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## MINUTES.

Dallas, Texas, Muy 16, 1895.
The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States met in the First Presbyterian Church, Dallas, Texas, May 16, 1895, and was opened with a sermon by the Moderator, Rev. James R. Graham, D. D., on Psalm xlv. 1-6: "My heart is inditing a good matter: I speak of the things which I have made touching the king. . . . Thou art fairer than the children of men: grace is poured into thy lips: therefore God hath blessed thee forever. Gird thy sword upon thy thigh, O most Mighty, with thy glory and thy majesty. And in thy majesty ride prosperously, because of truth and meekness and righteousness; and thy right hand shall teach thee terrible things. Thine arrows are sharp in the heart of the king's enemies, whereby the people fall under thee. Thy throne, O God, is forever and ever: the scepter of thy kingdom is a right scepter."

The Assembly was then constituted with prayer by the Moderator.
The Stated Clerk announced that he had information that the Synod of Virginia had erected an additional Presbytery, known as the Presbytery of Kanawha.

The Stated Clerk announced that the following named Commissioners had been enrolled:
I. SYNOD OF ALABAMA.

Presbyteries. Ministers. Ruling Elders.

1. North Alabama, . . . . . Thornton C. Whaling, . . . . . . J. Mayhew.
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2. Sonth Alabama, . . . . . .eal L. Anderson. . . . . . . Bradford Hardie.
3. Tustaloora, . . . . . . . . W. G. Keady, D. D.. . . . . . R. A. Hardie.
II. SYNOD OF ARKANSAS.
4. Arkansas, . . . . . . . . T. J. Horne, . . . . . . . . . James P. Coffin.
5. Ouachita, . . . . . . . . I. P. Osborne, . . . . . . . . J. L. Stitt.
6. Pine Blutf, . . . . . . . J. M. Brown, D. D.. . . . . . . W. B. Alexander.
7. Washbourne, . . . . . . . D. C. Boggs. . . . . . . . . . Wm. M. Oates.

## III. SYNOD OF FLORIDA.



## V. SYNOD OF KENTCCKY.



## VI. SYNOD OF MEMPIIS.

1. Chickastur, . . . . . . . . J. II. Gaillard, . . . . . . . . J. M. Boone.
2. Memphis, . . . . . . . . Charles R. Hyde. . . . . . . . I. M. Woodson.
3. North Mississippi. . . . . J. W. Allen, . . . . . . . . . C. C. Frierson.
4. Western Distrirt. . . . . . W. J. Andersou. . . . . . . . T. R. Smoot.
VII. SYNOD OF MSSISSIPPI.


## VIII. SYNOD OF MLSSOURI.



IN. SYNOD OF NASIIVILLE.

1. Columbia, . . . . . . . . T. A. Iardin. . . . . . . . . . Terry Dickerson.
2. Holston. . . . . . . . . J. P. Dongett. . . . . . . . . J. T. Thomas.
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N. SYNOD OF NORTH CAROLINA.


## NI. SYNOD OF SOUTH CAROLINA.



## NII. SYNOD OF TEXAS.



## XIII. SYNOD OF VIRGLNLA.



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| 10. Rortnoke, | . G. W. Belk. . . . . . . . . . D. W. Owen. |
| 11. Wext Hanover. | T. R. Sampson, D. D., . . . . C. E. Harris. |
| 12. Winchester, | . F. M. Woods, D. D., . . . . . P. W. Magruler. |
|  | J. R. Grahanı, D. D.. . . . . . J. B. Morgan |

The Rev. Charles R. Hemphill, D. D., a commissioner from the Presbytery of Louisville, was elected Moderator, and the Rer. Robert Adams, a commissioner from the Presbytery of Macon, and the Rev. T. J. Horne, a commissioner from the Presbytery of Arkansas, were chosen Temporary Clerks.

It was made the first order of the day for this afternoon to hear the Rev. G. D. Mathews, D. D., Secretary of the Alliance of. Reformed Churches throughout the World holding the Presbyterian System.

It was made the first order of the day for to-night to hear the Rev. R. E. Steele, chaplain of the Seamen's Bethel at New Orleans, in behallf of his work.

The Assembly fixed upon the following hours for its daily sessions: From 9 o'clock a. м. to $12: 30$ p. м., from 3 p. м. to 6 p. м., and from 8 p. m. to continue at the pleasure of the Assembly.

It was made the second order for to-night to hold a service commemorative of the late A. P. Smith, D. D., pastor of the church which is now entertaining the Assembly.

The Rev. W. L. Lowrance, on whom, by the decease of Dr. Smith, has devolved much care in connection with the Assembly, was given the privileges of the floor.

The Assembly had recess until 3 o'clock this afternoon.

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The Assembly met, Dr. Graham occupying the chair at the request of the Moderator.

The Rev. Dr. G. D. Mathews addressed the Assembly, whereupon it was

Resolved, That the Assembly hereby records its great pleasure and profit in the visit and aldress of Secretary G. D. Mathews, D. D., and expresses anew its fidelity and love to the cause which the Alliance of Reformed Churches thronghout the Worlh holling the Presbyterian System represents.

The Annual Report of the Executive Committee of Foreign Missions was read by the Secretary, Rev. S. H. Chester, D. D., and was referred to the Standing Committee on Foreign Missions, to be appointed.

The Annual Report of the Executive Committee of Education for the Ministry was read by the Secretary, Rev. E. M. Richardson, D. D., and was referred to the Standing Committee on that subject, to be appointed. A personal commmication from Dr. Richardson was given the same direction.

The Annual Report of the Executive Committee of Publication was read by the Secretary, Rev. J. K. Hazen, D. D., and was referred to the Standing Committee on Publication, to be appointed.

Rev. T. R. Sampson, D. D., President of the Assembly's Home and School at Fredericksburg, Va., made a report on that institution, which was referred to a special committee of five, with instructions to report next Monday evening.

The Assembly had recess until 8 o'clock to-night.
8 o'cloch p. m.
The Assembly met. At the request of the Moderator, Dr. Graham occupied the chair.

Rev. R. E. Steele, seamen's chaplain at New Orleans, was heard concerning his work in that city, a collection was taken in aid of it, and a committee of two, to be appointed by the Moderator, was directed to report a suitable minute in reference to it.

The Assembly proceeded to the second order of the day, a service commemorative of the late Andrew Pickens Smith, D. D. Addresses were delivered by Drs. King, Lefevre, and Hoge, and Rev. J. E. Fogartie on the life and work of Dr. Smith. The service closed with prayer by Rev. F. M. Woods, D. D.

The Assembly adjourned until 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

> SECOND DAY.
> MaY $17,1895,9$ o'clock A. м. $^{\prime}$.

The Assembly met, and was opened with devotional exercises conducted by the Moderator.

The minutes of yesterday's sessions were read and approved.

## The Moderator announced the following Standing Committees :

Bules and Oyertures.-.J. R. Graham, W. T. Richardson, N. W. Edmunds, L. Tenney, J. M. Rose, Jr., Rohert Arlams, J. II. Lacy, W. T. Matthews, H. M. Woolson, M. M. Greenwood, J. P. Coffin, A. T. Dent, T. Dirkerson, J. E. Boggs.

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Sabbath-Sonwols.-J. T. Plunket, C. W. Lyman, R. II. Latham, T. A. Hardin, R. A. Hardir, J. F. Woods, T. R. Snoot, T. P. Campbell, J. W. Barclay, T. W. Dimmock (added).

Foremin Cormempanence.-J. A. Leferre, J. P. Osborne, Samuel Young, J. W. Wallace, A. J. Henry, W. N. Offutt, P. K. Whitney.

Theological Seminames.-E. C. Gordon. J. W. Allen, G. W. Painter, S. J. Mayhew, Thomas W. Dimmock, A. H. Barkley, F. Rolston.

Symtematic Beneficence.--J. M. Brown, S. J. McMurray, J. W. McMillan, J. B. Simpson, J. A. Sims.

Naphative.- Charles R. Hyde, N. L. Anderson, A. E. Dimmock, E. M. Graham, J. T. Brown, Samuel Dyer, D. Taylor, J. E. Thayer.

Bible Cause.-N. W. Edmunds. E. T. Wellford, Charles E. Hotehkin, D. C. Boggs, D. D. Thomenon, Rufus Young, K. M. Ferguson.

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Auditing Commttee.-B. H. Owen, H. C. Kirk, John M. Spratt.
Devotronal Exercises.-W. II. MeCullongh, W. H. Wycough, J. P. Wiseman. W. P. Bishop.

## ON SINODICAL RECORDS.

Alabaya.-R. C. Anderson, J. A. Russell.
Arkaxsas.--C. II. Dobbs, W. W. Pence.
Flomda.-R. C. Miller, A. V. Eaves.
Georgla. - Chalmers Moore, Robert Taylor.

> Kentche.-G. W. Belk, I. P. Jernigan.
> Memphis.-F. M. Woods, A. White.
> Misissippi-W. R. McClelland, C. E. Harris.
> Missouri--T. P. Hay, T. J. Tinsley. Nasifille.-E. L. Wilson, P. W. Magruder. Norti Carolina.-J. G. Anderson, J. B. Morgan. South Carolina.-J. A. McMuray, J. E. Brown. Texas.-W. T. Matthews, J. E. Boggs. Virginia.-W. S. Red, J. E. Keith.

A beautiful gavel, made of the woods of Palestine, the gift to the Assembly of the Rev. Edwin S. Wallace, of Pittsburgh, Pa., now United States Consul at Jerusalem, and conveyed to this country by the Rev. E. W. McCorkle, of Virginia, was presented by the Rev. R. C. Anderderson, Jr. The Moderator made fitting acknowledgment.

The following overtures were read and referred to appropriate standing committees: From the Presbytery of Concord touching the relation of elders, deacons, etc., to public teaching. From the Presbytery of Norfolk touching forms of certificates. From the same Presbytery in regard to men not ordained to the Presbyterian ministry. From the Presbytery of Knoxville on collections. From the Presbytery of Fayetteville on the same. From the same Presbytery on licensure. From the Presbytery of East Hanover on schedule of collections and the conduct of Home Mission work. From the Presbytery of Mecklenburg on Colored Evangelization. From the same on organic union with the Presbyterian Church of the United States of America. From the Presbytery of Central Texas on Home Missions. From the Presbytery of Western Texas touching collections and Home Mission work. From the Presbytery of Dallas on aid to candidates. From the Presbytery of Athens on evangelistic work among the Jews in this country. From the Presbytery of Cherokee on the plan of conducting Home Missions. From the Presbytery of Roanoke on the same subject. From the Presbytery of Columbia on amending the Book of Church Order so as to permit candidates to supply churches. From the Presbytery of Wilmington on licensure and on collections. From the Presbytery of Central Texas on organic union. From the Presbytery of Columbia touching closer relations with the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America. From the Presbytery of New Orleans asking that a pastoral letter be prepared setting forth reasons against organic union. From the Presbytery of Macon touching professional and hired singers in the service of praise. From the Presbytery of Florida touching conference for union with the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America.

From the Presbytery of Nashville on the removal of the Executive Committee of Publication. From the Presbytery of Lafayette on collections. From the Presbytery of Columbia on the same subject. From the Presbytery of Potosi on the same sulject. From the Presbytery of Louisville on amenting the Form of Government. From the Presbytery of Orange on co-operation in Colored Evangelization. From Charleston Presbytery on an Independent African Presbyterian Church. From the Presbytery of Abingdon on collections and on ordination in foreign fields. From the Presbytery of Western Texas on amendments to the Book of Chmeh Order. From the Presbytery of Savamah on the same sulbject. From the Presbytery of Orange on the same subject. From the Presbytery of Wilmington on the concluct of Home Missions.

An appeal of Rev. B. D. D. Greer against the Synod of Texas, and an appeal of the Presbytery of Western Texas against the Synod of Texas, were referred to the Judicial Committee.

A commmication from the Franco-American Evangelization Committee was read, and referred to the Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

A communication from the Rev. Dr. Mathews, General Secretary of the Alliance of Reformed Churches holding the Presbyterian system, was referred to the same Committee.

A communication from the Rev. Dr. Alexander McLean, Secretary of the American Bible Society, was referred to the Committee on Bible Work.

A commmication from the Executive Committee of the Peace Conference was referred to the Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

An invitation from the Presbytery of Mecklenburg that the next Assembly meet within its bounds, and similar invitations from the First Preshyterian Church of Memphis, Tenn., and from the Presbytery of Memphis, were put upon the docket.

The al interim. Committee on the Sabbath made a report, which was referred to the Standing Committee on the Sabbath.

Drs. Gordon and Hoge presented commmications from the Rev. H. B. Pratt, which were referred, withont reading, to the Standing Committee on Foreign Missions.

The Ammal Report of the Trustees of the General Assembly was read, and referred to the Auditing Committee.

A telegram of greeting from the W. C. T. U., of Texas, was referred to the Committee on Foreign Correspoudence.

The Assembly had recess for fifteen minntes.
After recess the Assembly came to order.
The Moderator ammonced the following Special Committee on the Assembly's Home and School at Fredericksburg, viz.: Revs. P. H. Hoge, D. D., Angus McDonalr, D. D., J. H. Nall, D. D.; and Ruling Elders B. R. Wellford, M. M. Woolson.

An invitation from the Second Church at Charlotte, N. C., that the next Assembly meet in that city, and a similar invitation from the church at Fredericksburg, Va., were put upon the docket.

It was resolved that, on the arrival of the hour for the noon recess, the Assembly adjourn until to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

It was ordered that the first hour of to-morrow evening's session be given to the consideration of Colored Evangelization.

The Anmmal Report of the Executive Committee of Home Missious was read by the Secretary, Rev. J. N. Craig, D. D., and referred to the Standing Committee on Home Missions. The report of the Treasurer of Home Missions was referred to the Auditing Committee.

The Annual Report of the Executive C'ommittee on Colored Evangelization was read by the Secretary, Rev. A. L. Phillips, and referred to the Standing Committee on Colored Evangelization.

The Moderator amomed the following Special Committee on the Bethel work, viz.: Rev.J.S. Watkins, D. D., and Roling Elder B. W. Trvine.

A motion to reconsider the action by which all overtures touching closer relations with the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America were referred to the Committee on Bills and Orertures was put upon the docket.

Adjourned until to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.
Closed with prayer by Rev. Dr. W. T. Richardson.

## THIRD DAY.

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The Assembly met, and engaged in devotional exercises conducted by the Moderator.

The minutes of yesterday's sessions were read, corrected, and approved.

The Committee of Foreign Correspondence reported in part, as follows:
"Your Committee on Foreign Correspondence respectfully recommends the Assem bly to send the following message to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Chureh in the United States of America:
"Dallas, Tex., May 18, 1895.

- To the General Issembly of the Presbyterian Church in the Conited Stutes of America. Pittwhroll, Pa: :
" We salute you in the Lord, and pray that God's richest blessing may rest upon you and all your deliberations, and the great church of which the Holy Ghost hath made sou bishops.

Charles R. hemphill, Moderator.
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The report was adopted and the message ortered to be sent.
The Committee on Foreign Correspondence also reported the following, which was approved and ordered to be sent:

- To the Wr. ('. T. I'. of Texas, Millstoror, Tex.:
"Thanks for greetings. Seeond Corinthians, chapter xiii. 18, 14.
"Charles R. hemphill. Moderator.
"Joseril R. Wilson, Stated ('lerli:"
A communication from Rev. Dr. W. P. Jacobs, of the Mission Training College at Clinton, S. C., was received, and referred to the Standing Committee on Foreign Missions.

An overture from the Preshytery of West Hanover relating to unmarried women in missionary training schools was read, and referred to the Standing Committee on Education.

An overture from the Presbytery of Palmyra on benevolent contributions was read, and referred to the Committee on Systematic Beneficence.

An overture from the Presbytery of Brazos tonching the conduct of Home Missions was read, and referred to the Standing Committee on Home Missions.

An overture from the same Presbytery on Young People's Societies was read, and referred to a special committee, to be appointed by the Moderator.

An overture from the Presbytery of West Hanover relating to ordination by evangelists in foreign lands was read, and referred to the Standing Committee on Foreign Missions.

A communication relating to the historical founding of the Presbyterian Church in this country was read, and referred to the Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

An overture from the Presbytery of Lexington on amendments to the Book of Church Order, a religions newspaper, the employment of candidates, and the relation of our church with the Presbyterian Church of the United States of America, including also answers to the overtures on licensure and ordination, was read, and referred to the Committee on Bills and Overtures.

A report from the ad interim committee to confer with the Home Mission anthorities of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America with reference to co-operation in the home field was read, and referred to the Standing Committee on Home Missions.

A report from the arl interim Committee on Sabbath-Schools was read, and referred to the Standing Committee on Sabbath-Schools.

The Moderator announced the following as the special committee on Young People's Societies: C. R. Hyde, J. S. Watkins, F. M. Woods, W. H. Raymond, and C. A. Alexander.

Mr. Thomas TV. Dimmock was added to the Standing Committee on Sabbath-Schools.

The Assembly had recess for fifteen minutes.
After recess the Assembly came to order.
The report of the ad interim Committee on Beneficiary Education was presented, and referred to the Standing Committee on Education.

It was resolved that on the arrival of the hour for the noon recess the Assembly will adjourn until 9 o'clock Monday morning.

The Committee on Bills and Overtures recommended that a certain overture in their hands from the Presbytery of Orange should go to
the Standing Committee on Colored Evangelization, and another from the Presbytery of Athens to the Stanting Committee on Home Missions. The transfer was ordered.

A committee, consisting of G. W. Belk, J. G. Anderson, and Robert Taylor, was appointed to prepare proper resohations of thanks to Rev. Edwin S. Wallace, United States Consul at Jerusalem, and to Rev. E. W. McCorkle, of Clifton Forge, Va., for the gavel presented to the Moderator in their name by Rev. R. C. Anterson, Jr., of Roanoke, Va., and also to have suitable engraving put upon the gavel to preserve its historic interest.

The Stated Clerk was directed to telegraph the chairman of the ul interim Committee on the Invalid Fund for information as to the report of said committee.

The resolution to reconsider the action by which certain overtures on organic union were placed in the hands of the Committee on Bills and Orertures was taken from the docket and adopted. Mr. Walton, who marle the motion to reconsider, and then offered another to transfer those overtures to a special committee, was permitted to withdraw the latter. The said overtures therefore remain in possession of the Committee on Bills and Overtures.

It was made the first orter of the day for Tuestay to determine the place of meeting of the next Assembly.

The Assembly adjourned until 9 o'clock Monday morning.
Closed with prayer by Rer. Dr. Mcc'allie.

## FOURTH DAY.

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The Assembly met, and engaged in revotional exercises conducted by Rer. C. W. Grafton.

The minntes of Saturday's sessions were read and approvel.
An orerture from the Presbytery of Cpper Missouri tonching the participation of ruling elders in the installation of pastors was read, and referred to the Committee on Bills and Orertures.

The Judicial Committee made a partial report, which was adopted, and is as follows:

Your Judicial Committee respectfully reports to the Gentral Assembly that the following papers have been placed in our hands:

An appeal of the Preshytery of Western Texas, appellant, ex. Synod of Texas, appellee, together with the record of the case, and we find that the appeal is regular, and that the appellant on its part has conducted it regularly as prescribed by rules of Discipline. Par. 258 to 260 . Chap. XIII., Sec. 3; and we are informed that both parties consent to trial by commission, and we therefore so recommend. The first step prescribed by rules of Discipline. Gen. Par. $\mathfrak{V}^{2} 1$, is to read the record of the cause: the second to hear the parties, first the appellant, then the appellee, and the appellant to close; the third to call the roll, that members may express their opinion in the cause, and then the vote to be taken, after which they shall make a full statement of the case to the General Assembly as its judgment in the case. See Par. 94.

It was made the first order of the day for Wednesday to receive the report of the Standing Committee on Home Missions.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence made a report on the commmication from the Executive Committee of the Ecclesiastical Peace Conference, which was adopted, and is as follows:

Tour Committee on Foreign Correspondence respectfully reports as follows on the communication from the Executive Committee of the Ecclesiastical Peace Conference representing our own chureh and others:

Your committee recommends, first, That this Assembly herelsy repeat its commendations of this great cause, and declare anew its unabated interest in the work of the Ecclesiastical Peace Conference, and its deep and thankful joy in view of the good measure of success already attained.

Secondly, Your committee recommends that this Assembly herebs appropriate fifty (50) dollars to the treasury of the Executive Committee of the aforesaid Peace Conference from any funds, not otherwise appropriated. in the hands of the Treasurer of this Assembly.

J. A. LEFEVRE, Chairman.

The same committee made a report on the communication from the Franco-American Committee of Evangelization, which was adopted, and is as follows:

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

Dear Bretmen: The Franco-American Committee appointed to co-operate with the Protestant Erangelizing Societies of France, Switzerland and Belgium, appeal to the General Assembly for its sympathy and endorsement and co-operation with this work.

Within the lifetime of men now living, the Huguenot Church of France has come from a very small beginning to be the most genuine and hopeful religious power in that great country of thirty-seven millions of people.

The Huguenot Church, when the century began, was without any organized work of evangelization, instruction or charity. Now the Protestant churches are well organized, and with a holy zeal are in many ways rising into recognized strength.

When compared, however, with the churehes of Catholicism, their numbers are relatively few. They are for the most part poor. Their houses of worship are plain,
and their pastors are inadequately supported. Yet, in proportion to their means, their liberality in the maintenance and in the extension of a pure religion is exceedingly great.

In their numerical and financial weakness they do not shrink from the work of evangelizing their country. They feel that they have the mission of God upon them to meet a great and divine call. It is a time in French life and history when the doors of an influential nation are wide open to the gospel, and when in the provinces of France there is a remarkable spirit of religious inquiry.

The churches of France, through their American Committee, appeal to the General Assembly to commend the necessities of these Huguenot churches and their claim to sympathy and help.

We are spiritually, as well as politically, indebted to the land of the Huguenots. In many resperts there is no field of Christian effort to-day which surpasses France in hopefulness, in strategic influence and opportunity.

The Franco-American Committee, with its headquarters in New York, act as a simple organization to foster the work of the Protestant churches of France.

The Franco-American Committee in Paris is composed of the five societies under whose anspices and direction the home missionary work of the French churches is carried on in that country. Our united appeal for the commendation of this work comes from these committees.

Yours in Christian fellowship,
EDWARD G. TIfCRBER,
In behulf of the Franco-imericton remmitters in l'aris and Near Yoms:
Philadelipilia. Pa., Mry 10, 189\%.
Your Committee on Foreign Correspondencer respectfully reports as follows on the above commumication:

Your committef recommends, first, That this Assembly herely records and pub, lishes its tender and profound love for the Roformed Churches in France, and its gratitule to God for the srare and progress vowhsafed to them in their faithful efforts under unequal and arduons cirermstances.

Secomedy, This Assembly commends these noble and struggling churches to the love, prayers and liboral financial help of the pople of God under our charge and oversight.

Thirdly. This Assembly reruests the sessions of our stronger churches to remember and eare lovingly for this ancient people of God whose sons and daughters have erer been, and now are, a tower of strength in all the American Protestant churches.

Fomrthly. This Assembly advisus that contributions for this pupose be sent to the Treasurer of Home Minsions, and he by him forwarded twice frr annum to the Treasmer of the Franco-American Committee in Paris.
J. A. LEFEVRE, ('hairman.

The same committee made a report on the communication relating to the commemoration of the fomding of the Presbyterian Church in America, which report was adopted, and is as follows:

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Deal: Bheminex, - As we trace the history of tho organized Preshyterian Chureh in this combtry hark to its earliest printed or written records, we can go no farther back by the record than to a meeting of a Prestistery on Free Hill, in Monmonth
county, New Jersey, where Makemie and Andrews and Hampton, in 1r06, united in the first regular ordination of a Presbyterian minister, viz., the Rev. John Boyd.

The Synod of New Jersey, at its last meeting, resolved to commemorate that event and its locality, where stood the old Scots meeting-house of 1692 , as well as in another place, its successor, the Tennent Church of 1730 , by a convocation, with appropriate exercises at both places on Tuesday, the 4th day of next June.

The Committee of Arrangements, desirous that all branches of the Presbyterian family proceeding from the same stock may enjoy this home-coming, invite the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States to participate in the commemoration. Have we not all one ecclesiastical mother?

If any of the officers or members of your Assembly shall be able to meet with us on the above-mentioned day, and will make themselves known as your representatives, the Committee of Arrangements will be most happy to give them honorable recognition.

Allow us to refer you, for additional information, to the enclosed Prospectus and to the Church at Home and Abroad for May, pages 376 to 379 , of which a copy is herewith sent by mail to your Stated Clerk.

We subseribe ourselves most cordially and fraternally yours on behalf of the Committee of Arrangements.

ALLEN H. BROWN, Chairman, Camden, N. J.;<br>HENIR GOODWIN SMITH, Secretary, Freehold, N. J.

May 11, 1895.
Your Committee on Foreign Correspondence respectfully reports as follows on the above communication :

Your committee recommends that this Assembly declares its great interest in all matters touching the founding and early struggles of the Presbyterian Church in our country; returns its hearty thanks to the Executive Committee of the New Jersey Synod for its invitation to us to participate in these memorial services, and hereby appoints Ministers W. U. Murkland, D. D., Moses D. Moge, D. D.. Rev. Parke P. Flournoy, Ruling Elder T. B. Gresham, Eş.. and Ruling Elder Williaun Wirt Henry, Esq., to attend and represent us, at their own expense, in this celebration, called the Monmouth Pilgrimage.
J. A. LEFEVRE, Chuirman.

