

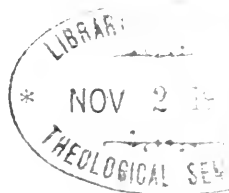








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OF THE

United Presbyterian Church

OF

NORTH AMERICA,

AT ITS MEETING IN MONMOUTH, ILLINOIS,

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## THE THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

OF THE

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{ *United Presbyterian Church, Monmouth, Illinois,  
; Wednesday, May 15th, 1861, 2 o'clock, P. M.*

The General Assembly of the United Presbyterian Church of North America met at the above-named time and place; and after sermon by Rev. J. T. Pressly, D. D., from 1 John iv. 11: "Beloved, if God so loved us, we ought also to love one another," delegates handed in their credentials to the Principal Clerk. The following is the roll of the Assembly.

#### SYNOD OF NEW YORK.

##### PRESBYTERY OF ALBANY.

MINISTERS.	RULING ELDERS.
J. L. Clark.	John M'Nab.

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W. R. M'Kee,	Daniel M'Farland,
W. B. Short.*	Samuel Dobbin.

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Alex. Blaikie.	Robert Thompson.*
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F. M. Proctor.	Wm. M'Vey.*

##### PRESBYTERY OF DELAWARE.

W. C. Somers.

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David Donnan.	David Douglass.*

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Geo. C. Arnold.	Wm. S. Young.

##### PRESBYTERY OF STAMFORD.

D. H. Goodwillie.	Thos. M'Nicking.
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T. Goodwillie.\*

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D. G. Bradford.	Jas. M'Candless.

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##### PRESBYTERY OF BUTLER.

John N. Dick.

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Wm. M. Gibson.	E. G. Agnew.*

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Samuel Browne,*	H. M. Wilson,
D. K. Duff,	Jno. J. Hamilton,*
S. C. Reid.	Robert Marshall.

##### PRESBYTERY OF DETROIT.

J. P. Scott.

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W. M. M'Elwee, D. D.,	John Nevin,
W. L. Wilson.	Jas. H. M'Nall.

##### PRESBYTERY OF THE LAKES.

J. H. Thompson,	J. M. M'Adams,*
T. J. Kennedy.	J. G. M'Leau.*

##### PRESBYTERY OF MANSFIELD.

W. H. French,	John Finney.
J. W. M'Farland.	Samuel Hanna.

##### PRESBYTERY OF MERCER.

W. C. Jackson,	Samuel Hamilton,
Jas. Patterson, D. D.,*	Robert Lowrie.
R. McWatty.*	Robert Dickey.*

##### PRESBYTERY OF MONONGAHELA.

Jas. Grier,	David Frew,
H. K. Lusk,	Jas. Robb,*
Alex. Calhoun.	R. A. Cunningham.

##### PRESBYTERY OF MUSKINGUM.

Jas. C. Murch.	David Wallace.
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\* Not in attendance.

## PRESBYTERY OF CLEVELAND.

## PRESBYTERY OF STEUBENVILLE.

J. M. Jamieson,	Jas. Stewart.*
J. H. Peacock.	Jno. Thompson.

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Jas. Given.	J. M. McElroy.*

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W. G. Waddle.	Wm. Waddle.*

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Andrew Ritchie.	Alex. Scroggs.*

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J. F. Hutcheson,	Wm. Anderson,
Andrew Heron, D. D.	R. Taylor.*

## PRESBYTERY OF MICHIGAN.

Wellington Wright,	Thos. Barnes,
J. N. Buchanan.	David Turner.

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Wm. Davidson,	R. C. Stewart,
Adrian Aten.	Wm. R. Baxter.

## PRESBYTERY OF SIDNEY.

Samuel Wallace,	Jas. Patterson,*
I. N. Laughhead.	Saml. Johnston.*

## PRESBYTERY OF SOUTHERN INDIANA.

J. L. Craig.*	Wm. Strain.*
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Samuel Wilson, D. D.,	David Millen,
R. D. Harper.	Robert Gowdy.

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## PRESBYTERY OF BLOOMINGTON.

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Matthew Clarke.	A. H. Hanly.*

## PRESBYTERY OF CHICAGO.

H. Sturgeon,	Andrew Beveridge,
R. W. French.	Chas. Moore.*

## PRESBYTERY OF KANSAS.

B. L. Baldrige.	Hon. S. W. Grier.*
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David Macdill, D. D.,	W. M. Wallace,
Jas. C. Porter,	Wm. M. Hays,
Jas. M'Arthur,	A. M. Elliott,
Matthew Bigger.	Wm. Nash.

## PRESBYTERY OF ST. LOUIS.

W. A. Pollock,	Jas. H. Patterson,
Wm. Wright.	Jno. Largue.

## SYNOD OF IOWA.

## PRESBYTERY OF DESMOINES.

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Jno. N. Pressly,	David Carnahan,*
J. H. Young.	Jos. Robb.*

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S. F. Vanatta,	R. B. Glasgow.

## PRESBYTERY OF LE CLAIRE.

S. S. Ralston,	Jas. Strain,
Jonathan Stewart,	Saml. Martin.*

## PRESBYTERY OF SEALKOTE, N. INDIA.

## PRESBYTERY OF EGYPT.

Thos. Mc'Cague.
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## PRESBYTERY OF OREGON.

S. G. Irvine.
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Proceeded to the election of a Moderator. Rev. R. D. Harper, of the Presbytery of Xenia, was chosen.

Rev. George C. Arnold was appointed Assistant Clerk.

On motion, it was resolved that the hours of meeting during the sittings of the Assembly, shall be 8½ o'clock, A. M., and 1½ o'clock, P. M.; and of adjournment, 11½ o'clock, A. M., and 4½ o'clock, P. M.

On motion, adjourned. Closed with prayer, by Rev. Jos. M'Kee.

*Thursday, May 16th, 8½, A. M.*

General Assembly met and was opened with prayer by Rev. J. T. Pressly, D. D.

The roll was called, and corrected. The minutes of last sitting were read and approved.

On motion of Rev. Messrs. Wm. Davidson and J. W. McFarland, a Committee on Credentials was appointed. The Committee consists of Rev. Messrs. Wm. Davidson, J. W. McFarland, and elder Robert Lowrie.

The following Standing Committees were appointed, viz.:

*Committee on Bills and Overtures.*—Revs. S. G. Irvine, D. Macdill, D. D., J. B. Clark, W. C. Jackson. Messrs. David Millen, Wm. Nash, H. M. Wilson.



*Judicial Committee.*—Revs. J. T. Pressly, D. D., Wm. M. M'Elwee, D. D., A. Heron, D. D., David Macdill, J. C. Porter. Messrs. R. C. Stewart, Wm. M'Vey, Wm. S. Young, John Largue.

*Committee on the Narrative.*—Revs. S. Wilson, D. D., H. H. Thompson, James M'Arthur. Messrs. Robert Gowdy, Andrew Beveridge.

*Committee on Correspondence.*—Revs. G. C. Arnold, Joseph M'Kee, S. S. Ralston. Messrs. J. W. Baldrige, R. A. Cunningham.

*Committee on Finance.*—Revs. James Grier, W. R. M'Kee, D. G. Bradford. Messrs. James M'Candless, S. C. Huey.

*Committee on Devotional Exercises.*—Revs. J. C. Murch, W. L. Wilson, J. H. Peacock. Messrs. Robt. Marshall, A. P. Disart.

*Committee on the Board of Foreign Missions.*—Revs. J. C. Herron, Samuel Wallace, F. M. Proctor. Messrs. R. B. Glasgow, E. J. Agnew.

*Committee on the Board of Home Missions.*—Revs. Andrew Ritchie, Alex. Blaikie, H. Connelly. Messrs. James H. M'Nall, David Wallace.

*Committee on the Board of Publication.*—Revs. D. F. Reid, J. W. M'Farland, J. H. Fife, D. K. Duff. Messrs. David Frew, William Anderson.

*Committee on the Board of Education.*—Revs. W. Davidson, J. P. Scott, J. N. Dick. Messrs. John Finney, W. A. Laird.

*Committee on the Board of Church Extension.*—Revs. D. H. Goodwillie, B. L. Baldrige, W. C. Somers. Messrs. John Thompson, Samuel Hanna.

*Committee on Revision.*—Revs. M. Clark, D. K. Duff, John Nevin.

On motion of Rev. Messrs. A. Heron, D. D., and J. H. Peacock, it was *Resolved*, That a select committee of five be appointed, to consider and report what action, if any, it is proper for this Assembly to take in reference to the present alarming crisis in our national affairs.

The committee consists of Revs. Dr. M'Elwee, J. H. Peacock, J. B. Clark, and Messrs. D. Millen, and D. Turner.

The following Presbyteries presented reports, which were read, viz.:—Monongahela, Southern Indiana, St. Louis, Allegheny, Mansfield, Argyle, Monmouth, Chillicothe, Delaware, Keokuk, Le Claire, Bloomington, Kansas, Cleveland, Conemaugh, Michigan, Indiana, Lakes, Stamford, New York, Detroit, Chartiers, Sidney, First of Ohio, Egypt, Philadelphia, Sealkote, Vermont, Albany, Westmoreland, Chicago, Caledonia, Wheeling, Muskingum, Boston, Big Spring, Des Moines, Steubenville, Oregon, Frankfort, Xenia, Butler, and Mercer. (See Appendix.)

While the above reports were being read, the Board of Home Missions was granted leave of absence for the purpose of completing their Report to the Assembly.

On motion, James M'Candless was appointed to receive moneys for the Foreign and Home Missionary funds during the sittings of this General Assembly.

The hour having arrived, the General Assembly adjourned. Closed with prayer by Rev. J. H. Peacock.

1½ o'clock, P. M.

The General Assembly met, and was opened with prayer by Rev. J. N. Dick.

The Minutes of last sitting were read and approved. Spent half an hour in religious exercises.

Called for Reports, petitions, and other papers. Heard the Report of the Board on Home Missions. (See Appendix.)

The whole Report was amended and adopted.

The Report of the Board of Foreign Missions was presented. It was made the order of the day for to-morrow at 10 o'clock.

The Report of the Treasurer of the Board of Foreign Missions was presented. (See Appendix.) It was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Heard the Report of the Committee on Devotional Exercises, which was adopted as follows:

## REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON DEVOTIONAL EXERCISES.

The committee on Devotional Exercises would make the following Report:

1. That the first half hour each morning, after the reading of the Minutes, be spent in devotional exercises, consisting of praise, prayer and reading the Scriptures, the Moderator directing the exercises.

2. That Thursday evening be spent in devotional exercises and religious conference, Wm. H. French to preside.

3. That Friday evening be spent in prayer and conference on the state of our national affairs, Dr. S. Wilson to preside; and that the subject of Saturday evening be "Foreign Missions," Rev. S. S. Ralston to preside.

4. That Monday evening be spent in conference and prayer in reference to the subject of Education, Rev. R. H. Pollock to preside.

5. That inasmuch as the persons appointed to preach on special subjects at this meeting are absent, except Dr. Brown, who is indisposed, we recommend that the appointments of last year be continued until next year.

6. Feeling that God has approved, and signally blessed the exercises in connexion with the World's Prayer Meetings, we would recommend that the second week of January, A. D., 1862, be spent in religious exercises.

7. That Rev. Joseph Andrews of the Presbytery of Steubenville, be appointed the Moderator's alternate, to preach the opening sermon of the next General Assembly.

All which is respectfully submitted.

JAMES C. MURCH, Chairman.

The Reports of the Treasurer of the Boards of Publication and Church Extension, and of the General Assembly were presented and referred to the Committee on Finance. (See Appendix.)

Heard the Report of the Committee on Missions to the Jews. (See Appendix.) It was referred to the Committee on the Board of Home Missions.

Read a letter from the U. P. Congregations of Pistol Creek and Big Spring in Tennessee.

Referred to the Committee on the Board of Home Missions.

The hour having arrived, the Assembly adjourned. Closed with prayer by Rev. David Donnan.

*Friday, May 17th, 1861. 8½ o'clock, A. M.*

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

Spent half an hour in religious exercises.

Called for petitions, reports, and other papers.

On motion the reports of the several Presbyteries, on the overtures of last Assembly, were referred to a select Committee.

The committee appointed is Rev. Messrs. W. M. Gibson, I. N. Laughhead and J. M. Jamieson.

On motion the Statistical Tables of the Presbyteries were referred to special Committee.

The committee are Rev. Messrs. D. Donnan, W. W. Barr and J. H. Young

Heard a petition from Rev. R. A. Hill, formerly connected with the Seal-kote Presbytery.

This petition, and all the papers bearing on it, were referred to the Judicial Committee.

The Report of the Board of Foreign Missions was read, and referred to the Committee on the Board of Foreign Missions. (See Appendix.)

As much of the report of the Presbytery of Monongahela, as refers to the subject of Foreign Missions, was referred to the same committee.

Heard the Report of the Board of Church Extension. (See Appendix.)

It was referred to the Committee on the Board of Church Extension.

It was *Resolved*, that so much of the reports of the Presbyteries of Southern Indiana and Bloomington, as refers to the publication of the early records of the Associate and Associate Reformed Presbyterian Churches, and also the pre-

paration of a Digest, be referred to the Committee on the Board of Publication.

The Report of the Treasurer of the Home Missionary fund was presented, and referred to the Committee on Finance. (See Appendix.)

The Reports of the Presbyteries were referred to the Committee on the Narrative.

A memorial was presented from the Presbytery of Philadelphia, on the subject of the formation of marriages by professors of religion with irreligious persons. It was referred to the Committee on Bills and Overtures.

The hour having arrived the Assembly adjourned. Closed with prayer by Rev. J. A. Frazier.

*Friday, 1½ o'clock, P. M.*

The General Assembly met and was opened with prayer by Rev. J. L. Clark.

Received a letter from Rev. Dr. Baird, corresponding Secretary of the American and Foreign Christian Union, which was referred to the Committee on the Board of Home Missions.

Heard the Report of the Committee on a new version of the Psalms. (See Appendix.) It was referred to the Committee on Bills and Overtures.

Heard the report of the Committee on Credentials of members to this General Assembly. The report was laid on the table.

Heard the report of the Committee on a revised edition of the metrical version of the Psalms. (See Appendix.) It was referred to the Committee on Bills and Overtures.

Heard the report of the Committee on the "Directory for Worship." (See Appendix.) It was referred to the Committee having in charge the Reports of Presbyteries on the Book of Discipline and the Directory of Worship.

Heard the Report of the Board of Education. (See Appendix.) It was referred to the Committee on the Board of Education.

The Treasurer of the Board of Education made his report. (See Appendix.) It was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Read a letter from the Rev. William Lorimer in regard to a legacy of Elizabeth Thompson, for the spread of the gospel. It was ordered that the legacy be divided equally between the Foreign and Home Missionary Funds. Rev. Wm. Lorimer was authorized as the agent of this General Assembly, to receipt to the executor for this legacy of Mrs. Elizabeth Thompson.

The following resolutions offered by Rev. Messrs. G. C. Arnold and William Davidson, were adopted.

*Resolved*, That Presbyteries be enjoined in making their reports to the General Assembly, to furnish separate duplicates of so much of their reports as refers to the state of religion, whatever relates to matters in overture, all memorials to the Assembly, and, in general, anything that may require reference to committees in the Assembly.

*Resolved*, That the above resolution be published with, and considered one of the general rules of the Assembly.

The following persons were appointed the financial agents of their respective Presbyteries, namely:—

Albany,.....	Rev. Dr. Bullions.
Argyle,.....	" W. R. M'Kee.
Boston,.....	" A. Blaikie.
Caledonia,.....	" J. Van Eaton.
Delaware,.....	" R. D. Williamson.
New York,.....	" D. Donnan.
Philadelphia,.....	" W. W. Barr.
Stamford,.....	" Jno. Gillespie.
Vermont,.....	" T. Goodwillie.
Allegheny,.....	" D. G. Bradford.
Big Spring,.....	" J. Bruce.
Butler,.....	" J. A. Clark

Chartiers, .....	Rev. T. Hanna, D. D.
Conemaugh, .....	" J. C. Telford.
Detroit, .....	" J. P. Scott.
Frankfort, .....	" W. L. Wilson.
Lakes, .....	" H. H. Thompson.
Mansfield, .....	" D. W. Collins.
Mercer, .....	" B. K. Ormonds.
Monongahela, .....	" R. Gracey, D. D.
Muskingum, .....	" W. M. M'Farland.
Cleveland, .....	" James M'Gill.
Steubenville, .....	" J. K. Andrews.
Westmoreland, .....	" S. Jamison.
Wheeling, .....	" J. S. M'Cready.
Chillicothe, .....	" David Macdill.
Indiana, .....	" Samuel Collins.
Michigan, .....	" Wellington Wright.
1st Ohio, .....	" J. Y. Scouller.
Sidney, .....	" S. Wallace.
Southern Indiana, .....	" J. L. Craig.
Xenia, .....	" Dr. S. Wilson.
Bloomington, .....	T. H. M'Culloch, Esq.
Chicago, .....	Rev. W. T. Moffet.
Des Moines, .....	" R. A. M'Ayeal.
Kansas, .....	" J. N. Smith.
Keokuk, .....	" S. F. Vanatta.
Le Claire, .....	" R. S. Campbell.
Monmouth, .....	" M. Morrison.
St. Louis, .....	" A. M. Allen.

Mr. Dick was directed to send back the statistical table of Butler Presbytery to its clerk for completion.

It was resolved, That when this General Assembly adjourn, another General Assembly, similarly constituted, be, and hereby is, called to meet in the Second United Presbyterian Church, in the city of Pittsburgh, Pa., on the 3d Wednesday, (the 21st day) of May, 1862, at 7½ o'clock, P. M.

The hour having arrived, the Assembly adjourned.

Closed with prayer by Rev. James Grier.

*Saturday, May 18th, 1861. 8½ o'clock, A. M.*

The General Assembly met, and was opened with prayer by Rev. J. H. Peacock.

The calling of the roll was dispensed with.

The minutes of the last sitting were read and approved.

Spent half an hour in religious exercises.

Called for reports, petitions and other papers.

The Committee on the Board of Home Missions reported in part.

The Committee on the Board of Publication reported in part.

Read a Memorial from James Nichol, Edinburgh, Scotland, on the republication of the works of the Puritan Divines. The memorial was referred to the Committee on the Board of Publication.

The Committee on the Board of Home Missions reported further.

On motion, the Assembly went into Extra-Judicial Conference on the Report of the Committee on the Board of Home Missions, Rev. D. F. Reid in the chair. The Conference rose, reported, and asked leave to sit again. The Assembly granted the request.

The hour having arrived, the General Assembly adjourned.

Closed with prayer by Rev. David Macdill.

*1½ o'clock, P. M.*

The General Assembly met and was opened with prayer by Rev. W. C. Jackson.

The minutes were read and approved.

The Committee on Finance reported. The report was adopted, as follows:

The Committee on Finance report that as the Treasurer of the Home Missionary Fund has not closed his report at the 30th of April, 1861, but has continued it into the present financial year, therefore,

*Resolved*, That said report be committed to the Executive Committee on Home Missions, for examination.

Read a circular from Rev. N. D. Williamson, of the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church, on stated times of prayer for our soldiers in the camp and in the field. It was referred to the Committee on the State of the Country.

The following resolution was presented by Rev. Messrs. Ritchie and Arnold, and adopted:—

*Resolved*, That this General Assembly deems it best to have the funds for the Home Mission Board either reported, or transmitted direct to the Treasurer of that Board; that it recognises its obligations to Mr. James McCandless, who has acted as central treasurer, and hereby returns to him its thanks for his faithful services as such.

Heard the report of the Board of Publication. (See Appendix.) It was referred to the Committee on the Board of Publication.

The Committee on the Board of Home Missions made its final report, which was adopted, as follows:—

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

1st. On the report of a special committee, appointed at the Assembly in Philadelphia, 1860, to consider the propriety of establishing a mission among the Jews of the United States.

No people have so many claims upon the Christian Church as the Jews. They were the chosen people of God—the medium by which the sacred oracles were preserved and given to the Church. Our Saviour and his apostles were Jews, and though now cast out of the Church because of unbelief, yet their casting off “was the reconciling of the world.” And though peeled and scattered from the one end of the earth to the other, yet they are still “beloved for the fathers’ sake;” so beloved that the receiving them again into the Church will be “as life from the dead.” The day will yet come when “their seed shall be known among the Gentiles, and their offspring among the people; all that see them shall acknowledge them, that they are the seed which the Lord hath blessed.” We regard it as the most effective way of converting the world to Christ to begin with the Jew, for every Jew converted to Christ will not only be a soul rescued from eternal death, but a missionary engaged in the work of “building up that which he formerly destroyed.” Only with the conversion of the Jews will come in “the fulness of the Gentiles.” The Committee would, therefore, most heartily have recommended the carrying out of the suggestion of the report to appoint a missionary to labor among the Jews in the city of New York, *only for the fact that in the distracted condition of our country we cannot hope to obtain the funds necessary to the carrying on of the work.* We therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:—

*Resolved*, 1. That the former Committee, Rev. Dr. Dales, Rev. James Harper, and S. C. Huey, be continued, and that they issue an appeal in behalf of the Jews of our own land through the periodicals of the church, embodying the facts in their report, and asking special contributions for their benefit.

*Resolved*, 2. That the contributions thus obtained be used for the obtaining and circulating such a Christian literature as is likely, by the blessing of God, to benefit the Jew.

*Resolved*, 3. That they continue their inquiries in reference to the accessibility of the Jews, and the best means of reaching them with a knowledge of the Saviour, and report to the next Assembly.

2d. On the paper from the Secretary of the *American and Foreign Christian Union*, the Committee report the following resolutions for the adoption of the Assembly:

*Resolved*, 1. That we have heard with pleasure the communication of the Secretary of the American and Foreign Christian Union, and cordially recommend the society to the liberality of the congregations under our care.

*Resolved*, 2. That the request for one or two missionaries, for South America or Mexico, from our ministry, be referred to our Board of Foreign Missions, and that the Board be, and hereby are, instructed to endeavour to find two ministers suitable for, and willing to engage in the work, and that they recommend them to the society for the field designated.

*Resolved*, 3. That the Clerk of the Assembly be, and hereby is instructed to forward a copy of these resolutions to the Secretary of the American and Foreign Christian Union.

3d. On the report of the *Executive Committee of Home Missions*:—Whereas, it appears from the report that a great barrier in the way of prosecuting the work of Home Missions is—First, the neglect of missionaries to fulfil their appointments. Year after year complaints have been sent to the Board on this subject, both respecting the men appointed, and the Presbyteries giving them appointments when not entitled to their services; therefore,

*Resolved*, That inasmuch as Presbyteries have given up the control of the missionaries reported by them to the Board, that they be, and hereby are, enjoined to give no appointments to missionaries under appointment to other Presbyteries, unless some arrangements have been made with these Presbyteries through the Executive Committee, or otherwise.

A second barrier in the way of success, is the lack of funds to meet promptly the appropriations of the Board. Members of the Assembly know, without any argument, that whether right or wrong the fact exists, that the energy of missionaries is impaired, and their zeal deadened, by the treatment they receive at the hand of the church in this respect, not so much because of the lack of the mere dollars and cents, as the want of sympathy which it betokens on the part of the church with them in their difficult work.

And whereas, it appears from the Executive Committee's report that there is still a deficit in the treasury to meet the appropriations of last year of more than six thousand dollars, over thirteen thousand dollars of orders being already granted, and only about seven thousand dollars having been contributed, (including that paid in at the present Assembly,) to meet these orders; therefore,

*Resolved*, 1. That pastors of congregations be, and hereby are enjoined to call the attention of their congregations specially to the state of the Home Mission Fund, and so endeavor to replenish it, that this barrier in the way of our success in Home Missions may be removed.

*Resolved*, 2. That the Assembly direct, and hereby do direct all our congregations to take up a collection in behalf of the Board of Home Missions on the first Sabbath of June, or as soon thereafter as possible, to make up the deficiency.

ANDREW RITCHIE, *Chmn. of Com.*

Heard the report of the Judicial Committee on the action of the Presbytery of Sealkote, in the case of Rev. R. A. Hill.

REPORT OF THE JUDICIAL COMMITTEE ON THE ACTION OF THE PRESBYTERY OF SEALKOTE  
IN THE CASE OF REV. R. A. HILL.

Your Committee have endeavoured to look at this unhappy matter with an impartial eye; and, in doing so, while they would exceedingly regret the doing of any thing that would weaken the hands of the Presbytery, they feel constrained to endorse the action of our Board of Foreign Missions on the subject.

Without impeaching the motives of the Presbytery, and commending their firmness of attachment to our subordinate standards, we are deeply impressed with the conviction, that their well-intended zeal carried them too far, when they passed the resolution not to admit the accused to sacramental communion. It is true that they tell us, that this was not suspension; but wherein it differs from what Presbyterian books of Discipline call suspension, we cannot see; yet, this resolution was passed without any such previous steps of procedure as Presbyterian order requires to be taken with a person accused.

We think that when Mr. Hill gave the pledge; that whatever might be his individual views, as to the propriety of intercommunion in peculiar circumstances, "he would not agitate the church by preaching and teaching these views, so long as he remained in her communion," the Presbytery should have rested satisfied, and exercised forbearance towards the brother. Instead of this, however, we find them instituting a kind of inquisitorial process, the result of which, in their view, warranted the issue at which they arrived.

In view of the whole matter, as it appears from the voluminous documents on the Assembly's table, the Committee recommend the following action, namely:—

*Resolved, 1st,* That the Assembly recommend it to the Presbytery of Sealkote, to re-consider and reverse their act suspending Rev. R. A. Hill from their communion.

*Resolved, 2d,* That they recommend said Presbytery, to furnish Rev. R. A. Hill, at his request, with an attested copy of their whole Minutes in his case, to use as he may think fit.

*Resolved, 3d,* That they recommend to said Presbytery, in case Rev. R. A. Hill should come to the conclusion that it is his duty to unite with another branch of the church, to take no further action in his case than to strike his name from their roll.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

JOHN T. PRESSLY, *Chairman.*

After discussion the matter was laid on the table for the present.

The Committee on Bills and Overtures reported on the Amended Version of the Book of Psalms. The resolutions were adopted as follows:—

#### REPORT ON THE AMENDED VERSION OF THE PSALMS.

Report of the Committee on Bills and Overtures on the *Amended Version of the Psalms.*

Your Committee respectfully recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:—

*Resolved, 1.* That we highly approve the labours of this Committee, and hereby send their amended version in overture to the Presbyteries under our care.

*Resolved, 2.* That in reporting on this overture, the Presbyteries are instructed to report to the next General Assembly, first, on the overture, ay or no; second, that should any Presbytery have objections to the amended version, they shall specify particularly to the General Assembly the grounds of their objection, and should they desire any amendments or alterations, they shall make them in their own language.

*Resolved, 3.* That Presbyteries having objections or desiring alterations or amendments, shall communicate them to the Committee on an improved version of the Psalms, (directed to the care of Rev. Dr. Rodgers, Pittsburgh, Pa.,) before the first of February, 1862; and that the Committee be directed to take such suggestions into careful consideration, and embody such as meet their approbation into their report in full, to the next General Assembly for adoption, should the Assembly approve them.

The Assembly adjourned till 9 o'clock, Monday, A. M.

Closed with prayer by Rev. Henry Connelly.

*Monday, May 20th, 1861. 9 o'clock, A. M.*

The General Assembly met, and was opened with prayer by Rev. Alexander Blaikie.

The calling of the roll was dispensed with.

The minutes of the last sitting were read and approved.

The Committee on the Board of Education reported as follows:—

The Committee on the Board of Education respectfully report:—

In many ways has the United Presbyterian Church expressed the deep and abiding interest she takes in the cause of Education. The organization of a Board of Education is only one of the forms in which that interest has been expressed. The duties of that Board, as stated in the constitution, are threefold;—to cherish and diffuse an educational spirit among our people; to aid in the establishment of efficient academies, seminaries, colleges, and institutions of learning, under the care and control of the church; and to aid young men of promise and piety, in coming forward to the Christian ministry. As yet the Board seems to have confined its attention chiefly to the third object specified. Important as this object is, the two former are much more important. If all the rising generation in the United Presbyterian Church were thoroughly converted to God, and educated, physically, intellectually, and morally, up to the whole extent of their capacity, as they should be, they would, in the next age, exert an incalculable influence for good. There are now, probably, between one and two hun-

dred thousand children and youth, more or less, under the fostering care of the United Presbyterian Church. Two hundred thousand men and women thoroughly converted to God from infancy, educated and developed in body, mind, and soul, up to the whole extent of their capacities, thoroughly united and compacted, and acting in concert in one ecclesiastical association, would exert an influence on the destinies of this land, and of the whole world which no man can estimate. It is high time the church—the whole church—should awake to a sense of how much it is in her power, under God, to accomplish, and to gird herself to an effort commensurate to the momentous importance of the interests at stake. Your Committee recommend for adoption the following:—

*Resolved*, 1. That the Assembly approves of the regulations of the Board submitted in their report.

2. While in all ordinary cases the Presbyteries must, in the very nature of the case, be responsible for the character of the beneficiaries of the Board, and while Presbyteries are urgently solicited to be careful to recommend only such young men as have the prescribed qualifications; yet the Board shall not, knowingly, furnish aid to any young man who lacks the prescribed qualifications, even though he be recommended by a Presbytery.

3. Sixteen hundred dollars is the minimum which the church should this year raise, for aiding the beneficiaries of the Board.

4. In all ordinary cases, the Board should require its beneficiaries to attend some institution of learning, instead of pursuing their studies privately; yet the Assembly judges it expedient that in this matter something should be left to the discretion of the Board.

5. Rev. A. Young, D. D., Rev. J. A. Edie, Wm. Nash, and David Turnbull, are hereby elected to fill the vacancies in the Board; the latter to fill the vacancy occasioned by the death of Jas. Miller.

6. Synods, Presbyteries, and congregations, are affectionately and earnestly urged to reflect upon the suggestions made in the preamble to this paper, and to do what they can to establish efficient institutions of learning, at every suitable point in the bounds of the whole church, where it is practicable for them to do so.

7. Each institution of learning under congregational, presbyterial, or synodical control, is requested to make an annual report to the Board, as early as March, of its history, condition, and prospects; and the Board shall embody the substance of these reports in its annual report to the Assembly.

8. be appointed a Committee to call the attention of the church to the importance of the work intrusted to the Board, and the relation which the Church, by divine appointment, sustains to the work of education, and endeavour to awaken a deeper interest, on these subjects, throughout the Church.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

WM. DAVIDSON, JOHN P. SCOTT,  
JOHN FINNEY, J. N. DICK.

The report was adopted.

The Committee to which was referred the Reports of the Presbyteries on the Overtures of last General Assembly on the Book of Discipline and Directory for Worship reported. The whole subject was made the order of the day, for 2 o'clock this afternoon.

The Committee on the Board of Church Extension reported. The report was amended and adopted as follows:—

The Committee on the Board of Church Extension would present the following report: That so far as their information extends, the Board of Church Extension has been prosecuting its appropriate work with commendable zeal, and has been limited only by the scarcity of means at its command. The whole amount of money received during the past year, we are informed, is less than one thousand dollars—a very small sum, indeed, in view of the magnitude of the enterprise. It is evident that contributions to this fund have been made by a very small proportion of our congregations; and we conceive one great reason of this general neglect to be a want of sufficient information in respect to the objects of this Board. We would therefore recommend that each pastor be requested to bring this subject before his people as soon as possible, explaining its objects and appealing to them to furnish the needed means to enable this Board to carry on its operations with efficiency, and that the Board be requested to call attention to it by issuing an address to the people through the press. As the name of Church Extension is that



by which this Board is now generally known, and as it is that by which similar institutions of other denominations are designated, we deem it inexpedient to propose any change in this respect.

We would offer the following resolutions:

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

*Resolved*, 2d. That the places of Rev. Dr. M<sup>c</sup>Lean, Rev. Robert A. Browne, and John Taggart, whose term of office expires at this time, be filled by their re-election.

DAVID H. GOODWILLIE, B. L. BALDRIDGE,  
W. C. SOMERS, JOHN THOMPSON,  
SAMUEL HANNA, *Committee.*

Heard the Report of the Committee on the Board of Publication. It was adopted as follows:—

THE COMMITTEE ON THE BOARD OF PUBLICATION

On the memorial from the Presbytery of Southern Indiana, report:—

Whereas, it is highly important that the records of the Church be preserved entire, and that all the ministers, at least, may have access to them, therefore,

*Resolved*, 1st. That the Board of Publication be instructed to secure the records of the Associate Presbyterian, and of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian churches, and United Presbyterian Church.

*Resolved*, 2d. That the Board be instructed to arrange for publication so much of these records as may be deemed of general utility, and to publish them as soon as the funds can be procured for defraying the expenses.

*Resolved*, 3d. That the Board be instructed to obtain all the material that they can for a complete history of the United Presbyterian Church.

On the memorial from the Presbytery of Bloomington, your Committee report:

That however desirable it may be to have a digest of all the acts of the A. R. P., the A. P., and the U. P. Churches, the pecuniary condition of the Church will not warrant us to engage in the publication of such a work at present, therefore,

*Resolved*, That it be postponed.

On the Memorial of James Nichol, your Committee report:

Whereas, James Nichol, of Edinburgh, has in contemplation to publish certain standard works of the Puritan divines; therefore,

*Resolved*, That his effort meets with our hearty approbation, and we hereby recommend his publications to the ministers and members of the United Presbyterian Church.

On the report of the Board of Publication, your Committee report:

That we have examined this report, and find that the business has been transacted in accordance with the constitution of the Board; and the account, as far as presented in the accompanying papers, correctly kept.

*Resolved*, 1st. That the persons whose term of office in the Board expires be re-elected.

*Resolved*, 2d. That the business transactions of the Board be approved, and their report adopted.

D. F. REID, D. K. DUFF,  
J. H. FIFE, J. W. MCFARLAND,  
DAVID FREW, *Committee.*

The Committee on Bills and Overtures reported on the Report of the Committee on a New Version of the Psalms. The report was adopted as follows:

Your Committee have not had the opportunity of giving this version a thorough examination; but, so far as we are able to judge, we approve of the labors of this Committee, and recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

*Resolved*, 1st. That the new and improved version of a portion of the Book of Psalms prepared by the Committee appointed by the General Assembly of 1860 be overtured to the Presbyteries under our care.

*Resolved*, 2d. That Presbyteries be instructed to examine it carefully, and report to the next General Assembly.

Respectfully submitted, S. G. IRVINE, *Chairman.*

It was resolved, That Rev. Messrs. James Prestley, D. D., R. D. Harper, and Mr. W. S. Young be and hereby are appointed to confer with Prof. Jones in regard to this overture.

It was resolved, That Drs. J. T. Pressly, J. Rodgers and D. R. Kerr be and hereby are appointed a Committee to address the churches on the subject of the new version of the Psalms.

The Committee on Bills and Overtures reported on the Memorial from the Presbytery of Philadelphia, on the formation of matrimonial connexions by professors of religion with irreligious persons. The report was adopted as follows:—

On the Memorial from the Presbytery of Philadelphia, in relation to the formation of matrimonial connexions by professors of religion with irreligious persons, the Committee on Bills and Overtures report:—

That irreligious persons are contemnners of religion, or impious and immoral persons. Such is the proper force of the language; and such your Committee are led to believe is the sense in which it is used by the Presbytery. The Committee have no hesitation in saying that the formation of close and intimate connexions of any kind with such persons is clearly contrary to the teachings of God's word, and that this is especially true in relation to matrimonial connexions. Such connexions should be discountenanced by the Church in the use of all Scriptural means. With such persons, professors of religion should carefully avoid all intimate companionship. For this purpose parents have a duty to perform. And ministers should teach, and exhort, and warn their people on the subject from the word of God. Especially should the subject receive particular attention where the circumstances with which young people are surrounded are such as to expose them to peculiar temptations.

However useful an earnest dissuasive set forth by the General Assembly against the formation of such connexions might be, your Committee are not of opinion that it would have any very general or lasting effect. By some it would be read once or twice, but would soon be laid aside and forgotten. By many, who would most need its counsels, it might not be read at all. The following resolution is therefore recommended for adoption:—

*Resolved*, That it is the duty of parents to counsel and warn their children against the formation of such matrimonial connexions, and that ministers of the gospel should show from the Scriptures their dangerous tendency, with a diligence proportioned to the danger to which young people are exposed from the social influences with which they are surrounded.

S. G. IRVINE, *Chairman*.

The Committee on the Board of Home Missions reported further. The report was amended and adopted, as follows:—

Whereas, it appears from the present mode of conducting the affairs of the Board respecting the payment of missionaries, that some Presbyteries, may, and in fact do, receive the whole amount of their appropriations, while others receive nothing, and, consequently, some missionaries are fully paid when their work is performed, while others are nothing, until long after the service is rendered. Therefore,

*Resolved*, 1st, That financial agents and all others having funds in their possession belonging to the Home Mission Fund transmit or report the same to the Treasurer of the Board on or before the 1st of July, October, January and April, and that the Executive Committee having ascertained the amount at their disposal, declare a dividend to the Presbyteries in proportion to the appropriation granted them on or before the 20th day of the same months, viz.: July, October, January, and April—these sums to be used by the respective Presbyteries in the payment of orders granted by the Executive Committee of the Board as heretofore.

*Resolved*, 2d, That Mr. James McCandless is hereby directed and empowered to pay out of the funds now in his possession belonging to the Home Mission fund such sums on orders already granted by the Executive Committee as deemed by him best for the interests of the Board.

A. RITCHIE, *Chairman*.

Read a communication from Rev. John Wallace, which was referred to the Committee on the Board of Home Missions.

Read also a communication from Rev. James A. Clark, relative to Mr. M. Seaton's licensure, which was referred to the Executive Committee of the Board of Home Missions.

Rev. D. G. Bradford presented the claim of David Ferguson, which was referred to the Committee on the Board of Home Missions.

Read an additional report from the Presbytery of Cleveland, which was referred to the Executive Committee of the Board of Home Missions.

Read the Report of the Trustees of General Assembly. (See Appendix.)

The vacancies to occur in the Board, in July, 1861, were filled by the re-election of the same persons, viz.: John Alexander, Wm. M. Bell and Rev. J. G. Brown, for three years.

On motion of Rev. Messrs. D. G. Bradford and D. F. Reid, it was *Resolved*, That a committee be appointed to apportion the amount of funds needed by the several Boards among the Presbyteries.

Committee, Rev. Messrs. J. B. Clark, Samuel Wallace and Alex. Calhoun.

On motion of Rev. D. Macdill, D. D., and S. C. Huey, Esq., the following resolution was adopted.

*Resolved*, That a committee of three be appointed to consider the necessity and the plan of a re-organization of the Board of Home Missions, and report progress to the next General Assembly. The Committee consists of Rev. Messrs. D. Macdill, D. D., R. H. Pollock and D. G. Bradford.

Rev. Wm. Davidson was appointed to the duty of addressing the churches on the subject of Education, in accordance with the 8th Resolution in the report of the Committee on the Board of Education.

On motion of Rev. Messrs. Jackson and Bradford, it was

*Resolved*, That the Clerk of the General Assembly be directed to tender the thanks of this Assembly to the following R. R. Companies, who have granted half fare tickets to the delegates, viz.: Pennsylvania Central, Pittsburgh, Fort Wayne and Chicago, Burlington and Missouri River, Allegheny Valley R. R., and also to the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy R. R., for reduced fare to the delegates and others.

The hour having arrived the General Assembly adjourned.

Closed with prayer by Rev. D. H. Goodwillie.

1½ o'clock, P. M.

The General Assembly met, and was opened with prayer.

The minutes were read and approved.

Rev. Wm. M. Boyce was, on motion, appointed to labour as a missionary in the bounds of the Presbytery of Keokuk for the coming year.

The following resolution, offered by Messrs. James McCandless and John Finney, was referred to the Committee on Finance, viz.:

*Resolved*, That in the event of any moneys paid to persons from the Home Missionary Fund, during the sittings of the Assembly, becoming depreciated in their hand before the 1st of June, the loss sustained on the same shall be made good to them out of the Home Missionary Fund.

The resolution was referred to the Committee on Finance.

The Committee on the Board of Home Missions reported on the case of Mr. John Wallace.

The Committee on the Board of Home Missions, on the petition of John Wallace, report the following resolutions for the adoption of the Assembly.

*Resolved*, 1st. That the Assembly recognises it as the duty of Presbyteries who have asked, and obtained missionaries from the Board of Home Missions, and thereby prevented their receiving appointments in other Presbyteries, to employ them, and to the extent of their ability remunerate them.

*Resolved*, 2d. That this resolution and the petition of John Wallace be referred to the delegates of the Presbytery of Conemaugh, to be by them laid before their Presbytery with the recommendation that the Presbytery dispose of it, as it may deem just.

The hour having arrived (2 o'clock) took up the Report on the Book of Discipline; whereupon it was

*Resolved*, That the Book of Discipline, with all the reports of the Presbyteries thereon, and any amendments of Presbyteries, or of individuals, which may be sent in to them, up to the first of November next, be committed to a select committee, who shall mature and publish the work; that it is hereby sent down to the Presbyteries in overture, and that they report on the book, Ay or No, to the next General Assembly.

Took up the Directory for Worship, whereupon it was

*Resolved*, That the Directory for Worship, together with all the reports of the Presbyteries thereon, and any amendments of Presbyteries, or individuals which may be sent in to them up to the first of November next, be committed to the same Committee, who shall mature and publish the work: that it is hereby sent down to the Presbyteries in overture, and that they report on the Book, Ay or No, to the next General Assembly.

It was, on motion,

*Resolved*, That the reports of the Presbyteries on the Overtures be published in the minutes.

The following resolution, offered by Rev. Messrs. Davidson and J. W. McFarland, was adopted.

*Resolved*, That the Committee on the Book of Discipline be directed to add a chapter to the Book of Government and Discipline, making it obligatory on congregations to make organized provision for taking care of strangers, members of the Church, who may be temporarily among them and in need of assistance.

It was, on motion of Rev. Messrs. J. H. Peacock and J. L. Clark,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on the Book of Government and Discipline be directed to *add a chapter on Social Prayer Meetings*.

On motion of D. G. Bradford and A. Calhoun, it was

*Resolved*, That the Clerk be, and hereby is directed to draw an order on the Treasurer of the Assembly's fund, for \$20 in favour of the Sexton of this church for his services rendered the Board of Home Missions and this Assembly.

Took up the report of the Judicial Committee on the action of the Presbytery of Sealkote, in the case of Rev. R. A. Hill.

The following paper, offered by Revs. J. P. Scott and D. H. Goodwillie, as a substitute for the Committee's report, was entertained by the General Assembly:

Whereas, an unhappy difficulty has arisen in the Presbytery of Sealkote, resulting in the suspension of Rev. R. A. Hill, from the communion of the church; and whereas, the case has not come up in such a way as to afford the members of this Assembly sufficient knowledge of the case to decide intelligently and justly: Therefore, in order that the case may be prosecuted in the legal way,

*Resolved*, 1st. That the Presbytery of Sealkote be attached to, and placed under the care of the Synod of New York.

*Resolved*, 2d. That the Presbytery of Sealkote be directed to review the case of Rev. R. A. Hill, in order that, if not satisfactory to the parties concerned, an opportunity may be afforded of taking the proper steps, that the matter may come before the next Assembly.

The consideration of the above matter was made the order of the day for 9 o'clock to-morrow.

The hour having arrived, the Assembly adjourned to meet at 7 o'clock this evening. Closed with prayer by Rev. B. L. Baldrige.

7 o'clock, P. M.

The Assembly met, and opened with prayer by Rev. W. C. Somers.

The minutes were read and approved.

The following persons were appointed the Committee on the Book of Government and Discipline, viz., Rev. Drs. J. T. Pressly, James Rodgers, D. R. Kerr, J. T. Cooper, John G. Smart, James Prestley, and John B. Clark.

It was, on motion of Rev. Messrs. Dick and M. Clark,

*Resolved*, That Messrs. W. J. Hutchinson, of Biggsville, Ill.; John Fleming, of Xenia, O.; and Wm. Getty, of Philadelphia, Pa., be and hereby are appointed a Committee to secure reduced railroad fares for the members of the next General Assembly.

On motion of Rev. Messrs. James H. Fife and D. F. Reid, it was

*Resolved*, That the next General Assembly be constituted on the Basis of Representation recognised in our proposed Book of Government and Discipline.

The Committee on the Board of Foreign Missions reported. The report was adopted as follows:—

The Committee on the Board of Foreign Missions in presenting their report would recommend the adoption of the following resolutions.

*Resolved*, 1st. That in view of the embarrassed condition of our finances and the troubled state of our country, it would not be expedient at present, to reinforce the Mission in China; but, should the funds be provided before the meeting of the next General Assembly, the Board of Foreign Missions be authorized to send out such missionary as they may deem qualified to labour in that field.

*Resolved*, 2d. That the Board be directed to send out Messrs. Andrew Watson, and Jas. S. Barr, to their respective fields of labour, as designated by the last Assembly, (viz., Mr. Watson, to Egypt, and Mr. Barr to Northern India,) at as early a period as practicable, and that collections be taken in all our Churches on the 1st Sabbath of July, or as soon afterward as practicable, to furnish the necessary funds.

*Resolved*, 3d. That the subject of appointing a missionary to Trinidad in place of Mr. Brown, be left discretionary with the Board of Foreign Missions.

*Resolved*, 4th. That the Missionary paper proposed to be published by the Board of Foreign Missions, be recommended to the Pastors and people of the United Presbyterian Church.

*Resolved*, 5th. That having examined the Rules and recommendations for Foreign Missionaries, published by the Board, we recommend the same for adoption by this Assembly.

*Resolved*, 6th. That the vacancies occasioned by the expiration of the term of service of Drs. Jno. T. Pressly and J. T. Cooper, and of Mr. T. D. Anderson, be filled by the re-election of the same; and the election of Rev. W. W. Barr, in place of Rev. T. H. Beveridge, deceased. Respectfully submitted,

J. C. HERRON, S. WALLACE, } Committee.  
F. M. PROCTOR, R. B. GLASGOW, }

At the request of Rev. Dr. J. T. Pressly, Rev. James Prestley, D. D., was appointed on the Board of Foreign Missions, in his stead.

Heard the report of the Committee on the State of the Country. The report was amended and adopted:

#### REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE STATE OF THE COUNTRY.

*Your committee report as follows:—*

Our beloved country is in a very deplorable condition. War is upon us, fraternal war, attended generally with greater ferocity and destructiveness than other wars. Our spirits have been agitated as the trees of the wood under a mighty wind. Our business is interrupted—our commerce is crippled—our currency is deranged—commercial disaster and ruin are coming upon many as an armed man. The government is unable to defray its necessary expenses, and is accumulating a vast debt, which will require many years to extinguish. What is still worse. two hundred, or perhaps three hundred, thousand of our neighbours, friends, and Christian brethren, have left their homes, their parents, and other friends, and have gone forth to jeopard their lives in the high places of the field. There is solicitude and heart aching. There will be mourning and bitter lamentation when it shall be announced that there has been a great battle, and that thousands of the loved ones will return no more. There are, indeed, alleviating circumstances for which we should be thankful—our cause is good, and worthy of all the sacrifices which we have been called, or may be called, to make. It is the cause of law and order—of humanity and liberty—the cause of God; and though the land is dissolved and breaches made, a banner is lifted up in behalf of the right, and our people have rallied around it with wonderful unanimity. We might have had the foe in our own bosom—brother against brother—neighbour against neighbour, and one township or county against another. But, in God's great mercy to us, we are united among ourselves; and, having able leaders and boundless resources, peace and prosperity will return ere long, and be established on surer foundations. Nevertheless, great calamities are upon us. They are from the Lord, who worketh all things after the counsel of his own will, and so the question naturally arises, *What meaneth the heat of this great anger?* The reply to which must be this:—*Because we have sinned against the Lord, and have not served him with joyfulness and with gladness of heart for the abundance of all things.* That covetousness, which is idolatry in the sight of God, and the source of numberless disorders, has prevailed in every section and corner of this wide-spread country. Very many are involved in

all the guilt of intemperance and filthy debaucheries. But the sins that have in an especial manner provoked the eyes of the Holy One seem to be these:—

1. Pride and self-sufficiency; glorying in our supposed wisdom and greatness.
2. Inordinate and excessive ambition.
3. Contempt of the unspeakable grace of God in Christ, for which Bethsaida and Chorazin were doomed to woe, and Jerusalem was made an utter desolation.
4. Sabbath desecration.
5. Obstinacy and incorrigibleness under former providential rebukes. We have been visited with drought and partial famine—with pestilence and malignant diseases—but we have not heard the rod. We have not returned to the Lord; and, therefore, his hand is laid more heavily upon us.

