	32	166	32	19		858	179	20
H. R. Laird, P.	Charlotte C. H.	Village, P.	2		64		1	35	31	31	60	16	11	473	150	25
	Black Walnut,	Spring Hill, P.	1		12			3	3	3				178		
	Mt. Carmel,	Mt. Carmel, P.	5		30	2		30	45	27	11	15	15	325		17
	Aspinwall,	Roanoke, P.	18		18		2	10	10	60				60		5
	Mossingford,	Cub Creek, S. S.	9		64	5	1	50	12	14	7			150		6
	Spout Spring,	Old Concord, V.	3		69			65	7	4				252		5
	Concord Depot,	New Concord, V.	3	6	36	1		75	8	6	6	5		125	24	5
	Christiansville,	Christiansville, S. S.	3		52			50	5	6				190		3
	Oakley,	Bluestone, S. S.			16											
	Wylliesburg,	Wylliesburg, S. S.			60			44	20	19	13	13	9	71		39
	Darlington H'ts,	Buffalo, S. S.		1	25				5	5	5					
	Blacks & Whites,	Lumenburg, V.			2											
	Palmer's Spring,	Pennel, V.			2											
J. W. Walkup, <i>in trans.</i>	Gerardstown, W. Va.		67	36	1578	26	32	858	595	470	522	198	411	7903	1415	609
<i>Candidates</i> ---5																
S. Pres. of Sao Paulo.					29											
G. Nash Morton, F. M.	Campinas,	Campinas,														
Edward Lane, F. M.	"	"														
James R. Baird,	Sao Paulo,	Hopewell.			13											
W. C. Emerson,	"	"														
Wm. Le Conte,	"	"			42											

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<i>Licentiate</i> —3. George L. Wolfe, John B. Morton, James M. Rawlings, P. E.	Lewes, Del. Han-pden Sid'y, Va. Appomattox C. H. Va		79	43	1355	24	77	751	86	505	269	213	21	8059	8455	3323	
<i>Candidates</i> —1. 10. <i>Pr.s. of Winchester</i> David H. Riddle, D. D. P. Moses Raymond, W. C	Martinsburg, W. Va. Green Sp'g Dep. "	Martinsburg, P.	3	6	167	1	2	85	24	31	134	15	16	1000	1246		
Silas Billings, S. S. W. B. Dutton, D. D. W. C. Nathan G. North, W. C	Winchester, Va. Charlestown, W. Va Mt. Holly, Ark.	Mt. Bethel, V. Cedar Creek, S. S.	1	2	33			75	19	10	20	10	10	100	10		
John A. Scott, P.	Duffield's, W. Va	Harper's Ferry, V. Front Royal, V.	1	1	25	1	4	50	13		6			500		10	
James R. Graham, P.	Winchester, Va.	Elk Branch, P. Oakland, S. S.	13	6	37	5	1	65	17	15	21			597	61	4	
Charles White, P.	Berryville, "	Kent Street, P. Newtown, S. S. Berryville, P.	1	1	19	2	2	80	52	22	16	18	5	1000	225	100	
John Johnston, S. S. M. W. Woodworth, S. S. George W. White, P. Wm. A. Crawford, S. S. John M. Clymer, P.	Luney's Crk, W. Va. Mt. Zion, S. S. Burlington, " Moorefield, P. Winchester, Va. New Creek, W. Va.	White Post, S. S. Mt. Zion, S. S. Patterson's Crk, S. S. Moorefield, P. Opequon, S. S. Mt. Hope, P.	2	1	43	1	3	8	12	9	9	5	5	6	87	28	5
Abner G. Hopkins, P. George L. Leyburn, P. George W. Finley, P.	Charlestown, Va. Winchester, W. Va. Romney, "	Charlestown, P. Loudoun St., P. Romney, P. Springfield, P.	3	5	177	1	7	45	37	9	13	6	4	18	308	450	25
			42	7	197	19	3	190	105	276	43	25	55	1480	391	389	
			13	2	128	10	9	76	110	106	124	10	5	1000	4080	50	
			7	1	49	1	1	50	41	21	11	5	10	232	9	40	