The Committee on Bills and Overtures reported the following recommendation, which was adopted:

That the Assembly direct its Stated Clerk to publish annually in the Minutes of the Assembly the following instruction to the Stated Clerks of Presbyteries, viz: Stated Clerks of Presbyteries are instructed by the Assembly not to send up to it different overtures or other papers upon the same sheet.

The Committee on Bills and Orertures made a report on the overture from the Presbytery of Norfolk touching preaching by men not ordained to the Presbyterian ministry, which report was put upon the docket.

The same committee made a report on the overture from the Presbytery of Macon touching "professional and hired singers in the public worship on the Lord's day," which report was adopted, and is as follows:

The Presbytery of Macon overtures the General Assembly to "take into ronsideration the fact that in many of our churches a practice has arisen of using professional and hired singers for the purpose of giving musical performances as a part of the public worship on the Lord's day, and for which no authority or permission is given in the Directory of Worship of our chureh.
"The effects of this innovation are to interfere to a large extent with the privilege of the people in singing the praises of God: to violate the simplicity of the forms of worship which has always characterized our church: to distract their mints from the true objects for which the people come together in God's house; to introduce the element of entertainment rather than assist in the worship in spirit and in truth : and to lower the tone of the sacred exercises of devotion to the level of worldy and ruestionable amusements. Besides which, the influence of these practices is to bring discredit upon the preaching of the doctrines of the cross, which is the only divinely prescribed way for the church to win the attention of sinful men, and to place the ministry in a doubtful position as to its adaptation for securing this most important result.
"These serious considurations, as well as the waste of money involved, and the trouble and anxiety which many of the pastors and sessions realize in dealing with the developments of this practice. influence this Presbytery to overture your venerable court that you make such heriverance as will tend to correct the evil, either by pastoral letter or otherwise, as in your julgment may seem best."

The committer rerommends the following:
Acsirer: The Assembly lirects the attention of our churches to Paragraph 6a of the Book of Churb Grim (Chap. V.. Sec. III.), in which the powers of the chureh session are defined, and in which the session of each whurch is specifically charged "to take the oversight of the singing in the public worship of God." Recognizing and deploring the existence of the evil complained of in the overture from the Presbytery of Macon, the General Assembly hereby enjoins such oversight of this important part of public worship as will conform to the principle laid down in Chap. IV. of our Directory for Worship.
J. R. GliAHAM, Chairmen.

The same committee, in answer to overtures from the Presbyteries of Abingrlon and West Hanover, touching ordination by evangelists in the foreign field, reported the following recommendation, which was adopted:

The Presbytery of Abingdon overtures the General Assembly that in the judgment of this Presbytery it is not wise to try to legislate at all in ragard to the ordination by evangelists in the foreign field.

The Presbytery of West Hanover orertures that if, in the wisdom of the Assembly, it is found necessary to take any action touching the matter of ordination by the evangelist in the foreign field, certain amendments to the Form of Government, which they submit, be sent down for the approval of the Presbyteries.

In answer to these overtures, your committee recomments that the Assembly decline, at this time, to attempt any further legislation on the subject of the ordination by evangelists in the foreign field.

## J. R. GRAHAM, Chairman.

The same committee, on an overture from the Presbytery of St. Johns, touching stated meetings of Presbytery, made the following report, which was adopted:

The Presloytery of St. Johns overtures the General Assembly that the Book of Church Order be so amended as to require but one stated meeting of Presbytery per year.

Your committee recommends that the Assembly decline to send to the Presbyteries an overture for such an amendment of our Book.
J. R. GRAHAM, Chairman.

The report of the Permanent Committee on the Sabbath was read, and referred to a Special Committee on the Sabbath, to be appointed.

An overture from the Synod of Georgia, touching conference as to the differences separating our church and that in the United States of America, was read, and referred to the Committee on Bills and Overtures.

An overture from the Synod of Georgia, asking the consolidation of the Executive Committee of Education with that of Publication, was read, and referred to the Standing Committee on Education.

The report of the ad interim Committee on the Invalid Fund and other matters, was read, and referred to the Standing Committee on Home Missions.

In view of an amended appeal from the Franco-American Evangelization Committee, the following action was taken:

Resolved, That these papers be put into the hands of the Treasurer of Home Missions as a guide to him in the transmission of funds to the Huguenot churches of France.

The Moderator announced the following as the Judicial Commission: F. M. Woods, D. D., Chairman; B. H. Owen, H. Glass, D. D., W. T. Richardson, D. D., J. A. Lefevre, D. D., Rev. C. G. Vardell, G. J. Hundley, Rev. J. A. McMurray, J. E. Brown, Rev. T. P. Hay, W. E. Love, J. T. Plunket, D. D., T. W. Dimmock, J. H. Nall, D. D., Rev. W. S. Wallace, A. J. Henry, Rev. W. H. Fergusson, T. R. Reid, Rev. J. H. Lacy, S. J. Mayhew, Rev. D. C. Boggs, J. L. Stitt, Rev. A. H. Barkley, J. M. Boone, Rev. G. W. Belk, Robert Taylor, P. W. Magruder, J. Hoge Tyler.

It was ordered that when the Assembly take recess at noon it be until eight o'clock to-night.

It was ordered that so much of all papers in the hands of the Committee of Systematic Beneficence as does not refer simply to the scale
of collections, be transferred to the Standing Committee on Home Missions.

The Assembly had recess mintil 11 o'clock A. m.
After recess the Assembly came to order.
The Moderator amnounced the following as the Special Committee on the Sabbath, viz.: J. S. Watkins, D. D., Chairman; Revs. J. P. Gammon, Chalmers Moore, Wm. H. Fergusson; and Ruling Elders John E. Brown, J. N. L. McCurdy, T. L. Painter.

The Committee on the Records of the Synod of Arkansas reported, recommending their approval with the following exceptions: "On page 26, third line, Synod adjourned to meet at $8: 45$ P. m.; it should read $8: 45 \mathrm{~A}$. м. Same page, eighth line, the record is that Synod met, but does not state where or when. Page 30, the record does not state whether Synod took recess or adjourued."

The report was adopted.
The Committee on the Records of the Synod of North Carolina reported, recommending their approval. Adopted.

It was ordered that hereafter the Assembly spend the half-howr from 12 м. to $12: 30$ р. м. in devotional exercises, to be conducted by brethren designated by the Committee on Devotional Exercises.

It was ordered that a popular meeting in the interest of Home Missions be held to-morrow evening at 8 o'clock, and that a similar meeting in the interest of Foreign Missions be held Wednesday evening at the same hour.

The Moderator announced the following as the Special Committee on the Answers of the Presbyteries to the Overtures recommended by the last General Assembly: Angus McDonald, D. D., Rev. W. Frost Bishop, and Ruling Elders J. T. Thomas, W. D. Wharton, and J. N. Drake.

An invitation from the ladies of the Presbyterian churches in this city to a reception Tuesday afternoon at the residence of Mr. Padgitt was accepted with thanks.

The Assembly had recess mintil 8 o'clock p. m.

The Assembly met, and was led in prayer by Rev. Dr. R. Q. Mallard.
The order of the day, the consideration of the report of the Special Committee on the Report of the Assembly's Home and School at Fredericksburg, Va., was taken up. The report of the special committee was read by the chairman, Dr. P. H. Hoge. On a motion to adopt, addresses were made by Drs. Hoge, Watkins, Fleming, Hemphill, Sampson, Mallard, and Rev. Messrs. Hyde and J. G. Anderson. A collection was taken for the institution. The report was adopted sericutim and as a whole, and is as follows:

Report of the Spechal Committee on the Assembly's Hone and School at Frederichsburg, Va.
There have been placed in the hands of your committee. (1), The report of the Board of Trustees of the Assembly's Home and School; (2), A copy of the treasurer's report to the board, and (3), A copy of the charter of the corporation.

Your committee finds that the trustees have faithfully executed the trust reposed in them by the General Assembly in accordance with the provisions of its charter, and that thirty-seven of the orphans of deceased ministers and missionaries, and children of living missionaries, have received the benefits of the institution during the past year. The committee desires to emphasize the following points particularly: (1), That the Collegiate Institute under the care of these trustees is entirely self-supporting, and that none of the funds contributed to this enterprise go to the maintenance of the School; (2), That the orphans of ministers and the children of missionaries receive all the benefits of a high-class institution at the mere cost to the church of their maintenance; (2), That the Invalid Fund of the church is supplemented not only by this provision for the orphans of ministers, but by the preference given to the widows of ministers in the positions required for the management of the Home. It should be further noted, that while the rapid growth of the other features of the Home and School prevented the inauguration of a training school for missionaries during the past year, the plans for such a school have now been made, and the prospectus for the next session constitutes a part of the report of the trustees.

With regard to the needs of this institution, your committee would mention : (1), That the scholarships and contributions last year fell about $\$ 1,000$ short of maintaining the Home, and that in future the trustees will only be able to receive inmates that are specifically provided for: (2), That an infirmary and a home for boys-to take the place of houses now rented-are urgently demanded for the best interests of the institution. With devout gratitude to God for his blessing upon this undertaking, your committee submits the following recommendations:

First. That the Assembly approves the report of the trustees, with grateful appreciation of their wise and devoted services, and orders their report to be printed annually in the Appendix to the Minutes of the General Assembly.

Second. That a standing committee on the Assembly's Home and School be added to the Assembly's standing committees.

Third. That our churches, and especially our stronger churches, be urged to assume the maintenance of scholarships in the Home, either directly by the church or through ladies' societies, young people's societies, or Sabbath-schools.

Fourth. That our ministers be urged to consider whether any form of life insurance promises such large returns for the outlay as a contribution of $\$ 5$ a year toward an endowment fund for the Home and School.

Fifth. That the need of an infirmary and a hoss' home is rerognized by the Assemhy, and the liberality of our people invoked to supply these accommodations.

Sixth. The attention of pastors and churches, and of young people expecting to engage in Christian work, either at home or abroad, is directed to the facilities afforded by the Training school for Christian Workers at a very moderate cost.

| Respectfully submitted, | PEYTON H. HOGE, |
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|  | JAMES H. NALL, |
|  | H. M. WOODSON, |
|  | B. R. WELLFORD, |
|  | ANGCS MCDONALD. |

The Assembly adjourned until 9 o'elock to-morrow morning.
Closed with prayer by Rev. Neal L. Anderson.

## FIFTH DAY.

May 21, 9 órlockia. m.
The Assembly met, and was led in prayer l,y Rev. Dr. Keady.
The minutes of yesterday's sessions were read and approved.
An overture from the Presbytery of Albemarle touching the studies and training of candidates was read, and referred to the Committee on Bills and Overtures.

The Committee on Bills and Orertures made the following report on an overture from the Presbytery of Concord asking a definition of the relation of elders, deacons, and unofficial persons to public teaching :

The Presbytery of Concord, "in riew of perplexing questions which confront the church at the present time," overtures the General Assembly "to appoint an ad interim committee to consider and report to the General Assembly of 1896 what action, if any, ought to be taken on the following subjects, viz: : To define the relation of elders, deacons, and unofficial persons, such as candidates, lay evangelists, and other workers to puldic teaching: and to define the limits of Christian liberty and duty in the use of this talent, and especially to ascertain if these questions may not be settled on the principles already recognized and applied to Sunday-school workers and to societies within the church; and whether all this may not be done by the Assembly in a declarative way withont constitutional enactment."

Your committee recommends that the Assembly decline to appoint such ad interim committee.
J. R. GRAHAM, Chairman.

Adopted.

The same committee, in answer to an overture from the Presbytery of Lexington on representation of Presbyteries in the General Assembly, made the following report, which was adopted:

The Presbytery of Lexington overtures the General Assembly, that Paragraph 87, Book of Chureh Order, be amended by adding the words: "And so in like proportion for every twenty-four (24) ministers in any Presbytery."

Your committee reeommends that the General Assembly decliue to grant this overture.
J. R. GRAHAM, Chairman.

The same committee, in answer to an overture from the Presbytery of Lexington on a cheap religious newspaper, made the following report, which was adopted:

The Presbytery of Lexington overtures the General Assembly, that a committee be appointed to consider whether a religious newspaper cannot be furnished to our membership at less cost than any now within their reach, and that if arrangements cannot be made by which the papers already in eirculation can be furnished at reduced rates, as a last resort the Assembly consider the advisability of publishing a paper at a subscription that will place it within the reach of the masses, and on a basis that will favorably compare with the cost of similar papers published by other denominations; and it is the sentiment of this Presbytery that if sueh a paper cannot be made self-sustaining at the reduced subscription, it would be wise to draw upon the funds of the Publication Committee.

Your eommittee recommends that the General Assembly reply to this overture that it deems it inexpedient to appoint such committee.
J. R. GRAHAM, Chairman.

The same committee, in answer to an overture from the Presbytery of Lexington tonching catechists, made the following report, which was adopted:

The Presbytery of Lexington overtures the General Assembly " to send down to our Presbyteries for their approval a proposition to engraft into our present system the office and functions of the catechist." The overture reads as follows:
"Lexington Presbytery would respectfully send the following overture to the General Assembly at Dallas: In view of the fact that the candidates of our chureh in the theological seminaries are asking for and receiving work from our Presbyteries at the elose of their first year in the Seminary, and that they are appointed to supply our vacant churehes and missionary fields during their summer vacation without authority by provision of law in our Book of Church Order, we overture the General Assembly to send down to the Presbyteries for their approval a proposition to engraft into our present system the office and functions of the cateehist: the candidate, at the close of his first year in the Seminary, having passed an examination before the Presbytery hereafter to be prescribed (say literary and first year's course at the Seminary), to be declared a catechist, his work as catechist to be under the care of the sessions of the ehurches in which he labors and that of the Committee of Domestic Missions of the Presbytery in whose care he is, and that no candidate shall be allowed to take charge of any work until he has passed an examination for eateehist, but that no candidate shall be required to come before the Presbytery for this
examination unless he wishes to take work before he has been declared a licentiate of the rhurch and has been examined areordingly."

Your committer recommends that the General Assembly decline to grant this overture.
J. R. GRAHAM, Chairman.

The same committee on overtures from the Presbyteries of Columhia, Fayetteville, Orange and Albemarle, touching the employment of candidates for the ministry, presented a majority and a minority report, which were put upon the docket.

The following from the Cumberland Preshyterian General Assembly, in session at Meridian, Miss., was read, and referred to the Committee on Foreign Correspondence:

Meridlan, Miss., May 21. 1895.
To the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United Stutes, Dallas, Texas: The Cumberland Preslyyterian General Assembly sends greeting. Read 1 John iv. 11 .
M. B. Delvit', Moderator.

The Standing Committee on Home Missions, to which was referred the report of the cul interim Committee on the Invalid Fund and other matters, recommended the adoption of the report of said cul interim committee, which was read, considered seriutim, amended and adopted, and is as follows:

Raleigh, N. C'., May, 1895.<br>To the Fenerable General Assmbly of the Presbytrrian rluurch in the Cruited States, in session at Dallas. Texas:

The General Assembly of 1894 appointed an ad interim committee to consider and report to your body touching the following matters:

1. The advisability of combining the Missiontery and the IIome Missionary.

Your committee would recommend that the union be wot effected, because of the practieal difficulties in the way of joint-management.
2. The transfer of the Invalid Fund and its management to the Trustees of the General Assembly's Home and School at Fredericksburg.

Your committee reports anthoritative information to the effect that said Trustees, upon examination of their charter, find that they camot receive the Invalid Fund or undertake its management.
3. As to the expediency of creating an endowment for the Invalid Fund, or of providing some other method of securing a surer and more adequate support for its beneficiaries.

After careful consideration your committee is profoundly impressed with the necessity of doing something to enlarge the benevolence of our people toward this sacred canse, we therefore recommend-

1. That the committee having it in charge use all diligence in the effort to increase the regular annual contributions.
2. That the Assembly sanction the effort to create an endowment of $\$ 100,000$, the method of raising it, and the details thereof, to be left to the discretion of the committee having the Invalid Fund in charge, subject to the approval of future Assemblies.

The Standing Committee on Colored Erangelization presented a majority and a minority report on the report of the Executive Committee of Colored Evangelization. The majority report was considered seriation, amended and adopted, and is as follows:

## Report of Standing Committee on Colored Evangelization.

There have been placed in the hands of your committee the report of the Assembly's Executive Committee of Colored Evangelization, together with the minutes of the same, and also overtures from the Presbyteries of Charleston, Mecklenburg, and Orange, all of which have received careful examination. The committee recommend the following action :

1. In response to the overture from Charleston Presbytery asking for the immediate organization of an Independent Colored Presbyterian Church, this Assembly answers: That the ultimate organization of an Independent Colored Church has always been the policy of our church, and that during the past flve years steady progress has been made toward this goal.
(1), In order to ascertain whether, in the judgment of the church, the time has come for such an organization, this Assembly orders that a collection be taken in our churches during the month of August, 1895, for the purpose of raising the funds necessary to defray the expenses conneeted with the organization of said independent Colored Synod, said collection to be forwarded to W. A. Powell, treasurer, and to be expended under the direction of the Executive Committee of Colored Erangelization.
( $\boldsymbol{\sim}$ ), That the question of this organization be referred to the Presbyteries and Synods concerned for such action as they see proper. If their concurrence be obtained, and if the funds raised justify such organization, in the judgment of the Executive Committee of Colored Evangelization, this Assembly appoints Rev. J. L. Girardeau, D. D., Rev. A. B. Cirry, Rev. A. L. Phillips, E. H. Sholl, and J. W. Lapsley as its commissioners to decide upon the time and place for effecting the proposed organization and to represent the Assembly upon said occasion.
2. In reply to the overtures from Mecklenburg and Orange Presbyteries, this Assembly authorizes the Executive Committee of Colored Evangelization to confer, through the proper channels, with the Reformed churches of America as to the basis upon which any or all of them may co-operate with our church in the work of Colored Evangelization, and report the result of said conference to the next General Assembly.
3. This Assembly desires to place on record its appreciation of the invaluable services rendered by the Rev. C. A. Stillman, D. D., to the cause of Colored Evangelization, and its sense of the great loss which the cause has sustained in the death of this venerable saint.
4. This Assembly approves of the changes adopted in the organization of the Stillman Institute, viz., the employment of Mr. S. P. Verner as teacher of the Academic Department, the adoption of the feature of self-support, and gives its consent to the establishment of a Normal Department in the Institute for the training of missionary teachers upon the proposed basis.
5. The Assembly hereby authorizes the Executive Committee to sell the old building and lot belonging to the Institute, and the Trustees of the Assembly are instructed to sell said property upon the demand of the Executive Committee.
6. The Assembly urges the churches to raise $\$ 15,000$ during the coming year as the minimum amount necessary to sustain this work, and Synods and Presbyteries are enjoined to appoint committees of Colored Evangelization, and pastors and sessions are solemnly eharged to lay this cause before their people and exhort them to give liberally for its support.
7. This Assembly refers the whole matter of the purchase of the school of Rev. E. W. Williams, of Abbeville, S. C., to the Executive Committee of Colored Erangelization, with instructions to act as they see proper.
8. The Assembly approves of the minutes of the Executive Committee, and commends the administration of the work of the Institute and the Secretary by said committee.
9. The following are hereby appointed members of the Executive Committee for the coming year: L. S. Handley, D. D., J. A. Bryan, E. H. Sholl, J. W. Lapsley, E. P. Davis, M. A. Mason, J. II. Miller, R. D. Johnston, J. T. Searey, John Barhour, and Rev. A. L. Phillips is appointed Secretary.

THORNTON WHALING, Chairman.
The following response to the greeting of this Assembly was received from the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the Tnited States of America:
"Pittablizgil, Pa., May 20, 1895.
"To the General Assembly of the Prexbyterian Church, in session at Dallas, Texas:
"The General Assembly in session at Pittsburgh, Pa., eordially reeiprocates your fraternal greeting, and invokes upon you in all your work the blessing of the Triunt God. See Ephesians iv. 4, 5, 6.
"W. H. Roberts, Stated Clerk. R. R. BOOTH, Moderator."
The appointed hour having arrived, the Assembly engaged in derotional exercises conducted by Rev. Dr. McCallie.

The Assembly had recess until 3 P. M.

3 かclock Р. м.

The Assembly met.
The Committee on Theological Seminaries made the following report, which was adopted:

Report of the Standing Committee on Theologheal Seminames.
We have carefully considered the reports of the seminaries placed in our hands; and, in the first place, call the attention of the General Assembly to the following particulars respecting the work of each seminary:

1. Thion Seminury in Virginia.-This seminary had five professors doing full work, and seventy students during the past session. Sixteen of the students were graduated and received their diplomas.

The Rev. C. R. Vaughan, D. D., was continued another year as Professor of Systematic Theology, and the Rev. G. B. Strickler, D. D., LL. D., was eleeted permanently to this professorship, his term of service to begin in July, 1896.

The financial condition of this seminary is good. There is no debt, and the material equipment has been improved greatly, to the comfort of professors and students. One hundred and seventy-five valuable books have been added to the library.
2. The Divinity School of the Southwestern Presbyterian University.-This sehool reports six professors and thirty students. Five students will be graduated in June next with the degree of Baehelor of Divinity, and five others are so far advaneed in their course as to be ready to enter upon their ministerial work.

The spiritual life exhibited by the students has been unusually good, and we note
particularly that special interest has been developed in the cause of Foreign Missions. Earnest efforts have also been made to maintain a high standard of ministerial education.
3. The Loniscille Seminary.-In this seminary there have been six professors and fifty-two students. Eight students have been graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Divinity. Besides the instruction given by the professors, two courses of lectures were given-one by the Rev. R. L. Dabney, D. D., LL. D., on Christian Ethics, and another on five departments of ministerial work by as many lecturers selected from the teaching and ruling elders of the ehurch.

We note here also that speeial efforts have been put forth to foster a true missionary spirit among the students both by meetings and by actual work done in and around the eity of Louisville.

More than three hundred books have heen added to the library; a complete set of physieal exercise apparatus has been given to eruip a gymnasium, and the endowment has been increased by the sum of $\$ 50,000$, the gift of a gentleman of Kentucky. Another gentleman of that State has bequeather $\$ 200.000$ to the seminary, and has promised to pay amually a moderate interest on that sum during his life.

The Rev. Edwin Muller has heen elected Professor of Church Mistory and Polity.
4. Columbin Seminary.-In this seminary there have been thirty-seven students, sixteen of whom were graduated and received their certificates.

The invested funds are in better condition than they were a year ago. Over seven thousand dollars have been added to the entowment in cash, and some twenty-fire thousand dollars in subseriptions.

The Rev. John L. Girardeau, D. D., LL.D., has resigned the chair of Didactie and Polemic Theology, and the Rev. W. T. Hall, D. D., elected to it, and he has expressed his willingness to accept it. The Rev. S. S. Laws, D. D., LL. D., having passed the constitutional limit as to age, has been retained in the Perkins Professorship for another year.
5. Austin Seminary.-We have received no report from this institution.

In the next place we call the attention of the Assembly to the responses given to the request sent last year to the several Boards of Directors to consider " the question of making the course of instruction extend over four years, with sessions of six months."-Minutes 1894, pp. 242, 243.

The Divinity School of the Sonthwestern Presbyterian University and the Lonisville Seminary make no reply. The Columbia Seminary Board say that they deem any change at this time inexpedient. The Board of Union Seminary say they have appointed a committee to correspond with other seminaries on this subject, with directions to report to the next meeting of the Board.

This review of the condition of the seminaries affords abundant cause for thanksgiving. While the number of students is three less than that reported last year, the financial condition of all the seminaries appears to be good and improving. They are manned by able, faithful and eonscientious teachers; and the diligence and progress of the students have been commendable.

We respectfully recommend to the General Assembly the following action :

1. The General Assembly devoutly records its gratitude and praise to the Head of the church for the evidences afforded of his providential eare of our seminaries, and for the work which, under the guidanee of his Spirit, they have been permitted to do for his ehurch.
2. The General Assembly approves of the continuance of the Rev. C. R. Vaughan, D. D., and of the Rev. S. S. Laws, D. D., LL. D., for one year in their respeetive chairs at Union Seminary and at Columbia Seminary; also of the election of the Rev. G. B. Striekler, D. D., LL. D., to the ehair of Systematic Theology in Union Semi-
nary; of the election of the Rev. W. T. Hall, D. D., to the chair of Didactic and Polemie Theology in Columbia Seminary, and of the election of the Rev. Edwin Muller to the chair of Chureh History and Polity in Louisville Seminary.
E. C. GORDON, Chairman,
G. W. PAINTER, FRANK ROLSTON, S. J. MAYHEW,
J. W. ALLEN, THOS. W. DIMMOCK, A. H. BARKLEY.

The Committee on Systematic Beneficence made the following report, which was adopted:

Your Committee on Systematic Beneficence would report that there have eome into our hands for report three overtures, one each from the Presbyteries of East Hanover, Knoxville and Roanoke, proposing a new schedule of collections for our chureh; one from the Presbytery of Lafayette asking for still a different arrangement, if any change be made by the present Assembly; and nine overtures, one each from the Presbyteries of Fayetteville, Columbia, Potosi, Sonth Carolina, Abingdon, Wilmington, Western Texas, Palmyra, and Brazos, requesting and urging this Assembly not to make any change in the present schedule, some of which say that the present sehedule is efficient and satisfactory.

We recommend that this Assembly shall say in answer to these overtures, that it does not deem it wise to make any change in the present schedule of collections, and urges that all our Presbyteries, through their proper officers, should use due diligence in seeuring conformity on the part of all their churches to the present schedule of collections.
J. M. Brown, Chairman of Committer. S. J. MrMCRRAY, r'lerk.

