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PHILADELPHIA, MAY 18th, 1843.

THE General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America, met, agreeably to appointment, in the Central Presbyterian church in the city of Philadelphia, on Thursday, the 18th day of May, A.D. 1843, at 11 o'clock, A.M.; and (the moderator of the last Assembly being absent,) was opened with a sermon by the Rev. Robert J. Breckinridge, D.D., from Acts xv. 14—"Simeon hath declared how God, at the first, did visit the Gentiles, to take out of them a people for his name."

After the sermon, Dr. Breckinridge, being the last Moderator present, took the chair, and opened the session with prayer.

The Permanent Clerk, from the Standing Committee of Commissions, reported that the following persons present, have been duly appointed, and are hereby enrolled as commissioners to this General Assembly, and laid their commissions on the table, viz.

I. OF THE SYNOD OF ALBANY.

BY THE PRESBYTERIES OF	BISHOPS.	RULING ELDERS.
<i>Londonderry,</i>	David P. Smith.	
<i>Ogdensburg.</i>		
<i>Troy,</i>	Charles Wadsworth,	Charles H. Kellogg.
<i>Albany,</i>	Eliphalet Nott, D.D.	
	Joshua H. McIlvaine. (4)*	
<i>Columbia.</i>		

II. OF THE SYNOD OF NEW YORK.

<i>Hudson,</i>	Edward D. G. Prime.	
<i>North River,</i>	John Johnston, (2)	Bernard Bailey.
<i>Bedford,</i>	Edward Wright,	Seth Lyon. (5)
<i>Long Island,</i>	Joseph A. Copp,	Jarvis R. Rolph.
<i>New York,</i>	Gardiner Spring, D.D.	Hugh Auchincloss.
	John Goldsmith,	Thompson Price.
<i>New York 2d,</i>	John Johnstone.	

III. OF THE SYNOD OF NEW JERSEY.

<i>Elizabethtown,</i>	Nicholas Murray,	Thomas G. Allen.
	Robert Street,	Benj. McDowell.
<i>New Brunswick,</i>	John Maclean, D.D.	John T. Woodhull.
	Dan. V. McLean,	George P. Molleson. (5)
<i>Newton,</i>	David X. Junkin,	James Hiles.
	David Longmore,	James Wilson. (5)
<i>Raritan,</i>	Jacob Kirkpatrick,	William Wilson. (2)
<i>Susquehanna,</i>	John Dorrance,	John G. Fell.
<i>Steuben,</i>	Isaac W. Platt. (1)	
<i>Wyoming,</i>	John C. Lord, D.D. (1)	Saml. Wilkeson. (1)

* A figure affixed to the name of a member, shows that he was *not enrolled* by the Committee of Commissions in their report at the opening of the Assembly, but that he was subsequently enrolled and took his seat on that day of the sessions designated by the figure.

IV. OF THE SYNOD OF PHILADELPHIA.

BY THE PRESEYTERIES OF	BISHOPS.	RULING ELDERS.
<i>Philadelphia,</i>	Archibald Tudehope,	James N. Dickson.
<i>Philadelphia 2d,</i>	Thomas L. Janeway,	James Dunlap.
<i>West Jersey,</i>	Wm. D. Howard,	James Algeo.
<i>New Castle,</i>	Moses Williamson,	Moses Richmond.
<i>Donegal,</i>	John M. Dickey,	Kensey Johns, Jr.
<i>Baltimore,</i>	John McNair. (1)	
<i>Carlisle,</i>	James Laurie, D.D.,	David English.
	John T. M. Davie,	David Dunwoody.
<i>Huntingdon,</i>	Daniel McKinley,	John Mower.
<i>Northumberland,</i>	Benjamin Carrell,	Cyrus Crisswell. (1)
	Elbridge Bradbury,	John B. Boyd.

V. OF THE SYNOD OF PITTSBURGH.

<i>Redstone,</i>	Samuel Wilson,	Jesse H. Duncan.
<i>Ohio,</i>	Lewis W. Green, D.D.,	Luke Loomis.
	Clement V. McKaig,	James Gordon. (2)
<i>Erie,</i>	Robert Glenn.	
<i>Beaver,</i>	John Knox.	
<i>Allegheny,</i>	Loyal Young,	Henry N. Boyd.
<i>Blairsville,</i>	George Hill,	Robert Rainey. (2)
<i>Clarion,</i>	David Polk.	

VI. OF THE SYNOD OF WHEELING.

<i>Steubenville,</i>	Thomas Hunt,	Jeremiah Hallock.
<i>Washington,</i>	John Eagleson,	Robert Patterson.
	James Sloan. (2)	Russel Moore. (2)
<i>New Lisbon,</i>	Thomas McDermot.	
<i>St. Clairsville,</i>	Moses Allen,	John Campbell.

VII. OF THE SYNOD OF OHIO.

<i>Columbus,</i>	James Hoge, D.D.,	Matthew McCrea.
<i>Lancaster,</i>	William Wylie.	
<i>Marion,</i>	Allen C. Miller, (2)	Joseph Moody.
<i>Richland,</i>	Chauncey Leavenworth.	
<i>Wooster,</i>	Edward R. Geary,	John Stirling.

VIII. OF THE SYNOD OF CINCINNATI.

<i>Chillicothe,</i>	Samuel Steel.	
<i>Miami,</i>	James Coe,	John S. Todd.
<i>Cincinnati,</i>	Ludwell G. Gaines,	Thomas McGechin.
<i>Oxford,</i>	Francis Monfort.	
<i>Sidney,</i>	Hugh R. Price,	James A. McLain.
<i>Maumee,</i>	William McGookin.	

IX. OF THE SYNOD OF INDIANA.

<i>Salem,</i>	Josiah Crawford.	
<i>Vincennes.</i>		
<i>Madison,</i>	James A. McKee. (1)	
<i>Crawfordsville,</i>	William F. Ferguson. (2)	
<i>Indianapolis,</i>	William Sickles.	
<i>Logansport,</i>	Alex. T. Rankin.	
<i>Michigan.</i>		
<i>Lake,</i>	James C. Brown. (2)	

X. OF THE SYNOD OF ILLINOIS.

BY THE PRESBYTERIES OF	BISHOPS.	RULING ELDERS.
<i>Kaskaskia.</i>		
<i>Sangamon,</i>	John G. Bergen.	
<i>Schuyler,</i>	Ithamar Pillsbury. (3)	
<i>Peoria,</i>	William J. Fraser,	Samuel Lowry.
<i>Palestine.</i>		
<i>Iowa,</i>	Michael Hummer.	

XI. OF THE SYNOD OF MISSOURI.

<i>Missouri.</i>	
<i>St. Louis,</i>	Hiram Chamberlain.
<i>Palmyra.</i>	

XII. OF THE SYNOD OF KENTUCKY.

<i>Louisville,</i>	Wm. L. Breckinridge,	Wm. Q. Morton.
<i>Muhlenburg,</i>	Joseph Templeton. (2)	
<i>Transylvania,</i>	John Montgomery,	Robt. N. Moran. (1)
<i>West Lexington,</i>	John D. Matthews,	Daniel B. Price.
<i>Ebenezer,</i>	John S. Watt.	

XIII. OF THE SYNOD OF VIRGINIA.

<i>Greenbrier,</i>	Stuart Robinson,	William Rand.
<i>Lexington,</i>	Henry H. Paine,	Frederick Johnston.
	Nicholas Chevalier,	John Alexander.
<i>Winchester,</i>	Wm. M. Atkinson,	James C. Baker.
<i>West Hanover,</i>	Samuel D. Stuart,	John A. Smith.
	Saml. L. Graham, D.D.,	Wm. B. Miller.
<i>East Hanover,</i>	John Leyburn,	Michael Gretter.

XIV. OF THE SYNOD OF NORTH CAROLINA.

<i>Orange,</i>	Daniel Stratton,	Saml. V. Watkins.
	Thomas R. Owen,	John Wilson.
<i>Fayetteville,</i>	Archibald Baker.	
<i>Concord,</i>	James D. Hall, (2)	Michael Brown.

XV. OF THE SYNOD OF WEST TENNESSEE.

<i>Holston,</i>	Wm. B. Carter, Jr.
<i>West Tennessee.</i>	
<i>Nashville,</i>	Andrew H. Kerr. (5)
<i>North Alabama.</i>	
<i>Western District,</i>	David H. Cummings.

XVI. OF THE SYNOD OF SOUTH CAROLINA AND GEORGIA.

<i>South Carolina,</i>		James Gillam. (3)
<i>Bethel,</i>	Andrew H. Caldwell.	
<i>Harmony,</i>	Donald J. Auld, (3)	Wm. E. James.
<i>Charleston,</i>	Aaron W. Leland, D.D.,	Gilbert T. Snowden. (3)
<i>Georgia,</i>	William McWhir, D.D. (3)	
<i>Hopewell,</i>	Geo. H. W. Petrie. (3)	
<i>Flint River.</i>		
<i>Florida,</i>	Joel S. Graves.	

XVII. OF THE SYNOD OF ALABAMA.

<i>South Alabama,</i>	Robert Nall.
<i>Tuscaloosa,</i>	Alexander Smith.
<i>East Alabama,</i>	Robert H. Chapman.

XVIII. OF THE SYNOD OF MISSISSIPPI.

BY THE PRESBYTERIES OF	BISHOPS.	RULING ELDERS.
<i>Mississippi,</i>	William Montgomery.	
<i>Louisiana,</i>	James Purviance,	James M. Gallent. (3)
<i>Clinton,</i>	John A. Smylie,	Nath. G. North.
<i>Tombeckbee,</i>	Horatio J. Bardwell.	
<i>Chickasaw,</i>		
<i>Arkansas,</i>	John T. Balch. (5)	
<i>Indian.</i>		

XIX. OF THE SYNOD OF NORTHERN INDIA,

In connexion with the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America.

Lodiana.
Furrukabad.
Allahabad.

CORRESPONDING BODIES.

	BISHOPS.	LAYMEN.
General Association of Connecticut. }		
Evangelical Consociation of R. Island, }	Thomas Shepard.	
General Association of Massachusetts, }	Joseph Alden, D.D.	
General Convention of Vermont. }	Parsons Cooke.	
General Association of New Hampshire, }	Austin Richards.	
General Conference of Maine, }	Stephen D. Ward.	
General Synod of the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church, }	Samuel B. How, D.D.	
General Synod of the German Reformed Church, }	Albert Helffenstein.	

The Committee further reported that Messrs. Robert N. Moran, Ruling Elder from the Presbytery of Transylvania; Cyrus Crisswell, Ruling Elder from the Presbytery of Huntingdon, and James A. McKee, Bishop, from the Presbytery of Madison, are present, without their commissions;—that Mr. David M. Smith, Bishop, from the Presbytery of Columbia, has presented a certificate from the Stated Clerk of that Presbytery of his appointment at a stated meeting of the Presbytery when there was not a quorum present—also, the written assent of other members of the Presbytery, to the appointment; and that the following persons have presented commissions from new Presbyteries, viz. John C. Lord, D.D., Bishop, from the Presbytery of Wyoming; Isaac W. Platt, Bishop, from the Presbytery of Steuben; and John McNair, Bishop, from the Presbytery of Donegal.

The Committee further reported that the Rev. E. W. Andrews, has presented a certificate from the General Association of New York, as a delegate, and an overture from that body for a correspondence with the General Assembly.

The Stated Clerk reported that he had received official information that the Presbyteries of Steuben and Wyoming were erected by the Synod of New Jersey, dividing the Presbytery of Caledonia; the Presbytery of Donegal, by the Synod of Philadelphia; the Indian Presbytery by the Synod of Mississippi; and the Lake Presbytery by the Synod of Indiana; also, that the

name of the Presbytery of Holly Springs had been changed to Chickasaw, by the Synod of Mississippi: whereupon on motion,

Resolved, That the aforesaid Presbyteries be enrolled accordingly, and the commissioners present therefrom be admitted to their seats.

On motion, Messrs. Atkinson, Maclean, Steel, Janeway, Auchincloss, D. B. Price, Watkins and James, were appointed a Committee of Elections, to whom were referred the defective commissions.

And then the Assembly took a recess until this afternoon at four o'clock.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON, 4 o'clock.

The Assembly met.

The Committee of Elections reported that they had received satisfactory evidence that Messrs. Robert N. Moran, James A. McKee, and Cyrus Criswell, have been duly appointed by their respective Presbyteries, commissioners to this General Assembly, and recommended that they be enrolled. The report was adopted.

The Committee of Elections further reported in the case of Mr. David M. Smith, that it appeared to their satisfaction that the Presbytery of Columbia failed to form a quorum, at the time at which their stated spring meeting should have been held according to adjournment—that there were present two ministers and ruling elders from a majority of the churches—the Presbytery consisting only of five ministers—that those present requested that the Assembly would receive Mr. Smith as a commissioner from their Presbytery, in which request two of the absent ministers have expressed their concurrence in writing, and that it is believed the appointment of Mr. Smith would have been unanimous had the Presbytery formed a quorum: and further that the committee are divided upon the question whether under these circumstances, Mr. Smith ought, or ought not, to be admitted to a seat.

It was moved that Mr. Smith be admitted to a seat. After debate, the question was decided in the negative.

The Rev. Gardiner Spring, D.D., was elected Moderator; and the Rev. Nicholas Murray, Temporary Clerk.

On motion, the report of the Committee on Commissions respecting the overture from the General Association of New York, was taken up and referred to Messrs. Nott, Lord, Goldsmith, Woodhull, and Auchincloss.

The Docket was presented by the Stated Clerk; which was read.

A report was received from the Rev. Melancthon W. Jacobus, delegate to the last General Synod of the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church, of his attendance thereat, and friendly reception.

On motion, Messrs. Leland, McLean, and Hoge, were appointed a committee to designate the order and times for receiving the Annual Reports of the Assembly's Boards.

The Presbyteries were called on for their votes on the question referred to them by the last Assembly (printed minutes, page 29,) respecting ministers demitting the exercise of their office; which were referred to Messrs. Laurie, Hill, and Green.

And then the Assembly adjourned until to-morrow morning at nine o'clock. Concluded with prayer.



FRIDAY MORNING, May 19th, 9 o'clock.

The Assembly met and was opened with prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read and approved.

The Committee of Commissions reported the following additional commissioners, who were enrolled, viz.

PRESBYTERIES.	BISHOPS.	RULING ELDERS.
<i>North River,</i> <i>Blairsville,</i> <i>Ohio,</i> <i>Washington,</i> <i>Marion,</i> <i>Muhlenburg,</i> <i>Crawfordsville,</i> <i>Concord,</i>	John Johnston. James Sloan, Allen C. Miller. Joseph Templeton. Wm. F. Ferguson. James D. Hall.	Robert Rainey. James Gordon. Russel Moore.

The Committee further reported that Mr. James C. Brown, Bishop, has presented a commission from the Lake Presbytery. The Stated Clerk reported that he had received official information that the Lake Presbytery was erected by the Synod of Indiana. Whereupon, it was

Resolved, That the Presbytery be enrolled, and the commissioner therefrom admitted to his seat.

The Moderator appointed the following Standing Committees, viz.

On Bills and Overtures—Messrs. Nott, Graham, Maclean, Dorrance, Lord, Chamberlain, John Wilson, and Bailey.

Judicial Committee—Messrs. Leland, Hoge, Junkin, Young, Green, Steel, Smylie, John Wilson, Dickson, and M. Brown.

On Leave of Absence—Kirkpatrick, Platt, Janeway, Matthews, North, and Johns.

On Mileage—Messrs. Dickson, Wilkeson, Todd and Alexander.

On Devotional Exercises—Messrs. Goldsmith, Dickey, Wylie, Matthews, Purviance, and T. Price.

On the Narrative of the State of Religion—Messrs. Leland, Maclean, Copp, and Leyburn.

On Foreign Correspondence.—Messrs. Green and Breckinridge.

On Finance—Messrs. Atkinson, McLean, McKinley, Gretter, and Auchincloss.

On Synodical Records, viz.

Albany—Messrs. Prime, Steel, and Auchincloss.

New York—Messrs. D. P. Smith, Street, and Lowry.

New Jersey—Messrs. Wadsworth, Johnstone, and Moran.

Philadelphia—J. Montgomery, H. R. Price, and Campbell.

Pittsburgh—Messrs. Watt, Purviance, and D. B. Price.

Wheeling—Messrs. Wright, Bergen, and Kellogg.

Ohio—Messrs. Crawford, Carrell, and Richmond.

Cincinnati—Messrs. Fraser, Laurie, and Moody.

Indiana—Messrs. M. Allen, Bradbury, and Patterson.

Illinois—Messrs. McDermot, Glenn, and Sterling.

Missouri—Messrs. Dickey, Sickles, and Dunwoody.

Kentucky—Messrs. Davie, Longmore, and James.

Virginia—Messrs. Caldwell, Williamson, and Loomis.

North Carolina—Messrs. W. Montgomery, Leyburn, and W. B. Milner,

West Tennessee—Messrs. Gaines, Knox, and Duncan.

South Carolina and Georgia—Messrs. Robinson, McKee, and Crisswell.

Alabama—Messrs. Stuart, Owen and Dunlap.

Mississippi—Messrs. Carter, Nall, and McCrea.

The Annual Report of the Treasurer of the Trustees of the General Assembly was presented, and his book of accounts was laid upon the table. The report was read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

The Presbyteries were called on for narratives of the state of religion;—which were referred to the Committee on the Narrative.

The Committee on the times and order, in which the annual reports of the several Boards shall be presented to the Assembly, made a report which was adopted as follows: viz.

That the standing order, adopted in 1838, be observed on the present occasion; that the Board of Foreign Missions present their report on Tuesday next, at ten o'clock, A. M., and printed copies of said report may be delivered to the members at any time previous; the Board of Missions on Wednesday; the Board of Education on Thursday; and the Board of Publication on Friday;—at the same hour on each day.

A report was received from the Committee, appointed by the last Assembly, on the Bi-Centenary period of the Westminster Assembly; (see printed Minutes, p. 17.) which was read and referred to Messrs. Hoge, Maclean, Lord, Green, and J. Johnston.

Reports were received from the Delegates, to the General Associations of Connecticut and Massachusetts, which were read, and ordered to be printed in the Appendix.

A memorial was received from the Presbytery of Sidney, requesting the Assembly to take order against granting its members leave of absence. Whereupon,

Resolved, That the Committee on leave of absence, be instructed to give leave to members of the Assembly, to be absent from the sessions, only for manifestly sufficient reasons; and, in general, for such reasons as have arisen since the Assembly has convened.

The Annual Report of the Directors of the Western Theological Seminary, was presented, read and referred to Messrs. Graham, Platt, Matthews, and M. Brown.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That it be a standing order of this Assembly, to meet at nine o'clock in the morning, and to sit not later than one o'clock, when the Assembly shall have a recess until four o'clock, and the hour of adjournment shall be six o'clock, P. M.

On motion, the unfinished business of the last Assembly was taken up, viz.

The complaint of F. H. Porter, against the Synod of Alabama, which was made the order of the day, for to-morrow morning, at ten o'clock.

The complaint of H. A. Boardman and others, against the Synod of Philadelphia was withdrawn by the complainants, by leave of the House.

The complaint of the Presbytery of Cincinnati, against the Synod of Cincinnati, which was made the order of the day, for Monday morning, at ten o'clock.

The complaint of D. Monfort and others, against the Synod of Indiana, was withdrawn by the complainants, by leave of the House.

The overture of the Presbytery of Chilicothe, on the subject of Slavery: which was laid on the table.

And then the Assembly took a recess.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON.

The Committee of Commissions reported additional commissioners, viz. William Wilson, Ruling Elder, from the Presbytery of Raritan, who was enrolled; and William McWhir, D.D., Bishop, from the Presbytery of Georgia, whose commission wants the signature of the Moderator: which case was referred to the Committee of Elections.

The Committee of Bills and Overtures, reported Overtures Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, which were disposed of as follows, viz.

No. 1. A communication from Rev. Dr. Justin Edwards, on the sanctifica-

tion of the Sabbath;—on which subject, the committee submitted a minute, which was adopted, as follows: viz.

Whereas, the Sabbath is a divine institution of perpetual and universal obligation. Therefore,

Resolved, first, That the Sanctification of the Sabbath, is a duty incumbent upon all men, at all times.

Second, That such is its fundamental importance to all the great interests of the human race, and such its bearing upon all the efforts for the intellectual elevation, the moral purity, the social happiness, and the eternal salvation of men, that its due observance ought to receive the earnest attention, the fervent prayers, and the hearty, active, and persevering co-operation of all the friends of God and man throughout the world.

Third, That it be enjoined upon all the ministers, belonging to the Presbyterian Church, to preach, especially, upon the sanctification of the Sabbath; and that it be earnestly recommended, both to pastors and people, not only to sanctify the Sabbath themselves, but also to co-operate in the furtherance of any measures suggested by others, that may seem calculated to secure its sanctification throughout the world.

Fourth, And, whereas Doctor Edwards has for some time past, been engaged in securing the co-operation of Christians, in bringing about a more strict, and more general observance of the Sabbath, that an opportunity be afforded him to address this Assembly on that subject immediately.

The Assembly was then addressed by Dr. Edwards.

Overture No. 2. The petition of the Presbytery of West Jersey, to be set off from the Synod of Philadelphia, and attached to the Synod of New Jersey. *Resolved,* That the request be, and it hereby is granted.

Overture No. 3. Petition of the Presbyteries of Steuben, Wyoming, and Ogdensburg, to be set off from the Synods of Albany and New Jersey, and erected into a Synod.

On which subject, the Committee submitted the following minute, which was adopted, viz.

Whereas the General Assembly in 1838, enacted, (See printed Minutes, Vol. ix. p. 36,) that, “If as many as three Presbyteries can be conveniently formed in Western New York, they should be constituted into a Synod, and shall cover the entire territory heretofore occupied by the three Synods of Utica, Geneva and Genesee; therefore

Resolved, That the Presbyteries of Steuben, Wyoming and Ogdensburgh, which have been formed in that territory, be constituted into a Synod to be known by the name of the Synod of Buffalo, whose boundaries shall be according to the said act of the Assembly of 1838: And that the first meeting of said Synod be held in the city of Buffalo, in the First Presbyterian Church in connexion with this Assembly, on the second Wednesday of August next, at two o’clock, P. M.; that the sessions of the Synod be opened with a sermon by the Rev. Isaac W. Platt, of the Presbytery of Steuben, and, in case of his absence, by the senior Bishop present, and that the Synod afterward convene on their own adjournment.

Overture No. 4. A communication from the Presbytery of New Lisbon in relation to the religious instruction of slaves, which the committee recommended to be referred to the Board of Missions. The recommendation was agreed to.

On motion, the following minute was adopted, viz.

Whereas the most obvious duty of every Church is to make ample provision for the religious instruction and spiritual edification of the people placed by Providence in immediate proximity therewith: and whereas it is the duty

of the General Assembly to suggest in pastoral fidelity the best method of doing the work assigned to the Church by her adorable Head: and whereas our country is filling up with unparalleled rapidity, so that there is good ground of apprehension that the extension of the Presbyterian Church is far more slow than is consistent with the solemn responsibilities under which we as a Church act, therefore

Resolved, That a committee of nine members be appointed to take into consideration the great subject, and report to this Assembly such facts and suggestions as may in their judgment be of importance in guiding the action of all our people to such results as may gladden the hearts of all good men in our communion.

The following persons were appointed the committee, viz. Messrs. Nott, Laurie, Breckinridge, Dorrance, Cooke, Hoge, Johns, Johnston, and M. Brown.

The Synodical Records were called for, and referred to the committees thereon respectively.

And then the Assembly adjourned.

Concluded with prayer.

SATURDAY MORNING, May 20.

The Assembly met and was opened with prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read and approved.

The Committee of Commissions reported the following additional commissioners, who were enrolled, viz. Ithamar Pillsbury, Bishop, from the Presbytery of Schuyler; Gilbert T. Snowden, Ruling Elder, from the Presbytery of Charleston; George H. W. Petrie, Bishop, from the Presbytery of Hopewell; James M. Gallent, Ruling Elder, from the Presbytery of Louisiana; Donald J. Auld, Bishop, from the Presbytery of Harmony; James Gillam, Ruling Elder, from the Presbytery of South Carolina.

The Committee of Elections reported that they had received satisfactory evidence that the Rev. Wm. McWhir, D.D. was duly appointed a commissioner to this Assembly, by the Presbytery of Georgia. Whereupon, Dr. McWhir was enrolled. The Permanent Clerk reported the following items of Judicial business, which were referred to the Judicial Committee, viz.

1. The complaint of D. V. Smock and others against the decision of the Synod of Indiana, for sustaining the complaint of Rev. Colin McKinney against the Presbytery of Indianapolis, for refusing to grant him a dismission.

2. The complaint of John M. Dickey and others against the Synod of Philadelphia, for dividing the Presbytery of New Castle.

3. The appeal of Abigail Hanna from a decision of the Synod of Wheeling, sustaining certain decisions of the Presbytery of Washington, and the Session of Three Ridge Church on a case not described in the documents.

On motion, the vote of yesterday, by which the complaint of D. Montfort against the Synod of Indiana was withdrawn, was reconsidered; and it was ordered that the case be put on the Docket.

On motion, the complaint of S. D. Blythe, against the Synod of Philadelphia, referred by the last General Assembly, was dismissed, the case having been settled.

The Judicial Committee reported the complaint of D. V. Smock, &c., against the Synod of Indiana; and the complaint of John M. Dickey, &c., against the Synod of Philadelphia, in order. Which were put on the Docket.

The Committee of Bills and Overtures reported, Overtures Nos. 5, 7, 8, 9, and 10, which were disposed of as follows, viz.

Overture No. 5. A memorial from the Presbytery of Huntingdon, respecting the conversion of the Jews; which was referred to the Board of Foreign Missions, to take such order as may be expedient.

Overture No. 7. From the Presbytery of Miami, the question, Whether ordained ministers of the gospel ought not to be considered church members, and to have their names enrolled on the sessional records of the church where they are settled, as pastors or stated supplies?—which question the committee recommended to be answered in the negative. After debate, the recommendation was adopted.

Overture No. 8. From the Presbytery of Tombeckbee, two questions; 1. Is it orderly that a member of one Presbytery moderate a church session of another Presbytery? 2. Is the ordination of a minister *valid*, which has been procured by forgery and unwarrantable means?—with the answers proposed to be given thereto. Put on the Docket.

Overture No. 9. A communication from John Read, in relation to a legacy left to the Presbyterian Church by Jane Porter, which was referred to the Trustees of the General Assembly.

Overture No. 10. A memorial from the Presbytery of Lodiana, requesting the opinion of the Assembly respecting the baptism of orphan children of heathen parents; with an answer proposed to be given thereto. Put on the Docket.

The order of the day was taken up, and the Assembly sat in a judicial capacity, on the complaint of F. H. Porter against the Synod of Alabama, for sustaining the Presbytery of Tombeckbee in refusing to restore the Rev. Thomas Davis, after the Synod had sustained his appeal against the Presbytery, and reversed the decision of the Presbytery suspending him from the ministry and from the communion of the church.

The complaint was read, and Mr. Alexander Smith was heard, on behalf of Mr. Porter. The Synod were then heard; and after debate, the question was put, *Shall the complaint be sustained?* and decided in the negative. And then the Court rose, and the Assembly resumed.

The Committee on Devotional Exercises, made a report, which was adopted as follows, viz.

That the Assembly will spend the afternoon of Monday next, in devotional exercises, in the Central church, in the following order, viz.

1. Invocation and reading the scriptures, by the Moderator.
2. Psalmody, by Mr. Bergen.
3. Address, by Mr. Cooke.
4. Prayer, by Mr. Shepard.
5. Psalmody, by Mr. Richards.
6. Address, by Dr. Leland.
7. Prayer, by Mr. J. Johnston.
8. Doxology and Benediction, by Dr. Laurie.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Annual Sermon on Popery be preached on Thursday evening next, in the Central Church, by the Rev. Henry A. Boardman, agreeably to the appointment by the last Assembly.

And then the Assembly adjourned until Monday morning at nine o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

MONDAY MORNING, May 22

The Assembly met and was opened with prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read and approved.

The Committee of Commissions reported the following additional commissioners, who were enrolled, viz. Joshua H. Mellvaine, Bishop, from the Presbytery of Albany; and Rev. Stephen D. Ward, from the General Conference of Maine.

The annual report of the Directors of the Theological Seminary at Princeton was presented, read and ordered to be printed in the Appendix.

On motion, nominations were made for Directors of the Princeton Seminary, and the election was made the order of the day for to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

The annual report of the Union Theological Seminary was presented, read and ordered to be printed in the Appendix.

A letter was received from Mr. Alexander Henry, tendering his resignation of the offices of Trustee of the General Assembly, Director of the Seminary at Princeton, and member of the Board of Education. Whereupon, on motion it was,

Resolved, That Mr. Henry be requested to continue in the places where the confidence of the General Assembly has placed him, with the understanding that he perform such of the duties thereof as his advanced years will permit.

The Committee of Bills and Overtures reported Overture No. 11, viz. From the Presbyteries of Logansport and Indianapolis, praying for an alteration of the boundary line between the Synods of Indiana and Cincinnati; with a recommendation that the prayer of the petitioners be granted, and that the line dividing the states of Indiana and Ohio, be the boundary between the Synods of Cincinnati and Indiana. Which after debate was referred to the next General Assembly. On motion,

Resolved, That the order of devotional exercises for this afternoon, be so amended, that the delegates from Corresponding Bodies, be requested to give an account of the state of religion within their respective bounds.

The order of the day was taken up, and the Assembly sat in a judicial capacity on the complaint of the Presbytery of Cincinnati against the Synod of Cincinnati, for setting off the church at Hamilton from the Presbytery of Cincinnati to the Presbytery of Oxford. The complaint, and the minutes of the Synod of Cincinnati in relation thereto, were read. The Presbytery and Synod were fully heard; and then it was on motion,

Resolved, That the complaint be not sustained.

Then the court rose, and the Assembly resumed.

The Presbyteries were called on to state whether they had taken action in relation to such of their ministers as are not regularly engaged in their covenanted work; (see printed minutes for 1842, page 29;) when it appeared that they had generally attended to the injunction of the last Assembly.

The Committee of Bills and Overtures reported Overtures Nos. 12, 13, and 14, which were disposed of as follows, viz.

Overture No. 12. The request of the Presbytery of Bethel, to permit them to recognise the body known as Independent Presbyterians within their bounds, and commune with them. The committee submitted the following report upon this subject, which was adopted, viz.

The committee having had the Commissioner from the Bethel Presbytery before them; and being informed that the body of Independent Presbyterians referred to, consist only of about twenty churches, and a small number of ministers, mostly within the bounds of the Bethel Presbytery, who are the best judges of their soundness in the faith; and it being further represented that the errors for which, in the year 1833, the General Assembly prohibited intercommunication, have been abandoned by the aforesaid Independent Presbyterians, the committee do therefore recommend that the Bethel Presbytery

have leave to establish such friendly relations as they may deem proper under the present circumstances, notwithstanding the resolutions of the General Assembly of 1833, which were passed at the request, and upon the representation of the Bethel Presbytery, as appears from the printed minutes of the General Assembly, Vol. 7, page 493.

Overture No. 13. From the Synods of New Jersey, and Alabama, and from the Presbyteries of Western District, West Lexington, New York, Bedford and Troy, respectively, overtures requesting the General Assembly to submit to the Presbyteries the question whether the last sentence of the fourth section of the twenty-fourth chapter of the Confession of Faith shall be erased.

On which the committee submitted the following resolution, viz.

Resolved, That the Presbyteries be instructed to consider and decide, whether the last sentence of the fourth section of chapter twenty-four, of the Confession of Faith, which is as follows, "The man may not marry any of his wife's kindred nearer in blood than he may of his own, nor the woman of her husband's kindred nearer in blood than of her own," shall be erased from the said Confession of Faith, and to report their decisions to the next General Assembly.

The minority of the committee, being three in number, presented a report in opposition thereto, which was read; and the consideration of the subject was made the order of the day for four o'clock on Wednesday afternoon.

Overture No. 14, a resolution of the West Lexington Presbytery declaring it to be their judgment that, according to the Constitution of our Church, ruling elders have the right to unite with preaching elders in laying on hands in the ordination of Ministers.

The Committee submitted the following resolution, viz.

That it is the judgment of this General Assembly, that neither the Constitution nor the practice of our Church authorizes Ruling Elders to impose hands in the ordination of Ministers.

The consideration of the subject was made the order of the day for to-morrow afternoon at four o'clock.

A report was received from the Executive Committee of the Board of Foreign Missions, on the subject of a charter, and requesting the instructions of the Assembly for their further prosecuting that object. The Assembly directed the Executive Committee to endeavour to procure a charter from the state of New York for Foreign Missionary purposes merely, and that the lay members of the Executive Committee and their successors be the Trustees.

A letter was received from the Board of Trustees of the General Assembly, mentioning the death of Mr. John Stille, one of the Board; which was put on the docket.

A report was received from the Trustees of the General Assembly in relation to the report of the Committee of Finance of the last Assembly; which was read, and referred to the Committee of Finance, and Mr. Johns was added to that Committee.

The Assembly took up unfinished business of the last Assembly, viz. Mr. Talmage's resolution to overture the Presbyteries for such an alteration of the Constitution, as to require the General Assembly to meet biennially instead of annually; and Mr. Smock's resolution to overture the Presbyteries for such an alteration of the Constitution, as that the representation in the General Assembly, shall be from the Synods, and not from the Presbyteries; and it was

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to take the action proposed by the foregoing resolutions.

On motion of Dr. Leland, the order of the Assembly respecting its daily sessions was reconsidered; and it was

Resolved, That instead of having a recess from one till four o'clock, the House will adjourn from one till four o'clock.

And then the Assembly adjourned.

Concluded with prayer.

MONDAY AFTERNOON.

The Assembly met, and attended to the religious exercises according to the order prescribed. And then the Assembly adjourned.

TUESDAY MORNING, May 23.

The Assembly met and was opened with prayer. The minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

The Committee of Commissions reported the following additional commissioners, who were enrolled, viz. George P. Molleson, Ruling Elder, from the Presbytery of New Brunswick; John T. Balch, Bishop, from the Presbytery of Arkansas; Andrew H. Kerr, Bishop, from the Presbytery of Nashville; and James Wilson, Ruling Elder, from the Presbytery of Newton.

The order of the day was taken up, viz. the election of persons to fill vacancies in the Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary at Princeton. On motion, the rule requiring this election to be made by ballot, was suspended; and it was

Resolved, That the following persons who were nominated yesterday, be appointed for *three years*.

BISHOPS.

Gard. Spring, D.D.
W. A. McDowell, D.D.
Wm. Neill, D.D.
William Latta,
Wm. D. Snodgrass, D.D.
Joseph McElroy, D.D.
George W. Musgrave.

RULING ELDERS.

J. T. Woodhull, M.D.
Hugh Auchincloss.
A. W. Mitchell, M.D.

An invitation was received from the American Philosophical Society, to attend its one hundredth anniversary on Thursday next.

An invitation was received from the American Sunday School Union, to attend its anniversary this afternoon.

On motion, the reception of reports from the Committees on Synodical Records, was made the order of the day for to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

On motion, Overture No. 10, was taken up; and the report submitted by the Committee of Bills and Overtures, was considered, amended, and adopted as follows, viz.

The Committee of Bills and Overtures on the Memorial from the Presbytery of Lodiiana, in relation to the baptism of orphan children of heathen parents, recommend that the following answer be returned, viz.

The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America, to the Presbytery of Lodiiana.

Dear Brethren—You have submitted to us questions respecting a subject, which, we have no doubt, is one of very great importance, in regard to the progress of religion among the heathen. We have seriously considered it, and give you here the result of our deliberations.

You present to us three questions, to which we reply, in the order in which the same are presented.

1. "Are all orphan children of heathen parents committed to the care of our mission, entitled to the benefit of the ordinance of baptism, without respect to their ages?"

We reply—Certainly they are not.

You must make the same distinction that you would make, if their parents were alive and members of the Christian Church and desiring to have them baptized—the same distinction which is made in Christian countries. We add—Let those children only be baptized, in every case who are so committed to the mission, or other Christian tuition, as to secure effectually their entire religious education. On this point, great caution is necessary.

2. You ask, (on the presumption that the preceding question is answered in the negative,) "Are those only to be baptized who have not attained to years of discretion?"

This question we answer in the affirmative.

3. Your third question is, in substance, as follows—"If those only who have not attained to years of discretion are to be baptized, at what age shall the federal right be supposed to cease, and personal responsibility to commence?"

Although it is not difficult to answer this question in accordance with the standards and the practice of the Presbyterian Church, yet the rule may frequently be found difficult of application.

Our answer to the question, however, is:—*the officers of the church* must judge in each particular case, whether the proposed subject of baptism has arrived at years of discretion or not. We can adopt no other rule in our own practice, and we can recommend no other to you. We refer you to Chap. IX. sec. 2 of our Directory for Worship.

If the person proposed to be baptized has acquired that maturity of mind, which renders him capable of making an intelligent profession of religion himself, he ought not to be baptized on the faith of another. Our Confession of Faith recognizes the right to baptism of the INFANT children only of such parents as are members of the church. We do not doubt that in heathen countries, children of heathen parents ordinarily arrive at, what are called *years of discretion*, later than those who enjoy the advantages of Christian instruction in early life: but in a country where the religion of all consists in forms and ceremonies, great care should be taken that the Christian religion does not even APPEAR to partake of the formality and emptiness of Mohammedanism and Paganism.

The hour having arrived, the Assembly proceeded to the order of the day. The Annual Report of the Board of Foreign Missions was presented by their Corresponding Secretary. Addresses were made: and the Report was referred to Messrs. Hoge, Leland, Green, McLean, and McDowell.

A letter was received from the Board of Trustees of the General Assembly requesting the directions of the Assembly as to the disposition of the unexpended remainder of the fund contributed for the law-suit. Which was referred to the Committee of Finance.

The Committee of Bills and Overtures reported Overtures Nos. 15, 16, 17, which were disposed of as follows, viz.

Overture No. 15. Certain memorials and papers respecting the Lane Seminary; with a resolution, that it is inexpedient for the Assembly to take any measures for the purpose of commencing legal process, in relation to Lane Seminary;—which was put on the Docket.

Overture No. 16. From the Synod of New Jersey, for an overture to the Presbyteries, to authorize licensures for a limited time:—with a resolution, that under the existing rules of our Church, it is competent for the Presby-

teries, at their discretion, to assign a limit to the license which they grant to a probationer; which was put on the Docket.

Overture No. 17. A request from A. L. Stone for permission to address the Assembly, in behalf of the American Sunday School Union: which was granted, and Thursday afternoon, at half past five o'clock appointed for that purpose.

And then the Assembly adjourned.

Concluded with prayer.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON.

The Assembly met, and was opened with prayer. The minutes of the last session were read and approved.

The Committee of Commissions reported an additional Commissioner, who was enrolled, viz. Seth Lyon, Ruling Elder, from the Presbytery of Bedford.

The order of the day was taken up, viz., Overture No. 14; and after debate, the Assembly adjourned.

Concluded with prayer.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, May 24.

The Assembly met and was opened with prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read and approved.

At the request of the Rev. Henry A. Boardman, who is unwell, the Assembly resolved that the annual sermon on Popery, be postponed until Tuesday evening next.

On motion, Messrs. Maclean and Dorrance were appointed a committee to nominate Delegates to Corresponding Bodies.

The order of the day was taken up, and reports were received from committees on Synodical records—when the records of the following Synods were approved, viz. New York, and New Jersey; and the records of the Synod of Albany were approved with this exception, viz. “from page 176 it appears that the Synod was opened without a sermon, whereas the Form of Government, chap. xi. sec. 5, requires that a sermon shall be preached.” The committee on the records of the Synod of Pittsburgh, reported in favour of approving the records with the exception of a decision of the Synod that persons engaged in the sale of intoxicating liquors, are incapable of Church membership. After debate, the report was recommitted; and Messrs. Nott and Breckinridge were added to the committee.

The hour having arrived, the Assembly proceeded to the second order of the day. The Annual Report of the Board of Missions was presented and read by their Corresponding Secretary. Addresses were made, and the report was referred to Messrs. Chapman, Pilsbury, J. Johnston and Lord.

On motion, nominations of persons to fill vacancies in the Board of Missions were made; and the election was made the order of the day for to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

The Annual Report of the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary at Princeton, was presented, read and referred to the Committee of Finance.

The unfinished business of this morning was resumed; and the records of the following Synods were approved, viz. Ohio, Cincinnati, Philadelphia, Indiana, Illinois, Missouri and Kentucky. And then the Assembly adjourned. Concluded with prayer.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON.

The Assembly met and was opened with prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read and approved.

On motion, the order of the day was postponed.

The unfinished business of this morning was resumed; and the Records of the following Synods were approved, viz. Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina and Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi and Wheeling.

The committee on the records of the Synod of West Tennessee, reported that the Book had not been put into their hands. The report was accepted, and the committee was discharged.

On motion, to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock, was appointed for determining the place of meeting of the next General Assembly.

The unfinished business of yesterday was resumed, viz. Overture, No. 14; and after debate the Assembly adjourned. Concluded with prayer.

 THURSDAY MORNING, May 25.

The Assembly met and was opened with prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read and approved.

On motion, the first and second orders of the day were suspended.

The Judicial Committee reported cases Nos. 6 and 7, which were disposed of as follows, viz. No. 6. The appeal of Charles Beck from a decision of the Synod of South Carolina, laid over from the last Assembly; with the following minute, viz. It appearing from the official certificate of the Stated Clerks of all the courts below, that important documents in evidence before the Session which first tried the case of Beck *vs.* McMahan, were not sent up to the Presbytery and Synod:—it is therefore ordered that the case be sent back to the Presbytery of Charleston for a new trial, and that the Session of the church of Columbia be directed to correct their record, and to send to Presbytery an authentic copy of all the evidence, and all the documents before them. Which was put on the Docket.

No. 7. The appeal of Mrs. Abigail Hanna, against the decision of the Synod of Wheeling; with a recommendation that as Mrs. Hanna protests against this Assembly's proceeding to the trial with such defective records of the evidence, as are now in possession of this body, the case be dismissed. Which was put on the Docket.

The unfinished business of yesterday was resumed, viz. Overture No. 14, which was further considered, until the arrival of the hour for the third order of the day; when the Annual Report of the Board of Education was presented and read by their Corresponding Secretary. Addresses were made, and the Report was referred to Messrs. Murray, Graham and Dickey.

And then the Assembly adjourned. Concluded with prayer.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON.

The Assembly met and was opened with prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read and approved.

The Committee on Mileage made a report, which was adopted, as follows:

That there has been paid to the Treasurer on account of the Commissioners' Fund, the sum of \$671.41; that there have been 13,079 miles travelled by the Commissioners, who claim mileage in coming to the present Assembly, which at five cents, one mill, per mile, will make \$666.97, leaving a balance of \$4.44 in the Commissioners' Fund this day. They therefore recommend that the Trustees of the General Assembly be directed to draw an order on their Treasurer for \$666.97, and that he be directed to pay the same to the several persons named in this report, in the proportions therein stated.

The committee to whom was referred the report of the committee on the Bi-centenary Anniversary of the Westminster Assembly, made a report, which was made the order of the day for Monday morning next, at 9 o'clock.

The Committee of Bills and Overtures reported Overtures Nos. 18 and 19; viz.

No. 18. From the Synod of Indiana, for the erection of a new Synod, to be composed of the Presbyteries of Logansport, Lake and Michigan. With a recommendation that the overture be agreed to. Which was put on the Docket.

No. 19. A request from Mr. Herrman Bokum, to address the Assembly in behalf of the American Society for meliorating the condition of the Jews; whereupon

Resolved, That the request be granted, and that the Assembly will hear Mr. Bokum at a quarter before one o'clock to-morrow.

The Committee to whom was referred the Overture of the New York Congregational Association, for a correspondence with the General Assembly, made a report which was adopted, as follows, viz.

That the body in question is a respectable body of Congregationalists, agreeing in doctrine with the stricter Congregationalists of New England, and having a similar form of government. But as certain issues are now pending which are likely to eventuate in giving to said body a more fixed, and uniform character, and as Mr. Andrews, the very respectable delegate from said body is not now in the city, any further action on the question, at this meeting of the Assembly, seems unnecessary.

