





# MINUTES

OF THE SECOND

## General Assembly of the United Presbyterian Church

OF

### NORTH AMERICA,

AT ITS MEETING IN PHILADELPHIA, MAY 23d, 1860.

{ *Second U. P. Church, Philadelphia,*  
{ *Wednesday evening, May 23, 1860.*

The second General Assembly of the United Presbyterian Church of North America met at the above-named time and place; and after sermon by the Moderator, Rev. P. Bullions, D. D., from Eph. iv. 3, "Endeavouring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace," was by him constituted with prayer.

Delegates were requested to hand in immediately their credentials to the Principal Clerk, in order to making out the roll. The following is the roll of the Assembly:

#### SYNOD OF NEW YORK.

##### PRESBYTERY OF ALBANY.

MINISTERS.	RULING ELDERS.
Rev. Addison Henry.	Henry Ostrom.
" Andrew Thomas,	Wm. F. Clendenin.

##### PRESBYTERY OF ARGYLE.

" George Mairs,	James Lourie,*
" John G. Smart,	John T. Law,*
" Chauncey Webster,	Edward Riggs,*
" James E. Scouller,	Wm. McNeil.
" Henry Gordon,	James Thompson.

##### PRESBYTERY OF BOSTON.

" Wm. M'Laren,*	Alex. Richmond.*
" Alex. Blaikie,	Robert Thompson.*

##### PRESBYTERY OF CALEDONIA.

" D. C. M'Laren, D. D.,	Alex. Skellie.*
" D. S. McHenry,	John Menzie.*
" J. L. Robertson,	Joseph Rippey.*

##### PRESBYTERY OF DELAWARE.

" J. B. Lee,	J. B. Douglass,*
" John Erskine,	J. Smith.*
" D. C. Niven,	John Calhoun, M. D.

##### PRESBYTERY OF NEW YORK.

" John Brash.	Andrew Knox.
" James Harper,	
" S. F. Farmer.*	

##### PRESBYTERY OF PHILADELPHIA.

" Wm. Easton,	T. C. Collins,
" Francis Church,	S. C. Huey.
" Robert Armstrong,	Thomas Stinson.

##### PRESBYTERY OF STAMFORD.

" Robert Acheson,	
" John Gillespie.	

##### PRESBYTERY OF VERMONT.

" Gawn Campbell,	Robert Gibson.*
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#### FIRST SYNOD OF THE WEST.

##### PRESBYTERY OF ALLEGHENY.

Rev. J. T. Pressly, D. D.,	James McCandless,
" T. C. Guthrie, D. D.,	Wm. Dyer.
" D. G. Bradford,	Joseph C. Wilson,
" J. A. Magill,	Thomas McCance.

##### PRESBYTERY OF BIG SPRING.

" James Bruce,	Thomas Carlisle.
" James Shields,	William Cummins.
" William McElwee.	W. M. Patterson.

##### PRESBYTERY OF BUTLER.

" A. R. Rankin,	Richard Floyd.*
" John Jamison.	William Vann.*
" James A. Clark.	John L. Barclay,*
" James B. Whitten,*	J. W. Christy.

##### PRESBYTERY OF CHARTIERS.

" J. T. Brownlee,	William T. Brownlee,
" J. R. Thompson,	William Caldwell,
" J. G. Carson,	John Meloy.

##### PRESBYTERY OF CONEMAUGH.

" M. H. Wilson.*	Bryson Henderson,*
" H. Q. Graham,	Robert McIntosh,
" Byron Porter,	Joseph R. Smith.

##### PRESBYTERY OF FRANKFORT.

" Wm. M. McElwee, D. D.	John Arnold.
" James Hagerty,	Thomas Purdy,
" J. G. Rankin,	John Scott.*

##### PRESBYTERY OF THE LAKES.

" Joseph H. Pressly,	Alex. Shaw,*
" J. L. Aten,*	James G. McLean,
" H. H. Hervey,	M. R. Barr.*

##### PRESBYTERY OF MERCER.

" E. Small,	Wm. Dickey,
" Samuel Alexander,	James Mitchel.
" Josiah Alexander,	George Henderson,
" John Armstrong,	William Maskrey,
" R. A. Browne,	John Shields.

\* Not in attendance during the sessions of the Assembly.

## PRESBYTERY OF MANSFIELD.

Rev. David Paul,	John Irwin,
" J. L. McLean,	Archibald Gillis,
" J. Y. Ashenbust.	Andrew Ingles.

## PRESBYTERY OF MONONGAHELA.

" James Prestley,	Graham Scott,
" John D. Glenn,	William Glass,
" A. Y. Houston,	James Bryce,
" Robert Gracey,	James Robb,
" John C. Boyd.	

## PRESBYTERY OF MUSKINGUM.

" Wm. Lorimer,	R. M. Brown,
" John Patterson,	Wm. McCracken,*
" James Duncan,	David Cowden,*
" Wm. Johnston.	

## PRESBYTERY OF OHIO.

" James M. Henderson,	James Sterling,*
" J. W. Logue,*	John Kennedy,*
" J. T. Torrence,	James Stewart.

## PRESBYTERY OF STEUBENVILLE.

" J. S. Easton, D. D.,	James Ramsey,
" Joseph Boyd,	Samuel Smiley,
" J. K. Andrews,	James McLaughlin.*

## PRESBYTERY OF WESTMORELAND.

" S. Jamison,	M. C. Ekin,
" A. G. Wallace,	John Shaw,
" D. H. Pollock,	John Pollock.

## PRESBYTERY OF WHEELING.

" J. Stevenson,	John Johnston,*
" J. B. Johnston.	J. Cook
" J. S. McCready,	Wm. McFarland.*

## SECOND SYNOD OF THE WEST.

## PRESBYTERY OF CHILICOTHE.

Rev. Wm. H. Prestley,	Thomas McCague,
" A. W. McClanahan,	M. Benner,
" Joseph S. Buchanan,	John Platter.*

## PRESBYTERY OF DETROIT.

" J. P. Scott,	John Todd.*
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## PRESBYTERY OF INDIANA.

" A. Heron, D. D.,	Nathan Patton,*
" Gilbert Small,	Andrew Mann.

## PRESBYTERY OF MICHIGAN.

" John Anderson,	Wm. Cowan,
" Thos. Mercer,*	David Wiley.*
" David Morrow,	E. P. Crawford.*

## 1ST PRESBYTERY OF OHIO.

" J. Y. Souller,	Lawrence Monfort,*
" W. J. McSurely,	J. M. Hill.*
" George D. Archibald,	W. E. Brown.*

Adjourned till 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

Closed with the apostolic benediction.

*Thursday, May 24, 1860—9 o'clock, A. M.*

The Assembly met, and was opened with prayer by the Moderator. The roll was called, corrected, and the absentees marked.

Proceeded to the election of Moderator. It was agreed that in the event neither of the candidates nominated have a majority, the second ballot shall be between the two candidates having the largest vote.

Rev. Joseph Clokey, D. D., was chosen Moderator of the Assembly.

Rev. Thos. H. Beveridge was chosen Assistant Clerk.

By consent of the Assembly, the report of the Committee appointed by the last Assembly on the revision of the Rules of Order, was read, and, after a slight amendment, adopted as follows:

## PRESBYTERY OF SIDNEY.

Rev. James Wallace,	E. R. Glenn,
" Benj. Waddle,	James Gamble,*
" Samuel Wallace,*	D. K. Gillespie.

## PRESBYTERY OF SOUTHERN INDIANA.

" John L. Craig,	Col. R. A. Tedford *
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## PRESBYTERY OF XENIA.

" T. Beveridge, D. D.,	Thomas White,
" Joseph Clokey, D. D.,	Austin McDowell,
" R. E. Stewart,	George Watt, M. D.
" Cyrus Cummins,	Wm. Collins.

## SYNOD OF ILLINOIS.

## PRESBYTERY OF BLOOMINGTON.

Rev. John S. McCullough,*	J. M. McCullough,*
" P. H. Drennen,	S. Hutchinson.

## PRESBYTERY OF CHICAGO.

" S. M. Coon,	Andrew Beveridge.
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## PRESBYTERY OF DES MOINES.

" Rev. J. A. Vance.	
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## PRESBYTERY OF KANSAS.

" J. N. Smith,	Alex. Garrett,
" J. R. Slezut,*	David Martin.*

## PRESBYTERY OF KEOKUK.

" James Brown, D. D.,	James Dawson,*
" A. Story,	W. B. Lewis,*
" W. M. Graham,	J. M. Robertson, M. D.,
" W. H. Wilson,	John Renalds.*

## PRESBYTERY OF LE CLAIRE.

" R. S. Campbell,	George McConnell,*
" J. H. Nash,*	R. Kallston,*

## PRESBYTERY OF MONMOUTH.

" D. A. Wallace, D. D.,	Samuel Graham,
" John Scott,	Wm. Gowdy,
" John M. Graham,	H. H. Oliver,*
" J. R. McCalister,	Wm. Hays,*
" Samuel Millen,	James Findley.*

## PRESBYTERY OF ST. LOUIS.

" J. F. Stewart,	James Wilson.
" D. Steel,*	
" M. M. Brown.*	

## PRESBYTERY OF SEALKOTE.

No Delegates.

## PRESBYTERY OF EGYPT.

No Delegates.

## PRESBYTERY OF OREGON.

Rev. S. G. Irvine.

\* Not in attendance during the sessions of the Assembly.

## RULES OF ORDER.

1. The Moderator shall take the chair precisely at the hour to which the Assembly stands adjourned, and shall open the session with prayer.

2. If the Moderator be absent, the senior minister present shall take the chair.

3. If a quorum be not assembled at the hour appointed, *any two* members shall be competent to adjourn from time to time, that an opportunity may be given for a quorum to assemble: one third of the delegates which the Presbyteries have a right to commission, shall be a quorum.

4. It shall be the duty of the Moderator at all times to preserve order, to protect the speaker from improper interruptions, and to prohibit all personal or irrelevant remarks.

5. If the Assembly be equally divided, the Moderator shall have the casting vote; but if he be unwilling to decide, he may put the question a second time, and if the result be the same and he still decline voting, the question shall be lost.

6. The Moderator shall decide on all points of order, and shall have the right of briefly commenting on them without leaving the chair; but when he would express his views on any business before the Assembly, he must call some member to occupy the chair till he has concluded his remarks.

7. Unless otherwise determined by special motion, it shall be the privilege of the Moderator to nominate all Committees, to be confirmed by a vote of the Assembly; and after naming collectively the persons proposed, he shall take the vote separately upon each name, if so requested by any member, but without debate.

8. When a vote is taken by ballot, the Moderator shall vote with the other members, but he shall not vote in any other case, unless it be the casting vote.

9. At the next sitting after the election of a Moderator, or as soon thereafter as possible, the following Standing Committees shall be appointed, viz.:

A Committee on Bills and Overtures,

A Judicial Committee.

A Committee on Correspondence.

A Committee on Narrative and the State of Religion.

A Committee on Devotional Exercises.

A Committee on Finance.

A Committee on each of the Boards of the church.

10. The Committee on Bills and Overtures shall consist of *seven* members, and be charged with the consideration of all such proposals for public acts, or other measures of general interest, as shall be referred to them.

11. The Judicial Committee shall consist of *nine* members, and be charged with the consideration of all questions involving the interpretation of the existing laws and doctrines of the church.

12. The Committee on Correspondence shall consist of *five* members, and be charged with the care of all matters relating to intercourse, in writing, with other churches.

13. The Committee on Narrative, &c., shall consist of *five* members, and shall report upon the events of the past year, and the state of religion throughout the church, as gathered from the Reports of Presbyteries.

14. The Committee on Devotional Exercises shall consist of *five* members, and shall order and arrange all the religious exercises of the meeting; and nominate all the preachers for the next Assembly.

15. The Committee on Finance shall consist of *five* members, and take charge of all financial matters referred to them.

16. The Committee on the Boards of the Church shall consist of *five* members each, and it shall be the duty of each to review the transactions of its Board, suggest new measures, and nominate persons to fill vacancies in the Board.

17. All Committees shall ordinarily be composed of both Ministers and Ruling Elders: and the person first named shall be considered the chairman of the Committee.

18. The order of business at every session, unless suspended by a vote of two-thirds, shall be as follows:

(1.) Immediately after prayer, the roll shall be called by the Clerk, all absentees marked, and, if their absence appears to be unnecessary, censured.

(2.) The minutes of the last sitting shall be read, and if need be corrected.

(3.) The presentation of papers, petitions, or matters requiring reference from other courts, or from persons not members of the Assembly.

(4.) The presentation of Reports from Presbyteries, Standing Committees, and Select Committees.

(5.) The business left unfinished at the close of the preceding session.

(6.) Any new business.

19. All papers presented to the Assembly shall be filed in the order in which they are read.

20. The Clerk shall immediately deliver to the Chairman of each Committee, a list of the members, with a copy of the minute of their appointment when it contains any specification of their duty, together with all papers referred to them.

21. The Assembly cannot act but in virtue of a motion regularly in its possession.

22. No motion shall be in possession of the Assembly until it shall have been seconded and announced by the Moderator, in the words of the motion.

23. Every motion and amendment thereto shall be reduced to writing, if the Moderator or any member desire it.

24. The names of the person who moves and of the person who seconds a motion shall be entered upon the minutes.

25. Any member who shall have made a motion, shall have the liberty to withdraw it with the consent of his second, before any debate has taken place thereon, but not afterwards, without the leave of the Assembly.

26. When a question is under debate, no motion shall be received except to adjourn, to lay on the table, for the previous question, to postpone indefinitely, to postpone to a day certain, to commit, or to amend; which several motions shall have precedence in the order in which they are arranged.

27. These privileged questions are not designed to separate amendments or appendages from the main question, and consequently cannot be moved on each other, but upon the main question, except to adjourn, and to postpone to a day certain, may be amended as to the time; and to commit may be amended in the question of the committee, and of instructions.

28. A motion to adjourn is always in order, except when the Assembly is taking a vote, or when a member is speaking.

29. Any two members may call for the previous question, which shall be put in this form: "Shall the main question now be put?" If seconded by a majority of the members present, all debate shall cease, and the Assembly shall vote first upon pending amendments, if any, and then upon the main question.

30. All incidental questions of order arising after a motion is made for the previous question, and pending such motion, shall be decided, whether on appeal or otherwise, without debate.

31. When any question is postponed indefinitely, the same shall not be acted upon again during the entire meeting of the Assembly, except by unanimous consent.

32. Motions are always open to amendment, even to the complete alteration of the proposition moved.

33. An amendment suspends the original proposition and becomes itself the motion immediately before the Assembly. It may be suspended in its turn, by an amendment to itself, and this last amendment is to be considered first; but no farther amendment can be received until this last one shall be disposed of.

34. Substitutes for motions or resolutions may, with the consent of the Assembly, be admitted instead of the original motion and its appendages; but the effect of a substitute is to supersede the original motion altogether.

35. If the question in debate contains several points, any *two* members may have the same divided; provided the division called for embodies a distinct principle or statement of fact.

36. All motions to adjourn, for the previous question, to lay on the table, to take up business, and in relation to the priority of business, and the admission of substitutes, shall be decided without debate. On questions of order, postponement, commitment, or matters which have been discussed in the committee of the whole, no member shall speak more than once without express leave of the Assembly. On all other questions each member may speak twice.

37. When the Moderator has arisen to take the vote, no farther debate or remark shall be admitted, unless there has evidently been a mistake; in which case, the mistake shall be rectified, and he shall recommence taking the vote.

38. If there be any doubt of the vote, the Moderator shall desire the *Ayes* to rise, and shall count them; then the *Nays* to rise, and count them, and shall pronounce accordingly.

39. At the instance of *one-fourth* of the members present the ayes and nays may be demanded on any question, and marked in the minutes.

40. Members without weighty reasons are not to decline voting. Silent members, unless excused from voting, are reckoned with the majority.

41. No member shall have the privilege of voting on a question in which he is personally interested, or in any case where he was not present when the question was put.

42. A motion for reconsideration can only be made by a member who voted with the majority, and can be entertained only when offered at the same or next subsequent sitting of the Assembly.

43. One day's notice at least, shall be given of an intended motion on any subject connected with the doctrine, discipline, government, or order of the church.

44. When various propositions are made with respect to the filling of blanks with particular numbers, sums, or times, the question shall always be on the highest number, the largest sum, and the longest time.

45. A motion made and carried, to accept the report of a committee, discharges the committee, and, unless otherwise ordered, the report takes its place on the list of business, ready to be acted on.

46. Every member, when speaking, shall address himself to the Moderator, and shall treat his fellow members, and especially the Moderator, with decorum and respect; and shall attend closely, in his speech, to the subject under consideration.

47. No speaker shall be interrupted, unless he be out of order, or for the purpose of correcting mistakes or misrepresentations.

48. Without express permission members are not to hold private conversation; nor are they to address one another, or any person present, except through the Moderator.

49. If more than one member rise to speak at the same time, the member furthest from the Moderator's chair shall speak first.

50. If any member act, in any respect, in a disorderly manner, it shall be the privilege of any member, and the duty of the Moderator, to call him to order; and a member thus called to order shall immediately take his seat, until it be determined whether he was out of order or not, or until leave be given him by the Assembly to proceed.

51. Any member who may feel himself aggrieved by a decision of the Moderator, shall have the privilege of appealing from his decision to the Assembly, whose determination of the matter shall be binding.

52. The Assembly has the right to sit with closed doors on business, which, in its judgment, ought not to be made matter of public notoriety.

53. As it may sometimes answer valuable ends for the members of the Assembly to confer together, on certain subjects, in a manner which would not consist with the strict rules of a constituted court; the Assembly may resolve itself into a *committee of the whole*, or extra-judicial conference; the Moderator appointing a chairman to preside, whose duty it shall be to report to the Assembly the business thus extra-judicially transacted.

54. The committee of the whole cannot adjourn; it must always rise and report to the Assembly. If the business referred thereto be not finished, the committee, through its chairman, "*reports progress, and asks leave to sit again,*" which the Assembly may grant or refuse at its discretion. Refusing such leave discharges the committee, and leaves the business at the disposal of the Assembly.

55. No member may leave the Assembly to return home or for other business, without its consent.

56. The Assembly shall close its meetings with prayer, or singing the 133d or some other Psalm, and pronouncing the Apostolic benediction.

57. All Synods, Presbyteries, and Sessions under the care of this Assembly are requested to observe these rules of order, so far as circumstances shall render them suitable.

On motion of Rev. Dr. Pressly and Rev. A. Blaikie, the reception of the report of the Executive Committee of the Board of Home Missions was made the order for this afternoon, at 2½ o'clock.

On motion of Mr. S. C. Huey and Rev. R. Armstrong, the hours of meeting were fixed at 9 A. M. and 2½ P. M., and the hours of adjournment at 1 P. M. and 5 P. M.

Adjourned. Closed with prayer by Rev. Dr. Guthrie.

*Same day—2½ o'clock, P. M.*

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

The roll was called.

The minutes of the morning session were read and approved.

The Moderator appointed, and the Assembly confirmed the following Standing Committees:

*Committee on Bills and Overtures*:—Rev. J. T. Pressly, D. D., Rev. James Brown, D. D., Rev. James Harper, Rev. Benjamin Waddle, and Messrs. Thomas M'Cague, W. F. Clendenin, and Graham Scott.

*Judicial Committee*:—Rev. Thomas Beveridge, D. D., Rev. D. C. M'Laren, D. D., Rev. D. A. Wallace, D. D., Rev. John G. Smart, Rev. James Prestley, Rev. J. B. Johnston, and Messrs. J. M. Robertson, M. D., James Robb, and George Watt, M. D.

*Committee on the Narrative*:—Rev. Robert Gracey, Rev. John Easton, D. D., Rev. James B. Lee, and Messrs. W. T. Brownlee and M. C. Ekin.

*Committee on Correspondence*:—Rev. Wm. M. M'Elwee, D. D., Rev. R. E. Stewart, and Rev. John Y. Scouller, and Messrs. James M'Candless and Andrew Mann.

*Committee on Finance*:—Rev. J. B. Scouller, Rev. A. Herron, D. D., and Rev. J. L. Craig, and Messrs. William Dickey and S. C. Huey.

*Committee on Devotional Exercises*:—Rev. F. Church, Rev. R. Armstrong, Rev. James Harper, and Rev. J. K. Andrews, and Mr. Thomas M'Cance.

Leave of absence was granted to Mr. Clendenin.

Proceeded to the order of the day, the consideration of the report of the Executive Committee of the Board of Home Missions. The report was read, and referred to the Committee on that Board:

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE BOARD OF HOME MISSIONS TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE U. P. CHURCH, TO MEET IN PHILA. MAY 23d, 1860.

In presenting our first annual Report we are called to record our thankfulness to Zion's King for the goodness and mercy which He has shown to us. The lives of all your missionaries have been spared. They have, with few and brief exceptions, enjoyed a good measure of health, and been able to prosecute the work assigned them with constancy and zeal. We are happy to bear testimony to the promptness with which your missionaries entered upon their work, and the faithfulness with which they have continued to prosecute it; this too, in many cases, under embarrassments and difficulties. They have been kindly received and their labours appreciated by those to whom they have been sent.

We are sorry we are not able to present to the Assembly a definite statement of the results of the efforts made, and the moneys expended in this department of the Church's labour. This arises in part from the indefiniteness of the requirements of the Constitution of the Board in regard to the return of facts and statistics, and partly from the fact that neither the Presbyteries nor the missionaries have, as yet, become familiar with the details of the plan of operation which you adopted last year. This can and should be remedied in the future. It will add much to the interest which the Church feels in this important work, to have full and reliable information of the success of those whom her contributions sustain. In order to secure this result the committee recommend that the 13th item in the "Regulations of the Board" be substituted by the following:—

That congregations and mission stations receiving aid from the Home Mission fund be required to report to the Executive Committee at least six weeks before the meeting of the Assembly, upon the following points:

1. What has been the faithfulness and industry of the missionary in his pulpit labours, his visiting from house to house, and what has been his efficiency and success in organizing and carrying on Sabbath-schools and prayer-meetings?

2. What has been the increase in the membership by examination and by certificate, and what has been the increase in the attendance upon ordinances?

3. Has the congregation promptly paid its portion of the salary, and how much has been contributed to the funds of the Church?

The item in the "Regulations," for which it is proposed to substitute the above, is so indefinite that neither the Committee nor the Presbyteries have been able to make any practical application of it.

We would also recommend that the 15th item in these regulations be so amended



as to pay the missionaries *quarterly in advance*. As it is, no part of the salary can be had till half the labour is performed. It is well known that many of our missionaries are destitute of funds. Some were under the necessity of borrowing, the past year, to carry them to their fields of labour. To appoint men to labour in distant fields, and refuse them the means to carry them there, is not just. It is sending them a warfare on their own charges.

Your missionaries, have, however, laboured under a more embarrassing difficulty than that to which this rule would have subjected them. The last Assembly appointed the 1st Sabbath of April the time for taking up the collection for this cause. Hence but little money was received by your Treasurer till nine months of the year were past. This recommendation, we hope, will be withdrawn. It subjects your missionaries to embarrassments, which must interfere with the success of their mission, and imposes upon them and their families severe hardships, and actual sufferings. The process of starvation is as painful in New York, Iowa or Kansas, as it is in India or Egypt, and nine months without provision, or the means to get it, will as certainly result in this, in one place as the other. We believe it would be better to leave the time for taking up collections to sessions and congregations. Some will give the preference to one cause, and others to another, and each will be more seasonably supplied. In case of special necessity, the Board of any of these enterprises, can issue a call, which, we doubt not, as heretofore, will be promptly responded to, by the church.

In granting orders the Executive Committee have acted under the following Resolution, adopted at our first meeting:

"That the only condition, on which we can grant orders, is, that each missionary shall state distinctly the time and place of his labour, accompanied with the certificate of the clerk of the Presbytery in whose bounds he is, that the labour has been performed."

This resolution has been generally enforced. In some cases, where the attention of the missionary had not been called to it, injustice would have been done by a strict adherence to the letter of it. The closing up of the accounts with missionaries and Presbyteries, has shown, however, the necessity of a more strict adherence to it, in the future; especially where different men are labouring in the same station. Where the clerks of Presbyteries ask orders, at one time for the *congregation*, and again for the *missionary*, without telling, in the former case, *who* did the work, or in the latter, *where* he did it, it is impossible to keep the accounts of the Board correctly. Owing to defects in some of the reports, there are two or three cases, which justice may require, should be reviewed, by the Committee, which you may appoint for the coming year, when all the facts are furnished. But it should be distinctly understood, that in the future both the *name of the missionary*, and the *place where he laboured*, must be specified in any claim for funds.

The whole amount of orders granted for missionary labour for the year, is *eleven thousand two hundred and eighty-seven*  $\frac{3}{10}$  dollars, (\$11,287 $\frac{3}{10}$ .) The amount paid by your Treasurer prior to his forwarding his report, was *four thousand six hundred and twenty-five*  $\frac{5}{10}$  dollars, (\$4,625 $\frac{5}{10}$ .) The amount received and paid by the Committee since the 18th inst., as shown by the accompanying report is *two thousand five hundred and forty-eight*  $\frac{8}{10}$  dollars, (\$2,548 $\frac{8}{10}$ .) making in all paid to this date, *seven thousand one hundred and seventy-four*  $\frac{6}{10}$  dollars, (\$7,174 $\frac{6}{10}$ .) leaving a balance due missionaries of *four thousand one hundred and thirteen*  $\frac{2}{10}$  dollars, (\$4,113 $\frac{2}{10}$ .)

To meet this there is in the hands of James M'Candless, Treasurer pro tem., say, thirteen hundred dollars. There is quite a large number of congregations which have not sent up to the Assembly their contributions to this fund. Some of these we are informed have collected the money, and it will be forthcoming before the first of July, the end of the financial year. Your Committee have not the data to determine whether the contributions of the year will satisfy all the claims. We can say, however, that if the congregations not yet reported, have contributed as liberally in proportion to their membership as those already reported, there will be enough.

We have granted orders only where funds had been appropriated by the Assembly, and in no case have we gone beyond the appropriation. The Presbytery of Monmouth has asked for \$200 above the appropriation for Rock Island and Davenport, and the Presbytery of Kansas, \$100 for General Missions. These requests we refer to the Assembly. The grounds on which these Presbyteries base their respective claims will be given by their delegates.

In closing our report, permit a word on the importance of this part of the Church's labour. The importance of the Foreign Mission work cannot well be overestimated. Every true and revived Christian will have a heart beating in earnest sympathy with the efforts of the Church to send the gospel to the heathen, and will count it all joy when he has the privilege of aiding in it. But may there not be danger of this cause eclipsing the Home Mission work? We do not detract from the importance of the former when we say the latter is *more* important. It is this which supplies the fountain from which these streams go forth, carrying life and blessing to the heathen world. The Church which spends her strength in sending the gospel abroad, to the neglect of those who are perishing around her, exhausts herself in an effort, which, though it may be blessed with success in erecting the banner of the cross in heathen lands, must sooner or later bring desolation and moral waste to her own land. The faithfulness with which the American churches, in a spirit of humble dependence upon God, and holy confidence in his promises, shall cultivate the home field, will determine the question, whether this goodly land which God has crowned so richly with his blessings, shall permanently send forth an influence through which all nations shall be blessed, and she herself continue to be a blessing, or whether she shall add one more to the many mournful instances in which God has made the efforts of a proud and carnal church the means by which He has taken the gospel from herself and sent it to nations bringing forth the fruits thereof.

Besides, there is no field in the world more white to the harvest, and none which promises a more abundant or speedy harvest. Our land is called a Christian land, but those whose attention has not been particularly called to the subject, will be astonished at the mass of heathenism among us and the fewness of professing Christians. Take the cities of our land, and perhaps five per cent. will include all who profess the name of Christ in connexion with all Protestant churches. In many parts of the country the rural districts are but little better. The truth is, the vast majority of our population are as really living without Christ, without God, and without hope in the world, as are the people of China or Africa. Nor, dare we say that these are gospel despisers, to whom we may say, "Because you have put the gospel far from you, and judged yourselves unworthy of eternal life, we turn to the Gentiles." We have not brought the gospel to the door of these home heathen as we should have done. We have not gone out into the hedges and highways to compel them to come in that the Master's house may be full. We have stood in our pulpits, preaching the gospel, and practically saying, "Here the gospel is preached; if sinners want to be saved, they are welcome to come." But alas! they do not want to be saved. We are sent to them and commanded to press upon them the earnest and winning appeals of the Saviour. This work, fathers and brethren, is committed to us. Let us prosecute it with earnestness and vigour, remembering that on our success in this department must depend in some measure the success of the other enterprises in which we are engaged.

By order of Executive Committee,

R. H. POLLOCK, Clerk *pro tem*.

Read invitations to visit the Training School for Feeble-minded Children at Media, and the Noon-day Prayer Meeting. Thanks were returned for the courtesy thus extended, and the papers laid on the table.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance, a communication from Rev. Wm. Lorimer, in reference to a legacy of Mr. John M'Keon.

Read reports from the following Presbyteries:—Chillicothe, Indiana, Big Spring, St. Louis, Ohio, Monongahela, Monmouth, Boston, Des Moines, Steubenville, Delaware, Le Claire, Keokuk, Kansas, Xenia, Albany, Michigan, Sidney, New York, Caledonia, Vermont, Lakes, Butler, Muskingum, Westmoreland, Chicago, Allegheny, 1st Ohio, Stamford, and Sealkote.

On motion of Rev. Messrs. Waddle and Dr. Prestley, so much of the reports of Presbyteries as relates to the State of Religion was referred to the Committee on the Narrative.

On motion of Rev. Messrs. Dr. Wallace and B. Waddle, so much of the report of the Presbytery of Boston as refers to the Delegate Fund, was referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion of Rev. Drs. Pressly and Prestley, Mr. James M'Candless was appointed Treasurer *pro tempore* of the Foreign Mission Fund.

Rev. Mr. Church presented a report from the Committee on Devotional Exercises, containing the following recommendations, which were adopted:—1st. That the first half hour each morning, after the reading of the minutes, be spent in devotional exercises; the order of exercises to be as follows—Reading the Scriptures, singing, and prayer; the Moderator calling upon such persons as he may deem proper. 2d. That Friday evening, from 7½ till 9 o'clock, be spent in religious conference, praise, and prayer. Rev. Dr. Guthrie to preside. 3d. That the last hour of the Assembly's sitting on Saturday be spent in a similar manner; the person to preside to be appointed by Dr. Guthrie.

At the request of the Committee on Psalmody, Rev. Drs. M'Laren and Guthrie were added to that Committee to supply the place of absent members.

Rev. Drs. Guthrie and Easton presented a resolution to the effect that Rev. H. Connelly be allowed to address the Assembly in behalf of the Colonization Society to-morrow morning, at 11 o'clock. Said resolution was, on motion of Rev. Messrs. R. E. Stewart and C. Webster, laid on the table.

Adjourned. Closed with prayer by Rev. D. S. M'Henry.

*Friday morning, May 25, 1860.*

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

The minutes of the last sitting were read and approved.

Spent half an hour in devotional exercises.

The Moderator appointed, and the Assembly confirmed the following Committees:—

*Committee on the Board of Foreign Missions:*—Rev. D. S. M'Henry, Rev. W. Lorimer, Rev. James Wallace, Rev. S. M. Coon, and Mr. Andrew Knox.

*Committee on the Board of Home Missions:*—Rev. R. A. Browne, Rev. Gilbert Small, Rev. James Shields, Rev. W. H. Wilson, and Mr. Wm. Collins.

*Committee on the Board of Publication:*—Rev. J. S. M'Creedy, Rev. George Mairs, Rev. R. S. Campbell, Rev. C. Cummins, and Mr. W. E. Brown.

*Committee on the Board of Church Extension:*—Rev. W. Easton, Rev. Samuel Millen, Rev. W. H. Prestley, Rev. J. S. Buchanan, and Mr. Andrew Beveridge.

*Committee on the Board of Education:*—Rev. John Scott, Rev. J. M. Henderson, Rev. A. Blaikie, Rev. J. H. Pressly, and Mr. Thomas White.

Received and read the reports of the following Presbyteries:—Philadelphia, Bloomington, Mercer, Frankfort, Argyle, Southern Indiana, Conemaugh, Chartiers, Detroit, and Mansfield.

On motion of Rev. Messrs. Waddle and Patterson, so much of the report of the Presbytery of Mercer as relates to the opening of a correspondence with the Old and New School Assemblies, was referred to the Committee on Correspondence.

On motion of Rev. Messrs. J. S. Buchanan, and J. N. Smith, so much of the Presbyterial reports as refers to Covenanting, the re-opening of the African Slave Trade, and to the Fugitive Slave Law, was referred to the Committee on Bills and Overtures.

On motion of Rev. Dr. Wallace and Rev. B. Waddle, so much of the reports of Presbyteries as refers to the non-fulfilment of appointments, was referred to the Committee on the Board of Home Missions.

The Clerk read several communications from the United Presbytery of Oregon, signifying their desire to be taken under the care of this Assembly, and giving information in reference to missionary operations. On motion of Rev. Messrs. A. G. Wallace and C. Webster, so much of these papers as refers to union with this Assembly, was referred to the Committee on Bills and Overtures, with instructions to report favourably to the request. On motion of Rev. Dr. Wallace and Rev. A. G. Wallace, so much of these papers as relates to missions, was referred to the Committee on the Board of Home Missions.

A communication from the Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, was read and laid on the table.

Read a letter from the Synod of the Vaudois Church in Piedmont, which was referred to the Committee on Correspondence, with instructions to prepare a suitable reply.

Read and referred to the same Committee a letter from the Synod of the United Presbyterian Church in Canada, with instructions to prepare a reply in time to be forwarded to the Synod at its next meeting.

Read a memorial from Rev. Thomas Calaban, of Burnett's Creek, Indiana, in reference to the proposition to prepare a Bond for Covenanting. Laid on the table.

Read a reference from the Synod of Illinois, on the subject of a mission to the Jews. Referred to the Committee on the Board of Home Missions.

The Committee on Devotional Exercises presented a report, containing appointments for the pulpits of this city on next Sabbath.

On motion of Rev. J. T. Pressly, D. D., and Rev. John Patterson, the hearing of the report of the Board of Foreign Missions was made the order for this afternoon, at 3½ o'clock.

Read a memorial from the Session of Bovina, N. Y., in relation to Arian baptism and the admission of Odd-Fellows. Referred to the Judicial Committee.

Read a memorial from the Presbytery of Xenia, in reference to a Tract exhibiting the history and principles of the United Presbyterian Church. Referred to the Committee on the Board of Publication.

Read a communication from the congregation of Monmouth, Ill., inviting the General Assembly to appoint its next meeting in that city.

Read a memorial from the Presbytery of Chartiers, requesting the preparation of a Bond for Covenanting. Referred to the Committee on Bills and Overtures.

Read memorials from certain Sessions in the Presbytery of Argyle, in reference to our distinctive principles, and especially in reference to the article on Communion. Referred to the Judicial Committee.

Read a memorial from the Session of Yellow Creek, Ohio, asking some action in regard to the exclusion of the Bible from our public schools. Referred to the Committee on Bills and Overtures.

Read a paper in reference to the will of Thomas Dawson. Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Read a paper from Alexander McElroy, in reference to the manner in which he proposes to dispose of his property. Referred to a Special Committee, consisting of Rev. Drs. Beveridge and Easton, and Rev. W. Lorimer.

The following resolution was offered by Rev. Dr. Wallace and Rev. James Harper, and adopted:

*Resolved*, That the Finance Committee be directed to report a plan for the more prompt and certain collection of the moneys necessary to meet the wants of the Church.

Rev. Mr. Mairs and Mr. S. C. Huey offered a resolution, admitting Rev. H. Connelly to the floor of this Assembly, for the purpose of presenting the claims of the Colonization Society. On motion of Rev. Messrs. Bradford and Vance, the consideration of said resolution was indefinitely postponed.

The following resolution was offered by Rev. Messrs. P. H. Drennen and A. G. Wallace, and adopted:

*Resolved*, That the order for to-morrow morning, after the reports of Select Committees, be the hearing the report of the Board of Home Missions.

Read a memorial of the Synod of Illinois, in regard to the division of the said Synod. Said memorial, together with so much of the report of the Presbytery of Kansas as has relation to this matter, was referred to the Committee on Bills and Overtures.

Adjourned. Closed with prayer by Rev. J. N. Smith.

*Same day*—2½ o'clock, P. M.

The Assembly met, and was opened with prayer by Rev. Cyrus Cummins.

The calling of the roll was dispensed with.

The minutes of the morning session were read and approved.

Read a memorial from Rev. Messrs. G. D. Henderson, Samuel Wilson, D. D., James P. Lytle, D. W. Carson, and J. G. Carson, asking for such action as will render our Standards and the Adopting Act more acceptable to the memorialists. Referred to the Committee on Bills and Overtures.

Read the report of the Board of Education. Referred to the Committee on that Board.

Read the report of the Board of Church Extension. Referred to the Committee on that Board.

Read a memorial from the Session of Queensbury, in the Presbytery of Argyle, having reference to the subjects of Communion and Psalmody. Referred to the Judicial Committee.

The Committee on Finance presented reports, which were adopted as follows:—1st. "The Committee on Finance would recommend, in the matter of 'a plan for the more prompt and certain collection of the moneys necessary to meet the wants of the Church,' that a Special Committee be appointed to report such a plan to the next General Assembly, if there be not sufficient time to properly mature a plan at the present meeting." Committee, Rev. Dr. Wallace, and Rev. Messrs. C. Webster and G. D. Archibald. 2d. "The Finance Committee would recommend, in the matter of a legacy of John M'Keon, that the money in the hands of Rev. Wm. Lorimer be equally divided among the five Boards of the Church."

The Committee on Bills and Overtures presented reports, which were adopted, as follows:

#### REPORT ON THE MEMORIAL FROM THE PRESBYTERY OF OREGON.

The Committee on Bills and Overtures, to which was referred the memorial from the Presbytery of Oregon, on the subject of a Union with this General Assembly, respectfully submit the following report:

The Presbytery of Oregon signify their cordial reception of the Testimony, and other doctrinal Standards of the United Presbyterian Church. But owing to their remote position, they "reserve the right of final jurisdiction over all matters, except such as may be appealed directly to the General Assembly;" and, moreover, reserve the right of sending delegates to the General Assembly, as they may deem expedient.

Your Committee recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the General Assembly cordially acquiesce in the proposal of the Presbytery of Oregon, and regard it as one of the Presbyteries under its care.

JOHN T. PRESSLY, *Chairman*.

#### REPORT ON THE DIVISION OF THE SYNOD OF ILLINOIS.

The Committee on Bills and Overtures, to which was referred the petition of the Synod of Illinois, on the subject of a division of the Synod of Illinois, respectfully report, for the adoption of the Assembly, the following resolutions:—*Resolved*, 1st. That a new Synod be formed out of the Synod of Illinois, to be called the Synod of Iowa, including the States of Iowa and Minnesota, and the Territories of Kansas and Nebraska. 2d. That in conformity with their request, the Presbytery of Kansas be connected with the Synod of Illinois. 3d. That the Synod of Iowa meet on the last Thursday of August, 1860, at 7½ o'clock, P. M., in the city of Oskaloosa, to be constituted by Rev. W. Boyce, or Rev. Samuel M'Arthur as his alternate.

All which is respectfully submitted. JOHN T. PRESSLY, *Chairman*.

In answer to a question proposed by Rev. C. Cummins, it was resolved that the congregations in Blount county, Tennessee, and places adjacent, be considered as belonging to the 2d Synod of the West.

The hour having arrived, proceeded to hear the report of the Board of Foreign Missions, which was accepted, and referred to the Committee on the said Board.

#### REPORT OF THE BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS.

To the General Assembly of the United Presbyterian Church—the Board of Foreign Missions respectfully report:—

In presenting this, their first report, the Board would say that it will be more extended than usual, inasmuch as it embraces the ground hitherto covered by the two bodies composing the United Church, and because, also, it is deemed specially desirable that the Assembly should, in the outset of its course, be put in possession of all the facts in relation to this important department of its work.

As directed by the General Assembly, this Board was formally organized in the 2d Church, Philadelphia, on the 21st of June last, and since that time has held twelve meetings and seventeen sessions. These meetings have uniformly been of the most harmonious character—and have not only steadily deepened the interest which every member felt in the cause of missions, but have also greatly strengthened the conviction that the whole church is called upon, by every consideration, to rise and gird herself to the work of making the gospel known for the evangelization of the world.

During the year a merciful Providence has so watched over the persons and families of our foreign missionaries that though labouring in various countries and climates, and often exposed by land and sea, to sickness, weariness and wasting, yet not one of their lives has been lost, none of their number has been permanently laid aside, and none have failed to find the work of the Lord increasing on their hands. Deeply is this felt to be an occasion for thanksgiving, and loudly also is there a call in it for new means and missionaries to be intrusted to the hands of Him whose is this cause, and who will, beyond a question, guard his servants until his work is everywhere done, and all the ends of the earth have seen his salvation.

More particularly the Board lay before the Assembly the following items:—

#### I. *Missions and Missionaries.*

On its organization the Board found the following Foreign Missions and labourers, under the care of the Assembly, and are happy to report them so still:—

1. *Trinidad.*—This mission was commenced in 1841. It has now the labours of Rev. George Brown, missionary, and his wife, and owns a church building and parsonage, in the midst of a large and important class of both Africans and Coolies, or native Hindoos, who are accessible to the gospel, and many of whom have already given evidence that labour among them is not, and will not be, in vain in the Lord. This mission has an organized church of six communicants, twenty-five children in the Sabbath-school, under the instructions of Mrs. Brown, and an attendance upon divine ordinances on the Sabbath of about fifty persons, and during the week of about twenty-five.

2. *Syria.*—This mission, which is chiefly located at Damascus, has connected with it Rev. J. A. Frazier, Rev. John Crawford, and Dr. Hattie, Physician, missionaries, and Mrs. Frazier and Mrs. Crawford. The labourers in this mission specially devote themselves to the preaching of the gospel on the Sabbath, the daily teaching of a High School, and of a common school, and the scattering abroad of the Scriptures, tracts, and other reading matter, in the various languages of the people, from a book depot which has been opened for this purpose, and is much resorted to by persons of all classes. In this mission there is a well organized church of about twenty-five communicants, and a faithful and eminently useful discipline is exercised.

3. *Northern India.*—This mission is at Sialkote, one of the most important sections of the Punjab. The labourers at this mission are Messrs. Andrew Gordon, Robt. A. Hill, and E. H. Stevenson, missionaries; G. W. Scott, and E. P. Swift, native missionaries; Miss E. G. Gordon, female teacher, and Mrs. Gordon, Mrs. Hill and Mrs. Stevenson. A church has been organized at this mission which, as was stated at your last meeting, had a membership of twenty-three persons. It is under regular pastoral care, and though no accessions are reported to it for the last year, there are several persons who have been for some time candidates for baptism, and ere this have probably been admitted to full communion on profession of their faith in Christ. The boys' school has about one hundred names on its roll, and has had an average attendance throughout the year of seventy-two. In this school instruction in the Scriptures is made a thorough part of every day's exercises, and the wonderful power of divine truth to change the very nature of man, was seen in this school during the past year, when one of the boys that attended for some time was led to break caste, leave the nearest and dearest associations in life, for the companionship of the friends of Christ, and though offered the most tempting and insinuating of bribes, yet was deaf to them all, that he might win Christ, and be found in him. This case excited the deepest interest for a time, and led to the temporary withdrawal of many boys from the school; but it was overruled

mightily for good, in directing attention to a religious system that could so change the nature, and beautify and ennoble the character of its genuine subject. The school has entirely recovered from the shock thus experienced, and is now in most successful operation. There is an orphan school in this mission, numbering six boys and three girls, several of whom are supported in a course of thorough religious training by individuals and Sabbath schools in this country, contributing the sum of thirty-five dollars annually for each of these pupils. These boys and girls are making encouraging progress in religious knowledge and attainments, and their numbers might be greatly increased if only adequate means could be furnished for them. Besides caring for the interests of the native church, and labouring in the schools, the brethren of this mission devote much time to bazaar preaching, to the circulation of the Holy Scriptures, and to itinerating in neighbouring villages, often with the happiest results,—individuals not unfrequently following them long distances to inquire more perfectly concerning the way of salvation. In view of the large numbers that may thus be reached, and the calls from many of them for Christian teaching, the brethren of the mission beseech liberty to take up a new station, and they urge it with such evident promise of good results, that the Board ask the Assembly to give it special consideration. In a word, the Report from this Mission is gratifying, and most earnestly and anxiously do its members ask for one at least, and, if possible, three more labourers, to be sent out immediately, to help them occupy the vast field that is everywhere white for the harvest. And in view of all that has come before us, the Board cordially unite with them in urging that this Assembly will not rise without appointing one or more men for this mission, and providing promptly the means for their support.

4. *Egypt.* This mission is of two parts,—Cairo and Alexandria. In Cairo the labourers are Messrs. James Barnett and Thomas M'Cague, *missionaries*, and Mrs. M'Cague. Though greatly worn down by long-continued labours and exposures, and by frequent attacks of severe sickness, these brethren have steadily held on their way—unwilling to leave for scarcely an hour, without some competent labourer in their place, a work which has been encouragingly begun, and which could be neglected, or given up only at the fearful peril of immortal souls. They have regularly preached the gospel in Arabic, and generally in English; conducted a school, visited from house to house with the Word of life, and distributed it also largely from a Book depot which they have established. They have succeeded in organizing a church, into which four persons were received during the year, who are giving good promise of growing in grace and of being exceedingly useful. With a noble devotion these brethren have stood unyielding at their post, and most touchingly does every consideration of duty and interest demand that the Assembly devise some means of having, at least, one suitable man sent out at once, to give them relief and to carry on the work so well begun and so loudly calling for help.

In Alexandria, Rev. Gulian Lansing, *Missionary*, Miss Sarah E. Dales, *Girls' teacher*, and Mrs. Lansing are engaged. This mission was the last one entered on before the organization of our United Church, and from the position of Alexandria, as a kind of key to Egypt and the East, the character of its people, Moslems, Jews, Copts, native Egyptians, Italians, &c., nearly all of whom are accessible to the Gospel, it has been a mission of increasing interest from its very commencement. During the entire year, though often well nigh alone and having poor and every way inadequate accommodations, yet Mr. Lansing has regularly preached the Gospel and had the supervision of the schools. Miss Dales too, though often feeble in health and much worn down in strength, has still been able most of the time to be engaged in efforts to lead a large number of girls to the knowledge of the truth as it is in Jesus. The Boys' and Girls' Schools together number over 100 pupils, and a great advance has been made during the past year among parents in allowing, and even bringing and urging their sons and daughters upon the missionaries for Christian training. In this mission, also, there is a Book Depository, tended by a Christian convert, and constantly visited by large numbers who gladly avail themselves of opportunities of conversing upon the momentous themes of the Christian faith, and of the soul's true condition and only hope.

