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MINUTES, &c.

LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY, *May 16, 1844.*

THE General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America, met, agreeably to appointment, in the First Presbyterian church, in the city of Louisville, on Thursday, the 16th day of May, A. D. 1844, at 11 o'clock, A. M., and was opened with a sermon by the Rev. Gardiner Spring, D.D., the moderator of the last Assembly, from Matthew xxviii. 20: "Lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world."

After the sermon, the Moderator took the chair, and opened the session with prayer.

The Stated 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.

| BY THE PRESBYTERIES OF | BISHOPS. | RULING ELDERS. |
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| I. OF THE SYNOD OF ALBANY. 0-6-0 | | |
| <i>Londonderry,</i> | — Timothy G. Brainerd. (3)* | |
| <i>Troy,</i> | — Reuben Smith, (1) | |
| <i>Albany,</i> | — Daniel Stewart. | — James C. Magoffin. |
| | — Jeremiah Wood. | — Peter Boyd. |
| <i>Columbia.</i> | | |
| II. OF THE SYNOD OF BUFFALO. | | |
| <i>Ogdensburg.</i> | | |
| <i>Steuben.</i> | | 0-1-0 |
| <i>Wyoming,</i> | — James Remington. | |
| III. OF THE SYNOD OF NEW YORK. 3-7-0 | | |
| <i>Hudson,</i> | James R. Johnson. | |
| <i>North River,</i> | John F. Clark. | |
| <i>Bedford,</i> | — David Teese. | |
| <i>Long Island,</i> | — James C. Edwards. | |
| <i>New York,</i> | — Gardiner Spring, D.D. | U Thompson Price. |
| | | — Micah Baldwin. |
| <i>New York, 2d.</i> | — Wm. Marshall. | |

* 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.

BY THE PRESEYTERIES OF

BISHOPS.

RULING ELDERS.

IV. OF THE SYNOD OF NEW JERSEY. 11-7-0

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| <i>Elizabethtown,</i> | — Joseph M. Ogden, | — Wm. M. Cutter. |
| | ✓ Abraham Williamson. (1) | ✓ John Demun. |
| <i>New Brunswick,</i> | ✓ Benj. H. Rice, D.D. | ✓ Charles Welling. |
| | — John Maclean, D.D. | |
| <i>West Jersey,</i> | — C. Van Rensselaer, | — J. R. Hughes, (2) |
| <i>Newton,</i> | — D. X. Junkin. | — John A. Crevling. |
| | — James Clark. | ✓ George R. King. |
| <i>Raritan,</i> | ✓ Albert Williams. | ✓ A. W. Dunham. |
| <i>Susquehanna,</i> | ✓ Julius Foster. | |
| <i>Luzerne,</i> | ✓ *Thomas P. Hunt, (3) | ✓ C. D. Shoemaker, (3) |

V. OF THE SYNOD OF PHILADELPHIA. 10-7-0 1

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| <i>Philadelphia,</i> | — Cor. C. Cuyler, D.D. | ✓ Wm. S. Boyd. |
| | ✓ H. A. Boardman. | ✓ A. W. Mitchell, M.D. |
| <i>Philadelphia, 2d.</i> | — Robert D. Morris. | |
| <i>New Castle,</i> | ✓ J. B. Spottswood. | — Alex. Stephens. |
| <i>Donegal,</i> | — P. J. Timlow. | — E. M. Donaldson, |
| <i>Baltimore,</i> | — John C. Backus. | ✓ George Todd. |
| <i>Carlisle,</i> | ✓ Robert McCachren. | — Robert G. Young, M.D. |
| | ✓ Joseph A. Murray, (2) | |
| <i>Huntingdon,</i> | ✓ James S. Woods. | ✓ James Patterson, (3) |
| <i>Northumberland,</i> | — D. J. Waller, | ✓ Samuel Barber. |

VI. OF THE SYNOD OF PITTSBURGH. 5-10-1

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| <i>Blairsville,</i> | — David Kirkpatrick, | — John Cunningham. |
| <i>Red Stone,</i> | — N. H. Gillett. | ✓ John K. Duncan, (2) |
| <i>Ohio,</i> | — Matthew Brown, D.D. | ✓ Malcolm Leech. |
| | — David Elliott, D.D. | — John Hannen, |
| <i>Allegheny,</i> | ✓ Leland R. McAboy. | ✓ Robert Sample. |
| <i>Beaver,</i> | — Wells Bushnell. | — Wm. M. Francis. |
| <i>Erie,</i> | ✓ Cyrus Dickson. | ✓ Andrew Bowman. |
| <i>Clarion,</i> | — David McCay. | — Benjamin Junkin. |

VII. OF THE SYNOD OF WHEELING. 2-5-0

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| <i>Washington,</i> | — John Stockton, | — Jacob Slagle. |
| <i>Steubenville,</i> | ✓ John W. Scott. | — Joseph Morrison. |
| <i>St. Clairsville,</i> | ✓ Alexander Ewing. | |
| <i>New Lisbon,</i> | — And. O. Patterson. | ✓ Robert Rankin. |

VIII. OF THE SYNOD OF OHIO. 7-6-1

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| <i>Columbus,</i> | ✓ James Hoge, D.D. | ✓ J. A. Troup, M.D. |
| <i>Marion,</i> | — Wm. D. Smith, | — Wm. B. Irwin. |
| <i>Zanesville,</i> | — James Culbertson, | ✓ Leonard P. Bailey, |
| <i>Richland,</i> | ✓ Henry Hervey. | — Stephen Cook. |
| <i>Wooster,</i> | — Wm. McCandlish. | — Alexander Hanna. |
| <i>Cochocton,</i> | ✓ John Matthews, (1) | ✓ Arbuthnot Lyons, (1) |
| <i>Hocking,</i> | — John M. Faris, (1) | ✓ John Breckenridge, (1) |

* The Rev. John Dorrance, by a special vote of the Assembly, afterwards took the seat resigned by Mr. Hunt.

BY THE PRESBYTERIES OF

BISHOPS.

RULING ELDERS.

IX. OF THE SYNOD OF CINCINNATI. 2

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| <i>Chilicothe,</i> | — Moses Russell. | — John Anderson. |
| <i>Miami,</i> | — Jared M. Stone. | John P. Harrison, M.D. |
| <i>Cincinnati,</i> | George Junkin, D.D. | — A. P. Andrews. |
| <i>Oxford,</i> | — Wilson C. Hollyday. | — Samuel McCullough. |
| <i>Sidney,</i> | — John M. Crabb. | — Wm. Taylor. |
| <i>Maunee,</i> | | |

X. OF THE SYNOD OF INDIANA.

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| <i>Salem,</i> | Sylvester Scovel. | ✓ Samul McCampbell. |
| <i>Vincennes,</i> | — C. K. Thompson. | — A. B. McKee. |
| <i>Madison,</i> | — Daniel Lattimore. | — Victor King. (2) |
| <i>Crawfordsville,</i> | ✓ Samuel Taylor. | ✓ David Wills. (2) |
| <i>Indianapolis,</i> | — Phineas D. Gurley. | — J. M. Ray. (3) |

XI. OF THE SYNOD OF NORTHERN INDIANA.

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| <i>Logansport,</i> | — Edward W. Wright. | Robert Purdy. |
| <i>Michigan,</i> | | — J. P. L. Jernegan. (3) |
| <i>Lake,</i> | — Enoch Bouton. | |

XII. OF THE SYNOD OF ILLINOIS. 7-4-1

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| <i>Kaskaskia,</i> | ✓ A. C. Allen. (3) | John Siddali. |
| <i>Sangamon,</i> | — David D. McKee. | |
| <i>Schuyler,</i> | ✓ George Stebbins. | G. H. Briscoe. (3) |
| <i>Palestine,</i> | — J. Bennett. | ✓ James Smick, M.D. |
| <i>Peoria,</i> | — Robt. B. Dobbins. | |
| <i>Iowa,</i> | — Salmon Cowles. | |

XIII. OF THE SYNOD OF MISSOURI. 7-1-2

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| <i>Missouri,</i> | — Wm. W. Robertson. | |
| <i>St. Louis,</i> | ✓ Wm. S. Potts, D.D. | ✓ H. R. Gamble. (5) |
| <i>Palmyra,</i> | S. C. McConnell. | |
| <i>Potosi,</i> | D. E. Y. Rice. (1) | ✓ Milton P. Cayce. (1) |
| <i>Upper Missouri,</i> | John L. Yantis. (1) | Charles E. Mills. (1) |

XIV. OF THE SYNOD OF KENTUCKY. 9-0-1

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| <i>Louisville,</i> | ✓ John D. Paxton. | Singleton Wilson. |
| <i>Muhlenburg,</i> | Joseph B. Hadden. | Wm. W. McKenzie, (2) |
| <i>Transylvania,</i> | ✓ John C. Young, D.D.] | J. S. Hopkins. (3) |
| <i>West Lexington,</i> | ✓ Nathan H. Hall. | James Stonestreet. |
| <i>Ebenezer,</i> | ✓ N. L. Rice. (2) | Wilson P. Boyd. |

XV. OF THE SYNOD OF VIRGINIA.

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| <i>Greenbrier,</i> | John McElhenney, D.D. | Wm. Rand. |
| <i>Lexington,</i> | ✓ Allen D. Metcalf. | Charles Patrick. |
| <i>Winchester,</i> | Wm. H. Foote. | James C. Baker. |
| <i>West Hanover,</i> | ✓ Samuel B. Wilson, D.D. | Champe Carter. |
| | John H. Bocoek. | John A. Smith. (3) |
| <i>East Hanover,</i> | Wm. S. Plumer, D.D. | Robert Murray. M.D. |
| <i>Montgomery,</i> | Dion C. Pharr. (1) | Fred. Johnston. (1)] |

XVI. OF THE SYNOD OF NORTH CAROLINA. 7

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| <i>Orange,</i> | S. J. P. Anderson. | — Robert Donnell. |
| | Edward Hines. | |
| <i>Fayetteville,</i> | Evander McNair. | ✓ Hayes W. Beatty. |
| <i>Concord,</i> | And. Y. Lockridge. | ✓ John H. McDowell. |

BY THE PRESBYTERIES OF

BISHOPS.

RULING ELDERS.

XVII. OF THE SYNOD OF WEST TENNESSEE. 8-0-0

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| <i>Holston,</i> | ✓ R. B. McMullen. | ✓ Lemon Oatman. |
| <i>West Tennessee,</i> | ✓ James Woods, | ✓ Peter H. Martin. |
| <i>Nashville,</i> | ✓ John Allison, | ✓ William Mailler. |
| <i>North Alabama,</i> | ✓ Noble A. Penland, | |
| <i>Western District,</i> | ✓ Alexander A. Campbell. | |

XVIII. OF THE SYNOD OF SOUTH CAROLINA AND GEORGIA. 12-0-1

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| <i>South Carolina,</i> | ✓ James F. Gibert. (1) | ✓ John S. Reid, M.D. (1) |
| <i>Bethel,</i> | ✓ John Douglas. | |
| <i>Harmony,</i> | ✓ R. C. Ketchum. (2.) | ✓ J. K. Douglas. |
| <i>Charleston,</i> | ✓ Benjamin Gildersleeve, | ✓ G. T. Snowden. |
| <i>Georgia.</i> | | |
| <i>Hopewell,</i> | ✓ G. H. W. Petrie. | |
| <i>Flint River,</i> | ✓ John S. Wilson, | A. L. Acee, M. D. (3) |
| <i>Florida,</i> | ✓ Joshua Phelps. | |
| <i>Cherokee,</i> | ✓ Isaac W. Waddel, (1) | ✓ David Stuart, (1) |

XIX. OF THE SYNOD OF ALABAMA. 5-0-0

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| <i>South Alabama,</i> | ✓ Wm. C. Emerson, (2) | ✓ Charles A. Poellnitz. (1) |
| <i>Tuscaloosa,</i> | ✓ J. P. McMullen, | ✓ P. R. Fleming. (5) |
| <i>East Alabama,</i> | ✓ C. L. R. Boyd. | |

XX. OF THE SYNOD OF MISSISSIPPI. 7-0-0

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| <i>Mississippi,</i> | ✓ S. V. Marshall, | George P. Strong. |
| <i>Louisiana,</i> | ✓ Benjamin Chase, (2) | P. A. Walker. |
| <i>Clinton,</i> | John H. Gray. | |
| <i>Tombeckbee,</i> | ✓ Daniel McNair. (2) | |
| <i>Chickasaw,</i> | ✓ Daniel L. Gray, (1) | R. H. Breford, (2) |
| <i>Arkansas,</i> | ✓ Aaron Williams. (3) | |
| <i>Indian.</i> | | |

XXI. OF THE SYNOD OF NORTHERN INDIA. 0-1-0

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| <i>Lodiana,</i> | — William S. Rogers. |
| <i>Furrukabad.</i> | |
| <i>Allahabad.</i> | |

DELEGATES FROM CORRESPONDING BODIES.

BISHOPS.

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 Evangelical Consocia- }
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 General Association of }
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 Vermont. }
 General Association of }
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 General Conference of }
 Maine. }
 General Synod of the }
 Reformed Protestant }
 Dutch Church. }
 General Synod of the }
 German Reformed }
 Church. }

The Committee further reported that Abraham Williamson, Bishop of the Presbytery of Elizabethtown, and Reuben Smith, Bishop of the Presbytery of Troy, are present without their commissions; that the following persons have presented commissions from new Presbyteries, viz. John L. Yantis, Bishop, and Charles E. Mills, Ruling Elder, from the Presbytery of Upper Missouri; Isaac W. Waddel, Bishop, and David Stewart, Ruling Elder of the Presbytery of Cherokee; Dion C. Pharr, Bishop, and Frederick Johnston, Ruling Elder of the Presbytery of Montgomery; John M. Faris, Bishop, and John Breckenridge, Ruling Elder of the Presbytery of Hocking; John Matthews, Bishop, and Arburthnot Lyons, Ruling Elder of the Presbytery of Cochocton; D. E. Y. Rice, Bishop, and Milton P. Cayce, Ruling Elder of the Presbytery of Potosi; and that the commissions of James F. Gibert, Bishop, and John S. Reid, M.D., Ruling Elder of the Presbytery of South Carolina, are defective in not having the signature of the Moderator of Presbytery.

The Stated Clerk reported that he had received official information of the organization of the following new Presbyteries, viz. the Presbytery of Cherokee by the Synod of South Carolina and Georgia; the Presbytery of Montgomery by the Synod of Virginia; the Presbyteries of Potosi and Upper Missouri by the Synod of Missouri; the Presbyteries of Cochocton and Hocking by the Synod of Ohio; the Presbytery of Luzerne agreeably to the order of the last General Assembly; and of the organization of the Synods of Buffalo and Northern Indiana; and that the name of the Presbytery of Lancaster in the Synod of Ohio had been changed into that of Zanesville.

Resolved, That the foregoing new Presbyteries be enrolled, and that the commissioners therefrom be admitted to their seats.

On motion, Messrs. Maclean, Stewart, Ogden, Baldwin and Mitchell, were appointed a Committee of Elections, to whom were referred the defective commissions.

And then the Assembly took a recess until this afternoon at 4 o'clock.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON, 4 o'clock.

After recess the Assembly met and resumed business.

The Committee of Commissions reported the following additional commissioner, viz. Charles Augustus Poellnitz, Ruling Elder of the Presbytery of South Alabama.

The Committee of Elections reported that they had received satisfactory evidence that the Rev. Reuben Smith of the Presbytery of Troy, the Rev. Abraham Williamson of the Presbytery of Elizabethtown, the Rev. James F. Gibert, and Dr. John S. Reid, Ruling Elder of the Presbytery of South Carolina, were duly appointed by their respective Presbyteries, Commissioners to this General Assembly, and recommended that their names be entered on the Roll of the Assembly.

The Report was adopted.

The Rev. George Junkin, D.D., was then elected Moderator.

A letter was received from the Rev. Dr. John M. Krebs, tendering his resignation of the office of Permanent Clerk, whereupon, on motion, it was

Resolved, That the thanks of the Presbyterian Church are due to the Rev. Dr. Krebs, for the very able manner in which he has discharged the duties of Permanent Clerk of the General Assembly for seven years past; and this Assembly, desirous of retaining his valuable services in this office, do *unanimously* request him to reconsider his letter of resignation, and, if consistent with his views of duty, to withdraw the same, and continue to be the Permanent Clerk of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church.

The Rev. Benjamin Gildersleeve was then chosen Permanent Clerk *pro tem.*, and the Rev. Joseph M. Ogden, Temporary Clerk.

The Stated Clerk presented the Standing Docket, which was read.

It was ordered that five hundred copies of the Roll of the Assembly be printed for the use of the members.

On motion it was

Resolved, That it be adopted as a rule for this meeting, to commence the morning sessions at 9 o'clock and close them at 1 o'clock P. M., and to commence the afternoon sessions at 4, and close them at 6 o'clock.

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

Concluded with prayer.



FRIDAY MORNING, May 17, 9 o'clock.

The Assembly met and was opened with prayer.

The Minutes of the last session were read and approved.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the calling of the Roll in the morning be hereafter dispensed with.

The printed Minutes of the last Assembly were distributed among the members.

The Moderator appointed the following Standing Committees, viz.

On Bills and Overtures.—Rev. Messrs. Spring, Brown, Hoge, Cuyler, Plumer, Campbell, Bushnell, and Stone; and Ruling Elders, Douglass, Donnell, Hannen and Harrison.

Judicial Committee.—Rev. Messrs. S. B. Wilson, Elliott, Potts, Young, B. H. Rice, Stewart, A. O. Patterson, and Morris; and Ruling Elders, Strong, Mitchell, Carter, and Francis.

On Leave of Absence.—Rev. Messrs. Remington and Petrie, and Ruling Elders, A. B. McKee and Magoffin.

On Mileage.—Ruling Elders, Baldwin, Dunham, Johnston and Snowden.

On Devotional Exercises.—Rev. Messrs. Hall, Boardman, Foote and Scovel.

On the Narrative.—Rev. Messrs. Junkin, McElhenney, Phelps, and Ruling Elder, Andrews.

On Foreign Correspondence.—Rev. Messrs. Kirkpatrick and Clark.

On Finance.—Ruling Elders, Price, King, Todd, and Rev. Messrs. Edwards and Scott.

An appeal and complaint of the Rev. Dr. R. J. Breckinridge and others, against a decision of the Synod of Philadelphia on the quorum of Presbytery, marked No. 1—an appeal and complaint of Rev. Dr. R. J. Breckinridge and others, against the Synod of Philadelphia on the subject of ordination, marked No. 2—and an appeal of Mrs. Abby Hanna, against a decision of the Synod of Wheeling, were read by their titles, and referred to the Judicial Committee.

The Committee on Commissions reported the following additional members, viz. Rev. Daniel McNair, of the Presbytery of Tombeckbee; Rev. Wm. C. Emerson, of the Presbytery of South Alabama; Rev. R. C. Ketchum, of the Presbytery of Harmony; Rev. Daniel L. Gray, and R. H. Breford, Ruling Elder from the Presbytery of Chickasaw; Rev. Joseph A. Murray, from the Presbytery of Carlisle; J. K. Duncan, Ruling Elder, from the Presbytery of Redstone; Rev. Benjamin Chase, from the Presbytery of Louisiana; and Rev. N. L. Rice, from the Presbytery of Ebenezer.

Rev. George Lewis, of the Presbytery of Dundee, Scotland, was introduced to the Assembly by the Rev. Dr. Spring, as a delegate from the Free Church of Scotland, and on motion the following minute was adopted, viz.

Whereas, The Free Church of Scotland which has proven herself worthy to be successor to the Church of Scotland in the days of the martyrs, has, by

the grace of God, taken so signal and glorious a stand in favour of Christ's crown and covenant, therefore,

Resolved, That the Assembly do unanimously and most cordially and joyfully welcome the Rev. George Lewis, of the Scottish Deputation, to the deliberations of our body, and affectionately invite him to take a seat among us, as a corresponding member.

Resolved, That the papers of Mr. Lewis be referred to the Committee of Bills and Overtures—to make such presentation of the object of his visit as they may deem most suitable.

Two memorials from the Presbytery of Cincinnati; a memorial from the Presbytery of South Alabama; a memorial from the Presbytery of Concord; a memorial from the Presbytery of Indianapolis, and a memorial from the Presbytery of Luzerne, were received and referred to the Committee of Bills and Overtures.

A memorial from the Synod of Indiana on the subject of the division of that Synod, and also a protest from the Presbytery of Oxford against said division, were received, and referred to a special committee consisting of Messrs. Culbertson, Stockton, Hervey, Troup and S. Wilson.

Rev. J. A. Copp, delegate to the General Convention of Vermont; Rev. D. V. McLean, delegate to the General Association of Massachusetts; Rev. Robert Nall, delegate to the Evangelical Consociation of Rhode Island; Rev. Wm. M. Atkinson, delegate to the General Synod of the German Reformed Church, and Rev. Joseph H. Jones, D.D. delegate to the General Conference of Maine, presented their respective Reports, which were read and ordered to be printed in the Appendix to the Minutes.

Messrs. J. F. Clark, Dickson, Backus, Barber and Boyd, were, on motion, appointed a committee to nominate delegates to attend the Foreign bodies in correspondence with this Assembly. On motion,

Resolved, That one copy of each of the minutes of Foreign Bodies be presented to the Board of Publication, and also one to the Library of each of our Theological Seminaries, to be preserved for reference.

A memorial from the Presbytery of Richland, on the subject of Reform in Colleges, was received and referred to the Committee of Bills and Overtures.

The Annual Report of the Directors of the Union Theological Seminary was received and read; whereupon it was

Resolved, That the Report be approved and printed in the Appendix to the Minutes.

A communication was received from Mr. B. M. Patton, of the Kentucky Institution for the Education of the Blind, expressing a desire to give an exhibition of the exercises of their pupils before the General Assembly, to-night, at a quarter before eight o'clock, at such place as the Assembly may be pleased to designate; whereupon it was

Resolved, That the Assembly accede to the request, and that the said exhibition be held in this church.

A letter was received from the Synod of Australia, New South Wales, which was read and referred to the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, and ordered to be printed in the Appendix to the Minutes.

An overture was received from the Presbytery of Columbus, which was referred to the Committee of Bills and Overtures.

On motion, a committee consisting of Rev. Messrs. D. D. McKee, and J. S. Woods, and Ruling Elder James Smick, was appointed, to make arrangements for the anniversary observances of the several Boards of the Church.

Rev. Dr. Hoge, chairman of the committee appointed by the last Assembly, on the subject of Church Extension, presented a Report, which was read and accepted; and, on motion, the Assembly

Resolved, To enter immediately upon its consideration.

After some discussion, the Assembly adjourned until 4 o'clock this afternoon.

Concluded with prayer.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON, 4 o'clock.

The Assembly met and was opened with prayer.

The Moderator appointed the following Committees on Synodical Records, viz :

Albany—Rev. James F. Gibert and John S. Wilson, *Elder*, David Stewart.

New York—Rev. J. B. Spottswood and N. H. Gillett, *Elder*, John K. Duncan.

New Jersey—Rev. Enoch Bouton and Phineas D. Gurley, *Elder*, David Mills.

Philadelphia—Rev. Julius Foster and David McCay, *Elder*, Benj. Junkin.

Pittsburgh—Rev. J. B. McMullen and J. W. Waddel, *Elder*, J. S. Reid.

Wheeling—Rev. D. L. Gray and Wm. S. Rogers, *Elder*, P. A. Walker.

Ohio—Rev. John Allison and Edward Hines, *Elder*, Chs. A. Poellnitz.

Cincinnati—Rev. N. L. Rice and John L. Yantis, *Elder*, Chs. E. Mills.

Indiana—Rev. M. Russell and William McCandlish, *Elder*, Samuel McCullough.

Northern Indiana—Rev. J. M. Faris and David Lattimore, *Elder*, John Breckenridge.

Illinois—Rev. John Matthews and John M. Crabb, *Elder*, W. Taylor.

Missouri—Rev. W. C. Hollyday and C. R. Thompson, *Elder*, Robert Purdy.

Kentucky—Rev. Robert McCachren and Jos. A. Murray, *Elder*, Robert G. Young.

Virginia—Rev. D. Teese and A. Williams, *Elder*, John Demun.

North Carolina—Rev. Abm. Williamson and Jeremiah Wood, *Elder*, Charles Welling.

West Tennessee—Rev. R. Smith and L. R. McAboy, *Elder*, John Crevling.

South Carolina and Georgia—Rev. C. Van Rensselaer and Samuel Taylor, *Elder*, Joseph Morrison.

Alabama—Rev. Rob't B. Dobbins and J. C. McConnell, *Elder*, J. Smick, M.D.

Mississippi—Rev. W. W. Robertson and Allen D. Metcalf, *Elder*, J. C. Baker.

Northern India—Rev. Dion C. Pharr and C. L. R. Boyd, *Elder*, Peter H. Martin.

The Committee on Commissions reported the following additional Commissioners, viz. Victor King, Ruling Elder, from the Presbytery of Madison; Wm. W. McKenzie, Ruling Elder, from the Presbytery of Muhlenburg, and James R. Hughes, Ruling Elder, from the Presbytery of West Jersey.

An overture from the Presbytery of Charleston, was received, and referred to the Committee of Bills and Overtures.

The Committee to arrange the time and order in which the several Boards shall present to the Assembly their annual Reports, recommended that the Board of Education present their Report on Monday, at 10 o'clock, A. M.; The Board of Foreign Missions, on Tuesday; The Board of Missions, on Wednesday; The Board of Publication on Thursday, at the same hour of each day.

The Report was adopted.

The Committee on Devotional Exercises reported, recommending that they be held in this church on Monday evening next, at 8 o'clock, and that the order of exercises be as follows, viz.

1. Invocation and reading the Scriptures, by the Moderator.
2. Psalmody, by Rev. Reuben Smith.
3. Address, by Rev. Geo. Lewis, of the Free Church of Scotland.
4. Prayer, by Dr. Elliott.
5. Psalmody, by Rev. J. S. Wilson.
6. Address, by Rev. N. L. Rice.
7. Prayer, by Rev. John McElhenney, D.D.
8. Doxology and Benediction, by Rev. S. Cowles.

The Committee also recommended that the Annual Sermon on Popery be delivered on next Wednesday evening, at 8 o'clock, by the Rev. H. A. Boardman, agreeably to the appointment of the last General Assembly.

The Report of the Trustees of the General Assembly, and also the Report of the Treasurer of the Trustees of the General Assembly, were read, accepted, and ordered to be printed in the Appendix to the Minutes.

The unfinished business of the morning, viz. the consideration of the Report of the Committee on Church Extension, was resumed and continued until the hour of adjournment, when the Assembly adjourned until to-morrow morning, at 9 o'clock.

Concluded with prayer.

SATURDAY MORNING, May 18, 9 o'clock.

The Assembly met, and was opened with prayer.

The Committee on Commissions reported the following additional commissioners, viz. Rev. Archibald C. Allen, from the Presbytery of Kaskaskia, A. L. Acee, M.D., Ruling Elder, from the Presbytery of Flint River, John A. Smith, Ruling Elder, from the Presbytery of West Hanover, J. S. Hopkins, Ruling Elder, from the Presbytery of Transylvania, Rev. Thomas P. Hunt, from the Presbytery of Luzerne.

An Overture from the Synod of Kentucky; a paper from the Presbytery of Northumberland; a paper from the churches of Wilmington and Bethel; a memorial from the church of Clarksville, and a memorial from the Presbytery of Clinton, were read by their titles and referred to the Committee of Bills and Overtures.

The report of Rev. N. Murray, a delegate of the last Assembly to the General Synod of the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church, was read, and ordered to be printed in the Appendix to the Minutes.

The unfinished business of yesterday was resumed, viz. the consideration of the report of the Committee on Church Extension, when, after discussion, the first resolution was adopted.

The second resolution was then taken up and discussed, but before coming to a decision, the debate was arrested by the hour of adjournment.

An invitation was received from the Mercantile Library Association of Louisville, for the members of the Assembly to visit and use their library and reading room during their stay in this city; whereupon, it was

Resolved, That the invitation be accepted, and that the Clerk return to the officers of that institution the thanks of this body.

It was ordered that the various Synodical records be handed in at the opening of the afternoon session, in order that they may be referred to the respective committees.

The Assembly then adjourned till this afternoon at 4 o'clock.

Concluded with prayer.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON, 4 o'clock.

The Assembly met, and was opened with prayer.

The Committee on Commissions reported the following additional commissioners, viz. James Patterson, Ruling Elder, from the Presbytery of Huntingdon, G. H. Briscoe, Ruling Elder, from the Presbytery of Schuyler, Charles D. Shoemaker, Ruling Elder, from the Presbytery of Luzerne, Rev. Aaron Williams, from the Presbytery of Arkansas, James M. Ray, Ruling Elder, from the Presbytery of Indianapolis, Rev. Timothy G. Brainerd, from the Presbytery of Londonderry, and J. L. Jernegan, Ruling Elder, from the Presbytery of Lake.

The Judicial Committee reported in part, recommending that the appeals and complaints of the Rev. Dr. Breckinridge and others, Nos. 1 and 2, on the quorum question and the imposition of hands, be returned to the appellants and complainants, for reasons assigned.

Their report was docketed, and made the second order of the day for Monday next.

The unfinished business of the morning was taken up, viz. the report of the Committee on Church Extension, the discussion being on the second resolution; which, after an amendment, was adopted.

The third resolution was also amended and adopted.

The Assembly then adjourned until Monday morning, at 9 o'clock.

Concluded with prayer.



MONDAY MORNING, May 20, 9 o'clock.

The Assembly met, and was opened with prayer.

The minutes were read and approved.

The Committee on Commissions reported the following additional commissioners: Hamilton R. Gamble, Ruling Elder, from the Presbytery of St. Louis, and P. R. Fleming, Ruling Elder, from the Presbytery of Tuscaloosa.

The Committee on Bills and Overtures reported Overture No. 1, it being an "Overture from the Synod of New York, for a revision of the regulations respecting the reception of foreign ministers." And on motion of the Committee it was

Resolved, That no change is called for in the regulations of the Assembly on the subject of foreign ministers.

The same Committee also reported Overture No. 3, it being a memorial from the Presbytery of Luzerne, asking permission to withdraw their Overture for the formation of a new Synod, and presenting a petition for the annexation of the Brier Creek church of the Presbytery of Luzerne to the Presbytery of Northumberland, in the Synod of Philadelphia. And on motion of the Committee, it was

Resolved, That both the requests embraced in the memorial be granted.

The same Committee also reported Overture No. 6, it being a resolution from the Presbytery of Concord, expressing the opinion that the number of members in the General Assembly is too large, and that the interests of the Church would be promoted by a diminution. And on motion of the Committee, it was

Resolved, That the Presbytery of Concord have leave to withdraw their Overture.

The same Committee reported Overture No. 7, it being a memorial from the Presbytery of Clinton, on the subject of chaplains in the United States' army and navy. And on motion, it was referred to Messrs. Cuyler, Gray, J. R. Johnston, Baker and Shoemaker.

The same Committee reported Overture No. 4, embracing a memorial from the Synod of Cincinnati, and also a memorial from the Synod of West Tennessee, on the subject of the rule adopted by the General Assembly's Board of Education, requiring of every beneficiary receiving aid from its funds, a course of three years' study; and a communication from the Board of Education on the same subject, recommending a resolution for the adoption of this body.

This report was accepted, and the motion to adopt was discussed until arrested by the order of the day, which was to hear the report of the Assembly's Board of Education.

This Report was read by the Corresponding Secretary, the Rev. M. B. Hope; and on motion,

The Report was adopted, and ordered to be printed under the direction of the Board.

The following resolutions were then offered and adopted, viz.

Resolved, That for the prosperity of our Church, and especially in the great work of church extension, nothing, under God, is more vitally important than a *great* increase of ministers of eminent talents and apostolic spirit.

Resolved, That while the General Assembly feel and proclaim the importance of praying and labouring for an increase of labourers, they do at the same time express their unhesitating belief that men of a high order of talents, character and training, are now more needed than mere numbers of inferior men; and they therefore cordially approve the sentiments expressed, and the measures adopted by the Board, in regard to this subject; and they do most earnestly recommend all the Presbyteries to resist kindly but firmly, the recommendation to the Board of unsuitable candidates, and also to discourage the propensity to hasten into the ministry, without a full course of preparatory study.

On motion, the following preamble and resolution were adopted, viz.

Whereas the number of candidates under the care of the Board of Education has greatly increased through the divine blessing, and

Whereas it appears from the Annual Report of the said Board, that only a small proportion of our churches, and a still smaller proportion of our church members have made contributions in aid of this cause, now, therefore

Resolved, That in the deliberate judgment of this Assembly, it is the privilege of all the members of all our churches, to be instructed from the pulpit in regard to the claims of this great cause, and their duty to sustain it regularly and systematically, by their prayers and contributions.

It was made the order of the day for to-morrow, at 12 o'clock, M. to receive reports from the Committees on Synodical Records.

The Rev. Dr. Hoge, from the Committee appointed by the General Assembly of 1843, in relation to the mode of raising funds for the Boards of the church, offered a Report which was put on the Docket.

A letter was read from the Rev. James Romeyn, who had been appointed a delegate to this body by the General Synod of the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church, expressing his regret that, in the providence of God, he had been prevented from attending.

The second order of the day was then taken up, which was the Report of the Judicial Committee on the appeals and complaints of the Rev. Dr. Breckinridge and others, when

It was first moved to adopt the Report, and after some discussion there was a motion to postpone for a time the motion to adopt, in order to make way for a motion to admit the parties to be heard on the question of jurisdiction. But before the question of postponement was decided, the Assembly adjourned until four o'clock, P. M. Concluded with prayer.

MONDAY AFTERNOON, 4 o'clock.

The Assembly met and was opened with prayer.

The minutes were read and approved.

A memorial was received from two individuals on the subject of extending an invitation, on communion occasions, to other denominations, which was referred to the Committee of Bills and Overtures.

The unfinished business of the morning was then taken up, viz. the Report of the Judicial Committee on the appeals and complaints of the Rev. Dr. Breckinridge and others, the question being on postponing the motion to adopt in order to make way for a motion to admit the parties to be heard on the question of jurisdiction.

After debate the motion to postpone was put and decided in the negative.

The Assembly then adjourned until this evening at eight o'clock.

Concluded with prayer.

MONDAY EVENING, 8 o'clock.

The Assembly met, and attended to the religious exercises according to the order prescribed, and then adjourned until to-morrow morning at nine o'clock.



TUESDAY MORNING, May 21, 9 o'clock.

The Assembly met and was opened with prayer.

The minutes were read and approved.

The Western Theological Seminary presented their Seventeenth Annual Report, which was read and referred to a Committee consisting of Rev. Messrs. Foote, Timlow and Allison, and Elders Messrs. L. Oatman and P. H. Martin.

The Committee on the Boundary Line between the Synods of Indiana and Cincinnati, presented their Report, which was ordered to be placed on the Docket.

The Committee to nominate delegates to ecclesiastical bodies in correspondence with this Assembly, offered their Report, which was accepted and approved, and is as follows, viz.

To the General Association of Connecticut and Massachusetts.—Rev. Dr. Magie, of the Presbytery of Elizabethtown, and Rev. Joshua Phelps, of the Presbytery of Florida.

To the Evangelical Consociation of Rhode Island.—Rev. A. H. Dumont, of the Presbytery of Elizabethtown. *Alternate*—Rev. Hugh Wilson, of the Presbytery of Long Island.

To the General Association of New Hampshire.—Rev. H. Perkins, of the Presbytery of New Brunswick. *Alternate*—Rev. D. M. Halliday, of the second Presbytery of New York.

To the General Convention of Vermont.—Rev. Reuben Smith, of the Presbytery of Troy. *Alternate*—Rev. Jeremiah Woods, of the Presbytery of Albany.

To the General Conference of Maine.—Rev. Dr. McCartee, of the Presbytery of Hudson. *Alternate*—Rev. John Johnston, of the Presbytery of North River.

To the General Synod of the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church.—Rev. Charles Hodge, D.D., of the Presbytery of New Brunswick. *Alternate*—The Rev. Peter O. Studdiford, of the Presbytery of Raritan.

To the General Synod of the German Reformed Church.—Rev. H. A. Boardman, of the Presbytery of Philadelphia. *Alternate*—Rev. C. Van Rensselaer, of the Presbytery of West Jersey.]

And on motion, the clerks were directed to make out their commissions.

The Committee on Bills and Overtures reported on Overture No. 8, referred to them from the Presbytery of Charleston, in relation to the appointment of a day of fasting, humiliation and prayer, in view of the late visitations of God in calling to their final account a number of men eminent in station and in the councils of our country, recommending the following resolution, which was adopted, viz.

Resolved, That it is not advisable to act upon the premises set forth in the Overture, inasmuch as the occasion has already been improved by many of our ministers, in the delivery of discourses from their pulpits having special reference to this appalling visitation of God.

The same Committee reported on Overture No. 10, from the Presbytery of Columbus, inquiring

“1st. Is it orderly for a Session under the care of one Presbytery, to request a minister of another Presbytery to moderate them, without first obtaining leave from their Presbytery.

“2d. Is it constitutional for a minister to moderate a Session under the care of a different Presbytery from his own, without first asking and obtaining leave of the Presbytery having jurisdiction over said Session?”

Recommending the following minute, which was adopted, viz.

Resolved, That the last Assembly in deciding that a Session may invite a minister who is a member of another Presbytery to sit as their moderator, did not include any of those cases in which it is required either in express terms, or by plain implication, [Form of Government, Ch. IX. Sec. iii. and iv.,] that the moderator shall be of the same Presbytery as the congregation, but are of the opinion that in cases of a different kind for which no provision is made, a member of another Presbytery may be invited to act as moderator, if it be found to be expedient.

The same Committee on Overture No. 9, it being a memorial from the Presbytery of Richland, and ordered to be brought before the Assembly by the Synod of Ohio, praying for a reform in Colleges respecting the use of the Sacred Scriptures, especially in the original languages, or in case such reform be impracticable or unadvisable, that then the Assembly recommend the establishment of certain new institutions of learning—Reported the following minute which was adopted, viz.

1. *Resolved*, That the memorial relates to matters not under the direct control of this body.

2. *Resolved*, Nevertheless, that this Assembly embrace this opportunity of expressing their heartfelt regret, that the Greek Testament has fallen into disuse in some of our seminaries of classical learning, and that we regard the study of the Holy Scriptures in the original languages by the youth of our land, as in many respects important, and recommend to all our members, elders and ministers, who have the control of the studies of youth, to give due prominence to this branch of learning.

The Committee on leave of absence, reported that they had excused A. L. Acee, M.D., from the remaining sessions of the General Assembly, on account of ill health.

The thirty-second annual report of the Princeton Theological Seminary was presented, read and referred to a committee, consisting of Rev. Messrs. Waddel, Edwards and Yantis, and Elders, Messrs. Mailler and Murray.

The order of the day was then taken up, which was to hear the Report of the Board of Foreign Missions.

Printed copies of the Report were distributed among the members, accompanied with explanatory remarks, from the corresponding secretary, Walter Lowrie, Esq.

The following resolution was then offered and adopted, viz.

Resolved, That the annual report of the Board of Foreign Missions be approved, and referred to the Executive Committee for publication and distribution among the churches as extensively as may be found practicable.

Nominations were made for members of the Board to supply the places of those whose term of office expires at this meeting, and the election was made the second order of the day for to-morrow.

Dr. Plumer submitted the following resolution, which for the present was laid on the table, viz.

Resolved, That a committee of fifteen be appointed to take into consideration the subject of agencies, and the whole subject of collecting funds for the Board of Foreign Missions.

The order of the day was then taken up, viz. the reports of Committees on Synodical records, when the records of the following Synods were approved, viz. New York, Wheeling, Ohio, Indiana, Northern Indiana, Illinois, Missouri, Virginia, North Carolina, West Tennessee, South Carolina and Georgia, and Alabama. The records of the Synod of Pittsburgh, with the exception of their having the opening sermon preached after business had commenced, were also approved.

The reports of the Committees on the records of the Synods of Philadelphia and Kentucky, were retained till after the decision of the Assembly on a question now before them.

The Synods whose records have not been sent up for revision, were ordered to have them presented to the Assembly next year.

Nominations were made to fill the vacancies in the Board of Education, and also for Directors of the Western Theological Seminary, and of Princeton Theological Seminary; and the elections was made the order of the day for to-morrow, after the other orders shall have been disposed of, and the clerks were directed to have lists of the nominees posted in some convenient portion of the house.

The unfinished business of yesterday, viz. the report of the Judicial Committee on the appeals and complaints of Rev. Dr. Breckinridge and others, was then taken up. And after reading the papers, the Assembly adjourned until 4 o'clock this afternoon.

Concluded with prayer.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON, 4 o'clock.

The Assembly met, and was opened with prayer.

The minutes were read and approved.

The Judicial Committee, in the case of the appeal of Abby Hanna from the decision of the Synod of Wheeling, recommended the following order of procedure, which was adopted, viz.

1. The reading of the sentence of the Session suspending Mrs. Hanna, then the decision of the Presbytery of Washington on Mrs. Hanna's appeal, and the decision of the Synod of Wheeling in the case.
2. The reasons of Mrs. Hanna's appeal from the Presbytery of Washington to the Synod of Wheeling.
3. The whole record of proceedings in the Session, the Presbytery, and the Synod, with the testimony and reasons of decision in the case.
4. To hear the original parties.
5. To hear any of the members of the inferior judicatory in explanation of the grounds of their decision or their dissent.

The unfinished business of the morning was resumed, viz. the report of the Judicial Committee in relation to the appeals and complaints of Rev. Dr. Breckinridge and others; and the debate on the question to adopt, continued

for the remainder of the session, when the Assembly adjourned till to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

Concluded with prayer.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, May 22, 9 o'clock.

The Assembly met and was opened with prayer.

The minutes were read and approved.

An invitation was received from Dr. J. Cobb, dean of the Louisville Medical Institute, for the Assembly to visit that institution at any time that it may suit their convenience. Whereupon it was

Resolved, That the Assembly accept the invitation, and fix the time for 3 o'clock on Saturday afternoon.

On motion it was

Resolved, That the afternoon sessions hereafter commence at three o'clock, and continue till six.

The unfinished business of yesterday was resumed, viz. the appeals and complaints of Rev. Dr. Breckinridge and others; when the debate was continued on the motion to adopt the report of the Judicial Committee until it was arrested by the order of the day, which was to hear the report of the Assembly's Board of Missions.

This report was read by the Corresponding Secretary, the Rev. Dr. McDowell, to which he added explanations and remarks.

The following resolutions were then submitted and adopted, viz.

Resolved, That the report of the Board of Missions be approved by the Assembly, and be returned to the Board for publication, and the Assembly commend this report, with the facts it discloses, and the objects and views it presents, to the serious attention of all our Presbyteries, pastors, and churches.

Resolved, That the work of domestic missions, having for its object the spread of the gospel and the permanent establishment of sound evangelical churches in all sections of our widely extended country, is a work of *great magnitude and unspeakable importance*—that this is, in a very special sense, the work of American Christians—a *trust committed to the American churches*, and for the accomplishment of which, Christians of this land will be held responsible by the Head of the Church.

Resolved, That in the judgment of this Assembly, the pressing wants of the destitute in this land, and the *constraining love of God our Saviour*, should prompt us as a church to make greatly increased efforts for carrying forward efficiently the important work of domestic missions, and we most earnestly and affectionately appeal to every Presbytery, pastor and church in our connexion to come up with increased zeal and liberality to the aid of this cause.

Nominations were then made to fill vacancies in the Board, and it was made the next order of the day after the other orders, to elect them.

The Committee on Bills and Overtures, reported overture No. 13, it being a petition from the churches of Bath, Dunlapville, Brockville, and Mount Carmel, of the Presbytery of Oxford, praying that the boundary line between the Synods of Indiana and Cincinnati be not altered, as contemplated in an overture referred to this Assembly from the Assembly of 1843. [See printed Minutes, p. 177.] And on motion it was

Ordered, To be docketed that it may be considered in connexion with that overture.

The same Committee reported Overture No. 12, it being an inquiry whether licentiates of our church can solemnize marriages, where they are au-

thorized to do so, by the laws of the States." This overture was also ordered to be placed on the docket.

The same Committee reported on Overture No. 14, it being a reference to them of several papers in relation to the Christian sabbath, which was read and adopted, and is as follows, viz. That the Assembly of 1843 having solemnly affirmed the divine authority of the Christian Sabbath—its perpetual and universal obligation—its important bearing upon all the relations and interests of men, domestic, social, civil and religious; and said Assembly having enjoined upon all the inferior judicatories to give due attention to the sanctification of the sabbath within their own bounds, and to "co-operate in the furtherance of any measures suggested by others that may seem adapted to the promotion of the same throughout the world." Therefore

Resolved, That there is special occasion for this Assembly to re-affirm these sentiments, and that the subject be strongly urged on the consideration of the inferior judicatories and all the members in our communion.

The same Committee reported on Overture No. 3, it being a memorial from the Presbytery of Cincinnati, asking *this* Assembly to reverse the decision of the *last*, respecting the right of ruling elders to impose hands in the ordination of ministers, and respecting the necessity of the presence of ruling elders to constitute a quorum of Presbytery, and on an overture from the Presbytery of Transylvania on a branch of the same subject; and also an overture from the Presbytery of South Alabama respecting an amendment of the Form of Government, so as to provide that ruling elders shall be necessary to a quorum.

On these overtures, as relating to similar important *points* in the government of the church, the committee submitted certain resolutions, which were placed on the docket.

Notice was also given of a minority report to be presented this afternoon.

The Assembly then adjourned until this afternoon at 3 o'clock.

Concluded with prayer.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, 3 o'clock.

The Assembly met, and was opened with prayer.

The minutes were read and approved.

The Committee to whom was referred the Report of the Theological Seminary at Princeton, presented their Report, recommending that it be approved and printed in the Appendix to the Minutes, which was adopted.

The Committee on the reference of Clinton Presbytery on the subject of Chaplains, offered a Report, which was recommitted to the same Committee.

Resolved, That the appointment of the place of meeting of the next General Assembly be the order of the day for 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

The Committee on Devotional Exercises further reported, recommending that the Assembly unite in celebrating the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, on the next Sabbath, at 4 o'clock, P. M., and that the following be the order of the services, viz.

1. Reading the Scriptures, psalmody and prayer, by the Rev. Dr. Hoge.
2. The Rev. Dr. Junkin to preside in dispensing the bread.
3. The Rev. Dr. Elliott to preside in dispensing the cup.
4. Prayer, by the Rev. Dr. Potts.
5. Psalmody and Benediction, by the Rev. Mr. Paxton.

Their Report was adopted.

The several orders of the day were taken up consecutively, and from the nominations of yesterday to fill vacancies, the following persons were elected, viz.

BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS.

MINISTERS.

George Junkin, D.D.
 J. J. Janeway, D.D.
 A. W. Leland, D.D.
 George W. Janvier,
 John Johnston,
 Joseph H. Jones, D.D.
 John M. Krebs, D.D.
 John McDowell, D.D.
 Joseph McElroy, D.D.
 Robert McCartee, D.D.
 John Goldsmith,
 Thos. L. Janeway,
 Nicholas Murray, D.D.
 Geo. W. Musgrave,
 W. W. Phillips, D.D.

LAYMEN.

John Henderson,
 Otis Childs,
 James M. Ray,
 Wm. McIlvain,
 Benjamin McDowell,
 Alexander H. Kerr,
 Thomas McKeen,
 George Morris,
 Robert C. Grier,
 Matthew Newkirk,
 J. W. Anderson,
 H. R. Gamble,
 John M. Sherrerd,
 Joseph Patterson,
 Frederick Nash.

BOARD OF EDUCATION.

MINISTERS.

Ashbel Green, D.D.
 J. H. Gray,
 H. R. Weed, D.D.
 Joseph McElroy, D.D.
 George W. Musgrave,
 John Matthews, D.D.
 Robert Steel,
 W. L. Breckinridge, D.D.
 John J. White, vice Wm. Hadley,
 deceased.

LAYMEN.

Wm. S. Boyd,
 Henry Potter, Esq.
 Alexander Symington,
 Solomon Allen,
 Gilbert T. Snowden,
 Thomas Henderson,
 Samuel Hepburn, Esq.
 Col. W. Walter,
 Grigsby E. Thomas.

WESTERN THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

MINISTERS.

Robert Johnston,
 William Jeffery,
 C. C. Beatty, D.D.
 Samuel McFarren,
 Loyal Young,
 Richard Lea,
 H. G. Comingo.

RULING ELDERS.

Harmar Denny,
 Alexander Semple,
 Malcolm Leech, (for one year,
 Dr. Henry Hannen, vice R. C.
 Grier, resigned.
 Dr. Robert Wray, vice S.
 Thompson, deceased.

PRINCETON THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

MINISTERS.

Ashbel Green, D.D.
 J. M. Krebs, D.D.
 J. J. Janeway, D.D.
 H. A. Boardman,
 Nicholas Murray, D.D.
 J. C. Backus,
 W. W. Phillips, D.D.

RULING ELDERS.

James Lenox,
 Moses Allen,
 James N. Dickson.

BOARD OF MISSIONS.

MINISTERS.

Ashbel Green, D.D.
 A. Alexander, D.D.
 Gardiner Spring, D.D.
 W. W. Phillips, D.D.
 A. T. McGill, D.D.
 Willis Lord,
 W. D. Snodgrass, D.D.
 John Johnston,
 G. W. Musgrave,
 Thomas Hoge.

LAYMEN.

Francis Bailey,
 Moses Allen,
 Joseph Patterson,
 G. T. Snowden,
 Alexander Symington,
 William S. Boyd.