6. Slaveholding, the great and immediate cause of the present trouble, though seldom thought of as an evil by those who are directly concerned in it. Slavery must be exceedingly flagrant in the sight of the Great Parent and Ruler of men. If it is murder, the blackest of crimes, to violate the image of God enstamped on man, what is it to debase and trample on that image, and treat it as a brutal thing? To tear asunder the tender ties of nature and affection—what is it but horrible cruelty? To work a man, and give him no wages, or no sufficient wages, is nothing but robbery and oppression. To forbid the great God to speak to his own creatures, that they may be saved, is bidding defiance to the very heavens. To deprive a people of the ordinance and privileges of marriage, is to keep them in beastly concubinage. It should not be thought that we, in the Free States, have nothing to do with this monstrous iniquity. Have we not countenanced those who practised it? Have we not contributed to extend and establish and fortify it? Paul was guilty of the murder of Stephen, though he did not cast a single stone. With regard to the aboriginal inhabitants of the land, it is to be feared that they also have had cause to complain of injustice and cruel rapacity.

In view of these things, we doubt not but the Lord is calling us, in this day, to fasting and mourning and supplication; and we, therefore, recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:—

*Resolved*, 1. That the General Assembly do advise and exhort all the people under her inspection to “search and try their ways, and turn to the Lord. Let them cease to do evil and learn to do well.”—Isaiah i. 16.

2. That the Clerk of the Assembly be directed, and hereby is directed, to forward to the President of the United States a letter in behalf of this Assembly; and, after assuring him of our earnest sympathy, and the sympathy of our people, and our and their readiness to co-operate with him, in his endeavours to maintain the Constitution and the integrity of the nation, to solicit him, in behalf of this Assembly, by his Proclamation, to invite and call all the people of the United States to fasting, humiliation, and prayer, on \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_

3. That the Assembly do earnestly recommend all the people under their care to confess and bewail, not only their own sins, but the sins of the land, and to be much in prayer in these times of trouble.

4. That Messrs. Barr and Huey be, and hereby are, appointed a committee to correspond with other religious bodies now in session, in regard to the contemplated day of fasting and prayer.

5. That the appointment of the particular day for humiliation, fasting, and prayer be left to the Moderator after he learns the action of other ecclesiastical bodies. Respectfully submitted, WM. M. McELWEE, Chairman.

Read a memorial from Rev. Joseph Barclay, requesting a rehearing in his case; he having been laid aside by his Presbytery some time ago. It was referred to the Presbytery of Mercer.

Read a letter from the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland: (See Appendix.) It was referred to the Committee on Correspondence.

Read a communication from the session of the Calcutta congregation. It was referred to the committee on Bills and Overtures.

Heard the report of the Committee on Statistical Tables. The report was adopted, and ordered to be printed:

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON STATISTICAL TABLES.

Your committee would respectfully report, that, of the forty-three Presbyteries under the supervision of the Assembly, twenty-nine have presented statistical tables.

The fourteen Presbyteries that have forwarded no statistical tables are the fol-

lowing: Philadelphia, Allegheny, Conemaugh, Mercer, Monongahela, Cleaveland, Steubenville, Indiana, Michigan, Southern Indiana, Xenia, Des Moines, Monmouth, Egypt. That of the number that have forwarded statistical tables, the following is the report:—

Presbyteries.	Complete.	Settled congs. No Report.	Settled congs. Incomplete Report.	Vacancies. No Report.	Vacancies. Incomplete Report.	No cont. to any of the Funds from set. congs.	No cont. from vacancies to any Fund.
Mansfield,	1	1	15	0	10	2	7
Argyle,	0	2	10	3	7	3	6
Westmoreland,	5	0	10	0	7	1	0
Detroit,	0	0	5	0	1	0	0
Big Spring,	0	0	12	5	0	2	3
Lake Presbytery,	1	0	11	2	11	1	8
Chillicothe,	2	0	4	1	7	0	4
Keokuk,	0	0	9	7	4	0	8
Oregon,	0	0	5	0	3	0	0
St. Louis,	1	0	7	0	3	1	2
Albany,	1	0	5	0	0	0	0
Frankfort,	2	0	7	0	2	1	2
Stamford,	0	0	3	0	4	0	2
Kansas,	0	1	2	0	10	1	7
Muskingum,	2	0	9	1	13	1	11
Wheeling,	1	0	15	1	9	2	3
Delaware,	1	1	5	3	0	1	0
Chicago,	1	1	3	1	8	1	4
Caledonia,	0	0	10	0	0	0	0
Sidney,	0	0	8	0	8	0	3
Boston,	0	0	6	0	0	3	0
Chartiers,	2	0	9	0	4	0	0
Bloomington,	2	0	5	0	6	0	4
First Ohio,	1	0	10	0	4	1	2
New York,	1	2	7	2	0	2	2
Vermont,	0	0	2	1	1	0	1
Le Claire,	3	0	3	0	7	2	6
Sealkote,	0	0	1	0	0	0	0

In order that the statistical tables may be of benefit to the church, it is necessary that they should be full and accurate. For the purpose of obtaining this truly desirable object, your committee would recommend the following resolutions:—

*Resolved*, That the clerk of this Assembly be instructed to publish statistics precisely in the order in which they are furnished by the clerks of the respective Presbyteries.

*Resolved*, That the clerks of Presbyteries be instructed to use all possible diligence to secure reliable statistics from all congregations, settled and vacant, and all mission stations, within their respective territorial limits, stating positively to elders or commissioners, that all who do not furnish them at the proper time, with the necessary items for making a complete report, shall be left an absolute blank in the statistical tables of the Presbytery.

D. DONNAN, *Chairman*.

Read a communication from the Session of Calcutta Congregation. It was referred to the Committee on Bills and Overtures.

Heard the report of the Committee on Finance.

The Committee on Finance report further that they have examined the reports of Treasurers submitted to them—the report of the Treasurer of the Home Mission fund excepted—and found them correct: therefore,

*Resolved*, That said reports be approved.

The report was adopted.

The Committee on Finance reported further. The report was adopted:

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

"Resolved, That in the event of any moneys paid to persons from the Home Mission Fund, after the first of April last, and during the sitting of the Assembly, becoming depreciated in their hands before the first of June, the loss sustained on the same shall be made good to them out of the Home Mission Fund."

On the subject of the above resolution, the Committee on Finance, to which it was referred, respectfully submit the following:—

"That while the Home Mission Fund should not, as a general rule, be held accountable for the loss sustained by any who have drawn upon it, through a subsequent depreciation of the funds in which they may have been paid, yet, in view of the existing deranged state of money matters; and, in view of the fact that the Home Mission Fund has, at present, been replenished with depreciated and uncurrent funds, we recommend the passage of the above resolution, as good for the present pecuniary distress."

On motion, the Assembly adjourned. Closed with prayer by Rev. J. B. Clark.

*Tuesday, May 21, 1861, 8½ o'clock, A. M.*

The General Assembly met, and was opened with prayer by Rev. J. H. Fife.

The calling of the roll was dispensed with.

The minutes of last sitting were read and approved.

Spent half an hour in devotional exercises.

Called for petitions, reports, and other papers.

The appointment of a missionary to Chicago was re-considered. The whole matter was referred to a Special Committee, to consist of Rev. Messrs. Wm. Davidson, David Macdill, and R. W. French.

Took up the order of the day, the matter of the Presbytery of Sealkote and Rev. R. A. Hill, the substitute of Rev. J. P. Scott being under consideration. The first resolution, by consent of the General Assembly, was withdrawn. The second resolution being under consideration, Rev. Messrs. M'Farland, and D. Macdill, D. D., moved to postpone the whole matter to the next General Assembly, and instruct the Board of Foreign Missions to communicate, in the mean time, with the Presbytery of Sealkote in regard to the state of the case. The motion was lost. The matter was *not* postponed.

The following preamble and resolution, offered by Mr. S. C. Huey, and Rev. W. C. Jackson, were adopted, viz.:

*Whereas*, an unhappy difficulty has arisen between the members of the Sealkote Mission, which has resulted, as it appears from "the Minutes of the Presbytery of Sealkote," in the suspension of the Rev. R. A. Hill from the office of the Gospel ministry; and,

*Whereas*, we believe the Assembly should be careful to guard against doing anything that would tend to weaken the hands of the Presbytery, yet we believe the action of the Board of Foreign Missions should be fully endorsed, which is as follows:

1. "Resolved, That the Board have heard, with great surprise, and deep regret, the action of the Sealkote Presbytery in this matter.

2. That without expressing any opinion, as to the merits of the question at issue between the Presbytery and Mr. Hill, the Board as far as can be seen from the reported proceedings of the Presbytery in this matter, deem the final action as unwarranted by the standards of our church, both as to the form which said action assumed, and the grounds on which it was based.

3. That without assuming any authority over the Presbytery as such, this Board earnestly recommend and beseech those brethren, as missionaries under the care of this Board, to reconsider their action in the matter."

And, *Whereas*, further, without impeaching the motives of the Presbytery, and commending their firmness and attachment to our subordinate standards, yet it cannot be denied, that their well-intended zeal carried them too far, when they passed the resolution not to admit the accused to sacramental communion. It is true that the Presbytery say that this was not suspension, but, wherein it differs from what the Presbyterian Books of Discipline call suspension we cannot see; yet the Resolution was passed without any such previous steps of procedure, as Presbyterian order requires to be taken with a person accused. We think that when Mr. Hill gave the pledge, that whatever might be his individual views, as to the propriety of inter-communion, in peculiar circumstances, "he would not agitate the Church, by preaching and teaching these views, so long as he remained in her communion," the Presbytery should have rested



satisfied, and exercised that forbearance towards the brother which is recommended in our organic act; but instead of this they instituted farther proceedings, the result of which, in their view, warranted the issue at which they arrive.

Therefore, in view of the whole matter, the following resolutions are recommended to the consideration of the Assembly.

1. *Resolved*, That without expressing any opinion as to the views of the Rev. R. A. Hill, on the question for which he was suspended by the Presbytery of Sealkote, this Assembly deem the action of said Presbytery in suspending Mr. Hill, when he had declared that he would not agitate the question, or preach, or teach, contrary to the principles of the U. P. Church, so long as he remained in her connexion, as irregular and unwarrantable, and therefore, that the suspension should be removed.
2. That the Assembly direct the said Presbytery to furnish the Rev. R. A. Hill, at his request, with an attested copy of their whole minutes in his case.
3. That the Assembly recommend the Presbytery in case Rev. R. A. Hill should come to the conclusion that it is his duty to unite with another branch of the church, to take no further action in his case than to strike his name from their roll.
4. That this Assembly is not prepared to express any opinion as to the charges made against Mr. Hill, subsequent to the 10th of April, which charges the Presbytery expressly declare are not mentioned in their final action as *proved*, but as charges to which he was *liable*.
5. That should Mr. Hill continue as a member of the Presbytery of Sealkote, he be specially enjoined to pursue the things that make for peace.
6. That this action of the General Assembly shall not be construed as giving any countenance to unrestricted communion.

Heard the report on the apportionment of the money needed by the several funds, among the Presbyteries. The report was adopted:

The committee appointed to apportion the funds among the different Presbyteries would respectfully report:—

We find that about \$45,000 have been asked by the different Boards of the church to carry on their operations this year. To raise this sum, it will be necessary for each Presbytery to raise the following amount:—

Albany, .....	\$666 05	Stuebenville, .....	982 00
Argyle, .....	1796 41	Westmoreland, .....	1538 00
Boston, .....	460 00	Wheeling, .....	1282 00
Caledonia, .....	805 42	Chilicothe, .....	825 00
Delaware, .....	879 34	Detroit, .....	275 00
New York, .....	1853 00	Indiana, .....	694 00
Philadelphia, .....	1847 25	Michigan, .....	811 00
Stamford, .....	430 00	First Ohio, .....	1056 00
Vermont, .....	287 00	Sidney, .....	757 00
Allegheny, .....	2398 00	Southern Indiana, .....	538 00
Big Spring, .....	871 00	Xenia, .....	992 00
Butler, .....	2130 00	Bloomington, .....	459 00
Chartiers, .....	1580 00	Chicago, .....	535 00
Conemaugh, .....	2308 00	Des Moines, .....	545 00
Frankfort, .....	1201 00	Kansas, .....	149 00
Lakes, .....	1630 00	Keokuk, .....	1120 00
Mansfield, .....	1237 00	Le Claire, .....	413 00
Mercer, .....	2124 00	Monmouth, .....	1657 00
Monongahela, .....	2426 00	St. Louis, .....	779 00
Muskingum, .....	1936 00		
Cleveland, .....	616 00		\$45,000 00

*Resolved*, That the above be adopted as the minimum to be raised by the Presbyteries for the ensuing year.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN B. CLARK, *Chairman*.

Heard the report on the memorial from Rev. Mr. Williamson. The report was adopted:

REPORT ON MEMORIAL OF REV. N. D. WILLIAMSON.

The Committee to which was referred the circular of Rev. N. D. Williamson, would respectfully report:—That they are fully aware of the numerous temptations to which our volunteers in the army are exposed, both in the camp and after

their return, and that they deserve and need the sympathies and prayers of the people of God, and would recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

1. Resolved, That we cordially recommend to our brethren throughout the church to remember our volunteers in their daily prayers to God.
2. That we recommend the soldiers to their sympathies, and their families to their prayers and aid during the war.

W. M. M'ELWEE, *Chairman of Committee.*

On motion, the General Assembly adjourned to meet at *one o'clock*, P. M.  
Closed with prayer by Rev. J. W. M'Farland.

*1 o'clock*, P. M.

The Assembly met, and was opened with prayer by Rev. Hugh Sturgeon.  
The minutes of the last sitting were read and approved.

Called for reports, and other papers.

Heard the report of the Committee on the Narrative. The report was adopted, and ordered to be printed:

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON NARRATIVE.

The Committee on Narrative have examined, with as much care as time and circumstances would permit, the reports of the Presbyteries, and think proper to direct the attention of the Assembly to the following matters:

During the year that has passed thirty young men have been licensed to preach the everlasting gospel, and sixteen ordained to the office of the holy ministry. In view of the large demand for the supply of gospel ordinances to the destitute in our own branch of the church of Christ, and especially in view of the far greater demand for the supply of these ordinances in the *world*, which has been, as yet, to so exceedingly small an extent reclaimed from its apostasy from God, this accession to our ministerial aid must be regarded as very small. It should lead the church to feel more deeply the importance of greatly increasing the number and efficiency of our educational institutions, and to adopt more efficient measures for stirring up parents to devote their sons to this important branch of the church's service for Jesus' sake.

This discouraging state of things has, moreover, been greatly aggravated, during the past year, by the removal, from our assistance, of more than the ordinary number of fellow-labourers in the work of the holy ministry. Since the adjournment of the last Assembly, the great Head of the church has, in his all-wise and mysterious providence, removed from their work on earth, to receive, we trust, their reward in heaven, the following beloved brethren, with whom we have often taken sweet counsel and gone to the house of God in company, viz., Rev. T. H. Beveridge, J. A. Campbell, A. Murray, D. M'Lane, R. E. Stewart, J. A. Duff, I. Law, J. P. Smart, W. Blain, and Dr. S. Irvine. Let those of us who remain be stirred up, by these doings of death in the midst of our ranks, to greater diligence in the important business of our own personal salvation, and to more constant, laborious, and earnest efforts, to promote the salvation of the multitudes of perishing souls around us.

In some few of the Presbyteries the belief is expressed of a revived state of religion, to some extent, in their bounds; yet from the great majority the complaint still comes up, as in former years generally, that there have been no marked indications of any thing like a general revival. Why is it that we have to complain from year to year of this state of things? Is it because we are not using the divinely-appointed means, and all of them? Or, is it because we are not using these means in a proper manner, or from proper motives, or to right ends? The Spirit is able to accomplish the work, his influences are promised, the command to ask for the outpouring of his influences is express, the encouragements to ask are most abundant. Why, then, is not this water poured upon him that is thirsty, and these floods upon the dry ground? Why are not converts springing up as among the grass, as willows by the water-courses? All these are questions which should be carefully and prayerfully pondered. Let us search, and try our ways, and turn to the Lord.

In relation to meetings for prayer and spiritual conference, it appears that the usual attention is paid to them in perhaps the most of our congregations, but still this is far from being what it ought to be. Might not something be done by this Assembly greatly to improve this state of things, to increase the number of such meetings, and the number of those attending on them, and to impart a greater in-

terest in them? If such meetings are of divine appointment, might not attendance on them, as well as on other means of grace, be *required*? We would also suggest whether such rules might not be adopted, or directions given for the conducting of such meetings, as would secure a largely increased interest in them. We offer for adoption the resolution that this report be published.

Respectfully submitted.

THE COMMITTEE.

The following, offered by Rev. Messrs. J. H. Fife and D. F. Reid, was adopted, viz.:

Whereas, It is understood that a legacy of some \$1,700 or \$1,800 is in the hand of Wm. M'Farland, of New Athens, Ohio; and whereas, this sum will be at the disposal of the Assembly, on condition this Assembly shall give a bond that, in case any new claim or claims should come against the estate of the donor, the Assembly will refund as much of the funds as will be necessary to meet such claim or claims, therefore,

*Resolved*, That the legacy be accepted on this condition; that Rev. Messrs. D. F. Reid, J. S. M'Creedy, and William Patton be, and hereby are appointed a committee to receive and receipt for it in behalf of this Assembly.

Rev. Messrs Wm. M. M'Elwee, R. W. French, T. J. Kennedy, J. C. Murch, John Finney, Wm. Nash, James M'Arthur, J. H. Peacock, and S. G. Irvine, gave notice that they wished to enter their dissent on the minutes against the action of the General Assembly in the case of Rev. R. A. Hill and the Presbytery of Seal-kote, for reasons to be given. Rev. Samuel Wilson gave notice of a similar dissent, or of a protest, to be entered on the minutes against the same action, for reasons to be given; and asking for all papers necessary to make such dissent or protest.

The following persons desired, and had leave to enter their dissent against the first resolution in the case of Rev. R. A. Hill and the Presbytery of Seal-kote, viz.: Messrs. Isaac N. Laughead, N. M'Dowell, D. K. Duff, W. L. Wilson, W. R. M'Kee, Samuel Dobbin, S. C. Reed, W. S. Young, Wm. Armstrong, T. Barnes.

On motion of Rev. Messrs. H. Sturgeon and D. G. Bradford, it was

*Resolved*, That the thanks of this Assembly be, and hereby are tendered to the citizens of Monmouth and vicinity for their hospitality during the meeting of the Assembly.

The Clerk was directed to draw an order in favour of the Assistant Clerk for \$25.

In the matter of the legacy in the hands of Wm. M'Farland, of New Athens, Ohio, it was, on motion of Rev. Messrs. Connelly and Reed,

*Resolved*, That the Board of Trustees of this General Assembly be, and they are hereby directed to give a bond as contemplated in the resolution of the Assembly accepting this legacy.

On motion of Rev. Messrs. Ritchie, and W. W. Barr, it was

*Resolved*, That the Committee appointed to receive and receipt for the funds in the hands of Mr. Wm. M'Farland, of New Athens, Ohio, be and are hereby directed to pay the money to the Treasurer of that fund to which it may be donated in the will respecting it: and if there be no such designation, that the Committee pay the money over to the Treasurer of the Home Missjon fund.

On motion of Messrs. S. C. Huey and A. Calhoun, it was

*Resolved*, as follows:

#### RESOLUTION ON THE CHINA MISSION.

Whereas, From some of the reports of Presbyteries on our table, it appears that the impression prevails in some sections, that the church does not look upon the China mission with that degree of approbation which the importance of the field demands, and that the idea of abandoning the enterprise has been agitated and is not improbable, and hence our missionary in that field has had great anxiety, and appears to be greatly discouraged in his self-denying work, which he has fully expressed in his letters to the Board and others: therefore, this Assembly deem it due

to that mission, and the much esteemed brother in that field, to adopt the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That this General Assembly have not contemplated, and do not contemplate, the abandonment of the mission to China; and it is our intention to re-enforce it at the earliest practicable moment, and prosecute it with all possible vigour.

The Committee on Bills and Overtures reported on the memorial from the Session of Calcutta Congregation. The report was adopted, as follows:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON BILLS AND OVERTURES ON THE MEMORIAL FROM THE  
SESSION OF CALCUTTA CONGREGATION.

Your Committee report that this memorial represents that certain members of the United Presbyterian congregation of Calcutta have received money derived from the sale of an estate in the state of Louisiana, consisting mainly in slaves, and that the amount received is too small to purchase and liberate any of the slaves sold. The Session asks, Can they, without a violation of the rules of the United Presbyterian Church, appropriate the money to their own use?

We might answer, in short, that the United Presbyterian Church has never directly legislated upon this question, and it is unwise to multiply enactments on questions of little importance, and rarely occurring in the actual practice of the church.

Our principles on the general subject of slavery are clearly expressed in our Testimony, and generally understood. We do not recognise the *right* of property in *man*, and therefore a church member may not hold slaves, though received by inheritance or in any other way, when it is *possible* to liberate them. In the present case the liberation of the slaves is clearly impossible; the amount of money is not sufficient; the slaves are already sold; and for the present their liberation cannot be effected, even if the means in hand were sufficient. While, therefore, we would not consider the reception and use of the money under the present circumstances as equivalent to the sin of slaveholding, yet we cannot consider it as entirely justifiable. We should avoid the appearance of evil, and not be partakers of other men's sins. To say the least, it is a matter of doubtful disputation. The very fact that the persons making the inquiry, (who are much better acquainted with the peculiar circumstances of the case than we can be,) doubt their right to use the money, leads us to the conclusion that they would not be justifiable in so doing. We are to have a conscience void of offence toward God and man. We therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That those members of Calcutta congregation, who have received money derived from the sale of slaves, be directed to devote it according to their best judgments to the benefit of the coloured race.

Respectfully submitted.

S. G. IRVINE.

On motion of Mr. M'Candless and Rev. W. C. Jackson, it was

*Resolved*, That the thanks of the Assembly are tendered to the Committee of Arrangements of Monmouth congregation for their assiduity and unwearied attentions to the wants and comforts of members and others in attendance at the Assembly; and that the sum of \$3 be paid to Dr. Wallace, expended by him for the printing of railroad blanks and passes for delegates.

The Committee on the Chicago Mission submitted a report, which was adopted as follows:—*Resolved*, That the Rev. W. W. Barr be appointed to the mission church in Chicago; and that the Executive Committee of the Board of Home Missions be directed to lay this case before the Presbytery of Philadelphia, (with which Mr. Barr is connected,) and urgently solicit their assent to this arrangement.

It was, on motion, *Resolved*, That the Presbytery of Chicago be, and hereby are requested to grant supplies to the congregation of Chicago until such time as Mr. Barr can take charge of it.

It was, on motion, *Resolved*, That the memorial from the Presbytery of Indiana on the subject of Theological Seminaries be referred to a Select Committee, with instruction to report to the next General Assembly.

The Committee are Rev. D. A. Wallace, D. D., and Messrs. James M'Candless, S. C. Hucy, and Wm. E. Brown.

The Committee on Revision reported that the minutes of the Assembly are not present; therefore

Resolved, That the Clerk be directed to have the minutes present next year.

It was, on motion,

Resolved, That Mr. Wm. S. Young be requested to publish the minutes in the Evangelical Repository, and that he issue 2,500 copies, as last year, and that they be sold at cost to those ordering them; and that Rev. Messrs. George C. Arnold, Assistant Clerk, W. W. Barr, and J. T. Cooper, D. D., be and hereby are appointed to superintend their publication.

On motion of Rev. Messrs. Wilson and Vanatta, it was

Resolved, That this Assembly be now dissolved, and that another Assembly constituted in the manner specified in a resolution adopted by this Assembly be called to meet in the 2d United Presbyterian Church, Pittsburgh, Pa., on the 3d Wednesday of May, 1862, at 7½ o'clock, P. M.

The Assembly dissolved. Closed with prayer by Rev. Wm. Davidson.

R. D. HARPER, Moderator.

JAMES PRESTLEY, *Principal Clerk.*

## A P P E N D I X.

### REPORT OF THE BOARDS.

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

##### PART I.

##### *Distribution of Missionaries.*

		<i>Months. Presbyteries.</i>				<i>Months. Presbyteries.</i>	
John M. Heron,	1st	3	Stamford,	J. D. Turner,	2	3	Xenia,
	2	"	Westmoreland,		3	"	Westmoreland,
	3	"	Chartiers,		4	"	Philadelphia.
	4	"	Mansfield.		J. S. M'Connell,	1	2
George Raitt,	1	"	Wheeling,		2	2	Allegheny,
	Oct.,		Sidney,		4	3	Argyle.
4		"	Chicago.	D. M. Ure,	1	4	Xenia,
R. M'Allister,	2	"	Detroit,		4	3	Westmoreland.
	3	"	Chicago,	J. S. Woodburn,	1	2	Chartiers,
	4	"	"		2	2	Frankfort,
Thos. Lawrence,	1	"	Allegheny,		4	3	Chicago.
	2	"	Argyle,	J. M. Buchanan,	1	4	Muskingum,
	3	"	Philadelphia,		4	3	Allegheny.
	4	"	"	James White, July,			Sidney,
Thos. H. Hanna,	1	"	Argyle,	next	3	Muskingum,	
	2	"	Xenia,		4	3	Chartiers.
	3	"	Philadelphia,	Wm. Morrow,	1	4	Muskingum,
	4	"	"		4	3	Bloomington.
J. Sawhill,	1	"	Sidney,	John Wallace,	2	"	Lakes,
	2	"	Chicago,	John Wallace	3	"	Wheeling,
	3	"	"		4	"	Muskingum.
	4	"	Le Claire.	E. B. Calderhead,	1	"	Wheeling.
J. H. Adair,	1	"	Monmouth,		2	"	Bloomington,
	2	"	Wheeling,		3	"	Muskingum,
	3	"	Muskingum,		4	"	Lakes.
	4	"	Steubenville.	James M'Rea,	1	"	Michigan,
P. F. Kerr,	1	4	Conemaugh,		2	"	Chartiers,
	4	3	Sidney.		3	"	Mansfield,
					4	"	Michigan.
A. B. Coleman,	1	"	Steubenville,	S. W. Clark,	2	"	Muskingum,
	Oct.,	4	Monongahela,		3	"	Sidney.
W. M. Graham,	1	2	Chicago.	John Martin,	1	2	Muskingum,
	2	2	Chartiers,		2	2	Sidney,
	4	3	Westmoreland,		4	3	Keokuk.
	4	3	Des Moines.	Oliver Katz,	2	"	Westmoreland,
Wm. M. Richie,	1	2	Westmoreland,		3	"	Steubenville,
	Rem. of year		Mansfield.		4	"	Xenia.
James Black,	1	2	"	Sample Ramsey,	1	"	Vermont,
	2	2	Sidney.		2	"	Muskingum,
	4	3	Chillicothe.		3	"	Chillicothe.
J. D. Turner,	1	"	New York,	Charles A. Dickey,	1	4	Allegheny,

<i>Months. Presbyteries.</i>			<i>Months. Presbyteries.</i>		
Charles A. Dickey,	4	3 Le Claire.	Oct.,		Sidney,
M. Marling,	1	2 Philadelphia,	J. B. Mitchell,	4	3 Chartiers.
	2	2 Chartiers.	Wm. Melvin,	1	" Michigan,
	4	3 Bloomington.	•	2	" Stamford,
T. P. Disart,	1	2 Allegheny,		3	" "
	2	2 Philadelphia,		4	" Argyle.
	4	3 Des Moines.	L. J. Crawford,	1	2 Mercer,
A. Robb,	1	4 Xenia,		2	2 Steubenville,
	4	3 Sidney.	L. J. Crawford,	4	3 New York.
D. Murphy,	1	" Chilicothe,	D. S. Kennedy,	1	" Philadelphia,
	2	" Muskingum,	Oct.,		Lakes,
	3	" Argyle.		4	" "
T. B. Atkins,	1	" Detroit,	J. G. Barnes,	1	4 " "
	2	" Sidney,		4	3 Allegheny.
	3	" Mercer,	W. G. Moorehead,	1	2 1st Ohio,
	4	" Xenia.		2	2 Sidney,
G. W. Gowdy,	1	" New York,		4	3 New York.
	2	" Argyle,	John Jamieson,	1	" Bloomington,
	3	" Xenia,		2	" Chicago,
	4	" Chartiers.		3	" Bloomington,
H. M'Hatton,	1	" Bloomington,		4	" Michigan.
	2	" S. Indiana,	Isaac W. Collins,	1	" Chicago,
	3	" Indiana,	Rem. of year,		Lakes.
	4	" Xenia.	H. Forsythe,	1	" Le Claire,
James Rodgers,	1	" Lakes,		2	" Monmouth,
	2	" Philadelphia,		3	" Muskingum,
	3	" New York,		4	" "
	4	" Vermont.	Wm. Smith,	1	" "
H. Sturgeon,	1	" Chartiers,		2	" Stamford,
	2	" Mansfield,		3	" Cenemaugh.
	3	" Chicago,	J. R. Sturgeon,	1	" Chicago,
	4	" S. Indiana.		2	" Frankfort,
J. L. Whitla,	1	" Argyle,		3	" Michigan.
	2	" Philadelphia,	Wm. Carlisle,	1	" Big Spring,
	3	" Frankfort,		2	" New York,
	4	" Sidney.		3	" Lakes,
J. C. M'Knight,	1	" Chicago,		4	" Big Spring.
	2	" "	D. Strang,	1	" Michigan,
	3	" Des Moines,		2	" Big Spring,
	4	" Keokuk.		3	" Muskingum,
N. H. Brown,	1	2 Des Moines,		4	" Stamford.
	4	3 Keokuk.	John Service,	1	" Indiana,
W. H. Blair,	1	2 Bloomington.		2	" Mercer,
W. T. Rawson,	1	3 Keokuk,		3	" Vermont,
	2	" "		4	" Stamford.
	3	" Mansfield,	C. Webster,	2	" Michigan,
	4	" Michigan.		3	" Argyle,
D. T. M'Auley,	1	2 St. Louis,		4	" New York.
	4	3 Stamford.	W. D. Ralston,	1	2 Sidney,
Thomas Brown,	1	" Keokuk,		2	2 Chilicothe,
	2	" Chartiers,		4	3 Mercer.
	3	" Westmoreland,	J. M. Buchanan,	1	2 Frankfort,
	4	" Cenemaugh.		2	2 Lakes,
Dr. Heron,	1	" New York,		4	3 Indiana.
	2	" Michigan,	S. C. Baldridge,	1	6 S. Indiana.
Rem. of year,		Indiana.	J. H. Tedford,	1	3 Mercer,
W. J. Reid,	1	2 Monongahela,		2	" Sidney,
	2	2 1st Ohio,		3	" Chartiers,
	4	3 Monmouth.		4	" Argyle.
J. R. Johnson,	1	4 Philadelphia,	Thos. A. Sanson,	1	6 Chicago,
	4	3 Detroit.		3	3 Keokuk,
J. B. M'Michael,	1	" Xenia,		4	3 Chicago.

## PART II.

## General Distribution of Funds.

<i>Presbyteries.</i>	<i>Congregations.</i>		<i>Presbyteries.</i>	<i>Congregations.</i>	
S. Indiana, for	Portland,	\$150*	Dupont, &c.,		100*
	West Union,	150*	Le Claire,	Vinton, &c.,	150 †
	Providence,	150*		Fairfax,	50
	Vandalia,	25		Wyoming,	100**
Xenia,	Columbus, &c.,	250 †		Hopkinton,	50 † †
	Wilm'n & Reesv'le,	100 †		Iowa City,	200
	Clifton,	150 †		Dubuque,	150 † †
Lakes,	Beaver Dam,	100 ‡	Muskingum,	Mt. Perry,	25
	Kerr's Bridge,	50		Logan,	50
	Franklin,	50	Mansfield,	Mt. Vernon,	100 ‡
Allegheny,	Mission,	150		Upper Sandusky,	25 ‡
Stamford,	Morrisdale,	100		Ashland,	50
	Port Robinson,	75	Monmouth,	Fountain Green,	100 ‡
Chicago,	Galena,	100		R. Island, &c.,	100
	Chemung,	75		"	150*
	Big Prairie,	75		Lebanon,	50
	Rock Run,	50		Aledo,	30
	Ross Grove,	75	Chartiers,	Mingo,	150*
	Wyoming, &c.,	150 † †	Philadelphia,	7th Church,	100
	Neshannoc, &c.,	75		8th "	50
	Marquette, &c.,	100		9th "	500
Cleveland,	Stow and Springfield,	100 ‡		Fieldsboro'	200
Keokuk,	Doddsville,	33	St. Louis,	Centralia & Xenia,	200 †
	Mt. Sterling,	50		Chester,	200
	Union Station,	25	Conemaugh,	Cherry Run,	100
	Grand Prairie,	75		Taylorville,	150
	Sugar Creek,	50		Clearfield & Susq'na.,	50
	Montrose,	50	1st Ohio,	Dayton,	250
	Fort Madison,	50		3d Church, Cin'ati,	250
Westmoreland,	Greensburg,	75		2d "	250 † †
	New Salem,	50	Steubenville,		50 ‡ ‡
	Apollo,	50		Mt. Joy & con.,	60
Sidney,	Gilead,	30	Delaware,	Burlington Green,	150*
	Hale,	20		East Springfield,	100
	Roundhead,	20		Lansingville,	100
	Miami,	25*		Hobart,	75
	Bryan & Spring Lake,	25	Des Moines,	Sioux City,	250*
Monongahela,	Lawrenceville,	300 † †		Des Moines,	300
	Valley Church,	100		Corydon,	50
	Temperanceville,	50		Chariton,	50
Michigan,	Lafayette,	100 ‡		Boonsboro',	50
	Holland,	50		Amity,	100 ‡
Boston,	Lawrence,	250		Vandalia,	25
	Providence,	150	Bloomington,	Paxton,	250
	Sutton,	100		Bloomington,	300
	Boston,	150		Peoria,	150
	Thompsonville,	100		Spring Creek,	150*
Detroit,	Detroit,	200	Vermont,	Greensboro',	75
	Commerce,	100	New York,	Hoboken,	150 †
	Bruce,	60*		Jersey City,	100 †
	Nankin,	25		2d Church, Brooklyn,	100
	Troy & Southfield,	60	Big Spring,	Chanceford,	150 †
Frankfort,	Raritan's Run,	33		Mercer,	150 †
	Cross Creek,	24		Caledonia,	150
Indiana,	Indianapolis,	200	Argyle, 1st & 2d cong. of Hinch'nb'k,		150*

\* Con. set. † Con. sta. sup. ‡ 1 year set. § 2 year set. || Con. sta. sup. \$50 if not.

† † Missionary to devote himself exclusively to the work of the ministry.

\*\* Con. that Rev. Allen supply half the time.

† † On condition of supply half time.

‡ ‡ Con. United with Galena.

‡ ‡ 3d year set.

## PART III.

*Special Appointments for Whole Year.*

Andrew McCartney, Topeka and cons.,  
 Joseph Walker, Presbytery of Le Claire,  
 Samuel Marshall, New York,  
 T. F. Baird, Big Spring,  
 E. A. Brownlee, Kansas,  
 T. D. Davis, "  
 J. D. Steele, "  
 B. L. Baldrige, Leavenworth,  
 Gilbert Small, Indianapolis,  
 W. C. McCune, 3d Church, Cincinnati,  
 J. B. Foster, Dayton,  
 M. Clark, Bloomington,  
 D. B. Jones, Presbytery of Chicago,  
 Daniel Todd, Chemung, Presbytery of Chicago,  
 J. H. Young, Des Moines City,  
 Thos. Dixon, Presbytery of Indiana,  
 W. A. Campbell, Xenia,  
 S. M. Graham, Columbus and Bethel,  
 Joseph McCartney, Minnesota,  
 D. S. Littell, "  
 J. K. Black, "  
 Thos. McCartney, Rock Bluff and cons.,  
 Wm. Perkins, Centralia and Xenia,  
 A. McHatton, S. Indiana,  
 Joseph Thyne, Delaware,  
 R. McCracken, Bloomington,  
 J. A. Shankland, Chicago Presbytery,  
 R. W. French, 1st Ohio Presbytery,  
 J. A. Morrow, Sioux City,  
 J. R. McAllister, Le Claire,  
 A. J. Allen, Le Claire,  
 S. McArthur, Keokuk,  
 W. H. Jeffers, Monmouth,  
 J. G. Fulton, Westmoreland,  
 John McClelland, Detroit,  
 David Pressly, Des Moines,  
 R. M. Patterson, Butler.

## PART IV.

*Special Appropriation of Funds.*

Leavenworth, \$300,  
 Topeka and cons., \$300,  
 Americus and cons., \$200,  
 Hibbard and cons., \$200,  
 Garnett, con. of union with Berea, \$100,  
 Berea, 2d year set., \$100,  
 Minnesota, for Joseph McCartney, \$400,  
 " for D. S. Littell, \$250,  
 " for J. K. Black, \$250,  
 Rock Bluffs and cons., for Thomas McCartney, \$250,  
 Minnesota, for Jos. McCartney for last six months, \$100,  
 Winterset, for Alex. Pattison for last year, \$100,  
 Galena, for H. Sturgeon, \$12,  
 Presbytery of Chicago, for exploring in Grant Co., Wisconsin, \$24,  
 Presbytery of Butler, \$100.

## PART V.

*Report on Oregon.*

Your committee, to which was referred the requests from the Presbytery of Oregon, present the following statement of facts:—

1. It is evident that God has blessed the labours of our brethren in this part of his vineyard.



2. We esteem this to be a field of vast importance. In addition to the territory already occupied in the State of Oregon, the country east of the Cascade Mountains is now open to settlement. The Presbytery of Oregon is contiguous to the Territory of Washington, and the British Possessions, embracing the important country in and about Puget Sound. This country is rapidly filling up with old country people. We are inclined to attach great importance to the opinion of the brethren in the Presbytery in relation to the wants and importance of the country on the Pacific coast. They mention a number of points of importance where people of our church have located; and these places have not as yet been supplied with preaching. In view of these facts, we recommend the following action in relation to the Presbytery of Oregon:—

*Whereas*, Rev. Samuel G. Irvine is willing to return to Oregon, provided the church will defray the expense of his return; and, *whereas*, they ask for more labourers and money, therefore,

1. *Resolved*, That, notwithstanding the distracted condition of our country, and the consequent deranged state of our church finances, we much desire to see our cause flourish in the State of Oregon, and recommend the Executive Committee to send Rev. S. G. Irvine and other volunteers to that section of our church, so soon as the condition of the Home Mission Fund will warrant.

2. *Resolved*, That the Board of Education, and the people of the church, be requested to aid the Presbytery of Oregon in their proposed effort to establish a Literary Institution, and to raise up a Home ministry on that coast.

#### PART VI.

##### *Report on Chicago.*

It is well known to most of the members of this Assembly, that, for several years past, we have been endeavouring to establish a church in the city of Chicago. From various causes which need not be enumerated, our success has not been equal to the importance of the field, and the facilities for the establishment of our cause in this great centre of the North-west. Much time, money, and labour have been expended, and yet but little has been accomplished. It is important, therefore, in the judgment of the Board, that the Assembly should now take hold of this enterprise with renewed energy, and with a fixed determination to succeed. Your Committee, therefore, recommend the following:—

1. *Resolved*, That we continue our missionary enterprise in the city of Chicago and appoint Rev. W. C. Jackson, of the Presbytery of Mercer, to labour in that place for the ensuing year, with an appropriation of \$600 from the Home Mission Fund.

2. *Resolved*, That a committee of two be appointed to confer with the missionary appointed, and the members of our church in that city, as to the best means of securing the interests of our church in that place. And that Rev. Dr. Wallace and Rev. R. D. Harper, constitute said committee.

3. *Resolved*, That the subject of the establishment of a second Mission Station in Chicago be left in the hands of the Executive Committee.

4. *Resolved*, That W. W. Barr, of the Presbytery of Philadelphia, be appointed alternate to Rev. W. C. Jackson, for the mission to Chicago.

#### PART VII.

##### *New Rules and Modifications.*

The Committee appointed by the last Assembly to revise the rules and regulations of the Board of Home Missions, and if possible suggest a better plan, would respectfully report:

After mature deliberation your committee deem it inexpedient to make a radical change in the organization of the Board. Such a change would neces-

cessarily derange the affairs of the Board, already embarrassed, for two or three years to come. The present organization is now better understood and promises greater efficiency in the future. Instead, therefore, of making a radical change in our plan of operations, which would be an experiment, and might not in the end prove any more satisfactory than the present one, your committee would recommend that we endeavour to perfect the present plan by such changes and modifications, as experience may from time to time dictate.

We would, at present, recommend the following:—

1. Presbyteries shall report the names of such men, and only such, as in their judgment are suitable to be employed as missionaries, and such as are willing to labour wherever the Board may send them.

2. No man shall be reported by his Presbytery, or receive aid from the H. M. Fund, who is not exclusively engaged in the work of the ministry.

3. That rule 17, authorizing the settlement of Pastors on the sliding scale be, and hereby is, repealed.

4. All Home Mission Funds shall be transmitted or reported immediately to the Treasurer of that fund, appointed by the Assembly.

5. As far as practicable, persons receiving aid from the H. M. Fund shall not be appointed to represent the Presbytery, to which they belong, in this Board.

6. In Mission Stations, in our large cities, missionaries should not, as a general thing, be appointed for a less period than one year.

#### PART VIII.

##### *Resolutions.*

1. *Resolved*, That the Memorial from Kansas, with reference to the establishment of a mission on the Colorado, be referred to the Executive Committee.

2. *Resolved*, That the Presbytery of Frankfort be directed to make arrangements, as soon as practicable, for the ordination of Mr. D. S. Littell, appointed as a missionary to Minnesota.

3. *Resolved*, That the Treasurer be instructed to pay no orders, on appropriations of the present year, until the preceding indebtedness of the Home Mission Fund has been liquidated.

4. *Resolved*, That the Board of Publication be directed to publish, in neat pamphlet form, the rules of the Assembly, the constitution and rules of the different Boards, and the rules and regulations of the Home Mission Board—the secretary of the Home Board to furnish said rules and regulations.

5. *Resolved*, That we recommend the following arrangement with regard to the appointments to Minnesota.

1. Joseph McCartney at St. Paul,

2. D. S. Littell “ Owatona,

3. J. K. Black “ Caledonia,

4. Messrs. McCartney, Littell, and Black to supply at Eden Prairie half time, or as much as possible.

6. *Resolved*, That the Assembly be recommended to repeal the action of the last Assembly, appointing a Treasurer in Pittsburgh to receive H. M. Funds.

7. *Resolved*, That in the judgment of the Board, it will require at least \$15,000 to carry on the Home Missionary operations of the Church for the ensuing year. We recommend, therefore, that this amount be apportioned among the different Presbyteries.

8. *Resolved*, That Rev. R. B. Ewing, Rev. Dr. Beveridge, David Millen, D. A. Dean and John Fleming be appointed an Executive Committee for the Board of Home Missions, for the coming year.

S. I. WALLACE, Chairman.

R. D. HARPER, Secretary.

## REPORT OF THE BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS.

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

## I. RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES.

Under a strong impression that God was calling our church to a great work in the Foreign field, and that the churches, if properly appealed to, would furnish the means for carrying it on, the Board of Foreign Missions asked the Assembly, at its last meeting, for \$20,560 to meet the estimates for existing expenses, and those also of new missionaries to go out, during the ensuing year. The appeal was made, and it is a matter of devout thanksgiving this day that it has been so responded to, that all the appropriations would have been promptly and fully met, but for unexpected drafts on the Treasury to meet the expenses of returning missionaries, and by which the Board is now left in debt to the India Mission about \$2000. During the financial year ending with April 30th, 1861, the Treasurer received from all sources, including moneys for the Syrian sufferers and for the Building Fund, \$21,274.68, and paid out by remittances to the Missionaries, and on orders signed by the President and Secretary of the Board, \$20,464.26; leaving a balance of \$810.42 in the Treasury. This pleasing fact has greatly encouraged the Board to believe that our churches, as a whole, are deeply interested in the cause of Missions, and that there will be no lack of sympathy and effort in them on its behalf.

## II. OPERATIONS.

In many respects, no year of recent date will compare in its eventful character, both in civil and religious things, with the one that has just closed. And while, in the good providence of God, our Mission work has been generally prosecuted with a steady course, yet there have been changes of an important, and, in some cases, trying kind.

In SYRIA, at the last meeting of the Assembly, we had a promising Mission in operation at Damascus, and stations at Nebk and Yabrud. On the 29th of May, however, an unexpected and disastrous war broke out on Mount Lebanon, and thence extended over the country until hundreds of villages were laid waste, thousands of lives destroyed, and several of the most prosperous Missions of evangelical Boards and churches were well nigh or utterly broken up. At length, on the 9th of July, Damascus itself became the theatre of a terrible scene of bloodshed and desolation. The premises, libraries, school books, and apparatus of our Mission were mostly destroyed, the missionaries made to flee for their lives, the religious services entirely suspended, and the schools disbanded. From Yabrud, the missionary (Rev. John Crawford) and his family were compelled to remove, but with a noble devotion to his work, under trying circumstances, he fixed himself at Beirut, and has been, and still is, very useful there in administering to the bodily and spiritual wants of the members of our Mission church in Damascus, who had been forced to fly from their houses bereft of their all. He waits there an opportunity of returning and renewing his Mission work in that ancient city. At Nebk, Gibran Shehady, a native teacher of piety and talent, has been generally permitted, as far as his health would allow, to prosecute his work in the Mission school, and, it is believed, good has been done. The Board have hope, that, under the persevering endeavours of Mr. Crawford and his associate, (Rev. Smylie Robson, of the Irish Mission in Syria,) some indemnity may yet be obtained from the Government for the losses we have sustained—amounting, it is supposed, to nearly \$4000—and that ere long the way will be opened up for a resumption of our labours. In the mean time, the Board affectionately commend our brethren of the Mission church in Damascus, desolated and scattered as they are, to the sympathies and prayers of the whole church.

In TRINIDAD, the Mission enjoyed, during the early part of the year, the labours of the Rev. George Brown, but we regret to inform the Assembly, that early in the last Autumn, he was laid aside for some time by a violent fever, and was at length forced to leave the island, and thus retire from our service. The Board cordially bear testimony to his desires and efforts to do good, and are deeply pained that we have not been able to respond to the call which he has repeatedly pressed upon us for some one to take his place in cultivating a field, where, as a church, we have a good foundation laid, and a great and effectual door of usefulness opened up. The Rev. George Brodie, of Port of Spain, has laid us under many obligations by his generous occasional supply of this Mission's wants. The Board cannot refrain from earnestly urging the Assembly to make an immediate appointment of some one, or to authorize the Board to do so, to engage as a preacher or catechist in that early and still interesting Mission of our church.

In CHINA, God has continued to open more and more widely a field in every sense apparently white for the harvest. With a truly devoted and zealous spirit, the Rev. J. C. Nevin, our first, and, we are pained to say, our only missionary yet, in that vast empire, has been steadily engaged in preparing himself for his great work. Again and again he has appealed for one or more persons to be sent out as co-labourers with him, and as earnestly have the Board prayed and sought to respond to his appeal. While,

for reasons that were deemed sufficient, the Assembly, at the last meeting, changed the appointment of one who was originally designated to that field, it was then, and is still, a source of painful regret to the Board that the Assembly did not immediately appoint some suitable person to take his place, or authorize the Board to do it. As neither of these things, however, was done, the Board could not send any one out during the year. But now, as deeply impressed as ever with the importance of that Mission, the Board most earnestly ask the Assembly to take a decided course in regard to it, and in view of the importance of the field, and of all the circumstances of the case, not to rise until a suitable man and the adequate means are secured for its vigorous prosecution. Herewith the Board lay before the Assembly a recent document from Mr. Nevin, on the subject of Chinese Missions, and invite special attention to it.