Report of the Committee on Systematic Benefleence.
To the Crenerul Asxembly of the Presbyterian C'hurh in the I nited Stutex:
Your Committee on Systematic Beneficence would report, that from the reports from sixty-seven Presbyteries on Systematic Beneficence which have been put into our hands we find that-
1252 churn hes gave to Foreign Missions. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . $\$ 108.019$
1202 .. .. Assembly's Home Missions, . . . . . . . . . . . . 27,190
1547 . $\quad$ Local Home Missions, . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 80,509
1124 . $\quad$. Colored Evangelistic. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 9, 726
1115 ." . 1 Invalid Fund, . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 12,061
1309 .. .. Education, . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 50.299
1032 ." ." Publiration, . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 8.027
$4 \pi$.. .. Bible Society, . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . $4.17 \%$
12:36 . $\quad$. Preshyterial Fuml. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 13.960
$144^{\circ}$.. Pastors' Salaries. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 699, 854
1154 .. .. Congregational, . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 505,261

? 41 rhurches contributed to eight causes.

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| 181 | - | " | four causes. |
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| 138 | - | - | two causes. |
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2. Your committee would report also that the proper data is not all given. Some Presbyteries have not sent reports. Some do not state how many churches contributed. Some others do not report on items necessary for the perfection of this report. We also call the attention of the Assembly to the extreme awkwardness aud seeming carelessness manifested in the manner of getting up some of the reports, and would beg leave to say, that while there may be some exense for clerical awkwarduess on the part of the clerks of some sessions, yet there is no excuse for such bungling on the part of Stated Clerks of Presbyteries.
J. M. Brown, Chairman.
S. J. McMIURRAY, Clerk.

The Committee on the Narrative made the following report, which was adopted, and ordered to be printed in the Appendix: (See Appendix.)

The Committee on the Narrative was instructed to prepare a pasroral letter on family worship and Bible study in the household.

The Committee on Bible work made a report, which was adopterl, and is as follows:

The Standing Committee on the Bible Canse would respectfully report, that the only paper that has been put into its hands was a communication addressed to the Assembly by Rev. Alexander McLean, Corresponding Secretary of the American Bible Society. It is to be regretted that the constrained absence of this gentleman deprives the Assembly of the pleasure and profit which it would derive from bis personal address.

There are two matters brought to the attention of your committee in his written communication: First, That the work of the Bible Society was curtailed during the past year from deficiency of funds. How far the churches represented by this AssemHy are responsible for this deficiency by failing to contribute to this cause, sour committee has not had the opportunity of ascertaining. The next matter is the expressed wish of the Secretary that, if practicable, a special month be set apart for contributions to this cause.

Your committee is debarred from recommending compliance with this wish by the fact that the present schedule of collections leaves no month of the year vacant as a whole. It only remains for us, then, to recommend the following: 1 st. That the Assembly re-affirms its abiding interest in the welfare of the American Bible Societr, and expresses its indebteduess for the helps derived from it in the way of edification and evangelization.

2d, That it repeats its exhortations to the Preslyyteries to give due consideration to this cause by commending and aiding it in every practicable way.

3 d , That it emphasizes the fact that the third Salbath in October of each year has been specially set apart as a collection day for this cause in all our churches.

> N. W. EDMLINDS, Chuirman.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence reported the following salutation to the Cumberland Presbyterian General Assembly, in session at Meridian, Miss. :

Dahlas, Tex., May 21, 1895.
To the Cumberland Presbytrian Genoral Assembly, Meridiren, Misis.:
The Presloyterian General Assembly in Dallas. Tex., salutes you in the Lort. Read our prayer for you in Eph. iii. 14 to 19.

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The report was adopted, and the greeting orlered to be sent.

The Committee on the Records of the Synod of South Carolina reported, recommending their approval, with the following exception: "On page 8 of the printed records a special order was suspended, of which there is no mention before or after its suspension."

Adopted.
The Committees on the Records of the Synods of Georgia, Florida, Missomi, and Nashville reported, recommending their approval.

Adopted.
The Committees on the Records of the Synods of Mississippi and Kentucky reported that said records were not in the house, and asked to be discharged from further consideration of the subject.

The special committee to report suitable acknowledgment to the giver of the gavel presented the following, which was adopted:

Your committee, appointed to prepare a suitable resolution of thanks to the Rer. Edwin S. Wallace for the handsome gavel sent to this Assembly, through the kindness of Rev. Emmett W. MeCorkle, and presented to the Moderator by Rev. R. C. Auderson. Jr., would most respectfully submit the following:

Resolurd, 1. That this Assembly most thankfully receives and highly appreciates this beautiful present, so suggestive in its composition of points of interest alike prerions to all the people of God.

Resolced, 2. That the Rev. Emmett W. Mu.Corkle be appointed to convey this expression of appreciation to the Rev. Edwin S. Wallace, assuring him of the AssemHy's high regards both for the giver and the gift.

Resolled, 3. That the gavel shall bear the following inscription: "This gavel, composed of ebony from Egypt, oak from Hebron, olive from Bethlehem, cedar from Lebanon, balsam from the ford of Jordan, and alnond from the top of Olivet, is a gift to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States from the Rev. Edwin S. Wallace, U. S. Consul at Jerusalem. May 16, A. D. 1895."

Respectfnlly submitted,
G. W. BELK,
J. G. ANDERSON.

ROBERT TAYLOR.
The special committee on answers to the overtures on licensure and ordination by evangelists in foreign lands made the following report, which was adopted:

Your special committee, to whom were referred the answers of the Presbyteries to the overtures sent down by the Assembly of 1894, would respectfully report:

First, That we have received answers from sixty-nine of our seventy-four Presbyteries.

Second. These sixty-nine Presbyteries have answered as follows: Touching licensure of candidates, fifty-three have answered in the negative, thirteen in the affirmative, and three in the atfirmative conditionally. Touching the ordination of ministers, forty-three have answered in the negative, eleven in the affirmative, and three in the affirmative conditionally. Touching ordination of ministers in the foreign field, forty-
five have answered in the negative, ten in the affirmative, and five in the affirmative conditionally.

The Presbyteries have therefore declined to make the proposed changes.
Respectfully submitted,
ANGUS McDONALD, Chairman.
J. T. THOMAS,
W. D. WHARTON,
J. N. DRAKE.

The special committee to bring in a minute respecting work among the seamen at New Orleans reported the following, which was adopted:

The Special Committee on the Seamen's Bethel at New Orleans would respectfully report that the Assembly has heard with gratification the report of Rev. R. E. Steele, chaplain, touching the good work that is being done among the seamen through the Bethel, conducted by the New Orleans Seamen's Friend Society. Recognizing the great importance of the work, remembering the command to "preach the gospel to every creature," and being assured that we cannot with impunity ignore the claims of "those who go down to the sea in ships, who do business in great waters," we would commend the diligence and zeal of the chaplain and all engaged in this good work, and would call the special attention of Christian people to the same, heartily commending it to the Christian sympathy and support of our churches.

> ROBERT C. ANDERSON, Jr., Chairman.

It was made the order of the day for 3:30 o'clock to-morrow afternoon to fix the place of meeting of the next Assembly.

The Assembly had recess until 8 o'clock P. M.

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The Assembly met, with Dr. Hoge in the chair, at the request of the Moderator.

The Home Mission work being under consideration, addresses were made by Rev. R. H. Nall, D. D., Ruling Elder James P. Coffin, and Ruling Elder Samuel Dyer, a native Choctaw. A collection was taken for the work in New Mexico.

The Assembly adjourned until 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.
Closed with prayer by the Rev. Dr. Hoyt.

## SIXTH DAY.

May 22, 9 o'clock a. m.
The Assembly met, and was led in prayer by Rev. E. C. Gordon, D. D.

The minutes of yesterday's sessions were read and approved. The Committee on Bills and Overtures, in answer to overtures from the

Presbyteries of Western Texas and Wilmington touching licensure, reported the following, which was adopted:

The Presbytery of Western Texas and the Presbytery of Wilmington each overtures the General Assembly to propose to the Presbyteries, for their approval, certain amendments to the Form of Government. But as these amendments are asked for only in the event the overtures submitted by the Assembly of 1894 should be adopted by the Preshyteries; and the Presbyteries having dechined to give their consent to these overtures; therefore your committee recommend that the Assembly take no action in the premises.

## J. R. GRAIAM, Chairman.

The same committee, in answer to overtures from the Presbyteries of Columbia, New Orleans, Mecklenburg, Central Texas, and Lexington, and the Synods of Florida and Georgia, touching closer relations on organic union with the Presbyterian Chmrch in the United States of America, made the following report, which was unanimonsly adopted:

Overtures from two Synols and five Presbyteries. bearing on our relations with the Presbyterian Church in the United States of Ameriea, have been placed in the hands of your committee. One of these overtures (viz., from the Synod of Florita) looks to organic union with that ehurch. Another (from the Synod of Georgia) looks for a conference in reference "to the differences now separating the two churches." Another (from the Preslytery of Columbia) desires that "closer relations between the two churches" be established. Still another (from the Presbytery of New Orleans) asks that a "Pastoral Letter" be issnet, "setting forth fully the reasons for our continued separate existence as a church of Christ."

Besides these there are overtures from the Presbyteries of Meekfenburg, Central Texas, Lexington, and New Orleans, praying this General Assembly not to reopen the questions of organic mion with our brethren of the Northern Assembly.

Your committee has earefully considered these various overtures, and now reports to the General Assembly that we do not think it necessary to answer them in detail, but recommend to the Assembly the following action, viz. :

This Assembly does not deem it wise, muler existing conditions, to agitate the ruestions submitted in these overtures. It avails itself of this occasion, however, to phace again on record its sentiments of sincere regart and Christian affection for that honored branch of the great Presbyterian family, between whom and ourselves close fraternal relations already exist. And we here renew the expression of our desire that the phan of coiperation in Christian work, both at home and abroad, which has been agreed to by our respective Assemblies, may be always faithfully and cordially observed by both these churches.

The Standing Committee on Home Missions on the Annual Report of the Executive Committee of Home Missions made a report, pending the consideration of whicl the Assembly had recess for ten minntes.

After recess the Assembly came to order, and spent the noon halfhour in derotional exercises conducted by the Rev. J. W. Pogne.

The Assembly had recess until 3 o'clock P. M.

## 3 万'clock P. м.

The Assembly met, and resumed the consideration of the report of the Standing Committee on Home Missions. The report was amended and adopted seriatim and as a whole, and is as follows:

## Report of Standing Committee on Home Missions.

Your Standing Committee on Home Missions would respectfully report to ther General Assembly that the following papers have been placed in its hands:
(1), The records of the Executive Committee, the Annual Report of this committee to the Assembly, and a copy of the Treasurer's Report.
( 2 ), The report and correspondence of the ad interim committee to confer with the Home Mission authorities of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America, with reference to the avoidance of waste and competition in the work of the two Assemblies.
(3), Overtures from East Hanover, Knoxville, and Roanoke Presbyteries, recommending radical changes in the management of this work; overtures from Cherokee, Brazos, Dallas, Greenbrier, South Carolina, West Texas, and Wilmington Presbyteries, deprecating such change; and (for information) overtures from Abingdon, Columbia, Fayetteville, Palmyra, and Potosi, asking that no change be made in the schedule of collections, which involves, by implication, the maintenance of the present plan, while another Presbytery, Lafayette, asks that if any changes are made they be certain changes of order not affecting this work.
(4), An overture from the Presbytery of Central Texas, asking that Mission Presbyteries be allowed to send all their collections to the Central Treasury: also that the Executive Committee be instructed to make appropriations to Presbyteries in bulk, in which provision East Hanover, Knoxville, and Roanoke agree.
(5), An overture from the Presbytery of Athens, asking the appointment by the Executive Committee of a missionary to work among the Jews in our bounds.

The Report of the Executive Committee covers the first complete year of work under the new plan adopted in Macon, Ga., in 1893. It is gratifying to state that, in spite of financial depression, the difficulties in getting a new system into prompt working, and other obstacles, the church, as a whole, has sustained it to such a degree that the contributions available for use in the mission field, that is regarded as the core of the whole church, has been over forty-five (45) per cent. greater than the average of the previous three years.

So far as your committee can learn, this increase has not been secured at the cost of local work in the older Presbyteries and Synods, but is due to the more liberal response of God's people to this canse where it was presented as a distinctly missionary enterprise, freed from the complexities of interest that inhered in the old system.

It is a matter of regret that the Presbyteries did not report to the Secretary, as requested by him, the amounts raised for Presbyterial and Synodical Treasuries, that a complete exhibit of all the Home Mission work in our bounts might have been presented to this Assembly; but while the older Presbyteries and Synods, in carrying on unaided their own work, have doubtless felt the pressure of the times in common with other causes, there is no reason to believe that there has been serious curtailment in any quarter, or that any of the advance made by our stronger Synods in the forward movement of the last few years has been lost.

The school work in the Indian Territory, anthorized by the last Assembly, has been inaugurated with encouraging prospects of success; and the bounds of our church have been extended by the organization of two churches in the Pecos Valley, New Mexico. It is earnestly hoped that this General Assembly, meeting in the heart of
the Home Mission region of our ehurch, and in the very Presbytery that first earried our banner into "the regions beyond," will inspire the whole chureh with a new coneeption of the mission, responsibility, and opportunity of our ehurch in the evangelizing of the great Southwest.

## Tie Invalid Fund.

The contributions to this fund received at the central office have been somewhat greater than in the previous year, but remain less than for a number of years preceding, and lamentably less than the needs of this most sacred cause.

At the recommendation of this committee the Assembly has already adopted the report of the ad interim committee eoncerning this work, relieving your committee from the necessity of further recommendation with regard to it.

After most careful deliberation over all the papers placed in its hands, your eommittee respectfully submits the following recommendations:

First. In response to the overtures of East Hanover, Knoxville, and Roanoke Presbyteries, the General Assembly declines to make the proposed changes, so far as they affect the general management of the work and the raising of funds for its support, and reaffirms the principle aftimed by the Maeon Assembly, that this cause shall be laid upon the hearts of God's people upon its own merits, and noon the same terms as the other great canses of the church.

- Second. In response to the request for simplifying the administration of the Central Office in the method of disbursing its funds, contained in these overtures and in that from the Presbytery of Central Texas, the Assembly orders the following addition to the Manual as Paragraph 3 of Section IV., and directs the Erecutive Committee to harmonize the rest of the Manual with this paragraph, in accordance with the paper herewith filed:
" P'resbyterial Committees in those Presbyteries that seek aid from the Central Treasury shall once a year, or oftener if oecasion requires, lay before the Central Committee a full statement of the work proposed, the cost of maintaining it, and the amount that can be raised for it in the Presbytery. Upon the basis of this information, the Central Committee shall make its appropriatious to each Presbytery; and the disbursement of the sum so appropriated shall be left to the discretion of the Presbytery through its local committee."

Third. The providence of God having opened the way for the extension of our church beyond the bounds of its organized Presbyteries, the following paragraph is hereby added to Section IV. of the Manual: "The support of Home Mission fields lying beyond the bounds of organized Presbyteries shall be directly under the eare of the Central Committee."

Fourth. In view of the unique character of the work among the Mexicans in the Presbytery of Western Texas, the Executive Committee is instructed to make special appropriations for that work, irrespective of the anount appropriated for ordinary IIome Mission work within its bounds, and to make this appropriation as liberal as the necessities of the work reguire and as the funds in the treasury will justify.

Fifth. The General Assembly undertakes to raise for the current year the sum of $\$ 40,000$ for the Assembly's Home Missions, and urgently calls upon Synods, Presbyteries and ehurches to unite in this effort, and to take such practical measures as will secure a full presentation of this cause to their people in the months of January and September.

Siath. The Assembly directs all its Presbyteries immediately after their spring meeting to report to the Executive Committee the anounts contributed in their bounds to Synodical and Presbyterial missions, that a complete exhibit may be made to the Assembly of the total contributions for Home Missions throughout the chureh.

Seventh. The Assembly commends the Indian Schools under its care to the support of our Sabbath-schools, and recommends to all our schools to take a collection for this work on each fifth Sabbath of the month occurring during the year.

Eighth. In the event that the Exerutive Committee shall have reason to believe that it will be better for our church and school property in the Indian Territory to be held in trust by trustees living in the Indian Territory, the Assembly's Board of Trustees is instructed to give a quit-elaim deed to such trustees, to be nominated by the Indian Presbytery and approved by the Executive Committee; said trustees to hold the title to the property for the General Assembly.

Ninth. The Executive Committee is instructed to formulate a plan for the management of the schools in the Indian Territory that will give the Presbytery a voice in the appointment of principals and teachers.

Tenth. The correspondence with regard to the avoidance of waste and competition in fields occupied by our church, and the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America, is referred to the Executive Committee.

Eleventh. In response to the overture from the Presbytery of Athens, the General Assembly does not now see reason to decide differently from the last Assembly (Minutes, page 202) the question of appointing a missionary to the Jews in our bounds. but instructs the Executive Committee to gather information and report to the next Assembly what opening there is for work among this people, and what measures are practicable for reaching them.

Twelfth. The Assembly fixes twenty thousand dollars as the least sum that will at all adequately meet the pressing and sacred claims of the Invalid Fund.

Thirteenth. The records of the Executive Committee are approved.
Fourteenth. The Assembly calls the Rev. J. N. Craig, D. D., of the Presbytery of Mississippi, Synod of Memphis, to the office of Secretary of Home Missions for the year beginning September 1, 1895.

Fifteenth. The following persons are appointed as the Executive Committee for the ensuing year: G. B. Strickler, E. H. Barnett, F. H. Gaines, T. P. Cleveland, A. R. Holderby, M. A. Candler, D. A. Beatie, W. A. Powell, J. C. Kirkpatrick, W. P. Inman, and the Secretary.

> Respectfully submitted, PEYTON II. HOGE, Chairman.

The communications touching the place of meeting of the next Assembly was taken from the docket, and it was ordered that the next Assembly meet in the First Presbyterian Church in Memphis, Temn.

The Assembly had recess until 8 o'clock p. m.

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The Assembly met, Rev. R. H. Fleming occupying the chair at the request of the Moderator.

The session was devoted to the consideration of Foreign Missions, on which subject the Assembly was addressed by the Rev. G. W. Painter, missionary at Hangchow, China.

It was ordered that to-morrow evening be given to the consideration of the Sunday-school work.

The Assembly adjourned until to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.
Closed with prayer by Rer. G. W. Painter.

## SEVENTH DAY.

May 23,9 o'clock a. m.
The Assembly met, and was led in prayer by Ruling Elder J. E. Boggs.

The minntes of resterday's sessions were read and approved.
The following communication from a Ministers' Union of Dallas was read, and referred to the Committee on Foreign Correspondence:

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\text { Dallas, May 21, } 1895 .
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The Minixters' L'nion, thix rity, the General Asxmbly of the Pressyterian Chumeh in Concention Assembled, Senteth Greeting.:
Dear Brethres:-At a regular meeting of this union, May 21st, it was voted that a committee of four, consisting of the following pastors, viz.: Rev. Wm. J. Laws, St. James A. M. E. Church: Rev. S. L. Harris, Evening Chapel C. M. E. Church; Rev. E. E. Sims. Plymouth Congregational Church; Rev. D. C. Lary, St. Paul M. E. Church. be delegates hearing fraternal greetings to your Assembly.

Wishing you grace, merey, and peace, we are yours in the bonds of the gospel.
Done by order of the Ministers' Cuion.
E. E. Sims, Secretery.

WMI. J. LAWS. President.

The following resolution on temperance was adopted:
Rexolved, That the General Assembly reiterates the deliverances of previous Assemblies on the subject of temperance, and, without any reference to the political aspect of the temperance reform, urges upon all Christians the duty of using all legitimate means to promote the cause of good citizenship, especially by refusing to be identified in any way with the liguor traffic, the greatest and boldest modern enemy to the church and the home, and deprecates the inconsistency of professing Christians who rent their property for immoral purposes.

The Committee on Bills and Overtures, in answer to an overture from the Presbytery of Upper Missouri, tonching the participation of ruling elders in the installation of pastors, made the following report, which was adopted:

In answer to an overture from the Preshytery of Upper Missouri, asking that the necessary steps be taken to have the Form of Government, Chapter VI., Section 5, Paragraph 6, amended by inserting the words " minister or elder" after the words "after which the minister presiding, or some other," so that the sentence shall reall: "After which, the minister presiding, or some other minister or elder appointed for the purpose, shall give a solemn charge," etc.

Your committee recommends that the Assembly derline to grant the request.
J. R. GRAIIAM, Chairman.

The report of the Standing Committee on Foreign Missions on the Annual Report of the Executive Committee of Foreign Missions was read and put upon the docket.

The report of the Standing Committee on Publication on the Annual Report of the Executive Committee of Publication was read and put upon the docket.

The Standing Committee on Sunday-schools made a report, the consideration of which was deferred until the popular meeting tonight on that subject.

The Committee on the Records of the Synod of Texas made a report, which was put upon the docket.

The Standing Committee on the Sabbath made a report, which was put upon the docket.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence, in response to the communication from the Ministers' Union of Dallas, reported, recommending the Assembly to adopt the following minute:

The General Assembly receives, with hearty thanks and fraternal love, the greeting of the Ministers' Union of the city of Dallas, and appoints 3 o'clock this afternoon for the public reception of their committee.

The Assembly also appoints the Rev. W. L. Lowrance to introduce the committee to the Moderator.

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The Committee on Foreign Correspondence reported as follows in reference to the representation of the Presbyterian Church in the United States in the Presbyterian Council, to meet in Glasgow, Scotland, in June, 1896 :

25 Christchurdh Avenue, Brondesbury, London, N. W., March, 1895.
Rec. Jos. R. Wilson, D. D., Clerk General Assembly, Presbyterian Church of United States:

Dear Brother, - The Sixth General Council of the "Alliance of the Reformed churches holding the Presbyterian system" will meet in St. Andrew's Hall, Berkeley street, Glasgow, Scotland, on Wednesday, June 1\%, 1896.

At the London Council of 1888 it was agreed, "That the representation in the council shall be: For each hundred congregations or less, two delegates up to 1,000 congregations; above 1,000 congregations, one delegate for each additional 100 up to 2,000 congregations; above 2,000 congregations, one delegate for each additional 250 congregations.

In the case of union of churches represented in the Alliance, it is recommended that the number of delegates remain as previous to union till the following meeting of Council, when, on the union being reported to the Council, the future number of delegates shall be determined." (Vol. of Proseed., 1838, p. 308.)

At the Toronto Council of 1892, it was further agreed: "That in order to adrance the interests in coöperation in mission fields, each of the churches represented in this

Alliance be invited to send to the meetings of Council a representative of its Foreign Mission Board or Committee, and such representative shall be entitled to act as a ‘orresponding member." ( F , $l$. of Proceed., 1892, p. 280.)

Will you have the goolness to communicate this letter to the Supreme Court of your church at its approaching meeting, and secure the appointment of delegates to the Comeil. It will be of great service to the Glasgow Local Committee if you send me the names and addresses of the delegates as soon as these have been appointed by your church.

Yours fratemally, G. D. MATHEWS, General Serretary.
Pilladelpila, Pa., May 8, 1895.
The within letter of the General Secretary of the Alliance, in accordance with the regulations duly adopted by the Council, is hereby countersigned by the officers of the western section of the Executive Commission.

Wm. H. Roberts, Secretary.
T. W. CHAMBERS, rhairmen.

It is recommended-
I. That the following bretbren be appointed as the delegation from the Presbyterian Church in the Cnited States: Rev. C. R. Hemphill, D. D., Chairman, J. M. P. Otts, D. D., LL. D., Mr. James P. Coffin, W. H. Dodge, D. D., G. B. Strickler, D. D., LL. D., J. T. Plunket, D. D., Rev. Samuel Young, I. S. McElroy, D. D., Hon. Malcolm Yeaman, Mr. J. P. Mobson, J. W. Bachman, D. D., J. B. Stratton, D. D., Mr. Robert Tweed, Rev. A. S. Moffett, Mr. Walter Williams, Joseph R. Wilson, D. D., LL. D., Mr. J. B. O’Bryan, J. W. Rosebro, D. D., Mr. E. Nye IIutchinson, Eugene Daniel, D. D., James MeNeill, M. D., J. II. Thornwell, D. D., John S. Watkins, D. D., Mr. J. E. Boggs, S. A. King, D. D., Capt. John (. McCoy (Dallas). Rev. Theron H. Rice, J. R. Graham, D. D., R. H. Fleming, D. D., Prof. W. W. Moore, D. D., Hon. J. Hoge Tyler, Moses I. Hoge, D. D.
II. That the chairman of the delegation be authorized to appoint an alternate to any one who declines the appointment, or is otherwise disabled from attending the Council.
III. That members of the delegation who cannot attend the Council be instructed to notify the chairman as soon as possible.
IV. That the Stated Clerk be requested to notify the Secretary of the Comeil, G. D. Mathews, D. D., of the appointment and names of the delegation.

Respectfully submitted,

## J. A. LEFEVRE, Chairman.

The report was adopted.
The report of the Standing Committee on Education on the Annual Report of the Executive Committee of Education was docketed.