The unfinished business of this morning was resumed, viz. Overture No. 14, and after debate, the previous question was ordered, and the question was put shall the report of the Committee of Overtures be adopted? And it was decided in the affirmative; and the Yeas and Nays being ordered were recorded as follows, viz.

Resolved, That it is the judgment of this General Assembly, that neither the Constitution, nor the practice of our Church, authorizes Ruling Elders to impose hands in the ordination of ministers.

Yeas—Messrs. D. P. Smith, Wadsworth, Kellogg, Nott, Prime, J. Johnston, Bailey, Wright, Lyon, Copp, Rolph, Auchincloss, Goldsmith, T. Price, Johnstone, Murray, T. G. Allen, Street, McDowell, Maclean, Woodhull, McLean, Junkin, Hiles, Longmore, Kirkpatrick, W. Wilson, Dorrance, Fell, Platt, Lord, Tudehope, Janeway, Dunlap, Howard, Williamson, Richmond, Dickie, Johns, McNair, Laurie, English, Davie, Dunwoody, McKinley, Mower, Carrell, Crisswell, Bradbury, J. B. Boyd, Rainey, S. Wilson, Duncan, Green, Loomis, McKaig, Gordon, Young, H. N. Boyd, Knox, Glenn, Polk, Eagleson, Patterson, Sloan, Moore, Hunt, Hallock. M. Allen, Campbell, McDermot, Hoge, McCrea, A. C. Miller, Moody, Wylie, Leavenworth, Geary, Surling, Coe, Todd, McGechin, Monfort, H. R. Price, McLain, McGookin, Crawford, McKee, Ferguson, Sickles, Rankin, J. C. Brown, Bergen, Pilsbury, Fraser, Hummer, Chamberlain, Templeton, Moran, Watt, Robinson, Rand, Paine, F. Johnston, Chevalier, Alexander, Atkinson, J. C. Baker, Stuart, J. A. Smith, Graham, W. B. Miller, Leyburn, Greter, Stratton, Watkins, Owen, John Wilson, A. Baker, Hall, M. Brown, Carter, Kerr, Gillam, Caldwell, Leland, Snowden, McWhir, Petrie, Graves, Nall, A. Smith, Chapman, W. Montgomery, Purviance, Gallent, Smylie, Bardwell.—138.

Nays—Messrs. Lowry, Breckinridge, Morton, J. Montgomery, Matthews, D. P. Price, Cummings, Auld, James.—9.

Non liquet.—S. Steel.—1.

Excused from voting.—Messrs. Gaines and James Wilson.—2.

The Assembly then proceeded to determine the place of meeting of the next General Assembly; and it was

Resolved, That the next General Assembly be required to meet in the First Presbyterian church in the city of Louisville, Kentucky.

The following persons were elected to fill vacancies in the Board of Missions for *four years*.

MINISTERS.

Samuel Miller, D.D.
Wm. B. Sprague, D.D.
Francis Herron, D.D.
Henry R. Reed, D.D.
Wm. M. Engles, D.D.
Cortland Van Rensselaer,
Nicholas Murray,
Elisha McCurdy,
Andrew D. Patterson,
Charles C. Beatty, D.D.

LAYMEN.

Solomon Allen,
James Lenox,
William Nassau, sen.
Robert Stuart,
Wm. R. Thomson,
James Field.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the officers of the General Assembly whose attendance is necessary, and who shall not have been appointed Commissioners to the Assembly, shall have their travelling expenses paid out of the Contingent fund. And then the Assembly adjourned. Concluded with prayer.

FRIDAY MORNING, May 26.

The Assembly met, and was opened with prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read and approved.

A letter was received from the executors of Mr. William Brown of Greenville, Tennessee, respecting a legacy left by him to "the Trustees of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, to be applied to the objects and purposes that will most extensively advance the Redeemer's cause and kingdom in the world." Which was referred to the Trustees of the General Assembly to take all necessary action.

Dr. Nott from the Committee on Church Extension, made a report; which was put on the Docket.

The Committee on leave of absence reported that they had given leave to Messrs. Wilkeson and Rankin; which was approved.

The order of the day being Overture No. 13;—was taken up, viz.: the overtures and resolution to submit to the Presbyteries the question whether the last clause of chap. 24, sec. 4, of the Confession of Faith, shall be erased? On motion, the whole subject was laid on the table. And the Yeas and Nays being ordered, were recorded as follows, viz.

Yeas.—Messrs. Auchincloss, Longmore, Janeway, Lord, Williamson, Dickey, Johns, Laurie, Dunwoody, McKinley, Carrell, Crisswell, Bradbury, J. B. Boyd, Hill, S. Wilson, Duncan, Green, Loomis, McKaig, Gordon, Young, Glenn, Eagleson, Sloan, Moore, Hunt, M. Allen, McDermot, Hoge, McCrea, A. C. Miller, Moody, Wylie, Geary, Stirling, Coe, Gaines, McGechin, Monfort, H. R. Price, McLain, Crawford, McKee, Sickles, J. C. Brown, Lowry, Hummer, Chamberlain, Breckinridge, Morton, Templeton, Moran, Robinson, Rand, Paine, F. Johnston, Chevalier, Alexander, J. C. Baker, Stuart, J. A. Smith, Graham, W. B. Miller, Leyburn, Greter, Stratton, Watkins, Owen, A. Baker, Hall, M. Brown, Carter, Kerr, Gillam, Caldwell, Auld,

James, Snowden, Graves, W. Montgomery, Gallent, Smylie, North, Bardwell.—85.

Nays.—Messrs. D. P. Smith, Wadsworth, Nott, Prime, J. Johnston, Bailey, Wright, Lyon, Copp, Goldsmith, T. Price, Johnstone, Murray, T. G. Allen, Street, McDowell, Maclean, Woodhull, McLean, Molleson, Kirkpatrick, W. Wilson, Dorrance, Platt, Tudehope, Dickson, Dunlap, Richmond, McNair, Davie, Mower, Knox, Polk, Patterson, Hallock, Campbell, Steel, McGookin, Ferguson, Bergen, Pilsbury, Fraser, J. Montgomery, Matthews, D. B. Price, Watt, Atkinson, Cummings, Leland, McWhir, Petrie, Nall, A. Smith, Chapman, Purviance, Balch.—55.

On motion, Overture, No. 15, was made the third order of the day for this morning.

The Committee to whom were referred the decisions of the Presbyteries, on the overture, sent down to them by the General Assembly, respecting ministers demitting their office (see printed minutes, page 29,) reported that thirty Presbyteries have decided in the affirmative; twenty-nine have given a negative decision, and from forty-two no report has been received.

The Committee also reported a resolution to send down the question to the Presbyteries again, with direction to forward their decision thereon certified, in writing to the next General Assembly. After debate, the resolution was rejected, and the Committee was discharged.

The hour for the order of the day, having arrived, the Annual Report of the Board of Publication was presented and read by their Corresponding Secretary. Addresses were made, and the report was referred to Messrs. Hoge, Leland, and Alexander.

The order of the day was taken up, viz. Overture No. 15; which was considered until the hour for the fourth order of the day; when the Assembly was addressed by Mr. Bokum on the condition and prospects of the Jews. And then the Assembly adjourned.

Concluded with prayer.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON.

The Assembly met and was opened with prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read and approved.

On motion, it was ordered that the names of the persons offering motions be omitted in the minutes.

The Committee on Leave of Absence reported that they had given leave to Messrs. Kellogg, Richmond and Rolph. Which was approved.

The Committee of Bills and Overtures reported a request of the Rev. Dr. Baird, for permission to address the Assembly on behalf of the Foreign Evangelical Society.

Resolved, That the request be granted, and that a quarter before six o'clock this afternoon, be appointed for that purpose.

The unfinished business of this morning was taken up, viz. Overture No. 15, and after debate, the report of the Committee of Bills and Overtures was unanimously adopted, as follows, viz.

Resolved, That it is inexpedient for the Assembly to take any measures for the purpose of commencing a legal process in relation to Lane Seminary.

On motion, nominations were made, to fill vacancies in the Board of Education, and the election was made the order of the day for to-morrow morning.

On motion, Judicial case No. 6 was made the second order of the day for to-morrow morning.

The committee on the records of the Synod of Pittsburgh, made a report, which was made the order of the day for to-morrow morning at 11 o'clock.

The Rev. Dr. Baird then addressed the Assembly on the religious state and prospects of the continent of Europe.

And then the Assembly adjourned. Concluded with prayer.

SATURDAY MORNING, May 27.

The Assembly met and was opened with prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read and approved.

The order of the day was taken up, and the following persons were appointed to fill vacancies in the Board of Education.

MINISTERS.

Philip Lindsley, D.D.,
David Magie, D.D.,
George Potts, D.D.,
R. J. Breckinridge, D.D.,
Samuel D. Blythe,
W. W. Phillips, D.D.,
William Chester,
Archibald Tudehope.

LAYMEN.

Matthew L. Bevan,
Nathaniel Ewing,
Thomas McKeen,
H. W. Leavitt,
Fred. V. Krug,
Joseph Patterson,
W. S. Ridgley, M.D.,
James H. Fitzgerald,
William Hadley.

The second order of the day was taken up, viz. The report of the Judicial committee, No. 6, and after debate the same was amended and adopted as follows, viz.

It appearing from the official certificates of the Stated Clerks of all the courts below, that important documents in evidence before the Session which first tried the case of Beck and McMahan, were not sent up to the Presbytery and Synod; it is therefore ordered that this case be sent back to the Presbytery of Charleston, for a new trial, and that the Session of the church of Columbia be directed to correct their record, and to send to Presbytery an authentic copy of all the evidence, and all the documents before them. It is recommended however that the parties, if practicable, make an amicable and Christian settlement, without again submitting the same for decision to the judicatories of the Church.

It was stated to the Assembly, that the Rev. Henry A. Boardman will be unable by reason of continued indisposition, to fulfil the appointment for Tuesday next; whereupon, it was

Resolved, That the annual sermon on Romanism be omitted this year; that Mr. Boardman be appointed for that service next year, and that the Rev. Nathan L. Rice be his alternate.

A final report was received from the Committee on Psalmody, which was read and accepted. The committee was discharged; and the report was referred to Messrs. Nott, Lord, Atkinson, Leyburn, and Nall.

The committee to whom was referred the report of the Directors of the Western Theological Seminary, made a report, which was adopted, as follows, viz.

1. *Resolved*, That this General Assembly approve the report of the Directors of the Western Theological Seminary, and that it be printed in the Appendix to the Minutes of the General Assembly.

And inasmuch as the practice of applying for licensure before completing a full course of study, has prevailed among the students in this institution, on which the Board of Directors desire this Assembly to express an opinion; therefore,

2. *Resolved*, That in the opinion of this house, it is, in general, highly

inexpedient for candidates for the ministry, to apply for licensure at such a period of their course of study, as would prevent them from finishing the three years' plan of studies adopted and approved by former Assemblies.

3. *Resolved*, That the General Assembly has been gratified to hear of the increasing prosperity and encouraging prospects of this Institution.

On motion, nominations were made to fill vacancies in the Board of Directors of the Western Theological Seminary; and the election was made the second order of the day for Monday morning next.

The committee to whom was referred the annual Report of the Board of Publication, made a report, which was adopted, as follows, viz:

The Committee on the Report of the Board of Publication have reviewed the work performed, during the last year, by this Board, with great satisfaction. The character and the number of the works which they have issued, and the wide circulation which they have given to many theological treatises of sterling merit, fully evince the wisdom of this part of our plan of operation as a Church, in order to increase the intelligence and piety of our own members, and to place before the public eye, in a true light, that system of faith and order which we have derived from the Bible. That the Board have faithfully and successfully administered the department entrusted to them, must be obvious to every intelligent and candid mind; and if they have not issued as large a number of copies of the works which they have published, as could be desired, the reason is found in the imperative duty of keeping the capital with which they have been entrusted by the Church, not only unimpaired, but safe from probable loss. The committee recommend to the Assembly for consideration the following resolutions.

1. *Resolved*, That the report be approved, and be committed to the Executive Committee for publication.

2. *Resolved*, That the Board be instructed to extend the circulation of their publications as widely as possible; yet it is their imperative duty to preserve the funds from loss as far as practicable, and especially, to keep on hand such a capital, as will enable them to do business with the greatest advantage.

3. *Resolved*, That it be earnestly recommended to every Presbytery, or at least to every Synod, to establish a depository which shall be their own property, by collecting, on such plan as they may deem best, a sufficient sum of money to fill the depository on the principle of cash purchase.

On motion, nominations were made to fill vacancies in the Board of Publication, and the election was made the third order for Monday morning.

On motion, nominations were made to fill vacancies in the Board of Trustees of the General Assembly; and the election was made the fourth order for Monday morning.

On motion, nominations were made to fill vacancies in the Board of Foreign Missions; and the election was made the fifth order for Monday morning.

The committee to whom was referred the Annual Report of the Board of Missions, made a report, which was adopted, as follows, viz.

1. *Resolved*, That in view of the facts disclosed in the report, the marked success which has attended the efforts of the Board during the past year, this Assembly is emphatically called on to record its gratitude to the great Head of the Church, who has thus honoured His word, and glorified his Gospel through their instrumentality.

2. That the sustaining in the whitening fields of missionary labour, of more than three hundred ministers bringing unto dying men the Bread of Life; the additions to the Church of the Redeemer, through their instrumentality, of between four and five thousand souls—the organization of fifty new churches—the erection of not less than seventy houses of worship, and the

Catechetical Sabbath school instruction of more than thirty thousand children and youth; all demonstrate the importance of the Board, and its utility as an agency in extending the Redeemer's kingdom throughout our beloved land. The results of the past year declare in no doubtful manner, the special approbation of the great Head of the Church.

3. That the opening before us of yet wider fields of usefulness, and the increasing cry which comes up alike from the South and the West, the East and the North, call loudly for increased effort, greater self-denial, and more earnest prayer: that we may be enabled to meet the exigency of the times, the claims of God, and the calls of dying men beseeching at our hands the Gospel, and the ordinances of God's house.

4. That our Presbyteries be recommended to take special order on the subject of Domestic Missions, and annually, to inquire particularly, what the several churches are doing in this department of Christian duty and benevolence; and also, specially to inquire into the destitutions within their own bounds; which said destitutions, brought before the Presbytery, and spread under their order, before the churches would, it is believed, constitute the basis of the most effective appeal to the benevolence of the people in behalf of missions generally.

5. That the Report of the Board of Missions be approved by the General Assembly, and with its objects and views, be affectionately commended to the attention, and Christian benevolence of the Synods, Presbyteries, Sessions, and members within our communion; and that it be returned to the Board for publication.

The committee on the Annual Report of the Board of Education, made a report, which was adopted, as follows, viz.

The Committee to whom was referred the report of the Board of Education, respectfully recommend that it be approved and returned to the Board for publication. They also recommend for the adoption of the Assembly, the following resolutions.

Resolved 1. That the success which has crowned the labours of the Board demands the most devout and grateful acknowledgment to the God of all grace, on the part of this Assembly and of the Church at large.

Resolved 2. That the Assembly have received with peculiar gratification the evidence of so high a character on the part of their candidates and beneficiaries, and affectionately and cordially recommend them to the confidence, the prayers, and the support of the churches.

Resolved 3. That the Assembly commend especially that feature of the plan of Education which places the great responsibility in the selection, training and supervision of the candidates, upon the Presbyteries; and that it be recommended to those Presbyteries which co-operate with the Board not only to adopt this measure, but to carry it into operation with the utmost practicable vigilance and care, both in the selection of candidates and their prompt dismissal if they should seem to be unworthy of continued support.

Resolved 4. That in the deliberate and solemn judgment of this Assembly, the cause of Education is fundamental to the prosperity and progress of our Church, if she would take that high and noble pre-eminence, which is within her reach, in the great work of the world's regeneration; and that it be warmly recommended to the churches for a far more generous sympathy and support.

Resolved 5. That it be recommended, on the one hand, to the Board to encourage their candidates to engage in active means of doing good during the progress of their studies, and especially during periods of vacation from study, and on the other hand, to pastors who may have it in their power, to take them under their care at such times, and to direct their labours so as to

cultivate a practical knowledge of the subordinate duties of the pastoral office, and a personal acquaintance with men and manners, along with intellectual and theoretical education.

Whereas the Presbyterian Church is now fully organized with its different Boards to raise up and educate her ministry, and to sustain them amid the wastes of our own and foreign countries, it is of essential importance that a systematic plan of benevolence be devised, which will secure the annual presentation of the claims of all our Boards to all our Church members; and it is hereby earnestly recommended to the several Presbyteries, and to all our ministers and churches to take action for the attainment of this great object.

The order of the day was taken up, viz. The report of the committee on the records of the Synod of Pittsburgh; and after debate, the report was rejected; and on motion, it was

Resolved, That the records be approved, except so far as they seem to establish a general rule in regard to the use and sale of ardent spirit as beverage, which use and sale are generally to be decidedly disapproved, but each case must be decided in view of all the attendant circumstances that go to modify and give character to the same.

The committee on the Annual Report of the Board of Foreign Missions, made a report in part, which was amended and adopted as follows, viz.

The Committee to whom was referred the Report of the Board of Foreign Missions present their Report in two distinct parts—First, the operations of the Board—Second, the method of obtaining Funds.

OF THE OPERATIONS OF THE BOARD.

The Committee submit to the Assembly, on this branch of the subject, the following propositions for their approbation.

The General Assembly recognize, with a solemn sense of obligation, with unfeigned gratitude, and with mingled emotions of humiliation and hope, the great work of giving the Gospel to the world, committed to our Church, in part, by her exalted Head, and conducted by the Board of Foreign Missions; and they acknowledge that they are bound to persevere and increase in this work of faith and labour of love. Approving the management of this department of Christian effort as exhibited in the Report, and hoping an enlargement of exertion, and an increase of success will be recorded during the current year, they adopt the following resolutions.

1. *Resolved*, That the Annual Report of the Board of Foreign Missions be approved, and referred to the Executive Committee for publication.

2. *Resolved*, That it is exceedingly important to enlarge and strengthen the Missions of our Church at almost every point both with additional labourers and increased means of usefulness; and, if the door shall be open, to establish other Missions, during the present year.

3. *Resolved*, That Missions among the Indian tribes on our Western border have a peculiar claim on the Church in our land.

In the view of this Assembly no Pastor discharges his whole duty who neglects to enlighten and impress his people in regard to their duty on the great subject of Foreign Missions. Therefore

4. *Resolved*, That much good has been found by experience to result from the circulation of the missionary papers of the Board among the churches. It is therefore urged upon Pastors and benevolent individuals to diffuse as widely as possible among our churches these papers, and especially the Foreign Missionary Chronicle, the price of which is so low as to bring it within the reach of all.

5. *Resolved*, That particular attention ought to be given to the training of

our children and youth in the Sabbath Schools and churches in the knowledge and love of the Missionary cause.

And whereas the great empire of China is now in the providence of God open to the Christian missionary, and the wide spread moral desolations of that ancient people present strong and pressing claims for the bread of life; and whereas qualified men are prepared to go on this errand of love and mercy, and are only waiting till the necessary means be afforded,

6. *Resolved*, That the claims of China be and they hereby are presented to the prayers and the liberal support of the churches; and without deciding in favour of a special effort, the General Assembly do hereby authorize the Board to receive donations from individuals and from churches, in aid of this mission; but they would remind the churches that the wants of China, great and pressing as they are, ought not to be supplied at the expense of existing missions, and that these can only be sustained, and at the same time the mission to China carried forward, by a support increased and enlarged above that of previous years.

And then the Assembly adjourned, until Monday morning at nine o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

MONDAY MORNING, May 29.

The Assembly met, and was opened with prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read and approved.

The Committee on Leave of Absence reported that they had given leave to Messrs. J. A. Smith, Carter, Auchincloss, Hallock, McDermot, Molleson; and to Mr. Hunt, after this morning's session. Which was approved.

The Committee of Bills and Overtures reported Overture No. 20. From Alexander Smith, two questions. 1st. Is it the opinion of the General Assembly that it is implied in sec. 7, chap. x. of the Form of Government, that Presbyterial business cannot be transacted without the presence of one Ruling Elder at least? 2. Should every congregation be considered as vacant which is not united to any minister in the pastoral relation, and if it should, is not every such congregation entitled to be represented by a Ruling Elder in Presbytery? With the answers proposed to be given thereto. Put on the Docket.

The committee to whom was referred the report of the committee on Psalmody, made a report, which was put on the Docket.

The orders of the day were taken up, and the following persons were elected to fill vacancies:

In the Board of Directors of the Western Theological Seminary.

MINISTERS.

D. McConaughy, D.D.,
A. O. Patterson,
Robert Dunlap,
Alan D. Campbell, D.D.,
Noah Gillet,
James Culbertson,
Absalom McCready.

LAYMEN.

Alexander Laughlin,
F. G. Bailey,
Thomas Kiddoo.

In the Board of Foreign Missions.

MINISTERS.

Willis Lord,
Cor. C. Cuyler, D.D.,

LAYMEN.

Robert Archer, M.D.,
Matt. I. Bevan,

MINISTERS.

S. S. Davis,
 John M. Dickey,
 W. L. Breckinridge,
 David Elliott, D.D.,
 S. L. Graham, D.D.,
 Ashbel Green, D.D.,
 Jacob Green,
 James Hoge, D.D.,
 D. V. McLean,
 Reuben Smith,
 James M. McDonald,
 Benj. H. Rice, D.D.,
 R. Davidson, D.D.,

LAYMEN.

John J. Bryant,
 James N. Dickson,
 Joseph P. Engles,
 Nathaniel Ewing,
 James H. Fitzgerald,
 Wm. Harris, M.D.,
 Alexander Henry,
 Robert Jaffray,
 John Kerr, M.D.,
 James Lenox,
 W. D. C. Olyphant,
 Robert Carter,
 John G. Gilchrist.

In the Board of Publication.

MINISTERS.

A. Alexander, D.D.,
 J. McDowell, D.D.,
 C. C. Cuyler, D. D.,
 W. S. Plumer, D.D.,
 W. D. Snodgrass, D.D.,
 Reuben Smith,
 N. H. Harding, D.D.,
 C. C. Jones,
 C. C. Beatty, D.D.,
 J. N. Campbell, D.D.,
 James Laurie, D.D.,
 R. J. Breckinridge, D.D.,
 W. Loughridge.

LAYMEN.

H. Auchincloss,
 Solomon Allen,
 A. Bayless,
 Harmar Denny,
 Nath. Ewing,
 J. Dunlap,
 Wm. S. Martien,
 H. McKeen,
 S. Franklin,
 Joseph P. Engles,
 G. Vail,
 J. Jones,
 D. C. Campbell.

On motion, the election of a Trustee of the General Assembly, in the place of Mr. John Stille, was made the order of the day for to-morrow morning.

The report of the committee on the report of the committee on the Westminster Bi-centenary, was considered, and adopted, as follows, viz.

The Committee to whom was referred the Report on the observance of the Bi-centenary of the Westminster Assembly, having considered the subject, recommend it to the favourable consideration of the Assembly.

A correct knowledge of the character of that Assembly, of the purpose for which they were convened, of the difficulties of their position, of the arduous nature of their task, and of the results of their labours, shows the extent of the benefits which they have conferred on the interests of truth and freedom; and our Church in common with other churches, which have been formed on the same model, must feel that the occurrence of the Two Hundredth Anniversary of their meeting, is a deeply interesting period in the lapse of time, and may prove profitable by its appropriate commemoration. It is, therefore, recommended to the Assembly, to adopt, with some modification, the propositions reported by the Committee of the last General Assembly;—as follows:

Resolved, That it is highly important that the venerable standards, prepared by the Westminster Assembly, as substantially adopted by the Presbyterian Church, shall be more carefully studied, more perfectly understood, and more faithfully observed by all the members and office-bearers of this Church; and that the children of the Church be early and faithfully taught to understand and observe them.

2. *Resolved*, That an accurate acquaintance with the history of the past trials, persecutions and faithfulness of the true Church, and especially of our own branch of it, should be diligently sought, particularly by those who are office-bearers in the Church; and, as one method of accomplishing this object, it is recommended that the 1st of July, when convenient to do so, and when not convenient, on such other day during the current year, as may be deemed expedient, be observed as a season specially devoted to the general instruction of our people, by the ministers, in the great facts connected with this subject.

3. *Resolved*, That it is the ardent desire of this Church to maintain friendly and fraternal relations with all evangelical churches; and especially to be in more close and perfect union with those, who adopt and maintain our own formularies, or others of kindred spirit and form.

4. *Resolved*, That the fourth proposition of the committee of the last Assembly, respecting the preparation of a Commentary on the Holy Scriptures, be referred to the Board of Publication, with instructions to report thereon to the next Assembly.

And, whereas a portion of our brethren of the Church of Scotland, are now contending for those great principles, which we and they have received from a common source,

5. *Resolved*, That this General Assembly express deep and cordial sympathy with them in the trials they now endure, and the sufferings they may yet be called to bear; and earnestly pray that they may come forth from this "great fight of afflictions," in the full enjoyment of that "liberty, with which Christ makes his people free," and that, in the mean time, they may, in all their difficulties and troubles, be favoured with the guidance and consolations of the Holy Spirit of God.

Overture No. 18, was taken up, and adopted as follows, viz.

Resolved, That the prayer of the Synod of Indiana be granted, and that a new Synod be erected, to consist of the Presbyteries of Logansport, Lake, and Michigan, to be known by the name of the Synod of Northern Indiana; that the present boundaries of said Presbyteries be the boundary of the Synod: that it hold its first meeting at Fort Wayne, on the second Thursday of October next, at 12 o'clock, M., that it be opened with a sermon by Rev. John Wright, or in case of his absence, by the senior minister present; that he preside till a Moderator is chosen; and that said Synod afterwards meet on its own adjournment.

The report of the Judicial Committee, in the case of Abigail Hanna was taken up, and after debate, it was laid on the table; and then, on motion, the following minute was adopted, viz.

It appearing that the record in the case of Abigail Hanna against the Synod of Wheeling is incomplete, although the Assembly are informed that a complete record was sent by the Synod, it is ordered that the courts below send up a complete record to the next General Assembly.

The Committee of Bills and Overtures reported Overture No. 21, viz., The request of Mr. Bingham, missionary to the Sandwich Islands, for permission to address the Assembly. The request was granted, and a quarter before six o'clock this afternoon, was appointed for that purpose.

The Rev. Parsons Cooke, delegate from the General Association of Massachusetts, took leave of the Assembly.

And then the Assembly adjourned.

Concluded with prayer.

MONDAY AFTERNOON.

The Assembly met and was opened with prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read and approved.

The Committee of Bills and Overtures reported Overtures No. 22 and 23, viz. No. 22, for the erection of a new Presbytery to be called the Presbytery of Luzerne. Which was put on the Docket.

No. 23. Which was adopted as follows, viz.

For the purpose of facilitating the settlement and support of pastors, and to guard more effectually against the temptation or almost necessity, as in some cases seems to exist, for ministers to involve themselves to the injury of their usefulness in procuring accommodations for themselves and families,

1. *Resolved*, That it be earnestly recommended to our churches, wherever it is expedient and practicable, to provide suitable parsonages for the accommodation of their pastors.

2. *Resolved*, That great care be taken to have these parsonages so guarded by legal arrangements, as most effectually to prevent controversy, and secure their perpetual enjoyment by the churches providing them, for the continued support of the Gospel through coming generations.

3. *Resolved*, That it be recommended to pastors and sessions, to take such order on this subject, as in their wisdom shall appear expedient.

On motion, Overture No. 13, on the alteration of the Constitution respecting marriage, was taken up; and after debate, it was moved to lay the whole subject on the table, which was carried; and the Yeas and Nays being ordered, were recorded as follows:

Yeas—Messrs. Junkin, Hiles, Longmore, James Wilson, Lord, Dickson, Janeway, Algeo, Williamson, Laurie, McKinley, Carrell, Crisswell, J. B. Boyd, Rainey, S. Wilson, Duncan, Loomis, Glenn, Sloan, Moore, M. Allen, Campbell, Hoge, McCrea, A. C. Miller, Wylie, Geary, Stirling, Coe, Todd, Gaines, McGechin, Monfort, Crawford, McKee, Sickles, J. C. Brown, Hummer, Chamberlain, Breckinridge, Morton, Templeton, Moran, Robinson, Rand, Paine, F. Johnston, Chevalier, Alexander, J. C. Baker, Stuart, W. B. Miller, Leyburn, Greter, Stratton, Watkins, Owen, A. Baker, Hall, Kerr, Auld, James, Snowden, W. Montgomery, Smylic, Bardwell, Balch.—68.

Nays—Messrs. D. P. Smith, Wadsworth, Nott, Prime, J. Johnston, Wright, Lyon, Copp, Goldsmith, T. Price, Johnstone, Murray, T. G. Allen, Street, McDowell, Maclean, Woodhull, McLean, Kirkpatrick, W. Wilson, Dorrance, Tudehope, Dunlap, Howard, Dickey, Johns, McNair, Davie, Dunwoody, Mower, Bradbury, Green, McKaig, Young, H. N. Boyd, Knox, Polk, Eagleson, Patterson, Moody, Steel, McGookin, Bergen, Pilsbury, Fraser, Lowry, Matthews, D. B. Price, Watt, Atkinson, John Wilson, M. Brown, Cummings, Gillam, Caldwell, Leland, Petrie, Graves, Nall, A. Smith, Chapman, Purviance, Gallent.—63.

Non liquet—Platt.—1.

The Assembly was addressed by Rev. H. Bingham.

And then the Assembly adjourned. Concluded with prayer.

 TUESDAY MORNING, May 30.

The Assembly met and was opened with prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read and approved.

Mr. Hill requested that his name be recorded as in favour of laying Overture No. 13 on the table, yesterday afternoon, which was granted.

The Committee of Bills and Overtures reported Overtures Nos. 24, and 25, which were disposed of as follows, viz.

No. 24. A resolution which was adopted as follows, viz.

Resolved, That the Board of Foreign Missions be instructed to use such efforts as the state of their funds may allow, to sustain and extend the preaching of the Gospel in Texas.

No. 25. An Overture from several members of the Assembly, for the repeal of the resolution of the Assembly of 1837, making it obligatory on Presbyteries to examine *all* applicants for admission into those bodies. With a resolution to that effect. Which was laid on the table.

The Committee on Leave of Absence reported that they had given leave to Messrs. Fell, and D. P. Smith; which was approved.

The order of the day was taken up, and Hon. Joel Jones was elected a Trustee of the General Assembly, in the place of Mr. John Stille, deceased.

The Committee on Finance made a report, which was read, and put on the Docket.

On motion, the report of the Committee on Church extension, was taken up, and after debate, it was

Resolved, That the whole subject of Church extension, together with the overture on that subject now before the Assembly, be committed to a Committee of five, to consider the whole subject, and to report to the next General Assembly.

Messrs. James Hoge, Charles Hodge, Wm. S. Plumer, James N. Dickson, and Matthew L. Bevan, were appointed the above committee.

The report of the committee to whom was referred the report of the standing Committee on Psalmody, was taken up, amended and adopted as follows, viz.

That the said committee appear to have discharged the duty assigned them with zeal and ability; and that they are entitled to the thanks of this Assembly. Therefore

1. *Resolved*, That the Book of Psalms and Hymns reported by the Committee of Psalmody, be approved and authorized to be used in all our churches.

2. That such portion of our standards be appended to such portion of any future edition of the Book of Psalmody as shall be deemed expedient by the Board of Publication.

3. That the whole, or such portion of the common translation of the Psalms without note or comment, accompanied, as far as may be, by appropriate music, be appended to such portion of one edition of said Book of Psalmody, as may appear expedient to the Board of Publication.

4. That the Board of Publication be authorized to pay out of the proceeds of the sale of said Book of Psalmody, the necessary expenses incurred in preparing the same for publication.

5. That the report of the Committee on Psalmody be printed in the Appendix to the Minutes of this Assembly.

6. That it be enjoined on the Board of Publication to keep on hand a sufficient number of the Book of Psalms and Hymns, approved by the General Assembly of 1830, to supply the churches that have introduced and prefer it.

The Committee of Bills and Overtures reported Overture No. 26, viz. The question whether any other person than the Moderator of the General Assembly, immediately preceding, or a Commissioner of the General Assembly about to convene, can preach and preside at the opening of the sessions of the General Assembly. On which subject the Committee submitted the following preamble and resolutions; which were adopted, viz.

“Whereas there exists a difference of opinion, as to the proper person to open the sessions of the General Assembly, in case the Moderator of the Assembly, immediately preceding, be not present; therefore,

Resolved, That it is the deliberate judgment of this General Assembly, that

by the Constitution of our Church, no person is authorized to open the sessions of the General Assembly, or to preside at the opening of said sessions, except the Moderator of the Assembly, immediately preceding, or in case of his absence, a Commissioner to the General Assembly, selected for the purpose, by the other Commissioners met at the time and place fixed for said meeting.

The Committee on the Annual Report of the Board of Foreign Missions, made a further report—which was read, and put on the Docket.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence made a report, which was put on the Docket.

And then the Assembly adjourned.

Concluded with prayer.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON.

The Assembly met, and was opened with prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read and approved.

Overture No. 22, was taken up, and after debate, it was adopted, as follows, viz.

1st. *Resolved*, That the Rev. John Dorrance, and the Rev. E. H. Snowden, of the Presbytery of Susquehanna, together with the churches of Wilkesbarre, Kingston, Hanover, and Lackawana, be detached from said Presbytery, and that the Rev. Richard Webster, and the Rev. Daniel Gaston, together with the churches of Mauch Chunk, Beaver Meadow, Conyngham, and Summit Hill, be detached from the Presbytery of Newton, and that they be erected into a Presbytery, to be called the Presbytery of Luzerne, and that the church of Berwick and Brier Creek, now under the care of the Presbytery of Northumberland, and the church of Port Carbon under the care of the 2d Presbytery of Philadelphia, be attached to the Presbytery of Luzerne.

2d. *Resolved*, That all Presbyterian churches which may hereafter be formed in the counties of Luzerne, Schuylkill, Carbon, and the township of Brier Creek, in the county of Columbia, until otherwise ordered by competent authority, shall be formed under the direction of the Presbytery of Luzerne, and continue under the care of said Presbytery.

3d. *Resolved*, That the first meeting of the Presbytery of Luzerne be held at Wilkesbarre, on the third Tuesday of September, at seven o'clock, P. M., and that the said meeting be opened with a sermon by the Rev. Richard Webster, or in case of his absence, by the oldest minister present.

4th. *Resolved*, That after the organization of the Luzerne Presbytery, Mr. Charles Evans, now a licentiate under the care of the Presbytery of Newton, be under the care of the Presbytery of Luzerne, and that said Presbytery be connected with the Synod of New Jersey.

The Committee to nominate Delegates to corresponding bodies, made a report, and the following were appointed, viz.

To the General Conference of Maine.—Rev. Henry A. Boardman, principal; and Rev. Joseph H. Jones, alternate.

To the General Associations of Connecticut and Massachusetts.—Rev. Gardiner Spring, D.D., and Rev. Daniel V. McLean, principals; and Rev. John M. Krebs, D.D., alternate to Dr. Spring, and Rev. Eli F. Cooley, to Mr. McLean.

To the General Convention of Vermont.—Rev. Joseph A. Copp, principal; and Rev. Hugh N. Wilson, alternate.

To the General Association of New Hampshire.—Rev. John C. Lord, D.D., principal; and Rev. Isaac W. Platt, alternate.

To the Evangelical Consociation of Rhode Island.—Rev. Robert Nall, principal; and Rev. Thomas L. Janeway, alternate.

To the General Synod of the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church.—Rev. Nicholas Murray, principal; and Rev. David Magie, D.D., alternate.

To the General Synod of the German Reformed Church.—Rev. William Atkinson, principal; and Rev. John T. M. Davie, alternate.

Overture No. 20, was taken up, and after debate, the resolutions submitted by the Committee of Bills and Overtures, were adopted as follows, viz.

1. *Resolved*, That any three ministers of a Presbytery, being regularly convened, are a quorum competent to the transaction of all business, agreeably to the provision contained in the Form of Government, Chap. x. Sec. 7.

On which resolution, the Yeas and Nays being ordered, were recorded as follows, viz.

Yeas—Messrs. Nott, Prime, J. Johnston, Wright, Goldsmith, T. Price, Johnstone, Murray, T. G. Allen, Street, McDowell, Maclean, Dorrance, Platt, Tudehope, Dickson, Dunlap, Howard, Dickey, Johns, McNair, English, Davie, Dunwoody, McKinley, Mower, Carrell, Criswell, Bradbury, Hill, Samuel Wilson, Duncan, McKaig, Young, H. N. Boyd, Knox, Polk, Eagleson, Patterson, M. Allen, Hoge, Wylie, Geary, Monfort, McGookin, McKee, Sickles, J. C. Brown, Pilsbury, Fraser, Hummer, Chamberlain, Templeton, J. Montgomery, Watt, Robinson, Rand, F. Johnston, Alexander, Atkinson, W. B. Miller, Leyburn, Gretter, Stratton, Watkins, Owen, John Wilson, A. Baker, Hall, M. Brown, Caldwell, Leland, McWhir, Petrie, Graves, Nall, Chapman, W. Montgomery, Purviance, Gallent, Smylie, Bardwell, Balch.—83.

Nays—Messrs. McLean, Junkin, Hiles, Longmore, W. Wilson, Janeway, J. B. Boyd, Rainey, Loomis, Glenn, Sloan, Moore, Campbell, Stirling, Steel, Coe, Todd, McGechin, McLain, Crawford, Lowry, Breckinridge, Morton, Moran, Matthews, D. B. Price, Paine, Chevalier, Stuart, Kerr, Cummings, Auld, James, Snowden, A. Smith.—35.

2. *Resolved*, That, from a comparison of sections 3 and 5 of chap. x. Form of Government, it is evident, that every congregation, without a pastor, is to be regarded as a vacant congregation, and consequently, if “regularly organized,” is entitled to be represented by a Ruling Elder in a Presbytery.

On motion, Overture No. 13, was taken up, and it was

Resolved, That the Overture proposing to alter the twenty-fourth chapter, section four, of the Confession of Faith, respecting unlawful marriages, be referred to a committee of five, with instruction, to inquire whether any alteration is necessary, and if so, to report an amended form of that section, to the next General Assembly, in order to be submitted to the Presbyteries for their decision.

Resolved, That the aforesaid Committee be appointed by ballot, at ten o'clock to-morrow morning.

The following preamble and resolution were introduced, viz.

Whereas the Rev. Archibald McQueen was suspended by the Presbytery of Fayetteville, from the exercise of his ministry, and from the communion of the Church, for marrying the sister of his deceased wife; and whereas the General Assembly of the last year affirmed the decision of the Presbytery of Fayetteville; and whereas, in the judgment of this General Assembly, the censure, which has been inflicted, and hitherto submitted to, ought to be removed; therefore

Resolved, That the Presbytery of Fayetteville be directed to remove the aforesaid sentence of suspension, and to restore the Rev. Archibald McQueen to the communion of the Church, and the exercise of his ministry.

And after debate, the Assembly adjourned until this evening at 8 o'clock.

Concluded with prayer.

TUESDAY EVENING.

The Assembly met, and was opened with prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read and approved.

The unfinished business of this afternoon was resumed, viz. The minute in relation to the Rev. Archibald McQueen; and after debate, the previous question was demanded; and the resolution was lost.

And then the Assembly adjourned. Concluded with prayer.

 WEDNESDAY MORNING, May 31.

The Assembly met, and was opened with prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read and approved.

On motion, the report of the committee appointed by the Assembly of 1841, on a Directory for adult baptism, was taken up, and indefinitely postponed.

On motion, Overture No. 16, on licenses for a limited time, was taken up, and after debate, the whole subject was indefinitely postponed.

The Committee of Commissions reported that the Rev. Albert Helffenstein, Delegate from the General Synod of the German Reformed Church, is present, who was enrolled.

The Committee on Bills and Overtures, reported Overtures, Nos. 27 and 28, which were disposed of as follows. No. 27, for enjoining the Presbyteries to take order for a more efficient organization of the Churches in aid of the Boards of Education and Missions; which was put on the Docket.

No. 28, was adopted as follows:

Resolved, That it be recommended to the Board of Publication, if funds can be provided for the purpose to print an edition of all the minutes of the General Assembly from the origin of the body—(including a summary of statistical tables) to which shall be appended a copious index, which shall serve as a digest of the acts of the Assembly.

Resolved, That for the purpose, both of putting this book into general circulation, and of securing a sufficient sale to remunerate the Board of Publication, it be recommended to all the Presbyteries to take such order as will at least put one copy of the book into the hands of each of their ministers and licentiates, and if possible also, of each of the Church Sessions.

The hour having arrived, the order of the day was taken up, and the resolution of yesterday, to elect the Committee on the marriage question, by ballot, was reconsidered and laid on the table. And then on motion, the following persons were nominated and unanimously appointed the Committee, viz. James Hoge, D.D., Charles Hodge, D.D., Gardiner Spring, D.D., Aaron W. Leland, D.D., and Rev. Nathan L. Rice.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence reported two letters from the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland, also the draft of a letter in reply; which were read. The draft was approved, and it was ordered that these documents be printed in the Appendix, and a copy of the letter to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland, signed by the Moderator and Clerks of this house, be transmitted to that body.

The report of the Committee on Finance was taken up, amended, and adopted; and it was ordered that it be printed in the Appendix to the Minutes.

The final report of the Committee on the Annual Report of the Board of Foreign Missions was taken up; and it was

Resolved, That this report, "*on the method of obtaining funds*," be referred to a Committee of five, to report thereon to the next General Assembly. Messrs. Hoge, Murray, Janeway, Green and Atkinson were appointed the aforesaid Committee.

Overture No. 27, was taken up, and after debate, it was adopted, as follows, viz.

Resolved, That it be enjoined on the Presbyteries to take such order for the organization of the churches under their care, for a systematic effort to aid in the education of indigent candidates for the ministry, and in the efforts making to spread the glorious Gospel of Christ throughout our own country and the world, as will secure the presenting these objects to every member of the Church at least once a year, and that the Presbyteries require the Session of each church to report in writing their diligence herein, at every Spring meeting.

Messrs. Breckinridge and Junkin presented protests in behalf of themselves and others against the decision of the Assembly yesterday, that three ministers of a Presbytery being regularly convened, are a competent quorum, which were received, and referred to Messrs. Maclean, Green and Lord to be answered.

The complaint of John M. Dickey against the Synod of Philadelphia was taken up; when it appeared to be a petition to the Assembly in reference to the division of the Presbytery of Newcastle; and the same was referred to the Synod of Philadelphia.

Messrs. Balch and J. C. Baker requested that their names might be entered as in favour of the resolutions of the Committee on Bills and Overtures, on Overture No. 20. Which was granted.

The Committee on the Narrative made a report, which was amended, adopted and ordered to be printed in the Appendix to the Minutes.

And then the Assembly adjourned. Concluded with prayer.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON.

The Assembly met and was opened with prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read and approved.

On motion, the complaint of D. V. Smock and others against the Synod of Indiana was taken up. The documents were read; and after debate, it was

Resolved, That the complaint be sustained *pro forma*, and that the Presbytery of Indianapolis be directed to dismiss Mr. McKinney to the Presbytery of Oxford, if he desires it.

It was moved to take up Overture No. 25. The motion was lost.

On motion, Overture No. 8 was taken up, viz. From the Presbytery of Tombeckbee, two questions; 1st. Is it orderly that a member of one Presbytery moderate a church Session of another Presbytery? which question, the Assembly answered in the affirmative.

2. Is the ordination of a minister *valid*, which has been procured by forgery and unwarrantable means? To which the Assembly reply, that confining the answer of the Assembly to the case in question, as verbally explained, this question is answered in the affirmative: but that the Presbytery should in such a case, proceed immediately to depose him.

A letter was received from the Presbytery of Allahabad, containing an account of their proceedings;—which was read, and it was ordered that the same be printed in the Appendix to the Minutes.

The Committee appointed to answer the protests of Messrs. Junkin and Breckinridge, made a report, which was adopted, and it was ordered that the protests and the answer thereto, be inserted in the minutes, viz.

PROTEST.