Within the last few days, the welcome word has reached us of the formal organization on the 13th of April last, in the city of Cairo, of a Presbytery of Egypt, according to the provision made by the Assembly at the meeting in May last, and the Board cannot refrain from congratulating the United Presbyterian Church in having thus a Presbytery in the land of Egypt.

## II. *New Missions and Missionaries.*

In accordance with the direction of the Assembly, and relying largely, under God, upon the prompt and liberal help of the friends of the great work proposed, the Board, immediately after its organization, proceeded to take steps for forming a new mission in China and for sending out the labourers appointed to that field. Mr. J. C. Nevin reporting himself ready to go as soon as arrangements could be made, was ordained, suitably provided for, and, on the 17th of December last, sailed, with his wife, from the city of New York, in the ship *Seaman's Bride*, for his great work. Mr. S. C. Ewing,

the other missionary elect for that field, having asked that his departure might be deferred until the close of the ensuing session of the Theological Seminary, the Board granted him his request. And now, with an earnest and matured consecration to the service of Christ among the heathen, he and his wife stand ready to be sent out any day the Board will direct. But, in all frankness, the Board are compelled to state that, while much was said in the last Assembly about undertaking this new and important but expensive mission, and, while the Board has gone forward fully expecting that all that was said would be realized, yet, in painful fact, scarcely enough has been paid into the treasury during the whole year, with special reference to that mission, to defray the expenses of sending out even one man; and now, with the imperative calls of existing and useful missions upon us, and with a treasury in a low state, the Board are constrained to say, and they could do so with tears, Fathers and brethren, help must be had, or this beloved brother, now ready, and saying, "Here am I—send me," cannot be sent! Shall it be?

In regard to Mr. John Hogg, the Board are happy to report that, on receiving notice of the call for him to engage in our mission at Alexandria, he at once accepted of it, and devoting himself with renewed diligence to his studies in the United Presbyterian Divinity Hall, in Edinburgh, was at length licensed by the Presbytery of Edinburgh, and, with a truly noble spirit, was handed over by that Presbytery to become a missionary of the cross under the care of our own United Presbyterian Church. In January last he sailed from Liverpool in company with his wife, for his field of labour, but having been shipwrecked three days afterwards in the Bay of Biscay, he was forced to return to his native land. In no way discouraged, however, and promptly met by the sympathies and contributions of Scottish Christians, he was speedily prepared for departure again, and, on the 19th of March last, landed safely in Alexandria, where, with scarcely a day's delay, he engaged at once in the work to which he had devoted his life and his all. The Board cannot refrain from commending his energy and zeal, and would also call the special attention of the Assembly to the truly generous and noble spirit manifested towards our mission and beloved missionary, by the many friends of Christ and of his cause in Scotland.

At the suggestion of the missionaries in Damascus, and with the approbation of the Board, Rev. John Crawford has undertaken, with encouraging prospects, a new mission at Yabrud, a town of about 4000 inhabitants, some hours distant north-east of Damascus. In its neighbourhood is the enterprising and promising, but most needy town of Nebk, where, after that frequent and urgent requests had been received from the people for religious instructions, Jibran Shehady, a well-trained scripture reader and teacher, from the church in Damascus, was usefully employed. But his health is now failing, and, as the place holds out strong inducements for thorough occupancy, anxious calls are made for some man to be sent out at once to labour there, where so many are now longing and asking for the bread of life.

Thus the Board are happy to report the entrance, during the year upon a new mission to China, and a new station at Yabrud, Syria, their occupancy by chosen men, and a promising reinforcement to the mission in Egypt, in the persons of Mr. and Mrs. Hogg.

In reference to the mission proposed to be formed in Africa, the Board regret that they have to present a different report. Repeated efforts have been made by appeals through the periodicals of the church, by official correspondence, and by private interviews, but as yet there has been an entire failure to secure any labourer for that vast and most needy field. In various forms, at successive meetings of the Board, and in the ear of the church at large, the question has been asked, "Whom shall we send and who will go for us?"—but as yet it has been asked in vain; and, therefore, the Board have to report that the forming of a new mission on that Continent is a matter in which we prayerfully wait the leadings of the providence and the Spirit of Him whose is the harvest, and whose is the power to raise up and send forth the labourers into it.

### III. *Mission Premises.*

At the repeated and earnest call of the brethren in Egypt for suitable accommodations for their work, and deeply impressed with a sense of their urgent necessity, the Board, in August last, resolved upon endeavouring to raise a Building Fund, which should be considered entirely separate from the ordinary missionary contributions and expenses. An appeal was accordingly addressed to the churches and especially to the children of the families and Sabbath-schools in the entire body. That appeal was promptly responded to by large numbers, and while the sum contributed is not yet nearly equal to what is demanded to provide buildings in places like the cities of Alexandria and Cairo, yet the Board most gratefully mention that, up to the 4th inst., \$3496.30 had been paid into the Treasury for this purpose, and thence forwarded to Rev. Gulian Lansing with instructions that under no circumstances is it to be used for any object other than the securing of a suitable sanctuary and school premises for the United Presbyterian Church in Egypt. That Fund still calls for aid; and it is earnestly commended to the attention of the Assembly and of the Church at large.



IV. *New Missionaries.*

According to the Regulations of the Assembly relating to the Board of Foreign Missions, it is made the duty of the Board, though not exclusively, to nominate suitable persons for the Foreign field. After careful inquiry and deliberation, therefore, and deeply impressed with the importance of additional laborers being sent out at once, especially to the India Mission and to Cairo, the Board recommend to the prayerful attention and appointment of the Assembly Mr. JAMES BARR, a licentiate of the Presbytery of Chartiers, and Mr. ANDREW WATSON, a licentiate of the Presbytery of Allegheny, to the above fields respectively, and that steps be taken for their departure at an early day. As it has also been becoming more and more important for some time that additional help should be provided for the Girls' School in Alexandria, the Board have had it under careful consideration, and having now a prospect of finding such a person, respectfully suggest that the Assembly will leave the whole matter of finally securing and sending her out, to the Board with power to act.

V. *Finances.*

On entering upon their work, the Board found the treasury in a low condition, and feeling that in the very nature of the case, the missionaries in the foreign field, far from friends and native country, would be liable to great inconvenience, and indeed, suffering, if there were any delay or failure of remittances to be promptly sent them; and feeling, also, that probably all the required funds would be readily furnished if the members of the Churches could only be informed of the wants, the Board proceeded at once to make it known. Estimates of expenses were made, circulars were addressed to every pastor and congregation, and in person, or by letter, the Corresponding Secretary met each of the four Synods. In response to these calls, the treasurer received up to the 4th inst., for the Foreign Mission and exclusive of the Building Fund, \$14,332.77, and paid out on the order of the Board, for salaries, outfit and passage of new missionaries, and current expenses of the various missions, \$13,477.08, leaving a balance of \$855.69 in the treasury to meet an acceptance from Rev. J. A. Frazer of Damascus for \$500, and a balance on settling a bill of credit in favour of India Mission of over \$600, and to provide for the remittance of several thousand dollars, which should have been made some time since, and must be made in a few days, or our foreign missionaries be compelled to borrow money to meet current expenses.

After a careful examination of the whole field, and of the expenses that must be provided for during the ensuing year, the Board have made the following estimates, and beg the Assembly and the churches to ask their covenant God and themselves, *can* any thing, or *shall* any thing less be done for Christ and for the heathen at our hands?—For India, as now organized, \$6,100; for Damascus and Yabrud, \$4,960; for Egypt, including Cairo and Alexandria, \$6,800; for China, \$1000; Trinidad, \$500. Total, for the year ending Jan. 1st. 1861, \$19,360, or less than *one third of a dollar* for each member of the United Presbyterian Church in this favoured Christian land.

VI. *Suggestions.*

Before closing the Report, the Board respectfully desire to present the following suggestions for the consideration, and if thought best, the adoption of the Assembly:—

*First.* That the time for receiving funds each year shall close with the 30th of April, and that all contributions or payments after that date, be placed in the account of the following year.

*Second.* That the day appointed for the Annual Collection for the Foreign Mission Fund, be fixed at an earlier date than the first Sabbath in January, that there may be funds in hand to provide for the missionary salaries and expenses, which usually have to be sent some time in advance.

*Third.* That more than a bare quorum of members of the Board be appointed, of persons residing in or near Philadelphia, that thus a meeting of the Board may be had at any time as emergencies may require, without delay or expense.

*Fourth.* The Board respectfully inquire whether it would not be wise in the judgment of the General Assembly to have a quarterly or monthly publication issued for the purpose of disseminating missionary intelligence, and awakening a missionary interest in all the congregations of our United Presbyterian Church, and as a truly generous and noble proffer has been made to the Board of the means by which this can be done without expense, either to the Assembly, or the Board, it is suggested that this whole subject be referred to the Board to take such action as will, if possible, have every family and Sabbath School and congregation supplied with such a periodical.

The Board only add further, that the term of service of Rev. J. B. Dales, Mr. S. C. Huey and Rev. H. H. Blair, expires in the order of their names at this meeting of the Assembly. By order of the Board,

J. B. DALES, *Corresponding Secretary.*

Read the report of the Presbytery of Wheeling.

Proceeded to consider the time and place of next meeting. Monmouth was fixed as the place; and the time agreed upon is the 3d Wednesday of May, 1861, at 2 o'clock, P. M.

On motion of Rev. A. G. Wallace and Rev. Dr. Guthrie, the report of the Board of Publication was made the order for to-morrow morning, at 11 o'clock.

The Special Committee on the communication from Mr. M'Elroy presented a report, which, after some remarks, was re-committed.

Adjourned. Closed with prayer by Rev. J. R. M'Calister.

*Saturday morning, May 26, 1860.*

The Assembly met, and was opened with prayer by Rev. J. C. Boyd.

The minutes of the last sitting were read and approved.

Proceeded to the order of the day, religious exercises of praise, reading of the Scriptures, and prayer.

Read the report of the Board of Home Missions. Referred to the Committee on that Board.

The Committee on Finance presented a report, which was adopted, as follows:

"The Committee on Finance would recommend, in reference to the settlement of the estate of the late Thomas Dawson, of Cadiz, Ohio, the following resolutions:

"1. That the executors of the will of the said Thomas Dawson be advised to have the four notes referred to discounted, and the estate settled as soon as possible. 2. That Rev. A. D. Clark, D. D., Rev. Wm. Wisbart, and Rev. J. S. M'Cready be, and hereby are authorized and directed to receive, on behalf of the United Presbyterian Church, all moneys willed by the late Thomas Dawson to the said Church."

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance the report of the Treasurer of the Board of Foreign Missions, with accompanying vouchers. [See Appendix.]

The Executive Committee of the Board of Home Missions presented an additional report, which was approved, as follows:

"A number of claims have been presented to the Executive Committee of the Board of Home Missions since our report was handed in. We would state that the financial year does not close till July. These claims can be presented and met prior to that date, and brethren having such claims are directed to forward them to the future Committee. By order of the Executive Committee.  
R. H. POLLOCK, *Clerk.*"

Read a petition from the First Synod of the West, relative to the division of that Synod. Referred to the Committee on Bills and Overtures.

Read a report from the Judicial Committee, which was unanimously adopted, as follows:

#### REPORT ON THE MEMORIAL FROM BOVINA.

The Judicial Committee, to which was referred a memorial from the Session of the United Presbyterian Church of Bovina, N. Y., report in answer to the first question proposed in the memorial, viz.,

"Are Sessions, in receiving persons from that denomination of Arians, called 'Christians,' to require that they be re-baptized?" That in our judgment such applicants for fellowship in the church should be regarded as unbaptized persons; inasmuch as a community of Arians, denying the true and proper divinity of Jesus, and his atonement, by whatever name they may be denominated, is not entitled to be considered as a part of the visible church of Christ.—In regard to the second question, viz.,

"Does Article XV. of the United Presbyterian Testimony condemn the 'Independent Order of Odd-Fellows;' and are Sessions to require, as a condition of admission to the Church, from those who are connected therewith, that they

*withdraw* from said order?" your Committee have no hesitation in giving an affirmative answer to this inquiry. Those who become or continue members of this Society not only violate the Declaration in the Testimony, but also act in opposition to the unquestionably Scriptural doctrine laid down in the Confession of Faith, chap. xxii., 'Of Lawful Oaths and Vows.' Your Committee therefore recommend the adoption of this report as an answer, on the part of the Assembly, to the questions proposed in the memorial.

All which is respectfully submitted.

T. BEVERIDGE, *Chairman*.

Read the report of the Board of Publication. Referred to the Committee on that Board.

Read a second report from the Committee on the communication of Alex. M'Elroy. After some discussion, the following substitute, proposed by Rev. Dr. Beveridge and Rev. J. K. Andrews, was entertained and adopted:—That the thanks of this Assembly be returned to Mr. M'Elroy, and that Rev. Messrs. J. R. Thompson and John T. Brownlee, and Mr. Joseph Brownlee, sen., be a Committee to confer with him, and to attend to the interests of the Assembly in this matter; and report to the next Assembly.

On motion of Rev. Messrs. J. B. Scouller and —, it was resolved that when the Assembly adjourn, it adjourn until 9 o'clock on Monday morning.

After spending some time in devotional exercises, the Assembly adjourned. Closed with prayer by the Moderator.

*Monday morning, May 28th.*

The Assembly met, and was opened with prayer.

The minutes of last sitting were read and approved.

Spent some time in devotional exercises. Papers being called for, the following were handed in and read:

The report of the Judicial Committee on the memorial from certain Sessions in the Presbytery of Argyle, which was adopted, as follows; Rev. J. B. Scouller giving notice, for himself and others who might join with him, of a probable protest against this action of the Assembly:

#### REPORT ON THE MEMORIALS FROM SESSIONS IN THE PRESBYTERY OF ARGYLE, &C.

The memorialists ask three questions:

1. Are our distinctive principles, as well as the doctrines of grace, terms of communion?
2. Is it consistent with our standards to extend Communion in sealing ordinances, to persons retaining membership in churches holding principles inconsistent with our profession?
3. Should a Presbytery tolerate such practices by the ministers and sessions under its care?

To these questions your Committee recommend the following answer:

The Assembly cannot but express its surprise that such questions should ever have been propounded. It is not possible to return a more explicit affirmative answer to the first, or negative answer to the second, than is given in the Testimony of the church, as adopted at the formation of the union.

In the introduction to the Testimony it is stated that an "adherence to the Westminster Standards, and to the declarations contained in the following Testimony, will be required of those seeking communion with us." And in the 16th declaration, we find the following:—"We declare, that the church should not extend communion in sealing ordinances, to those who refuse adherence to her profession, or subjection to her government and discipline, or refuse to forsake a communion inconsistent with the profession that she makes." These are the authoritative statements of the doctrine and order of the church. The Assembly cannot make them any clearer or more emphatic. While the courts of the church may and ought to exercise forbearance in love towards those who cannot fully subscribe to these declarations, yet they may not tolerate determined opposition to them, or wanton practical violation of them.

The church has thus clearly set forth the law on this subject. The administration of it is left to the inferior courts. It is their manifest duty, in meekness and love, to

do all they can to persuade all under their care to walk orderly. In case, however, of violation of the law, wantonly persisted in, as the last resort, recourse must be had to regular judicial process in the proper courts.

In relation to the memorial from the session of Queensbury in the Presbytery of Argyle, your committee submit the following report:

The only question in this memorial, to which an answer has not already been given, is the following:

"Is it consistent with our standards for our ministers to enter into any arrangements to unite in the public or social worship of God, where human compositions are employed as the matter of praise?"

To this your Committee recommend the following answer:

It is not consistent with our profession to enter into any arrangements by which we may, in any sense, sanction or approve of the use of human composition in the worship of God.

"In relation to the subject matter of these Memorials, your Committee recommend the adoption of the following:

"The Assembly regard the Testimony of the Church as sufficiently explicit. It does not appear that any deliverance that can be made will render its meaning any plainer or more pointed. The carrying out of the principles of the Church is vested in the inferior courts, and not in the Assembly. Whether or not, therefore, our Testimony is duly administered, will depend on the faithfulness of Sessions, Presbyteries, and Synods.

Read the report of the Assembly's Trustees, and the charter granted by the Legislature of the State of Pennsylvania, incorporating the General Assembly of the United Presbyterian Church of North America. The report was accepted; and after some remarks, the charter itself was also accepted by a vote of the Assembly. Rev. Robert Gracey and Rev. John G. Brown were chosen to fill the vacancies in the Board of Trustees.

The Committee on the Board of Publication presented reports, which, after re-committing so much as refers to increasing the capital of the Board, and after some amendment, were adopted. [See Appendix.]

At the request of Rev. Dr. Wallace, the Assembly appointed, as additional members of the Committee to prepare a plan for raising money, one person from each Synod: namely, Rev. Messrs. John G. Smart, Robert Gracey, J. L. Craig, and Samuel Millen.

Adjourned. Closed with prayer by Rev. Dr. Guthrie.

*Same day, 2½ o'clock, P. M.*

The Assembly met, and was opened with prayer by Rev. John Graham.

The minutes of the morning session were read and approved.

Read a communication from the Associate Synod, recommending the establishment by this Assembly of a Widows' and Orphans' Fund for the widows and orphans of deceased ministers of the gospel.

The Committee on Bills and Overtures presented a report in relation to the proposition to prepare a Bond for Covenanting. After the adoption of the first and second resolutions, the following amendment was offered by Rev. Dr. Beveridge and Rev. James Wallace, as a third resolution:

*Resolved*, That a Committee of three be appointed to prepare some directions for engaging in this duty, and to prepare a general bond, either to be used, or to be regarded as a guide in the preparation of such a bond; and that said Committee be required to report to the General Assembly next year.

After some remarks, and without taking a vote, the hour having arrived, the Assembly proceeded to hear the report of the Board of Publication on a revised edition of our Metrical Psalms. Rev. James Prestley, on behalf of the Board, presented some specimens of the amendments proposed; after which the following resolutions were offered by Rev. R. E. Stewart, and adopted:

1st. *Resolved*, That Rev. Dr. J. T. Pressly, Rev. Dr. Guthrie, and Rev. Robert Gracey, be a Committee, with the Board of Publication, on the subject of revising the present version of the Psalms.

2d. *Resolved*, That the whole subject of a revised edition of the Psalms be referred to the Board of Publication thus strengthened, that they publish the version as amended, and that they report to the next General Assembly.

The following additional resolution, offered by Rev. James Harper and Rev. Dr. Wallace, was adopted:—*Resolved*, That the Committee be instructed to proceed according to the principles which appear to have guided them in preparing the specimens which have been read to us this afternoon, with the understanding that no amendment be made which will affect the integrity of the version.

Leave of absence was granted to Mr. Cowan.

Rev. John G. Smart, from the Committee appointed last year, presented the draft of a Book of Discipline. This report was accepted.

On motion of Rev. J. B. Scouller, it was resolved that when the Assembly adjourns, it adjourn to meet this evening, at 7½ o'clock, at which time the report of the Committee on a New and Improved Version of the Psalms shall be considered.

Rev. Messrs. J. D. Glenn, D. Paul, and John T. Brownlee, were appointed a Committee on Leave of Absence.

On motion of Rev. Messrs. W. Lorimer and H. Q. Graham, Rev. G. C. Arnold was requested to have blank certificates prepared for the use of members returning home.

Adjourned. Closed with prayer by Rev. A. R. Rankin.

*Monday evening, 7½ o'clock.*

The Assembly met, and was opened with prayer by Rev. A. G. Wallace.

The minutes of the last sitting were read and approved.

By consent, the following report of the Committee on Finance was introduced and adopted:

The Committee on Finance would beg leave to report that they have examined the report of the Treasurer of the Board of Foreign Missions, compared it with the vouchers, and find it to be correct, and recommend the following resolutions:—1st. That the report of the Treasurer is hereby approved. 2d. That the thanks of the Assembly are due Mr. Thomas B. Rich for the satisfactory manner in which he has discharged the laborious duties of the Treasurership of the Board, for which he receives no pecuniary compensation.

The following resolutions, in reference to the Draft of a Book of Discipline, were offered by Rev. James Prestley and Rev. J. B. Scouller, and adopted:—1st. That this report be made the order of the day for 10 o'clock to-morrow morning, and at the same hour each succeeding day until finally disposed of. 2d. That in the proposal of amendments, members be required to write them out, in their connexion with the parts to be amended, before submitting them to the Assembly.

Spent some time in devotional exercises.

Proceeded to the order of the day, the hearing the report of the Committee on a New and Improved Version of the Psalms. The report was read by Rev. G. D. Archibald, the Chairman of the Committee.

After some remarks, but without taking a vote, the Assembly adjourned.

Closed with prayer by Rev. Dr. Cooper.

*Tuesday morning, May 29, 1860.*

The Assembly met, and was opened with prayer by Rev. John L. McLean.

The roll was called, and corrected.

The minutes of the last sitting were read and approved.

Spent some time in devotional exercises.

Papers being called for, the Committee on Leave of Absence presented the following resolution, which was adopted:—*Resolved*, That the Assembly deprecates, and hereby expresses its unqualified disapprobation of the cours

pursued by members in absenting themselves from the Assembly, except in cases of extreme emergency; and recommend to Presbyteries the election as commissioners of such members only as pledge themselves (God willing) to remain and attend closely to the business during the entire meeting.

Read the report of the Presbytery of Egypt. Referred to the Committee on the Board of Foreign Missions.

Proceeded to the order of the day, the consideration of the Draft of the Book of Discipline. Rev. R. E. Stewart and Rev. James Prestley offered the following resolution, which was adopted:—*Resolved*, That the Draft of a Book of Discipline reported by the Committee appointed by the last Assembly be read to-morrow morning, by the captions of the Articles, by the Clerk, and that any amendments be then presented and considered.

In connexion with this matter Rev. John G. Smart wished it to be recorded that although he had taken the liberty of attaching the name of Rev. Dr. Young to the Draft, the latter, not having had time to examine it very fully, had only been able to give a general approval thereof.

On motion of Rev. J. S. M'Cready and Rev. R. Acheson, it was resolved that in the consideration of this Draft no member be allowed to speak more than once, and that no speech shall exceed two minutes in length.

Read the report of the Committee on the Board of Education. Adopted, and ordered to be published. [See Appendix.]

Read the report of the Committee on the Board of Church Extension. Adopted, and ordered to be published. [See Appendix.]

Rev. J. K. Andrews offered a resolution in relation to this matter, which, after some discussion, was referred to the Committee on the said Board.

Read the report of the Committee on the Board of Publication, as amended by the Committee, which was adopted, and ordered to be published. [See Appendix].

Read the report of the Committee on the Board of Home Missions in relation to a mission to the Jews, which was adopted, and ordered to be published. [See Appendix.] Rev. Messrs. G. D. Archibald, James Harper, and Dr. Dales, and Messrs. S. C. Huey and Hugh Alexander were appointed the Committee contemplated in this report.

Read a report from the same Committee in relation to the rules of the Board, which was adopted, and ordered to be published. [See Appendix.]

Read a report from the same Committee in relation to the non-fulfilment of appointments, and the communications from Oregon, which was adopted, and ordered to be published.

On motion of Rev. A. G. Wallace and Mr. S. C. Huey, the hearing of the report of the Committee on the Board of Foreign Missions was made the order of the day for 3 o'clock, P. M.

On motion, the hour of meeting in the afternoon was changed to 2 o'clock.

Read the report of the Board of Home Missions. The following amendments were adopted:—That the Executive Committee be instructed to appropriate to Mr. T. D. Davis \$100 out of the appropriation of \$500 to the Presbytery of Kansas for the last year.—That the Executive Committee be instructed to appropriate to Rock Island the sum of \$200 for the past year.

Adjourned. Closed with prayer by Rev. James G. Rankin.

*Same day, 2 o'clock, P. M.*

The Assembly met, and was opened with prayer.

The minutes of the last sitting were read and approved.

The Committee to prepare a plan for raising money reported, and their report was adopted, as follows:

## REPORT ON PLAN FOR RAISING MONEY.

The Committee for devising a plan, &c., respectfully submit the following:

1st. Each Assembly shall declare the minimum sum necessary to meet the wants of each Board for the next year.

2d. Each Presbytery shall raise, as nearly as possible, the proportion of these sums falling to it, according to the number of its membership, and shall cause their contributions to be promptly made, and paid over at the time ordered by the Assembly.

3d. The contributions of the Presbyteries shall be paid over to the Treasurers of the Boards, in quarterly instalments, on or before the first days of July, October, January, and April.

4th. Each Presbytery shall appoint a Treasurer, to whom the contributions of the congregations to all the Boards shall be paid, who shall receipt to the congregations for the same, and forward it to the Treasurers of the Boards at the time appointed. The Treasurers of the Boards may not receive contributions from congregations directly.

5th. The delegates from each Presbytery shall nominate, and the Assembly annually appoint a member of each Presbytery Financial Agent for the same, who shall be the medium of correspondence between the Boards and the Presbyteries, and who shall be charged with the special duty of seeing to it that the will of the Assembly is fully carried out in each Presbytery.

6th. The Treasurers of the Boards shall, within two weeks after the quarterly instalments become due, publish in the papers of the Church a statement of the amounts received from each Presbytery. And Presbyterial Treasurers shall, in the same manner, announce the contributions of the congregations, each of his own Presbytery.

7th. The Presbyteries are hereby called upon to do what they can to train the people of their congregations to habits of liberality, and to secure contributions, as nearly as possible, up to the measure of the wants of the Church, and the law of Christianity, according to any plan they may judge best suited to accomplish the object.

8th. It shall be the duty of each Board to publish quarterly, at least one month previously to the time fixed for the payment of quarterly instalments, a full statement of its pecuniary condition and wants.

9th. The financial year shall always close with the 30th of April.

On motion of Rev. Drs. Wallace and Prestley, resolved that the Committees on each Board shall report to the Assembly the minimum amount needed by them during the next year.

Read the report of the Committee on the Board of Foreign Missions, which was accepted, and its consideration made the order for this evening, at 7½ o'clock.

Took up the report of the Committee on Bills and Overtures on the proposition to prepare a Bond for Covenanting. The amendment offered by Rev. Dr. Beveridge, as a third resolution, was adopted. The fourth resolution of the report, with so much of the preamble as is therewith connected, was, after some remarks, re-committed. [See Appendix.]

On motion of Rev. W. Lorimer and Mr. Davidson, it was resolved that during the remaining sessions of this Assembly no speaker shall occupy more than five minutes, nor speak more than once on the same point.

Proceeded to the consideration of the report of the Committee on a New and Improved Version of the Psalms. The first resolution being under consideration, the Assembly adjourned. Closed with prayer by Rev. P. H. Drennen.

*Tuesday evening, May 29th.*

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

The minutes of last sitting were read and approved.

The Committee on Correspondence reported a Draft of a Letter to the United Presbyterian Church in Canada, which was approved.

Proceeded to the order of the evening, the consideration of the report of the Committee on the Board of Foreign Missions. The first resolution was adopted. The second resolution, with several proposed amendments, was, after some discussion, laid on the table. The third resolution was adopted. The fourth resolution was amended and adopted. The fifth resolution was amended and adopted. The whole report was adopted, and the resolutions ordered to be printed. The resolutions are as follows:

1st. That the Board of Foreign Missions be authorized and directed to send Rev. S. C. Ewing, elected last year as a missionary to China, to the mission in Cairo.

2d. That the Assembly proceed to elect an additional missionary to Sealkote and Cairo respectively, and that, in accordance with the recommendations of the Board, Mr. James Barr be appointed to the India mission, and Mr. Andrew Watson to the mission in Cairo.

3d. That in accordance with the recommendation of the Board, Miss M. J. McKown be, and hereby is appointed an Assistant Teacher in the Girls' School in Alexandria.

4th. That the Board be authorized and recommended to issue a monthly missionary publication, in a cheap form, for general circulation through the church.

5th. That the vacancies occasioned by the expiration of the term of service of Rev. J. B. Dales, D. D., S. C. Huey, and Rev. H. H. Blair, be filled by the re-election of the two former, and the election of Rev. Thos. H. Beveridge in place of Rev. H. H. Blair.

6th. *Resolved*, That the Building Fund for the Egyptian mission be recommended to the favourable consideration of our congregations and Sabbath-schools, and that they be requested to contribute to said fund.

On motion of Rev. Messrs. Church and A. R. Rankin, it was resolved that, in case the funds warrant it, Mr. Barr be sent out to India during the present year, without waiting for the completion of his course of study, and that he be placed under the care of the Presbytery of Sealkote.

Adjourned. Closed with prayer by Rev. J. Y. Scouller.

*Wednesday, May 30, 9 o'clock, A. M.*

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

The minutes of the last sitting were read and approved.

Spent half an hour in devotional exercises.

Papers being called for, Rev. S. M. Coon gave notice of a legacy of \$100, and asked some instructions. The matter was referred to the Committee on Finance.

The Committee on Bills and Overtures presented a report, which was unanimously adopted, as follows:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON BILLS AND OVERTURES ON THE MEMORIAL FROM REV. G. D. HENDERSON AND OTHERS.

The memorialists complain of a supposed vagueness and indefiniteness in the exhibition of our distinctive principles, as unfolded in the action of the united body, adopting the Basis of Union. Your Committee cannot refrain from an expression of our surprise that brethren should experience any difficulty on this subject, after the action of the last General Assembly. But in the hope that henceforth there may exist no difficulty in the minds of any on this subject, and that the time of the Assembly may no longer be occupied with the consideration of memorials of this character, your Committee would submit the following remarks with reference to the "adopting act," which the memorialists suppose to labour under an incumbrance, from which they pray that it may be relieved. In various resolutions adopted by our respective Synods, the subject of the exercise of Christian forbearance is introduced. And finally, in the consummation of the Union, in the joint action of the two Synods, it is distinctly declared, in reference to that forbearance which is to



be exercised, that "It is agreed between the two churches that the forbearance in love which is required by the law of God, will be exercised towards any brethren who may not be able fully to subscribe the Standards of the United Church, while they do not determinedly oppose them, but follow the things which make for peace, and things wherewith one may edify another."

Here it is very plainly declared that the forbearance which is to be exercised in love, is simply that which the law of God requires; nothing less; nothing more. And does any one object to the exercise of such forbearance? Then, towards whom is this forbearance to be exercised? Not towards those who are troublers of Israel. Not towards those who openly oppose the doctrines embraced in our Standards. Not towards the advocates of error. But towards those whose minds, though they may not be able fully to subscribe some of our distinctive principles, are yet open to conviction, and who, in the mean time, demean themselves in an orderly manner, following the things which make for peace, and things wherewith one may edify another.

To your Committee it would seem that this language is sufficiently plain and intelligible. We would, therefore, respectfully recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That not amendments nor modifications of the principles embraced in her Standards, but the faithful application of them, in their plain and obvious sense, is the present duty of the United Presbyterian Church.

JOHN T. PRESSLY, *Chairman*.

The Committee on Devotional Exercises presented a report, which was adopted, as follows:

The Committee on making arrangements for Religious Exercises at the next General Assembly, would respectfully report:

1st. That the Rev. Dr. Guthrie be appointed the Moderator's Alternate.

2d. That a sermon be preached on the following subject, namely, "The Mutual Relations and Comparative Claims of Home and Foreign Missions." This discourse to be delivered by Rev. R. A. Browne; his alternate, Rev. John S. Easton, D. D.

3d. That a discourse on the "Duty of the Church to the Young," be delivered by Rev. James Brown, D. D.; his alternate, Rev. Robert Gracey.

Read a petition from the Presbyterian Historical Society, asking the Assembly to recommend the Society to the favour and liberality of the churches for the pecuniary means which are requisite for the successful prosecution of the objects contemplated in its Constitution. [See Appendix.] The petition was granted.

Certain propositions were made by Rev. Messrs. Clark and others in relation to the observance of a week of prayer in January. Referred to the Committee on Devotional Exercises.

Proceeded to the order of the day, the consideration of the Book of Discipline. After adopting several amendments, the matter was referred back to the Committee to prepare a resolution overturing the Draft.

On motion, resolved that 2,000 copies of this Draft be published, and the expenses paid out of the funds in the Assembly's treasury.

*Resolved*, That the consideration of the report of the Board of Home Missions be made the order of the day for 3 o'clock this afternoon.

Rev. Dr. Wallace presented the following resolution, which was adopted:

*Resolved*, That a Committee of three be appointed to prepare and publish a Draft of a Directory for Worship, Public and Family, and that this Draft be sent in overture to the Presbyteries, and they be directed to report their judgment thereon, with such amendments as they may deem expedient, to the next Assembly. Committee, Rev. D. A. Wallace, D. D., Rev. D. Macdill, D. D., and Rev. John Scott.

Read and adopted the report of the Committee on the Board of Church Extension. [See Appendix.]

Rev. Dr. Pressly offered, and the Assembly adopted and ordered to be read in all our pulpits, the following paper:

*Whereas*, The Christian is one who has been called out of darkness into God's marvellous light, and is therefore obliged by his Christian profession to distinguish himself, by his life and conversation, from the world which lieth in wickedness; *and whereas*, conformity to the world on the part of the professed followers of Christ exposes the Christian religion to much reproach: therefore

*Resolved*, That the members of the United Presbyterian Church be exhorted to avoid all association with men of the world in vain and insnaring recreations, such as promiscuous dancing, theatrical exhibitions, and such like amusements as are adapted to alienate the affections from God, and expose the Christian character to reproach; and that pastors and sessions be careful to warn those under their care in relation to the danger of having any fellowship with the world in any such practices.

Read a communication from the General Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, which was laid on the table, and ordered to be printed. [See Appendix.]

The following resolution was offered by Rev. Dr. Brown and Rev. J. S. M'Cready, and adopted:

*Resolved*, That a Committee of three be appointed to address our people in relation to the duty of contributing promptly and liberally to the funds of the church, according to the plan adopted by the Assembly, and that they report as soon as possible after the rising of the same. Committee, Rev. James Brown, D. D., Rev. J. S. M'Cready, and Rev. S. Millen.

Took up the report of the Committee on a New Version of the Psalms.

A substitute for the resolutions was offered by Rev. G. D. Archibald, which was entertained by the Assembly.

On motion of Rev. D. Paul and ———, the following resolutions were offered as an amendment, and adopted:

*Resolved*, 1st. That ——— be a Committee, and that they be authorized to complete the work assigned them, and report to the next Assembly.

*Resolved*, 2d. That in the mean time they shall publish the result of their labours in cheap pamphlet form, for the examination of the Church.\*

On motion, Rule of Order, No. 3, was so altered as to read, "*one-third*," instead of "*a majority*" of the delegates which the Presbyteries have a right to commission, shall be a *quorum*.

Adjourned. Closed with prayer by Rev. Dr. Pressly.

*Same day, 2 o'clock, P. M.*

The Assembly met, and was opened with prayer by Rev. H. H. Hervey.

The minutes of the last sitting were read and approved.

The Assembly's Treasurer, Mr. James M'Candless, presented his report, which was accepted, and ordered to be printed. [See Appendix.]

The Committee on Finance presented reports, which were adopted, as follows:

#### REPORTS OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

The Committee on Finance would beg leave to report that they have examined the report of the Treasurer of the Board of Publication, and find it to be correct. The report does not state how much of the money reported was received from sales, and how much from donations. The Committee would therefore recommend the following resolutions:—1st. That this report be, and hereby is approved. 2d. That the Board be directed to keep the account of receipts under the two heads of "From Sales," and "From Donations," and so report to the Assembly.

\* See names of Committee on next page but one.

The Committee on Finance would beg leave to report that they have examined the report of the Treasurer of the Board of Church Extension, up to May 29, 1860, and find it to be correct. The Committee would recommend the following resolution:—*Resolved*, That this report be, and hereby is, approved.

The Committee on Finance would beg leave to report that they have examined the report of the Treasurer *pro tem.* of the Board of Foreign Missions, and also that of the Treasurer *pro tem.* of the Education Fund, and would recommend the following resolution:—*Resolved*, That the accounts thus reported be, and hereby are, approved.

The Committee on Finance would beg leave to report that they have examined the report of the Treasurer of the General Assembly up to May 29, 1860, and find it to be correct, and would recommend the following:—*Resolved*, That this report be, and hereby is, approved.

The Committee on Finance would beg leave to report, in the matter of the legacy of the late Mr. Murray, the following resolution:—*Resolved*, That the money be paid to the Treasurer of the Board of Trustees of the Assembly for investment, and that half of the income be paid to the Treasurer of the Board of Home Missions, and the other half to the Treasurer of the Board of Foreign Missions.

Read and adopted the following minute, reported by the Committee on the Book of Discipline:—1st. That the Book of Discipline, submitted by the Committee appointed by the last Assembly, and which has been under the consideration of this Assembly, be overtured to the Presbyteries for their consideration, and that they be instructed to report their judgment thereon to the next General Assembly. 2d. That the above resolution, attested by the Moderator and Clerk, be prefixed to the copies published by the Assembly.

On motion of Rev. Gawn Campbell, \$25 were ordered to be paid to the sexton of this church for his services rendered to this Assembly, and to the Board of Home Missions.

On motion of Rev. Dr. Wallace, resolved that the expenses which may be incurred by the Committee on the Directory in publishing their report, be paid out of the General Assembly's Fund.

On motion of Rev. Dr. Pressly and Mr. James M'Candless, resolved that an order for \$25 be granted in favour of the Assistant Clerk.

On motion of Rev. Dr. Clokey, resolved that \$60 be fixed as the annual salary of the Clerk of the Executive Committee of the Board of Home Missions.

On motion of Rev. S. M. Coon, resolved that \$60 be fixed as the salary of the Corresponding Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions.

The following resolution was offered by Rev. Messrs. J. B. Scouller and J. D. Glenn, and adopted:—*Resolved*, That the thanks of the Assembly are due, and are hereby tendered to our friends in Philadelphia, for their cordial hospitality, and particularly to the ladies, who have so kindly and sumptuously provided dinner for the Assembly.

On motion of Rev. D. G. Bradford and Rev. W. H. Prestley, the thanks of the Assembly were tendered to the following Railroad Companies, who have granted half-fare tickets to the delegates, namely: the Pennsylvania Central, Pittsburgh, Ft. Wayne, and Chicago, Marietta and Cincinnati, Baltimore and Ohio, Philadelphia, Wilmington, and Baltimore, and Cumberland Valley Railroads.

On motion of Rev. Dr. Pressly, *Resolved*, That the Clerks be appointed a Committee to secure, on the best practicable terms, the publication, in a neat and convenient form, of 2,000 copies of the Minutes of this General Assembly.

On motion of Rev. F. Church, the thanks of the Assembly were tendered to the reporters of the public journals in this city for reporting the proceedings of this court.

On motion of Mr. James M'Candless, *Resolved*, That a vote of thanks of this Assembly be, and hereby is, tendered to the Trustees of the 2d United Pres-

byterian Church, of Philadelphia, for the comfortable accommodations provided for the Assembly, in permitting the same to hold its sessions in the audience-chamber of their beautiful church edifice.

On motion, Rev. John G. Smart and Rev. Dr. Cooper were appointed a Committee to oversee the publication of the Book of Discipline.

Proceeded to the order of the day, the consideration of the report of the Board of Home Missions, which was amended and adopted. [See Appendix.]

Rev. S. Millen presented the following resolution, which was adopted:—*Resolved*, That the Executive Committee of the Board of Home Missions be directed to inquire into the propriety of establishing a mission to the Indians, and if found expedient, that they report some plan of operations to the next General Assembly.

On motion of Rev. Dr. Wallace and Rev. S. Millen, *Resolved*, That the congregation of Chicago be recommended to the special care of the Executive Committee of the Board of Home Missions, and that they be directed, in case Mr. M'William be unable to fulfil his appointment in that city, to use all due diligence to supply the vacancy in the best manner possible.

Received and adopted, from the Committee on the Board of Home Missions, the following resolution:—*Resolved*, That the vacancies in the Executive Committee of the Board of Home Missions resulting from the expiration of the term of service of Rev. Messrs. James P. Smart, R. H. Pollock, Joseph Clokey, D. D., and Messrs. David Millen and George Monroe, be filled by their re-election.

The following persons were appointed the Committee on the New and Improved Version of the Psalms:—Rev. Drs. Beveridge, Kerr, and Clokey, and Rev. Messrs. G. D. Archibald and R. B. Ewing.

On motion of Rev. R. E. Stewart and Rev. Dr. Brown, resolved that hereafter the Executive Committee of the Board of Home Missions be directed to report to the Board on the first day of its sessions, and through the Board to the Assembly.

On motion of Rev. Drs. Pressly and Beveridge, *Resolved* that the labours of the Committee on a New Version of the Psalms be restricted to the preparation of a second version of a portion of the existing version of the Book of Psalms, in different metres.

The following persons were designated as the Financial Agents for their respective Presbyteries, and confirmed by the Assembly, namely:—Rev. P. Bullions, D. D., Rev. H. Gordon, Rev. A. Blaikie, Rev. W. S. M'Laren, Rev. J. B. Lee, Isaac M'Gay, Rev. W. W. Barr, Rev. John Gillespie, Rev. T. Goodwillie, Rev. D. G. Bradford, Thomas Carlisle, Rev. J. N. Dick, Rev. Thomas Hanna, D. D., Rev. J. C. Grier, Rev. James Hagerty, Rev. H. H. Thompson, Rev. D. W. Collins, Rev. Edward Small, James Robb, Rev. W. Lorimer, James Stewart, Rev. J. K. Andrews, Rev. S. Jamison, Rev. J. T. M'Clure, Rev. David Macdill, Rev. J. P. Scott, Rev. N. C. Macdill, Rev. J. Buchanan, Rev. J. Y. Scouller, Rev. Thomas Brown, Rev. J. L. Craig, Rev. S. Wilson, D. D., Rev. T. H. M'Cullouch, Andrew Beveridge, Rev. R. A. M'Ayeal, Rev. J. N. Smith, Rev. S. F. Vanatta, Rev. Jonathan Stewart, Rev. M. Morrison, Rev. J. F. Stewart.

The Committee on Bills and Overtures presented a report in relation to the division of the 1st Synod of the West. Pending a motion to refer the whole matter to the next General Assembly, the hour having arrived, the Assembly adjourned.

Closed with prayer by Rev. F. Church.

*Same day, 7½ o'clock, P. M.*

The Assembly met, and, in the absence of Rev. Dr. Clokey, was opened with prayer by Rev. Dr. Pressly, senior minister present.

The minutes of the last sitting were read and approved.

The Committee on the Narrative presented their report, which, after some amendments, was adopted, and ordered to be published. [See Appendix.]

Took up the business left unfinished this afternoon—the report of the Committee of Bills and Overtures on the Division of the First Synod of the West. After some discussion, the motion to refer the matter to the next General Assembly was carried.

A bill of Wm. S. Young, of \$80, for printing 2,000 copies of the Minutes of last Assembly, was ordered to be paid.

The following estimates of the amounts needed for the operations of the various Boards of the Church for the coming year, were presented by the Committees on the Boards, namely:—Board of Foreign Missions, \$21,560;\* Board of Home Missions, \$17,500; Board of Education, \$3,000; Board of Publication, \$3,000; Board of Church Extension, \$3,000.

The Committee on Correspondence presented the draft of a Letter to the Synod of the Vaudois Church, which was adopted.

The same Committee presented the following report, which was adopted:

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CORRESPONDENCE.

The Committee on Correspondence having had under consideration the fraternal communications of the Vaudois Churches in Italy, and of the Synod of the United Presbyterian Church in Canada, would respectfully report the drafts of letters in answer to said communications, which are herewith submitted for the approval of the Assembly.

With respect to the institution of a friendly correspondence with the General Assemblies of the Presbyterian Church, Old and New School, and with the Synod of the Free Presbyterian Church, with the view of laying before these bodies our views on Psalmody, and urging them to give the subject their careful attention, your Committee are of the opinion that, as these brethren are well acquainted with our views, the correspondence is uncalled for, and does not promise, if engaged in, any desirable results: therefore

*Resolved*, 1st. That the Assembly cordially reciprocate the fraternal regard, and respond to the Christian letter received from the Vaudois brethren.

2d. That the Assembly cheerfully accept the proffered correspondence with the Synod of the United Presbyterian Church in Canada, and return an answer to their communication, bearing to them our good wishes and earnest prayers for their peace and prosperity.

3d. That the Assembly deem it inexpedient to address, at present, a letter to the Presbyterian Assemblies, Old and New School, and the Synod of the Free Presbyterian Church, urging on them the consideration of our views on the subject of Psalmody.

W. M. McELWEE, R. E. STEWART, JOHN Y. SCULLER, } *Committee.*  
JAMES McCANDLESS, ANDREW MANN,

Rev. Dr. Easton, one of the brethren appointed by the last Assembly to convey the Christian salutations of this Church to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of Ireland, gave a verbal report, which was accepted.

On motion of Rev. Drs. Brown and Wallace, Rev. Dr. Kerr and Rev. R. D. Harper were appointed to convey the fraternal salutations of this body to the next General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of Ireland.

At the request of Rev. J. P. Scott, of the Presbytery of Detroit, it was resolved that that Presbytery, with the consent of the Synods concerned, be transferred to the First Synod of the West.

On motion of Rev. Messrs. J. N. Smith and J. K. Andrews, it was resolved that the next General Assembly be composed of commissioners from the Pres-

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\* In this estimate no account is made of the funds necessary for sending out Messrs. Barr and Watson, and for their salary up to May 1st, 1861. This would increase the sum about \$2,200.

byteries according to the proportion proposed by the Book of Discipline now in overture.

The following paper was presented by Mr. S. C. Huey, and adopted:

*Whereas*, The members of the missions at Cairo and Alexandria have reported to the Assembly the organization of a Presbytery under the name and style of the Presbytery of Egypt, and have sent us a copy of the minutes of their first meeting: therefore

*Resolved*, That their act be recognised by this Assembly, and that the name of the Presbytery be placed on the roll.

The Committee on Devotional Exercises presented a report, which was adopted, as follows:

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON DEVOTIONAL EXERCISES.

Deeply convinced of the necessity of the aid of the Holy Spirit, in order to render human efforts effectual in promoting the cause of God: therefore

*Resolved*, That the second week in January next be spent in public religious exercises, so far as practicable, by the members of the United Presbyterian Church; and that we especially implore the outpouring of the Divine Spirit on all Scriptural instrumentalities employed for the extension of Christ's kingdom, both in this land and throughout the world; and that Monday of that week be observed as a day of confession, humiliation, and prayer.

On motion of Messrs. Andrew Beveridge and S. C. Huey, Rev. Dr. Wallace, and Messrs. John Fleming and Wm. Getty, were appointed a Committee to make arrangements for procuring excursion tickets on the Railroads conveying the Commissioners to and from the next General Assembly.

*Resolved*, That the last Thursday in February next be observed as a day of prayer for Colleges and Seminaries.

On motion of Rev. J. B. Scouller, *Resolved*, That this Assembly be now dissolved, and that another, constituted in the manner provided for in the resolution adopted at this sitting, be called to meet in Monmouth, Ill., on the 3d Wednesday of May, 1861, at 2 o'clock, P. M.

The minutes of this sitting were read and approved.

Closed with prayer by Rev. Dr. Pressly, singing Psalm cxvii. 6—9, and the pronouncing of the apostolical benediction by the Moderator.

JOSEPH CLOKEY, *Moderator*.