The committee appointed to prepare a pastoral letter reported the following, which was adopted, and ordered to be read from every pulpit, and to be printed in pamphlet by the Executive Committee of Publication and sent to the session of every church in the proportion of one copy to five communicants :
The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Charch in the L'nited States, in session at Dallas, Teras, May 23, 1895, to the churches within its bounds sendeth greeting:
Beloven,--In the vast majority of the narratives coming up from the Presbyteries there is sad unanimity in noting the decadence in family worship and in Bible and
catechetical instruction of the children in the homes of our people. The history of the Presbyterian Church, which is our precious heritage, could never have been to us the inspiration it has proved had it not been for the faithfulness of our fathers in maintaining the worship of God in the home and in teaching the children there the glorious truths of the word of God. It will scarcely be called in question by any that the principles of Christian character are formed very early in life, and that these principles are learned most readily in the home. Children who have heard in the home from their earliest remembrance petitions to Almighty God ascend from day to day, and who have been taught the Bible from their first conscious thought, have become the men and the women whose characters are a benediction to mankind. In view of the vital importance of this subject, the General Assembly urges upon all of its churches the necessity of a pure religious home-life, if the church and society are to be kept pure. Such purity cannot be maintained unless God is honored in the family by his daily worship and by teaching the children his word. Therefore the General Assembly is constrained to lay before every church within its bounds the deep need of a widespread revival in these particulars, viz.:
(1), That God be recognized daily in every home by worship at the family altar.
(2), That the children in every home receive careful and constant instruction in the Bible and the Catechisms of our church. -

Grace, mercy, and peace be with you all. Amen.
Respectfully submitted,
CHAS. R. HYDE, Chairman.
The Special Committee on Young People's Societies presented a report, which was read, and the consideration of it was made the first order of the day for to-morrow morning.

The Committee on the Records of the Synod of Alabama reported, recommending their approval.

## Adopted:

The consideration of the report of the Standing Committee on Foreign Missions was made the third order of the day for this afternoon.

The consideration of the report of the Standing Committee on Education was made the second order of the day for to-morrow morning.
The Assembly spent a half hour in devotional exercises, conducted by Rev. G. T. Thompson.

The Assembly had recess until 3 o'clock this afternoon.

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The Assembly met.
The committee from the Ministers' Union of Dallas not appearing, the Stated Clerk announced the following communication from the Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America,

# which was referred to the Standing Committee on Foreign Corre- 

 spondence:Pittsbcreif, Pa., May 20, 1895.
Rec. Joweph R. Wilwon, D. D.. Stutet Clerk General Axsembly of the Presbyterian rheurch in the United Stutes:
Dear Bromine,-I herewith transmit to you a fraternal letter adopted unanimously by this General Assembly, and addressed to the General Assembly of which you are Stated Clerk. Kindly lay the letter before your General Assembly. With fraternal regards, yours cordially,

WM. HENRY ROBERTS.

## Fraternal Letter.

Pittsburen, Pa., May $20,1895$.
To the General Axsembly of the Presbyterime Churde in the L'nited States, in session at Dallas, Texas:

Dear Brethren in the Lobd Jesus Cinrist,--The General Assemby of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America, now holding its Quarter-Centemial Session as a remuited church in the city of Pittsburgh, Pa., recalls with cordial pleasure and hearty appreciation your fraternal letter addressed to this Assembly in the year 1886, at the Quarter-Centennial Session of your body. With responsive appreciation we extend to you our most cordial fraternal greetings. We are brethren having one ancestry and one faith. We have ever rejoiced in your progress and prosperity in the blessed service of our Lord and Master, Jesus Christ, and earnestly pray that his blessing may crown your labors in ever-increasing measure.

We would stir up your pure minds by way of remembrance touching the attitude which we have steadily maintained for years toward that organic reunion which would make us one in fact as well as in faith. While we do not purpose to press this thought unduly upon your minds and hearts, we do desire again to assure you of our readiness to reciprocate any advances which you may be led to make in this direction, under the guidance of the Spirit of Christ, who prayed that we may be one.

We rejoice in that great opportunity which God has given you to spread the blessing of the gospel of his Son among the freeduen of the South: and we shall gladly eoöperate in all feasible ways to advance the evangelization of these people.
"May the Lord bless you and keep you. May the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you. May the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace."

In behalf of the Assembly,
ROBERT RUSSELL BOOTH, Moderator.
Wm. Heniey Roberts, Stated Clerk:
Wm. E. Moore, Permunent Clerk.
The report of the Standing Committee on Foreign Missions was taken from the docket, considered seriutim, and adopted, and is as follows:

Report of the Standing Committee on Foreign Mishons.
Your committee has had in its hands the "Annual Report, and the Records of the Executive Committee of Foreign Missions," a "Charter of Incorporation with ByLaws," a "Revised Manual for the guidance of the Executive Committee of Missionaries and Applicants for appointment to Mission Service, and of Presbyteries and Church Sessions," a "Communication from Rev. H. B. Pratt, D. D.," and a "Com-
munication from Rev. William Plumer Jacobs in behalf of the Trustees of the Mission Training College at Clinton, South Carolina."

We acknowledge with thankfulness the blessing of God upon the work of the Executive Committee of Foreign Missions during the entire year.

Twelve new missionaries have been sent out.
Two faithful workers have been called to stand before the throne-the Rev. F. A. Cowan, of Lavras, Brazil, and Mrs. R. A. Hadan, of Wusih, China. We bow in submission to the will of God, saying: "The Lord gave, the Lord hath taken away: blessed be the name of the Lord."

Despite the almost unparalleled financial stringency of the times, many of our churches have abounded in the grace of giving. Of them it may be said, as Paul wrote of the churches in Macedonia, "How that in a great trial of affliction the abundance of their joy and their deep poverty abounded unto the riches of their liberality."

It is evident that there is a steadily increasing interest in the work of Foreign Missions in all parts of our church. Commendation is due to those who have contributed of their means for the support of this cause; and while we use no harsh words of condemnation to the churches which have failed to contribute, we much regret their seeming lack of interest in, and indifference to, the progress of Christ's kingdom on earth.

Receirts and Disbursements.
The offerings for this cause amount to $\$ 132,339.90$. The disbursements exceeded the receipts by $\$ 1,3 \pi \tau .2 \pi$. As there was a balance in the treasury on April 1, 1894 , the fiscal year ending $A$ pril 1, 1895, closed without debt.

The Executive Committee was enabled to do this only because but few missionaries comparatively were sent out last year, and by reducing the appropriations to all the missions for the expenses of the work, and by the voluntary reduction of the salaries of some of our missionaries.

## The Manual.

Your committee recommends the adoption of the Revised Manual as amended (a copy of which is herewith presented), and that it be printed in the Appendix to the Minutes of the General Assembly.

The Assembly's Training School.
The plan of the Training School in connection with the Assembly's Home and School at Fredericksburg, Virginia, authorized by the last General Assembly, was placed before your committee.

We recommend that the Assembly endorse the plan of the school and cordially commend it to the sympathy and support of all the churches. The school will be opened in September, 1895. It is admirably arranged to give a spiritual, scriptural, and seasible method of training for Christian work, especially for young women who desire to be fitted either for Home or Foreign Missionaries.

In response to the communication of Rev. W. P. Jacobs, your committee recommends the adoption of the following resolution:
"The Assembly records with pleasure the fact that a charter has been obtained for a Missionary Training College at Clinton, South Carolina, in connection with the Presbyterian Church. This institution is commended to the sympathy and support of our churches."

A communication from Rev. H. B. Pratt, D. D., a member of the Presbytery of Bethel, was referred to this committee.

This paper is a representation of wrongs which Dr. Pratt alleges have been done him by the Executive Committee of Foreign Missions: first, in declining to appoint him a missionary; and second, in declining to give him reasons for that action. This
brother was deeply grieved at being thus shut out of our missionary work, and he further feels that it has been done in such a way as to cause some cloud to rest upon him.

While his paper is not technically a complaint, he asks the Assembly to interpose in his behalf. On the other hand, your committee had the correspondence of the office at Nashville concerning this matter.

From this correspondence we learn that the committee deelined to appoint Dr. Pratt a missionary at the termination of his late contract with Bethel Preshytery, because the eommittee did not have, and were not able to open such work as he asked for. We further learn that the Executive Committee, in declining Dr. Pratt's further services as a missionary, gave him the following testimonial addressed "to whom it may concern": "The committee holds Mr. Pratt in high esteem as a consecrated Christian man and as an able and faithful preacher of the gospel, and cordially commends him to any church, or other missionary board or committee who may need his services. Mr. Pratt is especially distinguished for his knowledge of the Spanish tongue and his ability to write and speak it. The testimony of our own missionaries in Mexico is, that he preaches in Spanish with eloquence and power."

For answer to Dr. Pratt's overture of complaint, we recommend that the Assembly refer him to the foregoing statement.

## Tile Mishionary Periodioals.

There has been a small decrease in the circulation of The Missionary.
The Children's Mixsionary, the first number of which was issued in September, 1894, has a rapidly growing subscription list. The Prayer Calendar has also met with encouraging success. The reeeipts from these three periodicals exceed the eost of publication.

## The Congo Boat.

The Executive Committee of Foreign Missions has been embarrassed in endeavoring to carry out the instructions of the last Assembly with reference to the building of a boat for the use of the mission in Africa.

We recommend:

1. That the delay of the eommittee in this matter be approved.
2. That, recognizing the fact that it is inadvisable and impracticable to earry out at present the proposed plan of building a hoat, the committee is instructed to invest the fund known as the Congo Boat Fund, and to use the income only of the investment for the Congo work until further instructions are given by the General Assembly.
3. That the Executive Committee be instructed not to increase at present the force now in the field in Africa.

## The Chapter of Incomporation.

The last General Assembly directed that the Executive Committee be incorporated. A charter of incorporation, with by-laws, was carefully examined by your committee. We recommend that the charter and by-laws, with suggested amendments, be referred back to the Executive Committee to be reported to the next General Assembly.

## Recommendations.

We recommend, 1. That the minutes of the Executive Committee be approved.
2. That the following persons be appointed members of the Executive Committee for the ensuing year:

Ministers.-J. H. MeNeilly, D. D., S. H. Chester, D. D., J. W. Bachman, D. D., J. H. Bryson, D. D., J. W. Lupton, D. D., Angus MeDonald, D. D., R. C. Reed, D. D., F. B. Webb, W. C. Clark, G. W. Patterson, James I. Vance.

Ruling Elders.-Z. W. Ewing, W. H. Raymond, R. J. Gordon, Jaseph Hardie, and James P. Street.
3. That the General Assembly elect Rev. S. H. Chester, D. D., as Secretary of Foreign Missions.
4. That our ehurches be urged to observe the monthly concert of prayer, and that attention be called to the fact that in the office of the Executive Committee at Nashville the hour of noon of each working day is spent in prayer.
5. That the Presbyteries be urged to take measures looking to the inerease of the circulation of the missionary periodicals.
6. That the last Sunday in May be recommended as Children's Day, and that the Executive Committee be authorized to prepare programmes as a guide in the observance of the day.
7. That when individuals or churches desire to make contributions for special objects they be requested to seek advice from the Executive Committee, and that they send their offerings through the treasurer of the committee.
8. That this General Assembly authorizes the Executive Committee to continue to completion the work entrusted to it by the last General Assembly in regard to the church's property at Campinas, Brazil, and at Volos, Greece.
9. That the Executive Committee consider the advisability of redueing the subscription price of the Missionary to fifty cents a year.

Respectfully submitted,
ROBERT H. FLEMING, THORNTON R. SAMPSON,
R. A. WEBB,
G. T. THOMPSON, J. H. GILLIARD, J. HOGE TYLER, THOS. R. REID, J. L. MckINNON,
W. G. KEADI,
J. S. HILLHOUSE,
J. L. McLIN,
W. H. WILSON, (. A. ALEXANDER, THOS. J. MoMILLAN,
J. L. STITT.

The report of the Standing Committee on Publication was taken from the docket, considered seriatim, amended, and adopted, and is as follows:

Report of Standing Cominttee on Publication.
Your committee would report that there have been placed in our hands--
(1), The report and the minute-book of the Exeeutive Committee.
(2), An overture from the Presbytery of Norfolk.
(3), Overtures from the Synod of Nashville and from the Presbytery of Nashville.

All of these have been carefully examined and considered, and we beg leave to submit them with the accompanying recommendations:
I. The report and the minute-book of the Executive Committee. We find herein a gratifying exhibit of fidelity and success. The difficulties lying in the way have been serious. Espeeially is it to be deplored that the income of the committee from the annual collection, always inadequate, has during the past year been reduced by about fifteen per eent. The results achieved in spite of this fact, as seen from the published report, which is in the hands of the General Assembly, are encouraging. The recommendations which seem to be called for at this point are these:

1. That this work, in all of its branches, be very earnestly commended to the confidence and support of our entire ehureh.
(1), We cannot afford to abandon the effort to supply our people, old and young, with an evangelical literature of the true Presbyterian type.
( $\boldsymbol{\sim})$, The colportage department is an important and effective means of bringing such a literature to the knowledge and within the reach of our constituency. It is a work which should be expanded, enlarged, pushed with inereasing vigor. Especially is this true in view of the fact that the colporteur is a home missionary, in a certain sense, paying his own way in destitute regions, in Sabbath-sehool work and in our weaker churches.
(3), The donation work is essential. Many weak churches could have no Sabbathschools, and very many destitute families and communities could have no religious reading, but for this branch of the work.
2. As the report states (page 9), "the safe conduct of the business will not for the present admit of the use of our business capital, or of the small profits of the business, in the benevolent features of the work." Such is the conviction of your committee. Curtailment of the colportage and donation branches of the work would be lamentable. It should be avoided if possible, and can be if our churehes will make even a slight effort to prevent it by a reasonable inerease of contributions and patronage. But, if reduction must he made, we recommend that it be in the department of colportage rather than in the donation work.
3. That the Executive Committee be direeted to consider the advisability of assuming the entire coutrol, as publishers, of the issuing of our Sabbath-school literature, as there seems to be a demand for reduction in cost.
4. That the Executive Committee consider the practicability of issuing less expensive editions of the various works published, larger and smaller, in order to bring them within reach of larger numbers of our people.
5. That the annual report should show the circulation of the various publications, such as The Eurnest Worker, The Mhildren's Friend, ete.
6. That the Presbyteries he instructed to devote an hour to the consideration of this cause at their fall meetings, and that the Executive Committee be instructed to bring the matter to their attention.
7. That the month of March be set apart, as heretofore, for the annual collection.
8. We recommend that the following persons coustitute the Executive Committee for the ensuing year: James K. Hazen, D. D., Secretary and Treasmer; M. D. Hoge, D. D., Charles H. Rearl, D. D., W. T. Richardson, D. D., W. A. Campbell, D. D., J. W. Rosebro, D. D., R. P. Kerr, D. D., Rev. J. P. Gammon, R. A. Lancaster, B. R. Wellford, W. W. Henry, M. M. Gilliam, and W. C. Preston.
II. An overture from the Presbytery of Norfolk, asking for the publieation of a particular form of certificate of dismissal of members.

We reconmend that the Committee of Publication be requested to prepare and keep on hand a form of certificate of dismissal of nembers.
III. Overtures, one each, from the Synod of Nashville and from the Preshytery of Nashville, asking for the removal of the Executive Committer of Publication from Richmond, Va., to Nashville, Temm. We recommend that these overtures be answered in the negative.

All of which is respectfully sulmitted by order of the Standing Committee.
JAMES H. NALL, rhetman.
We concur in the above report, except in reply to overtures from the Synod of Nashville and the Presbytery of Nashville.
(Signed) WALTER WILLIAMS,
W. F. TIMS,
R. A. WALTON, W. H. RAYMOND.

The instruction to the Executive Committee of Publication to issue the pastoral letter was reconsidered and laid on the table.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence presented a report on the communication from the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America, which was recommitted.

The adoption of the report of the Standing Committee on Foreign Missions was reconsidered. The report was amended so as to authorize the Executive Committee of Foreign Missions to conclude the transfer of the church property at Campinas, Brazil, and Volos, Greece, and, as amended, the report was adopted.

The Auditing Committee made the following report, which was adopted:

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The Auditing Committee respectfully reports to the General Assembly that there has been placed in its hands the following, namely:

The report of the trustees, properly audited by J. E. Brown and D. W. Oates, members of said Board: also, the reports of the Auditing Committees appointed by the last Assembly to andit the Treasurers' reports of the Executive Committees of Home Missions, Foreign Missions, Publication, Education, and Colored Evangelistic Work: also, the report of the Auditing Committee on the accounts of A. L. Phillips, Secretary.

Each and all of these Auditing Committees certify to the correctness of the various reports submitted to them.

Your committee has also examined the books, accounts, and vouchers of the Stated Clerk and the Treasurer, and finds them correct, showing a balance due the Treasurer of \$418.76.

As the terms of the following trustees expire with the session of this Assembly, namely, Rev. J. B. Shearer, D. D., John E. Brown, and David W. Oates, we recommend theru for reappointment for a period of three years.'

The appointment of the following Auditing Committees for the ensuing year is advised:

Executive Committee of Publication-Messrs. Howard Swineford, B. C. Wherry, and Edwin Pleasants.

Executive Committee of Education for the Ministry-Messrs. R. F. Wilcox, John L. Wellford, and C. H. Albright.

Executive Committee of Foreign Missions-Messrs. G. G. O'Bryan, R. S. Hollins, and W. H. Raymond.

Executive Committee of Home Missions-Messrs. W. S. Parkhurst, H. T. Phillips, and W. R. Hoyt.

Executive Committee of Colored Evangelization-Messrs. M. A. Mason, L. S. Hundley, and J. II. Miller.

We recommend that the salary of the Stated Clerk be made two hundred and fifty dollars ( $\$ 250$ ).
B. H. OWEN, Chairman, H. C. KIRK, JOIIN M. SPRATT.

The Judicial Commission to try the appeal of the Presbytery of Western Texas made a report, which was put upon the docket.

The Stated Clerk was directed to send a telegram of sympathy to Rev. W. B. White, and the Assembly was led in prayer in his behalf and that of Mr. Robert Taylor, a commissioner who is ill.

The Assembly had recess until eight o'clock P. M.

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

The consideration of the Sunday-school work was taken up, and addresses were made by Rev. E. C. Gordon, D. D., Ruling Elder J. E. Brown, Rev. Neal L. Anderson, and Rev. Dr. Plunket, chairman of the Standing Committee on Sunday-schools. The report of said committee was then read, amended, adopted seriatim and as a whole, and is as follows:

## Report of the Standing Committee on Sabbatil-Sohools.

Your committee beg to report that the following papers have been placed in our hands: (1), Presbyterial reports from Sabbath-schools from seventy-three Presbyteries. (2), An overture from the Presbytery of Washbourne, asking "That the blanks for the sessional reports on Sabbath-schools be so arranged and printed that each Sunday-school may report to Presbytery the canses contributed to in the column headed in the present form, 'For other purposes'; and also that the heading of the column marked 'Teachers,' be changed to read 'Officers and Teachers.'" (3), The report of the cul interim committee appointed by the last Assembly.

Your committee rejoices in the fact that a report has been received from every Presbytery under the care of the Assembly, with one possible exception; and that a careful comparison of the statistical reports for this year with those of last year shows an increase in every direction save two, to-wit:
Number of Presbyteries reported in 1894, . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 69
Total number of schools reported in 1894 , . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 1,674
" " " " 1895, . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 2,043
Total number of teachers reported in 1894, . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 14,917


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Average attendance of teachers reported in 1894, . . . . . . . . . . . . . 11,466
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Average attendance of scholars reported in 1894, . . . . . . . . . . . . 80,672
Scholars reported as admitted to communion in 1894 , . . . . . . . . . . . 5,107
Amount reported contributed for own expenses in $1894 \ldots \ldots 2, \ldots 404$
" ، " 6 " 1895 . . . . . . . . . 51,832
Amount reported contributed for other purposes in 1894, . . . . . . . . . 26,973

While your committee makes grateful record of the advance as shown by the above comparisons, we note with regret that the two points in which the reports of $189 \pi$ fall short of those of 1894 are most suggestive, $e, g .$, the average attendance of the scholars in 1894 was 5,256 greater than that reported in 1895: and the reported eontributions of the schools for "other purposes" than their own expenses were $\$ 2,578$ less in 1895 than were reported for 1894 . If the decrease in contributions can in any measure be explained by the severe financial depression from which the country has been suffering, how shall we explain the alarming report that the arerage attendance of scholars upon our schools for 1895 was 5,256 less than the number reported in 1894? Surely the Assembly has good ground for prayerful and anxious investigation of this condition of things.

The reports of Presbyteries tonching the government and work of the schools is, in the main, commendable. The supervision and control of sehools by session appeas universal; many pastors, however, do not preach regularly to the children; the Catechisms are generally taught, but the memorizing of the Scriptures seems accomplished only to a small extent; special religious interest is reported in some instances; the collections for the several objects ordered by the Assembly are generally taken; the maintenance of Sabbath-schools for the colored people is not generally attempted.

From the report of the ad interim committee we call attention to the following suggestions: Fuller and more accurate information eoncerning the Sabbath-scheol cause is called for, as some 900 churches are not reported. Our Sabbath-sehools as a missionary agency should be stimulated, as there seem to be some " $3,000,000$ white children and young people in the territory of our Assembly not in any Protestant Sabbath-school," and yet aggressive missionary work on the part of our Sabbathschools is "confined to a comparatively small number of churehes and a few of the Presbyteries."

## Recommendations.

1. That Presbyteries use greater diligence in securing fuller and more carefully prepared reports from Sabbath-sthools, and that greater care be enjoined in the preparation of reports of the Stated Clerks of Presbyteries in their reports to the General Assembly.
2. That Presbyteries be urged to give greater attention to the work of the Sabbathschool, to the organization of new schools as missionary agencies, and to the securing of more efficient teachers.
3. That so much of the ad interim committee's report as ineludes the four statistical tables, with the conclusions deduced therefrom, be printed in the Appendix of the Minutes of the Assembly.
4. That Presbyteries caution the churches against the use of Sabbath-school literature not approved by our Assembly, and again urge the more general adoption of our own excellent publications by our schools.
5. That the Assembly overtures the Presbyteries to express themselves as to whether in their judgment the time has not arrived for the Assembly to employ a General Secretary of Sabbath-schools.
6. That the General Assembly appoint a eommittee of five. which shall include our Secretary of Publication, to prepare a scheme of graded lessons for use in our Sabbath-schools, which shall be supplemental to the International Lessons, and which shall develop more fully our denominational doctrines and principles of government; said committee to be continued from year to year at the will of subsequent Assemblies.
7. That the Assembly declines to grant the requests of the overture from Washbourne Presbytery.

The Assembly adjourned until 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.
Closed with prayer by Rev. P. H. Hoge, D. D.

## EIGHTH DAY.

May 24, 9 oclocter а. м.
The Assembly met, and was opened with prayer by Rev. E. T. Wellford.

The minutes of resterday's sessions were read and approved.
It was ortered that during to-day's sessions all speakers, except chairmen of committees, be Iimited to five minutes.

The Committee on the Records of the Synod of Memphis reported recommending their approval. Adopted.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence, to whom was recommitted the commmnication from the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America, reported the following, which was adopted:

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence reports to the General Assembly concerning the fraternal letter from the Presbyterian General Assembly in Pittsburgh, Pa., recommending the following action:

1. That the fraternal letter of the Presbyterian General Assembly in Pittsburgh, Pa., be printed in the Ippendix to the Minutes of this General Assembly for the use of future Assmblies, and for information to all our churches.
Q. That the following letter be sent at once to the Presbyterian General Assembly at Pittshurgh, Pa., viz.:

Daflas, Texis, May 24, 1895.
To the General Assmbly of the Ireshyterian Chorch in the L mited Stutes of America, now in Session at Pittslarrali, P'(l.:
Dear Breturen in tue Lori,-The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States, now in session at Dallas, Texas, thank you heartily for your fraternal letter, and assure you that we appreciate it most highly. As evidence of this appreciation, we have ordered it to be printed in the Appendix of our Minutes for the use of our churches and future Assemblies. We congratulate you on attaining the twenty-fifth amniversary of your reunited ehurch under many signal tokens of Gor's presence with you. We pray that the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, and, in him, the God and Father of both you and us, may bless you continually " with all spiritual blessing in heavenly places in Christ, according as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blemish before him in love."

We are fully one with you in all the fundamental constituents of the Holy Catholic church. Most especially, brethren beloved, we thank you for that truly fraternal spirit and delicate appreciation of our position, which makes your letter so very precious and so very fragrant to us. Let us walk together in full fraternity of love
and sympathy in all the great and numberless things in which we are agreed, and thus be encouraged to pray and hope that if in anything we differ God may reveal even that unto us and take away every blemish.

And now, may the God of peace that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you (and us) perfeet in every good work to do his will, working in* you (and us) that which is well-pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.

## J. A. LEFEVRE, Chairman.

The consideration of the report of the Standing Committee on the Sabbath was made the third order of the day for this morning.

The Special Committee on Young People's Societies made a report, which was read, amended and adopted, and is as follows:

The General Assembly reaffirms the action of the last Assembly on the subject of Young People's Societies as follows, and adds the recommendations following, marked 6, 7, and 8 .

The Assembly recognizes the vital importance of training the youth of the ehurch in the various branches of Christian work. The attention of church sessions is direrted to this subject, and they are advised earnestly to consider the best methods of developing and directing the Christian activity of the young people under their care. In many churches Young People's Societies or Bands have proven helpful. Such associations, when properly organized and conducted, meet the approval of the Assembly, and sessions are advised to consider the desirability of forming them in their churches.