The undersigned, members of the General Assembly, desire to record their respectful, but solemn protest, against the decision of said Assembly, in answer to the first inquiry contained in overture No. 20, by which it was declared, "that any three ministers being duly convened, are a quorum competent to the transaction of all business; agreeably to the provision in the form of government, chap. x. sec. vii.," for the following reasons, viz.

I. *Because* we believe said decision to be in direct opposition both to the *letter* and the *spirit* of our form of government. In chap. x. sec. ii., a Presbytery is said "to consist of all the ministers and one ruling elder from each congregation within a certain district." Here the general principle is laid down, that a Presbytery *consists* of ministers and ruling elders. Ministers and elders are declared to be *constituent elements* of a Presbytery. Now can a Presbytery be constituted out of *one* of these elements, when the *book* declares that it must be composed of *both*? Again, in sec. vii. of the same chapter, in defining a *quorum*, it is declared that "three ministers, and as many elders as may be present, belonging to the Presbytery, being met at the time and place appointed, shall be a quorum competent to proceed to business." Here, if language means anything, the presence of ruling elders, or at least one ruling elder, is again recognized as *indispensable*. Let it be noticed that the very object of the section is to *define a quorum*, i. e. to point out the *smallest number* of the constituent elements of a Presbytery that can constitute a quorum. Now if the framers of our book meant to declare that ministers, without any representation of God's people, could constitute a quorum, why not say so? Why mention ruling elders at all? The very fact that elders are *mentioned* in this definition of a quorum, clearly determines that the thing defined cannot exist without them.

Again, in the same chapter, and at sec. x., in which provision is made for called meetings of Presbytery, it is expressly provided,

I. That two ruling elders and two ministers must sign a request, before the Moderator is bound to call a *pro re nata* meeting; and that the elders must be of different congregations. 2. That no such meeting can be lawfully held, unless in due time, previous to the meeting, a circular letter, specifying the particular business of the intended meeting, shall have been sent to each minister, and to the Session of each vacant church. Can any man fail to see in these provisions, the clear recognition of the eldership, as a constituent and *essential* element of a Presbytery? and is it not perfectly manifest, that the framers of the Constitution, designed hereby, carefully to guard against any assumption of power, by the ministry, to the neglect or exclusion of the eldership? These parts of our book, to our minds, conclusively demonstrate, that its framers designed to forbid any transaction of the people's business, when *none* of the people's representatives were present.

We protest against this decision,

II. *Because* we solemnly believe that it is in direct hostility to principles of Presbyterianism, which we deem *essential* to its very *nature* and *existence*; for

1st. It is an essential element of Presbyterianism, that God's people govern themselves, and manage their ecclesiastical affairs, in accordance with his word, and by their own chosen and ordained representatives. Our book declares, (chap. v.) that "ruling elders are properly the representatives of the people, chosen by them for the purpose of exercising government and discipline, in connexion with the pastors or ministers." This we say is an *essential element* of Presbyterianism: destroy *this*, and the entire system perishes. This is *the element* that distinctly separates it from prelacy on the one hand,

and congregationalism on the other. Admit the principle that the ministry may, without the presence of any representative of God's people, transact the *business of the people*, and you lay our glorious system of representative republicanism in ruins: and over those ruins you may easily pave a highway to prelacy and popery. But

2d. We ask what is the *object* of every meeting of a Presbytery? *Not* to dispense ordinances—not to perform any of those acts which exclusively belong to the ministerial office; but the sole object of a meeting of Presbytery is to attend to the legislative and judicial *business* of the Church—to the *business* of God's people. Every act that a Presbytery may perform is of such a character, as affects the interests of the members of the body of Christ, and they are entitled to be represented. Was it not wise, then, in the framers of our book to provide that the people's business should never be done, unless the people had at least one representative in the Presbytery to see to their interests; and to watch those encroachments of the ministerial order which *had* resulted in one papacy and *might* lead to another? We protest,

III. Because such a decision was uncalled for by any demand either of a right or expediency. Because a grave vote, of the kind passed by this Assembly, must appear to the Church and the world as a *hint*, at least to the eldership, that their presence in Presbytery is *not necessary*—*may be dispensed with*—and *might be undesirable*, and because the history of our Church, especially recent history, clearly proves that in her pious and intelligent eldership she has a powerful and stable instrumentality, which her Head has employed and may again employ, for her purification and defence; and we are unwilling that any thing should be done to impair that instrumentality. We protest,

IV. And lastly. Because the evident impatience of the house discouraged debate, and so hastened the vote that some of us were prevented from expressing our views as we desired to do—and because the chief reasons urged in favour of the decision were drawn from extreme and supposed cases, not likely to occur in the ordinary circumstances of the Church: and we feel bound to deprecate the idea that *ordinary* legislation shall be controlled by extraordinary exigencies. The ordinary meetings of our Presbyteries are, in a vast majority of cases, held in the bosom of some Christian congregation, where there are elders: and we do deem it highly injurious to the character of our eldership, to suppose it possible that they would so neglect their ordination vows, as with any great frequency to absent themselves from our Church courts; nor would we suppose it *possible* they would *ever* willingly do it, if the doctrine prevailed, that a quorum could not be formed without them.

A. H. Kerr,
P. J. Auld,
D. X. Junkin,
W. E. James,
Luke Loomis,
James Wilson,
Henry H. Paine,
John D. Matthews,
Samuel Steel,
Wm. Wilson,

James Sloan,
John Sterling,
Russel Moore,
David H. Cummins,
Robert Rainey,
Daniel B. Price,
G. T. Snowden,
James Gillam,
Alexander Smith,
J. Montgomery.

The undersigned in recording their protest against the vote of the General Assembly, which declares three ministers regularly covenanted, without the presence of Ruling elders, to constitute a Presbytery competent to do business, desire also, to express the opinion that this vote appropriately and of necessi-

ty follows a previous decision of this body, to wit, that which declares that the Constitution of the Church, does not authorize Ruling Elders to unite by imposition of hands, in the ordination of Ministers. The undersigned wish, therefore, to record their protest against the action of the General Assembly in both these particulars, striking as they believe it does, at fundamental principles of the Constitution.

W. L. BRECKINRIDGE,
J. MONTGOMERY.

ANSWER TO THE ABOVE PROTESTS.

The Committee appointed to answer the protests against the decision of the General Assembly in relation to the 1st inquiry contained in Overture No. 20, &c. respectfully submit the following reply.

The General Assembly entertains the highest respect for the office of Ruling Elder, and would deprecate the adoption of any measures which would serve to abridge the rights of Ruling Elders, or diminish their usefulness: and further, the General Assembly regard it not only as the right and privilege, but also the duty of Ruling Elders to be present at all meetings of our Church Courts, whenever commissioned by their respective Sessions to attend them, and would in all proper modes urge such attendance. It is with pleasure, the General Assembly witnesses the increasing interest taken by the Ruling Elders of our Church, in the meetings of our Judicatories; and they do not believe, that the act complained of has the least tendency to diminish that interest, inasmuch as it is in strict accordance with the provisions of our Form of Government respecting the rights of the churches to be represented in Presbytery, which declares that "Every congregation, which has a stated pastor, has a right to be represented by one elder:" and also, that "Every vacant congregation which is regularly organized, shall be entitled to be represented by a Ruling Elder in Presbytery." (See Chapter x. sections 3d and 5th.) Right and privilege are surely to be distinguished from compulsion.

The congregations have the right and the privilege to send delegates to every meeting of Presbytery, but they are not required to do so, nor is the presence of an elder absolutely necessary for the formation of a quorum for the transaction of business. It is readily admitted, that Elders when delegated for the purpose of attending any meeting of Presbytery, are constituent members of the body, for such particular meetings. But are not ministers also, constituent parts of every Presbytery? Now the whole matter involved in the answer of the General Assembly, against which the protests are entered, is simply this: how many of these constituent members must be present, in order that there may be a quorum competent for the transaction of business?

The words of the rule respecting a quorum, are as follows: "Any three ministers and as many elders as may be present, belonging to the Presbytery, being met at the time and place appointed, shall form a quorum competent to proceed to business."

The brethren who protest against the decision of the General Assembly, maintain that the introduction into this clause of the words "and as many elders as may be present belonging to the Presbytery," shows, that the presence of one or more elders is absolutely necessary for a quorum. Whereas the General Assembly conceives, that they imply nothing more than this, that if there be any Ruling Elders present, be they one, two, or more; and should they even out-number the Ministers, they are all entitled to take their seats as members of Presbytery, and that if there also be present three ministers, they are competent to proceed to business.

And in this respect the rule is different from the rule relative to a quorum of the General Assembly, which requires that one half of the commissioners requisite to a quorum shall be ministers, and all of them may be ministers, but in the case of a Presbytery, the number of elders may exceed the number of ministers, and yet if there be only three ministers present there is a quorum. Should there be any number of elders present, however large that number, and yet should there be less than three ministers, there can be no business transacted.

That which is essential to the existence of a quorum is the presence of three ministers, and should there be no elder, one elder, two elders, or a dozen elders present, the business may proceed, and we do not see how all these different cases could readily be expressed with more conciseness, than by saying in the words of our Form of Government as many elders as may be present belonging to the Presbytery.

If no elder be present and yet there be present three ministers, there is a regular quorum, and if there be but three ministers and a dozen elders, there is a quorum; and they can determine all questions brought before Presbytery; and the elders being in the majority, may in case they differ from the ministers, overrule the ministers, and even require them to do acts to which the elders themselves are incompetent.

In confirmation of the correctness of the decision made by the General Assembly it may be added, that a Presbytery has no authority, whatever, to compel the attendance of elders, as is the case with the ministers, who *ex officio* are permanent members of the Presbytery.

There is some language in the third reason assigned by our protesting brethren which is not warranted by the decision of the General Assembly, but which it may be proper to ascribe to the haste, in which of necessity the document was prepared. There is nothing in the resolutions of the General Assembly, as our brethren imagine, that can serve as a hint to the eldership, that their presence might be undesirable.

Whether the Constitution should or should not require the presence of any given number of Ruling Elders, to constitute a quorum, the Assembly have given no expression of opinion, all that they have decided is simply this, that the Constitution of the Church does not make the presence of Ruling Elders necessary to a quorum of Presbytery. If our protesting brethren think that the cause of truth and order would be promoted by the practice which they wish to introduce, let them propose a change in the language of the Constitution. It would be an easy matter to say, "Any three Ministers, and one, two, or three Ruling Elders belonging to the Presbytery, being convened at the time and place fixed for meeting, shall be a quorum competent to proceed to business;" and had it been the design of those who framed and adopted our Form of Government to render the presence of one or more Elders necessary to a quorum, they would doubtless have used some such language as this. As the paper signed by the Rev. W. L. Breckinridge, and the Rev. John Montgomery, protesting against the decision on this point, and also against the decision relating to the imposition of hands in ordination, assigns no reasons, but merely expresses the convictions of these brethren, the General Assembly deems it unnecessary to notice this paper, further than to say, that the Assembly does not see what possible connexion there is between the two decisions, so that the one "appropriately and of necessity follows" the other.

On motion, the Permanent Clerk was directed to pay the bills for the incidental expenses of this Assembly, and to draw upon the Board of Trustees for the amount thereof, out of the Contingent fund. On motion,

Resolved, That the cordial thanks of this General Assembly be presented

to the Pastor, Session and Trustees of the Central Presbyterian church for the use of their church; and also to the citizens of Philadelphia, for their hospitality to the members of this Assembly during these sessions.

The minutes of the present session were read and approved.

An hour was spent in devotional exercises.

The Assembly having finished their business, it was

Resolved, That this General Assembly be dissolved; and that another General Assembly, chosen in like manner, be required to meet in the First Presbyterian Church in the city of Louisville, Kentucky, on the third Thursday of May, A. D. 1844, at 11 o'clock, A. M.

Accordingly, the Moderator dissolved the Assembly with singing, prayer, and the apostolic benediction.

JOHN M. KREBS, *Permanent Clerk*.

PHILADELPHIA, May 31, 1843.

APPENDIX.

NARRATIVE OF THE STATE OF RELIGION ,

Presented by the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church to the Churches under their care.

CHRISTIAN BRETHREN—As we are assembled together from all portions of our beloved Zion, our first attention is naturally directed to the religious history of the past year, and you will expect from us some general statement of the information here afforded. With deep and anxious interest we received the annual reports from our numerous Presbyteries, recounting the dealings of Providence towards them, and all those events and circumstances which affect their spiritual condition. Sometimes, in past years, we have had so much to deplore in the state of the churches, and so many painful events to record, that our narrative, like the Prophet's roll, was filled with mourning and lamentation. This year, however, we felt encouraged to expect much gratifying intelligence. From so many portions of our widely extended bounds, we had already heard the notes of joy and gratitude, that we were prepared for cheering and animating tidings from many highly favoured churches. But the examination of the reports, which have been received from nearly all our Presbyteries, discloses an amount of blessings enjoyed, a degree of spiritual prosperity throughout our borders, far exceeding our highest expectations. It has indeed been a year of mercy and goodness, distinguished by constant and numerous tokens of divine favour, and by an almost entire exemption from those evils which we have usually so much cause to deplore.

Even from those parts of our Zion, which have not been blessed with copious effusions of the Holy Spirit's influence, we nevertheless receive assurances, that this has been a year of special blessings, and of freedom from those pernicious evils which formerly prevailed.

But the Assembly has the happiness to communicate information which will fill many hearts with joy, and call forth many thanksgivings to the God of all grace. It is, that far the greater number of the reports from the Presbyteries contain accounts of remarkable revivals of religion among their churches.

The following Presbyteries have been blessed with special effusion of the Holy Spirit upon more or less of the congregations within their bounds, viz: Troy, Albany, Hudson, Bedford, North River, New York 1st and 2d, Long Island, Elizabethtown, Raritan, New Brunswick, West Jersey, Philadelphia 1st and 2d, Newcastle, Carlisle, Lancaster, Erie, Transylvania, Richland, Wooster, Miami, Washington, Cincinnati, Steubenville, Susquehanna, Lexington, Logansport, Madison, Louisville, Sidney, Palestine, Schuyler, Lake, St. Louis, West Lexington, Nashville, Beaver, Western District, Donegal, Huntingdon, Newton, Oxford, Chickasaw, East Hanover, West Hanover, Concord, Bethel, Georgia, Tuscaloosa, North, East, and South Alabama, Mississippi, and Florida. In all these Presbyteries there have been special manifestations of the presence and power of the Spirit, in reviving the churches, and in the conversion of sinners. In several of them the work has been powerful, reaching all their congregations, and resulting in the ingathering of many hundreds of souls into the visible fold of the Redeemer. In some instances, the number of hopeful conversions, in a single Presbytery, exceeds one thousand; and in one congregation three hundred have been added to the Lord. Among

these highly favoured Presbyteries, a few may be mentioned as pre-eminently distinguished by a very extensive and extraordinary effusion of the Holy Spirit. The churches in the Presbyteries of Troy, Elizabethtown, Lexington, and the Synod of Alabama, may be referred to as favoured by such signal manifestations of the Redeemer's presence.

From the report of these fifty-three highly favoured Presbyteries, it appears, that the number of congregations within their bounds, which have been blessed with a precious season of revival, during the past year, must exceed four hundred. And besides all these, hundreds of other churches are reported as favoured with encouraging tokens of the Redeemer's presence.

In conveying to the churches these glad tidings of rich and extensive blessings, thus graciously bestowed, the Assembly cannot fail to call upon all who love our Zion, to unite with us in thanksgiving and praise. The Lord hath done great things for us whereof we are glad. The Lord hath visited his people, and blessed be his holy name.

While we rejoice in these rich harvests of spiritual blessings, and devoutly thank God that such numerous and extensive fields of our thirsty Zion have thus been refreshed and fertilized by the showers of divine mercy, it is an additional cause of devout gratitude, that these revivals have been so entirely free from noisy excitement, extravagance and fanaticism; and have been characterized by scriptural evidences of the presence and influences of the Holy Spirit. The reports from nearly all the Presbyteries, in whose bounds these blessed influences have been enjoyed, contain special information as to the means and circumstances connected with these gracious visitations. The faithful, pungent ministry of the word, and a solemn regular attendance upon the ordinances of divine worship, are mentioned as the means principally instrumental in producing and promoting this work of grace, wherever it has extended. While all exciting measures, and appeals to the passions of men, have been carefully avoided; the faithful exhibition of the great doctrines of the Gospel has been mighty to subdue the hearts of men to the obedience of faith. Besides the labours of the ministry, mention is made, in many of the reports, of other means of grace, auxiliary to the public preaching of the Gospel, which have been owned and blessed of God, to the awakening and conversion of many souls. Among these are the thorough instruction of the young, in the Shorter Catechism, the formation of Bible classes, and the wise and prayerful management of Sunday schools. It is stated that, in many instances, the setting apart of days of prayer and fasting, followed by family visitation, and neighbourhood meetings for religious instruction and conference, have been signally owned of the Lord. A regular and devout attendance upon the monthly concert of prayer, is also mentioned as instrumental, in many places, of promoting the revival.

It is worthy of special notice, that several of the Presbyteries refer to the prevailing distresses and embarrassments as to temporal things, as evidently instrumental, in the hand of God, in bringing men to the Saviour's feet, and turning their hearts to the wisdom of the just. The vain hopes and strong delusions of worldly prosperity have been removed in mercy, that the hearts of their votaries might feel their perishing need, and be opened to receive the subduing power of a Saviour's love.

Another fact of deep interest, which is repeatedly stated, is that a large proportion of the young persons, who have hopefully become subjects of renewing grace, were the children of the covenant, baptized in infancy, and trained up by pious mothers in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. In this sovereign discrimination, God shows himself faithful to his promises, and ever graciously mindful of the seed of his own people.

Another remarkable feature, in many of these revivals, is their evident connexion with painful and afflictive divisions in congregations for conscience' sake. In several instances, a feeble minority were constrained, by their attachment to the doctrines and order of our Church, to abandon their place of worship, and go forth destitute and shelterless. But some such little flocks have been visited in rich mercy. The Holy Spirit has drawn graciously near, rejoicing their hearts, wiping away their tears, and causing the days of their mourning to be ended. And not only have their own drooping hearts been refreshed and comforted, but their children have been gathered into the Redeemer's fold, and a great company

of those around them have been called by divine grace, and now joyfully unite with them in the willing bonds of an everlasting covenant.

In other instances, the revival is instrumentally ascribed to the circulation of some of those excellent and highly spiritual volumes given to the Church by our Board of Publication. The design and action of that benevolent Board, in furnishing the whole Church with such valuable works upon practical and experimental religion, are sanctioned by the seal of divine approbation.

It is moreover a circumstance of no ordinary interest, that a good many of these Presbyteries so greatly blessed with extensive revivals, express their belief that the flourishing state of religion among them has been greatly promoted by the success and triumphs of the cause of Temperance; thereby evincing how formidable a barrier against the progress of the gospel, is presented by the use of intoxicating liquors.

In addition to this brief enumeration of causes and influences, connected with these extensive and remarkable revivals of religion, we can only mention that several of the reports particularly refer to the religious instruction of sailors and boatmen; to the efforts recently made to promote the observance of the Sabbath, and to the adoption of the colporteur system, as valuable auxiliaries in promoting this great and good work.

It may be proper, however, in this connexion, to make special reference to some other interesting facts, connected with this subject. Several colleges, and other literary Institutions, over which some of our own ministers preside, are mentioned as not only largely sharing in the gracious influences, enjoyed by the communities in which they are situated; but also as exerting a salutary influence in promoting the work of grace around them. It is also gratefully recorded, by several Presbyteries, that the untiring labours of the missionaries and agents of our Domestic Board have been signally successful in gathering in the harvest from the whitened fields. And it is highly gratifying to learn, that in several congregations, wholly destitute of the preached word, a blessed season of revival was enjoyed, with no other instrumentality than the exhortations, the labours, and prayers of the Elders of the Church.

From these pleasing details of remarkable effusions of the Spirit upon such extensive fields within our bounds, the Assembly would now turn to the review of other interesting events which have occurred, during the ecclesiastical year. Our attention is first called to the fact, that, in very many of the reports which have been received, mention is made of the progress and success of the principles of Temperance; and there is a general and decisive testimony, that the change thus effected, in prevailing habits, has proved of a purifying and elevating character; and that, so far from regarding temperance as a substitute for the Gospel, it has sometimes happened, that reformed inebriates have been led by their first calm and sober reflections, to inquire with deep anxiety, what must we do to be saved?

Another subject of deep interest is the religious condition of the *coloured population*. Particular reference is had to this matter in nearly every report. Every where a deep concern is manifested in the spiritual state of the negroes, and every where a cheering assurance is given that these labours for their benefit are not in vain. From the South especially, there are reported general and increasing efforts to place the faithful preaching of the Gospel within the reach of as many slaves as possible. Probably our ministers in the southern portions of Carolina, Georgia, and Alabama, habitually preach to a greater number of coloured hearers than white; and in many instances a pastoral charge is assumed or retained, for the sole purpose of giving the bread of life to hundreds of slaves and their children.

From the Boards of the Church, reports are given replete with encouraging and gratifying intelligence. The Board of Foreign Missions are carrying forward their great work, and diligently labouring in the important stations which they are called to occupy in the vast field of the world. In a population of forty millions in India, accessible to missionary labours, they stand almost alone as the heralds of salvation. Already have they passed over the prostrate barriers which encompassed the Celestial Empire, and pitched their tent in China, in the name of the Lord. From the zeal, intelligence and energy of those dear brethren, who are laborious servants of the Church in this great and glorious work, the Assembly confidently expects the most auspicious results. If only an increased liberality

shall furnish the means of cultivating the fields already occupied; and if the inspiring call from the millions in China should draw forth the means of entering upon that glorious enterprise, we may joyfully anticipate that this will be *a year of the right hand of the Most High*.

The Board of Domestic Missions reports an extent of labour, and a degree of success, far surpassing all former experience. Supporting, wholly, or in part, more than three hundred ministers; giving the bread of life to a still greater number of congregations, it seems truly wonderful, how with such limited resources, so much has been accomplished. Largely have the ministers and missionaries, employed by this Board, shared in the rich spiritual harvests of the year; as the number they have received into communion is about five thousand. Such are the prospects now opening before the Board, and so wide are the fields, already prepared for the harvest, which invite their entrance, that with adequate funds, it is reasonable to expect a vast increase in the labour and success of those beloved brethren who are so devotedly engaged in this vitally important agency in building up the kingdom of Christ.

The Board of Education also add their grateful testimony to the loving kindness of the Lord. In the great work of filling the ranks of an able, learned and devoted ministry, they have been greatly encouraged during the past year. It has been their privilege to appropriate the benefactions of the Church to an increased number of valuable young men to sustain them during their preparation for the sacred office; and they regard the prospect as highly favourable, in reference to a supply of the urgent wants of our widely extended destitutions. Let the united, earnest prayers of all who love our Zion be continually addressed to the Lord of the harvest, that he may send forth many labourers into his harvest.

From the Board of Publication the Assembly has again received a gratifying account of the continued success which has attended their labours. In the important work of selecting and publishing books of sterling value, for the supply of our entire denomination, they have enjoyed many tokens of divine approbation. A large supply of these excellent publications is kept constantly on hand; and it is earnestly recommended to the several Synods to establish Depositories within their bounds respectively, that these treasures of truth and piety may be accessible to every congregation, and every family, in our connexion.

To our Theological Seminaries we look with deep solicitude, as the more immediate fountains of supply and refreshment; and rejoice to receive such encouraging reports of their condition and prospects. The number of students, in all of them, has been greater the year past than formerly; and we trust they will continue to be blessed and honoured of the Lord, in furnishing and perpetuating, an able, devoted and efficient ministry.

From the various and distant portions of our bounds we receive a cordial and united testimony, as to the kind and amount of religious instructions, imparted to the children of the Church; and the rich blessings which have thence resulted. Sunday Schools have been conducted in a more spiritual manner than formerly, with more direct efforts to indoctrinate the young in our distinctive principles, and to guide the lambs of the flock into the Saviour's fold. The Shorter Catechism has thus become the principal manual, the constant text-book in these schools of piety, these nurseries of the Church. Nor has the faithful catechetical instruction of the young been limited to the Sunday School. In very many Christian families and congregations it has formed a regular exercise, in which parents, elders, and pastors have laboured with prayerful and persevering diligence. This course of active duty appears to have been followed by the divine blessing. Wherever this moral culture has been employed, fruits have been produced which have enriched and gladdened the churches of our God. In the great harvest of souls, which has been gathered during the past year, the large proportion of those in early youth, of those who were teachers or pupils in Sunday Schools and Bible classes, of those who enjoyed special family instruction in the Catechism and of those who received regular pastoral attention in the congregation, affords abundant evidence of the fulness of blessing with which the faithful discharge of these duties is uniformly crowned. Let all our churches, our pastors and elders engage heartily and zealously in this good work, and we may hope to see our whole territory become the garden of the Lord.

In the numerous narratives of the revivals which so many of our churches have

enjoyed, we cannot fail to notice the signal fulfilment of the promise, that those who sow plentifully shall reap plentifully. In many instances it manifestly appears that blessings were bestowed in proportion to the faith and prayers of God's people, and to the amount of scriptural means and efforts which were employed; and wherever God has appeared to build up Zion, he has poured out a spirit of supplication, and Christians have been distinguished for unity of doctrine and harmony of effort. We hear of no complaints of divisions and controversies, no disorganizing intrusion of self-styled Evangelists, no prevalence of new measures, in those highly favoured regions where the work of God has been so gloriously revived.

Very interesting information has also been received from the Presbytery of Allahabad, in Northern India. No ordinary thanks are due to the Great Head of the Church that we are allowed to receive glad tidings from that dark land of Paganism. The Spirit of God has also vouchsafed his presence to our dear brethren of the Missionary churches there established belonging to our own body, and the report of whose condition and prospects we may now hope will be regularly communicated to the Assembly.

While we thankfully acknowledge the rich blessings which it has pleased God in his infinite mercy to bestow upon our own people, we rejoice to hear from so many of our sister churches, that they have so largely shared in similar, gracious visitations.

The delegates from corresponding bodies, presented reports which afforded great satisfaction. From the General Synod of the Reformed Dutch Church, the following interesting statements were received.

"From the Narratives of the State of Religion, that were sent up to the last General Synod, it appears that the churches under their care were generally walking in peace and prospering, and exhibited pleasing proofs of the prevalence of spiritual life among them, while some of them were blessed with revivals of religion. Since then, revivals have greatly increased among them, and at the present time, many congregations are rejoicing in these visitations of divine grace. These revivals have been produced by the blessing of God on the ordinary means of grace, while Evangelism, and what are generally called New Measures, are but little known among us. The fathers of the Reformed Dutch Church, in the formation of its Constitution, appear to have kept constantly in view, the great principle that truth is in order to holiness; and that as God has revealed it, so he blesses it, by making it his chief instrument in the awakening and conversion of sinners, and in the sanctification of believers. Hence, by the constitution of their Church, it is expressly stipulated in the call for a minister, to settle as a pastor among them, that he shall diligently and statedly instruct the children and youth, of his charge, in the catechism of the Church; and that in the stated ministrations of the Sabbath, he shall, within the space of every four years, preach in regular order through the whole of the catechism; thus presenting to his congregation within that time, the sum of Christian truth and duty. Moreover, it is required that at the spring meeting of each Classis, strict inquiry shall be made of each minister and elder, whether these provisions of the Constitution are faithfully obeyed. By thus having the great and fundamental doctrines and duties of the word of God, constantly held up before them on the Sabbath, the people of our churches become well acquainted with them, and in general strongly attached to them; and when the Holy Spirit impresses them with a transforming and sanctifying efficacy on the heart, a Christian character is formed, marked by intelligence, stability, and consistent piety; by devotion towards God, and integrity towards man."

From the General Association of Massachusetts, the state of religion has been on the whole, in a high degree prosperous, as much so as in any former year. Revivals have been as numerous and equally free from hurtful mixtures. The tone of evangelical doctrine is evidently rising.

"Our churches for the most part are but little affected by the many erroneous doctrines and disorganizing theories, of which our age is so fruitful and which are advocated and spread abroad with such untiring zeal and activity. They are disposed steadfastly to adhere to the faith and the ecclesiastical institutions which were handed down from their Puritan ancestors. There is among us a great degree of harmony in respect to matters of faith and practice, and in those cases in

which some differences of opinion have existed, angry and bitter controversy has hitherto, for the most part, been quelled by a sincere, earnest desire to keep the unity of the spirit in the bond of peace. In addition to the purity of doctrine which prevails in our churches and the harmony and fraternal affection which knits them together, the Great Head of the Church has vouchsafed to visit many portions of our spiritual Zion with precious and powerful revivals of religion; and it may safely be presumed that the report which will be laid before the General Conference in a few weeks, will show that a larger addition has been made to our churches than has been the case for many years."

From the General Association of New Hampshire we have the following statements.

"The churches embraced in the General Association of New Hampshire have, the past year, been highly favoured of the Lord. In some counties there have been revivals of more or less extent and power, in almost every town. In these revivals means have been more manifestly subordinate, and the hand of God more strikingly apparent, than in some previous revivals. They have usually commenced and been sustained without a resort to extraordinary means; but by the increased and more faithful use of the ordinary means. There have been fewer impulses and stimulants and less unnatural excitement, and there has been it is believed a more frequent and discriminating presentation of the great elementary truths and doctrines of Religion. The result has been that revivals have not been quite as ephemeral and spasmodic as in some former years, and religious experience, it is hoped, less superficial and defective. There has been more definiteness and precision of doctrinal belief. There is greater symmetry and completeness of Christian character, we believe, in the young converts than there has been in some previous revivals; less of a disposition to force into undue prominence certain traits of Christian character, and to cast into the back ground others equally important; less inclination to fall in with that spirit of the age that tends to make Christians that are all bone and muscle, unadorned with those more quiet and passive graces, the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, humility, kindness, gentleness and charity."

From the Evangelical Consociation of Rhode Island, the report contains the following remarks.

"Our Consociation embraces seventeen churches, sixteen ministers, and about two thousand six hundred members. Two of these churches have been formed during the past year. All have settled pastors except four, and these have a stated supply; and will soon, in all probability, have each of them a settled, permanent ministry. The pastors and churches composing this body, are united in sentiment and action, Jesus Christ, as we trust, being the Chief Corner Stone. Our last Annual Report speaks of the addition of near five hundred members to our churches, and of many more who give evidence of being born of the Spirit. The year embraced in that report was one of high religious interest throughout our bounds, and one which gave animating hopes of the future. But we have to record with sorrow, that those hopes were suddenly blasted by the civil commotions which agitated our little State almost to dissolution.

"While the conservative energy of the Gospel was seen and felt amidst these conflicts, religion itself suffered in its institutions and interests. The Holy Spirit that "flies from the realms of noise and strife," departed at the sound of martial alarm, and the sight of armed hosts; revivals ceased, the Sabbath was desecrated, the sanctuary forsaken, and all our enterprises of Christian benevolence languished. But prayers were offered incessantly by the faithful few both in the closet and the conference room. The ear of the Lord was open to our supplications, the counsels of our enemies was turned into foolishness, and peace restored without the shedding of blood. Law and order are again restored to our commonwealth; and thanks to the God of our fathers, we are again enjoying the blessings of peace and quietness."

Having thus given a general view of the events of a year so interesting and remarkable in our history, we cannot bring this Narrative to a conclusion, without inviting all our brethren to unite with us in a devout thank-offering, for the rich blessings we have received. In surveying the evidence and the results of the manifested presence of the Redeemer, we should be solemnly reminded, that this very affluence of spiritual good imposes new responsibilities and obligations.

While we gratefully recognize that holy influence, which has descended upon so many of our congregations, like dew upon the mown grass, or showers that water the earth; let us not forget the waste places, which are like the heath in the wilderness, which knoweth not when good cometh. While our hearts are gladdened by the tidings, that thousands of the children of the Church have been gathered into the fold of the good Shepherd, let us weep over thousands who are still crowding the dark and downward way.

Could we be furnished with a complete history of this year of mercies, we should find it replete with admonition as well as encouragement. Those churches, which have been so graciously refreshed and strengthened by the Holy Spirit's presence and energy, should deeply feel the new and powerful claims which are urged upon them for a commensurate activity and devotedness. Where much is given, much will be required; and it is the revealed purpose of God, when he enriches and exalts a people in a season of revival, that they may be a city set on a hill, a light of the world. While therefore the voice of thanksgiving and praise is heard in their habitations, let them gird themselves for those ceaseless strivings, those high endeavours to which they are divinely called. And those churches, which mourn their destitution of such copious showers of mercy, have still abundant cause of gratitude for the measure of spiritual prosperity they *have* enjoyed, and for exemption from soul-destroying evils which formerly prevailed. This should animate them to a more active engagedness in the work which God has given them to do, and excite in them a spirit of earnest prayer for that success, which proceeds not from skill nor eloquence, nor might, but by my Spirit, saith the Lord; that their faith may not stand in the wisdom of man, but in the power of God.

Let the experience of the past fully convince us that the faithful discharge of covenanted duties, by ministers, elders and private members, is indispensable to any scriptural expectation of spiritual blessings; and that as Presbyterians we are sacredly bound by allegiance and fidelity to our Supreme Head, to adhere strictly to our standards of doctrine and order.

Finally, as we are admonished that Christian affection, harmony of sentiment and action must prevail in order to our enjoying the gracious presence of the Comforter, we exhort you, dear brethren, to be of one mind, to cultivate the unity of the Spirit, in the bonds of peace, and to labour together, in prayer, and faith, and active zeal, to advance that kingdom, which is righteousness, peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost. "Therefore be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor will not be in vain in the Lord."

GARDINER SPRING, *Moderator.*



LETTER OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND, TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

REV. AND DEAR BROTHERS—With much pleasure we respond to your call for continued intercourse. United by a common faith under the same form of Church government, and looking back with satisfaction to a common ancestry, we trust, that, though an ocean separates us, we shall be ever *one* in spirit and affection; and, that we shall be always ready to embrace, for closer fellowship, the increasing facilities of intercourse which advancing science affords.

Most fully do we coincide in your views, that the very separation of God's people from an unbelieving, ungodly world, from which they differ in principle, in spirit, and in object, necessarily exposes them to its enmity and persecution. Hence the opposition with which you have had to contend in the New World, and hence the intensely painful interest cast around Presbyterianism in the Old World.

The same intolerant prelacy, which persecuted our fathers, is now labouring most assiduously to degrade their children. The rights of our ministers to celebrate marriage, when one of the parties belongs to the "*Law*" Established Church, has been denied; an attempt is in progress to compel the factory children of England to take such education as the prelatial clergy proscribe; whilst the "*Laud*" party of the same Church in Parliament, in violation of the treaty of *Union* between England and Scotland, and in opposition to the principles upon which Pres-

byterianism was established in the latter kingdom, are sanctioning measures, by which are being driven from their churches and their homes, all the ministers of our mother Church who choose to obey God rather than man.

But God will overrule all for good? Never was there more unanimity and life amongst right-hearted Presbyterians. We have every hope, that, even our worst enemies shall shortly be compelled to acknowledge our rights in the case of marriage. The generous spirit of our people in contributing towards our "Bi-centenary fund," probably *twenty thousand pounds*, as a thank-offering for the introduction of Presbyterianism into this kingdom; the spiritual prosperity of our congregations, and the success of our missionary operations both at home and abroad, testify, that we are a true Church of God; whilst we doubt not, that the persecution of the Church of Scotland will act as persecution has always done—the zeal of God's saints will be increased, the attention of a godless world will be captivated, and Christ's faithful ministers, as in the early day of Christianity, will go every where, preaching the word. "The hand of the Lord will be with them, and a great number shall believe, and turn unto the Lord."

Assuredly God is about to work on behalf of his own Presbyterian Church, in such a way as our fathers never saw. The scripturality of her principles is becoming daily more apparent, compared with the dark and deadly character of popery on the one hand, and on the other, with the equally fatal yet rapidly spreading "*Puseyism*" of the *established* churches of England and Ireland—her instrumentality for the conversion of Roman Catholic Ireland has been remarkably blessed—the children of Romanists, in tens of thousands, are attending on scriptural schools; their fathers, in multitudes, are diligently reading the Bible; wherever our Scripture readers and missionaries travel, they find large and attentive audiences; and a highly encouraging number have renounced popery, and embraced the communion of our Church.

The cause of civil and religious liberty is making on this side the Atlantic, gigantic strides; and we hope and trust, that very soon, not merely the sons of free born Presbyterian fathers, but even those, who have borne from infancy the galling yoke whether of popery or prelacy, will hear a voice that bids them *be free*.

The day we trust is for ever past, when any thing can interrupt the peace and mutual confidence which should make Great Britain and America *one*. Wherever our missionaries meet, they will embrace, they are assured, in love; and the common object and common interest of our churches, we hope, will ever be, faithfully to serve our common Lord, the benignant spirit of whose religion requires all "to loose the bands of wickedness, to undo the heavy burdens, and to let the oppressed go free."

Copies of the minutes of our Assembly at its last sittings, with copies of the reports of our different missions, have already been forwarded to you. At the close of another year, we hope to furnish more cheering intelligence of the operations of our Foreign and Jewish missions.

"And now brethren, we commend you to God, and to the word of His grace, which is able to build you up, and give you an inheritance among all them that are sanctified."

Signed in the name, and on the behalf of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland, this 6th day of July, 1842.

JOHN EDGAR, *Moderator*.

THO. M. REID, *Senior Clerk*.

ROBERT PARK, *Junior Clerk*.

LETTER FROM THE REV. DR. JOHN EDGAR, MODERATOR OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND, TO THE REV. DR. JOHN T. EDGAR, MODERATOR OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

BELFAST, December 10, 1842.

REV. AND DEAR SIR—At the late annual meeting of the Supreme Court of the Church to which I belong, the attention of the Brethren was directed to the approaching Bi-centenary of the Westminster Assembly. A committee was, in con-

sequence, appointed to enter into correspondence with the churches adhering to the principles of the Westminster Confession of Faith, respecting the practicability of holding a General Meeting in London to celebrate the event. I have been instructed by the Committee to address myself to you, as the representative of one of the churches embraced in the Resolution of the General Assembly.

We of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland can safely testify, that the Westminster Divines have been instrumental in conferring the most substantial blessing upon our Zion. We regard their Confession and their Catechisms as Formularies of unrivalled excellence, and we know that they have been the means of imparting instruction and comfort to thousands and tens of thousands connected with our communion. At an early period, our fathers in this country concurred with the parent Church of Scotland in adopting them as ecclesiastical Standards, and so long as their principles were faithfully maintained, our Church was adorned with the "beauty of holiness;" but when a number of our Ministers ceased to hold the doctrines which they so lucidly explain, the power of godliness visibly declined. We rejoice that of late there has been a return to the old paths of their theology—that they have formed a basis of union between the Synod of Ulster and the Secession Synod of Ireland, and that all our candidates for license, and ordination, are now required to receive them as founded upon and agreeable to Scripture. We recognize it as a special proof of the divine approbation, that an increased respect for these venerable Symbols has been accompanied by a revival of zeal and piety; and that now, when as a united Church we are walking in the good way of their apostolic testimony, we have been signally blessed with prosperity and peace.

Notwithstanding the divisions which exist, and the prevailing want of an expansive spirit of real Catholicism, it is refreshing to think that the true children of God are still longing for the union of the Church. They delight to contemplate the coming of a period when the watchmen of Zion shall see eye to eye, and lift up the voice together, and when, throughout all the earth, there shall be one Lord, and his name one. It is not to be forgotten that the Westminster Divines prayed and laboured for this glorious consummation, and that they were convened for the express purpose of promoting a uniformity of religion throughout the three kingdoms. In their works they have traced the outlines of the Doctrine, Government, and Worship of the Church, as revealed in the word of God; and though a visible union amongst the professing disciples of the Saviour in those lands is still apparently far from being realized, we rejoice to know, that millions, in Europe, and America, are linked together in ecclesiastical fellowship by a mutual recognition of the Westminster Formularies. We feel confident, that as these Formularies are better understood, they will be more generally appreciated, and a Bi-centenary, celebration of the meeting of the Assembly of Divines would be eminently useful were it only to promote a more earnest desire for Christian Union, and to direct increased attention to the study of the Westminster Symbols. Fondly do we cherish the hope that such a meeting if convened, would be productive of direct benefit to all the churches holding the Westminster standards, and that by preparing the way for their general incorporation, it would enable them, ere long, to exhibit, for the imitation of the rest of Christendom, the unity, energy, and beauty of Evangelical Presbyterianism.

The Bi-centenary Committee of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland, rejoice to find that a Committee for a similar purpose has been appointed by the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland. I beg through you to submit this matter to the consideration of your Assembly, and to solicit the favour of your correspondence upon the subject.

Signed by order.

JOHN EDGAR,
*Moderator of the General Assembly of the
Presbyterian Church in Ireland.*

LETTER FROM THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND.

REV. AND DEAR BRETHREN—Among the privileges which we are permitted to enjoy, on occasion of our assembling together, from year to year, as a judicatory of the Church of our Lord Jesus Christ—one of the most delightful is, the opportunity of renewing our annual intercourse with beloved brethren of other lands—of reciprocally communicating and receiving assurances of mutual regard, and thus, perpetuating at once, and deepening that mutual and affectionate sympathy, which should ever exist between the children of our Heavenly Father. As members of that spiritual body of which our blessed Saviour is the exalted head, we cannot but feel a lively sympathy with every other member; and believing that the *world* is his, by creation, by covenant and by purchase, we cannot but look abroad with the deepest interest on the progress of his great kingdom, in every quarter of the globe; and hail with joy, each evidence of the approach of his universal dominion.

The rapid progress of Gospel truth, in your beloved land, where the bones of many of our fathers sleep, we have not failed to watch, with peculiar and increasing interest; and the fresh evidence which each returning year affords, that evangelical principles, in their purest form, as embodied in the precious symbols of our common faith, are gaining extended influence, and increasing power, among you, as well as among ourselves, confirms the delightful assurance which we feel, that these principles, associated as they have ever been with human happiness, and human freedom, and surviving amidst, and superior to every form of human opposition, are indeed imperishable, and destined in their wide diffusion, powerfully to influence the political and social welfare, as well as the eternal destiny, of our race. Truly, “Our God is a God that hideth himself;”—nor can we often clearly discern, amidst the complicated agencies around us, the operation of Him “who worketh all *in all*.” Yet we may well rejoice, whenever we *can* distinctly recognize, in the march of history, the footsteps of the Omnipresent God, and amidst the conflicting play of human interests, and human passions, can trace the silent, yet steady and powerful operation of those mighty Evangelical principles, which, though hidden in the bosom of society, and unobserved by men, do yet avail, by their unseen, and noiseless agency, to mould the outward form, as well as the vital spirit of its institutions. In this connexion, we cannot but remember, with an honest pride, in which love for our country, and our country’s institutions, is mingled with reverence for those of our forefathers—that the free governments of our native land are indebted mainly, for their origin, and their continued existence, for the form which they have assumed, and the virtuous principles by which they are still preserved, to that model of government and doctrine, laid down at Westminster, two hundred years ago, and perpetuated ever since, by the successors of that venerable Assembly. Had every other memorial of those great divines perished for ever from the earth, yet would the free States of this great and growing nation, remain their enduring monument; and should ever enlarging numbers, and increasing wealth, corrupt the morals of our people, and sap the foundations of our liberty, yet would the grandeur of the ruin testify the depth of the foundations on which it had reposed, and the magnitude of the power which had reared, and so long sustained the stupendous structure. It is with a double pleasure, then, as patriots and as Christians, that we learn the interest with which our brethren in England, Ireland and Scotland, regard the Bi-centenary Anniversary of that great Assembly’s meeting; and the measures which have been taken to render the celebration of it both profitable and interesting. Those which have been adopted by our own Assembly, you will find recorded, in the Minutes, which we herewith transmit.

We rejoice along with you in the prospect of enduring peace between the two nations, to which we severally belong. War between Great Britain and the United States, would be indeed a fratricidal war, in which a brother’s blood would gush from every wound, and cry aloud to heaven for a peculiar vengeance. Heirs of the same language, literature, freedom and religion, they seem to be the appointed dispensers of these blessings to mankind; and each weapon, in such a warfare, by whomsoever wielded, and howsoever aimed, would be levelled, in-

reality, against the common interests of the race. The recent accommodation of those difficult and exciting questions, which had so long endangered the harmony of these kindred nations, we hail, as another triumph of the principles of *universal peace*; as only one out of many similar events recently occurring, which manifest the wider extent, and mightier influence of Christian principles; all tending towards the point where prophecy shall be merged in history, and the laws which God has stamped on human society, and interwoven inseparably with the temporal interests of men, shall harmoniously co-operate with the laws of his spiritual government, to hasten the advent and widen the dominion of the Prince of peace.