IN NORTHERN INDIA, the work has been steadily prosecuted at Sealkote. Preaching has been regularly maintained, and the labours in the schools have been continued with encouraging success. In view of the wide field around them, and of the vast numbers of souls sitting in darkness and having no saving light, the brethren of this Mission have earnestly besought the Board to give the authority and the means for forming a second Mission at a place about thirty miles distant from Sealkote, and in the midst of a crowded population. The Board have been much impressed with the force of their appeals, and if there could be any ground upon which the adequate means for a new Mission could be expected, as they would be imperatively called for, the Board would gladly authorize the work, and confidently look for the happiest results. But, in view of the present state of our country, and of the signs of the times, the Board do not deem it expedient to do so without some special direction of the Assembly.

In further notice of the Mission at Sealkote, the Board are pained to inform the Assembly that it has suffered during the year from the sickness of some of its members, from the famine that is distressingly prevailing over a large part of India, and from an unhappy difficulty that has occurred between the Mission and the Rev. R. A. Hill. Of this the Assembly will be informed by the Report of the Presbytery of Sealkote, and by a memorial from Mr. Hill himself. Thus far, it has resulted in his separation from the Mission, and in the loss of his active and useful services. The matter came early in the year before the Board, and has necessarily occupied much of its deliberations and anxieties. The Board will only say, further, in regard to it, that for the honour and the good of the cause of religion in the eyes of the Heathen, and for the usefulness and proper position of our church among the churches now springing up in India, it is fervently desired that the Assembly will be guided to give such an issue of the case as will be approved of God and followed with his blessing. The official papers of the Presbytery, and the correspondence of all parties, are herewith transmitted and made subject to the call of the Assembly.

IN EGYPT, the work has been prosecuted without interruption. In Cairo and Alexandria, divine service has been regularly held in English and Arabic every Sabbath. Both the boys' and girls' schools have been in thorough operation. In Alexandria, these schools have numbered nearly two hundred young persons, and the Scriptures have formed a very prominent part of the daily instructions. Many Jewesses are found in the girls' school, and many Moslems in the boys' school, earnest and interested learners of the New Testament, and of Bible truth. Through the want of regular teachers, the schools in Cairo have not been as numerous attended, but arrangements are now making for greatly increasing their efficiency and usefulness. Besides preaching and teaching, the brethren of the Egyptian Mission have done much during the year in distributing the Holy Scriptures. In both Cairo and Alexandria, a Bible depot has been opened under their care, and thence the Word of God is widely scattered abroad. Led also by the special indications of Divine Providence, they have entered upon the work of passing up the Nile and supplying the large population spread out in its valley with the Scriptures. With a truly noble spirit of zeal and liberality, our brethren have united in the purchase of a boat out of their own limited means for the sole purpose of carrying on this work: and already, within nine months since they engaged in it, they believe they have realized, in the good done, a rich return for all their expenditure and their toil. Thus far their labours of this kind have extended as far up the Nile as Esneh or Assaam on the borders of Nubia. In some places, as at Thebes and Esneh, they have had preaching; at Osiout and Luxor they have opened schools; in the vicinity of Minyeh, Osiout, Kineh, and perhaps in Esneh, they have appointed agents to act as colporteurs; and in all of these, and some other places, they have distributed more or less of Bibles. The Board commend the zeal of our brethren in the prosecution of their work, and congratulate our church in being called of God to the honour of being the only church now thoroughly engaged in supplying the land of Egypt with the Word of God. The kindness of the British and Foreign, and the American Bible Societies, in granting our brethren the Holy Scriptures and other material aid for this service, deserves the special gratitude of the Assembly, and of our whole church.

## III. CHANGES.

During the year, Divine Providence has wrought changes in our Board and among our missionaries. On the 16th of August last, the Rev. THOMAS H. BEVERIDGE was suddenly called by death to rest from his labours—a man eminently wise in counsel, prompt in action, devoted in spirit, and never manifesting his rare abilities and worth more than in the deliberations of this Board, and in his anxious concern for the prosperity of the missionary cause.

On the 5th of July, the Rev. James A. Frazier, who had been for many years laboriously engaged in the service of the Mission in Damascus, was forced, under painful circumstances, to flee with his family from that city. Scarcely had they arrived at a place of safety, when word reached them of the fearful outbreak and massacre in Damascus, the destruction of his house and property, and the temporary breaking up of the Mission. In the trying state of his family, and of the times, it was felt by his brethren and himself to be his duty to return to this country, and accordingly he is now here waiting the leadings of Divine Providence.

At the same time, Dr. Alexander Hattie, who had been employed as the physician of the Mission in Damascus, left the field of his labours, and subsequently tendering his resignation, he was released from our service, and has no longer any connexion with us.

In the month of March last, also, the Rev. Thomas McCague and family were constrained by painful necessity to relinquish their missionary labours in the city of Cairo, and seek for a restoration of health in their native land. The enervating character of the climate, and the unremitting and wearing labours of many years in their particular part of Egypt, gradually undermined their health and seriously threatened their lives. By the positive injunction of their physician, therefore, and the unanimous advice of the Presbytery, they left. A merciful Providence brought them in safety to our shores, and there are already indications of an early renewal of their health and strength. On finally reaching his home, Mr. McCague will, at his own request, cease to be under the pay of the Board, and will cordially be at the call of any portion of the church that may desire his services—it being understood that he will receive proper remuneration for any expenses to which he may be subjected. He also will carefully study the indications of the Divine will as to his duty hereafter to the land of Egypt.

## IV. NEW MISSIONARIES.

According to the appointment of the Assembly, the Rev. S. C. EWING and wife, and Miss M. J. McKOWN, have entered upon their work during the year. On the 6th of October last, they sailed from New York, and on reaching Egypt, Mr. Ewing proceeded with his family at once to Cairo, and promptly engaged in preaching as opportunity offered in the English language, and in studying Arabic for his future usefulness. Miss McKOWN remained in Alexandria, and immediately entered upon her work in the girls' school. This she was able to do with encouraging prospects from her very arrival, as there are many persons in the school capable of receiving instruction in her native tongue, and in the rudiments of the French.

Messrs. ANDREW WATSON and JAMES S. BARR, not having completed their allotted course of study, and not being able to leave for the fields to which they were respectively appointed by the Assembly, are still in this country, and the Board are happy to inform the Assembly, are ready to be sent out at the earliest moment which may be deemed proper for them to depart. During the winter, they have sought to increase their fitness for greater usefulness by attending the Lectures of the Pennsylvania Medical College, in the city of Philadelphia—a privilege which was generously granted them by the Faculty of that Institution free of charge.

## V. NEW APPOINTMENTS.

The Board have anxiously sought, during the past year, for suitable persons to be named to the General Assembly for appointment to the Foreign field. This effort, it must be said with regret, has been attended with very limited success—not, it is believed, from a lack of the missionary spirit among the ministers and young men of our church, for the Board rejoice to think there is a desirable and decided increase of this spirit, but from various other causes. The Board, however, would recommend the appointment of Rev. THOMAS MCCARTNEY, of the Presbytery of Xenia, to be a colabourer of Rev. J. C. Nevin in the Mission to China.

The Board are also happy to inform the Assembly that there is an individual in view, for the Mission in Trinidad, who, from his intimate personal acquaintance with that island—with the character and wants of the Mission, and with the habits and necessities of the coolies and emancipated negroes who occupy that field, is deemed, in many respects, eminently fitted to labour there as a catechist or evangelist. Neither the Board, nor he himself, however, are yet ready for a public appointment of him to be made at this meeting of the Assembly; but, in view of important interests at stake, and of the necessity of the Mission work being speedily resumed, if it shall be prosecuted

by our church, at all again in the island, the Board respectfully ask the Assembly to authorize the sending out of the person referred to, or some other one, in case the way is found clear to do so during the ensuing year.

#### VI. ESTIMATES.

As far as the Board are able to ascertain it is believed the following sums will be required, at the lowest possible estimate, to enable us to carry on the operations of the ensuing year, viz.:—For India, about \$7,500; for China, \$2,500; for Egypt, including the missions in Alexandria, Cairo, and up the Valley of the Nile, \$8,750; for Syria, \$1,200; for Trinidad, in case a missionary is sent out, \$900—making a total of about \$23,200, including the balance due the India Mission of \$2,000, and an allowance to them for aid in consequence of the present famine of \$300. And in view of the momentous interests depending upon our efforts in this cause—the value of an immortal soul—and the fact that so many hundreds of millions are found in the lands embraced by our missions without the Saviour, and without the gospel and the herald of the gospel to make that Saviour known, the Board cannot refrain from asking Shall there be any lack? Shall money and men be furnished almost without limit in the noble cause of saving our beloved country, and shall either or both be wanting in the great work of seeking to save the souls of men and build up the church of God? Rather let every bearer of the name of Christ often ask, in view of the infinite love of God, and of the infinite need of the heathen, “LORD, WHAT WILT THOU HAVE ME TO DO?” And then ascertaining it ALWAYS and FULLY do it—praying, giving, labouring for Christ and for souls.

#### VII. THE MISSIONARY PAPER.

The subject of a Missionary Paper has been steadily before the Board, and arrangements were fully made for issuing the first number a few weeks since, when the threatening state of the country and the excited condition of the public mind caused it to be delayed for a time. The Board are fully persuaded of the imperative need of such a publication, and while it gratefully recognises the offer of a generous member of our church to see that it shall not be a burden upon our treasury, yet it is deeply felt that it cannot succeed and have the universal circulation which is specially aimed at, without every minister, and session, and member of the church taking an active interest in it, encouraging its spread among the people, and seeking to have its small subscription largely made and duly paid in. As it will be devoted to nothing but Missionary Intelligence, and such a brief presentation of the other Boards of the church as may be furnished us from time to time, it is believed it may be an important auxiliary of every pastor in bringing the public operations of our church before his people, and in securing a large place for them in their sympathies, their gifts, and especially their prayers.

#### VIII. RULES AND RECOMMENDATIONS.

Under a strong persuasion of the importance of every missionary, and every candidate for the missionary work, having in their hands some general expression of what is required and expected of them, and of what is deemed best for them and their work, the Board have with great care prepared a system of RULES and RECOMMENDATIONS which are herewith respectfully submitted to the Assembly.

#### IX. SUGGESTIONS.

In view of important interests that may be promoted the Board take the liberty of making the following suggestions to the Assembly:—

*First.* That in filling vacancies in the Board the Assembly will appoint persons as nearly resident in Philadelphia as possible, so that meetings may be more regularly and fully attended by all. Often, as the Board have painfully found during the past year, it is of very great importance that every member should be present.

*Second.* That the Board be granted authority, in cases of special importance, to appoint and send out the missionary that may be called for in a particular field. Emergencies may arise, or there may be a peculiar case, like that of the Mission to China during the past year, when it would be of very great importance to the Board to be able to have a person enter upon his work at once, and without being compelled to wait a long time, perhaps, for the formal action of the Assembly.

#### X. VACANCIES.

The term of service of Rev. J. T. Pressly, Rev. J. T. Cooper, and Mr. T. D. Anderson expires in the order of their names at this General Assembly. A member should also be appointed to fill the two remaining years of Rev. T. H. Beveridge, deceased.

By order of the Board,

JOHN B. DALES, *Cor. Sec'y.*

## REPORT OF THE BOARD OF PUBLICATION.

To the General Assembly to meet in Monmouth, third Wednesday, 15th of May, 1861 :

We are sorry that we cannot report much done through the year in the way of publishing. There has been a considerable increase to our permanent fund, but not any more than we found necessary to keep pace with our increase of business, demanding a proportionate increase of capital—so that at no time through the year have we found the state of our funds such that we could safely undertake the publishing of a single book without running the risk of becoming embarrassed. Besides this, a large portion of our funds have been donated with the understanding that they are finally to be used for a specific purpose different from the general publication of books. This will appear from the following statement, which is necessary in order to understand the character of our permanent fund. In our last report given in to the Assembly, May, 1860, it was stated that this fund then amounted to \$3103.99. To this there has been added by contributions from congregations and individuals through the year \$3174.21, making a sum total of \$6278.20—but of this sum \$3.300 have been contributed by one liberal-minded individual, and although he is willing that it should be employed as at present in carrying on the business of the Depository, yet, when that business will permit, it is his wish that it be used in stereotyping and publishing the Holy Scriptures, with the Psalms in Metre, and in this laudable wish he certainly should be gratified.

From this it will be seen that even when we include the sum borrowed at our commencement from the book concern of the Associate Synod, the whole amount contributed to our permanent fund during the two years of our existence is but \$2978.20—a sum totally inadequate to warrant us in undertaking the work of Publication to any extent. All, therefore, that we have done through the year is to publish the revised Psalm Book ordered by the last Assembly, and an edition of the Shorter Catechism, with Scripture proofs. We have contracted for editions of a few other Books, which we expect to get out early the coming year.

The business of the Depository has continued steadily to increase. Our sales since the 15th of May last, that is for eleven and a half months, have amounted to \$8,282.06. We have not only conducted the business without expense, but it will be seen from the statement in the annexed paper that a small balance remains at the end of the year, after paying all expenses.

We have collected from different societies and publishing houses in this country and Britain a large selection of books suitable for Sabbath Schools, and from the number of libraries we have been called upon to make up, we would judge that the Church is beginning to appreciate the value of a Depository, where all good books may be obtained, and where they are safe from that pernicious class consisting of religious fiction, secular matter, and defective theology, which constitute such a large proportion of the Sabbath School literature of the present day, and which is exerting such a deleterious influence upon the rising generation.

But however important the supply of Sabbath Schools and families with religious reading may be, until the Church place in our hands a sufficiency to commence and carry on the work of publication, we regard the leading objects of our organization unaccomplished.

And surely no one at the present day needs to be informed of the importance of this work. What an amount of good has been conferred upon the church and upon the world by the different societies engaged in the work of publishing religious books. Many excellent works have been produced at a price which has brought them within the reach of all. They have been carried into families that could not have been reached by the living preacher. Many have thus been led to the house of God who otherwise would have remained at a distance from it—while in addition the circulation of these books is one of the most powerful aids to the living ministry, in training up an intelligent people.

It is true, indeed, as was before hinted, that unsuitable books have been published. In some cases, works of sterling merit have been mutilated, and sometimes by omitting a portion, the meaning of the author has been entirely perverted. But what do such facts as these prove? Will any one found an argument upon them against the U. P. Church engaging in the work of publication? Nay—on the contrary, every intelligent person must see that such facts as these prove the contrary. We present ourselves before the world and the Christian public as a conservative church—conservative not in the popular sense of the word; that is, keeping “the peace” in connexion with immorality and false doctrine; but conservative in the true sense—that is, preserving the doctrines handed down to us from reforming ancestors, and keeping pure and entire all such religious worship and ordinances as God has appointed in his Word. And if, as must be taken for granted, the press and the pulpit are the two great instrumentalities which God is employing for the building up of his Church in the world, then there is need of such conservatism as this to be brought to bear upon the press, as well as the pulpit.

Besides, if our peculiar principles on account of which we maintain a separate organization are worth anything, they should not only be heard from the pulpit—but, also, they should be known and read of all men from the press. We very much suspect that the church which has nothing to put into the hands of her members or inquirers from the world calculated to exhibit her principles, is in great danger of losing these principles. One thing is certain—that every leading denomination in our land makes use of the press for the purpose of disseminating their principles, and much of their success is to be attributed to the use of this means. In this they do right, and it is our wisdom to follow their example.

Appended to our report will be found a statement of the receipts and disbursements of the Sabbath School and Bible Distribution Funds.

We are confident that much good has been done by these funds during the year. Sabbath Schools struggling into existence have been encouraged by the aid received from us to procure libraries, whereas, otherwise they must have remained without this important auxiliary to a Sabbath School. A large number of copies of the Scriptures and the Scripture Psalms have been circulated among those unable to purchase them—and thus the hands of our Home missionaries have been very much strengthened.

It must be apparent, however, from the limited number of donors to these funds that their importance is not yet appreciated by the Church as it ought to be. Had it not been for the generous sum placed at our disposal by two good friends, —— and ——, during the year, we would have been almost destitute of means to carry on the object of these funds.

Let us hope, however, that the result may be different the coming year. We expend considerable in supplying the destitute with a preached gospel—but let us not forget that the supplying of them with the written Word is equally important. To be effectual, neither must be attempted separately—but both in conjunction.

By order of the Board.

JAMES PRESTLEY, *President.*

CHARLES ABBUTHNOT, *Secretary.*

Abstract of statement furnished to the General Assembly of the U. P. Church by the Board of Publication, from which the Church can see the business done through the year, and also our present condition:—

Amt. of permanent fund in our hands,.....	\$6278 20
“ sales through the year,.....	8282 06
“ stock on hand,.....	5528 17
“ accounts,.....	1656 85
“ liabilities,.....	717 66
“ gain for the year, beyond all expenses,.....	380 65

*United Presbyterian Board of Publication in account with General Assembly.*

1861.		Dr.
Feb. 16.	To freight on Book of Discipline, .....	\$3 25
Ap. 29.	To printing fifteen hundred copies of Psalms,.....	111 00
Ap. 29.	To Binding one thousand copies of the Psalms,.....	42 60

\$156 75

1861.		Cr.
Ap. 29.	Cash for Directory,.....	21 00
“	Five hundred Psalm Books,.....	62 50
“	Balance due Board,.....	65 25

1860.		Dr.
June 15,	To Cash from a Friend,.....	\$200 00

1861.		
Jan. 21,	To Cash from sale of Books, per Rev. J. M. Cartney,.....	5 25
Feb. 25,	To Cash from Estate of Mrs. N. Andrews,.....	15 00
“	“ transferred from Permanent Fund,.....	10 00
“	“ C. Thompson's sale of Books,.....	3 00
April 30,	To Balance, over-expended,.....	9 23

242 48

1860.		Contra.
June 15,	By Donation to Nebraska,.....	\$25 00
July 5,	“ Lawrence, Mass., S. School,.....	5 00
“ 19,	“ Kensington Mission Sabbath-school,.....	5 00
“ 24,	“ Livingstone, Illinois,.....	2 50
“ “	“ Ann Arbor, Michigan,.....	5 00
Aug. 3,	“ Ross Grove S. S., Illinois,.....	5 00
“ 3,	“ Minnesota, .....	20 00
“ 8,	“ Sab. S., Owens Co., Indiana,.....	2 00



Aug. 14,	By Donation to Chicago S. S.,	.....	\$5 00
" 16,	" " Fletcher's S. S.,	.....	2 25
" 18,	" " Kansas,	.....	7 50
Oct. 30,	" " "	.....	63 50
Dec. 13,	" " Tranquillity S. S., Iowa,	.....	5 00
" 26,	" " Hoboken, N. J.,	.....	5 00
1861.			
Jan. 10,	" " Jackson Co., Ohio,	.....	10 00
" "	" " Gettysburgh, Pa.,	.....	5 00
Mar. 26,	" " Wisconsin, per Rev. S. M. Coon,	.....	10 00
" 28,	" " Kansas Presbytery,	.....	50 73
" "	" " De Witt, Iowa,	.....	10 00
			242 48
1860.	<i>Sabbath School Fund.</i>		<i>Dr.</i>
June 19,	To Cash from a Friend, B.,	.....	\$50 00
" "	" " J. Duncan & Son, N. Y.,	.....	19 00
			69 00
1860.	<i>Contra.</i>		<i>Cr.</i>
June 15,	By Donation to Rock Bluff,	.....	\$5 00
" "	" " Nebraska City,	.....	5 00
" "	" " Newburgh, N. Y.,	.....	4 00
" "	" " Lawrence S. S., Mass.,	.....	5 00
July 19,	" " Kensington S. S.,	.....	5 00
" 24,	" " Livingstone, Illinois,	.....	2 50
Aug. 3,	" " Ross Grove, Illinois,	.....	5 00
" 14,	" " Chicago S. S.,	.....	5 00
Dec. 13,	" " Tranquillity S. S., Iowa,	.....	5 00
1861.			
Mar. 12,	" " Bethel, Kansas,	.....	5 00
" 28,	" " Americus,	.....	5 00
" "	" " Berea,	.....	5 00
April 19,	" " Minnesota,	.....	4 05
" 30,	By Balance in the Treasury,	.....	8 45
			69 00

## REPORT OF THE BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION.

To the General Assembly to meet in Monmouth, 15th May, 1861, the Board of Church Extension present their Annual Report:

According to one of the by-laws, the Board meets quarterly, or oftener, when circumstances require, at which time applications for aid are taken up, and acted on in the order of their presentation. To enable the Board to carry on its operations advantageously to the church, the amount of \$3,000 was desired of the last Assembly. The contributions to our fund, however, during the year closing 30th April, amount to something less than one-third of that sum. The amount received, when distributed among the 674 congregations reported to the last Assembly, would give to each congregation, on an average, about one dollar and one-third. And, hence, it appears that from the proportion of the whole amount contributed by a few congregations, a large number must have contributed nothing at all. In the distribution of the funds intrusted to our care, the Board always have respect to the rule established by the Assembly, "That 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 General Assembly during that year." Quite a number of congregations which have made application for aid seem to have overlooked this rule, and have thus put it out of the power of the Board to grant them aid, even when the means were on hand. According to our ability, the Board have granted more or less aid to weak congregations from the eastern extreme to the western limits of our church. In some instances, in consequence of not having the funds at our disposal, congregations have been authorized to employ agents to collect funds, within specified limits. In such cases, the congregation is expected to defray the expenses of the agent, and to report the amount collected, that it may be credited to the Board. The necessity of the case has seemed to require that, to a limited extent, this course should be pursued. It is hoped, however, that this necessity may not in future exist.

In the establishment of the Board, the Assembly has not explicitly declared on what principle aid shall be given to feeble congregations, whether as a gratuity or as a loan. The attention of the Board has recently been called to this subject. And unless the Assembly should think proper to instruct otherwise, the probability is, that hereafter

congregations receiving aid will be required, should their growth and increasing strength enable them to do so, to refund the money received, without interest after a specified time. It will appear from the report of our Treasurer, that there has been paid into our fund during the year \$930,44, which has been distributed by the Board among the various congregations applying for aid, as seemed to be best adapted to promote the extension of the church. It is to the Board a subject of regret, that for the want of means we have been able to do so little in aiding our numerous congregations, which in their infancy are laboring to secure for themselves houses of worship. But as our present system of operation is yet in its infancy, it is confidently hoped, that, when our people shall have become better acquainted with its benevolent object, and its adaptation to accomplish the end proposed, the means necessary to the successful prosecution of our work will not be wanting. And if Presbyteries would exercise a more careful supervision over their respective congregations, and see to it that all, whether settled or vacant, contribute more or less according to their ability, then would the Board have ample means to carry out the design of their appointment, and would be able to perform an important part in promoting the extension of the Redeemer's kingdom. All which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN T. PRESSLY, *Chairman.*

#### REPORT OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION.

To the General Assembly of the United Presbyterian Church, to meet at Monmouth, May 15th, A. D. 1861, the Board of Education respectfully report:—

The attention of the Board has thus far been directed almost exclusively to aiding young men in their education for the ministry.

At the opening of the year, a careful revision of the regulations of the Board was made. A summary of these was transmitted to the Synods at their late meetings. They have been published throughout the church, and are, doubtless, well understood. That they may be fully and distinctly before the Assembly, the Board respectfully submits the following statement:—

1. Four regular meetings will be held annually, viz.: on the first Tuesdays of August, November, February, and May. Special meetings may be called at any time by any member of the Board.

2. All applications from Theological students presented at any meeting, shall be first acted on, and then applications from Literary students. See Constitution, Art. VIII.

3. Testimonials of applicants shall certify (1) that the applicant is under the care of some Presbytery of the U. P. Church, (2,) that he intends entering on the ministry, (3,) that he possesses hopeful piety, (4,) that his talents are such as to qualify him for usefulness in the ministry, and (5) that he needs the aid asked. Such testimonials shall be given by the order of the Presbytery of the applicant, and be signed by the Clerk or Moderator. Under extraordinary circumstances, testimonials of the above tenor of three members of the Presbytery may be accepted, but such testimonials shall, in all cases, be substituted by regular Presbyterial testimonials as soon as practicable. Testimonials given on application for aid shall ordinarily be held good and sufficient as long as aid is given, but the Board may, at any time, require them to be renewed. Presbyteries are hereby requested to keep a record of all certificates granted. See Constitution, Art. VI.

4. No grant exceeding one hundred dollars per annum shall be made to any one individual, nor be continued more than three years to a Theological student, or four years to a Literary student.

5. Grants shall be paid Theological students in three instalments, viz.: one-third on the first of September, one-third on the first of December, and one-third on the first of March. And to Literary students in four instalments—one-fourth on each of the days mentioned above, and one-fourth on the first of June.

6. Beneficiaries shall give obligations of the following tenor:—Borrowed and received of the B. of E. of the U. P. C. of N. A. — dollars, which I promise to pay to the Trustees of the G. A. of the U. P. C. of N. A., without interest, as soon as God in his providence shall enable me; and I do further agree, that if I do not, in due course of time, enter the ministry of the U. P. C., or at any time abandon the same, the sum above mentioned shall then become due and payable with interest at 6 per cent. per annum from date.

7. No grant shall be made, except by the Board, at a regular or special meeting. The regular time for acting on applications shall be the August meeting; but grants may be made at any regular or special meeting duly called.

The Board respectfully requests the Assembly to examine these rules carefully, amend them as far as may be judged necessary, and approve them, that they may be recognised not as resting merely on the authority of the Board, but as the ordinance of the Assembly.

In accordance with these regulations, aid has been granted to sixteen young men, amounting in all to \$1400.

Although the grants of the Board amounted to little more than one-half of the sum directed to be raised by the last Assembly for its uses, great difficulty was experienced in meeting the March instalment. To avoid the consequences that must have followed inevitably from the failure to pay the beneficiaries, who were depending on the money pledged for means to defray their expenses at the seminary, and carry them to their homes, the officers of the Board were compelled to borrow a sum sufficient to make up the deficiency. Circulars were immediately issued, stating the case fully and plainly. We are happy to be able to announce that enough has already been received to pay off the debt thus incurred.

It is absolutely necessary, in order to the efficiency of the Board, that a definite sum, which can be certainly raised, be placed at the disposal of the Board. At least \$2500 ought to be raised for this fund the next year.

As the Board understands the constitution, the Presbyteries are the exclusive judges of the qualifications of candidates, and the responsibility for their character rests on them alone. If the Assembly understand the constitution differently, or that the Board has the right to reject an applicant recommended by a Presbytery because unworthy, it is hoped that it will be distinctly declared that the Board may understand its obligations. If the Assembly agree with the Board as to the import of the constitution, it is hoped that the Presbyteries will be distinctly and earnestly charged, in no case to recommend a young man for aid, who does not, in every particular, possess the required qualifications.

The Board desire specific instruction on another point: Shall aid be granted to young men, who are not attending any institution of learning, either literary or theological, but who are studying privately?

In the judgment of the Board, much valuable information might be communicated to the church, were the various academies, colleges, and seminaries, under the care of our Presbyteries and Synods, required to report annually to the Board, as to their history, condition, and prospects, and the Board directed to embody this information in a condensed form in their annual report. This whole subject is respectfully submitted to the consideration of the Assembly.

The Board deeply regret the necessity of reporting the death of James Miller—an esteemed and efficient member of this Board. He died at Wenona.

The term of service of Rev. A. Young, D. D., Rev. J. A. Edie, and Wm. Nash expires at this General Assembly.\*

#### REPORTS OF PRESBYTERIES.

**ALBANY.**—The Presbytery of Albany would respectfully report, that no material changes have taken place within our bounds since our last annual report. Peace and harmony continue uninterrupted. The lives of our members have been mercifully preserved. Our congregations are in a somewhat prosperous state, though we cannot report any great accessions to our members. Some of them have contributed liberally to the funds of the church. Public ordinances are well attended; Sabbath-schools are in a flourishing state; prayer meetings, also, are well attended in all our congregations.

At our last meeting Mr. Thomas A. Sanson, who has been pursuing his studies at Princeton Seminary, was licensed to preach the everlasting gospel, after professing his adherence to the doctrines and principles of the United Presbyterian Church. Respectfully submitted.

P. BULLIONS, *Moderator, pro tem.*  
S. F. MORROW, *Clerk.*

*Report on the Form of Church Government and Book of Discipline.*—The Presbytery of Albany have had under consideration the Form of Church Government and Discipline overtured by the last General Assembly; and after hearing and weighing the reports of Sessions on the subject, have agreed to approve the same, and recommend its adoption, with the following amendments:—1. To amend chapter xi., article ii., § 2d, page 34, by inserting in line sixth of that section, after the word "have," the words following, "had opportunity to become acquainted with them, and," so that the sentence as amended may read thus—"so far as you have had opportunity to become acquainted with them, and been enabled to understand them, as agreeable to," &c. The reason for proposing this amendment is the fact, that persons may, and sometimes do apply for admission to the fellowship of the church, concerning whose intelligence and soundness in the faith, as well as their piety and correct Christian deportment, the session on examination may be fully satisfied, but who from want of opportunity or some other cause may not have examined in detail the standards of the church, and compared them with

\* The concluding part of this report has been mislaid. It is believed that nothing material is wanting.—*Com.*

the Scriptures, so as to be able to give honestly an affirmative answer to this question. The result, then, may be that such persons, however worthy, must for the time be denied admission, or the question in their case must be omitted or modified, or they must answer it unintelligently, or with reserve. It would seem to us proper for the Assembly to allow to sessions some latitude or discretion on this point in particular cases, such as was expressed in the Testimony of the Associate Church, (Test., part iii., art. ii., § iv., in the words following, viz.:—"All church members have not the same degree of knowledge; some are weak; some have had few helps and means of instruction; some may labour under prejudices which they cannot at once cast off. Toward all such great tenderness should be used. If they appear to be Christians, are seeking farther instruction, are not determined enemies to some article of truth or duty, [recognised by our profession,] they may, though labouring under difficulties about some part of the profession which the church makes, be received into its communion," etc., pp. 151, 152. See also pp. 228, 229, of same book. Something of this nature introduced as an additional section, or as a foot note having the sanction of the Assembly, might tend to relieve sessions in some cases otherwise embarrassing.—2. In chap. xi., art. iv., part i., we would respectfully propose to substitute for § 4 the following, viz.:—"4. None shall be eligible to office but male members in full communion, nor are any entitled to vote in such election but members (both male and female) in full communion in the congregation at the time of election. The reason for this proposed amendment is, that the expression "members in full communion," in the section as it now stands in its relation to the first clause, means male members only, for such only are eligible to office. But in relation to the next clause it means females, as well as males, and should be so expressed, unless the Assembly intends to deny to females the privilege of voting, or to leave their right in this matter in doubt. It seems to us important that the practice on this point should be uniform throughout the church, and to make it so the rule should be so explicit that the mind of the Assembly could not be mistaken. Painful difficulties have arisen in the very beginning of an election from the fact that some understand the rule as meaning only male members; while others, and we think justly, regard it in its application to voters as including females also. Should this amendment be adopted, a similar one will be necessary in part ii., § 4, line 2d, p. 41. 3. In part ii., chap. i., p. 59, we respectfully propose for § 5, to substitute the following, viz.:—"5. All baptized persons are by their baptism publicly recognised as members of the church. As such they are under her care, and subject to her authority, which should be exercised toward them by her officers with diligence, kindness, and discretion, taking an active and affectionate interest in them, and oversight of them for their good, commending them in prayer to God, securing for them as far as possible the benefits of religious instruction, restraining and warning them from evil—leading, counselling, and encouraging them in the ways of truth and holiness. On the other hand, it is the duty of baptized youth to submit to this discipline and training in a meek and obedient spirit; and having attained the years of understanding and discretion, they are in duty bound to make a profession of religion, and perform all the duties of church members." The reason for proposing this, or something like it as a substitute for § 5 is, the Presbytery regard it as important that the duty of the officers of the church to baptized youth under their care should be more fully defined than is done in that section in its present form, and also as the word "discipline" in the first part of that chapter is used in its technical sense to mean, among other things, the duty of libelling, and if need be, of censuring or excommunicating offenders, in which sense, we apprehend, it cannot be applied to children or youth before they make a profession of religion for themselves. If used at all in that section, it should be in its general sense, and in such connexion as to show it is so used. As a general thing, a rule which cannot be carried out in practice should not have a place in our Book of Discipline.—4. In art. xiv., part i., section 3, page 38, after the words "divine direction," 3d line from bottom, for the words "the session having previously agreed," &c., substitute as follows:—"Shall call upon the congregation to make a nomination of such persons as may be considered fit for the office, and it shall be the privilege of every member of the congregation to take part in such nomination."

P. BULLIONS, *Moderator pro tem.*

S. F. MORROW, *Pres. Clerk.*

*Report on the Directory for Worship.*—The Presbytery agree to the adoption of the overture with the following amendments, viz.:—1. Strike out sec. 6, on page 9, in the article in reference to singing. 2. Also strike out sec. 7, on page 59, in the article on family worship. By order of Presbytery.

S. F. MORROW.

ARGYLE.—Since the meeting of the last General Assembly Mr. W. R. M'Kee has been ordained and installed pastor of the congregation of West Hebron, and Mr. I. N. White pastor of the congregation of Hebron. Mr. Wm. J. Reid has been licensed to preach the gospel. Rev. C. Webster has been released from the congregation of Queensbury; and he has since received a call from the 1st and 2d congregations of Hinchinbrook, which is now in the hands of Presbytery, subject to his disposal. During the year two highly esteemed brethren of our Presbytery—Rev. J. A. Duff and Rev. Isaac Law—have been removed by death.

With regard to the state of religion, we have nothing of special interest to report. The ordinances are generally well attended, the accessions to the membership of the church respectable, and in some of our congregations a very considerable degree of interest is manifested in prayer meetings and Sabbath-schools.

Presbytery would recommend the adoption of the Book of Discipline in overture with the following amendments, namely: Part i., art. 5, sec. 4, second line from bottom of page, add after the words "by prayer," "and laying on of the hands of the Session." Formula of Questions, 2d question, insert "and agreeable to" after the words "founded on." Part i., art. 5, sec. 6, page 44, insert after the word congregation in line 5th, the words "and approved by the Session."

Presbytery would call the attention of the General Assembly to the numerous typographical errors in the printed overture.

In reference to the draft of the Directory for Worship, Presbytery would recommend to the General Assembly to re-commit said draft to the Committee.

W. R. M'KEE, *Clerk.*

BOSTON.—There have been no special changes among our churches during the past year. Their pastors have been labouring steadily in the gospel work, and with some degree of success, it is believed, though amid many discouragements. Family religion is lamentably neglected by many; vice and infidelity greatly retard our efforts; and the great depression in business, consequent upon the political troubles of the country, has rendered it extremely difficult for nearly all our churches to meet their indispensable current expenses, while some of them have been wholly unable to make collections for the funds of the Assembly. Our people are *poor*—much poorer than the Western churches at all realize. It requires a constant struggle to sustain themselves; and now, they are poorer than ever. Many of them will unquestionably suffer for the common necessities of life during the prosecution of this unhappy war; and unless they can obtain increased help for this year from the Assembly's fund, some of them must go down.

It is exceedingly painful for us to come thus to you, again and again, as impotunate beggars, but we have no alternative. These factory operatives *need* the gospel, as few other classes do, and they give liberally of their scanty earnings for its support. But now they will have scant supplies of food, clothing, and fuel. It were hard to deprive them also of the Bread of Life. Brethren, come and help us.

The Presbytery can give no judgment in regard to the Book of Discipline in overture, nor respecting the Directory for Worship, having been unable to procure copies of either for examination. Nor have we seen the amended version of the Psalms.

All which is respectfully submitted. By order of Presbytery.

JOHN M. HERON, *Stated Clerk.*

- CALEDONIA.—The Presbytery of Caledonia respectfully report, that all our churches are enjoying the care of settled pastors, and that no changes have taken place among them during the past year. As to the state of religion among us, though we cannot relate any remarkable outpouring of the Spirit upon our people, yet we believe that the work of the Lord is prospering under our hand. All seem to be endeavouring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. More intense desires are felt and expressed for spiritual blessings, and more frequent and earnest prayers are made on this behalf. We are gratified to see, also, among our people, greater diligence in the use of means for the promotion of true religion in the world. Our action upon the matters overtured to us will be found in an accompanying paper. By order of Presbytery.

W. S. M'LAREN, *Clerk.*

*Report on the Overtures.*—At our meeting in Beulah, May 6, 1861, the following resolution was adopted:—Resolved, That in the hope that the Book of Government and Discipline, and the Directory for Worship, will be revised still farther before their adoption, we most earnestly and respectfully petition the General As-

sembly that they be re-committed, revised, and republished in overture for future consideration. In support of this petition we desire to make the following statement:—Many of our members of session have not seen the books. The books seem to us to be faulty in many important respects. We desire them to be amended, as follows:—Page 8, art. iv., strike out all after the Acts vi. 1, 2. Page 16, sec. vii., strike out the words “and able.” Page 30, sec. iv. We think that more than one person should be appointed for the organization of a church. Page 34, sec. iii. After family worship insert “at least every morning and evening.” Pages 38 and 40, art. iv., part 1., sec. iii., and part ii., sec. iv. The right of suffrage in the election of pastor and other officers should be restricted to male members in full communion. Against this amendment Mr. D. S. McHenry and Mr. D. C. McVean protested. Page 51, art. x., strike out all after the word “tenderness.” Chap. iii., art. iii., last sentence, “He—the ruling elder—is of a class denominated in Scripture ‘Governments,’ and who are said to ‘rule well.’” We ask where do the sacred Scriptures affirm that as a class elders rule well? We think that the word “well” should be omitted. Moreover, the phrase “*in Scripture*,” is rather fitted for sermons, essays, and conversation, than for a standard work. In the same article it is stated that in respect of *authority* and *government* the ruling elder is the pastor’s equal. From this book it would be extremely difficult to learn wherein he is equal. We believe in his equality in these respects; but we would be glad to show it. We conceive the book to be inconsistent with itself on this subject. For example, in chap. vi., art. iii., while pastor and elders meet and constitute as a session, as equal in *authority* and *government*, the teaching elder is dictated to the ruling elders as their standing moderator; and if there are two pastors, they are to agree between themselves which shall moderate, and in neither case have the lay elders a voice in the matter. This is one inequality put forth with the declaration of equality. Again, chap. vii., art. iii., ministers without charge have seats and authority in their Presbytery, but ruling elders without charge have no recognition as rulers in any court. Again, chap. vii. art. ix. “Any two ministers,” &c. That is, two ministers and two elders, according to art. iv., *shall be a quorum*, or three ministers alone shall be the same. This seems to make one minister equal to two elders; else why not say two ministers and one elder duly appointed, &c.? Again, in art. xiv., while at the request of two ministers the moderator or clerk shall call a meeting of Presbytery, if these cannot be had, he shall do it at the request of one minister and two elders, again making one minister equal to two elders in matters of government. Again, in chap. viii., art. ii. In prescribing a quorum of a particular Synod, the same kind of indifference is thrown over the eldership. Their essential importance and presence are not acknowledged in the constitution of the court. Then, again, the eldership is left in oblivion in the Directory for Worship, when mentioning the subjects of prayer. We object to every thing which leaves this popular element of Presbyterianism in the background. In chap. iv., we would recommend the striking out of the word “covenanting,” as the term “vowing” is certainly sufficient, and in better taste. In chap. vii., sec. vi., we would recommend that every session of an organized, though forming only a part of one, pastoral charge, be entitled to a representation in Presbytery and Synod. Chap. ix., sec. vii. We would prefer that liberty be left to the court to decide whether it be necessary for the General Assembly to meet every year. We doubt the necessity of meeting so often, after the machinery of the church is in full operation.

*Book of Discipline.*—Chap. x., sec. vi. We are of opinion that church courts should have the power to restore an offender, when satisfied of the genuineness of his repentance, without waiting for the judgment of the religious world regarding him.

*Directory for Worship.*—We desire that either chap. iv. of the Book of Government be dropped, or that chapter i. of this Directory be omitted, or that they be made more fully to correspond.—Chap. iii., sec. ii. We recommend that this section be entirely omitted. It is a fact, that an explanation given while the chapter is in the course of being read, is often more profitable than an explanation afterward. We would grant freedom in this matter. Sec. v., art. xx. The word “*painfully*” should be changed for some other term more expressive to us moderns of the idea intended. Chap. iii., sec. iv., and chap. vii. We are directed to pray for ministers, students, &c. We think that the eldership should be classed among those who are entitled to the prayers of the church. We recommend the retaining the Westminster preface to the Book of Government, &c. We object generally to all the books, that their style is stiff, and that there is too much mingling of antiquated and modern styles in their composition.

Upon the *overture on Psalmody* our action is as follows:—In reference to the revision and new version of the Psalms, we have had no copies for examination, and their publication was too late to obtain them and do anything like justice in preparing a report on their merits. We sincerely hope that the work will be prosecuted with sincerity and vigour, until something definite shall be accomplished in this matter. The demand is strong; and if something be not soon done, the conviction will be fixed in many minds that after all it is more a question of versions than of a Bible psalmody. We must leave the matter in your hands; and our prayer is, that the Head of the church will guide you by his Spirit in this, and in all matters that may come before you. All which is respectfully submitted. By order of Presbytery. W. S. McLAREN, Clerk.

DELAWARE.—At a meeting of Presbytery in September last, Rev. John Erskine was released from the pastoral charge of North Kortright congregation, and received a certificate of dismission to unite with the Presbytery of New York.

At a subsequent meeting in February, Rev. James M. Smeallie was received on certificate from the Presbytery of Detroit; and a call from North Kortright Congregation being addressed to him, was sustained, presented, and accepted. His installation took place on the 19th of February.

At the same meeting, J. W. Baine, a licentiate, was received on certificate from the Presbytery of Southern Indiana. Having received and accepted a call from the congregation of New Kingston, and having delivered to the satisfaction of Presbytery the prescribed pieces of trial, his ordination and installation were fixed for the 2d Wednesday of May; but at our late meeting he asked and received a certificate of standing, and his ordination and installation were indefinitely postponed.

At the same meeting in February, R. G. Wallace, a probationer under the care of Sidney Presbytery, was received on certificate, when a call from the congregation of Burlington Green was presented to him, and by him accepted. Having at our last meeting in April delivered the usual trials, and passed a satisfactory examination, his ordination and installation will take place, according to appointment, on the 6th of June.

George P. Raitt, after delivering the usual trials, was on May 1st licensed to preach the gospel as a probationer for the holy ministry.

In the good providence of God all our vacancies, with the exception of East Springfield, (which has suffered much from the want of stated ordinances,) have the prospect of speedy settlement. Presbytery would therefore respectfully ask that Joseph Thyne be sent as a stated supply to East Springfield for one year.

On the state of religion we have nothing particularly discouraging, but *encouraging*, to report. While we cannot record any remarkable outpouring of the Holy Spirit, yet we are not without some favourable indications of God's presence among us. The zeal manifested in the attendance upon divine ordinances is commendable, increase in membership encouraging, interest in Sabbath-schools, Bible-classes, and prayer meetings increasing; liberality in contributing to the missionary funds, while it is not what it ought to be, is improving. Some of our congregations have contributed beyond their apportionment, while others have fallen far below it. We feel much the lack of some systematic plan of beneficence, and ask that the General Assembly take some action on this subject at this meeting.

Presbytery would also respectfully ask that the Constitution of the Home Mission Board be so amended as to allow the payment of a pastor's salary to commence with his acceptance of the call, and that appropriations by the Board commence at the same time.

The "Directory for Worship" was adopted with two amendments:—1st. That sec. 7, art. 3, page 27, be so amended as to have the child presented by the PARENTS, and also to recognise the right of adopted children to be baptized. 2d. That in art. 6, sec. 3, page 9, all be stricken out after the word "simple" in the 3d line.

The Book of "Government and Discipline" was adopted with the following ten amendments:—1st. That secs. 6 and 7 on page 16, be so amended as to allow every regularly organized congregation one elder to represent them. 2d. That sec. 9, page 16, be so amended as to allow two ministers to constitute a quorum competent for the transaction of business. 3d. That sec. 5, page 27, be so amended as to correspond with the 49th of "Rule of Order," and give the person farthest from the Moderator's chair the right of the floor. 4th. That a question be inserted in the Formula of Questions, embracing the subject of personal and experimental religion. 5th. That sec. 3, page 38, be so amended that the members of session and of the congregation shall be on an equality in making nominations. 6th. That sec. 3,

page 40, be so amended that the presiding minister shall take the vote by *ballot* when there are competing candidates. 7th. That sec. 2, page 42, be so amended that the ordination of ruling elder or deacon shall take place only on a *week* day, and that day be observed by the congregation as a day of solemn fasting. 8th. On page 74, strike out all of sec. 5. 9th. That sec. 3, page 84, be so amended as to require inferior courts to refer the case to the superior before they pass sentence of excommunication. 10th. That in chap. 7, "Of Evidence," the following section be inserted:—(1.) In all charges against a person for the violation of the seventh commandment, where a *particeps criminis* is the only witness against the accused, and where common fame has circulated the guilt of the accused, that such persons shall be deprived of church privileges until they shall purge themselves of the charge by their oath as to their innocence.

A correct statistical table accompanies this report.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

By order of Presbytery.

WILLIAMSON AND LEE, *Committee.*

NEW YORK.—A union has been formed between the congregations in West 29th st. and West 44th st., New York city, and on the 20th November, 1860, Rev. John Service was installed as pastor of the united congregation, which now worships in West 44th street Church, and is known as the United Presbyterian congregation of West 44th street. On the 19th February, 1861, Rev. Robert Armstrong was received on certificate from Presbytery of Philadelphia, and Rev. John Erskine from Presbytery of Delaware. The Rev. Robert Armstrong having received and accepted a call from the congregation of Newburgh, Orange county, N. Y., was installed as pastor there on 12th March, 1861. The Rev. John Erskine having received and accepted a call from the congregation of Graham's Church, Orange county, N. Y., was installed as pastor there on 13th March, 1861. On the 10th April, 1861, Rev. J. A. McGill was received on certificate from Presbytery of Allegheny; and on the 30th April, 1861, he received a call from Eleventh street congregation, New York city, which he accepted, and an appointment has been made for his installation on the last Tuesday of May.

Mr. Samuel C. Marshall, licentiate, received a call from the congregation of Hoboken, which he accepted, and trials for ordination have been assigned him. On the 7th May, 1861, Rev. John Service was, at his own request, loosed from the pastoral charge of the West 44th street congregation, New York city.

On the 9th April, 1861, a number of families and persons in Jersey City were, on their own application, acknowledged by Presbytery as a missionary station in connexion with the United Presbyterian Church, and promised supply as far as practicable.

The Presbytery resolved to request from the Home Mission Board \$300 for 1st congregation, Brooklyn; \$100 for 2d congregation, Brooklyn; \$200 for congregation, Hoboken; and \$200 for Jersey City station.

The Presbytery have to complain that much injury has been done to their vacancies by the non-fulfilment of appointments by the supply promised.

The Book of Discipline overtured to Presbytery was sent down by them to Sessions, and by the unanimous vote of Presbytery, (seventeen members being present,) it was approved as a whole; while the following amendments were, at the same time, recommended for adoption:—Page 5, sec. 6, instead of "attended with," read "not including." Page 7, art. 2, omit "angel of the church. Rev. ii. 1, 20; iii. 1, 7. Mal. ii. 7." Page 34, sec. 2, insert "Westminster" before "Confession," also invert the last two clauses. Page 36, sec. 4, read "and of the languages in which the Scriptures were originally written." Page 43, at the bottom, after the words "set apart by prayer," add the words "or by prayer and the laying on of hands." Page 62, at the top, change so as to read, "the name of the informer shall be given up at the discretion of the court, and." Page 75, add to section 7 these words, "unless the accused object." Page 30, insert between sections 3 and 4 the following section:—"When application for this purpose is made, intimation shall first of all be ordered to be given to the sessions of the congregations that may be affected by the erection of a new one, that they may appear and be heard for their interests." Page 44, art. 5, sec. 6, after the words "elected by the congregation," insert "and approved by the Session, be installed."—Page 48, Formula of Questions, after the word "Testimony," insert "as agreeable to, and founded on the word of God."