JAMES PRESTLEY, *Principal Clerk*.

## A P P E N D I X .

### REPORTS OF TREASURERS.

*General Assembly of the United Presbyterian Church. Foreign Missions. In Account 1859.*  
*with Thomas B. Rich, Treasurer.*

July 21,	To Cash paid Acceptance, Rev. James Crawford, Damascus Mission,	\$175 00
“ 26,	“ order favour Rev. J. B. Dales, D. D., .....	12 91
Sept. 27,	“ remitted Rev. J. A. Frazier, Damascus Mission, .....	1000 00
Nov. 8,	“ “ Rev. Gulian Lansing, Building Fund, .....	500 00
“ 14,	“ paid Acceptance, Dr. Hattie, Damascus Mission, .....	55 00
“ 16,	“ remitted Rev. Thomas M'Cague, Alexandria, ..	2141 00
“ 17,	“ “ Rev. Andrew Gordon, India, .....	2500 00
“ 24,	“ paid Rev. J. C. Nevin, China—passage, self and wife, .....	500 00
“ 28,	“ “ Acceptance, Rev. Mr. Brown, Trinidad Mission, .....	300 00
“ 28,	“ remitted Rev. James Hogg, Damascus do .....	600 00
Dec. 9,	“ paid Rev. J. C. Nevin, outfit and salary, China, .....	800 00
1860.		
Jan. 7,	“ paid Insurance on two-thirds Rev. J. C. Nevin's outfit to China, .....	46 34



Aug. 23,	Liberty cong., Ohio, per Rev. David Goodwillie,.....	12 00
	do do do Female Mite Soc., per Rev. David Goodwillie,.....	18 00
	Baltimore cong., Md., India Mission, per T. D. Anderson, Treasurer,.....	5 00
	Mount Hope cong., Indiana, per Rev. Thomas Mercer,.....	5 00
	Baltimore cong., Maryland, per T. D. Anderson, Treasurer,.....	45 00
" 25,	Fall Creek cong., Ohio, per Rev. Andrew Ritchie,.....	11 39
	First U. P. cong., Keokuk, Iowa, per Rev. James Brown,.....	23 50
	Mrs. Ann Walsh and Daughter, Newburgh, N. York, per Rev. Mr. Connelly,.....	2 00
" 27,	Mr. John Anderson, per Thomas Johnston, Tres. Pre.,.....	2 00
	Monmouth cong., Illinois, per do do .....	56 65
	A Friend, do do do do .....	5 00
	do do do do do .....	5 00
	Hugh L. Thomson, do do do .....	2 50
	Charles Street congregation, N. Y., per Henry Harrison,.....	58 24
	Oskaloosa do Iowa, per Rev. R. A. M'Ayeal,.....	20 00
" 29,	3d U. P. cong., Phila., Pa., Rev. Dr. J. T. Cooper, per Thos. Carson,.....	32 22
	6th do do do T. H. Beveridge, do do .....	48 00
	Shippen St., cong., do do W. W. Barr, do do .....	5 85
	2d U. P. do do do Dr. Dales, do do .....	85 42
	Cove cong., Fulton Co. do do James Bruce, do do .....	13 00
	4th U. P. cong., do do G. C. Arnold, do do .....	
	Missionary collection,.....	8 25
	J. W. H's. Children,.....	75
	August collection,.....	22 00— do do 31 00
	5th U. P. cong., Phila. Pa., Rev. R. Armstrong, per Thos. Carson,.....	30 00
" 31,	Arch. Stewart, Esq., Indiana Co., Pa., per James M'Candless,.....	500 00
	Beaver congregation, Pa., Rev. J. M'Gill, do do .....	13 33
	Peter's Creek do do Mr. Glenn, do do .....	15 16
	Chambersburgh do do J. S. Nevin, per Jas. M'Candless,.....	17 75
	Sharon do do D. S. Porter, do do .....	7 14
	Burnett Creek congregation, Indiana, per Rev. Thomas Calahan,.....	10 00
Sept. 1,	1st U. P. cong., Pittsburgh, Pa., Alex. Miss., per Rev. H. H. Blair,.....	8 00
	Scotch Ridge congregation, Ohio, per Rev. Jackson Duff,.....	9 00
	South Buffalo do Pa., do James G. Carson,.....	17 00
" 2,	Freeport, Galena, Rockrun and Prairie cong., Ill., per Rev. Robert Gilmore,.....	18 48
	New Athens congregation, Ohio, per Rev. William Wishart,.....	12 00
	Unity do do do do do .....	18 00
" 6,	U. P. congregation, Florida, per Rev. David Donnan, .....	25 00
" 8,	Fairview do Ohio, do H. Forsyth,.....	20 00
	Lafayette do Indiana, do W. Wright,.....	2 00
" 9,	Female Bible Class, Halifax, N. S., by Mr. Wm. Boak, per Rev. J. B. Dales, D. D.,.....	20 00
	John Wiley, Montgomery Co., N. Y., per Rev. J. B. Dales, D. D.,...	5 00
" 13,	Clayton congregation, Ill., per Thomas Johnston, Tres. Synod, Ill.,.....	16 00
	Rock Island do do do do do do .....	4 00
" 16,	Camden do Indiana, per Thomas Mercer,.....	6 13
" 23,	Massie's Creek cong., O., Rev. J. P. Smart's charge, per J. Fleming, T.,.....	30 00
" 24,	Carmel and Bethel congregation, Indiana, per Wm. Paterson, .....	20 41
	Grayfriars do do do do .....	5 00
" 26,	Miss M. Cavan, N. Y., for African Mission, per Rev. Mr. Thompson,.....	5 00
	York and Covington cong., N. Y., Rev. D. S. M'Henry's charge, per Rev. Mr. Thompson, .....	30 00
" 27,	Springfield cong., Illinois, per Rev. J. W. Glenn,.....	5 00
" 28,	Hebron do Indiana, per Rev. James N. Buchanan,.....	12 00
" 30,	Member, Cedar Creek cong., Ill., for China Mission, per T. Johnston,.....	5 00
	do do do do India do do do .....	5 00
	Ross Grove congregation, do do do do .....	7 00
October 1,	Andes cong., N. Y., Rev. D. C. Nevin's charge, per Rev. H. Blair,...	30 33
	Sabbath School U. P. Ch., Baltimore cong., Md., Scholarship J. M., Thomas E. Carson, Treasurer,.....	35 00
	Stow cong., O., by J. T. Torrence, per Rev. J. B. Dales, D. D.,.....	10 00
	Springfield do do do do do do .....	10 00
	Female Missionary Society of Venango St. cong., Penna., Rev. R. M'Watty,.....	13 00
" 3,	Knoxville cong., Iowa, per Rev. John A. Vance,.....	4 00



Oct. 3,	Balance California Mission, William S. Young, Treas., per Rev. Mr. Harper, .....	367 95
	Piney Fork cong., O., by Rev. J. H. Andrew, per Rev. J. B. Dales, D. D.,	15 00
	Yellow Creek do India Mission, by Rev. J. H. Andrew, per Rev. J. B. Dales, D. D., .....	10 00
	Member 1st U. P. Ch., Allegheny, Pa., per Rev. J. B. Dales, D. D.,	100 00
	do do do do do Building Fund, per Rev. J. B. Dales, D. D., .....	100 00
	Isabella Milligan, Youngstown, O., per Rev. J. B. Dales, D. D., .....	1 00
" 6,	Caledonia cong., Ind., Rev. Thomas Dickson, by Thomas Andrews, ..	15 70
" 7,	Oxford do Pa., per Rev. J. H. Andrews, .....	25 00
	James Stevenson, Coila, N. Y., by Rev. W. B. Short, per Rev. J. B. Dales, D. D., .....	5 00
	A Friend, African Mission, per Rev. J. B. Dales, D. D., .....	5 00
	North Kortright cong., N. Y., Rev. John Erskine's charge, per Rev. J. B. Dales, D. D., .....	20 00
	North Argyle cong., N. Y., Rev. W. E. Henning's charge, per Rev. J. B. Dales, D. D., .....	30 00
	Hobart cong., N. York, Rev. W. C. Somers' charge, per Rev. J. B. Dales, D. D., .....	6 80
	Cambridge cong., N. Y., Rev. B. Sherman, charge, per Rev. J. B. Dales, D. D., .....	18 00
	J. Wilson, Seneca, New York, per Rev. J. B. Dales, D. D., .....	5 00
	Rev. G. Mairs, Argyle, do do do do ..	5 00
	A Friend, for Building Fund, do do do do ..	1 00
	do do do do do ..	5 00
	Miss B., per Rev. J. G. Smart, Building Fund, per Rev. J. B. Dales,	10 00
	J. P. Robb, New Kingston, N. Y., do do do do ..	5 00
" 10,	Baltimore cong., Md., for Building Fund, per T. D. Anderson, .....	137 55
	Graham's Church, Orange Co., N. Y., L. M. Kinney, per A. Crawford,	20 00
	Bovina cong., N. Y., Rev. J. B. Lee, do ..	15 68
	New Kingston cong., N. Y., do ..	13 07
	Putnam cong., New York, per Rev. Isaac Law, .....	43 00
	Youth's Missionary and Bible Society of Delhi, N. Y., per Rev. R. D. Williamson, .....	18 14
" 14,	Foreign Missions, per James M'Candless, Treasurer, .....	1743 83
	China do do do do ..	48 50
	India do do do do ..	35 20
	Damascus do do do do ..	12 10
	Sabbath School of U. P. Church, 44th St., N. York, India Mission, per Mr. Park, .....	10 00
" 15,	Oxford cong, Ohio, per Rev. Wm. J. M'Surely, .....	20 36
" 17,	Crawfordville cong., Iowa, China Mission, per Rev. N. M'Dowall, ...	30 93
	1st U. P. cong., Allegheny, Pa., Egyptian Mission, per J. T. Pressly,	100 00
	do do do do Building Fund, do do ..	100 00
	do do do do Jibran of Damascus, do do ..	85 00
" 18,	Thomas B. Hughes, Jr., N. Y. city, for Building Fund, Egypt, .....	2 00
" 24,	Ebenezer Robertson, Greenwich, N. Y., do do ..	5 00
	Birmingham cong., Iowa, per Rev. Samuel M'Arthur, .....	12 50
	Two Classes of Sabbath School Boys in 1st U. P. Church, Allegheny, Pa., per Rev. J. B. Dales, .....	20 00
	A Friend of Missions, 1st U. P. Church, Allegheny, Pa., Building Fund, per Rev. J. B. Dales, .....	200 00
" 26,	West Kortright cong., New York, per Rev. John Rippey, ...	18 00
	Miss Helen M'Intyre, Broadalbin cong., N. Y., per Rev. J. L. Clark,	50 00
	Miss Margaret M'Intyre, do do do do ..	50 00
	Richmond cong., Indiana, per Rev. A. Aten, .....	16 00
" 27,	Greensboro cong., Vt., per Rev. Thomas Goodwillie, .....	10 00
	Ryegate do do do ..	21 25
	Barnet do do do ..	15 75
Nov. 3,	Margaret M'Nab of York, N. Y., per Rev. J. B. Dales, D. D., .....	5 00
	A Friend of Miss Balt., Building F., do do ..	5 00
	A Student in College, Mon., Ill., do do ..	5 00
	Low Point cong., Ill., per Rev. P. H. Drennen, .....	13 00
	Oswego cong., Ill., per Rev. J. Anderson, .....	9 00
	New Paris do do do ..	7 00
	Greenfield cong., O., do Andrew Ritchie, .....	10 00

Nov. 3,	Logan Ferry cong., Pa., per Rev. Samuel Jamison.....	9 00
	Bethel, Westmoreland cong., Pa., per Rev. Samuel Jamison, .....	15 00
	Puckety cong., Pa., China Mission, do do do .....	10 00
	Salem cong., New York, per Rev. Mr. Forsyth.....	44 32
“ 4,	2d U. P. cong., Xenia, Ohio, per Mr. William Shepherd, .....	21 50
“ 8,	Young Ladies' Missionary Society, 2d Church, Phila., Building Fund, per Rev. J. B. Dales.....	120 00
“ 10,	U. P. cong., Troy, N. Y., per Rev. P. Bullions, D. D., .....	30 00
	do do do Building Fund, per Rev. P. Bullions, D. D., .....	20 00
“ 11,	Friends of Missions, Neenah, Wis., India Mission, per Mrs. M. Stuart,	2 00
	do do do do Egypt do do do .....	3 00
“ 14,	Miss Lendrum, Brooklyn, N. Y., Building Fund.....	2 00
“ 15,	Female Missionary Society, New Wilmington, Pa., China Mission, per Rev. Dr. Cooper.....	20 00
“ 16,	Mt. Pleasant and Vernon cong., Ind., per Thomas Andrews, .....	6 00
“ 18,	U. P. Mission Church, Cincinnati, O., per Rev. W. C. McCune.....	13 27
“ 21,	Individuals of Wellsville, Ohio, Building Fund, per Rev. J. Andrew,	34 00
	do do do do do do .....	48 25
“ 22,	Alexander Duff, Fairview, Ohio, per Rev. H. Forsyth, .....	1 00
“ 24,	Miss Jane McDermid (Bequest) Vails' Mills, per Miss E. A. McDer- mid, Executrix.....	50 00
“ 26,	A Friend to the Cause, Oxford, O., Build Fund, Rev. W. J. McSurely,	5 00
	do of Missions, for School, Syria, Egypt, per Rev. J. B. Dales,	10 00
“ 28,	U. P. Church, York, New York, per Rev. J. Van Eaton.....	57 71
	A Friend of Missions, St. Louis, Mo., per Rev. John Maclean.....	10 00
	Dalton cong., Ohio, per Rev. Andrew McCartney.....	10 00
“ 29,	1st U. P. cong., Phila., Pa., Rev. Mr. Church's charge, per Thomas Carson.....	50 00
Dec. 1,	Homestead cong., Illinois, per Thomas Johnston.....	7 00
	North Henderson cong., Illinois, India Mission, per T. Johnston.....	7 75
“ 2,	Foreign Missions, per James McCandless, Esq., .....	450 00
	Sab. School 2d U. P. Ch., Allegheny city, per J. McCandless, Esq., ..	75 00
“ 5,	West Hebron cong., New York, per John M. Rea.....	11 00
“ 7,	U. P. cong., Albany, N. Y., India Mission, per Rev. S. F. Morrow,..	50 00
	Young Men's Prayer Meeting, A. R. P. cong., Kortright, New York, per B. H. McEckron, .....	5 42
	Dr. George H. Pressly, Abbeville District, S. C., Building Fund, per Dr. Dales.....	50 00
	A Faithful Female Servant, S. C., Building Fund, per Dr. Dales.....	5 00
“ 14,	William Boak, Halifax, N. S., Miss Dales' School, Alexandria, Egypt, per Dr. Dales.....	13 00
	Sabbath School, Harmony, Ill., by Rev. J. W. Pinkerton, for Boys' and Girls' School, Alexandria, .....	10 00
	A Female Member of 2d U. P. Church, Philada., for Building Fund, per Dr. Dales.....	25 00
	West Fork cong., O., per Rev. John Gilmore, .....	20 00
	Massie's Creek cong., O., per John Fleming, .....	20 00
	Cedarville do do do do .....	10 00
“ 15,	S. E. Rowan of Argyle, N. Y., Building F., per Rev. J. B. Scouller,	2 00
	J. Rowan of S. S., do do do do do .....	2 00
	Mary Rowan do do do do do .....	1 00
	Hopewell cong., Ill., per A. M. Allen.....	3 20
	Chester do do do .....	8 00
	A. M. Allen, do do .....	0 80
Dec. 15,	Washington Congregation, Ill., per A. M. Allen.....	6 00
“ 20,	Mission Building Fund, Egypt, .....	1 00
“ 21,	Sabbath School, U. P. C., Salem, N. Y., Building Fund, per J. M. Crawford, .....	28 61
	Sabbath School, New Zion Congregation, Ind., Building Fund, per W. H. Bonner.....	12 14
“ 22,	U. P. Cong., Florida, N. Y., Building Fund, per Wm. S. Smeallic,..	10 00
	Mrs. Jane Mallock, (deceased,) per Rev. W. S. McLaren.....	100 00
	do Building Fund, do do .....	50 00
	Miss Jane Mallock, do do .....	25 00
	do Building Fund, do do .....	25 00
	Mrs. David Walker, do do .....	25 00
	Mrs. Jennet Blue, do do .....	10 00

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.—APPENDIX.

Dec.	22,	Mr. Robert Watson, Building Fund, per Rev. W. S. McLaren,.....	5 00
		Mrs. Robert Watson, do do do .....	5 00
"	24,	Donation to the Egypt Mission Fund by A., .....	50 00
"	26,	Sabbath School, Jane Street congregation, New York, Damascus Mis- sion, per Wm. Houston,.....	16 66
		Sabbath School, Jane Street congregation, N. Y., Egypt Mission, per Wm. Houston, .....	16 67
		Sabbath School, Jane Street congregation, New York, India Mission, per Wm. Houston, .....	16 67
		Sabbath School, Jane Street congregation, New York, Building Fund, per Wm. Houston, .....	10 25
		W. S. Horne, Children, Yorktown, Ind., Building Fund,.....	1 12
		M. W. Smith and Family, Union Mills, Pa., do per Kerr, M'Lean & Co.,.....	1 80
		Mrs. Humphrey and Sister, Union Mills, Pa., Building Fund, per Kerr, M'Lean & Co., .....	95
		Rev. J. L. Aten, Union Mills, Pa., Building Fund, per Kerr, M'Lean & Co., .....	1 75
"	27,	A Female, Big Bend, Pa., Building Fund,.....	1 00
		Individuals, Dalton, O., do per Rev. A. M'Cartney,...	5 00
		Decatur congregation, O., do per W. M'Clanahan, .....	21 00
		do do S. School, do do do .....	6 00
		Rochester cong., N. Y., S. School, do per J. F. Boyd, .....	7 00
		Thompsonville cong., Conn., Sabbath School, Building Fund, per J. M. Heron, .....	12 00
		Freeport con., Pa., Sab. School, Building Fund, per W. Murphy, ...	15 00
		2d U. P. Church, Alle., Pa., Sab. School, Building Fund, per Rev. J. B. Dales, D. D., .....	25 00
"	28,	2d U. P. Church, Salem, N. Y., Sabbath School, Sealkote Mission, per Rev. J. B. Dales, D. D.,.....	5 00
		Shippen St. Ch., Philada., Sab. School, Building Fund, per Rev. J. B. Dales, D. D.,.....	9 50
		Luther Smith, Canajoharie, N. Y., per Rev. J. B. Dales, D. D., .....	5 00
"	30,	Buffalo congregation, N. Y., Sabbath School, Building Fund, per Wm. Jamison,.....	10 00
"	31,	Spring Creek congregation, Ill., per Thomas Johnston, .....	2 00
		do do Sabbath School, Building Fund, per Thomas Johnston, .....	4 00
		Monmouth cong., Ill., Sab. School, Building Fund, per Thos. Johnston, Home Missionary to Mission Building Fund,.....	6 10 5 00
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Jan.	3,	Urbana cong., O., Building Fund, per Rev. C. T. M'Caughan,.....	10 25
		Mount Pleasant cong., Pa., India Mission, per E. C. Agnew, .....	20 00
		do do China do do do .....	20 00
		South Buffalo do Building Fund, per Rev. J. G. Carson,...	15 00
		Cambridge cong., N. Y., per Mr. James Thompson,.....	40 00
		Shushan do do per Rev. Hugh Brown,.....	10 00
		Sab. School, Oxford, Pa., Building Fund, per Rev. J. H. Andrew,...	18 90
"	4,	Children, West Charlton cong., N. Y., Building Fund, per Rev. A. Henry, .....	11 00
"	6,	Hopewell cong., O., Building Fund, from John Wallace,.....	66 00
		Ladies' Sewing Society of Hopewell cong., Building Fund, from John Wallace,.....	11 00
		Sab. School, of Hopewell cong., Building Fund, from John Wallace, Sab. School, Morning Sun cong., O., do do .....	16 00 4 00
		do Fairhaven do per Rev. J. Y. Scouller,.....	5 80
		Individuals, Barnet cong., Vt., Building Fund, per Rev. Thomas Goodwillie, .....	3 50
		New Year Gift, Providence cong., Ind., Building Fund, per Rev. J. C. Baldrige, .....	5 00
		Sab. School, New Lebanon cong., O., Building Fund, per Rev. Jas. Golden, .....	10 20
		Foreign Missions, per James M'Candless,.....	295 52
		China do do do .....	5 00
		Building Fund in Egypt, do do .....	91 70
"	7,	Homestead cong., Ill., Building Fund, per Rev. Mr. Cooke,.....	8 00
		Sab. School, Piqua cong., O., Building Fund, per Rev. Sam. Wallace, do Cedarville do do per John Fleming, .....	10 00 12 00

Jan.	7,	Cherry Fork cong., O.,	Building Fund, per Rev. D. M'Dill, ...	15	00
		Centreville do Mich.,	do per John M'Kie,.....	4	00
		Bethel, Westmoreland cong., Pa.,	do per Rev. A. G. Wallace,	9	00
		Sab. School, York cong., N. Y.,	do per James Cameron,....	26	00
"	9,	do	New Wilmington cong., Pa., Building Fund, per J. A. M'Laughry,.....	5	00
		Sab. School, Galt cong., C. W.,	Building Fund, per Rev. R. Acheson,	6	00
		North Henderson do Ill.,	do per Thos. Johnston,...	3	00
		Thomas M'Kelvey,	do do ...	10	00
		John M. Wade, per Thos. Johnston, .....		1	00
		Mrs. M. J. Wade, do .....		1	00
		Cedar Creek cong., Ill.,	India Mission, per Thomas Johnston, .....	16	00
		do do	China do do do .....	11	00
		do do	Egyptian do do do .....	16	00
		do do	African do do do .....	4	00
		do do	Syrian do do do .....	12	00
		do do	Trinidad do do do .....	3	00
		Ellison do	do do do .....	19	94
		Pope Creek do	do do do .....	15	00
		Sab. School, Monmouth cong., Ill.,	Building Fund, per T. Johnston,	53	
		do Cedar Creek do do	do do .....	38	47
		do 5th U. P. Church, Phila., Pa.,	do per S. C. Huey, ..	30	00
"	10,	West Union cong., O.,	per Rev. A. W. M'Clanahan, .....	10	00
		Bequest of Wm. M'Clanahan, near West Union,	per Rev. A. W. M'Clanahan, .....	5	00
		Mrs. Sarah Robertson, Utica, O.,	for Miss Dales' School, per J. M. Ferguson, .....	3	00
		Argyle cong., N. Y.,	Building Fund, per Rev. J. B. Scouller,.....	42	50
"	11,	Sab. School, Mt. Pleasant cong., Pa.,	Building Fund, charge Rev. J. R. Thompson, .....	10	00
		Mrs. Martha Shaw, Turtle Creek, Pa.,	Syrian Mission, per Rev. J. B. Dales, D. D., .....	5	00
		Ladies' Mis. Society, Turtle Creek, Pa.,	per Rev. J. B. Dales, D. D., .....	85	00
		Sab. School, Birmingham, Pa.,	Building Fund, do do .....	10	00
		do Turtle Creek, Pa.,	do do do .....	38	00
		Ladies' Bequest, Canajoharie, N. Y.,	do do do .....	10	00
"	12,	Massie's Creek cong., O.,	do per John Fleming,....	17	75
		U. P. cong., Baltimore, Md.,	do per T. D. Anderson, ..	84	00
		Sabbath School, do do	Building Fund, per T. Erskine Carson, .....	20	00
		Indiana cong., Ind.,	per A. M. Stewart, .....	90	00
		do do	Sab. School, Building Fund, per A. M. Stewart, .....	11	00
		Hobart cong., N. Y.,	per Rev. W. C. Somers, .....	4	00
"	13,	Oswego cong., Ind.,	Sab. School, Building Fund, per Rev. J. Anderson, .....	5	00
		Mount Hope congregation, Pa.,	per Rev. John T. Brownlee, .....	18	51
		1st U. P. cong., Xenia, O.,	per John Fleming, .....	28	50
		do do	Building Fund, per John Fleming, .....	1	00
		Chartiers cong., Pa.,	per Rev. John B. Clark, .....	55	00
		Little Children, Chartiers cong., Pa.,	Building Fund, per Rev. J. B. Clark, .....	25	00
"	14,	Sab. School, Johnstown cong., N. Y.,	Building Fund, per Rev. Andrew Thomas, .....	6	00
		Miss Caroline Ross' Sab. School Class, Argyle cong., N. Y.,	Building Fund, per Rev. J. B. Scouller, .....	2	00
"	16,	3d U. P. Church, Pittsburgh, Pa.,	Monthly, per C. Arbuthnot, .....	70	00
		C. Arbuthnot, for China Mission, .....		250	00
"	17,	New Zion cong., Ind.,	Rev. J. W. Wallace's charge, per John Patton, Sab. School, East Greenwich cong., N. Y., Building Fund, per Rev. J. B. Dunn, .....	73	50
		Uniontown cong., O.,	Building Fund, per Rev. D. F. Reid, .....	7	00
"	18,	Youth's Missionary Bible Society, W. Delhi cong., New York,	per Rev. R. D. Williamson, .....	17	70
		Sabbath School and Bible Class, Lansingville cong., N. Y.,	for Building Fund, per Rev. R. D. Williamson, .....	10	00
		Samuel Hood, Big Prairie, Stevenson co., Ill.,	India Mission, per Robert Gilmore, .....	5	00
"	19,	Children, 1st U. P. Ch., Cadiz, O.,	Build. Fund, per Rev. J. M'Cready,	9	00

Jan'y. 19,	White Oak Grove cong., Ill., Building Fund, per Rev. W. R. Erskine,	2 00
	A Friend of Foreign Missions, do do	1 00
	Harrison cong., Iowa, per Rev. R. N. Fee,.....	5 00
" 20,	Smith's Creek cong., Ill., per Thomas Johnston,.....	20 50
	Moumouth cong., Ill., do do	44 21
	David M'Dill, D. D., Building Fund, per Thomas Johnston,.....	5 00
	Mrs. J. M. Hall, Argyle, N. Y., Building Fund,.....	2 00
	J. Earl Hall, do do do	2 00
" 21,	North Henderson cong., Ill., per Thomas Johnston,.....	7 00
	Morning Sun cong., Ill., do do	20 41
	Mrs. Thompson, do do	50
	Sab. School, Hamilton cong., O., Building Fund, per Wm. H. Blair,	36 00
	Do Mansfield do do per Rev. David Paul,	10 00
" 23,	Cabin Hill cong., N. Y., per James Marshall,.....	22 00
	Sab. School, Union cong., Pa., Build. Fund, per Rev. S. Anderson,	9 00
	Liberty cong., O., per Rev. David Goodwillie,.....	8 18
" 24,	5th U. P. Ch., Phila., Pa., Rev. Mr. Armstrong, (charge,) per Wm.	
	M. M'Knight,.....	11 00
	Sab. School, 4th U. P. Ch., Pittsburgh, Pa., Building Fund, by Rev.	
	R. Gracey, per Rev. Dr. Dales,.....	20 00
	Sab. School, 5th U. P. Ch., do do do do	10 00
	Mr. S. Reed, Huntingdon, Pa., per Rev. J. B. Dales, D. D.,.....	2 00
	Sab. School, 1st U. P. Church, Allegheny, Pa., Building Fund, by	
	Dr. Pressly, per Rev. J. B. Dales,.....	65 55
	Sab. School, Vernon, Wis., Building Fund, by J. W. Coon, per Rev.	
	J. B. Dales,.....	6 00
	Sab. School, Lisbon, Wis., do do do do	5 00
" 25,	A Friend to Missions, per James Sawhill,.....	2 00
	Do do India Mission, per James Sawhill,.....	1 00
	Bloomington cong., Ill., per Rev. M. Clark,.....	5 00
	Scotch Grove cong., Iowa, per M. Nelson,.....	5 50
" 26,	Shippin Street Sabbath School, per Thomas Carson,.....	2 55
	3d U. P. Church, Phila., Pa., Dr. Cooper, per Thomas Carson,.....	14 00
	4th do do Rev. Mr. Arnold, per Thomas Carson,	5 00
	7th do do Rev. Mr. Price, do do	3 22
	3d do do S. School, Build. Fund, do do	38 54
	8d do do Mission do do do	6 00
	Antrim cong., O., Building Fund, per Rev. Wm. Lorimer,.....	11 50
	Robinson cong., Pa., Building Fund, per Rev. James G. Rankin,.....	25 00
" 27,	Benlah cong., N. Y., do per Robert M'Vean,.....	24 00
	Carmel and Bethel cong., Ind., per Wm. Patterson,.....	15 65
	Sterling cong., N. Y., Building Fund, per Rev. John Edgar,.....	13 00
" 28,	Venice cong., Pa., per James M'Peak,.....	13 00
" 30,	Northfield cong., Ohio, per Rev. J. W. Logue,.....	8 00
" 31,	Mr. Wm. C. Maley, Monmouth, Ill., Ind. Miss., per Thos. Johnston,	3 00
	Mrs. Wm. C. Maley, do do do do	5 00
	Miss Juliette Maley, do do do do do	35
	Mr. Wm. C. Maley, Monmouth, Ill., Build. Fund, do do	2 00
	Monmouth cong., Ill., (additional,) do do	1 00
	Henderson do do do	17 60
	Hopewell cong., O., per John Wallace,.....	102 04
	Harmony cong., Ill., Building Fund, per Rev. J. W. Pinkerton,.....	10 00
	Do do do do	19 00
Feb'y. 1,	Ladies' Miss. Society, 2d U. P. Church, Phila., Building Fund, per	
	Rev. J. B. Dales, D. D.,.....	50 00
	Sab. School, 2d U. P. Church, do do do do	100 00
	Centralia cong., Ill., Building Fund, per Rev. J. B. Dales, D. D.,.....	5 00
	Broadalbin cong., N. Y., do do do	32 00
	Children, St. Clairsville cong., O., Build. Fund, per Rev. J. B. Dales,	14 00
" 3,	Bethsaida cong., Ind., per Rev. J. H. Tedford,.....	17 10
	Fairfield cong., Pa., per Wm. Little, Treas.,.....	16 00
	Sugar Creek cong., Ohio, per Rev. R. E. Stewart,.....	50 00
	Sugar Run cong., O., Rev. I. N. Laughhead's charge, per Rev. C. T.	
	M'Caughan,.....	18 00
	Darby cong., do do do do do do	5 39
	Huntsville cong., O., Rev. J. Wallace's charge, per Rev. C. T. M'Caughan,	13 00
	Mrs. Martha Nelson, Darby cong., O., Build. Fund, do do	5 00
	Rev. I. N. Laughhead, do do do	3 00

Febry. 7,	Building Fund, Egypt, per James M'Candless,.....	126 00
	Foreign Missions, do do .....	232 44
	Youth of Beulah cong., Pa., Building Fund, per James Oliver,.....	5 00
" 8,	East Greenwich cong., N. Y., per Rev. J. B. Dunn,.....	20 00
" 9,	Scotch Ridge cong., O., Building Fund, per Rev. Jackson Duff,.....	10 00
	Poland cong., O., India Mission, per Rev. James M. Henderson,.....	10 00
	Smith Creek cong., Ill., per Thomas Johnston,.....	22 50
	Mr. John Miller, Ill., Alexandria Mission, per Thomas Johnston,.....	2 00
	A Friend, Building Fund, do do .....	5 00
	Rock Island cong., Ill., do do .....	10 00
	Miss Isabella Milligan, Yorktown, Pa., per Rev. J. B. Dales, D. D.,	2 00
	Miss J. S. Oliver, W. Urbana, Ill., Build. Fund, do do	3 00
	Nelson Hall, Waterbury, Con., do do	5 00
" 10,	Cedar Creek cong., Ill., per Thomas Johnston,.....	9 10
	Camanche do do do .....	7 00
	A Friend of Cedar Creek Sabbath School, per Thos. Johnston,.....	50
" 11,	Sab. School, Rutland cong., Ind., Build. Fund, per Rev. N. C. M'Dill,	5 00
" 13,	North Buffalo cong., Pa., per A. E. M'Clees,.....	34 00
	2d cong., Xenia, O., Building Fund, per Wm. Shepherd,.....	6 25
	Do do do do .....	19 17
	Sab. School, Albany cong., N. Y., Build. Fund, per Rev. S. F. Morrow,	17 00
" 16,	Spring Grove cong., Ill., per Thomas Johnston,.....	23 20
	T. B. R., for Building Fund, Egypt,.....	100 00
" 17,	Hebron cong., N. Y., Rev. G. H. Robertson's charge, per John King,	38 00
" 18,	Presbytery of Lakes, Pa., Build. Fund, per Rev. H. H. Thompson,	10 00
	Do do do do .....	110 00
	George Hart, Bethel, Peoria co., Ill., per Rev. E. M'Coy,.....	10 00
	Sab. School, Bethel cong., Ill., Building Fund, per Rev. E. M'Coy,	9 25
" 20,	Murray and Warren cong., Ind., per Rev. David Morrow,.....	5 00
	Lisbon cong., N. Y., per Rev. John Harper,.....	60 00
	S. School, U. P. Ch., Wheeling, Va., Build. Fund, per Rev. J. B. D.,	10 25
	S. School, 1st U. P. Ch., Pittsburgh, Pa., Build. Fund, per S. George,	10 00
	South Henderson cong., Ill., per Rev. J. A. P. M'Gaw,.....	60 60
" 27,	J. H. Wilson, Findley, Ohio, India Mission,.....	2 00
" 29,	Caledonia cong., N. Y., per Rev. W. S. M'Laren,.....	57 00
	Mrs. M'Farlane, do do .....	2 00
	Mrs. M'Farlane, Building Fund, per Rev. W. S. M'Laren,.....	1 00
	Mr. Robert Watson, do do do do .....	25 00
	Mrs. Robert Watson, do do do do .....	5 00
	Miss E. B., do do do do .....	10 00
March 2,	1st U. P. Church, Freeport, Pa., per W. Galbreath,.....	20 00
	H. Reid, do do .....	20 00
	Union Station cong., Iowa, per Rev. S. M'Arthur,.....	1 35
	A Friend of Birmingham, do do .....	50
	Rev. S. M'Arthur,.....	5 00
" 3,	Sabbath School and Bible Class, N. Henderson cong., Ill., for Build- ing Fund, per Rev. J. A. Edie,.....	25 00
	4th U. P. Church, Phila., Pa., Rev. Mr. Arnold, Building Fund, per Thomas Carson,.....	15 00
	4th U. P. Church, Phila., Pa., Rev. Mr. Arnold, Foreign Missions, per Thomas Carson,.....	20 00
	6th U. P. Church, Phila., Pa., Rev. Mr. Beveridge, Foreign Missions, per Thomas Carson,.....	39 50
	S. S. of 6th U. P. Church, Phila., Pa., Rev. Mr. Beveridge, Build- ing Fund, per Thomas Carson,.....	32 14
	Jefferson cong., Ohio, per Thomas Carson,.....	7 00
" 5,	Building Fund, per James M'Candless,.....	217 51
	Foreign Missions, do do .....	126 57
	Sabbath School, Baltimore cong., (additional,) Building Fund, per Erskine Carson,.....	75
	Granville cong., Ill., per Thomas Johnston,.....	2 80
	Young America cong., Ill., do do .....	6 40
	Mr. Robert M. Dickey, India Mission, per Thomas Johnston,.....	3 00
" 10,	Chanceford cong., Pa., per Thomas Carlisle, Treas.,.....	9 06
	Guinston do do do do .....	14 35
	Mercersburg do do do do .....	10 00
	M'Connellsburgh do do do do .....	15 00
" 15,	Mr. James L. Van Dueson, Rondout, N. Y., Building Fund,.....	10 00

Mar. 15,	Sab. School, 1st U. P. cong., Leavenworth City, Kansas, for Building Fund, per Rev. B. L. Baldrige,.....	2 65
“ 19,	A Friend of Missions, for Mr. Hogg, per Rev. James Thompson,.....	5 00
	Dalton cong., Ohio, per Rev. Andrew M·Cartney,.....	10 00
	Sabbath School of Mechanicsburgh and Centre cong., Pa., for Building Fund, per Rev. J. C. Greer,.....	7 60
	H. W., 20 mile Stand, O., Building Fund,.....	65
“ 24,	Twin Grove cong., Ill., per Thomas Johnston,.....	6 00
	Olena do do do .....	6 00
	Ellison do do do .....	25 15
	Ellison cong., Ill., Building Fund, per Thomas Johnston,.....	2 00
“ 26,	Miss A. Mayn, Clavillap, Ky., per Rev. J. B. Dales, D. D.,.....	2 00
	Scotland cong., Ind., per Rev. James Ingles,.....	4 00
	Mansfield cong., Ohio, per Rev. D. W. Collins,.....	22 00
	Ontario do do do do .....	24 60
“ 30,	Washington cong., Pa., per Rev. Thomas Hanna, D. D.,.....	30 00
	Home and Foreign Missionary Association, Allegheny, U. P. Seminary, for Mr. Hogg, per Thomas Carson,.....	37 00
	Fairhaven cong., O., per Rev. J. Y. Scouller,.....	60 00
	General Appropriation Fund, per Rev. J. Y. Scouller,.....	5 00
“ 31,	2d Bloomington cong., Ind., per Rev. John Bryan,.....	10 00
April 2,	A Friend of Missions, N. Y., per Miss Day,.....	2 50
	Young People of Scotia cong., O., per Rev. J. S. Buchanan,.....	7 00
	Miss W. H. Wilson, Tipton, Tenn., for Miss Dales' School, per Rev. J. B. Dales, D. D.,.....	2 50
	Martha M·Clain, Tipton, Tenn., Miss Dales' School, per Rev. J. B. Dales, D. D.,.....	2 00
	Jane M·Clain, Tipton, Tenn., Miss Dales' School, per Rev. J. B. Dales, D. D.,.....	5 00
	M. G. M·Quiston, Tipton, Tenn., Miss Dales' School, per Rev. J. B. Dales, D. D.,.....	5 00
	Nelson Hall, Waterbury cong., per Rev. J. B. Dales, D. D.,.....	5 00
“ 5,	Foreign Missions, per James M·Candless,.....	105 18
	Building Fund, Egypt, do do .....	382 59
“ 6,	Springfield congregation, Pa., per Rev. Robert A. Browne,.....	16 81
	Bethel do do do do .....	14 70
	Lebanon do do do do .....	10 00
	Ladies' Miss. Society, Pitts' Street cong., for Alexandria Mission, per Rev. Robert A. Browne, .....	30 00
	Miss Rebecca S. Taggert, per Rev. Robert A. Browne,.....	2 00
	Smith Creek cong., Ill., per Thomas Johnston,.....	2 00
	Samuel H. Maley, do do do .....	1 50
	Henderson cong., Ill., Building Fund, per Thomas Johnston,.....	15 75
“ 11,	Piqua do Ohio, per Rev. J. T. M·Caughan,.....	25 00
	Kenton do do do do .....	4 85
	Miami, do do do do .....	3 00
	Kenton do do Building Fund, per Rev. J. T. M·Caughan,.....	5 00
“ 12,	Massie's Creek cong., per John Fleming,.....	45 00
	Robert Mitchell, Xenia, O., do .....	2 00
	Mrs. Isabella M·Leod, of 2d United Presbyterian Church, Philada., per Rev. Dr. Dales,.....	5 00
	Sabbath School of Barlow, O., Building Fund, by James M·Neal,.....	3 00
	Newburg cong., N. Y., Alexandria Mission, per Rev. Jas. Harper,.....	15 00
“ 14,	Female Mite Society, Fairfield cong., Pa., by Jennie E. Pollock, per Rev. Joseph T. Cooper, D. D., .....	1
	A Friend of Missions in the United Presbyterian Church, York, N. Y., Building Fund, per Dr. Dales, .....	10 00
	A Member, 1st U. P. Church, Allegheny, Pa., per Dr. Dales,.....	40 00
	Chartiers cong., Pa., per Rev. J. B. Clark,.....	45 00
“ 16,	Sab. School, 4th Associate Ref. Church, New York, per Elias W. Boyden,.....	59 00
“ 17,	Young Men's Prayer Meeting of Kortright, N. Y., for Rev. J. Hogg, per M. Sixsmith, Jr., .....	3 20
	Ellison cong., Ill., per Thomas Johnston,.....	1 25
	Elmira do do do .....	7 90
	Cedar Creek do do do .....	25 00
	A. O. M·Kawan, Ill., Building Fund, per Thomas Johnston,.....	5 00

April 17,	West Charlton cong., N. Y., per Rev. A. Henry, .....	47 77
	Ladies, West Charlton cong., N. Y., for Rev. Mr. Hogg, per Rev. A. Henry, .....	41 75
" 18,	South Argyle cong., N. Y., India Mission, per Rev. Henry Gordon, .....	62 00
	do Mite Society, .....	30 18
	West Hebron, J. W. Beveridge, .....	29 00
	Coila cong., N. Y., India Mission, .....	20 50
	Queensbury cong., N. Y., .....	5 07
" 19,	Belmont cong., O., per Rev. Wm. Grimes, .....	5 95
	M'Mahon's Creek cong., O., do do .....	4 05
	Florida cong., N. Y., per Wm. S. Smeallie, .....	45 00
	Cedarville cong., O., per John Fleming, .....	33 00
	Burnett Creek cong., Ind., per Rev. Thos. Calahan, .....	12 00
" 23,	A Friend of Missions, per Widow late R. M'Gibson, .....	2 50
	John Dean, Allegheny, Pa., Scholarship India, .....	35 00
	Truro cong., O., do per Rev. J. Harper, .....	35 00
	Sab. School and Teachers, 3d Church, Phila., Dr. Cooper (charge) for two Hindoo Children, per Rev. J. Harper, .....	70 00
" 25,	Columbus City cong., Iowa, per Rev. Alex. Story, .....	16 77
	Sab. School, 1st Washington cong., Iowa, do .....	34 86
	Springfield cong., O., per Rev. Jos. Clokey, D. D., .....	49 75
	Washington cong., Pa., per Rev. Thomas Hanna, .....	48 00
	Miss Jennet Mallock, N. Y., per Rev. W. S. M'Laren, .....	30 00
	Mr. David Walker, do do do .....	5 00
	Mrs. Jennet Blue, do do do .....	2 00
	Mr. John Mallock, do do do .....	3 00
	Mrs. M'Farlane, do do do .....	1 00
	W. S. M'Laren, do do do .....	4 00
" 26,	Liberty cong., O., per Rev. David Goodwillie, .....	9 60
	Belmont do per Rev. Wm. Grimes, .....	5 00
	Rev. Mr. Short, Gordon and other cong., Wash. Co., N. Y., to Build- ing Fund, Individuals, per J. Lowrie, .....	38 00
" 27,	Union Sabbath School, 1st Washington cong., Iowa, India Mission, per J. S. M'Gregor, .....	7 65
	West Middletown cong., Pa., per Rev. John B. Clark, .....	24 00
	Chartiers do do do .....	4 00
" 30,	3d Church, Philadelphia, Dr. Cooper, per Thomas Carson, .....	65 50
	7th do do Rev. Mr. Price, do .....	3 00
	Rev. S. M. L. Kier, do do .....	10 00
	Baltimore cong., Md., per T. D. Anderson, .....	113 91
	Miss Eliza Cooper, Building Fund, per T. D. Anderson, .....	5 00
	Bible Class and Sabbath School, North Henderson cong., Ill., for Scholarship India Mission, per Rev. J. A. Edie, .....	35 00
May 1,	Elveston cong., Ill., per Thomas Johnston, .....	2 50
	North Henderson cong., Ill., do .....	62 00
	Homestead do do .....	10 00
	Twin Grove do do .....	4 00
	A Young Friend, do .....	3 00
	Youth of Smith Creek cong., Ill., Building Fund, per T. Johnston, .....	14 60
	Springfield cong., Ill., per Aaron M. Allen, .....	12 00
" 3,	Sycamore do O., Rev. R. K. Campbell, per Rev. G. W. Gowdy, .....	57 78
	Sabbath School, 44th St. United Presbyterian Church, N. Y., India Mission, per Samuel Park, .....	21 12
	Female Missionary Society, United Presbyterian Church, Mercer, Pa., by Rev. R. M'Watty, per Dr. Dales, .....	22 40
" 4,	U. P. Church, Mercer, Pa., by Rev. R. M'Watty, per Dr. Dales, .....	27 60
	Ladies of United Presbyterian Church, West Hebron, N. Y., India Mission, per Rev. Mr. Hogg, per Dr. Dales, .....	24 00
	Ladies' Missionary Society, 2d United Presbyterian Church, Phila., by Mrs. A. H. Julian, Treas., per Rev. J. B. Dales, D. D., .....	50 00
	Henry K. Pressly, Monmouth, Ill., .....	2 00
	U. P. Church, Jane St., N. Y., per James M. Combie, Treas., .....	80 88
" 8,	Barnet cong., Vt., per Rev. Thos. Goodwillie, .....	13 02
	Harmony cong., Ill., per Rev. J. Pinkerton, .....	16 00
	U. P. Church, Newark, N. J., per Rev. David Donnan, .....	10 00
	A Friend, for India Missions, do do .....	20 00
	South Henderson cong., Ill., (additional,) per Thos. Johnston, .....	1 40
" 10,	India Mission, per Thomas Arbuckle & Co., .....	931 02
	California Mission, do do .....	10 75



May 10,	Charles Reynolds, Ill., per Thomas Johnston, .....	1 00
	Miss Margaret Young, Ill., do .....	5 00
	Greenville cong., do .....	7 00
" 11,	Hugh Elliot, of Hopewell cong., Ohio, per Wm. Backett, .....	200 00
	Female Miss. Society, do do do do .....	77 50
	Unity Church, do do do do .....	8 00
	John Buck, do do do do .....	25 00
	Concord do do do do .....	35 50
	Hamilton do do do do .....	94 00
	Gilead do do per Rev. Thomas Brown, ....	4 00
	Kenton do do do do .....	6 88
	Sidney do do do do .....	15 00
	Piqua do do do do .....	16 85
	Scotch Ridge do do do do .....	10 00
	Urbana do do do do .....	26 25
	Huntsville do do do do .....	10 15
	Mr. Jos. M'Campbell, do do do do .....	5 00
	Mr. John M'Campbell, do do do do .....	1 00
	Mr. James Carson, do do do do .....	1 00
	Mr. Walter Gowan, do do do do .....	50
	Miss Nancy Bigger, do do do do .....	50
	Miss E. Dodge, do do do do .....	1 00
	Miss M. Bigger, do do do do .....	1 00
	Miss L. Robinson, do do do do .....	1 00
	Miss A. M'Campbell, do do do do .....	1 00
	Mr. F. Fluk, do do do do .....	25
" 12,	Hoboken cong., N. J., per Rev. John Harper, .....	7 00
	Broadalbin cong., N. Y., per Rev. J. L. Clarke, .....	50 00
	Cedar Creek cong., Ill., Syria Mission, per Thomas Johnston, .....	1 00
	do do India do do do .....	2 00
	do do China do do do .....	2 00
	A Member of Monmouth cong., Ill., do do .....	25
	Mite Society, Putnam cong., N. Y., per Rev. Isaac Law, .....	14 00
	D. W., do do .....	5 00
	Missionary Society, St. Louis cong., Mo., per Rev. John Maclean, ..	28 00
" 14,	Foreign Missions, per James M'Candless, .....	440 92
	Foreign Missions, India Mission, per James M'Candless, .....	210 00
	Do do Lodiana do do do .....	5 08
	Do do Syria do do do .....	10 00
	Do do Building-Fund do do .....	47 43
" 16,	A Friend of Missions, West Galway, N. Y., Building Fund, per Rev. J. B. Dales, D. D., .....	10 00
	A Subscriber to the Christian Instructor, per Rev. J. B. Dales, D. D.,	5 00
	Mrs. S. D. Dickson, Savannah, Ga., do do do .....	10 00
" 17,	Geneva cong., N. Y., per Rev. J. L. Robertson, .....	30 00
	Pigeon Creek cong., Pa., per Rev. J. B. Clark, .....	29 00
	3d U. P. cong., Pittsburgh, Pa., S. School, per C. Arbutnot, .....	14 00
	Do do do do do do .....	326 00
	Do do do S. School to Building Fund, per do, .....	10 00
" 18,	U. P. cong., Green street, N. Y., per Rev. Mr. Harper, .....	163 00
	Sabbath School, Green street cong., N. Y., Scholarship in India Mis- sion, per Rev. Mr. Harper, .....	35 00
" 19,	De Kalb cong., O., per Rev. David Paul, .....	8 00
	Ontario do do do .....	36 67
	White Eyes cong., O., per Rev. David Paul, .....	6 40
	Mill Creek and Crane cong., O., per Rev. David Paul, .....	24 40
	Mansfield do do do .....	5 78
	Sulphur Springs do do do .....	5 10
	Mount Vernon do do do .....	5 00

\$21,077 95

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May 22, By Balance from old account, .....