The Assembly then unanimously *Resolved*, That they would not at this meeting proceed to the election of Trustees of the General Assembly.

The unfinished business of the morning was then resumed, viz. the report of the Judicial Committee on the appeals and complaints of Rev. Dr. Breckinridge and others, when the debate was continued the remainder of the session.

The Assembly then adjourned until to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.
 Concluded with prayer.

 THURSDAY MORNING, May 23, 9 o'clock.

The Assembly met and was opened with prayer.

The minutes were read and approved.

A communication from a minister and session in the Presbytery of Erie addressed to the Moderator was read by its title, and referred to the Committee of Bills and Overtures.

An overture from the Presbytery of East Alabama requesting the Assembly to reconsider its decision on the quorum question, was read and ordered to be filed among the papers of the clerk on the same subject.

The report of the Trustees of Princeton Theological Seminary, and also the report of a special committee to raise funds for that institution, were read, and referred to a committee, consisting of Rev. Dr. Maclean, J. C. Edwards, and Andrew Y. Lockridge, and P. A. Walker and R. K. Boyd, ruling elders.

The minority of the Committee of Bills and Overtures on the quorum question and the question of the imposition of hands, presented their report, which was read and placed on the Docket.

The Committee on the subject of chaplains in the United States' army and navy offered their report, which was placed on the Docket.

The order of the day which was to designate the place for holding the next meeting of the Assembly was taken up, when it was

Resolved, That the next General Assembly shall hold its sessions in the First Presbyterian Church in the city of Cincinnati, Ohio.

The report of the Board of Publication was then, in the absence of the Corresponding Secretary, read by the Rev. Dr. Engles, and referred to a committee of three, consisting of Drs. Elliott and Potts, and Rev. J. P. McMullen.

Nominations were then made for filling the vacancies in the Board, from which the following individuals were elected members, viz.

MINISTERS.

Ashbel Green, D.D.
 James Hoge, D.D.
 Gardiner Spring, D.D.
 David Elliott, D.D.
 Wm. M. Engles, D.D.
 J. M. Krebs, D.D.
 Jas. Culbertson,
 J. Y. Yeomans, D.D.
 J. T. Edgar, D.D.
 A. Tudehope,
 J. H. Jones, D.D.
 John Gray,
 Robert Morrison, D.D.

LAYMEN.

R. Jaffray,
 James Lenox,
 A. W. Mitchell, M.D.
 J. B. Mitchell,
 Victor King,
 Thomas McKeen,
 George Morris,
 Archibald McIntyre,
 Archibald Robertson,
 R. Soutter, Jr.
 Micah Baldwin,
 H. H. Leavitt,
 J. Johnston,
 J. Henderson, in the place of

Winthrop Sargent who has removed out of the bounds of the Presbyterian Church.

The unfinished business of yesterday was resumed, it being the report of the Judicial Committee on the appeals and complaints of Rev. Dr. Breckinridge and others—the question being on the motion to adopt. A division being called for on the subject matter of the report between the right to appeal and the right to complain, the Moderator decided that it was susceptible of a division, and that the questions might be put separately to the house.

An appeal was taken from the chair, in which the chair was not sustained.

The question then recurring on the motion to adopt the report of the Judicial Committee, and the yeas and nays being called for, it was decided in the affirmative as follows, viz.

Ayes, Ministers—Brainerd, R. Smith, D. Stewart, J. Wood, J. R. Johnson, J. F. Clark, Teese, Edwards, Spring, Marshall, Ogden, Williamson, B. H. Rice, Maclean, Van Rensselaer, J. Clark, Albert Williams, Foster, Hunt, Cuyler, Boardman, Backus, McCachren, Murray, J. S. Woods, Waller, Kirkpatrick, Gillett, M. Brown, Elliott, McAboy, Bushnell, Dickson, McCay, Stockton, Scott, Ewing, A. O. Patterson, Hoge, W. D. Smith, Culbertson, Hervey, McCandlish, J. Matthews, Faris, Russell, Stone, Hollyday, Crabb, Scovel, Thompson, Lattimore, Gurley, Wright, Bouton, Allen, Stebbins, Bennett, Cowles, Potts, D. E. Y. Rice, Hadden, N. L. Rice, McElhenney, Metcalf, Foote, S. B. Wilson, Boccock, Plumer, Pharr, S. J. P. Anderson, Hines, Lockridge, McMullen, James Woods, Penland, Gibert, J. Douglas, Ketchum, Petrie, J. S. Wilson, Phelps, Chase, J. H. Gray, D. McNair, Daniel L. Gray, A. Williams, W. S. Rogers.

Elders—P. Boyd, Baldwin, Price, Cutter, Demun, Welling, Hughes, King, Dunham, Shoemaker, W. S. Boyd, A. W. Mitchell, A. Stephens, Todd, R. G. Young, J. Patterson, Barber, Cunningham, Duncan, Leech, Hannen, Sample, Bowman, Slagle, Morrison, Rankin, Troup, Irwin, Bailey, Hanna, Lyons, Anderson, J. P. Harrison, Andrew, McCullough, Taylor, J. M. Ray, Jernegan, Smick, Gamble, Cayce, Rand, Patrick, Baker, Carter, J. A. Smith, Murray, F. Johnston, Donnell, Martin, Mailler, Strong, Walker, Bredford—142.

Nays, Ministers—Remington, D. X. Junkin, Spotswood, Timlow, S. Taylor, D. D. McKee, Dobbins, W. W. Robertson, Yantis, Paxton, J. C. Young, N. H. Hall, E. McNair, Allison, Campbell, Gildersleeve, Waddel, Emerson, J. P. McMullen, C. L. K. Boyd, Marshall.

Elders—Magoffin, Crevling, Donaldson, Francis, B. Junkin, J. Breckenridge, McCampbell, A. B. McKee, King, Mills, Siddall, Briscoe, Singleton Wilson, McKenzie, Hopkins, Stonestreet, Beatty, J. H. McDowell, Oatman,

J. S. Reid, Snowden, D. Stewart, Poellnitz, J. K. Douglass, P. R. Fleming—46.

The Report thus adopted is as follows, viz.

The Judicial Committee having had under consideration No. 1, The appeal and complaint of the Rev. Robert J. Breckinridge, D.D., and others, against a decision of the Synod of Philadelphia, on the quorum question; and No. 2, The appeal and complaint of the Rev. R. J. Breckinridge, D.D. and others, against a decision of the Synod of Philadelphia, on the question of imposition of hands in ordination,

Report, that in their opinion the Form of Government and Discipline of the Presbyterian Church do not authorize the appellants and complainants to bring before the General Assembly, either an appeal or complaint in the cases referred to.

While the members of the Committee feel constrained, by the Constitution of the Church, to recommend that these papers be returned to the appellants, they feel the less reluctance, as they are advised that there are other forms in which the great principles involved will come before this house.

(Signed,) SAMUEL B. WILSON, *Chairman*.

It was made the order of the day for 3 o'clock this afternoon to consider the Report of the Committee of Bills and Overtures on the quorum question, and on the question of the imposition of hands.

The Report of the Committee of Bills and Overtures on the rule of the Board of Education respecting Beneficiaries, was taken up and discussed for the remainder of the session.

The Assembly then adjourned until this afternoon at 3 o'clock.

Concluded with prayer.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON, 3 o'clock.

The Assembly met and was opened with prayer.

The minutes were read and approved.

The order of the day was then taken up, viz. The Report of the Committee of Bills and Overtures on the Quorum question, &c., when it was first moved to adopt the Report—then to postpone that motion, in order to take up the report of the minority—and again, to lay on the table the motion to postpone, which was decided in the affirmative. The question then came up on the motion to adopt; but before it was decided, the debate was arrested to give place to a motion from the Committee of Bills and Overtures, making it the order of the day for to-morrow, at 10 o'clock, for the delegates from the Free Church of Scotland to address the Assembly upon the condition and claims of that Church.

After which the Assembly adjourned till to-morrow morning, at 9 o'clock.

Concluded with prayer.



FRIDAY MORNING, May 24, 9 o'clock.

The Assembly met and was opened with prayer.

The minutes were read and approved.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence presented their Report, which was placed on the docket. A letter prepared by that Committee to be addressed to the Synod of Australia, was adopted and ordered to be printed in the Appendix.

The Committee of Bills and Overtures reported, that a number of memorials have been put into their hands on the subject of Slavery, and recommending that the subject be dismissed from their consideration:

Whereupon a minority of the Committee submitted a paper expressive of their want of concurrence in the report; and the Rev. Dr. Spring another paper expressive of his views of the manner in which the subject should be disposed of. And on motion, the whole subject, with all the papers in relation to it, was laid upon the table. The yeas and nays being called for, were as follows, viz.

Ayes—*Ministers*, J. R. Johnston, J. F. Clark, A. Williamson, B. H. Rice, Albert Williams, Foster, Hunt, Boardman, Spotswood, McCachren, Murray, J. S. Woods, McAboy, Dickson, Ewing, Hoge, Culbertson, Matthews, Taylor, Allen, Stebbins, Potts, D. E. Y. Rice, Yantis, Paxton, Hadden, J. C. Young, Hall, N. L. Rice, McElhenney, Metcalf, Foote, S. B. Wilson, Boccock, Plumer, Pharr, Anderson, Hines, E. McNair, Lockridge, R. B. McMullen, Woods, Allison, Penland, Campbell, Gibert, Douglas, Ketchum, Gildersleeve, Petrie, J. S. Wilson, Phelps, Waddel, Emerson, J. P. McMullen, C. L. R. Boyd, Marshall, Chase, J. H. Gray, D. McNair, D. L. Gray, Aaron Williams.

Elders—T. Price, Cutter, Demun, Welling, King, Dunham, Shoemaker, M. S. Boyd, A. W. Mitchell, Todd, Patterson, Barber, Leech, Semple, Bowman, Rankin, Troup, Bailey, Lyons, Breckenridge, McCampbell, Wills, Briscoe, Smick, Gamble, Cayce, Singleton Wilson, McKenzie, Hopkins, Stone-street, Read, Patrick, Baker, Carter, J. A. Smith, Murray, Johnston, Donnell, Beatty, McDowell, Oatman, Martin, Mailler, Reid, Douglass, Snowden, D. Stewart, Poellnitz, Fleming, Strong, Walker, Bredford—115.

Nays—*Ministers*, Brainerd, R. Smith, Daniel Stewart, J. Wood, Remington, Teese, Edwards, Spring, Wm. Marshall, Ogden, Maclean, Van Rensselaer, D. X. Junkin, James Clark, Cuyler, Timlow, Backus, Waller, Kirkpatrick, Gillett, Brown, Elliott, Bushnell, McCay, Stockton, J. W. Scott, A. O. Patterson, W. D. Smith, Hervey, McCandlish, Russell, Stone, Hollyday, Crabb, Thompson, Lattimore, Gurley, Wright, Bouton, D. D. McKee, Bennett, Dobbins, Cowles, W. W. Robertson, Rogers.

Elders—Magoffin, Boyd, Baldwin, Hughes, Crevling, A. Stephens, Donaldson, Robert G. Young, John Cunningham, Barber, Hannen, Francis, B. Junkin, Slagle, Morrison, Irwin, Cook, Hanna, J. Anderson, Andrew, McCullough, Taylor, A. B. McKee, King, Ray, Jernegan—70.

J. K. Duncan, *non liquet*.

Mr. Wells, Bushnell, and two others, gave notice that they would protest against this decision of the General Assembly.

The order of the day, which was to hear the delegation from the Free Church of Scotland, was taken up; when another delegate, the Rev. Wm. Chalmers, was introduced to the Moderator, and through him to the Assembly.

Addresses were then delivered, by the Rev. Messrs. Lewis and Chalmers, on the contest of the Free Church of Scotland for the rights of the people, and of the office bearers in the House of God, and the sufferings which had befallen them on that account.

When their interesting addresses were concluded, it was on motion,

Resolved, That the thanks of the Assembly be returned to the brethren of the Scottish Delegation, and that the object of their mission be referred to the Rev. Messrs. Spring, Marshall and Young.

The Delegation also presented to the Assembly a fac simile of the Protest, which was laid upon the Moderator's table, when they withdrew from the establishment; and also a fac simile of the act of separation and demission, with a number of copies of the Minutes of their first Assembly, which were duly acknowledged.

The Charter of the Western Theological Seminary was presented to the Assembly by Dr. Elliott; and on motion, it was referred to a committee consisting of Messrs. Gamble, Stonestreet, Jernegan and Elliott.

The Assembly then adjourned until this afternoon, at half-past 3 o'clock.
Concluded with prayer.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON, 3½ o'clock.

The Assembly met, and was opened with prayer.

The minutes were read and approved.

The Committee on leave of absence reported that they had given leave to the Rev. S. C. McConnell, Robert Purdy and William P. Boyd.

The Committee on Mileage reported, that there have been paid to the treasurer on account of the Commissioners' fund, the sum of \$203 90, that there have been twelve thousand eight hundred and fifty-four miles travelled by the commissioners who claim mileage in coming to the present Assembly, which at one cent five and three quarter mills per mile, will make \$202 45, leaving a balance of one dollar and forty-five cents; and therefore recommended that the Trustees of the General Assembly be directed to draw an order on their treasurer for this amount, and that they be directed to pay the same to the several persons named in their report, in the proportion therein stated. Their report was accepted and adopted.

The Committee on the Records of the Synod of Cincinnati reported, recommending that they be approved, and their report was adopted.

The unfinished business of yesterday afternoon was taken up, it being the report of the Committee of Bills and Overtures on the quorum question, &c., which was discussed for the remainder of the session.

The Assembly then adjourned till to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

Concluded with prayer.

SATURDAY MORNING, May 25, 9 o'clock.

The Assembly met, and was opened with prayer.

The minutes were read and approved.

The Committee of Bills and Overtures reported on Overture No. , it being a petition from the church of Clarksville, of the Presbytery of Nashville and Synod of West Tennessee, praying that they may be annexed to the Presbytery of Muhlenburg, in the Synod of Kentucky, and other papers in relation to this subject; recommending that the request of the church of Clarksville be not granted, and that that church retain their present connexion. The report was adopted.

The Committee on the report of the Board of Publication offered their report, which was placed on the Docket.

The Committee on leave of absence reported that they had given leave to Charles E. Mills, Alex. Ewing, John Siddall, J. P. Harrison, A. P. Andrew, J. L. Jarnegan, and to C. D. Shoemaker, after to-day.

The Rev. Thomas P. Hunt, of the Presbytery of Luzerne, stated to the Assembly, that owing to peculiar circumstances he, as alternate, had taken his seat as a member of this house; and that he wished to resign it to the Rev. John Dorrance, the principal named in the commission. And on motion, it was

Resolved, That in view of the peculiar circumstances of the case, which were stated at large by Mr. Hunt, this request be granted, and that Mr. Dorrance's name be inserted on the roll in the place of Mr. Hunt's.

The unfinished business of yesterday was taken up, it being the report of the Committee of Bills and Overtures on the quorum question, &c., which was discussed for the remainder of the session.

The Assembly adjourned until this afternoon at 4 o'clock.

Concluded with prayer.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON, 4 o'clock.

The Assembly met, and was opened with prayer.

The minutes were read and approved.

The Committee to whom was referred the act of the Legislature of the State of Pennsylvania incorporating the Trustees of the Western Theological Seminary, reported that the *eleventh* section of the proposed charter reserves to the Legislature the right at any time hereafter to construe, alter, amend or repeal all or any of the provisions of that act, and makes no provision for any disposition of the corporate property upon such repeal of the charter. The Committee regard this reservation of the right to alter or repeal the charter, when unaccompanied with any provision for the transfer of the title to the corporate property, as possibly endangering the security of the property and funds designed for the support of the Seminary. They therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution, viz.

Resolved, That the General Assembly respectfully decline for the present to accept the act of incorporation of the Legislature of Pennsylvania, entitled, "An act to incorporate the Trustees of the Western Theological Seminary of the Presbyterian Church of the United States of America, at the city of Allegheny, in the State of Pennsylvania," and that the said act be referred to the Board of Directors, to procure, if practicable, a repeal of said *eleventh* section of said act.

The report was accepted and adopted.

The Committee on Finance presented their report, which was read and adopted, and ordered to be printed in the Appendix.

The unfinished business of the morning was taken up, it being the report of the Committee of Bills and Overtures on the quorum question, &c., which was discussed for the remainder of the session.

The Assembly then adjourned until Monday morning, at 9 o'clock.

Concluded with prayer.



MONDAY MORNING, May 27, 9 o'clock.

The Assembly met and was opened with prayer.

The minutes were read and approved.

On motion, it was unanimously

Resolved, That the thanks of the Assembly be returned to the Rev. Henry A. Boardman, for his sermon on the "Intolerance of the Church of Rome," and that he be requested to furnish a copy of it to the Board of Publication.

Resolved, That the Rev. N. L. Rice be appointed to preach during the meeting of the next General Assembly, on the doctrine of "Justification as denied and perverted by the Church of Rome," and that the Rev. Dr. John N. Campbell, of Albany, N. Y., be his alternate.

The Report of the Committee of Bills and Overtures, on Overture No. 13, it being in relation to the boundary line between the Synods of Cincinnati and Indiana, was taken up, when so much of it was adopted as makes the boundary line between the states of Ohio and Indiana the boundary line between the two Synods.

The further consideration of the Report was then deferred, in order to take up the unfinished business of Saturday, viz. the Report of the Committee of Bills and Overtures on the quorum question, &c. The discussion was continued and closed. A division of the question being called for, and the yeas and nays ordered, the first resolution of the report which relates to the imposition of the hands of Elders in the ordination of a minister, was adopted, and is as follows, viz.

1. *Resolved*, That in the opinion of this Assembly, the last Assembly in determining that Ruling Elders are not authorized by the form of government to impose hands in the ordination of ministers, did not depreciate the office of Ruling Elder, nor did they in any respect contravene the letter or the spirit of the constitution, or the principles and practice of Presbyterian Churches in Europe or America since the Reformation; but in conformity with both the principles and practice of our own and other Presbyterian Churches, they did decide that as the rite of ordination is simply a declaratory ministerial act, the laying on of hands as a part thereof belongs properly to ordained Ministers, while to Ruling Elders is left unimpaired and unquestioned the full and rightful power of ordering the work of ordination, and of judging in the discipline of ministers in common with those Presbyters who labour in word and doctrine as in all other cases.

Ayes, Ministers—Brainerd, R. Smith, Stewart, J. Wood, Remington, Johnson, J. F. Clark, Teese, Edwards, Wm. Marshall, Ogden, Williamson, B. H. Rice, Maclean, Van Rensselaer, D. X. Junkin, James Clark, Albert Williams, Foster, Dorrance, Cuyler, Boardman, Spottswood, Timlow, Backus, McCachren, Murray, J. S. Woods, Waller, Kirkpatrick, Gillett, Brown, Elliott, McAboy, Bushnell, Dickson, McCay, Stockton, Scott, Patterson, Hoge, W. D. Smith, Culbertson, Hervey, McCandlish, Matthews, Faris, Russell, Stone, Hollyday, Crabb, Scovel, C. K. Thompson, Lattimore, Gurley, Bouton, Allen, D. D. McKee, Stebbins, Bennett, Cowles, Potts, D. E. Y. Rice, Yantis, Hadden, N. L. Rice, McElhenney, Metcalf, Foote, S. B. Wilson, Bocoock, Plumer, Pharr, Anderson, Hines, Lockridge, R. B. McMullen, James Woods, Allison, Penland, J. Douglass, Ketchum, Gildersleeve, Petrie, J. S. Wilson, Phelps, Waddel, Boyd, Chase, J. H. Gray, D. McNair, D. L. Gray, Aaron Williams, Rogers.

Elders—Magoffin, P. Boyd, Baldwin, Price, Cutter, Demuu, Welling, Hughes, Crevling, King, Dunham, Shoemaker, W. S. Boyd, Mitchell, Stephens, Donaldson, Todd, Young, Patterson, Cunningham, Duncan, Leech, Hannen, Sample, Francis, Bowman, B. Junkin, Slagle, Morrison, Rankin, Troup, Irwin, Bailey, Cook, Hanna, Lyons, Breckenridge, Anderson, McCullough, Taylor, Wills, Ray, Jernegan, Cayce, McKenzie, Rand, Patrick, Baker, Carter, J. A. Smith, Murray, Johnston, Donnell, J. H. McDowell, Oatman, Martin, Mailler, David Stewart, Walker, Bredford—154.

Nays, Ministers—Taylor, Dobbins, W. W. Robertson, Paxton, Young, Hall, E. McNair, Campbell, Gibert, Emerson, J. P. McMullen, S. V. Marshall.

Elders—McC Campbell, A. B. McKee, Victor King, Briscoe, S. Wilson, Hopkins, Stonestrect, Beatty, J. S. Reid, Douglas, Snowden, Poellnitz, Fleming—25.

The second resolution, which relates to the quorum of a Presbytery, was adopted, and is as follows, viz.

2. *Resolved*, That the last Assembly, in determining that three ministers are a quorum of the Presbytery when no Ruling Elders are present, did not detract in any degree from the dignity and importance of this office, nor did they question the perfect right or duty of Elders to be present and take part in all acts of government and discipline; but only declared that according to the true intent and meaning of our constitutional rules, their absence does not prevent the Presbytery from constituting and transacting business, if three ministers are present; and this decision is based upon the fact that ministers are not only preachers of the Gospel and administrators of sealing ordinances, but also ruling elders in the very nature of their office.

Ayes, Ministers—Brainerd, R. Smith, D. Stewart, Jeremiah Wood, Remington, J. R. Johnson, J. F. Clark, Teese, Edwards, Wm. Marshall, Ogden,

Williamson, B. H. Rice, Maclean, Van Rensselaer, James Clark, Albert Williams, Foster, Dorrance, Cuyler, Boardman, Backus, McCachren, Murray, J. S. Woods, Waller, Kirkpatrick, Gillett, Brown, Elliott, McAboy, Bushnell, Dickson, McCay, Stockton, Scott, Patterson, Hoge, W. D. Smith, Culbertson, Hervey, McCandlish, Matthews, Faris, Russell, Stone, Hollyday, Crabb, Scovel, Gurley, C. K. Thompson, Bouton, Allen, D. D. McKee, Stebbins, Cowles, Potts, D. E. Y. Rice, Hadden, N. L. Rice, McElhenney, Metcalf, Foote, S. B. Wilson, Bocoock, Plumer, Pharr, Anderson, Lockridge, R. B. McMullen, James Woods, Allison, Penland, Ketchum, Gildersleeve, Petrie, J. S. Wilson, Phelps, Waddel, S. V. Marshall, Chase, J. H. Gray, D. McNair, D. L. Gray, Aaron Williams, Rogers.

Elders—Magoffin, P. Boyd, Rice, Cutter, Demun, Welling, Hughes, King, Dunham, Shoemaker, W. S. Boyd, Mitchell, Stephens, Todd, R. S. Young, Cunningham, Duncan, Leech, Hannen, Sample, Bowman, Slagle, Morrison, Rankin, Troup, Irwin, Bailey, Cook, Hanna, Lyons, Anderson, McCullough, Taylor, Ray, Jernegan, Cayce, Rand, Patrick, Baker, Carter, J. A. Smith, Murray, Johnston, Donnell, Martin, Mailler, Walker, Bredford—134.

Nays, Ministers—D. X. Junkin, Spottswood, Timlow, Lattimore, Taylor, Bennett, Dobbins, Robertson, Yantis, Paxton, Young, Hall, Hines, E. McNair, Campbell, Gibert, J. Douglass, Emerson, J. P. McMullen, C. L. R. Boyd.

Elders—Baldwin, Crevling, Donaldson, Patterson, Francis, B. Junkin, Breckenridge, McCampbell, A. B. McKee, Victor King, Wills, Briscoe, S. Wilson, McKenzie, Hopkins, Stonestreet, Beatty, McDowell, Oatman, Reid, Douglas, Snowden, David Stewart, Poellnitz, Fleming—45.

The third resolution was decided in the affirmative without a count, and is as follows:

3. *Resolved*, That this Assembly, in re-affirming these decisions of the last Assembly which have been called in question, design to maintain the purity, order, and peace of the Church, and the continued and faithful observance of those principles and regulations which have heretofore been found to consist with true Christian liberty, and secure the common welfare of all classes in the Church. Also, they re-affirm and maintain the scriptural authority of the office of Ruling Elder, and the great importance and solemn obligation of the attendance of Elders on the meetings of the judicatories of the Church, and of their equal participation in the exercise of government and discipline.

A fourth resolution was then offered, to be appended to the Report of the Committee of Bills and Overtures, which was laid on the table.

The Assembly then adjourned until this afternoon, at 4 o'clock.

Concluded with prayer.

MONDAY AFTERNOON, 4 o'clock.

The Assembly met, and was opened with prayer.

The minutes were read, amended and approved.

The Committee on the Records of the Synod of Kentucky presented their report, recommending their approval to page 38, with the exception of two minutes on pages 25 and 30, in which the Synod express views different from those held by this Assembly on the questions of a quorum of Presbytery and on the right of Ruling Elders to impose hands in the ordination of Ministers, to which decisions the Assembly would refer the Synod.

Mr. Bushnell and others offered a protest according to notice given, against the decision of the Assembly in laying the whole subject of slavery, and all the papers in relation to it, on the table—which was referred to Messrs. Plumer, B. H. Rice, and S. V. Marshall.

The house having been informed that Dr. Spring, chairman of the Com-

mittee on the subject of the Free Church of Scotland had returned home, on motion, Messrs. Chase, Penland and Hall were added to that committee.

The unfinished business in relation to Church Extension was then taken up, and the remainder of the resolutions were amended and adopted. The question then coming up on adopting it as a whole, it was discussed for the remainder of the session.

The Assembly then adjourned until to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.
Concluded with prayer.



TUESDAY MORNING, May 28, 9 o'clock.

The Assembly met and was opened with prayer.

The minutes were read and approved.

The Committee on Leave of Absence reported that they had given leave to Gardiner Spring, D.D., Aaron Williams, R. H. Breford, E. W. Wright, A. C. Allen, James Smick, Daniel Wills and Charles A. Poellnitz, and their report was accepted.

On motion, it was made the order of the day for to-morrow evening at eight o'clock to hear the Rev. Mr. Pinney on the subject of his agency for the Pennsylvania Colonization Society.

The Committee on Bills and Overtures reported on Overture No. 16, it being in relation to the legacy left to the Presbyterian Church by the late Wm. Brown of Green County, Tennessee; and on motion, the Overture with the letter inclosing it was referred to the Board of Trustees of the General Assembly, with full power to act in the premises as they may judge expedient.

The same Committee reported Overture No. 17, it being on uniformity in Church music, which, on motion, was placed on the Docket.

On motion, the report of the Judicial Committee in the case of Abby Hanna, was taken up, when the Moderator announced that the body was about to pass to the consideration of the business assigned for trial, and enjoined on the members to recollect and regard their high character as judges of a court of Jesus Christ, and the solemn duty in which they were about to act.

Mr. Patterson was appointed to manage the case for Mrs. Hanna.

The papers were read in the order prescribed by the committee. And after the original parties and the courts below were fully heard, the roll was called, to give each member of the Assembly the opportunity of expressing his views on the case, when on motion it was

Resolved, That the decision of the courts below in the case of Abby Hanna *vs.* the Synod of Wheeling, be affirmed, and that the appeal be, and it is hereby dismissed.

The unfinished business of yesterday, it being the report of the Committee on Church Extension, was taken up, the question being on the motion to adopt it as a whole. A reference of the subject was then moved to the next General Assembly; but before the question was taken

The Assembly adjourned until this afternoon at half past 3 o'clock.
Concluded with prayer.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON, half past 3 o'clock.

The Assembly met and was opened with prayer.

The minutes were read and approved.

The Committee on Leave of Absence reported that they had given leave to Messrs. Jernegan, Penland, McCachren, Gamble, Magoffin, Mailler, W. W. Robertson, Campbell, Yantis, J. Patterson, J. A. Murray, J. K. Douglass, Bocoock, Dunham, James Wood, Emerson, and Timlow.

The report of the committee appointed by the Assembly of 1843, respecting the marriage question, was submitted and read; and on motion it was for the present laid on the table in order to take up the unfinished business of the morning, it being the report of the Committee on Church Extension, the question being on referring it to the next General Assembly.

After discussion, the previous question having been called for and sustained, the main question came up on the motion to adopt the report, which was decided in the affirmative; it is as follows, viz.

“The Committee to whom was referred by the General Assembly of 1843, the Overture respecting the erection of churches in feeble congregations, by the aid of their brethren who may be able and willing to contribute for this purpose, have considered the subject with attention, and present the following Report as the result of their deliberations.

The maintenance of evangelical truth and practical piety is the primary duty of the Church of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ; and next to this and inseparably connected with it, is the great work of extending this divine religion, until it shall fill the whole earth. For this purpose it is necessary to plant churches wherever they do not exist, and thus to secure the administration of the word and ordinances of Jesus Christ.

In fulfilling this part of her duty, the Presbyterian Church in this land has acted rightly in sending forth the ministers of the gospel to preach, to gather and organize churches, and to nourish them with spiritual food, that they may grow up to maturity and abound in the works of faith and the labours of love. This, indeed, is indispensably necessary, and ought to engage the first and chief efforts of the Church; yet it is certain that, in a subordinate, but very important sense, the erection of suitable houses for divine worship is necessary. The former has been accomplished to some extent, by our portion of the Church catholic in her associated capacity; the latter has been generally left to the unaided efforts of congregations when gathered, however weak they may be. That each society should, if able, erect its own house of worship, is altogether proper, even as it is right that the minister should be supported by those to whom he ministers, and it should never be regarded as a burden by any, although effort and self-denial should be required in order to effect either object. But as it has been determined that the united ability of the Church ought to be employed in sending the minister to preach the gospel to the destitute, and in aiding weak congregations in sustaining their pastor; is it not equally proper to aid those who need help in building suitable houses for public worship. We think that this is proper for several reasons.

1. A church of adequate size and respectable appearance is of great importance to every congregation. The want of such accommodation produces indifference and discouragement in those who are connected with the congregations, and has a repulsive influence on others.

2. There are many places in which the members and friends of the Presbyterian Church are too few and poor to build such houses as would accommodate themselves and that portion of the people in the vicinity, who might be induced to attend on the ordinances of the Gospel, but as yet are disposed to give little or no pecuniary aid. In these circumstances our feeble churches are discouraged, and do not attempt to build a house, or to build one which is insufficient and unattractive, or they become involved in debt which they are unable to discharge. Several hundred instances of one or other of these cases may be found. How important would assistance be to a congregation in such circumstances.

3. Many unsuitable churches are erected and much money is wasted, it is confidently believed, for want of necessary information. If well digested

plans and estimates could be procured at once, with little or no expense, proportionate to the number of members of the congregation and other circumstances, and accompanied by advice respecting the construction and arrangement and finishing of the building, both externally and internally, it would be an advantage, equal in very many cases to a considerable pecuniary aid.

We may *next* inquire whether the members of our Church would probably be willing to add this to their other schemes for the promotion of the cause of the Redeemer. This inquiry we may safely answer in the affirmative. Although we as a Church, fail greatly to contribute as we ought, of that worldly substance which the Lord has entrusted to us, for religious purposes, yet we may on good grounds believe that not a few of our people would gladly throw their benevolent offerings into this channel of beneficence, if a well arranged plan were presented to them. They are now frequently and urgently solicited to give for church building, or for the payment of debt already contracted in cases of which they know little or nothing, and can have no assurance that their donations will be well applied. Considerable sums are collected in this way, every year; and it may be reasonably concluded that much more would be willingly given, on some well digested system of operation.

And in what way may the collection and application of money for this purpose, be most easily and safely carried into effect?

The General Assembly has adopted, with the general approbation of the Church, the policy of a special Board for each particular object that is designed, and this may be done in the present instance; or if not now, yet at a future time, if it shall appear to be expedient. But at this time it may be sufficient to commit the management of this work to the Board of Missions; thus all needed information will be collected, and in the light of experience a future Assembly will mature a different plan of operation, if it shall appear that a change is expedient. For referring this business to the Board of Missions, the following reasons may be deemed sufficient:

1. It is in its nature intimately connected with the domestic missionary work.

2. In its present stage, it can be transacted by them with less time and expense than by a separate organization.

3. The Board already possesses, or can readily procure such information as may be needed.

The Committee therefore recommend to the consideration of the General Assembly, the following plan:

I. It is expedient and highly important to promote the extension of the Presbyterian Church in this nation, by aiding systematically in the erection of churches wherever they are needed.

II. The direction and oversight of this work shall be committed, until otherwise ordered, to the Board of Missions, who shall, in the management of it, be subject in all respects to the directions of the General Assembly, and shall annually report to the Assembly their execution of this trust.

III. The Board shall annually appoint a Committee on Church Extension, consisting of five persons, who shall have charge of appropriating the monies which may be received for this purpose, and of procuring and furnishing at cost or gratuitously, plans and estimates for churches in answer to applications which may be made to them.

IV. The Board shall also make regulations for the government of the Committee in receiving applications for aid, raising funds, and making appropriations of money, shall examine the proceedings of the Committee, and shall appoint such officers or agents as the General Assembly shall direct.

V. It is distinctly recommended to all our congregations to make a collec-

tion for this purpose once in each year, and transmit the amount directly, or through their Presbyteries respectively, to the Treasurer of the Board of Missions.

VI. It is recommended to all the Presbyteries to take such order on this subject as they may deem best, and that they appoint a Committee on Church Extension at each autumnal meeting of the Presbytery, and applications for aid in building shall be received and acted on by the Board through this Committee, and with their explicit recommendation.

On that part of the Overture referred to them, which proposes that licentiates shall be *required* to serve as missionaries for some definite time, the Committee respectfully say that in their opinion, however desirable and profitable such service might be, such a rule would interfere with the rights of licentiates and of Presbyteries, in a manner which is not consistent with the constitution of the Church, or with the powers and duties of the Board of Missions, and therefore ought not to be adopted.

In behalf of the Committee,

JAMES HOGE, Chairman."

The following additional resolution was also proposed by Dr. Hoge, and adopted, viz.

Resolved, That while it will be proper that the Board of Missions receive and appropriate, during the present year, any moneys which may be contributed for Church Extension, they are requested specially to collect all the information they may be able to obtain, and report fully on the whole subject to the next General Assembly, with a view to further maturing and perfecting the plan of operation.

The Committee on the Narrative offered their report, which was accepted and adopted, and ordered to be printed in the Appendix.

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

Concluded with prayer.



WEDNESDAY MORNING, May 29, 9 o'clock.

The Assembly met and was opened with prayer.

The minutes were read and approved.

A protest against the decision of the Assembly on the question of imposition of hands was presented, read, and referred to a committee consisting of Dr. Hoge, Dr. Maclean and the Rev. Mr. Gurley.

Another protest against the decision of the Assembly in their refusing to hear and issue the appeals and complaints of the Rev. Dr. Breckinridge and others against the Synod of Philadelphia, was presented and read, and referred to a committee consisting of Dr. Elliott, N. L. Rice and Isaac W. Wad- del.

A still further protest against the decision of the Assembly on the quorum question was presented, read, and referred to the committee appointed to report on the protest relating to the imposition of hands.

The unfinished business was then taken up, it being the resolution reported by the Committee of Bills and Overtures in relation to the pledge exacted of beneficiaries by the Board of Education, requiring them to pursue a three years' course of study.

And on motion a substitute was offered, which after discussion was adopted, and is as follows, viz.

Resolved, That the General Assembly are deeply impressed with the importance of a thorough course of theological study, and would earnestly

recommend to their Presbyteries to elevate the standard of education, and that the rule of the Board of Education does not conflict with the constitution when it prescribes the term of study, inasmuch as the constitution makes two years the shortest time allowed to complete the course of theological study, but does not prescribe the maximum.

On motion, *Resolved*, That Messrs. J. W. Alexander, S. B. Wilson, Hoge, Young, Boardman and Monfort, be a committee to consider the expediency of establishing Presbyterian Parochial Schools, and to report on the whole subject at the next meeting of the General Assembly.

The Committee to whom was referred the protest of W. Bushnell and others in relation to the action of the Assembly on certain petitions respecting the abolition of slavery, reported, recommending the adoption of the following minute.

The General Assembly recognizing the right of inferior judicatories, and private members, *upon their own responsibility*, to memorialize this body on any subject which they may regard as connected with the interests of the Church, and finding no fault with the language of the protest, admit it to record without further notice.

The report was accepted and adopted.

The protest is as follows, viz.

“The undersigned, members of the General Assembly, feel constrained to enter their solemn protest against the action of the Assembly, by which the reports of a majority and minority of the Committee of Bills and Overtures on the subject of slavery, to whom various memorials on that subject had been committed, were laid on the table, and the whole subject dismissed from the further consideration of this body, for the following reasons, viz.

1. Because this action virtually denies and destroys the right of petition, which we regard as an inalienable sacred right.

2. Because the character and number of the memorialists entitle them to a more respectful consideration by this Assembly: one memorial being from a Presbytery in our connexion, and nineteen others from various places, signed by eight ministers, about fifty elders, and about one thousand private members, in full communion in our denomination.

3. Because the subject matter of the memorials, viz. slavery, is not only a political, but also a great moral question, which is extensively agitated at the present day, in which both the Church and the world are beginning to take a deep and still deeper interest, and in regard to which many of the people in our communion anxiously desire to understand their duty. And

4. Because this action of the Assembly is clearly inconsistent with the testimony of the General Assembly of 1818 on this subject, which has never been repealed, as the memorialists are doing nothing more than they are exhorted in that testimony to do. That Assembly declared slavery to be ‘a gross violation of the most precious and sacred rights of human nature, utterly inconsistent with the law of God, and totally irreconcilable with the spirit and principles of the gospel of Christ;’ and also declared it to be ‘manifestly the duty of all Christians to use their honest, earnest, and unwearied endeavours to efface this blot on our holy religion, and to obtain the complete abolition of slavery throughout Christendom, and if possible throughout the world.’”

Signed,

MINISTERS.

Wells Bushnell,
J. M. Stone,
Wm. McCandlish,
Robert B. Dobbins,
W. S. Rogers.

ELDERS.

John Hannen,
Wm. M. Francis.

The unfinished business was taken up, it being the Report of the Committee of Bills and Overtures on Overture No. 4, in relation to the boundary line between the Synods of Cincinnati, Indiana and Northern Indiana, when it was

Resolved, That the boundary line between the Synods of Indiana and Cincinnati remain unchanged.

The Committee on the report of the Board of Publication reported, recommending the adoption of the following resolutions, viz.

1. That the report of the Board be approved and be circulated.
2. That the Assembly approve of the judgment and fidelity with which the Board has fulfilled its trust during the past year.
3. That the Board be authorized and requested to present a set of their publications to each of the Theological Seminaries under the care of this Assembly or any of its Synods.

In reference to the will of the late Mr. Brand, the committee recommend:

1. That the Board be directed, if it be found expedient, to transfer the right they have, under the will of the late Benjamin Brand, of Richmond, Va., to the Board of Trustees of the General Assembly.

2. That the Trustees of the General Assembly be authorized and directed to adopt all such measures for the recovery of the property devised to the Rev. William S. Plumer, D.D., in trust for the Board of Publication, as the Board shall be advised by counsel to be necessary or expedient for the more convenient prosecution of the claim.

3. In regard to the publication of the entire Minutes of the General Assembly, the Presbyteries are hereby requested to take measures for so increasing the subscription to this important work, that the Board may be enabled to publish it at an early day.

4. That it be recommended to the Board to establish depositories of their publications at such important points as they may deem proper, provided such depositories can be sustained without expense to the Board.

This report was adopted.

The report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence was, on motion, taken up, when the following resolutions were adopted:

1. *Resolved*, That the delegates appointed to represent the Presbyterian Church in the German Reformed and Dutch Reformed Churches, be authorized to take a seat in the proposed convention to meet at Harrisburg, if they shall be so invited.

2. *Resolved*, That our Stated Clerk be directed to transmit duplicate copies of the Minutes of the Assembly from 1839 to 1844 inclusive, to the Presbyterian Synod in Australia.

3. *Resolved*, That a copy of the volume of Minutes of the original Presbytery and Synods of our Church, published by the Board of Publication, be presented to the Synods respectively of the German Reformed and Reformed Dutch Churches.

The report of the Committee of Bills and Overtures, on Overture No. 12, it being an inquiry submitted to them, whether licentiates of our Church can solemnize marriages where they are authorized to do so by the laws of the States, was taken up, when it was

Resolved, That while our form of government does not recognize licentiates as ministers of the gospel, yet this Assembly do not consider them as violating any rules of the Church by solemnizing marriages in those States where the civil laws expressly authorize them to do it.

The report of the Committee of Bills and Overtures with respect to chaplaincies was taken up; and, on motion, it was indefinitely postponed.

The Assembly then adjourned until this afternoon, at 3½ o'clock.

Concluded with prayer.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON, 3½ o'clock.

The Assembly met, and was opened with prayer.

The minutes were read and approved.

The Committee to whom was referred the report of the Trustees of the Theological Seminary at Princeton reported, and their report was adopted, and is as follows:

The Committee to whom were referred the nineteenth annual report of the Trustees of the Theological Seminary at Princeton, and the report of the special committee appointed to raise the sum of \$4766 20, to supply the deficiency in the funds necessary for the payment of the salaries of the professors, &c., respectfully recommend that both reports be approved, and that they be printed in the Appendix to the Minutes.

From the report of the special committee it appears that their receipts did not reach the amount proposed to be raised, by the sum of \$400 54, and that the deficiency for the ensuing year will be nearly as great as for the present year.

Your Committee would therefore recommend that the special committee, consisting of the Rev. Dr. John McDowell, Rev. H. A. Boardman, Rev. Dr. J. H. Jones, and Messrs. Matthew Newkirk and James N. Dickson, be continued, with power to adopt such measures as they may deem best to make good both the existing and the anticipated deficiencies in funds necessary for the payment of the salaries of professors, and for the payment of five per cent. on the scholarships' and students' fund, and permanent missionary fund.

Your Committee further recommend, that warrants issue in favour of the several professors to the amount of their salaries, as they shall become due.

The Committee to whom the subject of the Free Church of Scotland was referred, presented their report, which was accepted and adopted, and is as follows, viz.

“The General Assembly has heard with the warmest interest the eloquent addresses of the Rev. brethren Lewis and Chalmers, relative to the recent movements of the Free Church of Scotland, with a view to preserve her spiritual purity and independence.

By the sacrifices she has already made in her relinquishment of every temporal advantage conferred upon her by the civil power, and by her noble resolution, in reliance on the divine grace and providence, to encounter all the difficulties which may impede her in the prosecution of the work to which God has called her, the Free Church of Scotland has borne a most noble testimony in favour of her devotion to all that is sacred in the rights of conscience, and precious in the principles and privileges of the gospel; of her deep conviction of the superior importance of the approbation of her Lord and Master over the favour of earthly princes and nobles, and of the treasures of his grace to the treasures of the world.

By this truly manly and Christian course, this church has acquired a just and strong claim upon the admiration and sympathy of all evangelical Christians, and has set before the world a noble example of integrity and self-denial. The conduct of our fathers and brethren, as well as of the people under their care, recalls forcibly to our recollection the glorious struggles of the Church of Scotland in days gone by, when she stood for years against the fierce and persevering assaults of a bigoted hierarchy and tyrannical monarchy, *taking joyfully the spoiling of her goods, and resisting even unto blood, that she might transmit to posterity unimpaired the spiritual liberty wherewith Christ had made her free.*

While we rejoice to recognize in her present struggles, the same principles and the same spirit which animated our Presbyterian forefathers in Scotland,

and made the history of their persecutions and endurance so interesting and glorious, we cannot refrain from expressing our gratitude to Almighty God, both that the present sons of the Church of Scotland show themselves worthy of their pious and honoured ancestors, and that, by the blessing of God, the principles of civil and religious liberty have been so far established, as to prevent ungodly men inflicting on those who now contend for spiritual freedom, the same extremities of sufferings which were endured by its defenders in former days. Therefore,

Resolved, 1. That this General Assembly express, in behalf of the Presbyterian Church in the United States, her deep sympathy with our brethren of the Free Church of Scotland, in the sacrifices they have been called to make, and the trials they have yet to endure, in defence of their spiritual liberties.

Resolved, 2. That we hail the present movement of the Free Church of Scotland as an evident token from God of good to his people every where, and we would render to Him, as the giver of all grace, our sincere thanks and praises for the spirit of boldness, self-sacrifice and devotion to his holy cause, manifested by our brethren during their recent struggle and present difficulties.

Resolved, 3. That we cordially recommend the Free Church of Scotland in all her interests and trials, to the sympathies and prayers of all the churches under our care.

Resolved, 4. That we recommend to all those ministers, elders and churches under our care, who have not yet assisted these suffering brethren, to solicit contributions in behalf of the Free Church of Scotland."

Resolved, 5. That this Assembly propose to the General Assembly of the Free Church of Scotland to open a friendly correspondence by the mutual interchange of commissioners to attend each other's sessions, at such times as may be deemed most suitable.

Resolved, 6. That the thanks of this Assembly be tendered to brethren Lewis and Chalmers for the deeply interesting intelligence communicated to us by them in relation to the affairs of the Free Church of Scotland."

The Committee on leave of absence reported that they have given leave to Messrs. Slagle, W. Taylor, R. S. Boyd, J. K. Duncan, J. H. Gray, D. L. Gray, C. Dickson, N. Bowman, D. McNair, W. W. McKenzie, J. G. Brainerd, John Anderson, M. Russell, W. C. Hollyday, D. McCay, W. Waddel, J. S. Wilson, Daniel Stewart, and T. Price.

The Report of the Committee on Raising Funds, and a memorial and resolution on the same subject, were referred to the committee, who prepared the report, to be submitted to the next General Assembly, and that meanwhile the editors of religious papers are requested to publish it in their respective papers.

An appropriation of four thousand five hundred dollars was made for the Western Theological Seminary, agreeably to the request made in the report of that institution.

The chairman of the Committee on raising funds having respectfully declined acting on the committee, as he did not expect being at the next Assembly, and as he had given the subject all the attention in his power, his request to be excused was granted, and the Rev. Dr. Plumer was appointed chairman of that committee.

The report on the marriage question was taken up, when it was agreed to print it in the Appendix to the Minutes, and refer it to the next General Assembly.

The following dissent was here entered upon the Minutes:

"The undersigned ask leave to dissent from the vote of this Assembly de-

claring that the pledge required by the Board of Education from their beneficiaries does not conflict with the constitution, Because we do believe that said pledge does encroach upon the rights of Presbyteries.

JOHN ALLISON,
PETER H. MARTIN,
ABRAHAM WILLIAMSON."

Resolved, That the cordial thanks of this General Assembly be presented to the Pastor, Elders, and Trustees of the First Presbyterian Church, and also to the several Pastors and Congregations of other churches for the use of their pulpits, and to the citizens of Louisville generally, for their hospitality to the members of this body during their session.

Resolved, That the Stated Clerk be directed to pay the bills for the incidental expenses of the Assembly, and to draw upon the Board of Trustees for the amount thereof, out of the contingent fund.

The committee to whom the protest against the decision of the Assembly in the case of the appeals and complaints of the Rev. Dr. Breckinridge and others, reported recommending that the protest be admitted to record, with the answer. This report was adopted.

The protest and answer are as follows:

PROTEST.

The report of the Judicial Committee, adopted by the Assembly, alleged that the complaints against the Synod of Philadelphia were not permitted by the constitution of our Church—but it failed to specify in what respects the constitution of the Church was opposed to these complaints. The only reason presented in the report of the committee, viz. that the points involved were to come up in another form, could scarcely have been considered as a valid argument even by those who presented it. For if the constitution allowed the complaints, then the denial of a hearing on such a ground as this, would have been a gross evasion of the rights of the complainants; and if, on the other hand, the constitution did not allow such complaints, then the statement that the points involved would come up in another form, was entirely superfluous as a ground of argument.

1. The protestants, being thus left to infer the reasons of the alleged unconstitutionality of these complaints from the course of the debate, instead of finding them on record, as might be expected, in the formal report of the committee, are constrained by a sense of what is due to truth, to the importance of the occasion, and to themselves, to state the leading reasons, with brief replies, thus showing in a negative form the clearness and importance of rights denied by the Assembly.

1. It is alleged that complaints cannot lie except in strictly judicial cases. We reply, that this is contrary, as we believe, to the express language of our constitution—that it is certainly undeniable that the large majority of cases of complaints tried by the higher judicatories of the Church are, and always have been other than strictly judicial cases, and that no complaint has ever been thrown out of our Church courts on the ground here assumed.

2. It is asserted that where no personal wrong is done, or personal injury sustained, no one has a right to complain. We answer that this is contrary to the plain letter of our law, which says, (chapter 7, section 4, part 3, of Book of Discipline,) that complaints are intended for cases in which "the judgment in question may do no wrong to any individual." That this is contrary, too, to the whole reason and policy of that law, as well as to the whole course of proceedings in past time.

3. It is contended that the action of the Synod in those cases was purely negative—that nothing was decided, and therefore there could be no complaint. We reply, first, that there is an error of fact in this statement, for the form of the vote shows, and the Synod itself positively declares, that it did decide a most important principle; and secondly, there is an error of reasoning, for a decision in the negative is as really a decision as one in the affirmative, and may, therefore, according to our book, which subjects “every kind of decision” to review, be carried up by complaint before a higher judicatory. (Book of Discipline, ch. 7, sec. 2.)

4. It is argued that the questions in the Synod being in the form of overture, and the adopting or refusing to adopt an overture resting on the discretion of the Synod, the refusal of the Synod to adopt did not afford ground of complaint. We answer, that every inferior court is responsible to the courts above it for the proper exercise of its discretion, and therefore they may be complained of as regards its exercise; and whether the Synod of Philadelphia did exercise its discretion soundly or not, was the very point to be tried, and which the Assembly refused to try.