The Assembly enjoins upon sessions that in forming and conducting such organizations the following principles should be carefully observed:

1. Such societies should, in all cases, be organized under the supervision and direction of their respective sessions. They should be kept under the exclusive control of the sessions, and required to submit to them annual reports of their work.
2. While the Assembly does not forbid affiliation for certain purposes between societies of our churches and those of other evangelical bodies, yet it enjoins upon sessions to maintain a careful oversight of the nature and influence of such association, and, in the exercise of their diseretion, to guard their young people against influences and teachings which are inconsistent with the principles of our own church. The Assembly would utter a special warming against the danger to which young and inexperienced persons are exposed from attendance upon large and promiscuous conventions which are not under ecelesiastical control.
3. In societies which are constituted of both sexes, sessions should take care that the women and girls do not transgress the limitations of Scripture by conducting meetings or by engaging in public prayer or exhortation.
4. Should the number of societies in any Presbytery nake it desirable that they should come into relation with each other for the purpose of conference or coüperation, such association should always be within presbyterial lines and under presbyterial control.
5. Sessions are advised to eultivate close and sympathetic relations with the societies under their care; to attend their meetings frequently, and to encourage other adult members of the ehurch to such attendance; to guard against a hurtful separation between the old and young in religious worship and work, and to forestall any tendency on the part of the young people to give preference to their own meetings over the stated services of the church.
6. That the Committee of Publication be instructed to publish the form of government propesed for the use of these organizations.
i. That the committee of Publication be instructed to reconmend for the use of these organizations suitable literature.
7. That the following be used as a suitable form of government for such organizationm:

Coverant.
It the time of our reception into the church, having entered into covenant with the Lord Jesus ('hrist to make diligent use of all the means of grace and to render to him our reasonable service, we do herely express anew our definite purpose to be the Lord's forever. In orter that we may more faithfully fulfil our vows unto the Lord, We do enter into solemn rovenant to strengthen one another in every good word and work.

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This organization shall be known as the Westminster League of the . . . . . . Church, Preslyytery of . . . . . . Synod of . . . . . .

> Aleticle II. - Object.

The object of the League is to promote the wamest Christian life and activity of its members, that they may thereby be witnesses unto Christ in their own neighborhood, in their own country and "unto the uttermost part of the earth."

> Areticle III.- Me mbership.

SEstion 1. All young people of suitable age, who are members in good and regular standing of our own thureh and other evangelical churches holding our standards, may become active members by assenting to our covenant.

SEC. 2. Any young person of good moral wharater and suitable age may become an associate member of the League by vote at any regular meeting.

Sec. 3. Associate members shall haw all the rights of active members, except voting and holding office; provided, however, that where suitable they may be appointed upon committees.

> Article IV.- Ifficers.

The officers of the Leagne shall be a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary and a Treasurer, whose duties respectively shall be those usually attached to such offices. They shall be elected annually at the business meeting in and their election must be approved by the session.

## Article V.-Committees.

Section 1. There shall be the following permanent committees, consisting of three members each (muless otherwise provided), who shall serve for one year, or until their successors are appointed, viz. :

1. Church and Neighborhood Committee, which shall be charged with the duty of directing the work to be done by the League in our own particular chureh and neighborhood.
2. Home Missions Committee, which shall be charged with the duty of enlisting, in every feasible way, the interest of our young people in the cause of IIome Missions.
3. Foreign Missions Committee, which shall be charged with the duty of enlisting, in every feasible way, the interest of our young people in the cause of Foreign Missions.

Sec. 2. The officers of the League, together with the chairman of the foregoing permanent eommittees, shall, ex officio, constitute the Executive Committee of the League, to act for it in any emergency when the League cannot conveniently be called
together. It shall also appoint such special committees as the necessities of the work may require.

> Article VI.-Mretings.

Section 1. Regular business meetings of the League shall be held on the . . . . evening of each

Sec. 2. Special business meetings may be called at any time by the Executive Committee on their own motion, or upon the written request of . . . . active members of the League. But at such special meetings no changes shall be made in the form of government or by-laws. . . . . . . active nembers shall constitute a quorum.

Apticie VII.-By-Lairs.
At any regular business meeting of the League, by-laws may be adopted or amended to meet the needs of the League; provided that these by-laws shall not conflict with the form of goverument.

## Article VIII.-Amendments.

This form of government may be altered or amended at any regular business meeting of the League; provided that the proposed amendment has lain on the table at least one month and receives a majority of the votes of the active members present.

It shall never be in order to so amend this form of government as to remove the League, as a branch of our church work, from the supervision of the session of this church, upon whom this duty of oversight is laid by the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church in the United States.

Respectfully. ('HAS. R. HYDE,
W. H. RAYMOND,
F. M. WOODS,
C. A. ALEAANDER,

Committer.
It was made the fourth order of the day for this afternoon to consider the report of the Committee on Bills and Overtures on the overture from the Presbytery of Norfolk touching preaching by men not ordained to the Presbyterian ministry.

The Standing Committee on Education made a report, the consideration of which, seriutim, was entered upon.

Pending this business, an invitation from the proprietors of the Dallas Daily News to visit their printing-house was received, and acknowledged with thanks.

The Assembly spent a half-hour in derotional exercises conducted by Rev. R. C. Anderson, Jr.

The Assembly had recess until 3 o'clock this afternoon.
3 o'clock р. м.
The Assembily met.
The consideration of the report of the Standing Committee on Education was resumed, and the report was amended, adopted seriatim and as a whole, and is as follows:

## Report of the S'tanding Commitee on Edication for the Minhstiy.

Your committee has given careful attention to the various matters which have been presented for its consideration.

## Overtrones and Answern.

The following overtures have been received:

1. From the Synod of Georgia asking that the administration of the cause of education be entrusted to the Committee of Publication at Richmond. and that Dr. J. K. Hazen be appointed joint secretary of these causes; concerning which your committee recommends the answer that the Assembly does not deem it wise to make the proposed change.
2. From the Presbytery of West Hanover asking that the Education Committee be authorized to grant aid to unmarried women who are under the care of the Executive Committee of Foreign Missions, while prosecuting their studies in our training schools. Your committee recommends that the Executive Committee of Education be authorized to grant this aid.
3. From the Presbytery of Dallas concerning aid given to candidates by the Executive Committee of Education. The following answer is recommended: That inasmuch as the deliverance of the last Assembly contemplates a sufficient support from all sources, therefore this Assembly decline to reconsider the action of the last Assembly.

The minute book of the Exerutive Committee of Elucation for the past year has been carefully examined, and is foum to contain a corrert and detailed record of the conduct of their work. It furnishes evidence of the fidelity and zeal of the members of the Executive Committee.

## Recommendations.

I. The report of the ad interim Committee on Benefiriary Education. Your committee has carefully ronsidered the report of this committee of the last Assembly, and now recommends the adoption of the proposed manuals amended as follows:
(a), Manual for the use of Presbyteries in the reception and oversight of candidates.

Recommendations to the Presbyteries witu Regard to Edccation for the Ministry.
The General Assembly earnestly recommends to the Presbyteries for the general conduct of the work of education for the ministry as follows:

1. That each Presbytery entrust the management of this cause to a committee composed of at least three of its members, said committee to be known as the Executive Committee of Education for the Ministry.
2. That each Presbytery adopt, for the guidance of this committee, a set of standing rules embodying the following regulations, which the experience and wisdom of the church have shown to be important and necessary in the premises:

## I.

## As to the Reception of C'andidates.

All applications to be received as candidates for the ministry should be made through the Presbyterial Executive Committee, and a sufficient time before the meeting of the Presbytery for the committee to make a thorough investigation, (1), as to the reputation of the applicant for piety, good practical sense, prudence, aud humility: and (2), whether there be any physical or mental infirmities, or any eccentricities of character, or other defects, which are likely to interfere with his usefulness as a minister of the gospel. These facts should be clearly and fully reported to the Presbytery at a regular meeting, and no applicant be received until such report be made. The applicant should further be required to present to the Presbytery an official cer-
tificate from the session of the church to which he belongs of his good standing as a member, and of his eharacter and qualifications as set forth above.

## II.

## As to the Supervision of r'rndidates.

Candidates under the care of Presbytery are subject $t_{0}$ its orersight, direction, and eontrol in all matters pertaining to their education and training for the ministry. To this end the Presbytery should, throfgh its Executive Committee, keep in close and intimate toueh with each of its candidates: shonld rerfuire reports from their instructors and from the candidates themselves, and information from every proper source as to their advancement in study and their general deportment; and if candidates pursue their studies outside the bounds of our church or deviate from the ordinary regular course of study, it should be only with the consent of the Preshytery, or, ad interim, of its Executive Committee.

## III.

## As to Pecuniury Aid to Condidates.

Since financial assistance given to candidates in their preparation for the ministry is not iutended to be a complete support, but only a supplement to other resources, therefore when a candidate applies for aid, let the presbyterial committee make close inquiry as to-

1. His financial ability, present and prospectire.
2. The attitude of his parents or friends, and of their ability and willingness to aid him.
3. The attitude of the church to which he belongs, and its willingness to extend aid.

And let any appropriation be made only according to the actual need of the candidate, who must at the same time be given to understand that he will be expected to refund the amount given him in case he fail to enter the ministry.
(b). Manual for the use of the Executive Committee of Edncation.

## Tile General Assembly's Mandal of Education for the Ministry.

Inasmuch as the Presbyterian Church has always rightly demanded a high grade of education for her ministry, the General Assembly would express the deeided conriction that the cause of ministerial education is fundamental to her welfare, and would adopt the following rules for the guidance of her Educational Committee:

## Constitution.

Article I. -The title of this committee shall be "The Executive Committee of Edueation for the Ministry of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States."

Article II.-The Executive Committee shall be eleeted annually by the General Assembly, and shall consist of eleven members-three at least of whom must be ruling elders of the Presbyterian Church, of a treasurer, and of a spcretary, who shall be styled "Secretary of Education for the Ministry," which seretary shall be the organ of communication between the General Assembly and Executive Committee. The salaries and duties of these officers shall be determined by the committee, and all vacancies, ad interim, in the committee it may fill.

Article III.-This committee shall meet at the call of the serretary, and five members shall be a quorum for the transaction of business. It shall keep a record of its proceedings, which, together with the reports of the secretary and the treasurer, shall be laid before the General Assembly annually.

Article IV.-It shall be the duty of this committee to receive all the contributions
of the chureh which may be made for the purpose of aiding candidates for the ministry in the prosecution of their studies, and to dispense these to aid students. But no student shall he aided by this committee except upon the reeommendation of the Preslyytery to which he belongs, or its Exeeutive Committee of Education for the Ministry : and all candidates shall be solely responsible to their own Presbyteries.

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

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

## Dinburesement of Fivids.

1. While it is left to the judgment of the committee to fix the salaries of its officers and regulate the incidental expenses of the work, this should be at the lowest cost consistent with the efficiency of the work.
2. As the committee can be responsible for no more funds than the chureh places in its hands, it shall sperify the amount to be apportioned to candidates according to its reasonable prospect of paying these amounts; but the payment of the amounts promised shall be conditioned on the ability of the committee to meet these obligations, and must not be considered as a debt to be paid out of the receipts of the subsequent year. And in these appropriations, if at any time the funds entrusted to the committee shall be insufficient for the support of all the candidates duly recommended, preference shall be given to such as are nearest the close of their course of studies.
3. Any appropriation to a candidate shall be conditioned upon the certificate of the Preshytery to which he belongs (or its Executive Committee of Education for the Ministry), (overing the following points:
(1), That said candidate is a member of a church comnected with our Assembly, and is under the care of the Preslytery applying, which Presbytery sends its funds for this cause to the Assembly's committee.
( 2 ), That the Presbytery, upon a careful investigation of the character, antecedents, and physical, mental, and spiritual condition of the applicant, sees nothing in the way of his arcomplishing his course of preparation and being useful in the ministry.
(3), That the applicant actually requires the amount asked for in order to prosecute his elucation.
II. That the Executive Committee of Education be authorized to use the balance of five hundred dohars, still due from the legacy of W. F. Monroe, first in liquidating the debt of year before last, and secondly, in meeting the regular appropriations of 1894-9\%.
III. That the Executive ('ommittee be instructed to apportion the sum of thirty
thousand dollars among the Presbyteries for the current year, and that the chairmen of education in the various Presbyteries be urged to apportion their presbyterial quota among the churehes and notify them of the amount expected from each.
IV. That the societies in the church and the Sunday-schools be urged to contribute to this cause, and that the support of ladies in our training schools, preparing themselves for Christian work, be especially commended to the sympathy and liberality of ladies' societies.
V. That the first Sabbath in November be observed as a day of special prayer for the youth in our schools and eolleges.
VI. That all applications for aid to candidates be made in accordance with the form furnished by the secretary and as early in the year as practicable:

The Presbytery of . . . . . . . . hereby makes application for aid to candidate . . . . . . . . pursuing his studies at . . . . . . for the amount of . . . dollars.

First. We have made diligent inquiry into his other sources of help and find that he actually needs the above amount.

Second. Should he seeure help from other sourees, rendering the full appropriation unnecessary, the fact shall be made known and the appropriation may be reduced. . . . . . . . . Chairmun of Education.
VII. That the Assembly urge the pastors of strong churehes, in addition to what they may do for special candidates, to secure liberal contributions to the general treasury for the benefit of less fortunate candidates.
VIII. That the Executive Committee of Education for the Ministry for the following year be as follows: Rev. E. M. Richardson, D. D., Secretary, Rev. N. M. Woods, D. D., Rev. J. H. Lumpkin, Rev. W. McF. Alexander, Rev. E. A. Ramsey, D. D.. Rev. C. R. Hyde, G. W. McRae, Treasurtr, S. P. Read, Thomas Wellford, T. H. Rice, and John Johnson.

| J. S. LYONS, Chairman, | F. M. WOODS, |
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| T. J. HORNE. | J. E. FOGARTIE, |
| S. A. MCELROY, | J. P. DOGGETT, |
| T. P. HAY, | J. M. GRIER, |
| G. A. WILSON, | S. B. CALDWELL, |
| R. C. LATIMER, | C. C. FRIERSON, | E. H. FAY.

The report of the Standing Committee on the Sabbath was taken from the docket, considered seriatim, amended, adopted as a whole, and is as follows:

The Standing Committee on the Sabbath would respectfully report that the following papers have been placed in their hands: (1), The report of the Permanent Committee on the Sabbath; (2). The report of the Ad-interim Committge which was appointed by the last Assembly to prepare an address to the churches on the subject of Sabbath observance.
I. From the report of the Permanent Committee, it appears that responses to inquiries were received from about one-half of the churches. The majority of these report no material change and no improvement in the matter of Sabbath observance. Only a few Presbyteries report improvement. A general survey of the field shows a down-grade movement. Sunday travel and traffic seem to be on the increase, and there is no abatement of the evil of the Sunday secular newspaper. The perils from the attractions of Sunday amusements demand inereased vigilance and eoncert of action. Never was there greater need of prayer for help, in view of the dangers threat-
ening the holy Sabbath. The growing tendency on the part of Christians to admit the secular spirit into their homes is to be deplored. Special obligations rest upon God's people to preserve the Christian Sabbath as a day of rest and worship, aud to set a right example in this respect before the world. The loose practices of professing Christians, and their disregard of the principles regulating the observance of the Sabbath, are giving constant encouragement to the desecration of God's holy day by nonprofessors. We rejoice that in many parts of our land public sentiment has been awakened in favor of safeguards to protect the people in the enjoyment of their weekly Sabbath rest. All such municipal and legislative enactments as are calculated to secure this end should be sought and encouraged by God's people. It is a mattrr of deep regret that so wide a difference of opinion exists among Christians as to what ennstitutes lawful and unlawful works on the Sablath-day.

In view of all the facts qiefore us, your committee offers the following resolutions:

1. That this Assemhly reaffirms and emphasizes its belief in the divine authority and the miversal and perpetual obligation of the Sabbath.
2. That in view of the fact that the sacred functions of the pulpit cannot be fulfilled without a fearless declaration of the claims, sanctities, and obligations of the Sabhath, the Assembly urges upon all the ministers of the church to lay this whole subject upon the minds, consciences, and hearts of their people with more fidelity, and to do everything in their power to bring about a better observance of God's holy day.
3. That the Assembly, while it would not interfere with the liberty of conscience granted by the New Testament, and would not place a yoke of bondage upon Christians, yet declares that, in its jurkment, in riew of the facts before it, many of God's proiessing people are abusing their freedom, and are injuring the canse of the Sablath by their example. Christians are, therefore, urged to study this subject prayerfully for themselves, and, for the sake of the general cause, if for no other, to be more eareful in their conduct on God's day.
4. The Assembly commends all wise legistation for the protection of the Sabbath.
5. That the report of the Permanent Committee on the Sabbath, with the exception of the reference to its violation ly a minister of another denomination and to the judicial case before the last Assembly, he approved, and printed in the Appendix of the Minutes: and that the diligence of the committee be commended.
6. That the Assembly continues the same representatives in the American Sabbath Union, viz.: Drs. M. D. Hoge. W. T. Thompson, R. Q. Mallard, T. D. Witherspoon, G. B. Strickler, and James Stacy; and retains the same efficient chairman, Dr. stacy.
7. That the Assembly thanks the committee, of which Dr. S. B. Campbell is "hairman, for his address, and recommends that the Committee of Publication publish it and keep it on sale.
8. That the Assembly adopts the resolutions suggested by the rat interim committee, as follows:
9. That the Permanent Committee on the Sablath be instructed to correspond with the highest ecclesiastical bodies, or proper authorities of all the various Christian denominations of our country, for the purpose of securing their coüperation and that of their people, under the auspices of the American Sabbath Union, in which our Assembly is represented and with whose purposes we are in full accord, in a contimued, persistent effort to effect a better observance of the Sabbath in all its forms, and respecially of those great national desecrations which can be reached only by the combined efforts of all God's people.
10. That, to accomplish this end, we propose that all the people of God, irrespective of denomination, in the various parts of our country, unite in aiding the American

Sabbath Union in the formation of "Cö̈perative Sabbath Associations," not simply in the several States and Territories, but in every congressional district, in every city and ward, county and town (or other similar subdivisions of the State), so that these Associations shall reach every nook and corner of our land.
3. The object of these Associations shall be:
(1), To work up a wholesome sentiment among the great mass of the people in regard to Sabbath observance, by the distribution of Sabbath literature, by addresses and sermons, and in other lawful ways.
(叉), To bring this wholesome public sentiment to aid in the enforcement of Sunday laws.
(3), To present the subject of Sabbath reform to the individual members of our National and State Legislatures, and secure such legislation as will guarantee to all who are directly or indirectly in the employ of our government their constitutional right to a weekly Sabbath of rest.
(4), To promote by lawful means any other needed Sabbath reformation.
9. The Assembly appoints the following as a Permanent Committee on the Sabbath: Ministers, James Stacy, E. H. Baruett, and G. B. Strickler: and Ruling Elders, S. M. Inman and John A. Barry.

J. S. WATKINS, Chairman.

The Assembly had recess until 8 o'clock P . m.
So'clock p. м.
The Assembly met.
The order of the day was suspended, and the report of the Judicial Commission was taken from the docket.

It was ordered that during the consideration of this report the rule limiting speakers to five minutes be suspended.

Pending this business, the Assembly adjourned until to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

Closed with prayer by Rev. E. L. Wilson.

## NINTH DAY.

May 25, 9 o'clocka. m.
The Assembly met, and was led in prayer by Rev. J. S. Lyons, D. D.
The minutes of yesterday's sessions were read and approved.
A commmication from the Western Secretary of the Alliance of Reformed Churches was received, and the Stated Clerk was authorized to pay the apportionment of our church towards defraying the expenses of the Alliance.

The Committee on the Records of the Synod of Virginia reported, recommending their approval. Adopted.

The consideration of the report of the Judicial Commission was resumed. It is as follows:

Your commission appointed to try the case of appeal from the Presbytery of Western Texas against the Synod of Texas, in the case of Rev. B. D. D. Greer, met, and a quorum being present, organized, and was opened with prayer. Mr. A. H. Barkley was chosen clerk.

The following papers were laid before the commission as constituting the complete record of the case :

First. A paper presented to the Presbytery of Western Texas by the Rev. B. D. D. Greer, being a voluntary statement of his views upon certain doctrinal points, which views, he states, are not in harmony with the standards of the church.

Second. A paper containing extracts from the minutes of the Presbytery of Western Texas, showing its action in treating the case as one without process (see Paragraphs 234, 236), and proceeding to divest him of his office as a minister of the gospel.

Third. The appeal and complaint of Rev. B. D. D. Greer from this action of Presbytery to the Synod of Texas.

Fourth. The action of the Synod in remitting the case to Presbytery for a new trial.

Fifth. The appeal of the Presbytery of Westem Texas from this decision of Synod to the General Assembly.

The chairman haring solemnly reminded the members of the commission that they are about to pass to the consideration of the cause, and enjoined upon them to recollect and regard their high character as judges of a court of Jesus Christ (see Par. 183), the commission proceeded to issue the matter as directed in Rules of Discipline, Par. 261.

1. All the records in the case were carefully rearl.
2. The parties were fully heard.
3. The roll was called and opinions expressed.
4. The vote was taken and resulted as follows: To sustain the appeal of Presbytery, eighteen, viz., I. II. Owen, IV. T. Richardson, J. A. Lefevre, J. Hoge Tyler, G. J. Hundley, II. Glass, J. A. McMurray, John E. Brown, G. W. Belk, A. H. Barkley, W. S. Wallace, A. J. Hemr, T. R. Reid, J. H. Lary, S. J. Mayhew, D. C. Boggs, J. L. Stitt, W. B. Love Not to sustain, seven, viz.: W. H. Fergusson, T. W. Dimmork, J. T. Plunket, T. P. Hay, J. M. Boon, C. G. Vardell, F. M. Woods. To sustain in part, one, viz.: J. II. Nall. P. W. Magruder, having been absent during a part of the trial, was excused from voting at his own request.

The following conmittee was appointed to prepare a minnte expressive of the fudgment of the commission, viz.: J. A. Lefevre, D. D., W. T. Richardson, D. I., and Elder G. J. Hundley. Their report was duly submitted, and is as follows :

There are only two fuestions-one of law and one of fact-revealed to your Judicial Commission by the records placed in their hands that require statement preliminary to the rendering of final judgment. The fuestion of law is: Is this case one coming under the head of cases that may be issued without process? The question of fact is: Did the Presbytery of Western Texas have evidence before it on which it could at once proreed, and finally pronounce judgment in the "ase?

Your conmission has decided the question of law in the affimative. The question of fact derends altogether upon the contents of a paper already laid before this

Assembly and constituting a part of the record. This paper was originally laid voluntarily before the Presbytery of Western Texas by Rev. B. D. D. Greer, one of its members, and it professedly and strongly states Rev. B. D. D. Greer's riews of the doctrines taught in the Confession of Faith and the catechisms of our chureh, which views he rejects with abhorrence. The record also states that he, by verbal statement before Presbytery, declared his want of harmony with the doctrines of our standards. There is not the least evidence in the records of the case that he has changed his views. Your commission has decided this question, too, in the affirma-tive-that is, that the paper voluntarily laid before Preshytery hy Rev. B. D. D. Greer, and his verbal statements in court, were evidence on which Presbytery could proceed to pronounce its judgment. The Synod of Texas decided both of these questions in the negative. All other questions of law and fact appearing in the records are merely pro formá, and are such as appear in every case of appeal, and such as have been already decided by this Assembly in appointing the Judicial Commission with the consent of both appellant and appellee; therefore

It is the judgment of the Judicial Commission of the General Assembly in sustaining the appeal of the Presbytery of Western Texas from the decision of the Synod of Texas in the case of the appeal of the Rev. B. D. D. Greer from the decision of the Presbytery of Westem Texas, that the Preshytery of Western Texas correctly regarded this unprecedented case as coming under the class of cases without process; and that the Synod of Texas erred in remitting the case for a new trial, and requiring the Presbytery of Western Texas to prefer charges and specifications; and that the decision of the Synod of Texas be, and hereby is, reversed, and that the decision of the Presbytery of Western Texas be, and hereby is, affirmed.

Rev. J. H. Nall desired to record his dissent from the judgment rendered.
The business being completed, the minutes were read and approved, and the commission adjourned with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

F. M. WOODS, Chairmin.

Attest: A. H. Barkley, (lerk:
In view of the above report, the Assembly adopted the following by ayes and noes:

Resolced, That we approve "the records of the proceedings" of the Commission, direct that they be entered on the records of this court, and its decision as the judgment of the General Assembly in the cause.

## Vote on approving judgment of the Judicial Commission :

Yeas.-T. C. Whaling, J. H. Lacy, Bradford Hardie, James P. Coffin, J. L. Stitt, J. M. Brown, W. B. Alexauder, D. C. Boggs, A. J. Henry, II. F. Hoyt, R. C. Latimer, J. H. Patton, J. S. Lyons, D. D. Thomson, C. R. Hemphill, S. B. Caldwell, R. A. Walton, Charles R. Hyde, H. M. Woodson, J. W. Allen, C. C. Frierson, T. R. Smoot, C. W. Grafton, P. K. Whitney, A. H. Barkley, E. C. Gordon, Rufus Young, J. W. Wallace, J. T. Brown, R. H. Latham, S. A. McElroy, M. M. Greenwood, Terry Dickerson, J. P. Doggett, T. II. McCallie, Angus McDonald, B. MI. Owen, Rohert A. Webb, John A. Sims, W. R. McLelland, John A. MeMurray, J. M. Grier, John E. Brown, W. W. Ratehford, J. L. McLin, A. V. Eaves, N. W. Edmunds, A. White, W. H. Wilson, L. Temney, E. Keach, W. H. Mccullough, S. J. McMurry, G. W. Painter, T. L. Painter, E. L. Wilson, B. W. Irvine, J. P. Gammon, George J. Hundley, W. T Richardson, W. W. Pence, Newton Donaldson, J. E. Thayer, C. S. M. See. G. A.