\$4,062 39

It will be observed the above report is made out to the 22d inst., instead of the 4th, at which time the report of the Board of Foreign Missions closed, since which time several thousand dollars have become due to our foreign missionaries, in addition to the amounts reported by the Board as due them, and which, when paid, will considerably overdraw the treasury.

New York, May 22d, 1860.

T. B. RICH, Treasurer.

Dr. JOHN FLEMING, Treasurer of Home Mission Fund, in account with Gen.			
1859.		Assembly of U. P. Church.	
June 30th.	To Cash from	Miss Matilda Wright.....	1 00
Aug. 7th.	"	Mt. Pleasant Cong. per E. J. Agnew.....	30 00
23d.	"	Baltimore cong., Md., T. D. Anderson.....	35 00
26th.	"	T. B. Rich, N. Y.....	36 00
26th.	"	Nankin cong., Mich.....	5 00
29th.	"	Chambersburgh cong., Pa.....	9 00
29th.	"	Gettysburgh cong., Pa.....	9 00
Sept. 14th.	"	Ladies' Mite Society, Jefferson cong., O.....	10 00
16th.	"	Stone Valley cong., Pa.....	10 00
20th.	"	Massies' Creek cong., W. Brodfute, O.....	28 24
Sept. 23d.	"	Carmel and Bethel congs., W. Patterson, Ind..	10 50
25th.	"	Kilgore cong., J. L. Scott, O.....	7 00
Oct. 1st.	"	North Liberty cong., Rev. D. McDill, O.....	3 33
18th.	"	Huntsville cong., Rev. J. Wallace, O.....	8 35
19th.	"	West Fork cong., Rev. Mr. Gilmore, O.....	10 00
21st.	"	Carmel and Bethel congs., W. Patterson, Ind.	17 27
24th.	"	James McCandless, Pittsburg, viz.: from J. Stewart.....	500 00
	"	Massies' Creek cong., O.....	42 05
	"	Pres. of Conemaugh.....	7 00
	"	Pres. of Muskingum.....	25 77
	"	Pres. of Steubenville.....	20 00
	"	Pres. of Mercer.....	28 43
	"	2d U. P. cong., Pittsburg.....	18 00
	"	Slippery Rock cong.....	5 33
Nov. 18.	"	3d U. P. cong., Phila., Thos. Carson.....	35 90
Dec. 5.	"	Troy cong., N. Y., Rev. P. Bullions, D. D.....	52 28
6.	"	James McCandless, Pittsburg, viz.: from Northfield cong., O.....	10 00
	"	West Charlton cong., N. Y.....	50 00
	"	Peter's Creek cong., Pa.....	6 00
12.	"	Albany cong., Rev. S. F. Morrow, N. Y.....	40 00
26.	"	2d U. P. cong., Phila., J. Booth, Pa.....	39 62
30.	"	Sparta cong., Ill., Rev. A. J. Allen.....	71 82
	"	Union cong., Ill., ".....	14 20
	"	Washington cong., Ill., ".....	5 00
	"	Barnet cong., Vt., Rev. T. Goodwillie.....	20 67
	"	Oxford cong., Pa., Female Mite Society, Rev. J. H. Andrew.....	10 00
Jan. 2, 1860.	"	2d U. P. cong., Xenia, O.....	12 25
5.	"	D. A. Dean, Xenia, O.....	10 00
	"	Mrs. Martha E. Dean, Xenia, O.....	5 00
7.	"	James McCandless, Pittsburg, Pa.....	50 15
	"	Boston cong., Mass., Rev. A. Blaikie.....	10 00
10.	"	Mt. Joy cong., O., Rev. R. Gilmore.....	3 32
13.	"	Baltimore cong., Md., T. D. Anderson.....	56 00
14.	"	New Athens, O., Rev. W. Wishart.....	13 62
23.	"	Rev. R. W. French, Ill.....	10 00
26.	"	Cabin Hill, N. Y., J. Marshall.....	11 00
27.	"	Caledonia cong., Ind., Rev. Thos. Dickson....	13 00
30.	"	1st U. P. cong., Xenia, O.....	42 00
	"	James McCandless, Pittsb'g, viz.: from Unity cong., Pa., Rev. Mr. McLean.....	5 00
	"	James Ferguson, ".....	10 00
	"	Mountville, Rev. Mr. Irons.....	5 30
	"	A friend in Allegheny city.....	1 00
	"	Service cong., Rev. D. W. Carson.....	50 00
	"	1st U. P. Church, Allegheny.....	37 00
	"	David Stewart, Richland co., O.....	4 00
	"	Prospect cong., Pa., Rev. Mr. Clark.....	16 30
	"	Mt. Chestnut, Ill.....	6 70

Feb. 8.	To Cash from H. Reed, Freeport, Pa.....	15 00
14.	“ North Buffalo, Pa., A. E. McClees.....	34 00
15.	“ Belmont cong., O., Rev. W. Grimes.....	11 00
	“ High Ridge cong., O., “ .....	13 00
	“ McMahan’s Creek, O., “ .....	3 00
17.	“ Johnstown cong., N. Y., Rev. A. Thomas....	21 00
	“ Yorkv’le and Waupacca, Wis., Rev. S. Collins	11 00
25.	“ Greensboro cong., Vt., Rev. Mr. Goodwillie....	9 00
Mar. 5.	“ St. Louis cong., Mo., Sam. Hamill.....	12 64
	“ Cherry Fork cong., O., Rev. D. McDill.....	10 00
	“ James McCandless, Pittsburg, as follows:—	
	“ John Gordon.....	100 00
	“ Margaret Cowden.....	2 00
	“ Harmony, Butler county, Pa.....	16 88
	“ James Brown, Wheeling, Va.....	5 00
	“ Centre cong.....	10 71
	“ Hookstown and T. Run .....	5 00
	“ Less \$5 kept back, error in former bill, 5 00	134 59
9.	“ Fairfield cong., Pa.....	14 00
	“ Mrs. Nancy Smith, Frankford cong.....	5 00
	“ Youth’s Mis. Soc., Livingston cong., N. Y., W. A. Gray .....	36 44
	“ Estate of Isaac Lewis, deceased, per Y. Lewis, Scottsville, N. Y.....	10 00
10.	“ Guinston cong., Pa., Rev. W. Carlisle.....	14 00
	“ Mercersburgh, Pa., do. ....	10 00
	“ McConnellsburgh, Pa., do. ....	15 00
	“ Rev. Thomas Carlisle, do. ....	1 00
	“ Massie’s Creek cong., Ohio, W. Brodfute.....	47 00
	“ Carmel and Bethel, Ind., Rev. S. Collins.....	12 40
	“ Scotland cong., Ind., Rev. J. Ingles.....	6 00
	“ Florida cong., N. Y., W. S. Smeallie.....	25 00
	“ Fairhaven cong., O., Rev. J. Y. Scouller.....	55 00
29.	“ Decatur cong., Ind., Rev. A. W. McClanahan	9 00
	“ Prairie cong., Ill., Rev. J. A. Shankland.....	10 00
Ap. 3.	“ Liberty cong., O., Rev. D. Goodwillie.....	5 69
	“ Hopewell cong., O., J. Wallace.....	34 00
4.	“ New Zion, Ind., Rev. J. R. Walker.....	100 00
	“ Pres. of Mercer, Pa., Rev. R. A. Browne.....	94 50
	“ York and Covington congs., N. Y., Rev. D. S. McHenry.....	15 00
	“ Carmel and Bethel, Ind., W. Patterson.....	13 32
7.	“ James McCandless, Pittsburg, viz.:	
	“ Mt. Pleasant cong., Pa., E. J. Agnew	20 00
	“ Tent & Short Cr’k, Rev. J. T. McClure	10 50
	“ West Alexandria, do	9 28
	“ Huntingdon cong., Pa.....	10 00
	“ Mt. Gilead cong., Pa.....	30 00
	“ Clinton cong., Pa., Rev. Dr. Hanna..	8 00
	“ Wash’n cong., Pa., Rev. Dr. Hanna...	12 00
	“ Ladies’ Mite Soc., McKeesport, Rev. Mr. McKinstry .....	15 25
	“ Dr. Kerr.....	2 50
	“ Less premium on draft.....	1 18
	“ Carmel and Bethel congs., Ind., per W. Pat- terson .....	116 35
	“ York and Cov’n congs., N. Y., Rev. D. S. McHenry.....	13 32
	“ Robert Mitchell, Xenia, O.....	10 00
	“ Mis’n Church, Cincinnati, O., Rev. W. McCune	3 00
10.	“ Richmond cong., Ind., Rev. J. L. Aten.....	10 00
	“ Beaver Dam, Pa., Rev. J. L. Aten.....	14 50
	“ A member of the 1st U. P. church, Alleg’y... Fairfield cong., Pa., Wm. Little.....	5 00
		50 00
		5 00

Ap. 10.	To Cash from	Hebron cong., Ind., Rev. J. N. Buchanan,.....	10 00
	"	2d U. P. cong., Phila., John Booth,.....	24 00
	"	do do do Rev. J. B. Dales.....	10 00
18.	"	Yellow Creek cong., Pa., Rev. J. K. Andrews.	10 00
24.	"	2d U. P. cong., Xenia, Ohio, Wm. Shepherd.	18 00
25.	"	Hugh Henderson, West Salem, Ohio.....	1 00
	"	North Washington, O., Rev. W. French.....	13 44
26.	"	Lawrence, Mass., John M'Kay.....	10 00
27.	"	5th U. P. cong., Philada., W. M. M'Knight..	9 00
	"	1st U. P. do Bloomington, Ind., Rev. J. Bryan.....	27 00
	"	2d U. P. congregation, Bloomington, Ind., Rev. J. Bryan.....	7 00
	"	New Providence, Ill., Rev. J. Bryan,.....	3 50
	"	Allegheny Presbytery, Rev. D. G. Bradford	148 74
Ap. 28.	To Cash from	Potawatomie, K. Ter., Rev. J. D. Steele.....	5 50
	"	Leavenworth City, K. T., Rev. B. L. Baldrige	8 00
May 1.	"	Bethel cong., Ill., Rev. A. M. Allen.....	2 70
	"	Jordan's Grove, Ill., do do .....	5 70
	"	Martin cong., Ind., Rev. D. Morrow.....	21 00
	"	Lafayette cong., Ind., do .....	5 00
	"	Murray do do do .....	2 05
	"	Mt. Hope do Pa., Rev. J. T. Brownlee,...	9 00
	"	Reeseville do Ohio, Rev. Dr. Wilson.....	10 00
	"	Sycamore do do Rev. G. W. Gowdy... ..	34 00
	"	1st U. P. do Xenia, O., Rev. J. B. Crothers	43 50
	"	Antrim do Ohio, Rev. W. Lorimer.....	25 00
	"	Goshen do do do .....	2 00
3.	"	Hopewell do do Rev. J. P. Smart.....	60 20
	"	Presbytery of Monmouth, Ill., viz.:—Hugh L. Thompson, 2.50; Members of Cedar Creek cong., 5.00; A. A. M'Quown, 1.00; N. Brown, 2.00; Freeport and connexions, 7.00; Spring Creek, 2.00; Thomas M'Kelvey, 5.00; John M. Weed, 1.00; Mrs. M. J. Weed, 1.00; Mrs. Thompson, 0.50; Ross Grove, 3.00; Elvaston, 3.00; Henderson, 13.78; Young America, 4.40; Samuel H. Maley, 1.50; Clayton, 12.00; Spring Grove, 21.25; Elmira, 8.80; Homestead, 6.15; Twin Grove, 8.00; Fairfield, 23.06; Smith Creek, 45.00; Pope Creek, 13.00; North Henderson, 38.00; South Henderson, 50.00; Cedar Creek, 54.00; Ellison, 25.90; Monmouth, 77.17; Olena, 8.00.....	443 01
3.	To Cash from	Sugar Creek cong., O., per Rev. W. A. Pollock...	55 00
4.	"	Sidney Pres., per Rev. T. Brown, as follows, viz.: Gilead congregation, 4.00; Scotch Ridge, 10.00; Leipsic, 5.00; Huntsville, 11.85; Sidney, 10.00; Piqua, 35.00; Darby, 1.35; Sugar Run, 4.50; Canonsburgh, 7.00.....	88 70
	To Cash from	Albany cong., N. Y., Rev. S. F. Morrow.....	48 00
7.	"	Fairhaven cong., Ohio, Rev. J. Y. Scouler,.....	13 00
9.	"	Baltimore, T. D. Anderson,.....	25 52
	"	Greenfield, O., Rev. A. Ritchie.....	12 00
	"	Cambridge, N. Y., Rev. W. B. Short.....	25 00
	"	2d U. P. Cong., Cincinnati, Rev. R. H. Pollock..	20 00
	"	Cæsar's Creek, O., Rev. C. Cummins,.....	25 00
	"	Wilmington, O., Rev. S. Wilson, D. D.....	9 00
	"	Birmingham, Iowa, Rev. S. M'Arthur,.....	14 50
	"	Sugar Creek, do do do .....	8 50
	"	Berea, Kansas, J. N. Smith .....	7 11
	"	James M'Candless, Pittsburgh, as follows:—Logan's Ferry, Pa., 3.00; Puckety, Pa., 20.00; Robinson's Run, 104.25; Butler, Pa., 20.00; Freeport 1st Church, Pa., 40.00; Freeport 2d Church, Pa., 5.00; Unity, Pa., 15.60; Evansburg, Pa., 20.00; White Spring, Pa., 20.00; Yellow Creek, Ohio, 8.50; Poland, Ohio, 6.40; Palestine, Ohio, 12.00; Lebanon, Ohio, 8.50; Bethesda, Pa., 44.00; Bethel,	

	Allegheny co., Pa., 24.00; Bethel, Westmoreland co., Pa., 15.00; Ladies' Mite Society, Westmoreland co., Pa., 25.00; Beulah, Pa., 5.00; Union, Pa., 1.00; Sewickley, Pa., 32.50; West Newton, Pa., 24.00; Laurel Hill, Pa., 8.50; M'Keesport, Pa., 14.75; Sharon, Pa., 4.00; New Concord, Ohio, 27.50; Bethel, O., 9.34; Londonderry, O., 12.08; Cedar Fork, Ohio, 8.13; a Member, 1.00; Cumberland, 3 00; Barlow, 20.00. Total, 562.05. Less Express and Discount, 5.92.....	556 13
9.	To cash from Lake Presbytery, per Rev. A. Murray.....	37 50
	“ Hamilton cong., O., W. Beckett,.....	91 50
	“ Concord, O., do .....	15 50
	“ Venice, Pa., James M'Peak,.....	13 00
	“ Female Missionary Society, 1st United Presbyterian cong., Xenia.....	16 50
10.	“ Massie's Creek, O., W. Brodfute.....	7 00
	“ Galena, Ill., Rev. James Rogers.....	12 00
May 12,	To cash from Ryegate, Vt., Rev. T. Goodwillie.....	10 14
	Whole amount received to this date .....	\$4632 67

JOHN FLEMING,

*Philadelphia, May 24th, 1860.**Treasurer.*

By a letter received to-day from Mr. Fleming, he states that \$34.00 of the money credited to the Hopewell congregation, belonged to the Synod's fund of 2d United Presbyterian Synod, as also \$42.05 credited to Massie's Creek congregation.

R. H. POLLOCK.

1859.

DR.

Oct. 18,	To amount refunded to Foreign Missions, which was borrowed from said fund to pay T. M'Cartney before his going to Kansas, . . . . .	\$100 00
“ 31,	To cash paid Rev. Dr. Beveridge, per order of Board, . . . . .	36 00
Nov. 22,	do Rev. R. H. Pollock, do . . . . .	62 50
do	do Rev. J. W. Bain, do . . . . .	100 00
Dec. 18,	do Rev. T. M'Cartney, do . . . . .	50 00
1860.		
Jan. 6,	do Rev. J. T. Torrence, do . . . . .	75 00
9,	do Rev. Dr. Beveridge, do . . . . .	20 00
13,	do Rev. Dr. Wilson, do . . . . .	25 00
14,	do Rev. H. H. Blair, do . . . . .	15 00
do	do Rev. J. N. Smith, K. T., do . . . . .	50 00
do	do Rev. James Dinsmore, Mass., . . . . .	175 00
do	do Rev. A. Blaikie, Boston, do . . . . .	50 00
do	do Rev. W. A. Pollock, Ill., do . . . . .	100 00
do	do Rev. M. Clark, Ill., do . . . . .	150 00
do	do Rev. J. S. M'Cullouch, Ill., do . . . . .	150 00
Feb. 8,	do Rev. J. A. Shankland, Ill., do . . . . .	24 00
do	do Rev. W. Templeton, do . . . . .	54 00
do	do Presbytery of Philada., do . . . . .	262 50
do	do Discount on drafts, do . . . . .	1 65
12,	do Rev. J. C. Hutcheson, do . . . . .	4 00
25,	do Rev. T. M'Cartney, do . . . . .	100 00
29,	do Rev. Mr. M'Hattan, do . . . . .	36 00
Mar. 23,	do Rev. R. W. French, do . . . . .	40 00
April 19,	do Presbytery of N. York, Rev. W. G. M'Elhany, . . . . .	731 25
26,	do Rev. Jas. Sawhill, per order of Board, . . . . .	49 25
do	do Rev. John Bryan, do . . . . .	37 50
27,	do Rev. Robert Gilmore, do . . . . .	38 00
28,	do Rev. G. K. Ormond, do . . . . .	60 00
do	do Rev. J. R. Sturgeon, do . . . . .	16 00
do	do Rev. James Dinsmore, do . . . . .	87 50
do	do Rev. Alexander Blaikie, do . . . . .	25 00
30,	do Rev. B. L. Baldrige, do . . . . .	225 00
May 1,	do Rev. Samuel Wilson, D. D., do . . . . .	51 00
do	do Rev. Cyrus Cummins, do . . . . .	11 00
2,	do Rev. William Melvin, do . . . . .	10 00

May 2.	To Cash from Greensboro, Vt., Rev. G. Campbell,	50 00
3,	do Rev. Jonathan Stewart, per order of Board,	75 00
	do Presb. Southern Indiana, Gen. Miss., Rev. J. L. Craig, per order of Board,	17 00
	do Monmouth Presb., Rev. M. Morrison,	324 98
	do do do do	125 02
	do Rev. W. A. Pollock, per order of Board,	50 00
4,	do Rev. Thomas Brown, do	16 00
	do Rev. Jackson Duff, do	30 00
	do Rev. J. L. Bull, do	30 00
	do Rev. J. Ingles, do	75 00
	do Rev. J. K. Black, do	101 00
	do Rev. M. M. Brown, do	8 00
9,	do Rev. J. P. Scott, do	150 00
	do Rev. J. H. Young, do	225 00
	do Rev. R. H. Pollock, do	62 50
	do Rev. S. M'Arthur, in part, do	23 00
	do Rev. A. Murray, Lakes, do	37 50
	do Rev. J. N. Smith, Kansas, do	7 10
	To Amity cong., Rev. J. S. Maughlin, Iowa, do	56 25
	do do do do do	18 75
	do Rev. W. H. Andrew, Pa., do	6 00
	do Rev. J. L. Aten, Lakes' Presb., do	19 50
11,	do Rev. James Rogers, Galena, do	96 00
	Whole amount paid out,	\$4,625 75
	Balance in treasury, May 12th, 1860,	6 92
		<u>\$4,632 67</u>

JOHN FLEMING, *Treasurer.*

To the Moderator and other members of the General Assembly of the United Presbyterian Church of North America, to meet in Philadelphia May 23d, 1860,

Dear Brethren:—Inasmuch as I have not obtained receipts for all the money I paid out, particularly for that paid by drafts to Kansas and other distant parts of the church, I have thought best to accompany my statement with a deposition as to its correctness, which I hope will be satisfactory.

STATE OF OHIO, GREENE COUNTY, SS.

Before me, the subscriber, Mayor of the City of Xenia, County and State aforesaid, personally came, John Fleming, Treasurer of the Home Missionary Fund of the United Presbyterian General Assembly of North America, and on his solemn oath deposeth, and saith, that the amount of money he has received for said fund, since the last General Assembly met in this place, is four thousand six hundred and thirty two  $\frac{67}{100}$  dollars; and the amount he has paid out is four thousand six hundred and twenty-five  $\frac{75}{100}$  dollars: that there is now in the treasury six  $\frac{92}{100}$  dollars, as set forth in the above and accompanying papers.

JOHN FLEMING,

{ SEAL. }

Sworn and subscribed this 11th day of May, 1860.

JAMES KYLE, Mayor of the city of Xenia.

1860.	R. H. POLLOCK in account with Home Missions.	DR.
May 18th.	To Cash from 4th cong., Phila., per Rev. G. C. A.....	\$23 50
"	" " Springfield, Ohio, " Dr. C.....	50 00
"	" " 1st Providence.....	10 00
"	" " Centreville, Ind., per Rev. J. A.....	2 00
"	" " La Porte, Ind., " ".....	7 00
"	" " Oswego and New Paris, per Rev. J. A.....	14 00
"	" " South Holland, " ".....	1 50
"	" " Camden, " ".....	2 50
"	" " Mount Hope, " ".....	2 50
"	" " South Buffalo, per Rev. J. G. C.....	62 00
"	" " Wm. S. Monteith, per Rev. J. A.....	5 00

May 18th.	To Cash from Shiloh cong., Ind., per Rev. G. S.....	16 00
"	" Indianapolis, " " .....	81 75
"	" Alexander Blair, per Rev. Dr. C.....	5 00
"	" Chillicothe, per Rev. W. H. P.....	21 50
"	" Galt, Canada West, per Rev. R. A.....	100 00
"	" Stamford, " " " .....	50 00
"	" Esquesing, " " " .....	14 13
"	" London, " " " .....	8 17
"	" Morris Dale, Canada West, per Rev. R. A.....	7 50
"	" Port Robinson and Merrittsville, per Rev. R. A.	45 00
"	" Komoka, " " " ..	1 50
"	" Centreville, " " " ..	4 38
"	" Slippery Rock, Pa., per Rev. A. R. R.....	1 00
May 19th.	" Troy, Mich., per Rev. J. P. S.....	5 00
"	" Commerce, Mich, per Rev. J. P. S.....	16 00
"	" Nankin, " " " .....	10 00
"	" Southfield, " " " .....	9 00
"	" Detroit, " " " .....	18 00
"	" Bruce, " " " .....	15 00
"	" Low Point, Ill., per Rev. P. H. D.....	13 00
"	To Cash from Spring Creek & Tacusa, Ill., per Rev. P. H. D.	5 00
May 21st.	" Stow cong., Ohio, per Rev. J. T. T.....	22 00
"	" Springfield, Summit Co., O., per Rev. J. T. T.	16 00
"	" Sutton, Mass., per Rev. A. B.....	15 00
"	" Lawrence, " " " .....	10 00
"	" Thompsonville, " " " .....	15 00
"	" Portersville, Pa., per Rev. A. R. R.....	17 00
"	" 2d cong., Pittsburg, per Dr. Jas. Prestley.....	373 82
"	" Roches'r Ladies' Mis. Soc., per Rev. D. S. McII.	10 38
"	" Rochester cong., per Rev. D. S. McII.....	16 86
"	" Howard cong., " " " .....	25 00
"	" Lyndon " " " .....	13 00
"	" Cuylerville " " " .....	16 50
"	" York " " " .....	43 28
"	" Mrs. J. Malloch, dec., " " .....	100 00
"	" Miss Jennett Malloch, per " .....	20 00
"	" Mrs. McFarland, " " .....	1 00
"	" Geneva cong., " " .....	30 00
"	" Sterling cong, " " .....	25 00
"	" Richland, Ind., per Rev. G. S.....	40 00
"	" Apple River, Ill., per Rev. Mr. A. B.....	20 00
"	" Somonauk, " " " .....	15 00
"	" Wheatland, " " " .....	10 00
"	" Dakota, " " " .....	4 62
"	" Ross Grove, " " " .....	7 50
"	" Young Men's Bible Society, West Delhi, New York, per Rev. R. D. W.....	5 69
"	" West Delhi cong., per Rev. R. D. W.....	3 30
"	" Lansingville " " " .....	18 45
"	" Bovina cong., " " " .....	98 00
"	" Mrs. E. McFadden, " " " .....	10 00
"	" Des Moines Pres., (received by clerk).....	43 00
May 22d.	To Cash from Pres. of Lakes, per Rev. J. H. P.....	214 97
"	" Pres. of Mansfield, " D. P.....	132 56
"	" Berea, Kansas, " J. N. S.....	7 11
"	" Americus " " " .....	5 00
"	" Dubuque, Iowa, per Rev. R. C.....	4 00
"	" Pres. of Keokuk, per Dr. B.....	197 00
"	" Millersburgh, O., per Rev. D. P.....	18 96
"	" Fredericksburg, O., per " .....	15 00
"	" Hopewell cong., Ill., per Rev. J. F. S.....	18 00
"	" Chesterville and Con., O., per Rev. D. P.....	5 10
"	" Oxford, Pa., per Rev. J. H. A .....	35 00

May 22d.	To Cash from Presbytery of Bloomington.....	45 00
		Whole amt. rec'd, \$2307 03
May 24th.	“ J. McCandless, Treasurer, pro tem.....	204 41
		\$2511 47

May 18th.	By Cash to Rev. G. Small.....	CR.	140 00
“	“ J. L. Bull, per Rev. B. W.....		10 00
“	“ J. Duff, “.....		10 00
“	“ W. H. Prestley, for Chilicothe Pres.....		75 00
“	“ J. B. Wilson.....		50 00
“	“ R. McAllister.....	100 00	
“	“ H. McHatton.....	20 00	
“	“ Wm. Smith.....	28 50	
“	“ J. Gillespie.....	8 15	
“	“ J. P. Scott.....	50 00	
“	“ P. H. Drennen.....	50 00	
“	“ W. W. Barr, for Phila. Pres.....	143 75	
“	“ J. T. Torrence.....	38 00	
“	“ Dr. Prestley, for Monongahela Pres.....	200 00	
“	“ Rev. A. Blaikie.....	25 00	
May 19th.	By Cash to Rev. S. M. Coon, for Rev. D. E. Jones.....	57 00	
“	“ “ for Rev. J. Freetly.....	4 00	
“	“ “ for Gen. Mis., Chicago Pres... ..	40 00	
“	“ Rev. J. A. Shankland.....	10 00	
“	“ Rev. D. S. McHenry, for Caledonia Pres.....	350 00	
May 22d.	“ Rev. S. F. Thompson, per Mr. A. B.....	50 00	
“	“ J. Whitla “.....	2 00	
“	“ R. D. Williamson.....	135 44	
“	“ Pres. of Des Moines.....	43 00	
“	“ For Pres. of Lakes, to J. H. Pressly.....	137 59	
“	“ For Pres. of Mansfield, to Rev. D. Paul.....	215 13	
“	“ Rev. J. N. Smith.....	50 05	
“	“ Pres. of Keokuk, to Dr. Brown.....	197 00	
“	“ Rev. W. C. McCune.....	150 00	
“	“ Rev. S. M'Arthur.....	27 00	
“	“ Rev. D. Strang.....	50 00	
“	“ Pres. of Bloomington.....	45 00	
		\$2511 47	

DR. *James M' Candless in Account with General Assembly U. P. Church.* CR.

<i>Assembly Fund.</i>			
To cash received, from July 8th, 1859, to May 29th, 1860,.....	\$499 96	1860. By cash paid sundry orders from Assembly's clerk.....	\$139 08
	499 96	May 29, “ balance, .....	360 88
1860. May 29, “ balance,.....	360 88		499 96

<i>Board of Publication.</i>			
To cash received, from Aug. 6th, 1859, to May 29th, 1860,.....	\$5448 39	1860. By cash, paid orders of the Board, May 29th, by cash, balance,.....	\$4328 45
	5448 39		1119 94
May 29th, “ balance,.....	\$1119 94		\$5448 39

<i>Board of Church Extension.</i>			
To cash received, from Sept. 30th, 1859, to May 29th, 1860,.....	\$1148 14	1860. By cash, paid orders of the Board, May 29th, By cash, balance,.....	\$757 39
	1148 14		390 75
1860. May 29th, To cash, balance,.....	\$390 75		\$1148 14

<i>Education Fund.</i>	
1860. May 29th, To cash received at present meeting of Assembly,.....	\$331 60



*Home Mission Fund.*

1860. May 29th, To cash received at present meeting of Assembly,.....	\$2135 14	By cash paid orders of Executive Committee,.....	\$1506 73
	<u>2135 14</u>	1860. May 29th, balance,.....	623 41
" " " balance,.....	\$623 41		<u>\$2135 14</u>

*Foreign Mission Fund.*

1860. May 29th, To cash received at present meeting of Assembly,.....	\$3061 01	1860. May 29th, By cash, draft remitted T. B. Rich, Esq.,.....	\$3000 00
	<u>3061 01</u>	" May 29th, " balance,.....	61 01
" " " balance,.....	\$61 01		<u>\$3061 01</u>

*Summary.*

1860. May 29th, To balance Assembly Fund,.....	\$360 88
" " " Board of Publication	1119 94
" " " Board of Ch. Ex'sion	390 75
" " " Education Fund,.....	331 60
" " " Home Mission Fund,	623 41
" " " For'gn Missio'n Fund	61 01
Total,.....	<u>\$2892 59</u>

*James M' Candless in account with Foreign Mission Fund.*

1860. May 23, Shenango cong., Rev. J. G. M'Lain,.....	\$35 00
Union do per Rev. B. Porter,.....	50 00
" 24, Bethel do do H. Q. Graham,.....	10 00
Fairfield do do do do .....	8 00
Rev. John Adams, per Rev. James Wallace,.....	10 00
Argyle congregation, Rev. J. B. Scouler,.....	85 00
Chilicothe do Rev. William H. Prestley,.....	26 85
do do Ladies' Miss. Society, Rev. Wm. H. Prestley,...	24 25
Cincinnati do per Rev. G. D. Archibald, ..	100 00
Berea cong., Kansas, Gideon M'Henry, "India," .....	5 00
do do Egypt Building Fund,.....	5 00
do do Africa, .....	5 00
do do Syria,.....	5 00
do do .....	2 65
Leavenworth cong., Sabbath School, Building Fund,.....	3 00
Garnett do per Rev. J. N. Smith, .....	1 00
Mt. Pleasant cong., Ohio, per L. Monfort,.....	25 00
Oskaloosa, Iowa, per R. A. M'Ayeal,.....	8 00
Port Robinson cong., C. W., per Rev. J. Gillespie,.....	15 00
Esquesing do do do do .....	20 00
London, do do do do .....	7 76
Haysville, Ohio, Rev. J. Y. Ashenhust,.....	20 75
Portersville, Pa., Rev. A. R. Rankin,.....	20 37
Presbytery of Mercer, Rev. R. A. Browne,.....	220 14
Scroggsfield, Ohio, Rev. J. K. Andrews, .....	30 00
Centreville, Rev. A. R. Rankin,.....	28 00
Slippery Rock, do do .....	4 44
Mountville, do do .....	8 50
Turtle Creek, Rev. D. H. Pollock,.....	60 00
Darlington, Mrs. Mary Murray, per Rev. J. A. Magill,.....	10 00
Centre congregation, per Rev. J. A. Magill,.....	4 25
Shiloh do do Rev. G. Small,.....	10 00
Indianapolis cong., do do .....	7 25
Yellow Creek do do Rev. J. K. Andrews,.....	5 30
Piney Fork do do do do .....	5 00
Stuebenville do do do do .....	24 00
New Wilmington, 1st cong., per Rev. Alexander Story,.....	12 00
Robinson do Rev. J. G. Rankin,.....	35 21
Paris do do .....	23 00
Somonauk do A. Beveridge,.....	15 00
North Argyle, N. Y., do E. Riggs,.....	30 00
Guinston, Pa., do William Collins,.....	17 25
Hopewell, Pa., do do .....	6 00
Mt. Pleasant, Henry Savage, Rev. W. H. Wilson, .....	2 00

May 24. Oliver Cleveland, per Rev. W. H. Wilson,.....	1 00
25th Street congregation, N. Y., per A. Knox,.....	20 00
Presbytery of Monongahela, per Jas. Robb,.....	150 00
Boston congregation, per Rev. A. Blaikie, ..	16 00
Presbytery of Michigan, per Rev. D. Morrow,.....	19 65
4th U. P. cong., Pittsburgh, Ladies' M. S., Rev. Robert Gracey,.....	65 00
1st do do Allegheny, do do Rev. Dr. Pressly,.....	85 00
1st U. P. cong., Allegheny, Ladies' M. S., per Rev. Dr. Pressly,.....	50 00
Bovina congregation, N. Y., Rev. J. B. Lee,.....	50 00
West Delhi, do do do .....	5 00
Bethesda congregation, Hugh Ferguson,.....	1 00
South Argyle, John I. Reed, per J. A. Duff, India, ..	20 00
Frankfort Springs, per Rev. Dr. M'Elwee,.....	17 75
Johnstown, New York, Rev. A. Thomas,.....	20 00
do do Ladies' Missionary Society, Rev. A. Thomas,...	15 00
do do Miss L. Moore, do do .....	5 00
South Buffalo cong., Rev. J. G. Carson,.....	14 50
Galt do C. W., Rev. J. Gillespie,.....	50 00
Stamford cong., C. W., Rev. J. Gillespie,.....	25 00
York, A Friend, cong., Building Fund, Rev. D. S. M'Henry,.....	5 00
Sterling cong., do do .....	16 00
Bethel, Illinois, cong., J. S. M'Collouch,.....	26 00
Mt. Hermon cong., Ohio, Rev. Wm. Johnston,.....	3 00
New Salem do do .....	16 00
Springfield, Ohio, Mrs. Martha Blair, Dr. Clokey, .....	5 00
Mt. Hope, Indiana, per Rev. Thomas Mercer,.....	4 00
Oxford, Ohio, per Rev. W. J. M'Surely,.....	17 14
do do do do .....	5 00
Decatur, Ohio, cong , per Rev. A. W. M'Clanahan,.....	24 00
Tranquillity, do do do .....	5 00
Low Point cong., Building Fund, Jared Irwin, ..	1 00
South Argyle cong., Bible Society, Rev. H. Gordon,.....	9 47
2d U. P. cong., Pittsburgh, per Dr. James Prestley,.....	400 00
Crete cong., Pa., per Rev. B. Porter, .....	7 50
Hamilton cong., Ohio, Ladies' Mis. Soc., for Miss Dales,.....	42 00
Rev. P. Monfort, Africa, Wm. E. Brown,.....	10 00
Laporte, Indiana, per Rev. J. Anderson, .....	5 50
do do Wm. T. Monteith,.....	5 00
Oswego cong., per Rev. J. Anderson,.....	9 50
Richmond, Ohio, contribution, John M'Keon, deceased, per Rev. Wm. Lorimer, .....	52 00
Gcshen, Ohio, per Rev. William Lorimer,.....	2 00
1st Church, Bloomington, Indiana, Thomas Carson,.....	19 00
Portland, Thomas Carson,.....	3 50
New Providence, Ill., Thomas Carson,.....	3 50
1st U. P. Church, Phila., Thomas Carson,.....	50 00
7th do do Frankfort, Thomas Carson,.....	5 37
Octorara cong., Pa., Thomas Carson,.....	14 00
Muddy Run do do .....	5 00
Oxford cong., Bible Class and Sabbath School, India Scholar, per Rev. J. H. Andrew.....	35 00
Lake Presbytery, per H. H. Thompson,.....	190 31
Nankin cong., for use of Rev. J. Hogg, Rev. J. P. Scott,.....	5 50
Quincy cong., Ohio, per Rev. B. Waddle, .....	4 10
Hopewell cong., J. F. Stewart,.....	7 00
Slippery Rock, India Scholarship, A. R. Rankin,.....	35 00
Michigan Presbytery, Building Fund, .....	1 50
East Greenwich, New York, Ladies' Mite Society, Rev. J. B. Dunn,...	24 04
Cincinnati congregation, India, R. H. Pollock,.....	16 00
Fredericksburg cong., Rev. D. Paul,.....	12 00
Friends in New York, per H. Harrison, Esq.,.....	165 50
Richland, Ohio, cong., per Rev. Dr. J. B. Dales,.....	46 75
Richland, Ohio, John S. Stewart,.....	40 00
Eden, Indiana, cong., Rev. J. L. Craig, .....	7 00
2d Church, Pittsburgh, Rev. Dr. Prestley, Young Ladies' Society,.....	25 00

Cadiz cong., O., per Rev. J. S. M'Cready,.....	1 00
Turtle Creek cong., Pa., per Rev. D. H. Pollock, (Friends),.....	7 10
1st Church, Washington, Iowa, Rev. W. H. Wilson, .....	40 00
2d do do do do do .....	15 61
Pleasant Valley, do do do do .....	5 71
Edward M'Elree, per Wm. Dickey, Esq.,.....	25 00
Mrs. Rebecca Milligan, (China Mission,) per Rev. J. M. Adair,.....	5 00

*James M'Candless in account with Home Mission Fund.*

1860.			
May 23,	Shenango congregation, per J. G. M'Lain,.....	42 00	
	Union do per Rev. B. Porter,.....	36 45	
	Charles St. do New York, Rev. H. H. Blair,.....	200 00	
" 24,	Bethel do Pa., Rev. H. Q. Graham,.....	20 00	
	Fairfield do do do do .....	20 00	
	Rev. John Adams, per Rev. James Wallace,.....	10 00	
	West Middletown, Pa., Rev. J. T. Brownlee, .....	36 00	
	Argyle congregation, N. Y., Rev. J. B. Scouller, .....	60 00	
	Florida do A. Henry, .....	41 00	
	Chartiers do Rev. J. B. Clark,.....	90 00	
	Pigeon Creek congregation, Rev. J. B. Clark, .....	28 65	
	Carmel and Bethel, do A. Mann,.....	10 10	
	Cincinnati do Rev. G. D. Archibald, .....	60 00	
	Cæsar's Creek do Rev. C. Cummins,.....	25 00	
	Shippen St. do Philada., H. Gamble,.....	15 56	
	Mt. Pleasant, O., do L. Monfort,.....	18 00	
	Presbytery of Mercer do Rev. R. A. Browne, .....	137 41	
	Scroggsfield do Rev. J. K. Andrews,.....	15 00	
	Centre do Rev. J. A. Magill,.....	4 25	
	Londonderry do Rev. J. Patterson,.....	3 00	
	Yellow Creek, do Rev. J. K. Andrews, .....	8 00	
	Steubenville Female Missionary Society, Rev. J. K. Andrews,.....	27 25	
	Richmond congregation, do .....	9 35	
	Mechanistown congregation, do .....	4 35	
	Columbus City do Rev. Alex. Story, .....	19 50	
	New Wilmington 1st cong., Pa., do do .....	20 00	
	Robinson do do Rev. J. G. Rankin, .....	50 00	
	Paris do do do do .....	20 00	
	Ashland do Ohio, Rev. D. Paul, .....	2 00	
	North Argyle do N. Y., E. Riggs,.....	30 00	
	Fairview do Ohio, D. Cowden, .....	17 00	
	do W. N. Cowden, .....	5 00	
	Guinston cong., Pa., Wm. Collins,.....	17 25	
	Lower Chanceford, Pa., do .....	8 50	
	Fall River congregation, per Rev. Alex. Blaikie, .....	20 00	
	Michigan Presbytery, Rev. D. Morrow, .....	2 68	
	Mt. Pleasant congregation, per W. H. Wilson,.....	5 00	
	South Argyle, N. Y., John I. Reed, per Rev. J. A. Duff,.....	20 00	
	Stone Valley, Pa., congregation, per Thomas Carlisle,.....	30 00	
	Newville, do do do .....	50 00	
	Tuscarora do do do .....	20 80	
	Petersburgh do do .....	5 00	
	Middle Ridge do do .....	4 34	
	Hopewell do do .....	6 00	
	Mercersburg do do .....	5 55	
	Mexico do do .....	19 00	
	Mrs. E. W. M'Kee, do do .....	2 00	
	Richmond do Ohio, John M'Keon, deceased, con- tributed through Rev. Wm. Lorimer, .....	40 00	
	Allegheny Presbytery, per Rev. D. G. Bradford, Treas.,.....	100 00	
	Tranquillity congregation, Ohio, .....	25 00	
	New Salem do Rev. Wm. Johnston,.....	8 50	
	New Concord do do do do .....	3 00	
	Washington do do do do .....	8 00	
	5th U. P. Phila., do Pa., Rev. Robert Armstrong,.....	19 50	
	Mt. Hermon do Ohio, Rev. Wm. Johnston,.....	13 00	

Frankfort Springs congregation, Pa., per Dr. Wm. M'Elwee, .....	18 25
Muddy Run do per Thomas Carson, .....	5 00
Octorara do do do .....	14 00
7th U. P. do Philadelphia, do .....	18 00
3d do do per Dr. J. T. Cooper, .....	5 90
Mt. Sterling, Iowa, per Rev. Jas. Brown, D. D., .....	4 00
Presbytery of New York, per D. R. Pollock, .....	270 00
4th U. P. Congregation, Pittsburgh, Young Men's Miss. Society, per Rev. Robt. Gracey, .....	70 00
6th U. P. cong., Philadelphia, Thomas Carson, .....	33 50
Jalapa cong., per D. Morrow, .....	3 00
Barnet cong., Vt., (vacant,) per Rev. Jas. Frazer, .....	8 82
Edward M'Elree, per Wm. Dickey, .....	25 00
Union Station cong., Iowa, Rev. James Brown, D. D., .....	5 00
Friends in New York, per H. Harrison, Esq., .....	165 50
Eden congregation, per Rev. J. L. Craig, .....	8 00

*James M'Candless in Account with Assembly's Fund.*

May, 1860, To Balance, as per Treasurer's Book, .....	221 27
Lake Presbytery, per H. H. Thompson, .....	9 00
Muddy Run cong., per Thomas Carson, .....	2 00
2d U. P. Church, Pittsburgh, per Dr. James Prestley, .....	5 00
Cadiz, Ohio, cong., per Rev. J. S. M'Cready, .....	10 63
Putnam cong., per James Thompson, .....	5 00
Decatur, O., cong., per A. W. M'Clanahan, .....	2 00
Tranquillity, O., do do do .....	2 00
Presbytery of Mercer, per R. A. Browne, .....	10 19
York cong., N. Y., per D. S. M'Henry, .....	3 00
York and Covington cong., N. Y., per D. S. M'Henry, .....	4 00
Shenango cong., Pa., per J. G. M'Lean, .....	3 00
Union cong., Pa., per B. Porter, .....	2 00
Low Point cong., per P. H. Drennen, .....	3 00
Argyle cong., N. Y., per J. B. Scouller, .....	5 00
Chillicothe cong., O., per W. H. Prestley, .....	3 00
Peter's Creek cong., Pa., per A. Y. Houston, .....	8 00
Port Robinson cong., C. W., per J. Gillespie, .....	1 50
Esquensing do do do .....	2 00
Galt do do do .....	6 00
Scroggsfield cong., O., per J. K. Andrews, .....	3 73
Green Street Church, N. Y., per J. Harper, .....	5 00
Hoboken cong., N. J., per Robert Harper, .....	3 00
Carmel cong., per G. Small, .....	3 65
Richland do do .....	2 00
Mechanicstown cong., per J. K. Andrews, .....	1 00
Robinson cong., per J. G. Rankin, .....	2 00
Paris do do .....	1 25
Yorkville cong., per A. Beveridge, .....	10 00
North Argyle cong., per E. Riggs, .....	3 00
Boston cong., per Rev. A. Blaikie, .....	3 00
Michigan Presbytery, per Rev. D. Morrow, .....	1 00
Baltimore cong., per Rev. Wm. Bruce, .....	6 66
Bovina cong., N. Y., per Rev. J. B. Lee, .....	6 00
Cincinnati cong., O., per Rev. R. H. Pollock, .....	2 00

*James M'Candless in Account with Education Fund.*

May, 1860, Lake Presbytery, per H. H. Thompson, .....	28 00
Graham's Church, New York, A. M'Williams, .....	9 39
Muddy Run congregation, Thomas Carson, .....	2 00
Octorara do do .....	10 00
2d U. P. Church, Pittsburgh, Dr. James Prestley, .....	20 00
John M'Keon, deceased, Richmond, Ohio, per Wm. Lorimer, .....	40 00
Decatur, Ohio, congregation, Rev. A. W. M'Clanahan, .....	3 00
Tranquillity do do do .....	4 00
York and Covington congregation, Rev. D. S. M'Henry, .....	7 00
Chillicothe congregation, Ohio, Rev. W. H. Prestley, .....	5 50

Mt. Pleasant, Ohio, per L. Montfort, .....	3 50
Port Robinson, C. W., Rev. J. Gillespie,.....	5 00
Esquesing do do do .....	2 00
Scroggsfield, Ohio, Rev. J. K. Andrews, .....	5 00
Slippery Rock, Pa., Rev. A. R. Rankin,.....	2 50
Green Street Church, New York, Rev. J. Harper, .....	20 00
Turtle Creek congregation, Pa., Reverend D. H. Pollock,.....	1 00
Robinson do do do J. G. Rankin, .....	10 00
2d cong., Washington, Iowa, do W. H. Wilson, .....	5 00
Boston congregation, do A. Blaikie,.....	2 00
Michigan Presbytery, do D. Morrow,.....	1 00
Baltimore congregation, do Wm. Bruce,.....	20 50
Bovina congregation, New York, do J. B. Lee,.....	15 00
Frankfort Springs, Pa., do Wm. M. M'Elwee, D.D., .....	3 50
Oxford, do J. H. Andrew, .....	2 50
Putnam congregation, New York, do Isaac Law,.....	14 21
Galt, C. W., do J. Gillespie,.....	10 00
Shenango congregation, do J. G. M'Lean, .....	2 00
Union do do B. Porter,.....	7 00
Charles Street do New York do H. H. Blair,.....	60 00
Cincinnati do do R. H. Pollock,.....	5 00
Hoboken, New Jersey, do Robert Harper,.....	3 00
Sycamore congregation, do R. K. Campbell,.....	4 00
Eden congregation, do J. L. Craig, .....	1 00

*James M'Candless in Account with Board of Publication.*

May, 1860, Lake Presbytery, per H. H. Thompson,.....	31 50
Muddy Run cong.,.....	2 00
Octorara cong.,.....	2 88
7th U. P. cong., Phila., Frankford,.....	3 85
3d U. P. cong., Phila., per Dr. Cooper, .....	13 67
2d U. P. cong., Pittsburgh, per Dr. James Prestley,.....	18 15
Contribution, John M'Keon, deceased, per Rev. Wm. Lorimer,....	40 00
Decatur cong., O., per Rev. A. W. M'Clanahan, .....	5 00
Tranquillity do do do do .....	2 00
York and Covington cong., per Rev. D. S. M'Henry,.....	7 00
Mercer Presbytery, per Rev. R. A. Browne,.....	19 04
Bethel cong., Ill., per Rev. J. S. M'Cullouch, .....	2 00
Shenango cong., Pa., J. G. M'Lean, Esq.,.....	5 00
Charles street cong., N. Y., Rev. H. H. Blair,.....	24 00
Chillicothe cong., Ohio, per Rev. W. H. Prestley,.....	5 00
Mount Pleasant cong., Ohio, per L. Montfort,.....	3 50
Port Robinson cong., C. W., per J. Gillespie,.....	1 50
Esquesing do do do .....	2 00
Scroggsfield cong., Ohio, per Rev. J. K. Andrews, .....	5 00
Green street cong., N. Y., per Rev. J. Harper, .....	20 00
Hoboken cong., N. Y., per Robert Harper,.....	3 00
Turtle Creek, (A Friend) Pa., per Rev. D. H. Pollock, .....	2 00
Richmond cong., Ohio, per Rev. J. K. Andrews,.....	1 09
2d Church, Washington, Iowa, per Rev. W. H. Wilson,.....	3 50
Greensboro cong., per Rev. G. Campbell,.....	3 00
Bovina cong., N. Y., per Rev. J. B. Lee,.....	6 00
Dr. Bullions, for Testimonies,.....	2 50
Lansingville cong., N. Y.,.....	1 58
South Argyle cong., N. Y., per Rev. H. Gordon,.....	9 66
Oxford cong., Pa., per Rev. J. H. Andrew, .....	2 50
Galt cong., C. W., per Rev. J. Gillespie,.....	10 00
Stamford do do do .....	10 00
Eden cong., per Rev. J. L. Craig,.....	1 00
1st U. P. cong., Phila., per Rev. Francis Church,.....	18 25

*James M'Candless in Account with the Church Extension Fund.*

May, 1860, Lake Presbytery, per Rev. H. H. Thompson,.....	33 30
Muddy Run congregation, .....	2 00
Octorara do .....	2 50

John M'Keon, (deceased,) per Rev. Wm. Lorimer, .....	40 00
Cadiz, Ohio, do J. S. M'Cready, .....	11 88
Decatur, Ohio, do A. W. M'Clanahan, .....	5 00
Tranquillity, Ohio, do do .....	5 00
Mercer Presbytery, do R. A. Browne, .....	9 16
York cong., New York, do D. S. M'Henry, .....	19 78
York and Covington, N. Y., do do .....	7 00
Shenango cong., Pa., per J. G. M'Lean, Esq., .....	9 00
Union do per B. Porter, .....	5 00
Chilicotho cong., Ohio, do W. H. Prestley, .....	5 60
Port Robinson, C. W., do J. Gillespie, .....	3 90
Scroggsfield cong., Ohio, do J. K. Andrews, .....	6 70
Centreville cong., Pa., do A. R. Rankin, .....	4 18
Hoboken cong., N. J., per Robert Harper, Esq., .....	3 00
Turtle Creek cong., Pa., do D. H. Pollock, .....	2 00
Yellow Creek cong., Ohio, do J. K. Andrews, .....	5 03
Robinson congregation, do J. G. Rankin, .....	10 00
N. Argyle cong., N. Y., per E. Riggs, Esq., .....	12 00
2d Church, Wash., Iowa, do W. H. Wilson, .....	5 00
Boston congregation, Mass., do A. Blaikie, .....	5 00
Michigan Presbytery, do D. Morrow, .....	1 00
Baltimore congregation, Md., do .....	28 37
Oxford do Pa., do J. H. Andrew, .....	2 50
Putnam do N. Y., do Isaac Law, .....	8 34
Galt do C. W., do J. Gillespie, .....	15 00
Eden do Rev. J. L. Craig, .....	1 00

## REPORTS OF THE BOARDS, &c.\*

### REPORT OF THE BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION.

In conformity with the appointment of the first General Assembly, the Board of Church Extension met on the 14th of June, 1859, and was organized by appointing John T. Pressly President, and William Dyer Secretary. The Board was scarcely organized, when applications from different quarters were made for assistance. The idea seems to have taken possession of the minds of many that the appointment of a Board was equivalent to the creation of a fund. And hence requests for aid from needy congregations reached us before the Board had any means at its disposal. According to the regulations adopted by the Assembly for the government of the Board, we are not allowed to make an "appropriation to any church not under the control of one of our Presbyteries, nor without the recommendation of the Presbytery to which it belongs." It is also required that, accompanying the application for aid, there shall be a certification from "the trustees of the church, that the church lot is fully secured to the United Presbyterian Church." A neglect, on the part of most applicants for aid, to observe these regulations, would have constituted an objection, on the part of the Board, to afford assistance, even had the means been at its disposal.