5. It is contended that as there was no law obliging the Synod to act on the subjects submitted to it, there could be no transgression in its refusal to do so, and therefore no ground of complaint. We reply, first, that they *did act*, and their *action* was complained of; therefore, whether it was obliged to act or not is not relevant in the present state of the case; secondly, that if this argument be well grounded and Synod be not obliged to act except in cases in which it is compelled by positive law, then Synods could not be complained of for even the grossest violations of duty, such as refusing to receive and issue appeals brought regularly before them, or refusing to redress what has been done by Presbyteries contrary to order, for there is no positive command of law requiring Synods to exercise any of their specified powers—and the power of Synods to pass an overture stands on exactly the same basis with the power to perform every thing else entrusted to it. (Form of Government, chap. xi. sec. 4.)

6. It is urged that if the complaints were tried, the Synod of Philadelphia must be excluded, which, it is said, would be most unjust. We reply, that supposing this were true, it is an argument against the Constitution of the Church, and not against the rights of the complainants in these cases.

II. We further protest against the refusal of the Assembly to hear the complainants on the question of the jurisdiction of this court—which was matter of common right. We protest, also, against the allowance of the commissioners from the Synod complained against, to vote in every stage of the proceedings, contrary to the common principle that no one should be allowed to vote in his own case, and contrary to the express provision of our Book of Discipline, (ch. 7, sec. 4, par. 7.) We protest, too, against the whole decision of this case in all its parts, without the Assembly ever having sat as a court, or its members having ever been charged by the Moderator.

III. We contend that by the plain law of the Church as written, and by that law as constantly expounded until now, complaints have been rightly considered as competent against all sorts of action which can be taken in a church court. We consider this right as far more important in public than in private cases—in erroneous decisions in matters of doctrine and government, than in wrongs inflicted in personal cases. We believe also that the decision of the Assembly is inconsistent with the true policy of the Church, and that its tendency, if it is adhered to, will be to foster all kinds of diversity in practice and opinion, in the various parts of the Church, for want of remedy. It is, moreover, directly calculated to deprive the Assembly of important powers and rights which belong to it, not only under the Constitu-

tion, but in virtue of its very existence and organization as the court in which all the particular churches are represented, and which has all the powers residing in all other church courts, except so far as, for the sake of order and convenience, it is agreed in the Constitution, that it shall not exercise those powers.

Wherefore, upon the grounds thus set forth, and without reference to the merits of the complaints, we protest against the refusal of the Assembly to try these complaints, and ask that this paper may be recorded on the minutes of the Assembly, as exhibiting the fact and reasons of our protest against its decision.

Signed,

John C. Young,
Charles A. Poellnitz,
N. H. Hall,
Samuel Taylor,
Lemon Oatman,
John S. Reid,
Gilbert T. Snowden,
Alex. A. Campbell,
W. C. Emerson,
D. X. Junkin,
Samuel McCampbell,
J. D. Paxton,
A. B. McKee,
Robert B. Dobbins,

Wm. M. Francis, ;
E. M. Donaldson,
G. H. Briscoe,
J. Stonestreet,
J. S. Hopkins,
V. King,
Singleton Wilson,
P. R. Fleming,
James K. Douglass,
Hays W. Beatty,
Jno. A. Crevling,
John Breckenridge,
P. J. Timlow.

I concur in the above protest, with the exception of the second reason in reference to the right of the complainants to be heard on the question of jurisdiction.

JOHN ALLISON.

ANSWER TO THE ABOVE PROTEST.

ADOPTED BY THE ASSEMBLY.

The Committee appointed to answer the protest of J. C. Young and others, against the action of the Assembly refusing to try the complaints of R. J. Breckinridge and others against the Synod of Philadelphia, beg leave to report the following.

A considerable part of the protest is really not a protest against the action of the Assembly refusing to entertain the complaints in question, but an answer to various reasons urged, or supposed to have been urged by individual members in favour of said action. Inasmuch as the Assembly is in no sense responsible for the arguments or reasons offered by individuals, that part of the protest which purports to be an answer to such arguments, is wholly out of place. The protestants, indeed, allege, that they are constrained to pursue this singular course, because the Judicial Committee failed to specify in what respects the Constitution of the Church was opposed to these complaints, or to assign the reasons of the action of this body. But the Assembly are not aware that it is the duty of the Judicial Committee to give such specifications and reasons. A protest, according to our Book, "is generally accompanied with a detail of the reasons on which it is founded," (Book of Discipline, ch. 8, sec. 2.) The appropriate business of the protestants, therefore, was simply to give the reasons on which their protest was founded, not to answer the arguments offered by individuals in debate, for which the Assembly is not responsible.

In replying to the protest in question, little more is necessary than to state distinctly what was the action of the Synod of Philadelphia, complained of by R. J. Breckinridge and others. Two papers were offered by Dr. Breckinridge, for the adoption of the Synod; the one relating to the constitution of a quorum in Presbytery; the other, to the imposition of hands by Ruling Elders in the ordination of ministers of the Gospel. In relation to each paper the question on which the Synod voted, was in the following words: "Shall this paper be adopted?" By a large majority the Synod refused to adopt these papers. The Assembly know of no law in our Book of Discipline requiring a Presbytery or a Synod to adopt any paper or papers submitted to them by any individual or any number of individuals; and if there is no such law, there *could be* no transgression of law or neglect of duty, and consequently, no ground of complaint.

The papers in question condemn the interpretation of certain clauses in our Constitution, given by the last Assembly, propose an opposite interpretation, and overture this General Assembly to repeal the overtures adopted by the last Assembly, and to adopt interpretations of an opposite character. In regard to these papers, it is proper to remark,

1. There was no *case* before the Synod. No Elder complained that he had been deprived of what he regarded as a constitutional right. No Presbytery was charged with having constituted and proceeded to business without a constitutional quorum. The Synod, therefore, was not called upon to *administer* law, but to *interpret* our Constitution—to decide constitutional questions *in thesi*. How far it is expedient to give expositions of our Constitution, or to decide constitutional questions *in thesi*, it may be difficult to determine; but certain it is, that no church judicatory is bound, in any state of case, to give such decisions. But, "where there is no law, there is no transgression;" and, of course, there can be no ground of complaint. The protestants allege, that the Synod *did act*, and that their *action* was complained of. The answer is—that the only action of the Synod in the case, was a refusal to adopt certain papers offered by a member of that body. To this action, if it be proper to call it so, the Synod was forced by the member who offered the papers. They were obliged either to adopt them or to refuse them. They deemed it wise, as they had the perfect right, to do the latter.

2. Again: these papers, if adopted, required the Synod to send to this Assembly an *overture* or *request* to give an interpretation of our Constitution contrary to that given by the last Assembly. But, although it is the right of Sessions, Presbyteries, or Synods, to overture the Assembly, whenever they may deem it wise to do so, there is in our Book no law requiring them or any one of them to do so in any case. In declining to send up an overture, therefore, the Synod of Philadelphia violated no law, committed no transgression against ecclesiastical law; and consequently a complaint against that body cannot lie. The very idea of forcing either individuals or bodies to overture or petition, is absurd.

But the protestants strangely contend, that "every inferior court is responsible to the courts above it for the proper exercise of its discretion, and therefore they may be complained of as regards its exercise." Where there is *responsibility* there can be no *discretion*. To maintain the contrary, is to contend that an individual or a body may use their discretion, provided they use it *in a certain way*—that they may do as they please, provided they are pleased to act *in a particular manner!* The truth is, that where ecclesiastical *rights* of individuals or bodies are concerned, there is no discretion. All such rights are guarded by our Constitution, by which every Church court is bound. The admission of the protestants that the Synod had the right to exercise its own discretion in the matter complained of, is, in effect, an admis-

sion that the complaint is not legitimate, and ought not to have been entertained by this body.

Still more strangely, if possible, the protestants allege, that "if the Synod be not obliged to act, except in cases in which it is compelled by positive law, then Synods could not be complained of for even the grossest violations of duty, such as refusing to receive and issue appeals brought regularly before them, or refusing to redress what has been done by Presbyteries contrary to order." Do they, then, maintain, that it is merely *discretionary* with Presbyteries and Synods, whether they will receive and issue appeals, &c. regularly brought before them, as they admit it was with the Synod of Philadelphia, whether they would condemn the doings of the last Assembly, and overture this Assembly to do the same? But, say they, "there is no positive command or law requiring Synods to exercise any of their specified powers." To prove that this statement is wholly incorrect, it is necessary only to refer to chapter 7, sections 1, 3, 4, of our Book of Discipline. Section first treats of the *duties* of Church judicatories in relation to review and control. Sections third and fourth treat of the *right* to appeal and complain in certain cases, &c. Where there are *duties*, there can be no discretion; and where there is a *right* to appeal and complain, there is positive obligation on the part of the judicatory to receive and issue such appeals and complaints. But where, in our Constitution, is it said to be the *duty* of any Church judicatory either to adopt papers that may be offered, to decide constitutional questions *in thesi*, or to overture a higher court? Or where is the right given to individuals, in any case, to have their interpretations of our Constitution adopted? There are no such duties on the one hand, or rights on the other; and, consequently, no right of appeal or complaint.

3. An additional objection to the appeals and complaints is—that were they entertained, the Synod of Philadelphia would, in the final vote, be excluded from voting. This, in the administration of law, where the inferior court has decided the case, and the appeal or complaint is against their decision, would be perfectly proper. But in the mere *interpretation* of our Constitution, in regard to which all have a common interest, and, therefore, common rights, such a course would be unconstitutional and grossly unjust. The Synod of Philadelphia, if the complaints had been entertained, would have been excluded as having decided the questions involved. But the Synod of Kentucky has also given its decisions of the same questions. Why, then, should the one vote and the other be excluded? Nay, it is believed, that a large majority of the members of this Assembly have, in one form or another, decided upon them. Why, then, permit them to vote and exclude the Synod of Philadelphia? What interest has this Synod more than other Synods or Presbyteries, in giving a wrong exposition of our Book? When we *interpret* our Constitution the voice of the whole Church should be heard.

But the protestants say, this is an argument against our Constitution. In this, however, they are mistaken. It is only an argument against *their incorrect interpretation of it*. It gives no right to appeal or complain against a judicatory for declining to decide a constitutional question *in thesi*, or to overture the higher court.

4. That the complaint is illegitimate, is further evident from the consequences which would follow the adoption of the principle involved in it. If our Church courts are bound, in any case, to decide constitutional questions *in thesi*, and to overture the higher court, it follows:

1st. That any member of a Session, Presbytery, or Synod, can, at any time, force the Assembly to discuss and decide, *in thesi*, any constitutional question he may choose to raise, or any number of them. He has only to

offer his interpretation to the lower court, and come up with his complaint, which must be regularly issued.

2d. The Assembly can be forced to discuss and decide the same question repeatedly at the same session. The minority of the Synod of Kentucky might have complained of its action on the same points; and, according to the doctrine of the protestants, the Assembly must have regularly tried both complaints, regularly hearing the parties from both Synods discuss the same points, not in relation to the *administration* of law, where both parties claim to have been aggrieved, but in relation to the interpretation of law.

3d. The Assembly could be forced to decide great constitutional questions by only a part of the delegates from the Presbyteries—thus excluding a large number of Presbyteries from a vote on the interpretation of the Constitution by which they are to be governed.

4th. The Assembly, by the exclusion of different Synods, in deciding the different complaints, might be placed in the humiliating attitude of giving contradictory expositions of the Constitution at the same sessions.

Who will pretend, that our Constitution is so defective, so strangely inconsistent, as to expose our Church courts to difficulties and absurdities such as those just mentioned?

In answer to the *third* reason assigned by the protestants, it is sufficient to state, that it has not been, and we believe it cannot be proved, that any General Assembly of our Church ever entertained a complaint such as the one in question—a complaint against a Church judicatory for refusing to decide constitutional questions *in thesi*, or to overture a higher judicatory. The complaint under consideration, is, so far as this Assembly is informed, strictly *sui generis*.

Finally, our Constitution prescribes the mode in which constitutional questions may be brought before the General Assembly. The proper course was pursued by the Presbytery of Cincinnati in regard to the matters embraced in Dr. Breckinridge's papers; and they were brought before this body untrammelled by judicial proceedings, and the voice of the representatives of the Church decided on the true meaning of the clauses in our Constitution, concerning which there has been difference of opinion.

In reply to the complaint of the protestants, that the Assembly refused to hear the complainants on the right of jurisdiction, it is sufficient to say—1st. That it cannot be shown, that our Book gives such rights. 2d. The adoption of the principle involved in such a claim, would be followed by most of the difficulties already enumerated as consequent upon entertaining the complaint. The Assembly must, from year to year, agree to hear every member of a Session, Presbytery, or Synod, who may choose to try to convince them, that they have jurisdiction over all kinds of subjects. 3d. There was properly no question as to right of jurisdiction. The matter of complaint against the Synod, belongs not to the department of discipline.

In reply to the complaint of the protestants, that the Assembly did not sit as a court, and that the members were not charged by the Moderator, it is sufficient to state, that as the Assembly could not sit in a *judicial capacity*, until the complaint was decided to be orderly and legitimate, the objection is wholly without force.

The protestants think the course pursued by the Assembly calculated to foster all kinds of diversity in practice and opinion. They seem not to see, that the course pursued by the complainants and by themselves, in relation to the decisions of the highest court of our Church, to which it properly belongs to expound the Constitution and settle all controversies, is directly calculated to produce the very result they seem to deprecate.

It was moved, That inasmuch as there is not time for the Committee ap-

pointed to answer the protests on the quorum and ordination questions previously to the adjournment of the Assembly, therefore

Resolved, 1st. That the protests be admitted to record: 2d. That the Committee appointed to prepare answers, be requested to do so after the rising of the Assembly, and forward them to the Stated Clerk. 3d. In taking this course the Assembly disclaim any want of respect to said protestants; and express the hope that agitation on the subjects in question may cease.

These protests and answers are as follows, viz.

PROTEST ON THE QUORUM QUESTION.

The undersigned members of the General Assembly, desire to record their protest against the decision of the Assembly upon the quorum question.

The following are some of the grounds of protest.

1. We consider the act of the last General Assembly in affirming, and of this General Assembly in re-affirming that "any three ministers of a Presbytery, being regularly convened, are a quorum competent to the transaction of all business," to be unconstitutional. As by this decision, the Assembly have in effect, as we believe, stricken out from the 7th section of chapter 10 of the Form of Government, the words "and as many Elders as may be present belonging to the Presbytery," thus virtually changing a constitutional rule, which they are expressly forbidden to do.—See section 6 of chapter 12.

2. The Constitution clearly defines the Presbytery as a body consisting of two sets of church officers, preachers on the one hand, and on the other Ruling Elders. To enable one of the constitutional elements of such a body to do business in the absence of the other, *without clear and express provision of law authorising it*, we believe to be contrary to all precedent in cases of bodies similarly constituted.

3. The provision of our Form of Government, (chap. 10, sec. 10.) requiring the consent of two Elders of different congregations to enable the Moderator of Presbytery to call a special meeting, shows that our Constitution intended to guard with care against the possibility of holding a meeting of Presbytery without the consent and presence of Ruling Elders.

4. The natural construction of the clause "as many Elders as may be present" implies, as we believe, the presence of some one or more Elders—and similar expressions in other writings show that the language conveys an idea not of contingency or uncertainty as to the presence of any, but only indefiniteness as to the number of those who are to be present.

5. Ruling Elders are in chapter 5, declared to be "properly the representatives of the people, chosen by them for the purpose of exercising government and discipline;" and to permit government and discipline to be exercised in the absence of all the representatives of the people, as is permitted by this decision, seems to us to be strangely in conflict with the representative character of our Constitution.

6. According to this decision, the government of the Church may be exercised by even three ministers who have been ordained *sine titulo*, and who have never been called to rule even an individual Church: and we certainly believe that our Book never can sanction a decision which might even occasionally devolve the whole authority of a Presbytery upon those who have never in any way been elected by the people to govern them.

For the reasons herein set forth we dissent from the opinion of the Gene-

ral Assembly on the above mentioned decision, and respectfully request that this our protest may be recorded on the Minutes.

John C. Young,
D. X. Junkin,
Alex. A. Campbell,
Wm. C. Emerson,
Robert B. Dobbins,
E. M. Donaldson,
Wm. M. Francis,
Samuel McCampbell,
G. H. Briscoe,
V. King,
P. R. Fleming,
James K. Douglass,
Hays W. Beatty,
J. S. Hopkins,

J. A. Crevling,
N. H. Hall,
John S. Reid,
Gilbert T. Snowden,
Samuel Taylor,
Chas. A. Poellnitz,
L. Oatman,
A. B. McKee,
J. D. Paxton,
James F. Gibert,
Benjamin Junkin,
John Breckenridge,
Singleton Wilson,
P. J. Timlow.

REPLY TO THE FOREGOING PROTEST.

The Committee appointed to answer the protest of the Rev. Dr. Young and others against the decision of the General Assembly in regard to the quorum of Presbytery, respectfully present the following suggestions in reply.

That as the protest consists chiefly in mere declarations of opinions held by the protesters, the Committee deem it unnecessary to enter into a full discussion of the points presented in the protest, and will content themselves with stating what they understand to be the views of the Assembly, and with giving a brief outline of the reasons by which the Assembly was governed in their decision. In the execution of their purpose, the Committee will follow the course of the protesters, and take up the several points to be considered, in the order in which they occur in the protest itself.

1. The protesters say, that they "consider the act of the last General Assembly (1843) in affirming, and of this General Assembly (1844) in re-affirming that 'any three ministers of a Presbytery regularly convened are a quorum competent to the transaction of all business' to be unconstitutional, as the Assembly have in effect, as we [the protesters] believe, stricken out from the seventh section of chapter ten of the Form of Government the words 'and as many Ruling Elders as may be present belonging to the Presbytery,' thus virtually changing a constitutional rule." That the protesters so believe, the Committee do not question, but they are perfectly confident that the Assembly were of a different mind, and that there is no discrepancy between the rule in our Form of Government and the decision of the General Assembly. The Assembly did not decide that any three ministers regularly convened, to the exclusion of any number of Elders however large that number, were a quorum competent to the transaction of all business, but merely this, that under the provisions of the rule properly understood, any three ministers regularly convened were competent to transact business, although no Elders should be present; understanding the phrase "as many Elders as may be present belonging to the Presbytery," as implying that all such Elders as belong to the Presbytery should be entitled to a seat in the body, although they should outnumber the ministers, and also as implying the possibility that no Elders might be present, the form of expression being one that would include all the possible cases that could arise: 1. That in which no Ruling Elders were present; 2. That in which the number of Ruling El

ders would be less than the number of ministers; 3. That in which the numbers would be equal; and 4. That in which the ruling elders would outnumber the ministers. If the words of the rule are susceptible of this explanation, and we regard it as the only just and legitimate one, then the Assembly have done no violence to the rule, but have given a decision in accordance with the true import of its terms.

2. The protesters again object to the decision of the Assembly, on the ground, "That the Constitution clearly defines the Presbytery as a body consisting of two sets of Church officers—preachers on the one hand, and ruling elders on the other." And they maintain, that "to enable one of the constituent elements of such a body to do business in the absence of the other, *without clear and express provision of law authorizing it*, we believe to be contrary to all precedent in cases of bodies similarly constituted."

On the ground assumed by the protesters, the committee maintain that the decision of the Assembly can be justified; for the very terms of the law or specific provision relating to the quorum of Presbytery require the construction given to the rule by the Assembly. And were the import of the rule doubtful, which the committee do not admit, the facts that there can be a quorum of a Church Session without a minister present, and a quorum of a General Assembly, without a ruling elder present, would show conclusively, that in interpreting the rule, the mere fact that the Presbytery is composed of two classes of Church officers, would of itself be no evidence that a quorum of the body could not consist of those belonging to one class; and that class too, the members of which are invested with all the powers belonging to the members of the other class. If, from the nature of the case, or in other words, if from the composition of the General Assembly, to which the Constitution requires an equal number of ministers and ruling elders to be delegated, there is no impediment in the way of a quorum being composed of ministers alone, what can there be in the composition of a Presbytery to prevent ministers alone from composing a quorum? But the fact is otherwise than as stated by the protesters. In the Scottish Church the quorums of Presbyteries, Synods, and of the General Assembly and its General Commission, may be composed of ministers alone: and the House of Lords, in Britain, composed of the peers and bishops, may, and do, transact business in the absence of the bishops. And even if the bishops have seats in the House of Lords, in virtue of their holding in ancient times certain baronies, and thus virtually composing one class, as some maintain, do not the protesters themselves, or at least some of them hold, that it is only as ruling elders that ministers are entitled to seats in our Church courts? And therefore upon their own showing, there is no impediment arising from the composition of these courts in the way of the ministers alone, constituting a quorum.

But, beyond all question, the safest precedents in this matter are those furnished by our own and other Presbyterian Church courts, and more especially those of Scotland and Ireland, from which we derived our own forms of government and discipline.

3. The next objection urged by the protesters is, that "the provision of our Form of Government, (chap. x. sec. 10,) requiring the consent of two elders of different congregations to enable the Moderator of the Presbytery to call a special meeting, shows that our Constitution intended to guard against the possibility of holding a meeting of Presbytery without the consent and presence of ruling elders."

That this provision was designed to guard against the holding of a special meeting without the consent of a fair proportion of the eldership assenting thereto, we admit; but surely the protesters draw an inference altogether unwarranted, when they consider this provision designed to secure the presence

of the ruling elders. That there may be a quorum at this special meeting, it is not necessary that any of the ministers or ruling elders, who request the meeting to be called, should be present, or even that the moderator himself should be present. Before the ruling elders who united in the request for calling the meeting could attend said meeting, it would be necessary for their respective Sessions to commission them.

The design, therefore, of this provision was not "to guard against the possibility of holding a meeting of Presbytery without the . . . presence of ruling elders," but for the reason that, as the elders are equally interested with the ministers in the business of the Presbytery, and their convenience should be consulted as well as that of the ministers, it is fit that no special meeting should be called without the consent of an equal number of ministers and elders. The circular letter of the moderator is designed to secure as far as practicable the attendance of all the ministers and of a ruling elder from each Church. But neither the issuing of the letter, nor the concurrence of the two ministers, or of the two ruling elders, determine any thing as to the question whether there can be a quorum without the presence of one or more ruling elders.

4. The objection derived from the import of the phrase, "as many as may be present," has been sufficiently answered under the first head.

5. The fifth objection urged against the decision of the Assembly is, that "Ruling Elders are (in chap. 5,) declared to be 'properly the representatives of the people, chosen by them for the purpose of exercising government and discipline;' and to permit government and discipline to be exercised in the absence of all the representatives of the people, as is permitted by this decision, seems to us, (the protesters,) to be strangely in conflict with the representative character of our Constitution."

The objection, if of any force, is of equal avail against a quorum of the General Assembly consisting of ministers alone, which, beyond all question, may be the case, and condemns the early practice of our own Church, both before and after the adoption of the Constitution in 1788. Besides, it assumes what the protesters have no where attempted to prove, viz. that the ministers of Christ assembled in Presbytery, can do no business in the absence of the people or their representatives. Although the people have the right to be represented in Presbytery by their ruling elders, it by no means follows from this circumstance, that they must be represented, before the regular business of the body can be transacted. The representative character, therefore of our Constitution, forms no valid objection against the decision of the Assembly.

6. The sixth and last objection urged by the protesters against the decision of the Assembly is, "that the government of the Church may be exercised by even three ministers who have been ordained *sine titulo*, and who have never been called to rule in an individual Church;" and then follows an expression of their belief, that "our Book can never sanction a decision which even occasionally devolves the authority of a Presbytery upon those who have never in any way been elected by the people to govern them."

This is evidently a hypothetical case, rather than one likely to occur in real life; and if such an one should ever happen to occur, it would be with the implied consent, at least, of all the regularly settled pastors, and of all the elderships within the limits of the Presbytery; for without their knowledge and consent it could not possibly take place. And, further, no man is ever ordained *sine titulo*, except with the express or implied consent of the churches, given through their pastors and ruling elders.

It is believed by the committee, that the objections of the protesters have been fully met, and that it is unnecessary to enter into a full specification of

the reasons in favour of the decision of the Assembly—a decision which the Assembly believed to accord with the true import of the terms of the rule, and to be confirmed by the practice of our own and other Presbyterian Church courts, and by the practice of other bodies similarly constituted. Of all this, full evidence has in various forms been given to the churches. For further evidence of the correctness of the decision of the General Assembly, the Committee would refer to the Minutes for 1843.

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| John Maclean, | H. A. Boardman. |
| C. C. Cuyler, | |

Committee.

PROTEST ON THE IMPOSITION OF HANDS BY THE ELDERSHIP IN THE ORDINATION OF MINISTERS.

The undersigned, who voted in the minority on the first resolution of the series reported by the Committee of Overtures, viz.: The resolution which explains, justifies and reaffirms the decision of the last Assembly, that ruling elders when members of Presbytery, have no authority to impose hands in the ordination of ministers of the word, by way of protest against the action of the present Assembly adopting the said first resolution, respectfully submit:

I. That they are gratified to find the Assembly in the said resolution distinctly asserting the right and power of ruling elders in common with preaching elders, to order the whole work of ordination, and their further rightful power of judging in the discipline of ministers of the word. And, further, in the third resolution, affirming and maintaining the scriptural authority of the office of ruling elder, and their equal participation in the exercise of government and discipline. These are important, nay, fundamental principles; and in the existing state of opinion amongst many in our Church, we hail their open and formal avowal, as a most important event, and make this statement, lest our vote against the said first resolution might be construed into a denial of these great truths.

II. We believe that the Assembly erred in matter of fact, matter of law, and matter of reason, in the said resolution, in the things following, viz.

1. It is in our opinion an error of fact, to assert or assume that the practice of our Church has been clear and uniform against the exercise of the right of ruling elders to impose hands in ordination: for that the contrary practice has obtained in various portions of our Church, and for a period beyond the memory of some of our oldest ministers, is capable of distinct proof. There is a member of this Assembly, who was ordained more than twenty years ago, upon whom ruling elders imposed hands. And, moreover, since as the law stands, the act of any part of the Presbytery is valid at all, only so far as it is the act of the body itself, the mere presence of elders in the body nullifies the allegation that it was the practice that they should not unite in acts of the body, and requires positive proof of a positive practice which forbade their acting, and we deny the existence of any such proof. As to matter of fact, therefore, we take issue with the Assembly, and deny that any such positive practice at all, in our Church, much less any clear and uniform practice, as assumed in the resolution, justifies the statement that it is against law for elders to lay on hands.

2. As to the whole influence of practice in determining the sense of written constitutions, much less of divine ordinances and records, we consider the ground assumed by the Assembly, in the said resolution, as erroneous in

point of reason: And we contend that the practice of our own Church, if it were clear, uniform and unquestioned, could never oblige the conscience of its office bearers, to put on written language a sense different from the sense contained in the words, more especially when the language and not the practice, is adopted under solemn vows to God. And we deny that the practice of all the churches in the world can ever do more than afford a presumption in favour of the truth of what the practice favours—a presumption whose force depends entirely on the character of the things themselves, and that of the churches which practise them: and our Church has in practice done what was forbidden, and failed to do what was commanded; and the practice under the Westminster form of government should not be relied on, because the language of that form has been materially changed in our book.

3. In the distinction which the Assembly takes between the *rite* of ordination, and the substance of the act, we are of opinion that there is an error both of law and of reason. Of law, because our Constitution does not say that imposition of hands is by the ministers of the word as a *rite* superadded to the act of the Presbytery; but it says that the imposition of hands is the act of the Presbytery, conjoined to the ordination by the moderator of the body in its behalf. Of reason, because, in the nature of the case, a Church court cannot perform a *rite*, which is personal to ministers of the word; and therefore if imposition of hands be a *rite*, belonging to ministers of the Word as such, it belongs to them individually, and is as incapable of joint exercise as the *rite* of Baptism.

4. If the Assembly means to say that the whole of ordination is merely a ministerial and declarative *rite*, as its language seems to bear, then we say, this seems to us to be a total error of fact, of law, and of reason; for, as we believe, ordination is by God's word, simply and merely an act of jurisdiction, and belongs absolutely and exclusively to such assemblies, as being composed of teaching and ruling elders, are invested with power to rule, and by our Constitution, to a court of this sort called a Presbytery. The Presbytery, composed of ministers and elders, has power to ordain ministers, is the express language of our Constitution; and to us it seems clear, that to separate the power of ordination from the other portions of jurisdiction in the Church, and to make it a *rite*, instead of an exercise of rule or government, is inconsistent not only with Presbyterian, but with Protestant ground of Church order.

5. Where the Assembly say that because “the *rite* of ordination is simply a declaratory ministerial act,” therefore the laying on of hands as a part thereof must belong properly to ordained ministers; and for the same reason Ruling Elders cannot unite in this part of the act, their words necessarily bear that, for the same reason the same Elders ought not to take part in any other portion of the act or *rite* of ordination; and moreover, if Ruling Elders cannot take part, as the Assembly say they cannot, in any act which is *declaratory* and *ministerial*, then they cannot take part in any act of any kind whatever, for the only power possessed by Teaching or Ruling Elders, whether *jointly* or severally, is merely *declarative* and ministerial, as God's word and our Constitution abundantly declare.

6. It appears to us that the denial of the right of ruling elders to impose hands, involves the denial that they are scriptural presbyters, which denial seems to us to undermine the foundation of Presbyterian order; and to assert that ordination, embracing imposition of hands, is more or less than an act of church power exerted by the constitutional tribunals, seems to us to imply that it is a mere form, or that it is a true sacrament—either of which errors appears inconsistent with the principles of Protestantism.

With great respect for the authority of the Assembly, we feel obliged by a sense of what is due to truth, as we understand it, to offer these reasons of

protest, that our true position, and the exact objections we take to the aforesaid resolution of the Assembly may appear in time to come.

Jas. Stonestreet,
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Robert B. Dobbins,
Chas. A. Poellnitz,
Samuel Taylor,
P. R. Fleming,
Gilbert T. Snowden,
James K. Douglass,
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V. King,
A. B. McKee,
W. C. Emmerson,
H. W. Beatty,
John C. Young,
J. R. McMullen.

ANSWER TO THE FOREGOING PROTEST.

The Committee appointed to answer the protest of Messrs. James Stonestreet, N. H. Hall, and others, against the decision of the General Assembly, respecting the "imposition of hands" in the ordination of ministers, respectfully present the following reply to the positions in said protest.

We fully concur with the Protesters, in the satisfaction which they express, that the Assembly distinctly asserts "the right and power of ruling elders, in common with preaching elders, to order the whole work of ordination," "and their equal participation in the exercise of government and discipline," &c.; yet as the language employed by our protesting brethren may convey the idea, that the Assembly has been constrained to make these admissions by force of argument in the recent controversy, we feel called upon to state most explicitly, that no change in sentiment has been produced by the arguments of the protesters, or of those who agree with them in opinion. The opinions of the Assembly of 1844, are identical with those of the Assembly of 1843, and the resolution protested against merely expresses what were the doctrine and practice of the Presbyterian Church when the Constitution was framed, and, as far as we are informed, at every period of its previous and subsequent history. Of this statement full proof was given in the debates of the last Assembly.

1. The Protesters charge that "the Assembly erred in matter of fact, matter of law and matter of reason," and as evidence of error in matter of fact, they state that there was, on the floor of the Assembly, a minister ordained more than twenty years ago upon whom ruling elders imposed hands. This it is presumed, is the earliest instance of the kind, of which our protesting brethren have any certain knowledge, and if so, how very far short does it come of overthrowing the position that the practice of our own and of all other Presbyterian churches is adverse to the opinions of the Protesters? Admitting, as they assert, that "a contrary practice has obtained in various portions of our Church," and that too "from a period beyond the memory of some of our oldest ministers," of which however no certain evidence has ever been furnished, yet it is evident from the whole current of testimony, that these instances are but mere exceptions to the general practice, and that they occurred in portions of the Church remote from the seats of the older churches and presbyteries, by which, in 1788, our Constitution was ratified and adopted. And after all, "the various portions of our Church" spoken of, will doubtless, upon examination, be found to be very few in number, and the contrary practice can in all probability be traced to the mistaken views of a few men in what was at that time a distant and feeble Presbytery. Not a

single instance has ever been adduced, within the limits of the older Presbyteries, in which ruling elders imposed hands in the ordination of ministers; and all tradition is in favour of the ground taken by the General Assembly. In Europe and America, there are various denominations of Presbyterians, yet none of them permit any others than ministers of the word to impose hands in the ordination of ministers.

2. "The mere presence of elders in the body," say our brethren, "nullifies the allegation that it was the practice that they should not unite in acts of the body, and requires positive proof of a positive practice which forbade their acting, and we deny the existence of any such proof." If the Committee understand this language, of which they are not at all confident, they would say in reference to the practice of the Church, that the allegation has no respect to what in time past ruling elders should not have done, but has respect to what they did not do: and we know of no one who maintains, that any "positive practice forbade" ruling elders to act in the imposition of hands, but that it was contrary to practice for them to do so. The rule limits the imposition of hands to the clergy, and reference was made to the practice to show that the construction put upon the rule was the construction universally put upon it, by those who framed the rule, and almost universally by those who have acted upon it.

3. Again, the protesters charge what we most positively and unequivocally disavow, viz. that we plead practice against the plain and obvious meaning of the words. We maintain that the words of the rule properly understood, and compared with the other parts of the Constitution, require the construction given to the rule by the Assembly. We appeal to the practice of our own and other Presbyterian churches as confirmatory of the exposition given to the rule, and as the best evidence, in addition to the language which they have used, of the meaning and intention of those who framed our system of government and discipline. And will any one question the propriety of this use of well attested practice carried through generations and even centuries? Or will any intelligent and candid men set up against uniform and general practice mere exceptions which are limited in their extent, and of modern date?

4. The protesters next observe that, "in the distinction which the Assembly takes between the rite of ordination and the substance of the act, we (the protesters,) are of the opinion, that there is an error both of law and of reason." The Committee do not understand the Assembly as making the distinction to which objection is here made. The Presbytery has power to ordain because it is composed in part of those to whom the power of ordaining belongs, but who, agreeably to the principles of Presbyterian government and the law of our Church, are not to exercise this power without the consent of the ruling elders, the representatives in Presbytery of the people. And hence, although ordination belongs to the power of jurisdiction as contended for by our brethren, yet the power of the eldership in regard to it is limited to a concurrence with the ministers in deciding and ordering that it shall take place, and in determining the time, place, and the persons who are to take part in the public services. And this is the utmost point to which the most strenuous advocates for ordination pertaining to the jurisdiction of the Church have gone till recently, in reference to the power of ruling elders in the matter of ordination.

5. The remarks just made, the Committee consider a sufficient reply to what is said in the next section of the protest.

6. In saying that "the rite of ordination is simply a declaratory ministerial act, of which imposition of hands is a part," the Assembly meant nothing more than this, that the solemn ceremony of setting a candidate apart to the

office of the holy ministry, was a rite that appertained to ministers alone, and that "imposition of hands" was used as a moral sign to declare publicly who the party is that is set apart to the work of the ministry. In this sense it is properly called a declarative act, and in as much as it is to be performed by ministers alone, it is properly called a ministerial act.

7. The protesters next say, that it appears to them "that the denial of the right of ruling elders to impose hands, involves the denial, that they are scriptural presbyters."

But do they not themselves advert with satisfaction to the fact, that the Assembly in their resolutions on this subject, affirm and maintain "the scriptural authority of the office of ruling elder?" With no propriety, therefore, can the denial by the Assembly of the right of ruling elders to impose hands in the ordination of ministers be regarded as involving a denial that they are scriptural officers. That it involves a denial that they are "bishops," "pastors," "ministers," and even "presbyters," in exactly the same sense that ministers are presbyters, is conceded. Their distinctive character being that of "representatives of the people," and their official name being that of "Ruling Elders," in order to distinguish them the more fully from those who both in the Scripture and in our Form of Government, are styled simply "Presbyters," or "Elders," meaning ministers of the word, who alone are the Presbytery to whom the imposition of hands appertains: it appertaining to the ruling elders to concur with the ministers or presbyters as to the propriety or impropriety of ordaining a candidate for the sacred office.

Much of the erroneous reasoning respecting the powers of the ruling elders, arises from overlooking the distinction between ministers of the gospel and ruling elders. Both these classes of officers are appointed to exercise government and discipline, but to the former only does it belong to labour in word and doctrine, and therefore to set apart in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, after due trial and approbation, those who are to take part in the same ministry.

We have now taken notice of all the objections of the protesters, and if we mistake not, we have fairly met them. Were it requisite, we could, without difficulty, set forth the objections to the views entertained by the protesters, and show that their views are contrary to Scripture, to the Constitution of our Church, and to the practice of our own and all other Presbyterian churches; and that they tend to subvert the office of ruling elder, by confounding it with that of minister of the word. It was the doctrine of the Independents and not of the Presbyterians, that ruling elders had the right to impose hands in the ordination of ministers, as could be abundantly shown from authorities not to be questioned.

In favour of the decision of the last Assembly, or rather of the last three General Assemblies, it can be shown, 1. That the decision accords with the word of God; 2. With the very words of our Constitution; 3. With the uniform practice of those who framed the Constitution; 4. With the uniform practice of all other Presbyterian churches; and we cannot but express the hope that a matter which has been decided, after a full and careful examination, by our whole Church, and by such large majorities, may be considered as settled, and that it will not be made a subject of further agitation.

James Hoge,
John Maclean,
C. C. Cuyler,
B. H. Rice,
H. A. Boardman,
Committee.

On motion, the Rev. Mr. Pinney, agent of the Pennsylvania Colonization Society, was heard for a short time on the subject of his agency.

On motion, The thanks of the Assembly were returned to Mr. Pinney for his address, and it was

Resolved, That the cause which he advocates be commended to the favourable notice of our churches.

Mr. Gurley requested to be excused as a member of the committee appointed to reply to the protests. His request was granted, and Drs. Cuyler and Rice, and Mr. Boardman, were added to that committee.

The minutes were then read and the roll called.

The Assembly having finished their business, it was

Resolved, That the 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 Cincinnati, Ohio, on the third Thursday of May, A. D. 1845, at 11 o'clock, A. M.

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

B. GILDERSLEEVE, *Clerk pro tem.*

APPENDIX.

NARRATIVE OF THE STATE OF RELIGION,

Presented by the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States, to the Churches under their care.

BRETHREN IN THE LORD—Of the various high and solemn functions constitutionally pertaining to the General Assembly, none are more important than those by which “they shall constitute the bond of union, peace, correspondence, and mutual confidence amongst all our churches.” And of the duties to be performed, in accomplishing this, none is more interesting in its character or more efficient in its results than the furnishing to the churches an annual history of the State of Religion. What bond of union so strong as the cords of love? And what so directly tends to strengthen those cords, as to recount what our common Lord has done for us—to tell the story of his gracious dealings, and thus to awaken in all hearts, that glow of gratitude that binds to Him as our glorious *Head*, and thus brings each and all to feel themselves to be “one body in Christ, and every one members one of another?” “Union, peace, correspondence, and mutual confidence” are necessary in every army, and in none more than in “the sacramental host of God’s elect.” And what so sweetly and so strongly tends to bind the heart of the soldier to his comrades, as the rehearsal of their mutual toils and trials—their dangers and discouragements—their hopes and fears—their tribulations and their triumphs—especially if every rehearsal closes with a mutual and spontaneous ascription of wisdom and power, and prowess and honour to the Captain under whom they serve? And may we not hope that whilst we recount to you what we have learned of the trials and the triumphs—of the peril and the prosperity of our beloved Zion during the past year, ascribing, as we do, all power and grace, and glory to the great Captain of our salvation, your hearts and ours may kindle with a livelier love, and be warmed with a wiser and more steadfast zeal!

From nearly all of our Presbyteries, narratives of the progress and state of religion have been received, and if it were practicable, we could not, perhaps, do the churches a greater service than by spreading these narratives fully before you in all the fervour and freshness with which they are written. And we feel that in attempting to condense them into a brief compass, we will fail to make, upon your minds, the impression which they have left upon our own. The brethren who have prepared the several narratives from which the General Assembly compiles this, “speak that they do know, and testify that they have seen”—and there is a warmth and a freshness about their statements, that is chilled by change of style, and killed by condensation. We would, beloved brethren, that you could hear, as we have heard, the things that relate to the state and progress of our Master’s cause, all over the vast field of the operations of our Church. We would that you could hear the voice of confession and lamentation over the sins and desolations of our Israel, that has come upon our ears, sad as the wail of Rachel weeping for her children, and in strains plaintive as the harp of Jeremiah. We would that you could hear as we have heard the tidings of revival, as told by many grateful Presbyteries, in language glad as the sound of the jubilee. We would that you could listen as the Assembly has done to the Macedonian cry, “come over and help us”—swelling as it does from so many parts of our vast land—from the mountain and valley of the east, from the wood and the prairie of the west, from the lake-bound border of the north, and from the green savannah of the south. We would that you could have listened to the touching story of the toils, and trials, and privations of your domestic missionaries, as it has been told by some of the Presbyteries that occupy missionary ground. We would that we were able to present to you, as these narratives present to us, the startling picture of

the moral wastes that exist throughout our land, especially in the swelling populations of the great West. And we would that we could impress your minds, as ours have been impressed, with a view of the various *causes* and *influences* that tend upon the one hand to advance the cause of our Redeemer—and upon the other, to retard the spread of true religion, and to perpetuate those desolations over which some of the Presbyteries are called to mourn. But in the space usually allotted to the annual narrative of the Assembly, it will not be practicable to accomplish all this, and we must be content to furnish a summary statement.

We are not permitted to tell at this time of such copious and extensive effusions of the Holy Ghost, as it was the privilege of the last General Assembly to record. Revivals of religion, and ingatherings of souls, there have been during the past year in many portions of the Church; but not in such measure, and to such an encouraging extent as during the year preceding. And yet it is very satisfactory to notice that nearly all of the Presbyteries that reported revivals last year, speak of the good work as having extended into the ecclesiastical year that now closes: and with scarcely an exception they state the gratifying fact, that, so far as time and opportunity for testing them have been afforded, these revivals and their fruits appear to have been genuine. The statement made by nearly all of those Presbyteries is, that the persons who were gathered into the churches, as the fruits of those revivals have, with few exceptions, continued to "walk worthy of the vocation wherewith they are called." Special mention is also made of the fact that an increase of grace, and a state of substantial general prosperity have resulted from those revivals in nearly all the congregations where they were enjoyed. In this respect the revivals of 1842-3, appear delightfully to contrast with many of those excitements which, like the wild fire of the prairie, leave blight and blackness behind them. And if this Assembly could send to the churches no other tidings of joy, it is matter of gladness and of gratitude, that we are permitted to tell the churches that the gracious visitations of which they heard last year, have not proved evanescent as the morning cloud or the early dew. A genuine revival of religion is not the scattering of a few drops that glitter for a moment in the beam, and then vanish before the ray that gave them beauty: but it is the opening of a living fountain whose streams of sacred influence expand and deepen as they flow, and "make glad the city of our God." The sinner truly converted, becomes in turn a soldier in the army of Immanuel, and from the moment that he joins the ranks, it is his duty and his joy to perfect his own discipline—to push the triumphs of the cross, and to increase the number of the followers of the Lamb. And it is thus, to change the figure again, that the kingdom of our God is like leaven which a woman took and hid in three measures of meal till the whole was leavened. Such a good degree, we are encouraged to hope, were the numerous revivals reported last year. Their influence is still felt in the continued prosperity of the churches. But although the dispensations of converting grace do not appear to have been so large during the last year, as they were in the year preceding, still we are permitted to tell of things whereof we are glad. In very many of the Presbyteries, individual congregations have been revived, and in some, works of grace have been extensive and powerful. The narratives of the following Presbyteries make mention of awakenings, and conversions, and revivals of religion in the hearts of God's people, some of them of a greater, some of a less extent, viz.—Flint River, Albany, Hudson, New Lisbon, Indianapolis, Columbus, Maumee, West Jersey, Chillicothe, Troy, Carlisle, Newton, Raritan, Kaskaskia, Hopewell, St. Louis, Luzerne, Richland, and East Hanover. The Presbytery of Indianapolis speaks of a work of grace in several of their churches, as being "solemn, silent, and powerful"—and as having been followed with blessed results. And the Presbytery of West Jersey gives us the delightful information that all their churches have been refreshed.

Most of the churches report steady and ordinary accessions to the number of communicants, and some of them make mention of large additions. The following Presbyteries report ingatherings from the world; some of them specifying that the persons received to the communion of the churches, were chiefly the fruit of revivals reported the preceding year, viz., Flint River, New Brunswick, Albany, Erie, North River, Steubenville, Troy, West Lexington, Elizabethtown, Clarion, Marion, Madison, Huntingdon, Orange, and Greenbrier.

With scarcely an exception the Presbyteries report that the churches under their care are harmonious; and that they enjoy a good degree of general prosperity. Nearly all the Presbyteries report that the attendance upon public worship upon the Lord's day is as good as it has been in time past, and many Presbyteries specify a decided improvement in their congregations in this respect. This last is specially mentioned in the narratives of Northumberland, Raritan, North River, Zanesville, New Lisbon, and Flint River.

It is also gratifying to learn that many of the Presbyteries report a very encouraging increase of attention to weekly lectures, Bible classes, and catechetical instruction. In

regard to the last, it is pleasing to state, that many of the Presbyterian narratives are particular to mention increased attention to the instruction of the youth of the Church in our excellent catechisms. The Presbyteries of Chickasaw, Orange, Ohio, West Hanover, Palestine, Redstone, St. Clairsville, Washington, Zanesville, and some others, report increased attention to the use of the Shorter Catechism in the instruction of youth. The greater number of the Presbyteries report that Sabbath schools are still maintained in all or most of their congregations, and that these institutions still continue to be blessed of the Lord, and to prove valuable auxiliaries in the great work of training up the children and youth of the Church and of the country, in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. Several of the Presbyteries make particular mention of a fact, which must be pleasing to every judicious friend of Sabbath school instruction, viz. that greater care is taken in the selection and appointment of Sabbath school teachers, than formerly; that parents, and the more elderly and experienced members of the Church take a livelier interest in Sabbath schools, and are more ready to engage as teachers. The Assembly hail this as a good omen, and cannot pass it by without expressing the most unqualified approbation.

It is with much satisfaction that the General Assembly have learned that the Shorter Catechism has been very generally introduced into the Sabbath schools, and that in very many, a part or the whole of this excellent formulary is repeated once a month.

Most of the Southern Presbyteries make mention of encouraging success in the efforts that have been made for the coloured population. In many places our ministers devote much time to preaching to the negroes, and otherwise instructing them. "One of the most pleasing facts," says the Presbytery of the Western District, "which we have to record, is the general attention given to the coloured population. All our ministers feel that the servant as well as the master, is a portion of their charge, and are in the habit of devoting a portion of their time to this interesting people; and the only thing that could be called a revival of religion within our bounds, during the last year, has occurred amongst them. One dear brother who has during the year devoted every other Sabbath to the servants of his neighbourhood, has received about twenty-two into the Church. These he has organized into a Church, and they have elected their own officers. Another brother reports fifteen added to his Church, and other churches not so many." Similar statements are made by several of the Southern Presbyteries; and it appears that there is a growing interest in relation to the negroes; and no barrier to prevent their religious instruction exists, except that arising from the great want of ministers: for it is the prevailing desire of both masters and servants that the latter should receive the Gospel.

The Assembly is pleased to be able to state to the churches, that from all parts of the land favourable accounts of the progress of the great Temperance Reformation have been received.—Nearly all our Presbyteries make mention of the success that has attended this enterprise, and the Presbyteries of Potosi, Huntingdon, Clarion, Wooster, Steubenville, Bedford, Tuscaloosa, Londonderry, Michigan, Oxford, Hudson, and Albany, speak of decidedly encouraging advances of the cause.

Another item of pleasing intelligence, which the Assembly is permitted to transmit to the churches, is that in many parts of the Church, and country, there is a return to a stricter observance of the Lord's day. The Presbyteries of South Carolina, West Hanover, Oxford, New Castle, West Lexington, Hudson, and New Lisbon, whilst they still deplore a great defect in the manner in which it is observed in their bounds, yet speak of improvement in this respect, and they mention special efforts as having been made to call public attention to the moral obligation, and civil and religious advantages of the holy day. The Presbytery of Palestine, and several others, deplore the extent of Sabbath desecration; and mention it as one of the most insuperable barriers to the progress of the Gospel. It is pleasing, however, to be able to state that, so far as the Assembly is informed, this crying individual, social, and national sin, is not on the increase. Upon several of the canals and railroads, which are the thoroughfares of trade and travel, Sabbath transportation has been diminished, and to the great honour of some transportation companies in Pennsylvania, they have discontinued running their boats upon the Lord's day. Nor is it less gratifying to be able to state that upon many mail routes, throughout the country, the Sabbath mails have been discontinued. And whilst recording this fact, the Assembly would embrace the opportunity of pressing upon all Church members, and other friends of religion, of God, and of their country, the duty of exerting all the influence which they can in a lawful way, to rescue the sacred day from that dreadful degree of profanation, which, to the danger and dishonour of the country, and the desolation of the Church, so extensively prevails.