Thomas E. Converse, P.	Va. Woodstock, P.	13	1	79	3	13	56	20	33	25	8	10	490	530	110
Edwin L. Wilson, P.	Strasburg, P.	5	1	70	2	13	35	35	19	30	10	10	367	850	40
Wm. W. Downey, P.	Hancock, Md.			68		4	39	5		10	6		260	40	
	Falling Water, P.	1	1	100			38	38		16	16	14	220	800	20
	Gerrardstown, S. S.	4		93			9	9					138		
	Tuscarora, S. S.			25			4	4				8	80	59	
	Shepherdstown, V.	1	1	99			5	5	15	10	13	5	240	300	10
	Kearneysville, V.			21			95			15			156		31
	Smithfield, V.	2		21	1								30	16	
	Bloomery, S. S.			15			30	13		4			75		7
Joseph C. Painter, S. S.	Va. North River, S. S.			10				11		5	1	1			
John M. Harris.	Bunker Hill, W. Va.			10											
William Johnston.	Romney, W. Va.														
<i>Candidates—6.</i>		147	54	2039	49	85	1486	921	906	749	287	25	2788	10260	1216

Licentiates—3.

Joseph C. Painter, S. S.

John M. Harris.

William Johnston.

Candidates—6.

SUMMARY VIEW OF PRESBYTERIES.

PRESBYTERIES.	Ministers.	Licentiates.	Candidates.	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 Sns- tentation and Presby- terial Missions.	Funds raised for Foreign Missions.	Funds raised for Education.	Funds raised for Publication.	Invalid Fund.	Pastors' Salaries.	Congregational.	Miscellaneous.	STATED CLERKS.
East Alabama,	14			36	181	33	2136	53	111	1440	\$1592	\$398	\$962	\$177	131	11744	5355	2281	G. H. W. Petrie, D.
South Alabama,	20			52	221	127	2829	82	105	1451	3379	1309	1466	309	282	17900	22785	3376	H. R. Raymond.
Tuscaloosa,	11			1	24	73	1072	35	47	919	392	548	585	202	187	8232	4302	950	O. A. Stillman.
Arkansas,	12			2	32	58	1111	14	50	877	782	745	6130	205	321	8183	4576	721	Thos. R. Welch.
Indiana,	17			20	86	973													J. H. Colton.
Ouachita,	15			3	24	96	1204	38	63	739	256	209	451	179	87	7204	6199	498	M. J. Wallace.
Atlanta,	17			4	30	94	1822	25	92	1386	1692	679	411	117	40	12749	7487	3109	Jas. Stacy.
Augusta,	16			8	37	52	1939	16	65	696	3156	792	862	380	363	8795	6105	1229	C. W. Lane.
Cherokee,	16			1	21	32	1408	19	26	615	273	276	449	80	44	7575	1392	353	J. W. Baker.
Florida,	13			2	32	40	1006	5	46	492	201	136	101	50	20	6757	1422	240	Ferdinand Jacobs
Macon,	10			1	18	33	950	4	31	651	755	317	574	72	95	8617	12842	744	James S. Cozby.
Savannah,	9			1	18	26	718	7	22	444	288	131	120	63	80	6712	1678	187	R. Q. Way.
Central Ohio,	6			2	8	6	215	2	5	85	21	73	20	8	1	925	51	15	Robert Morrison.
Ebenezer,	14			2	78	28	1478	31	30	1090	604	361	303	88	90	13323	10189	118	H. M. Scudder.
Louisville,	30			29	118	63	2034	40	93	1527	2837	1047	1544	196	66	14754	28878	3113	P. P. Flournoy.
Muhlenburg,	9			16	60	18	576	18	21	273	73	262	27	37	30	4328	815	443	W. W. Duncan.
Paducah,	4			9	70	41	727	24	34	503	1092	170	236	145	24	5037	6796	322	J. T. Hendrick.
Transylvania,	13			23	51	11	1425	23	13	508	579	201	147	68	21	5126	3220	332	W. W. Crow.
West Lexington,	13			27	59	42	1575	19	32	526	1039	1064	609	191	125	14837	5827	1380	W. George.
Chickasaw,	11			27	41	57	1126	14	23	429	394	78	86	58	87	5967	1533	128	Wm. A. Gray.
Memphis,	24			30	124	123	2309	39	102	1259	1328	1133	1030	596	472	18373	8000	961	R. R. Evans.
North Mississippi	15			28	62	79	1369	15	97	567	344	200	292	73	37	5994	4552	612	E. C. Davidson.
Tuscumba,	7			9	69	12	372	2	13	250	39	92	18	18	693	2708	4201	36	J. B. Loranee.
Western District,	11			27	50	51	1136	22	45	541	397	166	410	17	54	5955	2032	397	E. S. Campbell.