The Presbytery are not prepared to report on the Directory for Public Worship, and the amended version of the Book of Psalms.



The state of religion within the bounds of Presbytery is on the whole encouraging, though it must be confessed that roots of bitterness have sprung up in some quarters, and caused much trouble.

All of which is respectfully reported.

JOHN BRASH, *Clerk*.

PHILADELPHIA.—In presenting this our annual report, we would state that the past year has been one of a very eventful character. Serious and important changes have taken place within our bounds. Some of these have been of a solemn and admonitory character, reminding us of our frailty, and urging us to work more diligently while it is day; others of an encouraging aspect, assuring us that the Lord of hosts is with us, watching over the interests of his own cause.

On the 15th August last our beloved brother, Rev. T. H. Beveridge, was suddenly called away by death in the midst of his usefulness and efficiency as a co-presbyter, thus leaving the 6th congregation as sheep without a shepherd. This congregation has since presented a call to the Rev. Dr. Beveridge, Professor of Theology in Xenia, which call he has declined.

On the 27th December last, the Rev. Robert Armstrong demitted his charge of the 5th congregation, and at the same meeting accepted a call from the United Presbyterian Church in Newburgh, N. Y.

On the 7th September last a congregation was organized in 2d street, above Norris street, in the old district of Kensington, under very favourable aspects; and on the 20th November last, Mr. James Crowe, licentiate, having delivered the usual trials to the satisfaction of Presbytery was ordained to the office of the holy ministry, and has since been labouring with efficiency and success in this field of missionary enterprise.

The Book of Discipline transmitted in overture, after having been submitted to the different sessions, has been approved by Presbytery, with a recommendation of the accompanying amendments. The draft of a Directory for Public Worship was also considered, when, in addition to the accompanying amendments, Presbytery adopted the following resolutions:—I. That the Presbytery respectfully represents to the General Assembly that the draft of a Directory for Worship should, as a whole, be abridged or revised in many important particulars, and that it needs simplifying, and a more perfect adaptation to the present condition and wants of the church.—II. That as the work is to be a permanent one, and should be as perfect as possible, Presbytery recommend the Assembly to re-commit it to the committee for another year, with a view to its improvement in these particulars.

We would respectfully call the attention of the Assembly to the following resolution adopted by Presbytery at its meeting in December last, trusting it may meet with a favourable consideration, viz.:

Resolved, That Presbytery memorialize the General Assembly to address an admonitory epistle to the churches under its care in relation to the formation of matrimonial connexions on the part of professors of religion with irreligious persons, said committee to set forth the principles of the word of God on this subject.

On 15th March, Mr. William R. Hutchison, a licentiate under our care, was furnished with a certificate to connect himself with any sister Presbytery, wherever Providence may appoint his lot.

On the 30th of this month a call from the 9th congregation in this city was presented to Rev. James Crowe, and by him accepted.

With regard to the state of religion within our bounds, we would respectfully report, that while in general we have much cause to deplore the want of more spiritual life among us, yet we are not without indications that the great Head of the church is with us, and that our labour is not altogether in vain in the Lord.

*Prayer Meetings.*—With reference to these, our congregations in general report favourably, both with regard to attendance and interest.

*Sabbath-schools.*—These are found to be valuable auxiliaries to our cause. Several of our congregations report an increase to their membership from this source.

*Attendance.*—Most of our brethren report favourably on this point; although, in some cases, the attendance on the second service of the Sabbath is not so large as in the morning of the day.

*Family Worship.*—This important duty is generally observed; there are, however, a few exceptions, but we trust that by persevering faithfulness on the part of sessions this duty will soon be universally attended to.

*Intemperance.*—Some of our congregations report that in some few instances our people are in the habit of using ardent spirits as a beverage, but efforts are being made to remedy this evil.

*Discouragements.*—In many of our congregations there is felt a great want of more fervent piety, and we fear that many are resting in a mere form of godliness; but while we deplore these things, we still feel that upon the whole we have cause to thank God, and take courage.

Respectfully submitted.

FRANCIS CHURCH, }  
JAMES PRICE, } *Committee.*

*Report on the Overtures.*—I. The Presbytery of Philadelphia, while approving of the draft of a Book of Discipline, would respectfully recommend to the General Assembly the following amendments for consideration and adoption:—1. That in chap. 1, sec. 2, page 4, 7th line from the top, the word “she” be inserted after the word “yet.” 2. That in the last line of foot note on page 20, the word “as” be stricken out, and the word “and” be inserted in its place. 3. That in part i., chap. 9, sec. 4, page 23, 3d line from bottom, the word “only” be stricken out, and the following words be added to the sentence, “and in questions of discipline involving the standing of a minister of the gospel.” 4. That in chap. 11, art. 3, sec. 1, page 35, 8th line from the top, the words “not a novice” be stricken out, or inserted with quotation marks. 5. That in part i., art. 5, sec. 4, page 43, 3d line from the bottom, the words “set apart the candidate by prayer,” be followed by the words “and the laying on of hands,” and that in the following sentence the word “prayer” be stricken out. 6. That the General Assembly be requested to have it distinctly stated in the Book of Discipline whether or not the formula of questions put to elders at their ordination, shall also be put at their installation, as far as they are applicable. 7. That in part ii., art. 5, sec. 1, page 44, 8th line from the bottom, after the word “these,” shall be inserted “especially in a different Presbytery from that in which the candidate was licensed.” 8. That part ii., chap. 3, sec. 7, page 62, after the words “given up,” the words “without his consent” be stricken out, and the words “at the discretion of the court” be inserted. 9. That in part ii., chap. 7, sec. 7, page 75, 13th line from the bottom, after the word “may,” there shall be inserted the words “if the court shall request it.” 10. That in part ii., chap. 9, art. 4, sec. 2, page 83, 8th line from the bottom, the words “in all the congregations of the Presbytery” be stricken out. 11. That in the Formula in the Appendix the words “United Presbyterian” be stricken out whenever they occur before the term “Session” or “Presbytery.” 12. That a careful and proper index be prepared.—II. The Presbytery of Philadelphia would respectfully submit to the Assembly the following amendments to the Directory for Worship, for consideration and adoption:—1. That in chap. 3, sec. 3, art. 6 and 7, page 9, be stricken out, and art. 8 be altered to read thus:—“The use of musical instruments in public worship, under the present dispensation, has no sanction in the word of God, and they shall not be introduced for this purpose in any of our churches.” 2. That in chap. 3, sec. 5, art. 3, page 19, all after the word “ordinarily” be amended to read thus:—“One of the exercises shall be a lecture on some chapter, Psalm, or book of the holy Scriptures in course, as he shall see fit, and the subject of his sermon shall be a text of Scripture holding forth some principle or doctrine of religion, or suitable to some special occasion.” 3. That in chap. 3, sec. 7, art. 4, page 30, the expression, “They are Christians,” be stricken out. That in the same chapter and section, under the 6th particular, the words “to which nothing is to be added, and from which nothing is to be taken at any time, or upon any pretext whatever, of new revelations of the Spirit or traditions of men,” be stricken out. That the sentence, “The Form of Presbyterial Government,” be changed to read, “The Presbyterial form,” &c.; and that after the words “Directory for Worship,” be added the words “the Testimony.” 4. That in chap. 3, sec. 5, p. 23, 5th line from bottom, the word “painfully” be stricken out, and “carefully” inserted. 5. That in chap. 3, sec. 7, page 31, the words “regularly morning and evening” be stricken out. 6. That in chap. 3, sec. 6, art. 4, page 27, the words “if it may be done conveniently,” be stricken out. 7. That in chap. 3, sec. 7, art. 7, page 37, the word “up” be stricken out. 8. That in chap. 3, sec. 7, art. 3, the words “a session” be inserted after minister. 9. That the Assembly be requested to prepare a brief Directory for conducting the services, and for solemnizing the marriage rite, and also that the Assembly give a statement of the principles upon which Christians should enter into the marriage relation. 10. That the Directory, in reference to public prayer, be specially and materially abridged. Respectfully submitted by order of Presbytery.

JAMES PRICE, *Clerk.*

STAMFORD.—The state of religion is, we believe, as encouraging as in any former year. While we cannot report any special work of revival in our midst, yet we trust

God is blessing his own ordinances in building up his kingdom in this portion of the church. Our congregations are widely scattered, but faithful to their profession, and liberal in supporting the cause of Christ. We regret to say that much of the supply allotted to us by the Board of Home Missions for the past year was not received, to the great injury of those places dependent upon it. During the coming year we will be still more dependent, in consequence of important changes that have taken place in our bounds. At a late meeting Rev. Robert M'Allister tendered his resignation of the charge of Port Robinson congregation; also Rev. D. H. Goodwillie, that of Stamford; both of which were accepted.

At our last meeting the Book of Discipline in overture was considered, and the following action taken:

Resolved, That the Presbytery approve generally of the Book of Discipline now in overture to the Presbyteries by the last General Assembly. We would, however, direct special attention to the following points:—Page 48, 2d section, under Formula of Questions, we would recommend to be amended as to read, *Westminster Confession of Faith*. Page 61, section 3d, we would recommend that all between the words "charge," and "by common fame," be stricken out.

Respectfully submitted.

ROBERT ACHESON, *Moderator*.  
J. B. WILSON, *Clerk*.

VERMONT.—No important change has taken place in this Presbytery during the past year. Mr. Torrence fulfilled his appointments to the Presbytery. The excuses of the other three for the non-fulfilment of their appointments were such as we could not sustain. These, and some previous failures, have been very deleterious and discouraging. This is not the first time that we have good reason to complain, and we earnestly entreat the Assembly to take some order to correct this evil. We petition the services of one missionary for the whole year. By order of Presbytery.

Respectfully submitted.

T. GOODWILLIE, *Clerk*.

ALLEGHENY.—During the meetings of the past year the following are the principal items of business transacted:—June 13th, the Rev. J. H. Timmons was ordained and installed pastor of the congregation of Tarentum. In August the Rev. W. G. Reid was installed pastor of Harmersville congregation.—Nov. 1st, the Rev. John B. Clark was installed pastor of the 2d United Presbyterian congregation of Allegheny city.—The Rev. S. C. Ewing was certified to connect with the Presbytery of Egypt, September 12th.—The Rev. J. A. Magill was dismissed, to connect with the Presbytery of New York.—W. L. Wallace to connect with the Presbytery of Big Spring, and J. T. Wilson (probationer) to unite with the Presbytery of Conemaugh, February 21st.—Rev. Andrew Watson, missionary, (elect,) to Egypt, at the request of the Board of Foreign Missions, was permitted to attend a course of Medical Lectures in Philadelphia during the past winter, and at his own request he was dismissed, with a view to his being taken on trial for ordination by the Presbytery of Monmouth, April 9th.—Samuel K. Carnahan has been received under our care as a student of theology of the first year.

Thomas Lawrence, after delivering the usual pieces of trial, was licensed as a probationer for the holy ministry, December 26.

The congregation of Union, at its own request, has been transferred to the Presbytery of Butler.

A call from the congregation of Manchester, for Rev. A. D. Clark, D. D., has been sustained, and transmitted to the Presbytery of Wheeling for presentation.

The congregations of Beaver and Four Mile have united in a call for the Rev. D. H. A. M'Lean, D. D., which he has accepted, and his installation is appointed to take place on the 2d Tuesday of June.

In regard to the state of religion in our bounds we have nothing special to report. It is believed that in most of our congregations there is much spiritual health and prosperity; yet on every side there is much apathy and unfaithfulness, reminding us of the great need we have of God's reviving Spirit. We would, therefore, desire to be found crying earnestly to God, saying, "That in thee may thy people say, Wilt thou not us revive?"

JOHN B. CLARK, *Moderator*.  
D. G. BRADFORD, *Clerk*.

*Report on the Overtures.*—With regard to the Book of Discipline and the Directory for Worship, now in overture before the church, the Presbytery take pleasure in expressing their general approbation. It is believed, however, that some amendments might be made with advantage, particularly with regard to the lan-

guage, with a view to make it more intelligible, and also more conformable to modern usage. In some instances abbreviation might be an improvement, while in others a little enlargement might be desirable. Without referring to a variety of particulars, we would direct the attention of the Assembly to the *manner* of ordaining ruling elders. Are they to be set apart to their office by prayer *alone*? or by prayer and the imposition of hands? As there is some diversity of practice in the church, it would seem to be desirable that we should have a rule which would secure uniformity. In the Directory for Worship, we would suggest for consideration the propriety of introducing a short chapter on the subject of social worship, as distinct from public, secret, and private worship. As the Presbytery do not consider that there is any necessity for haste, it is respectfully suggested that after hearing the reports of the different Presbyteries, and the remarks of the brethren of the Assembly, the whole subject be referred to a Committee, to report to the next General Assembly. All which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN B. CLARK, *Moderator.*

D. G. BRADFORD, *Clerk.*

**BIG SPRING.**—During the past year our congregations have enjoyed the word and ordinances of divine grace, and have manifested that interest in spiritual things, which testifies their appreciation of the blessings they enjoy. While we have no special outpourings of the Spirit to report, yet we do with great gratitude testify to the goodness and grace of God in making his word and ordinances precious both to our own souls and those of our people. In some quarters the prejudices that had long existed against what was termed our exclusive and rigid forms of worship, are disappearing, and a happier state of social and Christian feeling is beginning to spring up between us and others not called by our name. Two of our vacant congregations have the prospect of immediate and happy settlement. We have no business of special importance to report. The Book of Discipline and Directory for Worship were duly overtured to the sessions under our care. In regard to said books Presbytery approve of them in the main, but would suggest the following amendments. To the Book of Discipline the following:—Chap. 11, art. 3, sec. 4, after the word “profession,” add “unless otherwise satisfied of his attainments in these several branches.” Chap. 11, art. 5, sec. 4, line 2 from the bottom, after the word “prayer,” the first word in the line, add “or by prayer and imposition of hands.” Part ii., chap. 1, sec. 3, substitute the word “and,” instead of “or,” after the words “United Presbyterian Church.” To the Directory for Worship, the following:—Sec. 7, art. 6, after the words “Directory for Worship,” insert “and Testimony of the United Presbyterian Church.” Sec. 3, art. 6, strike out all after the word “simple,” and add “and in harmony with the solemnity of divine worship.”—A call was moderated on the 2d of January last, in Big Spring congregation, for W. L. Wallace. This call has been presented to brother Wallace, and by him accepted; and Presbytery have appointed the 13th of June for his ordination and installation.—Mr. J. R. Johnston, a student of theology under our care, having delivered his trials for licensure to the satisfaction of Presbytery, was at our meeting in Guinston, on the 10th of April, licensed to preach the everlasting gospel.—A call from Lower Chanceford has been moderated for Rev. T. F. Baird, which has been sustained as regular, and now lies on the table of Presbytery for presentation.—Presbytery asks of the Board of Home Missions the following sums for the ensuing year. For Huntingdon congregation, \$40; Reedville, \$33; Chanceford, \$150; Middle Ridge, \$33; Petersburg, \$33.—Rev. Joseph M’Kee, minister, and Alexander Gailey, ruling elder, have been elected delegates to the present meeting of the General Assembly; Rev. F. M’Burney, minister, and Wm. Scouller and James Barr, ruling elders, their alternates.—By order of Presbytery.

WM. M’ELWEE,  
JOS. M’KEE,  
JAS. BRUCE, } *Committee.*

**BUTLER.**—During the past year there has been a slow but steady growth in spiritual things among our congregations: although we have not been called to witness any special manifestation of the Spirit—yet doubtless His influences have descended upon us as dew upon the tender herb. Our people have attended upon word and ordinances with regularity and increasing interest. Our accessions have been encouraging. Prayer-meetings are kept up, and in some of our congregations carried on with life and interest, while in others they do not receive by our people that countenance and attention that they ought. Sabbath Schools and Bi-

ble-classes are established in all our congregations, and are vigorously sustained, with good success and profit to our Church. We have to mourn over a spirit of worldly-mindedness among our people, which results in a neglect of meeting promptly the claims of the Church and the Lord's cause in the world. Owing to the scarcity of books, our Presbytery judged it inexpedient to give any expression of their opinion on the overture, and would ask the Assembly to recommit it. Mr. David Forsythe was received by certificate from Muskingum Presbytery as a probationer for the ministry. A call from Unity, Clintonville, and Scotch Hill was presented to him, and accepted—and, subsequently, he was ordained and installed over these congregations. Rev. A. R. Rankin was installed over Centreville congregation, half-time. Mr. W. R. Hutchison was received by certificate from Philadelphia Presbytery as a probationer for the ministry. A call from Clinton congregation was presented to him and accepted. Messrs. J. M. Buchanan and W. D. Ralston were licensed to preach the everlasting gospel as probationers for the ministry.

JAS. A. CLARK, P. C.

**CHARTIERS.**—In the good providence of God the lives of all our ministers have been spared during the past year.—The following changes have occurred:

*Dismissals.*—Rev. T. W. Winter was dismissed in June last, to connect with any sister Presbytery where, in the providence of God, his lot might be cast. At our meeting in August, Rev. J. B. Clark having accepted a call to the 2d church, Allegheny, was released from the congregation of Chartiers, and dismissed, to connect with the Presbytery of Allegheny.

*Ordinations and Installations.*—Rev. J. C. Herron was at our meeting in June installed pastor of the congregation of Chartiers X Roads.—Rev. J. A. M'Kee was received from the Presbytery of Big Spring, and was at our meeting in August, installed pastor of the united charge of Wheeling, Heads of Wheeling, and Burnstown.—Mr. D. H. French, a licentiate from the Presbytery of Mansfield, having accepted a call to the congregation of Chartiers, was, after the usual trials and examination at our last meeting, May 2d, 1861, ordained to the office of the holy ministry, and installed pastor of said congregation.

*Additions.*—Rev. A. M'Cahan was received from the Presbytery of Michigan. We have still four vacancies ready for settlement, besides a new preaching station established in April last at Patterson's Mills, for all of which we desire and ask a liberal supply.

*Students of Theology.*—The following students of theology under our care have been prosecuting their studies at the Seminary during the winter, and by a standing rule of Presbytery are required to deliver two discourses before Presbytery during vacation, viz., Messrs. Thomas Wilson and James M'Nary, of the 2d year; and Messrs. J. C. and Wm. S. Meloy, of the 1st year.

*Licenses.*—Mr. James Barr, missionary elect to India, was at our meeting in June licensed to preach the gospel, and at the request of the Board of Foreign Missions has been taken on trials with a view to his ordination at our next meeting in June.

In reference to the state of religion in our bounds, we have nothing special to report. The reports received from the sessions of most of our congregations indicate a good degree of harmony and prosperity, though nothing unusual. On the whole, the state of religion is encouraging. The fast day and week for prayer appointed by the last Assembly, was observed to some extent in most of our congregations, both settled and vacant. The present distracted state of our country, it is to be feared, may prove unfavourable to the interests of vital piety, and calls loudly on the church for increased watchfulness, humiliation, and prayer, that the cause of God in our hands may not suffer, nor our zeal and activity for its promotion and advancement languish and slacken amid the excitement of civil strife and contention; but, on the contrary, that "the street and walls of Zion may be built even in troublous times."

A report on the overtures of a Book of Discipline and Directory for Worship, together with a statistical table, accompany this report.

By order of Presbytery.

J. G. CARSON, S. C.

*Report on the Overtures.*—The Committee to which was referred the Reports of the Sessions of this Presbytery would respectfully report: That, after a careful examination of these reports, we find the sessions, with but one exception, report in favor of the Book of Discipline, and recommend its adoption, with some amendments, which we now embrace in this report as worthy of the consideration

of the General Assembly. It is proposed in nearly all the reports to strike out in Chapter 9th, Sec. 4th, of the form of church government, page 24, the words—"But in no instance shall a case be tried on its merits before the Assembly," and that the section be so amended as to read as follows: "The General Assembly shall receive and decide appeals, references, and complaints, regularly brought before them, on questions of doctrine and the principles of ecclesiastical law—and in cases of appeal they shall either confirm or reverse the decisions of inferior courts, and in cases of irregularity in the proceedings of the courts below, the Assembly shall instruct them how to proceed and issue the case." Chapter, 7th, Section 18, page 20, it is proposed to strike out the words, "Such also may be the case with ministers of sister churches." On page 38, Article 4, Section 3d, on the election of elders and deacons, it is proposed to change the word *shall* (in bottom line) to *may*, so as to read, "may nominate them to the congregation." On page 44, Section 6, it is proposed that an elder or deacon removing from his own congregation into another, and being duly elected by that congregation, shall be installed as elder or deacon without a new ordination. It is proposed to add that his installation shall consist in giving an affirmative answer to the 4th, 6th, and 9th questions of the formula of questions at ordination. With the above amendments your Committee concur, and therefore prepare for adoption the following resolution:—*Resolved*, that with the amendments herein proposed we recommend to the General Assembly the adoption of the Book of Discipline, now in overture before the Presbyteries.

As but few of the Sessions have had the opportunity of examining the Directory for Worship, and are therefore not prepared to report on it, we recommend that the Assembly postpone the consideration of it for another year. Adopted by Presbytery May 2d, 1861.

J. G. CARSON, *Clerk*.

CLEVELAND.—The Presbytery of Cleveland would respectfully report, that by the late action of our Synod, the name of our Presbytery has been changed from Ohio to Cleveland, and by the same action our territory has been much lessened, and our members decreased. We have still, however, a large district of country within our bounds, and a very important one, too, could it be cultivated. It includes most of that section, called the Western Reserve. Presbytery would ask the Assembly, if it is necessary to give certificates of dismission to ministers, when the territory in which they labour has been thrown into the bounds of another Presbytery, by the action of Synod? We have granted certificates to such as have asked for them, and others, we understand, have been acting with another Presbytery, without having asked dismission certificates.

A correct statistical report, and also a report on the Book of Discipline and Directory for Worship overtured by the General Assembly, accompany the report.

By order of Presbytery.

J. T. TORRENCE, *Clerk*.

#### ADDITIONAL REPORT.

The Presbytery of Cleveland would present an additional report. Since our regular report has been transmitted, at a pro re nata meeting of Presbytery J. T. Torrence has been released from the charge of Stow and Springfield for want of sufficient support. We would report his name as an additional minister, at the disposal of the Board of Home Missions. We also ask the time of one man for six months, and \$100, from the Board of Home Missions for Stow and Springfield.

By order of Presbytery.

J. T. TORRENCE, *Clerk*.

*Report on the Overtures*.—I. *The Book of Discipline*.—We recommend that sect. 4th of Chap. IX. be so changed that a case *may* be tried by the Assembly on its own merits; also amend sect. 3d of art. 4th, Chap. XI., so as to *exempt* the session from nominating candidates for the office of ruling elder; and, further, we recommend that an order of business be inserted in the Book of Discipline.

II. *The Directory for Worship*.—In Chap. III., sect. 2d, strike out article 3d:—"When the minister who readeth," &c.; also in sect. 3d, art. 2, strike out "in the United Presbyterian churches." In the same section, strike out articles 3, 4 and 6. In Chap. III., sect. 7th.—Let this section be so changed as to recognise the presence of the mother, and lay upon her also suitable obligations. Chap. VII., art. 6, instead of "Where the head," &c., read, "Where the father is prevented from leading in worship, by absence, sickness, or any other cause, the mother or any suitable person present ought to conduct the service till the former," &c. Next art., (7,) strike out "admitting." We also recommend that an article be added on

the burial of the dead and solemnizing marriages. With the remainder of the books in overture we agree.

All which is respectfully submitted by order of *Presbytery*,  
J. W. LOGUE, *Moderator*.

CONEMAUGH.—The Presbytery of Conemaugh would report, that in compliance with the direction of the General Assembly, Mr. Jos. M'Cartney was ordained as a missionary to Minnesota.—The Rev. S. C. Reid was installed in Cherry Run congregation.—Mr. J. T. Wilson was ordained and installed pastor over the congregations of Taylorsville, Beattie's station, Union, and Greenville.—Messrs. P. F. Kerr, A. B. Coleman, and Wm. M. Graham, were licensed to preach the gospel.—The students of theology under the care of our Presbytery, are Messrs. Martin and Wilson.—With regard to the Book of Discipline now in overture, Presbytery reports favourably to its adoption, with a few amendments, and that the Directory for Worship be re-committed.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

D. K. DUFF, }  
S. C. REID, } *Committee*.

FRANKFORT.—In presenting our annual report to the Assembly, we would mention the loving-kindness of the Lord, and the praises of the Lord according to his great goodness bestowed upon us, particularly in preserving the lives and the bodily strength of our ministerial members through another year. All have continued to exercise their ministry without any considerable interruption, though one of our number (Mr. James Haggerty) has had to struggle with a delicate constitution and continual infirmities. There are Sabbath Schools and Societies for prayer in all our congregations, and the attendance on them, so far as we can learn, is encouraging. The exercises of the devotional week in January were unanimously and solemnly waited on; and though we do not claim to have been favoured with a remarkable outpouring of the Spirit, accessions to our cause have been more numerous, and our assemblies for worship are more full and solemn than in years past. At a meeting of Presbytery in June last, Mr. David S. Littell, Student of Theology, under our care, was licensed to preach the everlasting gospel. During the summer, and since the close of the Theological session in Allegheny, he has been dispensing the word in the vacancies of our Presbytery, and of some of the neighbouring Presbyteries. He is placed at the disposal of the Board of Home Missions. Messrs. Donaldson and Witherspoon, students of the second year, are under our care. They are pursuing their studies and making very commendable progress. The Book of Discipline overtured by the last Assembly has been carefully considered, and while we approve of it in general, some amendments are desired and recommended. We think that the limitation of the Assembly's power—Chapter IX., Section 4—should be taken away, and that the Assembly should be allowed full jurisdiction throughout the Church in all cases, even as Presbyteries and Synods have in their several departments. We recommend and request that this change be made, and that the following words be added at the close of Section 2d, Article V.:—"which day shall be observed as a day of Fasting in the congregation." It seems to us proper that elders should be ordained by imposition of hands, and we recommend that after the words, "by prayer," page 43, near the bottom, be added the words, "and laying on of hands." We recommend also that the Form of Libel be amended by inserting the names P. C. and A. D., witnesses, above the names of the Moderator and Clerk. Some other things, chiefly verbal, have been noticed as more or less objectionable—but we will not weary the Assembly in pointing them out. We doubt not that they will be noticed and attended to by the Assembly in due time. The Directory for Worship did not come into our hands in sufficient time to be examined by our Sessions, nor by ourselves very carefully. But we see no reason for rejecting it, and therefore recommend its approval and adoption.

JAMES C. CAMPBELL, *Moderator*.  
JAMES HAGGERTY, *Clerk*.

LAKES.—Rev. Alexander Murray died Oct. 8th, 1860, in the fifty-fourth year of his age. Presbytery placed upon her records the following minute, viz.:

"Resolved, That in the death of Rev. Alex. Murray, the church has lost an earnest, faithful, pious, and devoted labourer in the cause of Christ."

Isaac W. Collins and Jackson B. M'Michael were licensed as probationers for the ministry, May 8th, 1861.

A call from Cherry Run, addressed to Rev. J. R. Slentz; also calls from Adams.

ville and Conneaut Lake, addressed to Rev. C. Cummins, are on the table of Presbytery.

Copies of the overtures sent down by the last Assembly, could not be obtained generally. Presbytery is, therefore, unable to make any report on them.

J. H. Bailey is under the care of Presbytery as a student of theology of the second year.

The Lakes Presbytery would present the following as her report on the state of religion:—While we have enjoyed no special revival of religion within our bounds during the past year, yet we have not been without evidence of the presence and power of the Holy Spirit. In general, we may say, the gospel has been faithfully preached, pastoral visitations have been made, public worship has been well attended, prayer meetings and Sabbath-schools have been sustained, and peace and harmony prevail. Looking at the past, we may thank God and take courage for the future.

By order of Presbytery.

JOHN L. ATEN, *Moderator.*

MANSFIELD.—He that hath the keys of death again gives us the admonition, "*Time is short.*" It has become our painful duty to record the death of our dearly beloved father, the Rev. Samuel Irvine, D. D. But a few days since he was called to rest from his labours. And we know that "verily there is a reward for the righteous." We know that "the wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament, and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever."

Since our last report, Rev. R. G. Thompson has been released from the congregation of De Kalb; and at our last meeting, Rev. A. M'Cartney was released from the congregation of Dalton.

Rev. S. M. Hutchinson has accepted the call from Mt. Vernon; presented to him previous to our last report.

At our last meeting at Fredericksburgh, April 9th, Messrs. Wm. M. Riching and James Black were licensed to preach the gospel as probationers.

Messrs. J. S. Ross and J. M. Hutchinson have been admitted to the study of theology.

In relation to the Directory for Worship, Presbytery recommend that the Assembly direct the preparation of a book entirely new, or that the style of the one now in vogue be *modernized*, omitting all such extraneous matter as was introduced into the Westminster Directories from the peculiar circumstances of the times. But if the Assembly deem it inexpedient to prepare a new book, Presbytery would recommend that the consideration of the one now in vogue be continued till the meeting of the next General Assembly.

The following amendments of the Book of Discipline, overtured to Presbyteries, are recommended:

In the 9th chapter, 4th section, strike out the clause, "and these decisions shall be an instruction," &c. Amend the following clause:—"But in no instance shall a case be tried upon its merits before the Assembly," so as to read, "And such cases may be tried upon their merits before the Assembly."

Presbytery respectfully propose to the Assembly the following question:—Do the Scriptures recognise any other method of ordaining officers in the church than by prayer, with the imposition of hands?

*State of Religion.*—While we can record no extraordinary manifestations of the grace of God, accompanying our labours, yet we find sufficient grounds to encourage us in our work. The people under our care still manifest an abiding interest in the public ordinances. Meetings for prayer and conference are still kept up among us, with, perhaps, an increasing interest. A good degree of encouragement is given to Bible-classes and Sabbath-schools, and the youth of the church generally manifest a regard for her ordinances and honour. We cannot record large accessions to the number of our membership, yet there are grounds sufficient to excite our efforts.

May the great Head of the church give you wisdom from above to direct your deliberations!

J. Y. ASHENHUST, *Clerk.*

MERCER.—By the blessing of God, the lives and health of all our members have been preserved. The roll of Presbytery contains twenty-two names, four having been added to it during the last year. The action of 1st Synod of the West, last fall, dividing the Ohio Presbytery, placed Revs. Jas. M. Henderson and David Goodwillie within our bounds; and at our meeting, July, 1860, Rev. Joseph Mc-



Clintock was received on certificate from the Presbytery of the Lakes, and Rev. Thomas Winter from the Presbytery of Chartiers; also, Rev. G. K. Ormond, at Spring meeting, from Presbytery of Monongahela. At our meeting last April, the pastoral relation of Rev. E. J. Small to the congregations of Springfield, Rocky Spring, and Mineral Ridge, was dissolved, and these congregations ordered to be declared vacant. At same meeting Messrs. G. Barnes, David Kennedy and L. I. Crawford, students of theology, having given the usual trials to the satisfaction of Presbytery, were licensed to preach the gospel as probationers for the holy ministry. Presbytery asks of the General Assembly the appropriation of one hundred and fifty dollars for the benefit of Youngstown and Warren for the ensuing year, and as every arrangement has been made for the immediate settlement of a pastor in these congregations provided the appropriation be granted, and as they are important and encouraging points for planting United Presbyterianism, we earnestly hope you will grant our petition. A call from Mahoning cong. for Rev. T. Winter for one-half time now lies upon the table of Presbytery, and it is hoped that before its presentation arrangements may be made for the disposal of the rest of his time. It being understood, at the last meeting of Presbytery that Rev. Joseph Barkley, who was suspended from the exercise of the ministry by the Muskingum Presbytery of the Associate Church, designed petitioning your reverend body to refer his case to some Presbytery of the U. P. Church for review—he considering himself aggrieved by the sentence which has been passed upon him, this Presbytery passed a resolution recommending his petition to your favourable consideration. The Book of Discipline and Directory for Worship were adopted by this Presbytery with the following amendments:—Chapter 9th, Section 4, after the words, “ecclesiastical law,” strike out “and the decision shall be an instruction to the court below how to proceed and issue the case. But in no instance shall a case be tried on its own merits before the Assembly.” Chapter 9th, Section 5, after the word, “establishing,” insert “Theological Seminaries.” All which is respectfully submitted. By order of Presbytery.

WM. A. MEHARD, P. C.

MONONGAHELA.—During the past year the following changes have taken place within the bounds of this Presbytery:—Early last summer, the Rev. J. A. Campbell, a member of this Presbytery, was called from the field of his labour, to receive, we trust, a crown of glory. On the 25th of December, Rev. G. K. Ormond was furnished with a certificate of dismission, to connect with a sister Presbytery.

Rev. W. H. Andrew was, on the 18th September, installed pastor of the First United Presbyterian congregation of Lawrenceville. Messrs. G. R. Proctor, and G. R. Simpson, have been admitted as students of theology under the care of Presbytery.

On the 26th September, Mr. J. D. Turner, and on the 9th of April Messrs. D. M. Ure, J. S. McConnell, and J. S. Woodburn, were, after the usual trials, licensed to preach the gospel as probationers for the ministry.

This Presbytery have heard with regret that the thought of abandoning the China mission, and transferring the missionary already there to another field, has been entertained in some sections. We therefore earnestly urge upon the Assembly, in view of the circumstances under which the mission was commended, in view of the importance of the field, and the opening which in the providence of God has occurred in that vastly populous empire, the continuance, and at the earliest practicable time, the re-enforcement of the mission. Respectfully submitted.

By order of Presbytery.

H. K. Lusk, Clerk.

*Report on the Book of Discipline.*—The Book of Discipline, which was transmitted to Presbyteries in overture by the last General Assembly, we have had under consideration, and having transmitted the same to the sessions under our care, report the following as a synopsis of their views on the subject:—From five sessions we have received no report. Eleven approve of it in the main without suggesting any amendments. Two report in favour of striking out the 5th section of Chapter First, Part Second, which recognises all baptized persons as members of the church. One session reports in favour of amending section 2, Chapter III., Part I., so as to read: “In ordinary cases, no student of Theology can be admitted to trials for licensure until he has completed a course of Theological study of two full years after the time of his admission by the Presbytery, and shall not be licensed until the end of the third year of his Theological course,” &c. One session recommends the following amendments:—Strike out all the book up to page 11. On page 36, strike out “an exegesis.” On pages 40 and 41, strike out sec-

tions 2, 3, 4 and 5, and give vacant congregations authority at any time to invite any member of Presbytery to preside in the moderation of a call. On page 46, strike out section 4, relating to fast days at ordinations. On page 57, commencing Part II., strike out chapters 1, 2, and 3. Page 66, strike out section 7. Page 91, strike out article 2d. One session also objects to the great length and complexity of the book, and would prefer a few simple rules of general application, leaving the details to the good judgment of church courts. Presbytery, without endorsing these amendments, would commend them to the Assembly for consideration. We are prepared to agree to the adoption of the overture as it is; or with such amendments as the Assembly in its judgment may think proper to adopt.

Respectfully submitted,

H. K. LUSK, *Clerk*.

*Report on the Directory for Worship.*—Although the overture of a Directory for Worship was transmitted by us to the sessions under our care to report their judgment thereon, yet owing to the difficulty of obtaining copies, but few of our sessions sent up any report. One session objects to the declaration that “no new tune shall be introduced into any of the churches without the knowledge and consent of the church officers,” and also the declaration that baptism is not to be administered in private places. One session reports in favour of striking out article 3, sect. 2, Chap. III., also article 7th, Chap. VII. This session also objects to the whole book on account of its antiquity, verbosity, and obscurity of expression. Presbytery voted to approve of the overture. In doing so, however, we would take occasion to recommend that an article be introduced on the subject of Sabbath Schools and Prayer Meetings, recognising their usefulness in the church, and giving some general directions for conducting them. Respectfully submitted,

H. K. LUSK, *Clerk*.

**MUSKINGUM.**—Since last meeting, the following items of business were transacted:—*Dismissions.*—June 12th, 1860, Mr. Thomas McCartney dismissed to the Presbytery of Xenia; Mr. David Forsythe to the Presbytery of Butler; Rev. S. C. Reid to Presbytery of Conemaugh. *Dissolutions of the Pastoral Relation.*—January 22d, 1861, Rev. E. B. Calderhead was released from the pastoral charge of the congregations of Rush Creek and Thornville. Feb. 12th, 1861, Rev. H. Forsythe was released from the pastoral charge of Fairview congregation. Oct. 16th, 1860, Rev. John Comin was released from East Union, and all his time given to Salt Creek. *Organization.*—On the 4th Monday of August, 1860, a congregation was organized in the town of Logan. *Receptions.*—Oct. 16th, 1860, Messrs. J. R. Reasoner and D. F. Bonner were received under the care of Presbytery as students of Theology. April 16th, 1861, Rev. David Thompson was received on certificate from the Presbytery of Chartiers. *Licensures.*—August 7th, 1860, Mr. James McCrea was licensed a probationer for the holy ministry. April 16th, 1861, Messrs. James White, William Morrow, J. M. Buchanan, and W. G. Moorehead were licensed to preach the Word.

The Book of Discipline, sent down in overture by the last Assembly, was under consideration at our last meeting. The following suggestion is respectfully offered: In form of Church Government, Chap. IX., sect. 4, of the powers of the General Assembly, we recommend the omission of the following clauses:—“Only on questions of Doctrine and the principles of ecclesiastical law and their decision, shall be an instruction to the court below how to proceed and issue the case. But in no instances shall a case be tried on its own merits before the Assembly.”

**STUEBENVILLE.**—Since the last meeting of the Assembly, the congregations of Wellsville, Big Yellow Creek, Lebanon, Calcutta, and East Liverpool have been transferred from the Presbytery of Ohio to this one—thus enlarging and strengthening us greatly. Two pastors have been installed. Rev. Joseph Boyd in the congregations of Mechanicstown and Glade Run, and Rev. Thomas Andrews in the congregations of East Liverpool and Calcutta. Presbytery had previously ordained Mr. Andrews as a missionary to Kansas, where he laboured from the time of his ordination, in June, till he entered on his labours in his present field. At our last meeting, Mr. J. M. Martin was licensed to preach the gospel. The average increase to our churches has been something larger than last year. A brief conference on the state of religion among us, held at our last meeting, showed an increased interest in Sabbath Schools, prayer-meetings, and all the public means of grace, and also that much attention is paid to family religion. The week of prayer

appointed by the last Assembly was generally observed, and also the day of fasting and prayer recommended by our chief magistrate. Presbytery held occasionally conventions for prayer and conference, which, together with the observance of the above-mentioned seasons, were evidently blessed to our spiritual good. Our statistical table will show a growing liberality on the part of the people generally in contributing to the funds of the church. These things indicate a reviving of God's work in this part of the church. In perhaps two or three congregations, this reviving has been very manifest.

Respectfully submitted by order of Presbytery,

J. K. ANDREWS, }  
JOSEPH ANDREWS, } *Committee.*

*Report on the Overtures.*—The Presbytery of Steubenville report, in relation to the Discipline and Directory for Worship, that these books were overtured by the Presbytery to the congregations under our care, from which verbal or written reports were received. In accordance with these reports, the Presbytery unanimously recommend the adoption of the Book of Discipline, with the following amendments:—In the formula of questions to be proposed to applicants for membership, that the following be the first:—Do you profess your faith in Christ, your acceptance of, and love to him as your Saviour? Under article 4, Part I.: “Of the election of elders and deacons.” Sec. 3.: “Shall nominate,” omit “shall” and insert “may.” In art. 5, sect. 4, paragraph 3, after the words “by prayer,” add, “and imposition of hands,” and in the same sentence strike out the word “moderator” and insert “session.” The Presbytery unanimously recommends that the Directory for Worship be recommitted, and that the following alterations and amendments be made:—Omit all the formulas of prayer. On page 7, strike out the 3d section entirely. On page 8, in sect. 2, strike out the words, “in the United Presbyterian Churches.” Page 9, sect. 6, strike out all before the word “no” in the 3d line. Page 19, omit the fifth section entirely. On page 27, omit all after the word “hear” in sect. 2. On page 28, first line, strike out “father” and insert “parents,” and make the whole section correspond, and add a paragraph making provision for the baptism of orphans of Christian parents. On page 28, sect. 4, strike out all after the word “sacrament.” On page 30, sect. 5, first line, strike out “is to” and insert “may.” And in sect. 6, on same page, after the word “Catechisms” insert “and declarations of the Testimony.” On page 31, omit section 7 entirely. On page 34, sect. 4, strike out “shall” and insert “may.” On page 36, sect. 5, first line, omit all after “with” and insert “invoking Christ's blessing upon the ordinance.” On page 38, sect. 9, strike out all before “the minister.” On page 59, sect. 6, strike out “constantly residing therein,” and strike out sect. 7 entirely. Insert in the proper place a section giving some directions relative to the services on week days in connexion with the dispensation of the Lord's Supper. Add two chapters—one in relation to social worship, and one in reference to Sabbath Schools. All which is respectfully submitted,

JOSEPH ANDREWS, *Committee.*

**WESTMORELAND.**—In the good providence of God all the ministers have been spared; and our brother, J. G. Fulton, has been so far restored to health that he is able to labour one-half the time as a stated supply in one of our vacancies.

The following items of business are of general interest:

*Ordination.*—James D. Walkinshaw was ordained and installed pastor of Beulah and Union congregations, June 26.

*Installations.*—D. H. Pollock was installed pastor of Turtle Creek, June 19.—W. L. M'Connell, pastor Sewickly and West Newton, December 25.

*Calls.*—Calls were received from New Alexandria and Saltsburgh for Mr. O. Katz, April 9.

*New Congregations.*—With consent of Conemaugh Presbytery, the congregation of Apollo was received, for the sake of a more convenient settlement.

A number of families of Sewickly congregation were organized into a congregation at Madison, August 7.

*Students.*—H. Wallace was received as a student of theology, Sept. 12; and R. E. Stewart, April 9.

*Vacancies.*—Some of our vacancies seem to display but little energy. Others are prosperous. One of our mission stations enjoys the labours of an ordained minister, and another has the prospect of a settlement in connexion with other congregations.

*Contributions.*—The Presbytery endeavoured to carry out the plan of the last As-

sembly in regard to quarterly payments, but with only partial success. On the whole, however, our contributions are more liberal than they were last year.

*Appointments.*—We regret to be under the necessity of reporting that Mr. J. W. Baine, appointed to our bounds, for the third quarter, failed to notify us of his settlement, and some of our vacancies suffered in consequence.

*State of Religion.*—There has been no unusual interest manifested on the subject of religion amongst us, but we believe the work of the Lord is steadily advancing in our bounds. There appears to be a decided increase in the spirit of prayer and charity.

*Overtures.*—The overtures of the Assembly have been considered, and the result of our action is given in a separate report.

J. GIVEN, *Moderator.*

A. G. WALLACE, *Clerk.*

*Report on the Overtures.*—The Presbytery of Westmoreland having carefully considered the Book of Government and Discipline, respectfully recommend that the Assembly prescribe a formula for the installation of elders previously ordained. The vote upon the Book as it is overtured, is, ayes none, nays 18. The Presbytery insist that Chap. IX., sect. 4, be so amended as to give the Assembly absolute jurisdiction in all cases: ayes 17, nays 1. The vote on the Directory for Worship is as follows: ayes 15; nays none, excused from voting, 5. It is also recommended that the expression, "make peace with him," p. 48, line 16, be amended so as to read "be reconciled to him." All of which is respectfully submitted,

JAMES GIVEN, *Moderator.*

A. G. WALLACE, *Clerk.*

*WHEELING.*—We have nothing of special importance to report in regard to the state of religion. No remarkable awakening has occurred in our bounds during the past year. Yet, we are not without some encouraging evidence of the divine presence and blessing. The ordinances of divine grace have, generally, been well attended in all our congregations. Some have been added to the church of such, as we trust, shall be saved. We think there is some increase of zeal and activity in some of our congregations. And we are especially encouraged by the number of young men in our bounds, who are inclined to devote themselves to the work of the ministry. Since the last meeting of the General Assembly, we have licensed the following young men to preach the Gospel, viz.: Mr. T. H. Disart on the 12th of June, 1860, and Messrs. C. A. Dickey, T. P. Disart, M. M. Marling, and Wm. A. Robb, on the 10th of April, 1861. We have received as Students of Theology Messrs. A. Wilson, H. P. McAdams, and Wm. Fulton, making, with those previously received, seven students still under our care. We have ordained and installed Mr. A. Conner, received from the Presbytery of Monmouth, over the united congregations of Short Creek, Tent and Middle Wheeling. Mr. Wm. R. M'Kee has been certified to Presbytery of Argyle; and Mr. T. H. Disart, having received and accepted a call from the congregation of Fall Creek, in the bounds of the Presbytery of Chilicothe, has received a certificate to connect himself with that Presbytery. At our last meeting, Rev. S. Ramsey was released from his pastoral charge, and Rev. H. Parks was released from Buchanan Hill congregation. Presbytery approved of the Book of Discipline, with some amendments, and directed our delegates to ask the General Assembly to defer action on the Directory for Worship another year. Respectfully submitted. WM. WISHART, *Committee.*

*CHILICOTHE.*—At our meeting at Greenfield, in September, 1860, a call from the congregation of North Liberty, addressed to Rev. A. W. M'Clanahan for the one-half of his time, was received and sustained as regular. Mr. M'Clanahan not being present, it was laid on the table until the next meeting. At the same meeting, the congregation of Fall Creek petitioned for the moderation of a call. Also at the same meeting, Mr. John S. Armstrong, by letter, asked to be taken under the care of Presbytery as a student of theology. A committee was appointed to examine him, and to report to Presbytery at its next meeting.

At a called meeting of Presbytery at Unity, March, 1861, a call from the congregation of Fall Creek, addressed to Mr. Thomas H. Disart, probationer, under the care of the Presbytery of Wheeling, was received, sustained as regular, and ordered to be forwarded to said Presbytery for presentation.

At our meeting at Cherry Fork, April, 1861, Rev. A. W. M'Clanahan was released from the West Union branch of his charge, and all his time given to the congregation of Decatur.

At the same meeting the Book of Discipline, and the Directory for Worship, were considered. In regard to the Book of Discipline we suggest the following amendments. On page 4, sec. 2, the last sentence to be stricken out. On page 5, sec. 5, the word "ministerial" to be stricken out, and the word *delegated* to be inserted in place of the word "own." On page 6, sec. 4, the word "and" between "observing" and "enjoying" to be stricken out, and the words *and perpetuating* to be inserted after "enjoying." On page 8, art. 3d, the word *officially* to be inserted after the word "labour." Sec. 3, on page 16, to be made read as follows: *Any two ministers, and one ruling elder, or two ruling elders, and one minister, being met at the time and place appointed, shall be a quorum competent for the transaction of business.* On page 34, sec. 2, the word *the* to be substituted for the word "and" before the word "Declarations." On page 35, sec. 2, the word *two* to be substituted for the word "three" before the words "full years." On page 43, sec. 4, paragraph 3, the words *and laying on of hands* to be inserted after the word "prayer." On page 45, sec. 2, the clause immediately following the words "ordination of the candidate," as far as to the words "and at that time," to be stricken out. Page 48, sec. 2, the words "and against all contrary opinions" to be stricken out. On page 58, sec. 3, the word *and* to be substituted for the word "or" immediately following the word church. On page 30, sec. 2, the last sentence commencing with the words, "And the members of the lower judicatory" to be stricken out. On page 37, sec. 5, the words *but only the original* to be substituted, instead of the words "and all" before the word "parties." On page 83, sec. 2, the last sentence to be made read as follows: "The sentence of deposition passed on a minister, *may be publicly intimated in all the congregations of the Presbytery, if deemed advisable,*" &c.

In regard to the Directory for Worship, the views of Presbytery are expressed in the following resolution:

Resolved, That this Presbytery approves of the Directory for Worship, overtured for the consideration of Presbyteries, with the exception of some antiquated expressions, and some doctrines which seem to border on Popery in reference to baptism and the sacrament of the supper. Together with this, we would also call the attention of Assembly to the fact that the support of social prayer meetings is not enjoined in the Directory. We desire, therefore, the Assembly to make amendments on these points, and on others that may be suggested by other Presbyteries.