Wilson, J. A. Leferre, R. II. Fleming, E. T. Wellford, T. R. Sampson, F. M. Woods, J. R. Grahanr. J. B. Morgan.-73.

Nays-Neal L. Anderson, W. G. Keady, T. J. Horne, Wm. M. Gates, W. T. Mathews, J. T. Plunket, Robert Adams, S. L. Grigsby, J. H. Gaillard, J. M. Boone. James H. Nali, W. H. Fergusson, Walter Williams, C. W. Latham, C. G. Vardell, John M. Rose, Jr., C. Mitier, Peyton II. Hoge, Thomas P. Hay, J. N. Drake, J. E. Fogartie, Julius E. Boggs, W. S. Red, A. R. Shaw, W. H. Wgeough, W. F. Bishop, C. H. Dobbs, Robert C. Anderson, Jr.-28.

The Judicial Committee, on the appeal of Rer. B. D. D. Greet from the Synod of Texas, made the following report, which was adopted:

Your Judicial Committee would respectfully report to the General Assembly that the following papers have been placed in our hands, viz. : An appeal of Rev. Baxter D. I. Greer, appellant, r.s. Synod of Texas, appellee, together with the records of the case, and we find that the appeal is regular, and that the aprellant, on his part, has condurted it regularly as prescribed by the Rules of Disciphine.

The derision appeated from is expressed in these words: "It is the sense of this synod that its action in remitting the rase of Rev. Baxter D. D. Greer to the Presbytery of Western Texas does not restore him to his office." It is against this decision that Bro. Greer appeals. Your committee wonk report that, inasmnch as this case virtually has bem before this court on apmeal from the Presbytery of Western Texas r. Syuod of Texas, and has leen decided by commission, and its judgment entered up as the judgment of this Assembly, we rerommend that this appeal be dismissed without any decision as to the wisdom of the action of the Synod.

| T. H. Me'ALLIE, 'hrirmen: | C. W. LATILAM, |
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| II. F. HOYT, | W. J. ANDELSON, |
| B. R. WELLFORD, Jr., | P. L. MINOTT, |

W. D. PADEN.

The Committee on the Records of the Synod of Texas reported, recommending their approral. The report was adopted, with the following explanation: "The General Assembly, in approving the records of the Synods of Texas, does not mean to express a judgment on the points of law involved in the action of the Syuod with reference to remitting the case of Rev. B. D. D. Greer to the Presbytery of Western Texas."

The majority and minority reports of the Committee on Bills and Overtures on overtures from the Presbyteries of Columbia, Savamah, Fayetteville, Orange, and Louisville touching the status of candidates and the right and duty of Presbyteries to supervise and direct their training, were taken from the docket, and the majority report was adopted, and is as follows :

Overtures have been received from several Preshyteries, asking for such amendments to the Book of Church Order as will define more clearly the status of the candidate for the ministry, and the right and duty of the Presbytery to supervise and direct all that pertains to his training for the sacred olfice.

Columbia and Savamah each ask that Paragraph 134 be amended by prefixing the following words, viz.: "Candidates of one year's approved standing in divinity
studies or Theological Seminary, may le allowed, at the discretion of Presbytery, to exercise their gifts for a specific time and duty; but" no "andidate, except in extraordinary cases, shall, de.

Fayetteville and Orange and Albemarle ask that Paragraph $\%$ be amended by inserting after the words "original jurisdiction" these words: "shall have power to receive candidates and to direct them in their literary and theological education, and in such practical training in the exercise of their gifts as, in the jutgment of Presbytery, may be necessary to their efficiency in the work of the ministry."

The Presbytery of Louisville asks for such an amendment to the Book of Church Order as will secure to the candidate the explicit permission of his Presbytery to exercise his gifts in the churches during the period of his preparation for licensure: but that snch permission shall be granted to those only who have completed one year's course of study in divinity, and after a suitable examination in the standards and the English Bible.

Your committee recommends that the Assembly decline to propose any of thest amendments to our Presbyteries.

The Moderator announced the following as the committee called for in the report of the Committee on Sunday-Schools to prepare supplementary graded lessons for our Sunday-schools: Rers. James K. Hazen, D. D., Eugene Daniel, D. D., Peyton H. Hoge, D. D., E. C. Gordon, D. D., F. H. Gaines, and C. G. Yardell.

Notice of protest against the adoption of the report of the Judicial Commission was given.

The report of the Committee on Bills and Overtures on an overture from the Presbytery of Norfolk touching work of those not ordained to the Presbyterian ministry was taken from the docket and adopted, and is as follows:

The Committee on Bills and Overtures reports:

1. That the Preshytery of Norfolk orertures the General Assembly to add to Chapter V., Section IV., Form of Government, the following paragraph, viz.:
"Paragraph N . Ministers in good standing in other evangelical churches, unlicensed evangelists, ruling elders, candidates for the gospel ministry, or other competent brethren, may be invited to do special work in our churches when Preshytery shall be satisfied, after due examination or incuiry, of their Christian character, soundness in the faith, and ability to edify the church."

The committee recommends that the Assembly decline to grant the overture.

> J. R. GRAHAM, Clutirman.

## The following resolution of thanks was adopted by a rising rote:

Resolved, That the members of the General Assembly do hereby express their most cordial thanks to the officers of the First Presbyterian Church, Dallas, and to Rev. W. L. Lowrance, who, on account of the death of the late beloved pastor, with them, and the Rev. R. H. Nall, D. D., and Rev. W. C. Roe, have so successfully provided for the entertainment of the members and officers of this body; to the families of the rity of Dallas, who have provided homes for, and have so signally contributed to the comfort and pleasure of, all the commissioners to this Assembly; to the pastors and
churches of our own and other denominations for their kind and thoughtful courtesies in offering their pulpits to us on the Sabbath day, and allowing us the use of their churches for committee meetings ; to the newspapers of this and other cities for their faithful and extended reports of the proceedings of the sessions of the Assembly; and to all railroads which have granted reduced rates to and from this eity.

The following protest was admitted to record, with the statement that the Assembly deems an answer nnnecessary :

We respectfully protest against the decision of the General Assembly in the appeal of the Presbytery of Western Texas against the action of the Synod of Texas in the appeal of Rev. B. D. D. Greer against said Presbytery:

First, Because the Presbytery of Western Texas was not a party against whom a judgment was rendered, and could not appeal.

Second, Because the judgment of the commission finally concluded the judgment in the case of Mr. Greer, although he was not a party to the proceedings of this court, thus annuiling his eonstitutional right of appeal.
W. II. Fergusson, J. H. Nall, Thos. P. Hay, Wm. Ifunt Red, W. H. Wycough, Peyton H. Hoge, C. H. Dobbs, John M. Rose, Jr., J. E. Fogartie, W. T. Matthews, C. G. Vardell, J. M. Boone, Robt. C. Anderson, Jr., J. II. Gaillard, Neal L. Anderson, Walter Williams, Cornelius Miller, Julius E. Boggs, J. N. Drake, Robert Adams, T. J. IIorne.

The Committee on Leare of Absence matle the following report, which was approved:

Your Committee on Leave of Absence would report that they have excused the following members: After fifth day, Prof. B. R. Smith: after sixth day, Samuel.Dyer, D. W. Owens, Robert Taylor, Charles E. Itotehkin, and W. II. Raymond; after seventh tay, Rev. G. W. Belk, Rev. J. S. Hillhouse, A. T. Dent, B. C. Yancey, J. L. McKinnon, P. L. Mynott, T. R. Reid, J. F. Woods, W. T. Morehearl, S. J. Mayhew, and II. C. Kirk; after eighth day, Rev. Samuel Young, Rev. J. W. Pogue, Rev. J. S. Watkins, D. D.. Rev. H. Glass, D. D., Rev. Chalmer's Moore, Rev. L. C. Way, A. C. Dimmock, J. C. Keith, J. P. Wiseman, T. P. Campbell, and C. E. Harris. Excused May 24th: Rev. D. Taylor, Elder E. A. Sloan, Rev. J. G. Anderson, Elder J. W. McMillan, and Rev. J. Z. Haney.
J. Z. HANEY,

NEWTON DONALDSON, W. W. RATCHFORD.

The minutes of to-day's sessions were read and approved.
It was ordered that this Assembly be now dissolved, and that another Assembly, to be chosen in like manner, shall meet in the First Church, in the city of Memphis, Tenn., on the third Thursday of May, 1896, at 11 o'clock A. м.

Closed with singing, and with prayer and benediction by the Moderator.

ROBERT P. FARRIS, Permanent Clerk:

Joseph R. Wilson, Stated Clerk.

## APPENDIX.

## I. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE NARRATIVE.

Your Committee on the Narrative, mindful of the danger that their work may be done and received in a merely perfunctory manner, beg to submit for the earnest consideration of your venerable body the following report. An examination of the seventy-four (i4) narratives entrusted to us reveals abundant reason for thanksgiving to Almighty Gorl for the progress vouchsafed to our beloved church during the past year.

There have been many manifestations of the Holy Spirit's presence and power in numbers of our churches, and there have been steady additions to the communion all over the church. An increased zeal in supplying our vacant fields and in reaching the spiritually destitute is a gratifying indication of the blessing of God upon our work. A number of the Presbyteries report all of their churches supplied, and not a few others are working diligently toward the same desirable end. Attention is called to the fact that nearly all of the presbyterial narratives are incomplete on account of the large per cent. of churches within their bounds failing to send in any report. Perhaps twenty-five per cent. of the churches are at fault in this particular. So far as we are able to discover, one Presbytery has the honorable distinction of having received a narrative from the session of every one of its churches, viz., the Presbytery of New Orleans. The Presbyteries should be again reminded of the importance of receiving reports from all of their churches, and should be urged to take the wisest steps for the accomplishment of this result.

A number of Presbyteries should also be reminded that more care should be taken in preparing narratives for the Assembly. Not a few of these papers are written without apparent care, and a number of them with pencil. Pastors and other officers in the churches are credited with a good measure of official fidelity, and in the majority of cases pastors' salaries have been regularly and promptly paid; but the number of Presbyteries reporting amounts due on pastors' salaries, ranging from ten to a thousand dollars, would seem to call for the scriptural reminder that "the laborer is worthy of his hire." It is believed that there is an increasing disposition in the church on the part of the membership to "worship the Lord with their substance," and this fact calls for gratitude to God; and yet there is room for improvement in the grace of giving.

There appears to be a disposition to look for a manifestation of the Holy Spirit's power only through special evangelistic services. From many reports it would seem that the churches did not expect the Spirit of God to show his presence and power through the regular ordinances of God's house. Thus the work of the divine Spirit is circumscribed and God dishonored. That the Spirit does so work is manifest from the gratifying additions to the churches throughout the Assembly, without special evangelistic services, but through the faithful ministrations of pastors. While there is reported no increase in Sabbath desecration, it is to be feared, from the tenor of the narratives, that there is no appreciable increase in the reverent keeping of the Lord's day. Special mention is made in a number of the narratives of the frequency of sumday travel and the prevalence of the reading of Sunday newspapers and receiving sunday mails. Reference is made to the frequent deliverances of our Assemblies ou
this subjert. That there are many faithful workers in our Sunday-schools goes without saying, but there is great need of an increased interest in our Sundar-schools upon the part of officers and other adult members of our church. Teachers of experience and equipment are the erying need of large numbers of our Sunday-schools, and these should be furnished first from among the ruling elders and deacons, and then from heads of families, if possible, and older members of the churehes.

It is to be feared that many of those whose plain duty it is to take part in this important work exeuse themselves on the ground that their sons and daughters are teachers in the Sunday-school. Sissions are urged to use their utmost efforts to serure mow tearhers for the Sundar-school from among the officers and older church members, whose efforts in this splendid work may reasonably be expected to bear much fruit.

When your committee come to the question of family worship and Bible instruction in the home, we must needs fall into a minor key. The expressions in the narratives in respect of this most important subject are frequently such as these: "Sadly norglerted," "woefully neglected," ete. If the fantily is, as we betiere, thes hope of the church and of society, then much greater care should be taken to create a true religious atmosphere in the home. Can this be done when family altars are neglected, and when the children are not tanght the word of God in the family eirele: Assuredly not. The ronscienes of many parents seem to he satisfied liy turning orer their chibdren for religious instruction to the sumday-sphool, without prer attenting the school themselves. There is also an apharent deplorable neglect of instruction of the colored people, excused on the gromul that the colord leople have their own whrehes and ministers, hut it is not stated that these are Presbyterian churches and Presbyterian ministers. This great work should recoive a heartier sympathr and a better suppert from the Presperterias, and no excuse should be areepted for not making noble reffort in this direction. In view of the facts as presented in this report, your committee heartily recommend as follows: That the General Assembly issue to the rhurches a pastoral letter touching the vital subjeet of family worship and Bible instruction in the home.

With thanksgiving to God for his many blessings upon our chureh, and for the progress shown, we look for eren larger things in the future.

CHARLES R. HYDE, Clwirmam.

For the ('ommitter.

## II. ABSTRAOT OF TIE THIRTY-FOURTH ANNEAL REPORT OF THE ENECUTIVE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The receipts from all sources for the vear were $\$ 132,332.90$. This is $\$ 9,10.97$ less than the receipts of last year. The dishursements for the rear were $\$ 133,710.1 \%$. This is $-\bar{n}, 722.41$ less than the dishmrsements for last year. The dishursements for the year oxeseded the receipts of the treasmy 1 y $\$ 1,37 \pi .2 \%$. But on the 1 st of April, 1894 , there was a balance in the treasmr, including the Congo Boat Fund, of $\$ 19,-$ 158.58, so that the fiscal year was elosed without doht, and leaving a balance in the treasury, inchuding the Congo Boat Fund, of $\$ 16.865 .30$. The Congo Boat Fund is now $\$ 10,380.40$.

The reduction in our disbursements as compared with last yrar is accounted for, fartly by the smaller number of missionaries sent out, requiring a smaller amount for outfit and travelling expenses, and partly by redueing the appropriations to all the missions, for the contingent expenses of the work, below the amount asked for in the astimates, and partly by the voluntary reduction of their salaries by some of our missionaries. The amount appropriated for salaries varies in the different mission fields
by reason of difference in the cost of living. But in each separate field the amount allowed for selary is uniform for those in like circumstances and conditions. No missionary's salary has been reduced below the uniform allowance, except upon his own request, endorsed by the Mission. It is due our missionaries to say that the estimates for their salaries are given by themselves, and that the average salary is less than that paid the missionaries of any other church in the United States or Canada.

The number of contributing churches this year was $1, \tau 20$, being 80 more than last year. The number of contributing Sabbath-schools was 652 , being 168 more than last year. The number of contributing societies was 825 , being 76 more than last year. 1,103 churches and 2,171 Sabbath-schools made no eontribution to the cause. No doubt many of these non-contributing churches are vacant, and many others are weak and struggling; but wherever there is a band of Christians large enough to be organized into a church, something ought to be heard from them in the way of belp for this cause. The General Assembly is asked to urge our Presbyteries to make a renewed and earnest effort during the coming sear to obtain a contribution from every church. Along that line there is still before us large room for progress and development. Beyond that lies the goal of a contribution from every member of every church. Something like a near approximation to it would not be found impossible if there were only the proper effort on the part of all our Presbyteries and pastors and sessions.

The proportion of our ministers in the foreign field to those employed at home is 1 to 27. The number of communicants now required to support one missionary is 1,475 . The number required to support one ordained missionary is 4,149. These figures show that our church is not yet giving an undue or disproportionate emphasis to the work of carrying out the Sariour's last conmand.

The circulation of The Missiontry decreased during the year, beginning with an issue of 10,000 copies, and closing with an issue of 9,100 . The actual decrease, however, was much less than these figures would indicate. The purgation of the mailing list of names which did not properly belong to it will account for a reduction of sereral hundred in the monthly issue. The total number of copies ordered printed during the year was 119,550 . The number of copies sent free each month was about 1,fi00. The total number of paying sulnseribers now on the list is 7,200 . The cost of publishing the magazine, including its proportionate part of the salary of the Editor, was $\$ 5,428.93$. There was received from subscriptions $\$ 4,957.32$, making the excess of cost over receipts \$4i1.61.

Expressions have been received from all parts of the church of the eminent satisfaction the magazine is giving and the good work that it is doing under the present editorial management; ant the testimony from without is, that it is recognized as the equal of any missionary magazine now published in the quality and value of its contents; and the Assembly is asked to urge upon all our pastors and sessions to make an earnest effort during this year to give it a wider circulation. The adoption of a proposition which has been made, to do away with its distinctive character by merging it into a combined magazine representing all the church causes in one, would be greatly deplored by the Executive Committee.

The first number of The Children's Missionary was issued in September. This little magazine has met from the beginning a most encouraging reception, and is doing an excellent work in disseminating information and awakening interest among the children. The number of subscribers now on the mailing list is 4,100 , and the list is still rapidly growing. The cost of publication, including its proportionate part of the salary of the editor, up to the present date has been $\$ 790.0$. . The amount received from subscriptions was $\$ 1005.67$. The magazine is, therefore, already self-
supporting, and if such an increase of its circulation as may be reasonably expected can be obtaiued, it will become a source of revenue to the treasury.

Twelve new missionaries were sent out during the year: of these, four were sent to China. They were, J. R. Wilkinson, M. D., and Mrs. Wilkinson, Rev. Hugh W. White, and Rev. B. H. Franklin. The Congo Mission was reinforced by Rev. H. P. Hawkins, Miss Lilian Thomas, and Mrs. W. H. Sheppard. Mrs. S. R. Gammon and Miss M. Blanche Dunlap were sent to Southern Brazil. Rev. and Mrs. Eugene Bell were sent to Korea. Miss Ella S. Cummins was sent to Mexico.

Coüperation, as far as possible, between all the missionary agencies operating in the same fields is desirable, and essential to the hest success of the work. The phenomenal progress of the United Church in Christ in Japan is believed to be due in no small degree to the united efforts of all the Presbyterian bodies working in that field. Full coüperation with happy results exists betweell our Mission and those of other Presbyterian bodies in Korea. In China, committees of conference of our Mission and that of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America have been appointed, through which it is hoped that something may be accomplished toward a fuller coöperation there. The plan of coipperation adopted two years ago has also been successfully applied in Brazil. But there is need of a wider coiperation between all evangelical missions in all mission fields. It seems probable that this desirable end will eventually be reached as the result of the annual conference of Foreign Missionary Secretaries, which was held this year in New York city on the 14th and 15th of February. The Secretary attended this Conference, at which the subject of missionary methods and policies was discussed. No formal action was taken by the Conference, but committees were appointed on some of the more important topics to investigate and ascertain if possible the points of agreement among the various agencies, in order that whereto all have as yet attained they may "walk by the same rule." In so far as uniformity of method and the wider cö̈peration that would grow out of it can be attained, that would result not only in a greater economy in administration, but also a prevention of the hurtful impression made on heathen peoples by the divisions of Christendom as exhibited among them in our present missionary operations.

The question of absorbing interest with the church at large, and especially with missionary agencies, dming the year, has been the war in the East. The only disturbance from this cause to the work in Japan has been the popular excitement incident to it, making it for the time-heing more difficult to reach the people with the gospel. It is doubtless on this account that our reports show a smaller number of accessions to the church for this year. But it is believed that the ratification of the new treaties with the United States and Great Britain, in which Japan is recognized as a civilized power, which was made possible by the evidences of civilization which Japan gave in her humane treatment of prisoners of war, will have a happy effect in the way of diminishing the anti-foreign feeling and in doing away with the passport system and the restrictions as to the holding of property by foreigners, which have neretofore been among the most serious hindrances to our missionary work.

The Executive Committee has taken every possible precaution for the safety of our missionaries in China. It has been left to their discretion as to when it might be necessary for any of them to leave their posts. But they have been urged to incur no unnecessary risks, and to retire promptly from the interior stations whenever the situation became perilous. Suh-tsien, the farthest north and most interior of our stations, is the only one where the work has been seriously interrupted. At one time the demonstrations there were so threatening that the missionaries felt it best to leave. The women from that station and those from Tsiang-kiang-ph are now at Shanghai, but the latest report from the fidd stated that the gentlemen were about to retmen to

Suh-tsien, believing that they would be in no danger there at present. The Chinese government naturally desires to avoid antagonizing foreign powers, and has issmed a proclamation instructing the officials everywhere to render all possible protection, both to the missionaries and their eonverts. In Korea our missionaries have been prevented from going to the southern provinces as they intended, and confined to Seoul, but have suffered no violence nor been in serious danger. As for the future, which eannot be foreseen, the feeling of the Executive Committee is that the possibilities involved in the present crisis, as affecting both the safety of our missionaries and of the native C'hristians and the future of all mission work in China, are such as may well call for the prayers of all Christians that God will overule the designs of men in this war for the advancement of Christ's kingdom and the glory of his name.

## III. ABSTRACT OF THE TWENTY-NINTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE EAECUTIVE COMMITTTEE OF HOME MISSIONS FOR YEAR ENDING MARCH, 1895.

## I. - Home Missions.

Receipts from legacies, $\$ 420$; from contributions, $523,220.29$; from loan fund, $\$ 186.50$; from Foreign Missions office, on account of Indian Territory work, $\$ 1,750$; total receipts, $\$ 25,676.79$. To which add $\$ 50$, returned to this fund, and $\$ 7,140.5 \%$, cash on hand at the beginning of the year, and we have total in the hands of the Treasurer during the year, $\$ 32,867.36$. Of this, $\$ 20,095.02$ were expended in support of eighty-six missionary ministers and two candidates. The sum of $\$ 1,266.95$ was expended in support of seven teachers; $\$ 1,468.33$ were donated and $\$ 600$ were loaned to aid in the erection of fourteen church buildings in ten Presbyteries; $\$ 938.50$ were expended in the purchase of Calvin Missionary Institute, school property, in Durant, Choctaw Nation, and \$40 in purchasing ground and building at Wahpanueka, Chickasaw Nation, making an ontlay from this fund for the field work of $\$ 24.408 .10$. The sum of $\$ 17.79$ received during the previous year was returned to Roanoke Presbytery ; $\$ 3,149.76$ were distributed for regular expenses, and $\$ 159.10$ were charged to this fund from acconnt of IFome Missionary, and the year closed with $\$ 5,139.61$ cash on hand. Add $\$ 1,35 \%$ loaned from the Moore Fund and we have $\$ 25.758 .10$ outlay in field work, with balance of $\$, 268.21$ on hand for Home Missions and Moore Fund.
II.--Invalid Ftid.

Receipts from contributions, $\$ 12.481 .94$, to which add $\$ 38.91$, retmmed to this fund, and we have total in the hands of the Treasurer $\$ 12,520.85$. Uf this, the sum of $\$ 94.47$ was needed to cancel a balance against this fund at the beginning of the year: $\$ 8,126.65$ were paid ont to fifty-four Presbyteries to aid thirty-three aged or infirm ministers, ninety-eight widows of ministers, and, in three cases, the children of ministers where both parents were deceased. The sum of $\$ 1,518.60$ was disbursed on expense account, $\$ 8.81$ were charged to this fund from account of Home Mixsionary, and the year closed with eash on hand, w, 202.32. (All of this halance was paid out soon after April 1.)

Contributhag Chubches, Sabbatif-schools, and Sochetien.
To IIome Missions, 1,160 ehurches appear on our book as contributing to this canse. Six preshyterial treasurers have sent amounts from their Preshyteries, not giving us the names or number of contributing churehes: we think that, all told, probably as many as

1, 250 Churches have contributed . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 17.03740
158 sabhath-schools have contributed . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 1,41886
108 societies have contributed . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 1,462 29
To the Invalid Fund. 1.118 contributing churehes appear on our books, amd, allowing for the ehurches of one Preshytery which has sent a prer cent. of collections, it is probable that
1,130 Churches have contributed . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . $\mathbb{1 1 , 2 9 9} \mathbf{2 9}$
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20 Societies have contrilouted . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . $113{ }^{2} 0$

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was instituted hy the Assembly of 18816 . The smm of \$6,52:5 has been loaned to fortyseven white congregations and $\$ 055$ to five colored congregrations, to aid in the erection or repair of chur-h biddings. The loans are regarded as debts of honor, free from interest. Of the $* 6,525$ loaned to white consregations 5.013 .33 bave fallen due, of which $\operatorname{mon}^{2}, 554.50$ have been paid, and $\$ 2.155 .8$, now past due from twenty white congregations, are still monat. On the loan to colored congregations the sum of \$25 has fallell due, of whirh $\$ 125.50$ have heen paitl, and $\$ 12!$.50, past due from four cougregations, are still unpaisl.

Ther amome loaned up to March 31, 1895, has been wh, 780 , of which $\$ 2.683$ have been paid, one debt of $\$ 300$ has heen canceled by order of the Assembly, $\$ 2,285.33$, now past due, are still umpaid, and $\$ 1,466.6$ have not fallen due.

## The Whama A. Moone Lam Futd

consists of $\$ 5,000$ left hy his will to be loaved at ${ }^{3}$ per cent. to feehle congregations to enable them to erect honses of worship. The gear bearan with ${ }_{\$ 3}, 300$ on hand. The sum of $4,3 i 0$ has beren loaned during the year to five churebes in four Presbyteries. The whole amome loanted bas been $\$ 3,0$, 0 to eleven congregation in eight Preshyteries. The sum of $\$ 160$ principal and $\$ 18.60$ interest has heen paid back; $\$ 350$ past due remain unpaid, $\$ 2,540$ have uot fallen due. Amount on haud Mareh 31, 1895, \$2.128.60. These loans are securod by first mortsages on the gromuls and buildings.