Cent. Mississippi,	22	2	5	46	144	86	2187	65	99	1152	1255	277	488	135	503	13326	10742	414	J. M. Atkinson, J. E. C. Doremus, 1627 M. W. Trawick, 6445 Wm. Flinn, 351 Cyrus Harrington 7222 601 Jas. M. Carothers 952 J. W. Bachman, 547 Jas. Park, 3604 J. W. Hoyte, 408 C. F. Williams, 1632 Wm. W. Pharr, 1304 J. P. McPherson, 897 R. Z. Johnston, 2147 Jacob Doll, 221 James M. Sprunt, 433 D. Harrison, 1799 Wm. H. Adams, 795 Wm. A. Gragg, 1733 Robt. A. Mickle, 287 R. F. Bunting, 446 L. Tenney, 799 S. F. Tenney, 451 B. M. Loughbridge, 445 E. H. Barnett, 2488 R. T. Berry, 3084 W. A. Campbell, 371 M. L. Lacy, 640 Robt C. Walker, 813 F. W. Hooper, 609 Hugh A. Brown, Edward Lane, 323 Edgar Woods, 1216 J. K. Graham.
Louisiana, -	7		13				480			1152	1255	277	488	135	503	13326	10742		
Mississippi, -	15	2	23	64	22	64	1029	12	67	575	665	258	276	179	73	6612	4533	1627	J. M. Atkinson, J. E. C. Doremus, 1627 M. W. Trawick, 6445 Wm. Flinn, 351 Cyrus Harrington 7222 601 Jas. M. Carothers 952 J. W. Bachman, 547 Jas. Park, 3604 J. W. Hoyte, 408 C. F. Williams, 1632 Wm. W. Pharr, 1304 J. P. McPherson, 897 R. Z. Johnston, 2147 Jacob Doll, 221 James M. Sprunt, 433 D. Harrison, 1799 Wm. H. Adams, 795 Wm. A. Gragg, 1733 Robt. A. Mickle, 287 R. F. Bunting, 446 L. Tenney, 799 S. F. Tenney, 451 B. M. Loughbridge, 445 E. H. Barnett, 2488 R. T. Berry, 3084 W. A. Campbell, 371 M. L. Lacy, 640 Robt C. Walker, 813 F. W. Hooper, 609 Hugh A. Brown, Edward Lane, 323 Edgar Woods, 1216 J. K. Graham.
New Orleans, -	11	1	19	132	64	1963	36	171	2480	3004	3190	3	3192	474	619	6315	49539	1627	J. M. Atkinson, J. E. C. Doremus, 1627 M. W. Trawick, 6445 Wm. Flinn, 351 Cyrus Harrington 7222 601 Jas. M. Carothers 952 J. W. Bachman, 547 Jas. Park, 3604 J. W. Hoyte, 408 C. F. Williams, 1632 Wm. W. Pharr, 1304 J. P. McPherson, 897 R. Z. Johnston, 2147 Jacob Doll, 221 James M. Sprunt, 433 D. Harrison, 1799 Wm. H. Adams, 795 Wm. A. Gragg, 1733 Robt. A. Mickle, 287 R. F. Bunting, 446 L. Tenney, 799 S. F. Tenney, 451 B. M. Loughbridge, 445 E. H. Barnett, 2488 R. T. Berry, 3084 W. A. Campbell, 371 M. L. Lacy, 640 Robt C. Walker, 813 F. W. Hooper, 609 Hugh A. Brown, Edward Lane, 323 Edgar Woods, 1216 J. K. Graham.
Red River, -	4		15	43	45	489	11	50	145	33	3	3	20	31	20	3815	4166	351	Cyrus Harrington
Tombekbee, -	13		44	58	29	1455	12	27	475	349	43	293	43	293	43	4216	2800	601	Jas. M. Carothers
Holston, -	11	3	11	28	109	45	1920	34	60	860	180	214	867	62	43	4216	2800	952	J. W. Bachman,
Knoxville, -	7		5	23	11	46	996	2	48	795	117	86	170	117	75	4977	2779	547	Jas. Park,