In all your exertions for the welfare of men at home and abroad, of the Jew, the heathen, and the Roman Catholic, we feel the deepest interest, and cannot forbear to express our peculiar satisfaction at the cheering manifestations of Divine favour, towards your labours in behalf of the latter; so many of whom are annually transported to our shores, here to participate, as we would humbly hope, not only in the civil blessings of our free institutions, but that higher liberty, wherewith Christ makes his people free.

A similar blessing has attended all our own exertions during the past year, for the cause of our Redeemer. Amidst unexampled commercial distress, and the total pecuniary wreck of many, from whom our former contributions were derived, the income of all our Boards, instead of diminishing has been increased, and more than four hundred of our congregations have enjoyed the special effusions of God's Holy Spirit, turning many individuals from darkness to light; giving a new impulse to every "work of faith and labour of love;" and awakening a new zeal in every department of contribution and of effort. The revivals, in the past year, have been happily, free from the extravagancies which marred those of some former years; and with unfeigned gratitude to the Father of Mercies, we may raise our Ebenezer and joyfully record, that at no former period, perhaps, has our Church enjoyed a happier union of purity, prosperity and peace. As we were cheered by the assurances of your fraternal sympathy, amidst the conflicts through which we have just safely passed, so we would not now withhold the expression of our own, from the sister churches of Ireland and Scotland, which, though in different degrees, yet from the same cause, are both passing through the fiery ordeal of affliction; while we cannot but look with anxious solicitude to the immediate result, yet we rejoice in the assurance which you send, that amidst all, the cause of evangelical piety, and civil and religious liberty, is "making gigantic strides," and we recognize in all, the hand of Him whose high prerogative it is, still out of transient evil to educe enduring good, and, from the furnace of affliction, to lead forth a purified and renovated people.

Into his blessed hands we cheerfully commit his own precious cause throughout the earth, and would especially and prayerfully commend our beloved brethren of the General Assembly of Ireland, bound to us by so many Christian ties, by a common origin and a common faith, by common recollections, and common hopes.

GARDINER SPRING, *Moderator.*

WM. M. ENGLIS, *Stated Clerk.*

JOHN M. KREBS, *Permanent Clerk.*

REPORT OF THE DELEGATE TO THE GENERAL ASSOCIATION OF MASSACHUSETTS.

To the Moderator of the General Assembly.

REV. SIR—The undersigned, appointed by the General Assembly of 1842, as delegate to the General Association of Massachusetts, begs leave to report that he attended to the duty assigned him.

The Association met in the town of Westboro' on the 28th of June, and, agreeably to its custom, continued in session for two days. It is a representative body, composed of delegates from the various district Associations. There were present at the meeting referred to, forty-five "regular members," together with delegates from various corresponding bodies, and a considerable number of "honorary members." Your delegate was received and treated with great cordiality. The theo-

logical complexion of the Association, and of the churches connected with it, may be learned from the first of its standing rules, which is as follows:

“The Association by which the General Association of Massachusetts was originally organized, agreed to admit, and this Association continue to admit, as articles of faith, the doctrines of Christianity, as they are generally expressed in the Assembly’s Shorter Catechism;—and the above mentioned doctrines, understood by us to be distinctly those which, from the beginning, have been embraced by the churches of New England as the doctrines of the Gospel, are considered as the basis of our union.”

To this quotation it is proper to append the very gratifying statement, officially laid before the Association at its late meeting, that *within the last eight years, the Massachusetts Sunday School Society has put into circulation eighty thousand copies of the Assembly’s Shorter Catechism.*

The Association adopted the following resolution in relation to a subject which has engaged the attention of the Supreme Judicatory of our Church.

“Resolved, As the two hundredth Anniversary of the meeting of the Assembly of Divines at Westminster, which formed the Larger and Shorter Catechisms, occurs on July 1, 1843, that it be recommended to the ministers connected with this body, to preach, about that time, to their people on the general subject of catechetical instruction; having special reference to the usages of our fathers in relation to this matter, and to the advantages resulting from this method of introducing religious truth into the youthful mind.”

The meeting of the Association was rendered peculiarly interesting from the fact that the preceding year had been signalized as a *year of revivals* among the churches of Massachusetts. “Never,” says the Narrative of the State of Religion, drawn up by the Association, “never since the days of Edwards, have revivals been more numerous and powerful in this commonwealth than in the past year; and at no period of our history have they progressed with greater stillness and solemnity, or been more signally marked as the effects of the Spirit of God.” The reports from the district Associations, in which these revivals were concisely described, were publicly read in the presence of the Association, and of a congregation which filled the Church in which the body held its sessions, to its utmost capacity. Your delegate could not but feel that this solemn and delightful service was adapted to have a most salutary influence upon all present; and, through them, upon the interests of religion throughout the commonwealth.

The undersigned cannot conclude his report, without expressing his grateful sense of the kind attentions extended to him by his Eastern brethren, and his strong conviction of the mutual benefits resulting from that friendly official intercourse which has long subsisted between our General Assembly and the General Association of Massachusetts. I remain, Rev. sir, with much respect, your friend and fellow-labourer in the Lord,

H. A. BOARDMAN.

Philadelphia, May 16th, 1843.



REPORT OF THE DELEGATE TO THE GENERAL ASSOCIATION OF CONNECTICUT.

To the Moderator of the General Assembly.

REV. SIR—The undersigned would respectfully report to the General Assembly that he fulfilled his appointment, by the Assembly of 1842, as a Delegate to the General Association of Connecticut. He was received by that body with their characteristic courtesy, and was happy to learn much that was interesting in the churches under their care.

The friends of the ancient and orthodox faith among them, appear to be neither indifferent nor inactive, with respect to its maintenance and extension; nor are their endeavours altogether without success. The healthy condition and influence of the Theological Institute at East Windsor, especially, furnish hopes that the great points of the orthodox faith, so universally received and loved there, in the days of Bellamy and Edwards, may yet regain, more and more, the confidence and affection of their descendants.

WILLIS LORD.

Philadelphia, May 19th, 1843.

COPY OF A LETTER FROM THE PRESBYTERY OF ALLAHABAD, TO THE STATED CLERK OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

Allahabad, (Northern India,) Feb. 16, 1843.

MY DEAR SIR—I have not much to communicate to you respecting the proceedings of the Presbytery of Allahabad, since I last wrote to you. But little as it is, I hope you will regard it with interest. Indeed I am happy to know that you regard with interest all our proceedings, and I trust we are often remembered in your prayers. Nothing comforts us more in our exile, and in the performance of our arduous duties, than the hope that the people of God often bear us on their hearts at the throne of grace.

In attempting to give you an account of what we have done as a Presbytery, since my last communication to you, perhaps I cannot do better than send you a copy of the minutes that have been made during this time. Every thing will then be distinctly brought to notice.

April 2d, 1842. Presbytery met this evening in the English Presbyterian church, at the call of the Moderator, and was opened with prayer. Present, Bishops *J. Warren, J. Wilson, J. C. Freeman,* and *J. Owen*; absent, Bishop *J. H. Morrison*. Bishop *J. A. Shurman*, Missionary at Banáras in connection with the London Missionary Society, being present, was invited to sit as a corresponding member; also Bishop *Levi Janvier*, from the Presbytery of West Jersey in America, being on his way to join the Presbytery of Lodiana. Bishop *John Wray*, from the Presbytery of Philadelphia, presenting a certificate of dismission from that body to become connected with this, was accordingly received. The following letter from the English Presbyterian church in Allahabad, applying to be received under the care of this Presbytery, was read, viz. “Beloved Brethren, In conformity with a resolution of the Presbyterian Church at this station, I avail myself of the opportunity afforded by the arrival of the Rev. Mr. Wray, to inform you officially of our desire to be received under the charge of your Presbytery. The Church is also desirous of offering you their thanks for the labour you have bestowed on them in conducting the worship of God, and they trust that the continuance of your valued services will have the effect, under the influences of the Holy Spirit, of so augmenting their numbers that in the course of time they may themselves be able to maintain a Bishop, both to relieve you of an extra duty, and to co-operate with you in other departments of labour for the extension of the kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. I am also directed to state that your Society have our earnest prayers for their success, and we beg that you will communicate to them a copy of this letter, as an expression of our Christian esteem for themselves and for those who are labouring under their direction.

Yours, affectionately,

E. G. FRAZER, *Elder.*

Allahabad, March, 1842.

The motion for receiving the church, in compliance with this application, was carried unanimously. Mr. Frazer, the ruling elder of this church, then took his seat as a member of Presbytery. The following resolution was then proposed and adopted, viz. That the Presbytery take cognizance of the records of this church from this time forward only. Adjourned to meet at the house of Bishop Wilson, next Tuesday evening at seven o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

April 5th, Presbytery met agreeably to adjournment. Opened with singing, reading the Scriptures and prayer. Present, Bishops *Wilson, Warren, Freeman, Owen,* and *Wray*; *E. G. Frazer*, Elder. Absent, Bishop *Morrison*. Corresponding members present, Bishops *Shurman* and *Janvier*. In reference to the conducting of services in the English church, it was resolved that Bishop *Janvier* be requested to supply the pulpit, with such assistance from us as he may require until he leaves, and that after his departure, the members of the Presbytery supply the pulpit in alphabetical order, each taking it for one quarter, excusing Bishop Wilson from the first rotation; also that it be regarded as the duty of the person having charge of the services during a given quarter, to preside as Moderator of the Session during that time, with the understanding that any business left unfinished at the close of his term be still considered under his direction until finished. The Presbytery re-

solved to hold their stated meetings quarterly, on the first Tuesday of each quarter, commencing from this time, viz. in July, October, January, and April. Adjourned to meet at Bishop Freeman's on the first Tuesday in July, at seven o'clock, P. M. Concluded with prayer.

January 3d, 1843. Presbytery met this evening at the house of Bishop Freeman. Present, Bishops Wilson, Warren, Freeman, and Wray. Absent, Bishops Morrison and Owen, and ruling elder Frazer. The meeting was opened with singing, reading the Scriptures, and prayer by the Moderator. The minutes of the former meeting were read and approved. Bishop Wray was appointed Clerk *pro tem*. Resolved, that the Presbytery shall hereafter meet semi-annually, instead of quarterly, as heretofore. Bishops Freeman and Wray were appointed a Committee to examine the Session Book of the Hindustáni church, and report at the next meeting of Presbytery.—In consequence of sickness in the Mission, and the absence of two of the members from the station, the meetings of Presbytery which should have been held on the first Tuesday of July and October were omitted. Adjourned to meet this day two weeks at the house of Bishop Wray. Closed with prayer by Bishop Warren.

January 17th. Presbytery met agreeably to adjournment. Opened with prayer by Bishop Freeman. Present, Bishops Wilson, Warren, Freeman, Wray and Owen. Absent, Bishop Morrison, and Ruling Elder Frazer. Bishop J. L. Scott of the Presbytery of Furrakabad, being present, was invited to sit as a Corresponding member. The Committee on the Session Book of the Hindustáni Church reported as follows: That they have examined it, and find it very neatly and correctly kept, and they move that it be approved as far as page 13. The Committee for examining the general rules for Judicatories, (see p. 3 and 4) replied that they see no reason to alter or amend any of them in order to adapt them to our use, which report was accepted.

Resolved, That the officers of the Presbytery be chosen annually in October, and that the Moderator, whose term of office expires at that time, preach a sermon before Presbytery.

The Session of the English church, through Bishop Warren, inquired of Presbytery whether it is desirable that it and the Hindustáni church be amalgamated? The reasons for making this inquiry were stated by Bishop Warren. The Presbytery answered that they consider it desirable. Wherefore Bishop Warren, in behalf of the Session, made application that the English church be received into the Hindustáni church. On motion, the request was unanimously granted.

Resolved, That the Church, as now constituted, be in future called "the Hindustáni Mission Church."

Resolved, That the Session of this church be requested to prepare a brief history of the English church from its first formation to this date, and present it to Presbytery.

On motion,

Resolved, That Bishop Wilson, now acting as Pastor of this church, according to previous arrangement (see p. 4. of the Minutes) be requested to call a meeting of this church, as now constituted, for the purpose of choosing a Pastor.

A Committee consisting of Bishops Owen, Warren, and Freeman, was appointed to make arrangements for the installation of the Pastor when chosen. Adjourned to meet at the call of the Moderator. Concluded with prayer.

February 10th. Presbytery met in the church at the call of the Moderator. Opened with prayer. Present, Bishops Wilson, Warren, Freeman, Owen, and Wray; Ruling Elder Frazer. Absent, Bishop Morrison. The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. Mr. Frazer's excuse for absence at the last meeting was heard and sustained. Bishop Kennedy, of the London Missionary Society's Mission at Banáras, being present, was invited to sit as a corresponding member.

A call from the Hindustáni Mission Church to Bishop James Wilson, to become their Pastor, was presented to the Presbytery, and being found in order, was put into his hands. Bishop Wilson signified his acceptance of the call; the Presbytery immediately proceeded to his installation.

The Committee to make arrangements for this occasion reported the following as the order of exercises on which they had agreed; Bishop Kennedy to give out a Hymn and lead in prayer, in English—Bishop Wray to preach a sermon in

English; Bishop Warren to preside and propose the usual questions, both in English and Hindustání; Bishop Owen to give a charge to the Pastor and people in Hindustání; Bishop Freeman a charge to each in English, and the newly installed Pastor to give out a Hymn, pray and pronounce the benediction in Hindustání. The report was adopted, and the Pastor installed with the above order of exercises.

The Presbytery then adjourned, to meet at the call of the Moderator, and concluded with prayer."

A true copy of the Minutes of the Presbytery of Allahabad, from April 2d, 1842, to February 10th, 1843.

J. OWEN, *Stated Clerk.*

I have neither space nor time to add much more. We love to remember our beloved Zion in America. Though very far separated from her in person, we are not so in heart, but are often present in her worshipping Assemblies, and at the meetings of her judicatories. Please give our best love to our fathers and brethren who may be members of the next General Assembly.—Your brother in the gospel,

J. OWEN.



REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PSALMODY MADE TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF 1843.

The Committee on Psalmody report that in compliance with the resolution of the last Assembly, they met early in January of the present year, and continued in session until they had completed the work which had been assigned them. Communications were received from one Synod, fourteen Presbyteries, and six individuals located in different parts of the Church. These communications with one or two exceptions expressed a general approbation of the Hymn Book which had been prepared by the Committee and presented to the last Assembly, and at the same time contained suggestions for its improvement. Many of them were extended and elaborate, having been prepared with great care, and gave evidence that the Book had been faithfully and critically examined.

The Committee feel indebted to those Brethren who thus favoured them with their views and recommendations. As far as was consistent with their own judgment and sense of responsibility, they have been guided by them, and have yielded to the judgment and expressed wishes of many, in the changes, additions and emendations which they have made in the book.

Taking into consideration the great variety of tastes to be consulted, and the fact that a number of Hymns, though possessing little intrinsic excellence, have become endeared to many of our people by their long use of them, or it may be by the recollection of some peculiar circumstances under which they were read or sung, they have aimed to make a selection which as a whole may be generally acceptable and supersede the use of the many different Hymn Books which have been introduced into our churches, lecture rooms and families. They have especially restored those Hymns of Watts which were urgently called for, by almost all who sent in any communication on the subject. The Committee have done this the more readily because such restoration was one design of their first appointment. They are aware that it is impossible to please all by any selection that could be made and that notwithstanding the time and labour which they have bestowed upon it, the book which they now present is not perfect. There may have been Hymns omitted which some would desire to find in the collection and there may have been Hymns retained, which in the judgment of others might better have been omitted.

It should be recollected by such persons that the introduction of the Hymns which they may regret to find have been omitted, might have displeased more than are disappointed by their omission, and on the other hand that the omission of those Hymns which may be objected to by individuals, might have disappointed a greater number than are displeased by their admission into the book. Besides the selection as it is now presented is as much the selection of the Church as of the Committee. To render it more useful, and as the Committee trust more acceptable, they intend to bind up with it the Directory for public worship and the Shorter Catechism of our Church.

With regard to the Psalms, after mature deliberation and a full examination of the subject, the Committee were of opinion that an acceptable, literal and metrical

version of them, however desirable, could not at present be obtained. The versions of Psalms to which they have had access, do not furnish such a number of superior merit, as to justify the attempt to alter the book now in use.

It has occurred to them, that very important ends might be answered by having the received prose translation of the Psalms set to music, and so prepared as to be conveniently used in all our churches. This might satisfy those who desire to use no other than a literal translation of the Psalms, would constitute a uniform and identical Psalmody for all Presbyterian churches and would secure a solemn, peculiar and appropriate church music, to the exclusion of all those tunes which have been composed from light, secular and profane songs, and whose use is necessarily attended with improper associations in the worship of God. They therefore earnestly recommend this subject to the consideration of the Assembly.

The Committee having now finished their gratuitous labours, beg to be discharged.

Signed

W. W. PHILLIPS, *Chairman*,
R. J. BRECKINRIDGE,
W. M. ENGLS,

JOHN GRAY,
C. C. CUYLER,
J. M. KREBS.

Written by John M. Krebs.

THIRTY-FIRST ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY AT PRINCETON, N. J.

The Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary at Princeton, N. J. report to the General Assembly, that at the date of the last report, the number of students in connexion with the Seminary was *one hundred and ten*.

Since that report, during the year now closed, the following *forty-four* students have been received, viz.

J. Vernon Crosby, on certificate from Union Theological Seminary, Virginia.

Luke Dorlan, " " Union Theological Seminary, New York.

David Mills, graduate of Williams College, Mass.

Samuel D. Rogers, " " " "

Andrew Wilson, " Amherst " "

William P. Gready, " Yale " Conn.

David Trumbull, " " " "

Alexander B. Bullion, " Union " N. Y.

Daniel T. Grinnold, " " " "

David C. Lyon, " " " "

John D. Monell, " " " "

Peter S. Nellis, " " " "

James Stebbins, " " " "

John Woodbridge, " " " "

Philander D. Young, " " " "

Hugh S. Carpenter, " University of New York.

Alexander R. Thompson, " " "

Levi H. Christian, " New Jersey College, N. J.

David H. Pierson, " " " "

John H. Rice, " " " "

Alex'r. M. Scudder, " " " "

Ansley De F. White, " " " "

Walter S. Drysdale, " University of Pennsylvania.

Robert Hamill, " Jefferson College, Penn.

John F. Smith, " " " "

Isaac M. Cook, " " " "

John B. French, " Columbian " D. C.

Robert Logan, " Washington " Va.

Nelson P. Chamberlain, " Oakland " Miss.

Thomas H. Cleland, jr., " Centre " Ky.

Joseph W. Wallace, " " " "

George W. Newell, " Marion " Missouri.

John A. Reiley, " Miami University, Ohio.

Charles Beach, " Woodward College, Ohio.

Ninian Bamatyne, graduate of La Fayette College, Pa.			
Darwin Cook,	"	"	"
William Henry Green,	"	"	"
Peter B. Heray,	"	"	"
James G. Moore,	"	"	"
William Love,	"	Belfast	" Ireland.
William A. Westcott, M. D., of the Albany Medical College.			
Jacob D. Mitchell, some time member of Jefferson College.			
Thomas Watson,	do.	University of St. Louis,	Mo.
John G. Hickman,	do.	Centre College,	Ky.

The whole number of students connected with the Seminary during the year, has been *one hundred and fifteen*. The number now upon the roll is *one hundred and three*.

The students were examined at the close of the year, in presence of a committee of the Board. Their examination was satisfactory.

At the meeting of the Board on the 15th instant, certificates, that they had finished the whole course of study prescribed in the Plan, were conferred on the following *twenty-five* young men, viz.

Allen H. Brown, Adam Craig, Robert Carp, Fielding N. Ewing, Joshua F. Green, James Grier, Ashbel Green Harned, William H. Hornblower, Samuel N. Howell, Daniel L. Hughes, Jesse W. Hume, John D. Meek, Alfred Paull, Josiah B. Poage, Robert M. Porter, Thomas C. Porter, John H. Rittenhouse, John M. Rogers, Joseph A. Russell, William Scribner, Edward E. Seelye, Joseph B. Stratton, Peter R. Vanatta, J. Johnston Walsh and Fenwick T. Williams.

The Professors have reported, that they have received, for the use of the indigent students, a small box of articles of clothing from the ladies of the First Presbyterian Church in the city of New York.

The Board have the pleasure to inform the Assembly, that the Rev. Joseph Sweetman, of Charlton, Saratoga County, New York, has founded a Scholarship in the Seminary; that he intends to retain the principal in his own hand during his life, and annually transmit the interest; and that he has transmitted the first year's interest. The endowment is to be called the Sweetman Scholarship.

The Board have only further to report, that the term of office of the following Directors expires during the sessions of the present General Assembly, viz.

MINISTERS.

Gardiner Spring, D. D.
 William A. McDowell, D. D.
 William Neill, D. D.
 William Latta,
 William D. Snodgrass, D. D.
 Joseph McElroy, D. D.
 George W. Musgrave.

Signed by order of the Board.

ELDERS.

John T. Woodhull, M. D.
 Hugh Auchincloss,
 Alexander W. Mitchell, M. D.

ASHBEL GREEN, *President*.

JOHN McDOWELL, *Secretary*.

Princeton, May 15th, 1843.

THE PROFESSORS OF THE SEMINARY ARE

Rev. Archibald Alexander, D.D. Professor of Pastoral and Polemic Theology.
 Rev. Samuel Miller, D.D. Professor of Ecclesiastical History and Church Government.
 Rev. Charles Hodge, D.D. Professor of Exegetical and Didactic Theology.
 Rev. Joseph Addison Alexander, Professor of Oriental and Biblical Literature.

THE DIRECTORS OF THE SEMINARY ARE

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 Benjamin H. Rice, D.D.
 W. M. Engles, D.D.
 Cornelius C. Cuyler, D.D.
 George Potts, D.D.
 John Johnston,
 John N. Campbell, D.D.
 Ashbel Green, D.D.
 John M. Krebs, D.D.
 Jacob J. Janeway, D.D.
 Henry A. Boardman,
 Nicholas Murray,
 John C. Backus,
 W. W. Phillips, D.D.

RULING ELDERS.

Lewis W. R. Phillips,
 Matthew L. Bevan,
 Andrew Foster.

James Lenox,
 Alexander Henry,
 Moses Allen.

THE OFFICERS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS ARE

ASHBEL GREEN, D.D., President.	MATTHEW L. BEVAN, Esq., 2d V. Pres't.
GARDINER SPRING, D.D., 1st. Vice Pres't.	

THE SCHOLARSHIPS ARE

1. *The Le Roy Scholarship*, } both founded by Mrs. Martha Le Roy, of N. Y.
2. *The Banyer Scholarship*, }
3. *The Lenox Scholarship*, founded by Robert Lenox, Esq. of New York.
4. *The Whitehead Scholarship*, founded by John Whitehead, Esq. of Burke Co. Georgia.
5. *The Charleston Female Scholarship*, founded by the Congregational and Presbyterian Female Association of Charleston, S. C., for assisting in the education of pious youth for the Gospel Ministry.
6. _____, founded by the first class in the Seminary, in 1819.
7. *The Nephew Scholarship*, founded by James Nephew, Esq., of McIntosh Co. Georgia.
8. *The Woodhull Scholarship*, founded by Mrs. Hannah Woodhull, of Brookhaven, Long Island.
9. *The Scott Scholarship*, founded by Mr. William Scott, of Elizabethtown, New Jersey.
10. *The Van Brugh Livingston Scholarship*, founded by Mrs. Susan U. Neimcewicz, of Elizabethtown, New Jersey.
11. *The Augusta Female Scholarship*, founded by the ladies of Augusta, Ga.
12. *The Keith Scholarship*, founded by Mrs. Jane Keith, of Charleston, S. C.
13. *The Gosman Scholarship*, founded by Robert Gosman, Esq., of Upper Red Hook, New York.
14. *The Wickes Scholarship*, founded by Eliphalet Wickes, Esq., of Jamaica, Long Island.
15. *The Othniel Smith Scholarship*, founded by Mr. Othniel Smith, of Jamaica, Long Island.
16. *The H. Smith Scholarship*, founded by Miss H. Smith, of Carmel, Miss.
17. *The Anderson Scholarship*, founded by Mr. James Anderson, of New York.
18. *The Kennedy Scholarship*, founded by Mr. Anthony Kennedy, of Frankford, Pennsylvania.
19. *The Colt Scholarship*, founded by Roswell L. Colt, Esq., of Baltimore.
20. *The John Keith Scholarship*, founded by Mr. John Keith, of Bucks Co. Pa.
21. *The Boudinot Scholarship*, founded by the Hon. Elias Boudinot, LL.D., of Burlington, New Jersey.

22. *The ED Scholarship*, founded by Mr. Robert Hall, and his sister, Marion Hall, of Newburgh, Orange County, New York.
23. *The Kirkpatrick Scholarship*, founded by William Kirkpatrick, Esq., of Lancaster, Pa.
24. *The Stille Scholarship*, founded by John Stille, Esq., of Philadelphia.
25. *The King Scholarship*, founded by Mr. Gilbert King, of Newburgh, Orange County, New York.
26. *The Ralston Scholarship*, founded by Robert Ralston, Esq. of Philadelphia.
27. *The Benjamin Smith Scholarship*, founded by Mr. Benjamin Smith, of Elizabethtown, New Jersey.
28. *The Sweetman Scholarship*, founded by the Rev. Joseph Sweetman, of Charlton, New York.

SIXTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
WESTERN THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY, ALLEGHENY CITY, PA.

The Board of Directors of the Western Theological Seminary would respectfully present to the General Assembly the following report of their proceedings during the year.

Seventeen students have been matriculated during the session, viz :

J. W. Miller, graduate of Jefferson College, Pa.		
Jas. S. Henderson, “	“	“
Samuel J. Reid, “	“	“
John W. Hazlett, “	“	“
John Steele, “	“	“
A. C. McClelland, “	“	“
Henry Davis, “	“	“
John K. Comyn, “	“	“
W. P. Harshee, “	Washington College, Pa.	
J. Edgar Stevenson, “	“	“
T. Stevenson, “	Franklin College, Ohio.	
Ebenezer Henry, “	“	“
Samuel Hanna, “	“	“
Patterson Reese, “	Kenyon College, Ohio.	
Robt. R. Wells, “	Middlebury College, Vt.	
Wm. Hunter, “	Miami University, Ohio.	
Moses G. Knight, “	Centre College, Ky.	

Also, in attendance part of the session, Mr. Alexander M. Stewart, a Licentiate of the Reformed Presbyterian Church.

The highest number of students present during the session has been thirty.

The students have been examined by an examining committee appointed by the Board, who reported that the examinations were well sustained and highly satisfactory.

The Faculty in their last annual report to the Board, having expressed deep regret on account of the interruption occasioned in the studies of some students by obtaining licensure before their course is completed, and by the time necessarily occupied in immediate preparation for Presbytery, which should be given to their class, the following minute was adopted by the Board, viz.

“ Resolved, That the Secretary, in making his Annual Report to the Assembly, call their attention to a fact referred to in the Report of the Faculty, viz. the evil growing out of Presbyteries licensing young men before their course in the Seminary is completed, thus interfering seriously with their studies; and ask the General Assembly to take some action on the subject that may tend to arrest the evil.”

One student, Mr. Ross Stevenson, has completed his full course of three years.

On the 18th November, 1842, Rev. A. T. McGill, D. D., who was elected by the last General Assembly to the Chair of Ecclesiastical History and Church Government in the Western Theological Seminary, was regularly and formally inducted into that Professorship, according to the plan of the Seminary, as instituted by the General Assembly, and found in the Digest, p. 247.

The term of service of the following members of the Board expires during the present sessions of the Assembly, viz.

BISHOPS.

D. McConaughy, D. D.
A. O. Patterson,
Robert Dunlap,
A. D. Campbell, D. D.
Noah Gillett,
James Culbertson,
Absalom McCready.

RULING ELDERS.

Alex. Laughlin,
F. G. Bailey,
Thomas Kiddoo.

The Faculty, in their last report, say, "There has been the usual indication of piety and fervour in devotional exercises all the session, and occasionally evidence of increasing life and special attention to personal holiness. No extraordinary zeal or interest in Missions has been manifest, but there is known to be a fixed and earnest, and quiet contemplation of this great work among a few of our most gifted and devoted students."

Upon the whole, we think our Institution is decidedly more prosperous than it was at the date of our last report, and the prospect for an increase of students next session is highly encouraging.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

FRANCIS HERRON, *President.*

ROBERT DUNLAP, *Secretary.*

Pittsburgh, May 12, 1843.

THE PROFESSORS OF THE SEMINARY ARE,

Rev. David Elliott, D. D. Professor of Didactic and Polemic Theology.
Rev. Lewis W. Green, D. D. Professor of Oriental Literature and Biblical Criticism.
Rev. Alexander T. McGill, D. D. Professor of Ecclesiastical History and Church Government.

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Wm. Jeffery,
C. C. Beatty, D. D.
Lemuel McFarren,
Loyal Young,
George Marshall,
Algernon S. McMaster,
Francis Herron, D. D.
E. P. Swift, D. D.
M. Brown, D. D.
W. B. McIlvain,
John Stockton,
Ebenezer Graham,
James Alexander.

RULING ELDERS.

Alex. Laughlin,
F. G. Bailey,
Thomas Kiddoo.

Harmar Denny,
Alex. Semple,
Malcolm Leech.

Samuel Thompson,
Benjamin Williams,
R. C. Grier.

THE OFFICERS OF THE BOARD ARE,

Francis Herron, D. D. *President.*
E. P. Swift, D. D. *Vice President.*
Robert Dunlap, *Secretary.*
Michael Allen, *Treasurer.*

UNION THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

The Board of Directors of the Union Theological Seminary report to the General Assembly that during the past year the following students have been received, viz.

- R. R. Howison, candidate of East Hanover Presbytery.
 J. M. McBryde, graduate of Jefferson College.
 A. C. McNeill, " University of North Carolina.
 N. McDonald, Fayetteville, North Carolina.
 C. Shepperson, West Hanover Presbytery.
 A. Currie, North Carolina.
 Philander Camp, Lafayette College.
 Warren Cochran, Oberlin.
 John A. Scott, Jefferson College.
 W. T. Richardson, graduate of Hampden Sidney College.
 W. S. Beard, " Washington College, Va.

The present number of students is twenty-six—and the whole number connected with the Seminary during the year has been thirty-five.

The Board are happy to inform the Assembly, that the prospects of the Seminary are more than usually encouraging. The number of students who have taken the entire course of the Seminary has increased, and we hope will continue to increase.

The prospect of further additions to the Seminary is flattering.

The diligence and proficiency of the students has been highly gratifying to the Board and we hope the Seminary will enjoy the smiles of the Head of the Church and be a lasting blessing to our country and the world.

THE PROFESSORS OF THE SEMINARY ARE,

- Rev. Samuel B. Wilson, D.D., Professor of Theology.
 " Samuel L. Graham, D.D., Professor of Biblical Literature.
 " F. S. Sampson, Assistant Tutor.

THE OFFICERS OF THE BOARD ARE,

- Rev. Wm. S. PLUMER, D.D., President.
 " A. D. MONTGOMERY, 1st Vice President.
 " R. BURWELL, 2d Vice President.
 " A. HART, Secretary.

All which is respectfully submitted.

ANDREW HART, *Secretary.*

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

The Committee on Finance, to whom were referred the report of the Treasurer, that of the Trustees of the Theological Seminary at Princeton, and two communications from the Trustees of the General Assembly, respectfully report:

That the account of the Treasurer, which is returned herewith and marked (A.,) has been regularly audited, and shows a balance in his hands on the first day of May, 1843, of \$4720,82. A sub-committee has particularly examined the Treasurer's books, and reported to us that they found them neatly and correctly kept, and in a manner which puts on record every transaction of the year. In this opinion the rest of the Committee concur as far as a very general and superficial examination enables them to judge.

The paper marked (B.,) accompanying this report, exhibits in tabular form, a list of the investments held by the Trustees; the par value of each; the cost of each, except those comprised in Eastburn's legacy; the estimated value of each last year; the present estimated value of each; the appreciation of each during the past fiscal year. It is gratifying to discover by the statements, an increase in the

market value of our investments, since the last meeting of the Assembly of nearly \$17,000, and it is believed that improvement is still going on, from week to week.

The amount invested in stocks, it will be perceived, was \$129,791.01.—Its estimated value last year was \$46,705.—Its estimated value at this time is \$63,614.—Improvement during the year \$16,909, or about thirty-six per cent. on the estimated value in May 1842. Yet while it is cheering to note among other evidences of the Divine goodness to us during the past year this gratifying improvement in our funds, we must yet remember that our previous losses have been very heavy. The communication of the Trustees, referred to your Committee and herewith returned, marked (C), rendered it necessary that the Committee should investigate the history and examine the character of those losses. They may be arranged in two classes, the one being a series of encroachments on the permanent funds, improvident indeed, and unjustifiable, but at the time they were made apparently necessary, which were commenced many years ago, and were long continued without attracting the attention their importance demanded. The second class of losses is that sustained by the depreciation of our investments. Both classes were intimately connected with each other. It seems that the interest of the permanent fund of the Princeton Professorships, and that of the Seminary, have never been sufficient to pay the salaries of the Professors of that institution. Yet it was obvious that unless those salaries were paid, the Professors would be constrained to leave the institution; and its operations, in whole or in part, must of necessity have been suspended. It appears to have been the practice of the Assembly, to make appropriations for the payment of those salaries, without providing the funds to meet those appropriations. A similar course was pursued even with reference to the contingent expenses of the Assembly. At length in 1833, these facts were distinctly brought to the view of the Assembly, by the report of the Trustees. At this period the encroachment on the permanent fund of the Seminary, including the Professorships, amounted to \$14,108.27, and the encroachment on the permanent fund of the Seminary for education, including scholarships, amounted to \$5988.39, making an aggregate of \$20,096.66. After this time the Trustees proposed to avoid any similar encroachment, and indeed were expressly required by the Assembly, scrupulously to do so. Whether the real dilapidation was greater in 1833, than was supposed, (for the books at that period seem to have been badly kept,) or whether the Trustees unconsciously repeated the encroachment amid the various changes of investments which were made, it is impossible for us to determine; but so it is, that with an entire conviction of the impropriety of the practice, with the Assembly acknowledging the obligation not only to abstract nothing more from the permanent fund, but to restore the amount before taken away, the amount thus lost appears now to be \$21,017.57.

We know not precisely whom most to blame for the encroachments on the permanent funds. It is evident that the Treasurer who was then in office, and was a very aged though a very worthy man, kept his accounts in a confused manner, blending all the funds together, and paying all drafts made by the Assembly out of any money in his hands. The Trustees appear to have been negligent in not examining into and stopping this course of things. The successive Assemblies, seem to have made appropriations, like some thriftless heir, ignorant if not careless as to the source from which their drafts were to be paid, and willing to leave to their successors the drudgery of examining into the real state of our funds, and the thankless and ungracious office of repairing their dilapidations. Yet there seems to have been no real want of integrity among any of the parties concerned.

It is probable that no unnecessary appropriations were made by the Assembly. To withhold the necessary appropriations for the Seminary, would have been ruinous to that Institution, and thus have blasted the brightest prospects of the Church. The contingent expenses too, of the Assembly, must of necessity be paid, and the various congregations of the Church, though annually enjoined to contribute to the contingent fund, either failed altogether to do so, or contributed in a most inadequate manner. The Assembly repeatedly required their Trustees to borrow the money necessary to pay these appropriations, but they had no adequate security to offer save these very funds, for which too they were then seeking investments. It was therefore not unnatural, though certainly highly improper, that these Trustees or their Treasurer should borrow from the funds referred to, holding the Church responsible for the repayment of the whole debt.

In 1833, it was ascertained that the permanent fund had been thus diminished, that there was an annual deficit to be supplied, first of \$2354 for Professors' salaries; secondly, a sum equal to the interest on \$5988.39, to make up the deficiency in the proceeds of the scholarships; and thirdly, a sum sufficient in addition to the scanty contributions of the Church, to meet the current expenses of the Assembly.

Under the pressure of these circumstances, the Assembly directed the Trustees "to consider whether safe investments could not be made of the funds, or part of them, so as to produce a higher rate of interest than they now yield," and if so, they were advised to "endeavour to effect a change of stock."

The Trustees found that investments, so apparently safe that two of them laid out their own money in the same way, could be made, in stocks promising to be much more productive. They accordingly bought these stocks, which have so greatly depreciated, that at their present rates our loss is within a small fraction of \$70,000. And yet your committee hold that for this loss, the Assembly rather than the Trustees should be considered responsible. When investments to the amount of \$123,000 had been made, the Trustees reported to the Assembly, in May, 1836, what they had done, giving them a detailed statement both of their sales and purchases, and informing them, that if they disliked the new investments, they could not only change them, but could sell the newly purchased stocks at a profit of \$5000. The Assembly were also informed that by the change in investments the income of the Board would be increased \$3546.14, and that if the change were not made, about \$3000 must be annually raised, by other means, to pay the salaries of the Professors, and to make up, according to the obligation resting on the Assembly, the income on the scholarships. The Assembly with these facts before them, sanctioned the change in investments, and thus in the opinion of this Committee, took all the responsibility upon themselves. It is just too, and it is fitted to lessen our regrets in contemplation of our losses, that we should bear in mind, that there has been received from the new investment about \$13,000 more of income than would have been yielded by the old, and that besides this, the loss, if the investments in bank and state stocks of Pennsylvania, made previous to 1833, had been retained, would have been still greater than that which was actually incurred. Of the subsequent action or failure to act on this subject of the Assembly, the Committee deem it necessary only to say that no complaint of the new investments appears to have been made, until the great commercial revulsion, had rendered it impossible to dispose of the stocks held by our Trustees, except at a great loss. In 1840, the Assembly merely submitted it to the consideration of the Trustees, "whether it would not be the part of wisdom to sell the stock of the unproductive banks, as soon as it could be judiciously done, and invest the proceeds in securities less fluctuating and less hazardous." In 1841, they were again directed to change those investments as soon as could be done with advantage and safety. It would have been well if the Trustees had been able to foresee the further depreciation which awaited those stocks, and had promptly disposed of them. In the exercise, however, of the discretionary powers confided to them in each year, and induced by the hope that the great depreciation already suffered, was only temporary in its character, they decided only to sell a single investment. This they did, at a heavy loss indeed, but a much less loss than would have been sustained had they postponed that sale. Though we regret the decision then made by the Trustees, we cannot pronounce it to have been unwise, when we consider the light under which they acted. With reference to the failure to transfer the stocks held by them for the Seminary in Princeton, to the Trustees of the Seminary, your committee are not prepared to condemn the course taken by them. It seems from their report now before us, that they did transfer all that they or the Trustees of the Seminary supposed to be embraced in the order of the Assembly. As to the residue of those funds, your committee suppose that so far as they were committed by individuals, in trust to the Trustees of the Assembly, that corporation has no right to substitute another trustee without the consent of the donors. As to such portions of the funds as were paid directly to the Assembly, and by the Assembly placed in the hands of their Trustees, your committee are not aware of any legal difficulty in the way of the transfer, if it shall be the pleasure of the Assembly to direct it. But your committee do not know that the materials for making the discrimination between these two divisions of our funds

exist. Yet they suppose that the object may be attained, if it be the will of the Assembly, by application to a Court of Chancery jurisdiction. The Committee, however, can see no adequate reason for making such a change, and they believe there are weighty reasons against doing it at this time. They therefore recommend that no further order be now taken on this subject.

On the subject of a change in the nature of our investments, the Committee think it ought to be considered the settled policy of the Presbyterian Church to have our funds as rapidly as may be prudent, removed from other investments, and placed in stock of the General Government or put out on bond and mortgage. But they are not prepared to advise an immediate sale of our stocks which are rapidly improving and yet are still much below par. They deem it better to leave the time when the sales shall take place to be determined on by the Trustees.

The Treasurer's report, it has been seen, exhibits a balance in his hands of \$4720.82. This however is made up of various items, on only a few of which the Assembly can now draw for the ordinary demands of the Church. The Committee submit a statement marked (D) of the items constituting that balance, and will now respectfully suggest the disposition which they think should be made of such portions as are rightfully under our control.

1. This item, the proceeds of a right of passage across the Passaic, which had been given to the Assembly, and has been sold, belongs to the permanent fund of the Princeton Seminary, and ought to be invested as a part thereof—\$40.90.

2. This which resulted from arrears of interest on the Nephew Scholarship, being income and not principal, the Committee think should be added to the education of young men for the ministry, according to the intention of the donor. As the most prudent means in present circumstances of effecting that object they recommend that it be applied to the diminution of the deficiency in the income of the scholarships for the present year—\$630.22.

3. and 6. These items proceeding from the Boudinot legacy are always disposed of by the Trustees for the purposes designated by the testator—\$167.40—\$53.08.

5. This item, interest on the fund for the conversion of the Jews, we recommend should be invested to accumulate until the Assembly shall enter on this work, and we recommend that the Trustees be instructed to invest for the same object the interest which from time to time shall accrue on this fund—\$172.74.

7. This is always paid, by general order, to the Mariners' chaplain—\$89.69.

9. 10. 11. Contingent fund of the Assembly—Fund for contingent expenses of the Trustees, and Commissioners' Fund, will be needed for the objects designated by their respective names—\$646.03.—\$65.25—\$38.22.

12. and 13. Interest account and Professors' salaries we recommend should be applied to the payment of the Princeton Professors—\$424.47—\$50.00.

15. Special fund for Princeton Seminary—\$543.00.

This fund, over which the pastors of the churches who contributed it, reserved a certain control, those pastors cordially consent shall be applied towards the payment of Professors' salaries. We recommend that it be so disposed of.

14. For Indian civilization and conversion—of this \$266.67 is principal. This we recommend should be invested. The residue \$287, is interest, and we recommend with the interest hereafter to accrue should be paid over to the Board of Foreign Missions, to be applied to the objects designated—\$553.81.

8. This item, the balance of the fund for the law suit, we advise should be invested and applied to the reduction of the \$21,017.57 heretofore lost—\$801.83.

4. On the books of the Treasurer there is a credit of \$843.47 to the fund for taxes on North Carolina land. Of this \$400, the principal, has been invested. The residue, which is interest, \$443.47 is in the hands of the treasurer. Your Committee have been informed that these lands have been recently sold. They advise that the \$443.47 be invested, and the whole sum \$843.47, be applied to the reduction of the above mentioned \$21,017.57. The Committee rejoice to be thus enabled to point the Assembly to means of reducing this debt by the important amount of \$1645.30. They hope every succeeding Assembly will use the necessary means to lessen it still further, until it shall be entirely paid off.

Your committee estimate the expenses which we must provide for at \$10,250.75.

Professors' salaries 5800. Scholarships, 2,783.07. Students' fund, 317.68. Permanent Missionary fund 1000. Treasurer's salary, 300 Secretary's salary, 50. Total, \$10,250.75.

To meet this we have estimated income from stocks and loans, \$3836.20; the items in the treasurer's hands 12, 13, and 15, which we recommend should be appropriated thus, \$1018.12 = \$4854.33. Leaving a deficiency of \$5396.42.

From this subtract the interest on the Nephew Scholarship which we have recommended should be appropriated towards the payment of interest on scholarships \$630.22. And the net amount to be provided for will be \$4766.20.

As similar deficiencies have heretofore existed, we have the advantage of some experience to aid us in determining on the best mode of supplying them. The Committee think that this experience justifies them in recommending that the Rev. John McDowell, D.D., Henry A. Boardman and Joseph H. Jones, and Messrs. Matthew Newkirk and James N. Dickson, be a committee to raise the amount of the above deficiency from the churches in the bounds of the Synods of Albany, New York, New Jersey and Philadelphia.