It is gratifying to the General Assembly to be able to state, as a part of the religious history of the past year, that the several Boards of the Church have prosecuted the great works severally committed to their care with diligence and success. The reports of the several Boards will be spread before the churches, and from them it is hoped every mem-

ber of our beloved Church will feel it his duty to acquaint himself with the state and progress of these great enterprises. The compass of this narrative will permit us to say but a word in regard to each. The Board of Education reports a very large and encouraging increase of the number of candidates under their care; and it is evident from the facts furnished in their report, that, profiting by enlarged experience in this delicate and difficult, yet very important work, they have brought the system upon which they proceed to a good degree of perfection; so that the benefactions of the churches for educational purposes can by the agency of this Board, be applied with great efficiency, great economy, and impartiality. But as will appear from their report, although the funds of this Board have increased, it has not been in proportion to the increase of valuable young men, whom the Lord has inclined to seek the sacred office, and who need aid in obtaining an education.

The Board of Domestic Missions have prosecuted their important work with their accustomed energy and success. This Board goes on increasing in usefulness; and if the churches would only furnish the men and the money, in proportion to their means, this institution might multiply an hundred fold, the blessings which it pours from year to year over all our borders. Oh! if our dear brethren in the more opulent churches could but hear the cries for help that are poured into the ears of this Board of our Church, from a thousand destitute parts of our beloved land; and if the Assembly could but impart to all the churches the impression that these cries have made upon us, we cannot doubt that our brethren who have the means, would pour into this department of the Lord's treasury, the means of sending the bread of life to their perishing countrymen.

The Board of Foreign Missions have, with patience and great diligence, and with success fully commensurate with their means, been prosecuting the solemn and interesting work entrusted to their care. The Board is extending its plans, and enlarging its operations as far and as fast as means are furnished by the churches. And although their funds are slowly increasing, it is not in the ratio of the crying necessities of the stations already established; and the numerous doors that the providence of God has flung widely open amongst the heathen. The Assembly cannot doubt that, if our brethren in the churches could have listened as we did, to the touching, and tearful, and powerful appeals and statements of the self-denying and indefatigable Secretary of this Board; and if they could but hear the facts in regard to this enterprise, which he laid before us, they would respond to the call for increased prayer and liberality, in a way that would tell gloriously upon the interests of Messiah's kingdom. It is an interesting fact that one of the Presbyteries of the Synod of Northern India, was represented upon the floor of the General Assembly, the Presbytery of Lodianna. And narratives of the state of religion within their bounds, were received, by the Assembly, from the Presbyteries of Lodianna and Allahabad, in that Synod. From these narratives, which are couched in the characteristically modest style of our missionaries, it appears that they are industriously and patiently prosecuting their self-denying labours, amid many and great discouragements, but not without tokens, to indicate the presence with them of Him who hath said, "Lo! I am with you always." The work in which they have been engaged is chiefly preparatory work. Like "the voice of one crying in the wilderness," they have been saying, "Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make his paths straight." They have been diligently engaged in acquiring the languages of the nations to which they have gone; establishing schools, translating and printing the Bible and other books and tracts; and in preaching the Gospel, distributing books, and conversing with the people. By the reports it appears that special care is taken in the admission of members to the little churches which they have gathered amongst the heathen; and that for the most part those admitted to the communion of the Church have walked worthily. Upon some, however, they have been constrained to exercise discipline; and they have done it with promptness and strictness, and as they state, with happy effect. They are thus sowing the good seed—some precious fruit has already been gathered: they are raising up native teachers and preachers, and we cannot but hope, are laying the foundations of glorious churches in those vast and populous regions. In Texas, too, and in the Indian and African stations, the work is prosecuted, with various degrees of present encouragement, and with the certain promise of a rich reaping, if we faint not.

The Board of Publication has during the last year gone on in its career of usefulness with still increasing encouragement. It is furnishing a very valuable addition to the means by which sinners are to be converted, and God's people are to grow in grace and Christian intelligence. They have managed the funds committed to their care with energy and economy; and it is pleasing to hear so many of the Presbyteries speak of the great blessings which have been conferred upon the churches by the instrumentality of this branch of our benevolent operation. A vast number of copies of our Psalmody has been published and sold: and it would appear from all the Assembly can learn, that a very great blessing is conferred upon the Church and the country, by the sacred literature furnished by this Board.

The publications of the American Tract Society also continue to do much good. Several of our Presbyteries make mention of the benefits that have resulted from the distribution of these and the publications of our own Board, by means of the colporteur system.

The Assembly would not close this account of the prosperous aspects of the religious history of the past year without an allusion to those religious bodies with which we maintain fraternal correspondence. On account (most probably) of the great distance of the place of our meeting, from the territory of the corresponding Bodies, the General Assembly were not favoured with the presence of any delegates from them. But we are happy to learn, through our delegates to several of those Bodies, that the state of religion in most of them is in general prosperous; and that by some of the congregations in New England, revivals of religion have been enjoyed. A very interesting communication was received from the Presbyterian Synod of Australia—and from that the churches may learn, that the blessed principles of the Gospel as held by us—and the scriptural form of government which we maintain, have extended to that remote portion of the earth, and there have produced their blessed fruits to the praise of the glory of God's grace.

The General Assembly would feel that their narrative of the state of religion would be defective, did they pass without notice the wonderful religious movement which took place in the Church of Scotland simultaneously with the meeting of our last General Assembly; and the developments of which have been progressing up to the present time. A notice of the reception of delegates from the Free Church of Scotland, will be found in our Minutes; and the Assembly will only state in this place, that they look upon the Exodus of the mother Church, from the state of bondage, in which she had been too long held, as one of the most august events of our times; an event which has produced a mighty impression in favour of the Calvinistic faith, and the Presbyterian form of government, as being the purest, the freest, and the most benign form of Christianity; and an event which must, in its results, give "glory to God in the highest—peace on earth, and good will to men."

Having now glanced at some of the more encouraging aspects of the last ecclesiastical year, it becomes the General Assembly, in faithfulness, to mention some of those adverse events, and circumstances that cause the ways of Zion to mourn.

The Presbyteries of Logansport, Londonderry, Concord, and Bethel, each report the death of a minister, and those of Florida, Marion, and Concord, report the death of many valuable ruling elders. Nor is it unlikely that other Presbyteries have suffered similar losses, although they have not reported them. In view of such bereavements, Zion may well exclaim, "Help, Lord, for the godly man ceaseth, for the faithful fail from among the children of men." A few of our Presbyteries speak of special discouragements, and complain of the low state of religion; and many deplore the low standard of personal piety, the desecration of the Sabbath, the worldly conformity of professors of religion, and the absence of the reviving power of the Divine Spirit. Various causes are assigned as tending to retard the progress of the kingdom of our Lord; and as the most valuable use of history is to furnish for the exigencies of the future, lessons drawn from the experience of the past, it may not be amiss for the General Assembly briefly to state the deductions which they cannot but draw from the several narratives which they have been called to examine. This is done in order that the churches may be guarded against those things that appear to injure the cause of vital religion; and may be prompted to the more diligent use of the means of spiritual advancement. And

1st. From the statements of several of the Presbyteries, the Assembly is impressed with the belief, that one great cause of paralysing the energies of the Church, and retarding the progress of the gospel at home and abroad, is *the LOW STANDARD OF PERSONAL PIETY amongst church members*. In morals and religion, men are not apt to rise above the prevailing standard. If that be low, their attainments will be lower still: "the salt will lose its savour"—"the light that is in them will be darkness—and Oh! how great that darkness!" And wherewith shall the earth be salted? How shall men give glory to our Father which is in heaven, if our light do not so shine that they may see our good works? It is the low standard of piety, that renders the Church powerless. So long as the unconverted can see little or no difference between themselves and Christian professors, they will reason thus: "these Christians profess to be at peace with God, and on their way to heaven; their conduct and conversation is no better than ours; if they are safe, so are we." Thus does the Church continue to "heal the hurt of the daughter of my people slightly, saying, Peace, peace, when there is no peace." Connected with this low standard of personal piety is

2d. A want of *active piety*. Christians throughout our churches seem too often to forget, that Christ "gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify us unto himself, a *peculiar people zealous of good works*." Instead of being a *peculiar people*—peculiar for their *elevated holiness*, their devout love to God, and to one another, their active benevolence—instead of being peculiar, and distinguished from all

other people by being "*zealous of good works*," it would appear from many of the narratives, that, our beloved professing brethren differ but too little, in these respects, from the people of the world around them. We are not so peculiar a people as we ought to be. We should be peculiar on account of brotherly love; peculiar for zeal, peculiar for our frequency and fervour in prayer; peculiar for our plans and our diligence in doing good; peculiar for our liberality to the cause of our Master. And this leads us to a

3d Remark, viz.—There appears to be too *little of a spirit of self-denial* in many parts of the Church. Self-denial is the very first term of discipleship. And yet it is manifest from the narratives of the Presbyteries and reports of our Boards, that there can be but little self-denial on the part of the great mass of our people; or our plans of benevolence would be better sustained.

"Deny thyself and take the cross,
Is the Redeemer's great command;"

and yet, alas! how few, of the many thousands of our beloved communicants, seem to think that they ought to make any sacrifice of personal comfort, in order to befriend Christ and his cause. Oh! brethren, if you could but hear the story of the trials and privations of the poor missionary, as he suffers and toils for Christ, and for souls;—if, in the person of his humble faithful missionary, you could see your Saviour suffering; you surely would feel constrained to deny yourselves to do him kindness. We have heard, and we tell you, that He is "an hungered." "Oh! feed him." "He is thirsty, give him drink. He is naked, clothe him. He is a stranger," wandering through our western wilds, or journeying beneath the sultry sun of the East, "take him in—He is sick, oh! visit him." "Let the same mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus"—and that was a spirit of self-denial. "For though he was rich, yet for our sakes he became poor." To this we add a

4th Deduction from the historical facts before us, viz. There does not seem to be sufficient care on the part of ministers to teach, and on the part of the people to comprehend the connexion between the *facts*, the *doctrines*, and the *duties* of our blessed religion. This we infer from the complaints made of the languishing state of piety in some parts of the Church, and the low condition of active benevolence in almost all parts. The *facts* of our religion form the basis of its *doctrines*, the *doctrines* give rise to its *duties*, and furnish the *motives*, and suggest the plans and means for the performance of those duties. God gave his Son for sinners. Christ obeyed, and died, and arose, and ascended, and intercedes for sinners. These are some of the *facts*. The blood of Jesus Christ cleanseth from all sin. We are justified by faith. We are chosen to salvation through sanctification of the Spirit, and belief of the truth. These are some of the *doctrines*—and the soul that truly believes these facts and doctrines, must *love Christ*. That love *constraineth* the soul to holy, active obedience. It is the motive of a new life—and the great end of that life is to glorify God in doing good. If, dear brethren, we would look at the several parts of our religion in *their connexion*, then surely "the love of Christ *would* constrain us, and we would live to him who died for us." We would feel that every duty of religion was important; and would be urged to its faithful performance by the tenderest motives. We would feel that we were as much bound to pray for the spread of the Gospel, as to pray for our own salvation—as much bound to "honour the Lord with our substance," as to keep the Sabbath—and that we have no more right to withhold from God what is his due, than to rob a neighbour of his property: and thus feeling, we would arouse to our duties and perform them all in their due time, and proper order. The ranks of the sacramental host would be filled with faithful, firm, courageous, well-disciplined troops: and shoulder to shoulder they would press onward in Immanuel's name, conquering and to conquer.

5. Once more. The religious history of the past year, proves that there is a lack of *steadfast faith*, and *persevering zeal* in the Church. Why should the blessed revivals reported last year have languished? Why did not the stream of salvation that then was seen to flow, roll on and onward, still growing deeper and broader in its progress? Why did not the souls which we hoped were then converted, and the pious hearts that were then revived go on from strength to strength, and by prayer and pious effort augment and roll onward the blessed tide of salvation? Why have not increasing thousands been converted through their instrumentality? And why have they not come with their silver and their gold with them to cause the treasury of the Lord to overflow? Alas! it is not because the Lord's hand is shortened; but because of the want of a *steadfast faith*, and a *persevering zeal*. If the Church thus revived, had kept hold of the girdle of divine faithfulness, and wrestled on, her name had been *Israel* indeed; and instead of mourning over a diminished measure of spiritual prosperity, the song of rejoicing, and the trump of triumph would be gladly sounding still. Let us then, beloved brethren, be wiser and more faithful in time to come. Let us by faith and prayer aim at the removal of all that hurts or annoys in God's holy mountain. Let us come with one accord to the help

of the Lord against the mighty. Let us be "not slothful in business, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord." In due season we shall reap if we faint not." "Peace be unto the brethren, and love with faith, from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ."

GEORGE JUNKIN, *Moderator.*

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

SYDNEY, NEW SOUTH WALES, *January 4, 1843.*

DEARLY BELOVED BRETHREN IN CHRIST,—It is with pleasure and gratitude that we acknowledge the receipt of two copies of the Minutes of your Assembly for the years 1835, 1836, 1837, 1838, 1839, and a copy of the American Presbyterian Church case, which were presented to us in October, 1841; and in return we beg leave to transmit to you two copies of the Minutes of our Synod since its formation. The Minutes of your Assembly are exceedingly interesting. They furnish abundant evidence that the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America is a reformed and evangelical body. We thank God, through whose grace you have contended nobly "for the faith which was once delivered to the saints," that he has enabled you to exercise a faithful and vigilant superintendence over the churches under your care, and to remove from your communion those who were unsound in doctrine and unconstitutional in practice. We rejoice that you have declared by your conduct, that in your estimation truth is the only bond of union and friendship among professing Christians, and that you will not draw a veil of charity over errors which would lead men to depart from the truth as it is in Christ Jesus, and our prayer is, that the great Head of the Church may pour out his Holy Spirit upon you, and make you fruitful in every work of righteousness. We live under a different form of civil government, and we are sincerely attached to the institutions of our country: but this does not lessen our interest in you, whom we regard as brethren, having the same Lord, the same faith, and the same form of church government.

Our Synod consists at present of twenty settled ministers; but this number is quite inadequate to dispense the ordinances of religion to those who naturally look to us for spiritual superintendence. The population of this country is scattered over a great extent, and spiritual destitution still prevails in many districts of the colony. In most of our churches we have a few faithful and devoted followers of the Lamb, but we regret that too many are of a different character. The love of pleasure and the love of money are the prevailing sins in this land, and these lead all who are under their influence to cherish a reckless disregard of every thing connected with vital godliness. We have parochial schools established in several of the districts in which our ministers are settled, and there are Sabbath schools in connexion with all our churches. From our connexion with the Church of Scotland we derive many and important advantages. She sends us ministers, and money to assist in supporting them, and she is always ready to give us wise counsel and direction in all cases of difficulty. We are not insensible of the numerous and natural advantages which our Church in this colony enjoys. We have a fine climate, and our geographical position is such that if we be faithful, our Church may become an active and efficient agent in diffusing the knowledge of the Gospel throughout the southern hemisphere. Our energies have hitherto been chiefly directed to the erection of churches and manse; but we now contemplate the establishment of a Mission, under the superintendence of our Synod, for the conversion of the aborigines of New Holland; and we hope to be shortly able to contribute for the purpose of sending missionaries to the heathen in other countries. As we are a branch of the Church of Scotland, we wish to have her co-operation and assistance in all our undertakings; but we are also anxious to have your sympathy and friendship. Your Church, like our own, was founded by the labours of ministers of the Church of Scotland, and the Synod of Ulster; and your intimate acquaintance with the trials, privations, and sufferings which were endured by the fathers and founders of your Church in their efforts to build up the walls of your Zion in America, will assist you in forming a correct estimate of the difficulties

against which we have to contend in establishing the Presbyterian Church in Australia. And we desire to keep up a correspondence with you, that we may be animated and encouraged by your example and advice. The powers of Satan are combined and active. Popery on the one hand and infidelity on the other, are indefatigable in their efforts to prevent the progress of pure and undefiled religion, and it becomes all who know the truth to be united, that they may mutually strengthen and cheer each other in resisting the machinations of the prince of darkness.

In conclusion, brethren, we entreat you to pray for us, that we may be enabled to put on the whole armour of light, and to abound in love and every good work. And our prayer for you is, that you may be sustained by the grace of God and blessed as a Church of Christ, and that when you and we shall have finished our course in this world, we may be admitted into the heavenly Jerusalem, and be with God throughout eternity.

Signed in the name and by authority of the Synod of Australia.

WM. HAMILTON, *Moderator.*
JAMES FULLERTON, *Clerk.*



LETTER FROM THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE SYNOD OF AUSTRALIA.

LOUISVILLE, (KENTUCKY,) *May 25, 1844.*

BELoved BRETHREN IN CHRIST—It affords the General Assembly of our Church more than ordinary pleasure to receive good tidings from you who are so far from us in geographical distance, but so near to us in faith and affection. The form of civil government under which you live, and to which you are sincerely attached, differs from ours: but we rejoice in being subjects of the same Spiritual Kingdom of which Jesus Christ is Head and Lord. You are a branch of the Church of Scotland; and we regard you as brethren, having the same Lord, the same faith, and the same form of church government.

Although your Synod consists at present of but about twenty settled ministers, and although spiritual destitution still prevails in many districts of the colony of New South Wales, yet, with unfeigned pleasure we learn that you contemplate the establishment of a Mission for the conversion of the aborigines of New Holland. To the Church of old it was said, "the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee—And the Gentiles shall come to thy light." And we hail it, brethren, as a token that the glory of the Lord has risen upon *you*, that you are indeed revived by the Spirit of Christ, inasmuch as you are devising to make known among benighted heathen the unsearchable riches of Christ. In your missionary sacrifices for Jesus' sake you will realize the comfort of his own saying, "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

You mention the receipt of copies of the Minutes of our Assembly for the few last years; and you refer with evident and fraternal interest to the removal from us of those who were unsound in doctrines and unconstitutional in practice. We thank God most heartily that those trying scenes are past: we hope that they may never recur: and we bless his name who kept us from falsifying or abandoning his truth, and who is able to bring both us, and those who differ from us, "into the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God."

The sound wisdom which you manifest in the establishment of parochial schools in several of the districts in which your ministers are settled, commands our admiration. To this feature connected with the Scottish Church system, our own Church in this land has given as yet little practical heed. The nature of our civil institutions has been thought by many among us a hinderance to such a valuable appendage to our ecclesiastical institutions. This subject, however, still receives the serious consideration of not a few American Presbyterian Christians.

We can readily understand some of the various difficulties against which you are called to contend in establishing the Presbyterian Church in Australia. The days are not long gone by in which those who laboured in founding the Presbyterian Zion in America, endured privations and trials such as you now often suffer.

The remoter regions of our vast territory are still missionary ground; and the written or verbal narrative which stately comes to us of the toils and long-suffering, the poverty and the devoted zeal of our beloved brethren who build the walls of our Church among the destitute of our own land teaches us to appreciate what you have told us of your experience in this behalf.

In common with you, we mourn before God the love of money, and love of sinful pleasure, and reckless disregard of vital godliness which prevail through our population, and which alas! too often shamefully distort the features of Christianity in many of those who profess to love the Redeemer. We feel called upon however, to bless the name of God our Saviour that among the Christians of this land a warmer desire has recently been awakened for the sanctification of the Sabbath, so fearfully profaned by millions of our nation; and, that since the meeting of our last Assembly a good measure of enlargement has been bestowed upon the Presbyterian Zion, both in the number of churches newly planted, and in a considerable increase of hopefully converted souls in churches formerly established. From the Minutes of the General Assembly which accompany this letter, you will learn something of the prosperity which the Lord has vouchsafed to us during the past year.

And now, beloved brethren, we would commit you, and ourselves, and all who love the Lord, to the sure mercies of the only wise God our Saviour, who is able to keep us from falling, and to present us faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy.

Signed, in the name, and by authority of the General Assembly.

GEORGE JUNKIN, *Moderator.*

W. M. ENGLS, *Stated Clerk.*

B. GILDERSLEEVE, *Per. Clerk pro tem.*

REPORT OF THE DELEGATE TO THE GENERAL ASSOCIATION OF MASSACHUSETTS.

To the Moderator of the General Assembly.

REV. AND DEAR SIR,—Through you the undersigned would respectfully report to the General Assembly, that he attended to the duty assigned him by the last Assembly, as delegate to the General Association of Massachusetts.

That Association met at Sunderland, June 27th, and continued in session two days. Your delegate was present at the opening, and remained until within two or three hours of the close of its sessions, and was received and treated with much kindness and cordiality. The body was not large, consisting of about fifty members including delegates from foreign bodies. A copy of the minutes of the Association is herewith submitted, from which it will be seen that a large number of the churches connected with the Association enjoyed during the past year precious seasons of refreshing from the Lord. The reports from some of the district Associations, were deeply interesting.

In East Hampton, in Hampshire Association, a part of the town in which the great revival in the time of President Edwards commenced, a revival of great power has been enjoyed; and in Middlefield, in the same Association, almost all the population of adult age have been hopefully converted.

From reports presented and from statements made on the floor, there is a growing disposition, on the part of the Churches, to enjoy the ministrations of regularly settled pastors, and to regard the relation existing between a pastor and his flock, as a very sacred relation, and not to be dissolved for slight or trivial causes.

In carrying forward the cause of God, both at home and abroad, the churches of Massachusetts are sustaining a noble part; and your delegate found it refreshing and delightful to meet with brethren whose great aim is so identified with that of our own beloved Church—the conversion of this lost world to God. Long may the fraternal intercourse between our churches be continued, and may the reciprocal influence be more and more happy on our respective Churches from year to year.

With sentiments of high regard,

I remain, Rev'd and dear Sir, yours in the Lord,

D. V. McLEAN.

REPORT OF THE DELEGATE TO THE GENERAL CONFERENCE OF MAINE.

To the Moderator of the General Assembly.

REV. SIR,—The delegate appointed by the Assembly of 1843 to the General Conference of Maine, would report that the appointment was duly fulfilled.

The Conference assembled on Tuesday the 27th of June, in Bangor, and continued in session till Thursday afternoon. Your delegate observed with peculiar interest the harmony, decorum and fraternal kindness with which the business of the Conference was conducted, the predominant devotional character of its exercises, and the intelligence and piety of its members.

The reports, discussions, and resolutions of the body, afforded evidence of a cordial and effectual co-operation in the cause of Christian philanthropy and benevolence, as promoted by the various institutions and agencies of the day. It is presumed, that in general soundness of theological doctrine, industry, fidelity, devotedness to their appropriate work, and whatever constitutes ministerial usefulness and respectability, none of the Associations of New England, with which the General Assembly correspond, surpass the Conference of Maine.

Your delegate was received and treated with great cordiality and courtesy, and cannot doubt that the continuance of such an official intercourse between the General Assembly and this enlightened body of their Eastern Brethren, will be found mutually pleasant as well as beneficial.

JOSEPH H. JONES.

Philadelphia, May 6, 1844.

REPORT OF THE DELEGATE TO THE EVANGELICAL CONSOCIATION OF RHODE ISLAND.

To the Moderator of the General Assembly.

REV. AND DEAR SIR,—The undersigned having been appointed by the General Assembly of 1843, as a Delegate to the Evangelical Consociation of Rhode Island, would respectfully report, that he attended the meeting of said body. It met at Kingston, R. I., on the 12th of June last. Your delegate was kindly received. The sessions of the Consociation were characterized by much brotherly love. Nothing of special interest claimed their attention. The duty and importance of building up the waste places of their Zion occupied most of their deliberations. In the prosecution of this great work, a commendable spirit was manifested.

Respectfully, &c.

ROBERT NALL.

Mobile, Ala. April 10, 1844.

REPORT OF THE DELEGATE TO THE GENERAL SYNOD OF THE REFORMED PROTESTANT DUTCH CHURCH.

To the Moderator of the General Assembly.

REV. AND DEAR SIR,—The undersigned appointed by the General Assembly of 1843, a Delegate to the General Synod of the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church, begs leave to report that he attended to the duty assigned him.

The Synod met in the city of Albany, in June last, and continued in session nearly two weeks. Your delegate was received by this ancient and venerable body with every mark of respect, and rejoiced in the evidence afforded by their discussions, and by his social intercourse with its members, that we are one in doctrine and order, as we are in sympathy and affection. Their venerable President publicly expressed to him, as your delegate, their unfeigned respect and veneration for the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, and their strong desire that the bonds of affection, by which we are united, might from year to year draw us more closely together. You will rejoice to know that this truly evangelical and orthodox Church is putting forth new and vigorous efforts to send the Gospel to the heathen, and to extend its boundaries at home, through Home Missionary efforts.

N. MURRAY.

Elizabethtown, May 1, 1844.

REPORT OF THE DELEGATE TO THE GENERAL CONVENTION OF VERMONT.

To the Moderator of the General Assembly.

REV. SIR.—The undersigned appointed by the General Assembly of 1843, as a Delegate to the General Convention of Vermont, would report that he attended to the duty assigned him.

He was received by the General Convention holding its sessions in the town of Chester, Vermont, with every mark of courtesy and Christian kindness due from one branch of the Church of Christ to the representative of another.

From the various reports presented by delegates from the Associations composing the general body, there was gratifying evidence that religion was in a prosperous and advancing state throughout Vermont; and from the views expressed freely by individual and prominent members of the Convention, in connexion with the official reports from the subordinate bodies, it was manifest that sound religious views and sound scriptural measures existed very generally in the churches under the care of that highly respectable body.

Your delegate was not only received with great cordiality, but in response to the step taken by the General Assembly to *resume* fraternal official intercourse between the two bodies, the Convention immediately appointed a delegate to meet the General Assembly in its sessions of the present year.

With much respect, I remain, Sir, yours, &c.

J. A. COPP.

April 9th, 1844.

REPORT OF THE DELEGATE TO THE GENERAL SYNOD OF THE GERMAN REFORMED CHURCH.

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

The subscriber, who was appointed by the last Assembly a delegate to the General Synod of the German Reformed Church, respectfully reports: That he presented himself to that body at the commencement of their session, and continued his attendance until they had closed. He was received in a most kind and brotherly manner, and was much gratified at what he saw of the condition and prospects of that rapidly improving branch of the Presbyterian Church in our land. He took occasion to express to the Synod, the deep interest which our denomination cherishes in the prosperity of theirs, and his own strong conviction that the time is coming when on the churches, Presbyterian in their order and Calvinistic in their doctrines, will devolve, more than ever before, the maintenance of God's precious truth, against heretics and errorists of every grade. To *our* sentiments of affection and interest a cordial response was given, and the Synod seemed to concur in the opinion expressed of the growing responsibilities to God and man of the Presbyterian Churches. Your delegate thought it expedient to make some statement to the Synod concerning our Board of Publication, presenting them with a copy of the last report of that Board, and a number of copies of their Catalogue. These were most kindly received, and referred to a committee, on whose report the Synod distributed the Catalogues among their several classes, and recommended to their ministers "to turn their attention to the publications of our Board." (See pages 85, 86, Minutes of the German Reformed Synod.) Your delegate would suggest that the Board of Publication be instructed, in the name of the Assembly, to present to the Theological Seminary at Mercersburg, a set of their publications. He believes the gift would be very useful to the students in that institution and very acceptable to our brethren, and that it may probably have the effect of awakening among their congregations, through the influence of those students when they go out into the ministry, a demand for our books, which, even on commercial principles, would manifoldly repay our Board for the donation. In the whole of the intercourse of your delegate with the Synod, he endeavoured to act in the very spirit of the resolution of the last Assembly, (Min. page 192,) "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." Your delegate begs to be indulged in the expression of the opinion that it is obviously the duty of the Presbyterian churches in this country to act in the spirit of the resolution last quoted. In the Minutes of the meeting of which he has just spoken, (a copy of which he begs leave to present to the Assembly,) there appears (pages 24—27) a plan, not of union, but of correspondence, between the Dutch and German Reformed Churches. This plan, which it is believed has been cordially adopted by both those churches, provides for the triennial meeting of a convention of delegates from both churches—to be composed of thirty-six ministers and elders, two-thirds from the German and one-third from the Dutch churches: "to possess no judicial or legislative powers, but to be purely advisory, in suggesting such measures as shall, with the divine blessing, best promote the interests of religion both at home and abroad."

The first meeting of this convention is to take place at Harrisburg, in Pennsylvania, on the second Thursday in August next. Now if your delegate may be borne with yet further, he would most respectfully suggest whether this is not the very measure which it is the duty of all the Presbyterian churches in the United States, now to adopt? Whilst it preserves to each its identity and its independence unimpaired, it opens the way for the cordial co-operation of all in the maintenance and propagation of our common principles. For a close union we are probably not prepared, but this plan of correspondence seems to your delegate to offer many advantages and to threaten no danger. If the Assembly shall concur in this opinion, it may be deemed expedient to appoint a committee to confer with that convention at their meeting in August, and in conjunction with them to agree on terms of correspondence; to be valid when ratified by the German and Dutch Synods and the General Assembly. Delegates were appointed by the Synod to attend your sessions, though the fear was expressed that from the remoteness of your present place of meeting it might not be practicable for these delegates to be present. The next meeting of the Synod will be held at Allentown, Lehigh County, Pa. on the Thursday succeeding the 15th day of October, 1844.

All which is respectfully submitted.

W. M. ATKINSON.

REPORT OF THE DELEGATE TO THE GENERAL ASSOCIATION OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.

To the Moderator of the General Assembly.*

The undersigned would respectfully report, that in pursuance of the appointment of the General Assembly he attended the General Association of New Hampshire, and that he was received with Christian kindness by that body, whose sessions were marked with great unanimity of feeling, while the reports from various portions of the State indicated an increasing desire on the part of the Church to maintain sound doctrine and order, while cheering evidences of the presence of the Holy Spirit were presented from various Associations, and also from the Presbytery of Londonderry, which is represented in the General Association of New Hampshire.

JOHN C. LORD.

Buffalo, May 1844.

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

The Directors report to the General Assembly, that at the date of the last report, the number of students in the Seminary was *one hundred and three*.

During the year now closed, the following *forty-six* students have been received, viz.

William W. Lord, on certificate from Auburn Theological Seminary.

Chauncey P. Taylor, do. Lane do.

Benjamin T. Phillips, on certificate from Union New York City Seminary.

* Received after the adjournment of the Assembly.

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| James Byers, licentiate of Truro Presbytery, Nova Scotia. | |
| Theodore L. Cuyler, graduate of New Jersey College, N. J. | |
| A. Alexander Hodge, | do. do. |
| James H. Lorance, | do. do. |
| William W. Scudder, | do. do. |
| Oliver P. Stark, | do. do. |
| George A. Bowman, | do. Bowdoin College, Maine. |
| Samuel W. Cheney, | do. Middlebury College, Vermont. |
| Abraham Gosman, | do. Williams' College, Mass. |
| Jairus C. Searle, | do. Amherst College, Mass. |
| Thaddeus Wilson, | do. do. |
| Shepard Kollock, | do. Wesleyan University, Conn. |
| J. Mains Buchanan, | do. Union College, N. Y. |
| Joseph S. Heacock, | do. do. |
| Stephen Mattoon, | do. do. |
| James Merrill, | do. do. |
| Augustus W. Seeley, | do. do. |
| Reuben S. Goodman, | do. University of New York City, N. Y. |
| William H. Goldsmith, | do. Rutgers' College, N. J. |
| Edward B. Bruen, | do. University of Pennsylvania, Pa. |
| Joseph McMurray, | do. do. |
| Henry J. Vandyke, | do. do. |
| John Farquhar, | do. Lafayette College, Pa. |
| James F. Kennedy, | do. do. |
| Joseph Stevens, | do. do. |
| Edward F. Stewart, | do. do. |
| Thomas Thomas, | do. do. |
| William M. Scott, | do. Jefferson College, Pa. |
| James Smith, | do. do. |
| Samuel McCulloh, | do. Dickinson College, Pa. |
| Beverly Tucker Lacy, | do. Washington College, Va. |
| Samuel B. McPheeters, | do. North Carolina University, N. C. |
| Charles Phillips, | do. do. |
| Duncan Sellars, | do. do. |
| James Park, | do. East Tennessee University, Tenn. |
| O. Park, | do. Marietta College, Ohio. |
| David S. Anderson, | do. Miami University, Ohio. |
| David R. McCoy, some time member of Washington College, | Pa. |
| William H. Crane, | do. New Jersey College, N. J. |
| Robert L. Anderson, candidate of Presbytery of New Castle. | |
| David Irving, | do. do. Western District. |
| C. W. Webber, | do. do. Muhlenburg. |
| Morse Powell, of the State of New York. | |

The whole number of students connected with the Seminary during the year has been *one hundred and nineteen*. The present number is *one hundred and five*.

At the close of the year, the students were examined in presence of a committee of the Board. This examination was continued through five successive days, and was satisfactory to the committee.

At the close of the examination the Board met, and conferred certificates of having finished the whole course prescribed in the Plan, on the following *sixteen* young men, viz. M. S. Culbertson, Richard V. Dodge, Henry L. Doolittle, Thomas Elcock, George M. Giger, Matthew B. Grier, Slater C. Hepburn, Daniel Johnson, James Knox, Earl W. Larkin, Augustus W. Loomis, Solomon McNair, N. Grier Parke, Robert Steel, John W. Sterling, and John Dunlap Wells.

The Committee of Examination reported, that in addition to the above sixteen young men, John Lloyd and Hugh A. Brown have also finished the whole course of study prescribed in the Plan, but were necessarily prevented from being present and passing the final examination. The Board resolved, that the full certificate should also be conferred on these two young men, in case they are examined by the professors, and receive their approbation.

The Board are happy to inform the Assembly, that of the class which have just

finished their course in the Institution, no less than *four* of its members have devoted themselves to the *China* mission, and have been accepted by the Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions, and are expected shortly to embark for their destined stations.

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.

Ashbel Green, D.D.
John M. Krebs, D.D.
Jacob J. Janeway, D.D.
Henry A. Boardman,
Nicholas Murray, D.D.
John C. Backus,
William W. Phillips.

Signed by order of the Board,

ELDERS.

James Lenox,
Alexander Henry,
Moses Allen.

ASHBEL GREEN, *President.*

JOHN McDOWELL, *Secretary.*

Princeton, May 13, 1844.

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.

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W. W. Phillips, D.D.
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,
John McDowell, D.D.
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.

RULING ELDERS.

James Lenox,
Moses Allen,
James N. Dickson.

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

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

THE OFFICERS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS ARE

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GARDINER SPRING, D.D., 1st. Vice Pres't. | JOHN McDOWELL, D.D., Secretary.

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.



SEVENTEENTH 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 report to the General Assembly, that since the last report the following twenty-four Students have been regularly matriculated, viz.

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| Samuel P. Bollman, graduate of Jefferson College, Pa. | |
| David R. Campbell, | “ “ “ |
| R. Semple Elliott, | “ “ “ |
| Aaron H. Kerr, | “ “ “ |
| James Gallatin, | “ “ “ |
| A. Otis Rockwell, | “ “ “ |
| John Rowe, | “ “ “ |
| Elliott E. Swift, | “ “ “ |
| Joseph S. Braddock, | “ Washington College, Pa. |

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| William Ewing, graduate | of | Washington College, Pa. |
| John McFarland, | " | " |
| O. Haymaker Miller, | " | " |
| John H. Moore, | " | " |
| Milo Templeton, | " | " |
| Charles B. Maclay, | " | Marshall College, Pa. |
| Enoch W. Skinner, | " | " |
| Robert P. McPherson, | " | Dickinson College, Pa. |
| Lewis L. Conrad, | " | Hampden Sydney, Va. |
| William R. Fulton, | " | Franklin College, Ohio. |
| James P. Riddle, | " | " |
| John McCoy, | " | Miami University, Ohio. |
| M. Branch Price, | " | Centre College, Ky. |
| Nelson C. Robinson, | " | Middlebury College, Vt. |
| William Speer, | " | Kenyon College, Ohio. |

Also, in attendance during the session, Lewis Burton, a graduate of Allegheny College, Pa., and Franklin Moore, of Washington College, Pa., in connection with the Methodist Episcopal Church, and — Holmes, of Pennsylvania College, in connection with the Lutheran Church.

The highest number of Students in attendance upon the studies of the Seminary during the past year has been fifty-four.

The usual course of studies has been pursued in the Institution during the past year, but on account of the change in the time of commencing the session, the final examination has not yet taken place, as the session is not closed.

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

| BISHOPS. | RULING ELDERS. |
|--------------------------|-------------------|
| Rev. Robert Johnston, | Harmar Denny, |
| " William Jeffery, | Alexander Semple, |
| " C. C. Beatty, D.D. | Malcolm Leech. |
| " Samuel McFarren, | |
| " Loyal Young, | |
| " George Marshall, | |
| " Algernon S. Macmaster. | |

The Hon. R. C. Grier, elected by the Assembly in 1842, has tendered his resignation as a member of the Board; and Samuel Thompson, elected at the same time, has departed this life; thus leaving two vacancies for one year, to be filled by the Assembly during its present sessions.

The Faculty in their last report, say, "We record with gratitude the increasing prosperity of your Institution. Health and peace, and success in study, have for the most part, *eminently* characterised this session. The Spirit of Missions is evidently advancing among us, and two at least of the present Senior Class have given themselves to the foreign field. We long to see more abundant indications of God's power and presence in our School; but we thank him and take courage for what we have; and we pray for a revival of his work in our hearts, that our labours may be more and more sanctified, and consequently more subservient to the great interests of the Church and the world."

The Board request an appropriation of \$1,000 for the support of the Institution during the ensuing year.

The Professors report that they have received a number of articles from various benevolent persons and societies for the use of the Students.

In conclusion: The Board take pleasure in reporting to the Assembly, that the prospects of the Institution, committed to their care, are more than usually encouraging. It is growing in the affections of the people, and promises to be still more extensively a blessing to the Church and the world.

Signed by order of the Board.

FRANCIS HERRON, *President.*

W. B. McILVAINE, *Secretary pro tem.*

Pittsburgh, May 13th, 1844.

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.

THE DIRECTORS OF THE SEMINARY ARE

BISHOPS.

Robert Johnson,
 William Jeffery,
 C. C. Beatty, D.D.
 Samuel McFarren,
 Loyal Young,
 Richard Lea,
 H. G. Comingo.
 David McConaughy, D.D.,
 A. O. Patterson,
 Robert Dunlap,
 A. D. Campbell, D.D.
 Noah Gillett,
 James Culbertson,
 Absalom McCready,
 Francis Herron, D.D.
 E. P. Swift, D.D.
 M. Brown, D.D.
 W. B. McIlvaine,
 John Stockton,
 Ebenezer Graham,
 James Alexander.

RULING ELDERS.

Harmar Denny,
 Alexander Semple,
 Malcolm Leech.
 Alexander Laughlin,
 F. G. Bailey,
 Thomas Kiddoo.
 Robert Wray, M.D.
 Benjamin Williams,
 Henry Hannen, M.D.

THE OFFICERS OF THE BOARD ARE

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

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE 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.

Cyrus K. Caldwell, graduate of Davidson College, North Carolina.
 Alexander L. Hogshead, " Washington " Virginia.
 James M. Humphreys, candidate of Lexington Presbytery.
 David C. Humphreys, " " "
 James M. Rice, graduate of Hampden Sydney College, Virginia.
 Jacob H. Smith, " Washington College, " —Total 6.

And that the following received certificates of graduation last autumn, viz.

D. B. Black, of Moore county, North Carolina.
 R. N. Davis, of Cabarras " "
 M. D. Hoge, of Hampden Sydney College, Virginia.
 O. D. McNeily, of Mecklenburg county, North Carolina.
 James Naylor, of Romney, Virginia.
 James T. Paxton, of Rockbridge county, Virginia.

S. W. Watkins, of Prince Edward county, Virginia.
 W. V. Wilson, of Kenawha county, “

—Total 8.

There have been in connexion with the Seminary during the past year thirty-two students. The present number is twenty-two.

The Board are happy to inform the Assembly that the condition and prospects of the Seminary continue to be highly encouraging. The gratifying diligence and proficiency of the students warrant the hope of their future usefulness, and confirm the confidence of the Board in the qualifications and fidelity of their professors.

The attention of the Board having been directed by concurrent resolutions of the Synods of Virginia and North Carolina to the consideration of the expediency of having but one meeting of the Board in the year, in place of two as heretofore, the Board have deemed it expedient that there should be but one, and resolved accordingly, appointing the time of meeting to be on the Tuesday before the fourth Wednesday of September.

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 Teacher.

THE OFFICERS OF THE BOARD ARE,

Rev. WM. S. PLUMER, D.D., President.
 “ R. BURWELL, 1st Vice President.
 “ WM. H. FOOTE, 2d Vice President.
 “ A. HART, Secretary.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

A. HART, Secretary.

Union Theological Seminary, April 9th, 1844.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

The papers referred to the Committee on Finance by the General Assembly at its present session, are the following: the report of the Treasurer of the Trustees, showing the amount of receipts and expenditures for the year ending May 1, 1844; an account of the stocks, &c., owned by the Assembly, with a balance sheet from the ledger of the Treasurer of the General Assembly; and also a paper showing the several items making the cash balance in the hands of the Treasurer.

Upon these documents the Committee respectfully report, that the Treasurer's account has been regularly audited, and shows a balance in his hands of nine hundred and thirty-seven dollars and sixty-six cents, up to the said first day of May, 1844, which account is herewith returned and marked (A.) The Treasurer's books are neatly, and so far as we can judge, correctly kept.

The paper marked (B.) is a tabular statement of the investments made by the Trustees; the par value of the several stocks; the last year's estimate of the value of each investment, and their respective value on the third day of May inst.

The estimated value of the amount invested in stocks, as reported to the General Assembly of last year, was \$63,614 00.

The estimated value of these stocks at this present time, is \$78,235 50, showing an improvement during the year of \$14,621 50, but which still falls short of the par value \$46,459 50. We desire, however, to regard the gratifying improvement in our funds, as an evidence of the Divine goodness to us during the past year.

The paper marked (C.) is a balance sheet from the ledger of the Treasurer of the General Assembly, and the paper marked (D.) shows the several items making the cash balance in his hands; and we would recommend that the aforesaid papers marked A, B, C and D, be printed in the Appendix to the Minutes.

Your Committee is not sufficiently conversant with the state of the stock mar-

ket, to make any suggestions to the Assembly in regard to a change in any of its investments.

All which is respectfully submitted.

THOMPSON PRICE,
GEO. R. KING,
GEO. TODD,
JAMES C. EDWARDS,
JOHN W. SCOTT.

(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 1, 1843, to May 1, 1844, was \$10,386 12, making together with \$4,720 82, the balance in the hands of the Treasurer from the last year, the sum of \$15,106 94. The expenditures during the year have amounted to \$14,169 28, leaving a balance in the hands of the Treasurer at the close of the fiscal year, of nine hundred and thirty-seven dollars and sixty-six cents.

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

| | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|----------|----|
| Balance from the last year, | - | - | - | - | - | \$4,720 | 82 |
| Contingent funds, contributions from churches, &c. | - | - | - | - | - | 900 | 23 |
| Commissioners' Fund, | - | - | - | - | - | 716 | 63 |
| Dividends on bank stocks and interest on mortgages, &c. | - | - | - | - | - | 3,143 | 90 |
| Special Fund for Princeton Theological Seminary, | - | - | - | - | - | 1,738 | 89 |
| Rev. J. Eastburn's Bequest, Dividends, Rents, &c. | - | - | - | - | - | 361 | 00 |
| Permanent Funds received, paid in, | - | - | - | - | - | 3,222 | 63 |
| Boudinot Fund for Pastors' Libraries, | - | - | - | - | - | 227 | 34 |
| Professors' Salaries, | - | - | - | - | - | 75 | 50 |
| | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | \$15,106 | 94 |

The expenditures are as follows:—

| | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|----------|----|
| Scholarships, interest on principal, | - | - | - | - | - | \$2,316 | 22 |
| Students' Fund, do. do. | - | - | - | - | - | 183 | 25 |
| Missionary Fund, paid Board of Missions, | - | - | - | - | - | 748 | 13 |
| Contingent Fund, paid sundries, | - | - | - | - | - | 1,329 | 40 |
| Commissioners' Fund, paid Commissioners, | - | - | - | - | - | 666 | 97 |
| Professors' Salaries, | - | - | - | - | - | 2,473 | 18 |
| Boudinot Fund for Pastors' Libraries, | - | - | - | - | - | 174 | 00 |
| Boudinot Missionary Fund, | - | - | - | - | - | 150 | 00 |
| Rev. J. Eastburn's Bequest, paid sundries, | - | - | - | - | - | 246 | 30 |
| Special Fund, Princeton Theological Seminary, | - | - | - | - | - | 594 | 69 |
| Permanent Funds invested, | - | - | - | - | - | 5,287 | 14 |
| Balance in the hands of the Treasurer, May 1, 1844, | - | - | - | - | - | 937 | 66 |
| | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | \$15,106 | 94 |

M. NEWKIRK, *Treasurer.*

PHILADELPHIA, *May 1, 1844.*

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 nine hundred and thirty-seven dollars and sixty-six cents in his hands.

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

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

TABULAR STATEMENT OF INVESTMENTS.

| STOCKS, &c. | Shares. | Par Value. | Last Year's Estimate. | | Present Value. | Per Share. |
|--|---------|---------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|----------------|------------|
| | | | 1843. | 1844. | | |
| Merchants' and Manufacturers' Bank of Pittsburgh, | 250 | 12,500 00 | 10,625 00 | 12,500 00 | 50 00 | |
| Planters' Bank of Mississippi, | 100 | 10,000 00 | 250 00 | 250 00 | 2 50 | |
| Bank of Louisville, | 100 | 10,000 00 | 7,000 00 | 8,800 00 | 88 00 | |
| Union Bank of Tennessee, | 150 | 15,000 00 | 7,500 00 | 9,300 00 | 62 00 | |
| Bank of Mobile, | 100 | 10,000 00 | 8,000 00 | 9,000 00 | 90 00 | |
| Agricultural Bank of Mississippi, | 200 | 20,000 00 | 2,000 00 | 2,000 00 | 10 00 | |
| Merchants' and Mechanics' Bank of Wheeling, | 150 | 15,000 00 | 12,000 00 | 13,500 00 | 90 00 | |
| Planters' Bank of Tennessee, | 200 | 20,000 00 | 9,800 00 | 14,000 00 | 70 00 | |
| (Grand Gulf Rail Road and Banking Company), | 10 | 1,000 00 | 50 00 | 70 00 | 7 00 | |
| Mechanics' Bank of Philadelphia, | 115 | 4,025 00 | 2,185 00 | 3,162 50 | 27 50 | |
| Philadelphia Bank, | 20 | 2,000 00 | 1,170 00 | 2,090 00 | 104 50 | |
| Bank of the United States, | 11 | 1,100 00 | 44 00 | 60 50 | 5 50 | |
| Bank of North America, | 2 | 800 00 | 580 00 | 710 00 | 355 00 | |
| Bank of Pennsylvania, | 1 | 400 00 | 150 00 | 219 00 | 219 00 | |
| Insurance Company of Pennsylvania, | 2 | 400 00 | 270 00 | 390 00 | 195 00 | |
| Insurance Company of North America, | 45 | 450 00 | 225 00 | 337 50 | 7 50 | |
| Cheltenham and Willow Grove Turnpike Company, | 10 | 1,000 00 | 1,000 00 | 1,000 00 | 100 00 | |
| Philadelphia, Wilmington and Baltimore R. Road Co. Loan, | - | 1,050 00 | 765 00 | 816 00 | 80 00 | |
| | | <u>\$124,695 00</u> | <u>\$63,614 00</u> | <u>\$78,235 50</u> | | |
| Revol. Tenth Presbyterian Church, | - | 9,277 37 | | | | |
| Do. Central do, | - | 5,000 00 | | | | |
| Do. Solomon Allen, | - | 6,000 00 | | | | |
| Do. Josiah Hall, | - | 5,000 00 | | | | |
| Do. Joseph Moore, | - | 2,500 00 | | | | |
| Promissory Note, John Colt, | - | 2,500 00 | | | | |
| | | <u>\$30,277 37</u> | | | | |

We, the undersigned, members of the Finance Committee, having been requested by the Board of Trustees to make an estimate of the value of the Stocks owned by the General Assembly, certify that the market value this day is as set down in the last column, viz. \$78,235 50.

Philadelphia, May 3d, 1844.

MATTHEW L. BEVAN, A. SYMINGTON, } Committee on Finance.
S. ALLEN, W. NEWKIRK, }

of the Committee of Finance. (C.)*Trustees of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church.*

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|------|----|--|-----------|----------|----|
| Page | 2 | Professorship, Synods of New York and New Jersey, | - | \$19,395 | 70 |
| " | 3 | 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. | - - - - - | 2,500 | 00 |
| " | 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, | - - - - - | 5,017 | 40 |
| " | 38 | Fund for the Conversion of the Jews, | - - - - - | 298 | 38 |
| " | 39 | Fund for Books for Pastors' Libraries, | - - - - - | 95 | 06 |
| " | 53 | Rev. Joseph Eastburn's Bequest, | - - - - - | 6,736 | 34 |
| " | 71 | Contingent Fund General Assembly, | - - - - - | 525 | 23 |
| " | 56 | Contingent Expenses Board of Trustees, | - - - - - | 54 | 96 |
| " | 57 | Commissioners' Fund, | - - - - - | 52 | 05 |
| " | 63 | Permanent Fund for Indians of North America, | - - - - - | 269 | 25 |

 \$186,877 36

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

The following items make the cash balance in the hands of the Treasurer:—

| | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|-----------------|
| Bondinot Missionary Fund, | - | - | - | - | - | \$17 40 |
| Fund for the Conversion of the Jews, | - | - | - | - | - | 4 04 |
| Fund for books for Pastors' Libraries, | - | - | - | - | - | 95 06 |
| Rev. Joseph Eastburn's Bequest, | - | - | - | - | - | 186 34 |
| Contingent expenses of Board of Trustees, | - | - | - | - | - | 54 96 |
| Commissioners' Fund, | - | - | - | - | - | 52 05 |
| Fund for Indians of North America, | - | - | - | - | - | 2 58 |
| Contingent Fund of General Assembly, | - | - | - | - | - | 525 23 |
| | | | | | | <u>\$937 66</u> |

NINETEENTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY AT PRINCETON, N. J.