Nashville, -	21	3	5	31	117	67	2420	39	98	2607	11600	1170	3110	704	650	17523	18581	3604	J. W. Hoyte,
North Alabama, -	15	2	28	118	23	1938	36	75	542	452	74	74	157	55	27	7584	1106	408	C. F. Williams,
Concord, -	16	3	8	33	146	65	3038	20	149	1550	787	701	1877	334	292	9522	3984	1632	Wm. W. Pharr,
Fayetteville, -	16	4	8	46	384	29	4405	123	132	1491	384	427	485	302	144	9496	7881	1304	J. P. McPherson,
Mecklenburg, -	23	2	5	40	155	86	3455	20	212	1574	2400	793	446	223	148	10381	4290	897	R. Z. Johnston,
Orange, -	26	1	10	51	121	70	2683	48	111	1489	1575	771	1867	343	258	13746	4225	2147	Jacob Doll,
Wilmington, -	12	4	4	28	20	9	1178	6	35	531	296	187	367	98	172	4378	2581	221	James M. Sprunt,
Bethel, -	16	1	9	35	190	57	2696	43	87	550	294	469	695	91	64	7709	1506	433	D. Harrison,
Charleston, -	14	1	2	22	80	30	1835	30	44	1895	3974	1068	2018	252	131	8834	5329	1799	Wm. H. Adams,
Harmony, -	23	11	41	102	61	2588	26	83	1177	569	1066	1066	657	353	239	14395	2507	795	Wm. A. Gragg,
South Carolina, -	31	2	10	54	136	64	3288	23	134	1150	374	546	652	244	132	12791	4174	1733	Robt. A. Mickle,
Brazos, -	14	1	4	21	103	85	898	18	59	825	373	235	845	141	110	9124	31361	287	R. F. Bunting,
Central Texas, -	12	1	1	20	81	65	741	15	38	258	306	111	1118	49	35	5301	3160	446	L. Tenney,
Eastern Texas, -	15	1	32	112	107	1035	53	62	685	306	72	188	135	23	23	6180	4734	799	S. F. Tenney,
Western Texas, -	12	8	29	49	45	649	9	20	687	358	67	432	31	30	30	6165	2447	451	B. M. Loughbridge,
Abingdon, -	21	1	4	20	56	50	1749	43	73	949	297	196	328	34	102	6105	4908	445	E. H. Barnett,
Chesapeake, -	24	1	4	20	56	50	1749	43	73	949	297	196	328	34	102	6105	4908	445	E. H. Barnett,
East Hanover, -	22	1	3	27	172	91	3229	46	109	3096	3327	2283	2832	914	519	22216	23643	2488	R. T. Berry,
Greenbrier, -	14	7	30	109	71	1860	26	85	1455	684	497	311	320	79	7507	4511	371	M. L. Lacy,	
Lexington, -	33	2	6	42	239	103	3948	66	160	2901	1470	1767	1442	469	469	17497	13388	640	Robt C. Walker,
Montgomery, -	19	2	8	27	67	57	1872	23	59	1226	675	622	1203	446	129	11640	5389	813	F. W. Hooper,
Koanoke, -	18	5	30	67	36	1578	26	32	858	595	470	522	198	111	111	7903	1415	609	Hugh A. Brown, Edward Lane,
Sao Paulo, -	5		2				42												
West Hanover, -	21	3	4	23	79	43	1355	24	77	751	868	508	269	312	92	8059	6457	323	Edgar Woods,
Winchester, -	19	3	6	33	147	54	2039	49	85	1486	921	906	749	287	299	12788	10260	1216	J. K. Graham.
57 Presbyteries,	869	69	209	1585	5369	2876	93903	1535	3756	54710	\$63734	\$31070	\$48603	\$11341	\$9714	\$477471	\$424105		