Your Committee in reviewing the report of the Trustees of the Seminary at Princeton, marked (E), see abundant cause of gratitude to the Great Head of the Church for the favour with which he seems still to regard that honoured institution. While we rejoice in the growing prosperity which seems to attend our other seminaries, and renders each in its sphere an ornament and a blessing to our Church, we are gratified to perceive that their increasing success is attended with no diminution of the usefulness of this, our oldest theological institution. The munificent donation of Mr. Lenox your committee suppose should be acknowledged by a suitable resolution of the Assembly. They recommend therefore the adoption of the following,

Resolved, That the thanks of this General Assembly are due and they are hereby tendered to James Lenox for his recent very valuable donation to the Theological Seminary at Princeton, of several acres of land with a house for the residence of a Professor, and a new and beautiful edifice for the accommodation of the Library of said Seminary.

Resolved, That the building last mentioned be called Lenox Hall.

Resolved, That the Stated Clerk be directed to forward a copy of the above resolutions to Mr. Lenox.

Your committee submit herewith a balance sheet from the books of the treasurer marked (F) and recommend that all the papers returned by them with this report be printed in the Appendix to the Minutes.

W. M. ATKINSON,
KENSEY JOHNS, JR.
HUGH AUCHINCLOSS,
D. V. McLEAN,
M. GREYTER,
DANIEL MCKINLEY.

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DOCUMENTS ACCOMPANYING THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF FINANCE:

(A.) *Referred to in the Report of the Committee of Finance.**Report of the Treasurer of the General Assembly.*

The whole amount received by the Treasurer, from May 1st, 1842, to May 1st, 1843, was \$10,314.33; making together with \$3284.35, the balance in the hands of the Treasurer from the last year, the sum of \$13,598.68. The expenditures during the year have amounted to \$8877.86, leaving a balance in the hands of the Treasurer at the close of the fiscal year, of four thousand seven hundred and twenty dollars eighty-two cents.

The following is an abstract of the several heads of receipts and expenditures:—

Balance from the last year,	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$3284 35
Contingent funds, contributions from churches, &c.	-	-	-	-	-	-	947 61
Commissioners' Fund,	-	-	-	-	-	-	657 76
Dividends on Bank Stocks, and Interest on Mortgages, &c.	-	-	-	-	-	-	4027 38
Special Fund for Princeton Theological Seminary,	-	-	-	-	-	-	569 32
Rev. J. Eastburn's bequest, dividends, rents, &c.	-	-	-	-	-	-	253 70
Permanent Funds received, paid in,	-	-	-	-	-	-	2500 00
Boudinot Missionary Fund,	-	-	-	-	-	-	494 74
Boudinot Fund for Pastors' Libraries,	-	-	-	-	-	-	275 57
Board of Education,	-	-	-	-	-	-	350 00
Professors' Salaries,	-	-	-	-	-	-	50 00
Wheelock Legacy, per Henry Chester, Esq.	-	-	-	-	-	-	188 25
							<u>\$13,598 68</u>

The payments are as follows:—

Scholarships, Interest on principal,	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$1125 34
Students' Fund, do. do.	-	-	-	-	-	-	154 73
Missionary Fund, paid Board of Missions,	-	-	-	-	-	-	547 38
Contingent Funds, paid sundries,	-	-	-	-	-	-	1252 51
Commissioners' Fund, paid Commissioners,	-	-	-	-	-	-	620 63
Professors' Salaries,	-	-	-	-	-	-	1201 81
Boudinot Fund for Pastors' Libraries,	-	-	-	-	-	-	248 03
Boudinot Missionary Fund,	-	-	-	-	-	-	414 23
Board of Education,	-	-	-	-	-	-	350 00
Rev. J. Eastburn's bequest, paid Sundries,	-	-	-	-	-	-	187 04
Special Fund for Princeton Theological Seminary,	-	-	-	-	-	-	276 16
Permanent Funds invested,	-	-	-	-	-	-	2500 00
Balance in the hands of the Treasurer May 1, 1843,	-	-	-	-	-	-	4720 82
							<u>\$13,598 68</u>

M. NEWKIRK, *Treasurer.*

PHILADELPHIA, May 1st, 1843.

The Committee on Accounts have examined the Stocks, Bonds, and Mortgages in the hands of Matthew Newkirk, Treasurer, and vouchers for moneys paid by him, and believe the same to be correct, leaving a cash balance of four thousand seven hundred and twenty dollars eighty-two cents in his hands.

MATTHEW L. BEVAN, }
STEPHEN COLWELL, } *Committee on Accounts.*

(C.) *Referred to in the Report of the Committee of Finance.*

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

To the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America.

The Trustees of the General Assembly beg leave respectfully to request the attention of the Assembly to the report of the Committee of Finance of the last Assembly, which report was adopted by that body, and is recorded in their printed Minutes, pages 38—42. In that report, there are several statements and remarks, calculated to make an erroneous impression on the public mind. It was made to the last Assembly, so near the close of their sessions, that time would not allow the Trustees, to point out the errors, which they believe it contains, and to vindicate themselves from the charges, therein at least implied.

In the paragraph of the report, page 38, beginning with "We herewith submit to the Assembly, the balance sheet, &c." we find stated a total loss from the permanent funds of \$2017.57, "over and above the loss by depreciation of stocks, &c. being so much of the capital stock sunk, in various ways not explained to the Committee." And this is said to be "a loss of 12 per cent. on the whole amount of our funds." The sum of \$2017.57, given as the total loss, is evidently a mistake. On page 60 is the balance sheet of the Trustees, in which the debit to profit and loss account is \$21,017.57. The report, in the paragraph we are considering, is calculated to make the impression, that no explanation has been given, of the ways in which this loss occurred; and that, though of long standing, it had only recently been "precisely revealed by the process incident to the closing of the old books, and the opening of the new on a better system." The fact is, that the loss in the permanent funds, was reported to the Assembly of 1833, and a full explanation given of the ways in which it had occurred. A large majority of the present members of the Board, did not then belong to it. The record of the losses, and of the ways by which they had occurred, will be found in detail in the printed Minutes of the Assembly of 1833, page 498. The ways in which these losses were incurred, are there stated, as follows. "The Trustees have done it, to meet appropriations made by the Assembly, from time to time, when they had no funds to meet such appropriations, and were obliged to borrow, if the appropriations of the Assembly were met; and instead of borrowing elsewhere, they borrowed of the permanent fund, expecting that the Church would repay it to such fund."

The Board would next respectfully call the attention of the Assembly to a paragraph, pages 39, 40, in the Minutes of the last Assembly, on the subject of the transfer of funds from this Board, to the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary at Princeton. The paragraph is as follows: "The second point relates to the transfer of the funds properly belonging to the Theological Seminary at Princeton, from the care of the Trustees of this Assembly, to the care of the Trustees of that Seminary. The opinion of the able Committee of Finance of the last Assembly, was clear and decided that this should be done; and the direction of the Assembly itself was precise and positive that the transfer should be made. (See Min. pp. 441—443.) We decidedly concur in this opinion; and consider the action of the Trustees in this matter, now reported by them, and explained in detail in paper E, No. 5, entirely short of the direction of the Assembly; which direction we therefore recommend to be reiterated. The slightest view of the balance sheet of the Trustees shows, that the great mass of the funds were for the use of the Seminary at Princeton, and belong in reality to it. And if the proprieties of the case did not clearly show, that its Trustees should control them, certainly the practical results do. Unless there be insuperable difficulties in the way of the transfer, it ought to be made, as soon as it can be properly done." This paragraph, contains an unequivocal censure on this Board, as having in their action in this matter, come "entirely short of the direction of the Assembly." In vindication of their action in this matter, the Trustees beg leave to quote the resolution of the Assembly of 1841, directing the transfer, and to give an account of their proceedings in consequence, together with their reasons for the course they have pursued. The resolution is found in the printed Minutes of the Assembly of 1841, pp. 442, 443, and is as follows, viz. "That the funds belonging of right to the

Theological Seminary at Princeton be transferred to, and invested and kept by the Trustees of that Institution, in the manner prescribed in these resolutions for the guidance of the Trustees of the General Assembly, so far as it can be done in accordance with the direction of the donors." In consequence of this resolution, the Trustees appointed a Committee to ascertain and report what funds, in possession of the Trustees of the General Assembly, belong to the Trustees of the Theological Seminary at Princeton, and they requested the Trustees at Princeton to do the same, which they did. These Committees, after a particular and careful examination into this matter jointly, agreed what sums ought and could be transferred; and their report was approved by the respective Boards. The transfer was accordingly made, as reported to the last Assembly, and contained in paper E, No. 5, page 72. The Board supposed that they had fully complied with the directions of the Assembly of 1841; and that they had transferred all that they legally could. The last Assembly renewed the order; and we now understand it to mean, all the funds, the proceeds of which are to be expended in the Seminary at Princeton. There is no disposition, on the part of this Board, to retain the custody or management of these funds; and they would most cheerfully resign them to the custody and management of the Board at Princeton. But they have been given or bequeathed, by the donors, expressly to this Corporation, in trust for the objects named by them; and this Board have been advised by high legal authority, that such a transfer would be a breach of trust; and the transfer itself a nullity. They have therefore concluded, that there are "insuperable difficulties in the way," in which case, the resolution of the Assembly exonerated the Trustees from making the transfer; and they feel, that they have fully complied with the direction of the Assembly; and therefore do not deserve to lie under the censure on this point, contained in the report adopted by the last Assembly.

A very serious reflection appears to be cast on this Board in relation to this matter, in the sentence, p. 40: "If the proprieties of the case did not clearly show, that its Trustees (that is, the Trustees of the Seminary) should control them, certainly the *practical results do.*" A similar reflection is contained in the following sentence on page 41; "As far as we understand the condition of the funds of the Seminary, managed by its own board of Trustees, they seem to have escaped the wreck of our other funds." These remarks, evidently convey the idea, that the Trustees at Princeton have managed the funds committed to them, much better than this Board; and that while those under the care of the latter have been wrecked, those under the care of the former have escaped. It was certainly not known to the Assembly, when these reflections were made, that the Trustees at Princeton have had next to no permanent funds to be wrecked. In the last official report made to the Legislature of New Jersey, by that Board in 1840, there is this paragraph: "The only permanent fund that the Board has is \$500, vested in Princeton Bank stock." This, we are informed from other authentic sources, was the only permanent fund under the care of that Board, until the transfer of \$3318 by this Board, reported to the last Assembly.

The Trustees further beg leave to make some remarks, on the present investments of the largest part of the permanent funds, in stocks, much of which has greatly depreciated in value, and has for some time yielded no dividends. The report adopted by the last Assembly appears to blame the Trustees for these investments, and especially for not having changed them, before the depreciation became so great. The Trustees deplore the depreciation of the stocks, in which the permanent funds are invested, and the consequent reduction in value of these funds, as much as the Assembly does. But it ought to be remembered, that they acted in this matter, by direction of the General Assembly; and that after they had acted, what they did was approved. The Assembly of 1833, passed the following resolution, found in their printed Minutes, page 499, viz. "That the Trustees be requested to consider whether safe investments of the funds, or a part of them, may not be made, so as to produce a higher rate of interest than they now yield; and if so, they are advised to endeavour to effect a change of stocks. In consequence of this advice, a change was made, and reported to the Assembly of 1834; which made the following minute, recorded page 17 of their printed Minutes: "The Treasurer presented a copy of his annual account as settled and approved by a committee of the Trustees, together with an account of the several funds, and a detailed statement of stocks belonging to each fund after the transfers

were made, according to the *order* of the last General Assembly." Mark here, that the Assembly of 1834 expressly declared that the Trustees had acted according to the *order* of the Assembly of 1833. The Assembly of 1835 took no other action on the report of the Trustees, than to receive it, and lay it on the table for the inspection of the members. See printed Minutes of 1835, page 13. The Assembly of 1836, expressed their approbation of what the Trustees had done; and their entire confidence in their judgment and prudence. The proceedings of that Assembly, in relation to this matter, are recorded in their printed Minutes, pp. 264, 265. We make the following extract from them, viz. "During the past year, important changes have been made by the Trustees in some of the funds. Under the suggestions made by a previous General Assembly, the Board have made new, and much more productive investments. The subject of investments in stocks, is much better understood by the Board of Trustees, than by your committee; and the committee believe the Assembly may place the most implicit confidence, as well in the judgment and skill, as in the prudence of the Trustees, in relation to this whole subject. They therefore only suggest to them, that while it is of importance to secure the increase of revenue, which the new investments in bank stock have yielded, and promise to yield in future; yet a due regard is to be had to the safety and permanency of those investments; and taking into consideration the highly important interests dependent upon such security, that greater risk ought not to be run, than would be incurred by a prudent man whose family with himself might be dependent upon the investments. *Resolved*, that the General Assembly *approve* of the proceedings of the Board of Trustees, as detailed in their report." This report is printed in the Appendix to the Minutes of 1836, pp. 304—307. The report made to the Assembly of 1837, is contained in the Appendix to their printed Minutes, pp. 515—518. This report was approved by the Assembly, without comment or direction. See Minutes, page 488. The report made to the Assembly of 1838 was accepted, also without comment, or any direction as to future action. See printed Minutes of that year, page 22. The same precisely was the case in 1839. See printed Minutes of that year, page 158. Thus far, from 1833 to 1839, the Board literally acted according to the advice, and order, of the General Assembly; and their action received the recorded approbation of several successive Assemblies; and it is worthy of remark here, that disastrous as these investments are now supposed to be, the losses would have been much greater, if they had continued as they were in 1833, and previously.

In 1840, stocks, from causes which the great mass of the wisest and most prudent men did not foresee, and which had involved them individually in heavy losses, had considerably declined in value. The action of the Assembly of that year, in relation to the report of the Trustees, is recorded in their printed Minutes, page 300. We make the following extract: "The committee fear that some portion of these investments is now in extreme hazard. It is plain that the Assembly would not, at the present time, recommend a further investment of the Church funds in the stocks of South-western banks. Is it not worthy of the consideration of the Trustees, whether it be not the part of wisdom to sell the stocks of the unproductive banks, as soon as it may be judiciously done, and invest the proceeds in securities which are less fluctuating and less hazardous?" The Trustees, in the exercise of their best judgment, to which the matter was referred by the Assembly, hoping that the depreciation would be only temporary, and unwilling to make such a sacrifice, as would have been incurred by a sale at that time, thought it could not be "judiciously done." They did, however, sell the most depreciated, and what they considered the most desperate of their South-western bank stock, the nominal value of which was between nine and ten thousand dollars. For this, though much loss was suffered, they received nearly ten times as much as it would now bring. The proceedings of the Assembly of 1841 in relation to the report of the Trustees in that year is found, in the printed Minutes of that year, pp. 440—443. The report of the Financial Committee of last year, censures the Trustees for not acting according to the recommendation of the Assembly of 1841, and promptly disposing of the stocks. "It would (say they, page 40.) have been extremely fortunate, if the recommendation of the last Assembly had been promptly carried out in the wise and provident spirit which prompted it." What was the recommendation of the Assembly of 1841? We find it in page 442. "That in the opinion of this committee, the funds in the hands of the Trustees,

are at present invested in securities, for the most part of very questionable character: and the Trustees are hereby directed to invest these funds in Bond and Mortgage on Real Estate, as soon as that can be done with advantage and safety." This latter clause, the Trustees supposed, precluded them from selling the stocks, through the year. Instead of being done with "advantage," it must have been done at a very great loss. Besides, the Assembly of 1841, while they directed the sale of the stocks as soon as it could be done with advantage, at the same time recommended delay, at the price the stocks then were; as in the following paragraph, page 441: "If the Assembly were compelled to dispose of these stocks at the present market prices, the loss would be such as is above estimated, viz. \$43,354. But the Committee cherish the hope, that by prudent management and some *delay*, much of this may be avoided." The reasons for delay increased instead of diminished through the whole year. It is referred to the Assembly to judge, whether in view of the instructions of the Assembly of 1841, and the facts of the case, the Trustees deserve the censure contained in the minute of the Assembly of 1842.

Through the year past, the Trustees have not changed the stock investments of the permanent funds. As the last Assembly gave no order on this subject; but having remarked, page 40, that "the proper time of selling most of our securities had passed by," left "the whole matter as to the time and manner of the proposed change of investment to the sound discretion of the Trustees;" the Board have not ventured to take upon themselves the responsibility of selling at the very reduced rates of most of these stocks. Since the meeting of the last Assembly, they have been much more depressed than they were then. The Board, however, are happy to say, that most of our stocks have, for a few months past, been gradually rising, and are still advancing. They were valued last May by three gentlemen, at the request of the Committee of Finance of the Assembly, and they reported that the market price then was \$46,705. Their report is found on page 74 of the Minutes of last year. The same stocks now at the market price are worth \$63,614, making a gain of \$16,909.

The preceding statements and remarks, are respectfully submitted to the Assembly; with a request that they may be carefully examined and considered; and if they be found correct, that measures may be taken, to remove the erroneous impressions, which the action of the last Assembly is calculated to make and perpetuate. By order of the Board.

ASHBEL GREEN, *President.*

JAMES BAYARD, *Secretary,*

(D.) *Referred to in the Report of the Committee of Finance.*

STATEMENT OF ITEMS CONSTITUTING THE BALANCE IN THE TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.

1. Permanent Fund Theological Seminary,	\$40 90
2. Nephew Scholarship,	630 22
3. Boudinot Missionary Fund,	167 40
4. Fund For Taxes on North Carolina Lands,	443 47
5. Fund for Conversion of the Jews,	172 74
6. Boudinot Fund for Books for Pastors' Libraries,	53 08
7. Rev. Joseph Eastburn's Bequest,	89 69
8. Fund for Law Suit,	801 83
9. Contingent Fund General Assembly,	646 08
10. Contingent Expenses Board of Trustees,	65 25
11. Commissioners' Fund,	38 22
12. Interest Account,	424 47
13. Professors' Salaries,	50 00
14. Permanent Fund for Indians of North America,	553 81
15. Special Fund for Princeton Theological Seminary,	543 66

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(E.) Referred to in the Report of Committee of Finance.

EIGHTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY AT PRINCETON.

The Trustees of the Theological Seminary at Princeton report to the General Assembly, that the following is the report of their Treasurer, James S. Green, Esq., as audited by a Committee appointed by the Board for the purpose, consisting of Solomon Allen, John J. Bryant and James Neilson, Esqrs.

The Treasurer has received on the expense fund since the last settlement \$878, which added to the balance then due this fund, of \$314.55, makes the sum of \$1192.55; and he has expended for servants' wages, postage, treasurer's commissions, &c., the sum of \$349.13½; leaving a balance due this fund of \$343.41½.

The Treasurer has received on the Education fund since the last settlement, the sum of \$1774.62, which added to the balance then due this fund of \$541.29, makes the sum of \$2315.91, and he has expended on the order of the Professors of the Seminary, the sum of \$2213.75; leaving a balance due this fund of \$102.16.

The Treasurer has received on the Contingent fund since the last settlement, the sum of \$5845.39, which added to the balance then due this fund of \$79.74, makes the sum of \$5925.13. The most of the receipts of this fund are from the contributions from churches, \$3789.33. He has expended for the salaries of Professors, \$5915.11; leaving a balance due this fund of \$10.02.

Recapitulation.

General Balance,	\$455 59½
Made up of balance on expense fund,	\$343 41½
Education fund,	102 16
Contingent fund,	10 02
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The last Assembly recommended to this Board to take upon themselves the raising of the deficit in the sum necessary to pay the Professors' salaries. In consequence of this recommendation of the Assembly, a special meeting of the Board was called, and held on the 12th July last. At this meeting it was resolved to address a circular letter to the churches, in the bounds of the Synods of Albany, New York, New Jersey and Philadelphia, asking for a contribution, to meet the expected deficiency in the funds necessary to pay the Professors' salaries. A circular was accordingly issued and sent, post paid, to about *two hundred and fifty* congregations. To this circular sixty-seven congregations have responded, by transmitting collections. The sums received by the Treasurer, James S. Green, Esq., from this source have been the following, viz.

From 1st Church, New York,	\$600 00	From 1st Ch. Brooklyn, L. I., N.Y.,	50 00
" Allentown, N. J.,	20 00	" Caledonia, N. Y.,	25 00
" Frederick, Maryland,	24 00	" Bridgeton, N. J.,	25 00
" Paterson, N. J.,	22 18	" 1st Ch. Alexandria, D. C.,	25 00
" Goodwill, N. Y.,	25 00	" Burlington, N. J.,	20 00
" Young Ladies' Missionary Society, Lancaster, Pa.,	25 00	" Walnut Street Ch., Philad'a.,	150 00
" Shellsburg, Pa.,	15 00	" Sinking Creek, Pa.,	15 00
" Princeton, N. J.,	50 00	" Hardwick & Marksboro', N. J.,	9 00
" 1st Ch. Elizabethtown, N. J.,	60 00	" St. Thomas and Rocky Spring, Pa.,	16 00
" Hempstead, L. Island, N. Y.,	15 00	" Carlisle, Pa., (\$30, dis. \$3.12)	26 88
" 2d Ch. Brooklyn, " N. Y.,	20 00	" D. D. R., New York City,	3 00
" Neshaminy, Pa.,	15 00	" Lower Mount Bethel, Pa.,	10 00
" Lamington, N. J.,	18 00	" Lansingburgh, N. Y.,	21 20
" Lawrenceville, N. J.,	30 00	" Shrewsbury, N. J.,	10 00
" New Brunswick,	50 00	" Sparta, N. Y.,	20 00
" Central Church, Philadelphia,	150 00	" Bellefonte, Pa.,	28 50

From Kingston, N. J., - - -	30 00	From Blairstown & Knowlton, N.J.,	16 00
" Rutgers St. Ch., New York,	67 00	" Pennington, N. J., - - -	25 05
" Greencastle, Pa., (\$20, disc't.		" Trenton, N. J., - - -	26 00
\$1.60), - - -	18 40	" 1st Church Albany, N. Y.,	109 00
" 1st Ch. Baltimore, Md., -	321 52	" Easton, Pa., - - -	40 00
" Chatham, N. J., - - -	17 00	" Rev. C. K. Imbrie, Rahway,	
" Salem, N. Y., - - -	25 00	N. J., - - -	20 00
" South East, N. Y., - - -	16 00	" 1st Church Freehold, N. J.	15 11
" Bath, N. Y., - - -	15 00	" Mount Pleasant, Pa., - - -	15 00
" 6th Church, Philadelphia, -	75 00	" Salem, N. J. - - -	25 00
" Alexandria and Hartslog, Pa.,	18 90	" Smithfield, Pa., - - -	3 75
" Hollidaysburg, Pa., (\$20, dis-		" Frechold Village, N. J., -	20 00
count 40 cts.), - - -	19 60	" 2d Church, Albany, N. Y.,	36 31
" Pine Creek, Pa., (\$4.01, dis-		" Oxford, N. J., - - -	10 00
count 36 cts.), - - -	3 65	" New Amsterdam, N. Y., -	6 25
" Monroe, N. Y., - - -	3 25	" Individuals in 1st Ch. Eliza-	
" Rev. John C. Backus, Balt.,	100 00	bethtown, N. J., - - -	25 00
" Bound Brook, N. J., - - -	42 00	" Jamaica, Long Island, N. Y.,	32 08
" 2d Church, Philadelphia, -	150 00	" Friends in New York, - - -	50 00
" 2d Church, Cranberry, N. J.,	16 00	" 3d Church Albany, N. Y., -	20 00
" Westfield, N. J., - - -	12 00	" Duane Street Ch., New York,	150 00
" Friends to the Seminary,	500 00	" Brick Church, New York,	27 75
" Newcastle, Delaware, - - -	13 00	" Wilkesbarre, Pa., - - -	10 00
" Rev. Dr. Jacob J. Janeway,			
New Brunswick, N. J., -	50 00		
			<u>\$3789 33</u>

This fund has been applied to meet the deficiency in the funds for the payment of the salaries of the three elder Professors. There is due to them at the date of this report, May 16th, \$735. It is expected that the Treasurer will have in a few days, the means of discharging this balance. To the junior Professor, whose salary has been provided for from funds specially raised for that object, is due \$750.

The Library through the year has received by donations, the following additions; viz.

From the Rev. Dr. Robert Davidson, Lexington, Kentucky, 2 volumes.

From James Lenox, Esq., New York, 126 volumes.

From Rev. James Harlow, Bensalem, Pennsylvania 2 volumes.

From Rev. Dr. Robert J. Breckinridge, Baltimore, 2 volumes.

From Rev. Dr. William B. Sprague, Albany, 25 volumes.

From Rev. J. V. Herries, 5 volumes.

From the Presbyterian Board of Publication, 90 volumes.

From Rev. Thomas Boaz, Calcutta, India, 12 volumes.

From Rev. Mr. Lanneau, Jerusalem, 9 volumes in Arabic.

From anonymous donors, 4 volumes.

From Samuel Miller, Jr., Princeton, New Jersey, a map of the coast of Africa.

From E. C. Delavan, Esq., Albany, 8 plates framed, of the drawings of the human stomach, by Dr. Sewell, with a book of explanations.

Besides these, there have been received on purchase, or exchange for duplicates, 56 volumes; and there have been imported from Germany, for the Library of the Alumni Association, 48 volumes.

The whole number of volumes added to the library through the year by donation and purchase, has been 382 volumes.

The Board have the pleasure to inform the Assembly, that James Lenox, Esq., of New York, has presented to this Board at their present meeting, a valuable lot or lots of land, containing about five acres, with the buildings thereon. These lots adjoin the Seminary. The deed of conveyance contains the following proviso and condition. " *Provided always nevertheless*, and upon this condition, that if at any time, or times, hereafter, the said parties of the second part shall pass from under the supervision and control of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America, now commonly known and distinguished as the Old-school General Assembly, and its successors; or if at any time or times hereafter, the leading doctrines declared in the Confession of Faith, and the Catechisms of the Presbyterian Church, such as the doctrine of universal and total

depravity, the doctrine of election, the doctrine of the atonement, the doctrines of the imputation of Adam's sin to all his posterity, and of the imputation of Christ's righteousness to all his people for their justification, the doctrine of human inability, and the doctrine of the necessity of the influences of the Holy Spirit, in the regeneration, conversion and sanctification of sinners, as these doctrines are now understood and explained, by the aforesaid Old-school General Assembly, shall cease to be taught and inculcated in the said Seminary—then and in either such case the grant and conveyance hereby made shall cease, and become null and void, and the said premises shall thereupon revert to the said party of the first part, his heirs or assigns, as in his first and former estate. It being expressly understood and agreed that the premises herein first above described, upon which is now erected the building intended to be used for the library to the said Seminary, shall at all time or times hereafter be appropriated for the use of the library belonging to the said Seminary, and not as a place of residence, or of carrying on any trade, business or occupation, not connected with the said library establishment; but any spare ground, being part of the said premises, not wanted for the said library establishment, may be used for the erection of any other public edifice or building connected with the said Seminary. And it being expressly understood and agreed, that the premises herein secondly and thirdly above described shall be used and appropriated as the residence of one or more of the Professors, or other public Teachers in the said Seminary; and that one or more additional edifices may be erected thereon for that purpose, at any time or times hereafter."

This deed the Trustees have accepted on the conditions therein contained as recited above.

The munificent donor, is now erecting on the lot thus deeded, a large and elegant building for the accommodation of the library of the Seminary. This building is not yet completed.

Signed by order of the Board.

JOHN McDOWELL, *Secretary.*

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(F.) *Referred to in the Report*

Dr.	<i>Balance Sheet from the Treasurer of the Trustees of the</i>	
Page 40	Merchants' and Manufacturers' Bank of Pittsburgh,	\$14,302 92
" "	Planters' Bank of Mississippi,	11,077 62
" 41	Bank of Louisville,	10,526 25
" "	Union Bank of Tennessee,	15,262 50
" 42	Bank of Mobile,	11,027 50
" "	Merchants' and Mechanics' Bank of Wheeling,	15,025 00
" 43	Agricultural Bank of Mississippi,	23,701 76
" "	Planters' Bank of Tennessee,	22,106 25
" 44	Grand Gulf Rail Road Company,	992 47
" "	Philadelphia and Wilmington and Baltimore Road Co. Loan, 1844,	940 74
" 45	Mechanics' Bank Philadelphia,	4,828 81
" "	Tenth Presbyterian Church,	12,500 00
" 46	Solomon Allen,	6,000 00
" "	John Colt,	2,500 00
" 47	Josiah Hall,	5,000 00
" 48	Philadelphia Bank Stock,	2,000 00
" "	North America Insurance Company Stock,	450 00
" 49	Cheltenham and Willow Grove Turnpike Company,	1,000 00
" "	Pennsylvania Insurance Company Stock,	800 05
" 50	Pennsylvania Bank Stock,	400 00
" "	United States Bank Stock,	1,100 00
" 51	Bank of North America Stock,	800 00
" 52	Joseph Moore,	2,500 00
" "	Profit and Loss,	21,017 57
" 67	Balance,	4,720 82

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of Committee of Finance. (F.)*General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church Ledger.*

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Page	2	Professorship, Synods of New York and New Jersey, -	\$19,395	70
"	3	Southern Professorship, Synods of North and South Carolina and Georgia, - - - - -	17,282	52
"	4	Professorship, Synod of Philadelphia, - - - - -	17,639	28
"	5	Professorship Oriental and Biblical Literature, - - - - -	3,185	06
"	6	Permanent Fund of the Theological Seminary, - - - - -	23,624	20
"	7	Permanent Missionary Fund, - - - - -	25,686	74
"	8	Students' Fund, - - - - -	6,353	79
"	9	The Whitehead Scholarship, - - - - -	2,500	00
"	10	The Charleston Female Scholarship, - - - - -	2,500	00
"	11	The Nephew do. - - - - -	3,130	22
"	12	The Woodhull do. - - - - -	2,500	00
"	13	The Scott do. - - - - -	2,500	00
"	14	The Van Brugh Livingston do. - - - - -	2,643	00
"	15	The Augusta Female do. - - - - -	2,500	00
"	16	The Jane Keith do. - - - - -	2,500	00
"	17	The Gosman do. - - - - -	2,500	00
"	18	The Wickes do. - - - - -	2,500	00
"	19	The Othniel Smith do. - - - - -	2,500	00
"	20	The H. Smith do. - - - - -	3,000	00
"	21	The Anderson do. - - - - -	2,500	00
"	22	The Kennedy do. - - - - -	2,500	00
"	24	The Boudinot do. - - - - -	2,510	00
"	25	The Colt do. - - - - -	2,500	00
"	26	The ED. do. - - - - -	2,500	00
"	27	The Kirkpatrick do. - - - - -	2,668	81
"	28	The King do. - - - - -	2,500	00
"	29	The Ralston do. - - - - -	2,437	50
"	30	The Fayetteville do. - - - - -	901	71
"	31	The Senior Class, 1819, do. - - - - -	2,282	63
"	32	The _____ do. - - - - -	2,186	79
"	33	The Senior Class, 1823, do. - - - - -	1,117	23
"	34	The Senior Class, 1820 & 21, do. - - - - -	1,603	27
"	35	The Harmony do. - - - - -	1,810	46
"	36	Boudinot Missionary Fund, - - - - -	5,167	40
"	37	Fund for Taxes on North Carolina land, - - - - -	843	47
"	38	Fund for the Conversion of the Jews, - - - - -	294	34
"	39	Fund for Books for Pastors' Libraries, - - - - -	53	08
"	53	Rev. Joseph Eastburn's Bequest, - - - - -	6,639	69
"	54	Fund for Law Suit, - - - - -	801	83
"	55	Contingent Fund General Assembly, - - - - -	646	08
"	56	Contingent Expenses Board of Trustees - - - - -	65	25
"	57	Commissioners' Fund, - - - - -	38	22
"	60	Interest Account, - - - - -	424	47
"	62	Professors' Salaries, - - - - -	50	00
"	63	Permanent Fund for Indians of North America, - - - - -	553	81
"	65	Special Fund Princeton Theological Seminary, - - - - -	543	66
			<u>\$190,580</u>	<u>21</u>

GENERAL VIEW OF SYNODS.

NAMES.	RESPECTIVE PRESBYTERIES.	NO. OF MINISTERS.	NO. OF CHURCHES.	NO. OF COMMUNICANTS.	PLACE OF NEXT MEETING.	TIME OF NEXT MEETING.	STATED CLERKS.
<i>Albany,</i>	Londonderry, Ogdensburg, Troy, Albany, Columbia.	75	56	7816	Troy, N. Y.	2d Tuesday in October, 1843, 2 o'clock, P. M.	REUBEN SMITH.
<i>New York,</i>	Hudson, North River, Bedford, Long Island, New York, New York 2d.	101	75	11532	New York City.	3d Tuesday of October, 1843, 7½ o'clock, P. M.	JOHN M. KREBS, D.D.
<i>New Jersey,</i>	Elizabethtown, N. Brunswick, Newton, Raritan, Susquehanna, Steubenville, Wyoming.	131	120	15973	Newton, N. J.	2d Tuesday of October, 1843, 3 o'clock, P. M.	RAVAUD K. RODGERS.
<i>Philadelphia,</i>	Philada., Phila. 2d, West Jersey, New Castle, Donegal, Baltimore, Carlisle, Huntingdon, Northumberland.	162	209	23965	Baltimore, Md.	3d Wednesday of October, 1843, 7 o'clock, P. M.	HENRY R. WILSON, D.D.
<i>Pittsburgh,</i>	Redstone, Ohio, Erie, Beaver, Allegheny, Blairsville, Clarion.	117	179	16850	Pittsburgh, Pa.	2d Wednesday of September, 1843, 3 o'clock, P. M.	WILLIAM JEFFERY, CHARLES C. BEATTY, D.D.
<i>Wheeling,</i>	Steubenville, Washington, New Lisbon, St. Clairsville.	67	98	8947	New Lisbon, Ohio.	3d Tuesday of October, 1843, 2 o'clock, P. M.	WILLIAM JEFFERY, CHARLES C. BEATTY, D.D.
<i>Ohio,</i>	Columbus, Lancaster, Marion, Richland, Wooster.	69	132	9176	Zanesville, Ohio.	Last Thursday of September, 1843, 11 o'clock, A. M.	SIMEON BROWN,
<i>Cincinnati,</i>	Chillicothe, Miami, Cincinnati, Oxford, Sidney, Maumee,	67	123	8651	Church of Hamilton & Rossville.	2d Thursday of September, 1843, 11 o'clock, A. M.	SAMUEL STEEL.
<i>Indiana,</i>	Salem, Vincennes, Madison, Crawfordsville, Indianapolis, Logansport, Michigan, Lake.	60	131	6274			

<i>Illinois,</i>	Kaskaskia, Sangamon, Schuyler, Peoria, Paletine, Iowa.	46	99	2958	Macomb, Ill.	1st Thursday in October, 1843, 7 o'clock, P. M.	JOHN G. BERGEN.
<i>Missouri,</i>	Missouri, St. Louis, Palmyra.	27	60	2615	St. Louis, Mo.	Thursday, 19th of October, 1843, 7 o'clock, P. M.	WM. S. POTTS, D.D.
<i>Kentucky,</i>	Louisville, Muhlenburg, Transylvania, West Lexington, Ebenezer.	70	127	7177	Lexington, Ky.	1st Wednesday in October, 1843, 7 o'clock, P. M.	S. S. McROBERTS.
<i>Virginia,</i>	Greenbrier, Lexington, Winchester, West Hanover, East Hanover.	102	133	8170	Lewisburg, Va.	2d Wednesday of October, 1843, 7 o'clock, P. M.	WM. S. PLUMER, D.D.
<i>North Carolina,</i>	Orange, Fayetteville, Concord.	76	138	10932	Raleigh.		COLIN McIVER,
<i>West Tennessee,</i>	Holston, West Tennessee, Nashville, North Alabama, Western District.	41	74	3569	Jackson, Tenn.	Thursday, 12th of October, 1843, 7 o'clock, P. M.	JOHN T. EDGAR, D.D.
<i>22</i> <i>* S. Carolina & Georgia,</i>	South Carolina, Bethel, Harmony, Charleston, Georgia, Hopewell, Flint River, Florida.	114	178	8193	Augusta, Ga.	Thursday before the 1st Sabbath in December, 1843, 7 o'clock, P. M.	B. GILDERSLEEVE.
<i>Alabama,</i>	South Alabama, Tuscaloosa, East Alabama.	39	73	3583	Montgomery, Ala.	Thursday before the 4th Sabbath in October, 1843, 11 o'clock, A. M.	ROBERT NALL.
<i>Mississippi,</i>	Mississippi, Louisiana, Clinton, Tombeckbee, Chickasaw, Arkansas, Indian.	55	84	2734	Yazoo City, Miss.	4th Wednesday in October, 1843, 11 o'clock, A. M.	J. H. VAN COURT.
<i>Northern Indiana,</i>	Lodiana, Furrukabad, Allahabad.	15	3				

STANDING RULE.

In the minutes of the General Assembly for the year 1821, is the following important rule which was adopted by the Assembly. "An overture from the Synod of North Carolina was received and read, and is as follows, viz.

Whereas the General Assembly is the highest and most important judicatory of the Presbyterian Church; and whereas to obtain the Divine blessing on that judicatory must appear to every Christian of our denomination, to be a matter of the utmost moment; therefore,

Resolved, That this Synod do respectfully suggest to the General Assembly the propriety of recommending to all the churches under their care, to observe annually, *the afternoon or evening previous to the meeting of that body*, as a season of special prayer to Almighty God for his blessing; that he would of his infinite mercy condescend to superintend and direct all their measures, deliberations and decisions; so that all may redound to the promotion of His own glory, and the general prosperity of that particular Church to which we belong."



TO THE STATED CLERKS OF SYNODS.

It is the duty of the Stated Clerks of the respective Synods, to send up to the Stated Clerk of the General Assembly, an annual report, stating in brief, the number of Presbyteries, ministers, churches, licentiates, and candidates within their bounds, and particularly all changes which may have been made in the arrangement of Presbyteries. By the Assembly of 1841 (see p. 425,) it has been made their duty also to transmit to the Stated Clerk of the Assembly, the time and place of meetings of their respective Synods.

NAMES OF THE MODERATORS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

- A. D. 1789, * Rev. John Rogers, D. D., New York.
 1790, * Rev. Robert Smith, D. D., Pennsylvania.
 1791, * Rev. John Woodhull, D. D., New Jersey.
 1792, * Rev. John King, D. D., Pennsylvania.
 1793, * Rev. James Latta, D. D., Pennsylvania.
 1794, * Rev. Alexander McWhorter, D. D., New Jersey.
 1795, * Rev. John McKnight, D. D., New York.
 1796, * Rev. Robert Davidson, D. D., Pennsylvania.
 1797, * Rev. William M. Tennent, D. D., Pennsylvania.
 1798, * Rev. John Blair Smith, D. D., Pennsylvania.
 1799, * Rev. Samuel Stanhope Smith, D. D. LL. D., New Jersey.
 1800, * Rev. Joseph Clark, D. D., New Jersey.
 1801, * Rev. Nathaniel Irwin, Pennsylvania.
 1802, * Rev. Azel Roe, D. D., New Jersey.
 1803, * Rev. James Hall, D. D., North Carolina.
 1804, * Rev. James F. Armstrong, New Jersey.
 1805, Rev. James Richards, D. D., New Jersey.
 1806, Rev. Samuel Miller, D. D., New York.
 1807, Rev. Archibald Alexander, D. D., Pennsylvania.
 1808, Rev. Philip Milledoler, D. D., Pennsylvania.
 1809, * Rev. Drury Lacy, Virginia.
 1810, * Rev. John Brodhead Romeyn, D. D., New York.
 1811, Rev. Eliphalet Nott, D. D., New York.
 1812, * Rev. Andrew Flinn, D. D., South Carolina.
 1813, * Rev. Samuel Blatchford, D. D., New York.
 1814, * Rev. James Inglis, D. D., Maryland.
 1815, Rev. William Neill, D. D., New York.
 1816, * Rev. James Blythe, D. D., Kentucky.
 1817, * Rev. Jonas Coe, D. D., New York.
 1818, Rev. Jacob Jones Janeway, D. D., Pennsylvania.
 1819, * Rev. John Holt Rice, D. D., Virginia.
 1820, Rev. John McDowell, D. D., New Jersey.
 1821, Rev. William Hill, D. D., Virginia.
 1822, * Rev. Obadiah Jennings, D. D., Ohio.
 1823, * Rev. John Chester, D. D., New York.
 1824, Rev. Ashbel Green, D. D. LL. D., Pennsylvania.
 1825, * Rev. Stephen N. Rowan, D. D., New York.
 1826, Rev. Thomas McAuley, D. D. LL. D., New York.
 1827, Rev. Francis Herron, D. D., Pennsylvania.
 1828, Rev. Ezra Styles Ely, D. D., Pennsylvania.
 1829, Rev. Benjamin Holt Rice, D. D., Virginia.
 1830, * Rev. Ezra Fisk, D. D., New York.
 1831, Rev. Nathan S. S. Beman, D. D., New York.
 1832, Rev. James Hoge, D. D., Ohio.
 1833, Rev. William A. McDowell, D. D., South Carolina.
 1834, Rev. Phillip Lindsley, D. D., Tennessee.
 1835, Rev. William W. Phillips, D. D., New York.
 1836, Rev. John Witherspoon, D. D., South Carolina.
 1837, Rev. David Elliott, D. D., Pennsylvania.
 1838, Rev. William S. Plumer, D. D., Virginia.
 1839, Rev. Joshua L. Wilson, D. D., Ohio.
 1840, Rev. William M. Engles, D. D., Pennsylvania.
 1841, Rev. Robert J. Breckinridge, D. D., Maryland.
 1842, Rev. John T. Edgar, D. D., Tennessee.
 1843, Rev. Gardiner Spring, D. D., New York.

* Deceased.

STATED CLERKS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

- A. D. 1788, * Rev. George Duffield, D. D.
 1790, Rev. Ashbel Green, D. D. LL. D.
 1803, Rev. Philip Milledoler, D. D.
 1806, *Rev. Nathaniel Irwin,
 1807, Rev. Jacob Jones Janeway, D. D.
 1817, Rev. William Neill, D. D.
 1825, Rev. Ezra Styles Ely, D. D.
 1836, Rev. John McDowell, D. D.
 1840, Rev. William M. Engles, D. D.



PERMANENT CLERKS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

- A. D. 1802, *Rev. Nathaniel Irwin.
 1807, *Rev. John Ewing Latta.
 1825, Rev. John McDowell, D. D.
 1837, Rev. John M. Krebs, D. D.

* Deceased.



REGULATION RESPECTING THE MINUTES,

*Adopted by the Assemblies of 1836 and 1837, and directed to be re-published
 in the Appendix to the Minutes.*

“Each Presbytery shall forward to the Treasurer, for the *Contingent Fund* of the Assembly, at or before the meeting of the Assembly in each year, a sum equal to *fifty cents* for each member of the Presbytery, and for any licentiate or other person who shall desire the Minutes, and whose post-office address shall be given. And the Stated Clerk shall not forward the Minutes to the members of any Presbytery from which no such remittance shall be made, but only to the Stated Clerk of such Presbytery, and to such members as shall forward the sum above stated.”

SYNODS AND PRESBYTERIES.

THE General Assembly has under its care *nineteen* Synods, comprising *one hundred and five* Presbyteries, viz.