Another general rule adopted by the Assembly, for the government of the different Boards, seems to have been entirely overlooked by a large proportion of the churches under our care:—"Any congregation, settled or vacant, which shall fail to contribute to the funds of the church, shall not be entitled to benefit from any of the funds, except by a special act of the Assembly." The consequence is, that out of more than six hundred congregations, not more than about one-sixth have contributed any thing to the Church Extension Fund. But as this mode of operation in promoting the extension of the church among us is yet in its infancy, we doubt not that in future this subject will receive that attention which its importance demands. If the Assembly would see the accomplishment of the important object for which this Board was established, attention must be paid, both by pastors and

\* The report of the Board of Foreign Missions, with the report of the Committee on that Board, will be found in its appropriate place in the preceding records. See pages 76 and 86.

people, to that regulation which declares that "It shall be the duty of the officers of each church to see that every member in their respective congregations is afforded an opportunity of contributing to each of the Funds at least once annually."

During the year the Board have met frequently, as occasion required; and, as our limited means enabled us, have afforded some assistance to different congregations, whose circumstances seemed more especially to appeal to our sympathy. In conformity with the request of the Presbytery of Chicago and the Board of Home Missions, an appropriation was made to the congregation in the city of Chicago. In consideration of the importance of the place, the peculiar difficulties with which the congregation has had to struggle, the persevering and praiseworthy efforts which its members have made to sustain themselves, and the urgent demand for aid, the Board has made an appropriation for the purpose of relieving the Fifth Church, Philadelphia, (under the care of Rev. R. Armstrong.) A small amount has likewise been appropriated to aid the infant congregation in the town of Garnett, Kansas, under the pastoral care of Rev. John R. Slentz. Various applications for aid have been made, to which we would willingly respond, if the congregations under the care of the Assembly would place the means at our disposal. And it is hoped that pastors and sessions will call the attention of our various congregations to the duty of contributing to this Fund, that the Board may be enabled to accomplish something worthy of the character of the United Presbyterian Church, in promoting the extension of the Redeemer's kingdom.

JOHN T. PRESSLY, *President.*  
W. DYER, *Secretary.*

#### REPORTS OF COMMITTEE ON BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION.

##### I.

The Committee on the Board of Church Extension would respectfully report:—That the small amount of funds in the hands of the Board appears to have been judiciously appropriated; and that their appeal for aid to enable them to carry out the great object of their appointment, should be carefully considered by all our ministers and people. Your Committee would suggest the propriety of requiring every pastor, in conjunction with the session, to fix on some day and plan, deemed most suitable, to take up a collection for the Church Extension Fund; enjoining on the pastor to state from the pulpit, on the previous Sabbath, the incumbent duty of contributing liberally, and of so acting, as well as praying, that the kingdom of grace may be advanced. Thus viewing the subject, your Committee would recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

1. *Resolved*, That the action of the Board of Church Extension, during the past year, be approved.

2. *Resolved*, That this Assembly most earnestly recommend to all the ministers, elders, and congregations under its care, to appropriate to this Fund of their worldly substance, as God has prospered them, to enable the Board to carry out the great design of its appointment, in assisting weak and discouraged congregations in securing comfortable houses for divine worship; and to this end direct that a collection for this purpose be taken up in all our congregations.

3. *Resolved*, That Rev. Dr. Pressly, Rev. S. B. Reed, and Mr. Wm. Dyer, whose term of office expires at this time, be re-elected members of this Board.

##### II.

The Committee on the Board of Church Extension, to which was referred the question of agencies for collecting moneys in our congregations, respectfully report the following resolution, and recommend its adoption:

*Resolved*, That congregations in need of assistance to build houses for divine worship, be directed to apply to the Board of Church Extension, receive from them a recommendation to the churches, return an account of the amount collected, and give to the church, through the Board, the necessary bonds, to apply the funds as the directions of the Assembly require.

There is now in the hands of the Board the sum of \$559; and the minimum required for this year will be \$2,000.

WM. EASTON, SAMUEL MILLEN, J. S. BUCHANAN, } *Committee.*  
W. H. PRESTLEY, A. BEVERIDGE, }

#### REPORT OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION.

The Board of Education report:—That, according to the appointment of the General Assembly, which met at Xenia in May last, the members composing the Board met and organized at as early a day as practicable. A circular was pre-

pared, giving notice of the organization of the Board, and of its objects. The circular was published in some of the papers of the church. Since its organization, the Board has had two regular meetings. In the intervals between these meetings, an Executive Committee was empowered to transact any necessary business. Some of the congregations, though an inconsiderable portion of the whole number belonging to the church, have contributed to the funds of the Board; though few of these were among the most numerous and wealthy congregations. The Board has, therefore, not been able to extend all the aid to young men preparing for the ministry which could have been desired; but eight young men have received some aid, which, no doubt, has encouraged them to proceed with their studies.

The whole amount contributed by the churches, is \$308.71; of which \$308 have been disbursed; leaving a balance in the treasury of 71 cents.

DAVID M'DILL, *President.*  
J. A. EDIE, *Secretary.*

#### REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE BOARD OF EDUCATION.

The Committee on the Board of Education report:—That, so far as their information extends, the Board of Education has done all that was in its power, with the limited amount of means at its command, to promote the important interests committed to its care. All that we would now recommend is that the Board be instructed to lay before the people of the church the importance of these interests, through the periodicals of the church, and appeal to them to furnish the needful pecuniary means to enable the Board to carry on its operations with efficiency.

It appears that the time for which Rev. David Macdill, D. D., Rev. James Brown, D. D., and Mr. John M'Clanahan, were elected members of the Board, expires at this meeting of the Assembly. We recommend the re-election of Dr. Brown and Mr. M'Clanahan as members of the Board; and as Dr. Macdill declines re-election, we recommend that Rev. D. A. Wallace, D. D., be elected in his stead.

Respectfully submitted.

JOHN SCOTT, *Chairman of Committee.*

#### FIRST ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF PUBLICATION.

Your Board would respectfully report that, according to appointment of last Assembly, we met at the specified time and place, and organized by choosing James Rodgers as President of the Board; Rev. James Prestley, Vice President; Mr. Charles Arbuthnot, Recording Secretary; and Rev. John G. Brown, Corresponding Secretary. From that time we have met at least monthly, but, for the most part, weekly, for the transaction of business. When constituted, we would have found ourselves unable to do any thing for want of funds, had it not been that the former Board of the Bible and Book Concern of the Associate Synod loaned us the funds at their disposal, amounting to \$1,744.10; one thousand of which was the generous donation of A. Stewart, Esq., of Indiana county, designed by him for the Board of Publication of the United Presbyterian Church. With such a small fund, the Board was unable to carry out, except very partially, the instructions of the last Assembly. All the money at our disposal would scarcely have been sufficient to publish a moderate edition of a moderate-sized book; and until very near the close of the year, but little additions were made to the original sum by contributions. As will be seen from the Treasurer's report, the whole amount contributed to this date, (May 15,) is, by congregations, \$807.06; by individuals, \$552.83; making a sum total, at our disposal, of \$3,103.99.

Judging it best to do one thing at a time, rather than commence several and fail of accomplishing any, owing to the limited means at our disposal, we first commenced with making a selection of suitable books for Sabbath-schools; to which additions have been made from time to time, until we have now collected about 1,200 different books of this description. We have proceeded on the principle of taking good books wherever we can find them. We have all that we consider safe from the catalogues of the Presbyterian Board, the American, the Reform, and the London Religious Tract Societies, the American S. S. Union, the Messrs. Carters, Martiens, Sheldon & Co., Gould & Lincoln, M. W. Dodd, and others. These we furnish, not only at catalogue prices, but with discounts, varying from 10 to 20 per cent., and in some cases even more. No one acquainted with the light, frivolous Sabbath-school literature of the present day, and the corrupting influence that is thereby exerted, will judge that there is not a loud call to furnish our youth in Sabbath-schools with a wholesome religious literature. A British statesman once said:—"Give me the ballad-making for England, and I care not who makes her laws."



So, give mercenary publishers, and Negative Theological Societies, the privilege of supplying the reading matter to our Sabbath-schools, and it is a matter of little moment who has the making of the creeds for the rising generation.

We have also selected a great variety of editions of the holy Scriptures from different publishing houses in this country and Britain. We have been particularly careful to select the best Reference Bibles we could find in both countries; and we hope that Bible-classes will avail themselves of the advantages now offered them to obtain the very best of this useful class of Bibles. No better way of obtaining a knowledge of the holy Scriptures, which are able to make wise unto salvation, than by studying them in the light which is shed from parallel passages, to be found in a good Reference Bible.

It will scarcely be expected that we should have published much through the year, owing to our limited means; yet we have done something in this way. A good friend, who does not wish his name made public, donated us \$500 for publishing the Scriptures; and with this we had an edition of 500 copies, of the medium size, issued; and, with the balance, contracted with a large publishing house in London for an edition of a beautiful and valuable Reference Bible, with the Oxford references. This has been executed, and we expect in a few days to receive the book. Besides these, we have published an edition of King on the Ruling Eldership, which we have put at a low price, and of which we have sold 300 copies in three months.

We have also published a Tract on the United Presbyterian Church, another on Systematic Beneficence, and an edition of the Shorter Catechism, the plates of which were presented to the Board by Mr. Robertson, through Rev. P. Bullions, D. D. We may state here that we have lately purchased the plates of "Brown's Two Catechisms," "Short Catechism for Children," "Shorter Catechism, small," and ditto with proofs. It is our design to publish an edition of each of these forthwith.

In regard to the edition of the Psalms ordered by the last Assembly to be published, a report will be submitted, which, it is hoped, may prove satisfactory.

Besides the money borrowed from the Associate Synod, the proceeds of two Funds came into our hands; namely, the Fund for the aid of weak Sabbath-schools, and the Bible Distribution Fund. The use made of these Funds will appear from reports herewith presented.

Having thus stated briefly what we have been doing through the year, we would next call the attention of the Assembly to what we purpose doing the coming year, and what we wish them and the church to do for us, that we may be able to carry our purpose into effect.

And, 1st. We wish to commence the work of publishing Sabbath-school Books, and rare works of merit, which are not to be had but at an extravagant price. This, however, will require an increase of our capital far beyond what it is at present. We can now but keep up a sufficient supply of Sabbath-school books from the publications of others. We hope that the Assembly will call upon our congregations, and especially such of them as have done nothing for us thus far, to contribute liberally the coming year.

2d. Supplying the weak and destitute with Bibles, and other good books. It will be seen from the accompanying reports, that we have, through the year, granted a number of small libraries to Sabbath-schools, and donations in books to weak congregations. In thus supplying we have done what we could, though far short of what we could have wished, or what was necessary. We can assure the Assembly that there is a great and important work to be done in distributing the Scriptures, and other good books, among those who are desirous to read and be instructed, but are not able to purchase or pay full price. The press, and the preaching of the gospel, are the two great instrumentalities which God is employing for evangelizing the world; and if we are taking measures for supplying the destitute with the preached word, the other grand instrumentality should not be neglected. Our missionaries should be furnished with Bibles, Psalm Books, and works of sterling merit, with which to supply, either at a reduced price, or gratis. The same privilege should be enjoyed by our settled pastors, especially those placed in communities where religious books are scarce; or where there is a Sabbath-school unable to procure a suitable library, such should be assisted in obtaining one. No one can doubt that the circulation of good books, in any of these ways, is calculated to effect much good; and we can offer the Assembly, and through them the church, an agency to carry on the work without cost, either in making collections, or circulating books. We possess facilities for furnishing books at the very

lowest prices, and can circulate them without deducting for that purpose any thing from the funds which may be intrusted to us.

It will depend upon the Assembly to say whether any fund or funds shall be kept up, separate from the permanent fund, as has been the case during the past year; or whether the Board shall be intrusted with discretionary power to make donations, as they may judge proper; the amount to be deducted from the permanent fund.

We would also be desirous that the Assembly should recommend the formation of congregational societies, to aid in collecting funds and distributing our books.

3d. There is another matter to which we feel especially desirous to call the attention of the Assembly, with the view of securing efficient action as speedily as possible. It has long been felt as a want in the bodies of which the United Church is composed, that we had nothing to put into the hands of inquirers, calculated to give them information on many of our peculiar principles. This want has been especially felt by ministers and missionaries in our new settlements. In view of this, should we not have a series of carefully prepared Tracts, or small books at a reduced price, to supply this want? As subjects we would name—Secret Societies—and Strict, as opposed to Open Communion. We would have placed the subject of Psalmody in the same list, but that we have a number of essays and books on the subject, from which a suitable one for publication can be selected. A Tract on Presbyterian Church Government, and on the Distinctive Principles of Calvinism, and a Catechism for the use of young communicants, are also needed. We would desire the Assembly, before rising, to make the appointment of brethren to write on each of these subjects, as speedily as possible; their productions to be placed in the hands of the Board for publication.

We have thus presented to the Assembly a brief abstract of what we have been doing in the past, and also our wishes and purposes for the future. Whether we are able to carry them out fully, and thus prove a benefit to the church, must depend upon the liberality of our congregations. We know, indeed, that the calls upon them from other Boards are very many, and very urgent; and this may lead some to think that our claims may be put off in deference to others more urgent. But let us ask their attention to one thing, in which we differ from every other Board. We only need a sufficient sum for a working capital at the first. Let this be furnished us at once, and it will enable us to do business to some good purpose, and the church will be freed from our importunity for more money. We may, indeed, require something for gratuitous distribution; but this, no doubt, will be furnished to a sufficient amount by individuals and congregations.

As to the ordinary operations of the Board, we wish to make it self-sustaining; and whatever is intrusted to us, will remain as a permanent fund for doing good.

As the time for which Messrs. Rodgers, Prestley, and Robb, were elected, expires at this meeting, it will be necessary for the Assembly to fill their places by election.

All which is respectfully submitted.

JAMES RODGERS, *President.*

*James Rodgers, Superintendent of the Board of Publication, in account with Bible Distribution Fund.*

		Dr.	
1859.			
Oct. 14.	To donation from Mt. Pleasant Congregation,	.	\$6.68
19.	Balance from W. S. Rentoul,	.	23.81
25.	Books sold in Galena,	.	8.00
1860.			
Mar. 2.	Cash from Miss E. Porter,	.	3.00
29.	“ a young friend,	.	1.64
	To balance due the Board,	.	69
			\$43.82
1859.		Contra.	
Oct. 17.	By grant to Tennessee,	.	\$6.68
Nov. 22.	A Bible to a poor boy,	.	50
29.	By grant to S. S., Burlington,	.	2.75
1860.			
Jan. 9.	By grant to S. S., Des Moines,	.	3.50
	“ Bethel, Ill.,	.	1.39
	Amount carried forward,	.	\$14.82

	Amount brought forward, . . . . .	\$14.82
Mar. 17.	By grant to S. S., Leavenworth, . . . . .	5.00
	“ Berea, . . . . .	5.00
	“ Garnett, . . . . .	5.00
21.	“ West Lackawanna, . . . . .	1.00
April 3.	“ Chester, . . . . .	3.00
24.	“ Dubuque, . . . . .	5.00
26.	“ India Mission, . . . . .	5.00
		\$43.82

*James Rodgers, Superintendent of the Board of Publication in account with Sabbath-school Fund.*

1859.	DR.	
Oct. 15.	To cash from a friend, (B.,)	\$50.00
1859.	CONTRA.	
Oct. 17.	By grant to Rev. A. Murray's Congregation,	\$5.00
Nov. 29.	“ Lawrenceville do., . . . . .	5.00
	“ Burlington do., . . . . .	5.00
1860.		
Jan. 9.	“ New Florence do., . . . . .	5.00
12.	“ Des Moines do., . . . . .	5.00
Mar. 21.	“ Leavenworth do., . . . . .	5.00
	“ Berea do., . . . . .	5.00
	“ Garnett do., . . . . .	5.00
	“ W. Lackawanna S. S., . . . . .	5.00
Apr. 24.	“ Dubuque, . . . . .	5.00
		\$50.00

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF PUBLICATION ON A REVISED EDITION OF THE METRICAL PSALMS.

To the General Assembly, &c., the Board of Publication would report, on the subject of preparing “A Revised Edition of the Metrical Version of the Psalms now in use.”

That they have attended to the duty assigned them, and are prepared to present to the Assembly the result of their labours. The Board are of opinion that it is necessary that something be done promptly in this matter. The cause of an inspired Psalmody, and our success as a denomination, appear imperatively to demand that all the inaccuracies in punctuation, the obsolete terms, and false accents, that have grown up in this version from age to age, should be removed, and the version brought up to the present standard of literature and taste. The defects which are found in the version are the result of the changes in the use of words, and in their pronunciation, from one age to another.

The Board are of the opinion that they possess the material for effecting these improvements, which are chiefly verbal, to any extent the Assembly may desire, in an acceptable manner, and without affecting the integrity of the version.

The Board will be happy to submit to the Assembly all that they have done, or to give specimens of it, as the Assembly may direct.

All which is respectfully submitted.

JAMES RODGERS, {  
JAMES PRESTLEY, { *Com. of B. of P.*

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE BOARD OF PUBLICATION.\*

The Committee on the Board of Publication would respectfully report that, upon a careful review of its report, they find that your Board has organized according to the direction of the last General Assembly, and has endeavoured to carry out, as far as possible, its instructions. The importance of this as an instrumentality for good, must appear at once to all. But two things are essential to its complete success—that it have funds; and that it have a cheap medium for the circulation of its publications. We therefore suggest the adoption of the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That our Board of Publication be commended to the liberality of our

\* The Assistant Clerk would state that this paper is so full of interlineations, erasures, &c., that he has had great difficulty in making any thing of it. This must be his apology for any mistakes.

people; and that our ministers be requested to act as agents in circulating its publications.

The next matter to which the Board calls the attention of the Assembly is the felt necessity for a series of cheap Tracts, which shall briefly and plainly set forth the principles of the United Presbyterian Church, her order, usages, and history, and defend her distinctive principles on the subjects of "Strict, as opposed to Open Communion," Secret Societies, Slavery, Presbyterian Church Government, &c. We recommend that the Assembly approve of the measure, and that the whole subject of preparing such Tracts be referred to the Board of Publication, with instructions to prepare one or more Tracts, as in their judgment may be necessary and proper.

And as the Board report that they are ready to report upon the revision of the metrical version of the Psalms now in use, to which they were appointed by the last General Assembly, we recommend that the hearing of their report be made the order of the day for 3½ o'clock this afternoon.

And, finally, as the time for which Messrs. Rodgers, Prestley, and Robb, were elected members of this Board has expired, we recommend that their places be filled by their re-election.—All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. S. M'CREADY, *Chairman of Committee.*

#### ADDITIONAL REPORT OF THE SAME COMMITTEE.

Your Committee, to which was referred the memorial of the Presbytery of Xenia, calling your attention to the propriety of issuing a Tract which shall contain such a summary of our principles, and statement of our order, &c., as a church, as should be suitable for distribution by missionaries and others, would respectfully report:—That inasmuch as the Board of Publication has suggested substantially the same measure in its report to the Assembly, we deem it unnecessary to report farther upon the matter at present.

#### REPORT OF THE BOARD OF HOME MISSIONS.

##### PART I.

##### *Appropriations for the coming year.*

- PRESBYTERY OF BOSTON.—Sutton, \$50; General Missions, \$100.  
 ARGYLE.—Queensbury, 50.  
 NEW YORK.—Eleventh Street Church, 150; Hoboken, 100.  
 PHILADELPHIA.—Bordentown, 200.  
 DELAWARE.—New Kingston, 150; (cond. set.)\* East Springfield, 150; (c. s.) Burlington Green, 100. (c. s.)  
 STAMFORD.—London, 25; Morrisdale, 200.  
 BIG SPRING.—Lower Chanceford, 150; (c. s.) Middle Ridge, 25; Reedville, 50; Huntingdon, 35.  
 CHARTIERS.—Mingo, 150. (c. s.)  
 CONEMAUGH.—General Missions, 350.  
 FRANKFORT.—Cross Creek and connexions, 100.  
 LAKES.—General Missions, 150.  
 MANSFIELD.—Mt. Vernon and connexions, 150 (c. s.) or 100 for supplies; Ashland, 75, (½ time, c. s.)  
 MUSKINGUM.—Mt. Perry, 50; Logan, 50.  
 OHIO.—Youngstown and connexions, 150, (c. s.) or 100 for supplies.  
 WESTMORELAND.—New Salem and connexions, 75; Greensburg and connexions, 75.  
 WHEELING.—Martinsville, 75, (c. s., ½ time.)  
 CHILICOTHE.—General Missions, 100.  
 DETROIT.—Bruce, 60; Nankin, 60; Commerce, 150; (c. s.) Troy and Southfield, 60.  
 INDIANA.—Dupont, 150 (c. s.)  
 MICHIGAN.—Lafayette, 150; General Missions, 75.  
 1ST OHIO.—Mission Church, Cincinnati, 300.  
 SIDNEY.—Hale, Northwood, and Roundhead, 75; Leipsic and Canonsburg, 50; (c. s.) Mt. Gilead, 30.  
 S. INDIANA.—Carmi, 75; New Providence, 75; Portland, 75; Gen. Missions, 100.  
 XENIA.—Wilmington and Reesville, 100; Columbus and Bethel, 100.  
 BLOOMINGTON.—Peoria, 200; Paxton, 150; (cond. stated supply;) Tacusa and Spring Creek, 100; Granville, 100; Chenoa and Big Spring, 100.

\* If the settlement be not effected, no money can be drawn from the Home Missionary Fund.

DES MOINES.—Vandalia, 150; (c. s.) Winterset and con., 100; (c. s.) Chariton, 75; Corydon, 75; General Missions, 150.

KANSAS.—Pottowatomic, 150; Garnett, 150; Wyandotte and Delaware, 50; Hibbert and con., 150.

KEOKUK.—Mt. Pleasant, 200; Birmingham, 25; General Missions, 200.

LE CLAIRE.—De Witte and Camanche, 200; Scotch Grove, 25; General Missions, 300.

MONMOUTH.—Fountain Green and Elvaston, 150; (c. s.) Oquawka, 150; (c. s.) Cameron, 50; Young America, 50; Aledo, 50.

ST. LOUIS.—Centralia, 150; General Missions, 75.

CHICAGO.—Wyoming Valley and Blue Mounds, 50 for supplies, or 150 for pastoral settlement; Rock Run and Big Prairie, 50, (sup.) or 150, (c. s.); Waupacca and Neenah, 100; Neshannoc, 100; Marquette, 1 50; Galena, 200; Ross Grove, 100.

*Special Appropriations.*

BOSTON.—Boston, 150.

PHILADELPHIA.—Kensington Mission, 600; minus the amount raised by that Mission.

VERMONT.—Greensboro', 100.

ALLEGHENY.—Mission in Allegheny City, 300.

MONONGAHELA.—Valley Church, 150.

INDIANA.—Indianapolis, 250.

1ST OHIO.—Second Ch., Cincinnati, 200; Dayton, 300.

NEW YORK.—First Ch., Brooklyn, 200; Second Ch., Brooklyn, 200.

BLOOMINGTON.—Bloomington, 300.

DES MOINES.—Sioux City, 300; (if necessary 100 of this may be used for General Missions;) Des Moines, 300; Nebraska City and Rock Bluffs, 250.

KANSAS.—Three new Missionaries, 900; Leavenworth, 300.

LE CLAIRE.—Dubuque, 250; Iowa City, 200.

CHICAGO.—Chicago, 500; Eden Prairie, Hennepin Co., Minnesota, 350.

TENNESSEE.—Pistol Creek, Blount Co., 150.

DETROIT.—Detroit, 200.

*Settlements made.*

Boston. Lawrence, 1st year, 300. Providence, 1st year, 175.

Caledonia. Sterling, 2d year, 50. Geneva, 2d yr., 50. Cuylerville, 2d year, 50.

Philadelphia. Shippen st. church, 2d year, 100. Sixth church, 125. Seventh church, 150.

Delaware. Cabin Hill, 2d year, 50. Lansingville, 2d year, 125.

Stamford. Port Robinson, 2d year, 100.

Lakes. Beaver Dam, 1st year, 150. Oakland, Kerr's Ridge, and Allegheny, 2d year, 125.

Mansfield. Upper Sandusky, 2d year,  $\frac{1}{2}$  time, 50.

Monongahela. Temperanceville, 3d year, 50. Lawrenceville, 300—special.

Ohio. Stow and Springfield, 1st year, 150. Wellsville, 2d year, 100.

S. Indiana. Scotland, 3d year, 50.

Kansas. Berea, 1st year, 150.

Le Claire. Andrew and La Motte, 3d year, 50.

PART II.

*Distribution of Missionaries.*

FOR THE WHOLE YEAR.—C. Webster and W. Hawthorne, Argyle. H. Connelly, New York. W. G. Reed, J. C. Steele, and Dr. McLean, Allegheny. John Adams and Wm. Carlisle, Big Spring. W. C. Pollock, Bloomington. Dr. Kerr, Monongahela. D. Forsythe, Joseph Walker and Randall Ross, Muskingum. S. W. Clark, Ohio. Alexander Wilson, Thomas Wilson, Jno. Donaldson, and Joseph Buchanan, Steubenville. J. G. Fulton, Westmoreland. Dr. Taggart and Dr. Clark, Wheeling. J. H. Bonner and N. R. Kirkpatrick, Chillicothe. G. Small, Indiana. J. R. Shepherd, A. McCahan, and W. Lind, Michigan. P. Montfort, A. Aten, J. H. Buchanan, R. Gilmore, W. C. McCune, and James Welsh, 1st Ohio. C. T. McCaughan, A. Miller, J. R. Bonner, J. L. Bull, W. W. Templeton, and Joseph Shaw, Sidney. Dr. Beveridge, Dr. Wilson, J. S. McCracken, M. Oldham, and G. W. Gowdy, Xenia. H. McHatton, Bloomington. J. Freetly, J. A. Shankland, and A. Todd, Chicago. Dr. Findley, J. H. Young, A. Pattison, James Miller, Jos. White, D. Pressly, John Graham and W. Douthett, Des Moines. J. R. Slentz, B. L. Baldrige, J. D. Steele, and T. D. Davis, Kansas.

J. G. Austin, Michigan. Dr. Doig and D. Lindsay, Keokuk. Dr. McDill, Robert Ross, M. Bigger, Wm. Townley, M. Morrison, John Wallace, D. McLean, J. C. Hutchison, and W. H. Buchanan, Monmouth. A. B. Cassil and W. B. Rawson, St. Louis. P. D. McNab, Wm. Currie, Dr. McLaren, Wm. Howden, and D. Currie, Caledonia. P. Campbell, John G. Smart, James Law, John Harsha, and Geo. Mairs, Argyle. Dr. Patterson, W. Findley, A. M. Black, and J. P. Ramsey, Mercer. J. S. Maughlin, Des Moines. John McClellan, Detroit. D. B. Jones, Chicago. G. E. McKee, Le Claire.

J. W. Baine. Delaware, 3 months. Monongahela, 3. Westmoreland, 3. Big Spring, 3.

Wm. Melvin. Ohio, 3. Mercer, 3. Muskingum, 3. Wheeling, 3.

Wm. Hutchison. Big Spring, 3. Butler, 1. Michigan, April, May, June.

Wm. A. Campbell. Delaware, August, September, October. Xenia, 3. Bloomington, 5.

R. G. Wallace. Indiana, 3. S. Indiana, 3. Michigan, 3. Detroit, 3.

Wm. Bruce. Conemaugh, 3. Mansfield, 3. Frankfort, 3. Ohio, 3.

J. T. Wilson. Westmoreland, 3. Conemaugh, 3. Big Spring, 3. Mercer, 3.

S. R. Kerr. Sidney, 3. Mansfield, 3. Le Claire, 3. S. Indiana, 3.

Wm. L. Wallace. Chartiers, 3. Phila., 1. Lakes, April, May, June.

Andrew Watson. Allegheny, 2. Chartiers, 2. Chicago, April, May, June.

Jas. A. McKee. Big Spring, 3. Muskingum, 3. Sidney, 3. S. Indiana, 3.

Wm. Smith. Muskingum, 3. Ohio, 3. Mansfield, 3. Lakes, 3.

John Jamison. New York, 3. Chillicothe, 3. Allegheny, 3. Lakes, 3.

R. M. Patterson. Mercer, 1. Westmoreland, 3. Indiana, April, May, June.

D. Thompson. Lakes, October, November, December; Chartiers, rest of year.

Thomas Hanna. Monongahela, 1. Allegheny, 1. Muskingum, 2. Butler, April, May, June.

Jas. Sawhill. Chartiers, 3. Wheeling, 3. Bloomington, 3. Sidney, 3.

J. I. Fraser. Indiana, 3. Detroit, 3. Chicago, 3. Le Claire, 3.

W. R. McKee. Argyle, 3. New York, 6. Allegheny, 3.

W. C. Jackson. Wheeling, 3. Lakes, 3. Ohio, 3. Indiana, 3.

I. N. White. New York, 3. Argyle, 3. Delaware, 3. Chartiers, 3.

D. H. French. Mansfield, 3. Chartiers, 3. Butler, 3. Monongahela, 3.

James Barr. Lakes, 4. Westmoreland, April, May, June.

David Little. Frankfort, 4. Chartiers, April, May, June.

James A. Adair. Butler, 3. Big Spring, 1. Conemaugh, April, May, June.

G. K. Ormond. Monongahela, 3. Sidney, 3. Michigan, 3. Stamford, 3.

J. R. Sturgeon. Chicago, 6. Des Moines, 6.

J. D. Turner. Steubenville, 1. New York, 3. Delaware, April, May, June.

J. A. Campbell. Chicago, 3. Xenia, 3. Mercer, 3. Michigan, 3.

T. F. Baird. Mansfield, 3. Big Spring, 3. Chicago, 3. Le Claire, 3.

S. C. Marshall. Monongahela, 3. Phila., 3. Argyle, 3. Monmouth, 3.

John Wallace. Butler, 3. Muskingum, 3. Conemaugh, 6.

Oliver Katz. Westmoreland, 6. Chartiers, 3. Allegheny, 3.

W. L. McConnell. Westmoreland 6. S. Indiana, 3. Sidney, 3.

Thomas Dysart. Chillicothe, 3. Ohio, 1. Argyle, April, May, June.

J. S. Buchanan. Chillicothe, 9. Le Claire, 3.

Daniel Murphy. Stamford, 3. Le Claire, 3. Lakes, 3. Butler, 3.

J. M. Smeallie. Argyle, 3. Delaware, 3. New York, 6.

A. Herron, D. D. Xenia, 3. New York, 3. Indiana, 6.

A. McHatton. S. Indiana, 6. Chicago, 6.

J. H. Tedford. New York, 6. Phila., 6.

Wm. M. Claybaugh. Allegheny, 2. 1st Ohio, 2. New York, April, May, June.

Jos. McHatton. Mansfield, 3. Michigan, 3. Indiana, 3. Allegheny, 3.

Samuel Graham. Big Spring, 2. Sidney, 2. Keokuk, April, May, June.

W. T. Moffet. S. Indiana, July, August, April, May, June.

James Roger. Chicago, 3. Indiana, 3. Chartiers, 3. Wheeling, 3.

J. R. Bell. Michigan, 3. Steubenville, 3. Detroit, 3. Westmoreland, 3.

Joseph Thyne. First Ohio, 2. Allegheny, 2. Sidney, April, May, June.

R. W. French. Monmouth, September, October, November. Chicago, rest of the year.

G. W. Torrence. Ohio, 3. Vermont, 3. Steubenville, 3. Mansfield, 3.

Hugh Sturgeon. Vermont, 3. New York, 3. Chicago, 6.

p. H. Nash. Detroit, 3. Stamford, 3. Mansfield, 3. Chartiers, 3.

J. C. McKnight. Lakes, 3. Monmouth, 9.

J. A. Morrow. Des Moines, 4, and April, May, June.  
 M. M. Brown. Chicago, 6. St. Louis, 6.  
 James Burroughs. Wheeling, 3. Chartiers, 3. Indiana, 3. Vermont, 3.  
 S. M. L. Kier. Monmouth, 3. Westmoreland, 3. Butler, 3. Delaware, 3.  
 J. K. Black. Des Moines, 3. Keokuk, 3. Chillicothe, 3. Westmoreland, 3.  
 Abijah Conner. Keokuk, 9. Chillicothe, 3.  
 T. W. Winter. Mercer, 3. Wheeling, 3. Vermont, 3. Delaware, 3.  
 A. C. Tris. Des Moines, 3. Big Spring, 3. Westmoreland, 3. Des Moines, 3.

*Special Appointments for the Year.*

James Crowe, Philadelphia Mission. D. Strang, Blount County, Tenn. J. R. McCallister, Dubuque. W. H. Jeffers, Rock Island and Davenport. J. B. Foster, Dayton, Ohio. Alex. McWilliam, Chicago. Thos. Andrews, J. L. Whitla, and E. A. Brownlee, Kansas. Thos. McCartney, Nebraska City and Rock Bluff. Jos. McCartney, first half year, Eden Prairie, Hennepin Co., Minnesota, and \$200 appropriated for this service. The last six months to Presbytery of Le Claire.

PART III.

*Query and Resolutions.*

The Board would present, for the consideration of the Assembly, the following question: Are Presbyteries responsible for the full payment of supplies sent, by the request of their delegate, into their bounds, by the Assembly; they being on the ground and ready for service?

*Resolved*, That when any Presbytery settles a missionary who has appointments unfulfilled in other Presbyteries, it shall be the duty of that Presbytery to supply his place out of the appointments made to them.

*Resolved*, That we call the especial attention of vacancies, missionary stations, and pastoral charges, dependent on the Home Missionary Fund, to the fact that, in order to secure aid they must comply with the Regulations of this Board, which requires each congregation or unorganized nucleus, to raise and forward annually contributions to that Fund,—and, also, a statement of their general condition.

*Resolved*, That we recommend that arrangements be made for the ordination, as soon as practicable, of the missionaries now appointed to Kansas, Nebraska, and Missouri, viz.: Thomas Andrews, J. L. Whitla, E. A. Brownlee, Thomas McCartney, and Joseph McCartney.

*Resolved*, That the sum of \$17,000 is requisite in order to carry on successfully the Home Mission operations of the Church during the coming Assembly's year.

All which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN G. SMART, Chairman.  
 G. W. GOWDY, Sec. pro tem.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE BOARD OF HOME MISSIONS.

The Committee on the Board of Home Missions report:—Among the papers referred to them is one from the Synod of Illinois, memorializing this Assembly on the subject of missionary operations among the Jews in our own land. Regarding this memorial your Committee would state that, in their judgment, the only question to be considered in reference to the establishment of a home mission, having as its object the conversion of the Jews in the United States, is the question of their accessibility to the gospel. If they be accessible to gospel influences in any large degree, under the circumstances in which we find them in our cities, we know of no missionary enterprise promising more wide-spread results, in the evangelization of the world, for promoting which the Jewish people, when once converted to Christ, seem to be so eminently qualified.

We deem it therefore worthy of your attention to institute proper efforts to learn the facts, favourable and otherwise, which might determine the proper course to be pursued in reference to the subject of the memorial, and recommend the adoption of the following resolution, and the appointment of a Committee in accordance therewith.

*Resolved*, That ——— be a Committee, whose duty it shall be to inquire regarding the accessibility of the Jewish people in the United States to the influence of a simple Bible Christianity, and to report to the next General Assembly; and if the results of their inquiry be favourable, also to report any other facts of importance, as connected with such missionary enterprise, and designate, if in their power, a suitable person or persons for the work.

The Executive Committee of the Board of Home Missions having in their report

suggested some changes in the Regulations of the Board, your Committee, after consultation, have determined to report the following:

I. That Art. xiii. be stricken out, and the first clause of it be appended to Art. xii., which will read as follows:—

Art. xii.—“The Executive Committee of the Board of Home Missions shall audit quarterly the accounts of unsettled ministers and probationers labouring in the employ of the Board; and where the labour has been performed, grant orders on the Treasurer accordingly; so that the missionaries may draw their allowance *quarterly*; and in expending said appropriations the Treasurer shall accurately record, in specific detail, the purposes to which they have been applied, and report the same to the General Assembly.”

II. That Art. xiv. be stricken out, and the following substituted:—“That congregations and mission stations, receiving aid from the Home Mission Fund, be required to report to the Executive Committee, at least six weeks before the meeting of the Assembly, upon the following points:—

“1st. Has the missionary been faithful in preaching the gospel—diligent in visiting from house to house—and efficient in organizing and conducting Sabbath-schools and prayer meetings?

“2d. What has been the increase in the membership, by examination and by certificate; and what has been the increase in attendance upon divine ordinances?”

“3d. Has the congregation promptly paid its portion of the salary—and how much has been contributed by them to the funds of the church?”

“4th. Has the missionary received his allowance appropriated by the Board of Home Missions?”

III. That Art. xv. be stricken out.

IV. That the words “and the labour performed,” be stricken out of Art. xvi.

V. It shall be the duty of the Executive Committee to ask, through the periodicals of the church, for volunteers for important mission stations, whose names (if any are offered) shall be submitted to the Board for such places, if deemed qualified.

While your Committee would recommend the above changes for the present, in the regulations of the Board, they feel that other changes are needed; and would therefore recommend that a Committee of — be appointed by this Assembly to revise all the regulations of this Board, and report to the next General Assembly.

This important Board of the Church requires plain and explicit rules for guidance in disposing of the vital interests committed to it; and your Committee are unwilling to undertake so responsible a work of revision in the brief time allowed them during the sessions of the Assembly. If such Committee be appointed by you, we would recommend that they be instructed to devise some plan by which each Presbytery may have the privilege of retaining so much of its contribution to the Home Mission Fund as may be necessary to meet the wants of its own field in the payment of missionaries labouring in its own bounds; such distribution of its funds, however, being subject to the ratification of the Executive Committee.

Your Committee further recommend that said Committee, if appointed, be instructed to devise a plan for the reduction of the [number of] members of the present Board of Home Missions.

In accordance with the above, we therefore submit the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That Rev. R. D. Harper, Rev. Wm. Davidson, and Rev. J. Y. Scouller, be a Committee to revise the Regulations of the Board of Home Missions, and provide a plan for the reduction of the size of the Board, and report to the next General Assembly.

The Committee also find, in the report of the Board, a reference to the Assembly of two requests for appropriations for the year ending July 1st, 1860, additional to those before made; these requests being for \$200 additional to the Presbytery of Monmouth, for Rock Island and Davenport; and \$100 additional to the Presbytery of Kansas. In accordance with their recommendation, the Committee suggest the following:

*Resolved*, That the delegates from the Presbyteries of Monmouth and Kansas be allowed to present their claims to the Assembly.

Since the Board of Home Missions completed their labours, some further information has been presented to us in regard to Eden Prairie, Hennepin county, Minnesota, to which point a missionary and an appropriation are reported by the Board. We recommend the Assembly also to hear the claims of that field presented.

To your Committee were also referred the complaints of the Presbyteries of De-Moines and Philadelphia, concerning the failure of missionaries to fulfil appoint



ments. The evil complained of is a grievous one; and your Committee feel the importance of this Assembly, and the Presbyteries under its care, adopting suitable measures to relieve their mission stations and vacant congregations from the recurrence of these disastrous failures. Some such failures are doubtless unavoidable: others might be obviated, where the missionary cannot appear on the field in person, by his procuring a proper substitute, or giving timely notice to the Executive Committee, or the Presbytery having the care of the congregations to be supplied. Where these steps are not taken, your Committee believe the missionary justly exposes himself to severe censure. Unfortunately, his own Presbytery, to whom alone he is amenable, is often *particeps criminis*—detaining him from the Assembly's designated field of labour, or giving him appointments when detained by his own act. We recommend that this whole subject shall be referred to the Committee on Revision, if such be appointed by the Assembly.

Your Committee, in the absence of definite information regarding the labours and necessities of our missionaries in Oregon, recommend that at least \$500 be appropriated to that field for the coming year, to be distributed by the Executive Committee, with such reference to the labours of our brethren there, and the necessities of their several congregations, as may seem just to them and to the Presbytery.

All which is respectfully submitted.

R. A. BROWNE, J. SHIELDS, W. COLLINS, } Committee.  
G. SMALL, W. H. WILSON,

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## CORRESPONDENCE.

### LETTER FROM THE SYNOD OF THE VAUDOIS CHURCH,

TO THE MODERATOR AND THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

*Dear and beloved Brethren in Jesus Christ:*—In the midst of the solemn circumstances in which our country and our church find themselves, the Synod of the Vaudois Church, re-assembled at La Tour, knowing that your Assembly meets also at this time, deems it expedient to claim, in an especial manner, an interest in your prayers.

We know with what love you are animated towards us; on many occasions you have given us proof of it. This love, sprung from the unity of faith between your church and ours, strengthened by union in ecclesiastical principles and forms, is reciprocal; and it is because we vividly experience it, that in these solemn and critical moments, after looking to God, we naturally turn ourselves to you.