A GENERAL VIEW OF SYNODS, FROM REPORTS TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF 1873.

SYNODS.	RESPECTIVE PRESBYTERIES.	No of Ministers.	No. of Churches.	No. of Communicants	PLACE OF NEXT MEETING.	TIME OF NEXT MEETING.	NAMES AND POST OFFICES OF STATED CLERKS.
Alabama,	East Alabama, South Alabama, Taskalooosa, - - - - -	45	112	6037	Selma, Ala.	Oct. 22, 7 p. m.	Robert Nall, P. D., Tuskegee, Ala.
Arkansas,	Arkansas, Indian, Ouachita, - - - - -	34	76	3288	Pine Bluff, Ark.	Oct. 23, 7 p. m.	F. R. Welch, D. D., Little Rock, Ark.
Georgia,	Atlanta, Augusta, Cherokee, Florida, Macon, Savannah, - - - - -	81	158	7843	Newnan, Ga.	Oct. 29, 7½ p. m.	R. C. Ketchum, Atlanta, Ga.
Kentucky,	Central Ohio, Ebenezer, Louisville, Mul-lenburg, Paducah, Transylvania, West Lexington, - - - - -	89	135	8031	Paducah, Ky.	Oct. 8, 7½ p. m.	J. V. Logan, Harrodsburg, Ky.
Memphis,	Chickasaw, Memphis, North Mississippi, Tusculum, Western District, - - - - -	68	121	6312	Holly Springs, Miss.	Sept. 23, 7½ p. m.	R. R. Evans, Germantown, Tenn.
Mississippi,	Central Mississippi, Louisiana, Mississippi, New Orleans, Red River, Tombekbee, - - - - -	72	160	7600	Hazlehurst, "	Oct. 29, 7 p. m.	R. McInnis, Oxford, Miss.
Nashville,	Holston, Knoxville, Nashville, North Alabama, - - - - -	54	110	7274	Chattanooga, Tenn.	Oct. 2, 7½ p. m.	James Park, Knoxville, Tenn.
North Carolina,	Concord, Fayetteville, Mecklenburg, Orange, Wilmington, - - - - -	93	198	14759	Wilmington, N. C.	Oct. 29, 7½ p. m.	Jacob Doll, Yanceyville, N. C.
South Carolina,	Bethel, Charleston, Harmony, South Carolina, - - - - -	84	152	10407	Charaw, S. C.	Oct. 29, 7 p. m.	Wm. Barks, Fort Mill, S. C.
Texas, - - -	Brazos, Central Texas, Eastern Texas, Western Texas, - - - - -	53	102	3323	Houston, Texas,	Nov. 5, 7 p. m.	R. F. Bunting, Galveston, Texas.
Virginia,	Abingdon, Chesapeake, East Hanover, Greenbrier, Lexington, Montgomery, Roanoke, Sao Paulo, West Hanover, Winchester, - - - - -	196	261	19029	Charleston, W. Va.	Nov. 19, 7½ p. m.	J. P. Smith, Fredericksburg, Va.
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GENERAL VIEW OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*During the year ending April 1, 1873, according to the foregoing
Presbyterial Reports.*

Synods in connection with the General Assembly,	11
Presbyteries,	57
Ministers and Licentiates,	938
Candidates,	209
Churches,	1,585
Licensures,	42
Ordinations,	31
Installations,	61
Pastoral relations dissolved,	41
Churches organized,	55
Churches dissolved,	21
Ministers received from other denominations,	7
Churches received from other denominations,	4
Members added on examination,	5,369
Members added on certificate,	2,876
Whole number of communicants,	93,903
Churches not reporting number of communicants,	84
Adults baptized,	1,535
Infants baptized,	3,756
Children in Sabbath Schools and Bible Classes,	54,710

MONEYS CONTRIBUTED.