## The Mome Mismonary

was discontimued in ohedience to the orter of the last Assembly, only two issues, April and May, being made. A good many sulneriptions had not expired; the parties to whom the balance was due were notilied of the discontinuance of the paper, and all hut two or three of the subscribers remitted the small amounts on which they had a clain. The receipts for the paper after April 1st were $\$ 10.30$, total expense after April 1st,

This report covers the first full year's work under the new plan. We camot, therefore, compare the results with those of any previous year. We can only state what has heen accomplished. For the year 1894 your committee paid 9 per cent. of the amounts asked of them for salaries of ministers. The first quarter of 1805 has been pairl in full. During the liscal year, April, 1894, to A pril, 1895, aid has been given to secure the services of sixteen ministers and one canlidate in Arkansas, of fifteen ministers in Florida, of forty-two ministers and one candidate in Texas, of one settled minister in New Mexico, of five white and four Indian ministers in the Indian Territory, and to erect seventeen church mildings, all toh. School property has been bonght at two points, and two schools of high grade and live neighborhood schools have been conlucted at or near points at which we have organzed churehes in the Indian Territory, and aid has been given for the support of one teacher for the Mabama Indians in Texas. Of the eighty-six ministers, thre were engaged only for a short time in protracted meetings in the Territory. Of the remaining ministers, eight
in the states and eight in the Territory may be strictly classed as evangelists, whilo: five others have been evangelists for half of their time. The whole number of ministers have preached, probably, not less than ten thousand sermons at about three hundred points. The grood results for Christ's canse and for our country's good will be revealed by eternity alone.

The new work begun by your committee during the year has been in Territory school work and evangelistic work in New Mexieo. One of the high-grarle schools was inaugurated in Calvin Institute, at Durant, Chortaw Nation, a growing town of about 600 people, located in the heart of a splendid section on the Missouri, Kansas, and Texas Railroad, about thirty miles above Sherman, Texas. Rev. R. K. Moseley was made principal, and opened the school with one assistant in Septeniber, 1894. Your committee appointed a Board of Managers composed of brethren in the Territory, to whose hands a number of the details of management were largely committed. As time passed some serions differences arose between the parties connected with the management, and on the first of Jannary the committee placed the management, with all its details. entirely in the hands of the principal. The case can be fully stated to your Standing Committee, if desired. The school has had more than 140 pupils enrolled during the session. The committee engaged Mr. Moseley to continue as prineipal for the next session of nine and a half months from September 1, 1895.

The other high school was inangurated at Cameron, Choctaw Nation, a small, but growing town twenty-one miles on the "Frisco" road south of Fort Smith, Arkansas, and was placed under the care of Mr. J. F. MeKenzic, a student of Austin Theologieal School, who, with Mr. Nolen, a young man and a ruling elder, as his assistant, began the school January 1. The whole enrolment here has reached seventy. The neighhorhood schools have heen taught hy Miss Rood, at the old Good Land ehurch; by Miss Lloyd, at Bennington church; by Miss Harford, at Wahpanueka; by Miss Erwin, at Bethel; and by Miss Guthrie, near the residence of Rev. Mr. Hotehkin. The total enrolment in all these schools will be about 460 during the year. These schools are opened and closed with religions exercises, the Scriptures are expounded and memorized, good hymns are memorized, and the teachers are enjoined to bing Christiau instruction and influence to bear upon the pupils in every practicable way. At some of these points onr teachers were told that the prejudices agaiast Presbyterianism, as it was mixrepresented in the commmities was such that, if the study of our catechisms were required, pupils would not attend. The matter was eautiously approached. The Secretary asked and received some contributions to be used in purchasing Bibles and Testaments, and Rev. Dr. Murkland and the session of Franklin-Street Church made a donation of some nice Bibles, and these were offered as rewards for committing the catechism to memory. This gave an impetus, and pupils in all the schools, and some parents in those neighborhoods, have committed, or are now committing, these catechisms to memory, and there will be no difficulty, we presume, in carrying forward this important part of the Christian education given by our church. All who know anything of Presloyterian history know the importance of thus instructing the young people. Our plan in these schools is to gather tuition from all who are able to pay, and to teach poor, especially poor orphan, children free, your committee supplementing the tuition fees so as to furnish a support for the teachers, they being distinetly the representatives of our Christian faith. Reports show that this school work has already had a good effect in behalf of our Sablath-school and church work.

Our church has never advanced into territory beyont the states in which it has had its hold, until last year: then, under aid given by your committee, the Rev. Dr. R. H. Nall, evangelist of Dallas Presbytery, made a visit to New Mexico. Later, Rev. W. L. Lowrance spent a few months there: and on the first of January Rev. E. Brantley was sent out by Dallas Presbytery, and is now at work along the railroad
from Pecos City, Texas, up as far as Roswell, New Mexico. Mr. Brantley describes that valley along the Pecos River as being from twenty to forty miles wide, and about one hundred and eighty miles in length to Roswell. The population has increased rapidly of late, and contains English, Irish, Scotch, Swedish, German, Italian, and French people, besides many from the Northern, and more from our Southern, States. A church of about forty members has been organized at Eddy, a county-seat of considerable importance; and by this time a church has probably heen organized at Roswell, about sixty miles north of Eddy. That whole section in the valley of the Pecos River and in the mountains adjacent stands much in need of sound evangelistic work. Numbers of the people are nominally Roman Catholies, nothing more, as to religion; and many communities, including towns, are altogether without stated preaching.

Looking over the year's work, remembering that it is the first year's work under a new plan, and that it has been a year of the greatest financial stringency known to the men of our time, we think that there is reason to be encouraged; yet we should by all means hope and strive for more earnest and extensive work in the year and the years to come. The home missionary spirit has been greatly inereased within the bounds of our church in the last ten or twelve years. In all of our older Synods investigation has been made, and much destitution has been discorered: and there is now scarcely any part of our church in which attention is not given to this subject. The amount given in our church to Home Missions during the last half of the deeade ending March 31,1893 , was an increase of sixty-five per rent. upon the contributions of the first half of the decade; the amount given for the year emling March 31, 1894, was an increase of $\% 6$ per cent. upon the amount reported "eleren years before. If the hope of our people is to be realized-that the great business depression will, after a year or two, be followed, as such depressions have heen foliowed in the past, with a series of prosperous years-the population and the material development of the South will, within the lifetime of men now living, be vastly increased. In that part of the Indian Territory in which our work lies the white people now far outnumber the Indians, and within another generation the fullest form of American civilization will probably exist there in a thickly-settled State. Mexican Roman Catholics are coming by scores of thousands into the Sonthwest: and the country west of the Mississippi will, in all probability, in the not very distant future, become the most populous part of our land, and will probably exert a controlling power in our public affairs. The papists are struggling with great energy to get control of this growing population, and upon our rhurch lies a heavy responsibility with regard to it. During this very year our work shond be expanded. There is need, and we are asked this year to provide for the support, of one more evangelists in Florida, one in Arkansas, and three in Texas: and one is needed for an important field in the Territory, and the work in New Mexieo should be pushed. New school buildings and more teachers should be provided for. There is much ground to be occupied, and the applications now hefore your eommittee for aid are considerably larger than those of last year. We hope the Assembly will urge its Preshyteries to contribute not less than 40,000 for this work during the present tiscal year.

We are satisfied that, if this canse is to he supported as it should be, it must be fully laid upon the hearts of our congregations on its own merits; and all experience shows that it camot be creditably sustained with less than two such presentations in a year.

The committer also asks the $\Lambda$ ssembly to reiterate and to urge its former deliverance, asking Preshyteries to give prominence to the consideration of Home Missionary work at their lall meetings.

We suggest that, as our sthool work in the Territory is in its infancy, the Assemhy will do well to define particularly the method of its management.

## IV. ABSTRACT OF THE FOURTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE EXECCTIVE COMMITTEE OF COLORED EVANGELIZATION.

In the severe experience of the year now closed, the Executive Committee of Colored Evangelization has not been without the sense of the presence and guidance of the Holy Spirit. With an untried field of work before us, inviting in its large promise of fruit for the Master, and yet filled with difficulties of the most delicate nature, cramped for the lack of necessary funds, hindered by the lack of active interest on the part of many ministers and churches, as well as by a sense of our own insufficiency, we tried to do the duty laid upon us. We bring the work, limited as it is and filled with imperfections, as an offering to the feet of Jesus, and present the following account of it to the General Assembly :

On the 23 d of January, 1895, the Rev. Dr. C. A. Stillman departed to be with the Lord. He was the founder of our Stillman Institute for Training Colored Ministers, and intimately connected with the development of our work for the colored people. We therefore think it proper to put on record here a brief narrative of his connection with it, taken from an article by our Secretary, written for the Christian Obverver.

Before the war he actively aided the Synod of Alabama in educating a slave. bought by the Synod to go to Africa as a missionary, and escorted him to New Orleans to see him embark. After the war his interest in the salvation of the millions of nesroes was continued. Shortly after 1870 he became convinced that the most effective way to reach them would be through an educated ministry of their own race. The idea of Tuskaloosa Institute originated with him. The overture that ultimately induced the Assembly to take up the work came from the session of the Gainesville (Alabama) church, of which he was the pastor for many years. In 1874 the General Assembly adopted the present plan of work as set forth in an overture from the Synod of Mississippi, which was written by Rev. Dr. B. M. Palmer. At the Assembly of 1875 an overture was submitted "from the Rev. C. A. Stillman and others. asking the Assembly at its present meeting to take action looking to the establishment of an Institute for the education of colored ministers, in pursuance of the policy recommended by the last Assembly," etc. In answer to this overture the Assembly appointed a committee to report at the next Assembly, with Dr. Stillman as the chairman. The Assembly of 1876 adopted the report of this special committee recommending the establishment of the Institute. and enacted "that the Rev. C. A. Stiliman, D. D., whose qualifications for the work are well known, and who, if called by the church, will not refuse the task, be now appointed to take charge of the Institute, to be instructor in theology and its kindred branches therein." In the fall of 1877 the Institute was opened for work. Dr. Stillman continued the head of the enterprise until his resignation in 1893 . It required a man of no ordinary courage and wisdom to undertake such a work at that time. There was much hard feeling toward the negro growing out of reconstruction. In the church at large there was indifference and hostility to the work, and it was not regarded with special favor by his own congregation. But with characteristic faithfulness to duty he entered on the work. His great wisdom was shown in the selection of that elegant man and brilliant scholar, A. F. Dickson, D. D., as his assistant teacher.

With what profound interest and shrewd economy, with what firmmess of discipline, with what faithfulness in counsel to the sturlents under his care, he managed the enterprise, will make too long a story for this place. Before the Assembly he so plead the cause he loved that he steadily gained friends for it. Indeed, it may be doubted whether he ever made an enemy for it. Undonbtedly the excellent characters of the men who graduated under him are attributable to his direct influence orer them. The old students looked on him with the greatest respect, reverence and love.

How fitting it was that their strong arms laid him tenderly and lovingly in the "asket. His most honorable connection with this work will be perpetually remembered in the chureh. His memorial is writtew in the substantial character of the Stilman Institute and in the tives of the holy men who have gone from it to teach their poople the everlasting gospel of the Son of God.

During the last smmmer vacation it was hoped that we would lee alde to secure a proper young man, not necessarily a minister, to take charge of the Arademic Department of the Institute. Bat at the beginning of the term, on the $3 d$ of October, we had not been able to do so, chiefly for latk of funds. During October, however, we found that we could secure the servires of a competent man at a very small cost. So we efected Mr. S. P. Verner, of Columbia, S. C., to this position. He hat had some sucressull experimon as a teacher, had a fine reconl for sholarship, was an active Christian, and seemed anxious to do such work. Ife has devoted himself with great zeal and self-dmial to his work, and has secured excellent results from his students.

1. We call attention to the fact that the expenses of the rommittee have been kept inside its income, but only at the sacritice of those who most greatly needed our aid. Some ten per cent. of therexpenses of the Institute represent promanent investment in the way of maps, text-books (which are kept from sear to sear), and a new and ralmable piece of property. The expenses of the secretary's salary and contingent and travelling expenses represent a great deal of valuable labor done by him outside of the office in publie addresses, visitations of the colored churches, etr. We have made an earnest effort to keep the expenses as low as possible for efficiener.
2. It is most obvious to any one that the amount pait to our colored beneficiaries is too small. The attention of the Assembly has heen ralled to this matter in this report under Sustentation. We would like to know if it is still the will of the Assembly that the expenses of the Institute shall be pail first from the funds at our command.
3. It will he seen that the sources of our income are slowly multiplying-more churches, Sablath-schooks, and sordeties contributing this year than last. There was a gain of forty-eight whures, five Sahbath-schools, and five societies.
4. We beg to direct particular attention to the fact that we painfully experience every year that we are utterly mable to form any reliable estimate of the amount of the income that we shall receive. This greatly mbarrases us in undertaking to promise any aid to beneficiaries. Under our present way of doing our work it is wellnigh impossille to avoid some deht. For example, on a conservative estimate of our income for the last two years we made certain appropriations for our colored brethren. They undertook to go on with their work, relying on the church to pay the meagre sums appropriated. The committee was not able to pay these amounts by $\$ 1,311.25$ for the year ending March 31, 1894, and by 3.389 for the year just closed. It is our conviction that no appropriation should be made at all hereafter, unless the money is in the treasury to meet the appropriation. We ask the Assembly to make this ruling in regard to our work. But it will not le just to stop here. It is the business of the chureh to supply the reasonable demands of work that it has undertaken. Our present demands are small. With the sum of $\$ 15,000$ we can do our work and go forward also.

If the Assembly takes this step it will be necessary to make some tefinite arrangement for raising the minimum sum needed for the present work. For this purpose we beg to suggest that the Issembly adopt some plan like the following for raising all its benevolent funds:

Let the Presioyteries le enjoined to instruct all their congregations to hold meetings in the month of Mareh of each year, at which the sessions shatl submit a list of the benevolent canses which they appore. Then let the congregation vote the amoment they will jromise, Gout willing, to give to each eatise. Let the Assembly's

Executive Committees submit at these congregational meetings such information as may be necessary for intelligent action. The elerk of session shall forward the results of the meeting to the Assembly's treasurers for the information and guidance of the Executive Committees. These results would supply our committees with the necessary working eapital, and so enable them to arrange their work accordingly. This plan would likewise put the responsibility for raising the funds upon the individual congregation and individual believer.

## V. ABSTRACT OF THE ANNUAL REPORT OF TIIE EXECLTIVE COMMITTEE OF EDUCATION FOR THE MINISTRY.

The committee had not been able to meet its obligations to the candidates for the two preceding years, and the debt of these two years amounted to $\$ 4,458.50$ at the Nashville Assembly. The committee was instructed to pay this debt as soon as practicable. Accordingly, during the course of the summer something over $\$ 1,300$ was paid on it. The committee had been hoping to recpive the legacy of $\$ 5,000$ to Education from the estate of the late W. F. Monroe, of Pensacola, Fla. This would more than pay our deht, but we heard nothing from it until October 16, 1894, when the Secretary received a letter from Mr. W. A. Monroe, executor of the estate of W. F. Monroe, stating that Mr. Me Millan would not be able to pay the note of $\$ 10.000$, due December 1, 1894, which hat been given as a legacy, $\$ 5.000$ to Foreign Missions and $\$ 5,000$ to Education, and asking to be instructed whether he should bring suit to enforce payment. After a free discussion of the matter submitted, the Secretary was directed to say to Mr. Monroe that this committee does not feel competent or willing to advise him in regarl to his duty in the matter in question. On the 14 th of November following a letter was received from Messrs. Fisher it Fisher, attorneys, of Pensacola, Fla., who had been employed by Mr. W. A. Monroe to attend to the collection of the $\$ 10,000$, setting forth the conditions of the case, and proposing and adrising a compromise by the payment of $\$ 8,000$. On 1st December $\$_{*}{ }^{\circ}, 000$, 1 st January $\$ 2.000$, and $\$ 1,000$ on the first of every month thereafter until the $\$ 8,000$ are paid.

The committte is happy to report to the Assembly that $¥ 3,500$ have been received. Our debt has been paid with the exception of 236.25 in small amounts. After repeated efforts by writing, the Secretary has been unable as yet to find the parties to whom the amounts are due. As previously stated, the deht for the past two years was $\$ 4,458.50$. The amount actually paid on this is $\$ 3,570.40$. The balance. $\$ 851.85$, the Secretary has secured as relinquishment from candidates who have finished their course, from some who have suspended their studies for a time, and from one or two who have given up the ministry, and from a special contribution of $\$ 75$.

The usual visitation of the Synods in the interests of education for the ministry was made last fall, a larger number being visited than ever before in one sear, viz., Kentucky, Missouri, Nashville, North and South Carolina, Virginia, Memphis, Mississippi, and Alabama. Our total receipts for the year have been $\$ 2,305.16$. Special contributions to candidates interfere very materially with the ahility of the committee to make adequate appropriations. We have remitted to special candidates s. 841.61 , most of which has not gone to pay our appropriations. The rule ought to lee that all appropriations shall first be paid, and whatever additional is given for a speciai candidate shall lee paid him.

IIad these special contributions gone into our treasury for the benefit of all on our roll, we would have hall a surplus. These special contributions are increasing. Our colleges and seminaries appeal to the strong churches within their bounds for special help to their own candidates. We know of strong churches which give their help directly to the candidates instead of through our treasury. We suppose this will con-
tinue to be the case, but it is a fact that the General Assembly should take into consideration. We cannot refrain from making mention of two churches, both of Atlanta, which, in addition to what they do for special candidates, never fail to send $\$ 200$ each to our treasury.

The eandidates aided this year are from the following named Preshyteries: North Alabama, !; South Alabama, 4; Tuskaloosa, 4: Arkausas, 4; Ouachita, 3: Pine Bluff, 1: Washbourne, 2: Suwanee, 1: Athens, 1: Atlanta, : : Augusta, 1: Cherokee, 2: Ebenezer, 3; Louisville, 8; Paducah, 3: Transylvania, 1: West Lexington, 9; Chickasaw, 2: North Mississippi, 3: Memphis, 7: Westem District, 3: Central Mississippi, !; Mississippi, 2: Red River, 2: Lafayette, 2: Missouri, 2: Palmyra, 1; Potosi, 1: St. Louis, 1; Cpper Missouri, 3: Columbia, ~: Molston, 7; Knoxville, 5; Albemarle, 3: Concord, 6; Fayetteville, 5: Orange, 11; Wimington. 5; Bethel, 9; Charleston, 2: Enoree, 12: Harmony, 6; Pee Dee, 3: South Carolina, 5: Central Texas, 4: Dallas, 14: East Texas. 4: Indian, 1: Paris, 5: West Texas. 1: Abingdon, 8; East Lanover, 5; Greenbrier. 4: Maryland, 1; Montgomery, 6; Norfolk, 4; Roanoke, 5: West Hanover, 4: Winchester, 3: making in all 242. A few who asked aid afterwards declined it or received aid from other sources.

## YI. ABSTRACT OF THE THIRTY-FOURTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE EAECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF PLBLICATION.

The business features of the work have been prospered during the year in as large measure as could be expected under the conditions prevailing in the business world. There has been no increase in sales in the depository, but the regular business of the house has not fallen off, while the amount received as royalty from our sunday-school periodicals has substantially inereased. The only feature that is discouraging is the fact that the result of the collection for Publication and Colportage has fallen below that of any previous year for many years, heing only $\$ 6,523.18$. It is, perhaps, unnecessary to incuire as to the causes of this decline. All our benevolunt work has felt the effect of the rxtraordinary depression in business, and it was to lie expeeted that the cause whith has depending upon it the fewest of the servants of the chureh, and which is always in a condition to restrict its outlay to its in ome, should feel the effect most sensibly. Further, it must be said that our people generally have never realized the importance to the great interests of the church of the two features of benevolence carried on by this committee.

Nearly all our Presbyteries have fallen off in their contributions. Two Presbyteries have contributed nothing, and of the 2.713 churehes under the care of the Assembly, only 1,034 have contributed anything. Notwithstanding this fact, and the fact that a larger amount has leen appropriated to the benevolent work of the rommittee than in any previons year (to colportage $\$ \mathbf{5}, 651.09$, and to donations ${ }^{*} 5,41 \% .60$, making in all $\$ 11,068.69$, or $\$ 4,545.51$ more than our collection), we are still able to show an increase in our net assets over last year, hut not as much as in previous years, the total net assets being $\$ 103,849.04$. It must he evident that a conservative management of our business department will not justify the eontinuance of so large drafts upon the business to supplement the benevolence of the churehes.

Turning to the benevolent features of our work, the attention of the Assembly is invited, first, to the fact that during the last year ten colporteurs have been in the fiell: more thin half of these hrethren have been interrupted more or Jess hy siokness and other causes.

The total expense of this work is within $\$ 5.2 .09$ of the total amont contributed by the churches.

If the evangelistic features of the work be considered, the preaching of the gospel, the prayer-meetings, and the family visitation, in addition to the wide distribution of our literature, it will hardly be regarded as extravagant to say that in no department of our church work is the same amount of money more effectually applied.

There are some Synods that have not been reached by the year's work, and it is the earnest desire of the committee to respond to the demand that comes from these fields, but, with the small resources entrusted to us, it seems impossible.

The second feature of our benevolent work to which attention is directed is the donation work or the gratuitous supply of needy churches, mission fields, etc., with our literature.

All applications that have come to us properly vouched for from needy churches, Sabbath-schools, and mission fields during the year, have been promptly granted. A large number of our ministers have received grants of tracts for distribution in their fields of labor, and 862 Bibles for the perfect recitation of the Shorter Catechism, and 908 Testaments for the perfect recitation of the Introduction to the Shorter Catechism have been given. The total amount appropriated during the year for this purpose, as already stated, is $\$ 5,41 \% .60$, which is more than has ever been given in any previous year, and within $\$ 1,105.58$ of the total amount contributed by the churches.

It is evident from these statements that this work is steadily growing, and will soon reach the full limit of the scant sum entrusted to us by the church for all benevolent work.

It is a question to be considered by the Assembly and by the church, What shall be done in the premises? Shall this important work cease? or will the means be provided to carry it forward efficiently?

The statement presented demonstrates that we must, for the first time in nearly eighteen years, begin to refuse appeals that come to us for grants of literature; or we must diminish the outlay for colportage work ; or we must use for these purposes the capital urgently needed in our business; or the work must be sustained by larger contributions from the churches.

The past year has been marked by a great step in advance in our Sabbath-school papers. A Primary Quarterly has been added to the list; also a series of Bible Picture Lessons for the little ones. The form of the Earnest Worker and that of the Quarterly have been greatly improved, as well as the matter and typography. It will he difficult to find among the large list of Sabbath-school periodicals any that present a more attractive appearance or furnish helps better adapted to the work than those we now offer. That this is the view of a large portion of our Sunday-school workers we have the most gratifying testimony, but more gratifying than all is the growth in our subscription list, as indicated by the royalty reported, amounting the present year to $\$ 4,014.29$.

While we cannot satisfy the particular taste of every one, it is our aim and our constant endeavor to meet as fully as possible the views of the church at large, and we are confident that we have more nearly reached this end than ever lefore.

## VII. REPORT OF THE PERMLANENT COMDITTEE ON THE SABBATH.

In presenting their annual report. your committee cannot but express regret that so many of the Presbyteries have failed to send answers to the questions propounded to them. Out of the seventy-three Presbyteries we have responses from only thirty-nine-a little more than one-half. Of these, eight report improvement in the matter of Sabbath observance; eight, deterioration; whilst the remaining twenty-three report no material change, and certainly no improvement. One of these furnishes a little
ground of encouragement, in the fact that there was a growing desire on the part of many church members for a better observance of the day; another gives it as a hopeful sign that efforts are being made for a better enforcement of the Sabbatic law in some of the cities and larger towns; another mentions the organization of a Sabhath committee. Some report a seeming decrease in Sunday travel and traffic, but whether from conscientions scruples, or merely the stringency of the times, they conld not tell. One reports an improvement in certain localities, with a corresponding increase of desecration in others. In many the distinction is drawn between our own people and the outside world, and the thought emphasized, that while the former generally maintain respect for the sanctity of the day, the latter are decilledly more rareless and indifferent about its claims. Iudeed, in this distinction, and this testimony concerning the outside world, the reports nearly all agree. From a general survey of the field, and comparison with former years, our deliberate conviction is, as expressed to former Assemblies, that the general trend is in the direction of looser views and practices, and that whatever may be affimed of Goll's people, the day is unmistakably losing its hold upon the masses. If, however, in this respert, the line were sharply drawn between the ehurch and the world, if the demoralization and decline were confined simply to the outsile word, there wonld he little or no ground for uneasiness: but, unfortunately, this is not the case. The spirit of indifference is likewise invading the ranks of the church. There is a large class among all denominations, perhaps not as large from our own as others, who, with the exception of business and the more servile forms of lahor, would not scruple to use the Sablath as any other day, especially in the direction of recreation and pleasure. It is this seeming indifference, as well as palpable dislocalty to the day, on the part of so many of its professed friends, that so much emboldens the world in setting aside its authority. Only let the churches and ('hristian people be true to their profession, and the enemies of the Lorl will never he able to shake, much less overturn, this stronghold of Christianity, this bulwark of our religion. If ever overthrown, it will be more through the perfidy of its fliends than the assanlts of its foes. Not until all the different denominations of C'hristians stand shoulder to shoulder in the hreach, and unitedy maintain the ahsolute and perpetual sanctity of this day of the Lord, can we really and truly expect the outside world to render that reverence and respeet which are justly its due.