At the time of your reading these lines, our towns and our countries are laid waste through war, and our country's soil is watered with the blood of its defenders.\* At every moment we are expecting one of these great struggles in which thousands of men fall. As to the future, God only knows it. For ourselves, without taking part in any political matters, we are looking forward with confidence, and our heart beating with hope.

Until our God, who is the Lord of Hosts, may have revealed to us his purposes respecting our country, we feel ourselves called upon to follow in spirit through our earnest prayers our king, our army, and our allies, and to ask our brethren to join with us in prayer that God would make justice and equity to triumph.

We are not afraid that our brethren of the United States would declare themselves neutral in this holy cause. They will participate with us; of this we are assured; they will approve of our wishes—they will share in our expectations—they will unite with us in prayer to God that the result of this terrible crisis may be to establish civil and religious liberty in Italy, and to open new doors to the gospel.

Our church, encouraged by new fields opened to her energies, will very soon exert herself. We hope to send thither fresh labourers, in order to proclaim good tidings to those souls hitherto bowed down under the yoke of Rome. Our brethren of the United States will then come to our aid,—of this we are confident, and will support by their sympathies and material aid, our hearts and our hands.

It is this assurance, dear and beloved brethren, which has induced us to address you these few words, praying you to believe us, in the bonds of our holy faith, your very humble and affectionate brethren, in the name of the Synod,

T. P. REVEL, *Prof. Th.*

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\* This was written at the time of the war.

## LETTER FROM THE UNITED PRESBYTERIAN SYNOD IN CANADA.

To the Moderator, and other members of the General Assembly of the United Presbyterian Church of North America, to meet in May, 1860, in the city of Philadelphia, the United Presbyterian Synod in Canada "sendeth greeting."

Beloved brethren in the Lord, the United Presbyterian Synod in Canada, at its meeting in the city of Toronto, in June, 1859, cordially adopted an overture from the Presbytery of London, "setting forth the desirableness of commencing a correspondence, either by letter or deputation, with the United Presbyterian Church of North America; and resolved that Messrs. Skinner and Inglis be a Committee to prepare and address a letter to said United Presbyterian Church in terms of the overture. Mr. Inglis, Convener."

In compliance with this appointment of Synod, and in its name, we congratulate you on the auspicious Union which furnishes the reason for your constitution as a General Assembly.

"Behold, how good and how pleasant a thing it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!" How refreshing and invigorating to yourselves! How stimulating and encouraging to other branches of the church of Christ!

We observe with satisfaction the complete organization of your United Church; exhibiting, as she does, the stately and orderly Presbyterian structure of courts, supreme and subordinate; and, in addition to the preaching of the gospel, and other means authorized by the Divine word for perpetuating herself within the bounds she now occupies, putting forth her strength in widening her influence and diffusing her principles, by her *Boards* of Education, of Publication, of Church Extension, and of Home and Foreign Missions.

"May peace be within her walls, and prosperity within her palaces!"  
Because of the house of the Lord our God, we will seek her good."

Our church desires to fraternize with yours on the stable and avowed principles of our common faith. We may be allowed specially to refer to one point, in connexion with which you occupy an honourable, though not altogether solitary position among the churches of your country, viz., your protest against slavery. Most cordially do we sympathize with you in this matter, and heartily endorse the declaration of your Testimony with regard to it.

Our interest in all that relates to the welfare of your Zion, is augmented by the fact, that both our churches may be regarded as originating in the same parent church in Scotland. By the distinguishing mercy of the great King and Head of His church, both have been honoured in maintaining a faithful adherence to His Testimony; both have held forth a clear exhibition of the "doctrines of grace;" and both have maintained unwaveringly the glorious truths concerning the person, offices, and work of Christ as Mediator.

It may not be unacceptable to give you a brief historical notice of our mission in Canada. The United Associate Synod of Scotland,—always animated by a missionary spirit,—could not with unconcern contemplate the fact that yearly many of her own, as well as of other communions, were leaving their native land, with all its distinguished privileges, for lands where the gospel was only very partially enjoyed. She longed to accompany or follow them with her messengers, carrying the glad tidings of salvation. Accordingly, she organized herself for the prosecution of systematic missionary operations. The field first selected was Canada. In the summer of 1832 she sent forth three chosen men; one of whom, the Rev. James Robertson, had almost only reached the country, when he was taken away by cholera. The other two, the Rev. William Proudfoot and the Rev. Thomas Christie, together explored the country, to ascertain the extent of its destitution. Other missionaries soon followed, to occupy and cultivate the moral wastes. In the autumn of 1834 our Synod had nine missionaries in Canada. She authorized these to constitute themselves into a Presbytery. The missionary Presbytery of the Canadas, in connexion with the United Associate Synod in Scotland, was constituted in Toronto on the 25th December, 1834. This was a day of gladness of heart to the brethren composing the Presbytery. Ministers were added year by year. The infant church grew in influence and extension. By the authority of the parent church, the Presbytery, in 1842 or 1843, resolved itself into a Synod, comprehending four Presbyteries, and declared that it possessed complete and independent jurisdiction. Now, after seasons of varied effort and success, the Synod is composed of nine Presbyteries, with a ministerial roll, in 1859, of 66 ministers, in charge of congregations, and nine probationers. The number of regularly organized congregations was then 116.

In Canada West no civil establishment of religion exists. Still we are more or less affected by all the ecclesiastical commotions in Britain. After the disruption of the Church of Scotland, in which the Synod in Canada, in connexion with that Church participated, many in the Free Church of this province, and in our church, hoped that the time was not far off when the two bodies might become incorporated. Urged on by petitions on both sides, the respective Synods appointed committees to confer with a view to a satisfactory union. At that time their labours were unavailing. Years elapsed, but views favourable to union continued among the people. Some years ago the Synods appointed other committees to promote the great object. A Basis of Union was last year presented to the respective Synods, and, with certain modifications, accepted and sent down for consideration to Presbyteries and Sessions. The difference of opinion refers to the duty of the civil magistrate in matters of religion. Unless a spirit of Christian forbearance shall prevail, this vexed question threatens to keep these churches apart for an indefinite period. This question is no term of communion in the United Presbyterian Church, either in Scotland or in Canada, nor do we consider that it ought to become one.

Canada opens to us an ever-widening home missionary field, in which, besides regularly constituted congregations, we have many promising stations. Our bounds are only limited by the scanty amount of supply and funds at our disposal.

Our Theological Institute, formerly under the able direction of the Rev. William Proudfoot, and now under that of Dr. John Taylor, has to some considerable extent supplied the churches with well-qualified pastors. Still we are to no small extent dependent on Scotland for our supply. The worldly prospects, which a rising country presents, seem to divert the minds of even the pious youth of our communion from considering the claim which the church has on them to consecrate themselves to the work of the ministry.

It is refreshing to learn, from many sources, of the Lord's sovereign and gracious dealings towards his church in reviving His own work, by the outpouring of His Spirit in your own and many other lands. In Canada we can speak but of little of this having been experienced. Still we are not without hope. We also enjoy some tokens of the Lord's kindness. The churches have concord. In many places prayer meetings have lately been established, where hitherto there have been none. Sabbath-schools and Bible-classes are better sustained, and public ordinances are more fully countenanced. We have reason to believe, that at least in many localities, Sabbath desecration and intemperance are considerably abating. Still, within the pale of the church even, there are strong evidences of the deadening and corrupting influence of a worldly spirit, and it is to be feared not a little formality in the observance of secret, social, and public religious observances. May the Lord arise and have mercy upon Zion! May the time to favour her—His set time—soon come!

We have only to add, that should your church consent to reciprocate with us in brotherly Christian correspondence, we trust it will mutually promote the comfort of each, and in part practically realize the prayer of our Divine Master, "That they all may be one, as Thou, Father, art in me, and I in Thee, that they also may be one in us, that the world may believe that Thou hast sent me."

The United Presbyterian Synod in Canada meets in Hamilton, Canada West, on the second Tuesday of June next, and the address of the Synod Clerk is—Rev. William Fraser, Bendhead P. O., C. W.

We are, dear brethren, affectionately yours in the Lord, in name, and by authority of Synod,  
 WILLIAM INGLIS, *Convener*.  
 JAMES SKINNER.

#### LETTER FROM THE SYNOD OF THE REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

Allegheny, May 30th, 1859.

*To the General Assembly of the United Presbyterian Church.*

DEAR BRETHREN:—Your letter containing a resolution of your reverend body, and enclosing a copy of the "Basis of Union" of the United Presbyterian Church, was received during the session of our Synod.

Your kind and fraternal greetings we most heartily reciprocate, and we unite with you in the prayer, "that the great King and Head of the church will direct the way by which the friends of Zion and of the truth shall be led to see eye to eye." We have his sure promise that he will accomplish this in his own time.

The steps by which you have arrived at your present position we have watched with attention and interest. It gives us joy to find in your Basis of Union the statement and assertion of some of the principles for which we have long contended. The supreme dominion of Messiah as Lord of all, "Prince of the kings of the earth," occupies a place in your Testimony, and our hearts rejoice on this account. It is the application of this and kindred principles to the civil institutions of the country, that has placed us in the position of dissenters from a government that ignores the claims of our Prince. In our view it is only by maintaining this position that we can consistently carry out our principles, and succeed in bringing our land into subjection to its Lord and King. Our present standing has been deliberately taken, and in the strength of Divine grace we purpose to hold on, till the great end—the enthronement of the Messiah—shall be effected.

With earnest prayer for your success in every good work, we subscribe ourselves,  
Your fellow-labourers in the cause of Christ,

THOMAS SPROULL, *Chairman of Committee.*

#### LETTER FROM THE GENERAL SYNOD OF THE REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

To the Reverend the General Assembly of the United Presbyterian Church, now in session in the city of Philadelphia:

DEAR BRETHREN,—We the undersigned, the permanent Committee on Union, as you will perceive from the following extracts from the published minutes of Synod of last year, now address you by direction of our General Synod:

"1. *Resolved*, That a fraternal letter be written to the General Assembly of the United Presbyterian Church, conveying information to them of the action of General Synod upon their communication, and assuring them of the high consideration of General Synod.

"2. *Resolved*, That whereas this General Synod, in retiring from the Convention of Reformed Churches in the year 1847, did declare as follows—'*Resolved*, That before making any further direct movement in the matter of church union, time be taken and measures adopted to settle among ourselves the ground upon which the whole church of God may be, and ought to be, united in one organic body; and *whereas*, the time would seem to have arrived when an attempt should be made to consider and answer this question,' the Committee are directed to invite the General Assembly of the United Presbyterian Church to a correspondence, by letter or otherwise, on this subject." (See Minutes of Synod, Philadelphia, May, 1859.)

The Committee very willingly discharge the duty thus imposed upon them. By a copy of the minutes of our General Synod herewith transmitted, you will learn that your kind and respectful invitation to us to enter into an incorporating union with your branch of the church of Christ, was respectfully, but decidedly declined. Our reasons for this are before the public. You will find them in our published minutes. We deem them weighty. You will estimate them as you may think they deserve.

But while we have thus declined an incorporating union with you, as matters stand, we cordially rejoice that there is so much in doctrine, worship, discipline, and government, held in common by you and by ourselves. And we have no wish but that in the service of the cross and of our common Master, the glorified Messiah, your path as a church may be as "the shining light;" while we would not cease to pray that the watchmen upon the walls of Zion may every where soon see "eye to eye, and lift up their voice together, and with the voice together sing." But as it respects the matters embraced in the second resolution of our Synod, above quoted, will you, beloved brethren, direct your attention seriously and prayerfully, with us, to the great subject of ascertaining and settling "the ground upon which the whole church of God may be, and ought to be, organically one?" This subject certainly is of no common gravity. But it must be met. Let us consider it, guided by the light of the oracles, trusting in the Spirit, and exclusively seeking the glory of God and the best interests of the church. Our General Synod has declared that in her judgment, the time for the formal consideration of this subject has arrived. Is this your judgment? We leave the decision of this question with you. We wait a reply.

The present meeting of our General Synod is unusually pleasant and promising. Much has been done, and is being done, not only for lengthening the cords abroad, but for strengthening the stakes at home of the Reformed Church. We have reason

for courage in God. He lives and reigns. His church is dear to him as the apple of his eye. The nations are shaking, and the terror of Antichrist upon his seven hills arrests the attention of the whole world, which has so long wondered after the Beast. The church of God is old, and yet she is young. A glorious future expands before her. All is hers, for she is Christ's. Let us arise and build her walls. Praying that the Head of the church may preside in and over your Assembly, and his Spirit guide in all its deliberations and conclusions, we remain, brethren, yours in the bonds of the common Christianity.

Signed, in behalf of Synod,

JOHN N. M<sup>r</sup>LEOD, } *The Committee.*  
WILLIAM WILSON, }

Allegheny City, May 23d, 1860.

#### REPORT ON A NEW VERSION OF THE PSALMS.

The Committee appointed by the last General Assembly to procure a new and improved version of the book of Psalms, respectfully submit the following report:

The Committee took charge of this work under the following instruction:—  
“Either by selections from versions extant, or the labours of a competent person, endeavour to have such a version in readiness to report to the next General Assembly; that in this work, they be instructed to make fidelity to the original an object of special attention, and that as they progress, they publish the results of their labours in the periodicals of the Church.”

Under the above instruction the Committee elected the plan of selecting the best version extant. After a careful examination of a number of versions, some of them in manuscript, that of Prof. Abner Jones, of New York, was regarded, all things considered, the best and most eligible. The following are the principal considerations which influenced the Committee in their decision:

I. The version of Mr. Jones, as a whole, was regarded as a fair expression of the sense and meaning of the Psalms; and it was supposed that with amendments, it might be made such a version as the church now very much needs.

II. In conciseness, vigour, terseness, and adaptation to music, it was regarded as superior to all others of which the Committee had any knowledge.

III. It is constructed on what may be regarded as an all-important conception of the subjects embraced in each Psalm, and of the unity of each.

It is but just to state that, among the versions and parts of versions examined, that of Rev. John Murray, Geneva, N. Y.; of Prof. Duffield, Princeton College; of Prof. Jacobus, D. D., Western Theological Seminary, Allegheny City; and that of Rev. Mr. Wilson, of Philadelphia, all in manuscript, possess in some respects considerable merit; and while they are creditable to their authors, indicate a hopeful and growing desire to restore the Psalms of the Bible to their proper place in the Christian church.

The Committee held their first regular meeting at Xenia, O., August, 1859. Rev. Thomas Beveridge, D. D., Rev. D. R. Kerr, D. D., Rev. R. D. Harper, and G. D. Archibald, were present.

Letters were received from Rev. Jos. T. Cooper, D. D., and Rev. Alexander Young, D. D., assigning reasons for their absence. Rev. R. H. Pollock and Rev. R. B. Ewing spent some time with the Committee. Prof. Abner Jones, the author of the version selected, was present, and co-operated in the revision and amendment of it. Having gone over the first fifty Psalms, and made such amendments as could be made on the first reading, and as Mr. Jones consented to have made, and having referred such Psalms and parts of Psalms as did not meet their approval, to Mr. Jones, to be amended or re-versed, the Committee adjourned to meet in the fall. A meeting was subsequently appointed for the 16th of November; but owing to the duties of Mr. Jones at home, it did not take place until the 26th of March, 1860. Rev. Dr. Kerr and Rev. R. D. Harper being engaged in preparation for a trip to Europe, were unable to attend the latter sessions of the Committee. Rev. Joseph Clokey, D. D., who had been requested to take the place of Dr. Cooper, and at the suggestion of the latter, co-operated and aided by his counsel. Rev. Mr. Ewing was also with us.

The same general plan was followed as at the former meeting. Such verbal amendments were made on the first reading as seemed important, subject to the approval of the author. The special difficulty encountered in this version, is that of compression in some of its parts. This seems to arise generally, we suppose, from

the plan of the author, rather than from a wilful purpose to drop even shades of thought. It has been the aim of the Committee, as far as practicable, to bring the version as nearly as possible into conformity with the original.

The Committee have on the above plan revised Mr. Jones' book, and also a pamphlet containing eighty versions; and it was their purpose to select from these, as amended, such versions as they felt willing to recommend to the Assembly; but owing to the absence of some members of the Committee, and the want of time, this has not been done. Mr. Jones, in the mean time, has had his Psalms, as amended, stereotyped; and the Committee now think it better to submit the work as a whole to the judgment of the Church, it being distinctly understood that a selection of such versions as may suit our views and purpose may be made therefrom, and that necessary and proper amendments may yet be made on these versions; and, if approved, ultimately used as contemplated by the action of the Assembly of 1859.

In view of the development of musical talent, and the cultivation of musical taste in the present age, a new and improved version of the Psalms is very desirable; and in many parts of the church the call for it is loud and importunate. Shall this call be answered? Shall the reasonable expectations of a large and interesting part of our church be disappointed? Will the church adhere to the policy of compelling the use of a version to which there are so many reasonable objections? Or, will she not rather avail herself of the earliest opportunity to put the Psalter in the hands of the people in the best possible metrical condition? O, that we could furnish a perfect version of the Psalms! Such a version as we may imagine or describe, but which no man can make! In the judgment of some of your Committee, the version of Prof. Jones is so far superior in all the great essentials of a version, that no other which has yet been presented to the church can possibly take its place.

The Committee regard it proper to refer, briefly, in this report, to some of the leading characteristics of this version, and to suggest some things which ought to be borne in mind in forming an opinion of its merits.

I. THE PLAN.—The general plan on which it is made is new, and peculiar to the author, and seems to have been the result of much study, a thorough knowledge of music, and long experience. The author aims to divide each Psalm into parts, according to its musical cadences, or subjects, and to keep the whole, as nearly as possible, within the limits of the original text; or, to use his own language, "The object was to render the whole book of Psalms into easy and flowing verse of various measures, evenly rhymed, with uniform accent, divided according to their musical cadences, and comprised in their own limits; in which their peculiar structure in responsive lines should be kept unbroken, the devout and exalted sentiments with which they every where abound expressed in their own familiar and appropriate language, and the graphic imagery by which they are rendered vivid, preserved entire." This plan of dividing the Psalms according to their musical cadences has not been followed by other versifiers, and is certainly worthy of special notice. An example of the disregard for the natural divisions of the Psalms, as to their subjects, we see in the 1st Psalm, old version, where the description of the ungodly begins with the second line of the 4th single stanza.

From the division of the Psalms according to their subjects, the laws of versification, the indispensable principles of music, and the conciseness of this work, arises that slight abridgment in some instances referred to in a former part of this report. On the plan of this author, the first thing to be determined is, How many subjects does the Psalm contain? Into how many parts, or stanzas, may it be divided?" Having settled these questions, the next thing is to express the sense and meaning in verse adapted to music, to do which is a difficult work, requiring a peculiar combination of talent. Sometimes, in one of these parts, the ideas are amplified, and variously qualified in the text, while in another part they are not. In the former, the versifier finds it difficult to express all the shades of thought; in the latter, he is compelled to perfect his stanza by means of thought deduced from the general tenor of the Psalm. With these difficulties in view, it is not strange to find a little compression in some Psalms and parts of Psalms. Where the divisions of the author are the best that can be made, it is hard to overcome this difficulty. It may be done most advantageously by versifying in longer lines, and then there is a liability to use unsuitable words, and supplementary and irrelevant matter. The 7th Psalm C. M. D., 18th Ps. C. M. D., and 45th H. M., 49th C. P. M., are specimens of versions so generally compressed as to require re-versification.

II. COMPREHENSIVENESS.—In applying this term to the version of Mr. Jones, we mean that it comprehends a great deal in small space; conciseness of language, and fulness of idea; an excellency which will be the more highly appreciated, the longer the version is used. In good poetry a great deal is sometimes fairly implied, which is not expressed in words; it lies underneath the poetic drapery, easily perceived by the mind, though not addressed to the eye. This is one of its great excellencies, and secret springs of power. In proportion as poetry is comprehensive, other things being equal, will its reputation be lasting. The diffuseness of most versions which have been made, tends greatly to weaken their force. The ideas are diluted with redundancies, the fire of the composition partially extinguished, the dramatic spirit lost, and the delightful exercise of singing marred. By reason of the conciseness of this version, many Psalms may be sung at one exercise, which cannot be thus sung in the old version. Each Psalm is generally a unit, made up of parts intimately related to each other; and though any one of these parts may be sung to edification, the dramatic spirit and power of the Psalm are not so fully realized, unless all the parts are expressed in their order and connexion. The 1st Psalm, 24th, 103d, &c., is each one composition, made up of intimately related parts, intended as such by their author; and so long as we are compelled, from the want of a concise version, and music well adapted, to mangle and cut such Psalms into fragmentary parts, our singing of praise must be characterized by comparative weakness.

III. ADAPTEDNESS TO MUSIC.—The leading purpose for which we want a version, is that of singing. It is not for reading principally, it is not that we may have the fullest and best translation of that part of the Bible embraced in the book of Psalms from which to lecture and preach; this we have in the prose translation; but that we may combine the power of truth and the claims of music—that we may sing praise to God, expressing in musical tones those sentiments which the Spirit has furnished. A poetic translation, as literal as the laws of versification and the principles of music will allow, and as the skill of the best versifier can furnish, is what we want. The poetry must be adapted to the music in use, otherwise they had better not be combined. Psalmody and music go together; you cannot think of the one without the other; but do violence to the principle of adaptation in the version, you necessarily fail to accomplish the end of their combination.

The adaptedness of the version under consideration to the great purpose of a version, is peculiarly happy. Rhythm, rhyme, accent, and punctual arrangement, are unequalled by any versions we have examined. While the sentiments flow on in a pleasing and animating succession, the principles of music are never contravened. The variety of metres, and the diversity of feet, adapting it to all manner of circumstances, times, and places, are worthy of notice. Some may regard so many kinds of measures as unnecessary. Twenty years hence there will be no difficulty on this point. The work which the church is now attempting to accomplish is not for the present time alone, but for years to come. Therefore, to make the present attainments of the church a standard, would be unwise. This version, in its present metrical form, meets the *present* wants of the church, and anticipates her *future* improvement.

#### THREE THINGS WHICH SHOULD BE KEPT IN VIEW IN FORMING A JUDGMENT OF THIS VERSION.

1. *Conversion of terms.* Both in poetry and prose this is admissible. In the former, regularly rhymed, it is often necessary. It occurs frequently in our old version. See 67th Psalm. *Lord* is used for *God*; *pity*, for *mercy*. It occurs often in that of Jones. *Praise* is used in the old version for *thanks*, and “*vice versa.*” See 136th Psalm, H. M. The same kind of change will be found in Jones. Sometimes, also, a figurative form of expression is changed into a literal. See 27th Psalm. Jones:—“The Lord is my Saviour and light.” Saviour for salvation. And sometimes a literal form is changed to the figurative. Right is sometimes used for righteousness, &c. And when the theme is continued without interruption, the pronoun is often used instead of a repetition of the Divine name. Words are also sometimes used in an unusual sense.

2. *One translation ought not to be regarded as an infallible test of another.* The precise language of the old version, or of the prose, is not to be looked for in a new version. Translations and versions may differ very much in verbiage, and yet be equally faithful. The version which has been in the hand of the Committee is not by any means an imitation of other versions, but peculiarly the author's own. The common translation is usually followed as to interpretation; but, in some instances, Alexander is followed.

3. *There is no such thing as perfection in this matter.* Perfection has not been attained in former versions, and it should not be expected in a new one. Some one may, and no doubt will, be raised up at a future day to furnish a better version than any extant, but perfection in this matter will never be reached. We believe that with such amendments as may yet be made on parts of the version of Prof. Jones, none can be had at the present time to equal it. It is the result of the labour of more than a quarter of a century, and a combination of talents rarely found in one man. With the statement in reference to farther amendments herein before made distinctly in view, in order that the judgment of the church may be ascertained, the Committee recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

1. *Resolved*, That the version of the Psalms by Prof. Abner Jones, as amended in his new edition, be, and hereby is, submitted to the Presbyteries for examination, and to report their approval or disapproval of so much of said version as is contemplated in the following resolution to the next General Assembly.

2. *Resolved*, That a Committee of five be appointed to make selections from said version, and also such amendments as may be necessary and proper, making fidelity to the original a special object, and that they publish the amended selections in a cheap pamphlet form, at least three months prior to the meeting of the next General Assembly. G. D. ARCHIBALD, *Chairman of the Committee.*

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

The Committee on the Narrative would respectfully present the following report:

We have endeavoured to examine the forty-two Presbyterial reports presented to this General Assembly with a good degree of care, and would now present as the result of our labours the following summary:

**LICENSURES.**—The following nineteen young men have been licensed, during the past year, to preach the everlasting gospel as candidates for the holy ministry; viz., James Crowe, W. H. Buchanan, Joseph A. Morrow, J. T. Wilson, W. L. Wallace, Andrew Watson, W. M. Claybaugh, W. T. Moffet, J. H. Adair, I. N. White, Thomas H. Hanna, D. H. French, W. M. Bell, J. H. Tedford, S. H. Graham, R. M. Patterson, T. F. Baird, S. C. Marshall, W. R. Hutcheson.

**ORDINATIONS.**—The following thirty persons have been ordained to the work of the holy ministry, viz., J. T. Torrence, J. C. Nevin, John Edgar, L. Marks, W. Cook, J. P. Robb, John H. Young, J. M. Jameson, W. J. Robinson, Marcus Ormond, W. L. Wilson, S. C. Ewing, W. Waddle, W. W. Barr, J. S. M'Cullouch, J. C. Truesdale, W. A. M'Connell, G. W. Torrence, Wellington Wright, W. J. Wallace, Thomas J. Kennedy, John L. Aten, W. H. M'Farland, James A. Shankland, D. C. Niven, J. E. Taylor, J. L. Robertson, A. R. Anderson, Sample Ramsey, Josiah Stevenson. Of these brethren Rev. Messrs. J. C. Nevin and S. C. Ewing have been set apart as missionaries to carry the gospel to distant China.

**MINISTERIAL ADDITIONS.**—During the past year eleven have been added to the number of our ministry from various other portions of the Church:—Rev. Drs. Guthrie and Herron, from the Reformed Presbyterian Church; Rev. Messrs. W. S. Ransom, and D. Pressly, (licentiate,) from the Baptist Church; Rev. W. Townley, from the Presbyterian Church, (O. S.); Rev. D. Murphy, from the Presbyterian Church, (N. S.); Rev. T. D. Davis, from the A. R. Church, South; Rev. James Rogers, from the Presbyterian Church, Canada; John Edgar, from the A. R. Presbytery of New York; Rev. Daniel Todd, from the U. P. Church, Canada; and Rev. John Service, from the Presbyterian Church of Ireland.

**NEW CONGREGATIONS.**—The following twenty-two congregations have been organized during the past year:—Centralia, Youngstown—5th Church, Pittsburgh—4th Church, Allegheny City—Lawrenceville; Olena, Fountain Green, Morrisdale, Paxton, Apple Creek, Burnstown, Mingo, Garnet, Atcheson, Newburgh—West 29th Street, N. Y.—Plaingrove, Brownsdale, New Salem, Saltsburgh, Wurtemberg, and Big Spring.

**PASTORAL SETTLEMENTS AND RELEASES.**—There have been fifty-one pastoral settlements during the past year, while in thirty instances the relation has been dissolved. It has pleased the Head of the church to remove three of our number from their respective fields of labour to the place of rest, where, we doubt not, "they rest from their labours, and their works do follow them:"—Rev. S. W. M'Cracken, on the 10th September last; Rev. B. Boyd, on the 3d February; and Rev. W. G. M'Elhany, on the 20th inst.

There has also been an encouraging increase in the number of those who propose devoting themselves to the work of the holy ministry, and who, during the



past winter, have been in attendance at our Theological Seminaries. In this increase of candidates for the sacred office we would recognise the loving-kindness of the Head of the church in answer to the prayers of his people "that he would send forth labourers into the harvest." And as faithful labourers in the vineyard of the Lord is what is specially needed for the extension and prosperity of our beloved Zion, every indication which gives promise that this want is being supplied should be hailed with delight, and at the same time animate and encourage the church in her wrestlings with her glorious Head to rise to the adoption of the high and holy resolve, "I will not let thee go except thou bless me."

We would also direct the attention of this Assembly to the fact that nineteen young men have been licensed to preach the gospel, during the past year, as candidates for the holy ministry. While this number falls far short of meeting the wants of the church and the world to the extent desired, yet, when we remember what the Head of the church *has* accomplished by the instrumentality of twelve humble fishermen, and connect with this the holy promise, "Lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the world," may we not hope for good results from the labours of these young men?

During the past year, thirty of those previously licensed to preach the gospel have been set apart to the office of the holy ministry, by the laying on of the hands of the Presbytery, and settled, either in pastoral charges, or placed in important missionary stations. We would recognise in this arm of the church's power the means of great good in our part of the vineyard of the Lord. As it has pleased God to ordain, "by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe," every accession to the ranks of the ministry is an addition to the means by which the King of Zion will "subdue to the obedience of faith" the nations of the earth.

In this connexion it may not be improper to advert to the fact that during the past year, eleven persons, from various other portions of the household of faith, have been added to the number of the watchmen upon the walls of our beloved Zion.

We would record the loving-kindness of the Lord towards us as a church, as manifested in the increase of our congregations. Over twenty new organizations have been effected in the past year—in places, and under circumstances, which give promise of much good.

There have also been about fifty-one pastoral settlements during the year. This, your Committee would regard as an indication of improvement in the right direction. We feel clear in declaring the relation of pastor and people to be of God's appointment. Every movement, therefore, which results in the consummation of this relation, should be the occasion of devout thanksgiving to the Head of the Church. While, however, we would record with gratitude these marks of the Divine presence and favour, we may not pass over in silence events of an opposite character.

In no less than thirty instances has the pastoral relation been dissolved during the past year. True, in a number of instances, the relation has been dissolved so as to allow the pastor's whole time to a part of his charge. But while this is freely admitted, still there is reason to mourn over the frequency and facility with which pastoral relations are dissolved. If the relation be an ordinance of God for the good of his church, surely its dissolution ought to be regarded as a special calamity to any church. Who that has seriously and thoughtfully read the warnings of the Great Master to the churches of Lesser Asia, can fail to be impressed with this conviction? Would that pastors, congregations, and Presbyteries, could always act under a profound sense of that seasonable and solemn warning! Then would we hope that the number of pastoral releases would be greatly diminished.

Your Committee would notice, with gratitude to God, the fact that not only are meetings for prayer and conference among Christians more numerous and frequent, but that the attendance upon such meetings is encouragingly on the increase, while the exercises are usually conducted with great propriety and deep solemnity. Such means of grace form an element in the power and influence of the church of Christ, which we cannot over-estimate. It is prayer that enlists, on the side of the church, the power that supports and directs the universe. And while we call to our remembrance the promises of our blessed Saviour, "Where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them"—"Where two or three shall agree as touching any thing to ask it of the Lord, he will do it for them," we cannot but hail the increase of these meetings for prayer as an indication for good. And while we must not conceal the statements made in the reports which have passed under review, in relation to a want of concord and harmony

in portions of our beloved church—even though limited in extent—while we must not forget reports in relation to worldly-mindedness, and the neglect of family and personal religion—as also the neglect of the proper religious training of the rising generation—yet would we not despair. In this element of the church's power we have a sovereign remedy for all these evils, however formidable.

Through this means may an influence be obtained that will not only subdue every unholy feeling in the soul, but that will bind in holy affection and love, hearts which may have been alienated. Here, too, may be sought and obtained an influence to change the heart whose affections are entwined around the things of earth, so that, purified and elevated, they shall grasp the things of heaven. Here, too, we must go to obtain the communication of that power under whose influence the impenitent are to be awakened—the anxious inquirer to be directed—the wanderer to be reclaimed, and the lost to be saved. Then should these meetings for prayer and conference be encouraged and aided by all who love the prosperity of Zion.

Your Committee have also been pleased to notice the increased attention given to the instruction of the young by the organization of Sabbath-schools, and the formation of Bible-classes. It is not too much to say that the young are the hope of the church. From their ranks must arise the future ministry, eldership, and membership of the church of God. And we feel that we hazard nothing by the declaration, that the character of their early training will leave its impress upon their influence for life. How important the exhortation, "Train up a child in the way he should go," and how encouraging the promise, "And when he is old, he will not depart from it!" It gives us no little pleasure to notice improvement in this department of the church's labours; and could we but know that the institution of the Sabbath-school was in all cases wisely conducted, "our joy would be full."

All which is respectfully submitted by the

COMMITTEE.

#### FIRST REPORT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Of the General Assembly of the United Presbyterian Church of North America, to the second General Assembly of said church, to convene at Philadelphia, on the 23d day of May, 1860.

The first General Assembly of the United Presbyterian Church appointed the following named persons as a Board of Trustees, and authorized them to act as incorporators, and instructed them to procure from the commonwealth of Pennsylvania articles of incorporation, under which said Trustees shall hold in trust for the use and benefit of the several funds of said church, all lands, tenements, permanent funds, and other property, under the supervision and direction of the General Assembly.

In pursuance of their appointment and instruction, said Trustees met at Pittsburgh, Pa., on the 6th day of December, 1859, and proceeded to organize by electing John Alexander President, Graham Scott Vice President, James M'Candless Treasurer, and David Reed Secretary.

Your Board examined various acts of incorporation granted to religious bodies for similar purposes to those which we contemplate, and believe those granted by the State of Pennsylvania to be the best. By the aid of good legal counsel, we prepared, and after various meetings and full deliberation, adopted an act of incorporation which we have had duly passed into a law, and approved by the commonwealth of Pennsylvania on the 22d day of March, 1860, and we herewith present and recommend the same for your acceptance and adoption, as the charter of the United Presbyterian Church of North America.

We also report that at your present meeting it is necessary that you elect two additional Trustees, who, with the seven elected last year, to wit, James M'Candless, Graham Scott, John Alexander, Thomas M'Cance, William Getty, William M. Bell, and David Reed, will constitute a full board of nine members, in compliance with the provisions of the charter.

For securing the convenience of assembling a quorum at short notice, (which requires five members,) your Board respectfully suggest that you select the two members to be elected from Pittsburgh or its neighbourhood.

In accordance with the further instructions of the first General Assembly, your Trustees also submit for your amendment, or approval and adoption, with the view of having the same permanently published in all the periodicals of our church, the following statement of the benevolent objects to which our members are desired and expected to contribute; also legal forms of bequest to the various funds of the church.

The following are the different Funds of the United Presbyterian Church of North America, which its members and friends are respectfully requested to aid by donation or bequest:—FOREIGN MISSION, HOME MISSION, PUBLICATION, EDUCATION, CHURCH EXTENSION.

In making a bequest, it will be necessary to mention the particular fund or funds it is desired to aid. If more than one, separate blanks should be filled up for each. A form of bequest of money, or other personal property, is herewith annexed.

*Form of Bequest.*—I do hereby give and bequeath to the Trustees of the General Assembly of the United Presbyterian Church of North America, and authorize my executor, administrator, or legal representative, to pay over the same to them, (or their Treasurer for the time being, or other properly authorized agent,) to be appropriated by said General Assembly to the \_\_\_\_\_ Fund of the said Church.

When money, or other personal property, is bequeathed, the foregoing forms will be legal in all the States; but when real estate is to be bequeathed, the bequest must be made in conformity with the laws of the State in which the property is situated. *Therefore good legal advice should be had when real estate is given or bequeathed to the Church.*

All of which is respectfully submitted by the Trustees.

JOHN ALEXANDER, *Chairman.*

Philadelphia, May 28, 1860.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BILLS AND OVERTURES ON COVENANTING.

The Committee to which were referred the memorials of the Presbyteries of Chartiers and Frankfort on the subject of "public, social covenanting," submit the following report:

The United Presbyterian Church, in her Confession of Faith, maintains that "religious oaths and vows are parts of the worship of God," which are to be observed "in their several times and seasons;" and in her Testimony, has distinctly declared that "public, social covenanting, is a moral duty, the observance of which is not required at stated times, but on extraordinary occasions, as the providence of God and the circumstances of the church may indicate." According to this exhibition of our principles, there is here a distinct recognition of the duty of public social covenanting, as a matter of moral obligation. But it is not, like the duty of sanctifying the Sabbath, to be observed at stated times. While the word of God, which is the only rule of faith, teaches the duty, it is the providence of God which indicates "the times and seasons" of its observance. The same remark will apply to the duties of solemn fasting and thanksgiving. These are important duties, but the observance of them is not required at stated times. Not only is the observance of these duties not required at stated times, but there are times when the observance of them would be inconsistent with their peculiar nature and design. The question was once proposed to our Lord, "Why do the disciples of John and the Pharisees fast, but thy disciples fast not? Jesus said unto them, Can the children of the bride-chamber fast while the bridegroom is with them? As long as they have the bridegroom with them, they cannot fast. But the days will come, when the bridegroom shall be taken away from them, and then shall they fast in those days." From the answer which our Lord gave to the inquiry proposed to him, we learn that there are times when fasting is a duty to which the providence of God calls us. But there are times, when the observance of this ordinance would be as inappropriate as the "sewing of a piece of new cloth on an old garment." Of the same general nature is the duty of public social covenanting. To the observance of this duty, the church may be called. But to engage in the observance of it, without a providential call, is to lose sight of the peculiar nature of the ordinance itself.

The question, then, which presents itself for consideration, in order to determine what is our duty as a church, is, Does the providence of God indicate a call to engage in this duty at the present time? Is there any thing in the divine dispensations towards us as a church, of such a marked character, as to manifest that it is the will of God that we should now engage in the observance of this extraordinary duty?

When we take a comprehensive view of the condition of our beloved church, and consider what God has done for us, we are certainly not without cause for devout thanksgiving to God. Our efforts, both at home and abroad, to extend the limits of the kingdom of our Lord and Saviour, have been crowned with an encouraging degree of success; new fields of labour have been opened up; and there is an increase, as we hope, of devoted labourers in the vineyard of the Lord. For

these things, we would thank God and take courage. But, at the same time, we must acknowledge that when we consider how little we have done, compared with what we ought to have done, and what we might have done, had we been sufficiently imbued with the love of Christ, we see much cause for humiliation before God. But we are not able to see that there is any thing in the dispensations of God's providence towards us as a church of such a peculiar character as to indicate a call to engage in the extraordinary duty of public social covenanting with God at the present time.

Your Committee would, therefore, recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

*Resolved*, 1. That it is the duty of pastors to instruct their people in relation to the nature of the duty of public social covenanting, and the proper seasons for its observance, in common with other religious duties.

*Resolved*, 2. That pastors and sessions should carefully observe the dispensations of Divine Providence; and if the circumstances of congregations furnish a call, and it is deemed for edification, that they engage in the observance of the duty. (For 3d resolution, see Minutes, pp. 82, 85.)

All which is respectfully submitted.\*

JOHN T. PRESSLY, *Chairman*.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BILLS AND OVERTURES ON DIVISION OF FIRST SYNOD OF THE WEST. †

The Committee on Overtures, to which was referred the petition of the First United Presbyterian Synod, on the subject of a division of Synod, respectfully submit the following report:

The petition of the Synod is, that two new Synods be formed out of it; one to be called "The Synod of Pittsburgh," including the Presbyteries of Big Spring, Conemaugh, Westmoreland, Monongahela, and Chartiers; the other, "The Synod of Muskingum," comprehending the Presbyteries of Steubenville, Wheeling, Muskingum, and Mansfield. And further, that in the event of the petition being granted, the Theological Institution now under the care of the First United Presbyterian Synod of the West, be in the possession, and under the control, of the three Synods jointly.

Your Committee would recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the petition of the First United Presbyterian Synod of the West be granted, and that the Synod of Pittsburgh meet in the city of Pittsburgh on the last Wednesday of September, 1861, to be constituted by Rev. David Blair, or his alternate, Rev. M. H. Wilson. And that the Synod of Muskingum meet on the same day, in the city of Steubenville, to be constituted by Rev. J. B. Johnston, or his alternate, James Duncan.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN T. PRESSLY.

#### PETITION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY. †

The Presbyterian Historical Society would respectfully represent to the General Assembly of the United Presbyterian Church, that our Society was organized in 1852, having for its object the stimulating of historical researches, and the collection and preservation of the materials of Presbyterian history.

Originating in Charleston, S. C., in connexion with the meeting of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in that city, it was originally composed almost exclusively of persons belonging to that body, and was early recognised with favour by the General Assembly. Subsequently it has been favoured with the countenance and co-operation of the other branch of the Presbyterian Church, of the Associate and the Associate Reformed Churches, of both branches of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, and of the United Presbyterian Church, members of which are valued members of the Executive Committee.

In respect to the objects for which the Society was organized, its labours, although silent and unobtrusive, have been eminently successful. A library, rich in historical treasures, has been collected, numbering 2,450 volumes, about 8,000 pamphlets, numerous files of newspapers, and a large mass of manuscripts of the greatest value, besides an extensive collection of portraits and other mementoes of the sainted dead.

Heretofore these collections have been deposited in the room of the Board of

\* So much of this report as was re-committed, is omitted from the published minutes.

† Referred to next General Assembly.

‡ Petition granted, and the Society commended to the liberality of our people.

Education of the Presbyterian Church; to the officers of which we are greatly indebted. But the place is too narrow for our increasing stores; our meetings are liable to incommode the officers of the Board; our library is exposed to danger from fire, which would involve irreparable loss; and our entire destitution of funds renders impossible such arrangements as are necessary in order to render our collection fully available to the explorer. In every aspect of our enterprise we are embarrassed and straitened for want of funds.

Some branches of the Presbyterian body have recommended our Society to the liberality of their churches; but we have not felt at liberty to avail ourselves of this favourable notice without the general sanction and co-operation of the denominations whom we represent.

We therefore respectfully represent our case to your venerable body, and pray the General Assembly to recommend our Society to the favour and liberality of the churches, for the pecuniary means which are requisite for the successful presentation of the objects contemplated in our constitution, intimately related as they are to the purity and prosperity of Zion, and the honour of her glorious Head.

Herewith we submit a copy of our fifth annual report, containing our constitution and charter.

SAMUEL J. BAIRD, *Cor. Sec.*

SAMUEL AGNEW, *Treasurer and Librarian.*

BENJ. J. WALLACE, THOS. H. BEVERIDGE,  
JOHN B. DALES, ALFRED NEVIN,

GEORGE DUFFIELD, JR., T. W. J. WYLIE,  
SAMUEL O. WYLIE, SAMUEL HAZARD.

#### REPORTS OF PRESBYTERIES.

ALBANY.—According to appointment of Synod in October last, the United Presbytery of Albany was organized at Albany, Nov. 9th, 1859, after sermon by Rev. Addison Henry, from Heb. xiii. 1, "Let brotherly love continue." Rev. Dr. Bullions was chosen Moderator for the ensuing year, and Rev. Samuel F. Morrow Stated Clerk. There are under the care of Presbytery six settled congregations, namely, Albany, Troy, Florida, Perth Centre, West Charlton, and Johnstown, and no vacancies. Mr. Thomas Sanson was admitted a student of theology, and has preached once before Presbytery. He has chosen to pursue his studies at Princeton. It is great cause of thankfulness that peace, and harmony, and cordial friendly intercourse prevail amongst us, and a practical adherence to the principles of the United Presbyterian Church.

P. BULLIONS, *Moderator*; S. F. MORROW, *Clerk*.

ARGYLE.—On the 4th of November last, according to the direction of the Synod of New York, the Presbytery of Argyle was organized out of the Presbyteries of Cambridge and Washington, and now occupies the territory formerly included in these two Presbyteries. On March 28th, Rev. G. H. Robertson was released from the pastoral care of the congregation of Hebron, and furnished with a certificate of ministerial standing. On May 1st, Rev. Wm. Hawthorn was released from the congregations of Hemmingsford and Hinchinbrook. On August 21st, Mr. Wm. R. McKee was called to the congregation of West Hebron.—On the state of religion we have nothing particularly encouraging to report; for, while the ordinances are well attended, the accessions to the membership respectable, and the liberality of the people commendable, yet we are sorry to say that there is not that peace, and harmony, and brotherly love in our bounds, which are desirable, and which the interests of religion demand. That you may enjoy, &c.

J. B. DUNN, J. A. DUFF, *Committee.*

BOSTON.—In compliance with the direction of the Synod of New York, the United Presbytery of Boston was organized in the city of Lawrence, Mass., Oct. 18, 1859; Rev. A. Blaikie, senior minister, presiding. Our geographical limits comprise the States of Massachusetts, Connecticut, and Rhode Island. Our ministerial members are Rev. Messrs. A. Blaikie, Wm. M'Laren, John M. Herron, James Dinsmore, and James Williamson. Our congregations are Boston, Fall River, Thompsonville, Lawrence, Sutton, and Providence.—As yet we have but little business to report beyond the regular routine. In November a call was moderated in the vacancy of Providence for Mr. R. G. Wallace, which was declined, chiefly on account of indisposition. That congregation having subsequently prepared a call for Mr. John P. Robb, a licentiate of the Presbytery of Wheeling, he was, April 27th, ordained and settled in that congregation, and his name was added to our roll.—This Presbytery would respectfully, but earnestly, memorialize the General Assem-

bly to establish at once a Delegate Travelling Fund, to which all our congregations, settled and vacant, shall be enjoined to send annual contributions. Without such Fund it is almost impracticable for the weaker and more remote sections of the Church to have a representation in the Assembly. And it is precisely this bearing of each other's burdens, which is the practical fulfilment of Christ's law.—In requesting appropriations for the coming year, our schedule was arranged on the most economical scale practicable, and we hope they will not be razed. We do not ask for a dollar that we could dispense with.—Although our congregations all have settled pastors, there are several important points within our bounds where missionary operations should be commenced at once, if we only had one or two efficient men for such work, and the means for their support. Having neither, we are constrained to sit still and see these places occupied by other denominations, who are sufficiently hostile to our distinctive views and usages. Shall this continue? Help us to occupy the field which lies before us, ripening to the harvest, and there is every reason to believe that we will have, within a few years, a prosperous and efficient New England Synod. But the work must be done soon, or the ground is lost to us as a denomination.—All which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN M. HERRON, *Stated Clerk*.

CALEDONIA.—In accordance with the order of the Synod of New York, at its last meeting in Coila, N. Y., this Presbytery, after sermon by Rev. Dr. M'Laren, was constituted by him with prayer, in the city of Rochester, on the 25th of October last.—Under the old organization, Mr. J. L. Robertson, a licentiate of the Presbytery of Stenbenville, having accepted a call from the church in Geneva, and having been regularly transferred to us, was, on July 11th, 1859, ordained to the work of the ministry, and installed pastor of that church. The call addressed to him by the Houston Street Church, New York, was declined.—On Nov. 16, 1859, Mr. John Edgar, a licentiate of the A. R. Presbytery of New York, having been received under our care, and having accepted a call from the church in Sterling, was ordained to the work of the gospel ministry, and installed as its pastor.—On Dec. 6, Mr. W. J. Robinson, a licentiate of the Presbytery of Washington, having a call from the Beulah Church, and having been transferred to us, was ordained to the work of the ministry, and installed pastor of that church.—In the good providence of God all our churches are now happily settled, and they are all enjoying a good degree of peace and prosperity.—The sum of \$450 was assessed upon us to be collected for the Home Mission Fund; but, though our churches have made considerable exertions, we have not been able to raise it by nearly \$100. We cannot help thinking that too large an amount has been assessed upon us.—All which is respectfully submitted.