To Sustentation and Presbyterial Domestic Missions,	\$63,734
To Foreign Missions,	31,070
To Education,	48,603
To Publication,	11,341
To Invalid Fund,	9,714
To Pastors' Salaries,	477,471
To Congregational purposes,	424,105
To Miscellaneous,	60,390
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	\$1,126,428

The following named Ministers have died during the past year, according to the Presbyterial Reports, viz:

C. M. Richards,	Presbytery of Arkansas.
J. W. Moore,	“ “
John S. Wilson, D. D.,	“ Atlanta.
David Comfort,	“ Savannah.
Amasa Converse, D. D.	“ Louisville.
James Holmes, D. D.,	“ Memphis.
Marc Roux,	“ New Orleans.
Philo Calhoun,	“ Red River.
C. S. Dod,	“ “
Silas Woodbury,	“ Nashville.

A. A. Porter, D. D.,	Presbytery of Central Texas.
Wm. C. Blair,	“ Western Texas.
Wm. Hamilton,	“ “ “
R. J. Taylor,	“ Lexington.
J. H. Boccock, D. D.,	“ Montgomery.
R. N. Anderson,	“ Roanoke.
L. F. Wilson,	“ Winchester.

MODERATORS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

FROM 1861 TO 1873.

- 1861. Rev. Benjamin M. Palmer, D. D., LL. D., Louisiana.
- 1862. Rev. John L. Kirkpatrick, D. D., North Carolina.
- 1863. Rev. James A. Lyon, D. D., Mississippi.
- 1864. Rev. John S. Wilson, D. D., Georgia.
- 1865. Rev. George Howe, D. D., LL. D., South Carolina.
- 1866. Rev. Andrew H. Kerr, D. D., Tennessee.
- 1867. Rev. Thomas V. Moore, D. D., Virginia.
- 1868. Rev. John N. Waddel, D. D., Mississippi.
- 1869. Rev. Stuart Robinson, D. D., Kentucky.
- 1870. Rev. Robert L. Dabney, D. D., Virginia.
- 1871. Rev. Wm. S. Plumer, D. D., LL. D., South Carolina.
- 1872. Rev. Thomas R. Welch, D. D., Arkansas.
- 1873. Rev. Henry M. Smith, D. D., Louisiana.

STATED CLERKS FROM 1861 TO 1873.

- 1861. Rev. John N. Waddel, D. D.
- 1865. Rev. Joseph R. Wilson, D. D.

PERMANENT CLERKS FROM 1861 TO 1873.

- 1861. Rev. Joseph R. Wilson, D. D.
- 1873. Rev. William Brown, D. D.

STATED CLERKS OF PRESBYTERIES

ARE EARNESTLY REQUESTED

1. To make their Annual Reports to the Assembly. If they have no printed blanks, let the reports be made after the form on the opposite page. Blanks can always be obtained on application to the Executive Committee of Publication.

2. To make their Reports in fair, distinct writing, especially the columns of figures.

3. To make them as accurate and full as possible. If, in any instance, churches do not report to Presbyteries, it is desirable that their number of communicants should be inserted from their last report.

4. To report *no cents* in the money columns.

5. To *add up* each column of figures with care. Many still neglect this, and thus oblige the Clerk of the Assembly to do what they should do themselves.

6. To append to the statistics of Presbyteries a brief account of the changes which have occurred during the year, such as the number of licensures, ordinations, installations, dismissions of pastors, organization of new churches, and the names of ministers deceased.

7. To transmit their reports to the Stated Clerk, either at the meeting of the Assembly, or at Columbia, S. C., *not later than the 20th day of May.*

Blank forms for *Sessional Reports*, or for any other purpose, are not furnished by the Stated Clerk of the General Assembly, but are kept *for sale* by the Executive Committee of Publication, by order of the Assembly of 1867.

TO THE STATED CLERKS OF SYNODS.