We fuel thankful that the Assembly has shown its continued, and even increased, interest in the matter hy adding, at its last meeting, to its permanent committees a Permanent Committee on the Sabbath: and especially are we gratified at the appointment, by that same Assembly, of a Special Committee "to prepare an address to the chureh, to guide our people in leeiding between works that are lawful and those that are unlawful on the Sabbath, and also the principles that should guide our church courts in dealing with the matter." This action seens to your committee eminently desirable and proper, especially in view of the dissatisfaction expressed in different quarters at the decision of the judicial case by the last Assembly, and the fear awakened in the bosom of many that the action of said Assembly might not be understood. It seems, therefore, to your committee very desirable that the principles that are to guide us hereafter in dealing with these and similar cases should be delinitely and explicitly settled and enunciated. It is our prayer that wisdom from ou high may be given to your venerable body in handling this confessedly difficult subject, so as to formulate principles which shall both give satisfaction to the chureh at large and at the same time be in entire accord with the teaching of the Scriptures.

We regret that we must again report, as heretofore, that we have not been able to atteud any of the meetings of the American Sabbath Union, though urged to do so by the last Assembly. The great distance and the stringency of the times have been the chief and only barrier. Doubtless you will be favored with a report from their
secretary. As heretofore, we most heartily commend their labors as promotive of great good in the cause of Sabbath observance.

Respectfully,
May 15, 1895.

# JAMES STACY, G.B. STRICKLER. <br> E. H. BARNETT, JOIN A. BARRI, 

S. M. INMAN.
VIII. ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TRLSTEES OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY. To the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United Stutex, to mept at Dallas, Texas, May 16, 1895:

Your Trustees submit the following report for the rear ending this day, viz. :
Our Treasurer's account, which has been duly andited and approved, and which please receive herewith, shows that he has receired \$689.06 (all from interest on invested funds), that he has disbursed $\$ 702.66$, and that he has a balance in hand of $\$ 9.379 .86$, which amount is held and invested for rarious "Funds," as shown in the account.

The suit to secure the $\$ 300$ legace of Mrs. Jane M. Anderson, mentioned in our last report, has been gained in the lower court, and has gone to the court of appeals, where a final decision will probably be reached at the next July term of that court.

The Secretaries of the Education and Foreign Mission Committees informed us in November last that they had received a proposition to compromise the $\$ 10,000$ bequest made by the late $W$. F. Monroe, of Pensacola, Fla., which they had decided to accept; since then we have heard nothing further of the matter. The offer of compromise was to pay $\approx 2,000$ December $1,1894, \$ 2.000$ January 1,1895 , and $\$ 1,000$ on the 1st of February, March, April, and May, 189\%.

Since our last report, the Preshyterian Ministers' Fund, of Philadetphia, Pa., has rendered to this Board statements of the management of the "Relief Fund," for the years 1893 and 1894, which seem to show the "Fund" to be in a safe condition. With the statement for 1894 we received a letter asking this Board to reconmend the Fund to the ministers of our ehurch, and that "a resolution he passed by the Assembly and spread upon the Minutes, in some form, that would commend the Fund to the consideration of the brethren": and we attach said letter herewith for your consideration :

Pilladelpma, April 18, 1895.
Jokn E. Oates, Charlotte, I. C.:
Mr Dear Brotner:- You will please find enclosed the report of the Presbyterian Ministers' Fund Trustee for the Relief Fund, for the yoar ending December 31, 1894. I place it thus early in your hands that it may be available for your use at the approaching General Assembly.

I should very much wish, indeed, that in counction with this report you would take occasion to recommend the Fund to the ministers, and especially the young ministers of the church, and that a resolution should be passed by the Assembly and spread upon the Minntes, in some form that would commend the Fund to the consideration of the brethren.

I enclose you our 136th annual report, and Letters $1,8,4$, and 6 of new series.
Very sincerely yours,
Four Letters, two Rejorts.
PERCY s. ALLEN,
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Within the past year we have been advised of berguests made by T. II. Wilie, of Prairie Hill, Texas, Jas. S. Shanklin, of Centreville Church, Monroe Comnty, W. Va.,
and Mrs. Maria L. Kenan, of Selma, Nla., all for the benefit of the Foreign Mission and Home Mission Committees. The Wilie berfuest has been litigated and a judgment secured in favor of the chureh, but it will be several months before the money can he collectel. The amount will probably be not less than $\$ 1,000$. That of Mr. Shanklin is also being litigated, with fair prospects of a judgment in favor of the chureh, and will probably amount to $\$ 4,000$, and possibly more. Mrs. Kenan's bequest, as we are advised, is $\$ 1,000$ to each, Home and Foreign Missions, and is likely to be paid without any contest.

The term of office of the following Trustees expires with the meeting of the Assembly, viz.: Rev. J. B. Shearer, D. D., John E. Brown, and David W. Oates.

Theofficers of the Board for the year beginning to-day are: E. Nye ILutchison, President: Rev. J. B. Shearer, D. D., Vice-President; John E. Oates, Secretary and Treasurer.

Respectfully submitted,
Chameotte, N. C., April $25,1895$.
E. NYE IIUTCLISON, President.

## 1X. ANNCAL REPOR'T OF UNION TIIEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

Union Tieological Seminary in Vibginia, May 1, 1895.
The Board of Directors of Union Theologieal Seminary in Virginia report to the General Issembly as follows:

The year closing May 1, 1895, has been one of honest, faithful, and successful work, both on the part of professors and students. The chairs have been ably filled, five professors doing thorongh teaching, while seventy students have been in attendance upon their instructions.

The Board held its ammal meeting April 30 and May 1. Twenty directors were in attentance. The Rev. S. T. Martin and the Rev. W. S. Lacy, D. D., were enrolled as new members from the Synod of Virginia. The Rev. L. B. Turnbull and Mr. George W. Watts were entolled as new members from the Synod of North Carolina. The Board records its profound sense of loss and its somow in the death of the Rev. Alexander Martin, D. D., for more than twenty years a most wise and trusted director of this institution, beloved and honored amongst us.

Diplomas were granted to sixteen students, who had satisfactorily completed the full course in the Seminary. On Wednesday, May 1, the Rev. George L. Petrie, D. D., a member of the Board, delivered the address to the graduating class, and the Rev. A. C. Hopkins, D. D., as President of the Board, delivered the diplomas.

The library now contains fourteen thousand and six hundred $(14,600)$ volumes, carefully selecterl, and adapted to the uses of the institution. (If these, one hundred and seventy-eight rolumes were added during the year, nineteen by gift and the remainder by purchase.

Notwithstanding the continued depressed condition of busimess, all expenses have be+ill met; and, while some of the interest on investments is in arrears, no debt has been lost, and it is believed that such interest will be collected. Provision has also been made for the increased personal comfort of the students and of the Faculty by adding to the water supply.

The Rev. C. R. Vaughan, D. D., whose valued services are appreciated by the Board, was continued for another year in the chair of Theology.

The Rev. G. B. Strickler, I. D., LL. D., of Atlanta, was unanimously elected jermanent Professor of Theology, to enter upon the duties of the professorship July 1, 1896.

The recommendation of the last Assembly with regard to the shortening of the
term and the lengthening of the course was referred to a committee to correspond with other seminaries and to report to the next meeting of the Board.

The Seminary will enter upon the work of another year well equipped for its work, with the inspiration of past usefulness, and with earnest purpose to meet faithfully its nobler opportunities.

With the favor of Almighty God, we have every reason to hope for still more enlarged prosperity. In the name of our God will we lift up our hanners. The Lord fulfil all our petitions.
J. P. FITZGERALD, Secretary.

## X. ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF COLUMBIA THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

The Board of Directors of Columbia Theological Seminary respectfully submits to the General Assembly the following as its annual report:

Thirty-seven students have been in attendance upon the elasses of this institution during the past session. It appears from the report of the Faculty, and from the oral and written examinations, that these students have been commendably faithful and diligent in the prosecution of their studies. Sixteen students were graduated at the close of the term, and were granted certificates of graduation.

We are happy to report that the invested funds of the Seminary are in better condition than they were a year ago. Several thousand dollars, which for several years have not been yielding an income, are now paying five per cent. annual interest. During the year the financial agent has been visiting churches within the bounds of the Synods of Georgia and Alabama, and, considering the financial condition of the country, he has met with gratifying success. Since his employment by the Board he has secured in subscriptions, mostly in five annual payments, $\$ 33,636.70$. Of this amount, $\$ 7,344.95$ have been received in cash. The agent's work will terminate after he has visited a few more churches.

The charter of the institution will expire during the present year. The Board has, therefore, prepared an amended eharter, to be approved by the controlling Synods, and then to be presented to the Legislature of South Carolina, at its next meeting, for its action.

There have been some changes in the Faculty: The Rev. John L. Girardeau, D. D.. LL. D., who for many years has filled the chair of Didactic and Polemic Theology with signal ability and success, has, much to the regret of the Board, insisted upon resigning his professorship. The Board has elected to the vacant chair the Rev. W. T. Hall, D. D., of Lynchburg, Virginia, who has accepted the position, and will enter upon his duties at the beginning of the next session. The Board is confident that Dr. Hall is admirably fitted for this chair, and that he will continue the high grade of instruction for which it has been famous.

The Rev. S. S. Laws, D. D., LL. D., having passed the constitutional limit as to age, has been retained in the Perkins professorship for another year.

Touching the matter referred to the various theological seminaries by the last General Assembly, in regard to changing the course from three years to four of six months each, the Board deems it inexpedient at this time to make any changes.

The Board of Directors would respectfully urge upon the controlling Synods a more hearty moral support of this beloved institution. It may be confidently commended to our candidates for the ministry as a school where they can be thoroughly furnished for their life-work.
W. W. MILLS, Secretary of the Board.

## NI ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE LOCISVille presbyterian theological seminary.

To the Fenerable General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United Stotes:
The following report is respertifully submitted:
The second ammal meeting of the Board was held at Louisville. Kentucky, April 30, 1895.

The Rev. H. C. Evans, having accepted a pastorate in the Presbyterian Church of the United States of America, resigned as a member of the Board, and the Rev. J. F. Cammon. D. D., was elected by the Synod of Missouri to till the racancy.

The Rev. R. L. Dalmey, I). I., LL. D., was elected lecturer on Christian Ethies in its relation to Theology, and discharged the duties of his position with distingruished success.

A course of lectures was delivered to the students on the following subjects:
Evangelistic Methorls, by the Rev. E. O. Guerrant, D. D.: The Ruling Elder, by the Hon. J. W. Lapsley: The Sabbath-School, by Rev. E. C. Gordon, D. D.; The Dearon and the Chureh, aud The Young People, by Rev. J. F. Cannon, D. D.; The Minister's Literary Culture, ly the Rev. Thomas Cummins.

Another course of lectures has been arranged for the next session.
Rev. Edwin Muller, who has been performing the duties of professor in the School of Church History and Polity, under the appointment of the Board, has been elected to the profescorship in this school.

Fifty-two (52) students were enrolled, all of whom, with the exueption of eight, are under the care of their respective Presbyteries.

Special efforts were mate to foster a true missionary spipit hy the students themselves in their regular monthly meetings, and by the Faculty, who onee a month suspended all other duties, and levoted the time with the students to considering Home and Foreign Mission Work.

Cottage prayer-meetings have been combucted by students at various places in the city, and they assisted in mission Sablath-school work, while some of those in advanced eourses were allowed to suply vacant pmlpits, under proper oversight.

After two years' experience and careful supervision, it is the unanimous judgment of the Faculty that the students pursue their studies, maffected by the excitements incident to eity life, and that their own spiritual life is ruickened by contact with pastors and members of many churches that are working for the Master, and by the opportumities which a large city presents for carying the gospel to the lost by special personal efforts.

The degree of Bachelor of Divinity has been conferred on the following students, namely: William Wirt Akers, A. B., of the Preshytery of Missomr; John B. Andrew, A. B., of the Presbytery of Lafayette: William R. Beattie, of the Presbytery of Charleston; John F. Matheson, of the Presbytery of Pee Dee: Lindsey E. McNair, of the Presintery of Upper Missouri ; Jesst E. Wylie, of the Presbytery of Western District; William R. Potter, A. B., of the Preshytery of Nashville: Thos. S. Clyce, A. B., of the Presbytery of Lonisville.

A diploma was awarded to eighteen students who graduated in the School of Bibliral Introduction; to fourteen, in the $\mathrm{S} \cdot \mathrm{hool}$ of Old Testament Exegesis; to three, in the School of New Testament Exegesis; to eight, in the School of the English Bihle: to eight, in the School of Systematic Theology; to seven, in the Sehool of Chutch Ilistory and Polity; to seven, in the School of Homiletics and Pastoral Theo$\operatorname{logy}$; to twenty-three, in the School of Apologetics; to seventeen, in the School of Elocution.

A certificate of proficiency was given to eleven students in the department of Homileties, to twenty-one in the Department of Christian Ethies, and to twenty on the Standards.

The liberality of friends of the Seminary continues to he expressed in various ways. More than three hundred volmes, embracing some of the latest and most valuable issues from the press, have been donated to the library. A complete apparatus of the must improved design for a gymmasium has been given. The whole expense of the Dabney lectureship has been met by a generous lady, while other friends have contributed liberally to the current Students' Fund. A gentleman of Kentucky has given fifty thousand dollars to the Endowment Fund: and another gentleman of the same State has, by will, marle the Seminary an heir to so much of his estate as will equal the estimated sum of two hundred thousand dollars, and has agreed to pay annually a moderate interest until the above-named sum beeomes arailable to the institution.

The signal blessings here recorded, which the Lord Jesus Christ has hestowed on this Seminary in its administrative and didactic departments during the past year, are reverently and gratefully acknowledged to the praise of his grace.

Respectfully submitted,
J. G. HUNTER, President.

## J. S. Lyons, Secretary.

## XII. ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SOLTHWESTERN PRESBYTERIAN UNIVERSITY DIVINITY SCHOOL.

## To the General Assembly, in Sesxion at Dalles, Texus, Miey 16, 1895:

The Board of Directors of the Southwestern Presbyterian Cuiversity, under the care of the Synods of Alabama, Arkansas, Memphis, Mississippi, and Nashville, respectfutly reports that the Divinity School of the Uuiversity has passed another prosperons year, with good health and hard work on the part of both instructors and students: that the corps of instruction is composed of the following six professors, viz.: George Summey, D. D., Chancellor and Professor of Biblical History and the English Bible; Robert Price, D. D., Professor of Ecclesiastiral History; William Addison Alexander, A. M., Professor of Biblical Languages and Literature: Robert Alexander Wehb, D. D.. Professor of Systematic Theology: Thornton Whaling, A. M., Professor of Practical Theology (Church Polity, IIomiletics, Pastoral Theology, Missions, and Church Work); Austin Heaton Merrill, A. M., Instructor in Elocution and Oratory; that there have been thirty young men emrolled in the classes of the Divinity School: that the following will eomplete the entire course of study and graduate with the degree of Bachelor of Divinity in Jume of this year, viz. : John Goodall Garth, Western District Presbytery; Robert Hill, Red River Presbytery; James Francis Naylor, North Mississippi Presbytery: Joel Washington Tord, Paducah Presbytery; and James Damall Wallace, Knoxville Presbytery; that in addition the followiug, who have not completed enongh studies to secure the degree, will be ready, their Presbyteries eonsenting, to enter upon work at the end of the session, viz. : Robert Lee Benn, Nashville Presbytery; Walter Liudsay C'aldwell, North Mississippi Presbytery; James Edward Green, Arkansas Presbytery; Charles Morris Huber, Mississippi Presbytery; and William Thomas Wadley, Western District Presbytery; that the spiritual tone of the student body has seemed to be umusually high, and that special and marked interest has been developed in the cause of Foreign Missions; and, finally, that an earnest effort has been made to maintain and encourage a high standard of ministerial education, a principle to which every member of the Faculty is fully committed, and which the controlling synods demand and provide for as fully as possible in this institution which represents their faith and effort.

By order of the Board of Directors.
GEORGE SLMDIEY, chancellor.
D. N. KENNEDI, Secretary.

## PRESBYTERIAL ASSESSMENTS, DUE APRIL 1, 1896.

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## PRAYER FOR THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

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

Resolv. d, 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 his great mercy so give the Gencral Assembly the wisdom that cometh from above and so direct all its plans, discussions, and decisions, as to promote his own glory and to advance the kingdom of Jesus on earth.

Resolved, $\dot{\mathbf{2}}$, That the above preamble and resolution be printed annually in the Appendix to the Minutes of the Assembly.

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\hline 3．August \& 12 \& \& $\bigcirc 2$ \& 54 \& 5.3 \& 51 \& 55 \& $16: 96$ \& $2!$ \& 50 \& $15 \%$ \& 155 \& 1001 \& 1190 \& 2t！ \& 8.58 \& 64 \& 11. \& 311 \& （6） \& 19 \& $\sim$ \& S3tis \& T45 \& $900 \mathrm{M}. \mathrm{C}. \mathrm{Britt}$. <br>
\hline 4．Cherok \& 15 \& 5 \& 45 \& $9{ }^{*}$ \& 69 \& 213 \& （i）＇ \& 2366 \& 106 \& 45 \& 1133 \& 139 \& 1096 \& ${ }^{1691}$ \& 291 \& 1913 \& 15： \& $1: 4$ \& 481 \& 16 \& \& $16 \%$ \& 7914 \& \％119 \& （is9 John．W．Baker． <br>
\hline 5．Macon \& \& 1 \& 24 \& （is） \& 54 \& 56 \& 42 \& 1.567 \& 14 \& 5 \& $15 t i$ \& 1s？ \& 1299 \& 683 \& $7 \%$ \& 304 \& 50 \& 30 \& 12 N \& 17. \& \& 153 \& Sser： \& 5810 \& 392 kobert Adams． <br>
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\hline 4．Western District \& 18 \& 5 \& 32 \& 86 \& 73 \& 176 \& 65 \& 1782 \& 85 \& 43 \& 1 N 9 \& 14 \& 1104 \& 513 \& 328 \& 291 \& 31 \& 41 \& 45. \& 64 \& $\therefore 1$ \& 120） \& 6056 \& 2.65 \& 408＇1＇．W．．Marrell． <br>
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# Comparative Summary of the Presbyterian Church for the Last Five Years. 

|  | 1891. | 189. | 1893. | 1894. | 1895. |
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| Synods, | 13 | 13 | 13 | 13 | 13 |
| Presbyteries, | 71 | 72 | 72 | 73 | 74 |
| Candidates, | 371 | 409 | 427 | 445 | 425 |
| Licentiates, | 66 | 64 | 74 | 79 | 79 |
| Ministers, | 1,186 | 1,239 | 1,271 | 1,319 | 1,337 |
| Churches, | 2,453 | 2,572 | 2,652 | 2,713 | 2,776 |
| Licensures, | 66 | 67 | 49 | 70 | 69 |
| Ordinations, | 60 | 57 | 55 | 71 | 67 |
| Installations, | 108 | 147 | 159 | 170 | 138 |
| Ministers deceased, | 25 | 34 | 25 | 21 | 30 |
| Pastoral dissolutions, | 107 | 140 | 115 | 115 | 75 |
| Ministers received from other denomi'tions, | 4 | 10 | 10 | 14 | 7 |
| Ministers dismissed to other denomitions, | 6 | 1 | 3 | 3 | 8 |
| Churches organized, | 81 | 92 | 82 | 73 | 59 |
| Churches dissolved, | 19 | 21 | 10 | 15 | 20 |
| Churches recei'ed from other denomi'tions, | 2 |  | 1 | 3 | 3 |
| Churches dismissed to other denomi'tions, |  |  |  | 3 | 3 |
| Number of Ruling Elders, | 7,679 | 7,859 | 8,089 | 8,221 | 8,484 |
| Number of Deacons, | 5.868 | 6,128 | 6,385 | 6,646 | 6,895 |
| Added on Examination, | 11,024 | 11,224 | 12,187 | 14,098 | 13,598 |
| Added on Certificate, | 7,671 | 7,899 | 7,636 | 7,798 | 7,564 |
| Total Communicants, | 174,065 | 182,516 | 188,546 | 199,167 | 203,999 |
| Number of Adults Baptized, | 3,853 | 3,835 | 4,226 | 5.245 | 5,031 |
| Number of Infants Baptized, | 5,300 | 5,025 | 5,264 | 4,888 | 5,502 |
| Number of Baptized Non-Communicants, | 35,363 | 35,905 | 37,275 | 37.780 | 35,346 |
| Teachers in S. S. and Bible Classes, | 13,972 | 16,271 | 16,647 | 17,756 | 18,204 |
| Scholars in S. S. and Bible Classes, | 117,419 | 118,852 | 119,754 | 134,848 | 136,069 |

CONTRIBUTIONS.

|  | 1891. | 1892. | 1893. | 1894. | 1895. |
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| Assembly's Home Missious, | \$57,574 | \$47,011 | \$45,762 | \$53,406 | \$32,760 |
| Local Home Missions, | 75,772 | 90,189 | 84,136 | 84,249 | 98,362 |
| Invalid Fund, | 15,398 | 15,485 | 14,131 | 12,906 | 13,256 |
| Foreign Missions, | 105,368 | 118,442 | 120,954 | 120,141 | 111,877 |
| Education, | 44,778 | 47,937 | 53,527 | 65, 027 | 51,848 |
| Publication, | 9,211 | 9.264 | 9,898 | 8,316 | 7,469 |
| Colored Evangelization | 8,988 | 8.855 | 11,720 | 10,470 | 9,623 |
| Bible Cause, | 4,592 | 5,459 | 4,407 | 4,363 | 4,43: |
| Presbyterial, | 14,365 | 16,201 | 14,982 | 14,891 | 14,073 |
| Pastors' Salaries, | 717,369 | 776,592 | 808,784 | 788,181 | 772,793 |
| Congregational, | 619,273 | 627876 | 621,792 | 610,102 | 667.152 |
| Miscellaneons, | 114,590 | 117,490 | 124,776 | 102,367 | 96,481 |
| Total, | \$1,817,335 | \$1,921,630 | \$1,943,580 | \$1,888,799 | \$1,880,126 |

JOSEPH R. WILSON, Stated Clerk:

Places and Times of Synodical Meetings for 1895.


## MINISTERIAL OBITUARY.

The following named ministers are officially reported as having died during the past ecclesiastical year, viz.:

| H. C. Alexander, |  | Winchester. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| J. N. Bradshaw, | " | Florida. |
| John Bramly, |  | Brazos. |
| S. S. Brown, |  | Central Mississippi. |
| J. S. Cozby, D. D. | " | South Carolina. |
| W. H. Crane, |  | Florida. |
| James L. Currie, |  | Orange. |
| L. W. Curtis, | " | Bethel. |
| Wm. Dinwiddie, D. D | " | Chesapeake. |
| J. B. DeVault, | " | Ebenezer. |
| M. I. Frierson, |  | Eastern Texas. |
| G. J. Griffiths, D. D. | " | St. Johns. |
| H. H. Harris, | " | Ethel. |
| John Johnston, | " | Winchester. |
| Alexander Martin, D. D. | " | Roanoke. |
| Albert A. Morse, |  | Charleston. |
| Lemuel Murray, | * | Paris. |
| James Pinckney McPherson, | " | Fayetteville. |
| Franklin Patton, D. D., | " | Washbourne. |
| Wim. W. Robertson, D. D., | 。 | Missomri. |
| J. G. Shepperson, D. D., |  | Montgomery. |
| J. H. Skinnex, D. D., | " | North Alabama. |
| J. A. Sloan, |  | Chickasaw. |
| Henry Martyn Smith, D. D., |  | New Orleans. |
| C. A. Stillman, D. D., |  | Tuskaloosa. |
| David Teese, | " | West Hanover. |
| J. P. Turnbull, |  | Indian. |
| John N. Waddel, D. D., |  | Nashville. |
| R. B. White, D. D., | . | Chesapeake. |
| B. M. Wilkinson, | " | Montgomery. |

## SUCCESSION OF MODERATORS

> 1861-1895.


## Stated clerks of presbyteries

are earnestly requested:

1. To make their Annual Reports to the Assembly, viz.: (1), Statistical, as per form on preceding pages ; (2), on Systematic Beneficence; (3), on Sabbath Schools; (4), Narratives.
2. To make their reports in fair, distinct writing, especially the columns of numes and figures in the Statistical Tables.
3. To make them as accurate and as full as possible. When churches do not report to Presbyteries, it is desirable that their numbers of communicants should be inserted from their last reports.
4. To report no fractions in the money columns.
5. To add up each column of figures with special care.
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, organizations of new. churches, and the names of ministers deceased.
7. To transmit their Statistical Reports to the Stated Clerk of the Assembly, at the meeting of the Assembly (or at Columbia, S. C., not luter than the 10 th of May in each year).
nes Blank forms for Sessionul or Presbyterial Reports are not furnished by the Stated Clerk of the General Assembly, but by the Erecutive Committee of Publication, at cost price, by order of the Assemblies of 1867 and 1878; and Stated Clerlis are earnestly urged to supply themselves with the latest blanks for Stutisticell Roports.

The Assembly instructs Stated Clerks to send up no overture except when it is written upon a separate sheet of its own.

## to the stated clerks of synods.

It is the duty of these officers promptly to notify the approaching General Assembly, through its Stated Clerk, (1), of the formation or dissolution of Fresbyteries within the bounds of their respective Synods, and (2), by the 1st of May in each year, of the times and places of the nest ensuing meetings of these bodies.

## ALPHABETICAL LIST

of

## MINISTERS and LICENTIATES,

## EMibraced in The Preceding Pages.

Note. - The Post-office addresses in this List may in a few cases differ from those given in the Tables, the List having been prepared to correspond as nearly as possible with recent changes. The figures denote the page of the Tables on which the name may be found.

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