D. S. M'HENRY, *Moderator*; W. S. M'LAREN, *Clerk*.

DELAWARE.—A good degree of spirituality is manifested by most of our congregations, and some have experienced an unusual increase in membership since the organization of Presbytery, on the 9th of November last.—The congregations of Burlington Green, East Springfield, and New Kingston, are ripe for settlement, and are inviting fields for missionary labour.—Since the organization of Presbytery, Rev. Wm. C. Somers has been settled in the congregation of Hobart, and a mission station established at Bloomville with the most encouraging prospects.—Some of our congregations have failed to take up their apportionments for missionary purposes.—The Presbytery would respectfully ask that the constitution of the Board of Church Extension be so amended, that no money can be appropriated to any congregation, without said money, and interest thereon, being secured by bond and mortgage to the Trustees of said Board, upon the real estate of said congregation; mortgage and interest to be called for only when the congregation and church property pass into another ecclesiastical connexion.

NEW YORK.—The United Presbytery of New York was, according to appointment of the Synod of New York, constituted in Jane Street Church, New York city, on the evening of Nov. 9th, 1859, by the Rev. Alexander M'William.—Connected with this Presbytery are ten settled, and two unsettled ministers, and four vacancies.—Rev. H. Connelly was received on certificate from the Presbytery of Boston.—On the first Tuesday in December, 1859, a congregation was, by appointment of Presbytery, organized in Newburgh, Orange county, under the name and title of the First United Presbyterian Congregation of the town of Newburgh; and on the 20th day of the same month, a congregation was organized in New York city, under the name of the West 29th Street United Presbyterian Church, into the charge of which the Rev. John Service was inducted on the 3d Thursday of February.—Rev.

Alexander M'William, of Graham's Church, was, at his own request, loosed from his pastoral charge in the beginning of this month.—Although we lament the existence of coldness, worldliness, and want of proper spirit, on the part of some of our people, we yet gratefully acknowledge the work of the Spirit in the quickening and reviving of others. P. S.—Since this report was made, information has reached the members of Presbytery of the removal, by death, of the Rev. W. G. M'Elhany, of Hoboken.—All which is respectfully submitted. JOHN BRASH, *Clerk*.

PHILADELPHIA.—The United Presbytery of Philadelphia was constituted at Oxford, Pa., October 25th, 1859, by order of the Synod of New York. It comprises eleven ministers and twelve congregations. We have the following items to report:—Sept. 26th, 1859, the ordination and installation of Mr. W. W. Barr, by the Associate Presbytery, in the Shippen Street Church, Philadelphia.—Oct. 25th, 1859, at the first meeting of the United Presbytery, steps were taken, which have been actively followed up, to aid suitable young men in preparing for the work of the ministry. We have at present two young men under our care at Westminster College.—Nov. 22, 1859, Presbytery adopted a plan for conducting systematically the work of Presbyterial Visitation.—March 27th, 1860, Mr. Andrew Watson, student of theology, was dismissed, to connect himself with the United Presbytery of Allegheny.—At the same meeting, Presbytery recognised the Kensington mission as a mission station under its care. Mr. James Crowe, licentiate, has been labouring in that field since the beginning of April.—We have ground of complaint against several of the young men appointed to supply in our bounds. Out of twelve months' supply appointed us we received but two. Mr. J. G. Armstrong, sent to us for four months, and Mr. W. J. Robinson, sent for two months, both failed to come into our bounds, in consequence of their acceptance of calls elsewhere. Thus a mission station, commenced with encouraging prospects, was necessarily abandoned, after receiving about two months' supply. We ask the Assembly to take measures to prevent itinerants from disregarding their appointments, for the purpose of accepting calls, or of seeking some more inviting field. It is useless to commence missionary operations, unless reliance can be placed with some degree of certainty on the supplies assigned us by the Assembly.—The following account of the state of religion amongst us is based upon reports from nine of our twelve congregations:—*Prayer Meetings*. In these nine congregations (all in Philadelphia) we have over thirty prayer meetings, most of which are very well attended and interesting. Three of them are conducted entirely by young persons. These nine congregations hold a monthly concert of prayer for missions; and their pastors and elders also meet monthly for prayer and conference.—*Sabbath-schools, &c.* Each of these congregations has a Sabbath-school, one of which is believed to be the largest in the church, and most of which are in a prosperous condition. One congregation reports an addition of twenty-six members from its Sabbath-school during the year. Several of the schools have contributed very liberally to the funds of the church. Six of the congregations have flourishing Bible-classes; and one has a large and very interesting class in the Confession of Faith. One of our elders teaches a Sabbath class of persons from sixty to eighty years old.—*Attendance*. Four congregations report an improved attendance; two large and rapidly increasing; two remain about the same; in the rest, as far as known, the attendance is, all things considered, encouraging.—*Increase*. In three congregations there have been large additions; in two the increase has been very good; in three it has been smaller than usual, several applicants having been kept back, and a number of members having removed.—*Family Worship*. In five congregations family worship is almost universally observed; in two, owing to some peculiar circumstances, its observance is not so general. One of our Sessions refuses baptism until the parents satisfy them as to their attendance to this duty.—*Intemperance*. Two congregations report a few individuals who are in the habit of using intoxicating liquors, and one person in each engaged in the sale of such liquors. Sessions, however, are dealing with these offenders, and hope soon to have these evils removed. So far as known to Presbytery, these are the only persons in their bounds engaged in this sinful traffic.—*Contributions*. With two or three exceptions, our congregations have contributed liberally to the funds, some of them averaging from \$8 to \$12 per member.—*Discouragements, &c.* Some of our pastors complain of the prevalence of a formal spirit, and the want of genuine and fervent piety.—Much difficulty is experienced, in the case of persons coming directly from the world, in bringing them up to any thing like a proper standard of Christian conduct.—Two of our churches are badly located.—The multiplication of Sabbath eve-

ning services, in our own and other churches, has a tendency to interfere with family catechising, by drawing both parents and children away from home on that evening.—But the greatest discouragement of all is our own weak faith, languishing graces, and feeble efforts as labourers in the Lord's vineyard.—*In general*, we believe that we are justified in reporting a favourable and improving condition of things in the congregations under our care, and in expressing the opinion that we are not without manifest tokens of the working of God's Spirit, in answer to our prayers, and in connexion with our very imperfect labours; and for all such manifestations we desire to give thanks and praise to the God of all grace.—Respectfully submitted. By order of Presbytery. THOS. H. BEVERIDGE, *Stated Clerk*.

STAMFORD.—We have but little of importance to relate in this our annual report, except in the way of testifying to God's continued goodness to us as congregations, as ministers, and as a Presbytery. The ordinances of religion have been regularly dispensed in all our congregations, and generally well attended; and we believe that they have been the means of doing good, in building up the children of God in faith and comfort, and in bringing others to the knowledge of the truth. Sabbath-schools or Bible-classes are organized, we believe, in all our pastoral charges. We are cheered by the greatly increased liberality displayed by nearly all our congregations toward the various missionary schemes of our United Church. The second week of January was observed as a season for special prayer, by our own congregations, as well as by other Presbyterian bodies in Canada.—Notwithstanding these evidences of spiritual improvement, we have to lament the prevalence of unbelief and coldness of heart, and the want of love to Christ and of devotion to his cause. The things of this world are too eagerly sought, and the things of Christ neglected.—At Morrisdale, in Huron county, a preaching station was established during last year; but in consequence of both the persons appointed to our bounds failing to appear, we have been unable to grant it more than about four months' supply. Two brethren of other Presbyteries kindly volunteered to assist us for a short time during the winter. At this station the attendance has been very encouraging; and on the 8th of the present month, a congregation was organized there with about twenty members; and we are confident that with proper care it will soon become one of our strongholds.—Respectfully submitted.

ROBERT M'ALLISTER, *Moderator*; D. H. GOODWILLIE, *Clerk*.

VERMONT.—In accordance with the order of the Synod of New York, the Presbytery of Vermont was constituted at Barnet, Vt., on May 14th, 1860, by Thos. Goodwillie, senior minister and pastor in the Presbytery.—In the settled congregations the ordinances of religion have been observed during the past year, and additions made to the number of their members. In all the congregations, public and social prayer meetings and Sabbath-schools are still maintained. The preachers sent into this Presbytery by the Assembly have punctually fulfilled their appointments. The congregation of Ryegate has given a call to Mr. R. G. Wallace to become their pastor, which has been sustained by Presbytery, and is herewith transmitted to the Assembly for presentation to the candidate. In case it is not accepted, the congregation petition the services of one preacher for the whole year.—The Presbytery respectfully request the Assembly to have question-books prepared and published on the books of Scripture, especially the New Testament, and on the Standards of our Church, to be used by the catechumens in our Sabbath-schools. Such books, suited to the ages and capacities of the various classes of learners, would have a beneficial influence upon the rising generation, to produce soundness and steadfastness in the profession of their faith, as well as promote the knowledge of religion.—Respectfully submitted.

GAWN CAMPBELL, *Moderator*; THOS. GOODWILLIE, *Clerk*.

ALLEGHENY.—At a meeting of Presbytery 21st June last, Marcus Ormond, a probationer under the care of the Presbytery of Monongahela, was received on certificate. At a subsequent meeting, 23d August, W. L. Wilson, a probationer under the care of the Presbytery of Chartiers, was received on certificate, when a call from the united congregations of Ohio and Raccoon was presented to him, and by him accepted. At the same meeting, Marcus Ormond, who had previously delivered with acceptance the usual pieces of trial, was ordained and installed pastor of the united congregations of Hookstown and Tumlinson's Run. J. T. Wilson having delivered with acceptance the prescribed pieces of trial, was licensed to preach the gospel as a probationer for the holy ministry. At our meeting 20th September, W. L. Wilson, after having delivered the usual trial exercises, was or-



dained to the office of the holy ministry, and installed pastor of the united congregations of Ohio and Raccoon.—W. L. M'Connell was dismissed with certificate to unite with the Presbytery of Westmoreland.—At a called meeting of Presbytery 19th October, the Rev. Thomas C. Guthrie, D. D., of the Ref. Presbyterian Church, having signified his cordial approbation of the Standards of the U. P. Church, was, with his pastoral charge, received under the care of the Presbytery.—Andrew Watson, student of theology, was received on certificate, from the Presbytery of Philadelphia.—At our meeting, 4th April, in consequence of the continued ill health of our brother, Rev. James Rodgers, D. D., at his request, and with the concurrence of the congregation, the pastoral relation was dissolved. At the same time the pastoral relation between the Rev. B. F. Sawyer and his congregation was dissolved, and at his own request he was dismissed with certificate. At our meeting, 9th May, J. H. Timmons was received on certificate from the Presbytery of Wheeling; and having received and accepted a call from the congregation of Tarentum, and having delivered to the satisfaction of Presbytery the prescribed exercises of trial, his ordination and installation will take place, according to appointment, on the 14th of next month.—The pastoral relation between Rev. J. C. Steele and the congregation of Manchester, at his request, on account of feeble health, and with the concurrence of the congregation, was dissolved.—At the same meeting Samuel C. Ewing, who was appointed by the General Assembly a foreign missionary, was ordained to the office of the holy ministry. Messrs. W. L. Wallace and Andrew Watson, students of theology under our care, were licensed to preach the gospel as probationers for the holy ministry.—With regard to the state of religion, we have nothing of special interest to report. It has not been our privilege to witness any remarkable effusion of the Holy Spirit; yet there are some pleasing indications of God's gracious presence with us. Meetings for prayer and Christian conference have been more frequent than in times past, and an ardent desire seems to prevail that God would arise and display his power and the riches of his grace in the conviction and conversion of sinners, and the edification and comfort of his people. Encouraging accessions have been made to most of our congregations, and a growing interest is manifested in efforts to promote the extension of the kingdom of our Lord and Saviour.

JOHN T. PRESSLY, *Committee.*

**BIG SPRING.**—By direction of General Assembly at its last meeting, the United Presbytery of Big Spring was organized on the 8th of June, 1859, by electing Rev. Joseph M'Kee Moderator, and Rev. Wm. M'Elwee Clerk, and was constituted with prayer by the Moderator.—Since our organization as a United Presbytery, the following business has been transacted. At our meeting in June, 1859, Rev. F. M'Burney was released from the pastoral charge of the congregation of L. Chanceford, and Presbytery united the congregations of Hopewell and Guinston, so as to form a pastoral charge, and the two congregations of Lower Chanceford into another pastoral charge. At the same meeting a call from the congregation of Hopewell, for one-third of Rev. F. M'Burney's time, was presented to the candidate, and accepted; and on the 10th of August, 1859, Bro. M'Burney was installed pastor of said congregation.—At a called meeting, held in Perryville, August 11th, 1859, a call from the congregation of Big Spring, addressed to Rev. Jno. G. Brown, of Pittsburgh, was sustained as regular, and transmitted to the candidate's Presbytery (Monongahela) for presentation. By request of Bro. Brown this call was returned to the Presbytery of Big Spring, and transmitted to the congregation.—At our meeting in Chambersburgh, Sept. 14, 1859, a joint call from the congregations of Mechanicstown and Glade Run, transmitted to us by the Presbytery of Steubenville, and addressed to Rev. Joseph Boyd, was presented to the candidate; and, at his request, Bro. Boyd was allowed time for consideration. The above call has since been accepted, and Bro. Boyd transferred to the Presbytery of Steubenville.—At our meeting in Mercersburgh, April 11th, 1860, Rev. Jas. A. M'Kee was received on certificate from the Presbytery of Chicago; and Mr. J. R. Johnston was also received as a student of theology of the first year, on certificate from the Presbytery of Mercer; and Rev. Messrs. Shields, Bruce, and Adair, directed to superintend his studies, and assign him subjects of trial and improvement, until the opening of the Seminary at Allegheny.—The state of religion within our bounds is, on the whole, encouraging. Sabbath-schools, Bible-classes, and prayer meetings, are well attended, and the word and ordinances of grace sought after and appreciated. That you may enjoy, &c. By order of Presbytery.

WM. M'ELWEE, *Clerk.*

**BUTLER.**—The state of religion within our bounds, during the past year, has been in some respects greatly on the increase. The attendance on a preached gospel

has been good, very encouraging accessions have been reported, and greater interest in prayer meetings, Bible-classes, and Sabbath-schools. A considerable number of our vacancies have secured settled pastors, and several promising young men have put themselves under the care of Presbytery as students of theology. Under the blessing and guidance of Zion's King we have enjoyed a good degree of spiritual prosperity, and peace and harmony prevail amongst us.—The following items may be of some interest to the Assembly:—Rev. A. Irons having accepted a call from the united charge of Portersville and Mountville, was received on certificate, and has been installed. Rev. Wm. P. Breaden accepted a call from Fairview for one-half of his time, and has been installed. Rev. A. R. Rankin accepted a call from Centreville for one-half of his time. Rev. Wm. A. Black accepted a call from the united charge of Varnum and Unity, and has been installed. Rev. Jas. B. Whitten having been received into our Presbytery, accepted a call from Plaingrove for one-half of his time. A call from Glade Run, addressed to Rev. Wm. Melvin, lies on the table of Presbytery. A call from the united charge of Unity, Clintonville, and Scotch-Hill, addressed to Mr. David Forsythe, has been forwarded to the candidate. Mr. R. M. Patterson has been licensed as a probationer for the ministry. Rev. Wm. Smith was released from Rich-Hill, and Rev. John Jamison from Freeport and its connexions. Two new organizations, Plaingrove and Brownsdale, have been formed. Messrs. James W. Buchanan, Thomas Balph, E. N. McElwee, Wm. D. Ralston, and Thomas M. Seaton, have been received under the care of Presbytery as students of theology. All which is respectfully submitted. By order of Presbytery.

WILLIAM GALBRAITH, *Moderator.*  
JAMES A. CLARK, *Clerk.*

CHARTIERS.—The past year has been one of unusual religious interest in our bounds. The spirit of prayer and of missions seems to have imbued the hearts of our people generally. Owing to a dispensation by which the hopes of the husbandman were blighted, we had feared that there would be a great lack in our contributions to the different funds of the Assembly, but we are gratified to find that most of our congregations have honoured the Lord with a liberal portion of their substance.—The week for prayer designated by our brethren of Lodiana, was generally observed, and much good, we think, has resulted.—In July Mr. I. N. White, and in April Mr. Thos. H. Hanna, were licensed to preach the gospel.—The Rev. David Thompson and T. W. Winter were received on certificate from their respective Presbyteries.—Our boundaries have been diminished by the erection of a new Presbytery, called Frankfort. Three pastors, and five congregations, have been thus taken from us. However, the congregations of Canonsburgh and Wheeling have been received: the former from the Presbytery of Monongahela, and the latter from the Presbytery of Wheeling. A prosperous congregation has been organized at Muntown, called Mingo, and a small congregation has been organized at Burnstown.—Mr. A. R. Anderson has been settled over the congregation of Venice. The Rev. J. C. Herron has accepted a call from Chartiers Cross Roads, and will be installed on the 3d Tuesday of June.—A unanimous call for the Rev. J. A. Mc'Kee, from the united charge of Wheeling, Heads of Wheeling, and Burnstown, has been made out and transmitted to the Presbytery of Big Spring for presentation. The Rev. B. Boyd, pastor of Pigeon Creek, was removed by death, Feb. 3d. In this dispensation we have sustained a serious loss, as well as the congregation in which he laboured so acceptably. He was an earnest, faithful, and eminently godly minister. The theological students under our care are James S. Barr, James W. McNary, Thomas J. Wilson, John Melvy, and W. T. Melvy. We trust that you may be led to devise liberal things for the advancement of Christ's cause in the world. And may the God of truth watch over you, and pervade your hearts with a spirit of love and unity!

JOHN B. CLARK, *Clerk.*

CONEMAUGH.—Among our congregations there appears a growth in divine things, as manifested by the attendance given to teaching and sealing ordinances, and the attention paid to the religious instruction of the rising generation. Bible-classes, Sabbath-schools, and prayer meetings, have been generally formed in our settled congregations, and also in some of our vacancies. Our people are manifesting each year a deeper interest in the missionary operations of the church, both at home and abroad.—As far as practicable, the second week of January was observed as a season of prayer.—The following business items have been transacted:—Rev. S. Anderson was installed in Olivet congregation; Rev. Wm. Conner in Conemaugh, and Rev. M. H. Wilson in Crete. Rev. J. C. Truesdale was ordained and installed

as pastor of the congregations of Brookville, Jefferson, and Beech Woods. Mr. J. H. Adair, after passing through the usual forms, was licensed to preach the gospel. Mr. Wm. M. Graham was received as a student of theology of the second year. Respectfully submitted. By order of Presbytery.

BYRON PORTER, J. C. GRIER, *Commltee.*

FRANKFORT.—By order of the first Synod of the West, the Presbytery of Frankfort was constituted Oct. 26, 1859, consisting of eight settled pastoral charges and three vacancies. Since then Rev. J. L. Purdy has been received on certificate from the Presbytery of Conemaugh. At our October meeting a call from the congregation of King's Creek was addressed to him, and by him accepted, and he has since been installed pastor of said congregation.—Although we have not been called to witness any special manifestation of the Spirit, yet our numbers are gradually increasing. Many of the baptized youth of the church have been received into our communion upon examination and profession, and a respectable number of adults have been baptized. While we are constrained to say that some of our congregations have been delinquent in supporting the various funds of the church, yet an increased liberality has been shown in others. While worldly-mindedness is lamentably prevalent, and many are misled by that delusive promise, "All these things will I give thee if thou wilt fall down and worship me," yet we are clear in saying that prayer meetings within our bounds were never so numerous, so frequent, or so well attended. From all this, we are encouraged to hope that the Head of the church is, in some degree, at least, owning our labours.—Before closing this, our first report, we take the liberty, which we trust will be heartily accorded, of suggesting to the Assembly the propriety of preparing a form of Covenanting, to be used by such of our congregations as may feel themselves called to the duty. This business has been attended to by the supreme judicatories of other churches, acknowledging Public Social Covenanting to be a moral duty; and, as seems to us, the Assembly must attend to it ere long, or otherwise the 17th Article in our Testimony will become a nullity, and in a few years be discarded as an unseemly excrescence. Those buried out of sight, however loved, are soon forgotten; and, in like manner, sacred duties and usages quickly perish from the minds of men, if they are not exhibited in the doctrine and practice of the church. It is not our wish that the good old way of Covenanting should be forgotten and disused. We would greatly prefer to know that ministers and people, throughout the length and breadth of our beloved Zion, were saying one to another, "Come, let us join ourselves to the Lord in a perpetual covenant, that shall not be forgotten." This would fill our hearts with the cheering confidence that Christ's truth and cause will not merely outlive ourselves, but prosper and flourish in the generations that are yet to come. We hope, therefore, that the Assembly will prepare a Bond for Covenanting at the present meeting. And we trust, fathers and brethren, that your labours in this business will not be in vain. Some congregations, and perhaps many, ere long, will use the Bond, signing and sealing unto it. Many godly persons of our church, and some, it may be, in sister churches, will be led to engage in personal covenanting, and helped in this important duty by your labour; and even those who may never engage directly in Covenanting, personal or social, will be made to understand more clearly what is meant by covenanting with God; and some of them, at least, will also feel what weighty and solemn obligations lie on us of the United Presbyterian Church to hold fast what we have received. It is said in our Testimony, Article xvii., that "covenanting is seasonable in times of reformation, when the church is returning to God from a state of backsliding." It seems to us that the present is such a time. If the Assembly should concur in this opinion, may we not hope that, having prepared the Bond, they will also recommend the consideration and the use of it to all the brethren that are with us, and even to those who are scattered abroad? That the Wonderful Counsellor may preside in your meeting, and direct all your deliberations, is our fervent prayer. By order of Presbytery.—WM. M. McELWEE, *Moderator*; JAS. HAGERTY, *Clerk*.

LAKES.—Thos. J. Kennedy was ordained September 6, 1859, and at the same time installed pastor of the charge consisting of Jamestown and Kinsman.—John L. Aten was ordained Feb. 8, 1860, and at the same time installed pastor of the congregation at Beaver Dam.—Rev. Joseph McClintock was furnished with a certificate of standing and dismissal, dated September 7, 1859.—Rev. Wm. Bruce was released from the pastoral charge of Adamsville congregation, Feb. 8, 1860, and at the same time furnished with a certificate of standing and dismissal.—Rev. James Burroughs was released from his pastoral charge, Feb. 8, 1860, and has since

been furnished with a certificate of standing and dismissal, dated April 19, 1860.—Rev. H. H. Thompson was released from the pastoral care of Meadville congregation, May 1, 1860, and the whole of his time given to Cochranon.—Presbytery has under its care, as students of theology, Messrs. Isaiah W. Collins and J. H. Bailey, both of the second year.—*State of Religion*: While in a few localities there are evidences of some indifference, and causes at work favourable to a declining state of religion, yet in general we find throughout our bounds very encouraging signs of the being and progress of grace. True, there is no special revival among us to record; but nowhere have we to report a failure, or even an indifference in attending upon the preaching of the word; nowhere among the congregations, where they have been organized, have we to report any thing unfavourable of Sabbath-schools. On the contrary, we have reason to believe that at the present time they are highly prosperous, and exerting a salutary influence. Prayer meetings, we believe, are generally well attended, and the number of these organizations is, doubtless, much increased of late. Still, we have to report some neglect and seeming decline, in reference to this social exercise. It is to be feared there is not always that studious care to impart and preserve a spirit of interest in these meetings. However, generally speaking, it must be said prayer meetings have been well sustained in our bounds. Contributions for the past year, considering the financial circumstances of our section, have been reasonably good, and in some instances there has been increased liberality. While there are some things which ought not to be, we would report that harmony and peace prevail; and, all things considered, there is before us the highest encouragement to be diligent, and persevering, and faithful.—Jos. A. COLLINS, *Moderator*; Jos. H. PRESSLY, *Clerk*.

MANSFIELD.—Mr. D. H. French was, on the 1st of June, licensed to preach the gospel. At the same time Mr. W. A. M'Connell accepted a call from Mill Creek, Keene, and connexions, and was soon after ordained and installed in that charge.—On the 15th of June, Rev. J. L. M'Lain accepted a call from Chesterville, Sulphur Springs, and Alum Creek, and was soon after installed in that charge. At a subsequent meeting, Rev. J. P. Scott accepted a call from Detroit, by which Millersburgh has been added to the number of our vacancies. At the same time James Black was taken under the care of Presbytery, and has since been pursuing his studies at Allegheny. On the 15th of November, a call from Mt. Vernon was presented to Rev. S. M. Hutchinson for one-half his time. Not being prepared to decide, he asked that he might not be required to do so till after this meeting of the Assembly; which request was granted. At the same time, Mr. Wm. Ritchie was received as a student of theology, on certificate from the Presbytery of Chartiers, and has since been prosecuting his studies under our care. The congregation of Haysville asked and obtained the pastoral labours of Mr. Ashenbust the whole of his time, which leaves the congregation of Savannah vacant. On the 10th of April, Rev. R. G. Thompson accepted a call from Sandusky for one-fourth of his time. Also Rev. R. Gailey was released from the Pine Run branch of his charge. At the same time it was resolved to ask the General Assembly to take into consideration the propriety of preparing a Bond for Covenanting; and we hereby respectfully call your attention to this subject.—*State of Religion*: We have nothing flattering to record; and yet we feel that it would be ungrateful to withhold our acknowledgment that our reward from the hands of Zion's Head has been fully equal to our labours; and that if we have reaped sparingly, it is because we have sown sparingly. Fathers and brethren, though we dare utter no word of boasting, yet we do feel that God has been greatly encouraging us. We are his witnesses that he has been faithful to his word of promise, "Open thy mouth wide, and I will fill it." In proportion as we have desired it, he has fed us with the finest of the wheat, and satisfied us with honey out of the rock. We have reason to believe that there has been in the congregations under our care an increasing interest in the word and ordinances. Our labours have been evidently successful in proportion to our earnestness, faithfulness, and perseverance in them. Our efforts to establish prayer meetings, Bible-classes, and Sabbath-schools, have been crowned with success. Many of our people gratefully acknowledge the goodness of God in giving them a little reviving in their waiting upon him, especially in meetings for social prayer. We have indeed been encouraged in our labours from the consideration that the people under our care have shown a disposition to follow as fast, at least, as we have been prepared to lead. We have not pressed these things in vain. We cannot record large accessions to our numbers; still, from our gradual increase, we are encouraged to persevere in our efforts. May the great Head of the church direct you, and bless your deliberations. J. Y. ASHENBUST, D. PAUL, *Committee*.

MERCER.—The roll of the ministerial members of this Presbytery stands as it did a year ago. Death has not invaded our number, and it has pleased the Head of the church to bless us with continued health and ability to labour in his cause. In July last Rev. Wm. Findley was installed pastor of Shenango congregation, in which he labours half his time. At our meeting in April the pastoral relation between father Neil and Mt. Jackson congregation was dissolved. At the same meeting James Crowe was licensed to preach the gospel, and furnished with a certificate to the Presbytery of Philadelphia.—We have under our care six students of theology; three of the first year, and three of the second.—The attention of the Assembly is called to the following resolution, passed at our last meeting:—“*Whereas*, The church of God is one in her original organization; one in the objects at which she aims, and the end she proposes to accomplish; one in subjection to her common Head and Lawgiver; and one in the rule of her faith and obedience; *and whereas*, this is especially true of the Presbyterian Church, so happily organized by what is called the Second Reformation, which brought forth what are usually known as the ‘Westminster Standards,’ by which uniformity in doctrine, worship, and church government was attained—a uniformity which cannot be discovered in the present day; *and whereas*, we believe that the divisions and want of uniformity found in the church, especially in the Presbyterian Church, is traceable to a departure from the fundamental principle of Protestant covenanted Reformation, according to which ‘worshipping God in any other way than he has appointed in his word, was declared a violation of the second commandment; *and whereas*, the General Assembly of the Old School Presbyterians, to which we stand related by many endearing ties, and the General Assembly of the New School Presbyterian Church, yet faithful in many things, have adopted generally as the matter of their praise, hymns and various poetic effusions, unknown to the canons of revealed religion, and also directly opposed to that great principle of Protestant faith ‘that the Divine appointment of any ordinance or usage is necessary to entitle it to any respect;’ and, as Hezekiah, king of Judah, sent messengers and circulars to the scattered tribes of Israel, exhorting them to unite on the primitive forms of worship, so should we, in faithfulness and charity to our brethren; therefore, *Resolved*, That we petition, and do hereby petition the General Assembly of the United Presbyterian Church to address a fraternal letter to these Assemblies, and also to the Synod of the Free Presbyterian Church, calling their attention to the Psalmody of the Church; to the duty of ‘keeping pure and entire all such religious worship and ordinances as God hath appointed in his Word;’ and the sin of separation among brethren for any reason not involving truth and duty.”—Also, Presbytery would memorialize the General Assembly, That, inasmuch as the Church is the light of the world, it is her province to admonish and instruct all ranks and classes of men respecting their duty to God, and that the kingdoms of this world are promised to our Lord and Saviour as integral parts of his kingdom. They should be seasonably instructed in the doctrine of their subordination to him. Especially should nations be admonished, who have been guilty of “framing iniquity by law,” of the sin and danger of setting themselves “against the higher power.” In this way the right of the church to make “senators understand wisdom,” is of high authority and long-established use. And having learned that there is a determination, on the part of some of the citizens of this confederacy, to re-open the *foreign slave-trade*, we respectfully, but firmly, in the name of God, humanity, and religion, protest against involving our nation in the sin and shame of this traffic—a traffic condemned by the laws of our own country, and held in utter detestation by the whole civilized world. In like manner we would protest against what is called “*The Fugitive Slave Law*” of 1850, as expressly opposed to the letter of God’s holy law, and contrary to the spirit of the Christian religion; and not only so, but calculated to induce upon our otherwise happy and prosperous country that barbarism which it is the object of our common Christianity “to banish from the world.” All which is respectfully submitted. By order of Presbytery. W. A. MEHARD, *Clerk*.

MONONGAHELA.—Since our first annual report, two new congregations have been organized within our bounds: one on the 16th day of October last, in Pittsburgh, called the Fifth United Presbyterian Church, Pittsburgh; the other in January last, in Lawrenceville, to be known as the First United Presbyterian Church, Lawrenceville. The former, soon after its organization, made a call for Rev. S. B. Reed, who had been previously released from the pastoral charge of the First Church; and he was, on the 28th of February, installed as their pastor. The latter made a call for Rev. W. H. Andrew; which was on the 28th of February accepted by him, on the condition that the salary promised by the congregation be supplemented by

the addition of \$300 from the Board of Home Missions. Mr. Andrew was on the 15th of July last released from the pastoral charge of the Canonsburgh congregation; and this congregation was subsequently, by order of the First Synod of the West, transferred to the care of the Presbytery of Chartiers.—Mr. J. C. Nevin, who had been chosen by the General Assembly which met in Xenia, in May last, a missionary to China, was by this Presbytery, on the 30th September, ordained to the office of the holy ministry, and soon after left our midst for his distant field of labour. Mr. L. Marks having previously accepted a call from Union congregation, was, on the 11th of April, ordained and installed pastor of said congregation.—S. Woodburn and Robert Boyd have been admitted as students of theology under our care: the former of the second, the latter of the first year. On the 27th December last, Mr. Wm. Claybaugh, a student of theology under our care, was dismissed on certificate, to place himself under the care of the First Presbytery of Ohio.—Respectfully submitted.

H. K. Lusk, J. C. Boyd, *Committee*.

MUSKINGUM.—The following is a statement of our operations for the past year:—*Dissolution of Pastoral Relations*: Rev. R. Ross released from Sharon. Sept. 13, 1859. Rev. Jas. M'Neal, from Barlow and Bethel, April 10, 1860.—*Dismissions*: Rev. J. H. Peacock to Presbytery of Steubenville, Aug. 11, 1859. W. G. Waddle, licentiate, to Presbytery of Wheeling, Sept. 29, 1859. W. M. Graham, student, to a sister Presbytery, same date. Rev. Thomas Brown to Presbytery of Sidney, Dec. 27, 1859. J. A. Morrow, student, to Presbytery of Monmouth, Feb. 7, 1860. Rev. S. Findley, D. D., to Presbytery of Des Moines, April 10, 1860. Rev. Jas. M'Neal, to unite with some other branch of the church, same date.—*Receptions*: W. H. M'Farland, licentiate, from Presbytery of Wheeling, Dec. 27, 1859. Rev. J. C. Murch, from same Presbytery, April 10, 1860.—*Settlements*: Rev. Wm. Lorimer installed in Antrim, June 14, 1859. Rev. Jas. M'Neal in Barlow and Bethel, June 11, 1859. W. H. M'Farland, ordained and installed in Cambridge and Northfield, Feb. 7, 1860. Rev. J. C. Murch, installed in New Concord, April 10, 1860.—*Licenses*: T. F. Baird, June 28, 1859. S. C. Marshall, Oct. 26, 1859.—*Students received*: J. R. Boyd, J. P. Sanky, T. P. Patterson, T. P. Proudfit, J. M. Buchanan, and S. F. Clark, on examination, Oct. 26, 1859.—*State of Religion*: We have nothing either very encouraging or discouraging to report. We have had no very marked evidence of God's displeasure, nor have we had any special evidence of his gracious presence, or of the abundant outpouring of his Spirit. On the one hand, we have much reason to be humbled on account of our many sins and shortcomings; our coldness and lukewarmness in the service of God; the want of burning love for the souls of men; the want of brotherly love, as manifested in the jealousy, strife, and contentions, by which the peace of the church is so frequently disturbed; the want of honest attachment (in some cases) to the distinctive principles of the United Presbyterian Church, as manifested by an unwillingness to hear the law of God applied to some of the sins in this nation, against which the United Presbyterian Church has lifted a testimony, and their success, in some instances, in keeping the pulpit silent on these sins. On the other hand, we have much to encourage us. The preaching of the word, as a general thing, we believe to be faithful and seasonable. Public worship is well attended, and a marked interest taken in the means of grace by the people generally. Family worship is, with few exceptions, regularly attended to. There is a marked increased interest taken in prayer meetings and Sabbath-schools in our bounds. Our youth show a great respect for the house of God and the means of grace. The days set apart by the last General Assembly for religious exercises in the congregations, were generally observed.

WM. JOHNSTON, *Clerk*; JOHN PATTERSON, *Committee*.

OHIO.—The past year has been with us one of much outward prosperity. Our ministerial force has been happily increased. On June 14, Rev. Joseph Andrews was installed in Wellsville. Sept. 13, J. T. Torrence was ordained and installed in Stow and Springfield. In April, Rev. J. M. Henderson was received from the Presbytery of Muskingum, and on May 2d was installed in Poland. A congregation was organized in Youngstown, Oct. 10. We have also had preaching in Warren for the past year. Our prospects in both these places are encouraging, and the people are already anxious for a pastor to feed them, and break unto them the bread of life.—Messrs. Jacob Armstrong and D. B. M'Lain were admitted to the study of theology, and have attended the Allegheny Seminary one term. The attendance at our Sabbath-schools and prayer meetings is encouraging, and we trust vital religion in our midst is increasing; but moral desolation and infidelity surround us on all sides.

J. W. LOGUE, *Moderator*.

STEBENVILLE.—At the June meeting of Presbytery, a call was received from the congregations of Mechanicstown and Glade Run, made out for Rev. Jos. Boyd, of the Presbytery of Big Spring, forwarded to same Presbytery, and has since been accepted. At a meeting held in Steubenville, in September, Rev. J. H. Peacock was received on certificate from the Presbytery of Muskingum. A call from the congregations of Richmond and Knoxville was placed in his hands, and by him accepted. At an adjourned meeting held in Richmond, Oct. 14th, Mr. Peacock was installed pastor of these congregations.—At the regular spring meeting of Presbytery, held in Steubenville, Mr. J. M. Jamison, a licentiate, was received on certificate from the Presbytery of Allegheny. A call from the congregation of Piney Fork was placed in his hands, and by him accepted. At an adjourned meeting held in Piney Fork Church, May 1st, Presbytery ordained Mr. Jamison, and installed him pastor of the Piney Fork congregation. At the same meeting, Rev. Jos. Boyd was received on certificate from the Presbytery of Big Spring, and arrangements made for his installation over the congregations of Mechanicstown and Glade Run, at next meeting of Presbytery.—There remains one interesting pastoral charge, Carrollton and connexions, still vacant, that needs, and earnestly desires a stated pastor in their midst, and also one or two encouraging vacancies prepared to support the ordinances a part of the time.—Presbytery feel justified in stating to your body that the state of religion in her bounds is encouraging. Several of her congregations have enjoyed greater manifestations of the presence of the Spirit than during the previous year, while others have not enjoyed so great. We, notwithstanding this, feel greatly our need of the outpouring of the Spirit, that our labours may not be in vain. By order of Presbytery.

COMMITTEE.

WESTMORELAND.—All the members have been spared during this year, and are able to perform all pastoral duties, except our brother, J. S. Fulton, who has found it necessary, on account of ill health, to retire from the active duties of the ministry.—*Additions*: By certificate from the Presbytery of Allegheny, James Given, June 21st, and W. L. Mc'Connell, Sept. 28, 1859.—*Releases*: J. G. Fulton, from Turtle Creek, Sept. 6, and D. H. Pollock, from Sewickly and West Newton, April 11th, 1860.—*Calls*: From Greensburg and New Alexandria, to W. L. Mc'Connell; declined, Dec. 27. From Beulah and Union, to J. D. Walkinshaw, probationer; accepted April 11, 1860. From Turtle Creek, to D. H. Pollock; accepted, same date.—*Settlement*: James Given, installed pastor of Puckety and Logan's Ferry, June 21.—*New Congregations*: Saltsburg, formerly under the care of the Presbytery of Conemaugh, was received June 21st, and New Salem was recognised as a missionary station Sept. 6.—*Students of Theology*: A. B. Fields was received on examination, June 21, and A. H. Elder, on certificate from Presbytery of Mercer, April 11, 1860.—*State of Religion*: Our congregations are in an encouraging state. Our pastors have been labouring faithfully, and with reasonable success. More have been added to the church, on profession of faith, than in any previous year. Some congregations manifest an increasing interest in the gospel and its extension. There are more congregational preaching stations, and more services held than in former years. There have been more prayer meetings reported than formerly, and they are reasonably well attended. The second week of January was observed as far as practicable, and with interest. Although there has been no special outpouring of the Spirit, the work of the Lord is steadily progressing. The Lord has been very gracious to us. We rejoice and hope for the future; and we pray He may pour out his Spirit on the Assembly, and on all the Church. By order of Presbytery.

S. JAMIESON, Moderator.  
A. G. WALLACE, Clerk.

WHEELING.—During the past year we have held some meetings, in which we have enjoyed a very pleasing degree of harmony, and received much encouragement.—We have installed five pastors over congregations—Rev. J. S. M'Cready, over the congregation of Cadiz; Rev. J. B. Johnston, certified from the Presbytery of Sidney, over the St. Clairsville congregation; W. G. Waddle, ordained and installed over the Cassville congregation and connexions; Josiah Stevenson, over the congregation of West Alexandria; and Sample Ramsey, over the congregations of New Matamoras, Brownsville, and connexions.—Our ministerial members are twelve in number; two unsettled, our much-esteemed and aged father, Dr. Taggart, and Dr. Clark. Our congregations are twenty-seven in number; ten of them vacant. In several instances two or more congregations are united in one pastoral charge.—Rev. J. C. Murch was certified and dismissed to the Presbytery of Muskingum; W. H. M'Farland, licentiate, was dismissed to the same

Presbytery; and J. H. Timmons to the Presbytery of Allegheny.—In regard to the state of religion, we have nothing very special to record. We are, however, greatly encouraged. In our congregations there is a general interest manifested in the welfare of the church, and the cause of religion. There is an increased and encouraging attention given to meetings for prayer and conference. Taking this, with other healthy manifestations, as criteria by which to form a judgment of the state of vital and practical godliness in our bounds, we would thank God, and take courage. Respectfully submitted.

J. S. M'CREADY, *Moderator*.

CHILICOTHE.—Through the kindness of Divine Providence, the lives and health of our ministers, through the past year, have been spared. Peace prevails among our congregations. The word and ordinances have been administered, it is hoped, with some success. Some addition has been made to most of our congregations, both settled and vacant. We think that, as a general thing among us, there is given more earnest heed to the preaching of the gospel, and that the spirit of prayer and supplication has been more largely poured out upon us than in former years.—Since our last report but few changes have taken place among us. At our meeting in October, 1859, the pastoral relation between Rev. Gilbert Small and the congregation of North Liberty, at the request of Mr. Small, and with the consent of the congregation, was dissolved, and a certificate of ministerial standing was granted to Mr. Small, to connect with the Presbytery of Indiana. At the same meeting a call from the congregation of Fall Creek, addressed to Rev. Joseph M'Hatton, was sustained as regular, and was subsequently forwarded to the Sidney Presbytery, of which Mr. M'Hatton is a member.—At our meeting in April, 1860, the moderation of a call for one-half of a minister's time was granted to the congregation of North Liberty. At the same meeting the name of the congregation of West York was changed to that of Tranquillity. We hope and pray that the Divine blessing may rest on all your deliberations. By order of Presbytery.

DAVID MACDILL, *Clerk*.

DETROIT.—During the past year our congregations have enjoyed a reasonable degree of prosperity, and we trust our labours have not been in vain.—The supplies allotted to Presbytery have punctually fulfilled their appointments. In the month of October, Rev. J. P. Scott, from Millersburgh, Ohio, having accepted a call from the congregation of Detroit, was installed pastor of said congregation. At a subsequent meeting, Rev. J. M. Smeallie, at his own request, was released from the pastoral care of Troy and Southfield congregations; and at our last regular meeting, held in April, Rev. D. Murphy, of the Presbyterian Church, (N. S.) was received into ministerial fellowship, having presented satisfactory testimonials, and been duly examined; All of which is respectfully submitted. By order of Presbytery.

JOHN P. SCOTT, *Clerk*.

INDIANA.—The following items of business were transacted during the past year:—Rev. Gilbert Small was received on certificate from the Presbytery of Chilicothe. Rev. Andrew Herron, D. D., was received on certificate from the Presbytery of Ohio, of the Reformed Presbyterian Church. Rev. Samuel Collins was received on certificate from the Presbytery of Chicago.—The pastoral relation between Rev. N. C. M'Dill and the congregation of Bethesda, was dissolved, and the whole of his time granted to Richland. The pastoral relation between Rev. J. F. Hutchison and the congregation of Vienna was dissolved, and the whole of his time granted to Shiloh.—Bethesda and Vienna were united in one pastoral charge, and are ready for settlement.—Moderation of calls was granted to Bethesda and Vienna, Madison and Dupont. A call was presented from the congregation of Madison to Rev. S. Collins, which was by him accepted, and he has been installed, and entered on his labours with encouraging prospects.—Mr. Benjamin Atkins was received as a student of theology under care of Presbytery.—Rev. G. Small has been labouring for two years as stated supply in the city of Indianapolis, and his labours have been attended with a good degree of success. Fifty-four have been added to that church. We again commend this important missionary field to the fostering care of the General Assembly, and ask the services of its stated supply another year.—The state of religion presents no striking features. We have peace within our walls, and prosperity within our palaces; and for all that God has done among us, we have reason for gratitude and praise.

A. HERRON, *Moderator*; J. R. WALKER, *Clerk*.

MICHIGAN.—In the good providence of God, the lives of all our members have been preserved, and we have been able to attend to our official duties with little



interruption, and with an encouraging degree of success; so that we would thank God, and take courage.—June 8, 1859, J. H. Tedford was licensed to preach the gospel. On the same day Rev. Thos. Calahan was installed pastor of Burnett's Creek congregation. Oct. 18, 1859, Rev. A. M'Hatton's name was placed on our roll, and Rev. A. M'Cahan was, at his own request, certified to a sister Presbytery. At the same time Mr. Wellington Wright, probationer, was received by certificate from the Presbytery of Monmouth, and accepted a call from the congregation of La Fayette, and was ordained and installed pastor of that congregation. A call from Martin, Mich., has been presented to Rev. J. G. Austin, and has been laid on our table, to give brother A. time for consideration.—*State of Religion*: Our hearts are cheered by hearing of God's work progressing among us; the reported increase in our congregations being very largely from the world, and the number of adults baptized considerable. The attendance on divine ordinances is very encouraging. Wherever practicable, Sabbath-schools and prayer meetings are established, invariably with great benefit; but we need yet to pray earnestly for the spirit of prayer. While, perhaps, no one of our congregations has had any extraordinary effusion of the Spirit, yet generally there appears to be some encouragement in our bounds. But still our eyes see much to make them dim. We are generally widely separated from each other, so that our opportunities of fellowship and counsel are not frequent. Many of our congregations cover great space, and are involved in embarrassments in pecuniary matters. Some of them complain of coldness and of abounding iniquity; and in some of them it has been necessary to deal sharply with some of our people for conformity to the world in sinful amusements and practices; especially dancing. In almost every case, however, good has resulted from the faithful maintenance of the order of God's house, and we would feel encouraged to be more faithful in this particular in the future. Altogether, we would desire to thank God and take courage, to grapple resolutely with all our difficulties, and to stand fast in the work of the Lord. By order of Presbytery.

THOS. MERCER, *Moderator*; DAVID MORROW, *Clerk*.

1ST OHIO.—At our meeting Oct. 4th, Rev. Peter Monfort, on account of his increasing age and continued ill health, demitted his pastoral charge of the congregation of Unity. His resignation was accepted, and the pastoral relationship between him and the congregation dissolved.—John L. Aten, probationer, was furnished with a certificate of good standing, to connect with the Presbytery of the Lakes. Aaron M. Aten was received under our care as a student of theology. At our meeting in January, Wm. M. Claybaugh was received under our care as a student of theology, on certificate, from the Presbytery of Monongahela. At the same meeting, J. A. Reynolds and James M. Orr were received under our care as students of theology. Wm. M. Claybaugh was licensed as a probationer.—During the past year our lives have all been spared, except Rev. S. W. M'Cracken, pastor of Hopewell congregation. He died September 10th, 1859, in the glorious hope of the resurrection of the just, and the enjoyment of the rewards of the blessed in the church triumphant.—The territory embraced in our Presbytery is not large, but it is densely populated with more than half a million of immortal souls, of whom a very small minority are the followers of Christ. In addition to our older congregations, we are establishing mission churches and stations in the more destitute places, where the bread and water of life may be dispensed to the perishing multitudes. We earnestly and prayerfully commend them to your sympathy and fostering care. Our prayer is that peace may be within the walls, and prosperity within the palaces of our beloved Zion. By order of Presbytery.