It is the duty of these officers to send up to the Stated Clerk of the General Assembly an Annual Report, stating the number of Presbyteries, Ministers, Churches, Licentiates, and Candidates, within their bounds; and particularly all changes which have been made in the arrangement of Presbyteries. It is also their duty to transmit to the Stated Clerk of the Assembly a notice of the time and place of the meetings of their respective Synods.

FORM OF PRESBYTERIAL REPORT TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

The Presbytery of _____ report to the General Assembly that they consist of _____ Ministers, and have under their care _____ Churches, Licentiates, and Candidates, viz :

MINISTERS, LICENTIATES, AND CANDIDATES.	POST OFFICES. CHURCHES.	Communicants.	Baptized..		N. of Children in Sabbath Schools and Bible Classes.	Funds Collected																
			Adults.	Infants.		Sustentation.	Foreign Missions.	Education.	Publication.	Invalid Fund.	Pastors' Salaries	Congregational	Miscellaneous.									
A--- B---, P., &c. ---10	C---. P.																					
D--- E---, &c.																						
Candidates---5.																						

€37 Follow the above with a statement of licences, ordinations, installations, pastoral relations dissolved, churches organized or dissolved, or received or dismissed to other denominations, and ministers received or dismissed to other denominations, or removed by death, since last Report.

Dated, _____ Signed, _____, Stated Clerk.

Give the names of licentiates, but only the number of candidates, without names. It is earnestly requested that the above order of columns may be strictly followed, and that the columns may all be carefully added up. To ministers who are pastors, annex P.; to stated supplies, S. S.; to Domestic Missionaries, D. M.; to Foreign Missionaries, F. M.; to Presidents of Colleges, Pres., to Professors in Colleges or Theological Seminaries, Prof.; to Agents, Ag. To congregations which have pastors, annex P.; to those which have stated supplies, S. S.; and to those which are vacant, V. Presbyterial Assessments are to be reported in the Miscellaneous column.

ALPHABETICAL LIST

OF

MINISTERS AND LICENTIATES

EMBRACED IN THE PRECEDING STATISTICAL TABLES.

NOTE.—The Post Office addresses in this List in some cases differ from those given in the Tables, the List having been prepared to correspond with recent changes. The figures denote the page of the Tables on which the names may be found.

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ERRATA.

On page 311, Report of Standing Committee on Foreign Missions, eighth line from bottom, read “*obtained*” instead of “*reclaimed*.”

On page 313, insert an omitted minute, as follows :

“On report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, the following delegates were appointed, viz :

The Synod of Missouri,—Rev. T. R. Welch, D. D., with the Rev. Wm. Dinwiddie, as alternate.

The Assembly of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church,—Rev. J. W. Pugh, with Rev. A. P. Smith, as alternate.

The Reformed Church in America,—Rev. E. T. Baird, D. D., with Rev. L. H. Blanton, as alternate.

The Associate Reformed Church,—Rev. L. C. Vass, with Rev. Joseph Bardwell, as alternate. (See also 7th day.)

On page 333, the minute should read thus : “The Auditing Committee further beg leave to submit the names of the following for appointment as Trustees of the General Assembly, (the Secretaries of Foreign Missions, Sustentation, Publication and Education, being *ex officio* members of the board) :

“*For one year*,—Rev. John Douglas,” &c. &c.

On page 325, Report of Standing Committee on Theological Seminaries, instead of “*was laid over for the present*,” read “*was adopted, and is as follows* :

[This report should have been entered on that page, but was inadvertently omitted. It is inserted here.]

REPORT ON THEOLOGICAL SEMINARIES.

The Standing Committee on Theological Seminaries respectfully report :

That they have carefully read the report of the Trustees and Directors of both institutions, and examined the records of the Columbia Seminary. Your venerable body does not need to be reminded that Union Seminary is under the direct control of the Synods of Virginia and North Carolina, and refers all matters of practical concern to them. It is your privilege, however, to be informed year by year of its condition and prospects, and to acknowledge the good hand of our God upon us in respect thereto. It is our pleasant duty to state to the Assembly that the lives and health of the professors have been preserved, studies diligently and successfully prosecuted, and that a number of promising and valuable young men have finished their preparatory studies, and entered upon their great life work. The finances of the institution are in a condition of steady improvement, and already meet its wants in a very comfortable degree. With one exception, to be noted below, this is all that demands mention in regard to Union Seminary.