1. The Synod of ALBANY, containing the *five* Presbyteries of Londonderry, Ogdensburgh, Troy, Albany and Columbia.
2. The Synod of NEW YORK, containing the *six* Presbyteries of Hudson, North River, Bedford, Long Island, New York and New York 2d.
3. The Synod of NEW JERSEY, containing the *seven* Presbyteries of Elizabethtown, New Brunswick, Newton, Raritan, Susquehanna, Steuben and Wyoming.
4. The Synod of PHILADELPHIA, containing the *nine* Presbyteries of Philadelphia, Philadelphia 2d, West Jersey, New Castle, Donegal, Baltimore, Carlisle, Huntingdon and Northumberland.
5. The Synod of PITTSBURGH, containing the *seven* Presbyteries of Redstone, Ohio, Erie, Beaver, Allegheny, Blairsville and Clarion.
6. The Synod of WHEELING, containing the *four* Presbyteries of Steubenville, Washington, New Lisbon and St. Clairsville.
7. The Synod of OHIO, containing the *five* Presbyteries of Columbus, Lancaster, Marion, Richland and Wooster.
8. The Synod of CINCINNATI, containing the *six* Presbyteries of Chillicothe, Miami, Cincinnati, Oxford, Sidney and Maumee.
9. The Synod of INDIANA, containing the *eight* Presbyteries of Salem, Vincennes, Madison, Crawfordsville, Indianapolis, Logansport, Michigan and Lake.
10. The Synod of ILLINOIS, containing the *six* Presbyteries of Kaskaskia, Sangamon, Schuyler, Peoria, Palestine and Iowa.
11. The Synod of MISSOURI, containing the *three* Presbyteries of Missouri, St. Louis and Palmyra.
12. The Synod of KENTUCKY, containing the *five* Presbyteries of Louisville, Muhlenburg, Transylvania, West Lexington and Ebenezer.
13. The Synod of VIRGINIA, containing the *five* Presbyteries of Greenbrier, Lexington, Winchester, West Hanover and East Hanover.
14. The Synod of NORTH CAROLINA, containing the *three* Presbyteries of Orange, Fayetteville and Concord.
15. The Synod of WEST TENNESSEE, containing the *five* Presbyteries of Holston, West Tennessee, Nashville, North Alabama and Western District.
16. The Synod of SOUTH CAROLINA AND GEORGIA, containing the *eight* Presbyteries of South Carolina, Bethel, Harmony, Charleston, Georgia, Hopewell, Flint River and Florida.
17. The Synod of ALABAMA, containing the *three* Presbyteries of South Alabama, Tuscaloosa and East Alabama.
18. The Synod of MISSISSIPPI, containing the *seven* Presbyteries of Mississippi, Louisiana, Clinton, Tombeckbee, Chickasaw, Arkansas and Indian.
19. The Synod of NORTHERN INDIA, containing the *three* Presbyteries of Lodianna, Furrukabad and Allahabad.

Sanders Dieffendorf, Charles Morehouse. <i>Candidates—14.</i>	176	113	3420	44	170	\$938	\$1600	\$660	\$75	\$150	\$49	48 75	\$2776	Esperance, N. Y. Charlton, N. Y.
5. <i>Presbytery of Columbia.</i> Alden Scovel, P. Alfred Gardner, P.	2	2	54		4	21	24	9				3 00		Stockport, N. Y. Hudson, N. Y.
William Chester, Agt. William James, W. C. David M. Smith, W. C. William M. Snyder.—6.	5	8	85	1	6	7	22	30						Philadelphia, Pa. Albany, N. Y. Upper Redhook, N. Y. Castile, N. Y.
32 SYNOD OF NEW YORK.	7	10	139	1	10	\$28	\$46	\$39				\$3 00		Scotchtown, N. Y.
1. <i>Presbytery of Hudson.</i> Methuselah Baldwin, P. Gershon Williams, W. C. Charles Cummins, D. D. P. William Blain, P. Samuel Pelton, W. C. Robert McCartec, D. D. P. John H. Leggett, P. Edwin Downer, W. C. Benjamin Van Keuren, P. James R. Johnson, W. C. James Russell, W. C. James Adams, P. John Jay Thompson, S. S. Ralph Bull, P. Edward D. G. Prime, P. James Petrie, P. John N. Boyd, P.	5	5	185			115	137	44		25	4	1 50	114	Florida, N. Y. Montgomery, N. Y. Monticello, N. Y. Goshen, N. Y. Bullville, N. Y. Mount Hope, N. Y. Wells' Corners, N. Y. New York City. Moresville, Delaware. Monticello, N. Y. Monroe, N. Y. West Town, N. Y. Scotchtown, N. Y. Liberty, N. Y. West Hempstead, N. Y.
	2		47			6				3	3	2 00		
	2	5	114		7	60	64	11		25	3	3 00	50	
	56	30	566		23		193	26		15	10	8 42		
	20	6	188	2	7	11	35	6			4	3 85		
		1	128				4	2						
	1	2	204		5	13								
	3	2	96	1	1									
	4	2	84	1	8	10	17			15	1	50	11	
	11	4	113	5	5		25							

MINISTERS, &c.	CHURCHES.	Com. on ex.	Com. on cer.	Tot. Com.	Adults	Infants	Bap.	Dom. Missions.	For. Missions.	Educa- tion.	Publ. ica- tion.	Theol. Sem.	Com- mission- ers.	Conti- gent.	Mis- cella- neous.	POST-OFFICE.
Sylvester Woodbridge, S. S. —14. Candidates—4.	Brookfield, West Hampton, S. S. Babylon, S. S.	165	36	2228	67	115	\$175	\$274	\$133			\$9	\$19	\$8 06	\$893	Quogue, L. I.
5. <i>Presbytery of New York.</i> Wm. W. Phillips, D. D. P. Gardiner Spring, D. D. P. John M. Krebs, D. D. P. George Potts, D. D. P. Melancthon W. Jacobus, P. Ichabod S. Spencer, D. D. P. James M. Macdonald, P. John Goldsmith, P. Jared Dewey, P. D. M. Joseph Harvey, P. D. P. Charles M. Oakley, P. D. M. Jonathan Greenleaf, P. D. M. William P. Kuypers, W. C. Joseph Penny, D. D. W. C. Samuel E. Cornish, S. S. Isaac Chase, W. C. Cyrus Mason, D. D. Prof. Gerrish Barrett, Chaplain, Daniel Newell, Judah J. Abraham, F. M. Edward D. Smith, W. C. Peter Dougherty, F. M. William Blood, W. C. Samuel J. Prime, John C. Lowrie,	First Ch. New York, P. Brick Ch. N. York, P. Rutger's St. Ch. P. Duane St. Ch. P. First Ch. Brooklyn, P. Second Ch. Brooklyn, P. Jamaica, P. Newtown P. Greenbush, P. Thompsonville, P. Nyack, P. Wallabout, P. Laight St. Ch. N. Y. V. Eighth Ch. N. Y. V.—14 New York University, Ed. Christ. Fam. Mag. Ed. New York Obs. Sec. Board For. Miss.	12 7 21 14 50 47 4 6 2 25 15	8 38 38 29 26 28 4 6 32 1 27 42	263 699 859 467 277 490 369 133 32 110 42	4 8 3 7 11 1 1 9 3	5 27 28 6 20 36 19 5 1 7 7	362 161 928 97 106 102 50 3	152 560 1113 211 50 55 87 5	267 50 365 60 55 2	88	20 67 150 50 20	37 29 12 23 7 12 5 2 2	\$8 06	2485 1776 2547 1897 500 275	New York City. Do. Do. Brooklyn, L. I. Do. Jamaica, L. I. Newtown, L. I. Blauveltville, N. Y. Thompsonville, Conn. Nyack, N. Y. Brooklyn, L. I. New York City. Do. Newark, N. J. South Africa. New York City. Wethersfield, Conn. New York City. London, Eng. New York City. Mackinac, Mich. Ireland. New York City. Do.	

Peter H. Shaw, W. C. Geo. Carrington, S. S., D. M. James M. Priest, F. M. John Anderson.—29.	Principal Bot. Acad.	203	205	3741	47	161	\$1817	\$2255	\$799	\$88	\$307	\$129	118 51	\$9480	New York City. Peoria, Ill. Western Africa. Fincastle, Va.
<i>Licentiates</i> —8. Daniel Wells, Samuel J. Evans, Teacher, William M. Lively, S. S. Barlow Baldwin, Miles T. Merwin, Samuel N. Howcll, William Scribner, Allen G. Brown. <i>Candidates</i> —7.	Treas'r. Board For. Mis.	6	3	38	1	7	20	60							
6. <i>Presb. of New York, 2d.</i> Joseph McElroy, D. D. James B. Ramsay, — McEwing, William Marshall, Rich'd. W. Dickinson, D. D. John Johnstone, A. H. Phillips, W. C. William Bull, W. C. Horace Galpin, W. C.	Scotch Presb. Church, West Farms, Delhi, Peekskill, Canal St. Church, James St. Church.	10	21	280	39	1	30	20	200						
		14	15	300	1	24	47								
		31	40	1296	2	71	\$97	\$280					\$4 00		
SYNOD OF N. JERSEY. 1. <i>Presb. of Elizabethtown.</i> Aaron Condit, W. C. Jacob Briant, W. C. David Magie, D. D. P.	Mount Freedom, V. 2d Ch. Elizabethtown, P.	7	6	99	2	19	4	4				4	2 00		Morristown, N. J. Walnut Grove, N. J. 692 Elizabethtown, N. J.
		56	14	392	24	15							4 00		

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Abraham Williamson, P.	Chester, P.	7	4	189	3	6		45	20			3	3 00	95	Chester, N. J.
William B. Barton, P.	Mount Olive, P.		2	204											Woodbridge, N. J.
Holloway W. Hunt, P.	1st Ch. Woodbridge, P.														Metuchen, N. J.
Job F. Halsey, W. C.	2d Ch. Woodbridge, P.														Perth Amboy, N. J.
Lewis Bond, P.	Plainfield, P.	45	11	228	19	11	12		18			3	3 50	88	Plainfield, N. J.
Alfred Chester, W. C.															Morristown, N. J.
William W. Blauvelt, P.	Lamington, P.	6	4	222	3	10	80	126	72		18	2	2 00	27	Kline's Mills, N. J.
A. Henry Dumont, P.	1st Ch. Morristown, P.	29	17	307	9	5						3	2 50	200	Morristown, N. J.
Joseph M. Ogden, P.	Chatham Village, P.	22	3	148	10	2	28		12		17			143	Chatham Village, N. J.
Clifford S. Arms, P.	Chatham, P.														Madison, N. J.
James M. Hunting, P.	Westfield, P.	18	7	362	9	17	50	45	45		12	4	3 14	281	Westfield, N. J.
Nicholas Murray, P.	1st Ch. Elizabethtown, P.	81	11	640	30	27	325	550	240		60	6	6 50	150	Elizabethtown, N. J.
Orlando L. Kirtland, P.	2d Ch. Morristown, P.	31	20	263	11	22								728	Morristown, N. J.
Elias Riggs, F. M.															Smyrna, Greece.
Thomas Cochran, P.	New Providence, P.	32	5	191	11	12	50		12			2	1 50	191	New Providence, N. J.
Oscar Harris, P.	Baskingridge, P.	4	3	200	2	6	50	37	12			2	1 80		Baskingridge, N. J.
James T. English, P.	Liberty Corner, P.	13	5	116	5	10	25	31	7			3		181	Liberty Corner, N. J.
John C. Hart, P.	Springfield, P.	8	2	169	4	5									Springfield, N. J.
Joseph Cory, P.	New Vernon, P.	48	4	148	25	4	15		50			2	2 00	55	New Vernon, N. J.
Benjamin Cory, P.	Perth Amboy, P.	9		91	1	9			22			2	2 00	61	Perth Amboy, N. J.
Robert Street, P.	Connecticut Farms, P.	13	2	172	7	12						2	2 00	321	Union, N. J.
George Wood, F. M.															Constantinople.
Charles K. Imbrie, P.	Rahway, P.—22.	62	8	379	24	19	54	205	60			5	5 00	169	Rahway, N. J.
Rich'd. M. Badeau, S.S.—27.															Madison, Indiana.
<i>Licentiated</i> —3.															
Ephraim S. High,															Elizabethtown, N. J.
Joseph L. Riggs,															New Providence, N. J.
Fenwick T. Williams,															Elizabethtown, N. J.
<i>Candidates</i> —3.															
		491	128	4526	199	213	\$693	\$998	\$540		\$107	\$41	40 90	\$3382	

James Hyndshaw, Prof.	Lafayette College.	8	11	109	3	5	100	100	100	25	7	7 50	Stroudsburgh, Pa.
James Clark, P.	Belvidere, P.	56	5	106	4	16	54	19	10		4 74	Belvidere, N. J.	
Richard Webster, P.	Mauch Chunk, P.	63	6	385	13	31	75	60	100		10 2 00	Mauch Chunk, Pa.	
David X. Junkin, P.	Greenwich, P.	52	5	123	4	6	10	7		3	6	Still Valley, N. J.	
James Lewers, P.	Musconetcong Valley, P.	10	1	98	3	11	30	70	48			Hampton, N. J.	
Leslie Irwin, P.	Allentownship, P.		3	41	4							Bath, Pa.	
Joseph Worrel, P.	Danville, P.	1	4	69	1	2	25	12	4		1 50	Danville, N. J.	
Thaniel B. Condict, P.	Stillwater 1st, P.	29	2	51	3	1						Stillwater, N. J.	
Daniel Gaston, P.	Beaver Meadow, P.	12		31	5							Beaver Meadow, Pa.	
Elias S. Schenck, W. C.	Conyngham, P.												
John J. Carrel, P.	Harmony, P.	40	5	130	5	14	20	50					New York, N. Y.
Andrew Tully, P.	Lower Mt. Bethel, P.	67	3	218	9	16	10	70	12	10	1 00	59	Harmony, N. J.
William C. McGee, P.	Hardwick, P.	5	2	95	1	1				4		30	Martin's Creek, Pa.
James McWilliam, P.	Marksborough, P.	7	6	62	1	10	1			5		10	Gratitude, N. J.
Thomas Mack, P.	Oxford, P.	18	10	114	3	13	10	25	18	10	3		Belvidere, N. J.
Thomas Wilson, Miss.—23.	Upper Mt. Bethel, P.	11	1	54		21	15						Williamsburgh, Pa.
<i>Licentiates</i> —4.	Knowlton, V.	28		117	4	4	4			9			African Mission, Sinoc.
Charles A. Evans,	Summit Hill and Tama-												
John M. Lowrie,	qua, V.	10	2	42	1	15	5						
Peter Vannatta,	German Valley,			80									Hackettstown, N. J.
Thomas Elcock.	Fox Hill,			82									Princeton, N. J.
<i>Candidates</i> —4.	Hackettstown,			263									
	Scott's Mountain, V.			35									
	Stillwater 2d, S. S.			15		1							
	Durham, S. S.—29.			23									
4. <i>Presbytery of Raritan.</i>		520	84	3482	84	261	\$508	\$766	\$470	\$163	\$32	21 74	
Jacob Kirkpatrick, P.	Amwell United 1st, P.	4	2	170	2	7	20	12	15		2	2 00	Ringoes, N. J.
Peter O. Studdiford, P.	Amwell 2d, P.	34	204	28	10	20	20	23			4	3 00	
Holloway W. Hunt, jr. P.	Lambertsville, P.	16	5	205	10	3	25	30	18	15	2	2 00	Lambertsville, N. J.
	Solebury, P.	20	1	109	14	7	15	5			2	1 00	
	Pleasant Grove, P.	1		80		19		10					Schooley's Mountain, N. J.
	Lower German Val. P.	60	5	83	4	25							

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John McDowell, D. D. P.	Central Church, P.	38	9	428	6	16	550	533	728		150	17	17	1200	Philadelphia.
C. C. Cuyler, D. D. P.	2d Ch. Philadelphia, P.	27	6	337	11	13	200	330	351		150	14	13	200	Ditto.
Thomas Hoge,	Treas. Bd. of Missions.														Ditto.
W. A. McDowell, D. D.	Cor. Sec. Board of Miss.														Ditto.
Wm. M. Engles, D. D.	Ed. of Presbyterian and Board of Publication.														Ditto.
Wm. L. McCulla, P.	Assembly Ch. South- wark, P.	11	17	51		14									Ditto.
Alvin H. Parker, W. C.															Ditto.
Alexander Macklin, P.	8th Ch. Philad. P.	12	5	340		19	103	287					4	308	Nether Providence, Pa.
H. A. Boardman, P.	10th Ch. Philad. P.	41	14	477	11	26	428	1860	570	565	225	30	16	1140	Philadelphia.
James Smith, W. C.															Ditto.
Joseph H. Jones, P.	6th Ch. Philad. P.	20	28	402	3	28	217	359	135		75	15	15	294	Ditto.
Charles Williamson, P.	13th Ch. Philad. P.	25	3	100		18	5								Ditto.
Charles Gardiner, P.	1st African, Philad. P.														Ditto.
Nathan Harned, W. C.	Ridley Ch. V.	51	1	225	14	12									Ditto.
Jared Elliott, W. C.	Middletown, Ch. V.														Ditto.
Cochran Forbes, F. M.															Ditto.
Orson Douglass, Mariners' Preacher.															Washington City, D. C.
Arch. Tudehope, P.	9th Ch. Philad. P.	55	33	798	2	89	40	50	84	25		5	5		Sandwich Islands.
James W. Stewart, P.	Union Ch. Philad. P.	44	24	235		15									Philadelphia.
Willis Lord, P.	7th Ch. Philad. P.														Ditto.
Griffith Owen, P.	1st Ch. Cohocksink, P.	79	27	257	10	24			12						Ditto.
Wm. Loughridge, P.	4th Ch. Philad. P.	50	23	226		28	50	75							Ditto.
Thomas L. Janeway, P.	North Ch. Philad. P.	34	16	190	7	24	32	32							Ditto.
Matthew B. Hope, P.	Cor. Sec. of Board of Education.														Ditto.
Samuel P. Helme, W. C.	Mount Gilead V.—18.														Ditto.

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Licentiate—12.

Robert H. Smith,

Ephraim Tytler,

Rapin E. Smith,

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George D. Porter, S. S.	Newburg and Roxbury, S. S.															Newburgh, Pa.
George Morris, P.	Silver Spring, P.		40						40							Mechanicksburg, Pa.
James Harper, P.	Shippensburg, P.		125													Shippensburg, Pa.
J. T. Marshall Davie, P.	Greencastle, P.		253						35	20	10	20				93 Greencastle, Pa.
Edmund McKinney, W. C.	Williamsport, S. S.	6	1		1			10	38							Holidaysburg, Pa.
Joseph A. Murray, P.	Monaghan and Peters- burg, P.									22						Dillsburg, Pa.
Thomas V. Moore, P.	Carlisle, P.	9	1	120			12			95		30	4	2	07	100 Carlisle, Pa.
Alexander Heberton, P.	Bedford, P.	33	13	280	3	9										25 Bedford, Pa.
Bloomfield Wall, S. S.—26.	Cumberland, S. S.	2	1	85	1	4			20							Cumberland, Md.
<i>Incinctates</i> —4.	Hancock, S. S.—40.			44												Mercersburg, Pa.
William Bradley,																Sewickley, Pa.
Isaac M. Cook,																Carlisle, Pa.
John O. Proctor,																Hopewell, Pa.
John G. Howell.																
<i>Candidates</i> —6.		172	33	3121	15	114		\$315	\$990	\$363	\$10	\$81	\$20	\$9	\$470	
8. Presb. of Huntingdon.																Boalsburg, Pa.
William Stuart, W. C.	Mifflintown and Lost Creek, P.	22	7	324	5	26										Mifflintown, Pa.
John Hutclison, P.	Bellefonte, P.	9	3	178		19			23	27		28	6			Bellefonte, Pa.
James Linn, P.	Upper Tuscarora and Aughwick, P.			176		24										Waterloo, Pa.
George Gray, P.	Lewistown, P.	11	9	218	7	22			50	116			6			Lewistown, Pa.
James S. Woods, P.	Spruce Creek and Bir- mingham, P.	52	11	218												Birmingham, Pa.
Samuel Hill, P.	Huntingdon, P.	6	1	167		12				85		20	4			Huntingdon, Pa.
John Peebles, P.	Frankstown, P.	87	1	255	5	11			105	31			6			Holidaysburg, Pa.
David McKinney, P.	Logan's Valley, V.	153	20	460	16	62			101							

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Daniel M Barber, P. John P. Hudson, S. S.	Chilisqueque, V. McEwensville and Sha-mokin, S. S.	58	2	131								3			Turbutsville, Pa. White Deer, Pa.
Isaac Grier, P.	Washington, P.	11	273	11	16			50	41			4		34	Lewisburg, Pa.
Phineas B. Marr, P.	Lewisburg, P.	60	204	3	15			65	36			6	5 00	20	McEwensville, Pa.
Samuel S. Shedd, P.	Warrior Run, P.	13	192	31	11		25	45						80	Newberry, Pa.
John White, S. S.	Lycoming, S. S.	7	78		5				3			3		23	Danville, Pa.
David M. Halliday, P.	Danville, P.	39	8	270	8	5		200	59			6		25	Bloomsburg, Pa.
William Hamilton, F. M.	Northumberland, S. S.		1	36	3	3		15	6			3		4300	Williamsport, Pa.
David J. Waller, P.	Bloomsburg, P.	8	9	67	1	3	9	75		5					New Berlin, Pa.
Elbridge Bradbury, P.	Williamsport, P.	8	9	87	5	5									
George W. Thompson, P.	New Berlin, P.	9	3	37	2	5	25	25	10	5		5			
—18.	Wifflinburg, S. S.	10	2	37	3	3									
<i>Licentiate</i> —3.	Buffalo, S. S.	1		86		2		25	32			4			
Charles A. Wythe,	Bethel, S. S.	1		28		2		10	8						
James Hamilton,	Berwick, S. S.	27	4	50	5	2									Jersey Shore, Pa.
John H. Rittenhouse.	Brier Creek, S. S.														
<i>Candidates</i> —4.	Muncy, S. S.							6				2			
	New Columbia, S. S.	7	2	47	2										
	Nippenose, S. S.														
	Hartleton, S. S.	21	31	52	3	5	16								
	Orangeville, S. S.—29.	11	17	2	7										
		402	81	2949	91	153	\$117	\$691	\$248	\$5	\$4	\$46	15 00	\$4595	
	Laurel Hill and Ty-ronne, P.			198											Uniontown, Pa.
1. <i>Presbytery of Redstone.</i>	Uniontown, P.	3	3	157	1	2	16	49							Uniontown, Pa.
James Guthrie, P.	George's Creek and Tent, P.	16	2	260	7	23	82	110	28		5	5			Smithfield, Pa.

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James Guthrie, P.

Andrew Ferrier, P.

Ashbel G. Fairchild, P.

Alexander McCandless, P.	10	259	2	12	63	22	33							3	50	Stewartsville, Pa.
Noah H. Gillet, P.	5	4 185	1	14	43	35	25							4	50	Rostraver, Pa.
Cyrus B. Bristol, P.	14	3 206	4	31	44				15					1	50	Polsley's Mills, Va.
John L. Hawkins, W. C.	5	3 111	2	9	122		47							3		Connellsville, Pa.
Samuel Wilson, P.																
Joseph B. McKee, W. C.	12	3 164	11	8	30	10	35							4	50	Merritstown, Pa.
Robert M. Finley, W. C.	9	9 192	2	27	50	8	15							5	1 50	West Newton, Pa.
Ezekiel Quillin, P.	4	4 75	3	8	32		2								50	Armagh, Pa.
James Davis, P.	16	1 121	7	27		16	6		10					3	50	Clarksburg, Va.
John McClintock, P.																Morgantown, Va.
Wm. Wylie McLain, S. S.	22	1 129	16	9		20	8							3	50	Carmichaltown, Pa.
William Eaton, P.	19	125	8	12	12	24	21							3	50	Smithfield, Pa.
James I. Brownson, P.	17	4 214	2	13			19							4	50	Elizabeth, Pa.
Thomas Martin, P.—17.	22	10 137	4	8	42	45	63		32					4	50	Greensburg, Pa.
Candidates—2.	14	6 85	2	6	75		25							4	50	Brownsville, Pa.
	188	532769	72	209	\$611	\$339	\$327		\$95					\$57	\$8 50	
2. Presbytery of Ohio.																
John Andrews, W. C.																Pittsburgh, Pa.
Samuel Ralston, D.D., W. C.																Monongahela City, Pa.
Elisha McCurdy, W. C.																Allegheny City, Pa.
Francis Herron, D. D., P.	14	17 363	2	17	471	675	214		510					10	5 00	Pittsburgh, Pa.
Matthew Brown, D. D. Pres.																
S. S.																
Robert Patterson, W. C.																Canonsburg, Pa.
John Jones, W. C.																Pittsburgh, Pa.
Nathaniel Todd, W. C.																Pittsburgh, Pa.
David Elliott, D. D. Prof.	8	2 121	2	2	10	10			16					6	1 00	Beaver, Pa.
																Allegheny City, Pa.

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Elisha P. Swift, D.D., P.	1st Ch. Allegheny City, P.	27	19	268	3	21	117	131	46	50	6	2	00	90	Allegheny City, Pa.	
Allan D. Campbell, D. D., P.	2d Ch. Allegheny City, P.	22	14	58	2	4	5	30	60	20	5	1	00	35	Allegheny City, Pa.	
Lemuel F. Leake, P.	Chartiers, P.	5	2	92	1	6	18	8	16	30	6	1	00	16	Canonsburgh, Pa.	
Samuel Henderson, P.	Concord, P.	10	4	78	1	1	25	28	25	30	3	1	00	2	Pittsburgh, Pa.	
William Jeffery, P.	Bethany, P.	4	2	170	1	12	30	50	21	30	5	1	00	121	Herrittsville, Pa.	
William Smith, Prof. S. S.	Miller's Run, S. S.	1	3	125	5	5	30	50	10	15	6	1	00	15	Canonsburgh, Pa.	
Samuel C. Jennings, P.	Sharon and Mount Pis- gah, P.	14	2	248	4	11	30	17	10	30	5	1	00	824	Pittsburgh, Pa.	
William Annan, Editor, Presbyterian Advocate.	East Liberty, P.	13	5	127	1	56	121	50	50	30	5	1	00	22	Pittsburgh, Pa.	
William B. McIvaine, P.	Bethel, V.	20	2	187	5	15	60	90	50	30	6	1	00	87	Pittsburgh, Pa.	
George Marshall, Agent.	2d Ch. Pittsburgh, P.	13	20	375	1	26	41	207	123	204	8	1	00	240	Pittsburgh, Pa.	
Robert Dunlap, P.	Lebanon, P.	6	2	130	1	25	22	10	20	6	5	2	00	20	Pittsburgh, Pa.	
William G. Johnstone, P.	Maple Creek, V.	6	4	36	3	3	2	3	18	20	5	1	00	56	Allegheny City, Pa.	
Alexander T. McGill, D. D., Prof.	Centre, S. S.	15	6	106	3	7	14	30	18	20	5	1	00	56	Allegheny City, Pa.	
Lewis W. Green, D.D. Prof.	Lawrenceville, P.	75	10	252	22	20	3	53	6	15	5	1	00	41	Canonsburgh, Pa.	
Alexander B. Brown, S. S.	Fairmount and Sewick- ley, P.	3	3	160	1	8	6	6	18	20	5	1	00	41	Philadelphia, Pa.	
John B. Finney, Agent.	Hopewell, P.	13	7	180	3	26	11	15	12	15	6	1	00	5	Pittsburgh, Pa.	
Richard Lea, P.	Highland, P. and Pine Creek, P.	36	10	135	2	7	10	15	12	15	3	1	00	5	Sewickly, Pa.	
Daniel E. Nevin, P.	1st Ch. Monongahela City, P.	21	1	225	8	31	136	84	33	25	5	1	00	63	Cleveland, Ohio.	
William A. Adair, W. C.	Mingo Creek, P.	8	4	108	1	12	13	17	17	13	6	1	00	26	Clinton, Pa.	
Reuben Lewis, P.	Raccoon, P.	15	8	163	2	15	13	10	17	13	5	2	00	7	Perrysville, Pa.	
John W. Johnston, P.	1st Ch. Monongahela City, P.	36	10	135	2	7	10	15	12	15	3	1	00	5	Monongahela City, Pa.	
Edward S. Blake, W. C.	Mingo Creek, P.	21	1	225	8	31	136	84	33	25	5	1	00	63	Monongahela City, Pa.	
John Kerr, P.	Sharon, P.	8	4	108	1	12	13	17	17	13	6	1	00	26	Canor, Pa.	
William A. Adair, W. C.	Montours, P.	15	8	163	2	15	13	10	17	13	5	2	00	7	Sharpsburgh, Pa.	
Reuben Lewis, P.	Montours, P.	15	8	163	2	15	13	10	17	13	5	2	00	7	Fayette, Pa.	
John W. Johnston, P.	Montours, P.	15	8	163	2	15	13	10	17	13	5	2	00	7	Fayette, Pa.	
Edward S. Blake, W. C.	Montours, P.	15	8	163	2	15	13	10	17	13	5	2	00	7	Fayette, Pa.	
John Kerr, P.	Montours, P.	15	8	163	2	15	13	10	17	13	5	2	00	7	Fayette, Pa.	

	9	5	61	1	3	16				6						Fayette, Pa.
	358	152	3768	66	309	\$1098	\$1615	\$725	\$6	\$984	\$114	26	03	\$1936		
Valley Church, P.—31.																
Fairview, P.	16	7	244	6	20	20	20				4	50				Fairview, Pa.
Nashanock, P.	4	6	47			3	4									New Wilmington, Pa.
Mill Creek, P.																Utica, Pa.
Sandy Lake, P.	20	2	92	4	4	1	16	4			1	50				West Greenville, Pa.
Salem, P.	6	5	41	1	10	1					2					
Cool Springs, S. S.	8	3	228	2	21	4	33									
Georgetown, P.																
Fairfield, P.																
Meadville, P.	9	2	125	1	7	35	35	30		30	5	50				Culbertson's P. O., Pa.
Franklin, P.	44	7	91	10	8	4	9	10		10	4	50				Meadville, Pa.
Sugar Creek, P.	5		106	2	54	3	7	2		2	2					Franklin, Pa.
Warren, S. S.																Warren, Pa.
Brokenstraw, S. S.																
Mercer, P.	61	22	238	12	33	75										Mercer, Pa.
Concord, P.	1				5											Perry P. O., Pa.
Deerfield, P.																
Greenville, P.	27	7	112	3	16	34	52									
Evansburgh, V.	14	2	37	3	5											
Harnonsburgh, V.																
Conneautville, V.																
Gravel Run, V.	3		77		6											
Washington, V.			33		4											
Girard, V.																
Harbour Creek, V.																
Sugar Grove, V.																
Big Conneaut, V.																
North Bank V.																
Mount Pleasant, V.—28	218	63	1473	44	183	\$105	\$251	\$46		\$30	\$21	\$3	00	\$125		

Smith F. Grier, P.—37
Licentiate—1.
 McHenry Snyder.
Candidates—12.

3. *Presbytery of Erie.*

Johnston Eaton, P.
 Absalom McCready, P.
 Robert Glenn, P.

James G. Wilson, P.
 David Waggoner, P.

John V. Reynolds, P.
 Cyrus Dickson, P.

Hiram S. Eddy, S. S.

Joseph T. Smith, P.
 James Coulter, P.

Henry Webber, P.—11.
Licentiate—2.

Ward D. Talbot,
 Alexander Cunningham.

Candidates—5.

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4. <i>Presbytery of Beaver.</i>																
James Satterfield, W. C.	Moorfield, V	1	28	28	1	1	1	1	15			3	1			Sharon, Pa.
Robert Semple, S. S.	Pulaski, S. S.	11	8	111	1	16	16	2	7			20	2			Pulaski, Pa.
Robert Dilworth, P.	Little Beaver, P.	8	3	71	5	5	5	5	37				3			Enon Valley, Pa.
	Pleasant Valley, P.	7	1	50	1	1	1	5					1			
	Sharon V.															
William Nesbit, W. C.	Beavertown, V.	5	3	181	1	20	20			21		13	2			New Bedford, Pa.
Anderson B. Quay, Agt.	New Castle, P.	8	17	233	2	34	34	25	25			4	2			Beaver, Pa.
Wells Bushnell, P.	Westfield, P.	6	153	153	1	20	20	38		4		25	4			New Castle, Pa.
Algernon S. MacMaster, P.	Mount Pleasant, P.	11	7	184	1	8	8			4			3			Mount Jackson, Pa.
Arthur B. Bradford, P.	Clarksville, S. S.	5	7	73	8	8	8	8	8				2			Darlington, Pa.
Samuel A. McLain, S. S.	Falls of Beaver, P.	2	4	60	10	10	10	10	10			10	2			Clarksville, Pa.
Benjamin C. Crichtlow, P.	Slippery Rock, P.	10	6	117	3	30	30	10	10	10			3	50		Beaver Falls, Pa.
	Hopewell, S. S.	31	6	117	3	30	30	10	10				2			
John Knox, S. S.—11.	Middlesex, S. S.	28	1	62	6	10	10						2			New Bedford, Pa.
	Unity, V.															
	Concord, V.	13	7	20	3	11	11									
	Freedom, V.	8	12	20												
Joseph W. Morton.	Newport, V.															
	Mount Carmel, V.	3	4	126	8	8	8	10	10				2			
	Bethlehem, V.—20.	157	73	1611	21	198	198	\$98	\$112	\$35		\$75	\$25	00	50	
5. <i>Presbytery of Allegheny.</i>																
Abraham Boyd, S. S.	Upper Bull Creek, S. S.	3	52	52	1	10	10			3		5	2			Tarentum, Pa.
Reid Bracken, P.	Mount Nebo, P.	3	88	88	6	6	6			4		12	2			Whitestown, Pa.
John Reddick, P.	Slatelick and Union, P.	17	3	293	2	36	36	24	17	16		4	6	67		Slatelick, Pa.
John Munson, P.	Centre, P.	11	2	88	1	6	6						3	50		Mercer, Pa.
John Coulter, P.	Concord and Muddy Creek, P.	11	3	251	3	15	15		20	19		23	5	50		Countersville, Pa.
Loyal Young, P.	Butler, P.	13	6	185	2	10	10	7	46	4		2	8	50		Butler, Pa.
Samuel Caldwell, P.	Freeport, P.	3	7	130	1	8	8	8	6	2		2	1	50		Freeport, Pa.

John R. Agnew, P.	Scrubgrass and Harrisville, P.	10	4	162	3	20	4	\$47	\$153	\$75	\$73	\$51	\$5 17	\$5	Harrisville, Pa.
Leland R. McAbey, P.	Cross Roads & Plain, P.	1	1	181	23	23	10	17	10	12	12	6	50		Wexford, Pa.
Robert B. Walker, P.	Middlesex and Bull Creek, P.	5	14	179	1	12	46		4	1	1	4	50		Slippery Rock, Pa.
Thomas W. Kerr, P.	Portersville and Rich Hill, P.	13	7	117	4	14	2	4	2	5	5	2	50		Glade Mill, Pa.
Newton Braeken, P.—12.	Tarentum, V.	1	114	1	10	4									Portersville, Pa.
Candidates—3.	Ebenezzer, V.	91	47	1840	19	170	\$47	\$153	\$75	\$73	\$51	\$5 17	\$5		Tarentum, Pa.
	Clintonville, V.—21.														Lawrenceburg, Pa.
															Clintonville, Pa.
6. Presbytery of Blairsville.															
Francis Laird, P.	Murrysville, P.	180											50		Murrysville, Pa.
Robert Johnston, W. C.	Bethel V.	142											50		Kent, Pa.
James Graham, P.	Beulah, P.	15	13	144	2	12	35		13	8	5	5	50		Turtle Creek, Pa.
David Lewis, P.	Ebenezzer, P.	11	5	320	2	23	230		60	150	212	5	50		Lewisville, Pa.
David Kirkpatrick, P.	Poke Run, P.	16	2	289	1	17	9		11	8	5	5	50		Poke Run, Pa.
Thomas Davis, P.	Blairsville, P. and Salem, P.	16	12	477	3	32	86		15	18	25	8	50		Blairsville, Pa.
George Hill, P.	Kittanning, P.	8	5	80	1	9			8	5	5	5	50		Blairsville, Pa.
Joseph Painter, P.	Johnstown, P.	1	13	84	1	14	8		9	6	5	4	50		Kittanning, Pa.
Samuel Swan, P.	Harmony and Washington, P.	16	12	308	3	29	29		58	19	17	5	50		Johnstown, Pa.
John H. Kirkpatrick, P.	Congruity, P.	5	161	2	16	13			29	50	58	5	50		Yellow Creek, Pa.
Samuel McFarren, P.	Unity, P.	13	6	210	1	20	14		13	8	17	5	50		Congruity, Pa.
Peter Hassinger, P.	Saltsburgh, P.	3	2	150	1	14			28	12	7	4	50		13 Youngstown, Pa.
Watson Hughes, P.	New Alexandria, P.	17	7	286	3	24	50		29	77	10	5	50		Saltsburgh, Pa.
Adam Torrance, P.	Plum Creek and Cross Roads, P.	19	12	284	6	34	6		14	7	4	1	00		25 Saltsburgh, Pa.
Samuel M. McClung, P.	Elder's Ridge and Currie's Run, P.	20	1	123	1	10			14	7	4	1	00		22 New Alexandria, Pa.
Alexander Donaldson, P.	Warren, V. Boiling Spring, V.														New Alexandria, Pa.
Levi M. Graves, P.	Crooked Creek, P.														Antrim, Pa.
															Black Legs, Pa.
															Kittanning, Pa.

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John Carothers, P. Lewis W. Williams, S. S. Albert B. Clark, P.—20.	Gilgal and Perry, P. Indiana, S. S. Ligonier & Donegal, P. Arnagh, V. Concord, S. S. Fairfield & Union, S. S. Glade Run and Rural Valley, S. S. Lower Plum Creek, Apleby Manor, S. S. Parnassus, V.—36.	46	13	314	4	49	16	21	2	3	7	5	50		Mahoning, Pa. Indiana, Pa. Ligonier, Pa.
<i>Licentiate</i> —2. John M. McConaghey, James D. Mason. <i>Candidates</i> —4.		17	8	96	8	6			20			3	50		
7. <i>Presbytery of Clarion.</i> John Core, P. William Kennedy, S. S. Garry Bishop, S. S. Etisha D. Barret, P. John Glenn, P. David Polk, P. Robert Orr, W. C. James Montgomery, P. David McKay, P.—9.	Licking and Rehoboth. Mount Tabor, S. S. Becherwoods, S. S. Leatherwood, P. Rockland, P. Bethel and Pisgah, P. Clarion, P. Richland, P. Concord, P. Callenberg, P. Bethesda, P. Pleasant Grove, S. S. Greenwood.—13.	33	4	526	1	32		16	34		8	9	1		Carlsville, Pa. Brookville, Pa. Brookville, Pa. Smicksburg, Pa. Agnew's Mills, Pa. Brookville, Pa. Clarion, Pa. Ditto. Pinksville, Pa.
William McMichael.		2		16	2	8		14	1			6	50		
		268	113	3999	37	320	\$496	\$290	\$395	\$3	\$296	\$63	10	\$118	
		163	39	1390	29	165	\$6	\$94	\$64		\$8	\$34	\$2		

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1. <i>Presb. of Steubenville.</i> Thomas Hunt, W. C. Charles C. Beatty, D. D. S. S. Jonah Sellers, S. S. John Knox, W. C. Richard Brown, P.	8 9 16 9 6 5 2 17 16	2 8 6 7 3 3 12 6	43 50 188 66 172 123 138 13 358 140 75 40	1 5 19 2 1 4 1 22 17 2	5 5 19 3 25 4 1 150 21 17	3 21 48 17 14 15 26 350 21 21	10 8 20 20	1 2 3 2 6 3	Richmond, Ohio. Steubenville, Ohio. Bloomington, Ohio. Amsterdam, Ohio. New Hagerstown, Ohio.		
John K. Cuninghame, P. John W. Scott, S. S. Joseph Kerr, P. Wm. D. McCartney, W. C. Henry G. Comingo, P. Thomas F. Magill, P. James McKain, P.	5 2 17 16	3 13 13 6 140 75 40	138 13 358 140 75 40	4 1 22 17 2	4 1 150 21 17	18 26 350 21 21	10 8 20 20	3 2 6 3	Island Creek, Ohio. Steubenville, Ohio. Wintersville, Ohio. Hanover, Ohio. Steubenville, Ohio. Wellsville, Ohio. Waynesburgh, Ohio.		
Samuel Moody, P.	7	6	120 34	1 3	19 3	9 10	2	Rose P. O. Ohio.			
Joseph H. Chambers, P.	14	6	92 67	1 2	48 6	121 11	505	Steubenville, Ohio.			
John R. Dundass, P.	11	5	117 130	2 3	7 15	5 6	3	McCulloughs, Ohio.			
John Robinson, P.	35	7	172 77 104 62	9 8 2 2	27 10 8 31	6 6 7 2 14	2 2 2 2 1	Mechanicsburg, Ohio. Carrollton, Ohio.			
Wm. T. Adams, P.—17. <i>Licentiate</i> —1. James D. Scott. <i>Candidates</i> —3.	27	5	62	2	31	2		Carrollton, Ohio.			
2. <i>Presb. of Washington.</i> George M. Scott, W. C. Cephas Dodd, S. S. D. McConaughy, D. D. Pres. Wolf Run, V.	15 4	7 120	82 120	2 1	6 7	50	1	Amity, Pa.			
	215	99	2381	32	210	\$284	\$674	\$242	\$543	\$37	\$256

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James Hervey, P.	Forks of Wheeling, P.	5	1	172	12	12	50	71	17	10	9	1 00	32	1 00	32	Wheeling, Va.	
Henry R. Weed, D. D. P.	Wheeling, P.	21	5	278	5	21	150	250	200		12	1 00	12	1 00	12	Wheeling, Va.	
John Stockton, P.	Cross Creek, P.	31	5	375	10	28	104	104	52	30	12	1 00	12	1 00	12		
John McCluskey, P.	Three Ridges, P.	13	8	424	1	12	63	145	145	37	11	1 00	11	1 00	40	West Alexandria.	
John Moore, P.	Mount Prospect, P.	17	4	135	3	17	12	25	9		4	1 00	4	1 00	4	Hickory, Pa.	
David Hervey, P.	Lower Buffalo, P.	86	5	89	5	5	3	11	50	5	2	1 00	2	1 00	13	Wellsburgh, Va.	
Wm. P. Alrich, Prof.	East Buffalo, S. S.	3	7	220	8	5	5	40	3	21	10	1 00	10	1 00	28	Washington, Pa.	
John Eagleson, P.	Upper Buffalo, P.	10	8	206	3	5	7	8	25		5	1 00	5	1 00	6	Buffalo P. O. Pa.	
E. S. Graham, W. C.	Frankfort, P.	37	9	205	12	35	11	15	11	11	4	1 00	4	1 00	2	Frankfort Springs, Pa.	
R. M. White, P.	Unity, V.	9	1	104	3	1	18	11	11						2	Fairview, Va.	
James M. Smith, P.	Upper Ten Mile, P. and Mount Nebo, P.	22	10	91	4	15	5	89	10						85	Van Buren, Pa.	
Nathan Shotwell, P.	West Liberty, P.	7	8	147	5	12	15	230	81						26	West Liberty, Va.	
James W. McKennan, W. C.	West Union, P.	19	90	19	9	9	13	66	11						8	West Union, Va.	
John D. Whitham, W. C.	Three Springs, S. S. Waynesburgh, V.	8	13	362	10	10	127	230	116						30	Granville, Ohio.	
James Smith, P.	Washington, P.	53	16	261	18	53	13	66	19						30	West Alexandria.	
David Robinson, P.	Mill Creek, P.	9	9	154	1	9	52	10	100						2	Washington, Pa.	
Joel Stonerod, P.	Cross Roads, P.	2	1	68	8	8	10	10	19						7	Hookstown, Pa.	
Wm. Wright, S. S.	Claysville, S. S.	3	4	20	2	18	75								7	Fluence, Pa.	
Samuel Haro, S. S.	Pigeon Creek, V.																Claysville, Pa.
Wm. Bonar, S. S.	Sistersville, S. S.																Dunningsville.
Gilbert Haro, S. S.—26. <i>Licentiate</i> —6.	Wellsburgh, S. S.—27.																Sistersville, Va.
John Hattery,																	
Nicholas Murray,																	
Irvin Carson,																	
Joseph Gordon,																	
John M. Hastings,																	
James C. Carson.																	
<i>Candidates</i> —8.																	
		374	113	3669	70	296	\$772	\$930	\$899	\$54	\$155	\$115	17	20	\$236		

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James Kerr, P.	Cadiz, P.	6	11	227	2	22	15	22	1				6	50	6	Cadiz, Ohio.
Alexander McCandless, P.	New Castle, P.	5	10	42	3	12	4	12					1		1	Woodsfield, Ohio.
Edwin H. Nevin, S. S.	New Athens, S. S.	8	12	93	3	24							2		2	New Athens, Ohio.
Alexander Ewing, P.—11.	Morristown, P.	11	4	94									2		2	Morristown, Ohio.
<i>Candidates</i> 4.	Concord, P.	1	2	53									1		1	
	Fairview, V.			56	13	8				16						
	Martinsville, S. S.															
	Sharon, V.															
	Freeport, V.															
	Valaga, V.															
	Nottingham, V.	12	6	106			22	18					3			
	Stillwater, V.—20.	94	67	1405	31	177	\$93	\$129	\$70			\$31	\$46	\$1 00	\$41	
		18	7	301	2	21	120	214	90			28	20		150	Columbus, Ohio.
	Columbus, P.			150												
	Tarleton and Amanda, S. S.			100												
	Blendon and Mifflin, P.															
		10	3	69	4	7	43	7	4				4		10	Lithopolis, Ohio.
	Lithopolis, P.	3	4	129	2	13		62	24						23	Kingston, Ohio.
	Mount Pleasant, P.	4	10	70			8	13							31	Springfield, Ohio.
		4	4	79	1	10	10	10	6				5			London, Ohio.
	Circleville, P.	15	80	80	2	21	15	40	10				4			Columbus, Ohio.
	London, P.	1	5	58	1	2										Worthington, Ohio.
	Truro and Hamilton, P	4		40												
	Worthington, S. S.															
	Dublin, S. S.															
	Scioto, S. S.	4	4	34		4										

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I. *Presbytery of Columbus.*

- James Hoge, D. D. P.
- William Jones, S. S.
- Ebenezer Washburn, P.
- Hiland Hulburd, Agent.
- Samuel M. Willson, D. M. P.