In regard to the improved version of the Psalms, the views of Presbytery are expressed in the following declaration: "This Presbytery, as far as the members have examined the amended version of the Psalms, with the exception of a few defects, typographical errors, and omissions in printing, are much pleased with it, and would hereby ask its adoption by the Assembly, after amending the few defects that will doubtless be pointed out by members of the Assembly."

Also at our meeting at Cherry Fork, Mr. John S. Armstrong was received as a student of theology.

A statistical table accompanies this report.

By order of Presbytery.

D. MACDILL, Clerk.

DETROIT.—The Presbytery of Detroit would respectfully report, that during the past year we are not without some evidences of God's blessing upon our labours.

Our congregations have had an encouraging increase in membership, and in attendance upon ordinances, and we feel much encouraged in respect to the future. Settlements have been effected in some of our vacant congregations, in consequence of which we feel our hands greatly strengthened. The supply allotted to us were faithful in fulfilling their appointments, and acceptable to the people. Mr. William Robertson, a student of theology under the care of Presbytery, was, at our meeting in November, after the usual trials, licensed to preach the gospel; and having received a call from Troy and Southfield congregations, was at our last meeting ordained and installed pastor of said congregation. The Book of Discipline in overture was approved, with the exception of a few amendments which were proposed to certain articles.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN N. SCOTT, Clerk.

INDIANA.—Mr. J. I. Frazer was received under our care as a probationer from the Presbytery of Chartiers; and having accepted a call from Bethesda, Rush county, for two-thirds, and from Vienna for one-third of his time, he was ordained to the office of the holy ministry, and installed pastor of these two congregations. The young brother commences his labours under encouraging circumstances. Mr. Ben-

jamin Atkins was licensed to preach the gospel. Messrs. Edward J. Reed, John M. Bloss, and Benjamin F. Simpson, were received under our care as students of theology.

As to the *state of religion*, we would report: 1st. *The encouraging features.* All our principal congregations, with the exception of Dupont, are enjoying the labours of pastors or stated supplies. The attendance upon divine ordinances is steadily increasing. Peace and harmony continue to reign in our churches. Our Sabbath-schools and prayer meetings have not declined in interest, and the beneficence of our people will compare very favourably with that of any section of the church. But, on the other hand, there are, as in other parts of the church—2. *Some features not so encouraging.* A few of our churches have not enjoyed as large accessions as usual. This is owing, in part, to the excited state of the public mind, partly to the pleasing fact that but few of our young people are now outside of the visible church, and partly to a want of a deeper interest in the salvation of souls. Too many among us rest satisfied when they enjoy gospel light and civil liberty themselves, and do not take a sufficiently deep interest in the welfare of the ignorant and oppressed living in our own and in foreign lands. We need a revival of that religion, “pure and undefiled,” which teacheth us “to visit the fatherless and the widows in their affliction, and to keep ourselves unspotted from the world.”

Presbytery would respectfully submit the following memorial on Psalmody, which was unanimously adopted, to your distinguished consideration, requesting your reverend body to take some action on the same:

Whereas, The book of Psalms is designed and adapted to be used in the church of Christ to every age, to the exclusion of all psalms of human composure; and whereas, the principal objections to a Scriptural psalmody relate to the defects of the present version, and not to the Psalms themselves, therefore

Resolved, That while we desire the church to retain the present version without any change affecting its integrity, yet the efforts of our Supreme Judiciary to improve it by making verbal amendments, meet with our cordial approbation; and we would hope that in addition thereto the church will not recede from the action of the first General Assembly on the new version.

The following is our action on the Book of Discipline and Directory:

Whereas, a number of our sessions have failed to obtain copies of the above, because of the exhaustion of the edition: therefore

Resolved, That we do not report.

Presbytery would respectfully present the following memorial on the subject of Theological Seminaries:

Whereas, The interests of truth and vital godliness are closely identified with the theological seminaries of the age, as far as human instrumentality is concerned, and the prosperity of the Zion of God greatly depends on their judicious organization and management: and whereas, it is believed by many among us, that no little embarrassment arises, and unfavourable results are to be apprehended, from our present system of having our seminaries under the supervision of different synods: therefore

Resolved, That Presbytery respectfully request the Assembly to take into serious consideration, and inquire into the expediency of taking all the Seminaries under the immediate supervision of the Assembly itself: and whereas, it is thought by many that the number of our seminaries is too great, involving an unnecessary expenditure, and probably leading to other unfavourable results: therefore

Resolved, That the Assembly be respectfully requested to take into serious and prayerful consideration the propriety and expediency of consolidating our Seminaries into one, or at most two.

That the promised Spirit of counsel and might may rest on the Assembly in these, and all matters that may come before you, is the prayer of your brethren.

By order of Presbytery.

N. C. M'DILL, *Moderator.*

J. R. WALKER, *Clerk.*

MICHIGAN.—Presbytery of Michigan would report the following items of business: At our meeting in Hebron, April 16th, 1861, a call from Martin congregation was put into the hands of Rev. J. G. Austin, and was by him accepted, and arrangements were made for his installation at an early day.—At the same meeting a call was received from the congregation of Centreville for Mr. J. H. Tedford, which was sustained as regular, and laid on the table till an opportunity to present it to him.—Also a call from the congregation of Salem for Mr. J. R. Bell was sustained as regular, and ordered to be forwarded to his Presbytery for presentation.—Rev. Alex. M'Ilton

asked for, and received a certificate of good ministerial standing to connect with a sister Presbytery.—The pastoral relation between Rev. S. C. Baldrige and the Providence congregation, was dissolved at the mutual consent of the parties.

Presbytery ask for the following amendments to the Book of Church Government and Discipline in overture:—Chap. 7, sec. 7, to read as follows: "Every vacant congregation shall be entitled to be represented by one elder." Chap. 11, art. 5, sec. 4, last part, to read, "The moderator and elders shall proceed to set apart the candidate or candidates, by prayer and laying on of hands." With the above amendments we would recommend the adoption of said book. The forms contained in the Appendix of said book, we recommend to be referred to a committee to revise and abbreviate.

The Directory for Worship in overture we recommend to be referred to a committee, with instructions to abridge it in many parts, and modernize the style; also, that they be requested to add an article on social worship.

*On State of Religion.*—We have not been favoured with any special outpouring of the Holy Spirit, or any unusual interest in spiritual and divine things within the past year. In all our settled congregations a good degree of attention has been given to the word preached. All the outward means of grace are well observed; weekly prayer meetings and Sabbath-schools are well sustained in many of our congregations, both settled and vacant. Pastors have some evidence that their labours are not in vain in the Lord. They have been instrumental in adding to the church some precious souls of such, we trust, as shall be saved. While some are manifestly growing in grace, the love of many is waxing cold; while some are giving heed to the word spoken, others are caring for none of these things. There is in our bounds a great spiritual destitution, many of our congregations are vacant, and we have no means of supplying them. Of the few supplies granted us by General Assembly, but one or two have reached their appointments. Our mission stations are sadly neglected; settled pastors are able to give them but little assistance; their labours are now greater than they can perform. Error of every kind abounds; witnesses for the truth are few; precious souls are perishing for lack of knowledge. Will not our supreme judicatory, guided by the Spirit of God, send some devoted labourers to the help of the Lord against the mighty? Our prayer is that God may be with you, and direct you in all your deliberations.

J. N. BUCHANAN, *Moderator.*  
DAVID MORROW, *Clerk.*

FIRST OHIO.—The First Presbytery of Ohio would present the following report:

At our meeting in Oxford, July 3d, 1860, James Welch received and accepted a call from the congregation of Unity, since which time he has been ordained and installed pastor of said congregation.

At our meeting in Hamilton, August 7th, 1860, a call was presented by the congregation of Hopewell, addressed to Rev. Joseph M'Hatton, which he has since accepted, and arrangements are made for his installation as pastor of said congregation in June next.

At our meeting in College Corner, October 2d, 1860, Rev. Geo. D. Archibald offered his demit of his pastoral charge of the 1st United Presbyterian Church, Cincinnati. At a subsequent meeting his resignation was accepted, and he was furnished with a certificate, to connect with some other Presbytery.

At our meeting in Dayton, January 3d, 1861, Mr. James B. Foster was ordained to the office of the holy ministry.

At our meeting in Richmond, April 2d, Wm. M. Claybaugh was furnished with a certificate, to connect with the Presbytery of Le Claire.

During the year an interesting and promising congregation has been organized in the city of Dayton, which is supplied at present by brother Foster.

At an adjourned meeting held in Cincinnati, April 23d, 1861, the Book of Discipline, and Form of Church Government, and the Directory for Worship, overtured by last General Assembly, were considered, and the following action with reference to them taken:

Resolved, That we are opposed to the adoption of the Directory for Worship, for the following reasons, and instruct our delegates to General Assembly to vote accordingly:—1st. It contains much that is objectionable; because it is not now, and we fear would not, if adopted by the Assembly, be conformed to by the ministers. We think the adoption of any thing by church courts, which is disregarded by the people, is injurious, as bringing the authorities into disrepute.—2d. There is much in it that is unnecessary, such as how people should enter the church, and conduct

themselves when there. If they have not manners enough to behave themselves in church, they will not learn it from a Directory.—3d. We object to the defective literature of this document. In this respect it is particularly faulty.

Presbytery passed the above resolution unanimously.

With reference to the Book of Discipline and Form of Church Government, the following action was taken:

Resolved, That we are *opposed* to the Book of Discipline and Form of Church Government, for the following reasons:—1st. Because the book gives precise directions as to the very questions to be put to candidates for membership, which we consider unnecessary and impracticable.—2d. Because it takes away the right to deliberate and vote from the lower judicatories of the church, in cases of appeal.—3d. The forms in the appendix are unnecessarily minute and long.

The 1st of the above reasons was sustained by 11 ayes, 3 noes. The 2d by 10 ayes, and 3 noes; and the 3d reason was sustained unanimously.

The following resolution was offered and rejected by a vote of 2 ayes, and 9 noes:

Resolved, That we recommend the amendment of the Book of Discipline, so that the General Assembly will have power to issue such a case as it now allows to come before it on its own merit, and finally decide the case.

Unless such amendments are made as will remove our objections to the Book of Discipline, our delegates to the Assembly are instructed to vote against its adoption.

At this meeting of Presbytery Rev. Wm. Perkins was received on examination and testimonials, from the Ripley Presbytery Free Presbyterian Church, as a minister of this Presbytery, and his name was added to our roll.

Mr. Robert Gilmor was received as a licentiate from the United Presbyterian Presbytery of Chartiers.

We have nothing special to report in regard to the state of religion amongst us. The lives and health of our ministers have been preserved by our kind heavenly Father. They have been earnestly and actively engaged in the Master's service, and we trust a good degree of success has crowned their labours. Our prayer is that the God of all grace may be with you, and guide you in all your deliberations.

By order of Presbytery.

J. B. FOSTER, *Moderator.*

J. S. ROBERTSON, *Clerk.*

SIDNEY.—In the kind providence of our covenanted God, the lives of all our ministerial members have been spared; and, with little interruption, they have been enabled to prosecute their Master's work in their respective fields.

Since our last annual report the following changes have taken place, deserving notice:—Bro. Joseph M'Hatton has accepted a call from the congregation of Hope-well, in the bounds of the First Presbytery of Ohio, and he has been regularly transferred to that Presbytery.—Brother Alex. Miller has been dismissed, at his own request, and furnished with proper testimonials to unite with the Presbytery of Philadelphia.—Brother Joseph Shaw has also been dismissed, at his own request, and furnished with testimonials of good standing, to connect with some Presbytery westward.—Mr. R. G. Wallace, a probationer under our care, has been dismissed with credentials of good standing, to put himself under the care of the Presbytery of Delaware, in whose bounds he has accepted a call.—Our respected father, Rev. James Wallace, on account of feeble health, has been, at his own request, and with the concurrence of the congregation, released from his pastoral charge of Huntsville congregation. Bellefontaine and Miami congregations have been united as one pastoral charge, and are desirous of obtaining a settlement.—Cannonsburgh and Leipsic, as a united charge, are also exceedingly desirous of obtaining a settlement, as soon as a suitable man can be found, willing to cast in his lot with them. This would be an inviting field to a young man possessed of a good share of the missionary spirit.—Brother Benjamin Waddle was, at our late meeting in April, released, by consent of the parties, from the Quincy branch of his charge; and, by request from Kenton congregation, the whole of his time was granted to that place.

The Book of Discipline has been considered; and a separate paper from our Presbytery on that subject accompanies this report.

In reference to the state of religion in our bounds, we have nothing special to report. There is reasonably good attendance given to ordinances in all our congregations, and a gradual increase of membership has been realized—in some larger, and in some smaller. We are thus encouraged to labour on in our Master's cause, seeing that our labour thus far has not been in vain in the Lord.



That the great *Counsellor* may be present with you, to lead you to such conclusions on all subjects that come before you as shall be for his glory and the welfare of our Zion, is the prayer of your brethren in Christ.

SAMUEL WALLACE, }  
I. N. LAUGHEAD, } *Committee.*

*Report on the Form of Government and Discipline.*—"The Form of Government and Discipline of the United Presbyterian Church of North America" was duly overtured to the sessions under our care. At our meeting in Huntsville, the 9th of April, we considered the subject in overture, and unanimously agreed to receive it as the form of Government and Discipline in our church. The vote was, ayes 12, noes, none. Still we would suggest the following amendments:—1st. Amend section 4, chap. 2, part 1st, by adding the word "perpetuating" after the word "enjoying." 2d. Amend section 4, article 9, by striking out the latter clause of the first sentence and the whole of the second sentence. 3d. Amend section 1, article 4, chap. 2, by striking out the words "existing session" and inserting "members thereof." 4th. Amend section 3 of same article, by striking out all after the words "Divine direction" and insert "shall call upon the congregation to nominate candidates." 5th. Amend section 3 of chap. 1, part 2, by substituting the word "and" for "or," immediately after the words "United Presbyterian Church." 6th. Amend section 2, chap. 3, part 2, by adding after the word "accuser," in the second line, the words "who is not a member of the United Presbyterian Church." 7th. Amend section 10, chap. 4, part 2, so as to give the judicatory the right, after a proper citation has been served, and the accuser neglects or refuses to attend, to proceed as if he were present; and the next section be altered so as to correspond with this. 8th. Amend section 10, of the same chapter, so as to read "after the close of the testimony, the parties shall be heard, if they desire it, in the following order: first, the accuser, second, the accused, and the accuser shall close the argument; and neither of the parties shall have a right to be further heard, unless by the unanimous consent of the judicatory. The parties being removed, the judicatory shall proceed to examine and weigh the testimony and give judgment accordingly." 9th. Amend chapter 4, part 2, by striking out the whole of section 14.

SAMUEL WALLACE, }  
BENJAMIN WADDLE, } *Com.*

**SOUTHERN INDIANA.**—No change has taken place in the number of our ministerial members. A new congregation has been organized at Summerville, Gibson county, Ind., and Rev. R. Gray has accepted a call from them for the greater portion of his time.

A certificate has been granted to Mr. J. W. Bain, probationer, that he might place himself under the care of the Delaware Presbytery, with a view to his settlement at Kingston, New York.

A similar certificate has been furnished Mr. Wm. T. Moffet, another probationer, that he might place himself under the care of the Presbytery of Chicago, in order to his settlement at Somonauk, Ill.

In consequence of the indefinite character of the name of one of our Boards—that of *Church Extension*—we would suggest the propriety of changing it to *Church Erection*.

We would ask the Assembly to authorize the Board of Publication to procure the publication, in one or more bound volumes, of such portion of our early church records as might be of general interest to us as a body. It is understood that the records of the Associate Presbytery of Pennsylvania, extending from 1761 to 1800, are in manuscript, and constantly changing hands, and hence are in danger of being lost or destroyed. It is also understood that the Associate Reformed records, from 1782 to 1800, are also in manuscript, and liable to the same casualties. We think enough subscriptions could be obtained to secure their publication, without much or any expense to the Board. We would respectfully ask that the effort be made. We would also recommend the Assembly to take steps towards gathering material for a complete history of our church, and would suggest the propriety of appointing a committee to collect such documents as speedily as possible, and before such perishable matter is finally lost.

Amendments to the Book of Discipline are earnestly desired before its final adoption.

We have not yet been able to examine the Directory for Worship.

J. L. CRAIG, *Clerk.*

*Report on the Book of Discipline.*—Amendments proposed to the new Book of Discipline: Chap. 1, sect. 2, instead of "every Christian Church, or association of particular churches," substitute "the Church of Christ." And instead of the "its" in that paragraph substitute "her." And strike away entirely "yet does not thereby infringe upon the liberty or rights of others." Chap. 3, art. 3, add "officially," *i. e.* "belong officially to labour." Chap. 4, omit comma after "reading." Chap. 7, sect. 14, omit "by unanimous consent of the members present, or"—and instead of "it *have* been," substitute "it has been." Section 15, omit "and the meeting recorded." Chap. 8, sect. 3, omit "some other member," and substitute "the oldest minister present." Sec. 5, omit last clause beginning "and in fine." Chap. 9, sect. 4, third line, substitute "it" for "them," and ninth line, "It" for "They," and eleventh line, "it" for "them," thirteenth line, "it" for "they," and "its" for "their," fourteenth line omit "they," and last line read "all the churches" instead of "all our churches;" and particularly omit the following language entirely, "and their decision shall be instruction to the court below, &c.," and the whole of the next sentence, beginning "But in no instance," &c., and ending with "the Assembly." Sec. 5, omit the language "of deciding in all controversies respecting doctrine and discipline." Chap. 11, art. 5, sect. 4, third paragraph, add to "by prayer" the words "and the laying on of hands." Chap. 7, sect. 5, omit "nor when either of them is a party strictly interested shall the other," &c., &c. With the above amendments, the Presbytery of Southern Indiana is willing to adopt the Book of Discipline. JOHN L. CRAIG, *Clerk.*

XENIA.—During the past year the hand of the Lord has been laid heavily upon us. We have been bereaved and afflicted. Once and again the messenger of death has visited the ranks of our ministers. Two congregations have been deprived of efficient and beloved pastors. On the 16th of October, 1860, brother R. E. Stewart, after a brief illness of four days, departed to his rest in heaven. More than four years he had charge of the congregation of Sugar Creek. On the 28th of February, 1861, brother J. P. Smart, after a gradual decline of a few months, calmly slept in Jesus. Twenty-one and a half years he went in and out before the congregation of Massies' Creek as their Shepherd. Within six months the Moderator and Stated Clerk of our Presbytery were called hence. We recognise, by the removal of these worthy brethren, that the oft repeated admonition to increased diligence and watchfulness is enforced. Our desire and prayer is, that the broken ranks of the standard bearers of the cross may be speedily filled up. On the 26th of June, 1860, Mr. Joseph Thyne was licensed to preach the Gospel. At the same date, Messrs. Joshua Kyle and Ebenezer Currie were received as Students of Theology. Subsequently they delivered acceptable specimens of progress. On the 10th of July, in accordance with the action of the last General Assembly, Mr. Thomas McCartney, probationer, after the delivery of trial exercises and examination, was ordained to the office of the holy ministry as an Evangelist. At our spring meeting, March 25th, brother C. Cummins demitted the charge of the congregation of Cæsar's Creek, amid general regret and affection. The clerk was authorized to furnish him a certificate of good ministerial standing when called upon. By this event the third congregation, in our bounds, has become vacant within a few months, and our ministerial force has been correspondingly lessened. Amid the chastening dispensations of the Head of the Church, we trust that the cause of godliness is advancing in our midst. May the blessings of Zion's King attend your sessions.

S. WILSON, }  
G. W. GOWDY, } *Committee.*

BLOOMINGTON.—The lives and health of the brethren have been spared during the past year, and we have reason to believe that a good degree of success has attended their labours in the cause of the Master.

No ministerial changes have occurred during the year, except one. Rev. J. M. Gordon felt it to be his duty to resign the charge of the Berlin congregation; and at our meeting at Granville, in October, his resignation was accepted, and Berlin entered upon the list of vacancies. At the same meeting a Committee, which had been previously appointed for the purpose of adjusting some difficulties existing between the congregation of Peoria and one of their ruling elders, reported that they had performed the duty assigned, and expressed the hope that the difficulties were removed. We learn since, however, that the aged father and elder has informally withdrawn from the church, and no longer worships with the congregation.

The Peoria congregation have for many years been labouring under embarrassment in consequence of a heavy debt resting on their house of worship. Presbytery urged them to make a final and vigorous effort to have the debt removed, and for this purpose recommended them to the liberality of the church. Mr. McCullough, their pastor, has been visiting the church under the direction of the Board of Church Extension, for the purpose of receiving aid, and we understand he meets with encouraging success. Peoria is an important point in the Presbytery, and we are anxious to see the cause sustained there. It is to be hoped that when their debt is removed the congregation will renew their energies, and enter upon a career of activity and prosperity hitherto unknown in their history.

Benjamin F. Pinkerton was received on certificate from the St. Louis Presbytery as a student of theology of the first year.

It is the conviction of Presbytery that the Assembly should take steps immediately towards preparing a Digest of all the acts and proceedings of the two bodies composing the United Presbyterian Church down to the time of the Union, together with those of the United Church to the present time. Such a work, it is deemed, would be a valuable addition to ecclesiastical literature, besides being very much needed by many of the ministry and eldership, as well as private church members, who have no means of access to the early church records. We would earnestly invite the attention of the Assembly to the matter.

Presbytery desire several amendments to the Book of Discipline and Directory for Worship. Many of them, however, being verbal, they do not deem it necessary to enumerate them all in this report. We think it is to be regretted that the same Committee had not been charged with the duty of preparing a Directory for Worship, as well as a Book of Church Government and Discipline, so as to make the three books consistent with each other, both as to matter and style of composition. We should like to see the Directory presented in a more modern dress.

The following amendments are recommended:—1. Strike out the last clause in book ii., chap. xii., sec. 2, and insert the following:—"When a matter is transferred in any of these ways from an inferior to a superior judicatory, the inferior judicatory shall in no case be considered a party, but its members shall have the right to sit, deliberate, and vote in the higher courts." 2. That the chapter on evidence be so modified as to allow *parties* the right to testify.

On the whole subject Presbytery adopted the following resolution:

Resolved, That we recommend to the General Assembly that the Book of Government and Discipline, and Directory for Worship, be re-committed or referred to a new Committee, to be composed in part of legal gentlemen, with instructions to amend, condense, and harmonize the whole work, and report next year.

Our Presbytery comprises about fifteen counties in the centre of the state of Illinois, most of which remains yet unexplored by the United Presbyterian Church. The country is rapidly filling up with an enterprising population, and we hope the Assembly will devise liberal things for us, so that we may be able not only to hold the position already taken, but enter upon the occupation of new territory.

That you may be guided by Infinite Wisdom to the adoption of such measures as shall promote the interests of the Redeemer's kingdom, is the prayer of your brethren in Christ.

M. CLARKE, *Moderator*.

P. H. DRENNEN, *Clerk*.

CHICAGO.—During the past year the following changes have transpired, worthy of record:

Rev. D. B. Jones has been received as a member of Presbytery, by certificate, from the Presbytery of Big Spring,—and Rev. W. T. Moffet from the Presbytery of Southern Indiana. The latter having accepted a call from the congregation of Somonauk, was on the 3d of April ordained to the office of the holy ministry, and installed as pastor of said congregation.

The congregation of Yorkville made a call for Rev. Hugh Sturgeon, but not being accepted, the same congregation has lately made a call for Rev. James A. Shankland; which, being presented, was not accepted.

Calls have also been made by Wyoming and Wheatland,—the former for Rev. J. L. Whitla, and the latter for Rev. R. W. Frenoh. These have both been rejected.

We have no marked change to note, in respect to the state of religion. All things considered, a few of our congregations seem a little more healthy and encouraging than they did a year ago. Still we have great need of the reviving influences of the Holy Spirit.

One new congregation has been organized, viz., that of Wilton. It is small, but spiritual and promising.

The Book of Discipline, and Directory for Worship, were overtured to sessions, but thus far no reports have been received. All we are prepared to say is, that as a Presbytery we will make no formal opposition to their adoption. Respectfully submitted.

By order of Presbytery.

S. F. THOMPSON, *Moderator*.  
R. W. FRENCH, *Clerk*.

DES MOINES.—The principal items of business, transacted during the past year, are as follows:—Rev. J. A. Vance received and accepted a call from Vandalia, and was duly installed, where he now labours the one half of his time,—this place and Knoxville forming the charge. A congregation was organized at Mt. Ayr, Ringgold County, where Rev. David Pressly is now a stated supply. Rev. J. L. Maughlin has been permanently settled at Amity, in Page County. His installation will take place in due time. A call has been moderated at Winterset, and is addressed to Rev. A. Pattison. It is now upon the table of the Presbytery. Rev. A. C. Tris received a certificate of standing, in order to connect with a sister Presbytery. Mr. J. G. Freeborn has been received, under the care of the Presbytery, as a literary and theological student. This Presbytery would recommend to the General Assembly the propriety of establishing a fund for the support of superannuated ministers. There is now a number of fathers in the Church who have worn their lives out in its service. Many of these are poor in worldly goods, and in some cases sustained by the private charity of friends. Is it not due to these servants that they be sustained in their old age? If congregations, who may have long enjoyed the labours of their manhood, turn them out in their old age unprovided for, should not the Church at large, exemplifying the Spirit of her Divine Master, exercise over them a tender care, and thus, as far as may be, secure to them an answer to that prayer, put into their mouths by the Holy Spirit, “Cast me not off in the time of old age; forsake me not when my strength faileth.” We have been encouraged during the past year, by times of refreshing from the presence of the Lord. In those localities, especially where the second week of the New Year was observed as recommended by the General Assembly, there was experienced unusual interest. The church was revived and many believed. And as a consequence we are impressed more than ever with the wisdom and necessity of going by *concert* to “pray before the Lord, and to seek the Lord of Hosts.” Owing to the hard times, and the almost universal indebtedness of brethren, within our bounds, comparatively little is done in contributing to the funds of the church, but we sincerely hope for better times, and more punctuality in these matters in future. By order of the Presbytery.

R. A. McAYEAL, *Clerk*.

KANSAS.—In the good providence of God the lives of all the brethren of this Presbytery have been spared through another ecclesiastical year. And although the year closing has been one of severe trial to us and our people—first, because of the severe and long-continued drought, and then the consequent scarcity of the necessities of life, yet we record with gratitude the fulfilment of the promise, “Thy bread shall be given, and thy water shall be sure.” Our necessities have been supplied through your liberality, and we thank you for your acts of brotherly kindness. We rejoice now to say, that again the heavens have given rain, and our hearts and hopes have been revived in the revivings of all nature round about us.

In relation to the state of religion in our bounds, we have nothing special to report. Our people are generally attentive on word and ordinances, public and private. Prayer meetings and Sabbath-schools are maintained in most places where it is practicable, with commendable zeal. Some souls, we trust, have been added to the Lord; and notwithstanding many have moved away from us because of the scarcity of provisions and expensiveness of living,—yet we have considerably more than maintained our symmetrical strength.

The missionaries you appointed us all appeared, and entered upon their labours. Mr. E. A. Brownlee has laboured all the year with much acceptance to the people to whom he was sent; and it is with sorrow the Presbytery have to report that Mr. Jesse Whitla and Thomas Andrews left their fields of labour without the consent of Presbytery, and, as we believe, without sufficient reason, and much to the detriment of our cause, where they were expected to labour during the year. And we would also express our grief that sister Presbyteries have been employing these

brethren, contrary to the express regulations of the Home Missionary Board, and thus lend their influence to the breaking down of the whole system of home missionary operations.

Our Presbytery, not having been able to procure copies of the Book of Discipline for examination, have of course made no report on that subject.

The following items of business transacted are all we deem necessary to mention in this report:—1st. Mr. E. A. Brownlee, from the Presbytery of Chartiers, and Mr. Jesse Whitla, from the Presbytery of Mercer were, on testimonials, taken under the care of this Presbytery; and in March last Mr. Brownlee was ordained to the office of the holy ministry. 2d. Rev. G. W. Torrence, in June last, was granted testimonials to connect with some sister Presbytery. 3d. Rev. J. N. Smith, who was pastor of Berea church half his time, has recently been settled in that charge for his whole time. 4th. Churches have been organized at Franklin, in Douglass county, and at Hibbard, in Johnson county, and steps have been taken for organizing at Topeka, Grasshopper Falls, and Nottingham.

For supplying our stations, and sustaining the supplies, we will for this year be largely dependent on the missionary board. We cast ourselves upon your care, and ask you to do for us what you can. That the Lord may be in your midst, and guide you in judgment, is our prayer.

By order of Presbytery.

J. D. STEEL, *Moderator.*

B. L. BALDRIDGE, *Clerk.*

ΚΕΟΚΥΚ.—We have enjoyed usual prosperity during the past year. Though we cannot record any remarkable revival in any of our congregations, yet there has been, we believe, some increase in all; and in some the increase has been very encouraging. From the reports of Sessions it appears that the attendance upon public ordinances has been regular—that prayer meetings are general, and pretty well attended—that Sabbath-school and Bible-class instruction has been prosecuted with a good degree of interest, and in this way teachers are helpers together with ministers in building up Zion.

The season recommended by the Assembly for public prayer and other religious exercises was generally observed, and not without evidences of the Divine approbation.

While we sympathize with other Presbyteries in the losses they have sustained, in the removal by death of so many ministerial members, and realize that we are solemnly warned to be waiting and watching, yet we have reason to record the loving-kindness of the Lord in not only sparing the lives of all our ministerial members, but in granting general health for work and warfare.

Only a part of the supplies appointed by the Assembly has been received, but our vacancies and mission stations have been quite well supplied by ministers within our bounds, whose time is not all required in the settled congregations.

Since our last report Rev. W. M. Graham has demitted his charge of Morning Sun; also Rev. W. M. Boyce that of Keokuk, and these congregations are now on our list of vacancies.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

By order of Presbytery.

N. M'DOWELL, *Clerk pro tem.*

*Report on the Overtures.—Form of Government and Book of Discipline.*—That sect. 2, chap. 1, be amended by striking out "In doing," &c., to close. In sect. 4, chap. 9, strike out the word "only" before "on questions of doctrines," &c. In sect. 3, page 34, instead of "On family worship," insert "In keeping up family worship daily, morning and evening, singing God's praise, reading his word and calling upon his name in prayer." In sect. 4, page 43, to the expression "the Moderator shall proceed to set apart the candidates by prayer, add "and laying on of hands." In sect. 2, page 45, strike out the words "and shall cause the congregation to be assembled a convenient time previous thereto, at least ten days." In sect. 11, page 63, strike out the words "is deeply interested in the conviction of the accused." In sect. 2, page 65, insert, after the word "clerk," the words "either of them." And on the same page, sect. 4, instead of "he is to be cited," read "he may be cited a second time," leaving out what is included between "a second time" and "with notification." In sect. 22, page 79, after "are deceased," add "or are beyond the power of court to claim them." Sect. 1, page 87, after "If he choose to give his reasons," read "These may be answered, and with their answers placed on file," &c. In sect. 7, page 91, strike out the word "generally." In section 5, page 97, instead of "all parties," read "and the original parties are placed at the

bar," &c. On page 28, sect. 6, strike out "under direction of Moderator." Same page, sect. 5, read "He shall appoint all committees unless otherwise ordered, which appointments are to be subject to approval by the judicatory."

JAS. R. DOIG, *Committee.*

LE CLAIRE.—This Presbytery has had five meetings in the year, at which the following business was transacted:

At the meeting in November Rev. H. Allen, pastor of the congregation of Iowa city, was released from his charge; accepted a call from Union congregation in the bounds of St. Louis Presbytery, and was furnished with a certificate of transference of that Presbytery.

At this meeting Rev. J. R. McCalister was received as a member on certificate from the United Presbyterian Presbytery of Monmouth.

The following congregations have been organized:—One in Tana county, in November, under the name of Tranquillity congregation, with twenty-four members; also on the 19th of March, in Wabashaw county, Minnesota, with nine members, called Caledonia congregation; and on the 27th of April, at Owatonna, with eight members, called the Owatonna congregation. At the meeting in February, Rev. S. S. Ralston, who, by invitation of congregations and members of Presbytery had laboured in the Presbytery from November, was received into membership on certificate from the Associate Reformed Presbytery of Kentucky, and his cordial acceptance of the standards of the United Presbyterian Church. A call for his pastoral labours from Le Claire Prairie and Pleasant Unity, was accepted by him.

Rev. S. M. Kier, a licentiate of the United Presbyterian Church, having by invitation of Presbytery laboured in its bounds during the winter, was received and ordained to the gospel ministry, and a call from Vinton for half his time was by him accepted.

Rev. J. H. Nash was furnished with certificate of transference to the Presbytery of Monmouth.

At the meeting in April, Rev. W. M. Claybaugh was received as a licentiate on certificate from the First Presbytery of Ohio, (U. P.) A call from the congregation of Iowa city was by him accepted, and he ordained and installed pastor.

A call from Tranquillity for the remaining half of Mr. Kier's time was sustained, and awaits him for presentation.

*State of Religion.*—The Presbytery has had discouragements and encouragements during the year. Another pastor demitted his charge, and removed from our bounds. Of seven more appointed by last Assembly to labour as missionaries in this Presbytery, but two have appeared. Of the labour of three men for the year we have had but five-twelfths of the time of one man.

Rev. Jos. McCartney was, on his own request, released from filling his appointments in the immediate bounds of this Presbytery, that he might continue his labours in Minnesota.

Rev. J. R. McCalister has, by appointment of Assembly, laboured in Dubuque during the year.

For the half of Assembly's year there were none to preach to our numerous vacancies; but we have been much encouraged by the voluntary appearance in our Presbytery, during last fall and winter, of Revs. Ralston, Kier, Lindsey of Keokuk Presbytery, J. R. Sturgeon, and W. M. Claybaugh. Of twelve vacant congregations last fall, we may now reckon but six. Thus the United Presbyterian Church has been much strengthened in our bounds within six months. Our field is missionary; and if the Assembly would cultivate it, or aid the Presbytery to cultivate it, the United Presbyterian Church could be greatly and rapidly extended in our bounds.

R. S. CAMPBELL,  
JONATHAN STEWART, } *Committee.*

MONMOUTH.—Since our last report, we have ordained and installed W. Howell Buchanan pastor of the congregations of Fountain Green and Elveston.

We have installed J. H. Nash, received from the Presbytery of Le Claire, pastor of the congregation of Pope Creek.

We have installed Wm. M. Graham, received from the Presbytery of Keokuk, pastor of the congregation of Spring Grove.

We have received John M. Gordon from the Presbytery of Bloomington, and M. M. Brown from the Presbytery of St. Louis.

We have released David A. Wallace from his collegiate charge of the congrega-

tion of Monmouth, his duties as Resident of Monmouth College requiring all his time.

We have been called to mourn the loss of one of our members by death, the Rev. Daniel M'Lean.

We have received under our care as students of theology, Wm. S. M'Clanahan, John F. Graham, James R. Harris, R. S. Finley, and Charles Thompson.

We have licensed N. Harvey Brown and Wm. H. Blair to preach the gospel as probationers.

The state of religion within our bounds, according to the reports of congregations, appears to be good. Peace and prosperity appear to exist in all our congregations, with two exceptions.

By order of Presbytery.

WM. TOWNLEY, *Moderator.*

J. A. P. M'GAW, *Clerk.*

St. Louis.—During the past year a call has been presented by Unity congregation to Rev. J. P. Wright, and by him accepted; also by Union Congregation to Rev. H. Allen, and by him accepted. Both of these brethren have been received by certificate; the former from the Presbytery of Xenia, Ohio, and the latter from the Presbytery of Le Claire, Iowa, and their names added to our roll of ministers.

At our meeting in January last a certificate of standing and dismissal was granted to Rev. M. M. Brown.—At our present meeting, April 3, Rev. J. Morrow has been released from the pastoral care of Washington Congregation. At this meeting, also, a petition has been granted for the organization of a congregation at Xenia, Clay county, Ill.

We have two students of theology—Mr. J. C. Elliott, of the 1st year, and Mr. D. T. M'Auley, of the 2d year, both of whom have delivered discourses at our present meeting; the former an encouraging specimen of progress, and the latter a popular sermon and lecture as trials for licensure. Mr. M'Auley has been licensed to preach the gospel as a probationer for the holy ministry.

A certificate of standing, as a student of theology, has, at his own request, been granted to Mr. B. F. Pinkerton, to connect with the Presbytery of Bloomington.

As to the state of religion, we have nothing special to report. Peace and harmony, in an encouraging degree, prevail. Monthly concerts for prayer, according to the recommendation of the General Assembly, have been generally observed by our congregations; and though the contributions of some of them have been smaller than usual, on account of a partial failure of crops, yet we think a good degree of interest is felt in the Boards and enterprises of the church.

By order of Presbytery.

W. WRIGHT, *Clerk.*

*Report on the Book of Discipline.*—The committee, after a reasonable investigation of the character of the Book of Discipline, and a careful comparison with the Book of Discipline used by the late Associate Reformed Church, recommend the adoption of the Book of Discipline overtured to us, with the exception of those articles in reference to which changes are suggested in this report, and that these articles be adopted as thus amended; also, that the additions suggested be incorporated in the Book of Discipline. 1st. The committee suggest that in chap. 6, sect. 6, of Government, after the word "impracticable" the words "without great inconvenience" be stricken out. 2d. Chap. 7, sect. 11, of the same part, the committee recommend that the expression "of fair moral character" be changed so as to read "of good" or "undoubted moral character." Also, that a verbal amendment be made in chap. 9, sect. 9, inserting the word "pronouncing" before the words "Apostolic benediction." The committee having failed to see the Scriptures make any difference in setting apart Elders, ruling and teaching, and Deacons, and finding that imposition of hands seems to have formed a prominent part of the ceremony of ordination, recommend that this ancient custom of the Apostles of Christ be restored, and therefore suggest that in chap. 11, art. 5, sect. 4, third clause, after the word "prayer" add "and laying on of hands."\* The committee further suggest that there are too many classes of divisions in the Book, and recommend the adoption of three only, viz.: Chapters, Articles and Sections, and finally they recommend the preparation of a suitable index to the whole Book.

J. F. STEWART, *Chairman.*

\* This part of the report was adopted, but there was considerable difference of opinion among the members of the Presbytery in reference to it. The remainder of the report was adopted unanimously. By order of the Presbytery.

W. WRIGHT, *Clerk.*

OREGON.—In relation to the past, we acknowledge with gratitude the goodness of our Heavenly Father in extending the Kingdom of his Son to these ends of the earth. That the Pacific Coast, which but a few years ago presented an almost unbroken scene of barbarian wildness, should now exhibit systems of civil government well regulated, educational plans for training the youthful mind, organized congregations from Sabbath to Sabbath assembling for the worship of the living God, are the evidence that he has begun to show us his wonders, and the pledge that he intends a great work among us. Our progress from small beginnings, though slow, we trust has been permanent. But that we may not be forced to recede from ground already gained, and that we may make further advances, we feel constrained to ask help from the great King through your instrumentality. Our field is large. Not only Western Oregon, embracing the Wylammette, Umpqua, and Rogue valleys claim our attention, but Oregon east of the Cascade Mountains is now thrown open for settlement, and our people are beginning to avail themselves of its advantages by locating there. Connecting with this on the North and East, are Eastern Washington Territory and the British possessions, where thousands are being congregated for farming, commercial and mining purposes, amongst whom will be many who would gladly receive the word of life at your hands. One of your missionaries might be profitably employed in this wide field of labour. Washington Territory, west of the Cascades, also, through our Presbytery, calls upon you for aid. The town of Vancouver on the Columbia river, now the capital of the Territory, with six of our members in its neighborhood; Monticello, an important point at the junction of the Cowlitz with the Columbia river, containing four of our members; Olympia and Tum-water at the head of Puget Sound, one of the most important commercial points on the Pacific Coast, with five of our number in its vicinity; together with an unexplored region along Puget Sound, where we learn that some of our people are scattered, extending to Vancouver's Island, at which, we understand, a multitude of people from Scotland, Ireland and England, especially at Victoria, the Queen's capital on the Pacific, are congregating, some of whom must be of the psalm-singing, old Presbyterian stock—these would claim the attention of one of your missionaries. Portland, the metropolis of our State, numbering some eight of our members, Gualitin plains in its vicinity, Salem, our State Capital, and other points in the northern counties, should have the constant labours of one of your missionaries.

With deep and unfeigned sorrow we state to you the failure in health, and consequent cessation of the ministerial labours of our brother, Wilson Blain. Of his immediate recovery we despair, of even his remote restoration we have little hope. We ask you, therefore, to send a minister to Union Point congregation, which has already for some time been destitute of a stated supply of public ordinances. But this is not all. Our apparent calamities deepen. We regret that we are compelled to say to you that brother Irvine, impelled by a desire to visit his friends in the States, has seen proper to resign his pastoral charge of the congregation of Wylammette, and will be shortly on his way with his family to the east. We most cheerfully commend him to your good wishes; and should you deem it proper, with his consent, to send him back to this field, we shall welcome his return; if not, our good feelings and our prayers will go with him whatever may be his future field of labour. This point thus rendered vacant, in connexion with Albany in its vicinity, will require the entire labours of one minister of the Gospel. We ask you to send us the man. Thus you perceive that the services of not less than five of your missionaries are required in this widely extended field of labour; a field of greater importance, we hesitate not to say, you have not on your whole ecclesiastical atlas: important in relation to the influence you may here exercise in moulding the institutions both civil and ecclesiastical of the infantile, yet rising republics on this Coast—important in reference to the moral power you will exert on the great golden marts of the world south, east and north of us—important in relation to the Indian tribes in our midst, the British and Russian possessions on our north, the Islands in the west, and the great celestial empire, with its uncounted millions, into whose bosom we rejoice to see you have already sent your missionaries. God speed them in the great enterprise. By opening your understandings to see, and disposing your hearts to embrace a plan of honourable and successful union, God has put in your reach to wield a tremendous moral power that will tell on the destinies of the world through the remote future. Will you, as the honoured agents of the glorious Captain of our salvation, exert that influence over this western world to reclaim its moral wilds and desolations from the grasp of his dark adversary, and cause it to rejoice and blossom as the garden of



God? It is your own children, trained in your own schools—nourished in your own congregations—indoctrinated by your own teachers—taught by your own lips to ask for bread, who send up this appeal. Seated by the streams of Babel the Jew forgot not his Jerusalem; so your people from the midst of our capitals, and cities and villages, calling to mind the multitude with whom they once took sweet counsel in going to the house of God, send to you, across the vast intervening desert, the Macedonian cry. Your people here have to confront the infidel, who has openly organized in the very capital of our State—the spiritualist—the covetous—the Sabbath-breaker, and the *commune vulgus* of immoral character that infest every age, and disgrace every country. But they are encouraged by the fact that, although God has not condescended to visit this land with such pentecostal outpourings as have multiplied, and elevated, and adorned many portions of our Lord's Kingdom, yet a spirit of inquiry prevails, a willingness to hear the word of God, a spirit of forbearance among the various classes, an extensive circulation of the Bible, and the general admission of the necessity of moral instruction to the rising generation. They feel encouraged too by the hope that, although long, long neglected, you have, by the blessing of God, become so numerous and so able to supply their wants, that they may with certainty now look for the fulfilment of their desires.

P. S.—We wish it understood that this Presbytery requests your Board of Publication to establish a Book Depository, at some point in our State.

Respectfully submitted,

S. G. IRVINE, *Moderator*.

T. S. KENDALL, *Clerk*.

SEALKOTE.—The history of our Presbytery, during the past year, has been marked by events both joyous and sad. On the one hand, we are most happy to be able to record the loving-kindness of the Lord, in giving us, in some measure, the influences of his Holy Spirit, manifested by some hopeful additions to our little band—by the return of wanderers from the path of duty—by increased zeal for the truth—by a growing desire among native Christians to know and embrace the whole truth as it is in Jesus—by answers to our prayers, and by a marked degree of unity, harmony, and peace reigning in all our Presbyterial and mission meetings, as well as in our general intercourse with each other. On the other hand, Satan being permitted to take advantage of our natural corruptions, and the prejudice which every where attaches to faithfulness to our professed principles, has sorely beset us, and earnestly desires to sift us as wheat. But thanks to God through our Lord Jesus Christ, the result of such efforts may be numbered among the “all things” that “work together for good.”

As those who advocate principles condemning existing popular practices have ever met with opposition directly in proportion to their steadfastness, and the fewness of their numbers, so it has happened to us. But it is worthy of note, that whilst our principles, misrepresented as they have been, and misunderstood as they are by many, have on the one hand excited a good deal of opposition in certain quarters, especially among the anti-creed and anti-discipline portions of the European community, yet on the other hand, so far as they have been made known and understood, they appear to be universally acceptable to the native Christian community.

Among the sad events that fall to our lot to record, is the defection of the Rev. R. A. Hill. After long continued and determined efforts to introduce the practice of unrestricted communion among us here in India, he early in the present year, in the presence of all the members of Presbytery, avowed his matured and settled conviction that the Testimony of our church was wrong on the subject of communion in sealing ordinances. He also repeatedly stated before Presbytery, that he believed it to be his duty, and the duty of our church in India, to practise intercommunion in sealing ordinances with other denominations on the simple basis of Presbyterian forms of worship and a uniform psalmody.

This profession of his duty, and these views openly avowed, and determinedly persisted in, after being repeatedly dealt with in private, and after his declaring that there was no hope of his changing his views, and refusing to take more time to consider, Presbytery, at a meeting held on the 10th April last, unanimously declared inconsistent with our public profession.\* (Our Testimony declares that we

\* True it is Mr. Hill said he would not agitate the Church by teaching and preaching his views; but he did not say that he would *not practise* intercommunion with other denominations. On the other hand, he solemnly declared it to be his and our *duty* to do so, and he has since been *acting* on these his avowed *convictions* of duty as opportunity

should *not* extend communion in sealing ordinances to certain persons; but Mr. Hill declares we *should*, and he believes it to be his *duty* to do so.) Upon this declaration by Presbytery, Mr. Hill saw proper to decline our authority, without taking any exception to our action, or giving any reasons for his declination.

In view of the unlawful nature of his declination (see Book of Discipline) together with the very aggravated circumstances attending it, Presbytery deemed it her duty, in faithfulness, to suspend him from the office of the gospel ministry, which was done accordingly at a meeting held on the 23d of July. In the mean time, Mr. Hill having refused to receive his salary any longer from us, made application to the Committee of Missions for the Established Church of Scotland to be received as their missionary. Hence he is no longer in our connexion.

We are happy to be able to inform you that the discipline exercised during the last year by our mission church has been most signally blessed in reclaiming its subjects. Those who were reported as *suspended* last year have all returned to their duty; and two of them have been re-admitted to the privileges of the church, manifestly improved in their conduct and conversation. Such signal instances confirm our faith in God's appointed means for reclaiming wanderers, and lead us to reject the pernicious idea, growing more and more popular, that discipline as a general thing is harsh and unchristian, and only to be tolerated at best in very aggravated circumstances. God is no respecter of persons. With him there is neither high nor low.

We observed the week of prayer recommended by you, and trust enjoyed in some measure the presence of the Lord among us. We have been strengthened for our warfare with the kingdom of Satan. We have been led to expect, and we do confidently anticipate great things as the results of that week of prayer. The unanimity which appears to have prevailed throughout all branches of the church in fixing upon a particular time for united prayer and supplication, is a token for good that cannot be mistaken. When we see the people of God assembling at one time, with one accord, and continuing in prayer and supplication, we may safely say the time for a great outpouring of God's Spirit is at hand, although it is not for us to know the times or the seasons which the Father hath put in his own power. The distant looming in the horizon indicates that the great and notable day of the Lord is at hand. May God prepare you and us, and all his people, for the fearful trials through which that day must be approached!

God in his kind providence has preserved the lives of all connected with our mission, with but one exception. Dear little Joseph Gordon has been called away, after a short sojourn, to where the wicked cease from troubling, and where the weary are at rest. The delicate state of Mrs. Stevenson's health has also made the absence of brother Stevenson from the station necessary for the last four months. We are happy to say that both he and Mrs. Stevenson have returned to the station, and are now among us again. Miss Gordon has also been laid aside for a time by sickness. We are thankful to say she is now better. *One of those dreadful famines that pass over India every few years, is now staring us full in the face.* Our expenses for all the principal kinds of provisions are at least four times their former rates; and unless God in his mercy interpose, our circumstances will be exceedingly straitened before another year rolls around. Even now millions of the poor in some of the districts south of us have nothing but the hand of charity between them and death.