COLUMBIA THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

We have here similar wise and faithful labors, and similar happy results. The faculty have all been mercifully spared to us, and their reputation is still, and deservedly, spreading abroad through the land.

Only one serious drawback upon this pleasant statement has met the eye of your Committee. We refer to the straitened financial resources of the institution. The Treasurer's sickness has prevented his laying before us his usual report; but the record shows that the salaries of the four professors are somewhat in arrears, and if the number of students should increase during the year to come as in the year just past, there would be need also of money to supply furniture and other important comforts.

This condition of things may fairly be called critical, inasmuch as progress arrested is doubly difficult to be resumed, and calls for the urgent consideration of the Church. We have secured the services of invaluable men, who must neither be embarrassed in their inexpressibly important work by failing resources, nor driven from the posts they hold so well by loss of support. One of the most pressing duties of this Assembly would seem to be the devising means for placing the endowment of this institution on a permanent satisfactory basis.

Your Committee think it only right to place on record the benefactions of the year toward the Seminaries. This is the exception referred to above. They are as follows, viz :

UNION THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

1. Donation of five thousand dollars in railroad bonds, by Henry Young, Esq., of New York.
2. Bequest of one thousand dollars, to found the Rebecca Park Scholarship, by Mrs. Rebecca Clement Park, of Richmond church, Ky.
3. Continued payment of interest on par value of State bonds, by the Legislature of Virginia, in preference to all other creditors.

COLUMBIA SEMINARY.

1. James G. Carson, three hundred dollars.
2. Legacy of Dr. J. B. Ritchie, of New Orleans, amount not yet ascertained.
3. Bequest of Rev. J. W. Moore, of Austin, Ark., of lots and buildings, in Des Arc, Ark., valued at about one thousand five hundred dollars.
4. Donation by J. S. Byington, Esq., of Montgomery, Alabama, of five shares Tallahassee Factory stock, of five hundred dollars.
5. From Col. J. J. Gresham, Macon, Georgia, of thirty shares S. W. R. R. (three thousand dollars,) for Leroy Gresham scholarship.
6. One thousand dollars, New Orleans city bonds, additional, from Rev. T. R. Wynkoop, to complete the T. R. Wynkoop scholarship.
7. Gift of \$500 from A. B. Davidson, Esq., of Charlotte, N. C.

In view of the foregoing facts, your Committee recommend the adoption of the following resolutions :

Resolved, 1. That this Assembly devoutly acknowledge the favor of the Most High toward the beloved Seminaries of pious learning, in the safety and success continued and enlarged toward them.

2. That we rejoice to place on record our high sense of the wisdom, piety and diligence, and executive ability with which their affairs have been conducted, and of the great advantages hereby secured to our candidates for the gospel ministry.

3. That we tender the thanks of the whole Church to the friends of Christ—alike to those whose names are enrolled in other denominations, and to the members of our own body—who have divided to us of their pos-

sessions during life, or in their dying dispositions have remembered and aided in the work of the Lord.

4. That we cordially reassure our brethren, professors in these Seminaries, of the admiration with which we have beheld their devotedness to their duties, and the fruit which the Lord has granted them.

5. That we deeply lament the fact, that the Columbia Theological Seminary is still so straitened by insufficient endowment. The Assembly earnestly commends to the Directors the speedy initiation of some plan for a permanent provision for its wants. And should they deem it proper to take steps looking to this result, this Assembly hereby warmly urges said measure upon the attention and co-operation of our churches.

6. That we invite the very serious and prayerful regard of our brethren, whose diligence in earthly business the Lord has blessed, to the question, what claims this most important institution has upon their liberality. We gratefully and confidently believe that the Shepherd of Israel has given us the true and wise men, who spend their best years in the training of His under shepherds. We implore Him to visit the hearts of the men of large means, that they may pour their gifts into the treasury; that the channels of power may be filled; that the heart of the Church may be gladdened, and that the bright prospects we enjoy may be more than realized in the immediate future.

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