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

"The Committee to whom the accounts of the Treasurer were referred, report that they have examined the same, with the vouchers, and find that there is in his hands on general account, the sum of \$2,142 57½.

This balance consists of

| | | | | | |
|-------------------------------|---|---|---|---|--------------------|
| 1. Balance on Education Fund, | - | - | - | - | \$1,078 71½ |
| 2. Do. Expense Fund, | - | - | - | - | 735 82 |
| 3. Do. Contingent Fund, | - | - | - | - | 328 04 |
| | | | | | <u>\$2,142 57½</u> |

It appears that the Treasurer has received on the Education fund, which embraces the Scholarships, Students' fund, stock in the Princeton Bank, and the interest on the bond of S. H. Smith, since the last settlement in May, 1843, the sum of two thousand six hundred and forty dollars and ninety-four cents; which added to the balance due this fund on last settlement, of one hundred and two dollars and sixteen cents, make the sum of two thousand seven hundred and forty-three dollars and ten cents. And he has paid, during the same period, to the students, on the orders of the professors, one thousand six hundred and sixty-four dollars and thirty-eight cents and a half; leaving, as above stated, the balance in this fund, of one thousand and seventy-eight dollars and seventy-one and a half cents.

The Treasurer has received on the Expense fund, since the last settlement in May, 1843, the sum of one thousand four hundred and forty-two dollars and seventy-five cents and a half; which added to the balance on last settlement, of three hundred and forty-three dollars and forty-one and a half cents, makes the sum of one thousand seven hundred and eighty-six dollars and seventeen cents. And he has paid for servants' wages, insurance, paint, oil, postage, commissions, and other expenses, one thousand and fifty dollars and thirty-five and a half cents; leaving a balance of seven hundred and thirty-five dollars and eighty-two and a half cents due this fund. Among the receipts on this fund is the sum of three hundred and three dollars and seventy-six cents from the First Church at Baltimore, under the care of the Rev. Mr. Backus.

The Treasurer has received on the Contingent fund since the last settlement, the sum of six thousand nine hundred and four dollars and ninety-one cents; which added to the balance on last settlement, of ten dollars and two cents, makes the sum of six thousand nine hundred and fourteen dollars and ninety-three cents. And he has paid to the professors for salaries, the sum of six thousand five hundred and eighty-six dollars and eighty-nine cents; leaving a balance of three hundred and twenty-eight dollars and four cents due this fund. Among the moneys received on this fund is the sum of two hundred dollars, a donation from a gentleman belonging to the Presbyterian Church in Duane street, New York, under the care of Dr. Potts, and intended to form a part of the permanent fund of the Profes-

sorship of Oriental and Biblical Literature; and the Treasurer requests the direction of the Board of Trustees as to its investment or other disposition."

The above is the Treasurer's report, regularly audited by the auditing committee, and approved by the Board. With respect to the donation noticed in the close of this report, the Board passed the following resolution: "*Resolved*, That the Treasurer be directed, at his discretion, to invest two hundred dollars, contributed for the Professorship of Oriental Languages."

As most of the permanent funds are in the hands of the Trustees of the General Assembly, this Board have not the means of stating accurately, what will probably be the deficiency in the funds necessary for the payment of professors' salaries through the coming year; but from all the information they have, they have reason to believe it will be nearly the same as last year. The attention of the General Assembly is respectfully called to this subject, that they may in their wisdom devise the necessary means to meet the expected deficiency.

The professors have reported to the Board, that they have received through the year, for the use of indigent students, the following articles, viz. A box of shirts, stocks, &c., from the ladies of the Duane street Church, New York; two bundles of clothing, &c., from the Female Charitable Association of Morris Plains, N. J.; a box of clothing from the ladies of the First Presbyterian Church in Baltimore; and a package of clothing from the ladies of the Tenth Presbyterian Church, Philadelphia.

Several valuable additions have been made to the library through the year, by donations. The following are the donors, with the number of volumes presented by each, viz.

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|--|---|---|---|----|----------|
| James Lenox, Esq., New York, | - | - | - | 28 | volumes. |
| Presbyterian Board of Publication, | - | - | - | 22 | " |
| Rev. Dr. Cunningham, of Scotland, | - | - | - | 9 | " |
| Rev. Dr. Burns, do. | - | - | - | 3 | " |
| Rev. George W. Musgrave, Baltimore, | - | - | - | 1 | " |
| Stephen Collins, M.D. | - | - | - | 1 | " |
| Rev. Dr. Thomas Smyth, Charleston, S. C. | - | - | - | 3 | " |
| Anonymous, | - | - | - | 2 | " |
| Total donations, | - | - | - | 69 | " |

In addition to these there have been purchased with moneys received from duplicates sold, eight volumes.

The Board have only further to report, that the building reported last year as erecting for the library, by James Lenox, Esq., has been finished, and the books of the library have been removed, and are deposited in it. It is a spacious, convenient, beautiful and noble structure. The friends of the Seminary will here find ample room for books, which it is hoped many will feel disposed to present. At least next in importance to able professors, with which the Institution is eminently favoured, is a large and well selected library.

Signed by order of the Board,

JOHN McDOWELL, *Secretary.*

PRINCETON, May 14, 1844.

THE TRUSTEES OF THE SEMINARY ARE

REV. JAMES CARNAHAN, D.D., President.

LEWIS W. R. PHILLIPS, Esq., Vice President.

REV. JOHN McDOWELL, D.D., Secretary.

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|---|-------------------------|
| Benjamin Strong, | James Nelson, Esq. |
| Dr. John T. Woodhull, | Benjamin McDowell, Esq. |
| Solomon Allen, | Stephen Colwell, Esq. |
| James Lenox, | Reuben Van Pelt, |
| H. W. Green, Esq. | Prof. Joseph Henry, |
| John J. Bryant, Esq. | Rev. Ashbel Green, D.D. |
| Rev. Wm. W. Phillips, D.D. | Rev. Joseph McElroy, |
| Rev. David Comfort, | Rev. Eli F. Cooley, |
| Rev. Isaac V. Brown, | Rev. Nicholas Murray. |
| Treasurer, JAMES S. GREEN, Esq., Princeton. | |

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF WAYS AND MEANS.

The Committee appointed by the last General Assembly, to raise the sum of \$1,766 20, to supply the anticipated deficiency in the funds necessary for the payment of the Professors' salaries in the Theological Seminary at Princeton, and to pay five per cent. on the Scholarships' and Students' Fund, and the permanent Missionary Fund, beg leave to report :

That in August last, they addressed a circular letter to two hundred and fifty congregations in the Synods of Albany, New York, New Jersey, and Philadelphia, asking a remittance for these objects. In the winter, when they found that comparatively few congregations had responded to their circular, they called their attention to the subject, through the *Presbyterian*.

The following sums have been received through the year, viz.

| Presbyteries. | Congregations. | Amount in each Congregation. | Amount in each Presbytery. |
|---------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------|
| <i>Londonderry.</i> | | | |
| <i>Ogdensburg,</i> | Oswegatchie 2d, | \$ 8 00 | |
| | | | \$ 8 00 |
| <i>Troy,</i> | Waterford, | 25 68 | |
| | Troy 2d Church, | 35 00 | |
| | Lansingburg, | 17 15 | |
| | | | 77 83 |
| <i>Albany,</i> | Charlton, | 10 12 | |
| | Albany 1st Church, | 150 00 | |
| | Albany 2d Church, | 150 00 | |
| | | | 310 12 |
| <i>Columbia,</i> | | | |
| <i>Hudson,</i> | Good Will, | 25 00 | |
| | Hopewell, | 10 00 | |
| | Hempstead, | 10 00 | |
| | Scotchtown, | 25 00 | |
| | | | 70 00 |
| <i>North River,</i> | Matteawan, | 14 75 | |
| | Marlborough, | 12 50 | |
| | Smithfield, | 7 00 | |
| | | | 34 25 |
| <i>Bedford,</i> | Bedford, | 25 00 | |
| | South Salem, | 25 49 | |
| | Patterson, | 12 00 | |
| | White Plains, | 8 25 | |
| | | | 70 74 |
| <i>Long Island,</i> | Southampton, | 3 50 | |
| | | | 3 50 |
| <i>New York,</i> | Newtown, | 25 00 | |
| | Brick Church, New York, | 150 00 | |
| | Rutger's st. Church, New York, | 50 00 | |
| | 2d Church, Brooklyn, | 12 00 | |
| | Jamaica, | 41 00 | |
| | 1st Church, New York, | 1195 00 | |
| | Duane street Church, New York, | 150 00 | |
| | 1st Church, Brooklyn, | 42 31 | |
| | | | 1665 31 |
| <i>New York 2d.</i> | | | |

| Presbyteries. | Congregations. | Amount in each Congregation. | Amount in each Presbytery. |
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| <i>Elizabeth Town,</i> | 1st Church, Elizabethtown, | 60 00 | |
| | 2d Church, Woodbridge, | 5 00 | |
| | Paterson, | 20 00 | |
| | Chatham Village, | 15 00 | |
| | Lanington, | 16 00 | |
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| <i>New Brunswick,</i> | Trenton, 1st Church, | 19 50 | |
| | Shrewsbury, | 15 00 | |
| | Princeton, | 50 00 | |
| | Village Church, Freehold, | 20 00 | |
| | Trenton, | 16 34 | |
| | Kingston, | 30 00 | |
| | Freehold, | 14 84 | |
| | Lawrenceville, | 30 00 | |
| | Pennington, | 12 00 | |
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| <i>Newton,</i> | Hackettstown, | 30 00 | |
| | Blairstown, | 7 50 | |
| | Easton, | 40 00 | |
| | Mauch Chunk, | 5 00 | |
| | Musconetcong Valley, | 15 00 | |
| | Oxford, | 15 00 | |
| | Belvidere, | 25 00 | |
| | Presbytery, | 25 00 | |
| | | <hr/> | 162 50 |
| <i>Raritan,</i> | Lambertsville, | 45 00 | |
| | Amwell, | 10 00 | |
| | | <hr/> | 55 00 |
| <i>Susquehanna,</i> | Wilkesbarre, | 31 50 | |
| | Towanda, | 5 00 | |
| | | <hr/> | 36 50 |
| <i>Steuben,</i> | Bath, | 15 00 | |
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| <i>Wyoming,</i> | Caledonia, | 25 00 | |
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| <i>West Jersey,</i> | Salem, | 25 00 | |
| | Bridgeton, | 40 00 | |
| | Burlington, | 25 00 | |
| | | <hr/> | 90 00 |
| <i>Philadelphia,</i> | 6th Church, Philadelphia, | 75 00 | |
| | 2d Church, do. | 150 00 | |
| | 10th Church, do. | 150 00 | |
| | Central Church, do. | 150 00 | |
| | | <hr/> | 525 00 |
| <i>Philadelphia 2d,</i> | Neshaminy, | 15 00 | |
| | | <hr/> | 15 00 |
| <i>Newcastle,</i> | Head of Christiana and Newark, | 17 00 | |
| | | <hr/> | 17 00 |
| <i>Donegal, Baltimore,</i> | 2d Church, Baltimore, | 97 17 | |
| | 1st Church, do. | 303 76 | |
| | Frederick, | 10 70 | |
| | Alexandria, | 25 00 | |
| | 3d Church, do. | 81 75 | |
| | | <hr/> | 518 38 |
| <i>Carlisle,</i> | Bedford, | 16 75 | |
| | Greencastle, | 12 00 | |
| | Chambersburg, | 25 00 | |
| | | <hr/> | 53 75 |

| Presbyteries. | Congregations. | Amount in each Congregation. | Amount in each Presbytery. |
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| <i>Huntingdon,</i> | Huntingdon, | 25 00 | |
| | Frankstown, | 16 10 | |
| | Alexandria and Hartzlog, | 15 00 | |
| | | <hr/> | 56 10 |

Northumberland.

In addition to the above, the following sums have been received for the same object.

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| From Rochester, New York, | 20 00 |
| Benjamin Strong, Esq., New York, | 50 00 |
| A friend of the Seminary, | 25 00 |
| A lady of New York, | 30 00 |
| E. S. M., of New York, | 50 00 |
| Rev. Dr. J. J. Janeway, New Brunswick, N. J. | 50 00 |
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The above is a detailed account of the moneys received to supply the deficiency stated in the minute of the appointment of the Committee. They regret that the receipts have not reached the amount they were appointed to raise, by \$408 54. They addressed, by a letter to each, post paid, two hundred and fifty congregations. Of these only seventy-five have responded, and sent in collections. The Committee understand that there will be a deficiency next year nearly equal to the last. It does not belong to the Committee to recommend any plan for raising this deficiency. They state facts, and leave it to the wisdom of the Assembly to devise plans to meet the exigency presented by these facts.

Signed in behalf of the Committee, and by their order,

JOHN McDOWELL, *Chairman.*

PHILADELPHIA, *May 16, 1844.*

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE MARRIAGE QUESTION.

Referred to the General Assembly of 1845.

The Committee to whom was referred the Overtures to strike out the last sentence of Chap. xxiv. Sec. 4, of the Confession of Faith, beg leave to submit, in the first place, the following views respecting the question: Whether there is any mode prescribed of amending or altering the Confession of Faith—as a preliminary inquiry.

The Form of Government, Chap. xii. Sec. 6, gives power to the General Assembly to propose Overtures, which, if approved by a majority of the Presbyteries, shall have the FORCE OF CONSTITUTIONAL RULES. This provision, it is thought, does not apply to altering or amending the Confession of Faith. 1st, Because it relates to the powers of the General Assembly, and is plainly designed to limit those powers in respect of legislation. 2d. The use of the terms "Overtures or Regulations," defines with sufficient clearness the meaning of the expression "Constitutional Rules," and limits its application to rules of government and discipline; but excludes alterations of the doctrine and fundamental principles of the Church. 3d. Unless the language used necessarily and certainly embraces alterations of the latter kind, it would be unwise to resort to a forced construction, and thus jeopard the stability of the great principles of faith and order embraced in our standards.

On the other hand it is contended that there is, and ought to be, no method of altering our doctrinal formularies. And in support of this opinion it is said, that while prudential rules may be changed with circumstances, the doctrines of religion remain ever the same. But to this it is a sufficient answer that, although

the Bible and the truth which it contains are unchangeable, yet human compositions, such as our Confession of Faith undoubtedly is, are not infallible, but may err; and when any such error in the expression of truth is discovered, it ought to be corrected in an orderly manner. This was certainly the opinion of the Synod of New York and Philadelphia when they adopted the Constitution of the Church.

That Synod in the adopting act inserted a provision which allows that "two-thirds of the Presbyteries may propose alterations or amendments, which shall be valid if *subsequently enacted* by the General Assembly." Digest, p. 123. So far only as this embraces Constitutional Rules, this provision has been changed; but in every other respect remains in full force. It is insufficient to allege that it has been forgotten and become obsolete; for it has always been on the Records, and was published in the Digest in 1821, and it would be exceedingly unsafe to allow organic enactments thus to be overlooked and lost.

It is conceived, therefore, that this method of proceeding is constitutional and is still in force, and should also be strictly observed. Likewise this resolution of the Synod should be prefixed to all future editions of the Confession of Faith.

Respecting the subject of these Overtures, they offer the following views.

The Overtures before the last General Assembly, and referred to this Committee, came from two Synods and five Presbyteries, and deserve serious attention, as expressing the opinion of a respectable portion of the Church. They propose that the last sentence only, may be stricken from the fourth section of the twenty-fourth chapter of the Confession of Faith. The sentence is this—"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."—And the reference directs the attention of the Committee to two questions, first, Shall this sentence be stricken out?—second, If this is improper, shall an amended form of this section be proposed to the Presbyteries?

This being the nature of the reference, and no change of the first sentence of this section having been proposed, the Committee think that it is not within their province to inquire whether Lev. xviii. 6—18, and Lev. xx. 11, 12, 14, 17, 20, 21, relate to marriage; or whether this law, if it relate to marriage, is obligatory under the Christian dispensation; or whether those marriages which are contrary to this law are to be deemed criminal, and worthy of ecclesiastical censure. All these questions are so plainly determined in the first sentence of this section, either by its express terms or by necessary implication, and by its reference to Scripture proofs, and likewise in the Directory, chapter xi. section 3, that nothing need be said respecting them, unless it were proposed to expunge the whole section. And we apprehend very few would be prepared to advocate such a proposal.

The first question then is, Shall the last sentence of the section be stricken out? We think not, for the following reasons.

1. The first sentence of this section, and the third section of the eleventh chapter of the Directory make consanguinity and affinity the grounds of prohibition of marriage with equal distinctness and certainty; but the sentence in question only decides that one form of affinity, which it specifies, is a reason why marriage should not be contracted between those who are thus related.

2. In the Confession and Directory, (same quotations,) the *degree* of relationship, both in consanguinity and affinity, is made the measure of the extent to which the prohibitions extend; and thus the question is decided whether only those cases which are specified in express terms are within the scope of the law, or whether it embraces all those which are of the same nature. And with this decision the principle of this sentence perfectly accords; so that it would be a plain inconsistency to retain the one, and strike out the other. This inconsistency would be the more manifest when it was seen that other cases of affinity no nearer in degree, nor more culpable in their nature, were left under the operation of the law.

3. The repeal of this clause would be an uncertain and indirect method of deciding the question in controversy. For, although it would seem that by removing from the Confession a specific prohibition, the question in dispute would be determined, and opinion be obtained that such marriages are lawful; yet there would really be no direct expression of opinion in the case.

4. Therefore, the repeal of this clause would neither decide the controversy,

nor remove the difficulties which occur in adjudicating cases which arise. Those who hold the doctrine of this clause would still maintain the same opinion, and appeal to the first sentence of the section and the Scriptures in support of their belief. So, also, in the judicatories, the same use would be made of these authorities, and the same decisions would be made on cases that might occur, as if no change had been produced by striking out this sentence.

5. The doctrine of this clause, as well as of the first sentence, it is apprehended, can easily be shown to be sustained by the Levitical law. The doctrine is, that if marriage in a specified case of relationship is forbidden in express terms, then the prohibition extends, "by good and necessary consequence," (Confession of Faith, chapter i. section 6,) to all other cases of similar and equal relationship. A man is forbidden to marry his mother. Does not this prohibition certainly apply to the mother in respect of her being married to her son, and to a father marrying his daughter, and a daughter her father? Also in relationships by affinity, if a man may not take his paternal uncle's wife, may he take his maternal uncle's wife? The doctrine is sound and scriptural, and may be safely applied to all cases within the prescribed rule. Nor can the opposite principle be applied without manifest inequality and inconsistency. If this statement of the principle is true, its application in the case before us is obvious.

6. In the Levitical law of marriage, the prohibitions are as numerous, and as perfectly cover all cases that can arise, in affinity as in consanguinity. By one method of reckoning there are six cases, and by another seven of each. Thus it appears that it was the intention of the Lawgiver to impose like restraints in both kinds of relationship. This is true, likewise, in affinity, by a husband or wife, as by a parent or child.

7. The Levitical law extends the prohibition of marriage to the same degrees in both cases. It prohibits marriage with a granddaughter and a wife's granddaughter, an aunt and an uncle's wife, a sister and a sister-in-law; that is, in the superior and inferior relations the second degree is included, and in the equal only the first, by the necessity of the case, in both consanguinity and affinity. Here, again, relationship by a husband or wife is placed under the full force of the prohibition, of which there is a remarkable exemplification in Lev. xx. 14. And, besides, it is pertinent to inquire if, on this principle, marriage with an uncle's wife or a brother's wife is forbidden, what substantial reason can be assigned for regarding a wife's aunt, or sister, or even niece, as excepted and favoured cases?

For these and similar reasons the Committee are of the opinion that the clause before us ought not to be erased.

The chief difficulty which has been felt in deciding those cases which have been adjudicated under this law, lies in the interpretation of it, and particularly of the clause under consideration. This has been understood as declaring that all those who have entered into matrimony contrary to the decision expressed in this clause, cannot lawfully live together as husband and wife. If this be its meaning, then they must separate or be excommunicated; and if this doctrine be sustained by the word of God, the section ought not to be amended or altered.

But if we may understand the last sentence of section four, as being a decision of the question, Is it right according to the word of God that a man should marry his wife's relations nearer in blood than he may of his own? then it does not determine they must separate or be perpetually excluded from communion, and this practical question must be decided on other grounds. And in favour of this interpretation it may be alleged—

1. The last sentence is no otherwise connected with the first, than by juxtaposition and the nature of the general subject; and it does not declare that conjugal cohabitation is so incestuous that the parties must separate.

2. It is a general rule of interpreting law, especially criminal law, that the meaning must be taken from the express terms used, or necessary implication showing certain intention; or in other words, that it is understood favourably to the party accused.

3. Such has been the construction of this clause which has been practically adopted by the Synod of New York and Philadelphia, and by the General Assembly, in a great majority of the cases which have been determined, from the beginning until now. It is not remembered that in any instance the decision has been of the contrary nature, except in those cases which had been decided and the par-

ties had been excluded from communion by the inferior judicatory, unless in the case of a man's marrying his wife's daughter.

4. The Levitical law makes a plain and certain distinction between lineal and collateral affinity, in those texts which are given in the Scripture proofs, Lev. xx. 12, 14, 20, 21; in the former class of cases appointing death as the penalty, but in the latter declaring that they shall "die," or "be childless." Whatever may be the precise import of this language, it cannot be alleged that there is here as in the other cases, a commandment to put the parties to death. And if the Levitical law makes this distinction, should not the Christian Church, which acknowledges the obligation of that law as moral in its import, be governed by it in this respect also?

The Committee therefore conclude this Report by respectfully submitting to the consideration of the Assembly the following resolutions.

1. *Resolved*, That it is not expedient to send to the Presbyteries the Overture which proposes to strike from the Confession of Faith the last sentence of chapter xxiv. section 4.

2. *Resolved*, That the General Assembly express their decided disapprobation of such marriages as are contemplated in this clause, and advise those persons in our Church, ministers especially, who are authorised to solemnize marriage, that they ought not to officiate on such occasions.

3. *Resolved*, That marriage between those persons who are related by collateral affinity, within the prohibited degrees, although it should always be regarded as censurable, does not necessarily infer the highest church censure; but the parties may be rebuked and admonished, or otherwise censured, as the circumstances of each case may require.

GENERAL VIEW OF SYNODS.

| NAMES. | RESPECTIVE PRESBYTERIES. | NO. OF MINISTERS. | NO. OF CHURCHES. | NO. OF COM- MUNICANTS. | PLACE OF NEXT MEETING. | TIME OF NEXT MEETING. | STATED CLERKS. |
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| <i>Albany,</i> | Londonderry, Troy, Albany, Columbia. | 77 | 47 | 7706 | Albany, N. Y. | 2d Tuesday of October, 1844, 7 o'clock, P. M. | REUBEN SMITH. |
| <i>Buffalo,</i> | Steuben, Wyoming, Ogdensburg. | 30 | 26 | 2290 | Buffalo, N. Y. | 3d Wednesday of August, 1844, 2 o'clock, P. M. | JOHN C. LORD, D.D. |
| <i>New York,</i> | Hudson, North River, Bedford, Long Island, New York, New York 2d. | 98 | 74 | 11518 | Goshen, N. Y. | Tuesday, 15th October, 1844, 7 o'clock, P. M. | JOHN M. KREBS, D.D. |
| <i>New Jersey,</i> | Elizabethtown, N. Brunswick, Newton, Raritan, Susquehanna, West Jersey, Luzerne. | 134 | 121 | 16541 | N. Brunswick, N. J. | 3d Tuesday of October, 1844, 3 o'clock, P. M. | RAVAUD K. RODGERS. |
| <i>Philadelphia,</i> | Philada., Phila. 2d, New Castle, Donegal, Baltimore, Carlisle, Huntingdon, Northumberland. | 158 | 201 | 23469 | Lewistown, Pa. | 3d Wednesday of October, 1844, 11 o'clock, A. M. | H. R. WILSON, D.D. |
| <i>Pittsburgh,</i> | Redstone, Ohio, Erie, Beaver, Allegheny, Blairsville, Clarion. | 121 | 185 | 17330 | Pittsburgh, Pa. | 3d Wednesday of September, 1844, 3 o'clock, P. M. | WILLIAM JEFFERY. |
| <i>Wheeling,</i> | Steubenville, Washington, New Lisbon, St. Clairsville. | 62 | 97 | 9647 | Washington, Pa. | 3d Tuesday of October, 1844, 2 o'clock, P. M. | C. C. BEATTY, D.D. |
| <i>Ohio,</i> | Columbus, Marion, Zanesville, Richland, Wooster, Cochocton, Hocking. | 80 | 135 | 9673 | Wooster, O. | Last Thursday in September, 1844, 11 o'clock, A. M. | SIMEON BROWN. |
| <i>Cincinnati,</i> | Chillicothe, Miami, Cincinnati, Oxford, Sidney, Maumee. | 81 | 121 | 9105 | Cincinnati, O. | 3d Thursday of September, 1844, 11 o'clock, A. M. | SAMUEL STEEL. |

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| <i>Indiana,</i> | Salem, Vincennes, Madison, Crawfordsville, Indianapolis. | 47 | 94 | 4974 | | Defective Report. | P. D. GURLEY. |
| <i>Northern Indiana,</i> | Logansport, Michigan, Lake. | 22 | 48 | 1637 | | Ditto. | ED. W. WRIGHT. |
| <i>Illinois,</i> | Kaskaskia, Sangamon, Schnyler, Palestine, Peoria, Iowa. | 48 | 106 | 2991 | | Ditto. | JOHN G. BERGEN. |
| <i>Missouri,</i> | Missouri, St. Louis, Palmyra, Potosi, Upper Missouri. | 29 | 71 | 3005 | St. Louis, Mo. | 3d Thursday of October, 1844, 7 o'clock, P. M. | Wm. S. POTTS, D.D. |
| <i>Kentucky,</i> | Louisville, Muhlenburg, Transylvania, West Lexington, Ebenezer. | 75 | 127 | 8161 | | No Report. | |
| <i>Virginia,</i> | Greenbrier, Lexington, Winchester, West Hanover, East Hanover, Montgomery. | 111 | 137 | 10005 | Norfolk, Va. | 3d Wednesday of October, 1844, 7 o'clock, P. M. | Wm. S. PLUMER, D.D. |
| <i>North Carolina,</i> | Orange, Fayetteville, Concord. | 80 | 137 | 9422 | Fayetteville, N. C. | Wednesday, 6th of Nov. 1844, 7 o'clock, P. M. | COLIN McIVER. |
| <i>West Tennessee,</i> | Holston, West Tennessee, Nashville, North Alabama, Western District. | 42 | 75 | 4036 | Florence, Ala. | Thursday before the 3d Sabbath in October, 1844, 7 o'clock, P. M. | JOHN T. EDGAR, D.D. |
| <i>S. Carolina & Georgia,</i> | South Carolina, Bethel, Harmony, Charleston, Georgia, Hopewell, Flint River, Florida, Cherokee. | 110 | 185 | 8498 | | Defective Report. | B. GILDERSLEEVE. |
| <i>Alabama,</i> | South Alabama, Tuscaloosa, East Alabama. | 42 | 74 | 3232 | Gainesville, Ala. | Thursday before the 4th Sabbath of October, 1844, 11 o'clock, A. M. | ROBERT NLLA. |
| <i>Mississippi,</i> | Mississippi, Louisiana, Clinton, Tombeckbee, Chickasaw, Arkansas, Indian. | 61 | 92 | 3206 | Oakland College, Miss. | 4th Wednesday of October, 1844. | J. H. VAN COURT. |
| <i>Northern Indiana,</i> | Lodiana, Furrakabad, 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. of 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., L.L.D., Pennsylvania.
 1825, * Rev. Stephen N. Rowan, D.D., New York.
 1826, Rev. Thomas McAuley, D.D., L.L.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. Philip Lindsey, 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.
 1844, Rev. George Junkin, D.D., Ohio.

* Deceased.

STATED CLERKS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

- A. D. 1788, * Rev. George Duffield, D.D.
 1790, Rev. Ashbel Green, D.D. L.L.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.”

BOARDS OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Abstract of the Seventh Annual Report of the Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions, May, 1844.

FINANCES.—The receipts from all sources, in the year ending May 1, 1844, amount to \$74,374.07—of which \$3000 were received from the American Bible Society, and \$3300 from the American Tract Society. The balance against the Board last year was \$65.42, and of the special donations for the China Mission, \$4355.63 remain unexpended, leaving for the use of the current expenditures of the year, (exclusive of the Bible and Tract donations,) \$63,653.02. The expenditures of the year were \$63,853.14—showing a balance against the Treasury of \$200.12.

PUBLICATIONS.—The circulation of the Missionary Chronicle has somewhat diminished; that of the Foreign Missionary has increased to about fifteen thousand. [The falling off in the patronage of the former periodical appears to have occurred chiefly in those parts of the country in which the Foreign Missionary has but a very limited support. This fact shows that the two works do not interfere with each other, materially, in their circulation. The decrease in the patronage of the Chronicle, (amounting to about four hundred copies in the last three years, the present number distributed being four thousand seven hundred copies,) is greatly to be regretted.]

AGENCIES.—During the greater part of the year three agents were employed, the Rev. Messrs. Candee, Hall, and Quay. Mr. Candee's agency includes the Western and South-western Synods. Mr. Hall laboured in the Synod of Philadelphia until the first of February, and Mr. Quay in the Synod of Pittsburgh until the 30th of April. The usual agency services have been performed by the officers at the Mission House.

The Rev. W. H. Foote is the Corresponding Secretary and General Agent of the Central Board of Missions.

NEW MISSIONARIES.—Five ordained ministers, one physician, one printer, and one teacher, have received appointments from the Board as missionaries. Their names and designation will appear in connexion with the several Missions; and five ordained missionaries, it is expected, will sail for China in the present summer.

MISSION TO TEXAS.—The supervision of missionary operations in this field of labour having been transferred by the General Assembly to the Board, two additional appointments have been made, and the Rev. W. C. Blair, at Victoria, the Rev. H. Wilson, at Independence, and the Rev. J. J. Henderson, at Galveston, now sustain a missionary relation to the Church. Another appointment has been authorized at Houston. This new and rapidly-growing country is contemplated with increasing interest. Its resources are capable of great development; and its relations to our own States on the East, and to Mexico on the South-west, give a peculiar importance to its position. The foundations of civil and religious institutions are now to be laid, and those engaged in this great work are our countrymen and our brethren; many of them are members of our own communion. They are struggling with the embarrassments of a newly settled country, and would receive cordially, as they greatly need, our assistance. The present is the seed-time of a great and blessed harvest, and we sincerely hope that the Board will be enabled greatly to enlarge its operations in this field of labour.

MISSION TO THE CREEK INDIANS.—The Rev. R. M. Loughridge, and Mr. W. W. Crawford, are the missionaries of the Board among this large tribe of Indians. The Rev. E. McKinney joined this mission in the early part of the year, but afterwards, with the advice of the Executive Committee, he accepted the appointment of Superintendent of an important Academy among the Choctaws, whose territories adjoin those of the Creeks, where his missionary duties can be prosecuted

under favourable circumstances. At the Creek station a dwelling house, and small school house have been erected, a school commenced, and religious services performed on the Sabbath. Additional buildings are required, and funds not only for their erection but for the support of a boarding school, without which the influence of this most encouraging mission will be seriously restricted, and the hopes of the Indians sadly disappointed. Surely these facts will call forth the ready liberality of the people of God.

MISSION TO THE IOWA AND SAC INDIANS.—The Rev. W. Hamilton, Mr. S. M. Irvin, teacher, and Mr. F. Irvin, farmer, continue at the station among the Iowas. Their school contains fifty-five scholars; a small printing press has been connected with the mission, at which a Hymn Book and some elementary works have been printed. The Indians of this tribe are anxious to have provision made for the education of their children in a manual labour boarding school, towards which they have appropriated \$2000. A further sum of about \$1000 is required to erect suitable buildings, and to provide apparatus, &c. The funds of the Board have not been sufficient to authorize this appropriation, though no doubt can be entertained of the importance of the proposed institution—of which the influence would be the greater, because other tribes would probably avail themselves of its benefits. Indeed, the failure to establish such an institution may be attended with disastrous effects on the welfare of the Indians, by discouraging a rising spirit of improvement among them. Without such improvement, their greater debasement and eventual extinction seem inevitable.

MISSION TO THE CHIPPEWAS AND OTTAWAS.—The Rev. P. Dougherty, and Mr. H. Bradley continue to labour at the station on Grand Traverse Bay, Michigan, and their labours have been attended with continued encouragement. A church building has been erected, chiefly by the labour of the Indians, the members of the Church are now twenty-three in number, and others are inquiring the way of salvation. The school contains fifty-one scholars. A Chippewa Primer of eighty-four pages has been compiled by Mr. Dougherty, and printed, and other works are in progress. The general improvement of these Indians is highly gratifying.

MISSION TO WEST AFRICA.—Stations at *Settra Kroo*, among the natives, and at *Monrovia* and *Sinoe*, among the colonists; missionaries, the Rev. Messrs. Eden, Wilson, and Priest; W. McDonough, and Cecilia Vantyne, teachers, all persons of colour, and Mrs. Sawyer. There are two native teachers at *Settra Kroo*.

The death of the Rev. R. W. Sawyer, on the 1st of last December, is regarded as a heavy affliction to the mission; but his work was finished, and he has received his reward. Mrs. Wilson was called to her rest soon after reaching *Monrovia*. Messrs. Eden and Wilson are labouring chiefly among the colonists; the school at *Monrovia*, contains upwards of sixty scholars, and the Church about thirty members. The mission among the Kroos has been attended with much encouragement, with the exception of the sad bereavement of the mission family. About forty scholars are instructed and supported in the boarding school. It was intended to form another station at *Nanna Kroo*, a few miles from the present station, but this measure has been deferred on account of Mr. Sawyer's death. The Report mentions the favourable influence of the visit made to *Settra Kroo* by the United States squadron under Commodore Perry, and the missionaries express their grateful sense of his kindness. The resolution of Mrs. Sawyer to continue at her station, will call forth many prayers on her behalf; she pleads earnestly for the help of more missionaries. Extracts from her letters are given in the Report, which cannot fail to be read with deep interest. General considerations are also adverted to in the Report, touching the duty and mode of prosecuting this mission, which cannot be abridged for this brief statement.

MISSIONS IN NORTH INDIA.—*Lodiana Mission.*—Stations at *Lodiana*, *Saharunpur*, *Sabathu*, and *Merat*, cities in the North-Western part of India, of which the most remote is *Lodiana*, near the *Sutlej*, one thousand one hundred and seventy miles from *Calcutta*; missionaries, the Rev. Messrs. J. Newton, J. R. Campbell, J. Porter, J. M. Jamieson, J. Caldwell, and L. Janvier, Mr. R. Morris, printer, and Mr. J. Craig, teacher; *Golok Nath*, native licentiate, and several native assistants; the Rev. W. S. Rogers and family have returned to this country on account of the health of Mrs. Rogers; Dr. W. Green, owing to the failure of his health, has also returned.

The station at *Sabathu* will probably be relinquished, for reasons stated in the

Report; and a new station has been formed at Merat, a large town, sixty miles south of Saharunpur.

Allahabad Mission.—The station at *Allahabad* is four hundred and seventy-five miles North-West of Calcutta, on the river Ganges; missionaries, the Rev. Messrs. J. Wilson, J. Warren, J. E. Freeman, J. Owen, and J. Wray; several native assistants. The Rev. J. H. Morrison has returned to this country on account of his health, after having suffered a painful loss, in the death of Mrs. Morrison, at Calcutta.

Furrukhabad Mission.—This mission occupies a part of the country situated at nearly an equal distance from each of the other missions in India, having stations at *Puttehgurh*, on the Ganges, about seven hundred and fifty miles from Calcutta, *Furrukhabad*, a large city, of which *Puttehgurh* may be considered the port, or landing-place on the river, and *Mynpoorie*, a city forty miles distant. This last mentioned station was formed during the year now reported. Missionaries, the Rev. Messrs. H. R. Wilson, J. L. Scott, J. C. Rankin, W. H. McAuley, and J. J. Walsh; Miss Vanderveer, teacher; Gopee Nath Nundy, native licentiate, and other native assistants. Mr. and Mrs. Walsh joined this mission during the last year.

The usual duties of the missionaries connected with these missions, have been prosecuted during the year with unabated vigour—the Gospel has been preached at various stations, and at numerous cities and villages during journeys made for that purpose; schools have been conducted, and the press employed as in former years; and the blessing of God has not been withheld. About twenty-eight scholars are connected with boarding schools under the care of the Lodiana mission, forty with the High School at Lodiana, and thirteen with a similar school at Saharunpur. There are small churches at these stations, and Golok Nath, a native candidate for the ministry, under the care of the Presbytery of Lodiana, received license to preach the gospel. In the Hindustani, Hindi, and Panjabi languages, 47,650 copies, or 4,055,850 pages, of different works were printed. The schools connected with the Allahabad mission contain forty-three boarding pupils, and about one hundred and fifty day scholars; the Church received several new members during the year, and lost some by removal to other places, and three by discipline; from the press, 69,930 copies, or 4,263,840 pages were issued, of various works in Hindi, Urdu, and English. In the schools under the care of the Furrukhabad mission, between two hundred and three hundred scholars are receiving instruction, of whom upwards of one hundred are orphan children. Several of these orphans have been admitted to the communion of the Church, and the Presbytery of Furrukhabad have licensed Gopee Nath Nundy to preach the gospel. These instances of pious natives, received as probationers for the gospel ministry, after due examination by the Presbyteries, serve to illustrate the happy adaptation of our scriptural order to missionary operations among the heathen, and they may be regarded as a pledge or earnest of a suitably qualified native ministry, the want of which is the greatest defect in the means now employed for the conversion of the Hindus.

MISSION TO SIAM.—The station at *Bangkok* is occupied by the Rev. W. P. Buel, and before this time, it is hoped, by the Rev. R. Q. Way, who sailed with his wife for this field of labour last November. The duties and prospects of this mission do not differ materially from what was reported last year. The mission continues to be one of much interest, and presents a strong appeal to the Church for the help of fervent prayer.

MISSION TO CHINA.—The Rev. W. M. Lowrie, Dr. J. C. Hepburn, and Dr. B. McCartee, and Mr. R. Cole, printer, with Mrs. Hepburn and Mrs. Cole, are now engaged in this mission, Dr. McCartee and Mr. and Mrs. Cole having sailed for China in October last. The Rev. T. L. McBryde and family have returned on account of health. The Rev. Messrs. J. Lloyd, M. S. Culbertson, A. W. Loomis, and A. P. Happer have recently sailed for this field, and Mr. H. A. Brown will soon follow.

Stations are contemplated at Hong Kong, Amoy, and Ningpo or Sanghai. The report gives full statements respecting the claims of this mission, and the manner of conducting it, which the information now before the Board appears to render expedient; with extracts from the communications of the missionaries. These statements will carry to every mind a loud and earnest appeal to be up and doing

in the work of God in China. The vast population of that country; their affecting state, "without God, and without hope in the world;" their critical condition under their new relations to the other nations of the earth; the open doors of usefulness; and the freedom of the Chinese from caste, prejudice, and priestly control; these and other considerations cannot be weighed by any mind without producing a feeling of obligation, strong as the sanctions of religion, and a feeling of hope and encouragement, which combine to arouse and to animate the Church to put forth her best energies for the salvation of this people. It is hoped that the China mission will receive a generous and cordial support, worthy of the great work to be done, worthy of the Church, and acceptable to God, whose blessing alone can crown with success the efforts of his people to promote his cause among men.

The report concludes with briefly referring to the general aspects of the missionary work at home and abroad, as conducted by the Presbyterian Church. It is distinctly stated, that the system of operations is too large for the means now given by the churches for its support; and the suggestion is made, of giving up or reducing some of the missions, if a larger support be not extended to them. This sad measure cannot be too much deprecated, whether we consider its influence on the interests of the Church, or on the destiny of multitudes of our pagan fellow-men. The growing interest among the churches in the work of missions, awakens the hope that this dire calamity will be averted. There is certainly an increasing missionary zeal in our body, though it has not kept pace with the widening spheres of usefulness opened before the Church through her noble missions. More love for Christ is needed, deeper concern for the heathen, greater self-denial, larger views of duty and privilege, stronger faith, a more fervent spirit of prayer. Let the piety of Christians be thus elevated and expanded, and the wants of dying men will not be neglected.

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BOARD OF DOMESTIC MISSIONS.

Abstract of the Annual Report for 1844.

During the past year, the work committed to the Board of Missions has been prosecuted with diligence, and with encouraging success. God has smiled on the efforts of his Church to extend the influence of a pure Gospel through our land; the field of operation has been enlarged; the number of faithful workmen has been increased; new and important stations have been occupied; the boundaries of the Church have been extended, and the cause has silently, but steadily advanced.

The whole number of missionaries in commission during the year has been *three hundred and sixteen*, and the number of congregations and missionary stations supplied, has not been less than *nine hundred*. *One hundred and ninety-four* of the missionaries were in commission at the commencement of the year, and *one hundred and twenty-two* have been new appointments during the year; this is the highest number of missionaries the Board have reported, and the number of stations supplied is largely in advance of any former year. *Forty-one* are entered on our list as Itinerant missionaries; a much larger number have, however, done

the work of Itinerants, and a considerable proportion of the whole number have supplied several stations, and extended their labours over large districts; the whole field occupied has been considerably extended during the year.

There have been added to the churches, so far as reported, on examination, *two thousand six hundred and eighty-eight*; on certificate, *twelve hundred and sixty-eight*; making a total of *three thousand nine hundred and fifty-six*. Were the reports on this subject full, the whole number would be over *four thousand*. Not less than *sixty* new churches have been organized, and about *seventy* houses for worship have been erected.

We are able to give only a partial report of the number of Sabbath schools, and Bible and Catechetical classes. The number reported exceeds *eight hundred*, embodying in them not less than *twenty-five thousand* children and youth.

The Temperance cause has steadily advanced in all portions of the missionary field, and its influence has been most salutary. Much time has been devoted to the missionaries to pastoral visitation and family instruction, and in very many instances, their labours in this department have been signally owned and blessed of God. The monthly concert for prayer has been generally observed, and weekly prayer meetings have been established and maintained wherever it has been found practicable.

The reports of the missionaries furnish pleasing evidence of increasing interest felt and manifested by our mission churches in the spread of the gospel through our own land, and through the world, and it is an interesting fact, that very few of these churches, poor and feeble as they are, have failed to raise something for the missionary cause.

Religious tracts and books have been extensively circulated by the missionaries, and it is believed have done much good. The books and tracts of our Board of Publication are much needed, and greatly desired by the missionaries. These valuable publications are admirably suited to correct the evils which prevail to an alarming extent in most of the destitute portion of our country, and to diffuse a healthful influence by the diffusion of light and truth. An incalculable amount of good, it is believed, might be accomplished by the circulation of these works through our whole missionary field, and it is worthy of consideration, whether at the present crisis the Church is not called upon to make a strong effort to furnish all her missionaries, who need them, with a full supply of these valuable works.

The past year has not been marked with so many signal revivals of religion as the preceding; this has been the case with the churches generally. Our mission churches, however, have not been left without revivals, and precious revivals; a few of our stations have been visited with copious outpourings of God's Spirit, while a much larger number have been blessed with a divine influence, silently, but constantly operating, and making effectual God's appointed means for strengthening and sanctifying his people, and for the conversion of sinners. And although it is not our privilege to report numerous and powerful revivals of religion, nor very large accessions to the churches, we have abundant evidence that the labours of the Church, in this important department of her work, have not been in vain in the Lord. The field has been extended, much important new ground has been occupied; the cause has taken deeper and firmer root; and from a careful examination of the reports of our missionaries, we are firmly persuaded, that in no single year of our existence as a Church in this land, has an equal amount of *permanent good* been accomplished by our missionary efforts, as during the past year.

FUNDS.—The whole amount of funds at the disposal of the Board during the year, including some small sums in the possession of a few of the Presbyteries, exceeds *forty-one thousand dollars*, and the amount paid out, including also some small sums paid by some of the Presbyteries, exceeds *thirty-seven thousand dollars*. The balance in the Treasury when the year closed was about *three thousand dollars*; this balance is however rather nominal than real, as checks have been issued for nearly or quite the whole amount; and drafts are already due, which will require *immediately* a considerable additional sum to meet.

The whole amount received during the year exceeds what was received the last year, by about *six thousand dollars*; and as the Board have had but few agents in the field, and have incurred but small expense in the collection of funds, the great amount of the whole has been expended in the support of missionaries.

The expenditures of the year have been increased, not only by an increase in

the whole number of missionaries, but also by a large extension of the field of operation, and by the occupation of a number of new and very important stations. The number of itinerant missionaries has more than doubled, and many additional stations have been occupied, and new missions are always, and necessarily attended with large expense.

The amount of funds received, although considerably in advance of the preceding year, has fallen *far short* of what the exigencies of our country, and the interests of the cause have imperatively demanded. Had sufficient funds been furnished in *due season*, a number of our best and most devoted missionaries would have been spared much painful anxiety, and severe suffering; the Church might have had a still larger number of able workmen in the field; many other important stations might have been occupied; and with God's blessing, a large additional amount of good might have been accomplished.

The engagements of the Board for the current year are already very large, and it is quite certain the demand for missionaries, and for pecuniary aid will be much greater than it has ever yet been. The great extent of our country, and the rapid increase, and constant spreading of our population, must of necessity continue to increase the demand for missionaries and missionary aid. This demand, we believe, should be met. It is unquestionably the plain duty of the Presbyterian Church, to the full extent of her ability, to occupy every important point which God in his providence opens to her labourers; and until this is done, and fully done, our Church will not have accomplished her whole duty in this matter. That the Church is abundantly able, without lessening at all her contributions to any other good object, and without the slightest sacrifice to any of her members, to *double her contributions to Domestic missions*, cannot be doubted by any one who will soberly look at a few facts. The whole number of churches which have contributed to this object through the Board during the past year, certainly does not exceed *eight hundred*. The number is probably less than that, and this includes our mission churches, in most of which something has been done. Making all due allowance for contributions made through other channels, we are safe in saying, that not less than one thousand of our churches have taken no part in the work of spreading the gospel through our land, so far as missionary operations are concerned. And in the churches which have contributed, or in most of them, we are well assured, that it is only necessary the pastor and officers of the church, should feel an interest, and use a very little well-directed effort in order greatly to increase the contributions.

We say then to the pastors and churches, to meet present demands, and enable your Board of Missions to carry forward efficiently the work committed to them, will require an *immediate* and *large increase* in the contributions of the churches. Funds are needed *now*, to pay what is due the missionaries; and the prospective operations of the Board must necessarily be influenced by the promptness and liberality of the churches—in furnishing the requisite means. Will the churches wake up to the importance of this work, and to the imperative necessity of *united, prompt, and liberal* action?

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BOARD OF EDUCATION.

Abstract of the Annual Report of the Board of Education, presented to the General Assembly, May, 1844.

Besides their own officers, the Board have enjoyed the gratuitous assistance of more than forty ministers, in temporary agencies, for the purpose of laying the cause of Education before all the churches in our connexion; and yet more than half of the number contributed nothing to the object. As the agency thus employed was gratuitous, it shows that the difficulty is not in the expense of "paid agents," but in the state of the churches themselves, and in the unwillingness of their officers to permit the several schemes of benevolence to be presented to the people. The Board therefore urge upon the attention of the Assembly two points; first, to secure the instruction of the people from the pulpit on the origin, history, and claims of the several schemes of benevolence; and secondly, the formation of some simple and effectual plan to secure personal application to all our members for contributions for their support.

In regard to candidates, the Board have been signally blessed. The number of new candidates received during the last year has been NINETY-NINE, making the whole number within the year FOUR HUNDRED AND EIGHT; and the whole number from the organization of the Board, ONE THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED AND TWENTY-NINE. Of the present number there were

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| In their Theological course, | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 135 |
| In twenty-four Colleges, | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 184 |
| In twenty-nine Academies, | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 55 |
| Under private tuition, | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 9 |
| Teaching temporarily, | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 25 |
| Total, | | | | | | | | 408 |

The reports of auxiliaries were unusually defective in consequence of the remoteness of the Assembly; otherwise these numbers would have been considerably larger.

THIRTY-NINE beneficiaries have finished their studies; the great majority of whom have gone into the missionary field, either abroad or at home. It is an exceedingly interesting fact, that three-fourths of all our devoted and useful missionaries have been educated by this Board in whole or in part.

The Board strongly urge upon the Presbyteries to sift thoroughly every applicant for aid, before he is recommended to their care; and upon teachers to report rigidly the precise standing of the students under their care, and admonish faithfully every delinquency that may occur.

The Board express the decided opinion that the security both from imposture and incapacity on the part of their beneficiaries has greatly increased, and the standard of character is steadily rising with the experience which the Church is acquiring year by year in the work of education.

The Treasurer's Report shows the total amount of resources for the year to be \$33,419. The payments for the same time were \$31,080.29, leaving a balance of \$2,338.73. There were drafts due, however, which would more than absorb this balance.