We are sorry to say that none of the documents overtured by you to the Presbyteries have reached us. Hence on the subjects treated of in them we have no report to make, or opinion to give. Why the documents have not reached us, it is impossible for us to say.

That the blessing of the great Head of the church may rest upon you, and the beloved branch of Zion which you represent, and that wisdom from on high may guide you in all your deliberations, is our sincere and unceasing prayer.

By order of Presbytery.

ANDREW GORDON, *Presbyterial Clerk.*

P. S.—Accompanying this report are the official statistics of this Presbytery.

A. GORDON, *Presbyterial Clerk.*

EGYPT.—According to the direction of the Assembly, this Presbytery was organized in Cairo on Friday, the 13th day of April, 1860.

At that meeting Mr. John Hogg was received as a licentiate under the care of

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has presented, and that, too, without any reference to the truths or principles for which we maintain a separate communion from our brethren of other protestant denominations, or even to his own proposed basis.

the Presbytery, and texts were appointed him for trial discourses, with a view to his ordination.

At next meeting held in Alexandria on the 22d of May, Mr. Hogg having delivered his trial discourses to the satisfaction of the court, was by them solemnly ordained to the office of the holy ministry.

At a subsequent meeting held in Cairo on the 26th of December, the Rev. S. C. Ewing presented his certificate of transfer from the Presbytery of Allegheny, and his name was added to the roll of this Presbytery.

A full report of our operations has been forwarded to the Board of Foreign Missions.

While there has been no marked outpouring of the Holy Spirit within our bounds during the past year, we cannot help believing that the set time to favour us is nigh at hand. For this we daily labour and pray.

Signed,

JAMES BARNETT, *Moderator.*

JOHN HOGG, *Clerk.*

Done in Cairo, this 4th of January, 1861.

## REPORTS OF TREASURERS.

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

1860.		<i>John Fleming, Treasurer, in account with Home Mission Fund.</i>	DR.
May 14,	To	Balance on hand at last report,.....	\$ 6 92
		Amount received, by Rev. R. H. Pollock, at Assembly,.....	2,511 47
		“ “ by James M'Candless, at “.....	2,090 96
		“ “ “ at Pittsburgh,.....	1,748 41
		Lisbon Congregation, N. Y., per John Harper,.....	28 00
16,		Samuel Bigger, Xenia, O.,.....	1 00
18,		2d U. P. Congregation, Xenia, O., per W. Sheppard,.....	44 19
22,		Cherry Fork, O., per Rev. M'Dill,.....	15 00
		Female Member of Des Moines Cong., Iowa,.....	3 00
23,		Northfield, O., per Rev. J. W. Logue,.....	5 00
28,		Springfield, Ill., per Rev. J. W. Glenn,.....	10 00
		Mr. Nelson, Darby Creek Cong., per Rev. Brown,.....	3 00
29,		Unity Cong., O., per W. B. Brown,.....	12 00
31,		Providence, Ind., per Rev. S. C. Baldrige,.....	10 00
June 1,		Boston Presbytery, per Rev. Blaikie,.....	25 00
July 8,		Estate of James Patterson, deceased, per Wm. Patterson,.....	309 75
		Carmel and Bethel, Ind., per Wm. Patterson,.....	10 25
		Cherry Fork, O., per Rev. M'Dill,.....	10 00
10,		2d U. P. Church, Xenia, O., per Wm. Sheppard,.....	14 08
		Miss. Society U. P. Cong., St. Louis, Mo., per C. A. Hiles,.....	14 00
17,		Bellefontaine, O., per Rev. Brown,.....	7 73
		Dhrent, Mich., per Rev. Sheppard,.....	6 00
Aug. 31,		James M'Candless, Pittsburgh,.....	72 20
		Joseph Wood, Kentucky,.....	5 00
		2d U. P. Cong., Xenia, O., per Wm. Sheppard,.....	13 96
Sept. 10,		James M'Candless, Pittsburgh,.....	109 30
		Friend of Missions, per Rev. J. T. Pressly,.....	300 00
12,		2d U. P. Cong., Xenia, O., per Wm. Sheppard,.....	14 72
17,		Rev. R. W. French,.....	4 00
		Wellsville Cong., per Rev. Andrews,.....	20 00
24,		Somonauk Cong., per A. Beveridge,.....	12 00
25,		Concord, Pa., per Rev. Carlisle,.....	10 00
26,		Nankin, per Rev. Scott,.....	3 50
27,		Michigan Presbytery, per Rev. Buchanan,.....	30 00
Oct. 5,		Greenville Cong., Ill., per Rev. M'Cullough,.....	9 15
		Harmony “ “.....	8 00
		Tacusa “ “.....	2 00
		Harmony “ “.....	32 95
9,		West Charlton, N. Y., per Rev. Bullions,.....	20 50
12,		Huntsville, O., per Rev. Brown,.....	11 00
		Miami, “ “.....	3 00
		Urbana, “ “.....	1 00
		Sidney, “ “.....	8 66
14,		Cedarville, O., per Nesbit,.....	21 00
16,		Carmel and Bethel, per Patterson,.....	11 63
		Estate of J. Patterson, deceased, interest on \$300, per Patterson,.....	28 00

		New Zion, Ind., per Patton,.....	94 00
Oct. 25,		New Concord, O., per Rev. Lytle,.....	24 19
		Thornville, " ".....	5 00
		Mrs. Guthrie, Lebanon Cong., per Rev. Lytle,.....	1 20
		Sand Hill, O., per Rev. Lytle,.....	7 50
		East Union, O., " ".....	7 80
		Salt Creek, " ".....	13 09
		Londonderry, O., " ".....	10 50
		Washington, " ".....	1 50
		Cambridge, " ".....	14 48
		Sharon, " ".....	4 27
		Northfield, " ".....	7 20
		Mt. Perry, " ".....	3 71
		Clear Ridge, " ".....	7 00
31,		Chilicothe Presbytery, per Rev. M'Dill,.....	10 00
		Massie's Creek, per Rev. Anderson,.....	39 25
		A. Stewart, Esq., "Donation," per Jas. M'Candless,.....	500 00
		W. I. Patterson, Patterson's Mills, " ".....	5 00
		Laurel Hill Cong., Pa., " ".....	29 00
		Mercer Presbytery, " ".....	37 60
		Wheeling Presbytery, " ".....	38 33
		Westmoreland Presbytery, " ".....	82 11
		Dr. M'Carroll, Frankfort Springs, " ".....	2 50
		Mrs. M'Elwee, " ".....	2 50
		F. Purdy, " ".....	1 00
		Egypt Cong., " ".....	2 00
		Steubenville Presb., " ".....	53 00
		Butler " ".....	33 72
		Conemaugh " ".....	49 17
		Wheeling " ".....	25 74
		Butler " ".....	8 50
		Allegheny " ".....	15 50
		Westmoreland " ".....	41 60
		Estate of James Espy, deceased, " ".....	100 00
		Interest on Estate, " ".....	4 25
		Salem Cong., Ind., " ".....	3 00
		Mt. Pleasant Cong., " ".....	21 50
Nov. 5,		Iberia Cong., O., per Rev. Collins,.....	12 29
		Mrs. C. Merriman, " ".....	1 00
		Martinsburgh, O., " ".....	4 29
		Ontario, " ".....	11 06
		Salt Creek, " ".....	10 00
		South Argyle, N. Y., per Rev. Gordon,.....	15 24
9,		Massie's Creek, O., per Rev. Anderson,.....	4 00
10,		Caledonia Presbytery, N. Y., per Rev. M'Laren,.....	40 50
14,		Wheatland Cong., Ill., per Beveridge,.....	10 55
20,		Bethel, O., per M'Cracken,.....	4 70
21,		Londonderry, O., per Rev. Lytle,.....	10 00
		Jonathan's Creek, " ".....	15 00
27,		2d U. P. Congregation, Xenia, per Sheppard,.....	19 84
28,		Massie's Creek, O., per Anderson,.....	7 22
29,		St. Louis Cong., Mo., per S. Hamill,.....	20 00
Dec. 4,		Salt Creek Cong., O., per Rev. Lytle,.....	6 40
		Washington, " ".....	4 00
		Rush Creek, " ".....	3 60
		Bloomfield, " ".....	37 00
6,		Springfield, Ill, per Rev. Allen,.....	12 00
		Washington, " ".....	5 00
		Unity, " ".....	13 00
		Sparta, " ".....	14 00
		Hopewell, " ".....	20 00
		Barnet Centre, Vt., per Rev. Goodwillie,.....	19 00
		Ryegate, " ".....	12 00
7,		Carmel and Bethel, Ind., per Patterson,.....	16 75
		Unity, O., per Rev. M'Dill,.....	4 00
		Albany, N. Y., per Rev. Bullions,.....	42 00
		Troy, " ".....	51 65
		A. Henry, " ".....	50

Dec. 10,	1st Presbytery of Ohio, per Rev. Scouler,.....	70 24
	Cæsar's Creek, " per Williams,.....	10 00
11,	Washington, Pa., per Rev. Hanna,.....	22 00
	Chartiers Cross Roads, ".....	21 25
12,	Broadalbin, N. Y., per Rev. Bullions,.....	50 00
15,	Estate of Isaac Lewis, deceased, per Z. Lewis,.....	10 00
	Hale, O., per Brown,.....	10 00
	Mrs. Martha Nelson, O., Brown,.....	4 00
	Urbana, " ".....	1 00
18,	2d U. P. Cong., Xenia, per Sheppard,.....	11 99
21,	West Hebron, N. Y., per Rev. Gordon,.....	13 50
22,	Chester Cong., Ill., per Rev. Pollock,.....	10 00
27,	Hebron, Ind., per Rev. Buchanan,.....	20 00
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Jan. 1,	Truro, per Livingston,.....	6 00
	Rev. Jonathan Stewart, per Johnston,.....	5 00
	De Witt Cong., ".....	2 00
	La Motte Cong., ".....	4 05
	J. C. M'Connell, ".....	4 00
9,	Allegheny Presbytery, per Rev. Bradford,.....	61 50
12,	Bruce Cong., Mich., per Rev. Scott,.....	7 51
	Smithfield, " ".....	5 00
	Troy, " ".....	4 73
	Detroit, " ".....	1 20
	Mrs. Harrison, " ".....	11 56
	Big Prairie and Rock Run, per Rev. Shankland,.....	14 65
	William Gitteny, ".....	5 00
	Massie's Creek, per Anderson,.....	7 50
14,	Bloomington, per Rev. Clarke,.....	9 00
	Chilicothe Presbytery, per Rev. M'Dill,.....	10 00
15,	Mt. Harmony, Pa., per Mr. M'Candless,.....	15 00
	Ladies' Miss. Society, St. Clair, ".....	26 00
	Estate Emily Malone, deceased, ".....	23 75
	Mercer Presbytery, "Brown," ".....	8 13
	" "Small," ".....	13 00
	Ohio Presbytery, J. Stewart, ".....	21 65
	Westmoreland Presby., Jamison, ".....	65 00
	Harlansburgh, Pa., ".....	7 00
	Young Men's and Ladies' Society, St. Clair, per Mr. M'Candless,.....	24 25
	Butler Presbytery, ".....	75 00
	Puckety Cong., Pa., ".....	22 00
	Also, ".....	24 22
24,	Cabin Hill, N. Y., per Marshall,.....	11 00
	Richland Cong., Ind., per Rev. Collins,.....	50 25
26,	Stonevalley Cong., Pa., per Rev. Carlisle,.....	19 82
	Guinston " ".....	13 50
	Chanceford " ".....	9 87
	Hopewell " ".....	5 00
	Tuscarora " ".....	9 19
	2d U. P. Congregation, Washington, Iowa, per Rev. Vanatta,....	16 23
	Crawfordsville, " ".....	23 30
30,	2d U. P. Cong., Xenia, per Sheppard,.....	12 36
Feb. 4,	Dubuque, Iowa, per Rev. M'Callister,.....	5 00
	1st Presbytery of Ohio, per Rev. Scouler,.....	10 00
11,	1st U. P. Congregation, Xenia, per Caruthers,.....	50 00
13,	Bethel Cong., Xenia Presbytery, per Rev. Gowdy,.....	2 50
14,	Lake Presbytery, per Rev. Thompson,.....	162 50
	2d U. P. Cong., Xenia, per Sheppard,.....	10 07
18,	Berea, Kansas, per Rev. Smith,.....	4 85
	Pigeon Creek, Pa., per Rev. Hanna,.....	35 00
	Venice, " ".....	9 00
	Mingo, " ".....	5 00
	Miss. Society, St. Louis Cong., per Hiles,.....	14 00
25,	Friend of Missions, New York,.....	5 00
	Allegheny Presbytery, per Rev. Bradford,.....	79 00
	W. Anderson, Dayton, O., ".....	5 00
28,	Friend of Missions, Steubenville, O.,.....	10 00
	Yellow Creek, O., per Rev. Andrews,.....	10 00
	Piney Fork, " ".....	10 53

March 4,	Carmel and Bethel, per Patterson,.....	7 00
5,	Portland Cong., Ind., per Rev. Craig.....	4 20
6,	Monongahela Presbytery, per Mr. Robb,.....	75 00
11,	Daniel A. Dean, Xenia,.....	40 00
	Massie's Creek, per Rev. Anderson,.....	8 00
18,	Rev. R. W. French, per Beveridge,.....	15 00
	William Gitteny, Freeport, Ill., ".....	5 00
	Somonauk Cong., Ill., ".....	1 60
	Caledonia, Ind., per Rev. Collins,.....	6 00
19,	Boston Cong., Mass., per Rev. Blaikie,.....	15 00
	Providence, R. I., ".....	15 00
	Darby Cong., O., per Graham,.....	2 05
	Mrs. Nelson, ".....	5 00
	Sugar Run, ".....	7 06
20,	Chilicothe Presbytery, per Rev. M'Dill,.....	20 00
	Shiloh Cong., Ind., per Rev. Hutchison,.....	15 00
29,	M'Connellsburgh, Pa., per Rev. Carlisle,.....	25 00
	Stone Valley, ".....	10 00
	Gettysburgh, ".....	12 00
	Urbana, O., per Rev. Brown,.....	5 50
	Huntsville, O., ".....	9 45
April 2,	Cedarville, O., per Rev. Nesbit,.....	20 00
	Chilicothe Presbytery, per Rev. M'Dill,.....	10 00
	J. H. Wilson, Finley, O.,.....	2 00
	Roslin Cong., Wis., per Rev. Jones,.....	7 00
	Wheeling Presbytery, Va., per James M'Candless,.....	109 80
	Westmoreland Presbytery, ".....	71 00
	Steubenville ".....	11 75
	Butler ".....	30 15
	A Lady member, West Newton Cong., ".....	5 00
	Frankfort Presbytery, ".....	137 64
	Mercer ".....	18 66
	Mt. Vernon Cong., ".....	11 00
	Mt. Pleasant Cong., ".....	20 00
5,	Springfield, O., per Dr. Clokey, ".....	40 00
6,	Milroy, Ind., per Rev. Collins,.....	18 00
	Caledonia, Ind., ".....	5 00
	Dupont, ".....	10 50
	1st Presbytery of Ohio, per Rev. Scouller,.....	102 00
8,	Florida Cong., N. Y., per Dr. Bullions,.....	25 00
	Albany, ".....	29 00
	Jane Liggett, Ill,.....	35
12,	Carmel and Bethel Cong., per Patterson,.....	17 00
16,	Unity, Ind., per Welsh,.....	9 00
	West Hebron, N. Y., per Rev. M'Kee,.....	17 00
	Reesville, O., per W. H. Wilson,.....	10 00
22,	Caledonia Presbytery, per Rev. Robertson,.....	37 43
	1st Presbytery of Ohio, per Rev. Scouller,.....	119 17
	Chilicothe Presbytery, per Rev. M'Dill,.....	20 00
	Commerce Cong., Mich., per Rev. Scott,.....	13 00
24,	1st Presbytery of Ohio, per Rev. Scouller,.....	37 00
	St. Louis Presbytery, per Rev. Allen,.....	15 00
25,	Cambridge, O., per Rev. Lytle,.....	10 00
	James Reynolds, ".....	50
	Rush Creek and Thornville, per Rev. Lytle,.....	1 50
	Salt Creek, ".....	20 40
	Chartiers' Presbytery, per Dr. Hanna,.....	106 00
27,	Presbytery of Mansfield, per Rev. Collins,.....	101 04
	Presbytery of Southern Indiana, per Rev. Craig,.....	53 50
	1st Presbytery of Ohio, per Rev. J. Y. Scouller,.....	11 00
29,	Argyle Cong., N. Y., per Rev. J. B. Scouller,.....	50 00
	James M'Candless, Pittsburgh,.....	272 76
30,	Putnam Congregation, N. Y., Unknown,.....	16 00
	East Greenwich, ".....	10 00
	Coila, ".....	15 00
	Lisbon, ".....	26 46
	South Argyle, ".....	14 35

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1860.		
May 24,	By Cash paid Rev. Bain,.....	79 15
	Amount paid by Rev. R. H. Pollock at Assembly.....	2,511 47
	Amount paid by James M'Candless at Assembly,.....	1,830 02
June 5,	Cash paid Rev. W. W. Templeton,.....	8 00
July 7,	“ “ Heron, Thompsonville,.....	75 00
	“ “ Torrence,.....	100 00
	“ “ J. R. Slentz, Kansas,.....	83 00
	“ “ Henry Allen, Iowa,.....	187 50
	“ “ W. A. Pollock, Ill.,.....	50 00
	“ “ J. L. Aten, Ind.,.....	180 50
	“ Sidney Presbytery,.....	70 00
10,	“ Rev. Joseph M'Cartney,.....	100 00
12,	“ “ Thomas M'Cartney,.....	11 00
13,	“ “ J. D. Steele,.....	100 00
17,	“ “ W. C. Jackson,.....	9 00
	“ “ Thomas Andrews,.....	4 00
	“ “ C. Webster,.....	14 00
	“ “ R. H. Pollock,.....	10 00
	“ “ W. C. M'Cune,.....	150 00
18,	“ Madison Cong., Ind.,.....	100 00
	“ Rev. Wellington Wright,.....	175 00
19,	“ “ D. B. Jones,.....	50 00
20,	“ Discount on \$2,090 23, from Mr. M'Candless,.....	16 08
Aug. 4,	“ Rev. T. D. Davis,.....	100 00
	“ “ J. M'Kee,.....	25 00
15,	“ “ Gilbert Small,.....	30 00
23,	“ “ D. Thompson,.....	18 00
24,	“ “ J. E. Taylor,.....	50 00
	“ Des Moines Presbytery,.....	200 00
27,	“ Philadelphia “ Rev. W. W. Barr,.....	100 00
29,	“ Rev. Joseph M'Hatton,.....	80 00
Sept. 4,	“ New York Presbytery—Rev. Pollock,.....	92 50
5,	“ Rev. W. H. Jeffers,.....	34 50
	“ “ E. A. Brownlee,.....	46 00
	By refunded amount credited to Hopewell Cong.—It belonged to 2d Synod's Fund,.....	34 00
	By amount credited to Massies' Creek, as it also belonged to 2d Synod's Fund,.....	42 05
14,	By Cash paid Rev. James Dinsmore,.....	87 50
17,	“ “ J. K. Sheppard,.....	50 00
	“ New York Presbytery,—Isaac M'Gay,.....	55 00
	“ Rev. Joseph Andrews, Wellsville,.....	75 00
19,	“ “ M. M. Brown,.....	48 00
20,	“ Presbytery of Indiana,—Rev. Hutcheson,.....	25 00
21,	“ Rev. G. K. Ormond,.....	120 00
24,	“ “ S. F. Thompson,.....	25 00
25,	“ “ Matthew Clarke,.....	75 00
	“ “ Dr. Herron,.....	11 00
26,	“ “ J. P. Scott,.....	50 00
27,	“ Postage to date,.....	7 98
Oct. 2,	“ Rev. J. A. Frazier,.....	10 00
5,	“ “ J. S. M'Cullough,.....	52 10
10,	“ “ J. B. Wilson,.....	16 00
15,	“ “ J. R. M'Callister,.....	100 00
16,	“ “ Henry Allen,.....	62 50
20,	“ “ B. L. Baldridge,.....	75 00
25,	“ “ D. S. Lytle, paid by J. P. Lytle,.....	8 00
	“ “ Wm. Smith, “.....	4 00
	“ “ J. C. Murch, “.....	5 00
Nov. 1,	“ “ J. P. Lytle,.....	5 00
2,	“ “ J. P. Scott, Detroit,.....	5 00
	“ “ M. Bigger,.....	40 00
	“ “ John M'Clelland,.....	15 00
31,	By Discount on draft from Pittsburgh,.....	5 20
Oct. 31,	By Cash paid for blank book,.....	2 00
	“ “ check book,.....	1 00
Nov. 5,	“ Youngstown Cong.,—W. C. Kennedy,.....	50 00

Nov. 5,	By cash paid Mansfield Presbytery,—D. W. Collins, .....	74 87
	“ “ Rev. R. G. Thompson, .....	12 50
8,	“ “ James Ingles, .....	25 00
	“ “ W. H. M'Kee, .....	3 00
9,	“ “ J. A. M'Kee, .....	4 00
14,	“ “ R. H. Pollock, .....	50 00
	“ “ W. C. M'Cune, .....	75 00
15,	“ “ J. A. Shankland, .....	24 00
	“ “ John Bryan, .....	12 50
19,	“ “ P. H. Drennen, .....	71 50
	“ “ J. P. Chambers, Iowa, .....	33 00
	“ “ J. H. Hammond, “ .....	62 00
	“ “ J. R. Black, “ .....	43 00
	“ “ Dr. Doig, “ .....	60 00
	“ “ R. N. Fee, “ .....	20 50
	“ “ W. M. Boyce, “ .....	18 00
20,	“ for 100 stamped envelopes, .....	3 20
	“ Rev. W. C. Jackson, .....	4 00
23,	“ “ Daniel Murphy, .....	59 00
26,	“ “ Thomas Andrews, .....	150 00
	“ “ E. A. Brownlee, .....	75 00
28,	“ “ M. M. Brown, .....	40 00
Dec. 4,	“ “ R. H. Pollock, .....	50 00
6,	“ “ Joseph M'Hatten, .....	100 00
	“ “ J. N. Buchanan, .....	10 00
7,	“ “ Matthew Bigger, .....	100 00
10,	“ “ R. S. Campbell, .....	50 00
12,	“ “ W. C. Sommers, .....	30 00
15,	“ “ Wellington Wright, .....	75 00
	“ “ Dr. S. Wilson, .....	36 00
17,	“ “ J. L. Whitla, .....	75 00
18,	“ “ W. H. Andrews, .....	75 00
20,	“ “ T. D. Davis, Kansas, .....	50 00
26,	“ “ H. K. Lusk, .....	37 50
Jan. 1,	“ “ J. W. Torrence, .....	30 00
8,	“ “ J. R. M'Callister, .....	62 50
	“ “ J. R. Sturgeon, .....	56 00
	“ “ Jonathan Stewart, .....	25 00
10,	“ for despatch to Rev. Murphy, .....	70
12,	“ Rev. W. A. Pollock, .....	100 00
	“ “ J. M'Clelland, .....	15 00
	“ “ J. P. Scott, .....	50 00
14,	“ “ Matthew Clarke, .....	150 00
12,	By Cash returned to Mr. Gitney as counterfeit, .....	5 00
21,	By Cash paid Rev. Wm. Melvin, .....	25 00
	“ “ James I. Frazier, .....	12 00
22,	“ “ S. H. Graham, .....	12 00
23,	“ “ J. N. Smith, Kansas, .....	37 50
	“ “ J. K. Sheppard, .....	8 00
28,	“ “ D. B. Jones, .....	37 50
	“ for Express on above, .....	1 85
31,	“ Rev. Matthew Bigger, .....	100 00
Feb. 1,	“ “ M. M. Brown, .....	8 00
4,	“ “ J. H. Nash, .....	6 00
12,	“ “ Gilbert Small, .....	125 00
15,	“ “ A. J. Allen, .....	39 50
18,	“ “ J. N. Smith, .....	37 50
March 2,	“ New York Presbytery, per Isaac M'Gay, .....	270 00
4,	“ Rev. Hugh M'Hatten, .....	35 62
7,	“ Daniel Murphy, .....	20 50
	“ R. S. Campbell, .....	50 00
	“ A. J. Allen, .....	22 00
	“ S. H. Graham, .....	17 00
18,	“ Alexander Blaikie, .....	30 00
	“ R. W. French, Sept. 17, 1860, .....	4 00
21,	“ Hugh M'Hatton, .....	39 88
25,	“ J. B. Foster, Dayton, .....	75 00
27,	“ Joseph Thyne, .....	8 00



March 7,	By cash paid Rev. Matthew Bigger,.....	99 00
28,	“ “ W. H. Andrews,.....	75 00
	“ Express on money from Mr. M'Candless,.....	85
	“ Rev. J. H. Young,.....	150 00
	“ J. A. Vance—sent to Rev. M'Aycal,.....	37 50
	“ “ J. A. Morrow, “ .....	54 50
	“ “ D. Pressley, Gen. Miss., “ .....	20 00
	“ “ W. A. Campbell,.....	20 00
April 3,	“ “ J. D. Steele, Kansas, .....	50 00
	“ “ D. B. Jones,—retained,.....	7 00
10,	“ “ T. D. Davis, Kansas,.....	50 00
12,	“ “ J. T. Torrence, .....	75 00
	“ “ E. A. Brownlee, Kansas,.....	75 00
	“ for stamps,.....	3 00
23,	“ Rev. J. P. Scott,—retained in his hand,.....	13 00
24,	“ “ W. H. Andrews, .....	75 00
	“ “ H. K. Lusk,.....	75 00
25,	“ “ John Wallace,.....	20 00
	“ “ W. B. Hutcheson,.....	8 00
27,	“ “ W. C. M'Cune,.....	75 00
	“ Presbytery of Mansfield,.....	101 04
29,	“ Rev. James Dinsmore, Mass.,.....	200 00
	“ Express from Pittsburgh,.....	85
	“ Discount on Virginia Money,.....	1 00
	“ Rev. D. B. Jones,.....	30 50
	“ “ T. D. Davis,.....	50 00
	“ Presbytery of Southern Indiana,.....	100 00
	“ Balance on hand,.....	280 64
		<u>\$12,717 05</u>

JOHN FLEMING, *Treasurer.*

The undersigned, on behalf of the Executive Committee to whom was referred, by the Assembly, the report of the Treasurer of Board of Home Missions, certify, that they have examined said report and find it correct.

D. MILLEN, } *Committee.*  
D. A. DEAN, }

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

*General Assembly of the United Presbyterian Church in account with Thomas B. Rick, Treasurer, B. F. Missions.*

June 6,	To Order No. 20, favour Rev. H. H. Blair,.....	\$12 00
“ 9,	“ Rev. George Brown, Acceptance, Trinidad Mission,.....	200 00
“ 13,	“ Isaac Geary, India Mission,.....	999 95
July 11,	“ Rev. Joseph T. Cooper, India Mission,.....	50 00
“ 13,	“ Cash for Acceptance, Rev. J. A. Frazier, Damascus Mission,...	500 00
“ 17,	“ Rev. Andrew Gordon, 7 scholarships for India Mission, \$35.00	245 00
“ 21,	“ Rev. J. M. M'Laren, exchange for currency,.....	65
“ 25,	“ Cash Acceptance, Rev. G. Lansing, 10½ per cent. £240.00, Alexandria Mission,.....	1178 66
“ 31,	“ Miss M. J. M'Kown, Alexandria Mission,.....	200 00
Aug. 27,	“ Rev. J. A. Frazier, draft from Boston,.....	50 00
Sept. 3,	“ Miss M. J. M'Kown, Alexandria Mission,.....	37 25
	“ “ “ “ “ “ .....	10 00
“ 7,	“ Order 23, favour Rev. S. C. Ewing, outfit, Cairo,.....	400 00
“ 15,	“ Order, favour James M. Gordon, India Mission,.....	70 00
Oct. 2,	“ Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Ewing, passage to Liverpool, Cairo Mission,	100 00
	“ Miss M. J. M'Kown, passage to Liverpool, Alexandria Mission,.	50 00
“ 5,	“ Cash remitted Syrian sufferers, Rev. John Crawford,.....	170 38
	“ Miss M. J. M'Kown, travelling expenses to New York,.....	16 00
	“ Rev. S. C. Ewing, expenses from Liverpool to Alexandria, (in sovereigns) Alexandria Mission,.....	214 72
	“ Miss M. J. M'Kown for ditto, (in sovereigns.) .....	107 36
“ 17,	“ Order 24, favour Rev. J. F. Hill, Harrisville, Pa., India Mission,.	50 00
	“ Rev. J. A. Frazier's Acceptance, Damascus Mission, .....	1500 00
	“ Rev. John Crawford, remitted, “ “ .....	500 00
“ 19,	“ Rev. Thos. M'Cague, remitted for Rev. S. C. Ewing and Miss M. J. M'Kown, .....	600 00

Oct. 20,	By Rev. G. Lansing, Acceptance, Alexandria Mission, .....	2500 00
“ 23,	“ Order, favour Rev. J. C. Nevin, China Mission, .....	433 33
Nov. 5,	“ Mr. James S. Barr, on account, outfit, India Mission,.....	30 00
“ 19,	“ Rev. Thos. M'Cague, per order 26, Alexandria Mission,.....	1000 00
“ 20,	“ Rev. John Crawford for Syrian sufferers, .....	156 27
“ 26,	“ Rev. G. C. Arnold, per order 27, India Mission, .....	165 53
Dec. 29,	“ Rev. Thomas Brown, Exchange for currency, .....	3 95
1861.		
Jan. 19,	“ Rev. George Brown, Acceptance, Trinidad Mission, .....	200 00
	“ Rev. T. K. Anderson, Discounts for currency, .....	1 32
“ 21,	“ Rev. John Crawford, for Syrian sufferers, 3d remittance,.....	165 20
	“ Rev. John Hogg, Boys' School,.....	13 40
	“ Miss Dales' Girls' School,.....	13 40
Feb. 17,	“ Rev. D. M. Collins, \$5.00 counterfeit and Disc. for currency,...	5 25
“ 18,	“ Rev. Thomas M'Cague, order 30, Damascus Mission,.....	1000 00
	“ Rev. John Hogg, order 31, Damascus or Egypt Mission,.....	1000 00
	“ Rev. John Hogg, remitted him Mrs. L. M. Hall's donation (of Waterbury, Conn.) for purchase and distribution of Bibles for Cairo, Egypt Mission,.....	30 00
“ 21,	“ Rev. Jas. S. Barr, on account, order No. 35, for outfit,.....	200 00
	“ Rev. Andrew Watson, on account, order No. 34, for outfit,.....	200 00
“ 22,	“ Rev. J. C. Nevin, order No. 28, China Mission,.....	750 00
“ 26,	“ Rev. John Crawford, remitted order No. 32, Damascus Mission, .....	800 00
Mar. 4,	“ United States Treasury Note, at 12 per cent. interest, 3½ for premium and brokerage, on account Building Fund,.....	528 78
“ 14,	“ Order No. 36, Rev. J. A. Frazier, .....	150 00
	Remitted Rev. Andrew Gordon, India Mission, .....	1078 09
“ 27,	Deposit in East River Saving Institution for Building Fund,....	103 00
Apr. 15,	To Order No. 38, favor Rev. J. T. Cooper, D. D., India Mission,...	50 00
	“ James M'Candless, Esq., Discount and Exchange,.....	111 48
“ 18,	“ Order No. 37, favour Rev. J. A. Frazier, .....	310 38
“ 23,	“ John Fleming, Exchange for currency, .....	2 54
“ 26,	“ Rev. G. C. Arnold, on account, order No. 34, Rev. A. Watson, .....	100 00
	“ A. M'Allen, Exchange for currency,.....	4 00
	“ Thomas Carlile, Exchange for currency, .....	2 30
“ 29,	“ Thomas Johnston, for Exchange, .....	16 91
	“ Order, favour Rev. Thos. M'Cague,.....	1027 57
“ 30,	“ Cash paid sundry postages during the year, .....	49 59
	“ Order, favour Rev. John Hogg, remitted him, .....	1000 00
	“ Balance to new accounts, .....	810 42
		\$21,274 68
1860.		
May 22,	Balance from old account,.....	\$4062 39
	3d United Presbyterian congregation, Charles street, New York, .....	
	Rev. H. H. Blair, per David Douglass, Treas.,.....	150 00
“ 23,	Cherry Fork congregation, Ohio, per David (Rev.) M'Dill, .....	10 00
	Northfield congregation, Ohio, per Rev. J. Logue,.....	4 00
“ 25,	Rev. G. W. Gowdy, Ohio, for Building Fund,.....	15 00
“ 29,	Mrs. Margaret Dunlap, Penna., per Miss M. J. Dunlap,.....	10 00
	Miss M. E. do do do .....	10 00
	“ J. do do do .....	10 00
June 1,	North Kortright congregation, New York, per Rev. Mr. Erskine, .....	16 00
	Foreign Missions, per James M'Candless, Esq.,.....	8000 00
“ 5,	Sugar Creek congregation, Iowa, India Mission, Sam'l M'Arthur, .....	3 70
	Birmingham do do do .....	6 30
“ 7,	Foreign Missions, per James M'Candless, Esq.,.....	1200 00
“ 9,	Crawfordville congregation, Iowa, per Rev. N. M'Dowell, .....	26 78
“ 11,	Truro congregation, Ohio, India Mission, per A. M. Livingston, .....	21 00
	Mrs. Sarah Elliott of Oxford, Ohio, per Rev. W. J. M'Surely,.....	10 00
“ 15,	William Brinckerhoff of New York City, member Fourth Associate Reformed Church,.....	5 00
“ 16,	Rev. R. W. French, Beulah, De Kalb co., Ill.,.....	10 00
	Mrs. Percifer Dutcher, Trenton, N. J., per Rev. J. B. Dales, D. D., .....	5 00
	J. B., of 2d U. P. Church, Phila. Penn., do do .....	2 00
“ 18,	A Friend of Missions, per Rev. John T. Pressly, D. D.....	500 00
“ 20,	Sabbath school, Greenfield cong., Ohio, B. F., per Rev. Andrew Ritchie, .....	5 50

June 22,	Canonsburg congregation, Ohio, per Thomas Brown,.....	6 00
	Urbana do do do .....	7 00
	Bellefontaine do do do .....	11 80
	Mrs. M. Nelson, do do .....	3 00
	Mr. John M'Dowal, do do .....	1 00
	Sugar Run congregation, do do .....	1 00
	Rev. and Mrs. J. H. Buchanan, Ohio, per Rev. W. J. M'Surely, ..	5 00
" 23,	A Friend of Missions, Illinois, per Thos. Johnston,.....	2 50
	Mrs. Monteith, do do .....	1 00
	Smith Creek cong., do (additional) do .....	2 00
	Citizens of Aledo and vicinity, per Rev. Mr. Bigger,.....	10 90
	A Member of Smith Creek cong., Ill., B. F., per Thos. Johnston,..	2 00
	Wm. Boak, Esq., Halifax, N. S., (B. F.) per Rev. J. B. Dales, D.D.,..	10 00
	Geo. E. Miller, Esq., Cherry Fork, Ohio, per Rev. David M'Dill,..	20 00
" 27,	1st United Presb. cong., Xenia, Ohio, per John Fleming,.....	100 00
" 29,	West Hebron congregation, New York, per Rev. J. B. Dunn,.....	10 25
July 2,	Oskaloosa congregation, Iowa, per Rev. R. A. M'Ayeal,.....	7 50
" 5,	Barnet congregation, Vermont, scholarship, India Mission, per Rev. Thos. Goodwillie, .....	35 00
" 9,	United Presbyterian cong., Albany, N. Y., per Rev. P. Bullions, D.D.,	21 00
" 13,	Dhrent congregation, Michigan, per Rev. J. R. Shepherd,.....	6 00
	Caledonia congregation, New York, per Rev. W. S. M'Laren,.....	87 00
" 14,	Foreign Missions, per James M'Candless, Esq.,.....	416 00
" 16,	Bequest of Margaret Cowan, Cabin Hill congregation, New York, (Alexandria Mission) per Rev. John E. Taylor,.....	10 00
	Ladies' Mite Society of Jefferson, Ohio, (India Mission) per Rev. J. K. Andrews,.....	16 42
	Jefferson congregation, Ohio, per Rev. J. K. Andrews, .....	7 13
	Bequest of William Warren, late of Jefferson congregation, Ohio,..	73 00
" 18,	Missionary Society, St. Louis cong., Mo., per W. C. A. Hiles,.....	16 00
Aug. 18,	W. A. Campbell, Lansingville, New York, per Rev. E. H. Steven- son of Sealkote, N. India, for freight on box,.....	3 50
	Chillicothe congregation, Ohio, per J. W. M'Cague,.....	31 00
	French Brownlee, Cedar Creek cong., Ill., per Thomas Johnston,..	20 00
	Cedar Creek congregation, Illinois, do do do ....	63 90
	Foreign Missions, per James M'Candless, Esq.,.....	223 72
	Building Fund, do do .....	25
	A Friend, for Miss Dales' School, Alexandria, per Rev. J. B. Dales, D. D., .....	1 00
	A Friend in Illinois for Foreign Mission, per Rev. J. B. Dales, D.D.,	5 00
" 18,	Mr. John Wiley, Montgomery, New York, do do .....	5 00
	W. W., New Concord, Ohio, per Rev. James P. Lytle, ... ..	5 00
	D. Rankin, East Union, do do .....	1 00
	East Union cong., do do .....	18 65
	Londonderry do do do .....	24 00
	Friend of Missions, do do .....	38
	do do do .....	97
" 23,	West Charlton congregation, New York, per Henry Ostrom,.....	43 00
" 25,	Estate of John Campbell, Urbana, Ohio, per Rev. Thomas Brown, ..	40 00
	Troy congregation, New York, per Rev. P. Bullions, D. D., .....	64 00
" 27,	Andrew congregation, Iowa, per Rev. Jonathan Stewart,.....	10 00
	India Mission, donation from A.,.....	200 00
	Alexandria and Cairo Missions, donations from A.,.....	100 00
	China Mission, donation from A.,.....	70 00
Sept. 3,	Monmouth congregation, Illinois, for outfit to Miss M. J. M'Kown, Female Bible Class in Halifax, N. S., for outfit to Miss M. J. M'Kown, by W. Boak, Esq., per J. B. Dales, D.D., .....	37 25
	West Union congregation, Ohio, from Rev. A. W. M'Clanahan, per Rev. J. B. Dales, D. D.,.....	5 00
	United Presbyterian cong., Xenia, Ohio, per John Fleming, Esq.,..	32 06
	Richmond cong., for outfit Miss M'Kown, per Rev. J. K. Andrews,	10 00
" 5,	North Henderson congregation, Illinois, per Thomas Johnston,.....	18 25
	Pope Creek congregation, Illinois, do do do ....	13 00
" 5,	Smith Creek do do do .....	2 40
" 6,	Broadalbin congregation, New York, charge Rev. J. L. Clark, per Rev. P. Bullions, D. D.,.....	50 00
" 7,	Sabbath School 2d congregation, Xenia, O., per Geo. Watt,.....	35 00
	Foreign Missions, per James M'Candless, Esq.,.....	400 00

Sept. 11.	Stone Valley congregation, Penna., per Thomas Carlisle,.....	66 65
	do do do for India Missions, per Thos. Carlisle, .....	8 00
	Gettysburgh congregation, Penna., per Thos. Carlisle,.....	11 00
	Tuscarora do do .....	14 40
	Miss S. E. M'Kee, do .....	4 00
	do Building Fund, do .....	2 00
	Mexico congregation, Pa., do .....	26 00
	do do Sabbath School, do .....	5 00
	Big Spring congregation, Pa., do .....	107 00
	Mercersburgh do do .....	5 00
	A. M. Johnston, (India Mission,) do .....	2 50
" 12,	Putnam cong., Washington co., New York, per Rev. Isaac Law,....	34 00
" 15,	Stirling do New York, per Rev. John Edgar,.....	8 00
" 22,	Henry K. Pressley, Monmouth, Illinois,.....	2 00
Oct. 2,	Isaac Geery, balance of money in his hands of Foreign Mission of Associate Church, .....	33 56
" 3,	Sabbath School of United Presbyterian Church, Newburgh, New York, Building Fund, per W. Kearns, .....	11 00
" 4,	Foreign Missions, per James M'Candless, Esq., .....	1815 00
	Lake Presbytery, Pa., from Rev. H. H. Thompson, by Rev. Sam'l C. Ewing,.....	100 00
" 4,	Florida congregation, N. Y., by Geo. W. Hall, per Dr. Bullions,...	30 00
	North Argyle congregation, N. Y., per Rev. Henry Gordon,.....	30 00
	Argyle do do do do .....	5 00
	West Hebron do do do do .....	19 00
	Ladies' Mite Society, West Hebron cong., N. Y., per Rev. Henry Gordon,.....	23 00
	South Argyle congregation, do .....	32 10
	West Hovington " N. Y., per Rev. W. S. M'Laren,.....	25 00
	A Friend of Missions, York, N. Y., do do .....	10 00
	Mrs. Isabella M'Nab, do do .....	5 00
	Samuel Irving, (Building Fund,) do do .....	2 00
	West Kortright congregation, per Rev. Dr. Dales,.....	20 76
	Baltimore do do W. W. Barr,.....	60 00
	8th congregation, Phila. Pa., do do .....	19 00
	6th do do do do .....	23 12
	6th do do (Building Fund,) per Rev. W. W. Barr, .....	4 00
	York do N. Y., (Syrian Sufferers,) per Rev. J. Van Eaton, .....	46 00
	Ann Arbour cong., Michigan Prayer Meeting, per Miss M'Kown., .....	6 00
" 5,	Collection, Janestreet Ch., for Syrian Sufferers, per Jas. M'Combie, .....	74 38
	John M'Allister, do do per Dr. Dales,.....	50 00
	Halifax Bible Class, per Miss M. M'Kown,.....	10 00
	David Doig, Thompsonville cont., Syrian Sufferers, per Rev. Dr. Dales,.....	8 00
" 8,	Female Missionary Society, Bethesda, Ind., per Rev. Sam'l Collins, .....	11 50
	Caledonia congregation, Indiana, do do .....	12 00
	Female Missionary Society, Richland, Ind., do do .....	23 00
" 11,	Mrs. E. Thompson, New York, Alexandria Mission, .....	2 50
" 13,	Miss Margaret Livingston, Philadelphia, Syrian Sufferers, per Rev. J. B. Dales, D. D.,.....	10 00
	Miss M'Cullum, Neenah, Wisconsin, for India Mission, per Mrs. M. Stewart, .....	2 00
	Mrs. Stewart, Neenah, Wisconsin, for India Mission,.....	2 00
" 20,	Discount on G. Lansing's Acceptance, \$2500, sixty-one days, five per cent.,.....	20 89
" 22,	Luther Smith, Canajoharie, N. Y., Syrian Sufferers, per Rev. J. B. Dales, D. D.,.....	5 00
	South Buffalo congregation, Pa., Syrian Sufferers, a Thanksgiving Collection, by Rev. J. G. Carson, per Rev. J. B. Dales, D. D., .....	26 50
	A Friend, for Syrian Sufferers, per Dr. Dales,.....	50
" 23,	West Savannah congregation, Ohio, per Rev. D. W. Collins,.....	15 00
	Dalton do do do .....	10 00
	Rev. A. M'Cartney, do do .....	5 00
	Salt Creek do do do .....	11 00
" 24,	Presbyterian Church, Clarkson, N. Y., for Syrian Sufferers, per Rev. J. M. M'Nulty,.....	10 27
" 25,	Amity cong., Iowa, India Mission, per Rev. Sam'l M'Arthur, .....	10 00

Oct. 27,	Jonathan Creek congregation, Ohio, per Rev. J. P. Lytle,.....	17 00
	Lillie A. Ross, Fairview cong., do do .....	5 00
	New Salem congregation, do do .....	5 00
	Cambridge do do .....	13 00
	Mrs. Ellen Moorhead, Venice, Pa., Damascus Mission, per Rev. A. R. Anderson, .....	5 00
Nov. 6,	Massie's Creek congregation, Ohio, per John Fleming, .....	39 25
	Rev. A. Gordon, India, per J. W. Gordon,.....	30 00
" 10,	East Greenwich congregation, N. Y., per Rev. J. B. Dunn,.....	13 00
	Ladies' Mite Society, East Greenwich Church, per Rev. J. B. Dunn,	11 00
" 12,	George Lendrum, Newburgh, N. Y., Syrian Sufferers,.....	10 00
" 13,	Somonauk congregation, Illinois, per Andrew Beveridge,.....	40 00
	Ross Grove do do do .....	2 00
" 14,	Richmond cong., Ohio, Syrian Sufferers, per Rev. J. K. Andrews,	25 00
" 16,	Andrew Anderson, Syrian Sufferers, South Bend, Illinois,.....	4 00
	Mite Society, Northfield congregation, Ohio, by Rev. J. W. Logue, per Rev. J. B. Dales, D. D.,.....	5 00
	Female Missionary Society, United Presbyterian Church, Hebron, N. Y., by Miss Harriet N. McClelland, per Rev. J. B. Dales, D. D.,	44 00
" 20,	United Presbyterian congregation, Esqueasing, Canada West, for Syrian Sufferers, by Rev. John Gillespie, per Dr. Dales,.....	16 00
" 23,	Caledonia Presbytery, per Rev. W. S. McLaren,.....	52 00
	East Union congregation, Ohio, per Rev. J. P. Lytle,.....	20 00
	Londonderry do do do do .....	14 00
	George Mitchell & family, do do do .....	10 00
	John A. Campbell, do do do .....	5 00
	Eddie Stuart, do do do .....	1 00
" 26,	Associate Reformed cong., Kortright, N. Y., Syrian Sufferers, per James M'Kee,.....	20 49
	Friends in Jacksonville, Illinois, Syrian Sufferers, by J. S. Wilson, per Dr. Dales,.....	4 00
" 30,	James P. Ross, Esq., Syrian Sufferers, per Rev. J. P. Lytle,.....	2 00
	A friend, North Salem, Ohio, per Rev. J. P. Lytle, .....	1 00
	United Presbyterian cong., St. Louis, Mo., per S. Hamill, Esq.,...	10 00
Dec. 4,	From Girls' School, Alexandria Mission, by W. Boak, Halifax, N. S., per Rev. J. B. Dales, .....	10 00
" 6,	Sabbath School, Greenfield cong., Ohio, per Rev. Andrew Ritchie,	4 24
" 7,	Springfield congregation, Illinois, per A. M. Allen,.....	7 00
	Bethel do do do .....	4 85
	Washington do do do .....	6 00
	Sparta do do do .....	20 00
" 8,	Albany do N. Y., per Rev. P. Bullions, D. D.,.....	46 50
" 11,	Chillicothe Presbytery, Ohio, per Rev. David M'Dill, .....	7 00
	South Buffalo congregation, Pa., per Rev. Thomas Hanna, D. D.,...	90 00
	Centre do do do do .....	10 25
	Venice do do do do .....	22 00
	Washington do do do do .....	22 00
" 15,	United Presbyterian congregation, Lisbon, N. Y., for Syrian Suf- ferers, per Rev. John Harper, .....	18 31
" 19,	United Presbyterian congregation, Baltimore, by Rev. W. W. Barr, per Dr. Dales, Syrian Sufferers,.....	37 44
	Mite Society of United Presbyterian congregation, Baltimore, by Rev. W. W. Barr, per Dr. Dales, for Syrian Sufferers,.....	5 00
" 23,	Richmond cong., Ohio, Syrian Sufferers, per Rev. J. K. Andrews,	1 00
	Knoxville do do do .....	4 00
	Chillicothe Presbytery, Ohio, per Rev. D. M'Dill, .....	10 00
" 27,	Michigan Presbytery, per Rev. N. Buchanan, .....	25 00
" 29,	Estate of John Campbell, Ohio, per Rev. Thomas Brown,.....	40 00
	Sydney Presbytery, do do .....	23 00
	Mr. A. Semple, Rochester, N. Y., Syrian Sufferers, per Rev. J. B. Dales, D. D., .....	5 00
1861.		
Jan. 2,	Young Men's Association for Prayer, at Kortright Centre, N. Y., for Syrian Sufferers, per Rev. H. W. M'Laury,.....	5 00
	Catherine McCartney, for Syrian Mission, per Rev. P. C. Robertson,	1 00
	A friend of Missions, per Rev. P. C. Robertson,.....	2 00
" 4,	Foreign Missions, per Thomas Johnston, Esq., .....	60 20
" 7,	Antrim congregation, Ohio, per Rev. J. P. Lytle,.....	12 00