- Timothy Strarns, P.
- J. N. Candee, Agent.
- George Wells, P.
- Robert C. McComb, P.
- Josiah D. Smith, P.
- John Donaldson, S. S.—11.

Candidates—3.

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	Chancey, V. Senecaville, V.—30.	124	62	2345	25	118		\$112	\$210	\$30	\$26	\$4	\$73	\$9	\$52	\$184	
3. <i>Presbytery of Marion.</i> Wm. Matthews, W. C. Wm. D. Smith, Ed. James Smith, P.	Marysville, Corinth, Delaware, Liberty, Kingston, Brown,	1	5	43	4	4		10					5			Bucyrus, Ohio. Springfield, Ohio. Marysville, Ohio. Marysville, Ohio. Delaware, Ohio.	
John Pitkin, S. S.		2	5	39	7	7		3	3	3			1	25		Ninmons X Roads, O. Kilbourn, P. O. Ohio.	
John A. Dunlap, Ed. Wm. M. Galbreath, P.	Milford Centre, Lower Liberty,	3	1	78	6	6							3			Milford, Centre, Ohio. Darby Creek, Ohio.	
Wm. Hutchinson, P.	Bucyrus, Sandusky,	8	7	94	1	2		8	10				5			Bucyrus, Ohio. Bucyrus, Ohio.	
A. C. Miller, P.	1st. Presb. Ch. of Mar- seilles,	2		19	1	1							5			Grand P. O. Ohio. Melmore, Ohio.	
Simcon Peck, S. S.	Eden, Waynesburg,	15	5	87	4	8		8					2			Iberia, Ohio. Marion, Ohio.	
John B. Blaney, P. Enoch S. Shepherd, P.	Iberia, Marion,	4	4	45	10	10							4			Wilkins P. O. Ohio. Merritt's, Ohio.	
Cephas D. Cook, W. C.—12.	Canaan, Little Mill Creek, Radnor,	8	1	24	3	5		1		15			7			Little Mill Creek, Ohio.	
	Mount Gilead, Venice.—21.	29	3	87	5	11		1					5			Mount Gilead, Ohio. Attica, Ohio.	
		7		20	3	3							2				
		2	41			5							1				
		6	1	16									1				
		115	51	866	20	101		\$28	\$13	\$22			\$49	25			

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Arebald Hanna, P.	Sugar Creek, P.	16	13	168	1	15	5	18	12			7	50	40	East Greenville, Ohio.
John D. Hughs, P.	Pigeon Run, P.	5	1	45	6	6			3			2		2	Ditto.
Varnum Noyes, P.	Springfield, P.	36	1	127	6	15	3	8	6			5	50	50	Middlebury, Ohio.
Daniel Washburn, Miss.	Franklin, V.	5	6	61	1	4	1	15				3	50	50	Streetsborough, Ohio.
Thomas Beer, P.	Guilford, P.	5	4	27	2	3						1			Guilford, Ohio.
Joseph S. Wylie, P.	Harrisville, S. S.	18	7	103			2	18	5			1	50	2	Harrisville, Ohio.
Samuel F. Porter, W. C.	Lintin.	23	1	119	8	8	3	13	7			5	50	3	Rowe's P. O. Ohio.
George Gordon, P.	Clark.	83	13	342	12	20	11	11	10			10	50	50	Congress, Ohio.
Jonas Denton, S. S.	Mount Hope, P.	7	4	190	2	21	2	26	13			7	50	10	Apple Creek, Ohio.
M. A. Fox, S. S.	Congress, P.	33	2	91	2	2			27			3	50	50	Apple Creek, Ohio.
William McAndlish, P.	East Hopewell, P.	6	1	33			1	2	14			3	50	50	Millersburg, Ohio.
Edward R. Geary, P.	Millersburg, P.	14	12	266	2	13	30	45	20			10	50	10	Ditto.
Thomas H. Barr, P.	Fulton, S. S.	31	1	245	6	25	6	6	13			8	50	50	Canal Fulton, Ohio.
Addison Coffee, S. S.	Newburg, S. S.	11	1	34	4	1	3	5	2			1	50	10	Newburg, Ohio.
Philo M. Semple, S. S.	Wooster, P.	18	3	49	9	1	4	9	11	3		5	50	50	Wooster, Ohio.
Nathaniel Cobb, W. C.	Unity, P.	20	3	64	13	11	4	9	6	3	3	5	50	50	Fredericksburg, Ohio.
Richard Graham, W. C.	Jackson, P.	5	7	120	1	4	10	10	10			5	50	50	Old Hickory, Ohio.
C. J. Abbott, S. S.—19.	Wayne, P.	5	3	68	3	6	3	3	9			5	50	50	Wooster, Ohio.
	Keene, V.	5	3	23	1	7	7	7	9			5	50	50	Coshocton, Ohio.
	Mount Eaton, S. S.	5	3	23	1	5	5	5	9			5	50	50	Keene, Ohio.
	Berlin, S. S.	2		21								5	50	50	Mount Eaton, Ohio.
	Greene, S. S.														Berlin, Ohio.
	Jeromeville, S. S.														Smithville, Ohio.
	Evans Creek, V.														Jeromeville, Ohio.
	Wakatomika, S. S.														Newcomertown, Ohio.
	New Philadelphia, S. S.														Newcomertown, Ohio.
	Urichsville, S. S.														Wakatomika, Ohio.
	Perry, V.														New Philadelphia, O.
	Chippewa, S. S.														Urichsville, Ohio.
	Northfield, V.														Urichsville, Ohio.
															Chippewa, Ohio.
															Brandywine Mills, O.

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R. W. Wilson, S. S.	Hopewell, S. S.	5	2	40		6						1			Oxford, Ohio.
<i>Candidates—4.</i>	Riley, V.	9	3	37	1	5						2			
	Connersville, S. S.			48											
	Centerville, V.			25											
	Elizabeth and Berea, V.			35											
	Liberty V.			7											
	Allensville, V.			15											
	Zoar, V.			14											
	College Corner, S. S.			9											
	Pensylvaniaburg, V.			68	1	6						2			
	Bath, P.—32.	3	3	68					\$3	\$3	\$90	\$53		\$99	
		224	77	1726	64	126	\$269	\$174	\$3	\$3	\$90	\$53		\$99	
5. <i>Presbytery of Sidney.</i>	1st Bellefontaine, V.		2	46		2		17				5			Bellefontaine, Ohio.
	Joseph Stevenson, W. C.			13				4				9	1	00	Howell, Ohio.
	Thomas B. Clark, S. S.			113	7	23	10	5				5		20	Urbana, Ohio.
	Alexander M. Carvan, P.			72	4	11	5	4				5		15	Bellefontaine, Ohio.
	John A. Meeks, P.			232	13	18	21	32	5		24	13	50	15	Piqua, Ohio.
	Hugh R. Price, P.			10	10	168	4	30				11	1	00	Urbana, Ohio.
	William B. Spence, P.			21	5	134	4	14			28	10	50	25	Urbana, Ohio.
	Wilson C. Halliday, P.			6	14	58	2	8				2			Sidney, Ohio.
	John M. Stevenson, S. S.—9.			16	48	11	5	4				2			Addison, Ohio.
	<i>Licentiate—2.</i>			15	7	95	1	7				6			Fletcher, Ohio.
	John Ustick, S. S.			4	13	30	3	10				1			Troy, Ohio.
	Milton A. Sackett, S. S.			6	12	50	3	3				5		10	Kenton, Ohio.
				28	45	55						2			West Liberty, Ohio.
				25	28	28						2			West Liberty, Ohio.
				9	9	14						2			Cherokee, Ohio.
				2	2	5						2			Covington, Ohio.
				153	76	1166	\$117	\$110	\$5		\$52	\$71	\$3	\$00	Huntersville, Ohio.

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	Sharon, S. S. Leavenworth, V.	2		28 18	1					\$153		\$35	\$33		\$264	
2. <i>Presb. of Vincennes.</i> Matthew G. Wallace, S. S. Thomas Alexander, P. Samuel R. Alexander, P. Hugh H. Patton, W. C.	Terre Haute, S. S. Vincennes, P. Upper Indiana Ch. P. Lower Indiana Ch. P.	16 31 26	3 1	80 101 115	6 8	7 6 8		30 25				1 00	\$33	1 00	25	Terre Haute, Indiana. Vincennes, Indiana. Vincennes, Indiana. Vincennes, Indiana. Princeton, Indiana.
James Crawford, S. S. Robert Simpson, P. John V. Dodge, P. Charles K. Thompson, P.	Bloomington, V. Hopewell, S. S. Clayburn, S. S. White River, P. Evansville, P. Carlisle, P.	9 2 10 8	1	68 51 41 66	1 1 5 9	3 4 2 11		6 2 9 16	10			4				Bloomington, Indiana. Merom, Indiana. Silos, Indiana. Fairplay, Indiana. Evansville, Indiana. Carlisle, Indiana. Carlisle, Indiana.
John M. McCord, S. S. Samuel L. Crosby, W. C.—10.	Black Creek, S. S. West Salem, S. S. Bruceville, S. S.	23 8	1	49 37	17 2	14 12		2				5				Vincennes, Indiana. Bruceville, Indiana. Vincennes, Indiana.
	Washington, S. S. Princeton, S. S. Snyrna, V. Nazareth, V.—17.	17 7 6	1	72 32 20 26	1 2	32 2		11 6 1 2	5			\$9	\$1 00	\$1 00	\$25	Washington, Indiana. Princeton, Indiana. Berrysville, Ind. Jasper, Indiana.
3. <i>Presbytery of Madison.</i> John Matthews, Prof. E. D. Mac Master, Pres. T. H. Brown, W. C. J. F. Crowe, P.	Hanover College. Hanover, P.	163 3	8	747 94	42	102		\$113 65	\$15 58							New Albany, Indiana. Hanover, Indiana. Hanover, Indiana. Hanover, Indiana.

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	Warren S. S.	4	1	14									1			West Lebanon, Ind.
	Eugene, S. S.—21.	119	59	1082	22	85	85	\$80	\$14				\$74			Eugene, Indiana.
5. Presb. of Indianapolis.	Franklin, P.	4	9	175	2	12	12	36	50				10			Franklin, Indiana.
	David Montfort, P.			113	2	4	4						8			Franklin, Indiana.
	David V. Smock, S. S.	37	7	191	7	23	23	191	95				15			Indianapolis, Indiana.
	Phineas D. Gurley, P.	21	7	203	8	13	13						7			Indianapolis, Indiana.
	David M. Stuart P.	2	5	35	1	5	5									Rushville, Indiana.
	Stony Creek, S. S.	1	2	43		7	7									Muncietown, Indiana.
	Muncietown, S. S.															Muncietown, Indiana.
	Richwoods,															Muncietown, Indiana.
	New Burlington,	2	10			3	3									Muncietown, Indiana.
	Greensburgh, V.	14	4	78	9	5	5						5			Greensburgh, Indiana.
	Sand Creek, V.	1	2	98												Greensburgh, Indiana.
	Knights town, V.	13	1	121												Greensburgh, Indiana.
	Bethany, V.			25									2			Greensburgh, Indiana.
	Shiloh, V.	2	2	34		1	5		1				3			Greensburgh, Indiana.
	New Providence.	1	1	33												Connellsville, Ind.
	Andersontown, V.															Connellsville, Ind.
	Union,	5		61									1			Connellsville, Ind.
	Licentiate—2.															Connellsville, Ind.
	Abraham T. Hendricks,	1	1	61	1	7	7						2			Shelbyville, Indiana.
	George S. Rea, S. S.	3	3	44	3											Shelbyville, Indiana.
	Candidates—2.	10	10	34	1								1			Shelbyville, Indiana.
	6. Presb. of Logansport.															Shelbyville, Indiana.
	John Wright, W. C.	117	40	1339	35	84	84	\$227	\$146				\$54			Logansport, Indiana.
	James Buchanan, S. S.	8	11	57	1	7	7									Logansport, Indiana.

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James M. Chase, P.	Shiloh Ch. P.	12	2	35	2	8							Macomb, Illinois.	
Joseph J. Gray, W. C.	Fountain Green, S. S.	7	1	25									Fountain Green, do.	
Jonathan A. Woodruff, S. S. —9.	Lower Rock Island, S. S.	1		9									Monmouth, do.	
John McHogue. <i>Licentiate</i> —1. <i>Candidate</i> —1.	Huntsville Ch. V. Rushville. Mount Sterling.—16.	5		15	1							2	Rock Island, do.	
		96	38	474	23	41	\$12	\$29				\$8	Huntsville, do. Rushville, do. Mount Sterling, do.	
4. <i>Presbytery of Peoria.</i>														
Robert B. Dobbins, Isaac Kellar, William J. Frazer, P. Samuel C. McCune, P. James Y. McGinnes, P.—5.	Bennington, S. S. 2d Ch. Peoria, S. S. Knoxville, P. Canton, P. Lewistown, P. Crow Meadow, V. Prince's Grove, S. S. Rochester, S. S. Union Grove, 1st Ch. Peoria, V. Pleasant Prairie, V. Marietta, V. Washington, V. La-Marsh, V. Occola, V.—15.	1	2	20		1		5		2			3	Barnadotte, Illinois. Peoria, do. Knoxville, do. Canton, do. Lewistown, do. Crow Meadow, do. Princeville, do. French Creek, do. Hennepin, do. Peoria, do. Ellisville, do. Marietta, do. Washington, do. Peoria, do. Wyoming, do.
		4	4	115		5	\$19	\$5				\$12	Mount Carmel, Illinois. Friendville Illinois.	
5. <i>Presbytery of Palestine.</i>														
R. H. Lilly, P. Stephen Bliss, S. S.	Mount Carmel, P. Wabash, S. S.	4	2	40	2	8								
		7	3	46	4	9								

Isaac Bennett, S. S.	9	6	96	3	9	12			Lawrenceville, Illinois.
E. W. Thayer, S. S.	8	18	6	2					Palestine, Illinois.
Henry J. Venable, W. C.	10	3	64	2	17	25			Paris, Illinois.
John Macdonald, S. S.	1	13	1	1					Cole's Court House, Ill.
John A. Steele,	35	6	158	15	16	4			Grand View, Illinois.
Robert Rutherford, S. S.	25	52	8	2					Shelbyville, Illinois.
John S. Pearson, W. C.	3	1	40	3					Shelbyville, Illinois.
Isaac Reed, W. C.—10.									South Hanover, Ind.
<i>Candidates 2.</i>									
	103	22	626	41	68	\$65			
6. <i>Presbytery of Iona.</i>									
Salmon Cowles, Miss.									West Point, Iowa Ter.
John Mark Fulton, S. S.	22	2	70	3	3	1			West Point, Iowa Ter.
Launcelet G. Bell, D. M.	6	15	32						Fairfield, Iowa Ter.
Samuel Oldland, S. S.	6	6	22	3	5		3	50	Davenport, Iowa Ter.
Michael Hummer,	7	11	48	1	3	15			Iowa City, Iowa Ter.
John Stocker,	1	5	18	3					Bloomington, Iowa Ter.
James C. Sharon, P.	5	17	17	1	2			1	Winchester, Iowa Ter.
Enoch Mead, D. M.	2	1	19	3					Davenport, Iowa Ter.
Aaron S. Leonard, P.—9.	5	14	70	7				3	Burlington, Iowa Ter.
	11	42						2	

2. <i>Presbytery of St. Louis.</i> William S. Potts, D. D. P.	2d Ch. St. Louis, P. Salem, V. Castor, V. Farmington, S. S. White Water, S. S. Potosi, P. P. Bellevue, P. Des Peres, P. Bonhomme, P. Union, P. Pleasant Hill, P. 2d Ch. Applecreek, S. S. 1st Ch. St. Charles, P. Main St. Ch. St. Charles, P.	99	57	381	30	29	193	182	399	300	20	8	00	545	St. Louis, Missouri. Old Mines, Mo. Perryville, Mo. Farmington, Mo. Perryville, Mo. Potosi, Mo. Caledonia, Mo. 100 Manchester, Mo. 30 Manchester, Mo. Union, Mo. Jackson, Mo. Apple Creek, Mo. 10 St. Charles, Mo.
James M. Covington, S. S. John F. Cowan, P. John N. Gilbreath, P. Joseph F. Fenton, P. D. E. Y. Rice, P.	College Church, S. S. Big Creek, S. S. Mount Pleasant, S. S. Monticello, S. S. Greenfield, V.	170	82	999	49	68	\$256	\$234	\$399	\$450	\$26	11	50	\$685	Jefferson City, Mo. Palmyra, Mo. Paris, Mo. Monticello, Mo. Monticello, Mo.
Asahel Munson, P. Hiram Chamberlain, P. R. G. Barret, P.	North Apple Creek, P. Brazeau, S. S. Dardenne, S. S. Eagle Fork, V. Femme Osage, V. Clark's Creek, V. Feece Ch. V. Jackson Ch. S. S.—22.	6	4	81	8	8	15	20	15	150	50	50	50	50	St. Charles, Mo Apple Creek, Mo. Apple Creek, Mo. Stockland, Mo. Flint Hill, Mo. Missouriton, Mo. Greenville, Mo. Manchester, Mo. Jackson, Mo. Cape Girardeau, Mo. Englishtown, N. J. Troy, Mo.
John McLane, W. C. Isaac Van Doren, W. C. John S. Ball, W. C.—12. <i>Candidates—2.</i>	College Church, S. S. Big Creek, S. S. Mount Pleasant, S. S. Monticello, S. S. Greenfield, V.	5	6	100	6	5	2	5	2	20	2	3	20	20	Jefferson City, Mo. Palmyra, Mo. Paris, Mo. Monticello, Mo. Monticello, Mo.

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F. B. McElroy, S. S.	Troy, S. S.	2	2	35	1	1	1									Troy, Missouri.	
S. C. McConnell, W. C.—7.	Auburn, S. S.	2	1	30	2	2	2									Warren, Mo.	
<i>Candidates—4.</i>	Salem, V.	2		15													
	North River, V.	2		16	2		2										
	Shelbyville, S. S.	5	2	20	2	2	2										
	Mt. Prairie, S. S.			50			2										
	Paris, V.			15													
	Waverly, V.			40	3	10											
	Ebenezer, V.	6		18													
	Buffalo,			14													
	Lick Creek, V.	13		30	4	6											
	Hannibal, V.—17.			31													
		55	11	604	18	33											
SYNOD OF KENTUCKY.																	
<i>I. Presbytery of Louisville.</i>																	
James Hawthorn, S. S.	Lawrenceburg, S. S.	1	1	51			1		13							Lawrenceburg, Ky.	
David C. Proctor, S. S.	Plumb Creek, S. S.			43			2	32	34				4		75	Shelbyville, Ky.	
	Simpsonville, S. S.			23													
	Big Spring, P.	80	1	220		16		22								Bloomfield, Ky.	
	Taylorville, P.	2		75	5												
Wm. L. Breckinridge, P.	1st Ch. Louisville, P.	32	9	242	12	39		50	266	300			20		410	Louisville, Ky.	
E. P. Humphrey, P.	2d Ch. Louisville, P.	40	20	250	19	37		100					20			Do.	
D. T. Stuart, P.	Shiloh and Olivet.	57		169				50								Shelbyville, Ky.	
Sylvester Scovel, Agt.	Mulberry, P.			81	2			75	93	19			5			Louisville, Ky.	
John D. Paxton, P.	Benlah, S. S.			13												Louisville, Ky.	
Francis Thornton, S. S.	Cane Run, S. S.			35												Louisville, Ky.	
A. S. Housley, W. C.	Hodgenville, V.															Hodgenville, Ky.	
John Kennedy, S. S.	Pennsylvania Run, S. S.															Jeffersonville, Ind.	
E. K. Lynn, P.	Upper and Lower Ben- son, P.	30	2	71	14	5									50	Bridgeport, Ky.	

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	Caney Fork, V. Salem, V. Union, V. Pleasant Grove, V.—22.	12		47	1	6									
		227	39	807	92	125	\$20	\$73							
3 <i>Presh. of Transylvania.</i> John Howe, S. S.	Bethel, S. S. Ebenezer, S. S.			62		8						3			Greensburg, Ky.
Samuel B. Robertson, W. C. John C. Young, D. D. Pres. S. S. Isaac McIlvaine, W. C.	Danville, S. S.	7	12	488	3	15	359	376	900			20			Lebanon, Ky. Danville, Ky. Danville, Ky.
Timothy Root, S. S. John H. Brown, S. S.	Buffalo Spring, S. S. Hanging Fork, S. S. Richmond, S. S.	2	4	109	2	10						8			Stanford, Ky.
John Montgomery, P. Aaron A. Hogue, S. S. George W. Coons, S. S.	Silver Creek, S. S. Harrodsburg, P. Perryville, S. S. Lebanon, S. S. Springfield, S. S. Pleasant Grove, S. S. Glasgow, Miss. Munfordville, Miss. Pisgah, Miss. Rock Spring, Miss.	18	4	66	15	8	55	23	45			8		600	Richmond, Ky. Harrodsburg, Ky. Lebanon, Ky. Springfield, Ky.
James T. Lapsley, Miss. Cary A. Wylie, Miss.—11. <i>Licentiate</i> —4. Henry P. Thompson, S. S. Samuel Williams, Robert A. Johnson, S. S.	New Providence, S. S. Paint Lick, S. S. Lancaster, S. S.	5	1	139	2	9						8			Harrodsburg, Ky. Danville, Ky.
		24	5	107	15	14						10	6		Paint Lick P. O. Ky.

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	Union, S. S. North Middletown, V. Mount Sterling, V. Green Creek, V. Greer's Creek, V.—28.	170	47	1893	72	119	\$428	\$345	\$423		\$150	\$112	15 00	\$325	Winchester, Ky. North Middletown, Ky. Mount Sterling, Ky. Clintonville, Ky. Versailles, Ky.
5. <i>Presbytery of Ebenezer.</i> Solomon G. Ward, W. C. R. C. Grundy, P. J. T. Hendrick, S. S. J. H. Condit, P.	New Hope, V. Maysville, P. Flemingsburg, S. S. Washington, P. Millersburg, V. Springfield, P. Augusta, S. S. Sharon, S. S. Richwood, S. S. Burlington, S. S. Paris, S. S. 1st Ch. Covington, S. S. Bethesda, S. S. Greenup Union, S. S.	14 70 20 2 4 1	3 4 6 2 2 1	183 144 94 73 80 55	2 8 13 1 3	11 30 5 1 6	84 50 13	42 25 13	35 25 13			15 10			Carlisle, Ky. Maysville, Ky. Flemingsburg, Ky. Washington, Ky.
Robert H. Caldwell, P. John S. Watt, S. S.		29 24	16 39	45 12	15 7	17 7	5					2 4			Sharpsburg, Ky. Augusta, Ky.
Sauuel Lynn, S. S. N. L. Rice, S. S. William Orr, S. S. Abel A. Case, S. S.		43	5	74	16	2						5			Burlington, Ky. Paris, Ky. Covington, Ky. Amanda, Ky.
George B. Armstrong, S. S. A. E. Thorne, S. S. W. W. Hall, W. C.		16	4	92	2	14	18 11					4 3			Crittenden, Ky. Paris, Ky. Paris, Ky.
Lorin Andrews, F. M. W. P. Alexander, F. M.—15. <i>Licentiates—3.</i> George Aitken, S. A. Hodgman, Ezekiel Forman.	Concord, V. Carlisle, V. New Concord, S. S. Sherburn Mills, V. Stoner Mouth, V. Upper Blue Lick, V.	6	30	35	1	9						2			Sherburn Mills, Ky. Versailles, Ky.

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	Cedar Creek, V. Opequon, V.—28.	49	9	799	6	58	\$300	\$326	\$151	\$3	\$32	32 00	\$172				
4. <i>Presb. West Hanover.</i> S. B. Wilson, D. D. Prof. William Reid, D. D. P. Henderson Lee, S. S. Matthew W. Jackson, W. C. Isaac Cochran, P. William S. White, P. Andrew Hart, P. Jesse S. Armistead, P. Robert N. Anderson, W. C. William Hammersley, P. Ephraim D. Sanders, W. C.	Amherst, S. S. 1st Ch. Lynchburg, P. Blue Stone, V. Boydton, V. Charlottesville, P. Cumberland, P. Village Church, P. Finneywood, V. Rough Creek, P. Byrd, P. Halifax, C. H. S. S. Bethesda, P. Maysville, V. Union Ch. P. South Plains, V. Scottsville, P. Cub Creek, S. S. Briery, P. Hanover, Peaks and New London, P. Lebanon, P. Halifax, P. Chesnut, S. S. Cove, P. Bethany, P.	1 2 2 19 3 2	1 3 1 1 1 2	92 74 122 91 92 60 29	1 1 1 1 1 2	5 11 8 15 1	16 30 29 55 55 55	8 25 20 82 70 60						3 8 8 12 8 6 4			Pr. Edward C. H. Va. Lynchburg, Va. Lunenburg C. H. Va. Rough Creek Ch., Va. Pr. Edward C. H. Va. Charlottesville, Va. Charlottesville, Va. Syra, Va. Rough Creek Ch., Va. Hague's P. O. Va. Cub Creek, Va. Lunenburg, C. H. Va. Clover Hill, Va. Amherst C. H. Va. Scottsville, Va. Charlottesville, C. H. Va. Roanoke Bridge, Va. Pr. Edward C. H. Va. Otter Bridge, Va. Yancey's Mills, Va. Charlottesville, C. H. Va. Rock Mount, Va. Lovington, Va. Lunenburg C. H. Va.
Samuel J. Price, W. C. William H. Pollard, W. C. John H. Bockel, P. Joseph F. Baxter, S. S. John B. Ross, P. Michael Osborne, S. S. Samuel D. Stuart, P. P. J. Sparrow, P. John G. Shepperson, P. Samuel W. Blain, P. William C. Scott, P. Samuel D. Rice, S. S. William Pinkerton, P. James M. Cake, P.		1 1 4 10 3	3 7 2 45 60	22 180 145 45	4 1 1 7	3 3 3 7	28 115 81 6 2	127 81 7 13	16	50	7	10 15 20 5 5 3 4					

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SYNOD OF NORTH CAROLINA.															
1. <i>Presbytery of Orange.</i>															
Wm. Paisley, S. S.	Washington, V.	10	2	90	3	2	2	34	55				1 00		Greensboro', N. C.
E. B. Currie, W. C.	Greensboro', S. S.			62											Mason Hall, N. C.
J. Witherspoon, D. D. Miss.	Speedwell, V.			80											Hillsboro', N. C.
J. H. Pickard, S. S.	Warrenton, V.			5											Brown's Store, N. C.
	Bethesda, S. S.			33								4			
E. Mitchell, D. D. Prof.	Stoney Creek, S. S.			75								12			Chapel Hill, N. C.
Eli W. Caruthers, P.	High Rock, V.			7		6						12			Greensboro', N. C.
	Buffalo, P.			96											
	Allemanee, P.			120											
Jesse Rankin, W. C.	Lexington, V.			75											Lexington, N. C.
Thomas Lynch, S. S.	Fairfield, S. S.			33											Mason Hall, N. C.
Alex. Wilson, D. D. Prof.	Pho, S. S.			58											Greensboro', N. C.
	Bethlehem, S. S.			26											
S. H. Smith, S. S.	Ahava,	2	1	7											Mount Tirza, N. C.
N. H. Harding, D. D. S. S.	Milton, S. S.	6	1	49	5			50	50	43			8		Milton, N. C.
James Phillips, Prof.	Yanceyville, S. S.	9	6	30	4	9		5	27	8			5		Chapel Hill, N. C.
Thomas R. Owen, S. S.	Gilead, S. S.			14									2		Wilmingon, N. C.
Drury Lacy, P.	Raleigh, P.	9	3	79	6	7		47	85	101			12		Raleigh, N. C.
Robert Burwell, P.	Hillsboro', P. P.	2		67		1			47				12		Hillsboro', N. C.
George Ferrell, P.	Spring Grove, P. P.			16		1							4		Oak Grove, N. C.
J. T. Ely, W. C.	Providence, P.			23											Rahway, N. J.
D. G. Doak, P. P.	Clarksville, P.	1	6	91		7			39	30					Clarksville, Va.
Daniel Stratton, P.	Newbern, P.			100		25					9		12		Newbern, N. C.
John A. Gretter, Prof. S. S.	Bethel, S. S.	8		68									6		Greensboro', N. C.
	Carmel, V.			20											
G. D. McCuinn, S. S.	Gun Grove, S. S.			14											Clarksville, Va.
W. N. Mcbane, P.	Spring Garden, P.			46											Madison, N. C.
J. J. P. Anderson, P.	Danville, P. P.	35	107	20	20	9		35	38	23			12		Danville, Va.
John Paisley, P.	Red House, P.	1	28	1	1	10			10				6		Red House, N. C.

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Archibald Smith, S. S.	Bethesda,			100			2	2		2			3	50		P. M. Philadelphus, N. C.
John R. McIntosh, P.	Centre,	2		243		13		13		20			4			Boivar, N. C.
Hugh McLaurin, S. S.	Mineral Spring & Ben- salem.	5		174		1		11		6			3	50		Clark's Mills, N. C.
William W. Eells, W. C.	Shiloh Grove & Union,															Wilmington, N. C.
Malcom Conoly, P.	Ash-pole and Laurel Hill,	8		300				13		32						Warsaw P. O. N. C.
Archibald Baker, P.																Cowper-hill, N. C.
Neill McKay, S. S.	Tirza and Mount Pis- gah, S. S.	7	1	389		2		5					5			Northington's P. O. N. C.
Colin Shaw, P.	Black River,	8		134		4		5	20	16			6	50		Beatty's Bridge, N. C.
Theophilus G. Fotts, P.—21.	Hopewell and Keith, Wilmington, V.	9	3	172				20		13			5	50		Washington Depot, N. C.
<i>Licentiate—1.</i>	Mark's Creek, V.												1			
George M. Gibbs.	Bethcar, V.			12				3					3			
	Philadelphus, V.			38												
	Elizabethtown, V.															
	Cypress, V.—43.															
		94	16	3569	15	185		\$22	\$426	\$64	\$33	\$13	\$89	\$5 50		
<i>3. Presbytery of Concord.</i>																
John Robinson, D. D. W. C.	Poplar Tent, S. S.			170						16			5			Mill Grove, N. C.
John B. Davis, S. S.	Bethel, S. S.	4	1	69	1	4							3	1 00		Davidson's College, N. C.
Walter S. Pharr, P.	Mallard Creek, P. Ra- mah, S. S.	11		250				16		10			5	50		Mill Grove, N. C.
R. H. Morrison, D. D. S. S.	Unity, S. S.			120												Cottage Home, N. C.
Samuel Williamson, Pres.	Davidson College, P.	1		18									3	50		Davidson's College, N. C.
Stephen Frontis, P.	Salisbury, P.	1		101	1	4		20		25			6	1 00		Salisbury, N. C.
Henry N. Pharr, P.	Concord and Salem, P.	8	1	189	1	8				17			5	50		Statesville, N. C.
Cyrus Johnston, P.	Providence and Sha- ron, P.	20		195	1	14		18		32			7	1 00		Providence, N. C.
Daniel A. Penick, P.	Rocky River, P.	12	1	497	1	33		28		115			7	1 00		Pioneer Mills, N. C.

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SYNOD OF WEST TENNESSEE.			
1. <i>Presbytery of Holston.</i> Samuel W. Doak, Prof. Andrew Vance, S. S.	Mount Bethel, V. Baker's Creek, S. S. Madisonville, S. S. Knoxville, P. Lebanon, S. S. Pleasant Forest, S. S. Leesburg, S. S. Providence, S. S.	18 31 7 5 15 17	Henderson's Mill, Tenn. Cloyd's Creek, Tenn. Knoxville, Tenn. Campbell's Station, Tenn. Brownsboro', Tenn. Brownsboro', Tenn. Rogersville, Tenn. Campbell's Station, Tenn.
Samuel Y. Wyly, Prof. A. A. Doak, Prof. Wm. B. Carter, S. S.	Rogersville, S. S. New Providence, S. S. Rocky Spring, V. Cedar Grove, V. Ebenezer, V.—14.	5 3	Brownsboro', Tenn. Brownsboro', Tenn. Rogersville, Tenn. Campbell's Station, Tenn.
Samuel H. Doak, W. C.—8.		94	
2. <i>Presb. of West Tennessee.</i> Duncan Brown, D. D. S. S.	Salem, S. S. Ebenezer, S. S. Cathie's Creek, S. S. Hopewell, S. S. Fountain Hill, V. Zion, P. Pulaski, V.	12 5 44 41 27 2 27 30 62 94	\$1 00 \$1 00 \$80 \$645 \$645 \$130 25 7 13 1 10 174 177
Hugh Shaw, S. S.		8	Mount Pleasant, Tenn. Bigbyville, Tenn. Cathies' Creek, Tenn. Pulaski, Tenn.
James M. Arnell, P.—3.		7	Columbia, Tenn. Pulaski, Tenn. Sinking Spring, Tenn. Spring Hill, Tenn. Elkton, Tenn.
<i>Candidates—2.</i>	Bethesda, V. Bethany, V.—10.	15	
		7	
		582	
		4	
		13	
		\$219	
		\$217	

3. Presbytery of Nashville. Philip Lindsley, D. D. Pres. John T. Edgar, D. D. P. John R. Bain, S. S. Robert A. Lapsley, S. S. John Allison, S. S. Andrew H. Kerr, S. S. Oliver B. Hayes, W. C. James S. H. Henderson, S. S. —8.	Nashville, P. Hume, S. S. Hermitage, S. S. Shiloh, S. S. Clarksville, S. S. Centre, Smyrna, S. S. Harpeth, S. S. Mount Tabor, S. S. Gallatin, V. Mount Vernon, V. Unity, V. Fall Creek, V. Franklin, V.—14.	71	17	422	26	31	225	235	347	60	40	5	15	15	5	5	5	5	10	40	3 00	127	Nashville, Tenn. Ditto. Ditto. Ditto. Gallatin, Tenn. Clarksville, Tenn. Nashville, Tenn. Jefferson, Tenn.	
24. Presb. of North Alabama. J. O. Stegman, S. S. N. A. Penland, S. S. James Woods, S. S. Elijah Slack, S. S. Wm. Chamberlain, John Huss.—6.	Tuscumbia, S. S. Somerville, S. S. Courtland, S. S. Florence, V. New Providence, S. S. Ebenezer, S. S. Rogersville, V. Decatur, S. S.—8.	15	4	46	6	19	52	20			10	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	105	\$5 00	\$127	Tuscumbia, Alabama. Somerville, Alabama. Courtland, Alabama. Florence, Alabama.	
5. Pres. of Western District Samuel Hodge, S. S.	Zion, S. S. New Shiloh, S. S. Trenton, S. S.	51	8	209	25	46	\$72				\$36	\$3 50							10				Shiloh, Tenn.	
		11	1	40	2																			

Candidates—3.

Licentiate—1.

Candidate—1.

5. Pres. of Western District

Samuel Hodge, S. S.

Zion, S. S.

New Shiloh, S. S.

Trenton, S. S.

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H. M. Kerr, P.	Rehoboth, P. Aimwell, S. S. Bethel, S. S. Ramah, S. S. Jackson, P. Paris, V. Glade Springs, P.	2 2 6 37	1 2 1	94 28 31 33 82	9 1 1 5 6	9 6 1 5 6	1 6 1 5 6	22	7	2	2			50	13	13	New Castle, Tenn.
Alexander A. Campbell, P. E. Slack, W. C. Wm. S. Lacy, P. E. Hollister, W. C. S. M. Williamson, P.	Somerville, S. S. Mount Bethany, P. Emmaus, S. S. Memphis, P. Germantown, S. S. Portersville, V. West Bethel, V. Denmark, V.	17 5 35 14	2 1 36 10	39 94 15 164 43	7 4 1 9 3	7 4 1 9 8	53	50	92	50	50		5 5 5 5	50	40	40	Jackson, Tenn. Florence, Ala. Sommerville, Tenn. Somerville, Tenn. Bellmont, Tenn. Memphis, Tenn. Memphis, Tenn.
Alexander Van Court, D. H. Cummins, P. J. M. Becton,	Mount Pleasant, V. Mount Carmel, P. Obion, S. S. La Grange, V.	18 39	7 6	126 170	14 18	5 19	32	62	87	5			10	50	113	113	Florence, Ala. Covington, Tenn. Texas.
M. T. Allen, P. J. E. Bright, P.	Raleigh, P. Prosperity, S. S. Brownsville, P. Union, P. Ripley, V.	10 11 18	1 4 9	26 92 71	3 3 7	15 15 15	10 37		2 3	2 3			5 5 5 5	50	50	50	Raleigh, Tenn. Brownsville, Tenn.
A. T. Graves, S. S.—16. <i>Licentiate</i> —1. James Holmes. <i>Candidates</i> —3.	Huntingdon, S. S.—28.	225	81	1171	73	137	\$301	\$99	\$209				\$103	\$3 50	\$366		Huntingdon, Tenn. Covington, Tenn.

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	Guilder's Creek, V. Bethel, V. Varenes, V. Duncan's Creek, V. North Paolet, V.—36.	34	4	893	14	72	\$83	\$106	\$184			3			
2. <i>Presbytery of Bethel.</i> Robert B. Walker, W. C. James S. Adams, W. C. Samuel L. Watson, P. Pierpont E. Bishop, P.	Bethel, P. Ebenezer, P. Unity, S. S. Beersheba, S. S. Bullock's Creek, S. S.	14	5	500	1	16		16	10			10	50		Ebenezer, S. C. Yorkville, S. C. Yorkville, S. C. Ebenezer, S. C.
William B. Davis, S. S.	Purity, P.	5	5	120	1	2			5			4			Meek's Hill, S. C.
John Douglas, P.	Concord, P.	5	5	80	1	7			5			5	50		Chesterville, S. C.
James H. Saye, P.	Fairforest, P.	13	4	67	3	7			5			5			Jonesville, S. C.
James R. Gilland, S. S.	Cane Creek, P. Fishing Creek, S. S.	10	1	75	1	12	10	16	5			5			Spring Rock, S. C.
A. H. Caldwell, P. William Banks, P. H. A. Munroe, P.	Cedar Shoal, S. S. Bethesda, P. Catholic, P. Unionville, P. Salem, S. S.	9	2	117	3	12		14	10			8			Brattonville, S. C. Hazlewood, S. C.
Lupton W. Curtis, Samuel B. O. Wilson, Prof. D. McNeill Turner, W. C. Ferdinand Jacobs, S. S.—15.	Yorkville, Lancasterville, V. Six Mile Creek, S. S. Hopewell, V.	11	5	30	1	1			10			4	50		Unionville, S. C. Davidson College, N. C. Chesterville, S. C. Yorkville, S. C.

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4. <i>Presbytery of Charleston.</i> A. W. Leland, D. D. Prof. B. Gildersleeve, Ed. George Howe, D. D. Prof. Thomas Smyth, P. Joseph Wallace, George W. Boggs, J. H. Thornwell, Prof. J. J. Du Bose, J. B. Adger, Miss. J. F. Lambeau, Miss.	2d Presb. Charleston, Watterboro' Ch. Beech Island, Boiling Springs, Salt Catcher Church, John's Island and Wad- mclaw, Columbia.—7.	11	6	329	6	90	700	600	200		22				Columbia, S. C. Charleston, S. C. Columbia, S. C. Charleston, S. C. Beaufort, S. C. Winnboro', S. C. Columbia, S. C. Columbia, S. C. Smyrna, Asia Minor.
J. L. Merriek, Miss. B. M. Palmer, Jr. P. Edward Palmer.—13. <i>Licentiates</i> —2. Samuel H. Hay, R. Q. Way. <i>Candidates</i> —4.		3	6	128	7			300	400						Jerusalem, Syria. Ooroombah, Persia. Columbia, S. C. Pocotaligo, S. C.
5. <i>Presbytery of Georgia.</i> Win. McWhir, D. D. W. C. Robert Quarterman, P. C. C. Jones, Miss. Washington Baird, P. J. S. K. Axson, P. John Winn, P. John Jones, P. Henry Axtell, W. C.	Midway Congregation- al Church, P. St. Mary's, P. Linton Grove Ch. S. S. Midway Congregation- al Church, P. Darien, P. Bryan, P.	15	12	627	21	\$99	\$1052	\$1073	\$200	\$22					Darien, Georgia. Riceboro', Geo. Riceboro', Geo. St. Mary's, Geo. Riceboro', Geo. Darien, Geo. Bryan Old C. H. Geo. St. Augustine, E. F.

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<i>Licentiate</i> —1. Carlisle P. B. Martin. <i>Candidates</i> —2.		35	13	846	7	29	\$175	\$401								
7. <i>Presb. of Flint River.</i> Thomas Goulding, D. D. P. James Gambie, S. S. John S. Wilson, S. S. Nathaniel A. Pratt, P. Joseph Y. Alexander, S. S. James C. Patterson, S. S. Michael Dickson, S. S. F. F. Montgomery, S. S. Isaac W. Waddel, S. S. Lyman W. Corbin, S. S. Wm. M. Cunningham, P. George Dunham, W. C. Richard T. Marks, S. S. Daniel Ingles, S. S. Henry L. Deane, S. S.—16.	Columbus, P. Pleasant Green, S. S. Decatur, S. S. Roswell, P. Newnan, S. S. Alcoria, S. S. West Point, S. S. Ephesus, S. S. Marietta, S. S. Greenville, S. S. La Grange, P. Florence, V. Muscogur, S. S. Walnut Grove, S. S. Jackson, V. Bethesda, S. S. Berca, V. Covington, V. Ebenezer, S. S. Fairview, S. S. Forsyth, S. S. Franklin, V. Friendship, V. Goshen, S. S. Griffin, S. S. Hamilton, S. S.	36 27 5	5 6 3	167 112 127 105 21 45 20 53 35	16 7	22 8 7 2										Columbus, Georgia. Pleasant Green, Geo. Lawrenceville, Geo. Lafayette, Geo. Newnan, Geo. Lawrenceville, Geo. Lafayette, Geo. Talbot, Geo. Marietta, Geo. Greenville, Geo. La Grange, Geo. Columbus, Geo. Pleasant Green, Geo. Social Circle, Geo. Forsyth, Geo.
<i>Licentiate</i> —3. John B. Smith, Thomas Jackson, Malcom A. Patterson. <i>Candidates</i> —3.		3		45 138 8 20 15 26	1											Hamilton, Geo. Lebanon, Geo.