The prospects of the Board are at once encouraging and critical. The number of candidates has increased from two hundred and eighteen to four hundred and eight; and the receipts of the Board from \$19,000 to \$31,000 within three years. Rapid as this expansion of their resources has been, it will be seen that it does not keep equal pace with the additions to the roll of beneficiaries. If God should bless us as he has done, with the gift of pious and promising young men, it will require a further increase of receipts, during the next year, of *five to nine thousand dollars*. It is a question of solemn moment, whether the Church will furnish that amount. She has been praying the Lord of the harvest to send forth labourers into his harvest; and has solemnly recorded the pledge, that all whom He sends shall be educated for the work. Shall she now reverse those prayers and take back that pledge? Has the harvest all been reaped, and are the labourers no longer needed? Never since the first proclamation of mercy to sinners, has this

dark and dying world stood before the Church in a posture more affecting, to demand at her hands the bread of eternal life. Just as certainly as God has suspended the salvation of the world on the preaching of the cross, so certainly is a ministry of apostolic spirit, the grand peculiar want of the age. And has the Church reached the utmost limit of her resources in the work of training such a ministry? With *fifteen hundred churches*, and *one hundred thousand* sworn friends of the Redeemer never yet enlisted in this cause, it cannot be that we are prepared to throw back upon the Lord of the Harvest, young men of piety and promise, whom he has sent in answer to our prayers to be educated for the work. No: with a noble band of gifted and devoted youth, burning with a desire to preach the gospel, and with a perishing world at our feet pleading for immortal life, the purchase of our Master's blood, we cannot withhold the means to train them all for this holy service, were they ten-fold in number what they are.

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BOARD OF PUBLICATION.

Abstract of the Annual Report of the Board of Publication presented to the General Assembly, May, 1844.

DURING the year ending the 30th of March, 1844, the Presbyterian Board of Publication have printed nineteen volumes of various kinds, containing in all forty-five million nine hundred and forty thousand five hundred pages, besides seven million and thirteen thousand pages of new editions from stereotyped works, including five thousand copies of the Confession of Faith, making in all thirteen thousand seven hundred and fifty copies of this work, published since December 24, 1839; and one million five hundred and eighty-three thousand pages of Catechisms and Tracts.

They have also published, in a separate volume, three thousand copies of the Form of Government of the Presbyterian Church.

Among the works published during the year which the Board regard as additions to their catalogue of peculiar value, they would mention,

"The English Martyrology," judiciously abridged from Fox, by the skilful pen of Charlotte Elizabeth: a book well adapted to the times, as containing in an attractive form a most effective antidote to the errors of Rome, which are so insidiously diffused at present, and with so much misapplied industry.

"Trial of the Witnesses of the Resurrection of Jesus, with a Sequel of the Trial by Bishop Sherlock." A most ingenious little work, in which the evidences of Christianity are concentrated in a single point—and so forcibly presented as to produce a moral demonstration of its truth.

“The Lives of the British Reformers, embellished with twelve mezzotint portraits.” An instructive and beautiful book, which the Board presumed would be desired by many, who are unable to purchase the volumes which contain their works.

“Evidence of the Truth of the Christian Religion, derived from the Literal Fulfilment of Prophecy, &c.; with a number of steel engravings and other embellishments; by Dr. Alexander Keith.” An exceedingly popular work with the community, as is evinced by the numerous editions of it already issued on both sides of the Atlantic.

“The Exclusive Claims of Puseyite Episcopalians to the Ministry indefensible.” Also,

“Annals of the Persecution in Scotland,” both of them ably written and seasonable, in view of current events connected with the state of our Church, and its relation to others, with which the Christian public are painfully familiar.

The Assembly will learn with pleasure that the Psalms and Hymns authorized at the session of 1843, and directed to be published, have met with the highest favour of the churches. They have published already fifty thousand copies, and orders for more continue to be received.

But upon none of the works issued during the year have they bestowed more care and expense than on a splendid edition of Bunyan’s *Pilgrim’s Progress*, with engravings, executed by the most eminent American artists, after the finest English copy, the typography, binding, &c., in a style corresponding to the pre-eminent excellency of its contents. The Board would not have felt themselves warranted in undertaking a work so costly, had they not been sustained by private munificence. A sum amounting to about three thousand three hundred dollars, sufficient to pay for the stereotype plates and the costly engravings, having been furnished by two generous friends of the Board, whose names they are not permitted to mention, they are permitted to put the book, which in all respects is equal, if not superior to the English copy, at a greatly reduced price.

The amount of moneys received during the past year, including a balance in the Treasury, at the date of last report, has been \$41,759.

In conducting their operations, they have felt the importance of adhering strictly to the instructions given in the 2d resolution of the last Assembly, to extend the circulation of their publications as widely as possible, yet to regard it as “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 to the greatest advantage.”

The Board, moreover, are confirmed in their opinion expressed in a former report, that the only feasible mode in which the usefulness and efficiency of this Institution can be promoted, is contained in the 3d resolution of the same Assembly, viz.—“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 a plan as they may deem best, a sufficient sum of money to fill the Depository on the principle of cash purchase.”

The Board are happy to report that the foregoing recommendation has been so far respected, that during the year one Synod and several Presbyteries have established Depositories, collected a certain amount of funds, and applied for books. But the truth requires us to add, that the obedience of the churches to this monition of the Assembly is exceedingly tardy in many Synods, and too lethargic in all.

The Board feels assured that in no way at present can the Church promote the interests of this important institution so effectually as by systematic, vigorous and persevering efforts, in doing the work which this resolution commends.

With respect to the circulation of our books, the Board are happy to state, that through the generosity of individuals, whose assistance has been given in most cases anonymously, in responding to a call that was made through the press, about fifty congregations have been furnished with libraries, containing a complete set of our publications, or a part thereof, in this private manner. And the Board would respectfully suggest it for the consideration of the benevolent, whether there are not others who are disposed to copy this noble example of the few. Are there not wealthy individuals, as well as churches, who would cheerfully avail themselves of such a convenient agency as this Board offers, for distributing these books, and

establishing libraries in numerous places, where they are greatly needed and importunately solicited, by those who have not within themselves the means of procuring them?

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GENERAL VIEW.

During the past ecclesiastical year, the two new Synods of Buffalo and Northern Indiana have been organized, and the following new Presbyteries, viz. Cherokee, Montgomery, Potosi, Upper Missouri, Cochocton, Hocking, and Luzerne.

According to the reports received by the Stated Clerk, the increase of ministers has been *eighty-nine*; the increase of churches, *sixty-four*; and *twenty* licentiate and *fifty* candidates are reported more than were reported last year.

There have been added during the year upon profession of their faith, 12,068, and the whole number reported as now in communion with the Church is 166,487. There have been reported,

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| Baptism of Adults, | . | . | . | . | 3287 |
| Ditto of Children, | . | . | . | . | 10,996 |
| Money collected for religious purposes, | . | . | . | . | 212,070 |
| Licensures, | . | . | . | . | 64 |
| Ordinations, | . | . | . | . | 69 |
| Installations, | . | . | . | . | 84 |
| New churches organized, | . | . | . | . | 42 |
| Dissolution of pastoral relation, | . | . | . | . | 51 |
| Ministers received from other denominations, | . | . | . | . | 8 |
| Ministers gone to other denominations, | . | . | . | . | 4 |

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

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| | | <i>Presbyteries.</i> |
| Benjamin F. Staunton, | . | West Hanover. |
| James S. Adams, | . | Bethel. |
| John Robinson, D. D. | . | Concord. |
| James Buchanan, | . | Logansport. |
| George Carrington, | . | New York. |
| Robert W. Sawyer, (Miss. to Africa) | . | Hudson. |
| Joshua Beer, | . | New Lisbon. |
| John B. Patterson, | . | Northumberland, |
| John Montgomery, | . | Schuyler. |
| W. T. Venable, | . | Louisville. |
| Samuel D. Blythe, | . | West Jersey. |
| J. H. Smith, | . | Orange. |

There is still much reason to lament that the statistical reports of Presbyteries are in many instances exceedingly imperfect, and in the various items reported, afford only the means of an approximation to the truth. Thus for example, the missionaries of the Board of Domestic Missions alone, as we learn from the last annual report, mention the organization of *sixty* new churches, whereas the whole number reported through the tables is but *forty-two*; and while in the tables only \$48,000 are reported as received for Foreign Missions, the annual report of the Board notices the receipt of \$68,000. These defective reports can be corrected in future only by the adoption by the several Presbyteries of a more exact and rigid rule than seems now to be in use. From the Presbyteries of South Carolina and Indian no reports whatever have been received, and many others have appended to their reports no historical account of changes as required.

WM. M. ENGLS,

Stated Clerk of the General Assembly.

SYNODS AND PRESBYTERIES.

The General Assembly has under its care, *twenty-one* Synods, comprising *one hundred and twelve* Presbyteries, viz.

1. The Synod of ALBANY, containing the *four* Presbyteries of Londonderry, Troy, Albany and Columbia.

2. The Synod of BUFFALO, containing the *three* Presbyteries of Steuben, Wyoming and Ogdensburg.

3. The Synod of NEW YORK, containing the *six* Presbyteries of Hudson, North River, Bedford, Long Island, New York and New York 2d.

4. The Synod of NEW JERSEY, containing the *seven* Presbyteries of Elizabethtown, New Brunswick, Newton, Raritan, Susquehanna, West Jersey and Luzerne.

5. The Synod of PHILADELPHIA, containing the *eight* Presbyteries of Philadelphia, Philadelphia 2d., New Castle, Donegal, Baltimore, Carlisle, Huntingdon and Northumberland.

6. The Synod of PITTSBURGH, containing the *seven* Presbyteries of Redstone, Ohio, Erie, Beaver, Allegheny, Blairsville and Clarion.

7. The Synod of WHEELING, containing the *four* Presbyteries of Steubenville, Washington, New Lisbon and St. Clairsville.

8. The Synod of OHIO, containing the *seven* Presbyteries of Columbus, Marion, Zanesville, Richland, Wooster, Cochocton and Hocking.

9. The Synod of CINCINNATI, containing the *six* Presbyteries of Chillicothe, Miami, Cincinnati, Oxford, Sidney and Maumee.

10. The Synod of INDIANA, containing the *five* Presbyteries of Salem, Vincennes, Madison, Crawfordsville and Indianapolis.

11. The Synod of NORTHERN INDIANA, containing the *three* Presbyteries of Logansport, Michigan and Lake.

12. The Synod of ILLINOIS, containing the *six* Presbyteries of Kaskaskia, Sangamon, Schuyler, Peoria, Palestine and Iowa.

13. The Synod of MISSOURI, containing the *five* Presbyteries of Missouri, St. Louis, Palmyra, Potosi and Upper Missouri.

14. The Synod of KENTUCKY, containing the *five* Presbyteries of Louisville, Muhlenburg, Transylvania, West Lexington and Ebenezer.

15. The Synod of VIRGINIA, containing the *six* Presbyteries of Greenbrier, Lexington, Winchester, West Hanover, East Hanover and Montgomery.

16. The Synod of NORTH CAROLINA, containing the *three* Presbyteries of Orange, Fayetteville and Concord.

17. The Synod of WEST TENNESSEE, containing the *five* Presbyteries of Holston, West Tennessee, Nashville, North Alabama and Western District.

18. The Synod of SOUTH CAROLINA AND GEORGIA, containing the *nine* Presbyteries of South Carolina, Bethel, Harmony, Charleston, Georgia, Hopewell, Flint River, Florida and Cherokee.

19. The Synod of ALABAMA, containing the *three* Presbyteries of South Alabama, Tuscaloosa and East Alabama.

20. The Synod of MISSISSIPPI, containing the *seven* Presbyteries of Mississippi, Louisiana, Clinton, Tombeckbee, Chickasaw, Arkansas and Indian.

21. The Synod of NORTHERN INDIA, containing the *three* Presbyteries of Lodiana, Furrukabad and Allahabad.

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| Abraham Bloodgood, P. Wm. H. Cooper, P. David Lyon, S. S. James Finley, S. S. Charles H. Chester, S. S. Joshua H. McIlvaine, S. S. Malcom N. McLaren, S. S. Joseph Sweetman, W. C. Benjamin H. Pitman, W. C. Eleazer S. Barrows, W. C. Theophilus Redfield, W. C. Hugh Mair, D.D., W. C. Isaiah Waters, W. C. Henry Davis, D.D., W. C. Samuel S. Davis, W. C. John H. Davis, Agent, Gilbert Morgan, Prof. Chauncey Eddy, A. V. H. Powell, Lot B. Sullivan—38. <i>Licentiated</i> —7. Abner W. Henderson, Hiram W. Bulkly, David Kelly, James Nichols, Sanders Diefendorf, S. S. Charles M. Morehouse, Augustus W. Loomis, <i>Candidates</i> —14. | Little Falls, P. Northampton, S. S. West Galway, S. S. Esperance, S. S. Hamilton Union, S. S. Johnstown, S. S. Carlisle, S. S. Corinth, V.—24. | Little Falls, N. Y. Wempsville, N. Y. Northampton, N. Y. West Galway, N. Y. Greenfield, N. Y. Utica, N. Y. Johnstown, N. Y. Charlton, N. Y. Northampton, N. Y. Utica, N. Y. Johnstown, N. Y. Troy, N. Y. Clinton, N. Y. New York, N. Y. Troy, N. Y. Herkimer, N. Y. Utica, N. Y. Ballston Spa, N. Y. Galway, N. Y. Utica, N. Y. Esperance, N. Y. Charlton, N. Y. Cazenovia, N. Y. | 7 1 1 4 2 | 1 2 1 4 | 66 80 41 46 27 | 3 3 3 3 | 1 5 3 3 | 1 25 12 50 | 14 | 7 | | | | 3 75 50 | | |
| | | | 484 | 96 | 4078 | 162 | 156 | \$545 | \$1392 | \$566 | \$46 | \$108 | \$90 | \$52 | 87 | \$2354 |

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| 4. <i>Presbytery of Columbia.</i> J. Judson Buck, P. | Lexington, 2d church, Windham, Stockport—3. | Lexington Heights, N. Y. | 85 | 5 | 18 | 20 | 14 | | | | | | |
| Alfred Gardner, P. Wm. Chester, Agent, Wm. James, W. C. Alden Stovel, W. C. David M. Smith, W. C. Wm. M. Snyder, W. C.—7. | | | 57 | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | 142 | 5 | \$18 | \$20 | \$14 | | | | | | |
| SYNOD OF BUFFALO. | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. <i>Presb. of Ogdensburgh.</i> John A. Savage, P. James Rodgers, P. John M. Macgregor, S. S. cc: John Eastman, P. cc: Henry E. Eastman, S. S. cc: John R. Dodge, Agt.—6. <i>Licentiate</i> —1. Joseph A. Rossel, <i>Candidates</i> —4. | Oswegatchie 1st, P. Oswegatchie 2d, P. Hammond, S. S. Le Ray 1st, P. Morristown, S. S. Wilna 1st, S. S. Ox-Bow, S. S.—7. | Ogdensburgh, N. Y. Do. Hammond, N. Y. Evan's Mills, N. Y. Morristown, N. Y. | 6 301 108 140 159 98 37 26 | 17 4 4 6 | 22 5 | 27 19 12 | 12 | 8 | \$8 | | | | |
| | | | 21 | 31 | \$27 | \$58 | \$12 | | | | | | |
| 2. <i>Presbytery of Steuben.</i> David Harrower, S. S. Silas Pratt, D. M. Isaac W. Platt, W. C. Moses Ingalls, W. C. Lewis Cheeseman, S. S. Thomas Aitken, P. John W. McDonald, P. Edwin H. Reinhart, P. Robert Finley, P.—9. <i>Licentiated</i> —3. Jesse Edwards, | Lindly, S. S. Bath, V. Groveland, S. S. Sparta, P. Moscow, P. Vienna, P. Mentz, P. Barrington, V. Windsor, V.—9. | Lindly, N. Y. Bath, N. Y. Groveland, N. Y. Sparta, N. Y. Moscow, N. Y. Phelps, N. Y. Port Byron, N. Y. | 16 2 123 80 98 44 52 88 33 | 5 10 18 4 5 8 | 18 10 10 40 | 35 15 10 40 | 13 | 2 00 | | 15 | 17 9 10 4 3 2 | 1 00 1 00 1 00 50 1 00 50 | 16 35 15 65 |

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| W. D. Snodgrass, D.D., W. C. Nathl. S. Prime, S. S.—26. <i>Licentiates</i> —9. | | New York City, Williamsburg, L. I. | 141 | 255 | 4040 | 13 | 194 | \$4796 | \$6134 | \$3943 | \$657 | \$1695 | \$183 | 115 | 63 | \$9536 |
| Daniel Wells, Samuel J. Evans, S. S. William M. Lively, S. S. Barlow Baldwin, Miles T. Mervin, S. S. Samuel N. Howell, William Scribner, Allen H. Brown, Timothy Conkling, <i>Candidates</i> —11. | Treas. Board For. Miss. D. Miss. to col. people. New Haven, Conn. Meadville, Pa. New York City, Do. Do. Princeton, N. J. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 6. <i>Presb. of New York, 2d.</i> Joseph McElroy, D.D. Richard W. Dickinson, D.D. James B. Ramsay, James McEwen, David M. Halliday, William Marshall, W. C. M. T. Adam, Walter M. Lowrie, F. M. Horace Galpin, W. C. Samuel T. Wells, W. C. William Bull, W. C.—11. <i>Licentiate</i> —1. William B. Crawford. <i>Candidates</i> —6. | Scotch Presb. Church, Canal St. Church, West Farms, Delhi, N. Y. Peckskill—5. Seaman's Chaplain, | New York City. Do. West Farms, N. Y. Delhi, N. Y. Peckskill, N. Y. Canton. | 23 | 25 | 650 | | 32 | 650 | 2381 | 650 | | | | | | |
| | | | 8 | 3 | 250 | | 19 | 89 | 254 | | | | | | | |
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| | | | 45 | 44 | 942 | 1 | 76 | \$796 | \$2691 | \$650 | | | | | | |

SYNOD OF N. JERSEY.

1. *Presb. of Elizabethtown.*

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| Aaron Condit, W. C. | Morristown, N. J. | 8 | 3 | 110 | 4 | 11 | 5 | 3 | 108 | 2 | 700 |
| David Briant, S. S. | Walnut Grove, N. J. | 32 | 13 | 423 | 5 | 24 | 140 | 16 | | 10 | |
| David Magic, D.D., P. | Elizabethtown, N. J. | 4 | 3 | 103 | | | 33 | | | | |
| Abraham Williamson, P. | Chester, N. J. | 8 | | 56 | | | | | | | |
| | Do. | 66 | 2 | 256 | 26 | 10 | 60 | 50 | 20 | 10 | |
| William B. Barton, P. | Woodbridge, N. J. | 57 | 2 | 40 | 8 | | | | | | |
| Holloway W. Hunt, P. | Metuchen, N. J. | | | | | | | | | | |
| Job F. Halsey, W. C. | Perth Amboy, N. J. | 3 | 12 | 146 | 3 | 5 | | | | 6 | |
| Lewis Bond, P. | Plainfield, N. J. | | | | | | | | | | |
| Alfred Chester, W. C. | Morristown, N. J. | | | | | | | | | | |
| Silvester Eaton, W. C. | Paterson, N. J. | 5 | 2 | 220 | | | 85 | 97 | 60 | 4 | 30 |
| William W. Blauvelt, P. | New Germantown, N. J. | 46 | 19 | 363 | 18 | 11 | | | 23 | 5 | |
| A. Henry Dumont, P. | Morristown, N. J. | 32 | 8 | 181 | 13 | 16 | 50 | 25 | 18 | 10 | 110 |
| Joseph M. Ogden, P. | Chatham Village, N. J. | 39 | 5 | 390 | 17 | 10 | 34 | | 32 | 9 | 120 |
| James M. Hunting, P. | Westfield, N. J. | 23 | 11 | 653 | 9 | 36 | 250 | 550 | 150 | | 380 |
| Nicholas Murray, D.D., P. | Elizabethtown, N. J. | | | | | | | | | | 15 00 |
| Elias Riggs, F. M. | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Thomas Cochran, P. | New Providence, N. J. | 1 | 3 | 177 | | 6 | | | 7 | | 565 |
| Orlando L. Kirtland, P. | Morristown, N. J. | 50 | 18 | 320 | 26 | 20 | | | | | |
| Oscar Harris, P. | Baskingridge, N. J. | 7 | 6 | 204 | 3 | 3 | 18 | 34 | | 4 | |
| Joseph Cory, P. | New Vernon, N. J. | 9 | 4 | 149 | 5 | 11 | | | 13 | 2 | 91 |
| Benjamin Cory, P. | Perth Amboy, N. J. | 2 | 1 | 91 | | 5 | 20 | 20 | 25 | 4 | 40 |
| Robert Street, P. | Connecticut Farms, P. | | | | | | | | 118 | 5 | |
| Jonathan T. Ely, W. C. | Union, N. J. | | | | | | | | | | |
| James T. English, P. | Rahway, N. J. | 2 | 1 | 116 | 1 | 13 | 27 | 31 | 5 | 3 | |
| George W. Wood, F. M. | Liberty Corner, N. J. | | | | | | | | | | |
| Barnabas M. Fay, W. C. | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Charles K. Imbrie, P. | Durham, Conn. | 24 | 13 | 404 | 9 | 12 | | 152 | 71 | 10 | 130 |
| William H. Hornblower, P. | Rahway, N. J. | 8 | 2 | 241 | 1 | 6 | | 37 | 56 | 10 | 100 |
| | 1st ch. Paterson, P.—21. Paterson, N. J. | | | | | | | | | 20 | |

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Licentiateds—5.

Ephraim S. High,
Joseph L. Riggs,
Fenwick T. Williams,

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| Richard Curran, P. | Cedarville, P. | Cedarville, N. J. | 4 | 2 | 165 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 47 | 30 | 15 | | | 1 | 1 | 100 |
| Charles M. Oakley, P. | Millville, P. | Millville, N. J. | 17 | 1 | 58 | 6 | 14 | 14 | 25 | 12 | 2 | | | 3 | 1 | 60 |
| Jacob W. E. Ker, P. | Deerfield, P. | Deerfield, N. J. | 3 | 5 | 130 | 1 | 12 | 12 | 5 | 4 | | | | 1 | | |
| Charles E. Ford, P.—13. <i>Licentiate</i> —1. | Williamstown, P. | Williamstown, N. J. | 5 | 6 | 16 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| John M. Rodgers, <i>Candidates</i> —7. | Woodbury, S. S.—14. | Woodbury, N. J. | 110 | 29 | 1543 | 52 | 63 | 63 | \$475 | \$354 | \$375 | | \$90 | \$27 | \$10 00 | \$901 |
| <i>4. Presbytery of Newton.</i> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| James G. Force, W. C. | | Bushkill, N. J. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Jacob T. Field, W. C. | | Stroudsburg, Pa. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Joseph L. Shafer, D.D., P. | Newton, P. | Newton, N. J. | 2 | 1 | 201 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Jacob R. Castner, P. | Mansfield, P. | Mansfield, N. J. | 31 | 1 | 337 | 9 | 27 | 27 | 200 | 356 | 135 | | 40 | | | 400 |
| John Gray, P. | Easton, P. | Easton, Pa. | 16 | 8 | 364 | 3 | 23 | 23 | | | | | | | | |
| J. W. Yeomans, D.D., Prest. | Lafayette College, Do. | Do. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Charles Nassau, Prof. | Do. | Do. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| John Vanderveer, W. C. | Smithfield, S. S. | Smithfield, S. S. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Baker Johnston, S. S. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| James Hyndshaw, W. C. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| James Clark, P. | Belvidere, P. | Stroudsburg, Pa. | 10 | 10 | 118 | 2 | 17 | 17 | 100 | 100 | 100 | | 25 | 10 | 5 | 200 |
| David X. Junkin, P. | Greenwich, P. | Belvidere, N. J. | 22 | 10 | 414 | 2 | 23 | 23 | 87 | 101 | 58 | | 10 | 10 | 2 | 290 |
| James Lewers, P. | Musconetcong Valley, P. | Still Valley, N. J. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Leslie Irwin, P. | Allen Township, P. | Asbury, N. J. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Joseph Worrel, P. | Danville, P. | Bath, Pa. | 11 | 3 | 53 | 6 | 4 | 4 | 2 | 100 | | | | | | |
| Thaniel B. Condict, P. | Stillwater 1st, P. | Danville, N. J. | | | 64 | | | | 25 | 6 | | | | | | |
| Elias S. Schenck, W. C. | Harmony, P. | New York City, | 10 | 4 | 137 | 1 | 19 | 19 | | | | | | | | 85 |
| John J. Carrel, P. | Lower Mt. Bethel, P. | Harmony, N. J. | 6 | 6 | 220 | | 20 | 20 | | 32 | | | | 3 | 1 | 40 |
| Andrew Tully, P. | Hardwick, P. | Martin's Creek, Pa. | 5 | 4 | 100 | 1 | 3 | 3 | | 7 | | | | | | |
| William C. McGee, P. | Marksborough, P. | Gratitude, N. J. | 13 | 1 | 73 | 3 | 3 | 3 | | 5 | | | | | | |
| James McWilliam, P. | Oxford, P. | Belvidere, N. J. | 10 | 12 | 124 | 4 | 23 | 23 | | 37 | 20 | | 15 | 2 | 1 | 00 |

| SYNOD OF PHILADELPHIA. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| I. Presb. of Philadelphia. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Ashbel Green, D.D., LL.D., W. C. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| William Latta, P. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| John McDowell, D.D., P. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| C. C. Cuyler, D.D., P. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Wm. A. McDowell, D.D. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Thomas Hoge, W. C. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Wm. M. Engles, D.D. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Wm. L. McCalla, S. S. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Alvin H. Parker, W. C. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Alex. Macklin, P. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| H. A. Boardman, P. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| * James Smith, W. C. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Joseph H. Jones, D.D., P. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Charles Gardiner, P. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Nathan Harned, W. C. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Jared Elliott, W. C. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Cochran Forbes, F. M. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Orson Douglass, | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Arch. Tudchope, P. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| James W. Stewart, P. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Willis Lord, P. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Griffith Owen, P. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Wm. Loughridge, P. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Thomas L. Janeway, P. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| M. B. Hope, | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| John H. Smaltz, P. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| John B. Pinney—27. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Licentiate—10. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Robert H. Smith, | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Great Valley & Charleston, P. | | 11 | 12 | 414 | 5 | 33 | 560 | 348 | 577 | 150 | 20 | 18 | 25 | 1450 |
| Central Church, P. | | 6 | 7 | 340 | 2 | 11 | 322 | 403 | 612 | 150 | 20 | 15 | 89 | 333 |
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| Middletown, S. S. Ridley, S. S. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Scots Church, Philad. P. | | 8 | 5 | 338 | 12 | | | | | | | | | |
| 10th Church, do. | | 20 | 11 | 464 | 5 | 29 | 659 | 1555 | 605 | 300 | 6 | 2 | 00 | 6150 |
| 6th Church, do. | | 19 | 17 | 411 | 3 | 15 | 313 | 478 | 319 | 75 | 17 | 17 | 41 | 2436 |
| 1st African, P. | | 9 | 7 | 222 | 2 | 7 | | | | | | | | |
| Mount Gilead, V. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Mariners' Preacher, | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 9th Church, Philad. P. | | 28 | 25 | 718 | 1 | 68 | 50 | 50 | 86 | | 7 | 3 | 00 | |
| Union Church, do. | | 64 | 10 | 306 | 34 | | | | | | | | | |
| 7th Church, do. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1st Ch. Cohocksink, P. | | 43 | 11 | 293 | 6 | 16 | 9 | 30 | 13 | | | | | |
| 4th Church, Philad. P. | | 25 | 25 | 266 | 1 | 34 | 50 | 100 | | | | | | |
| North Church, do. | | 60 | 44 | 273 | 29 | 19 | 54 | 130 | 10 | | | | | |
| Cor. Sec. Bd. Education, | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Assembly Ch. Philad. P. | | 15 | 10 | 71 | 1 | 4 | 6 | | | | | | | 341 |
| Agent Colonization Soc. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| Ephraim Tyler, Rapin E. Smith, John P. Hall, Peter A. McMartin, Samuel Mahaffey, Peter Leslie, Richard V. Dodge, William J. Murphy, Robert Earp, <i>Candidates</i> —21. | | | 308 | 184 | 4116 | 55 | 282 | \$2033 | \$3515 | \$3222 | \$500 | \$675 | \$136 | \$70 | 55 | \$12710 |
| 2. <i>Presb. of Philadelphia 2d.</i> Henry R. Wilson, D. D. P. William Neill, D. D. W. C. Sylvanus Height, S. S. | Neshaminy, P. Tinticum, V. Norton & Providence, S. S. | Hartsville, Pa. Philadelphia, Pa. Jeffersonville, Pa. | | 1 | 140 | | 4 | 15 | 95 | 15 | | 15 | 2 | 1 | 00 | |
| Robert Steel, P. David Longmore, S. S. Silas M. Andrews, P. | Abington, P. Manyunk, S. S. Doylestown and Deep Run, P. | Abington, Pa. Manyunk, Pa. Doylestown, Pa. | 11 12 30 | 7 1 7 | 220 47 181 | 5 14 | 2 30 | 75 16 | 127 35 | 50 11 | | | 4 | 4 | 00 | 77 |
| Thomas B. Bradford, S. S. William D. Howard, P. Robert D. Morris, P. James M. Harlow, P. & S. S. William Wright, Benjamin F. Stead, P.—12. <i>Licentiate</i> —5. James P. Fisher, Solomon McNair, James Knox, Joseph Stephens, George W. Newell. <i>Candidates</i> —5. | Germantown, S. S. Frankford, P. Newtown, P. Bensalem, P. Centerville, S. S. Bridensburg, P.—13. | Germantown, Pa. Frankford, Pa. Newtown, Pa. Bristol, Pa. Bridensburg, Pa. | 1 10 9 14 11 2 | 4 7 8 11 11 1 | 75 124 174 60 22 96 | 7 5 7 6 2 2 | 7 12 11 10 1 7 | 18 24 24 10 1 33 | 93 10 19 50 | 10 10 30 | | | 3 4 | 2 2 | 00 00 | 54 22 |
| | | | 110 | 47 | 1139 | 41 | 86 | \$181 | \$429 | \$126 | | \$15 | \$15 | \$11 | 00 | \$169 |

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| 4. <i>Presbytery of Donegal.</i> Samuel Martin, D.D. P. Stephen Boyer, P. | Chanccford, P. York and Wrighteville, P. | Chanccford, Pa. York, Pa. Churchville, Md. | 1 23 | 2 | 21 137 | 5 8 | 5 | 27 25 | 21 25 | | | | | | | 8 60 | |
| W. Finney, P. Samuel Parke, P. | Slate Ridge and Cen- tre, P. Leacock and Mid. Octo- bura, P. | Slate Ridge, Pa. Williamstown, Pa. Pequea, Pa. | 16 | 2 | 332 | 2 | 16 | 12 | | | | | | | | 123 | |
| John Wallace, P. Laudley C. Rutter, P. | Pequea, P. Chesnut Level and Lit- tle Britain, P. | Chesnut Level, Pa. Honeybrook, Pa. | 19 | 4 | 328 | 8 | 13 | 76 | 29 | | | | | 5 | | 73 38 | |
| W. W. Latta, P. T. M. Boggis, P. | Waynesburg, P. Donegal and Marietta, P. | Chesnut Level, Pa. Honeybrook, Pa. | 17 48 | 3 | 283 169 | 4 19 | 11 16 | 10 64 | 31 120 | | | | | 4 | 4 | 98 | |
| D. McCarter, P. T. J. Timlow, P. Alfred Nevin, P. | Strasburg, P. Bellevue, P. Cedar Grove, P. | Strasburg, Pa. Gap, Pa. Churchtown, Pa. | 24 6 | 5 | 124 | 7 2 | 12 6 | 10 | 15 20 | 65 | 24 27 | | | 4 | | 31 36 | |
| R. W. Dunlap, P. John Macnair, P. S. Dickey, S. S.—15. | Columbia, P. Lancaster, P. Union, S. S. Hopewell and Mecha- nicsburg, V.—22. | Columbia, Pa. Lancaster, Pa. | 2 8 | 2 6 | 143 154 | 8 7 | 8 7 | 50 | 42 50 | | | | | | | | |
| <i>Licentiates—4.</i> Samuel Bayless, N. G. Parke, S. H. Smith, N. Dodge. | | Mount Joy, Pa. | 6 | 2 | 113 | | 5 | | | | | | | | | | |
| <i>Candidates—3.</i> | | | 172 | 30 | 1961 | 47 | 113 | \$274 | \$418 | \$134 | \$17 | \$4 00 | \$457 | | | | |

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| James S. Woods, P. Samuel Hill, W. C. | Lewistown, P. Spruce Creek and Bir- mingham, V. | Lewistown, Pa. | 9 | 4 | 212 | 21 | 50 | 132 | 83 | | | | | 6 | | 20 |
| John Peebles, P. David McKinney, P. John McKinney, P. | Huntingdon, P. Frankstown, P. Alexandria and Hartz- log, P. | Huntingdon, Pa. Hollidaysburg, Pa. Alexandria, Pa. | 5 60 16 | 3 21 8 | 205 506 225 | 31 83 17 | 45 62 80 | 140 112 49 | 28 73 28 | | | | | 25 16 15 | | 80 85 27 |
| Joshua Moore P. McKnight Williamson, P. James Nourse, P. Britton E. Collins, S. S. David Strrett, P. Moses Floyd, W. C. Benjamin Carrell, P. | Sinking Valley, S. S. East Kishacoquillas, P. Lower Tuscarora, P. Perryville, P. Shirleysburg, S. S. Shaver's Creek, P. West Kishacoquillas, V. Waynesburg and New- ton Hamilton, P. | Lewistown, Pa. Tuscarora Valley, Pa. Valley, Pa. Shirleysburg, Pa. Manor Hill, Pa. Belleville, Pa. McVeytown, Pa. Walker, Pa. Clearfield, Pa. | 11 28 14 63 13 | 5 10 9 4 1 | 147 334 267 92 294 119 | 3 5 16 2 14 20 5 | 47 334 25 28 61 1 | 24 56 28 43 35 | 1 42 17 | | | | 15 | 2 2 6 3 3 | | 23 |
| Samuel M. Cooper, P. Frederick G. Betts, P. William Adam, P. | Lick Run, P. Clearfield and Pike, P. Sinking Creek and Spring Creek, P. | McVeytown, Pa. Walker, Pa. Clearfield, Pa. | 7 28 | 3 2 | 330 196 | 17 21 | 100 | 11 | 84 | | | | | 6 6 4 | | |
| William J. Gibson, P. Andrew Jardine, P. Daniel L. Hughes, P.—22. | Williamsburg, P. Middle Tuscarora, P. Little Valley, P. Millerstown, S. S. Pine Grove, V. Mount Pleasant, V. Fruit Hill, V. Luthersburg, V. Yellow Creek, V.—34. | Old Fort, Pa. Williamsburg, Pa. McClaysville, Pa. | 13 2 1 40 3 12 | 2 1 2 7 6 3 | 175 25 268 145 130 40 | 1 1 21 1 1 1 | 50 40 26 5 26 | 23 48 | 20 12 6 | | | | | 4 2 3 4 3 2 | | 15 |
| <i>Candidates—7.</i> | | | 371 | 113 | 4723 | 87 | 437 | \$748 | \$422 | \$741 | \$90 | \$71 | \$15 | \$250 | | |

| | 288 | 983798 | 47331 | \$195 | \$342 | \$121 | \$233 | \$61 | \$800 | \$12 |
|---|-----|--------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|-------|------|
| Warren, V. Boiling Spring, V. Armagh, V. Lower Plum Creek, V. Cherry Tree, V. Cherry Run, V.—38. | | | | | | 2 | | | | |
| Laurel Hill and Tyrone, P. | 9 | 4 215 | 4 | 12 | 19 | | | 4 | | |
| Uniontown, P. | 4 | 4 150 | 8 | 144 | 115 | 100 | | 3 | 50 | |
| Ashbel G. Fairchild, D.D., P. | | | | | | | | | | |
| George's Creek & Tent, P. | 10 | 2 262 | 3 | 12 | 50 | | 22 | | | |
| Long Run, P. | 16 | 2 272 | 1 | 20 | 52 | | 35 | | | |
| Rehoboth, P. | 4 | 4 188 | 12 | 27 | 40 | 20 | 28 | 4 | | |
| Fairmount, Stewart's Run & Kingwood, V. | 4 | 5 203 | 1 | 7 | 5 | | 11 | 3 | 1 50 | |
| Connellsville, V. | 3 | 55 | 8 | | 27 | 42 | | 3 | 50 | |
| Dunlap's Creek and McClellandtown, P. | 8 | 3 159 | 2 | 12 | 29 | 16 | 17 | 4 | 50 | |
| Sewickly, V. | 11 | 1 169 | 4 | 5 | | | | 5 | 50 | |
| Mount Washington, V. | | 31 | | | | | | | | |
| Bellevue, Pa. | | | | | | | | | | |
| Clarksburg, P. | 1 | 3 75 | 1 | 10 | 12 | 10 | | 2 | 50 | |
| Morgantown, Va. | 8 | 2 127 | 2 | 9 | 12 | 7 | 9 | 3 | 50 | |
| Morgantown, Va. | | | | | | | | | | |
| New Providence and Jefferson, P. | 12 | 3 139 | 3 | 19 | 20 | | | 2 | 50 | |
| Carmichaeltown, Pa. | | | | | | | | | | |
| Springhill, Petersburg and Laurel Run, S. S. | 11 | 2 120 | 7 | 4 | 16 | 10 | 10 | | 50 | |
| Springhill, Pa. | | | | | | | | | | |
| Roundhill and McKees- port, V. | 9 | 7 205 | 2 | 18 | 9 | 10 | | 4 | 50 | |
| Elizabeth, Pa. | | | | | | | | | | |
| Mount Pleasant and Greensburg, P. | 5 | 10 142 | 5 | 44 | 51 | 20 | 34 | 4 | 1 00 | |
| Brownsville, P. | 10 | 1 90 | 2 | 10 | 15 | 10 | | 2 | | |
| Brownsville, Pa. | | | | | | | | | | |

2. *Presbytery of Redstone.*

James Guthrie, P.

Andrew Ferrier, D.D., P.

Ashbel G. Fairchild, D.D., P.

Alexander McCandless, P.

Noah H. Gillett, P.

Cyrus B. Bristol, W. C.

John L. Hawkins, W. C.

Samuel Wilson, P.

Joseph B. McKee, W. C.

Robert M. Finley, W. C.

Ezekiel Quillin, P.

James Davis, P.

John McClintock, P.

Wm. Wylie McClain, S. S.

William Eaton, W. C.

James I. Brownson, P.

Thomas Martin, P.—17.

| | 7 | 4 | 107 | 1 | 9 | 15 | \$703 | \$1326 | \$108 | \$27 | 56 | \$1793 |
|---|-----|-----|------|----|-----|--------|--------|--------|-------|------|----|--------|
| Lewis W. Green, D. D., W. C. (Prof. W. T. Seminary. | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Lawrenceville, P. | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Highland and Pine | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Creek, P. | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Hopewell, V. | 28 | 4 | 209 | | 15 | 15 | | | 5 | 1 | 00 | 134 |
| Fairmount and Sewick- | 15 | 2 | 167 | 3 | 13 | 30 | | | 5 | 1 | 00 | 6 |
| ly, P. | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Sewickly, Pa. | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Montours, P. | 11 | 3 | 162 | 2 | 10 | 22 | 29 | 13 | 5 | 1 | 00 | 28 |
| Noblestown, Pa. | 13 | 12 | 144 | 4 | 28 | 12 | 12 | 15 | 6 | 1 | 00 | 45 |
| Monongahela City, Pa. | 6 | 3 | 124 | 5 | 15 | 13 | 25 | 20 | 6 | 1 | 00 | 113 |
| Mingo, P. | 15 | 3 | 119 | 3 | 13 | | | 50 | 6 | 1 | 00 | 36 |
| 4th Ch. Pittsburgh, P. | 10 | 20 | 29 | 5 | 6 | | | 40 | 6 | 1 | 00 | 24 |
| Long Island, V. | 15 | 7 | 220 | 3 | 18 | 58 | 38 | 14 | 5 | 55 | 24 | 23 |
| Racoon, P. | 29 | 7 | 136 | 4 | 18 | 17 | 13 | | 5 | 1 | 00 | |
| Sharpsburgh, P. | 7 | 8 | 68 | 2 | 5 | 20 | 20 | | | | | |
| Sharpsburgh, Pa. | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Fayette, Pa. | 10 | 8 | 52 | 5 | 6 | | | | | | | |
| Valley Church, P. | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Maple Creek, S. S.—32. | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| East Bethlehem, Pa. | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Canton. | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Canonsburgh, Pa. | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Connellsville, Pa. | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Upper Bull Creek, S. S. | 2 | 1 | 54 | 1 | 6 | 4 | 3 | | 2 | | | |
| Tarantum, Pa. | 3 | 3 | 88 | 8 | 4 | 26 | 22 | | 1 | | | |
| Mount Nebo, V. | 14 | 4 | 297 | 4 | 18 | 15 | | | 4 | 4 | 50 | |
| Whitestown, Pa. | 3 | 3 | 87 | 5 | 5 | | | | 3 | 3 | 50 | |
| Slatelick, Pa. | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Mercer, Pa. | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Centre, P. | 10 | 2 | 258 | 9 | 9 | 11 | | | 4 | 4 | 50 | |
| Concord and Muddy | 15 | 5 | 194 | 1 | 24 | 38 | 3 | | 4 | 4 | 50 | |
| Creek, P. | 9 | 10 | 138 | 1 | 10 | 9 | 2 | | 2 | | | |
| Butler, Pa. | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Freeport, P. | 15 | 2 | 191 | 3 | 7 | 8 | 3 | | 5 | 5 | 50 | 31 |
| Freeport, Pa. | 15 | 3 | | 3 | 18 | 7 | 7 | | 5 | | | |
| Scrubgrass and Harris- | 12 | 1 | 188 | 1 | 16 | 5 | 13 | | 4 | | | |
| ville, P. | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Harrisville, Pa. | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Cross Roads & Plain, P. | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Wexford, Pa. | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Plaingrove, P. | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Slippery Rock, Pa. | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | 284 | 156 | 3660 | 50 | 296 | \$1262 | \$1491 | \$1326 | \$108 | \$27 | 56 | \$1793 |

Licentiate—2.
 Henry Snyder, Prof.
 Ross Stevenson, S. S.
Candidates—18.

4. *Presbytery of Allegheny.*

Abraham Boyd, S. S.
 Reid Braeckn, W. C.
 John Reddiek, P.
 John Munson, P.
 John Coulter, P.
 Loyal Young, P.
 Samuel Caldwell, P.
 John R. Agnew, P.
 Leland R. McAboy, P.
 Robert B. Walker, P.