Jan.	7.	Salt Creek congregation, Ohio, per Rev. J. P. Lytle,.....	32	50
		Ridge do do do .....	6	50
"	10,	Broadalbin cong., N. Y., per Dr. P. Bullions, for Syrian Sufferers,	27	00
		West Charlton congregation, N. Y., per Dr. P. Bullions, .....	16	83
		1st U. P. Church, Rochester, N. Y., per Rev. T. F. Boyd, .....	12	66
"	12,	J. L. Dutcher, Calenovia, N. Y., per Rev. J. B. Dales, D. D.,.....	2	00
"	12,	Friends of United Presbyterian Church, Springfield, N. Y., Syrian		
		Sufferers, by Luther Smith, per Rev. J. B. Dales, D. D.,.....	20	00
		Mrs. Sparkling's and Miss Pressley's, Sabbath School classes in Os-		
		wego, Ind., by Rev. J. Anderson, per Rev. J. B. Dales, D. D.,	7	00
"	14,	Richmond congregation, Ohio, per Rev. J. K. Andrews,.....	19	00
		A Young Lady, Connotton cong., Ohio, per Rev. J. K. Andrews,...	2	50
		Connotton congregation, do do .....	2	50
		Knoxville do do do .....	8	00
		Steubenville do do do .....	15	00
		U. P. congregation, Ohio, (Northfield,) per Rev. J. M. Logue,.....	10	00
"	16,	Massie's Creek congregation, Ohio, per J. Fleming, Esq.,.....	18	65
		2d U. P. do Xenia, Ohio, per John Fleming, Esq.,	24	25
"	18,	Chilicothe Presbytery, Ohio, per Rev. D. M'Dill,.....	10	00
"	19,	Sabbath School of Salem, Washington co., N. Y., by J. King, Sy-		
		rian Sufferers, per Rev. J. B. Dales, D. D.,.....	13	40
		Sabbath School of Salem, Washington co., N. Y., by J. King, for		
		Miss Dales' Girls' School, per Dr. Dales,.....	13	40
"	21,	U. P. congregation, Cabin Hill, N. Y., per James Marshall,...	20	00
		Clifton do Xenia, Ohio, per W. A. Campbell,.....	6	66
"	22,	Bovina do N. Y., per Rev. R. D. Williamson,.....	17	05
		North Kortright cong., N. Y., do .....	27	00
		Lansingville do do .....	13	08
"	22,	Youth's Missionary & Bible Society of West Delhi congregation,		
		N. Y., per Rev. R. D. Williamson,.....	17	87
"	23,	Female Mite Society of Fairfield congregation, Penna., for Syria		
		Mission, per Mrs. M. J. Pollock,.....	7	00
		Burnett Creek congregation, Indiana, per Rev. Thomas Calahan,...	9	00
"	24,	Piqua do Ohio, per Rev. Thos. Brown,.....	40	00
"	25,	Mr. Charles Kidd, East Nankin, Mich., per Rev. John P. Scott,....	10	00
		Richland U. P. congregation, Indiana, per Rev. Samuel Collins,...	32	00
		Bloomfield do Ohio, per Rev. Jas. P. Lytle,.....	14	00
		Cambridge do do do .....	26	36
		Northfield do do do .....	4	00
		James P. Ross, Esq., do do .....	5	00
		James Reynolds, do do .....	1	00
		Galt congregation, Canada West, per Rev. James Gillespie,.....	50	55
		Esquesing do do do .....	24	00
"	30,	2d Church, Philadelphia, Pa., per Rev. W. W. Barr,.....	45	58
		3d Church, Mission School, Phila., Pa., per Rev. W. W. Barr, ....	34	60
		Miss Livingston, Philadelphia, China Mission, do .....	10	00
		Baltimore congregation, Md., do .....	60	00
		3d Church, Philadelphia, Penna., do .....	20	00
		8th do do Missionary Concert, do .....	6	52
		6th do Church Sabbath School, Phila., Pa., do .....	12	50
"	30,	Foreign Mission Funds, per Thomas Johnston, Esq.,.....	35	00
"	31,	John Somers of Barnet, Vt., by Rev. W. W. Barr, per Rev. J. B.		
		Dales, Syrian Sufferers,.....	2	00
		Eli Millen, Esq., of Xenia, Ohio, per Dr. Dales, Syrian Sufferers,.	10	00
Feb.	4,	U. P. congregation, Indiana, Pa., per A. M. Stewart, .....	90	00
"	5,	A member, Charlton congregation, N. Y., per Rev. Addison Henry,	20	00
"	6,	Sabbath School, Leavenworth congregation, Kansas, Building		
		Fund, per A. McGahey, .....	3	50
		Presbytery of Allegheny, Pa., per Rev. D. G. Bradford,.....	107	93
		do do Syrian Sufferers, per Rev. D. G. Bradford.	12	00
"	11,	Haysville congregation, Ohio, per Rev. D. W. Collins,.....	15	00
		Iberia congregation, Ohio, do do .....	23	00
		Utica do do do do .....	3	60
		Auburn do do do do .....	11	00
		Upper Sandusky cong., do do do .....	3	00
		Mansfield do do do do .....	12	79
		Ontario do do do do .....	12	50
		Mrs. Robertson, Utica congregation, for Miss Dales' School, per		
		Rev. D. W. Collins,.....	8	00

Feb. 12,	Barnet Centre congregation, Vt., per Rev. Thomas Goodwillie,.....	21 00
" 13,	Mr. Thompson of Bovina, N. Y., per John Reid,.....	3 00
	Lake Presbytery, Pa., per Rev. H. H. Thompson,.....	148 35
" 15,	Foreign Missions, per Thos. Johnston, Esq.,.....	10 00
	Oswego congregation, Indiana, per Rev. John Anderson,.....	10 00
	Female Missionary Society, Allegheny church, Pa., for the support of a native missionary, per Rev. J. T. Pressly, D. D.,.....	85 00
" 18,	Mrs. L. M. Hall of Waterbury, Conn., for purchase of Bibles and distribution by order of Board, for Cairo Mission, per Rev. J. B. Dales, D. D.,.....	30 00
	Rush Creek congregation, Ohio, per Rev. J. P. Lytle,.....	2 40
	Lebanon do do do .....	17 42
	Fairview do do do .....	12 00
	Alex. Duffy, Fairview, do do .....	1 00
	Bloomfield congregation, do do .....	7 18
" 19,	East Greenwich congregation, N. Y., per Rev. J. B. Dunn,.....	10 00
	Mrs. M. Dunlap, Mechanicsburgh, Pa., Syrian Sufferers, per Rev. Dr. Dales,.....	5 00
	W. F. Gibson, Ryegate, Vt., per Dr. Dales,.....	2 00
" 20,	Caledonia Presbytery, N. Y., per Rev. W. S. McLaren,.....	54 73
	Bovina congregation, N. Y., per Rev. R. D. Williamson, .....	82 95
	Lausville do do do do .....	1 67
	Portland Mills do Indiana, do do .....	6 30
	A friend, for India Mission, do do .....	20 00
" 21,	Mrs. S. A. Mitchell, Meredith, N. Y., Syrian Sufferers, per Rev. Dr. Dales,.....	5 00
	From a friend of Missions,.....	5 00
" 28,	Foreign Missions, per James M'Candless, Esq., .....	448 58
Mar. 1,	Fruro congregation, Ohio, per W. W. Johnson, .....	20 00
	Society of Prayer of Caesar's Creek, Ohio, per Rev. S. Wilson,.....	5 00
	Conference Class, do do do .....	5 00
	Foreign Mission, per Thos. Johnston,.....	41 05
" 2,	Bloomington Presbytery, per T. H. M'Culloch,.....	25 00
" 6,	Stone Valley congregation, Pa., per Thomas Carlisle,.....	52 10
	do do do Sabbath School, for India Mission, per Thomas Carlisle,.....	21 15
	Guinston congregation, Pa., per Thomas Carlisle,.....	14 00
	Hopewell do do do .....	8 25
	Tuscarora do do do .....	9 19
	Chanceford do do do .....	12 16
	Mercersburg, do do do .....	2 50
	A. M. Johnston,..... do .....	2 50
	William Patterson, .....	25 00
" 7,	Sabbath School of United Presbyterian church, Jane street, N. Y., for Alexandria Mission,.....	32 50
" 9,	Presbytery of Chartiers, Pa., per Rev. Thomas Hanna, D. D.,.....	27 15
" 11,	Kortright Benevolent Association, N. Y., per E. T. M'Laurey,.....	2 18
" 12,	Wm. Boak, Esq., Halifax, N. S., Girls' School, Alexandria Mission, per Dr. Dales,.....	4 00
	Foreign Missions, per J. M'Candless, Esq.,.....	500 00
	Chillicothe Presbytery, Ohio, per Rev. D. Macdill,.....	10 00
" 14,	3d United Presbyterian church, Pittsburgh, Pa., (China Mission.) per C. Arbuthnot, .....	350 00
" 15,	Female Mite Society, West Hebron, Syria Mission, per Rev. H. Gordon,.....	24 00
" 15,	Foreign Missions, Illinois, per Thos. Johnston,.....	20 00
	Dacota congregation, Illinois, per A. Beveridge,.....	14 00
	From Andrew Beveridge, do .....	10 00
	William Gatamy, Freeport, Ill., do .....	5 00
" 22,	2d U. P. congregation, Xenia, O., per John Fleming, Esq., .....	11 40
	Berea congregation, Kansas, do .....	3 00
	Franklin do do do .....	7 00
	Darby do Ohio, do .....	5 00
	Sugar Run do do do .....	13 08
" 23,	Sabbath School of United Presbyterian Church, Galt, Canada West, for Building Fund, per Rev. Robert Acheson,.....	9 00
	Andover congregation, Iowa, per Rev. Jonathan Stewart,.....	17 70

March 25,	Carmel and Bethel congregation, Indiana, per William Patterson, ..	22 25
	Greyfriars do do do	3 75
	Foreign Missions, per James M'Candless, Esq., .....	500 00
" 27,	Decatur congregation, Ohio, per John Fleming, Esq, .....	20 00
	Home and Foreign Missionary Association of the United Presby- terian Theological Seminary of Allegheny, Pa., for China Mission, per W. J. Reid, Esq., .....	41 18
April 2,	Foreign Missions, per J. M'Candless, Esq., .....	500 00
" 4,	Presbytery of Michigan, per Rev. J. N. Buchanan, .....	7 00
" 8,	New Zion congregation, Indiana, per Rev. S. Collins, .....	70 83
" 9,	Foreign Missions, per J. M'Candless, Esq., .....	719 01
" 10,	do do Thos. Johnston, Esq., .....	52 50
" 11,	do do do	27 50
" 12,	East Greenwich congregation, N. Y., per Rev. J. Thompson, .....	12 00
	Cambridge U. P. cong., N. Y., per James Thompson, Esq, .....	33 26
	Lisbon congregation, N. Y., per Rev. H. Gordon, .....	45 00
	South Argyle congregation, N. Y., do	12 50
	Hebron, Porter co., Indiana, to be put into the hands of Rev. J. Barnett, for his disposal by order of donors, per Rev. J. Bu- chanan, .....	10 00
" 20,	Oxford congregation, Ohio, per Rev. W. S. M'Surely, .....	17 00
" 22,	1st Presbytery of Ohio, per Rev. J. Y. Scouller, .....	277 60
" 23,	D. W. Kyle, per John Fleming, Esq., .....	14 00
	2d Church, Xenia, Ohio, per John Fleming, Esq., .....	25 00
	do do do do do for Building Fund,	13 00
	Ladies Miss'ary Soc'ty, 1st Church, Xenia, per John Fleming, Esq.,	16 50
" 25,	Gettysburgh congregation, Pa., per Thos. Carlisle, .....	12 00
	Guinston do do do	30 85
	Hopewell do do do	6 50
	Stone Valley do do do	16 50
	do Sabbath School, India Mission, per Thos. Carlisle, ...	5 13
	Tuscarora congregation, Pa., do	11 10
	Union do Illinois, per A. M. Allen, .....	23 00
	Chester do do do	9 00
	Sparta do do do	3 65
	Unity do do do	18 00
" 26,	Fairview do Ohio, per Rev. J. P. Lytle, .....	5 85
	Rush Creek and Thornville cong., Ohio, per Rev. J. P. Lytle, .....	1 50
	Salt Creek congregation, do do	7 50
	Bloomfield do do do	30 15
	Presbytery of Chartiers, per Rev. Thos. Hanna, D. D., .....	100 00
	1st Presbytery of Ohio, per Rev. J. Y. Scouller, .....	40 00
" 29,	Foreign Missions, per Thomas Johnston, Esq., .....	93 78
" 30,	Fourth Associate Reformed Church, New York, Sabbath School, per Mr. Slater, .....	42 06
	Argyle congregation, N. Y., per Rev. J. B. Scouller, .....	63 00
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		\$21,274 68
	Balance from old account,	810 42
	New York, April 30th, 1861.	T. B. Rich, Treasurer.

## REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION.

1860.	Thomas Johnston, Treasurer, to Board of Education.	DR.
April 9.	To Balance on hands, .....	71
14.	To Cash from Hebron, Ind., .....	5 00
18.	" Columbus City, Iowa, .....	4 75
	" Ross Grove, Ills., .....	1 15
21.	" South Argyle, N. Y., .....	12 00
24.	" North Henderson, Ills., .....	9 00
25.	" A lady at Wellsville, O., .....	1 00
27.	" South Henderson, Ills., .....	2 00
May 1.	" Charles Reynolds, Ills., .....	1 00
3.	" Greensburg, Ind., .....	7 65
11.	" Morning Sun, O., .....	8 25
24.	" North Field, O., .....	2 00
June 9.	" Wheatland, Minn., .....	2 00
18.	" Cherry Fork, O., .....	7 00
26.	" Third Church, Allegheny, Pa., .....	20 00
July 27.	" J. M'Candless, pro tem., .....	454 69



July	4.	To Cash from Fountain Green, Ills.,	1 00
	4.	" Bloomington Presbytery, Ills.,	6 00
	13.	" Henderson, Ills.,	15 40
	13.	" Green Field, O.,	3 30
	17.	" Monmouth, Ills.,	27 35
	17.	" Fair Haven, O.,	5 00
	18.	" Clayton, Ills.,	2 50
	18.	" F. M. S., St. Louis, Mo.,	11 00
	18.	" Young America, Ills.,	1 25
Aug.	6.	" First Church, Washington, Iowa,	30 00
	6.	" Birmingham, Iowa,	3 00
	8.	" J. M. Candless, Pa.,	12 00
	15.	" Mrs. Martha Nelson, O.,	4 00
	30.	" Allegheny Presbytery, Pa.,	54 50
Sept.	3.	" Lebanon, Pa.,	4 00
	3.	" Yellow Creek, Pa.,	3 00
	3.	" Barlow, Pa.,	4 00
	3.	" Frankfort Presbytery, Pa.,	5 00
	3.	" Mifflin, Pa.,	5 00
	17.	" Crawfordsville, Ia.,	15 00
	18.	" Clayton, Ills.,	3 00
	25.	" Mercersburg, Pa.,	10 00
	25.	" M'Connellsburgh, Pa.,	5 00
	25.	" Stone Valley, Pa.,	6 58
October	4.	" Elveston, Ills.,	2 00
	12.	" Elmira, Ills.,	5 00
	26.	" Second Church, Philadelphia, Pa.,	21 89
	26.	" Third " " "	9 44
	26.	" Sixth " " "	5 00
	26.	" Eighth " " "	6 17
	27.	" Twin Grove, Ills.,	1 75
	27.	" Oxford, Ills.,	1 75
Novem.	2.	" Jefferson, Ills.,	5 00
	2.	" Davenport, Iowa,	2 00
	2.	" Westmoreland Presbytery, Pa.,	15 03
	2.	" Steubenville, O.,	17 83
	2.	" Conemaugh, Pa.,	5 00
	2.	" Wheeling, Va.,	83
	2.	" Allegheny, Pa.,	70 61
	2.	" Salem, Ind.,	3 00
	17.	" La Motte, Iowa,	1 05
	26.	" New Concord, O.,	16 00
	26.	" J. C. M'Connell, Iowa,	1 60
Decem.	3.	" Smith Creek, Ills.,	2 00
	7.	" Homestead, Ills.,	2 00
	10.	" Caledonia, N. Y.,	14 34
	25.	" Michigan Presbytery, Mich.,	9 00
1861.			
January	4.	" Big Spring, Pa.,	11 00
	4.	" Mercer Presbytery, Pa.,	19 03
	4.	" Westmoreland Presbytery, Pa.,	4 00
	4.	" Pope Creek, Ills.,	8 00
	7.	" Bloomington Presbytery, Ills.,	11 75
	16.	" Columbus City, Iowa,	3 83
	16.	" North Henderson, Ills.,	85
	19.	" Oskaloosa, Iowa,	8 40
Febru'y	7.	" Monongahela Presbytery, Pa.,	10 00
	11.	" Buffalo, Pa.,	9 25
	11.	" Mt. Hope, Pa.,	6 70
	20.	" F. M. S., St. Louis, Mo.,	3 00
	22.	" Smith Creek, Ills.,	2 00
	25.	" West Delhi, N. Y.,	3 71
	25.	" Lausville, N. Y.,	4 14
	25.	" Bovina, N. Y.,	26 50
March	1.	" Albany, N. Y.,	10 60
	1.	" Troy, N. Y.,	20 39
	2.	" Ross Grove, Ills.,	1 85
	8.	" South Argyle, N. Y.,	12 72
	30.	" St. Louis, Mo.,	23 50
April	3.	" North Henderson, Ills.,	4 75
	3.	" Children of Chicago Church, Ills.,	23

April 6.	To Cash from Mercer Presbytery, Pa.....	9 50
6.	“ Butler Presbytery, Pa.....	18 00
12.	“ Stone Valley, Pa.....	7 44
12.	“ Mercers-burg, Pa.....	5 25
12.	“ J. M. Weede, Ills.....	2 00
17.	“ Rev. R. W. French, Ills.....	5 00
18.	“ Miss Margaret Young, Ills.....	2 00
23.	“ First Presbytery of Ohio.....	62 75
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May 1.	Overdrawn on the Treasurer,	327 91
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		\$1637 85

Monmouth, Ills, May 1, 1861.

The above over draft of three hundred and twenty-seven dollars and ninety-one cents has been more than made good since the meeting of the General Assembly.  
The vouchers accompany this report.

1860.	<i>Thomas Johnston, Treasurer, with Board of Education.</i>	<i>CR.</i>
May 5.	By Cash paid order No. 1.....	15 00
July 5.	“ “ 2.....	5 00
5.	“ “ 3.....	5 00
13.	“ “ 4.....	45 00
23.	“ “ 5.....	25 00
June 18.	“ “ 6.....	50 00
July 4.	“ “ 7.....	25 00
August 3.	“ “ 8.....	40 00
6.	“ “ 9.....	80 00
Septem. 1.	“ “ 10.....	25 00
1.	“ “ 11.....	20 00
11.	“ “ 12.....	5 00
22.	“ “ 13.....	33 33
22.	“ “ 14.....	33 33
24.	“ “ 15.....	33 33
27.	“ “ 16.....	33 33
27.	“ “ 17.....	25 00
27.	“ “ 18.....	33 33
Octob. 16.	“ “ 19.....	13 33
Nov. 7.	“ “ 20.....	30 00
7.	“ “ 21.....	33 33
23.	“ “ 22.....	25 00
23.	“ “ 23.....	33 33
28.	“ “ 24.....	25 00
28.	“ “ 25.....	25 00
28.	“ “ 26.....	20 00
28.	“ “ 27.....	13 33
28.	“ “ 28.....	33 33
Dec. 1.	“ “ 29.....	33 33
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1.	“ “ 32.....	33 33
1861.		
January 9.	“ “ 33.....	25 00
23.	“ “ 34.....	33 33
Febu’y 7.	“ “ 35.....	30 00
12.	“ “ 36.....	10 00
18.	“ “ 37.....	30 00
20.	“ “ 38.....	25 00
March 6.	“ “ 39.....	33 33
15.	“ “ 40.....	33 33
15.	“ “ 41.....	33 34
15.	“ “ 42.....	13 33
15.	“ “ 43.....	31 00
15.	“ “ 44.....	33 33
15.	“ “ 45.....	50 00
15.	“ “ 46.....	33 33
15.	“ “ 47.....	66 67
15.	“ “ 48.....	70 00
15.	“ “ 49.....	25 00

15.	By Cash paid order No. 50,.....	33 33
15.	“ “ “ 51,.....	25 25
15.	“ “ “ 52,.....	33 33
16.	“ “ “ 53,.....	10 00
19.	“ “ “ 54,.....	10 00
19.	“ “ “ 55,.....	33 33

\$1637 85

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Monmouth, May 1, 1861.

THOMAS JOHNSTON, Treasurer.

## REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

1860.	<i>James M. Candless, Treasurer, in account with General Assembly.</i>	DR.
	By Balance in Treas. as per last report,.....	\$260 88
May 30,	By Cash, Octorara Congregation.....	2 50
	“ Third U. P. C., Philada., per Dr. Cooper.....	8 80
	“ First Church, Washington, Iowa, per W. H. Wilson.....	5 00
	“ Oxford Congregation, per Rev. J. K. Andrew.....	4 00
June 9,	“ Bloomfield “ J. P. Lytle.....	2 00
19,	“ Cherry Fork “ Rev. D. Macdill.....	3 00
20,	“ Allegheny Presbytery, per Rev. D. G. Bradford.....	10 00
27,	“ Hanover Congregation, per R. Harsha, Treas.....	1 00
	“ Turtle Creek do Rev. S. Jamison.....	10 00
	“ Laurel Hill do do.....	1 00
	“ Mount Pleasant do do.....	2 00
July 12,	“ Mercer Presbytery, per Rev. R. A. Brown.....	8 00
17,	“ Missionary Society, St. Louis U. P. C., per C. A. Hies.....	3 00
Aug. 10,	“ Granville, Ill., per G. D. Henderson.....	2 00
21,	“ Mifflin Congregation, per Rev. J. D. Glenn.....	2 00
Sept. 17,	“ Jefferson do do.....	2 00
24,	“ Michigan do Rev. J. H. Buchanan.....	2 00
28,	“ New Lisbon, O., do Rev. J. P. Lytle.....	1 70
	“ Washington, do do.....	2 00
	“ Steubenville Presbytery, per Rev. J. K. Andrew.....	8 00
29,	“ South Henderson, Ill., per J. A. P. M-Gaw.....	5 00
1861.		
Feb. 8,	“ North Buffalo Congregation, per Thos. Hanna, Treas.....	4 00
16,	“ Delaware, N. Y., Presbytery, per Rev. J. B. Lee.....	1 76
Mar. 27,	“ Big Spring Presbytery, per Thos. Carlisle.....	4 62
Ap'l. 3,	“ Synod of Illinois, per Thos. Johnston, 7 65—deducted by Mr. Johnston for discount and stamp, 50.....	7 15
6,	“ Caledonia Congregation, per Rev. S. Collins.....	3 00
8,	“ Mercer Presbytery, per Rev. E. Small.....	5 62
20,	“ Westmoreland Presbytery, per S. Jamison.....	12 18
24,	“ First Presbytery, Ohio, per J. Y. Scouller.....	5 00
26,	“ Wheeling Presbytery, per Rev. J. T. McClure.....	17 55
30,	“ Steubenville do Rev. J. K. Andrew.....	3 00
		\$509 74
1860.		CR.
May 30,	To Cash, Dr. Prestley's order.....	\$ 25 00
	“ do do.....	15 00
	“ Wm. S. Young, bill.....	70 00
	“ Paying above in Philada. discount.....	1 05
June 5,	“ James Pre-tley, salary as Clerk.....	65 00
July 9,	“ W. G. Johnston for book for Treasurer.....	2 00
Sept. 17,	“ Paid Rev. R. D. Harper's order of Sept. 5th, by Rev. Jas. Prestley, Clerk.....	60 00
Dec. 26,	“ Paid back to Rev. J. C. Boyd amount handed in and credited to General Assembly fund, April 24th, 1860,—should be delegate fund.....	10 00
1861.		
Jan. 15,	“ Order of Rev. J. Prestley in favor of Rev. J. B. Dales.....	30 00
24,	“ Warrant No. 1 in favor W. S. Haven.....	8 12
26,	“ Order do Dr. Rodgers.....	50 00
Ap'l 30,	To Balance.....	163 57
		\$509 74

## REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF CHURCH EXTENSION.

1860.		<i>James M<sup>c</sup>Candless, Treasurer, in account with Church Extension.</i>	DR.
		By Balance in Treasury, as per last report.....	\$390 75
		This amount received after receipt was submitted.....	26 00
June 12,		By Cash, Mission Church, Cin., per G. D. Archibald.....	8 50
13,		“ New Lisbon, per Rev. Herron.....	7 26
14,		“ 5th U. P. Church, Philadelphia, per Dr. Gracey.....	4 69
		“ Balance of Chicago fund in hands of Dr. Gracey.....	1 87
27,		“ Turtle Creek Congregation, per Rev. S. Jamison.....	15 68
		“ Mount Pleasant do do.....	2 00
July 6,		“ Northfield, Ohio, do Rev. J. W. Logue.....	5 00
12,		“ Troy, N. Y., do Rev. P. Bullions.....	21 00
17,		“ Missionary Society, St. Louis, per C. A. Hiles.....	3 00
27,		“ Fairfield, Ill., Congregation, per E. S. Bell, Treas....	2 50
Aug. 3,		“ North Buffalo do Rev. J. B. Clark.....	22 34
		“ 1st Church, Washington, Iowa, per S. F. Vanatta, Treas...	10 00
4,		“ Synod of Illinois, per Thos. Johnston, Treas.....	13 50
8,		“ Frankfort Presbytery, per Robert Harsha, Treas.....	10 00
21,		“ Mifflin Congregation, per J. D. Glenn.....	4 00
22,		“ North Buffalo do Rev. Clark.....	2 66
25,		“ W. S. Dyer refunded.....	3 00
Sept. 15,		“ W. S. Patterson, Patterson's Mills, Pa.....	5 00
24,		“ Michigan Presbytery, per J. N. Buchanan.....	4 00
25,		“ Laurel Hill Congregation, per A. G. Wallace.....	5 00
27,		“ Davenport do J. G. Stewart.....	2 00
28,		“ Thos. Johnston, Treasurer, Monmouth, Ill.....	5 45
		“ Westmoreland Presbytery, per Rev. S. Jamison.....	12 00
		“ Mt. Hope Congregation, per Rev. J. T. Brownlee.....	7 50
		“ Steubenville Presbytery, per Rev. J. K. Andrews.....	15 00
		“ Butler do Rev. J. N. Dick.....	2 62
		“ Conemaugh do J. C. Greer.....	7 50
Oct. 1,		“ Wheeling do Rev. J. T. M <sup>c</sup> Clare.....	1 20
4,		“ Bloomington do Rev. J. H. M <sup>c</sup> Colloch.....	3 00
5,		“ Allegheny do Rev. D. G. Bradford.....	11 97
Nov. 10,		“ Mercer Presbytery, E. Small, per R. W. Brown.....	7 37
16,		“ Hanover Congregation, per Rev. Haggerty, special contri- bution for Rev. J. N. Smith, Kansas.....	15 00
Dec. 4,		“ Westmoreland Presbytery, per Rev. S. Jamison.....	16 00
8,		“ Caledonia, N. Y., do Rev. W. S. M <sup>c</sup> Laren.....	12 61
18,		“ Butler do Rev. J. N. Dick.....	8 25
		“ Michigan Presb'y, Ill., per J. N. Buchanan, 6.00, less 10 pr. c.	5 40
28,		“ Chester Congregation, per Rev. W. A. Pollock.....	2 00
29,		“ Mercer Presbytery, per Rev. E. Small, Treas.....	21 08
		“ Synod of Illinois, per Thos. Johnston.....	16 50
1861.			
Jan. 7,		“ Sago Presbytery, per Rev. J. P. Lytle.....	7 00
10,		“ Westmoreland Presbytery, per Rev. S. Jamison.....	22 00
12,		“ Steubenville Presbytery, per Rev. J. K. Andrews.....	7 25
15,		“ A member of Turtle Creek Congregation, Pa.....	15 00
25,		“ Allegheny Presbytery, per Rev. D. G. Bradford.....	74 88
Feb. 11,		“ Mercer Presbytery, per Rev. E. Small.....	2 50
15,		“ Barnet Centre, per Rev. Goodwillie.....	5 00
		“ Greensboro', do.....	6 00
16,		“ Delaware, N. Y., Presbytery, per Rev. J. B. Lee.....	26 42
20,		“ Missionary Society, St. Louis, per C. A. Hiles.....	5 00
Mar. 8,		“ Chartiers Cross Roads, per Rev. T. Hanna.....	11 60
14,		“ Unity Congregation, per Rev. J. Kelso.....	6 00
19,		“ Bloomington Presbytery, per J. H. M <sup>c</sup> Colloch.....	3 80
		“ From Rev. J. R. Sientz, special donation for Garnet Con- gregation, Kansas.....	305 00
		“ Big Spring Presbytery, per Thos. Carlisle.....	19 24
27,		“ Synod of Illinois per Thos. Johnston, 11.75, deducted for exchange and postage by Mr. J., 75 cts.....	11 00
Ap'l. 3,		“ Butler Presbytery, Harmony church, per J. H. Hill.....	7 00
5,		“ Mercer do per Rev. E. Small.....	92
8,		“ Westmoreland Presbytery, per Rev. Jamison.....	1 50
23,		“ do do do.....	2 64

25,	By Cash, James Reynolds, .....	50
"	" Washington Congregation, Ohio, per Johnston, .....	5 00
"	" Salt Creek do do do Corwin, .....	3 00
"	" Richland do do do R. S. Collins, .....	15 68
26,	" Wheeling Presbytery, do Rev. J. T. McClure, ..	9 79
30,	" Steubenville do do do J. K. Andrews, ..	7 25
		\$1,321 19
April 30, By Balance, .....		141 19
1860.		CR.
July 19,	To cash paid Dr. Pressly on order of Wm. Dyer, Sect., .....	\$150 00
Nov. 21,	" Wm. Dyer, Sect., on order of Dr. Pressly, .....	100 00
Dec. 13,	" " " " .....	300 00
1861.		
Jan. 31,	" " " " .....	200 00
Feb. 28,	" " " " .....	125 00
Mar. 19,	" Remitted to Jared Graham, being same as received from Rev. J. R. Slentz, for Garnet Congregation, Kansas, ..	305 00
		\$1180 00
		141 19
		\$1321 19

REPORT OF TREASURER OF BOARD OF PUBLICATION.

1860. <i>James M. Candler, Treasurer, in account with Board of Publication.</i>		DR.
May 14,	By Balance on hand, .....	\$623 50
29,	By Cash, amounts acknowledged in minutes of General Assembly, .....	570 13
June 9,	" Cherry Fork congregation, per D. Macdill, .....	9 00
"	" Bloomfield, per Rev. J. P. Lytle, .....	5 00
14,	" From a friend, per Dr. Rodgers, .....	1000 00
19,	" Lebanon congregation, per W. Ross, by J. P. Lytle, .....	6 00
20,	" Allegheny Presbytery, per Rev. D. G. Bradford, .....	50 00
27,	" Turtle Creek, per Rev. S. Jamison, .....	9 24
30,	" Killgore, Ohio, per Joseph L. Scott, .....	3 00
July 10,	" Beaver Dam do Rev. Aten, .....	2 00
10,	" Blairsville, per Rev. Conner, .....	4 76
12,	" Mercer Presbytery, per Rev. Brown, .....	7 02
17,	" Missionary Society, St. Louis, per C. A. Hiles, .....	3 00
23,	" Fairfield, Illinois, per E. S. Bell, .....	2 50
27,	" South Buffalo, per Rev. J. B. Clark, .....	6 50
Aug. 3,	" 1st Church, Washington, Iowa, per E. S. Vanatta, .....	15 00
3,	" Synod of Illinois, per Thos. Johnston, .....	11 40
6,	" Legacy of Miss Mary Lindsay, deceased, per Harrison, ..	33 11
8,	" Frankfort Presbytery, per R. Harsha, .....	18 00
15,	" Cumberland, Ohio congregation, .....	4 00
15,	" David Reed, Esq., of Ohio congregation, .....	50
Sept. 5,	" A. Stewart, Esq., donation, .....	1000 00
24,	" Michigan Presbytery, per J. N. Buchanan, .....	4 00
26,	" Fairfield congregation, per Dr. Scroggs, .....	6 30
28,	" Of Thos. Johnston, Treas., Monmouth, Ill., .....	12 45
"	" Rev. J. Jamison Treas., Westmoreland Presbytery, .....	23 20
"	" South Buffalo, per Rev. Carson, .....	1 50
"	" New Salem, Ohio, per Rev. J. P. Lytle, .....	6 00
"	" Washington do do do .....	5 00
"	" Fairview do Samuel Borden, .....	3 64
"	" Mount Hope do per Rev. J. T. Brownlee, ..	6 00
"	" Steubenville Presbytery, per Rev. J. K. Andrews, .....	41 50
"	" Conemaugh do do do S. C. Grier, .....	2 50
Oct. 1,	" Wheeling do do do J. T. McClure, .....	87
2,	" Allegheny do do do D. G. Bradford, .....	19 00
10,	" A. M. Stewart, per Dr. Rodgers, .....	2 00
"	" J. M. Stewart, do .....	2 00
"	" Eliza M. Quilkin, do .....	2 00
"	" L. H. Hamilton, do .....	2 00
"	" Maria Work, do .....	2 00

Oct. 10,	By Cash Maria Mabiu, do .....	2 09
16,	“ Wellsville, Ohio, per A. Smith. ....	15 00
“	“ Bequest of Anna Andrews, Wellsville, Ohio, for circulation of Scriptures, .....	10 00
Nov. 3,	“ Big Spring congregation, per T. M. Candelick, .....	15 00
Dec. 3,	“ Ohio Presbytery, per James Stuart, .....	7 28
4,	“ Westmoreland Presbytery, per Rev. Jamison, .....	5 00
8,	“ Caledonia do do McLaren, .....	10 83
22,	“ Chillicothe do do Macdill, .....	10 00
27,	“ Michigan, note, \$5.00, less 10 per cent. per Rev. Buchanan, .....	4 50
29,	“ Mercer Presbytery, per Rev. E. Small, .....	2 88
“	“ Synod of Illinois, per Rev. Thomas Johnston, .....	17 70
1861.		
Jan. 9,	“ Wm. Alexander, Esq., New Concord, Ohio, .....	5 00
“	“ Wheeling Presbytery, per Rev. J. T. McClure, .....	13 00
14,	“ Troy, N. Y., per Rev. P. Bullions, agent of Albany Presbytery, .....	14 52
14,	“ Albany congregation, per Rev. P. Bullions, .....	13 00
15,	“ A member of Turtle Creek congregation, .....	10 00
15,	“ Butler Presbytery, per Rev. J. N. Dick, .....	25 10
22,	“ Carmel and Bethel, Ind., per Rev. Patterson, .....	7 00
25,	“ Allegheny Presbytery, per Rev. D. G. Bradford, .....	23 05
26,	“ From a friend, per Dr. Rodgers, .....	5 00
28,	“ West Union congregation, per Rev. J. C. Greer, .....	5 00
Feb. 7,	“ U. P. congregation, Boston, per Rev. Alex. Blaikie, .....	5 00
“	“ Mrs. Thompson, Indiana Co., Pa., .....	2 00
11,	“ Mercer Presbytery, per Rev. E. Small, .....	7 50
16,	“ Delaware, N. Y., Presbytery, per Rev. J. B. Lee, .....	10 17
20,	“ Missionary Society, St. Louis, per C. A. Hiles, .....	3 00
23,	“ Friends in Cazenovia, N. Y., per J. B. Dales, .....	1 00
March 6,	“ South Argyle, per Rev. H. Gordon, .....	12 40
16,	“ West Hebron, do do .....	12 25
19,	“ Bloomington Presbytery, per T. H. McCulloch, .....	8 40
27,	“ Big Spring do do Thos. Carlisle, .....	13 94
April 3,	“ Synod of Illinois, per Thos. Johnston, .....	29 22 } 27 35
“	“ Mr. J. deducted for discount and postage, .....	1 87 }
8,	“ Butler Presbytery, Harmony Church, per J. F. Hill, .....	7 00
20,	“ Mercer Presbytery, per E. Small, .....	11 48
23,	“ Westmoreland do S. Jamison, .....	28 00
24,	“ do do 6.00, disc. 15 c, per S. Jamison, .....	5 85
“	“ 1st Presbytery of Ohio, per J. Y. Scouller, .....	50 50
25,	“ Salt Creek Congregation, do .....	4 00
“	“ James Reynolds, .....	50
26,	“ Wheeling Presbytery, per J. T. McClure, .....	30 89
30,	“ Steubenville Presbytery, per J. K. Andrews, .....	20 00
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		\$4007 71
April 30,	“ Sundry amounts for sale of books from May 23d, 1860, to date, .....	5825 56
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		\$9833 27
April 30,	By Balance, .....	191 49
1860.		CR.
May 21,	To cash Warrant, draft Cin., Ohio, .....	73 08
30,	do Stuart & Brother, duties, warrant 48, .....	35 80
do	do American S. S. Union, “ “ .....	42 42
do	do James R. Smith & Co., “ “ .....	22 29
do	do W. W. Harding, “ “ .....	28 06
do	do Miller & Burlock, “ “ .....	82 25
do	do American Tract Society, “ “ .....	81 81
do	do Presby'n Board of Publi'n, “ “ .....	124 26
do	do Smith, English & Co., “ “ .....	52 76
do	do J. B. Lippincott & Co., “ “ .....	39 02
do	do Discount on the above paid in Philadelphia, .....	5 08
June 25,	do European Exchange paid Stuart & Bro. ....	1439 46
29,	do J. P. Engles, Pres. Board of Publication .....	239 57
July 9,	do As per warrants handed in by Dr. Rodgers, .....	337 49
do	do W. G. Johnston & Co., for Treasurer's Book, .....	2 00

	To cash warrant	58, Kerr M L. & F.,	48 05
July 10,	do	59, A. H. Rowandy,	25 00
23,	do	62, 63, 64 and 65,	362 61
	do	61,	175 64
27,	do	66,	90 00
Aug. 15,	do	67, 68, 69, 70,	80 83
20,	do	71,	147 44
22,	do	74,	4 37
23,	do	73,	5 70
Sept. 18,	do	77,	28 56
24,	do	72, 73, 76,	678 18
29,	do	78, 79, 80, 81, 82,	641 30
Oct. 10,	do	85,	30 00
13,	do	86,	29 18
22,	do	83, 84, 87,	208 61
	do	89,	47 44
24,	do	88,	253 65
25,	do	90,	82 19
29,	do	92, 93,	158 89
Nov. 6,	do	95,	300 00
12,	do	94,	192 00
14,	do	91,	13 50
21,	do	97,	14 00
26,	do	110, Stuart & Bro.,	90 24
27,	do	96,	25 00
Dec. 3,	do		458 58
3,	do	Dr. R.,	67 40
10,	do	111,	27 00
19,	do	109,	111 62
19,	do	112, 113,	93 56
20,	do	111,	29 11
29,	do	114, 115, 116, 117, 118, Phila.,	173 81
31,	do	120, above exchange,	3 00
31,	do	121,	22 05
1861.			
Jan. 5,	do	119,	30 00
28,	do	126, 127,	81 50
29,	do	95, bal. Dr. R's. salary,	182 60
Feb. 1,	do		52 51
1,	do		39 11
6,	do	122, draft 6525, 164,	66 89
8,	do	125,	70 00
27,	do	132,	67 25
27,	do	129, 130,	15 33
Mar. 5,	do	131,	150 61
27,	do	134,	30 00
27,	do	133,	21 25
	do	135,	13 99
	do	136,	35 64
	do	137,	11 25
	do	138,	79 75
	do	139,	133 57
April 1,	do	144,	6 76
2,	do	140,	12 60
4,	do	140, 141,	504 74
	do	145,	137 88
10,	do	143,	100 00
11,	do	146,	30 00
	do	147,	15 00
29,	do	148,	13 42
30,	do	149,	73 00
	do	150,	111 60
	do	142,	160 00
	do	151,	141 92
April 30,	To Balance,		191 49

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 \$9,833 27

## CORRESPONDENCE.

## LETTER FROM THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND.

*The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland to the Synod of the United Presbyterian Church in North America:—*

We, the Ministers and Ruling Elders of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland, present fraternal regards.

It affords us heartfelt gratification to learn that a union has been happily consummated between the Associate and the Associate Reformed Churches of North America, forming the Synod of the United Presbyterian Church of North America. We rejoice all the more in this auspicious event, as we ourselves have experienced the happiness of union between the General Synod of Ulster and the Presbyterian Synod of Ireland, distinguished by the name of Seceders. It is now twenty years since the union was formed, and during that period the ties of brotherly love have been strengthened, the missionary spirit promoted, liberality towards religion and benevolent objects increased, new congregations established, and multitudes added to the Church of such as shall be saved.

We have heard with unmingled satisfaction, that the work of the Lord prospers in your hands, and that pleasing evidence is given of the presence and power of the Holy Spirit reviving his work, and making his word and ordinances more effectual among you.

You will have heard, we doubt not with pleasure, that similar blessings have descended in our land, and that God has vouchsafed special spiritual prosperity to our Church. Attendance on the public ordinances of religion has been greatly increased; the preaching of the word has never before, in our day, been attended with such power, nor been waited upon by such earnest and thirsting multitudes; the worship of God, in families, is much more generally observed than formerly; prayer meetings have been greatly multiplied; more attention is being paid to the religious instruction of the young, and at no former period have Sabbath schools been in a more prosperous and efficient condition; the circulation of the Scriptures has been multiplied fourfold, and the praises of God are sung, in the inspired compositions of the Royal Psalmist, with a spirit and understanding before unknown. It is gratifying to be able to state that those who were awakened during the "revival" have, with few exceptions, continued steadfast in their Christian profession, adorning the doctrine of God their Saviour; whilst the spirit of Christian liberality has been universally developed among the young and the humbler classes of society, so that the contributions to the "Missions" of our Church have exceeded those of the previous year by nearly four thousand pounds.

It may indeed be safely asserted, that never since its establishment in Ireland has the Presbyterian Church occupied a more prominent position, and never before have such bright prospects of future usefulness been opened before it. At the union of the two Synods in 1840, we had 430 congregations, we have now nearly 530. The people of Ireland during the intervening period have decreased, but our congregations have increased by almost one hundred. God has been pleased specially to bless our efforts for the evangelization of our native land. Without detailing the success of our Home Missions in other parts of the Island, we point with pleasure to its progress in Connaught, the darkest province of our land, and where for many ages Romanism held undivided sway. "In 1840, we had six churches in Connaught, now nineteen;—then no mission station, now forty-three;—then two churches paying stipend, now all;—then no Sabbath school, now twenty-six;—then thirty-five pounds a year for our Missions, now one hundred and fifty-six;—while in a few years we have built them eleven churches and ten manseas, our aim being to have a church, manse and school-house in every chief town."

Next to the advancement of religion at home, we deem it our duty to see to the spiritual welfare of our fellow worshippers and members, who have gone to the "colonies" of our Empire. We have been enabled to send forth five ministers to this field of labour, and to assist many weak congregations with pecuniary aid.

Our Foreign Mission in India has been greatly extended. New stations have been opened, and new labourers have entered on the whitened harvest.

Our Missionaries to the Jews at Bonn and Hamburgh continue to labour with a blessing on their work. The dreadful scenes enacted at Damascus must already be well known to you—our missionaries laboured in that city for a lengthened period with brethren sent out by the American churches—our mission premises have been destroyed by the infuriated people—a beloved brother, the Rev. William Graham, murdered in the streets, and one only of our missionaries is now left in that ancient city;—truly "clouds and darkness are round about" the dispensations of the Almighty; but we rest assured, that "righteousness and judgment are the habitation of his throne."



At our Assembly in 1859, which met at the metropolis of our kingdom, we had the satisfaction of welcoming among us your esteemed deputies, the Rev. John S. Easton and the Rev. James McGill; and at our meeting in July last, we were favoured with the presence of the Rev. David R. Kerr, D.D. We gratefully acknowledge and cordially reciprocate the kind feelings these brethren expressed in your name. We remember, with thankfulness to God, the faithful testimony your Church has uniformly borne to the distinguishing principles of Presbyterianism; its freedom from the contamination of slavery; and its fellowship with our Church in the duties and enjoyments of Christian union. We rejoice in the prosperity with which it has pleased God to visit you; and we pray, that your labours may yet be more abundantly blessed, both at home and abroad, in saving many souls, and in extending the boundaries of Messiah's kingdom.

Signed in the name, and on the behalf of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland, this fourteenth day of December, 1860.

S. M. DILL, D.D., *Moderator of Gen. Assembly.*

ROBERT PARK, A. M., *Clerk of Assembly.*

WM. McCLURE, *Convener of Colonial Missions.*

## MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS.

### REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON DIRECTORY FOR WORSHIP.

*To the General Assembly of the United Presbyterian Church, to meet in Monmouth, May 15th, A. D., 1861.*—The committee appointed by the last Assembly to prepare a Book of Worship, respectfully report:

The committee entered as promptly as possible on the work assigned them. They did not judge it wise to prepare what could in any proper sense be called a new Directory. The manifest difficulties in the way of successfully executing such a work, were sufficient to satisfy the committee that their duty lay in a very different direction. It was thought some slight amendments would adapt the Directories in use, before the union, to the circumstances and wants of the United Church. They accordingly carefully compared the old Westminster Directory with that used by the Associate Reformed Church, which differed very little from it, made a few alterations and additions, published it and submitted it to the Church as the result of their labours. It is substantially the Associate Reformed Directory,—and differing from it in few particulars, except in such as were necessary to adapt it to the United Church. The committee are aware that some of the forms of prayer are long and the style antiquated. Yet there is a substantial worth in those long prayers that fully compensates for their length. The style is the same as that of the Confession and Catechisms. It could not be modernized without very much detracting from its substantial excellencies. Besides, the odour of antiquity is not usually considered offensive in an ecclesiastical document. If the committee is not very much mistaken, the Church at large desires the old directory, with as few alterations as possible.

One thousand copies were printed and deposited at convenient points, of which due notice was given.

DAVID A. WALLACE,	} <i>Committee.</i>
JOHN SCOTT.	
DAVID MACDILL.	

### REPORT ON A REVISED EDITION OF THE PSALMS IN METRE.

*To the Third General Assembly of the United Presbyterian Church, to meet in Monmouth, Ill., in May, 1861.*—The committee on a revised edition of the Psalm Book, would respectfully report:

At its first meeting, held in Xenia, Ohio, May, 1859, the General Assembly of the United Presbyterian Church of North America, took the following action in regard to a revised edition of the metrical version of the Psalms, see pp. 100, 101 Printed Minutes:

*Resolved*, That the Board of Publication be authorized to prepare a revised edition of the metrical version of the Psalms now in use."

The intention of the Assembly in appointing the Board of Publication to this work, and the meaning of the expression, "*a revised edition of the version*," may be gathered from the preamble to the Report of the Committee "on a new version of the Psalms"—see printed Minutes, p. 65. This report was adopted unanimously by the Assembly. It is there said, "The old version *should not be set aside*, or changed to any extent that would affect its integrity. But, in connexion with it, so amended as to remove obsolete words and correct the more defective lines, it is believed that a new version," &c. It is to the italicized portion of the above the Committee would direct the attention of the reader.