J. S. ROBERTSON, *Clerk*.

SIDNEY.—Soon after the last meeting of the Assembly, at the request of brother J. B. Johnston, he was certified to the Presbytery of Wheeling, to enter on a pastoral charge.—In October, brother Bonner offered his resignation of Canonsburgh congregation, on account of the failure of his health, which was accepted, and the congregation remains vacant.—By contrast to these unfavourable changes, we have to report some encouraging accessions to our strength. At a meeting of Presbytery in August, a call for our young brother, J. G. Armstrong, from the congregation of Sidney, was presented, sustained, and by him accepted; and that brother has been since ordained and installed with very encouraging prospects. At the same meeting, brother A. Miller presented a certificate of his standing from the Presbytery of Conemaugh, and was admitted with us. The Urbana congregation, at this meeting, applied for the services of brother T. Brown; and, as the result, this esteemed brother has come among us and been admitted as a member of Presbytery.—In No-

member, a call for brother B. Waddle, from the congregations of Kenton and Quincy, was sustained, presented, and by him accepted. This much-esteemed brother has been since installed, and we have the cheering prospect that his fellowship with us will be greatly for our comfort and advantage. At our last meeting, Mr. S. H. Graham, a student of theology, having been recommended for license by the Board of Superintendents of the Seminary at Xenia, was, after the prescribed form, licensed to preach the everlasting gospel.—As to the state of religion with us, we hope it is favourable. Our congregations are, in general, in the enjoyment of peace. A commendable love to word and ordinances is manifested. Brethren with us dwell together in unity. Our late union seems generally much prized; and a disposition seems to be shown both to yield one to another, and to faithfully maintain our profession. May the Lord make strong what he hath wrought for us!

J. G. ARMSTRONG, *Moderator*; SAMUEL WALLACE, *Clerk*.

SOUTHERN INDIANA.—In the good providence of God, the lives of all our ministerial members have been spared; and with the exception of our brother, Rev. William Turner, of the 1st Church, Bloomington, who has in a great measure been disqualified for labour from long-continued disease of the eyes, they have been enabled to give themselves wholly to their appropriate work. At our present meeting at Princeton, we have licensed Mr. William T. Moffet, as a probationer for the holy ministry.—The state of our churches is generally favourable, with the exception of West Union. We regret to state that that promising young congregation has been much distracted by the course pursued by Rev. Thomas Turner, who lately came among us from the Associate Reformed Synod of the South. From what we have learned, mainly from his own published writings, he has been unfaithful in the reception of members, who were not required to submit in the spirit of meekness to the law and authority of the church on the subject of slavery. These persons, thus received, now constitute the chief portion of those who, along with Mr. Turner, have seceded from our communion, mainly on that point. We understand that, although living in a free State, much of his ministerial labours are employed in justifying human oppression. We are, therefore, utterly unable to reconcile his conduct in this matter, either with his implied submission to the law and authority of the church, in identifying himself with us at our first meeting, or with his declared approval of the position of the Associate Reformed Church of the West, and which he was *required* to give by the First Associate Reformed Presbytery of Illinois, when received by them; or even with the terms of the "brotherly covenant" entered into between the Associate Reformed Synod of New York and the General Associate Reformed Synod of the West in 1855, and which he seems to regard as the only law obligatory on him on this subject. Desiring to have no trouble with this brother, we have quietly erased his name from our roll. We understand that since then he has been received into the Associate Reformed Synod of the South; not, however, on any certificate from the United Presbyterian Church, but on the ground of a certificate which had been *virtually* used already, and on the faith of which he was received by the First Associate Reformed Presbytery of Illinois, in April, 1858.—That you may be properly directed in the various matters that may come before you, is the earnest prayer of your brethren of this Presbytery.

J. L. CRAIG, *Clerk*.

XENIA.—We would record the goodness of God toward us in the preservation of the lives and health of our ministers, and for the good degree of health and prosperity extended to our people. We have nothing to note that is remarkable in a religious point of view. We have enjoyed no special revivings, but we cannot but believe that God is still blessing his own ordinances to us. A commendable attention is given by our people to the ordinances, and considering the financial embarrassment of the country, we think our congregations have shown a commendable liberality. On the 28th of June last, a small congregation at Clifton, Green county, formerly in connexion with the Free Presbyterian Church, were received into our communion.—Oct. 21st, Rev. James Rogers presented credentials satisfactory, as to his ministerial standing and character, from the Presbytery of Hamilton, C. W., in connexion with the Presbyterian Church of Canada; and on his declared adoption of the principles of our church, was received into full Christian and ministerial communion.—Mr. Joshua Kyle and Mr. E. E. Currie were received as students of theology. The former spent the last winter at the Xenia Seminary.—Mr. J. R. Bell having completed his regular theological course at the Seminary, and acquitted himself in his trials and examinations to the satisfaction of Presbytery, was, on the 24th April, licensed to preach the everlasting gospel.—

Rev. J. P. Wright was, at the same meeting, at his own request, released from the charge of Cedarville congregation, and at the same time accepted conditionally a call from Unity congregation, Randolph county, Ill. In leaving us, the brother bears with him the affection and regard of his co-presbyters as a faithful, earnest minister of Christ.—That the Head of the Church may direct your counsels, is our prayer.

JAS. P. SMART, *Clerk*.

BLOOMINGTON.—With grateful hearts we acknowledge the kindness of God in sparing our lives, and in giving us health and strength to engage, with but little interruption, in the service of our Divine Master. We are not without evidences that the blessing of God is attending the plantings and waterings in the portion of the vineyard committed to our care. Already our hearts are gladdened with the increase. In the good providence of God, the congregation in Peoria has been blessed with the stated ministrations of word and ordinances. In August last, Rev. J. S. McCulloch was ordained and installed pastor of this little flock. To the kindness of the Assembly they are indebted, to a good degree, for the blessings they now enjoy. They are being revived, and are flourishing as they have not done for many days. The present, with them, inspires with hopes, which, if realized, will prove your fostering care to have been not in vain.—Since your last meeting a new and flourishing organization has been effected at Paxton, which promises, with the blessing of God, soon to become a self-sustaining congregation. We have also received, during this year, the little vacancy of Apple Creek. These, together with Bloomington, Head of Sandy, Tacusa and Spring Creek, Big Spring and Chenoa, are the vacancies and missionary stations under our care. These are all situated in the midst of widely extended missionary fields; and some of them in places where Presbyterianism has been hitherto unknown, and a pure gospel but seldom heard. We have received well-nigh all the appointments and appropriations given us by the last Assembly; and we have reason to believe that the cause of Christ has been promoted thereby. We are still dependent, and again ask for the necessary aid to enable us to build up and extend the work so promisingly begun.—The state of religion is more encouraging, we think, than formerly, yet it is far from being what we would desire. We have received but a few droppings of those showers of Divine grace which have gladdened the hearts of God's people elsewhere. The last year has been one of severity to us; yet we have reason to believe that, while God has apparently frowned upon us in his providence, still his banner over us has been love. Among our congregations generally there is a growing and a more deeply-felt interest in every thing pertaining to our spiritual and eternal welfare; and among those outside the church, there is a marked and increasing willingness to hear and learn the simple story of redeeming love. Peace, harmony, and brotherly love prevail. The duties of family religion, we are glad to say, are generally observed. Sabbath-schools and social prayer meetings are in a flourishing condition. As we increase in knowledge of our duties, of the wants of the destitute in our own and foreign lands, and of the necessity of building up the kingdom of our Lord and Saviour, our liberality is seen to abound still more and more. Our prayer to God is in behalf of our beloved Zion. Ours is the prayer of the psalmist, "Peace be within thy walls, and prosperity within thy palaces. For my brethren and companions' sakes I will now say, Peace be within thee. Because of the house of the Lord our God, I will seek thy good."

J. T. McCULLOCH, *Moderator*; P. H. DRENNEN, *Clerk*.

CHICAGO.—Since our last annual report, the following items of business have been transacted, calling for special notice:—Two of our ministerial brethren have demitted their charges, viz., R. W. French, the congregation of Somonauk, and Samuel Collins, the congregation of Yorkville.—One new congregation has been organized, viz., that of Big Prairie, in Carroll county, Illinois.—Rev. Hugh Sturgeon has been received as a member of this Presbytery, from that of Le Claire, in the State of Iowa.—A letter of dismissal was given to Rev. S. Collins, with a view to unite with a sister Presbytery. On the 11th of April, Presbytery ordained Rev. Jas. A. Shankland, and set him apart to the office of the holy ministry, by prayer and the laying on of the hands of the Presbytery.—Rev. Daniel Todd, a licentiate from the United Presbyterian Church of Canada, was admitted at the same meeting as a minister of the United Presbyterian Church of North America, and appointments given him to labour in our bounds for the time being.—The supplies allotted us were not all received. The delinquency was, however, to some extent made up by the volunteer supply last above named, and that of other brethren, who came to our help.—As to the state of religion in our bounds, we have nothing unusual or spe-

cially encouraging to record. Our hope is, however, that some good is being done, and that the Great Shepherd may yet do greater things for us in the future. Our congregations are small and weak, and widely scattered, and have great need of the fostering care of the church. May we not hope that through your Board of Home Missions, you will extend to them all the help in your power, consistent with the wants of other places?—Before concluding this report, we would take the liberty of making the following suggestions:—1st. That in some cases, where the distance travelled by our missionaries is unusually great or expensive, or the period of labour necessarily brief in any given place, that the *per diem* allowance should be proportionately increased. 2d. That some change should be made in the regulations of the Board, which will enable our missionaries to receive their pay with less of routine and delay.

S. F. THOMPSON, *Moderator.*

R. W. FRENCH, *Clerk.*

DES MOINES.—During the past year we have had three regular meetings. The principal business transacted is as follows:—J. H. Young was ordained, in view of his further usefulness, as a stated missionary at Des Moines city. Rev. J. A. Vance accepted a call from Knoxville Congregation, and was in due time installed. According to order, Rev. J. N. Pressly was installed over the united congregations of Albia and Service. Revs. S. Findley, sen., and A. Patterson, were received on certificates from sister Presbyteries. Rev. D. Pressly was received on certificate from the Baptist Church as a licensed preacher. Mr. John D. Beard was received under the care of Presbytery as a student of theology. Moderations for calls were granted to Somerset and Vandalia.—The state of religion is to some extent encouraging, and the additions to our settled congregations give evidence that the seed is not sown in vain.—With reference to our vacancies and missionary stations, we cannot report any thing very encouraging, as, on account of failure upon their part, to a considerable extent, to raise means to support preaching, and also scarcity of men, they have not been attended to as regularly as we could wish. We will endeavour to reform the first, and appeal to you to assist in the latter, by sending to us such missionaries as will be efficient labourers in this Western field. In view of the fact that year after year many of the missionaries sent out by the Assembly fail to fill their appointments, and as a consequence our cause is left in some of the most important places to languish, we cannot but regard the existing arrangement with reference to the home missionaries of the church as exceedingly faulty, and would earnestly recommend the Assembly to adopt some efficient rule that would secure Presbyteries and vacancies from these ruinous disappointments in the future.

J. H. YOUNG, R. A. M'AYEAL, *Committee.*

KANSAS.—In the good providence of God, the lives of all the members of this Presbytery have been spared during the past year; and in the enjoyment of general good health, we have been privileged to labour in our respective fields; and our labours, we trust, have not been altogether in vain. In our various organized congregations, where there has been the regular dispensation of word and ordinances, a good degree of encouragement has attended our labours. A general improvement of attendance upon the means of grace, private and public, has been marked during the past year; and there have been additions to our membership by letter, and on profession of faith. Weekly prayer meetings are held in nearly all the organized congregations, and in some of the mission stations. Sabbath-schools have been established where it was practicable, some of them giving promise of being efficient instrumentalities in promoting the cause of God committed to our care. These schools partake largely of the character of *mission schools*, as far the greater number of children connected with them are otherwise outside of any wholesome religious instruction.—The year past has been one of trial to our cause in Kansas. The hard times are pressing with crushing influence upon some, and all are enduring those common trials incident to the settlement of all new countries. But still we are making progress; and, with the fostering care of the General Assembly, which we think our cause here demands, we may ere long make strong the interests and broad the borders of the United Presbyterian Church in this fair and promising land. Brethren, we need assistance, in money, and in your fervent prayers.—In June last Rev. G. W. Torrence was ordained and installed in Americus, in Breckinridge county; and in April this pastoral relation was dissolved. During the same month Mr. T. D. Davis was received as a probationer. His credentials were from the Presbytery of Memphis, Associate Reformed Synod of the South. The following organizations have been effected:—Garnett, Anderson county; Atchison, Atchison county; Potawatomie, Potawatomie county. A call from Gar-

nett for one-half the time of brother Slentz has been accepted, and arrangements made for his installation at an early day.—With regard to the request of the Synod of Illinois for a division of that Synod, we would respectfully ask General Assembly (if said request is granted) to leave the Presbytery of Kansas, *for the present*, in the Synod of Illinois. J. N. SMITH, *Moderator*; B. L. BALDRIDGE, *Clerk*.

KEOKUK.—Since the meeting of the last General Assembly, we have enjoyed many tokens of God's favour. General health has prevailed. The lives of all our members have been preserved; and their labours seem to have been blessed, as there has been an increased attendance upon ordinances, and some have been added to the church, of such, (we trust,) as shall be saved. Not many changes have taken place. Mr. S. M. Arthur has resigned Sugar Creek congregation, where he has been labouring half the time for four years. His resignation was accepted on the ground of the great distance of Sugar Creek from the other part of his charge. It is now placed on our list of vacancies.—At our fall meeting a petition was presented, from the 2d Congregation of Washington, for all Mr. Vanatta's time. The petition was granted; and Brighton, one part of his charge, becomes a vacancy.—In consequence of the hard times, and other circumstances, some of our ministers have not all their time occupied in their charges; and as there is a good deal of missionary territory in our bounds, their unoccupied time may be profiably employed, if means can be obtained from the Home Mission Board to aid in their support. We are sorry that we need to ask assistance from said Board, but circumstances demand it. The member of the Board from this Presbytery will present our claim for men and money. The Clerk has been directed to prepare and send on a correct statistical table. No money has been received from the Treasurer of the Home Mission Fund of the General Assembly. Some has been paid, (collected in our bounds,) in accordance with the rules of the Board.

JAMES BROWN, *Moderator*; W. H. WILSON, *P. C.*

LE CLAIRE.—At our last meeting, held in Andrew, Iowa, Rev. J. H. Nash was released from his pastoral charge in Le Claire city. Rev. A. J. Allen was released from the Mount Hope branch of his charge, and the congregation advised to unite with Scotch Grove.—At the same meeting Rev. J. D. Cunningham and the Otter Creek Congregation having formally withdrawn from the United Presbyterian Church, their names were stricken from the roll and list of the Presbytery.—The spiritual condition of the congregations under our care, we have reason to believe, is on the increase. This is evidenced from the accessions to church fellowship, the increased attention to, and interest in, the prayer meeting, Bible-class, and Sabbath-school, with increased attendance on the public administration of the ordinances.—The number of our vacancies and missionary stations are steadily on the increase, numbering at the present time fifteen organized congregations, with half as many preaching stations. Our field of labour is large. It is emphatically missionary, and one that should be cultivated immediately. The extension of the United Presbyterian Church within our bounds, we cannot report. The harvest is truly plenteous, but the labourers are few. The Macedonian cry, "Come over and help us," is incessant, and we hope the Assembly will not overlook our claims on their parental care. Some of our congregations are inviting fields for the minister, who is able and willing to give himself to his Master's work; and now, as the financial affairs of the country brighten, a little care and attention will give us many flourishing congregations in Northern Iowa. We need devoted men, and ready means to employ them, and with God's blessing, Zion's gates will not only be opened, but many now wandering in the paths of unrighteousness will be brought into the fold of Christ.

JOHN STEWART, A. J. ALLEN, *Committee*.

MONMOUTH.—Since the meeting of the last General Assembly, we have licensed Messrs. W. Howell Buchanan, and Joseph A. Morrow, to preach the gospel. We have installed Rev. James M. Arthur, received from the Presbytery of Vermont, pastor of the congregation of Ellison. We have ordained and installed Mr. Wm. Cooke, received from the Presbytery of Wheeling, pastor of the congregation of Homestead. We have released Rev. M. Bigger from the pastoral charge of the congregation of Pope Creek, and Rev. J. C. M. Knight from the pastoral charge of the congregation of Spring Grove. We have organized the congregations of Olena and Fountain Green, and received under our care the congregation of Davenport, Iowa. We have received Rev. Daniel M. Lean, from the Presbytery of Iowa, (Associate,) and Rev. Wm. Townley, from the Presbytery of Schuyler, (O. S.)—Having examined the reports from the congregations under our care, we believe

that, on the whole, there is much of an encouraging nature in the state of religion within our bounds. Most of the congregations manifest a liberal spirit in the support of the gospel, and in contributing to the funds of the church and other benevolent purposes. With few exceptions, family religion appears to be in a flourishing state, and a good degree of attention is paid to the religious training of the youth. The attendance upon the public worship of God is encouraging. Nevertheless it is matter of regret that several of our congregations, more especially vacancies, have neglected to contribute to many of the funds of the church; that worldly-mindedness prevails to so great an extent as it does; and that, in many congregations, so many of the baptized youth remain out of communion of the church. In view of these facts, we feel called upon to utter fervently the prayer, "Wilt thou not revive us again, that thy people may rejoice in thee?"

N. C. WÆDE, *Moderator*; J. A. P. M'GAW, *Clerk*.

ST. LOUIS.—Rev. W. Wright having accepted a call to become pastor of Hope-well congregation, has accordingly been installed. A call from the Bethel congregation, addressed to Rev. Daniel Steele, was sustained as regular, accepted by him, and he has been installed as pastor of said congregation. A congregation has been organized in Centralia, in connexion with the United Presbyterian Church, giving bright promise of soon becoming self-sustaining. A separate congregation has been organized in Sparta, and the whole time of Rev. J. F. Stewart transferred to that place, leaving Union congregation vacant. In addition to the above, we would state that steps have been taken for settling pastors over the congregations of Union and Unity, with fair prospects of success; so that we hope soon to be able to report all our vacancies, which are ripe for settlement, as filled up.—Also, at our last meeting, Rev. W. T. Rawson, of the Baptist Church, was received into our Presbytery, and his name added to our roll of ministers.—The union spirit is growing in our bounds, and, ere long, we expect to realize its outworkings.—As to the state of religion in our bounds, we have nothing special to report. Our congregations are gradually increasing, and a good degree of interest is manifested by the community around us in the administration of word and ordinances. In some places, we think, there has been more interest than common in this respect. Calls for preaching have been received from various places within our bounds, setting before us the opportunity of greatly enlarging our borders. The missionary spirit is also enlarging, and our Presbytery has directed the ministerial members to spend one Sabbath missionating out of the bounds of their congregations, between our regular quarterly meetings.

W. WRIGHT, *P. C.*

OREGON.—*Rev. James Prestley*:—Friend and Brother: In accordance with an order herein below stated, I transmit to you, as Principal Clerk of the General Assembly of the United Presbyterian Church of North America, certain acts and documents of the Presbytery of the United Presbyterian Church of Oregon, to be laid before the first-named venerable body, at its next meeting, in Philadelphia, Pa., May, 1860.—At a meeting of the United Presbytery of Oregon, held at Kendall's Bridge meeting-house, Linn county, May 5, 1859, the following occurred: "The Committee on the subject of Union reported as follows: *Resolved*, 1st, That this Presbytery does hereby agree to supersede the articles of Union and Summary of Principles adopted as the Basis of Union in the year 1852, and adopt in their stead the Testimony and other doctrinal Standards which were adopted by the United Presbyterian Church of North America in the year 1858. *Resolved*, 2d, That this Presbytery agrees to go into union with said United Presbyterian Church; reserving, however, the right of final jurisdiction over all matters, except such as may be appealed directly to the General Assembly; and also reserving the right of sending delegates to the General Assembly, as we may deem expedient. *Resolved*, 3d, That the Clerk of Presbytery be directed to send a copy of these resolutions to the Clerk or Moderator of the General Assembly, to be laid before that body."—At the next meeting of the United Presbytery, held at Eugene city, Lane county, Oct. 6, 1859, the following transpired: "The Committee on Presbyterial reports submitted a communication to the United Presbyterian Church of North America. On motion, this paper, marked No. 11, was accepted, and after some amendment, was adopted. On motion, further, the Clerk was ordered to transmit the above communication, together with accompanying documents, to the Moderator or Clerk of the General Assembly of the United Presbyterian Church."—Enclosed you will find Paper No. 11, referred to in the last-named act of the United Presbytery, together with a statistical table of said Presbytery; all which you will have the kindness to lay before the General Assembly, at its next meeting.

Respectfully submitted; T. S. Kendall, Clerk.—Kendall's Bridge, Linn county, O., Feb. 20, 1860.—[The following is the paper referred to above:]—To the Moderator and Members of the General Assembly of the United Presbyterian Church of North America: Dear Fathers and Brethren,—Though far separated from you, and though we have felt constrained by the indications of Providence to act in such a manner as to place ourselves in a condition of separation, yet the feeling of our hearts has ever been that we were of your family, and one with you in the bonds of the common faith. We have taken action which looks to our re-union with you, and to our Presbyterian subordination to your venerable body. The resolutions of Presbytery on this subject accompany this communication, and we cherish the hope that you will be able to approve of our views and wishes, and accept us as a part of your spiritual charge.—Our past history has been made known to you through the medium of your religious periodicals, and need not be rehearsed. We had our trials, incident to the colonization of a new country. These we have in some measure overcome, but we have still a difficult work to perform before our congregations can be placed on a self-sustaining basis. Our growth has been slow. This may be attributed to a variety of causes. Our remoteness from the communities where our own kind of church people reside, and the consequent difficulty and expensiveness of a journey hither, has operated against the rapid settlement of the country. And as there were a number of ministers and many inviting localities, those who have emigrated to this State were necessarily separated into small societies. The results of this subdivision of our materials have been, that serious difficulties have been experienced in erecting church edifices, and also in ministerial support. Few, if any, of our ministers receive any thing like adequate salaries, and some receive none at all. There are three church edifices already erected, and others are greatly needed. Indeed, in some of our places of operation our success depends much on our being able to secure suitable places of worship at an early day.—Our State, at the present time, presents great inducements to emigrants. The lands in the eastern part of the State have just been opened for settlement, and many of the more migratory class of the people of the State are removing to that country. And they will, to facilitate their wishes, sell desirable locations in the Willamette valley, at very reasonable rates. We would be happy to have our emigrating brethren give our State a fair portion of attention, as emigration is our principal hope of increase. It is the desire and hope of Presbytery that you will regard Oregon as a part of your great missionary field; and that you will assist us in cultivating it to as great an extent as will be consistent with the claims of your other missionary enterprises. The points which we have already occupied need a great amount of nursing, to mature their strength, and give them permanence. Besides these, we have some scattered members in different parts of the State, who should be sought out, and encouraged in the path of duty, but for whom Presbytery can do nothing.—We would state that Sabbath-schools, prayer meetings, and Bible-classes, have severally been actively employed as means of spiritual good, and doubtless with advantage to our cause.—Our congregational reports speak favourably of the state of religion in our bounds. And, though we have enjoyed no special revivals of religion, yet in proportion to the population to which we have access, our increase has been encouraging. And could our ministers be more entirely freed from secular cares, we have no doubt, that with the Divine blessing, our churches would grow, and soon be able to exert a commanding influence on the cause of truth and righteousness in this State.—We would be glad to have your venerable body form a just appreciation of our position on this coast with reference to future aggressive movements on the kingdom of darkness; and most happy will we be to enjoy your cordial and efficient co-operation in the advancement of the Redeemer's cause.—Accompanying this communication we send you our statistical table, prepared from the annual reports of the churches for the year ending Oct. 1, 1859, from which you will be able to learn our exact numerical force.—That the Head of the church may guide and bless you in all your holy enterprises, and that you may have the pleasure of seeing the work of the Lord greatly prospering in your hands, is the prayer, &c.

T. S. KENDALL, Clerk.

SEALKOTE.—Dear Fathers and Brethren: No changes have taken place in our Presbytery during the past year. By the blessing of our Heavenly Father, we and all connected with us here have been preserved in the enjoyment of a good degree of bodily health. And, with but few exceptions, we have been enabled to prosecute our labours without any interruptions on account of sickness.—Some account of our general missionary work during the year, and of its results, so far as they are

known to us, as well as of our discouragements and trials, will be found in the annual report of the mission, and in the letters of the missionaries.—The Rev. E. P. Swift was appointed at our last annual meeting to supply the congregation under our care during the year. The ordinances have been regularly attended by the members of the congregation, and others. There have not been any additions to the membership of the church since our last annual meeting. There are, however, at present, four\* candidates for baptism, who, it is expected, will be received at our approaching communion. Three of those who were baptized last year have since been *suspended*, and others are at present *under discipline*.—The week of prayer recommended by the Lodia mission, was observed by our congregation. It was observed also by the officers and religious soldiers, to whom we minister in cantonments. We united with them, as far as circumstances would permit. It was a season of much solemnity in both congregations.—Our hearts have been gladdened, from time to time, by accounts of the wonderful work of God which is going on in other lands. It has been our earnest prayer that this work may be more and more widely extended every where; and that our own beloved branch of Zion may participate more largely in its fruits. We do confidently hope to hear, ere long, of our Theological Seminaries being filled with numbers hitherto altogether unequalled, strong in the “victory that overcometh the world.”—We rejoice in the widely-extended home missionary operations of our church. We feel that the home and foreign departments are intimately connected. Both must be sustained, or left to languish together; for both are carried together in the arms of the same faith.—And while we take a lively interest in Palestine, and Africa, and China, we would again, dear fathers and brethren, renew our appeal to your venerable body in behalf of *India*. In addition to the arguments by which this appeal has been sustained heretofore, we would call your attention to the fact that a wonderful and extraordinary work has been begun in a neighbourhood near to us; and a work of the same kind, and among the same class of people, has for some time been going on in Rohilcund, and some other parts of India. If this be in reality, as we trust it is, a work of the Holy Spirit, there is reason to believe that it may soon extend more widely. It is our earnest hope and prayer that it may assume a more definite character at no distant day. But if our prayers were now answered—if multitudes of those ignorant heathen should be converted now—where are shepherds to guide and teach them? From the little experience we have had, it appears very evident to us that if native Christian converts are not supplied with godly, judicious, well-trained, humble, and self-denying pastors, the consequences must be disastrous. It is our hope that such men may be raised up from among themselves, through our instrumentality. But what is our church doing towards preparing a ministry for the thirteen millions of souls who are perishing in the Punjab alone, not to speak of the multitudes who are sitting in “the region and shadow of death” throughout the vast extent of the Indian empire? Even for this elementary and preparatory work, what a large increase of labourers is necessary!—It is our prayer that grace, mercy, and truth may be with you, and that all your deliberations may be for the glory of God and the extension of the kingdom of his Son. Amen.

R. A. HILL, *Clerk.*

EGYPT.—The Rev. Messrs. James Barnett and Thomas M'Cague, of Cairo, and Rev. Gulian Lansing, of Alexandria, Egypt, having been authorized by the General Assembly of the United Presbyterian Church of North America, at their meeting held in Xenia, Ohio, on the 3d Wednesday of May, 1859, to organize a Presbytery, to be called the Presbytery of *Cairo*, met in Cairo, pursuant to this object, on Friday, the 13th day of April, 1860, at 3 o'clock, P. M. A sermon was preached, from Luke xii. 54—56, by Rev. James Barnett, who, being the oldest minister present, thereupon proceeded, after stating the above-mentioned action of the General Assembly, and also a subsequent agreement with the Board of Foreign Missions as to changing the name from *Cairo* to *Egypt*, to constitute the Presbytery with prayer, in the name, and by the authority of the Lord Jesus Christ. On motion, the Rev. James Barnett was chosen Moderator, and Rev. Thomas M'Cague Clerk. Adjourned, to meet to-morrow morning, at 10 o'clock.—*Saturday, April 14th.* Presbytery met, and was opened with prayer by the Moderator. All the members present. Minutes of last sitting approved. The Rev. Thomas M'Cague laid upon the table a letter from the Board of Foreign Missions, dated Feb. 15, 1860, enclosing the resolutions of the Board; namely, one of Jan. 21st, relative to the time for sending

\* One has gone away since the annual report of the mission was adopted, and one other hopeful inquirer has come to us.



annual and semi-annual reports; one of Feb. 14th, authorizing the mission to draw semi-annually on the Treasurer of the Board for the estimated expenses of the mission, when said estimates shall have been approved by the Board; and another, of the same date, declining to establish a new mission at Tunis, and suggesting that, under the circumstances, it might be best that Mr. Crawford, of Yabrud, and Mr. M'Cague should exchange fields of labour: when it was resolved, 1st. That the afore-mentioned resolutions be entered upon the minute-book of Presbytery; 2d. That Mr. M'Cague be requested to prepare, and present, at the next meeting of Presbytery, a statement of the probable expenses for the rest of the current year; said estimate to be approved by Presbytery, and immediately forwarded to the Board, in order to reach it in time for the regular meeting in May. 3d. That while Presbytery lament the inability of the Board to undertake a mission to Tunis, we still, in view of the fact that Mr. M'Cague's health has been much improved for the last five months, and of the fact that missionaries have lately been sent to Tunis by the London Jewish Society, and other Providential indications, recognise the hand of God in the decision of the Board; and that, at the same time, we express our opinion that on account of Mr. M'Cague's liability to sudden attacks of illness, and the circumstances of his family, and the fact that at Yabrud he could not enjoy the services of a physician, it is not expedient that he and Mr. Crawford should exchange fields of labour.—The following preamble and resolutions were presented by the Rev. G. Lausing, and adopted: *Whereas*, The General Assembly did at its last meeting call Mr. John Hogg to become its missionary at Alexandria; *and whereas*, the Board of Foreign Missions did, on his acceptance of said call, request him, after his licensure by the Presbytery of Edinburgh, to proceed to Egypt, and place himself under the care of this Presbytery, with a view to his ordination; and Mr. Hogg having stated that he had accordingly received licensure and dismissal from the Presbytery of Edinburgh, but that his papers had been lost in the wreck of the *Scamander*, and that he has written a request for their renewal; therefore, *Resolved*, 1st. That in the faith that the regular papers shall be forthcoming in due time, Mr. Hogg be now received as a licentiate under the care of this Presbytery, and that the preliminary steps for his ordination be entered upon. 2d. That the following texts be appointed for Mr. Hogg's trials; namely, sermon on Luke xiii. 24, and lecture on Isa. liii. 7; the one to be preached to-morrow, at 3 o'clock, p. m.; and the other at some meeting of Presbytery, to be hereafter appointed. On motion, the Rev. Messrs. Lausing and M'Cague were appointed to prepare reports on the state of the missions in Cairo and Alexandria; said reports to be sent to the Board by next regular mail. Adjourned, to meet on Monday, at 10 o'clock. Closed with prayer by Rev. G. Lausing.—*Monday*, 10 o'clock, A. M. Presbytery met, and was opened with prayer by the Moderator. All the members present. Minutes of last sitting approved. On motion, Mr. John Hogg's trial discourse on Luke xiii. 24, preached yesterday, was sustained. [We omit the estimates here presented and approved.] Mr. Barnett then made a statement to Presbytery in reference to his long-proposed intention of making a visit home, and requested that steps should be taken for its accomplishment as soon as the circumstances of the mission would justify it; when the following resolution was adopted: namely, That whereas, the Rev. James Barnett has now been in active service in the East for upwards of fifteen years; and whereas, the Board of Missions has authorized and urged him to make a visit to his native land; and whereas, Mr. Barnett is now anxious to make said visit as soon as he can be spared; and whereas, we learn from recent communications from the Board, that they will not be able to send a re-enforcement to this field until the fall of 1861; and whereas, it is our opinion that, in the present circumstances of the mission, and with Mr. M'Cague's improved health, and the practicability of a man being spared from Alexandria to this station for a time, in case of need, his (Mr. Barnett's) services can better be dispensed with now than hereafter; therefore, *Resolved*, That Mr. Barnett's request be granted, and he be recommended to take his departure for America as soon as practicable after next meeting of Presbytery.—*Resolved*. That when Presbytery adjourn, it adjourn to meet at Alexandria, on Tuesday, the 22d of May, for the purpose of hearing Mr. Hogg's remaining trial discourse, and, in case it be sustained, of proceeding with his ordination; said meeting to be opened with a sermon by the Moderator, on the evening of the above-mentioned day, at 8½ o'clock. The minutes of last sitting having been approved, Presbytery adjourned. Closed with prayer by Mr. M'Cague.

JAMES BARNETT, *Moderator*; THOMAS M'CAGUE, *Clerk*.







First Synod of the West.	Presbytery of Allegheny.	Pa.	564	26	10	3	26	45	3	374	1211	1563	87	5	47	1200	411	3415	6	05	
John T. Pressly, D. D.	Allegheny City	do.	130	308	27	25	1	37	42	4	88	135,2410	30	3	23	900	783	2002	6	50	
D. G. Bradford, S. C., F. A.	do	do.	105	257	21	6	5	15	34	1	75	32	...	...	20	600	28	755	3	25	
A. G. Guthrie, D. D.	Rural Ridge	do.	58	125	14	17	1	7	9	1	25	20	...	...	12	600	156	2317	4	53	
T. C. Guthrie, D. D.	Ogle	do.	53	115	8	5	2	4	9	...	1	10	...	...	9	338	365	3	17		
J. L. Fairley	Sewickly	do.	26	62	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6	167	...	172	2	76	
John A. Magill	do	do.	40	100	12	6	4	21	3	...	24	18	...	...	10	250	...	302	3	02	
Samuel Patterson	Beaver	do.	29	60	14	5	1	13	...	...	4	4	...	...	2	200	50	...	3	50	
J. H. Timmons	Darlington	do.	57	125	17	10	4	12	2	...	30	40	6	8	8	500	60	4	80	4	80
James Rodgers, D. D.	Tarentum	do.	49	123	9	6	3	4	10	...	6	...	...	...	10	300	6	322	2	62	
D. H. A. McLean, D. D.	Allegheny City	do.	235	505	14	23	...	40	...	...	175	450	50	50	41	1000	175	2001	3	96	
D. H. C. Steele	do	do.	44	205	7	7	2	17	14	...	20	21	...	...	5	500	9	560	5	33	
Wm. G. Reese	West Manchester	do.	50	125	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	11	300	...	311	2	40	
S. C. Ewing, For. Miss.—6	Darlington	do.	48	95	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	11	325	...	336	3	53	
S. R. Kerr	New Brighton	do.	27	68	4	3	1	3	3	1	14	...	...	...	7	230	...	251	3	69	
A. Watson	Beaver	do.	40	98	13	2	4	40	29	5	...	...	...	...	8	225	...	233	3	37	
J. T. Wilson—4.	Four Mile	do.	27	81	6	4	3	5	6	2	15	...	...	...	7	230	...	250	3	08	
Thos. Lawrence—1.	Uolon	do.	32	74	6	2	2	7	...	...	11	...	...	...	6	230	...	247	3	34	
Presb. of Big Spring*	West Union	do.	14	64	9	2	2	13	3	1	10	...	...	...	6	230	...	240	3	84	
James Shields	East Union	do.	0	20	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6	230	...	...	...	...	
Joseph McKee	Harmersville	do.	9	20	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6	230	...	...	...	...	
Wm. McElwee, S. C.	Harmersville	do.	38	61	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6	230	...	...	...	...	
F. McBurney	Allegheny City	do.	50	116	14	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6	230	...	...	...	...	
James Bruce	do	do.	12	27	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6	230	...	...	...	...	
J. M. Adair—6.	do	do.	8	16	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6	230	...	...	...	...	
Wm. Orrislie	do	do.	34	88	13	4	4	2	7	...	9	11	...	...	6	230	...	...	...	...	
John Adams	do	do.	20	55	8	5	1	4	7	...	25	23	...	...	6	230	...	...	...	...	
J. A. McKee	do	do.	55	127	3	11	7	9	...	...	6	6	...	...	6	230	...	...	...	...	
J. G. Austin	do	do.	27	42	4	4	1	1	...	...	16	10	...	...	6	230	...	...	...	...	
D. B. Jones—5.	do	do.	13	35	1	1	2	3	16	2	30	77	...	...	6	230	...	...	...	...	
Presbtery of Butler.	do	do.	50	112	11	1	2	3	16	2	30	77	...	...	6	230	...	...	...	...	
I. Niblock, D. D.	do	do.	85	197	14	11	4	1	10	1	50	63	...	...	6	230	...	...	...	...	
W. Gaibrath	do	do.	39	93	4	...	...	...	...	...	10	9	...	...	6	230	...	...	...	...	

\* The congregations of this Presbytery were not furnished with blanks; they therefore report according to the statistics of last year.

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					Families.	Communt.	Examination	Profession.	Certificate.	Death.	Removal.	Infant.	Adult.	Home Mis-	Foreign	Education.	Publication.	Church Ex-	Assembly's	Synod's	Salary by	Conference.	Salary by	General Con-	tributions.	Total Amt.
W. Galbraith.....	Freeport.....	Pa.	Buffalo.....		23	59	1	7	3	4	3	2	12	17	3	\$12	\$13	\$6	\$0	\$4	\$166	\$18	\$184	\$219	98	
W. F. Breading.....	Conitersville.....	do.	Sunbury.....		71	174	15	3	4	3	2	1	2	18	2	24	40	10	10	10	300	1000	1384	7	95	
do.	Baldwin.....	do.	Fairview.....		65	160	10	4	1	2	18	2	11	8	2	20	18	12	12	10	300	15	375	2	34	
J. N. Dick, F.A.....	Kittaning.....	do.	Kittaning.....		66	135	6	6	11	8	2	20	47	6	11	8	2	20	47	\$2	10	600	79	758	5	61
Saml. Kerr.....	Harrisville.....	do.	Harrisville.....		80	178	20	16	6	12	16	3	7	2	20	50	17	14	15	14	500	37	611	3	43	
W. Jamison.....	Petersville.....	do.	White Oak Springs		79	175	17	4	3	7	2	20	28	4	2	20	28	4	4	2	200	25	602	2	87	
do.	do.	do.	Evansburgh.....		42	100	15	4	2	4	7	2	20	28	4	2	20	28	4	2	200	25	602	2	87	
A. R. Rankin.....	Slippery Rock.....	do.	Slippery Rock.....		41	98	8	5	2	4	7	2	20	28	4	2	20	28	4	2	200	25	602	2	87	
do.	do.	do.	Centerville.....		53	117	11	8	3	2	12	1	13	14	1	26	27	6	2	13	400	65	430	3	67	
Jas. A. Clark, S.C.....	Prospect.....	do.	Prospect.....		60	160	16	8	1	13	14	1	13	14	1	26	27	6	2	13	400	65	430	3	67	
do.	do.	do.	Mt. Chestnut.....		30	85	39	12	1	22	2	14	13	3	6	22	1	17	42	5	200	500	731	8	36	
A. Irons.....	Portersville.....	do.	Portersville.....		62	112	12	18	3	6	22	1	17	42	5	20	26	5	5	300	20	392	3	60		
do.	do.	do.	Mountville.....		48	106	10	10	1	1	12	1	17	42	5	20	26	5	5	300	14	374	3	63		
W. A. Black.....	North Hope.....	do.	Mt. Varnum.....		32	72	4	2	4	22	4	2	4	22	4	2	4	22	4	2	200	10	210	2	91	
do.	Harrisville.....	do.	Unity.....		36	71	4	2	4	22	4	2	4	22	4	2	4	22	4	2	200	10	210	2	91	
Jas. B. Whitfen.—1.....	Plain Grove.....	do.	Plain Grove.....		23	45	14	31	1	2	10	6	2	5	2	4	22	4	2	4	137	146	332	80	177	
Wm. Smith.....	Covensville.....	do.	Rich Hill.....	J. H. Dickey.	80	69	1	1	2	10	6	2	5	2	4	22	4	2	4	137	146	332	80	177		
John Jamison.....	Freeport.....	do.	2d Freeport.....	W. Sproull.	22	44	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	4	137	146	332	80	177	
W. C. Follock.—3.....	Harrisville.....	do.	Scotch Hill.....	C. Cochran.	25	45	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	4	137	146	332	80	177	
R. M. Patterson.—1.....	Anderson's Mills.....	do.	Unity.....	Ek. Jamison.	48	94	8	8	1	12	11	7	12	11	7	12	11	7	12	11	120	120	120	3	100	
J. M. Buchanan.....	Clintonville.....	do.	Clintonville.....	Thos. Baird.	22	40	2	12	1	12	11	7	12	11	7	12	11	7	12	11	200	200	200	4	98	
M. S. Buchanan.....	Worthington.....	do.	Worthington.....	W. Moore.	13	60	2	12	1	12	11	7	12	11	7	12	11	7	12	11	200	200	200	4	98	
E. N. McEree.....	Saxonburg.....	do.	Glade Run.....	E. Sifton.	30	113	7	5	8	7	8	7	8	7	8	7	8	7	8	7	200	200	200	4	98	
W. D. Ralston.....	Bateson.....	do.	Glade Mills.....	Jos. Douthett	40	133	7	5	8	7	8	7	8	7	8	7	8	7	8	7	200	200	200	4	98	
Thos. Balph.—5.....	Glade Mills.....	do.	Brownstate.....		9	22	9	22	9	22	9	22	9	22	9	22	9	22	9	22	24	24	24	24	109	
Presbytery of Chambers.....	Washington.....	do.	Washington.....		65	145	10	4	5	13	10	1	36	24	1	20	78	6	637	13	500	6	617	4	95	
Thos. Hunt, D.D., F.A.....	W. Middletown.....	do.	W. Middletown.....		72	163	10	4	5	13	10	1	36	24	1	20	78	6	637	13	500	6	617	4	95	
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Hollis Street, Boston, to the publishers.

Next in value to those things that help us to a correct understanding of the documents of our religion, are those which help us to a correct reading of them. Inaccuracy in the pronunciation of many words in the Sacred Volume, especially of proper names, is an evil that is not confined to families, at their domestic devotions; it finds its way into our school-houses, and even intrudes itself into too many of our pulpits: producing in the church a diversity of tongues, that is a proof of any thing but apostolical gifts. Every judicious effort to remedy this evil deserves, and will meet, the approbation and patronage of an enlightened christian community,—and I am gratified to find that Mr. Alger's edition of the New Testament, in which Walker's pronunciation has been indicated in the text, has so far succeeded, as to encourage you to publish the whole Bible upon the same plan.

In the pronunciation of the Hebrew names that occur in the holy scriptures, I should not, indeed, consider myself bound by the authority of Walker, or implicitly as when it is applied to the pronunciation of the English language generally, or of Greek and Latin proper names. In the pronunciation of the Hebrew names, however, I should very infrequently depart from his authority; and, so long as there is no higher standard than his, accessible to the great proportion even of well educated christians, much will be done when readers of all classes shall be enabled readily to refer to that; and still more, when his pronunciation of our vernacular tongue shall be obtruded upon their notice whenever they consult the oracles of life.

From Mr. Alger's industry, and his well known accuracy in preparing works of this kind, I am persuaded that the publick will be furnished with as correct an edition of the work which you have in hand, as could reasonably be expected from any man; and I most heartily wish you success in your laudable enterprise.

Yours respectfully,  
JOHN PIERPONT.

From Mr. Bailey, Principal of the Franklin English Grammar School in Nassau Street.

Messrs. Lincoln & Edmonds.

Having examined attentively and with much satisfaction, the *Pronouncing Introduction, Reader and Testament*, I am pleased to learn that you contemplate publishing an Edition of the whole Bible on the same plan. Objections have indeed been made, and with reason, to furnishing school books, generally, with artificial helps to the correct pronunciation of words; but in first books, and especially in the Bible, they must be highly useful. It is of great importance that children be early accustomed to conform to a correct standard of orthoepy; and we cannot conceal the fact, if we would, that almost a total disregard to accuracy and system, in this particular, prevails, not only in families and common schools, but also in too many of our academies and colleges. Believing that the *Pronouncing Bible* may do much to remedy this evil, and, especially, to fix a correct and uniform pronunciation of the Hebrew names, I hope you may receive a liberal patronage in your undertaking.

Respectfully yours, &c.  
EBENEZER BAILEY.

From Rev. J. L. Blake, Rector of St. Matthew's Church, and Preceptor of a Young Ladies' Seminary, in Boston, to the publishers.

I am much pleased in learning that you contemplate an edition of the whole Bible on the plan of the *Pronouncing Testament*. If the critical accentuation of school books generally would be objectionable,

from its tendency to hinder the proper exercise of judgment and memory, with the young, in acquiring a classical and polite pronunciation of the English language, it cannot be objectionable in regard to the Bible and Testament, which, in Schools, are used chiefly, not as class-books, but in connection with devotional exercises, and in families, and by individuals, under circumstances that do not admit of regular instruction to the reader. And, moreover, it is believed, that if each of the younger members of a family should be furnished with a Bible on the plan of the *Pronouncing Testament*, and should unite daily, after having been duly instructed in the Key, in reading by turns the chapters preparatory to morning and evening prayers, they would soon acquire an accuracy and elegance of pronunciation not usually witnessed—and, judging from my own experience, I should have no hesitation in saying, that the elder members of most families might find a benefit in like manner from the habitual use of such a Bible. The *Pronouncing Testament* will be a sufficient guarantee to all who have seen it, of Mr. Alger's qualifications for the work in which he is engaged; and, those who have seen the neat style of typography, and the good paper and binding of your late publications, will have full confidence, I am well persuaded, that your contemplated edition of the Bible, will be throughout what it should be.

Very respectfully yours,  
J. L. BLAKE.

From Mr. Gould, Principal of the Latin School and Mr. Emerson, the late Principal, and Mr. Miles, the present Principal of the English High School in Boston.

Messrs. Lincoln & Edmonds,

We received notice of your intended edition of the Bible, and are very glad that you have undertaken it. An edition for common use, with the pronunciation of proper names and of difficult English words correctly marked, has long been wanted. It cannot fail to be highly useful. Without such a work, a knowledge of the right pronunciation of the Hebrew names can be acquired only by a reference to dictionaries which most readers have neither time nor opportunity to consult. We have no doubt, judging from the *New Testament* on the same plan which you published, that it will be well executed.

Yours, &c. B. A. GOULD.  
G. B. EMERSON.  
S. P. MILES.

Recommendation to the Testament from the Associated Instructors of Youth in the city of Boston.

The committee appointed at the last monthly meeting of the Association, to examine and report their opinion of the merits of an edition of the *New Testament*, entitled "The *Pronouncing Testament*," have attended to the service assigned them; and have great pleasure in expressing to the Association, that they consider this attempt of Mr. Alger to apply the principles of Mr. Walker, and the marks and characters used by Mr. Perry, and other Lexicographers, for designating the various sounds of the vowels and consonants, to the proper names, and many other words in the sacred Scriptures, as highly laudable, and calculated greatly to aid children and others in acquiring a correct pronunciation of such words; and that his success has been much greater than could reasonably have been expected in a first edition.

Respectfully submitted by your Committee,  
THOMAS PAYSON, Chairman.

At a regular meeting of "The Associated Instructors of Youth in the city of Boston and elsewhere," the preceding Report was read and accepted.

A true copy.  
Attest, JAMES ROBINSON, Sec'y. A. 1 1