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SYNOD OF ALABAMA.																
1. <i>Presb. of South Alabama.</i>																
Thomas Newton, W. C.	Asheville, V.	52	63	236	20	6	24	43	12			22	1 00		Greensboro, Ala.	
Thomas S. Witherspoon, P.	Greensboro, P.	49	4	224	19	13		47				26	50	100	Perry C. H. Ala.	
Robert Nail, P.	Marion, P.	4		31								10	2 00		Perry C. H. Ala.	
	Fairview, S. S.	15	21	270	3	25	145	322	253			65	1 00	30	Mobile, Ala.	
Wm. T. Hamilton, D. D. P.	Govt. St. Ch. Mobile, P.	14	1	134	6	8		154	50			16			Selma, Ala.	
Junius B. King, P.	Valley Creek, P.															
	Mount Pleasant,															
	Shell Creek, V.															
Robert D. Russell, W. C.	Calawba, V.	9	1	62	2	5		56				13	50		Montpelier, Ala.	
Beverly Crawford, W. C.	Selma, P.	3		84		8		8				10			Mobile, Ala.	
William F. McRce, P.	Pisgah, S. S.	17	16	80	5	40						9	50		Selma, Ala.	
	Geneva, P.	5	10	15		1		2				5			Montpelier, Ala.	
William C. Emerson, P.	Lebanon, S. S.	15	1	33		8	2					3			Demopolis, Ala.	
	Laurel, S. S.	2	3	21		4	30					5			Shiloh, Ala.	
Nathan G. Phillips, S.S.—10.	Dayton, S. S.	2	3	33		4			50			5			Dayton, Ala.	
	Mobile 2d Church, V.	7		7								10			Mobile, Ala.	
	Airmount, V.—17.															
<i>Licentiate—1.</i>		187	151	1247	64	118	\$201	\$632	365			\$194	\$6 00	\$130		
Stephen R. Wright.																
<i>Candidates—2.</i>																
2. <i>Presbytery of Tuscaloosa.</i>																
R. W. B. Kennedy, W. C.	Bethesda, V.															Union, Alabama.
J. N. Carothers, S. S.	Ebenezer, S. S.	15		73		1		91				10	1 00	90	Clinton, Ala.	
J. Hadden, P.	Bethel, P.			125	11										Sumterville, Ala.	
N. R. Morgan, W. C.	Mount Olivet, V.			20											Eutaw, Ala.	
L. D. Hatch, W. C.	Demopolis, V.			131											Greensboro, Ala.	
T. Morrow, S. S.	Oak Grove, S. S.	11		139	2	12	11	12				8	1 00		Hope, Ala.	
F. H. Porter, S. S.	Hebron, S. S.	8		139	1							7			Union, Ala.	
F. Bradshaw, W. C.	New Hope, S. S.			81								8			Eutaw, Ala.	

J. H. Van Court, W. C.	16	4	110	6	18	100	143	50	25	1	25	120	Oakland College, Miss.
Zebulon Butler, P.	2	3	23	1	1	1							Port Gibson, Miss.
S. V. Marshall, S. S.	2	49	1	2	1	110	111		25	1	00	300	Grand Gulf, Miss.
J. R. Hutchison, Prof. S. S.	2	16				8			2				Oakland College, Miss.
J. H. Thompson, S. S.	10	40											McMannus, Miss.
A. R. Graves, S. S.—10.	1	28		2									Mount Carmel, Miss.
<i>Candidates—7.</i>	1	21		1	1								Williamsburg, Miss.
	2	21									75		Winchester, Miss.
	3	32											Natchez, Miss.
		14											Gallatin, Miss.
		28									75		Raleigh, Miss.
	20	19		4	10	8			2				Natchez, Miss.
	3	205		1	10	442	1049	82	21	1	50		Natchez, Miss.
	81	18	766	16	44	\$668	\$1830	\$82	\$80	\$7	\$75	\$420	
2. <i>Presbytery of Louisiana.</i>													
James Smylie, W. C.													Toler's P. O. Miss.
Benjamin Chase, W. C.													Natchez, Miss.
John L. Montgomery, W. C.													S. L. Francisville, La.
Abraham Hagaman, S. S.									15	1	00	600	Jackson, La.
													Jackson, La.
John B. Warren, D. M.													New River, La.
James Purviance, S. S.													Natchez, Miss.
Jahciel Woodbridge, S. S.	13	2	86	10	22	230	121	151	131	5	00	202	Natchez, Miss.
Ephraim T. McLain, P.	8	5	65	2	6	26	9	5				50	Eaton Rouge, La.
						12		5				162	Liberty, Miss.
Frederick S. Ernst, S. S.						8	2	5	4	1	00		Toler's P. O. Miss.
Robert J. Stanton, P.	5	3	36	8	8	5	4	5	20	1	00	62	Baton Rouge, La.
Jerome Twitchell, D. M.	12	4	60	5	1	60	30	30	40	2	00	3319	Woodville, Miss.
Thos. A. Ogden, Miss.												3300	New Orleans, La.
William A. Scott, P.													Natchez, Miss.
Robert S. Finley, Miss.—14.	67	70	341	2	17	667	315		1	00		977	New Orleans, La.
													Natchez, Miss.
													Plaquemine La.
													Pine Grove, La.

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<i>Licentiate</i> —1. Benjamin H. Williams. <i>Candidates</i> —2.	Pisgah, V. St. Francisville, S. S. —13.	105	85	645	19	59	\$1016	\$531	\$211			\$230	11 00	\$8522	Homesville, Miss. St. Francisville, La.
<i>3. Presbytery of Clinton.</i> Daniel Comfort, W. C. D. L. Russel, S. S. Peter Danan, S. S. S. H. Hazard, S. S. John A. Smylic, W. C. S. M. Montgomery, S. S. Richmond Melnis, S. S. A. B. Lawrence, W. C. L. J. Halsey, P.—9.	Franklin, S. S. Camden, S. S. Osborn, S. S. Williken's Bend, S. S. Clinton, S. S. Raymond, S. S. Brandon, S. S. Canton, S. S. Yazoo City, S. S. Jackson, P. Vicksburg, S. S. Monmouth, V.—12.	2 9 21 71 14 3	2 4 4 100 15 3	12 26 27 100 34 6 18 24 24 24 47 11	1 4 10 14 2 1 3 3 3 2 4 2	2 2 5 7 7 3 3 1	5 5 7 7 12 12	5 5 17 5 9	50 50	15 15 10 10			50 50		Clinton, Miss. Rielland, Miss. Camden, Miss. Jackson, Miss. Clinton, Miss. Raymond, Miss. Brandon, Miss. Canton, Miss. Yazoo, Miss. Vicksburg, Miss. Jackson, Miss. Vicksburg, Miss. Brandon, Miss. Clinton, Miss.
<i>Licentiate</i> —1. John Gilchrist.		152	36	353	40	24	\$12	\$68				\$75	\$2 50		Clinton, Miss.

SUMMARY VIEW of the Presbyterian Church in the United States, for 1843.

PRESBYTERIES.	Ministers.	Licentates.	Candidates.	Churches.	Com. added on examination.	Com. added on certificate.	Total of Communicants.	Adults Baptized.	Infants Baptized.	Funds raised for Dom. Missions.	Funds raised for For. Missions.	Funds raised for Education.	Funds raised for Board of Publication.	Funds raised for Theological Seminaries.	Commissioners' Fund.	Contingent Fund.	Miscellaneous Collections.	STATED CLERKS or PRESBYTERIES.
Londonderry,	20			10	174		1740	51	46						17			Edward L. Parker,
Ogdensburg,	5		5	7	58	22	870	13	38	19	104	16			5 00	5 00	1121	John A. Savage.
Troy,	10	3	6	10	117	67	1647	38	68	382	645	386		56	37	5 75	1121	Ebenezer D. Maltbie.
Albany,	34	7	14	26	176	113	3420	44	170	938	1600	660	75	150	49	48 75	2776	John Clancy.
Columbia,	6			3	7	10	139	1	10	28	46	39			3 00	3 00		Alfred Gardner,
Hudson,	20		2	15	169	61	1890	12	65	239	480	89		83	28	20 95	193	John H. Leggett.
North River,	13	5	3	8	106	43	1069	37	52	189	228	37		3	25	16 23	528	John Johnston.
Bedford,	16	1	2	16	197	18	1308	88	31	335	632	105		64	35	16 93	151	Jacob Green.
Long Island,	14	4	4	16	165	36	2228	67	115	175	274	133		9	19	8 06	893	James M. Dougall.
New York,	29	8	7	14	203	205	3741	47	161	1817	2255	799	88	307	129	118 51	9480	John M. Krebs, D. D.
New York, 2d,	9			6	31	40	1296	2	71	97	280				4 00	4 00		Joseph McElroy, D. D.
Elizabethtown,	27	3	3	22	491	128	4526	199	213	693	998	540		107	41	40 90	3382	James M. Huntington.
New Brunswick,	37	15	5	20	418	129	4008	240	200	737	1430	349		334	62	46 20	416	Eli F. Cooley.
Newton,	26	4	4	29	520	84	3482	84	261	508	766	470		163	32	21 74	577	John Gray.
Raritan,	10			12	215	23	1424	97	105	126	114	92		30	15	14 00	157	P. O. Studdiford.
Susquehanna,	12	1	4	20	125	54	1269	28	56	177	202	37	15	10	33	2 25	116	John Dorrance.
Steuben,	7	2	1	8	22	19	387	3	17	44	107	11		35	28	4 00	30	Isaac W. Platt.
Wyoming,	12		2	9	72	44	878	8	30	77	41	3		20	19	3 00	127	Richard Kay.
Philadelphia,	27	12	20	18	491	206	4227	64	332	1676	3607	1889	590	600	90	78 75	2168	Wm. M. Engles, D. D.
Philadelphia 2d,	9	4	4	13	204	55	1126	73	113	110	276	104		15	11	10 50	2145	Wm. D. Howard.
West Jersey,	13	1	5	14	213	36	1443	87	93	299	275	211		70	12	7 50	737	S. Beach Jones.
New Castle,	18	4	4	21	238	58	3102	81	133	315	702	176	95	23	8	7 50	1230	Robert P. Du Bois.
Donegal,	12			18	151	30	1472	38	88	645							366	Alfred Nevyn.
Baltimore,	17	5	5	22	120	32	1711	13	79	350	329	83		50	15	9 00	222	R. T. Berry.
Carlisle,	26	4	6	40	172	33	3121	15	114	315	990	363	10	81	20	9 52	470	Thomas Creigh.

Huntingdon,	22	1	6	341082	150	4814	192	483	668	604	351	68	75	12 00	229	Joshua Moore.
Northumberland,	18	3	4	29 402	81	2949	91	153	117	691	248	4	46	15 00	4595	Isaac Grier.
Redstone,	17	30	30	188	53	2769	72	209	611	339	327	95	57	8 50		A. G. Fairchild.
Ohio,	37	1	12	31 358	152	3768	66	309	1098	1615	725	984	114	26 03	1936	Wm. B. Melvaine.
Erie,	11	2	5	28 218	63	1473	44	183	105	251	46	30	21	3 00	125	Robert Diworth.
Beaver,	11	1	3	21 157	73	1611	21	198	98	112	35	75	25	50		John R. Agnew.
Allegheny,	12	3	21	91 47	1840	3999	17	170	47	153	75	73	51	5 17	5	Watson Hughes.
Bairsville,	20	2	4	36 268	113	3999	37	320	496	290	395	296	63	10 50	118	David Polk.
Clarion,	9	1	1	13 163	39	1390	29	165	6	94	64	8	34	2 50		John W. Scott.
Steubenville,	17	1	3	25 215	99	2381	32	210	284	674	242	543	37	17 20	256	John Eagleson.
Washington,	26	6	8	27 374	113	3669	70	296	772	930	899	155	115	1 50	236	Wm. O. Stratton.
New Lisbon,	13	3	3	26 163	40	1492	23	171	99	303	68	54	15	1 00	41	Benjamin Mitchell.
St. Clairsville,	11	4	20	94 67	1405	31 177	93	129	196	341	134	28	59	10 50	219	Josiah D. Smith.
Columbus,	11	3	16	70 50	1460	13 88	196	112	112	210	30	4	73	9 00	184	James Culbertson.
Lancaster,	13	2	1	30 124	62	2345	25	118	112	118	22	25	49	25	53	Wm. M. Galbreath.
Marion,	12	2	21	115 51	866	20 101	28	13	28	118	57	104	61	6 25	57	Isaac N. Shepleard.
Richland,	14	1	27	293 102	1914	83 181	114	81	114	233	148	104	13	8 50	124	Edward R. Geary.
Wooster,	19	1	38	384 106	2891	61 204	84	84	84	349	77	246	13	5 00	320	John P. Vandyke.
Chillicothe,	14	1	3	22 120	32	2202	19	85	153	349	77	246	13	5 00	320	Jam s C. Barnes.
Miami,	13	1	3	24 246	51	1698	88	180	441	344	77	246	13	5 00	320	Jam s C. Barnes.
Cincinnati,	9	2	1	17 146	55	1460	37	68	196	443	127	30	30	3 87	996	S. Ramsay Wilson.
Oxford,	17	3	4	32 224	77	1726	64	126	269	174	3	90	53	3 00	72	Thomas F. Hughes.
Sidney,	9	2	16	153 76	1166	51 138	117	110	117	110	5	52	71	3 00	99	John A. Weeks.
Maunee,	5	1	1	12 87	37	309	11	61	11	25	153	35	49		15	John M. Crabb.
Salem,	7	6	11	18 159	39	996	51	55	121	97	153	35	33	1 00	264	James Wood.
Vincennes,	10	6	17	163 16	747	42 102	113	15	15	15	80	9	39		25	James Crawford.
Madison,	7	1	6	14 99	29	693	21	60	75	58	80	39	39		9	Daniel Latimore.
Crawfordsville,	9	1	21	119 59	1082	22 85	80	14	80	14	80	74	74			W. A. Ferguson.
Indianapolis,	9	2	3	19 117	40	1339	35	84	227	146	80	54	54			D. M. Stewart.
Logansport,	6	1	2	19 87	65	645	18	41	20	14	153	7	38			A. Williamson.
Michigan,	6	1	1	10 7	24	270	1	16	20	3	153	7	38			Wm. C. Kniffin.
Lake,	6	1	1	13 53	20	502	13	14	41	5	4	10	8		70	J. C. Brown.
Kaskaskia,	8	1	21	70 42	757	12 43	4	51	115	7	4	5	21			Thomas A. Spilman.
Sangamon,	5	1	10	46 41	422	5 16	115	7	115	7	4	5	21			John G. Bergen.
Schuyler,	9	1	1	16 96	38	474	23	41	12	29	2	8	8			James M. Chase.
Peoria,	5	1	15	4 4	115	5 5	19	5	19	5	2	12	12			Samuel C. McCune.
Patetstine,	10	2	15	103 22	626	41 68	41	68	19	5	2	12	12			R. H. Lilly.

PRESBYTERIES.	STATED CLERKS OF PRESBYTERIES.																		
	Ministers.	Licentiate.	Candidates.	Churches.	Com. added on examination.	Com. added on certificate.	Total of Communicants.	Adults Baptized.	Infants Baptized.	Funds raised for Dom. Missions.	Funds raised for For. Missions.	Funds raised for Education.	Board of Publication.	Funds raised for Theological Seminary.	Commissioners' Fund.	Contingent Fund.	Miscellaneous Collections.		
Iowa,	9	1		22	68	61	564	8	35	16	1				16	1 00		M. Hummer.	
Missouri,	8	3		21	188	18	1012	102	51	39	53				26	11 50	685	Wm. G. Bell.	
St. Louis,	12			22	170	82	999	49	68	256	234	399		450				John F. Cowan.	
Palmyra,	7		4	17	55	11	604	18	33			345			88		535	F. B. McElroy.	
Louisville,	17	2		27	317	53	1960	70	153	519	556							Wm. L. Breckinridge.	
Mt. Lebanon,	11	1		1	22	39	807	92	125	20	73	945			85	15 00	600	William D. Jones.	
Transylvania,	11	4	6	23	85	32	1537	62	65	416	399	423		150	112		325	John Montgomery.	
West Lexington,	16	4	3	28	170	47	1893	72	119	428	345	73			67			Charles A. Campbell.	
Elkcezer,	15	3		27	229	43	980	73	106	181	80	13			152			R. C. Grundy.	
Greenbrier,	11	1		19	45	14	781	2	33	32	139			5	31	5 00	364	Joseph Brown.	
Lexington,	35	1	4	40	444	94	3906	109	209	315	455	256	20	139	152	14 50	172	J. A. Van Lear.	
Winchester,	15	3	8	28	49	9	799	6	58	300	326	151	3	32		32 00		Peyton Harrison.	
West Hanover,	29	3	5	36	79	24	1410	30	75	500	552	84	50	89	146	28 72	935	P. J. Sparrow.	
East Hanover,	12	5	3	10	144	37	1274	60	109	499	1332	538	28	17	65	13 00	251	John Leyburn.	
Orange,	26	3	4	43	100	23	2289	28	94	206	393	489	10	9	120	5 50		N. H. Harding, D. D.	
Fayetteville,	21	1		12	43	94	3569	15	185	92	426	64	33	13	111	12 75		Colin McIver.	
Concord,	29	3	4	52	231	23	5074	32	227	430	571	297			80	1 50	440	Stephen Frontis.	
Holston,	8			14	94	12	628	29	45	130	645							Samuel Y. Wylie.	
West Tennessee,	3		2	10	15	7	582	4	13	219	217	347	60		105	5 00	127	James M. Arnell.	
Nashville,	6	1	1	8	51	8	209	25	46	225	235				36	3 50	366	John T. Edgar, D. D.	
North Alabama,	16	1	3	28	225	81	1171	73	137	301	99	209			103	3 50		J. O. Steadman.	
Western District,	18		9	36	34	4	893	14	72	83	106	184			202	2 50		H. M. Kerr.	
South Carolina,	15	1	7	21	109	27	1959	27	78	10	46	100	27	20	97			Samuel B. Lewers.	
Bethel,	21	1	1	25	107	37	2088	28	84	63	445	124	27	22	235			John Douglas.	
Harmony,	13	2	4	7	15	12	627	21	21	99	1052	1073	200	92				Wm. Brearly.	
Georgia,	9	2	1	8													1200	B. Gilderseeve.	
Hopewell,	17	1		28	35	13	846	7	29	175	401							C. C. Jones.	
																			Francis Bowman.

GENERAL VIEW.

During the past year, the Synod of New Jersey has erected out of the Presbytery of Caledonia the two new Presbyteries of Steuben and Wyoming; the Synod of Philadelphia has set off a part of the Presbytery of New Castle and formed the Presbytery of Donegal; the Synod of Indiana has erected the new Presbytery of Lake; the Synod of Mississippi have reported the new Presbytery, Indian, and have changed the name of the Presbytery of Holly Springs to that of Chickasaw; the Presbytery of Tombeckbee has been transferred from the Synod of Alabama to the Synod of Mississippi. The last Assembly took measures for the formation of a new Synod in Western New York under the name of the Synod of Buffalo; for the formation of a new Presbytery within the bounds of the Synod of New Jersey under the name of the Presbytery of Luzerne and transferred the Presbytery of West Jersey from the Synod of Philadelphia to the Synod of New Jersey.

According to the reports received by the Stated Clerk, there has been an increase of Ministers during the past year amounting to 118, making the whole number 1434; the number of Licentiates reported is 183, being 9 less than the number reported last year; the number of Candidates is 314, being 85 more than reported last year; the number of churches 2092, being an increase of 188.

There have been added to the Church during the year, upon a profession of faith, 16,354, and the whole actual increase to the Church has been 18,519. There have been reported,

Baptisms of Adults,	4,337
Ditto of Children,	10,483
Money collected for religious purposes,	147,867
Licensures,	58
Ordinations,	51
Installations,	72
New churches organized,	37
Dissolution of the pastoral relation,	30
Ministers dismissed to other bodies,	7
Ministers received from other bodies,	10
Licentiates dismissed to other bodies,	2
Ministers deposed,	3
License recalled,	5
Churches received from other bodies,	6
Churches gone to other bodies,	4

The following Ministers are reported as having died during the last year, viz:—

	<i>Presbyteries.</i>
Rev. Orin H. Canfield, (Miss. to Africa)	New Brunswick.
Robert Birch,	Ditto.
Jonathan Dickinson,	Carlisle.
James R. Sharon,	Ditto.
Joseph Reed,	Beaver.
James Wright,	Ditto.
Benjamin Tyler,	West Jersey.
James Snodgrass,	Wooster.
James B. Morrow,	Ditto.
John W. Little,	Sangamon.

Thomas Donnel,	.	.	.	St. Louis.
Samuel Findley,	.	.	.	Transylvania.
John Williamson,	.	.	.	Concord.
William Quillen,	.	.	.	Hopewell.
William H. Barr, D. D.	.	.	.	South Carolina.
John Brown, D. D.	.	.	.	Florida,

It is a matter of regret that notwithstanding the repeated requests that Presbyteries would send up fuller reports, in many instances those transmitted have been exceedingly meagre, and the following Presbyteries have sent up no historical account whatever of changes during the year, viz. Londonderry, Ogdensburg, Troy, Columbia, New York 2d, Newton, Susquehanna, Steuben, Wyoming, Donegal, Baltimore, Marion, Chillicothe, Sidney, Maumee, Vincennes, Madison, Indianapolis, Lake, Peoria, Iowa, Missouri, Palmyra, Muhlenburg, Ebenezer, West Hanover, Bethel, Harmony, Georgia, Flint River, and Tombeckbee. Where a neglect is so extensive, it must at once appear that the items of our summary can scarcely be relied on as giving a fair view of the facts.

In another case the same imperfection is visible, we mean in the lists of moneys received. Having the reports of the several Boards of the Church before us we are enabled to detect this deficiency in the Statistical Tables as far as their receipts are concerned. Thus by comparison it appears that the Board of Foreign Missions has received \$16,632 more than is reported in the tables; the Board of Domestic Missions, \$11,538 more, the Board of Education \$10,986 more, and the Board of Publication \$5,114 more than thus reported, increasing the total of moneys collected, without regarding the deficiency in other columns, to \$192,137. This disparity is so great as to awaken distrust of the general accuracy of these tables and to render them less valuable for reference and comparison. Similar deficiencies may be detected in the other columns. Thus in all the tables, as far as the historical account is to be depended on, we find notices of only 37 new churches formed, and yet the missionaries of the Board of Domestic Missions alone report to that Board the organization of 50 new churches. It is submitted to the Presbyteries whether they will not secure greater accuracy for the future.

WM. M. ENGLS,

Stated Clerk of the General Assembly.

P. S. In many instances we are requested to correct the Statistical Tables after they have been received, and even after the Summary Tables are made out, which not only gives us much additional trouble but is apt to lead us into mistakes.

W. M. E.

TO PRESBYTERIES.

It would save much trouble and some mistakes if all Presbyteries would transmit a sufficient sum to pay for the Minutes, at the rate of fifty cents for each member. The memoranda which are sometimes sent to the Stated Clerk, are defective and leave him in doubt what members of a Presbytery are entitled to the Minutes, as a sufficient sum to supply all has not been transmitted. As the Contingent Fund is not only chargeable with the expense of printing the Minutes, but with all the contingent expenses of the Assembly, and the paying delegates to foreign bodies, the Presbyteries should see the propriety of contributing something to it, in addition to the price required for their Minutes. It is requested that Presbyteries would not report any

thing under the head of Contingent Fund, but what is actually paid to the Treasurer of the Trustees of the General Assembly, or the Stated Clerk of the Assembly. It is desirable also that the Presbyteries should not only see that the church Sessions furnish the Stated Clerks of Presbyteries with the necessary data for their statistical reports to the Assembly, but ascertain that their Stated Clerks perform their duty in a business like manner.

TO STATED CLERKS OF PRESBYTERIES.

The Stated Clerks of Presbyteries are respectfully requested to use the requisite effort to have their Presbyterian Reports complete; to have them accompanied on the lower margin with an historical account of changes; and to have them signed by their names as Stated Clerks. It is also requested, that if they order Minutes for individuals not belonging to the Presbytery, on the same sheet with the Report, they would make the memorandum so as not to interfere with the regular table; and that all proper names and numbers should be very legibly written. It is desirable that the Statistical Reports should be transmitted by mail immediately after the spring meetings of Presbyteries, and at the latest they must arrive during the sittings of the General Assembly to insure their insertion in the Minutes.

The information in the reports of Presbyteries should reach as nearly as possible to the time of the meeting of the Assembly. This, however, may be determined by each Presbytery or Stated Clerk establishing it as a rule that there shall be some fixed period for the close of the ecclesiastical year. Thus if a Presbytery closes their ecclesiastical year on the first of March, April, or May, let their report uniformly reach that point and not extend beyond it, otherwise the same matters may be reported on two successive years.

The Stated Clerks of Presbyteries are reminded that the Narrative of Religion or any other document intended for the Assembly, with the exception of the Statistical Report, should not be sent on to the Stated Clerk of the Assembly *charged with postage*. The Stated Clerk is authorized to pay postage only on the Statistical Report, and it is hoped that this will hereafter be borne in mind. In several instances, the Narrative of Religion has been written on the back of the Statistical Report. Stated Clerks should be apprized that in such cases, the Narratives cannot be handed to the committee of the Assembly on that subject, and are therefore lost. It is hoped that this fact will prevent the recurrence of this practice. Notwithstanding the earnest request made last year, most of the Presbyteries have reported odd cents, subjecting the Stated Clerk of the Assembly to the very serious trouble of incorporating the cents with the dollar columns and summing up the whole again. The order of the Assembly is that only dollars should be reported except in case of the contingent fund, and it is hoped that this order will hereafter be strictly adhered to. Where the printed blanks are not at hand Stated Clerks will please to copy the form at the end of the Minutes as any inversion in the order of the columns perplexes the printer, and may lead to mistakes. While some of the Statistical Reports are prepared with great care and accuracy, others are blotted, interlined and confused almost beyond the power of decyphering them. It might be stated as an instance of inexcusable negligence, that one Presbytery still directs its reports to Dr. McDowell, although he has not been the Stated Clerk of the Assembly for several years.

BOARDS OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

BOARD OF DOMESTIC MISSIONS.

Abstract of the Annual Report of the Board of Domestic Missions, presented to the General Assembly May, 1843.

The whole number of Missionaries employed during the year has been *two hundred and ninety-six*, and the number of feeble churches and Missionary districts supplied have exceeded *seven hundred and fifty*. More than *twenty* of the Missionaries have been strictly Itinerants, and a large proportion of the whole number have performed the work of Itinerants, having supplied large districts, in many instances including one or more counties. *One hundred and seventy-eight* of these Missionaries were in Commission at the commencement of the year, and *one hundred and eighteen* have been new appointments during the year. This is the largest number of Missionaries the Church has ever had in the field in a single year, and the amount of ministerial labour performed is much greater than in any former year.

The results of the year have been peculiarly precious and encouraging. There have been added to the churches on examination more than *three thousand, six hundred*; by certificate, from other churches, about *twelve hundred*, making a total of *four thousand, eight hundred*. Were the whole number reported, it would probably exceed *five thousand*. More than *fifty* new churches have been organized, and *seventy* houses for worship have been erected, or are now building. Not less than *nine hundred* Sabbath Schools, with Bible and Catechetical classes have been reported, in which more than thirty thousand children and youth are weekly instructed in the precious truths of God's word. The Temperance cause has steadily advanced, and its salutary influence, not only on the temporal prosperity of the people, but also in preparing them for the reception of Gospel truth, has been most decided and marked.

There has been a decided increase in the interest felt and manifested in behalf of the benevolent institutions of the Church. This has been more especially the case, in reference to the cause of Missions. The Missionary spirit has greatly increased in our Mission churches, and it is an interesting fact that very few of these churches, feeble as they are, have failed to do *something* for this cause.

The past year, in the Missionary work of the Church, has been eminently "a year of the right hand of the Most High." Revivals of religion more numerous, and more general, and powerful than in any former year of our history, have been enjoyed by our Missionaries. With few exceptions, there has been at all our Missionary stations more than ordinary interest among the people. In probably more than one half of the churches, there has been "a silent and constant Divine influence operating upon the people" and in very many, there have been powerful, and we believe, genuine revivals of religion. Our feeble churches have been greatly strengthened, God's people have been revived, sinners have been converted, and the borders of Zion greatly extended.

Such, in brief, have been the Missionary operations of the past year, and such are some of the immediate important results. Who can estimate the value of these labours? What created intellect can grasp the magnitude of their final results? And where is the friend or benefactor of this cause, who will not rejoice, and give thanks to God that he has had a share, however humble, in this glorious work?

FUNDS. The whole amount of funds at the disposal of the Board, during the year, including some small sums in the possession of some of the Presbyteries, is about *thirty-five thousand dollars*, and the amount paid out, including also some

small sums paid by some of the Presbyteries, exceeds *thirty-one thousand dollars*. The balance in the Treasury when the year closed was a little over three thousand dollars. Checks have been issued, and drafts are now due to a larger amount than the balance reported, so that this balance will be immediately exhausted, and more than is now in the treasury will be required to meet what is due for the past year. The whole amount received is a fraction less than was received the last year.

The demands upon the Board the coming year, will most certainly greatly exceed those of any preceding year. The rapid increase in our population, and the constant tide of emigration to our new lands, must, of necessity, every year increase the demands for Home Missions. While God in his providence is at this moment opening to the Boards so many new, and important, and promising fields, the churches should know that the efficiency of their missionary operations, under God, depends materially on having funds in *proper season*, as well as having them in *sufficient amount*.

AGENCIES.—During the year the Board have had three Agents in the field. Two have laboured in this service during the whole year; the third only a portion of the year. They have at present only two Agents, both west of the Allegheny mountains. They have no agent employed in the Atlantic States, and must depend on the pastors of the churches to attend to collections for this object. The Agents of this Board have been very diligent and faithful in preaching the gospel, and seeking the prosperity of the churches, and they have rendered important service to the cause of Missions.

In no single year, since the organization of the Board, has so much been accomplished for the extension of the Church, the advancement of Christ's kingdom, and the salvation of souls, as during the past year; and this incalculable amount of good has been accomplished with comparatively small means, and amidst many difficulties and trials. Truly this is the Lord's doing, and it should encourage and animate us in our work.

The Missions of our Church are doing a great and good work. They diffuse a wide testimony to pure truth. They carry the Gospel to thousands, and hundreds of thousands in our land, who, without this provision, would never hear it. They send forth a healthful and saving influence far and wide. They convert many souls, and they realize success in full proportion to the means employed. Where is the Patriot or Christian, who will not say *they should be sustained, liberally and cheerfully sustained?* Nor is this all that is required. They should be *extended, greatly extended*. The exigencies of the country, as well as the command of Jesus Christ imperatively demand a *great and immediate increase*. By maintaining what is already possessed, the Church performs only a part of her duty. The spirit of the Gospel in this matter is essentially *aggressive*, it *seeks* in order to *save*. The very object of Missions is, to carry the Gospel to those who have it not, and who neither desire nor seek it; for *precisely there* it is most needed.

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All letters relating to Missionary appointments and other operations of the Board, should be addressed to the Rev. WILLIAM A. McDOWELL, D. D., Corresponding Secretary, No. 29 Sansom street, Philadelphia.

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BOARD OF EDUCATION.

Abstract of the Annual Report of the Board of Education, presented to the General Assembly, May, 1843.

The Board of Education are enabled, (they trust with humble gratitude,) to report another year of remarkable prosperity. The supply of candidates has not only kept up, but is greater than that of last year, by more than sixteen per cent: and the treasury of the Board has enabled them promptly to meet every demand upon their funds. The number of candidates received during the year has been ONE HUNDRED AND ONE, making the whole number aided by the Board, *one thousand three hundred and thirty*. The number on the roll of the Board for the year just ended has been three hundred and fifty. Of these there were in their theological course, one hundred and sixteen. In Colleges, one hundred and forty-two. In Academies and private schools, sixty-six. Teaching temporarily, twenty-six. Total, three hundred and fifty.

It is but justice to the Church to state, that this is not a full view of her Education statistics. There are scholarships in several institutions, and private foundations for students, which do not report through the Board. The whole number of beneficiaries in connexion with the General Assembly cannot be less than from four hundred, to four hundred and fifty.

It is certainly a remarkable fact, that among so considerable a number of young men, there has been no call for discipline, on moral grounds, or defective piety, for the last three years. And within that period, we are not aware of a single case where a young man has been seduced from the ministry, by the emoluments and honours of any secular profession.

Several causes have contributed to this happy result. Foremost in the number, we reckon that feature of our plan, which places the beneficiary in the solemn relation of a candidate for the ministry, under the care of the Presbytery. The Board are sorry to say, that in some Presbyteries this plan is not fully adopted, and where it is, the principle of presbyterial responsibility and supervision, is not always fully carried out, as they could desire. They contemplate, however, as soon as other and more pressing duties will permit, to address themselves to the task of improving and carrying out this plan, with the concurrence of the Presbyteries, and under the sanction of the Assembly.

Under the direction of the Board, a pastoral correspondence has been opened between the Corresponding Secretary and the candidates, which has been attended already with the happiest effects, and which promises the greatest usefulness. This measure has disclosed the possession on the part of the candidates of a higher range of character, both in talents and piety, and especially in devotion to the Master's service, than we had ventured to expect. The strength of character and determined purpose of some of these sons of the Church, in wrestling with poverty, neglect, opposition, and trials of every sort, all borne with perfect cheerfulness—with their faces set like a flint towards the ministry, did not propriety forbid the exposure of their confidential correspondence, would impress the Church, as it has done the Board, with the inestimable value of the treasure which she possesses, in these candidates for the ministry.

Thirty-three of our candidates have finished their course of study, and are now entering upon the active duties of the ministry; and several others have been licensed to spend another year in study. Two have died, and seven have ceased to need aid.

The Board are gratified to state, that among the number who have finished their course, are two interesting coloured men, who have given great satisfaction during the progress, and since the termination of their studies; and both of whom have gone to Africa, to "proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound" in that oppressed and long benighted land.

The Board feel called upon to render special thanks for the goodness of God to them in regard to their financial affairs. While almost every other institution within their knowledge, has felt the pressure of the times, in the curtailment of its income, they have been blessed with an actual increase of resources fully adequate to the increase of their beneficiaries; and this, too, they are glad to say,

agreeably to the hope expressed to the last General Assembly, without any increase of their regular agency.

The General Assembly will sympathize in the gratification felt by the Board in view of the fact, that, notwithstanding the peculiar difficulties of the times, the receipts during the year, as shown by the Treasurer's Report, have been \$29,104.16. And if to this there be added the sum of \$1300, deposited for convenience in other places, and which has not yet passed through the hands of our Treasurer, it makes the actual receipts over \$30,000—which is an advance of twenty-four per cent. over those of last year, and fifty-one per cent. over those of the year before last: or in other words, the receipts of the Board have increased from NINETEEN THOUSAND TO THIRTY THOUSAND DOLLARS. We cite the fact in evidence of a greatly increasing interest in the cause and of rapidly extending usefulness, under the favour and blessing of the great Head of the Church.

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BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Abstract of the Annual Report of the Board of Foreign Missions, presented to the General Assembly, May, 1843.

FINANCES.—Receipts; From the collections, &c. of the churches, \$56,159 95, less \$1851 06 for discounts; from the American Bible Society, \$3000; from the American Tract Society, \$2200; from churches and individuals for the Mission House, \$3375, making altogether \$64,734 95. The Expenditures, after paying off the balance from last year, exceeded the Receipts for current outlays \$65 42, which is the amount of the balance *against the treasury* on the 1st of May.

The Report acknowledges some valuable donations of books, and also boxes of clothing from ladies in a number of the churches.

NEW MISSIONARIES.—Seven new missionaries and assistant missionaries have been sent to different fields of labour during the year. Their names and stations are given in connexion with the missions to which they have been appointed.

TEXAS MISSION.—The Rev. W. C. Blair and his wife, missionaries at *Victoria*, have been much interrupted in their labours by the war between Texas and Mexico; but though compelled to flee from the station, Mr. Blair has been enabled to preach the Gospel almost all the year, and to distribute many religious books. Some of the Mexican soldiers, who invaded Texas, will carry back with them to their own country, copies of the Word of God in the Spanish language.

IOWA AND SAC MISSION.—*Station*, on the Great Nemahaw River, west of the state of Missouri; Missionaries, the Rev. W. Hamilton, Mr. S. M. Irvin, teacher,

Mr. F. Irvin, farmer, and their wives. The school contains twenty-five boys and twenty girls, but the scholars are not regular in their attendance. The Iowa language has been reduced to writing, and some progress made in translating the Scriptures and other books for the use of the Indians. A small printing establishment has been forwarded to this station. The missionaries have been diligently engaged in their regular duties, but without much special encouragement, though there is a perceptible movement towards a better state of things. Intemperance is still the great evil among these tribes.

CHIPPEWA AND OTTAWA MISSION.—*Station*, on Grand Traverse Bay, Michigan; Missionaries, the Rev. P. Dougherty, Mr. H. Bradley, teacher, and their wives. The school contains sixty scholars, with an average attendance of nearly forty; their progress has been encouraging. A decided advance has been made by the Indians at this station in habits of industry and temperance. Their attention to religious instruction has been encouraging, and many have been the subjects of deeply serious impressions, which it is hoped will not prove fruitless. The materials for a house of worship were prepared, and the building would shortly be erected, chiefly by the Indians themselves.

CREEK MISSION.—*Station*, not yet formed; Missionaries, the Rev. R. M. Loughridge and wife. The last Report mentioned the incipient steps towards the establishment of this mission. Mr. and Mrs. Loughridge reached the Creek agency in February last, and were received by the Indians with open arms. Additional missionaries are greatly needed.

WEST AFRICAN MISSION.—*Settra Kroo*, on the western coast, about half way between Monrovia and Cape Palmas; Missionaries, the Rev. R. W. Sawyer and wife; Mr. W. McDonough and Miss C. Van Tyne, coloured teachers; Rev. J. M. Priest and wife, coloured missionaries. *Sinoe*, in the Mississippi Colony; the Rev. T. Wilson and wife, coloured missionaries. *Monrovia*; the Rev. J. Eden, coloured missionary.

Messrs. Wilson and Priest sailed from New York on the 20th of April. The former, it is expected, will labour among the colonists and the natives. Mr. Eden has for a number of years been the Pastor of the Presbyterian church at Monrovia. He and his people have had to struggle with many difficulties, but they are much encouraged by their connexion with the Board. The church has thirty-two members in communion, and the Sabbath school has eighteen scholars.

LODIANA MISSION—NORTH INDIA.—*Lodiana*, near the river Sutlej, 1170 miles north-west of Calcutta; Missionaries; the Rev. Messrs. J. Newton, L. Janvier, Mr. R. Morris, printer, and their wives; Rev. J. Porter; Dr. W. Green; Golok Nath, native catechist.

Saharunpur, near the river Jumna, 1040 miles north-west of Calcutta; Missionaries; the Rev. Messrs. J. R. Campbell, J. Caldwell, Mr. J. Craig, teacher, and their wives; John Coleman, catechist.

Sabathu, in the hill states, 110 miles north-east of Lodiana; missionaries; the Rev. J. M. Jamieson and wife.

Preaching at all the stations in the native language, and at some in English; Bible Class services; journeys for the purpose of preaching and circulating the Scriptures; schools—English, boarding, and common, numbering about one hundred and fifty scholars, of whom about thirty are boarders; translations and printing—have fully occupied the time of the missionaries. In the Hindustani, Hindi, Panjabi, and Persian languages, 8,120,460 pages of forty-three different works were printed.

ALLAHABAD MISSION—NORTH INDIA.—*Allahabad*, at the junction of the rivers Ganges and Jumna, 475 miles north west of Calcutta; Missionaries; the Rev. Messrs. J. Wilson, J. Warren, J. E. Freeman, J. Wray, and their wives; Rev. J. Owen. At this station, preaching is maintained in English and Hindustani, and various services are conducted. Tours are also made, and special attention is given to the pilgrims attending the fair at Allahabad, in order more widely to spread the gospel. The church has in communion thirty-one members, of whom twelve are Americans and Europeans. There are forty eight boarding scholars; twelve common schools, containing 250 children, are partly under the influence of the Mission. Of nineteen works, in four languages, 4,424,225 pages have been printed.

FURRUKHABAD MISSION—NORTH INDIA.—*Futtegurh*, on the Ganges, 750 miles

north west of Calcutta; Missionaries; the Rev. Messrs. H. R. Wilson, J. L. Scott, J. C. Rankin, W. H. McAuley, and their wives; Miss Vanderveer, teacher; Gopee Nath Nundy, assistant missionary; Kalh Chund Datt, teacher. Preaching in the native language and English; preaching visits to the neighbouring villages and cities; the orphan school, with ninety-four pupils; the city schools, with sixty-five boys; and two or three bazaar schools; have fully engrossed the time and strength of these brethren.

SIAMESE MISSION.—*Bangkok.*—Missionaries, the Rev. William P. Buell and wife. Mr. Buell has made good progress in learning the native language, and is much encouraged by the prospect of useful labour in that dark kingdom.

CHINESE MISSION.—Missionaries, the Rev. Thomas L. McBride and wife, Rev. Walter M. Lowrie, Dr. James C. Hepburn and wife. Mr. and Mrs. McBryde were at Ku-lang-su, near Amoy, at the last advices, where they had spent several months, and were greatly encouraged by the doors of usefulness opened before them. They had been compelled to leave Singapore on account of ill health, and to seek a colder climate. Dr. and Mrs. Hepburn were preparing to proceed to China, it being considered advisable to relinquish the station at Singapore for the present, and to occupy posts on the border of that great empire. Mr. Lowrie reached China in May of last year, and then embarked with a view of proceeding to Singapore, agreeably to the instructions of the Committee, after being compelled by stress of weather to put in at Manila. The war between the British and the Chinese having now ended, and the door being so widely opened for missionary labour on the borders of China proper, the path of duty was no longer doubtful about relinquishing the station at Singapore, and Mr. Lowrie returned from Manila to Macao. The Report describes the cities now open to foreigners, and presents strongly the duty of enlarging the missionary force of our church in that great field. An expenditure of \$20,000 a year, for a few years, would enable the Board to establish a mission of eight ministers, a physician, and a printer; including the expense of outfit, passages, buildings, &c.

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BOARD OF PUBLICATION.

Abstract of the Annual Report of the Board of Publication, presented to the General Assembly, May, 1843.

During the year the Board have printed twenty-one volumes of various kinds, containing in all 7,602,300 pages, besides 6,307,250 pages of new editions of stereotyped works. They have also published 1,751,000 pages of Catechisms and Tracts.

Though the number of pages published by the Board, within the past year, falls a little short of the amount published the preceding year, it is not because of any abatement of zeal or interest on their part. They have carefully weighed their responsibility as stewards, and the serious hazard of advancing any further than the zeal and interest of the Church would warrant.

Among the books published during the year, are several of peculiar value to the Church at this time, when the doctrines of the Reformers and the authority of the Fathers are misapprehended by so many, and so grossly misapplied. The Board have also been deeply impressed with the importance of the publication of books suitable for the young, and they have used their best efforts to increase the number of this class of publications.

From the Treasurer's Report, it appears that the money in his hands on the 1st of April, 1842, amounted to \$7,157.43. During the year ending April 1, 1843, he has received in payment of subscriptions, and donations, \$6,610.43; from the sale of books, \$12,050.34. The amount expended is \$18,409.54. Leaving a balance in the Treasury, on the 1st of April, of \$7,438.60.

The sales of the year have been greatly restricted by the financial straits and perplexities of the country, yet the Board express "the painful conviction that the result is to be traced, in a degree, to other causes than the want of means"—to the "apathy of the Church, notwithstanding the earnest appeals of the Board, the resolutions of the Assembly and numerous subordinate judicatories"—to a "want of energy and skill, in devising the most efficient modes of operation," &c.

Numerous friendly communications, suggesting various plans that have been tried by kindred institutions, have been received, but the appeal to such examples fails in force, from want of resemblance between their organization and that of the Board of Publication. The American Tract Society, for instance, to which reference has so often been made, is sustained, and her treasury replenished, by the yearly contributions of the churches, while the resources of the Board of Publication are limited, depending wholly on the product of sales.

The Board recommend a more general and energetic co-operation on the part of the Church—that Sessions, Presbyteries, and Synods, not only pass resolutions recommending the publications to the churches, but take systematic measures to have the books procured, paid for, distributed, and read. It is recommended that each Synod appoint a Standing Committee, to take such measures as they may deem proper to procure the books of the Board, and employ a travelling agent to circulate them throughout the bounds of the Synod.

The Board propose to supply each Synod with books, on a credit of six months, at twenty per cent. discount from the catalogue or retail prices, for approved paper, or at a discount of twenty-five per cent. for cash.

The Board state, in conclusion, that they have been gratified and encouraged by the noble acts of certain friends of the Board, whose munificent gifts have furnished the means of stereotyping several valuable works, selected by themselves and approved by the Board.

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