The Board of Publication, in accordance with this action of the General Assembly, undertook the work, and prepared and reported it to the General Assembly at its next sitting in Philadelphia, in May, 1860.

At that General Assembly, after the reading, by the Principal Clerk, of as many of the proposed amendments as the time would allow, and as many as the several members of the Assembly called for specially, the following resolutions were adopted. To this, and the above action of the Assembly, the committee would ask the particular attention of the reader:

“1st. *Resolved*. That Rev. Dr. J. T. Pressly, Rev. Dr. T. C. Guthrie, and Rev. Robert Gracey, be a Committee, with the Board of Publication, on the subject of revising the present version of the Psalms. (The Board of Publication, which had the matter previously in hand, consists of the following members, viz.: Rev. James Rodgers, D. D., Rev. D. R. Kerr, D. D., Rev. James Prestley, D. D., Rev. John G. Brown, Rev. George C. Vincent, and Messrs. James McCandless, Charles Arbuthnot, William Stevenson, and James Robb.)

“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 the 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.”

In accordance with the above resolutions, the joint committee has revised all the previous labours of the Board of Publication. They have gone over the whole Book of Psalms twice since the last Assembly, carefully comparing the proposed amendments with the prose version of the Bible and with the Hebrew text. In going over the ground a second time they threw out what they thought might be esteemed of doubtful admissibility, and whatever changes could, in their opinion, be dispensed with: so as to bring into as small a compass as possible, the work assigned them by the General Assembly. The committee desire to say that they have carefully kept in view their instructions to preserve the integrity of the present version, and in no case, it is believed, have they wantonly interfered with it. They understand their instructions to refer to smoothing any rough places in the measure, to the correction of the pronunciation and punctuation of the version, and the change of obsolete words for those which are in present use. This they have endeavoured to do. They have made no change merely for the sake of change. Some change is rendered necessary by the fact that many errors have crept into the punctuation, that many words have changed their pronunciation since the version was made, and many things were deemed allowable in versification then that are not so now. The more prominent and observable of these the committee have endeavoured to correct. Some which were not so noticeable, they have passed over rather than make a change. We have kept most carefully in view, throughout, not to make any change that would interfere with the integrity of the work, as a literal version of the Book of Psalms: as literal, in every respect, as versification from one language into another will allow.

In making the alterations, the committee have endeavoured to ascertain the principles on which the version was originally constructed, and, it is believed, have in no case made any changes for which they cannot plead for making them the example and authority, in similar cases, of the original versifiers; of the Church of Scotland in adopting the version, and the Churches in this country, and in the British Isles, in using it. The original versifiers occasionally throw in a word to fill the measure. This is unavoidable. They use the names of God, God and Lord, one for the other. In some cases they leave out the name of God, leaving it to be understood. In some cases they put the name of God for the pronoun referring to him. They sometimes supply the name of God when it is not expressed, but understood in the Hebrew or prose. They use other nouns and their pronouns interchangeably. They sometimes change the tense of the verb from what it is in the prose version, when in the estimation of good scholars the Hebrew will warrant it. In these things we have, in a few cases, followed their example. We have sometimes changed, when the correction required change, to bring back the words to agree with the prose translation. We have, in some cases, thrown out the redundant words supplied by them to fill the measure. In two cases—Ps. 78: 36, 37, and Ps. 94: 18, 19—we have reduced their eight lines to four, expressing every idea in the original and prose version, and using much of its language. We may remark here, there is a striking similarity between our version and the prose translation. This is one of its excellencies. The committee have endeavoured to maintain it. When a correction was necessary, they endeavoured to make it in the language of the prose translation. When they could not use the word they found there, they took another meaning of the original word from the best Hebrew Lexicon, or a word of the same meaning from a Dictionary of English Synonyms. Sometimes the correction could be made by substituting the one word for the other; sometimes it could be made by re-

arranging the words in the line; sometimes it required the re-arranging of the couplet; and sometimes, though not so often, the re-construction of the whole verse.

Our limits will not allow us to particularize farther. In a word, let the reader, in examining the work of the committee, divest himself of all prejudice. If he miss a favourite word or phrase from the amended version, let him, before he finds fault, inquire whether it ought to be there. If he finds that it ought, let him inquire whether he has not a word or phrase of similar meaning in its place, and whether the correction made, does not compensate for the change. In every case the first inquiry of the person examining the work should be, Why has this alteration been made? This will show the necessity that existed for the change. Then, the person should inquire, Is the change an improvement? Is it a warrantable one? Then, can he offer a better one, should he take exception to it. This will require time and attentive study; but the subject is worthy of it; and the person, so examining the work, will in the end find himself amply repaid in his increased familiarity with the Book of Psalms.

There may be, no doubt there are, some persons in the Church who really think there is no great necessity for any change, and that all efforts in that direction are uncalled for and gratuitous. The committee would say to such persons, There has been a call, for a long time, for a revision of the Psalm Book. The subject had been before the superior courts, of the bodies forming the union, for years; and has been before the General Assembly of the United Church from its first meeting. The committee ask these brethren to remember that their labours have not been undertaken for them alone, but for their children, for our whole Church, for the Church at large, and for a critical world. To the opinions of all these some respect is certainly due. The committee might have been able like others, as far as they are personally concerned, to get along without any change during their day; but they feel that something is due to our position as a church, to avoid, as far as principle will allow, the caustic criticism of other denominations and of a cultivated yet wicked world, that has been used with telling effect on our children and others in the Church; weakening the force and effect of the argument in favour of the Scripture Psalmody, notwithstanding the fact, that it has never been answered, and is deemed unanswerable. No man who believes the answers to "What is required," "or forbidden," "in the second commandment," can consistently doubt this. The opponents of our doctrine on Psalmody know well where to direct their attack. They avoid the argument and attack the version. They will make no allowance for its antiquity, or for its venerableness; and it is in vain for us to plead it. Their course may have the effect to establish the thoughtful only the more in their opinions; but it tells on the young, on the thoughtless, and on those in the world whom we would like to gather into the Church—who are with us on *the doctrine*; but object to the "roughness," as they are pleased to call it, of the version. It is in vain to say, they *ought* not to be influenced; they *are* influenced; and it is our duty, where no principle is involved, to remove these obstacles out of their way. The committee do not, by any means, believe, or wish this impression to go abroad, that they have obviated all objection, or made as perfect a work as could be desired. They present it merely as what, with the aid of those who have gone before them in the same work, they have been able, with considerable care and labour, to accomplish in the time assigned them. The work, as a whole, meets with the decided approbation of the joint committee. They believe it to be "more plain, smooth, and agreeable to the text than any heretofore," and bespeak for it a candid, fraternal and prayerful consideration.

The Revised Psalm Book is herewith presented, and copies of it may be had, on application to Rev. J. Rodgers, D. D., at the Depository of the Board of Publication, Third Street, Pittsburgh, Pa.

THE COMMITTEE.

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

The committee appointed to prepare a new and improved version of a portion of the Psalms in metre, present the following report:

When they commenced their labours nearly two years ago with Professor Jones, a difficulty soon occurred. The committee insisted on some alterations of the version published by him, to which he refused his assent. They declined to proceed if he were allowed the right of rejecting alterations which they thought necessary. It was finally agreed between Professor Jones and the committee that he would retain his version, to which he had a copyright, as it was, and would co-operate with the committee in preparing a version more in accordance with the views of the United Presbyterian Church, making his published version the basis of their labours. The committee had no idea that they were spending months of their time in the preparation of a work which, when completed, they would not even have the right to publish. It was their expectation that the Professor would be compensated for his assistance, but not at all that he would claim the right to exclude us from all use of our joint labour. In February last, after

frequent meetings, the committee finished their work, and sent it to Mr. W. S. Young, of Philadelphia, for publication. They had selected and prepared single versions of forty-nine psalms and two versions of nine, making in all sixty-seven versions. Mr. Young has printed them, but, after doing so, was warned by Professor Jones that he would regard the publication of them as an infringement of his copyright. In consequence of this copies have not been put in circulation. As the Assembly, under these circumstances, will not have the opportunity of an examination of the selection, it seems proper to add, that five of the versions, viz.: Psalms 7th, 9th, 10th, 67th and 148th, are mainly taken from the amended editions published by the Associate and Associate Reformed Churches, and to these Professor Jones can have no claim whatever. Twenty-two others have, in most cases, only a few lines in common with his version; and some of them not one line identical with it; several are in a different metre from his. These are Psalms 5th, 43th, 41st, 42d, 43d, 54th, 61st, 65th, 72d, 84th, 112th, 116th, 121st, 124th, 125th, 128th, 130th, 132d, 133d, 134th, 138th, and 139th. Whether in these versions there could be found so much borrowed from the Professor as would constitute an infringement of copyright, appears to us very doubtful. It is true there is frequently use made of the same cadences, but we cannot think that a copyright secures an exclusive claim to any particular rhymes. In regard to some others of the versions selected, such as 1st, 3d, 19th and 20th psalms, the alterations made by the committee are but slight. There are also some where the alterations are numerous, yet so much is borrowed that if the question were to be settled by the law of copyright, the case might be doubtful. We may specify, as of this character, Psalms 2d, 8th, L. M., 29th, L. M., 36th, 51st, 53d, 110th, 142d, and some others. A manuscript copy of the selection, prepared by the committee, will accompany this report. In this the altered lines are marked, so that it will be easy to see how much has been borrowed from the version of Professor Jones.

It will be for the Assembly to judge whether, independently of any legal question, it would be proper to submit the selection for examination to the Church. If worthy of being so submitted, whether the above mentioned agreement with Professor Jones would protect us in the event of a suit at law. If not, then to what extent may the work of the committee be used without danger from a suit. With these statements we leave the whole business in their hands, to dispose of it as they, in their wisdom, may judge most conducive to the interests of the Church and the glory of God.

May, 1861.

THOS. BEVERIDGE,  
R. B. EWING.  
J. CLOKEY.

#### REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON A MISSION TO THE JEWS.

To the General Assembly to meet in Monmouth, Ill., May 15th, 1861, the Committee on a Mission to the Jews report:—

At the last meeting of the General Assembly the Committee on the Board of Home Missions reported the following:—

“Among the papers referred to them, is one memorializing the 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 large 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 eminently qualified.

We deem it, therefore, worthy of your attention to institute proper efforts to learn the facts, favourable or 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 in their power a suitable person for the work.”

This report was unanimously adopted, and your Committee were appointed to carry out the resolution appended. It is to be regretted, however, that the distance of the members from each other, and other causes, have prevented the accomplishment of all that could be desired, or that the importance of the subject demands. The following facts and conclusions, however, have been reached, and they are respectfully submitted to the consideration of the Assembly. They relate solely to the Jews in this country, and the duty of the United Presbyterian Church towards them.

## I. THEIR NUMBER.

While it is difficult in this country, as it is in every other, from a variety of causes, to ascertain with entire accuracy the number of this people, yet it is believed there are at least 150,000 Jews in the United States. Of these, about 40,000 are in the city of New York, and 15,000 in Philadelphia, the next city of largest resort for them. In almost every town, also, from Maine to California, where trade can be in any way profitably carried on, they are to be found; and with a most devoted and zealous spirit, they have ever with them the religion and the institutions of their fathers. In the city of New York, where their first synagogue was erected in what is now William Street, in the year 1729, and which stood almost alone for nearly a century, they have steadily multiplied their places of worship, until there are sixteen at the present time—the latest one of which was recently built at a cost, for the edifice and its site, of \$110,000. In Philadelphia there are seven synagogues, and besides these one Publication Society, and two Educational and eleven Charitable Institutions, devoted exclusively to their principles and interests. A similar state of things, in kind, at least, is found in nearly all the larger commercial towns of the whole country.

## II. THEIR CONDITION.

With a very marked, but long standing peculiarity, the Jews in this country keep generally aloof from agricultural, and even mechanical pursuits, and devote themselves mainly to trading or professional life. And while in their past history, and at the present time in the world at large, they have their Neander in Church History, their Massena and Sout in war, their Rothschilds on the Exchange, their D'Israeli in the British Parliament, and their Benjamin and Levy in the American Congress, their Rachel on the stage, their Grace Aguilar among the loveliest of writers, and their Mendelssohn and Beethoven in the best performances of the musical world, yet the great mass of them in this country court retirement, live in an unostentatious way, and, as a whole, are by no means advanced in the range of general knowledge—this last feature of their condition resulting from the fact, in some measure, that their own peculiar institutions and literature being very limited, and many of them sedulously restrained from mingling with those around them, they are unable to make any very extended general attainments. They are, however, usually bound by strong ties to each other, and very seldom have any of their poor received a public charity. In the city of New York they have a large and well furnished hospital, exclusively their own; and a short time since, when their people were suffering in Northern Africa, through the war that was being carried on by Spain, they raised in this country \$20,000, in a few days, to give them needed relief. This strong tie of sympathy among themselves gives us hope that when in any great degree the Holy Spirit is poured out upon any portion of them the work will rapidly spread, and vast numbers of them will be gathered to the faith of Jesus Christ, as the Messiah promised to their fathers.

## III. THEIR ACCESSIBILITY.

Of all men, perhaps, the Jew is the most embittered and persevering in his opposition to the gospel. Not only, too, does he shrink from embracing it himself, but he turns away with bitter scorn from the fellow Jew, though the nearest and dearest in life, that does yield to it. Hence, ordinarily he has to be approached with line upon line, is slow to receive the truth as it is in Jesus, has usually to struggle long and hard with his convictions, and even after he has made a solemn profession of Christ, is in fearful danger of being overcome by the sore trials and temptations that await him from his people, and thus made to turn back and walk no more in the Christian way. While, however, we mention all this, your Committee have a strong conviction that in all of our leading cities there are numbers of this people who can be approached and found open to instruction in the great truths of the gospel; and that here as in Amsterdam, Hamburg, Pesh, and other places on the European continent, if good and faithful labourers were employed to go among them, there would be seen to be many, who, if they did not at once publicly consort with them, would yet, like Nicodemus, come by night and ask the momentous question, "Men and brethren, what must we do to be saved?" Every thing in this country gives ground for such an expectation; the universal freedom of thought and expression, the general spirit of toleration and inquiry, and the constant opportunities for friendly intercourse and acts. All these and like things encourage the thought that a prudent, earnest, good man would have no difficulty in obtaining access to large numbers whom he might, under God the Spirit, lead, even from their own Scriptures, to behold the Lamb of God.

## IV. THE DUTY OF SEEKING THEIR EVANGELIZATION.

In its general bearings, duty in this case seems clear and strong, whatever may be thought of the expediency or ability to go forward at the present time. The command is absolute and urgent, to have repentance and remission of sins preached among all

nations, *beginning* at Jerusalem: and the great missionary rule is invariable and positive—to the *Jew* first, and to the Gentile also. In even the civil world, while God has signally cursed the nations that have persecuted this people. He has as signally prospered them that have favoured them. Churches also, that like the Established and Free Churches of Scotland, have systematically and per-everingly sought to bless the Jews as the seed of Abraham, the friend of God, have been greatly blessed themselves. Besides, too, who can tell but that God in his present wonderful dispensations among the nations of the world, may be preparing the way for a great work to be done by the Jews? and if it should be so, who can doubt that it is a solemn duty that we who have received the great salvation by the Jews should put forth every effort to have them, as they are spread out almost at our own doors, furnished with the word and grace, whereby “as their casting away was the reconciling of the world, so the receiving of them shall be life from the dead,” and a blessing to the whole human family. What a necessity, also, there is for this even in our country? While there are 150,000 Jews here, there are, so far as is known, only four even nominal labourers among them—or one Christian missionary for nearly 40,000 spiritually needy Jews. Is this, can it be, as it ought to be in a Christian land?

#### V. THE MEANS OF CARRYING ON THIS WORK.

On this point there may be a great variety of opinions, and your Committee approach it with diffidence and hesitation. Yet after as mature deliberation as we have been enabled to give it, we respectfully submit the following suggestions:—

1. That as it is believed from conversations with Christian Jews and others who have known much of this people, that there is a strong inherent prejudice against the man who has turned from the faith of his fathers, *therefore* a Gentile, and not a Jew, should be employed to labour among them; a man of piety, prudence, thorough knowledge of the Hebrew tongue, ardent love for the Jews, and skill and ability in meeting the difficulties that may be urged from a Jewish stand-point against the Christian system.

2. That as there is always found to be a strong objection in the Jewish mind in its natural state, and amid its Jewish associations, to attend upon a public formal place of worship, *therefore*, the labourer among them should mainly carry on his work, not by public preaching, but in visiting from house to house, and in familiar, faithful, private intercourse.

3. That for the purpose of prosecuting his work efficiently, he should be well furnished with copies of the Holy Scriptures, and with tracts in Hebrew and in the various languages with which the largest proportion of the Jews are familiar, and should distribute them freely, together with something, also, for the relief of the bodily necessities of the very poor whom he may find; and then, as he has opportunity, read and converse, and, if possible, pray with all with whom he may be brought in contact.

4. That as a large number of the Jews are located in and about the city of New York, and are almost universally acquainted, to some extent, with the English language, *therefore*, that city would be a proper place in which to carry on the operations of an efficient, (and if thought best,) immediate, and comparatively economical mission from our Church to this people.

#### RESOLUTIONS.

In conclusion the Committee present the following resolutions:—

*Resolved*, 1st. That this Assembly solemnly recognise the duty of seeking to make the gospel known to the Jews as well as the Gentiles—in the Home as well as the Foreign field.

*Resolved*, 2d. That if this Assembly shall deem it expedient and proper to undertake the work, the city of New York be selected as the field in which the United Presbyterian Church will commence its operations among this people; that \_\_\_\_\_ be appointed to labour in that city with special reference to the Jews; that the Board of \_\_\_\_\_ Missions be directed to take this Mission and labourer under their special charge; that the sum of \_\_\_\_\_ be placed in their hands for the purpose of prosecuting the work; and that a full report be presented at each General Assembly of the operations and progress of the Mission during the year that closes at that meeting.

*Resolved*, 3d. That this subject be earnestly recommended to the sympathies, and prayers, and liberality of the whole Church.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN B. DALES, }  
 JAMES HARPER, } *Committee.*  
 SAML. C. HUEY, }

P. S.—A portion of the Committee have had the opportunity of becoming acquainted with the Rev. A. C. TRIS—a minister of our own Church—a native of Holland, where he had much intercourse with Drs. Capadose, Da Costa, and other leading Jews; is well acquainted with the Hebrew, and is strongly drawn out in his heart's desires and

prayers to God on behalf of Israel; and we hereby take the liberty of recommending him to the attention of the Assembly for an appointment to this work.

*Signed,* JOHN B. DALES,  
JAMES HARPER.

TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE U. P. CHURCH OF NORTH AMERICA, TO MEET IN MONMOUTH, MAY, 1861.

Your Trustees would respectfully report, That they were organized according to the charter adopted by your body in Philadelphia, May, 1860, by electing Robert Gracey, D. D., President, James McCandless, Esq., Treasurer, W. M. Bell, Corresponding Secretary, and Graham Scott, Recording Secretary.

We received from Mr. John Dean, Treasurer of the Associate Synod of North America, nine hundred and seventy-one dollars—being the amount of a legacy of \$1,000 (less \$29 discount and expenses of collecting) left by the late Robert Hanna, of Mercer, to the Associate Synod, for the support of Foreign Missions, for which we gave a refunding bond that, in case the Protesters from the Union of the Associate and Associate Reformed Churches should sue for and recover the above amount from the Associate Synod, then we would pay back the sum with interest. Our Treasurer was instructed to pay the above legacy over to the Treasurer of Foreign Missions.

Your Trustees have taken a bond from James McCandless, Esq., in the sum of eight thousand dollars, for the faithful performance of his duties as Treasurer of General Assembly, also as Treasurer of Publication and Church Extension Boards. They have also, through their corresponding Secretary, addressed communications to the Secretaries of the Home and Foreign Mission Boards, requesting them to take bonds from their Treasurers in the name of this Board in sufficient sums to cover any amount of funds that might be in their hands, and forward them to this Board for safe keeping. We have not yet received their bonds; but, doubtless, will in due time.

The term of membership in this Board of Messrs. John Alexander, Rev. John G. Brown, and William M. Bell, will expire on the first Tuesday in July, 1861. You are requested to fill the vacancies thus made by either re-electing them or electing some other persons in their places for three years.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

GRAHAM SCOTT, *Secretary.*





<i>Presbytery of Boston.</i>	Boston.....	58	170	10	22	2	12	11	2	15	10	5	970	150	1480	8 70
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J. L. Robertson.....	Geneva.....	25	43	7	3					60	60		7	650	50	192
John Edgar.....	Sterling.....	40	70	7						6	13			450	100	55
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Duncan C. Niven.....	Abdes.....	86	175	12	5	3	4	17	3							
Wm. O. Somers.....	Hobart.....	57	60	2						3	2	2	2	600	297	918
John E. Taylor.....	Cabin Hill.....	45	124	7	2	3	2	10	1	11	20		400	60	180	
R. G. Wallace, past. elect.	Burlington Green.....	30	85							9			500	50	32	
	<i>Vacancies.</i>												5	400		414
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David J. Patterson.....	Brooklyn.....	59	175	26	6	2	4	15	1	43				500	200	
S. F. Farmer.....	First ch., Brooklyn.....															
Robert Armstrong.....	1st ch., Newburgh.....															
John Ezekie.....	Walden, Orange Co.....	31	76	12	18					15	30			500	660	





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do.	do.	do.	Slippery Rock.....		53	160	18	7	3	13	6	1	24 39	6 3	8	24	39	6 3	8	10	400	554	424	407
Jas. A. Clark, S.C.....	Prospect.....	do.	MI. Chestnut.....		30	92	11	10	5	4	9	1	10 10	1 1	4	10	10	1 1	4	200	332	3 61	361	
A. Irons.....	do.	do.	Portersville.....		54	125	9	10	8	4	13	4	24 30	5 5	5	24	30	5 5	5	6	300	430	3 74	374
do.	do.	do.	Mountville.....		37	86	12	3	2	1	13	2	31 33	5 5	7	31	33	5 5	7	6	300	430	3 74	374
W. A. Black.....	do.	do.	Portersville.....		40	79	11	5	2	4	12	2	14 21	7	7	14	21	7	7	4	200	281	3 27	327
do.	do.	do.	North Hope.....		29	59	5	9	2	1	4	1	21 20	8 10	12	21	20	8 10	12	5	300	6	300	6 61
Jas. B. Whitten.....	Plain Grove.....	do.	West Unity.....		26	49	2	4	4	7	7	1	8 8	4 4	4	8	8	4 4	4	3	166	174	3 39	339
D. Forsyth.....	Clintonville.....	do.	Clintonville.....		84	73	3	2	2	6	6	1	8 8	4 4	4	8	8	4 4	4	3	166	174	3 39	339
do.	do.	do.	Unity.....		21	43	4	4	2	4	8	2	25 14	5 5	5	25	14	5 5	5	350	404	4 25	425	
W. R. Hutchison.....	do.	do.	Scotch Hill.....		48	95	12	5	5	4	8	2	25 14	5 5	5	25	14	5 5	5	350	404	4 25	425	
do.	do.	do.	Clinton.....		60	98	10	8	3	6	6	3	27 42	\$3 3	3	27	42	\$3 3	3	200	200	2 00	200	
Wm. Smith, J. Jamison.	Breakneck.....	do.	Union.....	D. Douthett.	24	60	10	8	3	6	6	3	27 42	\$3 3	3	27	42	\$3 3	3	200	200	2 00	200	
Lieziates.....	Glade Mills.....	do.	Wormsdale.....	Jos. Douthett.	18	50	2	12	1	12	11	12	31 6	6	6	31	6	6	6	200	200	2 00	200	
R. M. Patterson; J. M. Buchanan; W. D. Ralston.	Worthington.....	do.	Worthington.....	G. Monroe.....	30	69	1	1	2	10	6	1	32 31	6 6	7	32	31	6 6	7	130	130	2 00	200	
Students.....	Cowanville.....	do.	Rich Hill.....	J. H. Dickey.	25	52	1	8	1	8	5	7	13	13	13	13	13	13	2	132	20	130	3 46	
M. Seaton; E. N. M'Elree; Thos. Bulph.	Freeport.....	do.	24 Freeport.....	W. Spruell.....	62	141	14	8	2	2	7	1	52 62	7 7	7	52	62	7 7	7	500	609	4 31	431	
Presbytery of Chartiers.	Washington.....	do.	Washington.....		72	165	10	11	5	2	6	2	36 24	7 7	7	36	24	7 7	7	530	631	3 82	631	
Thos. Hanna, D.D., F.A.	W. Middletown.....	do.	W. Middletown.....		67	130	10	14	4	2	13	2	38 31	6 6	7	38	31	6 6	7	600	757	5 68	757	
Samsel Teggart.....	Levass Hill.....	do.	Chartiers & Roads		40	110	7	11	5	8	7	1	32 31	6 6	7	32	31	6 6	7	900	58	561	5 600	
Jos. C. Herron.....	W. Middletown.....	do.	Mount Hope.....		65	156	9	7	3	8	7	1	30 44	5 5	25	30	44	5 5	25	4	500	673	3 95	673
Jos. T. Brounle.....	do.	do.	North Hope.....		55	125	7	8	2	8	4	1	30 44	5 5	25	30	44	5 5	25	4	500	673	3 95	673
A. R. Anderson.....	Chartiers.....	do.	Chartiers.....		80	195	5	4	1	4	11	2	60 110	9 9	23	60	110	9 9	23	500	64	852	4 37	
W. McC. Gibson.....	Chartiers.....	do.	North Buffalo		45	116	4	1	1	2	2	4	60 110	9 9	23	60	110	9 9	23	500	64	852	4 37	
Jos. R. Thompson.....	Hickory.....	do.	Mount Pleasant.....		94	218	19	13	1	4	4	4	40 40	8 8	23	40	40	8 8	23	800	300	987	8 00	
Jos. G. Carson, S. C.....	Chartiers.....	do.	South Buffalo.....		94	218	19	13	1	4	4	4	40 40	8 8	23	40	40	8 8	23	800	300	987	8 00	
D. H. French.....	Chartiers.....	do.	Chartiers.....		94	218	19	13	1	4	4	4	40 40	8 8	23	40	40	8 8	23	800	300	987	8 00	

















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					Families.	Communit.	Examina-tion	Certificate.	Death.	Removal.	Infant.	Adult.	Home Mis-sion.	Foreign Mis-sion.	Education.	Un-der-taken.	Church Ex-tension.	As-sembly's Fund.	Synod's Fund.	Salary by Con-vent n. Assembly.	General Con-tributions.	Total Am't.	Average per Member.
David Macmill, S.C., F.A.	Eckmansville.....	Ohio.	Cherry Fork.....		88	138	4	1	8	6	3	\$30	\$5	\$10	\$15	\$8	\$940	\$200	\$81	\$4	65		
Andrew Ritchie.....	Greenfield.....	do.	Greenfield.....		32	102	6	1	3	4	2	13	15	3	3	13	550	30	627	6	10		
John Gilmore.....	Tranquility.....	do.	Tranquility.....		86	188	7	4	5	2	15	15	9	5	5	550	150	748	3	27			
A. W. McClanahan.....	Decatur.....	do.	Decatur.....		30	81	2	4	2	4	3	30	20	5	3	10	550	4	620	7	77		
W. H. Presley.....	Chillicothe.....	do.	Chillicothe.....		38	88	2	4	4	3	5	15	31	.....	.....	900	178	1143	13	02			
<i>Without Charge.</i>																							
J.H. Bonner, Locust Grove, Ohio; J. S. Buchanan, West Union; Jackson C. H., do; N. Lucas, Grove; R. Kirkpatrick, Greenfield, do.	Samantha..... West Union..... Locust Grove..... Bethel..... Jackson C.H.....	do. do. do. do. do.	Fall Creek..... West Union..... Mount Joy..... Bethel..... Scio..... Green Meadows..... Patriot..... North Liberty.....	J. P. Wright S. McClanahan T. B. Dodds David Rose. Wm. White. T. Patterson. W. Donaldson Wm. M. Vey.	30 21 50 10 14 10 20 14	98 30 30 22 40 20 27	3 1 1 2 2 3 4 9	1 2 1 2 3 4	2 3 1 2 1	4 1 2 1	1 2 1	20 6 1 2 5 2	20 250 80 40 60	550 250 80 40 60	570 256 81 42 65	50 20 300 350 150	168	203	5	71			
<i>Presbytery of Detroit.</i>																							
John P. Scott, S.C., F.A.	Detroit.....	Mich.	Detroit.....		60	117	16	5	17	7	7	20	20	.....	.....	400	200	819	7	00			
John MacLellan.....	Romeo.....	do.	Romeo.....		25	63	6	1	1	4	5	20	400	.....	.....	350	60	30	400	6	35		
D. H. Goodwillie.....	Commerce.....	do.	Commerce.....		24	51	3	2	1	2	3	16	.....	.....	.....	250	265	5	21				
Wm. Robertson.....	Birmingham.....	do.	Birmingham.....		24	51	2	3	2	1	6	14	5	.....	.....	150	169	3	32				
<i>do</i>					16	32	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
<i>Without Charge.</i>																							
D. Murphy.....	East Nankin.....	do.	Nankin.....	A. Stewart.....	18	34	.....	1	.....	3	.....	17	18	.....	.....	.....	.....	168	203	5	71		
<i>Presbytery of Indiana.</i>																							
Moses Arnett.....	South Hanover.....	Ind.	Carmel and Bethel.....		63	148	12	3	1	7	2	72	22	6	7	.....	.....	73	810	5	47		
J. R. Walker, S.C.....	Spring Hill.....	do.	New Zion.....		53	164	6	4	5	8	.....	94	70	.....	.....	3	56	542	248	1011	6	19	
N. C. McDill.....	Richland.....	do.	Richland.....		33	100	1	3	1	4	2	60	55	4	14	.....	.....	200	915	9	16		
J. F. Hutchison.....	Ogden.....	do.	Shiloh.....		49	120	13	8	2	4	7	4	20	.....	.....	23	500	42	664	5	57		
Samuel Collins, F.A.....	Madison.....	do.	Madison.....		43	80	12	12	2	.....	.....	9	.....	.....	.....	15	500	150	674	8	42		
Jas. I. Frazer.....	Milroy.....	do.	Bethesda.....		26	73	7	2	.....	3	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	18	.....	200	.....	.....	.....	.....	
Thos. Dickson.....	Moorefield.....	do.	Vienna.....		19	42	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	12	11	.....	.....	3	20	400	104	550	10	38	
Gilbert Small, S.S.....	Indianapolis.....	do.	Indianapolis.....		48	92	18	16	2	6	9	26	14	.....	.....	200	240	145	385	4	18		
<i>Without Charge.</i>																							
A. Heron, D. D., Orangeville, Indiana.	Dupont.....	do.	Dupont.....	G. Simpson.....	31	60	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	400	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
B. A.ikus, Ogden, Ind. Students.	Washington.....	do.	New Washington.....	W. Gillespie.....	14	30	6	.....	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	100	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Edward F. Reed, Jno. M. Bloss, B. F. Simpson.	Washington.....	do.	New Washington.....	W. Gillespie.....	14	30	6	.....	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	100	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....







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					Families.	Communi- cants.	Examination and Profession.	Certificate.	Death.	Removal.	Infant.	Adult.	Home Mis- sion.	Foreign Mission.	Publication.	Church Ex- tension.	Assemblies Fund.	Synod's Fund.	Salary by Congregat- ion.	Salary by Assembly.	General Con- tributions.	Total Am't.	Average per Member.				
<i>Presbytery of Monmouth.</i>					Franklin	Kansas.	Franklin	J. Anderson	3	7	2	7	5	11	18	1	\$61	83	\$8	\$8	172	\$397	4	70	4	\$4.55	
		do.	Franklin	Leroy	do.	Leroy	Wm. Beale	3	5	2	5	1	6	12	2	136	38	\$14	6	171	717	4	43	4	5.43		
		do.	Atchison	Sam'l Glenn	do.	Atchison	Sam'l Glenn	3	5	4	10	1	33	15	2	163	225	27	1	600	964	4	24	4	5.12		
		do.	Nottingham	Dan. C. Auld	do.	Nottingham	R. Riddle	8	14	4	10	2	29	12	3	29	12	3	3	38	85	3	85	3	1.24		
		do.	Grasshopper Falls	R. Riddle	do.	Grasshopper Falls	R. Riddle	8	14	4	10	2	29	12	3	29	12	3	3	158	655	4	65	4	5.12		
		do.	Topeka	S. E. Martin	do.	Topeka	S. E. Martin	14	14	4	10	2	29	12	3	29	12	3	3	324	930	4	65	4	4.65		
		Ill.	Cedar Creek		Ill.	Cedar Creek		72	175	9	11	5	11	32	2	500	500	12	\$12	172	\$397	4	70	4	4.70		
		do.	Monmouth		do.	Monmouth		57	132	5	10	1	33	15	2	800	800	34	\$6	171	717	4	43	4	5.43		
		do.	do		do.	do		122	381	21	58	1	33	15	2	163	225	27	1	600	964	4	24	4	5.12		
		do.	do		do.	do		33	67	11	4	8	6	2	9	10	3	3	3	38	85	3	85	3	1.24		
		do.	Sparland		do.	Sparland		55	128	11	4	2	9	32	2	450	450	3	3	158	655	5	12	5	5.12		
		do.	Monmouth		do.	Monmouth		86	200	10	25	2	9	5	5	500	500	4	3	324	930	4	65	4	4.65		
		do.	North Henderson		do.	North Henderson		18	41	10	5	5	5	5	2	150	150	2	15	107	752	8	00	8	8.00		
		do.	Viola		do.	Viola		55	94	5	5	2	3	9	1	600	600	5	15	107	752	8	00	8	8.00		
		do.	Elmira		do.	Elmira		86	177	9	3	2	3	7	1	51	41	6	6	297	1024	5	78	5	5.78		
		do.	Biggsville		do.	Biggsville		75	150	6	1	1	2	9	9	17	47	2	3	259	831	5	54	5	5.54		
		do.	do		do.	do		38	77	5	5	5	5	5	3	500	500	3	3	161	697	9	06	9	9.06		
		do.	Pennsylvania		do.	Pennsylvania		30	62	9	11	2	4	1	15	15	3	3	350	\$150	2	393	6	34	6	6.34	
		do.	Fountain Green		do.	Fountain Green		60	160	11	12	2	4	1	22	18	8	8	95	751	4	69	4	69	4	6.9	
		do.	Eveston		do.	Eveston		34	82	1	3	14	6	14	6	77	8	1	2	75	493	6	00	6	6.00		
		do.	Spring Grove		do.	Spring Grove		23	55	5	5	2	4	1	17	14	2	2	500	536	9	71	9	71	9	9.71	
		do.	do		do.	do		34	82	1	3	14	6	14	6	77	8	1	2	75	493	6	00	6	6.00		
		do.	Monmouth		do.	Monmouth		23	55	5	5	2	4	1	17	14	2	2	500	536	9	71	9	71	9	9.71	
		do.	Clayton	W. M. Wallace	do.	Clayton	W. M. Wallace	13	28	1	1	2	2	4	1	17	14	2	2	500	536	9	71	9	71	9	9.71
		do.	Opauwka	H. Thompson	do.	Opauwka	H. Thompson	19	35	5	1	2	2	4	1	9	10	1	1	236	254	24	282	8	06	8	8.06
		do.	Olena	J. Carothers	do.	Olena	J. Carothers	16	33	5	5	1	1	1	9	11	1	1	236	254	24	282	8	06	8	8.06	
		do.	Alledo	W. Hodges	do.	Alledo	W. Hodges	20	35	3	3	2	2	2	2	4	4	4	120	124	3	75	3	75	3	3.75	
		do.	Ellisville	J. E. McNeil	do.	Ellisville	J. E. McNeil	6	9	1	1	3	3	3	3	5	8	2	2	250	250	250	243	9	45	9	9.45
		do.	Rock Island	J. R. Johnston	do.	Rock Island	J. R. Johnston	20	31	1	2	3	3	3	3	5	8	2	2	225	250	250	243	9	45	9	9.45
		do.	Davenport	R. S. Ford	do.	Davenport	R. S. Ford	21	44	4	4	1	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	225	250	250	243	9	45	9	9.45
		Iowa.	Young America	J. S. Faris	do.	Young America	J. S. Faris	17	34	4	4	10	6	3	2	2	2	2	2	200	50	30	253	7	15	7	7.15
		Ill.	Oxford	W. Gardner	do.	Oxford	W. Gardner	6	15	6	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	1	1	65	1	65	1	65	1	65	
		do.	Lebanon	Jas. Todd	do.	Lebanon	Jas. Todd	7	14	6	8	8	15	1	1	1	1	1	1	65	1	65	1	65	1	65	

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 Calboun, A., Green Tree, Pa.  
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 Campbell, J. C., Paris, Pa.  
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 Chambers, J. P., Middletown, Ia.  
 Church, Francis, Philadelphia, Pa.  
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 Clark, J. B., Allegheny, Pa.  
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 Cochran, D. C., Viola, Ill.  
 Coleman, W. M., Pittsburg, Pa.  
 Collins, D. W., Mansfield, O.  
 Collins, J. A., Hartstown, Pa.  
 Collins, S., Madison, Ind.  
 Comin, J., Rix's Mills, O.  
 Connelly, H., Newburgh, N. Y.  
 Conner, A., Wheeling, Va.  
 Conner, W., Blairsville, Pa.  
 Cook, W., Pennsylvania, Ill.  
 Coon, S. M., Sussex, Wis.  
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 Currie, W. P., Hanover, Ills.

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 Ewing, R. B., Xenia, O.  
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 Graham, W. M., Moring Sun, Ia.  
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 Miller, A.  
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 Peacock, J. H., Richmond, O.  
 Perkins, W., Cincinnati, O.  
 Pinkerton, J. W., Smithville, Ill.  
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 Pollock, R. H., Cincinnati, O.  
 Pollock, W. A., Chester, Ill.  
 Pollock, W. C., Berlin, Ill.  
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 Pressly, J. T., Allegheny, Pa.  
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 Prestley, J., Pittsburg, Pa.  
 Prestley, W. H., Chillicothe, O.  
 Price, J., Frankford, Pa.  
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 Rankin, A. R., Slippery Rock, Pa.  
 Rankin, J. G., Bavington, Pa.  
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 Rawson, W. T., Raccoon, Ill.  
 Reed, S. B., Pittsburg, Pa.  
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 Reid, D. F., N. Athens, O.  
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 Robertson, J. L., Geneva, N. Y.  
 Robertson, J. S., Mouroe, O.  
 Robertson, P. C., Buena Vista, N. Y.  
 Robinson, W. J., Mumford, N. Y.  
 Rodgers, A. A., Monmouth, Ill.  
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 Scott, J., Monmouth, Ill.  
 Scott, J. P., Detroit, Mich.  
 Scouller, J. B., Argyle, N. Y.  
 Scouller, J. Y., Fairhaven, O.

Scroggs, J., Ligonier, Pa.  
 Shafer, A. G., Rural Ridge, Pa.  
 Shankland, J. A., Dacota, Ill.  
 Shepherd, J. R., Holland, Mich.  
 Shields, J., Mexico, Pa.  
 Short, W. B., Cambridge, N. Y.  
 Simpson, T. R., Amsterdam, O.  
 Slentz, J. R., Garnett, Kansas.  
 Small, E. P., Mercer, Pa.  
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 Smart, J. G., Coila, N. Y.  
 Smeallie, J. M., N. Kortright, N. Y.  
 Smith, J. N., Walker, Kansas.  
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 Somers, W. C., Hobart, N. Y.  
 Steele, D., Grand Cote, Ill.  
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 Stevenson, E. H., Sealkote, N. I.  
 Stevenson, J., W. Alexander, Pa.  
 Stewart, J. F., Sparta, Ill.  
 Stewart, Jou., Andrew, Ia.  
 Story, A., Columbus City, Ia.  
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 Sturgeon, H., Pierce, Ill.  
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 Tate, J. T., Talleyrand, Ia.  
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 Torrence, J. T., Hudson, O.  
 Townley, Wm., Aledo, Ill.  
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Truesdale, J. C., Brookville, Pa.  
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 Wallace, A. G., Stewartville, Pa.  
 Wallace, D. A., Monmouth, Ill.  
 Wallace, J., Huntsville, O.  
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 Wallace, J., Kimbolton, O.  
 Wallace, S., Piqua, O.  
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 White, I. N., W. Hebron, N. Y.  
 Whitla, J. L.  
 Whitten, J. B., Plumgrove, Pa.  
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 Williamson, R. D., Hamden, N. Y.  
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 Wilson, J. T., Utah, Pa.  
 Wilson, M. H., Kent, Pa.  
 Wilson, S., Xenia, O.  
 Wilson, W. H., Washington, Ia.  
 Wilson, W. L., New Scottsville, Pa.  
 Winter, T., Lowellville, Pa.  
 Wishart, W., New Athens, O.  
 Wolfe, J. D., Peunsylvania, Ill.  
 Worth, J., Eugene City, Oregon.  
 Wright, J. P., Jordan's Grove, Ill.  
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ACT OF INCORPORATION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE UNITED  
 PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF NORTH AMERICA.

SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in General Assembly met, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, That James M. Candless, Graham Scott, John Alexander, Thomas M. Cance, William Getty, William M. Bell, and David Reed, and their successors in office, duly elected as herein specified, be, and they are hereby constituted and declared, a body politic and corporate, in deed and in law, by the name, style, and title of trustees of the General Assembly of the United Presbyterian Church of North America.

SEC. 2. That said corporation shall have perpetual succession, and the right to hold lands, tenements, rents, annuities, franchises, and other hereditaments, and all personal property which heretofore have been conveyed, assigned, transferred, devised, and bequeathed to the ministers and elders composing the General Assembly of the United Presbyterian Church of North America, or to any person or persons in trust for them, and the same is hereby vested in said corporation for ever, for such uses and purposes as said conveyances, assignments, transfers, bequests, and devises were respectively



made or intended; and said corporation is hereby declared to be seized and possessed of such estates and interests therein, as in and by said conveyances, assignments, transfers, bequests, and devises thereof, is or are declared limited, expressed, or intended; and farther, said corporation shall have all the rights, franchises, and powers which by law pertain to corporations, the right to hold and possess real and personal property yielding a net annual income not exceeding twenty thousand dollars, and the same to dispose of at pleasure; but said limitation not to be construed as including the annual or periodical collections and voluntary contributions made in the churches under the care of said General Assembly, or contributions from any other source. *Provided*, That in cases where special instructions for the management and disposal thereof shall be given by the General Assembly in writing, under the hand of their clerk, it shall be the duty of the said corporation to act according to such instructions.

SEC. 3. That no misnomer of said corporation shall defeat or annul any gift, grant, devise, or bequest, to or from said corporation: *Provided*, That the intent of such gift, grant, devise, or bequest, shall sufficiently appear that the same was intended to pass to or from said corporation.

SEC. 4. That said corporation shall have power to adopt and use one common seal; and the same to break, alter, amend, and renew at pleasure.

SEC. 5. That said corporation, by the name, style, and title aforesaid, shall be able to sue and be sued, to plead and be impleaded in any court of law or equity, or before any alderman or justice of the peace, in all manner of suits, complaints, pleas, matters, and demands, of whatever nature, kind, or form the same may be.

SEC. 6. That said corporation shall have full power to make, pass, and establish by-laws for the proper administration of the funds, and the due government of said corporation: *Provided*, That said by-laws be not repugnant to the constitution and laws of the United States, or the constitution or laws of this commonwealth.

SEC. 7. That said corporators shall compose the board of trustees of said corporation until the next regular meeting of the General Assembly of the United Presbyterian Church of North America, when two trustees in addition shall be elected by said General Assembly, who, with said corporators, shall constitute thereafter a full board of trustees, who shall be divided into three classes, of three members each, in alphabetical order, and whose term of office shall expire as follows, to wit: the term of office for the first class shall expire on the first Tuesday of July, Anno Domini one thousand eight hundred and sixty-one; the term of office for the second class shall expire on the first Tuesday of July, Anno Domini one thousand eight hundred and sixty-two; and the term of office for the third class shall expire on the first Tuesday of July, Anno Domini one thousand eight hundred and sixty-three. Farther, the said General Assembly shall, at their regular meeting, in the year one thousand eight hundred and sixty-one, and annually thereafter, elect three persons to serve as trustees, to supply the places of those whose term of office shall expire as aforesaid. *Provided, however*, That on failure to elect trustees as aforesaid, or in case of death, resignation, or other inability, those remaining in office shall have full power to fill such vacancies until the next regular meeting of said General Assembly.

SEC. 8. That five members of this corporation shall constitute a quorum, and be a sufficient number to transact the business of said corporation, to make by-laws, rules, and regulations, whose regular meetings shall be on the first Tuesdays of July, October, January, and April. *Provided*, That previous to any special meeting of said corporation not appointed by adjournment, it shall be the duty of the officer calling a meeting to cause notice to be sent by mail to each member ten days prior to such meeting, and said corporation may as often as shall be prescribed by the by-laws elect such said Board of Trustees a President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, or other officer.

SEC. 9. That all questions before said corporation shall be decided by a majority of the trustees present: and said corporation shall keep regular and fair entries of their proceedings, and a just account of their receipts and disbursements in a book or books kept for that purpose, and the Treasurer shall exhibit to said General Assembly, at each regular meeting, an exact state of the accounts of said corporation.

JOHN M. THOMPSON, *Speaker of the House of Representatives.*

WM. M. FRANCIS, *Speaker of the Senate.*

Approved the twenty-second day of March, A. D. one thousand eight hundred and sixty.

WM. F. PACKER.

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH,  
Harrisburg, April 27th, A. D. 1860.

PENNSYLVANIA, ss:—I do hereby certify that the foregoing and annexed is a full, true and correct copy of the original Act of the General Assembly as the same remains on file in this office.

*In Testimony Whereof*, I have hereunto set my hand, and caused the Seal of the Secretary's Office to be affixed, the day and year above written.

HY. L. DIFFENBACH, *Dep. Sec'y of the Commonwealth.*

## THE MINUTES.

The Committee appointed to superintend the publication of the Minutes deem it proper to make a few remarks. No effort has been spared to have them brought out at the earliest possible moment. If any of our friends have become impatient, we hope they will remember that the publishing of such a document requires considerable time, especially the statistical tables. We trust the minutes in general will be found correctly printed. Perfect accuracy is hardly attainable in a matter of this kind. The Committee have discovered a few slight mistakes, which they regret, and no doubt others may be detected. Some of them were corrected, but were overlooked by the printer. The whole was read over with copy repeatedly, both by the Committee and others.

The Committee and the printer found no little difficulty with the statistical tables. Perhaps the one-third of them were accurately and neatly prepared; one-third barely passable, and the remainder no honour to those who prepared them. Many of the figures were not legible, and occasionally it was difficult to tell to what column they belonged. Some of the columns were so crooked and confused that it was next to impossible to add them up. Only some ten or twelve clerks summed up their reports, and some of these were not correctly done. For example, one large Presbytery was added up before the full reports were entered, so that the clerk's footing only showed about the two-thirds of the true aggregate. Another difficulty experienced by the Committee is owing to the fact that some clerks so arrange the "vacancies" and the "Ministers without Charge," that it is impossible to tell whether the Post Offices given belong to the Ministers or to vacant congregations. In some cases the Committee were able, from personal acquaintance, to decide the matter, but in others they could not.

As a whole, our statistical tables this year, as formerly, are sadly defective. In fact, in certain particulars they are calculated to mislead the inquirer rather than guide him to the facts. Evidently many theological students are not reported, and accordingly we have not footed up their column. About one hundred congregations have not reported any contributions to our various church funds; many others have given very meagre returns; some of the largest and best churches are nearly or entirely a blank. The Committee have made a rough estimate for the churches that have not reported. The reader will observe that the Assembly ordered the statistical tables to be printed as reported.

It is certainly to be desired that the statistical reports either be made out with some degree of accuracy, or else that the practice be given up altogether. If the matter were attended to in due time, there need not be much difficulty in furnishing a complete and accurate tabular view of our church operations.

We hope the action of the late Assembly will have the effect of removing all grounds of complaint in the future.

THE COMMITTEE.

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