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|---------------------------------|---|--|-------------|--------------|-----------|-------------|--------------|------------------|------------------|--------------|----------------|-------------|--------------------|--------------|--------------------|------|
| Thomas W. Kerr, P. | Middlesex and Bull Creek, P. | Glade Mill, Pa. | 12 | 9 | 184 | 5 | 17 | 10 | 22 | 4 | | | 4 | 50 | | |
| Newton Bracken, P.—12. | Portersville and Rich Hill, P. | Portersville, Pa. | 20 | 8 | 138 | 6 | 30 | 5 | 5 | | | 5 | 3 | 50 | | |
| <i>Candidates</i> —4. | Ebenezer, V. Clintonville, V. Tarentum, V. Buffalo, V.—22. | Lawrenceburgh, Pa. Clintonville, Pa. Tarentum, Pa. | 7 | 6 | 123 | 3 | 10 | | | 8 | | | 2 | 50 | | |
| | | | 8 | 2 | 22 | 5 | 4 | | | | | | | | \$31 | |
| | | | 145 | 53 | 1962 | 38 | 182 | \$61 | \$133 | \$67 | \$1 | \$98 | \$41 | \$4 | \$50 | \$31 |
| <i>5. Presbytery of Beaver.</i> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| James Satterfield, W. C. | Moorfield, V. | Sharon, Pa. | 9 | 2 | 34 | 1 | | | | | | | 2 | | | |
| Robert Semple, W. C. | Pulaski, V. | Pulaski, Pa. | | 3 | 88 | | 19 | | 27 | | | 10 | 3 | 50 | | |
| Robert Dilworth, P. | Little Beaver, P. | Enon Valley, Pa. | | 3 | 79 | | 10 | 4 | | | | 5 | 1 | | | |
| | Pleasant Valley, P. | New Bedford, Pa. | | | 40 | | 1 | | | | | | | | | |
| William Nesbit, W. C. | Hopewell, V. | Beaver, Pa. | | | 175 | | | | | 15 | | | | | | 8 |
| Anderson B. Quay, Agent, | Beavertown, V. | New Castle, Pa. | 6 | 19 | 238 | | 13 | 16 | 16 | | | | 6 | 50 | | 26 |
| Wells Bushnell, P. | New Castle, P. | Mount Jackson, Pa. | 24 | 6 | 175 | 5 | 34 | | 17 | | | | 6 | | | |
| Algernon S. Mac Master, P. | Westfield, P. | Darlington, Pa. | 6 | 2 | 177 | 2 | 10 | | 10 | | | | 5 | | | |
| Arthur B. Bradford, P. | Mount Pleasant, P. | Clarksville, Pa. | 10 | 4 | 86 | 1 | 16 | | 10 | | | | 4 | | | 21 |
| Samuel A. McLain, S. S. | Clarksville, S. S. | Beaver Falls, Pa. | 4 | 19 | 74 | | 4 | 12 | 12 | | | 15 | 2 | 50 | | |
| Benjamin C. Crichtlow, P.—10. | Falls of Beaver, P. | | 5 | 5 | 128 | | 13 | | 12 | | | 10 | 2 | | | |
| | Slippery Rock, P. | | 26 | 1 | 56 | 6 | 10 | | 13 | | | | 2 | | | |
| <i>Licentiate</i> —1. | West Middlesex, V. | | 14 | 5 | 55 | 2 | 15 | | 15 | | | | 2 | | | |
| Joseph Washington Morton, | Unity, V. | | | | 43 | 5 | 5 | | 10 | | | | 2 | | | |
| | Concord, V. | | | | 22 | | 1 | | | | | | | | | |
| | Freedom, V. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| <i>Candidates</i> —3. | Mount Carmel, V. | | 14 | 6 | 138 | 5 | 11 | 9 | 10 | | | | 1 | \$1 | \$50 | \$55 |
| | Bethlehem, V.—18. | | | | | | | | | \$37 | | \$40 | \$34 | \$4 | \$50 | \$55 |
| | | | 118 | 75 | 1608 | 27 | 162 | \$41 | \$92 | \$37 | | \$40 | \$34 | \$1 | \$50 | \$55 |

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| 6. <i>Presbytery of Erie.</i> | Fairview, P. | 18 | 6 | 256 | 4 | 16 | 21 | 16 | 19 | 24 | 5 | 50 | 62 |
| Johnston Eaton, P. | Neshanock, P. | 14 | 4 | 55 | 2 | 13 | 2 | | | | 1 | 50 | |
| Absalom McCready, P. | Mill Creek, P. | 6 | 1 | 74 | 1 | 17 | 4 | | | | 2 | 50 | |
| Robert Glenn, P. | Amity, P. | 5 | 1 | 45 | 3 | 8 | 3 | | | | 1 | | |
| James G. Wilson, P. | Sandy Lake, S. S. | 5 | 1 | 94 | 1 | 3 | 2 | | | 5 | 1 | 50 | 2 |
| David Waggoner, P. | Cool Springs, P. | 3 | 2 | 43 | 6 | 2 | 2 | | | 2 | 1 | | |
| John V. Reynolds, P. | Georgetown, P. | 12 | 8 | 144 | 1 | 9 | 1 | | | 2 | 1 | | |
| Cyrus Dickson, P. | Fairfield, P. | 2 | 1 | 89 | 1 | 14 | 1 | | | 15 | 8 | 50 | 50 |
| Hiram S. Eddy, S. S. | Meadville, P. | 3 | 6 | 140 | 14 | 50 | 45 | 20 | 10 | 2 | 5 | 50 | 28 |
| James Coulter, P. | Franklin, P. | 3 | 2 | 88 | 1 | 6 | 6 | | | 2 | | | |
| Joseph T. Smith, P. | Sugar Creek, P. | 18 | 121 | 10 | 2 | 20 | 20 | | | | 1 | 50 | |
| Henry Webber, P. | Warren, P. | 3 | 10 | 120 | 13 | 2 | 2 | | | | 1 | | |
| James W. Dickey, P. | Warren, S. S. | 4 | 32 | 1 | 2 | | | | | | 1 | | |
| Alexander Cunningham, P. | Deerfield, P. | 3 | 14 | 1 | 2 | | | | | | 1 | | |
| | Irvine, S. S. | 9 | 14 | 1 | 2 | | | | | | 1 | | |
| | Mercer, P. | 10 | 11 | 227 | 3 | 12 | 5 | | | | 5 | | |
| | Greenville, P. | 12 | 2 | 121 | 4 | 9 | 20 | 5 | | | 5 | 50 | 122 |
| | Conneautville, P. | 1 | 8 | 43 | 5 | | | | | | 1 | | 1 |
| | Harmonsburgh, P. | 5 | 2 | 82 | 3 | | | | | | 1 | | 1 |
| | Evansburgh, P. | 5 | 2 | 32 | 1 | 4 | | | | | 1 | | 1 |
| | Gravel Run, P. | 1 | 1 | 78 | 8 | | | | | | 1 | | 5 |
| | Washington, P. | 1 | 1 | 33 | 2 | 3 | 2 | | | | 1 | | 10 |
| | Girard, V. | 3 | 3 | 26 | 2 | 2 | 2 | | | | 2 | | |
| | Harbour Creek, V. | 1 | 27 | 2 | 2 | | | | | | 2 | | |
| | Spring, V. | 1 | 21 | | 4 | | | | | | 2 | | 1 |
| | Sugar Grove, V. | 1 | 2 | 21 | | | | | | | | | |
| | North Bank, V. | 1 | 2 | 21 | | | | | | | | | |
| | Mount Pleasant, V. | 1 | 23 | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | 144 | 74 | 2063 | 38 | 186 | \$106 | \$41 | \$29 | \$50 | \$48 | \$3 50 | \$283 |
| | | 22 | 3 | 515 | 3 | 30 | 7 | 7 | | 22 | 4 | | |
| | | 2 | 4 | 20 | | 4 | | | | | | | |
| | Licking, P. | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | New Rehoboth, V. | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Mount Tabor, S. S. | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 7. <i>Presbytery of Clarion.</i> | Curlsville, Pa. | 22 | 3 | 515 | 3 | 30 | 7 | 7 | | 22 | 4 | | |
| John Core, P. | Brookville, Pa. | 2 | 4 | 20 | | 4 | | | | | | | |
| William Kennedy, S. S. | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

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| Thomas F. Magill, P. James McKean, P. | Wellsville, P. Waynesburgh, P. Bethlehem P. Still Fork, P. | Wellsville, Ohio, Waynesburgh, Ohio, | 10 6 14 | 4 6 3 | 145 86 55 | 1 2 2 | 1 2 7 | 12 7 | 22 | 22 | 22 | | 7 | 1 1 1 | | 2 1 | |
| Joseph H. Chambers, P. | Cross Creek, P. | Staubenville, Ohio, | 19 | 5 | 87 | 2 | 3 | | 5 | | 6 | | | 2 | | 50 | |
| John R. Dundass, P. | Richmond, P. | McCullough's, Ohio, | 11 | 2 | 122 | 4 | 28 | | | 7 | 10 | | | 3 | | | |
| Wm. T. Adams, P.—14. | Annapolis, P. Carrollton, P. Amsterdam, P. | Carrollton, Ohio, | 26 45 13 | 5 5 4 | 155 120 76 | 3 11 2 | 23 33 7 | | | 5 | 12 | | | 3 | | | |
| <i>Licentiates</i> —4. James D. Scott, James Little, James Cameron, James W. Miller, <i>Candidates</i> —2. | Corinth, V. Monroesville, V. Union, V. Big Spring, V. Centre Unity, V. Two Ridges, V.—26. | | | | 175 | 16 | | | 7 | 18 | 6 | | | 7 | 2 | | |
| | | | 269 | 70 | 2506 | 35 | 219 | | \$194 | \$389 | \$180 | | \$651 | \$34 | | \$153 | |
| 3. Presb. of St. Clairsville. John Read, D.D., P. Moses Allen, P. William Colledge, P. | Beechspring, P. Crab Apple, P. Woodsfield and Malaga, P. | Union Vale, Ohio, Union Town, Ohio, | 12 4 | 4 6 | 242 130 | 2 | 17 12 | | 25 31 | 30 11 | 20 10 | | | 6 10 | | 31 | |
| James Alexander, P. Benjamin Mitchell, P. | St. Clairsville, P. Mount Pleasant and Rockhill, P. | Woodsfield, Ohio, St. Clairsville, Ohio, | 5 | 2 | 97 175 | 9 | 8 | | 10 | | | | | 3 6 | 50 | | |
| James Kerr, P. Alexander McCandless, P. Alexander Ewing, P. | Cadiz, P. New Castle, P. Morristown and Con- cord, P. | Mount Pleasant, Ohio, Cadiz, Ohio, Woodsfield, Ohio, | 28 9 3 | 6 4 4 | 246 227 42 | 8 1 1 | 21 18 4 | | 36 2 | 10 27 1 | 8 | | | 11 10 1 | 1 00 | | |
| E. H. Nevin, S. S. Samuel Reed, W. C.—10. | Morristown, Ohio, New Athens, S. S. Bealville, Ohio, | Morristown, Ohio, New Athens, Ohio, Bealville, Ohio, | 21 | 9 | 213 | 5 | 16 | | | | | | | 6 | | | |

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|--|--|---|-------------|--------------|-----------|--------|---------|-------|---------------|---------------|--------------|----------------|-------------|-------------------|--------------|--------------------|----------|
| | East Palestine, V. Coitsville, V. Rehoboth, V.—24. | | 1 | 34 35 | 7 2 | | | | | | 2 4 | | 2 2 | | | | |
| | | | 236 | 962075 | 39 | 221 | \$182 | \$399 | \$115 | | \$163 | \$8 | \$2 50 | | | | |
| SYNOD OF OHIO. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| <i>1. Presbytery of Columbus.</i> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| James Hoge, D.D., P. William Jones, S. S. | Columbus, P. Tarlton and Amanda, S. S. | Columbus, Ohio, Tarlton, Ohio, Blendon, Ohio, Columbus, Ohio, Lithopolis, Ohio, Kingston, Ohio, Springfield, Ohio, Cireleville, Ohio, London, Ohio, Truro and Hamilton, P. Worthington and Dub- lin, S. S. | 31 | 8 | 321 | 5 | 16 | 242 | 294 | 178 | | 102 | 20 | 6 | | 426 | |
| Ebenezer Washburn, P. Hiland Hubbard, W. C. | Lithopolis, P. Mount Pleasant, P. | Columbus, Ohio, Kingston, Ohio, Springfield, Ohio, Cireleville, Ohio, London, Ohio, Truro and Hamilton, P. Columbus, Ohio, Worthington, Ohio, Columbus, Ohio, Lancaster, Ohio, Lancaster, Ohio, | 26 | 5 | 146 | 12 | 19 | 10 | 12 | 3 | 3 | | | | | | |
| Samuel M. Wilson, D. M., P. Timothy Stearns, P. Isaac N. Candee, Agt. | Lithopolis, P. Mount Pleasant, P. | Columbus, Ohio, Kingston, Ohio, Springfield, Ohio, Cireleville, Ohio, London, Ohio, Truro and Hamilton, P. Columbus, Ohio, Worthington, Ohio, Columbus, Ohio, Lancaster, Ohio, Lancaster, Ohio, | 7 | 2 | 77 | 8 | 3 | 3 | 15 | 2 | 2 | | | | | | |
| George Wells, P. Robt. C. McComb, D. M., P. Josiah D. Smith, P. John Donaldson, S. S. | Lithopolis, P. Mount Pleasant, P. | Columbus, Ohio, Kingston, Ohio, Springfield, Ohio, Cireleville, Ohio, London, Ohio, Truro and Hamilton, P. Columbus, Ohio, Worthington, Ohio, Columbus, Ohio, Lancaster, Ohio, Lancaster, Ohio, | 30 | 7 | 161 | 9 | 32 | 50 | 68 | 26 | 8 | | | | | | 30 10 |
| Seth Howell, S. S. | Lithopolis, P. | Columbus, Ohio, Kingston, Ohio, Springfield, Ohio, Cireleville, Ohio, London, Ohio, Truro and Hamilton, P. Columbus, Ohio, Worthington, Ohio, Columbus, Ohio, Lancaster, Ohio, Lancaster, Ohio, | 11 | 11 | 86 | 8 | 31 | 16 | 16 | 21 | 19 | | | | | | 15 |
| William Cox, P.—13. | Lithopolis, P. | Columbus, Ohio, Kingston, Ohio, Springfield, Ohio, Cireleville, Ohio, London, Ohio, Truro and Hamilton, P. Columbus, Ohio, Worthington, Ohio, Columbus, Ohio, Lancaster, Ohio, Lancaster, Ohio, | 2 | 4 | 88 | 1 | 1 | 6 | 7 | 2 | 3 | | | | | | 11 |
| <i>Licentiate</i> —2. Moses A. Hoge, Thomas McIntyre, | Lithopolis, P. | Columbus, Ohio, Kingston, Ohio, Springfield, Ohio, Cireleville, Ohio, London, Ohio, Truro and Hamilton, P. Columbus, Ohio, Worthington, Ohio, Columbus, Ohio, Lancaster, Ohio, Lancaster, Ohio, | 38 | 3 | 114 | 13 | 16 | 54 | 67 | 16 | 16 | | | | | | 10 |
| | | | 13 | 4 | 71 | 7 | 14 | 17 | 16 | 4 | | | | | | | |
| | | | 9 | 19 | 54 | 6 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | 34 | 12 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | 167 | 631247 | 47 | 120 | \$416 | \$498 | \$254 | \$30 | \$102 | \$55 | \$502 | | | | |

| | 29 | 2 | 131 | 3 | 7 | 13 | \$145 | \$32 | \$4 | \$46 | \$6 00 | \$53 |
|-----------------------|-----|----|------|----|-----|-------|-------|------|-----|------|--------|------|
| Lexington, V. | 2 | 2 | 57 | 3 | 4 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 1 | 4 | 50 | |
| Hopewell, P. | 8 | 13 | 78 | 7 | 15 | 6 | 4 | 1 | | 3 | 50 | |
| Orange, P. | 23 | 6 | 100 | 2 | 7 | 2 | 4 | 3 | | 2 | 50 | |
| Blooming Grove, P. | 7 | 3 | 74 | 2 | 10 | 3 | 4 | | | 3 | | |
| Sharan, P. | 13 | 6 | 96 | 2 | 6 | 13 | 12 | | | 3 | 50 | |
| Ashland, Ohio, | 21 | 15 | 115 | | 15 | | 3 | | | 1 | | |
| Savannah, Ohio, | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Do. | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Mansfield, Ohio, | 5 | 2 | 104 | 2 | 4 | 26 | 2 | | | 4 | 50 | |
| East Union, V. | 4 | 2 | | | 6 | 3 | 2 | | | 1 | | |
| Sandusky, V. | 10 | | | | | | 2 | | | 2 | | |
| Bellville, V. | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Homer, V. | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Harmony, V. | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Amity, V. | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Danville, V. | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Liberty, V. | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Milford, V. | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Plymouth, V.—27. | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | 276 | 90 | 2037 | 64 | 190 | \$175 | \$145 | \$32 | \$4 | \$46 | \$6 00 | \$53 |
| Sugar Creek, P. | 53 | 7 | 216 | 16 | 24 | 13 | 19 | 8 | 3 | 21 | 50 | 4 |
| Pigeon Run, P. | 9 | 7 | 58 | 4 | 2 | 1 | 7 | 1 | | 2 | | |
| Springfield, P. | 4 | 11 | 137 | 1 | 9 | 6 | 6 | | | 6 | 1 00 | 20 |
| Guilford, P. | 4 | 1 | 65 | 3 | 3 | | 37 | 15 | | 2 | 50 | |
| Harrisville, S. S. | 4 | 4 | 30 | 2 | 2 | | | 8 | | 1 | | |
| Mount Hope, P. | 4 | 5 | 99 | 1 | 10 | | 21 | | | 20 | 50 | |
| Congress, P. | 12 | 1 | 120 | 13 | 13 | 6 | 33 | 5 | | 6 | | |
| Fulton, S. S. | 8 | 9 | 105 | | 22 | 8 | 8 | 1 | | 13 | 60 | 50 |
| Chippewa, P. | 13 | 9 | 105 | 3 | 18 | | 2 | 10 | | 12 | 60 | 50 |
| Newburg, S. S. | 4 | 1 | 32 | 3 | 6 | 1 | 2 | | | 2 | | |
| Northfield, S. S. | 4 | 7 | 59 | | | | 7 | | | 2 | | |
| Wooster, P. | 2 | 6 | 250 | 4 | 9 | 57 | 52 | 3 | | 15 | 50 | 50 |
| Jeromeville, S. S. | 12 | 3 | 54 | 4 | | | 4 | | | 5 | | |
| Lexington, Ohio, | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Ashland, Ohio, | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Shelby, Ohio, | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Ashland, Ohio, | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Savannah, Ohio, | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Do. | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Mansfield, Ohio, | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Leesville & Roads, O. | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Lexington, V. | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Hopewell, P. | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Orange, P. | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Blooming Grove, P. | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Sharan, P. | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Ashland, Ohio, | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Savannah, Ohio, | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Do. | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Mansfield, Ohio, | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| East Union, V. | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Sandusky, V. | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Bellville, V. | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Homer, V. | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Harmony, V. | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Amity, V. | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Danville, V. | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Liberty, V. | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Milford, V. | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Plymouth, V.—27. | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Sugar Creek, P. | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Pigeon Run, P. | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Springfield, P. | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Guilford, P. | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Harrisville, S. S. | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Mount Hope, P. | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Congress, P. | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Fulton, S. S. | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Chippewa, P. | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Newburg, S. S. | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Northfield, S. S. | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Wooster, P. | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Jeromeville, S. S. | | | | | | | | | | | | |

5. *Presbytery of Wooster.*

Archibald Hanna, P.

John D. Hughes, P.

Varnum Noyes, P.

Thomas Beer, P.

Jonas Denton, S. S.

C. J. Abbott, P.

M. A. Fox, S. S.

William McCandlish, P.

James W. Knott, S. S.

Candidates—2.

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|------------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|-------------|--------------|-----------|--------|--------------|----------------|----------------|--------------|----------------|-------------|--------------------|--------------|--------------------|
| Thomas H. Earr, P. | Jackson, P. | Old Hickory, Ohio, | 8 | 1 | 40 | 1 | 2 | 5 | 5 | 1 | | 11 | 2 | 50 | |
| John Andrews, P.—11. | Wayne, P. | Wooster, Ohio, | 3 | 1 | 45 | 12 | 12 | 4 | 5 | | | | 2 | 50 | |
| <i>Candidate</i> —1. | Marshallsville, P. | Marshallsville, Ohio, | 19 | 5 | 79 | 5 | 4 | 7 | 8 | 2 | | | 4 | | |
| | Green, V. | Smithville, Ohio, | | | 19 | | 1 | | | | | | | | |
| | Franklin, V.—18. | Streetsborough, Ohio, | | | 15 | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | 155 | 78 | 1528 | 38 | 137 | \$104 | \$216 | \$54 | \$3 | \$119 | \$69 | \$5 50 | \$74 |
| <i>6. Presbytery of Cochocton.</i> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| John Matthews, P. | West Carlisle, P. | West Carlisle, Ohio, | 1 | 2 | 63 | | 7 | 2 | 5 | | | | 4 | | |
| | Jefferson, S. S. | Warsaw, Ohio, | 2 | 3 | 24 | | 3 | 3 | | | | | 2 | | |
| | Newcomerstown, S. S. | Newcomerstown, Ohio, | | | 11 | | | | | | | | 2 | | |
| Daniel Washburn, D. M. | Apple Creek, P. | Apple Creek, Ohio, | 17 | 4 | 363 | 4 | 25 | 15 | 15 | 17 | | 26 | 10 | 50 | |
| Joseph S. Wylie, P. | East Hopevell, V. | South Bend, Ind. | 7 | | 197 | | | | | | | 14 | 7 | 50 | |
| George Gordon, W. C. | Millersburg, V. | Millersburg, Ohio, | | | 75 | | | | | | | 10 | | | |
| | Unity, P. | Fredericksburg, Ohio, | 14 | 9 | 266 | 5 | 24 | 16 | 30 | 11 | | 30 | 8 | 50 | |
| Edward R. Geary, P. | Cochocton, P. | Cochocton, Ohio, | 19 | 3 | 89 | 6 | 10 | 14 | 14 | | | | 6 | 50 | |
| Addison Coffey, P. | Mount Eaton, P. | Mount Eaton, Ohio, | 7 | 4 | 77 | 3 | 9 | 23 | 23 | | | | 5 | 50 | |
| Philo M. Seuple, P. | Berlin, P. | Berlin, Ohio, | 18 | 4 | 45 | 8 | 7 | 6 | 10 | | | | 3 | 50 | |
| | Keene, P. | Keene, Ohio, | 53 | 2 | 163 | 6 | 14 | 13 | | 25 | | 6 | 3 | 50 | |
| John D. Whitham, P. | Evans Creek, V. | Newcomerstown, Ohio, | 2 | 50 | 3 | | 3 | | | | | | 6 | | |
| | New Philadelphia, P. | New Philadelphia, O. | 6 | 8 | 36 | | 6 | | 5 | | | | 4 | 50 | |
| Thomas M. Finney, P.—9. | Urichsville, S. S. | Urichsville, Ohio, | 18 | 4 | 118 | 1 | 14 | | | | | | 4 | 50 | |
| | Lanton, V. | Plainfield, Ohio, | | 7 | 30 | 1 | 1 | 3 | | | | | 4 | 50 | |
| | Clarke, V. | Clarke, Ohio, | 2 | | 41 | | | | | | | | 2 | | |
| | Wakatomika, V. | Wakatomika, Ohio, | | | 32 | | | 5 | | | | | 2 | | |
| | Perry, V. | West Chester, Ohio, | | | 23 | | | | | | | | 2 | | |
| | Sandyville, V.—19. | Sandyville, Ohio, | | | 16 | | | | | | | | 2 | | |
| | | | 164 | 52 | 1719 | 34 | 123 | \$100 | \$102 | \$53 | | \$86 | \$70 | \$4 00 | |

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| Samuel Taylor, W. C. | Crawfordsville, P. | Frankfort, Ia. | 7 | 14 | 141 | 2 | 10 | 19 | 11 | | | | 5 | | |
| Dagald McIntyre, W. C. | Indian Creek and Pleasant Hill, S. S. | Waveland, Ia. | 1 | 84 | | | | | | | | | 3 | | |
| John C. Eastman, P. | Eugene, S. S. | Russellville, Ia. | 8 | 18 | | | 5 | | | | | | 1 | | |
| James Hummer, S. S. | Thorntown, S. S. | Thorntown, Ia. | 17 | 60 | 16 | 4 | 2 | 16 | | | | | 2 | | |
| W. F. Ferguson, S. S. | Bethel, S. S. | Do. | 1 | 2 | 49 | 1 | 5 | | | | | | 2 | | |
| | Hopewell, S. S. | | 8 | 2 | 37 | 2 | 5 | | | | | | 1 | | |
| N. P. Charlotte, D. M. | Putnamville, V. | Putnamville, Ia. | 6 | 6 | 12 | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Covington, S. S. | Covington, Ia. | 9 | 130 | 10 | 4 | 7 | | | | | | 5 | | |
| Robert W. Allen, P.—9. | Independence, S. S. | Independence, Ia. | 3 | 2 | 35 | 2 | | | | | | | 1 | | |
| | Frankfort, P. | Frankfort, Ia. | 16 | 2 | 98 | 3 | 6 | | | | | | 3 | | |
| | Jefferson, P. | Jefferson, Ia. | 3 | 2 | 98 | 3 | 6 | | | | | | 2 | | |
| | Waveland, V. | Waveland, Ia. | 4 | 2 | 46 | 1 | 3 | | 3 | | | | | | |
| | Bethany, V. | Rockville, Ia. | | | 23 | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Poplar Spring, V. | Bainbridge, Ia. | | | 33 | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Brownsburg, V. | Brownsburg, Ia. | 8 | | 13 | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Lebanon, V. | Lebanon, Ia. | | | 36 | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Coal Creek, V. | Newtown, Ia. | 1 | | 12 | | 4 | | 5 | | | | | | |
| | Jamestown, V. | Jamestown, Ia. | 2 | 10 | 90 | 4 | 4 | | 5 | | | | 3 | | |
| | Union, V. | Crawfordsville, Ia. | | | 22 | | 8 | | | | | | | | |
| | Prairieville, V.—23. | Prairieville, Ia. | 98 | 52 | 1170 | 20 | 85 | \$38 | \$49 | | | | \$34 | | |
| | | | 5 | 2 | 164 | 2 | 8 | 28 | 56 | | | | 5 | | |
| | Franklin, P. | Franklin, Ia. | 2 | 3 | 202 | 1 | 9 | 18 | | | | 81 | 6 | | |
| | Rushville, P. | Rushville, Ia. | 59 | 1 | 161 | 16 | 28 | 13 | 30 | | | 40 | 5 | | |
| | Hopewell, P. | Franklin, Ia. | 5 | 4 | 42 | 4 | 4 | 7 | | | | | 1 | | |
| | Shiloh, P. | Do. | 44 | 4 | 72 | 12 | 11 | | | | | | 2 | | |
| | Muncietown, P. | Muncietown, Ia. | 4 | 4 | 19 | 2 | 4 | | | | | | | | |
| | Burlington, S. S. | New Burlington, Ia. | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

5. *Presb. of Indianapolis.*

David Monfort, P.

David M. Stewart, P.

David V. Smock, P.

Robert Irwin, P.

| | 3 | 4 | 37 | 10 | 146 | 318 | 10 | 50 |
|-------------------------------------|-----|----|------|----|-------|-------|------|----|
| Richwoods, S. S. | | 4 | 37 | 10 | | | | |
| Windsor, S. S. | | 21 | 21 | 1 | | | | |
| Indianapolis, P. | 21 | 7 | 200 | 6 | 161 | | 6 | 50 |
| Shelbyville, Ia. | 3 | 2 | 50 | 1 | 15 | | 4 | 50 |
| St. Omar, Ia. | 9 | 2 | 51 | 4 | | | 2 | |
| Greensburgh, V. | 2 | 5 | 77 | | 4 | | 2 | |
| Sand Creek, V. | 3 | 2 | 98 | 5 | | | | |
| Union, V. | 2 | | 45 | 10 | 8 | | | |
| New Castle, V. | | | | | | | | |
| Knights town, V. | 4 | | 130 | | 4 | | | |
| Lewisville, Ia. | 6 | 4 | 44 | 3 | 3 | | 1 | |
| Bethany, V. | 3 | | 25 | 10 | | | 1 | |
| New Providence, V. | 6 | 6 | 47 | 1 | 2 | | 1 | |
| Stoney Creek, V. | | | | | | | | |
| Andersontown, V.—21. | 181 | 50 | 1485 | 53 | \$263 | \$139 | \$38 | |
| SYNOD OF NORTHERN INDIANA. | | | | | | | | |
| 1. <i>Presbytery of Logansport.</i> | | | | | | | | |
| John Wright, W. C. | 4 | 8 | 67 | 5 | 8 | 18 | 6 | 50 |
| Alexander Williamson, S. S. | 20 | 1 | 71 | 5 | | | 4 | 50 |
| Monticello, S. S. | 2 | | 27 | 1 | 5 | | 3 | |
| Bethlehem, S. S. | | | 19 | | | | 1 | |
| Eel River, S. S. | | | 12 | | | | | |
| Swan, S. S. | | | 10 | | | | | |
| Cedar Creek, S. S. | | | 10 | | | | | |
| Fort Wayne, V. | 3 | 10 | 139 | 3 | 60 | | 6 | 50 |
| Lafayette, P. | 7 | 3 | 72 | 1 | 9 | | 5 | 50 |
| Rossville, S. S. | 2 | | 64 | 5 | 5 | | 4 | |
| Bethesda, S. S. | | | 25 | | | | | |
| Dayton, V. | | | 22 | | | | | |
| Delphi, V. | 2 | 12 | 22 | | | | 2 | 50 |
| Beulah, V. | | | 18 | | | | | |
| <i>Licentiate—1.</i> | | | | | | | | |
| Hugh A. Brown, F. M.—7. | | | | | | | | |
| <i>Licentiate—1.</i> | | | | | | | | |
| Phineas D. Gurley, P. | | | | | | | | |
| Abram T. Hendricks, P. | | | | | | | | |
| Joseph B. Adams, W. C. | | | | | | | | |
| Joseph G. Monfort, Agt. | | | | | | | | |
| George S. Rea, W. C.—9. | | | | | | | | |
| <i>Licentiate—2.</i> | | | | | | | | |
| <i>Candidates—2.</i> | | | | | | | | |

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| | Crab Orchard, V. Brooklyn, V. Sparta, V. Bethany, V. Hopewell, V.—26. | Fredonia, Ill. Brooklyn, Ill. Sparta, Ill. Stanton, Ill. | 4 | 8 | 9 6 12 8 10 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | 101 | 79 | 764 | 24 | 71 | \$21 | \$35 | | | | \$13 | | | | |
| 2. <i>Presbytery of Sangamon.</i> John G. Bergon, P. Andrew Todd, P. Thomas Galt, S. S. | 1st Ch. Springfield, P. Jacksonville, P. North Sangamon, Irish Grove, Petersburg, Providence, Sugar Creek, Union, West Union, Winchester,—10. | Springfield, Ill. Jacksonville, Ill. Springfield, Ill. | 2 | 19 | 150 92 54 34 15 | 3 | 10 | 38 | 11 | 15 | | | 7 | 5 | | | |
| David D. McKee, S. S. William C. Greenleaf,—5. | Jacksonville, Ill. | Jacksonville, Ill. | 6 | 4 | 50 25 38 15 | | | 4 | 2 | 10 | | | 4 | | | | |
| | | | 3 | 6 | 38 | | | | 3 | | | | | | | | |
| | | | 21 | 34 | 472 | 3 | 15 | \$58 | \$31 | | | | \$16 | | | | |
| 3. <i>Presbytery of Schuyler.</i> William K. Stewart, P. George Stebbins, S. S. Ithamar Pillsbury, P. Samuel Wilson, P. | Macomb, P. Hebron, Andover, P. Monmouth, P. Fall Creek, P. Oquaka, P. | Macomb, Ill. Honey Creek, Ill. Andover, Ill. Monmouth, Ill. Do. Oquaka, Ill. | | | 70 15 45 | | 5 | 3 | | | | | | 1 | 3 | 3 | |
| | | | 12 | 8 | 62 | 4 | 2 | 2 | 8 | | | | 1 | 1 | | | |
| Aaron B. Church, W. C. James M. Chase, P. | Shiloh, P. Fountain Green, S. S. Pope's River, S. S. | Macomb, Ill. Fountain Green, Ill. Millersburg, Ill. | 3 | 8 | 41 | | 1 | | 6 | | | | 2 | | | | |

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| <i>5. Presbytery of Peoria.</i> Robert B. Dobbins, S. S. Isaac Kellar, S. S. William J. Fraser, P. Samuel C. McCune, P. James Y. McGinnes, Robert F. Breese, P.—6. | Bennington, S. S. 2d Church Peoria, Knoxville, P. Canton, P. Lewiston, V. Princeton, P. Rochester, P. Crow Meadow, V. Union Grove, P. 1st Church Peoria, V. Pleasant Prairie, V. Marietta, V. Washington, V. La. Marsh, V. Oceola, V. Northampton, V.—16. | Bernadotte, Ill. Peoria, Ill. Knoxville, Ill. Canton, Ill. Lewiston, Ill. French Creek, Ill. Crow Meadow, Ill. Hempin, Ill. Peoria, Ill. Ellisville, Ill. Marietta, Ill. Washington, Ill. Peoria, Ill. Elmyra, Ill. | 9 6 2 1 | 2 7 2 1 | 20 42 62 76 19 12 | 1 1 10 10 7 1 | 3 10 15 1 | 9 7 15 3 | 5 | 2 | | | | | | | |
| <i>6. Presbytery of Iowa.</i> Salmon Cowles, S. S. Lancelotte G. Bell, S. S. Michael Hummer, S. S. Enoch Mead, S. S. John Stocker, S. S. James C. Sharon, P. Aaron L. Leonard, P. Daniel Heider, S. S.—8. | West Point, V. Fairfield, S. S. Iowa City, S. S. Davenport, S. S. Bloomington, S. S. Union and Shiloh, P. Round Prairie, P. Mount Pleasant, V. Trenton, V. Washington, V. Buonaparte, V. Keosauque, V. | West Point, Iowa Ter. Fairfield, Iowa Ter. Iowa City, Iowa Ter. Bloomington, Iowa Ter. Winchester, Iowa Ter. Trenton, Iowa Ter. Washington, Iowa Ter. Keosauque, Iowa Ter. | 2 9 2 | 5 9 8 | 68 60 50 | 3 3 | 3 3 | 3 4 | \$34 | \$22 | \$2 | | | 1 2 | | | |
| | | | 18 | 21 | 302 | 1 | 35 | | \$22 | \$2 | | | | | | | |
| | | | 4 | 6 | 60 | 2 | 5 | 8 | | | | | | 2 | | | |
| | | | 6 | 4 | 24 | 1 | 5 | 5 | | | | | | 2 | | | |
| | | | 9 | 5 | 11 | 2 | 8 | 5 | | | | | | 1 | | | |
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| | Flag Spring, V. Weston, V. Ebenezer, V.—12. | Sparta, Mo. Weston, Mo. Dade county, Mo. | | | 37 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| SYNOD OF KENTUCKY. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| <i>I. Presbytery of Louisville.</i> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| James Hawthorn, S. S. | Lawrenceburg, S. S. | Lawrenceburg, Ky. | 6 | 1 | 50 | 2 | | | 7 | 19 | 20 | | | | 100 | |
| D. C. Proctor, S. S. | Plumb Creek, S. S. | Shelbyville, Ky. | 1 | | 46 | 1 | | | 42 | 27 | | | | | | |
| | Simpsonville, S. S. | Bloomfield, Ky. | | | 75 | | | | 234 | 327 | 300 | | | | | |
| H. H. Hopkins, S. S. | Taylorstown, S. S. | Louisville, Ky. | 10 | 34 | 277 | 1 | 21 | | 140 | 18 | | | 20 | | 550 | |
| W. L. Breckinridge, D.D., P. | 1st Ch. Louisville, P. | Do. | | | 242 | | | | 2 | 109 | 35 | | | | 750 | |
| E. P. Humphrey, P. | 2d Ch. do. | Do. | | | 120 | | | | 8 | 124 | 21 | | | | 46 | |
| D. T. Stuart, P. | Shiloh and Olivet, P. | Shelbyville, Ky. | | 2 | 74 | | 8 | | | | | | | | | |
| J. D. Paxton, P. | Mulberry, P. | Do. | | | 13 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| F. Thornton, S. S. | Beulah, S. S. | Louisville, Ky. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| A. S. Howsley, W. C. | Pennsylvania Run, S. S. | Elizabethtown, Ky. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| John Kennedy, S. S. | Middletown, S. S. | Jeffersonton, Ky. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| E. K. Lynn, | 3d Ch. Louisville, S. S. | Louisville, Ky. | 10 | 4 | 114 | 3 | 21 | | 14 | 32 | | | | | 43 | |
| D. S. Tod, S. S. | | Frankfort, Ky. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| James Greene, | Bardstow, P. | Bardstow, Ky. | 30 | | 161 | | | | 18 | | 45 | | | | | |
| H. S. Dickson, P.—14. | Big Spring, V. | Bloomfield, Ky. | | | 181 | | | | 17 | | | | | | | |
| | Cane Run, V. | Curry's P. O., Ky. | | | 35 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Hodginville, V. | Hodginville, Ky. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Upper Benson, V. | Bridgeport, Ky. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Lower Benson, V. | Do. | | | 67 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Shelbyville, V. | Shelbyville, Ky. | 1 | 219 | | | 8 | | 157 | 163 | 77 | | | | | |
| | Cloverport, V. | Cloverport, Ky. | | | 12 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Hawsville, V. | Hawsville, Ky. | | | 9 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | New Castle, S. S. | New Castle, Ky. | 3 | 2 | 35 | 1 | 3 | | 32 | | 30 | | | | | |

| | 10 | 31 | 3 | 8 | | 8 | | | 1 | |
|-------------------------------------|-----|-----|------|----|----|--------|--------|--------|------|--------|
| Munfordsville, V. | 132 | 39 | 2494 | 52 | 94 | \$1017 | \$1001 | \$1260 | | |
| Glasgow, V. | | 29 | | | | | | | 1 | |
| Do. | | | | | | | | | 1 | |
| | | | | | | | | | \$44 | |
| <i>4. Presb. of West Lexington.</i> | | | | | | | | | | |
| Robert Stuart, W. C. | 1 | 13 | 366 | | | 106 | 20 | 100 | | |
| Nathan H. Hall, P. | | 1 | 43 | | 6 | 16 | | | | |
| Charles A. Campbell, S. S. | 1 | 63 | 1 | 4 | | | | | 3 | |
| William H. Forsyth, D. M. | | 134 | | 8 | | 41 | 30 | | 2 | |
| Charles Stewart, P. | | 1 | 91 | 6 | | 30 | 65 | | | |
| James L. Logan, S. S. | 3 | 4 | 111 | 2 | 4 | 55 | | 28 | | |
| John F. Coons, P. | 2 | | 126 | 2 | 4 | 79 | | 62 | | |
| Jacob F. Price, P. | | | 174 | | | | | | 4 | |
| Joseph J. Bullock, P. | | 5 | 104 | 2 | | 19 | 10 | 17 | | |
| John G. Surrall, S. S. | | | 70 | 2 | | 29 | 20 | 90 | | |
| | 3 | 5 | 130 | 4 | | | 163 | 250 | 5 | |
| Do. | | | 86 | | | | | | 3 | |
| Do. | | 2 | 61 | 1 | 7 | 29 | 20 | | | 600 |
| Walnut Hill, S. S. | 1 | | | | | | | | | |
| W. C. Matthews, P. | 3 | 1 | 27 | 1 | | 47 | 19 | 75 | | |
| Salem, | 42 | 6 | 112 | 13 | 3 | 29 | 25 | | | |
| Woodford, P. | | | | | | | | | | |
| Ezekiel Forman, P. | | 1 | 12 | 2 | | 25 | | | | |
| W. W. Hill, Ed.—16. | | | 11 | 4 | | | | | | |
| <i>Licentiates—4.</i> | | | | | | | | | | |
| Ebenezer Bishop, | 1 | 2 | 23 | | 3 | 10 | 17 | | | |
| Brice Fields, | | | | | | | | | | |
| John D. Shanc, | 1 | | | | | | | | | |
| Alexander McKinney, | 1 | 52 | | 1 | | 10 | | | | |
| | 2 | 3 | 14 | 1 | 3 | | | | | |
| Do. | 1 | 28 | 1 | 4 | | | | | | |
| Do. | 1 | 1 | 94 | 1 | | | | | 3 | |
| Do. | | | | | | | | | | |
| <i>Candidates—4.</i> | | | | | | | | | | |
| Williamstown, V. | 61 | 45 | 1935 | 24 | 66 | \$525 | \$390 | \$622 | \$25 | \$1171 |
| Mount Pleasant, S. S.— | | | | | | | | \$50 | | |
| Cynthiana, Ky. | | | | | | | | | | |

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| 5. <i>Presbytery of Ebenezer.</i> Solomon G. Ward, W. C. R. C. Grundy, P. J. T. Hendrick, P. J. H. Condit, P. Robert F. Caldwell, P. Benjamin Boyd, W. C. Samuel Lynn, S. S. N. L. Rice, S. S. William Orr, S. S. Abel A. Case, S. S. George B. Armstrong, S. S. A. E. Thorne, S. S. | New Hope, V. Maysville, P. Flemingsburg, P. Washington, P. Springfield, P. Millersburg, P. Augusta, S. S. Sharon, S. S. Richwood, S. S. Burlington, S. S. Paris, S. S. 1st Church, Covington, S. S. | Carlisle, Ky. Maysville, Ky. Flemingsburg, Ky. Washington, Ky. Sharpsburg, Ky. New Port, Ky. Burlington, Ky. Paris, Ky. Covington, Ky. Amanda, Ky. Crittenden, Ky. | 7 27 16 5 | 27 145 177 100 87 67 | 1 2 1 7 2 | 1 13 26 3 8 | 1 75 60 20 14 4 | 80 50 9 | 40 84 20 | | | | 2 10 6 4 | | |
| W. W. Hall, W. C. Lorin Andrews, F. M. W. P. Alexander, F. M. John M. McConaughy, P.— 16. | Bethesda, S. S. Greenup Union, S. S. Lebanon, S. S. Cynthiana, S. S. | Paris, Ky. Do. | 11 9 5 1 | 86 45 31 40 | 1 4 1 1 | 10 2 | 18 10 | 41 4 4 4 | | | | | 2 3 2 2 | | |
| <i>Licentiate</i> —2. George Aitken, S. A. Hodgman, | Cabin Creek, S. S. Falmouth, V. Concord, V. Carlisle, P. New Concord, S. S. Sherburn Mills, S. S. Stoner Mouth, V. Upper Blue Lacks, V. Hinkston, Smryna,—26. | Carlisle, Ky. Do. | 16 4 5 1 | 39 46 32 | 4 2 | 19 | 2 16 | | | | | | 3 2 2 2 | | |
| | Sherburn Mills, Ky. Do. | | 1 | 44 | 6 | | | | | | | | 2 | | |
| | | | 113 | 391010 | 30 | 89 | \$219 | \$192 | \$144 | | | | \$35 | | |

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| William S. White, P. | Charlottesville, P. | Charlottesville, Va. | 7 | 2 | 93 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 50 | 60 | 100 | 34 | | 10 | | |
| Jesse S. Armistead, P. | Cumberland, P. | Stony Point Mills, Va. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Robert N. Anderson, W. C. | Finney Wood, S. S. | Syra, Va. | | | 60 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| William Hammersley, P. | Rough Creek, P. | Rough Creek Ch, Va. | 4 | 9 | 34 | 1 | 4 | | 58 | 54 | 6 | | 10 | 3 | | 27 |
| Samuel J. Price, W. C. | Byrd, P. | Cub Creek, Va. | 4 | 2 | 28 | 3 | 3 | | 8 | | | | | 5 | | |
| John H. Bocoek, S. S. | Union, V. | Parkersburg, Va. | 4 | 2 | 22 | | | | | | | | | 6 | | |
| Joseph F. Baxter, S. S. | Anheerst, S. S. | Anheerst C. H., Va. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| John B. Ross, P. | Scottsville, P. | Savannah, Geo. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Michael Osborne, S. S. | Cub Creek, S. S. | Charlotte C. H., Va. | 13 | 7 | 129 | 2 | 29 | | 53 | 71 | | | | 20 | | |
| Samuel D. Stuart, P. | Briery, P. | Rosnoke Bridge, Va. | 2 | 2 | 180 | 1 | 12 | | 68 | | | | | 40 | | |
| P. J. Sparrow, P. | Hanover, P. | Prince Edward C. H. Va. | 14 | 8 | 159 | 4 | 4 | | | | | | | 58 | | |
| John G. Shepperson, P. | Peaks and New London, P. | Otter Bridge, Va. | 1 | | 45 | | 5 | | 10 | 10 | 1 | | | 6 | | |
| Samuel W. Plain, P. | Lebanon, P. | Yauecy's Mills, Va. | | | 73 | | 2 | | 9 | 15 | | | 10 | 6 | | |
| William C. Scott, P. | Bethesda, P. | Charlotte C. H., Va. | 2 | 1 | 49 | 2 | 4 | | 18 | 10 | | | | 12 | | 9 |
| Samuel D. Rice, S. S. | Chesnut, S. S. | Rock Mount, Va. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| William Pinkerton, P. | Cove, P. | Lovingsston, Va. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| James M. Cake, P. | Bethany, P. | Jameburg C. H., Va. | 8 | 1 | 68 | 4 | 7 | | 21 | 17 | | | 10 | 8 | | 15 |
| James M. Allen, P. | Providence, P. | Jefferson, Va. | 2 | | 40 | | 2 | | 43 | | | | 5 | 5 | | 13 |
| Francis S. Sampson, Prof. | Walkers, S. S. | Prince Edward C. H. Va. | 1 | | 29 | | | | 4 | | | | | 2 | | |
| David H. Cunningham, S. S. | Diamond Hill, S. S. | Mount Zion, Va. | | | 32 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| William S. Thompson, P. | Trinity, P. | Virginia Mills, Va. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Thomas Brown, Teacher, | South Plains, V. | New London, Va. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| James H. Fitzgerald, P. | Maysville, P. | Buckingham C. H., Va. | | | 97 | | | | 44 | | | | | 10 | | |
| Wm. W. Stickley, P.—31. | Old Concord, P. | Old Concord, Va. | | | 115 | | | | 10 | | | | | 5 | | |
| <i>Licentiates</i> —4. | Hat Creek, P. | Richmond, Va. | | | 65 | | | | 8 | | | | | | | |
| Moses D. Hoge, | Little Concord, S. S. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| William V. Wilson, | New Concord. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Samuel W. Watkins, | Halifax C. H., S. S. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| William H. Hogshead, | Dover,—35. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| <i>Candidates</i> —4. | | | 61 | 48 | 1633 | 19 | 80 | | \$574 | \$328 | \$220 | \$34 | \$76 | \$223 | | \$64 |

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| Evander McNair, S. S. | Long Street and China Grove, | Murchison's Mills, N. C. | 6 | | 222 | 2 | | 40 | 42 | | | | 14 | | |
| Hector McNeill, P. | Bethel, St. Paul's and Lumber Bridge, P. | Randalsville, N. C. | 6 | | 104 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 2 | | | | 3 | | |
| Arch. Smith, S. S. | Bethesda, | Philadelphus, N. C. | 6 | 1 | 240 | 5 | 9 | 9 | 20 | | | | | | |
| John R. McIntosh, P. | Centre, P. | Bolivar, N. C. | 6 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Hugh McLaurin, S. S. | Mineral Spring & Bensalem, | Clark's Mills, N. C. | 1 | 2 | 87 | | 6 | | | | | | 3 | | |
| William W. Ellis, W. C. | | Savannah, Geo. | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Malcom Conoley, P. | Shiloh, Grove & Union, (Duplin,) P. | Clinton, N. C. | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Arch. Baker, P. | Laurel Hill, P. | Rockingham, N. C. | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Hugh A. Munroe, Evang. | | Elizabethtown, N. C. | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Neill McKay, S. S. | Sardis, Tirza and Mount Pisgab, | Murchison's Mills, N. C. | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Colin Shaw, P. | Black River, P. | Gravelly Hill, N. C. | 18 | | 142 | 14 | 5 | | | | | | 6 | | |
| Theophilus G. Potts, P.—22. | Hopewell and Keith, P. | Washington Depot, N. C. | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| <i>Licentiates—4.</i> | Ashpole, V. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Duncan Black, | Snyrna, V. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Angus C. McNeill, | Wilmington, V. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Andrew McMillan, | Mark's Creek, V. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Peter McNabb, | Bethcar, V. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| <i>Candidates—10.</i> | Cypress.—43. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | 82 | 9 | 2052 | 30 | 101 | \$108 | \$241 | \$1 | \$1 | | \$54 | | |
| <i>3. Presbytery of Concord.</i> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| John B. Davis, S. S. | Bethel, S. S. | Davidson College, N. C. | 8 | | 69 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Walter S. Pharr, P. | Mallard Creek, P., Ra- mah, S. S. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Unity, S. S. | Mill Grove, N. C. | 2 | | 250 | | 12 | 9 | 13 | 2 | | | 5 | 1 00 | |
| R. H. Morrison, D. D. S. S. | Davidson College, P. | Cottage Home, N. C. | | | 120 | | 5 | 34 | 20 | 10 | | | 5 | 1 00 | |
| Samuel Williamson, Pres. | Davidson College, P. | Davidson College, N. C. | | | 18 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Stephen Frontis, P. | Salisbury, P. | Salisbury, N. C. | | 1 | 90 | | 6 | 60 | 63 | | | | 6 | 1 00 | |

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| Cyrus Johnston, P. | Providence & Sharon, P. | Providence, N. C. | 23 | 2 | 214 | 7 | 12 | 30 | 27 | 7 | 50 |
| Henry N. Pharr, P. | Concord and Salem, P. | Statesville, N. C. | 11 | 4 | 198 | 1 | 19 | 5 | 15 | 5 | 1 00 |
| Daniel A. Fenick, P. | Rocky River, P. | Pioneer Mills, N. C. | 23 | 3 | 495 | 1 | 31 | 44 | 78 | 7 | 50 |
| James Kerr, S. S. | Morganton and Drusilla, S. S. | Morgantown, N. C. | | | 100 | | | 44 | 10 | 4 | 50 |
| J. Le Roy Davies, P. | Centre and Prospect, P. | Mount Mourne, N. C. | 10 | 8 | 318 | 7 | 14 | 18 | 38 | 5 | 50 |
| Wm. A. Hall, P. | Joppa and Unity, P. | Mocksville, N. C. | | | 171 | | | | | 5 | 50 |
| Albertus L. Watts, P. | Steel Creek and Pleasant Hill, P. | Steel Creek, N. C. | 4 | | 231 | 1 | 12 | 79 | 11 | 6 | 50 |
| A. Y. Lockridge, P. | Back Creek, P. | Mount Ulla, N. C. | 4 | | 207 | 1 | 7 | | 26 | 5 | 50 |
| Daniel Lindley, F. M. | Wilkesborough, V. | Port Natal, Africa. | | | | | | | | | |
| John S. McCutchan, P. | Ashville, V. | | 13 | 4 | 184 | 4 | 14 | 33 | 8 | 4 | 1 00 |
| Thomas P. Johnston, F. M. | Goshen & New Hope, P. | Stovessville, N. C. | | | | | | | | | |
| | Lebanon, V. | Trebizond, West Asia. | | | | | | | | | |
| James M. H. Adams, P. | Burnsville, V. | | 6 | | 206 | 4 | 9 | 22 | 26 | 6 | 50 |
| James E. Morrison, P. | Third Creek, P. | Cowansville, N. C. | | | | | | | | | |
| | Bethpage and Concord Town, P. | Concord, N. C. | 6 | 1 | 180 | | 13 | 26 | 10 | 5 | 50 |
| James D. Hall, P. | Thyatira & Franklin, P. | Salisbury, N. C. | 2 | 1 | 250 | | 15 | 10 | 18 | 6 | 1 00 |
| John M. M. Caldwell, P. | Sugar Creek, P. | Charlotte, N. C. | | | 310 | | | | | 6 | 1 00 |
| S. E. O. Wilson, Prof. | Philadelphia, V. | Davidson College, N. C. | | | 300 | | | | | | |
| John M. Wilson, P. | Union, V. | | 4 | 1 | 200 | 1 | 12 | 35 | 45 | 6 | 50 |
| Wm. N. Morrison, D. M. | Bethany and Tabor, P. | Bethany Church, N. C. | | | | | | | | | |
| | Rim's Creek and Swanano, S. S. | Swanano, N. C. | | | 30 | | | | | | |
| James F. W. Freeman, S. S. | Charlotte, S. S. | Charlotte, N. C. | | | 58 | | | | | 4 | |
| Frederick K. Nash, S. S. | Rutherfordon and Little Britain, S. S. | Rutherfordon, N. C. | 15 | | 100 | | | | | | |
| Lemuel Murray, S. S. | Lincolnton and Long Creek, S. S. | Lincolnton, N. C. | 4 | | 80 | | 15 | | | 6 | |
| H. B. Cunningham, P. | Hopevell and Paw Creek, P. | Alexandria, N. C. | 13 | 1 | 290 | 2 | 21 | 38 | 12 | 7 | 50 |
| E. F. Rockwell, P. | Fourth Creek, P. | Statesville, N. C. | | | 94 | | 4 | 43 | 15 | 4 | 50 |
| John E. McPherson, D. M. | Ebenezer, S. S. | Franklin, N. C. | | | | | | | | | |
| Walter W. Pharr, P.—30. | Poplar Tent, P. | Mill Grove, N. C. | 17 | 1 | 173 | | 8 | 13 | 44 | 5 | 50 |
| | Siloam, S. S. | | 7 | | 26 | | 4 | | | | |
| | Duncan's Creek, S. S. | | | | | | | | | | |

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| George M. Gibbs, D. M. John L. McIver. Robert N. Davis. O. D. McNeely. <i>Candidates—4.</i> | Olney, V. Smyrna, V.—52. | Pleasant Garden, N. C. | 172 | 285060 | 50 8 | 29 | 233 | | \$543 | \$479 | \$151 | | \$5 | \$121 | \$12 00 | |
| SYNOD OF WEST TENNESSEE. <i>1. Presbytery of Holston.</i> Samuel W. Doak, S. S. Andrew Vance, S. S. Samuel H. Doak, W. C. A. A. Mathes, S. S. A. A. Doak, S. S. Samuel Y. Wylie, S. S. R. B. McMullen, P. Wm. B. Carter, P.—8. | Mount Bethel, S. S. Baker's Creek, S. S. Rokey Spring, V. Pleasant Forest, S. S. Salem, S. S. Leesburg, S. S. Knoxville, P. Rogersville and New Providence, P. Lebanon, V. Cedar Grove, V. Providence, S. S. Ebenezer, S. S. Madisonville, S. S.—14. | Henderson's Mill, Tenn. Morganton, Tenn. Rodger's, Tenn. Campbell's Station, Tenn. Washington Col., Tenn. Leesburg, Tenn. Knoxville, Tenn. Rogersville, Tenn. Mechlenburg, Tenn. Knoxville, Tenn. Leesburg, Tenn. Knoxville, Tenn. Madisonville, Tenn. | 6 10 | 94 120 | 10 12 6 | 3 5 | 10 5 | | 12 6 | | | | | 3 | 50 | |
| | | | 20 | 82 | 8 | 11 | 23 | | 5 | | | | | 3 | 50 | 100 |
| | | | 16 | 370 | 3 | 12 | 25 | | 20 | | | | | 5 | 50 | 213 |
| | | | 16 | 80 | 7 | 2 | 20 | | 20 | | | | | 4 | 1 00 | |
| | | | 25 | 135 | 6 | 31 | 400 | | 238 | | | | | 8 | 1 00 | |
| | | | 1 | 128 | 9 | 31 | 34 | | | | | | | 10 | 1 00 | 5 |
| | | | 5 | 112 | 18 | 25 | | | | | | | | 3 | | |
| | | | 1 | 29 | 2 | | | | | | | | | 1 | | |
| | | | 1 | 39 | 5 | 8 | | | | | | | | 1 | | |
| | | | 5 | 32 | 2 | | | | | | | | | 1 | | |
| | | | 106 | 15921 | 30 | 105 | \$550 | | \$297 | | | | | \$39 | \$3 00 | \$318 |
| <i>2. Presb. of West Tennessee.</i> Duncan Brown, D. D., W. C. Hugh Shaw, S. S. James M. Arnell, P. | Bethesda, V. Hopewell, S. S. Zion, P. | Mount Pleasant, Tenn. Lynnville, Tenn. Ashwood, Tenn. | 2 11 16 | 77 346 1208 | 1 3 9 | 6 1 52 | 15 183 | | 310 | | 7 | | | 21 | | 7 89 |

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| Elijah Slack, S. S. Alexander Van Court, P. William Chamberlain. John Huss, Miss.—6. <i>Candidates</i> —4. | Rogersville, S. S. Florence, P. | Florence, Ala. Do. | 10 | | 19 74 | 2 8 | | | 175 | | | | 10 4 | 50 50 | |
| 5. <i>Presb. of Western District.</i> | | | 33 | | 330 | 8 | 23 | | \$211 | | | | \$40 | \$2 00 | |
| Samuel Hodge, D. M. | Zion, S. S. New Shiloh, S. S. Trenton, S. S. | Hernando, Mississippi. | | | 35 70 | | | 6 | 11 | 11 | | | 5 3 3 | | |
| H. M. Kerr, D. M. | Aimwell, S. S. Bethel, S. S. Ramah, S. S. Jackson, P. | New Castle, Tenn. | 2 6 1 | | 2 33 35 78 | 4 9 1 | 2 4 3 | | | 2 3 3 18 | | | 2 2 2 8 | | |
| A. A. Campbell, P. Samuel McKinney, Prof. Wm. S. Laey, P. Samuel M. Williamson, P. | Paris, V. Glade Spring, P. Mount Bethany, P. Sommerville, S. S. Emmans, Pastor elect. Memphis, S. S. Portersville, V. | Jackson, Tenn. Do. Do. Bellemont, Tenn. | 3 1 5 17 | | 21 100 38 24 214 12 | 2 9 1 8 | 2 9 9 5 | 16 27 25 39 100 | | 45 35 55 50 | | | 4 10 8 10 15 | | 20 |
| P. R. Bland, Pastor elect. | Portersville, V. | Bellemont, Tenn. | 3 | | 42 | 1 | 5 | 11 | 140 | 50 | | | 15 | 1 00 | 230 |
| A. G. McNutt, S. S. | Germanatown, S. S. West Bethel, V. | Memphis, Tenn. | 3 | | 20 | 1 | 9 | 11 | 20 | 5 | | | 5 | 1 00 | |
| James H. Gillespie, P. | Mount Pleasant, V. | Denmark, Tenn. | 1 | | 130 | 5 | 5 | 21 | 16 | 10 | | | 10 | 1 00 | 139 |
| D. H. Cummins, P. J. Harrison. J. M. Becton. M. T. Allen, P. | Mount Carmel, P. La Grange, V. Ohio, V. Raleigh, P. Prosperity, S. S. | Covington, Tenn. New Castle, Kentucky. Texas. Raleigh, Tenn. | 4 | | 174 | 1 | 22 | 50 | 107 | 62 | | | 12 | 50 | 63 |
| | | | 24 | | 110 | 14 | 16 | 13 | | | | | 6 | 1 00 | |

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| J. E. Bright, P. | Brownsville, P. | 1 | 3 | 79 | 3 | 15 | 10 | 15 | 5 | 6 | 50 | |
| A. T. Graves, S. S.—15. Licentiate—1. | Union, P. | 2 | 51 | | | 26 | | 10 | | | 50 | |
| James Holmes, Candidates—5. | Ripley, V. | 3 | 29 | | 3 | 6 | 8 | 5 | | 2 | 50 | 27 |
| | Huntingdon, V. | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Hopeful, V.—29. Candidates—5. | 73 | 95 | 1322 | 29 | 104 | \$249 | \$329 | \$5 | \$122 | \$6 50 | \$479 |
| SYNOD OF | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| S. CAROLINA & GEORGIA. | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. Presb. of South Carolina. No Report. | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2. Presbytery of Bethel. | Bethel. | 17 | 412 | | 8 | 24 | 20 | 10 | | 10 | 50 | |
| Robert B. Walker, W. C. | Ebenezer, P. | 19 | 2 | 129 | 9 | 15 | | | | 8 | | |
| Samuel L. Watson, P. | Unity, S. S. | 3 | 32 | | 1 | | | 10 | | 4 | | |
| P. E. Bishop, P. | Beersheba, S. S. | 10 | 1 | 120 | | | | 5 | | | | |
| William B. Davics, S. S. | Bullock's Creek, S. S. | | | | | | | 5 | | | | |
| John Douglas, P. | Purity, P. | 2 | 1 | 58 | 1 | 10 | 17 | 45 | | 6 | 50 | |
| James H. Saye, P. | Concord, P. | 6 | 78 | | 2 | 11 | 7 | 10 | | 4 | 50 | |
| James R. Gilland, P. | Fairforest, P. | 5 | 2 | 71 | 1 | 2 | | 28 | | 5 | 50 | |
| | Cane Creek, P. | | | 52 | 2 | 13 | 7 | 12 | | 5 | 50 | |
| | Fishing Creek, P. | 7 | 6 | 123 | 2 | 7 | 25 | 30 | | | | |
| | Cedar Shoal, P. | | | 20 | | | | | | | | |
| A. H. Caldwell, P. | Bethesda, P. | 6 | 1 | 197 | 2 | 4 | | 10 | | | | |
| William Banks, P. | Catholite, P. | 14 | 9 | 280 | 1 | 21 | | 32 | | | 50 | |
| Ferdinand Jacobs, S. S. | Yorkville, S. S. | 5 | 7 | 39 | 2 | 4 | 35 | 31 | | 6 | 50 | |
| | Salem, S. S. | | | 40 | | | | 4 | | 4 | 50 | |
| L. W. Curtis, S. S.—11. Licentiate—3. | Unionville, S. S. | 9 | 2 | 24 | 2 | 1 | 20 | 24 | | 5 | 50 | |
| Wm. P. Harrison, S. S. | Waxhaw, S. S. | 10 | 1 | 39 | 3 | 10 | | 10 | | | | |
| Wm. M. H. Moore. | Six Mile Creek, V. | | | 23 | | | | | | | | |
| James R. Baird. Candidates—5. | Lancasterville, S. S. | | | 17 | | | | | | | | |
| | Hopewell, V. | | | 56 | | | | | | | | |
| | Shiloh, V.—31. | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | 113 | 32 | 1932 | 33 | 112 | \$137 | \$266 | | \$62 | \$3 50 | |

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| <i>3. Presbytery of Harmony.</i> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| John Harrington, W. C. | Darlington, P. | Darlington, S. C. | 12 | 9 | 96 | 7 | | | 73 | | 13 | | | 10 | | |
| William Brearley, P. | Camden, Bishopville, P. | Camden, S. C. Bishopville, S. C. | 2 | 4 | 67 76 | 3 4 | | | 1 4 | | 5 | | | 20 10 | | |
| J. C. McFarland. | Mount Zion, P. | Mount Clio, S. C. | 16 | 1 | 157 | | | | 89 | | 32 | | | 15 | | |
| R. B. Campbell, S. S. | Williamsburgh, Midway, P. | Kingstree, S. C. Salem, S. C. | 27 | 1 | 313 115 | 24 | | | 2 | | | | | 20 10 | | |
| T. R. English, P. | Concord, P. | Sumterville, S. C. | 6 | 1 | 95 | 1 | | | 4 | | 18 | | | 15 | | |
| J. L. Wilson, Miss. | Sumterville, P. | Sumterville, S. C. | 1 | 1 | 27 | | | | 5 | | | | | 10 | | |
| William M. Reid, P. | Hopewell, P. | Mars Bluff, S. C. | 7 | 5 | 152 | | | | 12 | | 12 | | | 20 | | |
| A. G. Peden, S. S. | Beaver Creek, P. | Russel's Place, S. C. | 7 | 7 | 125 | 5 | | | 12 | | | | | 16 | | |
| P. Picson, P. | Cheraw, P. | Cheraw, S. C. | 3 | 1 | 70 | | | | 4 | | | | | 20 | | |
| D. McQueen, P. | Salem, L. R., P. | Buckhead, S. C. | 2 | 3 | 52 | | | | 2 | | | | | 20 | | |
| Joseph Brown, P. | Harmony, P. | Plowden's Mills, S. C. | 2 | 3 | 61 | | | | 1 | | 7 | | | 7 | | |
| Samuel Donnelly, P. | Brewington, P. | Barrowdale, S. C. | 5 | 1 | 65 | 3 | | | | | | | | 6 | | |
| J. C. Coit, P. | Olivet, P. | Barrowdale, S. C. | 2 | 2 | 42 | 2 | | | | | | | | 5 | | |
| R. C. Ketchum, P. | Ainwell, P. | Barrowdale, S. C. | 2 | 2 | 42 | 2 | | | | | | | | 5 | | |
| D. J. Auld, P. | Lebanon, P. | Winnsboro', S. C. | 8 | 5 | 205 | 6 | | | 10 | | 29 | | | 20 | | |
| M. Peden, P. | Salem, B. R., P. | Bradleyville, S. C. | 9 | 9 | 233 | | | | 30 | | 30 | | | 20 | | |
| A. Bui, W. C. | Indiantown, | Indiantown, S. C. | 5 | 1 | 255 | | | | 4 | | | | | 10 | | |
| M. D. Fraser, P. | Winnsboro', P. | Winnsboro', S. C. | 5 | 7 | 100 | | | | | | | | | 15 | | |
| G. C. Gregg, P. | Horch, | Winnsboro', S. C. | 7 | | | | | | | | | | | 5 | | |
| J. P. McPherson, S. S. | Great Pedee, V. | Great Pedee, V. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Samuel H. Hay, P.—21. | Little Pedee, V. | Little Pedee, V. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Reedy Creek, V. | Reedy Creek, V. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Pine Tree,—25. | Pine Tree,—25. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | 119 | 31 | 2405 | 51 | 63 | \$433 | | | \$146 | | | \$254 | | |
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*Licentiates—2.**Candidates—4.*

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| 4. <i>Presbytery of Charleston.</i> A. W. Leland, D.D., Prof. Benj. Gildersleeve, Ed. Geo. Howe, D.D., Prof. Joseph Wallace, W. C. Edward Palmer, Thomas Smyth, D.D., P. John F. Lancau, Miss. John B. Adger, Miss. James L. Merrick, Miss. James H. Thornwell, Prof. Benj. M. Palmer, Jr., P. Thos. L. McBride, Miss. Rich. Q. Way, Miss.—13. <i>Licentiates</i> —3. Charles A. Stittsman, Ezekiel F. Hyde, William Flynn, <i>Candidate</i> —1. | 20 | 9 | 344 | 83 | 21 | 700 | 600 | 110 | | | | |
| Watterboro', 2d Pr. Ch. Charleston, P. John's Island, V. Salt Catcher, Columbia, P. Beech Island, Boiling Springs,—7. | 9 | 7 | 128 | 24 | 3 | 33 | 350 | 178 | | | | |
| | 29 | 17 | 631 | 9 | 3 | \$733 | \$965 | \$288 | | | | |
| 5. <i>Presbytery of Georgia.</i> Wm. McWhirr, D.D., W. C. R. Quarterman, P. C. C. Jones, Miss. to Negroes. W. Baird, P. J. S. K. Axson, P. John Winn, S. S. John Jones, S. S. Henry Axtell, Chap. U. S. A. Alex. W. McClure, S. S.—9. | 12 | 2 | 14 | 85 | 2 | 15 | 40 | | | | | 75 78 100 150 |
| 1st Pr. Savannah, S. S. Bryan Neck, S. S. Pleasant Grove, S. S. Darien, S. S. Waynesville, V. St. Mary's, P. Jacksonville, E. F., V. Linton Grove, S. S. St. Augustine, E. F., S. S. | | 40 | 20 | 8 | 2 | 30 | 50 | | | | | 137 |
| Darien, Geo. Riceboro', Geo. Do. Riceboro', Geo. Bryan Old C. H., Geo. Darien, Geo. Tampa Bay, E. F. St. Augustine, E. F. | | | | | | 40 | | | | | | |
| | 12 | 2 | 295 | 40 | 10 | \$80 | \$90 | \$110 | | | | \$530 |
| <i>Licentiates</i> —2. Daniel S. Dickinson, Peter Winn, <i>Candidate</i> —1. | | | | | | 40 | | | | | | |

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| | White Oak, S. S. Zebulon, V. Carrolton, S. S. Bethany, S. S. Salem, V. Philadelphia, V. Brainerd, S. S.—37. | | 4 | | 44 27 9 26 | | 2 | 5 | 7 | | | | 8 | | |
| | Monticello, S. S. | Monticello, Flor. Savannah, Geo. | | | 21 | 2 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 | | | | 1 00 | 75 |
| | 1st Presb. Ch., Thomas county, S. S. 1st Presb. Ch., Lowndes county, S. S. Tallahassee, S. S. I-a-omnia, V. S. Quincy, V. Madison, V. Marianna, V.—8. | Thomasville, Geo. Sharp's Store, Geo. Tallahassee, Flor. Do. Quincy, Flor. Madison, Flor. Marianna, Flor. Tampa Bay, Flor. | 1 | 3 | 30 | 4 | | 5 | | 6 | | | | 1 00 | 80 |
| | Joshua Phelps, S. S. Rich. M. Baker, W. C.—5. <i>Licentiate</i> —1. Edmund Lee, D. M. | | 1 | 6 | 12 87 16 112 13 | 2 5 8 7 2 | 3 26 3 15 19 | 2 3 3 35 4 | 2 66 3 35 4 | 2 27 4 | | | | 1 00 2 00 1 00 1 00 | 9 75 4 40 10 |
| | 9. <i>Presbytery of Cherokee.</i> James Gamble, S. S. Nathaniel A. Pratt, P. Isaac W. Waddel, S. S. Alex. B. McCorkle, S. S.—4. <i>Licentiate</i> —3. James B. Dunwoody, | Summerville, Geo. Lebanon, Geo. Marietta, Geo. Summerville, Geo. Lebanon, Geo. | 18 | 9 | 312 | 7 | 31 | \$72 | \$114 | \$37 | | | | \$7 00 | \$338 |
| | | | | | 46 78 71 120 22 25 28 | 14 4 1 4 4 2 1 2 3 | | 40 | | 40 | | | | | |

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| <i>2. Presbytery of Tuscaloosa.</i> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Isaac Hadden, P. | Bethel, P. | Sumterville, Ala. | 7 | 2 | 129 | 5 | | | | | | | 12 | 1 00 | |
| John L. Kirkpatrick, P. | Gainesville, P. | Gainesville, Ala. | | | 70 | | | 4 | 50 | 235 | 96 | | 15 | 1 00 | 526 |
| Alexander Smith, P. | Livingston, P. | Livingston, Ala. | 1 | | 63 | 1 | | 6 | | | | | 10 | 50 | |
| James P. McMullen, P. | Carthage, P. | Havanna, Ala. | 25 | 1 | 95 | 11 | | 10 | 50 | 24 | | | 7 | 80 | |
| | Concord, P. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Abner A. Porter, P. | Mount Zion, P. | Boligee, Ala. | | | 38 | | | 1 | 18 | | | | 8 | 1 00 | |
| | Bethsalem, P. | | 1 | 1 | 12 | | | | | | | | 8 | 50 | |
| James N. Carothers, S. S. | Burton's Hill, P. | Clinton, Ala. | 3 | 1 | 102 | 2 | | 6 | 18 | | | | 7 | 1 00 | |
| Fields Bradshaw, S. S. | Ebenezer, S. S. | Eutaw, Ala. | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Hebron, S. S. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | New Hope, S. S. | | 2 | | 58 | | | 4 | | | 11 | | | | |
| Thomas Morrow, S. S. | Oak Grove, S. S. | Hope, Ala. | 3 | 1 | 130 | 2 | | 8 | 24 | | | | | 1 00 | |
| Robert M. Loughridge, F. M. | Pickensville, V. | Creek Nation. | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Francis H. Porter, W. C. | Tuscaloosa, V. | Union, Ala. | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Nicholas R. Morgan, W. C. | Centreville, V. | Eutaw, Ala. | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Rob't W. B. Kennedy, W. C. | Bethesda, V. | Union, Ala. | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Lennel D. Hatch, W. C. | Demopolis, V. | | 16 | 7 | 29 | 3 | | 9 | 28 | | | | 2 | 50 | |
| Charles Yale, S. S.—14. | Mount Olivet, V. | Greensborough, Ala. | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| <i>Licentiateds—2.</i> | Mesopotamia, S. S. | | 7 | 3 | 134 | 6 | | 5 | 22 | 70 | 33 | | 15 | | |
| James A. Wallis, | Elizabeth, V. | Hope, Ala. | | | | | | | | | | | 3 | | |
| James Somerville, | Beersheba, V. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Oxford, V. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Union, V. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Luxcepollilla, V. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Sardis, V. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Elbethel, V.—26. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | 65 | 16 | 860 | 30 | 53 | \$192 | \$347 | \$140 | | | \$111 | \$6 80 | \$526 |

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| SYNOD OF MISSISSIPPI. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| <i>1. Presbytery of Mississippi.</i> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Wm. Montgomery, P., S. S. | Ebenezer, P. Union, S. S. | Fayette, Miss. Union Church, Miss. | 18 | 57 | 4 | 6 | 14 | 14 | 14 | 14 | 5 | 2 | 7 | 2 | 80 | 14 |
| Jacob Riekhov, Miss. | Pres. Oakland College, | Port Gibson, Miss. | | 119 | | | 12 | 12 | 10 | 10 | 2 | | 3 | | 75 | 5 |
| Jer. Chamberlain, D.D. | | Oakland College, Miss. | | | | | | | | | | | | | 1 00 | |
| John H. Van Court, W. C. | Port Gibson, P. | Baton Rouge, Lou. | 3 | 111 | 3 | 3 | 175 | 3 | 61 | 61 | 38 | 23 | 5 | 5 | 2 00 | 313 |
| Zebulon Butler, P. | Grand Gulf, V. | Port Gibson, Miss. | | | | | | | | | | | 10 | | 50 | 150 |
| S. V. Marshall, W. C. | Bethel, S. S. | Grand Gulf, Miss. | 11 | 63 | 6 | 6 | 252 | 6 | 166 | 166 | 47 | 53 | | | | |
| I. R. Hutchison, Prof., S. S. | | Oakland College, Miss. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Silas H. Hazard, Agent, | | Do. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| James H. Thompson, S. S. | Sharon, S. S. | Vernal, Miss. | 5 | 33 | 1 | 9 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 1 | | | | | 50 | 1 |
| | Salem, S. S. | McLeod's P. O., Miss. | 1 | 42 | 2 | 2 | 15 | 2 | 15 | 15 | | | | | | |
| | Zion, S. S. | Mount Carmel, Miss. | 9 | 30 | 5 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 3 | 3 | | | | | 50 | |
| Azariah R. Graves, S. S. | Centre, S. S. | Williamsburg, Miss. | 7 | 1 | 30 | 3 | 8 | 3 | 3 | 6 | | | | | | |
| | Hopewell, S. S. | Dry Creek, Miss. | 3 | 25 | 1 | 5 | 147 | 5 | 844 | 844 | 10 | | | | | |
| Benjamin H. Williams, P. | Pine Ridge, P. | Natchez, Miss. | 11 | 8 | 193 | 5 | 27 | 339 | 3 | 3 | 403 | 3 | 23 | 2 | 00 | 720 |
| Joseph B. Stratton, P.—12. | Natchez, P. | Do. | | | 5 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 2 | | | | | | 10 |
| | Newport, V. | Gallatin, Miss. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Philadelphia, V.—14. | Winchester, Miss. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| <i>Candidates—6.</i> | | | 68 | 34 | 760 | 25 | 73 | \$952 | \$1123 | \$501 | \$86 | | | \$48 | \$10 05 | \$1213 |
| <i>2. Presbytery of Louisiana.</i> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| James Snylic, W. C. | | Baton Rouge, La. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Benjamin Chase, W. C. | | Natchez, Miss. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| John B. Warren, Pres., S. S. | Plaquemine, V. | New River, P. O., La. | | 30 | | | | | 5 | 18 | | | | | 2 45 | |
| John I. Montgomery, W. C. | Comite, S. S. | St. Francisville, La. | | 17 | | | | | 29 | 36 | | | | | 2 49 | |
| Abraham Hagraman, S. S. | Jackson, S. S. | Jackson, La. | 10 | 47 | 5 | 14 | 47 | 5 | 14 | 29 | | | 5 | | | 40 |

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| John H. Gray, P.—9. <i>Licentiate</i> —1. John Gilchrist. <i>Candidate</i> —1. | Vicksburg, P. Raymond, V.—12. | Vicksburg, Miss. | 13 | 34 | 83 | 3 | 19 | 10 | | | | | 10 | 1 | 00 | |
| | | | 92 | 60 | 457 | 23 | 61 | \$73 | \$25 | \$25 | | | \$42 | \$5 | 50 | |
| <i>4. Presbytery of Tombeckee.</i> Thomas Archibald, W. C. James A. Lyon, S. S. Horatio J. Bardwell, P. Henry McDonald, S. S. Daniel McNair, S. S. John M. Morrow, W. C. Richard S. Gladney, W. C. Leroy B. Gaston, D. M. John N. Waddell, S. S. Samuel P. Helme, W. C.—10. | Unity, V. Columbus, S. S. Starkville, P. Bethel, S. S. Walalok, S. S. Aberdeen, V. Do. Louisville, S. S. Montrose, S. S. Bethel Greene, S. S. Bethsalem, V. Carolina, V. Erin, V. Good Hope, V. Hermon, S. S. Houston, V. Lebanon, V. Macon, S. S. Philadelphia, S. S. Smyrna, V. Mount Moriah, S. S.— 21 | Columbus, Miss. Do. Starkville, Miss. Columbus, Miss. Walalok, Miss. Aberdeen, Miss. Do. Pleasant Springs, Miss. Paulding, Miss. Columbus, Miss. | 8 | 6 | 67 | 1 | 14 | 50 | 40 | | | | 10 | | 50 | |
| | | | 4 | 3 | 68 | 3 | 2 | 4 | 1 | | | 8 | 10 | | 50 | |
| | | | 7 | 1 | 46 | 3 | 5 | 50 | 6 | 8 | | | 11 | 1 | 50 | |
| | | | 14 | 1 | 48 | 4 | | | | 20 | | | 10 | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | 6 | | 30 | | 3 | | 50 | |
| | | | 1 | 13 | 58 | | 10 | | | | | | 5 | | | |
| | | | | 2 | 10 | | 3 | | | | | | 5 | | 50 | |
| | | | 6 | 1 | 33 | | 7 | | | | | | 5 | | | |
| | | | | | 9 | | | | | | | | 3 | | | |
| | | | 5 | | 35 | | | | | | | | 2 | | | |
| | | | 9 | | 22 | 3 | 1 | 2 | | | | | 2 | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | 2 | | | |
| | | | | | 20 | | 2 | | 1 | | 30 | | 3 | | | |
| | | | | | 28 | | 3 | | | | | | 2 | | | |
| | | | 2 | | 9 | 1 | 3 | | | | | | 2 | | | |
| | | | 56 | 27 | 460 | 12 | 47 | \$106 | \$54 | \$28 | \$60 | \$8 | \$75 | \$3 | 00 | |

| 5. <i>Presbytery of Chickasaw.</i> | | 6. <i>Presbytery of Arkansas.</i> | | | | | | | | |
|------------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------------------|-----|-----|----|----|-------|------|------|---------|
| Daniel Baker, P. | Holly Springs, P. | 1 | 109 | 1 | 75 | 9 | 6 | 9 | 5 | 50 |
| Thomas C. Stuart, S. S. | Monroe. | 5 | 25 | 3 | 16 | 12 | | 12 | 2 | 50 |
| James B. Stafford, S. S. | Bethany. | 4 | 37 | 4 | 5 | 4 | | 4 | 2 | 50 |
| James Weatherby, P. | New Hope. | 1 | 17 | | | | | | | |
| | Oxford, P. | | | 2 | 11 | 9 | | 11 | 2 | 50 |
| | Hopewell, P. | | | | 20 | 10 | | 10 | 4 | 50 |
| D. L. Gray, S. S. | Hudsonville. | 12 | 86 | 10 | 16 | 10 | | 16 | 4 | 50 |
| Wm. V. Frierson, P. | Providence, P. | 8 | 44 | 5 | 30 | 18 | | 30 | 5 | 00 |
| | Spring Hill, P. | 4 | 32 | 2 | 32 | 2 | 2 | 32 | 4 | 50 |
| | Ripley. | | | | | | | | | |
| Wm. A. Gray, S. S. | Greenwood. | 2 | 53 | | | 4 | | 4 | 5 | 00 |
| A. McCallum. | Salem, V. | | | | | | | | 4 | 50 |
| Samuel Hurd, W. C. | Willington. | | | | | | | | | |
| A. W. Kilpatrick, S. S.—10. | College, V. | 12 | 52 | | 15 | | | | 5 | 50 |
| <i>Candidates—2.</i> | Hernando, S. S. | | | | | | | | 5 | 50 |
| | Panola, V. | | | | | | | | | |
| | Nazareth, V. | | | | | | | | | |
| | Lebanon, S. S. | 2 | 9 | 1 | 6 | 7 | | | 4 | 50 |
| | Farmington, V. | | | | | | | | | |
| | Fulton, V. | | | | | | | | | |
| | Ooktookalapha, S. S. | 2 | 21 | | | | | | | |
| | Bethesda, V. | | | | | | | | | |
| | Chulahoma, V. | | | | | | | | | |
| | Bethel, V.—24. | 53 | 43 | 501 | 25 | 28 | \$265 | \$88 | \$58 | \$8 00 |
| | Spring Hill, Ark. | 13 | 2 | 45 | 4 | 1 | | | | |
| A. R. Banks, S. S. | Norristown, Ark. | | | 10 | | | | | | |
| John T. Balch, S. S. | Oakland P. O., Ark. | 1 | 1 | 7 | 1 | 1 | 5 | | | 15 00 |
| J. W. Moore, S. S. | Little Rock, Ark. | 4 | 9 | 34 | 3 | 3 | 49 | | | |
| A. Williams, S. S. | Columbia, Ark. | | | | | | | | | |
| B. F. Shaw, W. C.—5. | Batesville, Ark. | | | 12 | | | | | | |
| | Washington, Ark. | | | 5 | | | | | | |
| | Washington, V.—6. | 18 | 12 | 113 | 5 | 5 | 51 | | | \$15 00 |

SUMMARY VIEW of the Presbyterian Church in the United States, for 1844.

| 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 OF PRESBYTERIES. |
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| Londonderry, | 21 | | | 10 | 15 | 20 | 1685 | 5 | 51 | 504 | 413 | 140 | | 42 | 25 | 5 00 | 1233 | Edward L. Parke. |
| Troy, | 11 | 1 | 7 | 10 | 186 | 40 | 1801 | 66 | 67 | 545 | 1392 | 566 | 46 | 108 | 74 | 5 00 | 2254 | E. D. Maltbie. |
| Albany, | 38 | 7 | 14 | 24 | 484 | 96 | 4078 | 162 | 156 | | | | | | 90 | 52 87 | | John Clancy. |
| Columbia, | 7 | | | 3 | | | 142 | | 5 | 18 | 20 | 14 | | | | | | Alfred Gardner. |
| Ogdensburg, | 6 | 1 | 4 | 7 | 21 | 6 | 869 | 31 | 31 | 27 | 58 | 12 | | 8 | | | | |
| Steuben, | 9 | 3 | | 9 | 22 | 8 | 540 | 3 | 50 | 38 | 100 | 13 | 2 | 15 | 45 | 5 00 | 131 | Thomas Aitken. |
| *Wyoming, | 15 | | 3 | 10 | 59 | 65 | 881 | 6 | 26 | 121 | 230 | 33 | | 25 | 33 | 3 00 | 265 | Richard Kay. |
| Hudson, | 19 | | 4 | 16 | 124 | 48 | 2068 | 40 | 106 | 232 | 293 | 34 | | 71 | 20 | 8 53 | 186 | John H. Leggett. |
| North River, | 12 | 3 | 1 | 8 | 83 | 44 | 1107 | 34 | 59 | 167 | 460 | 13 | | 34 | 55 | 15 61 | 754 | John Johnston. |
| Bedford, | 16 | 1 | 1 | 16 | 61 | 37 | 1456 | 26 | 38 | 378 | 717 | 120 | | 62 | 71 | 16 83 | 311 | Jacob Green. |
| Long Island, | 14 | 3 | 3 | 16 | 128 | 48 | 1905 | 57 | 78 | 135 | 423 | 162 | | 57 | 57 | 10 68 | 671 | J. McDougall. |
| New York, | 26 | 9 | 11 | 13 | 141 | 255 | 4040 | 13 | 194 | 4796 | 6134 | 3943 | 657 | 1695 | 183 | 115 63 | 9536 | John M. Krebs, D.D. |
| New York 2d, | 11 | 1 | 6 | 5 | 45 | 44 | 942 | 1 | 76 | 796 | 2691 | 650 | | | | 15 00 | 2266 | J. McElroy, D.D. |
| Elizabethtown, | 28 | 5 | 6 | 21 | 426 | 127 | 4603 | 180 | 207 | 722 | 1019 | 706 | | 53 | 98 | 26 41 | 1145 | J. M. Huntington. |
| New Brunswick, | 37 | 9 | 8 | 21 | 277 | 203 | 4317 | 132 | 225 | 867 | 1317 | 428 | | 180 | | 20 00 | 901 | Eli F. Cooley. |
| West Jersey, | 13 | 1 | 7 | 14 | 110 | 29 | 1543 | 52 | 63 | 475 | 354 | 375 | | 90 | 27 | 10 00 | 1080 | S. B. Gray. |
| Newton, | 27 | 3 | | 25 | 186 | 71 | 2856 | 44 | 203 | 482 | 875 | 365 | | 117 | 32 | 11 00 | | John Gray. |
| Raritan, | 9 | | 1 | 12 | 204 | 31 | 1590 | 104 | 138 | 70 | 165 | 69 | | 19 | 44 | 8 50 | 79 | P. O. Studdiford, D.D. |
| Susquehanna, | 11 | | 2 | 15 | 31 | 18 | 655 | 22 | 55 | 26 | 51 | 17 | | 5 | 33 | 1 50 | 30 | Julius Foster. |
| Luzerne, | 9 | 1 | 4 | 13 | 151 | 40 | 977 | 29 | 89 | 277 | 77 | 40 | | 25 | 24 | 5 50 | 70 | R. Webster. |
| Philadelphia, | 27 | 10 | 21 | 18 | 308 | 184 | 4116 | 55 | 282 | 2033 | 3515 | 2222 | 500 | 675 | 136 | 70 55 | 12710 | W. M. Engles, D.D. |
| Philadelphia 2d, | 12 | 5 | 5 | 13 | 110 | 47 | 1139 | 41 | 86 | 181 | 429 | 126 | | 15 | 15 | 11 00 | 169 | Wm. D. Howard. |
| Newcastle, | 19 | 5 | 4 | 21 | 158 | 40 | 2369 | 54 | 118 | 375 | 788 | 317 | | 17 | 35 | 15 00 | 665 | Robt. P. Du Bois. |
| Donegal, | 15 | 4 | 3 | 22 | 172 | 30 | 1961 | 47 | 113 | 274 | 418 | 134 | | 17 | 17 | 4 00 | 457 | Alfred Nevins. |
| Baltimore, | 18 | 5 | 4 | 23 | 88 | 38 | 1760 | 9 | 83 | 816 | 1909 | 1048 | | 632 | 14 | 77 00 | 11627 | John C. Backus. |

| PRESBYTERIES. | STATED CLERKS of PRESBYTERIES. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| Carlisle, | 26 | 9 | 6 | 42 | 228 | 123 | 4265 | 23 | 200 | 365 | 1366 | 535 | | 77 | 49 | 19 00 | 571 | Thomas Creigh. |
| Hamington, | 22 | 7 | 34 | 371 | 113 | 4723 | 87 | 437 | 748 | 741 | 422 | 422 | | 71 | 90 | 15 00 | 250 | Wm. J. Gibson. |
| Northumberland, | 19 | 3 | 6 | 28 | 187 | 17 | 2936 | 25 | 143 | 264 | 514 | 90 | | 233 | 94 | 10 00 | 5543 | Isaac Grier. |
| Blairsville, | 22 | 1 | 5 | 38 | 288 | 98 | 3798 | 47 | 331 | 342 | 342 | 121 | | 166 | 61 | 8 00 | 12 | Watson Hughes. |
| Redstone, | 17 | 1 | 1 | 30 | 125 | 32 | 2722 | 32 | 171 | 442 | 543 | 235 | 5 | 1326 | 8 00 | 8 00 | | Samuel Wilson. |
| Ohio, | 38 | 2 | 18 | 32 | 284 | 156 | 3660 | 50 | 296 | 1262 | 1491 | 703 | | 98 | 27 56 | 1793 | | W. B. Melvaine. |
| Allegheny, | 12 | 4 | 4 | 22 | 145 | 53 | 1962 | 38 | 182 | 61 | 138 | 67 | 1 | 40 | 41 | 4 50 | 31 | John R. Agnew. |
| Beaver, | 10 | 1 | 3 | 18 | 118 | 75 | 1608 | 27 | 162 | 41 | 92 | 37 | | 50 | 34 | 1 50 | 55 | A. S. Mac Master. |
| Washington, | 13 | 2 | 4 | 29 | 144 | 74 | 2063 | 38 | 186 | 106 | 272 | 41 | 29 | 55 | 48 | 3 50 | 283 | J. V. Reynolds. |
| Erie, | 9 | 2 | 4 | 16 | 113 | 54 | 1517 | 15 | 170 | 28 | 81 | 23 | | 350 | 38 | 1 50 | 526 | David McCay. |
| Clarion, | 24 | 10 | 6 | 27 | 143 | 111 | 3488 | 28 | 260 | 650 | 759 | 571 | 41 | 651 | 34 | 6 50 | 153 | John Eagleson. |
| Steuensville, | 14 | 4 | 2 | 26 | 269 | 70 | 2506 | 35 | 219 | 194 | 389 | 180 | | 94 | 60 | 1 50 | 31 | John W. Scott. |
| St. Clairsville, | 10 | 2 | 3 | 20 | 86 | 41 | 1578 | 19 | 115 | 99 | 89 | 53 | | 163 | 8 | 2 50 | | B. Mitchell. |
| New Lisbon, | 14 | 1 | 2 | 24 | 236 | 96 | 2075 | 39 | 221 | 182 | 399 | 115 | | 102 | 55 | | 502 | W. C. Stratton. |
| Columbus, | 13 | 2 | 18 | 167 | 63 | 1247 | 47 | 120 | 416 | 498 | 498 | 254 | 30 | 4 | 29 | 1 00 | | Josiah D. Smith. |
| Marion, | 14 | 1 | 23 | 94 | 79 | 1013 | 20 | 83 | 65 | 43 | 43 | 16 | | 47 | 35 | 6 00 | | W. M. Galbreath. |
| Zanesville, | 11 | 1 | 21 | 192 | 64 | 1637 | 44 | 144 | 186 | 358 | 80 | 80 | 13 | 47 | 46 | 6 00 | 83 | J. Culbertson. |
| Richland, | 17 | 5 | 2 | 27 | 276 | 64 | 2037 | 64 | 190 | 175 | 145 | 32 | 4 | 119 | 69 | 5 50 | 74 | J. N. Shepherd. |
| Wooster, | 11 | 1 | 18 | 155 | 78 | 1528 | 38 | 137 | 104 | 216 | 216 | 54 | 3 | 86 | 70 | 4 00 | | Thomas H. Barr. |
| Cochocton, | 9 | 1 | 19 | 164 | 52 | 1719 | 34 | 123 | 100 | 102 | 102 | 53 | | 305 | 38 | 3 50 | 20 | Ed. R. Geary. |
| Hocking, | 5 | | 9 | 34 | 30 | 492 | 5 | 48 | 22 | 31 | 31 | 4 | | 15 | 3 | 1 00 | 170 | William Anken. |
| Chillicothe, | 16 | 6 | 22 | 149 | 91 | 2252 | 30 | 126 | 305 | 118 | 118 | 98 | | 305 | 3 | 1 00 | | J. P. Vanduyke. |
| Miami, | 16 | 1 | 5 | 22 | 179 | 97 | 1853 | 48 | 208 | 590 | 465 | 370 | 6 | 15 | 15 | 9 00 | | James C. Barnes. |
| Cincinnati, | 11 | 2 | 2 | 18 | 55 | 70 | 1464 | 7 | 92 | 416 | 630 | 228 | | 15 | 19 | 4 13 | 407 | S. R. Wilson. |
| Oxford, | 20 | 2 | 3 | 30 | 73 | 28 | 1697 | 20 | 26 | 186 | 106 | 47 | | 841 | 39 | 4 00 | 91 | Thomas E. Hughes. |
| Sidney, | 12 | 2 | 17 | 116 | 48 | 1314 | 48 | 132 | 250 | 115 | 115 | 117 | | 25 | 25 | | 21 | W. B. Spence. |
| Maumee, | 6 | 1 | 12 | 78 | 32 | 525 | 18 | 73 | 22 | 59 | 59 | 3 | | 2795 | | | 277 | John M. Crabb. |
| Salern, | 10 | 4 | 19 | 20 | 60 | 22 | 1025 | 20 | 57 | 209 | 104 | 39 | | | | | | James Wood. |

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|-------------------|----|---|----|-----|-----|------|------|-----|-----|-----|------|----------------------|
| Vincennes, | 10 | 2 | 4 | 14 | 738 | 14 | 54 | 125 | 68 | 26 | 16 | James Crawford. |
| Madison, | 9 | | 14 | 74 | 64 | 25 | 80 | 73 | 17 | | 58 | D. Lattimore. |
| Crawfordsville, | 9 | 1 | 23 | 98 | 52 | 20 | 85 | 38 | 49 | | 34 | W. F. Ferguson. |
| Indianapolis, | 9 | 2 | 21 | 181 | 50 | 53 | 147 | 263 | 236 | 439 | 38 | D. M. Stewart. |
| Iogansport, | 7 | 1 | 5 | 21 | 35 | 7 | 46 | 98 | 26 | 10 | 32 | A. Williamson. |
| Michigan, | 7 | 2 | 12 | 18 | 34 | 2 | 22 | 12 | 18 | | 15 | J. A. Clayton. |
| Lake, | 8 | 1 | 15 | 20 | 23 | 3 | 15 | 35 | 15 | | 33 | J. C. Brown. |
| Kaskaskia, | 8 | 1 | 26 | 101 | 79 | 24 | 71 | 21 | 85 | 3 | 13 | John G. Bergen. |
| Sangamon, | 5 | | 10 | 21 | 34 | 3 | 15 | 58 | 31 | | 16 | James M. Chase. |
| Schnayler, | 10 | | 17 | 28 | 35 | 4 | 23 | 5 | 24 | | 8 | R. H. Lilly. |
| Palestine, | 11 | 4 | 16 | 45 | 33 | 660 | 17 | 56 | 63 | | | R. F. Breese. |
| Peoria, | 6 | 1 | 16 | 18 | 21 | 302 | 1 | 35 | 22 | 2 | | James C. Sharon. |
| Iowa, | 8 | | 21 | 38 | 43 | 301 | 26 | 4 | | | 17 | William G. Bell. |
| Missouri, | 7 | | 16 | 90 | 51 | 892 | 35 | 67 | 40 | | 9 | A. Munson. |
| St. Louis, | 7 | 1 | 3 | 14 | 69 | 81 | 794 | 4 | 478 | 210 | 47 | S. C. McConnell. |
| Palmyra, | 6 | | 2 | 16 | 29 | 13 | 425 | 4 | | | 7 | D. E. Y. Rice. |
| Potosi, | 5 | | 13 | 142 | 13 | 662 | 43 | 79 | 15 | | 2 | John L. Yantis. |
| Upper Missouri, | 4 | | 2 | 12 | 55 | 232 | | | | | 1489 | Joseph B. Hadden. |
| Louisville, | 14 | 2 | 27 | 63 | 55 | 1854 | 9 | 71 | 650 | | 20 | John Montgomery. |
| Muldenburg, | 12 | | 1 | 23 | 57 | 868 | 26 | 95 | 40 | | 23 | C. A. Campbell. |
| Transylvania, | 17 | 2 | 10 | 25 | 132 | 39 | 2494 | 52 | 94 | 50 | 25 | R. C. Grundy. |
| West Lexington, | 16 | 4 | 4 | 26 | 61 | 45 | 1935 | 24 | 66 | | 35 | Joseph Brown. |
| Chenecer, | 16 | 2 | 26 | 113 | 39 | 1010 | 30 | 89 | 192 | | 83 | J. A. Van Lear. |
| Greenbrier, | 12 | 1 | 1 | 21 | 90 | 19 | 1214 | 92 | 165 | 45 | 70 | W. M. Atkinson, D.D. |
| Lexington, | 23 | 5 | 7 | 26 | 108 | 55 | 3363 | 35 | 106 | 31 | 127 | P. J. Sparrow. |
| Winchester, | 15 | 5 | 6 | 29 | 74 | 18 | 1411 | 80 | 406 | 76 | 223 | John Leyburn. |
| West Hanover, | 31 | 4 | 4 | 35 | 61 | 48 | 1633 | 19 | 80 | 34 | 58 | H. H. Paine. |
| East Hanover, | 16 | 1 | 2 | 10 | 104 | 66 | 1283 | 27 | 112 | | 89 | N. H. Harding, D.D. |
| Montgomery, | 14 | 1 | 8 | 42 | 113 | 45 | 2310 | 70 | 113 | 141 | 123 | Colin Melver. |
| Orange, | 28 | 1 | 10 | 43 | 82 | 9 | 2052 | 30 | 101 | 5 | 121 | Stephen Frontis. |
| Fayetteville, | 22 | 4 | 4 | 52 | 172 | 28 | 5060 | 29 | 233 | | 39 | Sannuel Y. Wyly. |
| Concord, | 30 | 4 | 4 | 14 | 106 | 15 | 921 | 30 | 105 | | 36 | James M. Arnell. |
| Holston, | 8 | | 2 | 10 | 44 | 10 | 514 | 14 | 83 | | 50 | John T. Edgar, D.D. |
| West Tennessee, | 5 | | 4 | 14 | 100 | 25 | 979 | 39 | 78 | | 40 | I. O. Stedman. |
| Nashville, | 8 | | 4 | 8 | 33 | 300 | 8 | 23 | 211 | | 122 | H. M. Kerr. |
| North Alabama, | 6 | | 29 | 73 | 95 | 1322 | 29 | 104 | 312 | 5 | 6 | |
| Western District, | 15 | 1 | 5 | 29 | 73 | 95 | 1322 | 29 | 104 | 329 | 6 | |

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| South Carolina, | 18 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Bethel, | 11 | 3 | 5 | 36 | 113 | 32 | 1932 | 33 | 112 | 137 | 79 | 266 | | | 62 | 3 50 | | John Douglas, | |
| Harmony, | 21 | 2 | 4 | 25 | 119 | 31 | 2405 | 51 | 63 | 433 | | 146 | | | 254 | | | Wm. Brearley, | |
| Charleston, | 13 | 3 | 1 | 7 | 29 | 17 | 631 | 3 | 40 | | 733 | 965 | | 288 | | | | B. Gildersleeve, | |
| Georgia, | 9 | 2 | 1 | 9 | 12 | 2 | 295 | 10 | 2 | 80 | 100 | 90 | | | | | | 530 C. C. Jones, | |
| Hopewell, | 18 | 2 | 4 | 30 | 96 | 27 | 937 | 16 | 63 | 181 | 430 | 137 | | | 146 | 3 50 | | Francis Bowman, | |
| Flint River, | 11 | 3 | 2 | 37 | 117 | 51 | 1448 | 28 | 121 | 214 | 236 | 57 | | | | 7 00 | | J. C. Patterson, | |
| Florida, | 5 | 1 | | 8 | 18 | 9 | 312 | 7 | 31 | 72 | 114 | 37 | | | | | | Joshua Phelps, | |
| Cherokee, | 4 | 3 | | 12 | 53 | 18 | 533 | 15 | 44 | 40 | 40 | 40 | | | | | | A. B. McCorkle, | |
| South Alabama, | 12 | 3 | 2 | 19 | 94 | 42 | 1195 | 31 | 107 | 108 | 484 | 367 | | | 143 | 2 50 | | 66 T. S. Witherspoon, | |
| Tuscaloosa, | 14 | 2 | | 26 | 65 | 16 | 860 | 30 | 53 | 192 | 347 | 140 | | | 111 | 6 80 | | 526 J. N. Carothers, | |
| East Alabama, | 16 | 1 | 3 | 29 | 80 | 31 | 1177 | 24 | 93 | 89 | 126 | 100 | | | 133 | | | 227 David Finley, | |
| Mississippi, | 12 | | | 6 | 14 | 68 | 34 | 760 | 25 | 73 | 1123 | 501 | 86 | | 48 | 10 05 | | 1213 J. Chamberlain, D.D., | |
| Louisiana, | 15 | 2 | 3 | 15 | 107 | 98 | 915 | 44 | 113 | 2583 | 624 | 227 | | | 35 | 14 39 | | 7916 J. Purviance, | |
| Clinton, | 9 | 1 | 1 | 12 | 92 | 60 | 457 | 23 | 61 | 73 | 25 | 28 | | | 42 | 5 50 | | S. M. Montgomery, | |
| Tombekbee, | 10 | | | 21 | 56 | 27 | 460 | 12 | 47 | 106 | 54 | 11 | | | 75 | 3 00 | | H. J. Bardwell, | |
| Chickasaw, | 10 | | 2 | 24 | 53 | 43 | 501 | 25 | 28 | 265 | 88 | | | | 58 | 8 00 | | | |
| Arkansas, | 5 | | | 6 | 18 | 12 | 113 | 5 | 5 | 54 | | | | | 15 | | | A. R. Banks, | |
| Indian. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Lodianna, | 5 | | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 13 | | 5 | | 35 | 23 | | | | | | 42 John Newton, | |
| Furrukabad, | 4 | | 1 | 1 | | | | 2 | 5 | | | | | | | | | J. L. Scott, | |
| Allahabad, | 6 | | 1 | 1 | 5 | 1 | 28 | | 5 | | | | | | | | | J. Owens, | |
| | 1523 | 203 | 364 | 2156 | 12068 | 5388 | 166487 | 3287 | 10996 | \$35,611 | \$48,011 | \$24,330 | \$1647 | \$13528 | \$5304 | \$783 54 | \$62856 | | |

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 Reports, 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.

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.



CHURCH EXTENSION.—ACTION OF THE BOARD OF MISSIONS.

A special meeting of the Board of Missions was held in the Mission Rooms, Philadelphia, on Wednesday the 19th of June, to consider the subject of *Church Extension*, as referred to this Board by the General Assembly at their late meeting in Louisville, Kentucky, and to adopt measures for carrying into effect the action of the Assembly. Previous notice of this meeting was given by an advertisement in the Presbyterian, and letters were addressed to members within reaching distance of the place of meeting. The meeting was well attended. The Rev. Dr. Miller, of Princeton, New Jersey, in the absence of the President, Dr. Green, was called to the chair. The meeting being opened with prayer, the report of the Committee on Church Extension made to the last General Assembly, and the action of the Assembly on the same were read; and after some general remarks from several of the members, on the importance of this subject, and the views of the Assembly in committing its management to their Board of Missions; the question of the *location of the Committee of five*, who are to act in this business, was submitted to the Board. This question was freely, and fully discussed, and the result was an entire conviction, expressed by every member present, that to accomplish the important work committed to them, this committee must consist of members of the Board, who can hold *frequent and regular meetings*, and who can hold their meetings *at the Missionary office, through which the applications for aid in building churches will be made—where the funds for this object are received and disbursed, where all the accounts are kept, and where the information, necessary to direct the Committee in their work can*

be *most readily and fully obtained*. Having settled this question with *entire unanimity*, the Board proceeded to elect this Committee, when the following persons were unanimously chosen "the Committee on Church Extension for the present year:"

The Rev. C. C. Cuyler, D.D., the Rev. Thomas Hoge, Mr. Solomon Allen, Dr. Alexander W. Mitchell, and Mr. Alexander Symington.

A committee was appointed to draw up, and submit to the Board at a future meeting, a system of regulations for the government and direction of this Committee, and measures were adopted to bring this important subject before the churches, with as little delay as possible.

This first meeting of the Board on *the subject of Church Extension*, was one of deep interest, and we trust will lead to important results. We hail it as a token for good, that the meeting was so large, and that several were present from a distance. The most delightful harmony and unanimity characterized all the proceedings. The remarks made evinced a deep interest in the object, and strong faith that God would smile on this effort of his church to extend the kingdom of Jesus Christ. From the spirit manifested, we think the Board are prepared to take hold of this great work, and prosecute it with energy; and if the Presbyteries, with the pastors and churches, will do their part, promptly, and efficiently, with God's blessing, an incalculable amount of good may be accomplished even during the present year.



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FORM OF PRESBYTERIAL REPORT TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

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

| MINISTERS, LICENTIATES, AND CANDIDATES. | CHURCHES. | POST-OFFICE. | Funds Collected. | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| | | | Communicants, Baptized. | | | Funds raised | | | | | | | | | | |
| A— B—, P. &c. | C—, P. | | Added on examination | Added on certificate. | Total of com- municants. | Adults. | Infants. | Domestic Missions. | Foreign Missions. | Education. | Publication. | Funds raised for Theolog- ical Seminaries. | Commiss- ion- ers' Fund. | Contingent Fund. | Miscellaneous Collections. | |
| 10. Licentiates—3. D— E —, &c. Candidates—5. | | ☞ Add up. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

Follow the above with a historical account of the changes of the year, as heretofore,
Dated, _____ Signed, _____

Stated Clerk.

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



